

JACKIES BACK TO HARDTACK

Three-Score Bluejackets Quit Training Ship Buffalo Because They Couldn't Get All the Turkey They Wanted.

OFFICERS DECLARE THE SAILORS WERE WELL FED.

Fifty Deserters Go Back to Ship and Marines Seek Eleven Who Are Missing—Returned Prodigals Had Good Time.

Hardtack! Hardtack! Why give us any more hardtack? We are just starving for bread. We are just starving for bread.

All because 800 jackies on the training ship Buffalo did not have turkey for their Thanksgiving dinner. A spirit of discord was sown and it was reported to-day that sixty men were deserting. They had taken French leave immediately on being permitted to go ashore Monday.

This report is exaggerated. When roll was called last night fifty men were missing, but they came to the ship all during the night, some of them showing signs of having had a most excellent time. There were eighteen missing at mess to-day, but while the men were still at table eight of the supposed deserters strolled in and tacked aboard.

"That leaves only eleven missing," an officer reported to Lieut. Hoster, who is in command of the ship in the absence of Capt. Ross.

The Buffalo got the reputation of having a hard crew to handle on July 18 last, when she set sail for Southern waters. Hardly had the ship started down the bay when it was found that half a hundred men had taken French leave at the last moment. The 800 who failed to make good their escape were disappointed.

Thought It an Easy Life.

These men had existed from all parts of the United States and had gone aboard the Buffalo last spring. Some of them were used to the freedom of the mountains; others came fresh from farms and others were accustomed to a city discipline as the streets of a city afford. They had all joined the navy with the idea that it was a life of ease and romance. Their first trip shattered this idea, and some men began sowing the seed of discontent.

The Buffalo was far out at sea on Thanksgiving and Capt. Ross found it impossible to get turkey. Instead, he served the Thanksgiving dinner the following Sunday, when 800 pounds of fat turkey were served to the Jackies. It was too late, however, to smother the anger of the men. At the mess-table some was started the Ballad of the Buffalo to the tune of an old hymn. It was taken up and hundreds of voices joined in the singing.

Jackies Grumble About Grub. "It's perfect nonsense," said Lieuten-

ant Hoster to-day to a reporter for The Evening World. "For those men to make a kick about their grub. They have had the best furnished in the navy. Hardtack has only been served when there was no bread. I don't think the men having had hardtack but once since we started on this last trip." "So he said he fed us good, did he?" said a Jackie. "I tell you what he done. He served me until I licked baint. Did he tell you about all that turkey we got Thanksgiving? You should hear about that turkey. I ate so much it gave me indigestion." "I'm here for four years and I am going to stick it out unless they fix me for some deep-sea doings for lack of grub. There ain't a man on this ship, saving the officers, who don't know what it is to be real hungry."

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