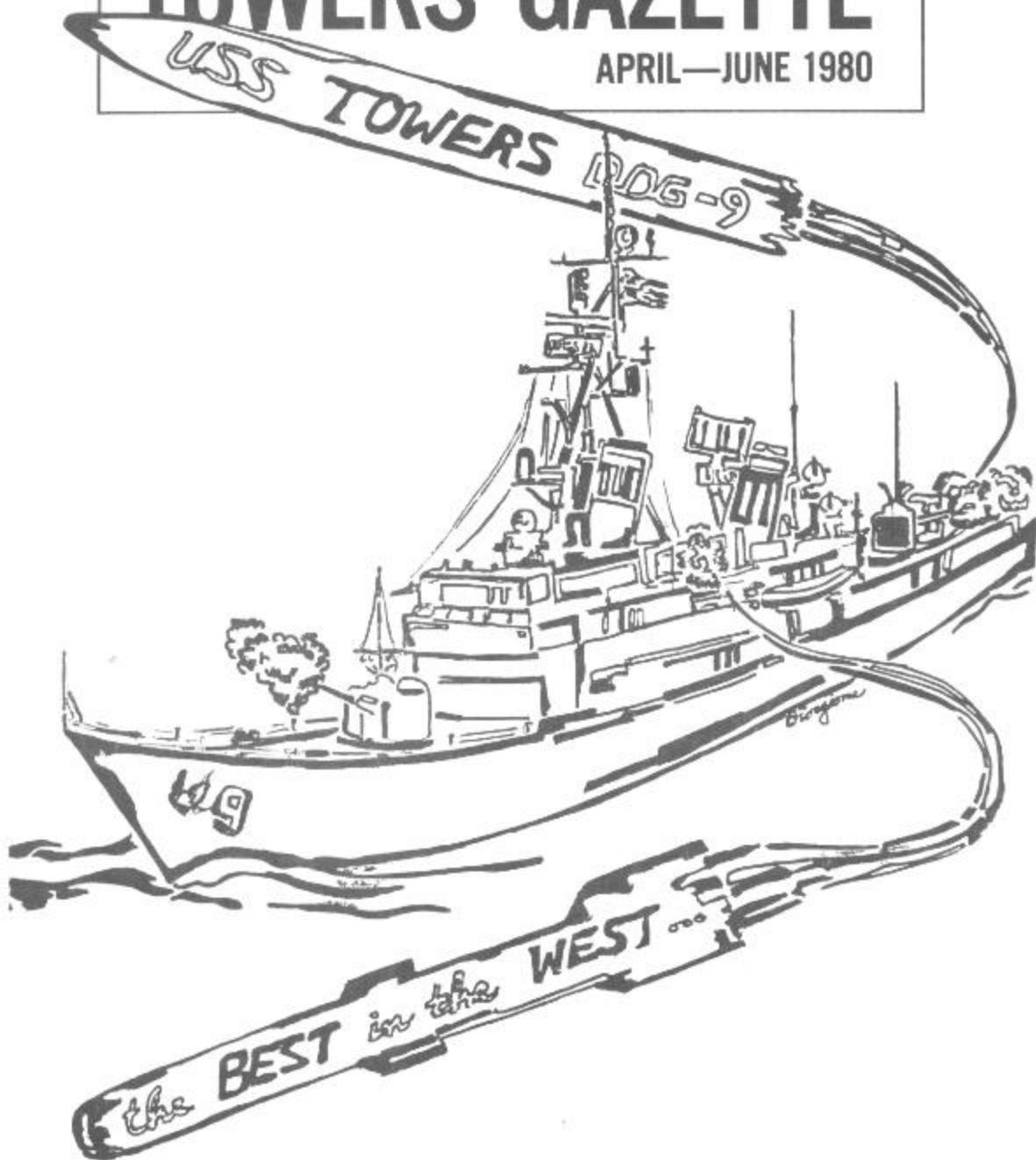


TOWERS GAZETTE

APRIL—JUNE 1980



SAILOR OF THE QUARTER

Engineman Second Class Daniel, from "A" Gang was selected as Sailor of the Quarter for the period 1 April to 30 June 1980. Petty Officer Daniel's technical expertise and outstanding leadership abilities have significantly contributed to a much improved EA04 Work Center. From January until April he served as EA04 Work Center Supervisor. During this time a quantum improvement was observed in the Work Centers PMS, PQS and training areas. He has proven extremely effective in undertaking and successfully completing various tasks with limited resources and manpower. His outstanding leadership traits are manifested in his ability to extract peak efficiency from his men. PO Daniel's superior knowledge of the ship's diesel engines, air conditioning systems, refrigeration systems, steering gear, hydraulic systems and associated auxillary equipment is considered unparalleled. Through a combination of tact in dealing with other departments and a keen eye for heading off problems, he has been instrumental in improving the material readiness of this unit. His military bearing and appearance not only serve as an example for all to follow, but additionally, reflect the professionalism and self-pride he exudes. PO Daniel's amiable nature coupled with his enthusiastic attitude has helped promote outstanding morale aboard TOWERS. In summation, PO Daniel's performance, attitude, dress and conduct have been exemplary and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service. Well Done.

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:

It is indeed a pleasure for TOWERS to be back in San Diego following our very successful stay at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. As you recall, a serious casualty to our guided missile launcher in late April necessitated repair work by a major industrial activity and installation of another launcher. After much deliberation and weighing of alternatives, it was decided that a short technical availability at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington would be in the best interest of the ship and her crew. We were very fortunate to be able to acquire a refurbished launcher of the same design from the recently decommissioned USS CHICAGO (CG-11). Initially, I anticipated a return to San Diego in mid-August; the fine assistance and technical expertise received at the shipyard, however, permitted our early arrival on 1 August—a full two weeks ahead of schedule. TOWERS is now once again equipped with a MK 11 guided missile launcher to support her anti air warfare mission area. Tests and alignments by our own ships force launcher technicians have progressed exceptionally well and I anticipate no major problems meeting our upcoming combat systems inspections and trials.

