

4 March 1969

Men of Towers:
Today is a bitter-sweet day for us, all
it is on Towers. Bitter because it is
the day of reunion with our loved ones
that we have so longed for. Bitter
because so many of you are leaving
Towers today and in the near future. Some
of you are leaving the May station. Some
the duty stations. Your departure begins
the breaking up of what must be the
finest crew ever to man a ship in
the U.S. Navy.

Each of you who served in Towers
during our combat deployment responded
magnificently to the multitude of challenges
which faced us. Each of you provided
courage and again that the one still
of a ship is found in those who
man her; that there is no such thing
as an unimportant member of ships
company.

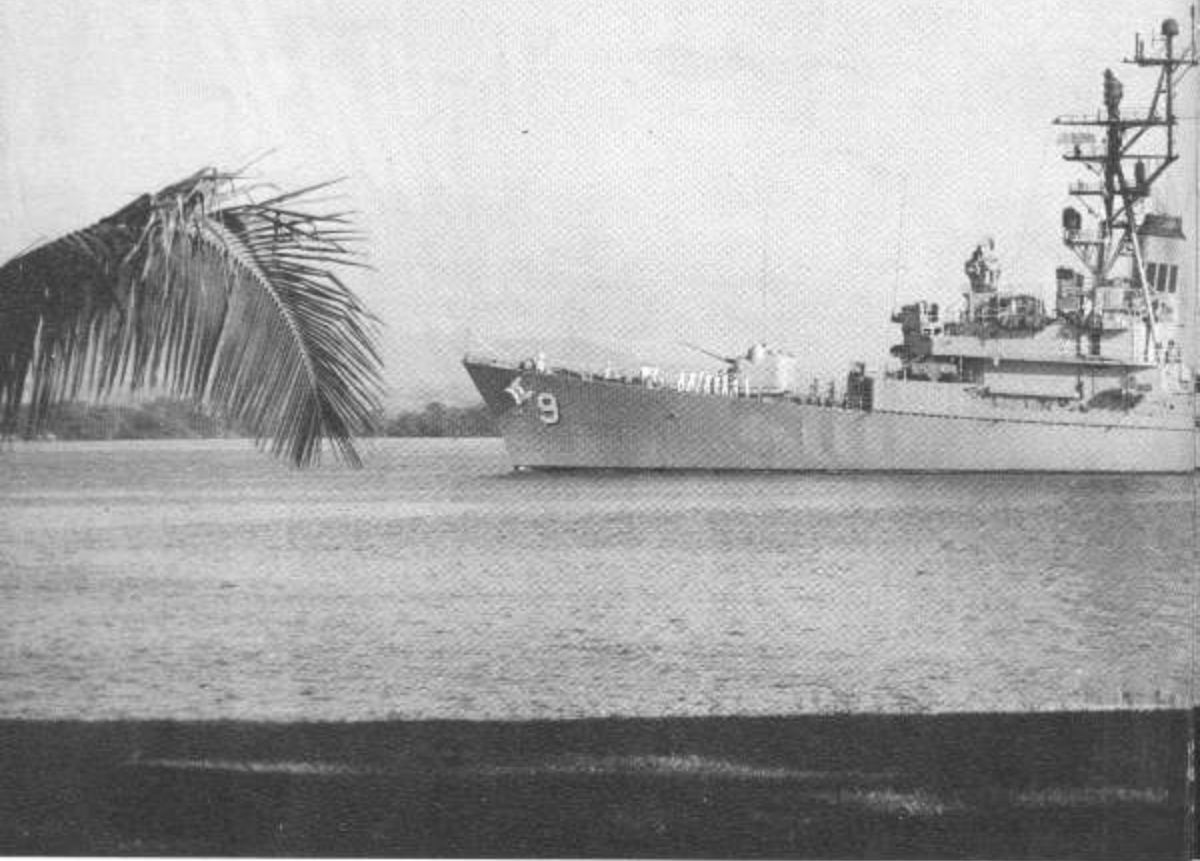
The words of accomplishments by
Towers against the enemy are your
words; they speak for themselves. I
cannot begin to find the proper words of
praise that each of you have earned.
There is a time when expression in
the Navy that best says what I feel,
Well Done!

