

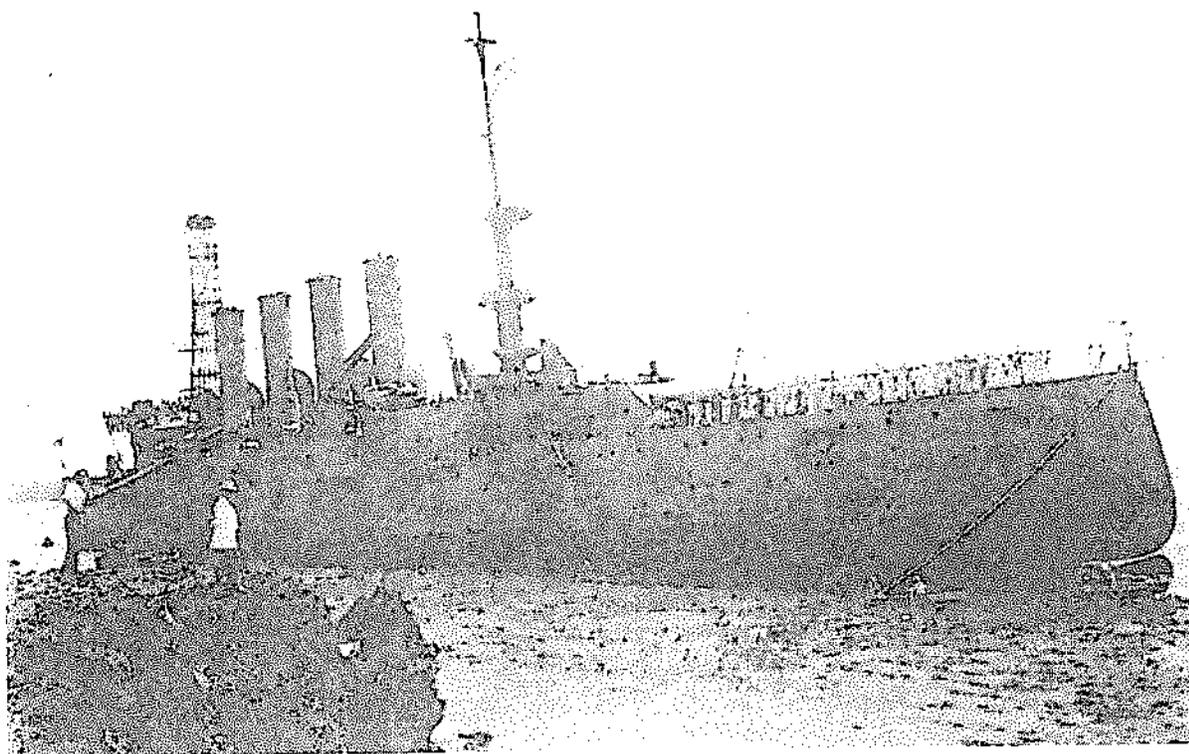
ROCKS AND SHOALS

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ON THE ROCKS

U.S.S. MEMPHIS AUGUST 29, 1916. PICTURE GIVEN TO CAPT'N BEACH,
BY A MR. STEVE WOODMAN OF WEST LEBANON, MAINE.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN

To the Crew of the Armored Cruiser *Memphis*:

I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy and Prosperous 1960. I hope to meet each and every one of you in Cleveland, August 27-28-29.

I had a phone call from one of our shipmates after the Philadelphia reunion and he said that he wanted to come but was afraid we were an exclusive bunch. How right he is, we are exclusive by God's Will to be able to call ourselves survivors. Another said he was afraid we were "putting on the dog" but he was away off on "Port side" as everyone is welcome and wanted in "Top Hats or Dungarees," your choice, as long as you are "Ship Shape."

Many of us had our wives along; they helped make it a pleasant weekend. It was a treat to see the old crew assemble, some you would recognize at once, others after a few words.

Many of the members suggested leaving the policy making to the Elected Officers as this would save the "Ships Writer" a great deal of work, also expense in mailing out questionnaires. We are not a chartered organization, nor do we have by-laws or a parent body to keep in step with. Drop me a line if this meets with your approval; if I do not hear from you, I shall assume that it does.

When the great pioneer, Jesse CHISHOLM, was blazing the trail through Oklahoma, he had big red letters painted on his wagon, "Pikes Peak or Bust." We could revise this and say, "Cleveland is a Must."

Your old Shipmate,
(Signed) Alvin P. Mosier, Captain
Survivors, U.S. Armored Cruiser Memphis

"DO YOU REMEMBER -----"

Joseph W. Farrell who escaped from #7 fireroom through the ash hoist when the steam line carried away, only to be knocked out by flying mess tables and six-inch target practice shells on the gun deck? He came to four days later in the Marine Hospital at Ozama. He plans to meet us at Cleveland.

The volunteer "Life boat crew" that manned the Port whaleboat to go to the rescue of the Recreation Party that was returning to the ship during the Tidal Wave and was thrown into the sea when the Motor Sailor was swamped? Carl Wass, MAA 1/c was the Coxswain and was rigging the steering oar when Yancey Williams, the Executive Officer, belayed the order to "lower away" and thanked the volunteer crew and told them that lifeboat and crew would be lost too if it were lowered in that kind of a sea. Do you know the names of any other members of that crew?

That good fireroom MULLIGAN and "All night-in" and Arkansas Caviar (beans) for breakfast?

YOU NAMED IT, "ROCKS AND SHOALS"

Thanks to "All Hands" for suggesting names for this publication. "ROCKS and SHOALS" won with the greatest number of ballots, but you are to be commended for the number of interesting and imaginative names suggested – "Memphis Log," Shipwrecked Mariners, Ye Ancient Mariners, The Forecastle Log, The Big Waves, Windward Passage, Memphis Miscellany, Shipwreck, Ship Wrecked Volunteers (Tennessee), Scuttle Butt, Reefs End, Snug Harbor and USS *Memphis* Survivors Club News.

Do you want Rocks and Shoals to have a lot of interesting news? Then send in your news to the Editor, Les Kidwell, because all that we know is what you mail in and Rocks and Shoals will publish any news that is of interest to our readers without charge.

"FLOTSAM and JETSAM"

One "tide" said, "Hi, tide" and the other replied, "lo, tide." For sale – A few used Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, low mileage. The call 'em "H" bombs because that's where they blow everything to. "One REUNION is worth more than 10 thousand words." The feather merchant.

Les Kidwell sent the following telegram to Captain Edward L. Beach when the *Triton* was commissioned. "Congratulations to you and your crew as your vessel today becomes a component part of the greatest Navy in the world. May it be our fervent prayer that she will never go into action for the defense of our country, but may she be recognized as a symbol of our people ready for combat if was should come. With highest esteem and admiration for you and those under your command."

Captain Beach replied, "Thanks sincerely for your wonderful message the morning of our commissioning. I join you in hope that we of the *Triton* never have to fire a shot in anger, and that our beautiful ship may, instead, be recognized as the symbol of a firm United People who will bear all for the protection of the freedom which is their birthright."

"BEFORE AND AFTER"

Shipmate Lee Bowles will send a photo of himself taken aboard the USS *Memphis* in 1916 and a photo of recent date to anyone who wishes to exchange "BEFORE and AFTER" photos. It's a great idea. Give your rate in 1916.