As for the three weeks TOWERS spent in the Bremerton/Seattle area I know I can say, without any reservations, that the crew thoroughly enjoyed both the tremendous summer weather and a great many of the local attractions—including an erupting volcano. The behavior of the entire ship's company can only be described as exceptional, and undoubtedly made an enormous impression both on Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and the Bremerton area. It is this kind of reputation which makes a sailor truly proud of his ship.

And since I'm on the subject of a proud ship's reputation I'd like to touch briefly on another major accomplishment in April, prior to our missile launcher problems and subsequent trip to Bremerton. TOWER's crew met a special challenge back then as the ship entered RefTra (Refresher Training). During the long weeks that followed, valuable individual and team training was gained by the crew as we learned to function as a complete unit. Four weeks later, and with many "extra" hours logged, TOWERS passed RefTra in her typically fine fashion, receiving a "Well-Done" from all of the inspectors involved.

TOWERS still has a few more inspections and trials to get behind her before the homeport change in mid-October. I know all the families will be happy to learn that the majority of them will be occurring inport. For those families making the movement overseas I realize that the months to follow may seem very busy, hectic and a bit confusing. Fortunately, the ship's schedule should facilitate the smoothest transition possible, allowing crew members to have the time they need for setting up a new home. Both I and the Executive Officer have had tours in Japan and give you our personal assurance that the homeport change will lead you to exciting and personally rewarding adventure. I'm certain that you will find your own horizons expanded and your lives enriched.



NEW OMBUDSMAN

Benetta Crandall assumed the duties of TOWERS Ombudsman on August 8, relieving Ruth Charland who had held the position since January. All the wives and families of TOWERS wish to extend a special thanks to Ruth for the fine job she has done and for all the assistance she has given us.

