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THE RISING SUN



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TOKYO
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SAILOR OF THE QUARTER

GREG HARY MORGAN

Petty Officer Third Class Greg Harry Morgan was selected as Sailor of the Quarter for the quarter ending 30 September 1980. During the same period he was selected Cruiser Destroyer Group Five Sailor of the Quarter Runner Up.

P.O. Morgan's performance of duty as Personnelman in the Ship's Office has been exemplary, along with his military bearing. The exceptional efficiency and responsiveness of the Ship's Office to the needs of the crew are directly attributable to his outstanding proficiency with all personnel related matters and his intense professional dedication. The friendly and courteous service that P.O. Morgan afforded the crew is largely responsible for the high morale enjoyed on board TOWERS. His personal management of the preparation of all reenlistments, separations, enlisted evaluations, service record entries and transfers has been flawless. His recent involvement with the NWAI clearly demonstrates his professional expertise and genuine dedication. P.O. Morgan has spent many long hours over an extended period of time updating a myriad of Nuclear Security and other associated instructions, and maintaining TOWERS' Personnel Reliability Program service records. His efforts were awarded by a highly successful NWAI in which the administrative and PRP portions were perfect. With TOWERS pending homeport change to Yokosuka, Japan, He has once again been instrumental in ensuring, from a personnel standpoint, that the evolution will be a smooth one. His smart and neat appearance in uniform sets a sterling example for others to follow. Through P.O. Morgan's personal behavior and enthusiastic attitude, he has helped others foster excellent morale on board TOWERS.

EDITORS NOTE

The Towers Gazette is published every three to four months. It is intended to keep wives and parents informed as to what the ship has done, what she is doing now, and a projection of what she will be doing in the future. I hope that it will serve to bring you a little closer to our world of ships and the sea. If you have suggestions as to the contents or form this publication should take, or if you have a question about TOWERS and our mission, feel free to write me.

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FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

TOWERS' arrival in Yokosuka, Japan on 10 November marked the beginning of another chapter of this ship's distinguished record of service. After many months of seemingly endless inspections and evaluations in San Diego, TOWERS was finally ready for her overseas movement, and to assume her new status as a forward deployed unit of the Seventh Fleet. Enroute to Yokosuka TOWERS steamed in company with thirteen United States Ships and participated in a gamut of operational exercises known as Transit-Ex 1-81. Observing these many different exercises and drills I realized just how much the crew and ship benefited from the months of preparation in San Diego. TOWERS performance was smart and impressive. Every sailor onboard can be justifiably proud of his ship and the part he played in making it all come about.

Now that the ship is in Japan and the TOWERS/PARSONS crossdecking process is nearly complete, I am looking forward to integrating our new crew members into the TOWERS Team. Their special knowledge and savior-faire of the Yokosuka area will certainly be of immeasurable assistance to those of us who are still "new kids on the block". Before I do, however, I would like to bid farewell to those shipmates of ours who are now PARSONS crewmembers and will be riding her back to San Diego. The assistance, effort and dedication they have provided TOWERS since I've been Commanding Officer has been truly remarkable. I extend to all of them my warmest gratitude, appreciation and best wishes for the future.

Now ahead of us lies a tremendous challenge. The ship's operating schedule will, of course, be very different from what it was in San Diego. Many new and exciting ports will be seen as TOWERS begins her operations in the Western Pacific. Maximum effort will be demanded of all hands to attain a high state of combat readiness and to maintain the ship in the best material condition possible. Presently, TOWERS is in an upkeep availability with Yokosuka Ship Repair Facility. Prior to the holidays I anticipate a single, brief underway period to serve as a shakedown cruise to work out a few of the "bugs" invariably associated with a personnel exchange of the size and magnitude we have experienced. January will see TOWERS commencing operations with the aircraft carrier USS MIDWAY (CV 41), which is also homeported in Yokosuka. From that point on the ship's underway schedule will be demanding and may at times appear a bit hectic. Our new assignment provides TOWERS' crewmembers with a unique opportunity to operate with other units of the Seventh Fleet now covering the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean.

As the Christmas season approaches TOWERS sends to all of you a special seasons greeting. Though there are a few of us unable to be with the family and friends we left in the States, be assured our thoughts and best wishes are with you for the holidays. Merry Christmas!

JAPAN STORY

By now all of you know the USS TOWERS is currently homeported in Yokosuka, Japan. Yokosuka probably doesn't ring a bell for you, as it didn't for most of us before we got here. Japan consists of five main islands, the largest of these being Honshu, where such well-known cities as Tokyo and Yokohama are located. Yokosuka is located on this island, just 40 miles south of Tokyo, along the west coast of Tokyo Bay.

