

# In Sydney Town

By Dick Bommersheim

In Sydney Town the Yank came down to share in the Coral Sea.  
For many a mile they travelled far to fete that victory.  
From stories told by men of old they knew it would be great,  
But none could see, in any way, what was to be their fate,  
Their numbers were small, their spirits high, expecting to  
have a ball  
And from the first day, to the 7th of May, their spirits  
would not fall.

The ship sailed in through the lovely port, borne on the  
morning tide;  
The sun was high, the bridge was tall with grandeur on every  
side.  
The welcome was grand on every hand: the city was at their  
feet.  
The whistles' blare on the morning air was more than just a  
sweet.  
Liberty call at last came round, although it took forever;  
With a rush and a roar we'd get ashore or die in the endeavor.

In Sydney Town there dwells a race of people with hearts of  
gold.  
With its hospitality, its high morality, 'tis like to a city  
of old.  
From miles around the calls came in, inviting the Yank to tea.  
And the lines were long, for receiving the calls, as many  
accepted with glee.  
Many were found, by tram and by train, a country abounding  
in charm.  
And through Hyde park the Yank and his lass went swinging arm  
in arm.

But came the day (the 7th of May) the date of departure and  
farewell.  
The tearful partings, goodbyes and sweethearings, were more  
than a pen can tell.  
As the ship slipped away, awash from the quay, the men sanned  
the rails to the limit.  
And every man that you could scan had a tear in his eye to dim it,  
With a heavier heart than we care to confess, we salled with  
the outgoing tide  
'Twill be many a day, over leagues of seas, 'till a port can  
such good times provide.

# Shellback Joey To Leave Benn

Since our departure from Sydney BENNINGTON has been quartering an unusual passenger in a special 'cabin' on the fantail. The guest is known as Joey -- a two year old male wallaby.

The animal, a type of small kangaroo, was personally owned by Sir Edward Hallstrom, the curator of Taronga Park Zoo in Sydney. Sir Edward presented him to Captain Jones and the crew of BENNINGTON for further presentation to a Zoo in the U.S.

Special quarters, consisting of a large wire cage on the fantail, and arrangements for the care and feeding of young Joey were set up before departure. Thomas W. Vincent, HNS, was given the job of looking after Joey's health and welfare.

When the ship reaches San Diego Joey will leave for the San Diego Zoo, where he will be formally received at 1030 on 23 May. A bronze plaque will be cast and placed on his cage naming USS BENNINGTON as donor.

The ship is also carrying an Australian carpet snake and a diamond snake for presentation to the zoo.

A kangaroo, presented to the USS KYES in Brisbane, was also expected to make the trip with us, but its owner was unable to transport it to Sydney in time for our departure.

## Atomic Sub Nautilus Due In WESTPAC

The world's first atomic-powered submarine, USS NAUTILUS, departed about May 15 for the West coast where she will be under the operational control of Admiral Felix S. Stump, USN, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, for a two month period, the Navy announced recently.

The purpose of the visit is to familiarize Pacific Fleet personnel with nuclear-powered submarines and to provide train-

ing for the AWS forces of the Pacific Fleet. This is in keeping with the Navy's policy of indoctrinating personnel in new weapons systems and concepts. At the present time three atomic-powered submarines, the SARGO (SSN 583), SCAMP (SSN 588), and HALIBUT (SSN 587), are under construction at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California. These three are scheduled for operation with the

Pacific Fleet upon commissioning.

The NAUTILUS is due to arrive in the Canal Zone today for a brief visit. The rest of the NAUTILUS' schedule is as follows: Arrive Pearl Harbor, June 1; Arrive Seattle, June 17; Arrive San Francisco, June 22; Arrive San Diego, June 27. While in the Seattle area, the submarine will also visit Everett, Washington for a short stop-over.