Benetta Crandall is the wife of HT2 Matthew Crandall, Work Center Supervisor for ER09—Damage Control. She was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico and grew up in Saugus, California. Presently, the Crandalls live in South San Diego near Imperial Beach and have two boys, Ronald James, 6, and Jacky Wayne, 4. The Crandalls have been a Navy family for five years and have recently lived in Charleston, South Carolina before being stationed in San Diego.

The Ombudsman provides a very important service to all TOWERS wives and families. Benetta can help you understand how the TOWERS works and act as liaison between you and the command. If we are going to be late coming from sea, she will be the first know. If you are in need of information concerning ship's events, such as picnics, parties, dependent cruises, port visits, homeport change, etc., she will have the answers. In fact if you have any questions about TOWERS or the Navy, Benetta will be the most reliable source of information. Benetta Crandall can be reached at 575-8393.



NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

During May of this year, the officers and crew of the USS TOWERS welcomed aboard a new executive officer, LCDR Arne M. Peterson. LCDR Peterson replaced CDR Walter Lecompte, who went to the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. LCDR Peterson hails from Barron, Wisconsin and was a NROTC 1967 graduate from the University of Wisconsin where he received a bachelor of science degree in history.

Following graduation and commissioning, LCDR Peterson served as the navigator and electrical officer on USS O'BRIEN (DD-725), and later as the executive officer on USS PHOEBE (MSC-199). After these two sea tours, he attended the destroyer school in Newport, Rhode Island and then returned to sea as the engineering officer on USS BAUSELL (DD-845). LCDR Peterson received his command position on USS EXCEL (MSO-439) and then moved on to shore duty at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. At the Pentagon, he served four years filling two consecutive positions as a CNO operations briefer and then as the assistant executive secretary to the CNO for JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF matters.

Best wishes are sent out to LCDR Peterson as he plans to be married this September to Kathy Smith of Palos Verdes, California. His fiancée is a U.S. foreign service officer serving at the American embassy in Kingston, Jamaica. They are both looking forward to serving at the Pentagon and State Department in Washington in the future.

LCDR Peterson is a true outdoorsman enjoying bow hunting, fishing, canoeing and birding. In addition, he enjoys tennis and skiing and has a unique interest in collecting Japanese prints and oriental rugs.



FIRST DIVISION

During the month of April, TOWERS started Refresher Training (RefTra). 1st Division was involved in numerous evolutions in which the boatswains mates put their professional knowledge to work. Some of the evolutions included vertreps (vertical replenishment), unreps (underway replenishment for supplies or fuel), towing and being towed, anchoring, man overboard, abandon ship and general quarters.

A vertrep consists of a helicopter hovering over the fantail of the ship and dropping or picking up a load. BMC George Orgeron, BM2 Bobby Halpin and BM1 David Mangan gave great instructions to their flight crew, SN Bob Stevens, SA Rick Beckner, SN George Boyajian and SN Rory Ashford, and the operation was a great success.

Another evolution that occurred was highline transfer. This involves two ships that are on identical courses and speeds and transferring people or objects between ships. Refueling is done basically the same way but fuel is transferred instead of people.

Man overboard drills are held periodically to insure recovery of a man in the water. In rough waters, BM3

Aiello and BM3 Olson are used to assist the man to safety.

General quarters was held numerous times throughout RefTra and First Division insured that the gun crew had their ammo when they needed it. First Division personnel manned both gun magazines and damage control repair lockers.

Besides all the evolutions that were conducted, sea details were held almost every night to transfer RefTra observers who were on during the day and debarked at night.

In all the evolutions that First Division participated, scores of 90 or higher were awarded. First Division was glad to see RefTra pass, but the training received enabled the men to be ready for any crisis that arrives.

