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**SAN JOSE FSDO**

**WELCOMES NEW JET CENTER**

## Cover Story

San Jose Flight Standards District Office recently participated in the Open House celebrating the official opening of the San Jose Jet Center. The Center, located on the west side of San Jose International Airport, features four large modern hangars which can house over 75 aircraft, along with 40,000 square feet of office space.

Accident Prevention Specialist Carl Borchers manned the FAA display set up to inform visitors of the FAA mission. Carl's aunt, Mildred Borchers, was also on hand during the three-day exhibit to spread the word about the FAA Accident Prevention and Aviation Education Programs.

The \$9,000,000 Jet Center brings a modern general aviation facility to the San Jose South Bay. Under construction for over one year, the Center is one of the world's most advanced fixed base operations. Designed into the facility are computerized flight planning equipment, electronic security systems and numerous pilot, passenger and aircraft services.

The Open House was highlighted by a static display of over 25 of the world's leading aircraft. In addition, there were 13 display booths featuring aviation products and services.

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Cover photo: Accident Prevention Specialist Carl Borchers is ready to welcome visitors to the FAA booth at the San Jose Jet Center Grand Opening and Open House.



Photos: Above == The new San Jose Jet Center officially opens. Below == Many aircraft were on display to visitors to the Open House.

## More cover story

Top -- Carl Borchers addresses a seminar group with the topic, "Who Pre-Flights?"

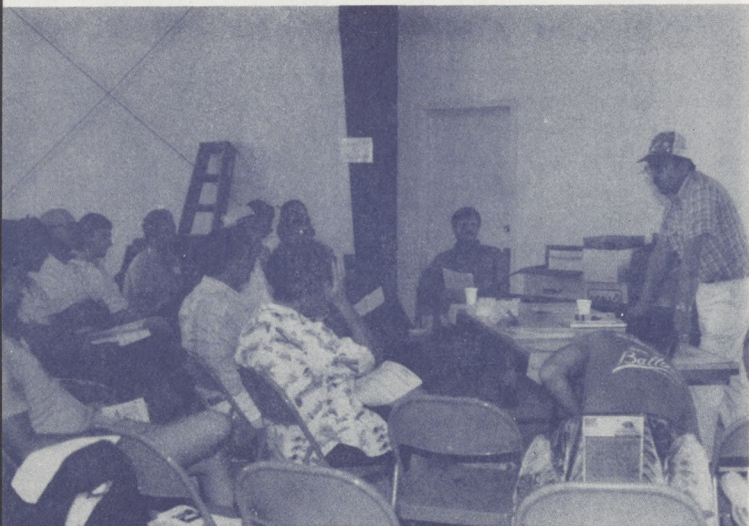
Next -- Principal Maintenance Inspector Bill Glandon discusses "Maintenance Responsibilities" to a group of participants.

Below, left -- Mildred Borchers assists in handing out materials at the FAA display during Open House.

Below, right -- Dr. Lyle Warren, Aviation Medical Examiner presents a seminar on "Medical Factors for Pilots."



## More Cover Story



Top -- Paso Robles Flight Service Station Manager participates in the Accident Prevention Program by presenting "Flight Planning and Weather Briefing."

Middle -- Bill Preston, an air traffic controller from Oakland Center, addresses a seminar on "Enroute and Operational Procedures."

Below, left -- Major Mike Cassity, Safety Officer from Vandenberg Air Force Base participated in the Paso Robles Accident Prevention Program with a talk on "Flight Operations in and around Vandenberg."

Below, right -- June Borchers (seated), Accident Prevention Counselor, signs Pilot Proficiency Cards for the pilots at the Paso Robles Safety Seminar. Rod Stahl's wife, right, also helps out with materials for visitors.



## Honolulu AFS News

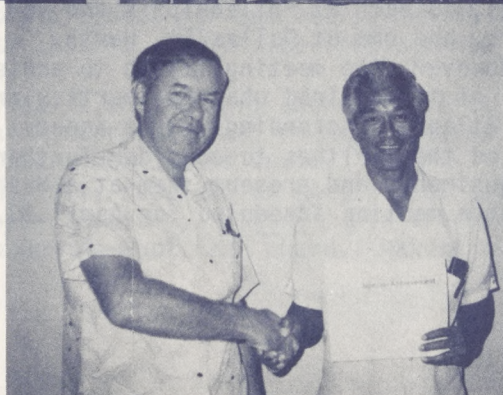
Honolulu Airway Facilities Sector recently presented awards to some of the folks stationed in Paradise.

