

ARM-NAV TROOPER

USS GENERAL S.D. STURGIS
D.S. BAKER, Captain USNR
Commanding

TOKYO BOUIND

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THE VOYAGE OF PEACE

Many a ship has left port...each carrying out its definite purpose...some carrying troops to distant parts of the world...others carrying supplies and equipment...and still others carrying military personnel and documents. But no ship has ever had a more definite and significant purpose in mind than the U.S.S. GENERAL S.D. STURGIS...The Voyage of Peace.

This trip can be called the instrument of a means to an end...for aboard are many representatives of various countries to be present at the TOKYO PEACE CONFERENCE...among the countries represented aboard are AUSTRALIA...NETHERLANDS...CANADA...CHINA...PHILIPPINE ISLANDS...and the UNITED STATES.

A few of the honored guest on board are General HODGES...General HSU YUNG CHANG...Lt. Gen. STYER...Lt. Gen. BERRYMAN...Lt. Gen. VAN OYEN...Air Marshal JONES...Lt. Gen. CHU SHIN MING...Vice Admiral YANG HSUN CH'ENG...Major Generals STIVERS...KEAN...FRINK...VALDEZ...CH'EN...WANG CHICH...Rear Admiral MOORE...Brig. Generals DENIT...HOLMAN...BARNWELL...BESSON...WANAMAKER... Colonel COSGRAVE.

Many of us will always remember MANILA...not as the "Pearl of the Orient"... as we would like to remember her...but as a stepping stone to TOKYO...A city that took us to heart...and sorry to see us leave...for as the gangplank was hoisted away...amid the refrains of "Anchors Aweigh" by the 409th ASF Band...the natives of MANILA waving a gratifying farewell...all shouted "Bon Voyage".

It was a familiar sight to all of us...out to sea again...but this time... a trip with a happier state of mind...the 832 enlisted men on board feel that they are the lucky ones to be chosen for this mission...for they will be part of the audience of the Treaty that will go down in history as one of the outstanding achievements of the 20th Century...Aboard ship...opinions of the enlisted men voicing their approval of the conditions on ship are as follows: Abundant lounging space...excellent chow (ice cream every meal)... entertainment...movies...233rd concert and swing band...boxing matches... and the improvised band sessions after supper.

But the whole ship rejoices that we have reached our goal...and that the next time the gangplank rises...the band plays...the throng shouting...it will be the final sea voyage...the trip back to FRISCO.

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