LTJG Michael Sohns was relieved by Bull ENS Michael McGeady in June. BM2 Bobby Halpin went to shore duty at the U.S. Naval Academy. A hardy welcome goes out to our new shipmates that joined us in First Division. SR James Phillips and SR Correll both reported to us from basic training and are doing exceptionally well in the division...for boots.

So long till our next report.

SECOND DIVISION

Second Division has seen quite a few changes since the last familygram and we continue to grow and improve. Unfortunately, we've had to say goodbye to a few guys who have seemed like family; FTG3 Kelley, GMG2 Sizemore, GMG2 Cordial and GMG3 Dobson. We wish the best of luck in their new endeavors.

In the "gain" department we feel very lucky to have FTG2 Brown and FTG3 Berning assigned to the division. Both men have already proved that they can handle the many challenges aboard TOWERS and have fit into the division exceptionally well.

In addition, we have had a few people advanced. We would like to congratulate FTCS Green, FTG1 Cross, GMG2 Byers and GMG3 Kluth on their respective advancements.

During RefTra, and subsequent exercises we once again displayed some of our top gun qualities. The division benefited enormously from the training given during this evolution. We now prepare for the movement overseas and the homeport change to Yokosuka, Japan. Until the next familygram, goodbye from Second Division.



MISSILE DIVISION

The past few months have brought a wide range of changes to Missile Division. FTCS Haynes, FTM2 Goff, FTM2 Wooten, FTM2 Maw and GMM3 Dehlow have all left the TOWERS for greener pastures. On the other hand, FTM2 Greenwood, DS3 Rose, GMMSN Wreck and GMMSN Bartolovich have recently arrived aboard TOWERS and her infamous after berthing.

Advancements have also been plentiful as FTM2 Enfield now wears 3 stripes; FTM3 Richardson, FTM3 Maw and DS3 Francis all tacking on second. Finally, FTMSN Winn and GMMSN Boden joined the ranks of petty officers as both made third class.

The most talked about item the past few months has been the missile launcher. Despite the unfortunate loss of "Pinky's favorite toy", the professional work performance well known to Missile Division resulted in GMM2 Galloway, GMM3 Dehlow, GMM3 Boden and GMMSN Miller adding letters of commendation to their service jackets. Additionally, GMM2 Pinkston received a Navy Achievement Medal for his contributions as work center supervisor and efforts toward bringing the launcher back to life. FTM1 Enfield received Sailor of the Quarter runner-up and FTCS Haynes, "grandfather guiding light" of Mission Division, departed by accepting a letter of commendation for his launcher efforts from the Commodore of Destroyer Squadron Thirty-One. In the middle of all these departures, arrivals and commendations, DS2 Quaid re-enlisted.

Our two newest and brightest seamen, GMMSN Wreck and GMMSN Bartolovich bravely stood mailbuoy watch on the transit to Washington. They attempted to spot the ever elusive mailbuoy for their shipmates, but never succeeded. However, they did provide an extremely interesting history of the how and why's of mailbuoys during their interview on CCTV. The division greatly appreciated their efforts.



ASW DIVISION

Greetings from the ASW team. This quarter saw us complete our underway refresher training period. In addition to numerous other exercises, we shot an ASROC missile and on over-the-side torpedo which were both evaluated as successful hits.

We would like to welcome aboard some new members to our team: STGSN Kevin Combs and STGSN Perry Phillips arrived towards the end of RefTra from ASW School. STG3 John Elliot came in May, also from ASW school. We lost GMT2 Dave Spalding to another command but soon GMT3 Robert Sheets was with us, fresh from GMT "C" school. Most recently STG3 Richard Flowers joined us from MK III fire control computer school. We hope these new additions have enjoyable, successful tours aboard the TOWERS.

We all have our work cut out for us in the future in preparation for our upcoming homeport change. We'll be busy preparing for inspections as well as tying up loose ends in San Diego. Wish us well and we'll be talking to you next time.



