

On the lighter side, Dances, Concerts, Picture Shows, Bingo, Hot Dog Parties, Deck Sports and we must not forget the wonderful Childrens Parties all organized by the Chief Purser, and now there's a war on, many Army and Navy men receive assistance in their duties from the same office .

We will walk along "A" Deck to the Ship's Medical Dept . There's a Consulting Room and Surgery fitted with up to date equipment, including adjustable operating table with a shadowless high power lamp overhead. Sterilizers and medicine cabinets containing fearsome looking bottles and things . Our good friend Dr Mc Kenzie is Ship's Medical Officer ably assisted by two Canadian Nurses and a Hospital Orderly .

Since commencing her maiden voyage 14th June 1930 from Liverpool, H M T 12 completed a total distance of 1,030,603 miles on her arrival at Fremantle 4th September 1940 . Of that distance 55,885 miles is the distance steamed in service of King and Empire and, she is willing and eager to go, where-er her services are required in the cause of free men.

Perhaps you would like to know a few records she has made as Blue Ribbon Ship of the Pacific and here they are - Leaving Yokohama at 3-00 pm 9th April 1931 she arrived at Victoria British Columbia 6-48 pm 16th April, 7 days 20 hours 16 minutes for a distance of 4200 miles at an average speed of 22.27 knots . Left Yokohama 10th April 1938 arrived Honolulu 15th April distance 3383 miles, time 6 days 8 hours 33 minutes, average speed 22.76 knots . The fastest trip open sea - Left Honolulu 4-46 pm 15th March 1933, arrived Victoria B C 3-19 am 20th March, distance 2329 miles, time 4 days, 8 hours, 3 minutes. Average speed 22.38 knots . The fastest days run was made on the 10th May 1936, when H MT 12 steamed 544 miles in 23 hours, 20 minutes at an average speed of 23.31 knots, and the horse power developed was 28,899 .

The 80 mile trip from Victoria to Vancouver has been accomplished in 3 hours, 19 minutes - homeward bound -.

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Before closing here's just one more item of interest - It takes 100 tons weight to sink this ship 1 inch and here is a problem for you to solve - If 100 tons is required to sink this ship 1 inch, how many inches did she sink when 2650 New Zealanders in marching equipment embarked at Wellington .

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