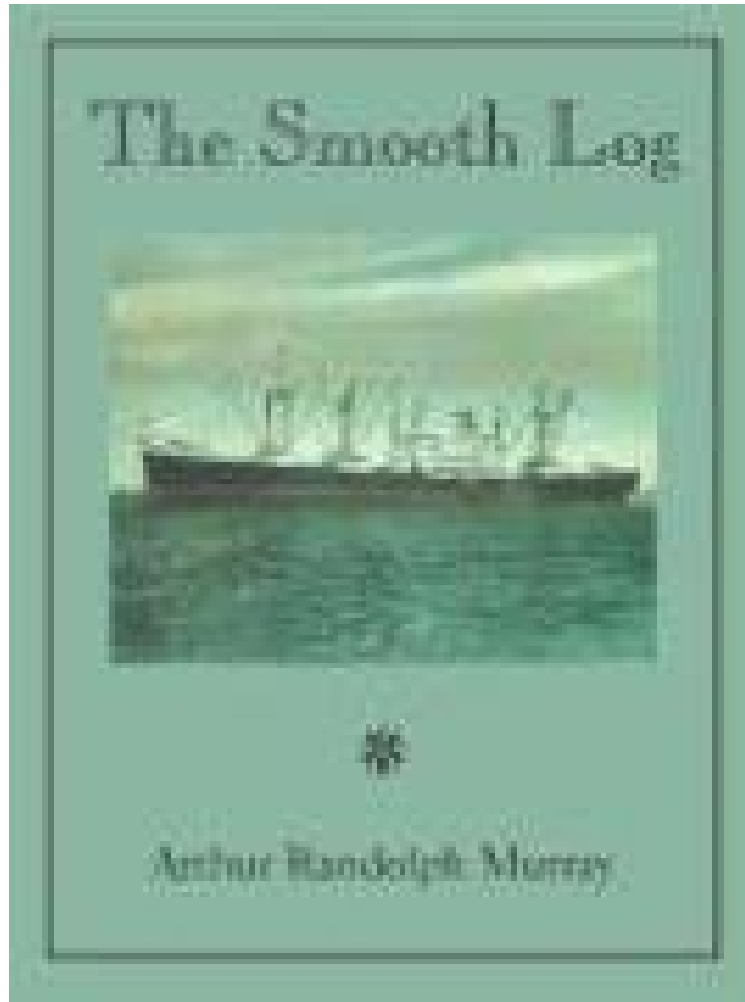


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1945 with a license as a third mate and a commission in the US Naval Reserve. I was a little surprised to find that at that time he was able to find work as a ships officer. I would have thought that with the draw down of the Navy and the Merchant Marine at that time there would have been a great surplus of men going after relatively few jobs. But he did go to sea, and worked on a series of ships in all the oceans of the world for the next dozen years. This book is basically a diary of his travels, along with stories of living at sea. This was a life that was unusual at the time, and with today's very small American merchant fleet is almost impossible (for a more current story read 'Looking for a Ship' by John McPhee). Mr. Murray left the sea, to sail no more because he had a young family. He would up working for Westinghouse Oceanic Division as project engineer on Deepstar and Trieste II submersible programs. That would make another interesting book.

Arthur Randolph Murray's time in the U.S. Merchant Marine spanned twelve years. He was born in Philadelphia, PA and grew up in Eastern Long Island, NY. He completed the Midshipman program at the N.Y. State Maritime Academy in 1945 with a license as Third Mate and an Ensign's commission in the U.S. Naval Reserve. In 1955 he left the Maritime Service and took a position with Republic Aviation as a design Engineer. In 1965 he joined the Westinghouse Oceanic Division as project engineer on Deepstar and Trieste II submersible programs. In 1992, after developing a new business area in safety certification of diving and hyperbaric systems, he retired from Westinghouse. As a long-time member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, he has kept his hand in the Maritime field.