NAVIGATION DIVISION

Many changes have occurred in Navigation Division since we last talked to you. First of all we'd like to welcome our new division officer, LTJG John W. Geary, who came to us from Missile Division. Mr. Geary took LT Dukes' place as Mr. Duke went to shore duty in Spain.

We would like to welcome HM1 Gary Garibaldi, who took HM1 John Wilson's place in sick bay. HM1 Wilson went to the Marine Corps base in Yuma, Arizona. Our new postal clerk is PCSA Richard Dungan, who came to us from Adak, Alaska. To add to our navigational crew, QMSN Charles Sheer reported to us from "A" school. We also got YN3 Tony Beard from Engineering Department in exchange for YN3 John Perfilio who went to them.

We also had to say goodbye to some old friends. We had to bid farewell to PN2 Charles Baca, who went to shore duty across the bay at North Island Naval Air Station. The other two people we'll greatly miss are QMSN Bernard Harrell, who got out of the Navy, and SN Taylor Ward, who was transferred to corpsman "A" school.

The ship's office recently switched locations with the supply office and PNC Ron Hardin says it's working out just fine. Speaking of the ship's office, the office received a new computer typewriter. IC2 Mike Bartholomew, YN3 Tony Beard, and PNSA Dennis Blanché went to respective schools to learn how to maintain and operate the newfangle machine.

In the past few months we've survived through RefTra, had a command inspection in which everyone did great, and another great division party over at NC1 Mike Charland's house. Everyone in the division is getting ready for that homeport change to Japan. Until the next familygram, goodbye from Navigation Division.



OI DIVISION

OI Division has lost a few men of late and it's making our job more challenging all the time. Ed Zajac, Dave Kapucik and Sluggo Werndli have joined the civilian ranks and Tyler McDuff and Bob Colantonio have departed because of medical reasons.

The remaining few of us are striving to uphold the high goals these people set, and are doing a fine job of it. We're anxiously awaiting the arrival of some new people, not only so they can bolster our dwindling ranks, but also so they can help us maintain our name "THE BEST IN THE WEST".

Here are some interesting tidbits of information we would like to pass along; OS2 Trimmier has re-enlisted, OS2 Reed is seriously thinking about it, OS3 Healy is happily married to a fine girl, OS3 McCormick has announced his engagement, and OS3 Miller, OS3 Underwood and OS2 Reed have all advanced.

Soon we'll be leaving for Japan and OI Division will lose some and gain some, but we'll always be the same. The people of OI Division would like to especially thank the following people for making our lives easier and more interesting: LTJG Sohns (Div. O) OS1 Watson (LCPO) and OS2 Franklin (LPO).

OE DIVISION

Howdy from OE Division, one of the finest, hardest working divisions aboard the TOWERS. Since the last familygram went out, OE Division has lost some old friends and gained some new ones.

EW1 Ross was discharged from the Navy last March. Gary is now employed in the electronics industry in Alabama. So if your T.V. breaks down and it's from the South, don't blame Gary. ETC Schmidt retired in June after serving 22 years, USN. When asked how he was going to spend his spare time, he remarked that he would be up in Washington fishing for the "big one that got away". So we all pitched in some money and bought him a first-rate rod, reel and tacklebox. ET1 Parker was discharged in July. Jerry went home to Idaho to go to college and further his education. ET2 Hiencke was transferred in July to shore duty. Wade will become an instructor at the NAVMAX school in San Diego. Also in July, ET3 Butler was promoted to ET2. Scott is currently OE02 supervisor.

New faces in the division are ET3 Sharr, EW3 Newbanks and ETSA Hart. The whole division welcomes you all. ET3 Art Carroad was picked as runner-up to Sailor of the Quarter. Way to go Art.

OC DIVISION

The month of April started off the new quarter with a month of refresher training. It was a period of long hours and what seemed like endless exercises, all designed to test the ship and men to their limits.

