

# Meet The Cruise Book

This cruise book is an experiment. We've gone off the beaten path. We hope we didn't get lost in a briar patch. We tried to judge our contents by this question: "Ten years from now, when I think about my days on the FDR, what'll I want most to remember?" This has led to some features we think a bit unusual for a cruise book . . . "Dear Mom," "Plan of the Day," many of the cartoons, "Moments we'll never forget," "Ship's traditions," and others.

In short, we've tried to "humanize" the cruise book; to reflect on paper what goes on aboard a happy ship.

The book was a group effort. But it had its key men. Wilford King, QM1, was a right arm and a half. He performed with skill and eagerness on every phase of the operation. Tom Douglas, YN1, who handled the hectic job of scheduling cruise book pictures and compiling division information, came through admirably. Sam Alexander, AG3, did some outstanding cartoon work . . . we all predict big things for this boy. LT. Claude Giles was our combination business manager, adviser, father-confessor, and trouble shooter. He gave us that mellow, steady touch.

And then, of course, there was LTJG Michael J. Hunt who filled the all-important slot of "Editor in charge of numbering pages." He was a source of inspiration to us all.

There were many others in our cruise book family. The photographers, the sales force, the copyreaders. And I know they're all with me in hoping you enjoy this book as much as we enjoyed putting it together for you.

And we had a ball.



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