

When I showed up at boot camp, we had to lie out our gear, and were told what we could keep, and what had to be sent home. The first thing the chief told me to send home, my straight razor. It's possible I might not have been the only one that had such a razor, and it would be curious to know how many other guy's used one. It would be a safe bet to make that the only straight razors are in the barbershop on the ship, if indeed they are still used. Never had any problems using that type razor then, and thinking back to my years aboard that great ship, the above thoughts came to mind.

On my first leave from the ship, May '42, I returned to the ship with my straight razor and used it for three years (3) and seven months (7) I was aboard the ship.

A fact about the ship I never came across was the number a people that were wounded during our many campaigns, it would be interesting to know.

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