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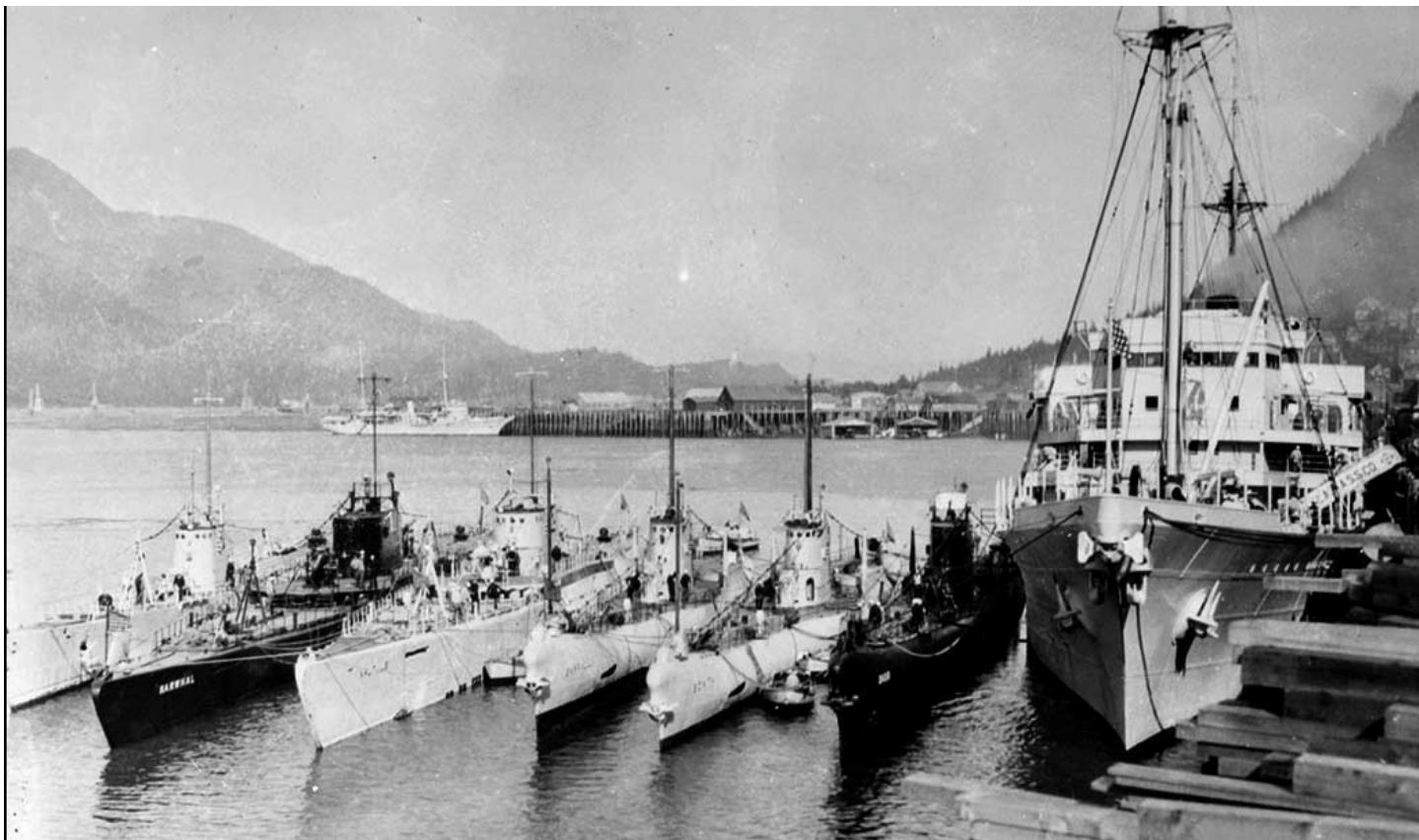
FLEET DAYS ARE NEARING IN THIS CITY

July 24, 1934---Winn Goddard, chairman of the Fleet Entertainment Committee announced today that the Juneau Women's Club and the Juneau Professional and Business Women's Club have been requested to cooperate with the Committee by delegating members to act as patronesses to the various dances to be held during the time the navy units will be in Juneau.

"We are going to decorate the streets and stores to give Juneau a gala holiday appearance. It is desirable that all residences put up flags and bunting as well", Mr. Goddard said today. "A well decorated city will do much to make them feel welcome."