Looking at the large modern city of Yokosuka today, it's hard to believe that prior to 1867 one would have found only a small fishing village. The modernization of Yokosuka began in 1865 with the building of a shipyard, the Yokosuka Iron Works. Yokosuka was very much involved in the building of the Imperial Japanese Navy. Today, Yokosuka is the home of the Commander U.S. Seventh Fleet and the Commander U.S. Naval Forces Japan.

Yokosuka is pretty much like any other base with its own exchanges and clubs. About the only thing giving away it's unique location are bilingual signs in Japanese and English. Once off-base, however, a different language and culture combine to make a lasting impression.

You can stay around Yokosuka, visiting the shopping mall (Ginza) or wander around side streets, where small specialty shops specializing in such things as silk and jewels abound. About 15 miles northwest of Yokosuka is the beautiful city of Kamakura. It is there in Kamakura that you can find the great Buddha, the Daibutsu. There is an interesting story on how the Buddha got curls on his head, as is the case with the Daibutsu. It is said that the Buddha was praying out in the sun one day and the sun got so hot, a group of snails gathered and perched on top of his head to protect him.

Also in Kamakura, there are various temples and shrines that date back to the era of the first shogunate. One of these many temples is known as the Divorce Temple. Centuries ago, when women were not satisfied with their husbands, they would come to this temple and would serve in the temple for three years after which they were granted a divorce.

A private train line, the Keihin Kyuko, offers fast service south down the Miura Peninsula or north to Tokyo. Here, the possibilities for connections to other trains or subways offers your most ardent history buff or your just plain tourist a wealth of places to see.

A stay in Yokosuka is a unique opportunity made available by the Navy.

THE WARDROOM

Not long before the Towers left San Diego the Wardroom received a facelift; new carpeting, overhead and a fresh coat of paint made the place a bit more cheerful. The officers of the wardroom have also undergone some change. In addition to the normal loses and gains of officers experienced by any Naval Ship the Towers is to crossdeck with the Parson, In Yokosuka. This will involve five Towers' Officers crossdecking to the Parsons while four Parson's officers will transfer to the Towers, but more of this later.

Around the middle of last summer Lt. Dave Porter relieved Lt. Doug Hartman as Supply Officer. Doug was off to PG school in Monterey while Dave, a former regular line officer, was a recent graduate of "Pork-chop" University. Then lasfall Lt. Wheeler was relieved by Lt. Rich Keifer as the Weapons Boss. Lt. Wheeler was off to the USS Stanley as the OPS Boss. Just after our Dependents' Cruise ENS Keith Allred relieved ENS Mike McGeady as the Gunnery Assistant giving Mike First Division as a fulltime job. Not long before we deployed, ENS Berman came aboard to join the Engineering Department. On October 14, just prior to getting underway, Ltjg Ron Delpapa departed, being replaced by his longtime associate, ENS Justice.

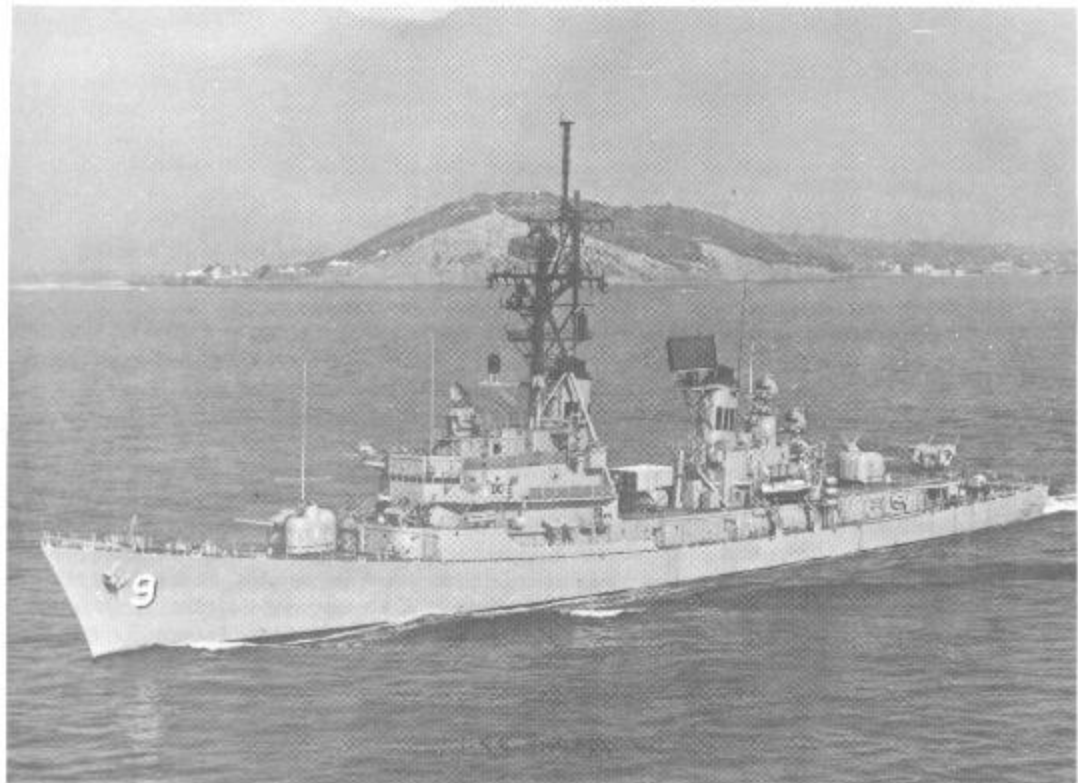
On the way over to Hawaii some of the more junior officer officially obtained their "sea legs". It may be added, however, that this in no way detracted from these men having a good time in Oahu. Lt. Porter's father graciously arranged for a beachcottage which was frequented by much of the wardroom.