The radiomen, under the leadership of RM1 Keller, worked extensively on all facets of teletype, satellite and voice communications under simulated wartime conditions and casualties. Performance was outstanding. The senior people worked on refining old skills used little during the yard period and the new men were exposed to many things they had never seen before.

The signal bridge, under the direction of SM2 Barkley, excelled in the fine art of visual communication. From the beginning, scores were well above average, and by the time RefTra was over, FTG felt we had one of the best teams they had ever seen.

However, RefTra is behind us and since then all have been preparing for the homeport shift this October. Many will be either crossdecking to the USS PARSONS or receiving orders elsewhere. Before the year is out, we'll virtually have a new division with the demands of fleet operations to work at instead of overhauls and local exercises.

A AND E DIVISION

Ahoy to the rest of the TOWERS' families from the men of A and E Division. Since our last familygram, A and E Division and the TOWERS have been busy with various pre-deployment activities. Included in these activities were Oppe, RefTra, weapons exercises and most recently, a trip to Bremerton, Washington. Fortunately, A and E Division also found time to show their competitive spirit in the Captain's Cup Softball competition, and to relax at the ship's picnic at Admiral Baker Field in San Diego.

There have been four new personnel additions to A and E Division. MMCS David Hibbard and MM1 Shannon joined us in March from NRMC in San Diego. EN1 George Manda joined us from the USS COCHRAN in Pearl Harbor; and our newest addition, MM2 Lynn Christenson, comes to us from SIMA in San Diego.

Congratulations to all the men who were advanced; EM2 Schroeder, IC2 Nichols, IC2 Bonds, IC3 Covington and EM3 Arnold. We would also like to congratulate EN2 Daniel on his being named "Sailor of the Quarter". EN2 Daniel left the Navy to take a shot at civilian life. Our best wishes go out to MM3 Shaw, who was married on March 4. We would also like to congratulate EM1 Meana and his wife, who just gave birth to a baby girl on June 30.

Goodbye for now, you'll be hearing from us next quarter.

R DIVISION

We the people of R Division would like to "breathe a sigh of relief" because the worst of our operational requirements are completed. Since the last familygram, we have successfully passed supply material inspection, mobile team trainer phase I and II (MTT), operational propulsion exam (OPPE) and refresher training (RefTra). These were the major accomplishments for R Division and especially for the TOWERS.

The supply material inspection started off with a "bang". First off, the Supply Department submitted a work load request sheet an "arm and a half long". Some of you may think that this is an exaggeration. Let me assure you that this story is no "fairy tale". Upon receipt of the work requests, light-footed Chief Wedell and his men focused in on each job.

After the supply inspection was MTT and OPPE. Again, R Division was called upon. HTFN Powell,

HTFN Haverstock and HTFA Lyon directly supported the propulsion engineers by satisfactorily standing watches in the engineering spaces. In a very short period of time, they were qualified as messenger of the watch.

Upon completion of MTT and OPPE, R Division faced its greatest challenge of all: refresher training. Its importance wasn't stressed enough. R Division came through in fine fashion.

The following personnel are going to school: HT2 Crandall (C school), HT3 Rudick (C school) and HTFN Haverstock (silver brazing). These men are getting these schools because of their outstanding achievements and to further their education.

As we all know, in about two months the USS TOWERS will be changing homeports to Japan. The men of R Division say to the families going over to have a safe trip. To the families that are not going over, we hope these familygrams will make you that much closer to your favorite sailor. Until the next one, so long.

B DIVISION

Admired the fever of the job at hand, B Division continued the pace setting trends that identified engineering onboard TOWERS as an example of Naval engineering at its best. As we look back and give one another pats on the back, we realize that all too soon we will be up to our necks in work preparing for INSURV and the deployment to Japan.

On more personal notes, BT3 Timothy Smith graduated from automatic boiler control school at the top of his class. The first one to congratulate him was BT1 Stevenson, who handed him a set of keys to the new controls and calibration lab. This addition to our division will round out our ongoing calibration programs and assure a continued high state of readiness. BT3 Palstring is currently attending the same school and will work hand in hand with BT3 Smith upon graduation.

