

1930 - (about) Movies.

CAPT. Johnson

# NOTICES

## 1. Conditional Watch Sequence.

0800-1200	Watch 3	2000-2400	Watch 3
1200-1600	" 4	0000-0400	" 4
1600-1800	" 1	0400-0800	" 1
1800-2000	" 2		

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2. The following excerpts from the Captain's talk are printed here for information for you who were not at quarters.

"We are on our way to the Navy Yard. There are some points that I would like to bring to your attention.

1. As all of you know, we were attacked recently by two Japanese suicide dive bombers. I wish to emphasize and to re-emphasize the importance of forgetting those things right now. Our Navy Department is most concerned over suicide bombings and wish to keep this very secret. They do not wish the Japanese to learn what success they have had. Therefore, do not mention this matter to anyone. Do not whisper to your wife, mother, relatives or acquaintances. THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT.

2. Do not write and post letters of sympathy to the relatives of those who have been killed on this ship. It is very important that the Navy Department inform relatives of these deaths before the information is received from other sources. If you intend to write letters of condolence, do so now and turn them in to the Executive Officer's Office, unsealed, so that they may be sent to the Navy Department for mailing at the appropriate time.

3. When we arrive in the States, I do not want people to be overleave from the ship. It not only gets you in trouble, but deprives some shipmate of leave which he should be able to take when you return. I expect all of you to go ashore and have fun. I want you to consider the SUWANNEE as your home. If you find yourself getting under the weather, return to the ship. I can assure you that if you do so, in a quiet dignified manner, you will be looked out for. I would rather see a man crawl aboard on his hands and knees, like a man, than to come aboard raising hell and acting like a school kid.

4. The SUWANNEE has been places and done things since we left the States. We have supported practically every invasion there has been. Most of the business has been very dull until a short time ago. We regret the loss of our shipmates and the damage to our ship. They died heroes with smiles on their faces. However, let us not forget that we did not set out on a pleasure trip. We set out on business and we have done our duty. Those of us who remain are lucky. We stand here now, ready to repair our damages and return to the scene of action. Our business has only begun.

5. I wish I could tell each of you, word for word, the fine things that the Admiral and other friends of mine have said about this ship and its crew. We have received a great number of messages of congratulation. I presume that all of you are aware of the fact that the CVE's and their planes turned back the greater portion of the Japanese fleet and that a great number of those enemy ships were destroyed. It is impossible for me to express to you, every officer and man on this ship, how proud of you I am. I can only say that there never has been and never will be a skipper prouder of his outfit than I am of you. Each of you deserve the right to walk down the street with your chin in the air and I wish all of you to do so in a quiet and dignified manner. Each of you has something to be proud of the rest of your lives."

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