



**William Madden** -The enclosed picture was sent to me by new Life Member (#77) William Madden of Chesapeake VA. This picture was taken when the ship was returning from Hunters Point Shipyard to home port in San Diego. This picture shows the addition of K-Guns to the starboard and port quarters of the ship. The depth charge racks on the stern of the ship look identical to the arrangement when the ship was commissioned. The tripod mast added to hold the radar is the same as in 1945. I had a hard time identifying the port hedgehog mount and I'm reasonable sure the last (aft) torpedo mount was removed. The note on the picture says 1948 – Underway to San Diego from Hunter's Point Calif. Changed from DD to DDR. The Navy dropped the term "radar picket" in favor of listing the ship as a DDR. The DDR designation remained until December 31, 1968 when the ship reverted to a DD.

Madden also sent a very good picture of the crew while the ship was in Tsingtao, China in 1947. A news article saved by Madden shows pictures of the aircraft carrier Tarawa in Tsingtao harbor with 1200 marines aboard as Communist forces held their ring around the city of Tsingtao. Shanghai was also mentioned as threatened by Communist forces. On October 27th, 1947 the officers and crew of the Frank Knox sat down to celebrate Navy Day in Tsingtao. You can read the menu at the right; beef tenderloin and ham were on the menu plus cigars! Christmas and New Year's Day meals were also served in Tsingtao. It looks like the menu on Christmas returned to turkey, Indiana Turkey that is plus giblet gravy, creamed peas and buttered asparagus spears. Three desserts are listed, no wait, that's **two** desserts and fruitcake.

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THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER "TARAWA" LIES AT ANCHOR IN TSINGTAO HARBOR, PREPARED TO PROTECT AMERICANS

## OUR NAVY AND MARINES STAND BY AT TSINGTAO

Before Pearl Harbor, Shanghai's international set escaped the sweltering summer by going north to Tsingtao, a German-developed harbor about midway between Shanghai and Mukden. After V-J Day Tsingtao's best beach hotel became an officer's club for the U.S. Navy, which based its western Pacific fleet and 3,600 Marines there while trying to develop a new Chinese navy. Two weeks ago, as Communist armies held their ring around Tsingtao, another 1,200 Marines arrived from the big base at Guam (*below, right*).

This was only a token force and it would not attempt intervention in China's war, but its arrival was reassuring to Americans in China; it did not suggest retreat. Last week the Navy's influence was felt further, as Red armies continued their push toward Nanking and Shanghai. The commander of U.S. naval forces in the western Pacific, Vice-Admiral Oscar Badger, announced that he would move Marines to Shanghai to protect U.S. lives and essential property "if and when circumstances make it advisable."

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