B Division takes great pride in announcing the following advancements: BT2 "J1" Tillery, BT2 "Spaceman" Eubanks, BT2 Casper "The Friendly", BT2 "Troll" Gilbert, BT3 "Rocking" Rieman, BT3 "Psycho" Miko, BT3 "Cowpoke" Gustafson, and BTFN "Bopping" Bullock.

BT1 Stevenson was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for the part he played in preparing the ship for and passing OPPE. BT3 Slater was awarded a letter of appreciation for the part he

played in the successful completion of OPPE while serving aboard the USS LOCKWOOD (FF-1064).

All B Division who were onboard for OPPE and RefTra were awarded letters of appreciation by the commanding officer for a job well done. With all that's been accomplished and all that remains to be done, all B Division personnel extend greetings to you and yours.

M DIVISION

M Division has been extremely busy since we last wrote you. A letter of commendation has been given to the men who put us through a successful MTT, OPPE, and a tough refresher training (RefTra). A hearty well done to all of the men in the division.

Congratulations to MM1 Bright and MM3 Grable who passed their respective exams for advancement, which took effect in late June.

We've had some new arrivals in M Division. MM3 Mickens comes from Helena, Arkansas and was previously stationed in Orlando, Florida. We also welcome MMFR Aylie who hails from Porterville, CA. His last duty station was in "A" school in Great Lakes, Illinois.

We would never have been so successful without help from "A" gang and the HT shop who supplied watchstanding throughout the quarter. M Division is experiencing a shortage of personnel and the help from other divisions is invaluable. The division does regret losing MM2 Wilson and MM3 Lampaya this August, who have decided to leave the Navy and try civilian life.

The only thing scheduled before going to Japan is INSURV for the Engineering Department. We are confident that M Division will pass in fine tradition. We are all looking forward to going to Japan and the new adventures that await us. Until the next familygram, goodbye from M Division.



SUPPLY DIVISION

In the past few weeks, Supply has undergone a number of changes. We would like to welcome aboard LT D. L. Porter and send our best wishes to LT D. M. Hartman, who will be stationed in Monterey. We would also like to send our best wishes to MS1 Francisco who after more than 20 years has decided to retire.

DK1 Rafanon, SN Small and MSSR Duckey are three new additions to Supply. Our past few months have been kept very busy with RefTra and still to come the INSURV inspection the last week of August.

The SK's are very busy lately ordering items we need especially during our transit to Japan. Chief Domingos has been preparing his men for the move. SK2 Snyder has been doing all our DC work and doing an outstanding job. SKC Domingos, SK2 Snyder, SK3 Rose and SKSN Dobbins will be leaving before we go to Japan.

The MS's under the supervision of MSC Turnage have been trying to keep the ship's morale up by serving that great TOWERS food. MSSR Duckey is the new addition and has been busy trying to learn the rate. MSSN Pawlawski and MSSN Schriffels have left us for civilian life and MS2 Holland will soon follow. MS1 Lomibao is now the records keeper and also in charge of the wardroom, preparing good meals for the officers.

SH1 Collier is now the leading PO replacing SH2 Mathias who was transferred to recruiting duty at Florida. SHSN Taylor made third class and SH3 Bartlett is our new barber. SHSN Woolridge and SHSN Morin and SN Small have all been doing an outstanding job at the laundry. SH3 Taylor has been busy keeping the store open and stocked with items for the crews needs.

In the disbursing office we would like to welcome DK1 Rafanon aboard. DK2 Pulido's short tour on the TOWERS was outstanding and we wish him luck on the USS HORN. DK3 Aylward was advanced to second class and SN Baker just got back from school and has been busy learning his rate. Until the next familygram goodbye from the gang in Supply.