

**BAD BEARING** – Ray Stalloch, MM2 was aboard the Knox from November 1944 remembers to the sea trials where the Knox made a series of high speed runs to test the top speed of the ship. Official photos show the Knox recorded 36.07 knots, or almost 41 ½ mph! The Engineering Officer made the announcement. The crew cheered. As the Knox made its way back to port in Maine an inspection showed one of the line shaft bearings supporting the port shaft was burned and scored – the bearing installation by the shipyard was not correct. The bearing would have to be rebuilt. The job fell to Ray Stalloch and helpers to rebuild the bearing. Time was of the essence since the Knox was scheduled to leave Maine and travel south to Washington DC to be inspected by Admiral Ernest King who served as Commander in Chief US Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations. Stalloch recalls “the shipyard put that bearing in too tight and I had to rebuild that piece so we could get underway. Big hurry.” How many times have personnel made repairs under pressure to help the ship make operational deadlines. A lot! Hats off all those making those repairs under pressure.