I am thankful for the privilege of
having served with all of you as your
skipper. No command ever could ask
for more.
God bless you all.
EW. [Signature]



WESTPAC
1968 - 69

SHIP'S HISTORY

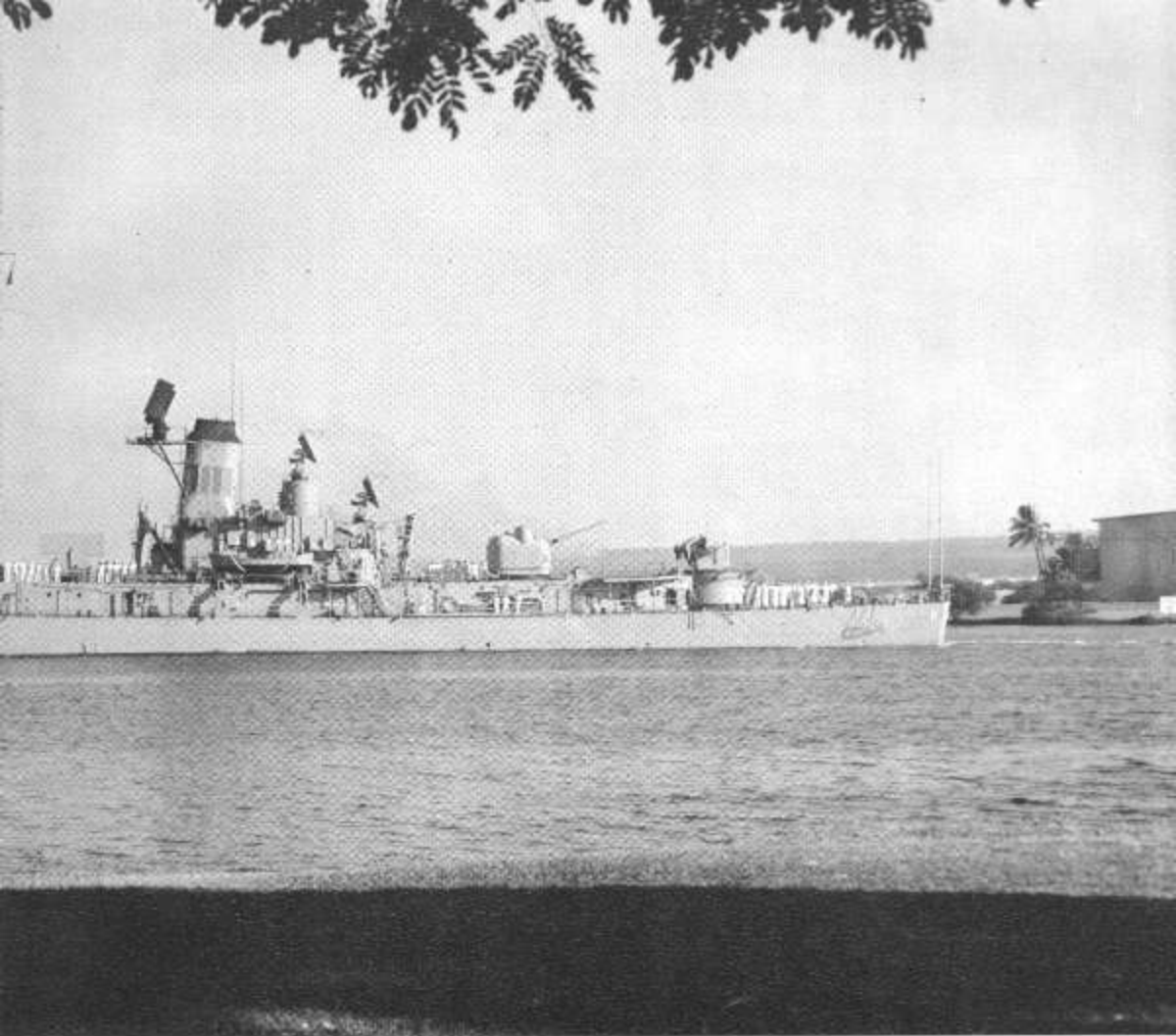


USS TOWERS (DDG-9) is the 4th ship of the CHARLES F. ADAMS class of destroyers, the newest and largest destroyers ever to join the fleet. The ship was commissioned on 6 June 1961 at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington; keel laid 1 April 1958; launched 23 April 1959. The ship was named after the late Admiral John H. Towers, the Navy's third Naval Aviator, and later Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, and Commander, U. S. Pacific.

The ship's length of 437 feet with a beam of 47 feet gives a full load displacement of about 4,500 tons. Four boilers will produce over 70,000 shaft horsepower, giving the ship a speed over 30 knots. Use of aluminum for the superstructure permits greater flexibility of design and provides the necessary balance for new and heavier weapons which use the all welded high-strength steel hull for an unyielding platform.

