

through York Spit Channel. A rough sea outside the buoyed channel initiated many to the throes of mal-de-mer but the journey south cleared the storm area, allowing daily flight operations.

Crossing the Tropic of Cancer, the *Shangri-La* entered the tropics on the 24th. The first casualty was suffered a few hours later when a bomber crashed after taking a wave-off. The pilot was rescued by destroyers acting as plane guard but W. D. Reed, ARM 3/c, went down with the plane. Memorial services for the missing airman were held on the flight deck at 1000, November 25, 1944.

Transiting Mona Passage between Hispaniola and Puerto Rico after sunset on the 25th, she steamed on a southerly course across the Caribbean Sea toward the Gulf of Paria. Making a landfall at sunrise on the 26th, she steamed through Dragon's Mouth Channel into the broad Gulf of Paria, between Trinidad and the Venezuela mainland of South America.

*Captain Barner buys \$30,000 War Bond from Chaplain Mitchell.*