Top == Ernest M. Oya, Electronics Technician (left), receives his Retirement Certificate and a Sector plaque from Douglas Cahill (right) Manager of the Honolulu Nav/Com Sector Field Office of the Honolulu Airway Facilities Sector at a retirement luncheon held recently. Ernie retired on Jan. 3 after over 37 years of federal service. Seated in background is Donald Pactol, Nav/Comm Relief Technician, of the Honolulu AFS.

Next == Richard K. Suzuki (right), Technical Support Officer of the Honolulu AFS, congratulates Michael Musgrove (left) on his Special Achievement Award for his special act/services while serving as Acting FAA Resident Director/Airway Facilities Sector Field Office Manager at Guam until the position was recently filled by Ronald Riberal. Mike, presently a Technician-in-Depth Nav/Comm with the Technical Support Unit, performed in an exceptionally outstanding manner during his detail period. Congratulations!

Next == Environmental Systems Unit members of the Honolulu AFS were presented with a Group Special Achievement Award for their contribution in restoring a high voltage cable to the Approach Light System at the Honolulu Airport. Pictured are (left to right) Allen Amasaki, Engineering Technician; Alvin Ota, Yasuo Miyasato, Maintenance Mechanics, and Sidney Kim, Supervisor of the Environmental Systems Unit. Unavailable for photo is Henry Pilaf.

Below == Richard Browder (left), Operations Manager of Honolulu AFS, congratulates Henry Pila, Maintenance Mechanic, for his contribution as part of the Environmental Systems Unit staff in the Group Special Achievement Award recently presented. Congratulations for all of the ESU members for their special efforts.



## PWC Convention Approaches

Were you a "Pre-D" or "Coop"??? If the answer is yes, then you are invited to a reunion! On May 1 - 3, the Professional Women Controllers Annual Convention will be held in Long Beach, Calif. Slated at this convention will be the first official reunion of all classes of predevelopmental and cooperative education students. Many members of the Professional Women Controllers started in these entry level programs.

Anyone is welcome -- members and non-members -- wether or not with the FAA. The convention is headquartered at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel, 213/437-5900.

For further information, contact any PWC member, or Vice-President Susan House, 3200 Delta Drive, Anchorage, AK 99502.

See old friends, meet new friends. Come join the fun!

## FAA/Airlines Tackle Delays

The nation's airlines have agreed to approximately 350 changes in flight schedules at five of the nation's major airports in an effort to reduce delays in the National Airspace System this summer.

The carriers met from March 16-19 in Washington, DC, under FAA leadership, to discuss scheduling adjustments that would provide a more even distribution of flights during peak periods. Deputy Chief Counsel Ed Faberman and Air Traffic Operations Director Jack Ryan ran the meeting for FAA.

As a result of the five-day session, 203 flights were shifted at Atlanta's Hartsfield, 121 at Chicago O'Hare (including 75 agreed to before the meeting), 13 each at Philadelphia and Newark, and one at Dallas/Ft. Worth.

However, the meeting failed to achieve all of the desired changes, particularly at Atlanta. Accordingly, the agency asked the airlines to consider further adjustments and present them at a Washington meeting scheduled for April 10.

## Grand Canyon Flight Restrictions Adopted

A new Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) designed to enhance the safety of sightseeing flights in the Grand Canyon area will go into effect the end of April.

The SFAR establishes a Special Grand Canyon Flight Rules Area from the surface to 9,000 feet mean sea level (MSL). Commercial tour operators can obtain authorization to fly in this area but will be required to follow specific routes and maintain a minimum altitude which is the approximate level of the lower rim in each part of the canyon.

Other sightseeing traffic and military flights will be restricted to operations above 9,000 feet MSL.

An estimated 90,000 flights a year operate over the Grand Canyon with the majority concentrated in the summer months. Commercial tour operators are responsible for close to 90 percent of this total and carry more than 300,000 passengers a year.

FAA currently is working on a permanent rule that will replace the SFAR when it expires June 16, 1987.

Both the SFAR and the permanent rule were published as proposals in the Federal Register in December 1986.

