

THE BUDDY SYSTEM: Navy personnel ashore on liberty in foreign ports such as Quonset Point and exotic New York City are easily recognizable by their tongues hanging out and the smell of whiskey on their breath. They are prime targets for those individuals who wish to take monetary advantage of unsuspecting victims. (The list of scoundrels include the Internal Revenue Department, the Roach Coach and various and sundry barmaids). The Buddy System has been proven to be the second best method of staying out of trouble. The first method is taking vows and becoming a priest.

MOTOR VEHICLES: While in this foreign port, Quonset Point, most sailors will acquire wheels. It must be pointed out that the United States has some unusual rules for driving. One of them is that people drive on the right side of the road, and the steering wheel of vehicles are on the left side of the automobile. Another rule is that you must have a license to drive in this country, unlike other countries which only require that the driver have good aim when hitting the pedestrians. Therefore, until adjusted to these extreme variations, it is suggested that Navy personnel start out using two-wheeled bicycles (with training wheels).

PERSONAL APPEARANCE: The wearing of civilian clothes by All Hands has been managed well by very nearly all INTREPID men, with the possible exception of the XO whose suits are a bit unusual. Ever see a Hart Shaffner and Marx suit with four gold stripes and epaulets?? While our Navy's standards of civilian dress are quite liberal, there are some items that are not acceptable. Sandals, high heeled shoes, dungarees that zip from the back, stretch capri pants, ragged clothing (except if you're a lowly ensign), and service dress nude (except if the ribbons are worn). Wearing the national colors for a set of skivvies is deemed inappropriate and should be. But wearing the colors as an undershirt is correct since it shows you hold the flag close to your heart. When dressing up to go on liberty in the various bars and movies in this port, remember that the natives will judge you on your appearance. So if you are drunk out of your mind, wear a tuxedo, and the people will judge you as a sot with class.

COURTESY AND CONDUCT: INTREPID and her crew are visiting Quonset Point as invited guests of our quarterly deployment schedule and the United States. The conduct of each of us is a direct reflection of not only our character, but that of the Navy and INTREPID. Be on your best behavior. Don't go asking the meter maids "how much" and you'll get along with the natives.

INTERPRETERS WANTED: Any one having conversational ability in English please contact the Personnel Officer at Ext. 272. We need personnel with dialects of Brooklynese, Texas drawl and New England-Bostonian nasal twang.

KUDOS, KUDOS, AND STILL MORE KUDOS: Since Hamburg, we have been swamped with messages and POD notes stating kudos to this and kudos to that. So here are a few kudos to the various individuals and departments on the ship for their outstanding work during this six-month deployment:

KUDOS TO THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT: for their preventive medicine notes on hepatitis, venereal disease, and other maladies. Now if you can only learn to cure these problems.

KUDOS TO THE MESS DECKS AND WARDROOM: for keeping the botulism food poisoning rate down to 20%.

KUDOS TO THE CHAPLAINS: for their spiritual guidance and the great places they showed us to go in Barcelona and Hamburg.

KUDOS TO THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE: for the Achiever, an everlasting monument to Hearst's Yellow Press journalism.

KUDOS TO THE ENGINEERS AND BOILER TECHS: for getting this representative of the Navy's Medicare Corps moving from port to port.

KUDOS TO THE POST OFFICE: for showing us through their fine mail service that the Pony Express has a great future in this country.

PROPS KILL: We are sorry to announce that there will not be any "Props Kill" note because its author and chief proponent, CDR CARR walked through a prop arc. Interested personnel can visit him in Sick Bay in Ward #2, #3, #4, and #5.

KUDOS TO THE SKIPPER, CAPT WILLIAMS, Jr.: for his great leadership in getting us through a difficult six-month deployment in one piece.

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(NOTE: Official Plan of the Day will be promulgated at normal POD distribution time, i.e., 2400.)