

PREFACE

A funny thing happened to me on my way to a career in physics. World War II intervened and dumped me into the engine room of an aircraft carrier. Physics surrounded me — thermodynamics, kinetic energy, turbulence and mechanics were all there but no one was on board to discuss these subjects. The famous physicists were at Los Alamos. I was but a neophyte in the ship's bowels.

After Hiroshima my friends queried me about physics. They hadn't realized they were acquainted with such a smart fellow! I emerged as a wartime hero!

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