## PASS Praises Engen

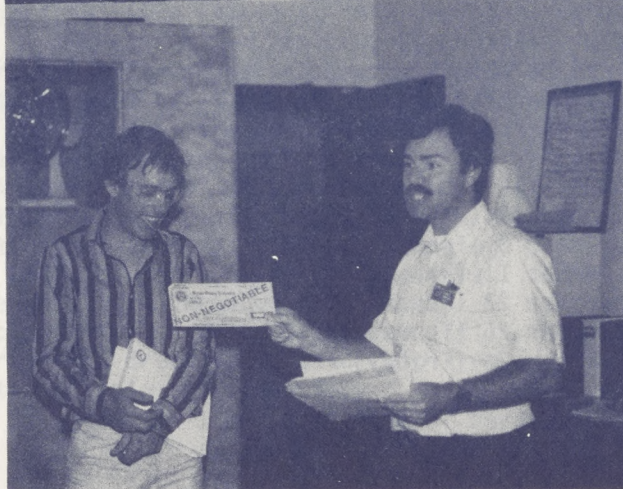
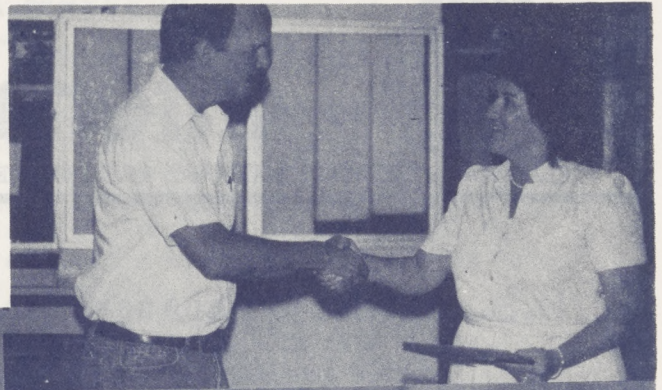
The Professional Airways System Specialists has reacted to Administrator Engen's resignation announcement by saying, "His presence will be missed."

A recorded message on the PASS Hotline noted; "The Admiral and PASS did not see eye to eye on every issue. We argued, we disagreed, but I believe he respects us as much as we respect him. He tried to live within his limitations and the system but he also tried to make positive long lasting improvements."

The message concluded by noting that Engen "is one of the few Administrators we have had whom the employees will not realize how good he was until after he has been gone for awhile."

# Oakland FSS

## People and Awards



Top -- Air Traffic Specialist Dave Corkrum, left, recently received an award recognizing his volunteer services to California School for the Deaf. Making the presentation is Air Traffic Manager Marty Landers. Dave also received the Golden Rule Award from the J.C. Penny Company.

Middle left -- Award Simpson, right, received an On-the-Spot award from Area Supervisor Jose Mandawe. Right -- Specialist Richard Saroyan, right, receives an Outstanding Performance Award from Area Supervisor Sandra Gould.

Below, left -- Program Specialist Jim Mead, left, receives an On-the-Spot cash award from Assistant Manager for Training Terry Lankford. Right -- Air Traffic Specialist Pat Meza, right, also receives an On-the-Spot cash award. Making the presentation is Sandra Gould.



# International News

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## U.S. Embassy/Japanese Holidays During 1987

Administrative Notice No. 217, dated October 27, 1986, from the American Embassy, Tokyo, advised that the Embassy will be closed to the public in observance of the following U.S. and Japanese holidays:

New Year's Day*	January 1 (Thursday)
Adult's Day*	January 15 (Thursday)
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday	January 19 (Monday)
National Foundation Day*	February 11 (Wednesday)
Washington's Birthday	February 16 (Monday)
Vernal Equinox Day*	March 21 (Saturday)
Emperor's Birthday*	April 29 (Wednesday)
Constitution Day*	May 3 (Sunday) (to be observed on May 4 = Monday)
Children's Day*	May 5 (Tuesday)
Memorial Day	May 25 (Monday)
Independence Day	July 4 (Saturday) (to be observed on July 3 = Friday)
Labor Day	September 7 (Monday)
Respect for the Aged Day*	September 15 (Tuesday)
Autumnal Equinox Day*	September 23 (Wednesday)
Sports Day*	October 10 (Saturday)
Columbus Day	October 12 (Monday)
Culture Day*	November 3 (Tuesday)
Veterans Day	November 11 (Wednesday)
Labor Thanksgiving Day*	November 23 (Monday)
Thanksgiving Day	November 26 (Thursday)
Christmas Day	December 25 (Friday)

\* Japanese holidays; New Year's Day is observed in both countries.

