

## S.S. NEVASA

The *Nevasa* was built as a troopship with financial support from the British Government, and operated by the British India Steam Navigation Company. Launched in 1955 by her builders, Barclay, Curle & Co. She was delivered in July, 1956. According to Arnold Kludas' *Great Passenger Ships of the World*, she had accommodation for 220 First Class passengers; 100 Second Class passengers, and 1,000 troops.

These menus from 1956 appear to be officers' menus that were collected and retained, from the first year of her service. Troops generally did not order from menus – they just ate the food that was put on their plates. I cannot recall ever seeing another menu from *Nevasa*'s trooping days – or any other of part her life for that matter! These follow almost an entire journey.

These menus have crossover values. Militarily, they show how officers dined in 1956. Artistically, they illustrate a range of images and designs. From a shipping point of view, they represent the efforts to make a long, tedious voyage more interesting by at least putting variety in the menu covers, even though the food offerings could not be different for each day of the voyage.

There are cheaply made *Nevasa* souvenir pins that are for sale occasionally, and one is illustrated with these notes. They are likely from her years of educational cruises.

Her trooping ended in 1962, and from 1965 she was reportedly then used for educational cruises.

### *SS Nevasa Souvenir Pin*



#### Additional notes:

NM 1 (51): This is from the British India Line troopship SS Dilwara, sailing from UK to Japan, not the *Nevasa*. Gala Menu for Christmas Day, signed by officers on the table

Ballet series: a series of 12 paintings of ballets designed by R.B. Sutcliffe

Australian Birds: a series of 12 paintings designed by Strom Gould

British Inns: the artist is F.W. Baldwin; unnumbered series

Royal Residences: a series of 12 paintings by Kay Stewart

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meal</b>	<b>Shelfmark NM: Nevasa menus</b>	<b>Design</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1956-12-21	Breakfast	NM 1 (1)	Fish	
1956-12-24	Breakfast	NM 1 (2)	Fish	
1956-12-21	Breakfast	NM 1 (3)	Fish	
1956-12-21	Breakfast	NM 1 (4)	Fish	
1956-12-21	Breakfast	NM 1 (5)	Fish	
1956-12-21	Breakfast	NM 1 (6)	Fish	
1956-12-19	Breakfast	NM 1 (7)	Fish	
1956-12-24	Breakfast	NM 1 (8)	Fish	
1956-01-01 (sic); presumably 1957	Breakfast	NM 1 (9)	Fish	
1956-12-18	Luncheon	NM 1 (10)	Fish	
1956-12-28	Luncheon	NM 1 (11)	Fish	
1956-12-18	Luncheon	NM 1 (12)	Fish	
1956-12-27	Luncheon	NM 1 (13)	Fish	
1956-12-20	Luncheon	NM 1 (14)	Fish	
1956-12-22	Luncheon	NM 1 (15)	Fish	
1956-12-20	Luncheon	NM 1 (16)	Fish	
1956-12-30	Luncheon	NM 1 (17)	Fish	
1957-01-01	Dinner	NM 1 (18)	Ballet	Coppelia (7 of 12)
1956-11-22	Dinner	NM 1 (19)	Ballet	Les Sylphides (9 of 12)
1956-12-24	Dinner	NM 1 (20)	Ballet	Le Spectre de la Rose (6 of 12)
1957-01-07	Dinner	NM 1 (21)	Ballet	Prince Igor (5 of 12)
1956-11-22	Dinner	NM 1 (22)	Ballet	Petrouchka (3 of 12)
1956-12-20	Dinner	NM 1 (23)	Ballet	Le Carnaval (4 of 12)
1956-12-28	Dinner	NM 1 (24)	Ballet	Casse Noisette (1 of 12)
1956-12-28	Dinner	NM 1 (25)	Ballet	Giselle (2 of 12)
1957-01-10	Dinner	NM 1 (26)	Ballet	The Bluebird (12 of 12)
1957-01-07	Dinner	NM 1 (27)	Ballet	Le Lac des Cygnes (8 of 12)
1956-12-16	Dinner	NM 1 (28)	Ballet	Le Tricorne (10 of 12)
1956-12-25	Breakfast	NM 1 (29)	Ballet	Le Beau Danube (11 of 12)
1956-12-10	Dinner	NM 1 (30)	Australian Birds	White-tailed Kingfisher (12 of 12)
1956-12-22	Dinner	NM 1 (31)	Australian Birds	Rainbow Lorikeet, Red-winged Parrakeet and Green Leek Parrakeet (11 of 12)
1956-12-27	Dinner	NM 1 (32)	Australian Birds	Scarlet Honey-eater (8 of 12)
1957-01-08	Dinner	NM 1 (33)	Australian Birds	Red-capped Robin (9 of 12)
1956-12-29	Dinner	NM 1 (34)	Australian Birds	Count Raggi's Bird of Paradise (5 of 12)
1956-12-29	Dinner	NM 1 (35)	Australian Birds	Rainbow Bird (6 of 12)
1957-01-02	Dinner	NM 1 (36)	Australian Birds	Pink Cockatoo (4 of 12)
1957-01-05	Dinner	NM 1 (37)	Australian Birds	Regent Bower-bird (7 of 12)
1956-12-27	Dinner	NM 1 (38)	Australian Birds	Fairy Wrens (2 of 12)
1956-12-27	Dinner	NM 1 (39)	Australian Birds	Gouldian Finch (3 of 12)
1956-12-29	Dinner	NM 1 (40)	Australian Birds	Laughing Kookaburra (10 of 12)