USS TOWERS is equipped with the latest armament for anti-air and anti-submarine operations. This firepower is controlled by intricate electronic systems coupled with radar and sonar detection and tracking equipment. The ship is designed for a complement of 350 officers and men.

TOWERS conducted her shakedown cruise in the fall of 1961, visiting Callao, Peru; Bahia, Panama; and Acapulco, Mexico. In April 1962, TOWERS departed her homeport of San Diego, California, en route to Sydney and Melbourne, Australia for the beginning of her first West-Pac deployment. There the ship participated in that country's 20th annual Coral Sea Celebration, which commemorates the allied victory in the Battle of the Coral Sea fought in 1942.



A second WestPac deployment beginning in April 1963 was followed by the ship's first major overhaul in San Francisco in May 1964.

TOWERS's third WestPac deployment began in January 1965. She proved the great versatility of her class by carrying out a variety of assigned tasks including operation with fast attack carriers, search and rescue missions and shore bombardment.

Beginning in June 1966, TOWERS began a fourth, highly successful WestPac deployment. The first third was spent on shore bombardment stations off the coast of South Vietnam. The last two thirds of the deployment involved extensive patrolling in the North Tonkin Gulf as a unit of the Gulf of Tonkin Advanced Air Control and Search and Rescue Unit. Due to her fine performance in this area, the TOWERS was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation by the Secretary of the Navy.

The ship entered the San Francisco Naval Shipyard in middle March 1967 for her second major overhaul. Her departure from the yards on 18 October marked the completion of six months of intensive yard overhaul, during which time much of her equipment was completely reworked and updated. Also, during this time, the TOWERS was designated test ship for the new Standard Missile.

During the first four months of 1968, TOWERS conducted the Development Assist Test of the Standard Missile under the operational control of Deputy Commander Operational and Development Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet.



COMMANDING OFFICER



Commander Edward W. Carter, II, U. S. Navy, was born 27 August 1928 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The Commander spent his childhood in Asheville, North Carolina. He joined the Navy as an enlisted man in 1945 and entered the Naval Academy Preparatory School in 1947. He entered the Naval Academy the same year and graduated in 1951.

Since graduating from the Academy, Commander Carter has served in a variety of billets. The Commander's first duty station was the USS SANBORN (APA-193) as the Communications Officer. Next was USS LST 528 with Commander Carter serving as Engineering Officer, First Lieutenant and Acting Executive Officer. From there he went to the Amphibious Base at Little Creek, Virginia as Landing Craft Instructor. The Commander's subsequent tour was on the R. K. HUNTINGTON (DD-781) as Gunnery Officer. Upon detachment from the HUNTINGTON, Commander Carter began his postgraduate education. From 1956 to 1958 he attended the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California and received his B.S. in Electrical Engineering in June 1958. The Commander next attended M.I.T. and received his Masters Degree in 1959. From June 1959 until August 1961 he occupied the Fire Control Officer's billet aboard the USS BOSTON (CAG-1). Next for Commander Carter was a student's billet at the Navy Command and Staff School until June 1962. From 1962 until March 1964 he was Assistant for SMS Fleet Operations and Readiness in Washington, D.C. At this time Commander Carter assumed the duties as the Executive Officer aboard the USS FARRAGUT (DLG-6) and then as Weapons Officer aboard the USS LONG BEACH (CGN-9). In August 1967 he entered the Air War College, Maxwell AFB. On July 29, 1968 Commander Carter assumed command of the USS TOWERS (DDG-9).

Commander Carter's decorations and awards include the Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Expeditionary Medal (Cuba), American Theater Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Navy Occupation Medal, National Defense Medal w/star, Vietnam Service Medal with 2 stars and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with date device. For his performance as Weapons Officer on the USS LONG BEACH while deployed to South East Asia, Commander Carter was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V.

The Commander presently resides in the San Diego area with his wife, Billie, four children, Bersy, 15; Michael, 13; Patrick, 6; and Rebecca, 3.

THE OLD...



LCDR W. E. Olsen

***EXECUTIVE
OFFICERS***

AND THE NEW



LCDR Roy S. Hardy, Jr.