In accordance with 2 FAM 111.2, all overseas posts are closed to the public on the United States holidays listed above, and all personnel are excused from duty.



## Regional AT Facilities Of the Year Announced

The Air Traffic Division recently named the Regional Air Traffic Facilities of the Year. Honored for 1986 are Oakland Center, Enroute category; Edwards RAPCON, Terminal Radar facility; San Francisco Tower, VFR Terminal facility; and Hawthorne Automated Flight Service Station, FSS facility. The personnel at all these facilities are to be congratulated for their efforts in providing outstanding service in 1986.

These four facilities will now compete with others in their category at the national level for National Air Traffic Facility of the Year.

## FAA At Sun 'n Fun Fly-In

FAA safety forums drew over 1,000 general aviation pilots at this year's Sun 'n Fun Fly-in in Lakeland, FL. Also attracting big crowds was the agency's restored DC-3 (N=34), which is visiting air shows across the country to promote aviation education.

FAA presented 32 safety forums with Administrator Engen on hand March 16 to participate in some of them. Managing the FAA tent and running the seminars were Washington headquarters safety specialists Gary Koch, Sam Aaron, Bill O'Brien and Brien Poole with help from Southern Region specialists.

## San Francisco FSDO Award

Inspector Fred Griffin of San Francisco Flight Standards District Office recently received a Letter of Appreciation from the Manager of the San Jose FSDO. Fred was cited for the quality of his performance during a temporary duty assignment at San Jose FSDO.

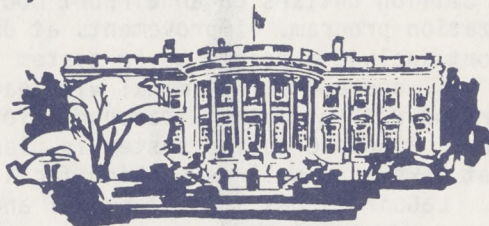
## A Message From Administrator Engen

In August 1985 I approved a new Drug Abuse Prevention Program for the agency. It is a program that will work hand-in-hand with the aggressive programs initiated by President Reagan and DOT Secretary Dole to achieve a drug-free Federal workplace.

I agree wholeheartedly with Secretary Dole when she said, "In this battle, knowledge is our greatest weapon." That is why we are giving employees many opportunities to learn the truth about illegal drugs and the tragic consequences of their use as well as about the many programs available to help those who have fallen victim to these addictive killers.

Whether you use illegal drugs or not, I urge you to take advantage of these opportunities. Only by being informed can you protect yourself, your family, and your community.

In closing let me add my voice to that of Secretary Dole and emphasize as she did in the theme of her campaign against illegal drugs: you owe it to yourself; you owe it to your family; you owe it to the traveling public. If you use illegal drugs, STOP! If you do not use them, DON'T START!



## Money Handbook Issued

FAA has a new publication that guides managers through the three different phases of the agency's budget process; i.e., formulation, presentation, and execution.

Prepared by the Office of Accounting, the handbook also explains how to use the uniform accounting system for cost projections and describes the various financial reports of interest to managers. Copies have been distributed to branch level managers.

## News in Brief

\* Atlanta Hartsfield may be about ready to dethrone Chicago O'Hare as the "world's busiest airport." Through the first five months of Fiscal Year 1987 (Oct. 1986-Feb. 1987), it had 330,362 total operations as compared with 325,290 for Chicago O'Hare. On the down side, Hartsfield also has replaced Newark as the airport with the most delays in FY-87 with 99 per 1,000 operations. Newark had 93 per 1,000.

\* The 20 domestic air route traffic control centers had their second busiest day in history with 113,265 operations on Thursday, March 19. That's just 59 below the all-time record set last Nov. 6. Despite the heavy traffic volume, there were only 844 reported delays and none at Boston or the three New York airports where implementation of the Expanded East Coast Plan has significantly improved ATC efficiency.

\* Here are four more Airport Radar Service Area sites to add to the growing list: Columbia Metropolitan Airport, SC; Greenville-Spartanburg Airport, SC; Knoxville McGhee Tyson Airport, TN; and Reno Cannon International Airport, NV. When they go into effect April 9 the ARSA total will be 78.