1956-12-18	Dinner	NM 1 (41)	Australian Birds	Red-crowned Pigeon and Purple-crowned Pigeon (1 of 12)
1956-12-21	Dinner	NM 1 (42)	British Inns	Neptune Inn, Norwich
1956-12-25	Dinner	NM 1 (43)	British Inns	Dun Cow Inn, Shrewsbury
1956-12-26	Dinner	NM 1 (44)	British Inns	The Fox and Hounds, Barley
1956-12-26	Dinner	NM 1 (45)	British Inns	Star Inn, Alfriston
1956-12-21	Dinner	NM 1 (46)	British Inns	The George Inn, Southwark
1956-12-19	Dinner	NM 1 (47)	Royal Residences	Clarence House
1957-01-06	Dinner	NM 1 (48)	Royal Residences	Hampton Court Palace
1956-12-31	Dinner	NM 1 (49)	Royal Residences	The Palace and Abbey of Holyrood House
1956-12-25	Dinner	NM 1 (50)	Royal Residences	Hatfield House
1954-12-25	Dinner	NM 1 (51)		British India Line troopship SS Dilwara, from UK to Japan
1956-12-27	Breakfast	NM 2 (1)	London	Piccadilly Circus
1957-01-10	Breakfast	NM 2 (2)	London	The Royal Chelsea Hospital
1957-01-10	Breakfast	NM 2 (3)	London	Buckingham Palace
1956-12-22	Breakfast	NM 2 (4)	London	The Law Courts
1956-12-30	Breakfast	NM 2 (5)	London	St Paul's Cathedral
1957-01-06	Breakfast	NM 2 (6)	London	The Houses of Parliament
1956-12-27	Breakfast	NM 2 (7)	London	The Tate Gallery
1956-12-26	Breakfast	NM 2 (8)	London	The Haymarket Theatre
1957-01-04	Breakfast	NM 2 (9)	London	Trafalgar Square
1957-01-10	Luncheon	NM 2 (10)	London	The Old Curiosity Shop
1957-01-01 (1956 changed to 1957 over correction fluid)	Luncheon	NM 2 (11)	London	Piccadilly Circus
1957-01-08	Luncheon	NM 2 (12)	London	The Haymarket Theatre
1957-01-08	Luncheon	NM 2 (13)	London	The Houses of Parliament
1956-12-23	Luncheon	NM 2 (14)	London	The Law Courts
1956-12-19	Luncheon	NM 2 (15)	London	The Haymarket Theatre
	[blank]	NM 2 (16)	Flowers of the World	The Easter Lily
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	[blank]	NM 2 (19)	Flowers of the World	The Shamrock
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	[blank]	NM 2 (22)	Flowers of the World	The Daffodil
	[blank]	NM 2 (23)	Flowers of the World	The Golden Wattle
	[blank]	NM 2 (24)	Flowers of the World	The Yellow Kowhai and Fern Leaf
	[blank]	NM 2 (25)	Flowers of the World	The Chrysanthemum
	[blank]	NM 2 (26)	Flowers of the World	The Rose