While in transit to Yokosuka, Lt. Conway, Chief Engineer, became Lt. Commander Conway. Also, Ltjg Vick Guillory, Main Propulsion Assistant and Ltjg Mark Thompson, B Division Officer qualified as Engineering Officers of the Watch.

Once in Yokosuka the Engineering Department swelled in ranks with the addition of ENS Hess and ENS Buehler, both out of main propulsion school in Newport, Rhode Island. Although Ltjg Mike Sohns won't be in Yokosuka long, he will remember Japan as the place where he qualified for his SWOS pin. Ltjg Krcha, fire control officer, just recently qualified for his SWOS pin making him the newest addition to SWO qualified Officers aboard the Towers.

Those crossdecking include Lt. Dave Roybal, OPS Boss being relieved by LCDR Husser. LCDR Husser was OPS Boss aboard the Parsons and currently resides in Yokosuka area with his wife Betsy and their three children. Ltjg Mike Sohns, CIC Officer, is being relieved by Ltjg Warren Krull. Warren was first Lieutenant aboard the Parsons and has served as the Ships Navigator. He and his wife Roberta currently call Japan their home. ENS George McCaffrey, ASW Officer, is being relieved by ENS Tom Stephens. Tom was ASW Officer aboard the Parsons where he has been aboard since Feb '79. Interestingly, George and Tom were classmates at ASW school in San Diego. ENS Justice, Comm Officer, is being relieved by Ltjg Dave Vanmeter. Dave was Comm Officer aboard the Parsons and was in the past stationed on the Midway. He and his wife Janice also live in the Yokosuka area.

Some of the married officers have been lucky enough to bring their families along. Rich and Ellen Kiefer Mark and Cheryl Thompson, and Vick and Marquita Guillory are currently living in the Navy Lodge, Yokosuka. Dave Porter will soon be joined by his wife Susan and son Michael. In addition, Keith Allred will be joined with his wife Joanna, son Micah, and a new member, still on the way, sometime this spring.



MISSILE DIVISION

The past few months have seen the "winds of change" blowing through Missile Divisions' hallowed ranks. Finally, after months of hard work by all hands, we completed three missile firings off Pt. Mugu, California. A sigh of relief was expressed, as Towers returned to her primary mission, Anti-Air Warfare. In anticipation of our homeport change, a highly successful division party was held. A good time was enjoyed by all as the division entered two teams in the "Jack Daniels International Volleyball Tourney" held at the Fifth and Harbor athletic facility. The divisions did rather well, capturing first and second place trophies.

The homeport change brought many new faces, with the following new members of the Excalibur division; FTMC Chipman, FTM1 Whittington, FTM3 Mobley, GMM3 Walker, GMM3 Steszewski, FTMSN Webb and FTM2 Troutman. Additionally, the following members were lost to the Parsons: FTMC Gaulden, FTM1 "Goatee" Enfield, FTM2 "Messdecks" Skinner, GMM2 Pinkston and GMMSN and "Wildman" Miller. Finally, FTM3 Davis arrived aboard from the USS Berkeley.

It appears that Yokosuka will bring many new

and surprising experiences in the months to come. The biggest surprise, however, was the reenlistment of GMM2 Pinkston under the Guard 3 program. He reenlisted for four years for orders to San Antonio, Texas as a recruiter. Congrats "Pinky". Lets not forget the DS's: DS2 Mike (DEVO) Balon, DS2 Fred Francis, DS2 George Mletich, and the new-comer of the group, DS3 Dave Tarmann.



SECOND DIVISION

A hearty hello from Yokosuka, Japan. Here in Second Division many changes have taken place. To start things off, Ensign Allred reported aboard relieving Ensign McGeady as Gunnery Assistant. GMGC Scott soon followed with several years of experience in Japan already under his belt. Under the leadership of our new Weapons Officer, Lt. Kiefer, the Weapons Department has come through several tough inspections with flying colors.