\* The New York/New Jersey Port Authority is planning to spend almost one and a half billion dollars on an airport modernization program. Improvements at JFK Airport include a people mover system that will connect all terminal with each other and with a central transportation center. A people moving system is planned at Newark as well as parking facilities. LaGuardia has a new terminal and access roadways planned.

## FAA Aerobics are Back

FAA Aerobics Classes have returned and will be taught by Shirley Rubera, AWP-40, (until recently, she taught aerobics classes for Richard Simmons).

Dates and times are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. The first class began Thursday, April 2. Classes will be in the third floor conference rooms on the east end of the hall.

## Runway Capacity Test Set For Two Airports

The agency has selected the Raleigh-Durham and Memphis airports to test new radar systems that will allow simultaneous bad weather approaches on parallel runways with less than the 4,300 foot separation currently required for such operations. The test is part of a comprehensive FAA program to enhance the nation's airport capacity.

The system slated for Raleigh-Durham is based on Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance (TCAS) technology and the Memphis installation will be a spin-off of Mode S data link. The primary differences between the two are in antenna design and scan rates.

Both demonstration units are scheduled for installation in late 1988. The demonstration projects will run from six months to a year.

## Controller Election Set

Air traffic controllers will decide over a five-week period beginning May 6 if they want to unionize under the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA).

Ballots will be mailed directly to all GS-2152 controllers in terminal and center options by the Federal Labor Relations Authority on May 6 and must be returned by June 10. Votes will be counted on June 11.

FAA management urges all eligible controllers to participate in the election since the unionization issue will be decided by the majority of votes cast.

## No Call Reimbursement

Contrary to what you may have read in another FAA publication, there has been no change in the GSA rules to allow reimbursement of Federal employees for telephone calls home when on official travel.

GSA is exploring the issue and expects to issue new rules in the near future. GSA presently allows reimbursement only for business-related calls, which includes calls to reserve lodging.

## Flight Standards

Congratulations to Janet Hatch, Donald Ogden and Charles Hajet, all of Oakland Flight Standards District Office, who received Letters of Commendation.

The Federal Executive Board of Los Angeles presented Certificates of Appreciation to Richard Merriman, Oakland FSDO and John Roach, AWP-250.

Congratulations!

## Logistics

Congratulations to these Logistics folks who recently earned awards.

Letters of Appreciation -- John Zubarik, Bob Moline, Michael Jones, Dorothy Gragg, Ted Campbell, Joan Sunshine, Audrey Parks, Cathy Kivitt, Michael Terry, Chauncey Walker, Lorraine King, Ruby Steward, Jim Strite, Jim Champagne, Aleta Lee, Joan Grimm, Stan Duarte, Dave Morgan, Marge Booth, Doris Keidser, Mike Spitt, Donna Custer and Larry Kruse.

Outstanding Rating with Special Achievement Award -- Marge Booth and Sandy Libby.

Special Achievement Award, special Act or Service -- Dave Morgan and Vivian Green.

Special Achievement Award, On-the-Spot Cash -- Larry Kruse, Janice Beccue, John Earl, Linda Murray, Lorraine King and Cathy Kivitt.

Career Service Emblems, 3 years -- Shari Creighton and Etta Green. 15 years -- Judy Sullivan and Joan Sunshine. 30 years -- Geneva Davis and Dave Morgan. 35 years -- Ralph Miller, Jr. and Dorothy Gragg.

The Logistics Division welcomes Shirley Ebbat, La Wanda Carter and Kelly Gilbertson to the Materiel Management Branch, and Katherine Thompson to the Acquisition Management Branch. Farewell to the following folks from Materiel Management Branch -- Gwen Shelton, Ruby Steward, Dave Morgan, Adrian Guy and Sherri McKenzie.

Congratulations upon promotion to Audrey Parks, Barbara Bennett, Vivian Green, Shari Creighton and Doris Keidser.

## Management Systems

Management Systems "Skunkworks" awards this year have gone to one Washington headquarters employee and five from the Alaskan Region. The award honors MS employees who demonstrated outstanding innovation/creativity in project/program areas.

Director Mike Sherwin presented the awards to Bert LaCroix, AMS-410, for his part in the development of the agency's Vacancy Announcement Microfiche Proposal (VAMP) and Electronic Publishing program. Alaskans Stan Hill, Jim Hughes, Naomi Christenson, Chuck Moody, and Bert Belluomini were honored for their accomplishments on the SAM, EGATS, and TRIMATE systems.

