EXTRAORDINARY

The Royal High Court of The Raging Main

Region of the North-South Scas Somain of Noptunus Rex

TO WHOM MAY COME THESE PRESENTS:

Greetings and Beware

WHEREAS, It having been heralded by Mother Carey's chickens that the good ship PANAMINT, bound Southward of the Equator is about to enter our domain, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid ship carries a large and loathsome cargo of landlubbers, guardo-rats, sea-lawyers, lounge lizards, Guantanamo gauchos, plow deserters, Parris Island boots, Chicago ribbon counter salesmen, hay tossers, soda inhalers, four-flushers, sand crabs, earthworms, dance hall engineers, Norfolk cowboys, New River hitchhikers, asphalt arabs, and other foul creatures of the land, falsely masquerading as seamen, of which low scum you are a member, having never appeared before us; and

WHEREAS, THE ROYAL HIGH COURT OF THE RAGING MAIN-will be convened on board the good ship PANAMINT in the fourth year of World War II, at latitude 00 00 00, longitude unknown, and whereas an inspection of our Royal Muster shows that it is high time that your sad, wandering nautical soul appears before Our August Presence;

WHAM, F. L. That we hereby summon and command you WHAM, F. L. Lieutenant (jg)
U.S. Naval Reserve

and Our August Presence, at such time as will best suit OUR OWN pleasure, under the penalty of eternal pickling.

You will accept most heartily and with good grace the pains and penalties of the awful tortures that may be inflicted upon you to determine your fitness to be one of Our Trusty Shellbacks and answer to the following charges:

CHARGE I. In that you have heretofore wilfully and maliciously so failed to show due reverence and allegiance to Our Royal Person, and that therein and thereby you are a vile landlubber and a pollywog.

CHARGE II. Other charges against you, while serious, are felt to be due more to your abysmal ignorance, and stupidity, than malice, and sentence on them is suspended.

Disobey this summons UNDER PAIN OF OUR SWIFT AND TERRIBLE DISPLEASURE. OUR VIGILANCE IS EVER WAKEFUL, OUR VENGENCE IS JUST AND SURE.

Given Under Our Hand and Sent

Attest, for the King,