Leaving San Diego on October 14, we set sail for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. After some of us gained our "sea legs" we set to work preparing the guns for target practice the Navy way. Needless to say, the Towers demonstrated her finesse in marksmanship on both land and sea targets. This isn't to say Second Division is all work and no play; all of us enjoyed the beauty to behold in Hawaii.

After receiving ammo via helicopter from USS Camden, we proceeded to Japan, arriving on the 10th of November. Cool weather, a different language, and a unique culture provided an interesting challenge for Second Division as it did for the whole ship.

We will miss a lot of old friends as they cross-deck to the Parsons. Among them are Senior Chief Green, GMG1 Boston, GMG2 Malaise, GMG3 Kluth, and GMGSN Castro. In return for those people we sent to the Parsons, we receive some new personnel. We welcome aboard GMG1 Barfield, GMG1 Delpapa, GMG3 White, FTG1 Seglund, FTG3 McCartney, and FTG3 Taylor. Until you hear from us again, goodbye from Second Division.



FIRST DIVISION

First Division has been in preparation for Westpac ever since Refresher Training ended in May. Between that time and our deployment date, we were busy with such things as Insurv, an inspection to see if the ship is capable of going overseas; and a helo certification inspection which allows helicopters to replenish the Towers at sea.

Before the Towers left for deployment, First Division lost two good men in BM2 Gary Cantrell and BM2 Al Brainard who went to civilian life. First Division also lost SN Dupre and SN Gonsalves who both went to the signal shack, and SN Gonzales who is now working in the ships office.

First Division gained quite a few seamen before the ship deployed. They are: SR Correll, SR Thomas, SR Winfrey, SR Vasquez, SR Quintana, SR Tuner, SR Burns, SR Arehart, SR Evans, SR Follansbey, SR Robl, SR Labadie, SR Gordon, SR West and SN Phillips.

As the Towers left San Diego, the new men got to know the ways of the sea. By the time the ship got to Pearl Harbor, the new men got their "sea legs" and stopped talking to "Ralph." Besides standing watches and performing routine duties, First Division was involved in several evolutions including Vertreps, Unreps and Gun shoots. Needless to say sleep was at a premium for First Division.

As the holidays approach, First Division wishes all the friends and families of First Division personnel a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



ASW DIVISION

Konichi-wa (greetings) from the land of the "Rising Sun". Our long transit from San Diego, which included a successful ASROC and torpedo firing, is now behind us and everyone is getting to know Yokosuka. The transit over was at times demanding but a four day stop in Pearl Harbor made up for the long hours at sea.

Prior to our departure from San Diego, we added some new faces to the division. STGSA Joseph Zane came to us from SONAR "A" school. STGSN Ralph Phipps volunteered for overseas duty on Towers and transferred from the USS Halsey. TMSA Kenny Reichard joined us from Torpedoman "A" school.

Now that we have begun relieving the USS Parsons, we would like to say farewell to ENS. George McCaffrey, our division officer, STG2 Dave Christl and TMSN Rick Roll, all crossdecking to the Parsons.

A hearty welcome is extended to ENS, Tom Stephens, our new division officer, TMSN Robert Ray, STG3 Robin Hunt, STG3 Gary Sims, and GMT3 Bobby Joe Boyer, all coming from the Parsons to the Towers.

That is it for now. We expect to have more exciting times here in Japan and elsewhere. We wish everyone a happy holiday season and a safe new year.

M DIVISION

M Division, after having visited Hawaii and a two week cruise has finally made it to our new home-port in Yokosuka, Japan. Upon arrival, M Division had to say goodbye to several of their shipmates who have crossdecked to USS Parsons. We wish them the best of luck on their trip back to the states.

MM1 Mitchell and the rest of M Division extend a warm welcome to the newest members of the division; MMC Doherty, MM1 Gross, MM1 Henry, MM1 Crenshaw, MM2 Kestleloot, MM3 Joiner, FN French, MMFA Pearson, MMFA KIM and FA Sunia.

M Division has been shorthanded for a few years and the addition of these new sailors will be of great benefit. M Division would also like to welcome our new Division Officer, Ens. Berman, who hails from Philadelphia, Pa.

In closing, we would like to say "We're overseas

now so send a lot of letters because we miss the States". See you next quarter.

B DIVISION

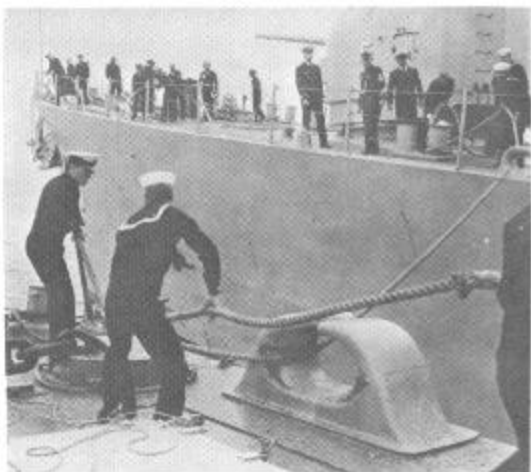
Towers left San Diego enthusiastically anticipating a cultural shock upon arrival in Japan. The stop over in Hawaii would serve as a fuel and repair stop. B division took on gas and made minor repairs to her four boilers and machinery and then hit the beaches.