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WEAPONS



LT BULLOCK
OPERATIONS



LT GROFF
ENGINEERING



LT RYAN
SUPPLY



LT PETERSON
NAVIGATION



LT SPAUSTAT
SHIP'S SECRETARY

JUNIOR OFFICERS



LTJG DENICKE
ENGINEERING ADMINISTRATION OFFICER



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ASSISTANT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER



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ASSISTANT C.O. OFFICER

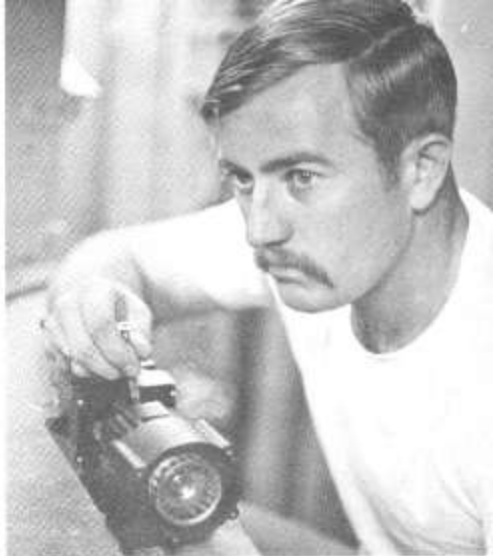


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WEAPONS ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Dedicated to: **THE MEN**



