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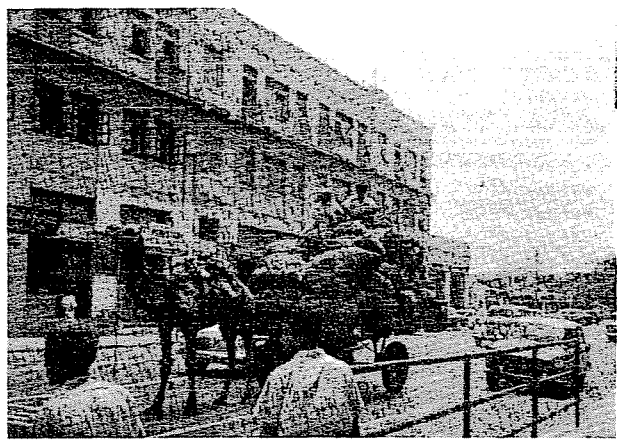
Esso Jacksonville's Round-the-World Voyage

The longest voyage, both in time and mileage, by a U. S. flag, Company tanker since the War was completed by the *Esso Jacksonville* upon her arrival in Houston on Sept. 7. The remarkable trip began 102 days earlier and covered a distance of 28,536 miles.

Sailing from Baytown, May 28, the *Jacksonville* touched at Port Said; discharged part of her lube oil cargo at Karachi, West Pakistan; delivered hexane and the balance of the lube oil at Bombay, India; loaded 180,000 bbls. of crude at Mena al Ahmadi, Kuwait; discharged that cargo at San Pedro, Calif., and sailed in ballast to San Nicolas, Aruba, to load naptha for delivery at Houston.

The "great waters" traversed to accomplish this "business" included 6 gulfs, 8 straits, 5 seas, 3 oceans and two of the world's greatest canals. They're all mentioned in the following extracts from Captain Hamilton's record of the global salt water orbit.

5/29 0312 - Departure, Galveston Bar, Gulf of Mexico.
5/31 2200 - Matanilla Shoal Buoy, Straits of Florida
6/8 0055 - Valle Formosa abeam, Fayal Is., Azores, Atlantic Ocean
6/11 0520 - Tarifa Light (Spain) abeam, entered Straits of Gibraltar
6/11 0615 - Gibraltar abeam, thick fog, entered Mediterranean Sea
6/16 2325 - Underway to transit Suez Canal
6/17 1530 - Departure Suez, entered Gulf of Suez
6/18 0225 - Shadwan Is., Strait of Jubal. Entered Red Sea
6/20 2120 - Perim Is. Light abeam, Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb. Entered Gulf of Aden.
6/21 0340 - Elephant Rock abeam, Gulf of Oman. Entered Abrabian Sea.
6/24 2306 - Arrival off Karachi
6/30 1730 - Arrival at Bombay



(above) A Karachi, West Pakistan, street scene.



(right) Snakes alive! OS Gilberto V. Ponce (rt.) with two Pakistan snake charmers in action.

(below) A camel caravan in Karachi with AB "Tex" Autrey "up".

(below, left) Marine Drive, Bombay, India.

Photos by
AB Benjamin F. Autrey





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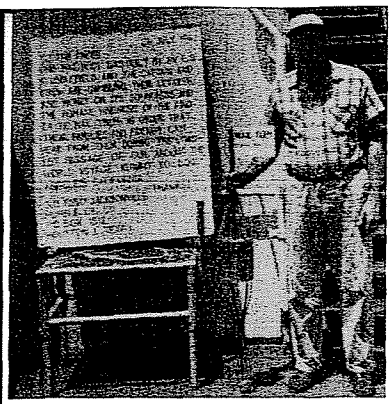

Third Ass't Engr. Eugene Stubblefield with the mail buoy and sign he made aboard the *Jacksonville*. The buoy was dropped overboard off Singapore at 0121, July 26. How it was found was described in a letter to Captain Hamilton by Joseph Low and Peter Tay, of 113 Nallur Road, Singapore 16.