CITY DECORATES FOR NAVY VISIT ON NEXT FRIDAY

July 25, 1934---The first touch of Juneau's festive attire for the navy submarine visit is in evidence today as bright red, white, and blue bunting is being arched across the main traffic arteries. The decorations are giving the city a cheerful and patriotic holiday appearance and this fine work is very much appreciated by the Fleet Entertainment Committee. We hope that by tomorrow every merchant will give his storefront a dash of patriotism and welcome. And also that automobiles and taxis spruce up with a bit of patriotic decoration.



Submarine tender U.S.S. Holland, nested with six V-class subs, at the City Dock in Juneau, July 1934. The ship in the distance, at the Government Dock, is the Coast Guard Cutter Tallapoosa. ASL-P87-1740

JUNEAU WELCOMES OVER 1300 OFFICERS AND MEN OF SUBMARINE DIVISION TWELVE

July 27, 1934---Approximately 90 officers and 1300 men are aboard the visiting ships of Submarine Division 12, U.S. Navy, which are in port today to remain until Monday. [At this time, Juneau's population was about 4,000.] Ships in port are the flagship USS Bushnell, the U.S.S. Holland, mother ship of the division, the U.S.S. Ortolan, submarine rescue ship, and the submarines Barracuda, Bass, Bonita, Narwhal, Nautilus, and Dolphin.

SUBMARINES ARE OPEN TO PUBLIC TODAY AND FRIDAY

July 27, 1934---Residents of Gastineau Channel will be welcomed aboard the navy vessels now in the Channel during visiting hours this afternoon and tomorrow morning. They will have the freedom of the ships and government boats will be provided to carry them from the float at the government dock to the anchored craft and return. [Later, the fleet was moored at the City Dock on South Franklin.]

With the exception of the personal quarters of the crews of the vessels, and the torpedo rooms, all portions of the vessels will be open to inspection. The torpedo rooms may be visited provided an escort of a member of the ship's crew is available. The visitors will be allowed to pass through the torpedo room, the main engine room, and the mess division of the submarines. Liberty hours will be granted to the personnel of the visiting craft this afternoon and evening, it was announced.

DON'T THEY LOOK PEACEFUL, AS THEY FLOAT IN CHANNEL...BUT IN WARTIME THEY DO THINGS

July 27, 1934---Peacefully moored in the placid waters of Gastineau Channel this afternoon, six sleek streamlined first-line units of Uncle Sam's fighting force, outwardly give little indication of their terrific war time effectiveness, or the astounding scientific and engineering development that has evolved the modern submarine.

The Narwhal class of submarine has six torpedo tubes, four forward and two aft. Each of the torpedoes is 21 feet long, has approximately 500 pounds of TNT in the nose and, after being discharged from the tube by compressed air, travels with its own mechanism, driving its own propellers.

LOCALS DEFEAT FLEET IN EXCITING GAME

July 28, 1934---The invading Navy was completely "submerged" last evening at the ballpark as the local All-Stars, under Con Ellingen's management, emerged the victors by the score of 6 to 5. It was an exciting ball game throughout and offered ample opportunities for the fans to get their money's worth. Classy hitting, mixed with spectacular fielding at times, kept the outcome in doubt until the final inning.

SUB DIVISION LEAVES PORT THIS MORNING

July 30, 1934---After a crowded three-day visit, Submarine Division Twelve and the flagship got underway at 1:00 this morning when the U.S. Ortolan, rescue ship, left the Channel.

The next group to leave Juneau was made up of the submarines and the giant tender Holland, bound for a two-day visit to Cordova. The fleet is bound for the Westward and Dutch Harbor, then to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, enroute to their home port in San Diego.

Though they were in Juneau but three days, both officers and men of the fleet did leave behind them warm friends made during their stay here. Juneau people responded with customary hospitality to the role of host to the men and officers of the fleet, and during the short visit, provided entertainment of all varieties, both formal and informal.

HI NAVY!
MAKE THE
PARIS INN
(Four miles out on the Glacier Highway)
Your Headquarters While in Juneau
You Can DINE, DANCE and BE MERRY Without a Cover Charge
MUSIC BY THE WOODLAND TRIO
● FRIED CHICKEN
● BARBEQUED SANDWICHES
● BEER AND WINES
PEARL and BILL

The Paris Inn was at Salmon Creek, well outside the city limits and therefore sheltered from Juneau's closing laws.

Epilogue:

Narwhal and Nautilus returned to Alaska in May 1943. The two boats debarked units of the Alaska Territorial Guard onto Attu, in support of the Army's attack on the Japanese garrison there.