WHO MADE THE CRUISE



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



M&B Division

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J. Kuster, R24



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P. McGuire, SM



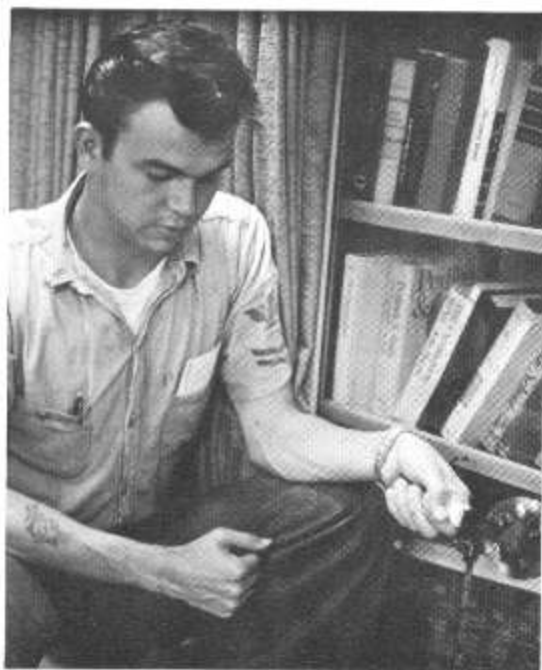
E. Stedley, R/PN



G. Miller, FN



U. McKeough, BICM





E. Mitchell, DT3



M. Payne, TA



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V. Sawadon, MM2



R. Stiller, FN



D. Tonglo, FN





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J. Wharton, DT3