## Airway Facilities

John Crain received a Letter of Appreciation from the Honolulu Sector for the superb job he did while acting as Resident Manager at the Samoa Airway Facilities Sector Field Office.

Kudos to Glenn Cross. He recently received a Certificate of Acknowledgement from the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, for his noteworthy contribution to the Los Angeles District Equal Employment Opportunity Program and his assistance in the Black History Month in 1986.

Bob Bruns, Electronics Technician from AWP-466, received a Letter of Appreciation from Jack Faletti, Establishment Engineering Branch Manager, for the workshop he conducted on test equipment usage during AWP-450's all-hands gathering at Reno, Nevada. The workshop was very informative and well received by all in attendance.



## Marooned on Falkland Islands

by Milli Anthony  
FAA retiree

This is how we came to visit the Falkland Islands...

Holland America's luxury liner, the 748-foot Rotterdam, began her last world cruise on January 8, 1987. We, the Anthonys, opted for a three-week South America segment. One of our ports-of-call along the way was Stanley, Falkland Islands.

We arrived on schedule. The Rotterdam was anchored in the harbor a couple of miles from shore and the city of Stanley. We were taken ashore by small boats (tenders), 60 to 80 persons in each. The ship carried four tenders used to shuttle passengers ship-to-shore, and shore-to-ship throughout the day. We were given ample time to see the town. As most of us wandered about this small town, a strong wind was blowing. The velocity increased to where we sought shelter in the local businesses. Soon, everyone who still remained on shore moved to the dockside area to wait for the next tender back to ship. We were becoming more uncomfortable waiting and bracing against the cold, blasting wind, when we were finally told that tender service had to be discontinued due to the rough seas. The last tender had to return to shore, with frightened and seasick passengers having great difficulty getting off at the pier. So the 300 of us remaining on shore were given temporary shelter in the town hall and in the Christ Church Cathedral...while the ship's Shore Excursion Personnel (luckily some were on shore with us) worked diligently at what to do! They held many ship-to-shore conferences.

The day dragged on. However, we found ourselves becoming acquainted with many fellow passengers and crew members. Those of us sheltered in the Cathedral (which was not heated as this was their 50 degree summer), sang songs -- religious, patriotic, whatever--, did exercises, drank coffee provided by the dear local folks, and talked and slept and waited. The wind grew stronger! Prayed.

Finally our look-out announced, "We will take 60 of you to the ship in a tugboat," (and would make subsequent

such trips). Land Rovers transported us (5 per car) to the dock where we boarded the sturdy tugboat Irishman and put out to sea -- a very rough and stormy sea at 6 p.m.

Riding in the tugboat was an exciting experience. We could see how rough it was, yet the Irishman was steady and stable as it cut thru the waters. We sailed for about 1-1/2 hours when we could at last see the Rotterdam in the distance. About that time, the tug crew told us that the Rotterdam had broken anchor and had to put out to sea to avoid crashing on the rocks in the harbor. The tug captain than informed us to return to Stanley because the sea was too rough to permit our transfer tugboat-to-ship! We felt some apprehensive moments as we were turned back to shore.

By the time we reached the docking area, the rest of the 250 shore people had been transferred to the mess hall of the British Army right where we docked. We ran up the long cold ramp to join them in the warmth and hospitality of that place. The Army took us in, first serving us great vats of piping hot delicious soup and fresh baked bread and coffee. They made us as comfortable as possible while they were preparing their floating barracks for us to spend the night. Soldiers were being moved out of their beds that we might be accommodated!

We heard a wake-up announcement at 6:30 a.m. to proceed to breakfast and then ashore. We put on our shoes and followed instructions. Our hosts, the Scottish Argyle and Sutherland Regiment, piped us ashore. Our tenders were waiting for us. We were off to the Rotterdam in choppy but much calmer waters.

What a Royal Welcome aboard! We were made to feel very special. All were concerned, like "Are you all right?" Little did they know we had had a great experience after all was said and done. It seemed to have brought out the best in us, and we learned how dependent we are on one another. By comparison the rest of our cruise and ports were anti-climatic for which we are thankful. We really had a grand and glorious journey around South America, being pampered aboard ship while exploring new lands & cultures on shore.

We disembarked reluctantly.