Hawaii with its beautiful beaches proved to be as exciting as everyone had heard. We got underway from Pearl operating with a task group, our wallets depleted and our minds full of memories.

As we got closer to Yokosuka, the realization of losing some fine sailors started to set in. We say farewell to BTC "Will" Conley, BTC "The Kong" Williams, BT2 "JJT" Tillery, BT2 "Steben" Plaisance, BT2 "The Troll" Gilbert, BT3 "The Ghetto" Small, BT3 "Psycho" Miko, BTFN "Skitzo" Klooster and BTFN "D Kid" Johnson.

The people that we got from the Parsons are sure to fit in. They are BT3 Buchanan, BT3 Gordon, BT3 Rowlands, BT3 Mandigo, BT3 Zanzig, BTFN Mohn, BTFN Davis, BTFN Dyer and BTFN Hirshman.

BT3 "Twiken" Palstring returned from automatic boiler control school, fully qualified to maintain the sophisticated automatic controls necessary to steam the "Truckin T". Until the next family-gram, B division says sayonara to all.



AE&R DIVISION

Greetings from AE&R Division. By this time the USS Towers has settled into its new homeport of Yokosuka, Japan. Since the last familygram, the AE&R division has been busy preparing for the big homeport change. Along with this, they helped the ship successfully pass its Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection.

With the crossdecking finally complete, the AE&R division is filled with new people. The new men in "A" gang are: EN2 McIntire, MR3 Sloan, and MMFN Hearn. The new electricians joining the Towers are EMCS Knight, ICC Krathaus, EM1 Haurbrick, EM1 Regala, EM3 Emerson, IC3 Ockwig and EMFN Cho. The HT's on board are HTC Dawson, HT1 Chavez, HT2 Dawson and HT3 Ley. A hearty welcome to all our new men and may their stay on Towers prove to be a satisfying and enjoyable one.

To the men that left the Towers to join the USS Parsons, may the voyage back to San Diego be a smooth and safe one. "A" gang lost MM1 Shannon, MM2 Christianson and MM3 Shaw. The electricians that left are EMC Huff, EM1 Alonzo, IC2 Finnigan, EM2 Flege and IC2 Bonds. The HT shop lost HTC Wedell, HT3 Bays, HTFN Powell, HTFN Lindsey and HTFA Lyon.

Best wishes to the Towersmen that remained on board. The families of EM1 Meana and EM3 Denmeade are accompanying them on their tour. May they enjoy their stay in Japan. Also staying are IC2 Nichols, IC3 Covington, EM3 Arnold, HT2 Crandall, HT3 Rudick, HT3 Humphery, HTFN Hall, ENFN Smith, ENFN Tremere, HTFN Becker, HTFN Thompson and HTFN Haverstock.

With the holiday season coming on, the men from AE&R wish to send their family and friends special seasons greetings. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

OI DIVISION

Many changes have occurred since the last Familygram. Thomas Benjamin (Benji) went to the ASW base for shore duty. James Earl Reed will soon no longer be an OS but become a DS; good luck in your new rate. Dave Watson, Jerry Cochrane, Mike Miller and our DIV-O, Ltjg Sohns will be crossdecking to the USS Parsons while we are here in Yokosuka. At the same time, we are gaining Ltjg Krull, OSC Osterberger and OS1 Sexton from the Parsons.

Other new personnel include Gary Merhoff, Greg Destefano, Larry Nault and Shawn Fuller all from "A" school. Veterans from other ships have also joined us: OS2 Shirley from the USS Worden; OS3 Hetherington from the USS Foster; OSSN McRae from the USS Southerland, OS2 Victor Franklin will be leaving us after four years to go to shore duty. His expertise in many areas and vibrant personality will certainly be missed.

We have seen many changes for men within the division also. In September, Dan McCormick was married; congratulations to Dan and Vickie. OS1 Mike Gordon recently reenlisted and collected many residual benefits including over 10,000 dollars as a reeitlement bonus.

Many changes have occurred in recent months, but as always, OI division stands by to support all operations. We are looking forward to liberty ports such as Subic Bay, Philippines, and Pattaya Beach, Thailand, and even the possibility of Australia.

From our new home in Japan, we bid those who are leaving us smooth sailing and following seas, and to our families back in the states, a fond sayonara.



OC DIVISION

Hi there from all of us in OC Division. The last few months have been rather eventful for the division and for the ship. After leaving San Diego in October, we began our transit to Japan by way of Hawaii. Our stay in Hawaii was short but very enjoyable. Whether we went to Waikiki Beach, Waimea Bay or any of a hundred other places, we all thought Hawaii was NoKaOi (The Best).