R. White, DTG



R. Williams, DT3





M. Dorn, EM



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R. Henderson, SPM



F. Kircanum, DCFN



J. McGee, ICFN



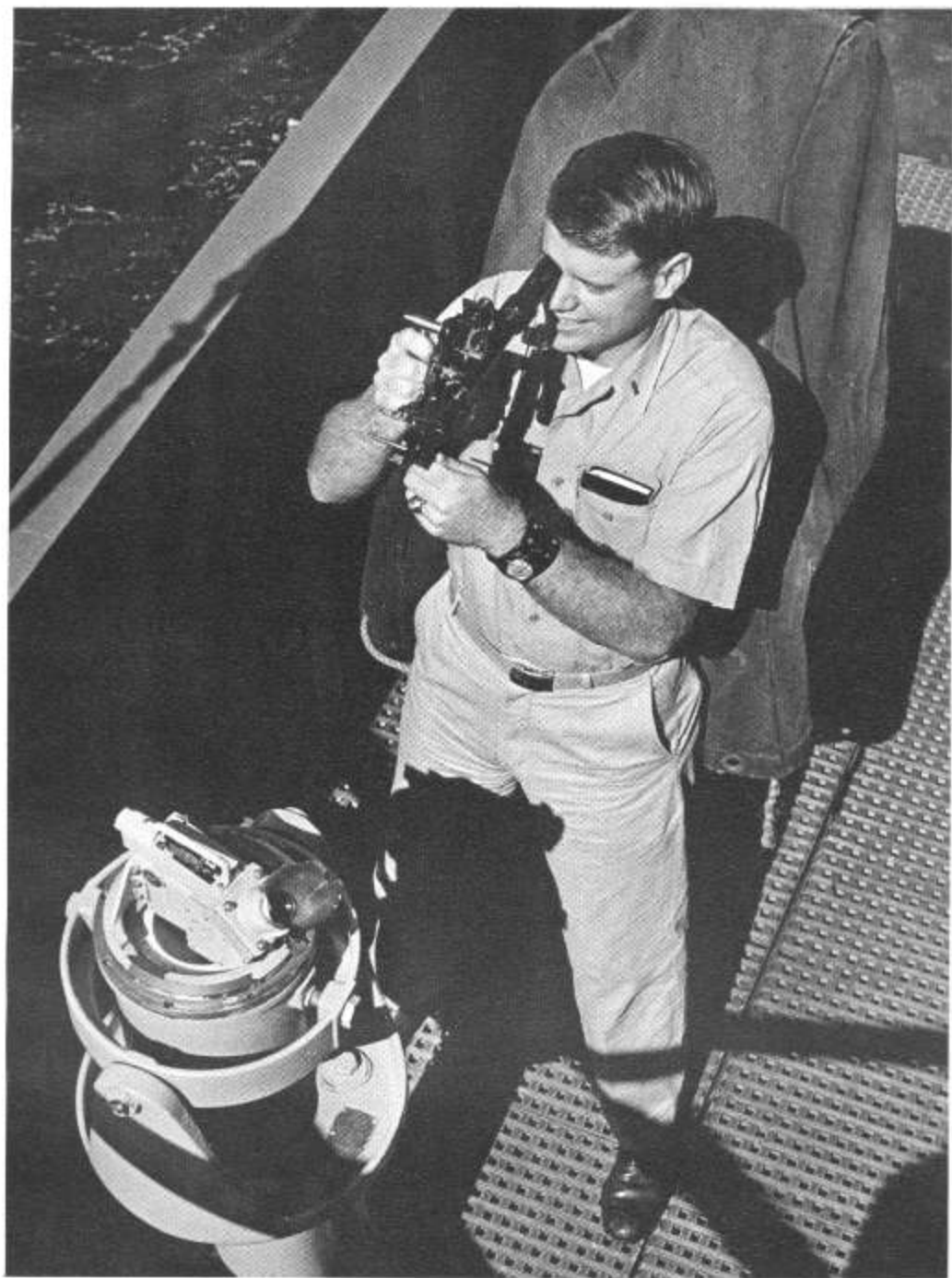
R. Markel, ICFN



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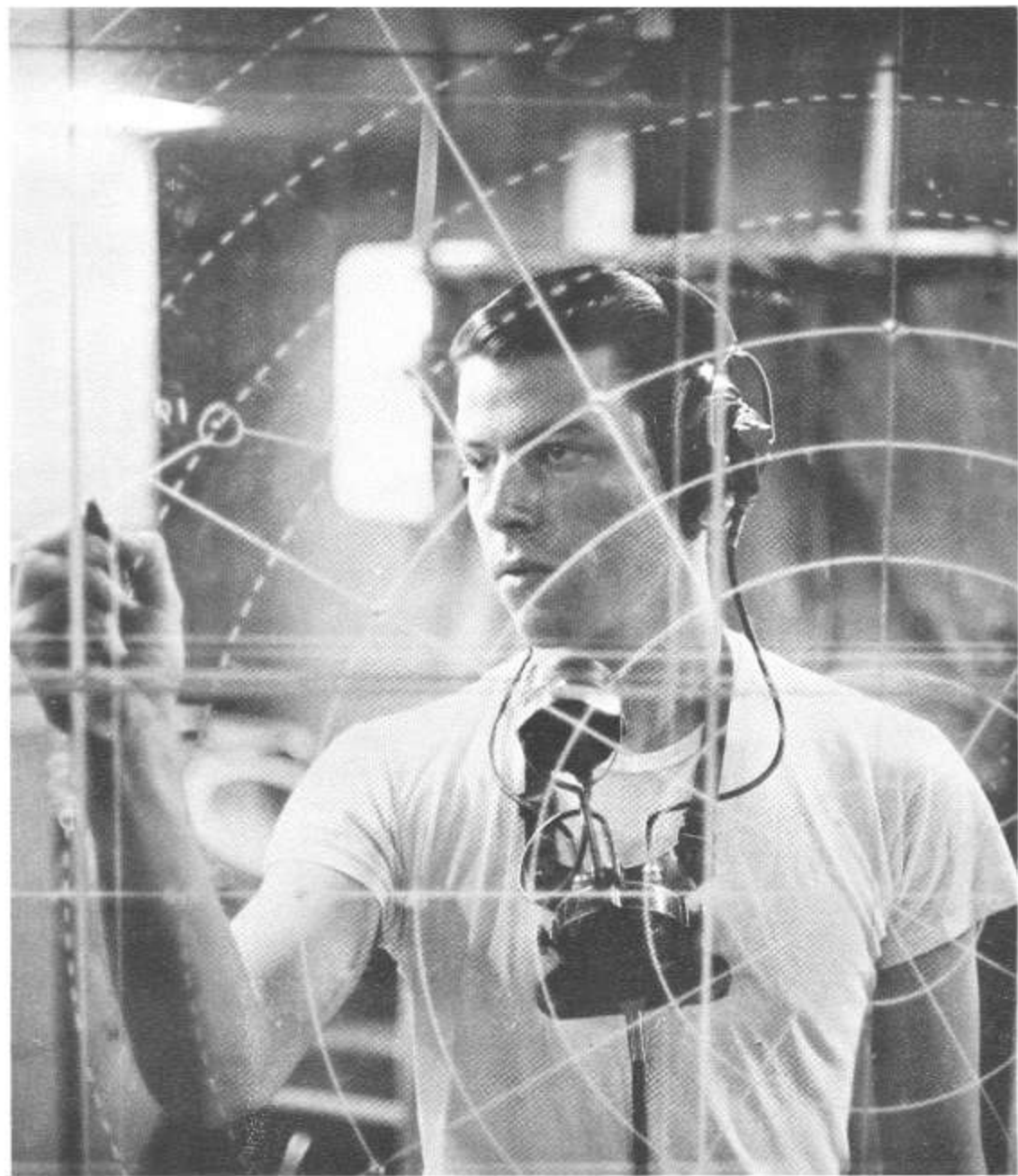
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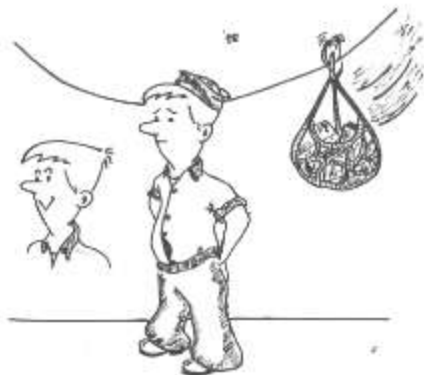
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D. Harris, GS2



