



"Keeping in touch" was the order of the day for Midway's communicators during our Voyage. CR Division, the "Radio Gang" handled an average of 1,300 messages per day, ranging in content from birth announcements to secret tactical information. Receiving, duplicating, sorting and routing were all in a days work for them as well as the maintenance of 60-plus receivers and transmitters and over fifty antennae. The radio shack also kept us in contact with the "outside world" by monitoring the news wires of the American Forces Press Service, bringing us the latest news breaking around the world.

Using the more primitive means of communications, CS Division manned the signal bridge during our journey and provided a vital supplement to the Radiomen. Using flag hoists, semaphore and flashing light, the Signalmen kept nearby ships informed as to our tactical movements and intentions. "Sigs" also acted as an extra set of eyes for the OOD by using their 20x120 power "big eyes" binoculars to identify contacts far out on the horizon.