As all things must pass, so did our stay on Oahu. Getting down to business we set sail for the land of the rising sun. After a long and busy 14 day passage, we finally reached our new homeport of Yokosuka, Japan. We received a splendid welcome replete with a band and numerous local dignitaries.

Shortly after our arrival ceremony, liberty call was passed for an anxious crew. By all accounts everyone found our new homeport to be quite adequate.

After a few days of getting situated, the cross-deck began. All over the ship new faces were to be seen. OC Division was not exempt with the arrival of RMC Henry Kinnison, RM3 John Moreland, RMSA George Moore, SM3 Mike Costello, SMSN Bobby Shaw, SN Anthony Dupre and our new Communications Officer Ltjg Dave Vanmeter. A warm welcome aboard to all.

Of course when you get this many new arrivals, departures will have inevitably occurred. Goodbyes were said to Ens. Lloyd Justice, SM1 J.J. Fiederer, SM3 Jim Norrell, RM2 Steve Kurfurst and SMSN Pete Gonsalves. Good luck to all of you on your new assignments.

Well that sums up what's been happening with at OC Division. We hope that your holidays are bright with joy and your new year filled with happiness.

OE DIVISION

In preparation for our recent homeport change from San Diego to Yokosuka, OE Division was put to the test on numerous occasions with outstanding results.

Noted to have one of the best EW teams in the Pacific Fleet, EW2 Klock and his technicians performed admirably in frequent inport and underway electronic warfare exercises.

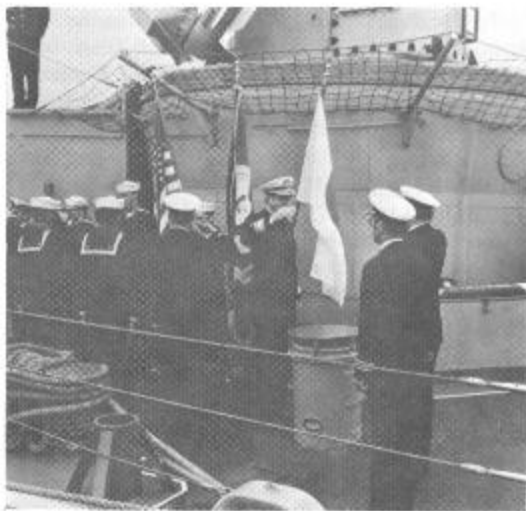
Tasked with 3M, safety, material and combat system inspections throughout these past few months, the ET's and EW's rose to the occasion

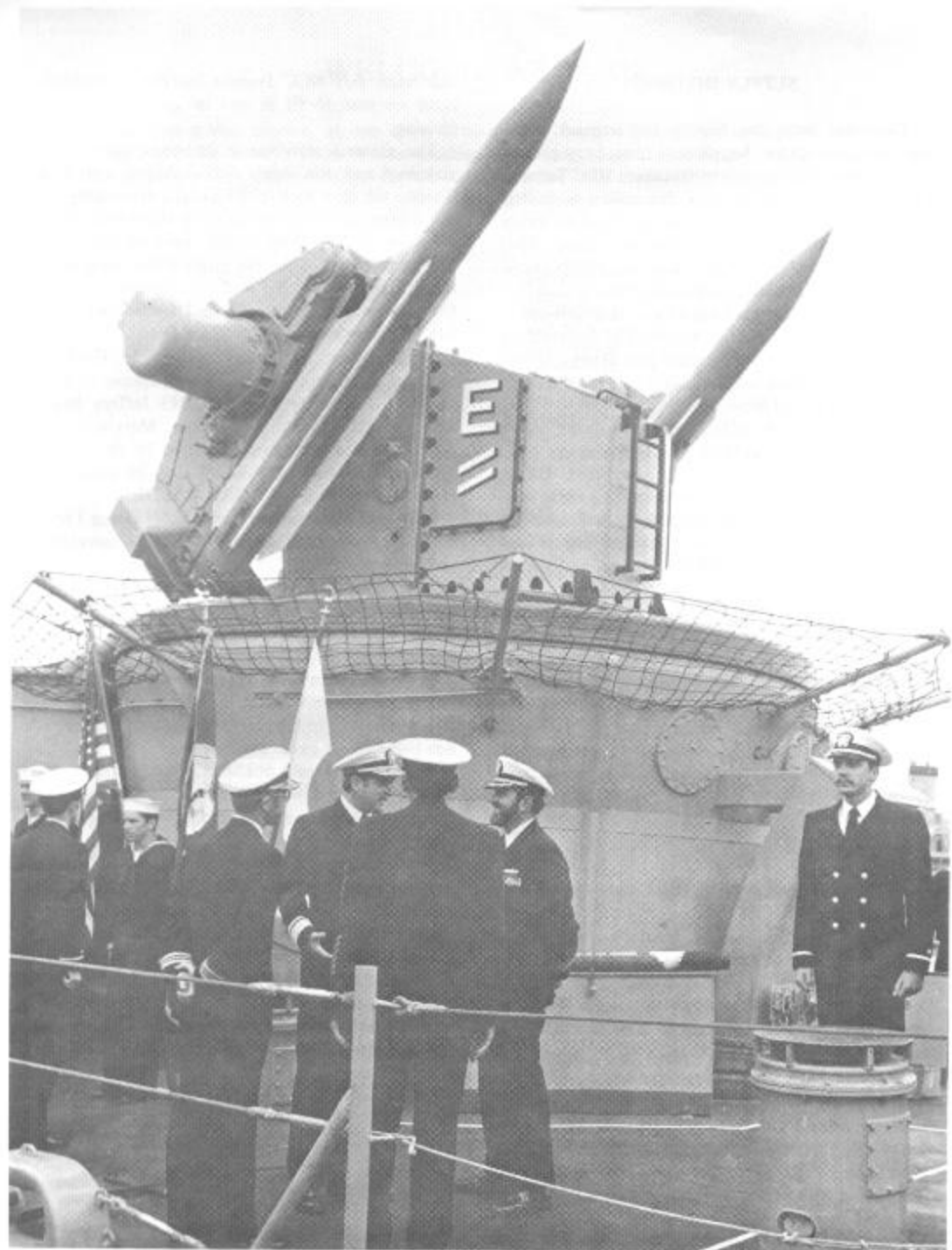
and kept Towers' excellent reputation intact.