Feldenreich, SS



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T. Niosi, SN



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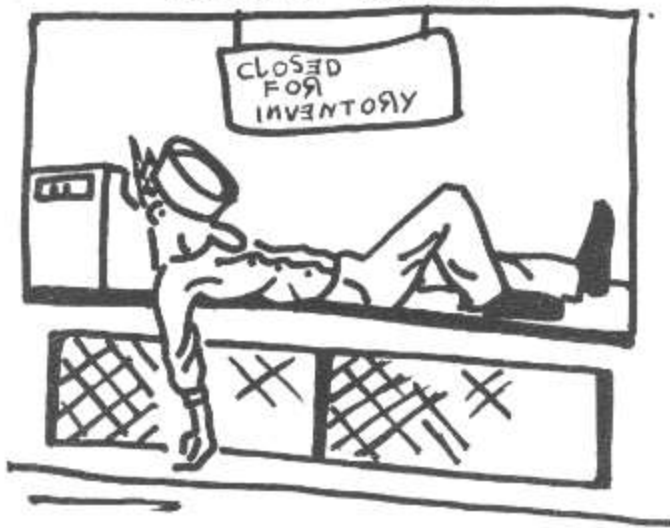


H. Thompson, SN



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WEAPONS DEPARTMENT

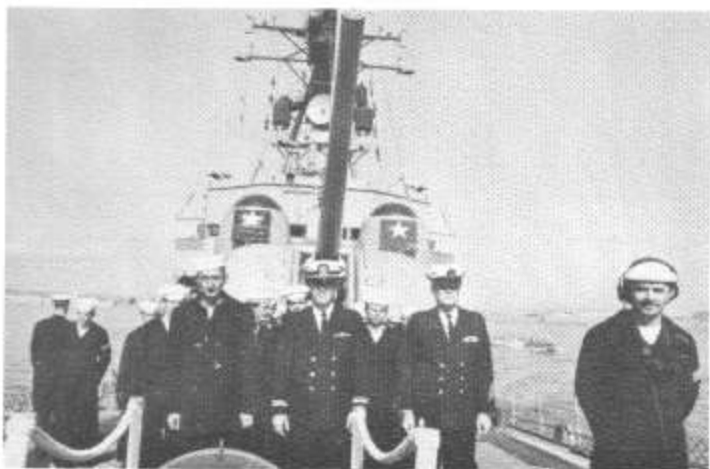




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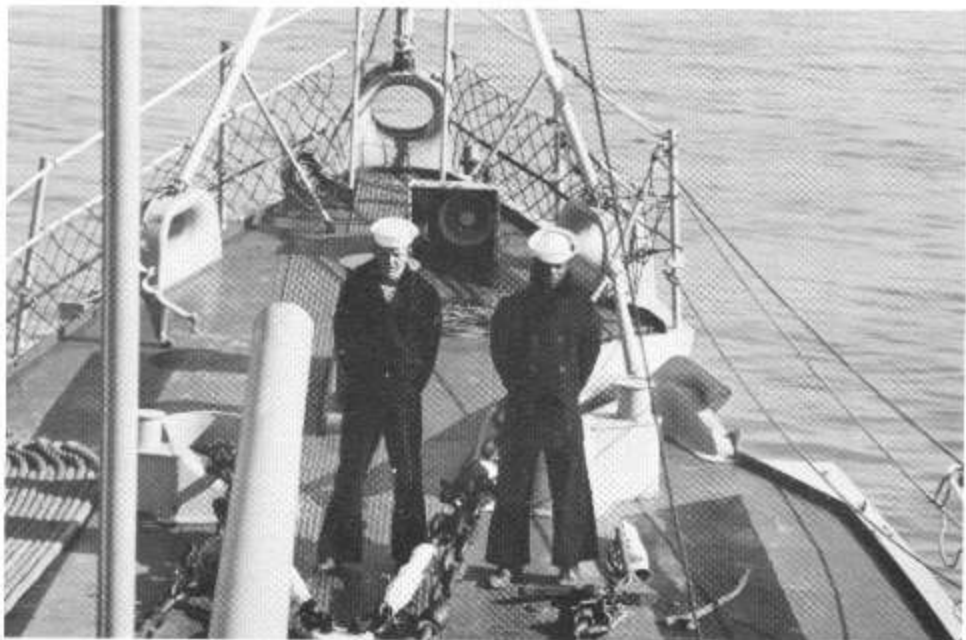
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E. Kania, SN





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G. Martin, SN

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F. Mordock, SN

R. Myers, SN



M. Pardo, SN

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R. Phipps, SN



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S. Smith, SA



R. Soss, SN

D. Williams, SA

L. Willingham, SN



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CNT. THOMAS E. STELL, BSCB



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R. Boudo, GMSG



W. Christie, FTG1



L. Hertz, FTG1



E. Leary, GMSG



W. Byrd, GMSG



R. Smith, GMSG



W. Tark, SH



Bronze Star winner,



Who can forget Sailor Chief Gunner's Mate Gordon Oliver?



V. METO

relieved by

S. PERELLA

ASW Division



R. Winkler, CMG3



W. Bell, STG1



J. Burch, STG2



J. Davis, TDC1



J. Friedman, STG3



L. Grog, TDC1



K. Hestinger, GMCR



D. Higgins, STG3



D. Karklin, STG3



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D. Gibson, PCKN



D. Hoffman, PTM3



P. Hotal, PTM3



P. Hugland, PTM3



D. Jacobs, PTM3



D. Jones, GMM3



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G. Kline, GMM3



J. McKaulin, PTM3



L. Simmons, PTM3



R. Sordard, PTM3



D. Smith, GMM3



D. Steadman, PTM3



E. Vaughan, PTM3



R. Werleman, PTM3



THE WORK BEGINS RESCUE



Plucked from the briny deep...



...to our comfy whaleboat.



Arming

GUNFIRE SUPPORT



The folk, the bear, and friends.



Uncorking?



Serious business!



Tidying up!

REPLENISHMENTS



Chain Gang!



This hat's too tight!



The King and his court.

OPERATIONS AT SEA



FIRST DIVISION TURNS TO



THE MEN AT WORK



On the road to Singapore
WE CROSSED THE EQUATOR



She'll "tongue-fry" you!



Somebody took my clothes!



O-4, B-4.



And after...



Captain Neptune arrives...



...and proceeds...



The Churn



The Coffin



I love formal dances!



Fearsome foursome!



Wetsu!



