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Favorite Seaman Found Landlocked

THE MOST interesting part of the May issue of Yankee magazine — to us — is an item that appears in the department called "Quips, Quotes, and Queries." It might ring a memory bell for some of you, too.

This is the part:

"Retired Captain Roy Shackley, now of Farmington, Maine, recently wrote us of how, when he was pilot of the excursion steamer S.S. Steel Pier between Provincetown and Boston, he used to drop bottles with messages inside every day. Three of these were returned to him — two from no farther than Cape Cod and one from the Virgin Islands. A fourth, dropped September 7, 1941, was picked up three years and ten months later in Blackwood Bay, County Mayo, Eire.

"After retiring from the Boston-Provincetown run, Capt. Shackley moved to Denver, Colorado. While there, just for kicks, he placed bottles in the South Platte River. One of THESE bottles came back from Boston! . . ."

That's interesting about the bottles, but what really leaped out at us when we happened to read that item was the name of Roy Shackley.

Card From Colorado

The last we had heard of him, directly, was a post card from - sure enough - Denver, Colorado, and that was a long time ago.