With our crossdeck now complete in OE, the Towers would like to welcome aboard EW2 Foust and ET3 Durant. The loss of ET2 Butler, ET3 Sharr, ET3 Clifton, EW2 Burns and EW2 Klock will be felt by all. We wish them fair winds and following seas.

ET2 Holland, ET3 Little and EW3 Abriel reported to us in San Diego and will be facing many challenges ahead. We are confident that they will meet each obstacle with the same expertise and professionalism that was shown in the past.

Well, that's all for this familygram. We wish everyone a great holiday season.





SUPPLY DIVISION

Greetings from the Supply Department. Since the last familygram, Supply has been busy preparing for our deployment in October. MSC Turnage has been busy making sure the galley is in top shape ready to feed the crews needs. The galley crew has been turning out some fine meals. MS1 Miller, MS3 Paul, MSSN Williams and MSSN Dockery are all responsible for this turn out.

The SK's have been doing an excellent job ordering all the supplies for our transit. The barber shop and laundry are doing a good job thanks to the SH's, which includes SH1 Collier, SH3 Taylor, SH3 Bartlett and SHSN Woolridge.

The DK's have been busy learning all the crew's entitlements for overseas. DK1 Rafanan, DK2 Aylward, DKSN Baker and a newcomer, DKSA Endicott have been kept busy providing these services to the crew. We would like to welcome our new personnel to the division, namely MS1 Chandler, SKSR Lundstrom, SKSR Hudson and DKSA Endicott.

Our brief stop in Hawaii was an enjoyable one and the Supply department is looking forward to more port calls in the near future. As for now, here we are in Yokosuka, Japan, our new homeport. Its a new experience especially for the guys who have never visited a foreign country before. It might take time to adjust themselves but I know for sure they will love their stay here. Well, so long again from Supply. We wish you all a happy holiday season.

NAVIGATION DIVISION

Hello to all the families from the land of the rising sun. I'm not exaggerating in saying that the whole Navigation Division is enjoying this country. You can never run out of things to do, from the great Buddha and temples of Kamakura to the nightlife in Tokyo.

With the homeport change, we had to say goodbye to some old friends and welcome some new ones. Our legal yeoman, YN3 Reggie "(You dont know me that well)" Johnson Reenlisted and received orders to Washington D.C., where we hear he's doing just fine. YN3 Tony Beard is picking up the slack in the legal department.

Crossdecking over to the Parsons was PNC Ron Hardin and NC1 Mike Charland. Both of these men will be missed. Replacing them are PNC John

Galbreath and NCC Donald Pulsifer respectively. Both are sure to fit in and be great assets to the division.

The greatest turnover in personnel has been in sick bay and the ship's office. Along with Chief Hardin we also lost YNC Melvin Johnston, who got orders for recruiting duty in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. UNC William Olson replaced him and is doing a great job. Also, the ship's office got a striker from first division, SN William Gonzales (Gonzo). PN3 Harry Morgan and PNSN Dennis Blanche say he's learning the rate better each day.

In sick bay, we said goodbye to HM3 Joe Shelton, who got orders to Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. Replacing him was HM3 Jeffrey Brown who came to us from Bethesda, Maryland. Sick Bay also got a first division striker by the name of SN Richard Stahl. I've heard that he gives shots better than HM1 GARY GARIBALDI.