SPECIAL MENU

CROSSING THE EQUATOR

Aboard USS TOWERS (DDG-9)

Date 15 DEC 1968

Latitude: 00°-00

Longitude: 80.18E



SHELLBACKS

Salad Bar	Assorted Bread	Butter
Assorted Dressing		Vegetable Soup
	Griddle Rib Steak	
Franconia Potatoes		Mushroom Gravy
French Fries		Green Style Corn
		Buttered Green Beans
Chocolate Layer Cake with White Coconut Icing		
Iced Fruit Punch		Hot Fresh Coffee

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MORNING

MEAL

POLLIWOGS

Assorted Sea Crater Salad	Blood Of The Red Eyed Sea Dog (Tomato Juice with hot sauce)
Scalloped Shark Meat	Flying Fish Wings
Boiled Sea Worms	Boiled Sea Weed with Sowbelly
Raw Oysters	
	Sea Weed Au Jus (Cold Spaghetti with green food coloring)
	Jelly Fish Sandwiches
Sea Foam Topping	
Fish Eye Pudding	Hardtack
Last Friday's Left Over Coffee	Brine Water

Note: In the event of a weak stomach, entrée may be altered only by order of his Majesty King Neptune.

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HAWAII - PEARL OF THE PACIFIC



The Arizona Memorial—in memory of former shipmates.



A mock battle rages for movie cameras as time set back some 27 years.



The seashore—foreboding cliffs.



Nightlife in Honolulu—
a very pleasant experience.

HONG KONG

香港



This is a city where the world collides. Every country which exports goods deals here. Just about anything you can think of can be bought here, and often is!



A peasant near the Red Chinese border.



Myriad floating homes line the seashore.



Mary Sue's girls put boatswain's mates to shame—they painted our side in two days!



Liberty call. Head for the beach where there's so much to do.



The low rent district.



SINGAPORE

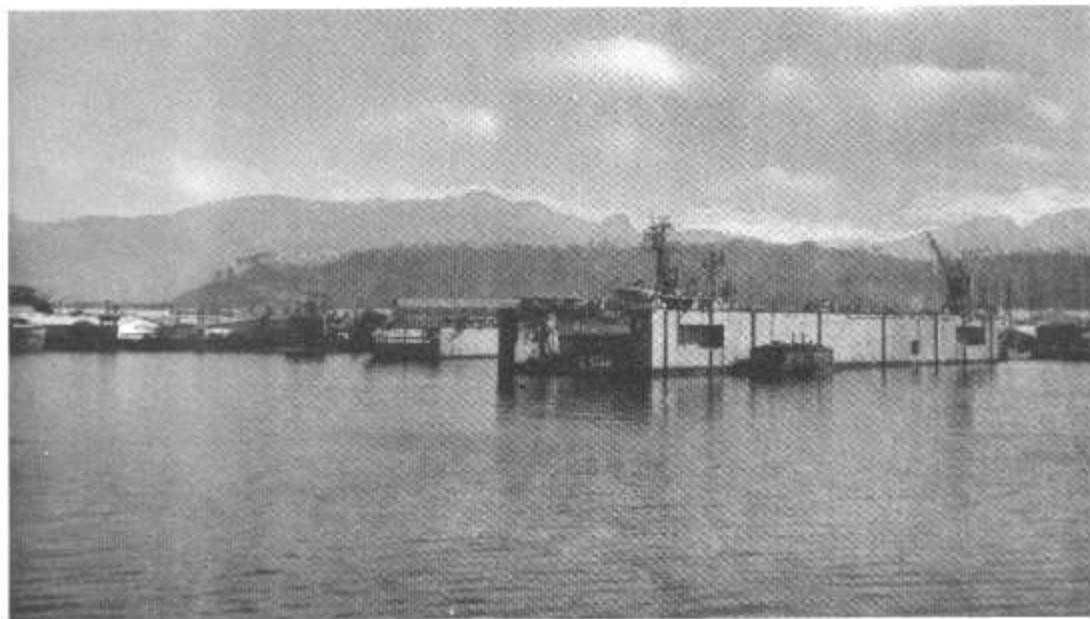




Tiger Balm Garden, Singapore, rivaling in beauty the famed garden in Hong Kong, was built by one of two brothers who grew fabulously wealthy through the sale of Tiger Balm, an all-purpose medicinal ointment.



SUBIG BAY PHILIPPINES



Good clean town!



The race is on!

TO TONE THE MUSCLES



AND SEE THE SIGHTS





Our Sidekick.



Not just everybody goes alongside a battleship.



It all began on a warm day in September...

VISITATIONS

Christmas at Sea



Packages



A tree?



Dinner



(And a few happy faces!)

MOMENTS OF LEISURE



I'm standing on the rope!



The Old Man and the Sea.



Bible Study



This is my left eye.



Tons of talent!



Guess who ate the ball?



Officers and gentlemen



Where are your shoelaces?



AND VISITORS



DIT AND DOT

Our Vietnamese friends were aboard for over two months, and were tangible reminders of the purpose and importance of our work.



Would you believe that Nguyen Dit and Vu Van Tinh were 27 years old?