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"During Divine Services"

It is generally admitted by men who have largely served the Navy and the casual visitor who has chanced to hear it that the slow, melodious "Church Call" is one of the most appealing in the book.

And well might it be. For its one purpose is to call fighting men, men who have dedicated their lives, their time, their efforts to the protection of the greatest nation in the world, to set aside their warring efforts and focus their minds, hearts, and wills upon the God who made them, the God who watches over and protects them, who has given them days in this world and a promise that if they remain faithful to His endless days of happiness with Him in heaven for all eternity.

Maybe you don't recognize God. Maybe you are one of those who takes this world for granted and uses everything it offers you without a thought to the God who made it and owns it. Be that as it may, in deference to those who do believe in God and feel in their hearts that they owe Him adoration and service, the least that can be expected of you, as a gentleman, is that you keep silence about that part of the ship where services are being held and that you do your daily strolling and star gazing someplace else.

Under the heading of thoughtlessness come the following:

The mechanical woodpecker. He never utters a peep until Church Call awakens him. Then he comes to life and sets up a constant ting, ting, ting that all but shatters the nerves of all present.

The wanderer. He doesn't seem to have any thing particular in mind and nothing definite to do. He comes strolling up one side, stops and

stares around, and then nonchalantly wanders off.

The tourists. This is their ship and they have freedom of activity. They wander out and lean over the life line chipping their teeth like a couple old biddies in a crowded bus.

This type ship has enough necessary distractions without the addition of the thoughtless adding to it without purpose. Weather permitting, Church Services are held on the fo'c's'le each Sunday. Be courteous, be respectful of the feelings of others. Put your hummers away, do your wandering elsewhere, and especially do your senseless talking and tourist gazing someplace else.

To the whole world the Church Pennant means something. It signifies Divine Services are being held. Outside the Library we post a small Church Pennant during Daily Mass, while the Service Men's Christian League is meeting, and during Jewish Services. It is put there to caution you against horseplay in the passageway, loud, disturbing conversations, especially the blasphemous, filthy conversations some of you specialize in. This is a big ship and there isn't any special reason why you have to do your sparring and loud vulgar talking in that particular area at that particular time. Again, may we ask just a decent recognition of the feelings of others. Just the common courtesy expected from any gentleman for a shipmate.

This isn't written as a "breef" or because things have come to a pretty pass. There is just too much thoughtlessness and this word should call it to your attention and remedy the situation.

As a matter of fact, we Chaplains are pretty proud of the whole bunch of you. Now and then you slip a bit and sound off with some pretty ripe language, do a few things that you are generally pretty much ashamed of as soon as you do them.

All in all you are a darn swell bunch of great American kids and we just suggest that you give the lad who wants to go to Church a break. Going is his business like not going is yours, if that's the way you feel. When you hear Church Call give God a thought. It won't hurt you to think of the God who made you. And when you see the Church Pennant, knock off the loud talk. Be a gentleman.

Lt. Comdr. M. W. Smith, (ChC)

Church Call

CATHOLIC (M. W. Smith, Senior Chaplain)

Daily Mass	Crew's Library	
Wednesday Forum		
(Catechism)	Crew's Library	2000
Saturday Confessions		
Chaplain's Stateroom, No. 118		1930
Sunday Mass	Place and Time Announced	

PROTESTANT (L. A. Reed, Chaplain)

Tuesday SMCL	Crew's Library	2000
Thursday Choir Rehearsal		2000
Sunday Service	Place and Time Announced	

JEWISH

Friday Service	Crew's Library	2000
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