"It happened on the morning of 26-7-62," they wrote. "My brother-in-law and I were coming back from our fishing stake in an outboard motor sampan when we spotted the mail buoy. At first I hesitated to pick it up as I thought it must be some hoax and had no significant value. However, my brother-in-law suggested to have it because of its well construction. I agreed to it and brought it home. We shook the tin and felt something was moving in it. To our surprise we found letters, cigarettes, matches and some money. As requested in your memo, I posted all the letters unopened and dispatched by air mail to all persons concerned." (Photo by Third Asst. Eugene B. Stubblefield)

7/13 1303 - Little Quoin Is., Strait of Hormoz. Entered Persian Gulf
7/14 2014 - Docked Mena al Ahmadi, longest pier in the world
7/22 0022 - Point de Galle, Ceylon, Indian Ocean
7/24 0946 - Klah Is., entered Malacca Strait
7/26 0354 - Berakit Light, cleared Singapore Strait. Entered South China Sea
7/29 2147 - Cape Bojeador Light, Luzon Strait, North Luzon, Philippines
7/30 0400 - Cape Engano Light. Entered Philippine Sea
7/31 - Vicinity Typhoon Nora. SW winds, force 8-9, heavy seas
8/2 1400 - Iwo Jima Is. abeam, eight miles off
8/15 0912 - Arrived San Pedro
8/24 - Arrived Balboa, Panama Canal
8/27 - Arrived San Nicolas, Aruba, Caribbean Sea
9/7 0020 - Docked at Houston

Esso Jacksonville Circumnavigators

Capt. William Hamilton	Master
Sebastian J. Masuzzo	Ch. Mate
Leo H. Willis	2nd Mate
Hans C. S. Jensen	Sp. 2nd Mate
Peter W. Goetz	3rd Mate
Earle J. Schlarb	Radio Officer
Colos J. Bennett	Ch. Engr.
Karl M. Waagonas	1st Asst.
Joseph J. Cabral	2nd Asst.
Eugene B. Stubblefield	3rd Asst.
Knud E. Schmehl*	3rd Asst.
Henry C. Payne	Bos'n
Robert T. Andreasen	AB
Jack W. Diggs	AB
Robert E. Haines	AB
Earl A. Bodden	AB
Hans Sanness	AB
Benjamin F. Autrey	AB
John Rickour	OS
Jimmie R. Dash	OS
Gilberto V. Ponce	OS
John A. G. Penha	DM
Frank Sawyer	DM
Cornelius J.. Kelleher	Mach.
Rex B. Williams	Pumpman
Donald Genung	MM/2nd Pump.
Lawrence Eisenbiegler	Oiler
Peter J. Roll	Oiler
Archie N. Griffith	Oiler
Raeford C. Dorman	FWT
William Katros*	FWT
Denver S. McCasland	FWT
Joseph L. Valles	Wiper
Louis L. Vincent	Wiper
James Garcia	Ch. Steward
Boaventura Silva	Ch. Cook
Pedro Birol	2nd Cook
Walter Simpson	OM
Cresencio R. Alesna	POM
Charles W. Sherman	CM
Albert W. Cale	UM
Louis S. Hernandez	UM

*Off at Calif. for paid leave.

Arthur D. Baldwin



Chief Cook with "Book Learnin'"

You have to admire a man who makes sacrifices to get an education, especially (at least in our book) a practical education. By that we mean the type of education where you learn more to earn more. It's something like investing money, time and effort in order to receive good dividends from them for the rest of your life. It's the sort of thing Arthur D. Baldwin has been doing.

At present Chief Cook in the *Esso Boston*, Art graduated from high school in Creighton, Nebraska before he was 16. He served with the Military Sea Transportation Service for a while, then joined the Esso fleet as a Messman in June, 1945. In less than a year he was sailing as Second and Chief Cook and by Dec. 1947, he had made Chief Steward.

For 10 years Art sailed in this rank — until April 1958 — when reductions in the fleet put him back to Chief Cook. It may have been this that made him decide to go in for higher education. At any rate, he was granted a leave of absence and enrolled at the Nebraska State Teachers College in Jan. 1959. After the first semester he attended summer school (plus a course in cake decorating) and in October was a sophomore in the University of Nebraska, working toward a degree in business administration. By Aug. 1961 (2½ years from the start) he had his diploma, with honors for being in the top 3% of his class.

That might have satisfied most people but Arthur had another idea. He decided to get a master's degree. In Sept. 1961 he entered Michigan State University's School of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management. He completed the first year with all A and B grades. In the fall he will return to Michigan State and by next June he should have his master's. That will put him in the unique position of having two college degrees and 15 years of practical experience.

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