

# Basic Detail Report

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## Thomas Sprague in Wardroom

### Date

September 1944

### Primary Maker

Paul I. Lyness

### Medium

photographic paper

### Description

Photograph, Black and white; Horizontal image of officers dining with Thomas Sprague in a wardroom on a ship. Sprague is seated at the head of the table. He is speaking to an officer seated next to him. The officers wear khaki shirts. They all have light skin. The table has a white tablecloth, plates, silverware, glasses, salt and pepper shakers, and containers of cigarettes. A toy horse is also on the table. Two stewards or steward's mates, who appear to be Black, stand behind the officers. One steward has dark skin, and the other has medium-dark skin. There is a map on the wall and a desk in the back corner. There is a white border around the image. This photo also appears in the Paul Lyness scrapbook 2015.62.01, where it is dated September 1944. If that is accurate, the photo may have been taken on board USS Sangamon (CVE-26), which was Sprague's flagship. He had been promoted to rear admiral by this time.

### Dimensions

8 × 9 7/8 in. (20.3 × 25.1 cm)