

ABOARD THE H. M. S. GLAMORGAN

Captain Locklin

officers & men of the HMS Zeig.

APRIL 21, 1968

*boarded
Washington, D.C.*

Captain Roe, officers and men of H. M. S. GLAMORGEN, it is a privilege to visit your ~~fine~~ ship this morning, and a great pleasure to welcome you to Washington and to America.

Being partly Welsh myself, it is a special pleasure to welcome a ship with the proud name of Glamorgan.

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Another Welsh name, Jones, is common, as you know, in America.

Indeed one of our most famous Joneses was John Paul Jones -- father of our navy and the bane of yours.

He said, "Give me a fast ship, for I intend to go in harm's way." Apparently his ship, the Bonhomme Richard, was not fast enough.

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For you may remember that she was sunk by the H. M. S. Serapis in a naval battle some years ago. Jones, however, declared from his burning deck, "I have not yet begun to fight," and captured the Serapis, which promptly became the pride of the American navy.

Well, that is long past. And in fairness to the sensibilities of the Welshmen aboard -- and with all due respect to the crew of H. M. S. FIFE alongside -- I ought to point out that John Paul Jones was really a Scot.

The Royal Navy and the American Navy have sailed all the oceans together since those days, in common cause and often together.

We shall be doing it once again when these two fine ships and their crews reach their destination in the Far East where the cause of self-determination and freedom is being defended.

We fondly hope that peace can soon come to Southeast Asia, and that the world can find the path back, away from war.

But until we do, and I am sure forever after, you and we, Britain and America, will stand together.

I wish you all good luck and Godspeed.

Please accept, once again, my warmest welcome to America.

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NOTE:

If a toast is required, it should end: "May I propose a toast to Her Majesty the Queen."

FYI:

Glamorgan is the capital and largest shire of Wales.
Fife is in Scotland.



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