IC2 Mike Bartholomew and JOSN Gregg Trevers were instrumental in keeping the crew entertained in the form of CCTV. By the way, they have a new "Toy"; a hand held portable camera which both men are smiling about.

The quartermasters, QM2 Ron Miller, QM2 Jesse Camacho and QMSN Charles Sheer all did a fine job in getting us over here in one piece. PCSN Richard Dungan has been working long hours inport getting our mail out, and with the holidays coming, it's not going to get easier for him.

Last but certainly not least. Our fearless leader, Ltjg John Geary, who has shown that famous leadership that has gained the respect of the entire division.

Before we got to Japan, we spent four glorious days in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Waikiki Beach was filled with Towers sailors. Some of us took tours, some rented mopeds and cruised the island and some just layed on the beach soaking up the rays. Too bad PNC Hardin missed it because he had to escort the dependents to Japan.

Right now we're preparing for the Yuletide holiday and our very busy underway schedule after the first of the year. Until the next familygram, Sayonorra.

WELCOME ABOARD

Rarely does a ship receive, at one time, as many new faces as Towers has during her first weeks in Japan. Now, with the Towers/ Parsons crossdecking completed, we find ourselves becoming acquainted and accustomed to our new shipmates. So far the transition has been an exceptionally smooth one. As new members of the Towers Team we wish to extend a hearty Welcome Aboard to the following men:

SUPPLY

ABUYO, Modesto C	DK1
EUGENIO, Reynaldo G	SH1
BLOCK, Leroy D	MSSN
FLORDELIZ, Edgardo L	MS2
GIBBS, Joseph F	SK3
JACINTO, Remigio C	MS1
LOWE, Chistopher T	MSSN
MARS, Royce E	SKC
NAZARENO, Ruben D	MSC
OCONNOR, Howard E	SK2
REYES, Rafael S	MS1
ROSE, Peter W	SK3

OPERATIONS

BROOKS, Robert I.	OS3
COSTELLO, Michael P	SM3
DRAKEFORD, Rgnald L	ET3
DURANT, Raymond O III	ET3
FOUST, Donald C	EW2
HAPEMAN, Stephen P	OSSN
KINNESON, Henry L	RMC
MATTHEWS, Michael L	EW3
MORELAND, John P	RM3
MOORE, George E Jr	RMSN
OSTERBERGER, Kevin P	OSC
PORTER, Michael E	SN
POWERS, Andrew E	EW2
SEXTON, John H	OS1
STENECK, Charles D	OSSN

WEAPON

ANGUS, Daniel L	SN
ARMSTRONG, Lawrence M	SN
BARFIELD, Cecil B	GMG1
ARRON, Doyle C	FTM3
BOYER, Bobby J	GMT3
CHIPMAN, John H	FTMC
CLEMMONS, Dwight F	SN
DEPALMA, Thomas J	GMG1
FLORES, Roy NMN	SA
FOSS, James P	BM2
GARTNER, Warren C	FTG2
HOPKINS, Francis E Jr	SN
HUNT, Robin K	STG3
JOHNSON, Barry W	BMC
LOFING, Russell J	BMSN
MOBLEY, Charles E	FTM3
RAY, Bobby L	TMSN
SEGLUND, Stephen A	FTG1
SIMS, Garry D	STG3
STESZEWSKI, Larence V	GMMSA
TAYLOR, Donald A	FTG3
WALKER, Joseph C	GMM3
WEBB, Anthony W	FTMSN
TROUTMAN, Keith A	FTM3
WHITTINGTON, Harrison NMN	FTM1

ENGINEERING

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BUCHANON, Daniel G	BT3
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CHO, Ying H	EMFN
CRENSHAW, Joel D	MM1
DAVIS, William H	BTFN
DAWSON, James R	HT2
DAWSON, Kenneth W	HT1
DOUGHERTY, John J III	MMC
DYER, Jeffrey A	BTFN
FRENCH, Loyd E	MMFN
GORDON, Charles T	BT3
CROSS, Paul K	MM1
HAUBRICH, David B	EM1
HENRY, John S	MM1
HIRSCHMAN, William J	BTFA
JOINER, James B	MM3
KIM, Yong T	MMFN
KING, Sean P	BT3
KNIGHT, Rodger M	EMCS
KRATHAUS, Albert A	IC1
LAY, Leroy D	HT3
MANDIGO, Kim A	BT3
MCINTIRE, David L	EN2
MOHN, Steven K	FN
OCKWIG, Jerry L	IC3
PAVLOCK, Kevin J	BT1
PEARSON, Robert D	MMFN
REGALA, Caesar S	EM1
ROWLANDS, Daniel N	BT3
SLOAN, Randall K	MR3
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