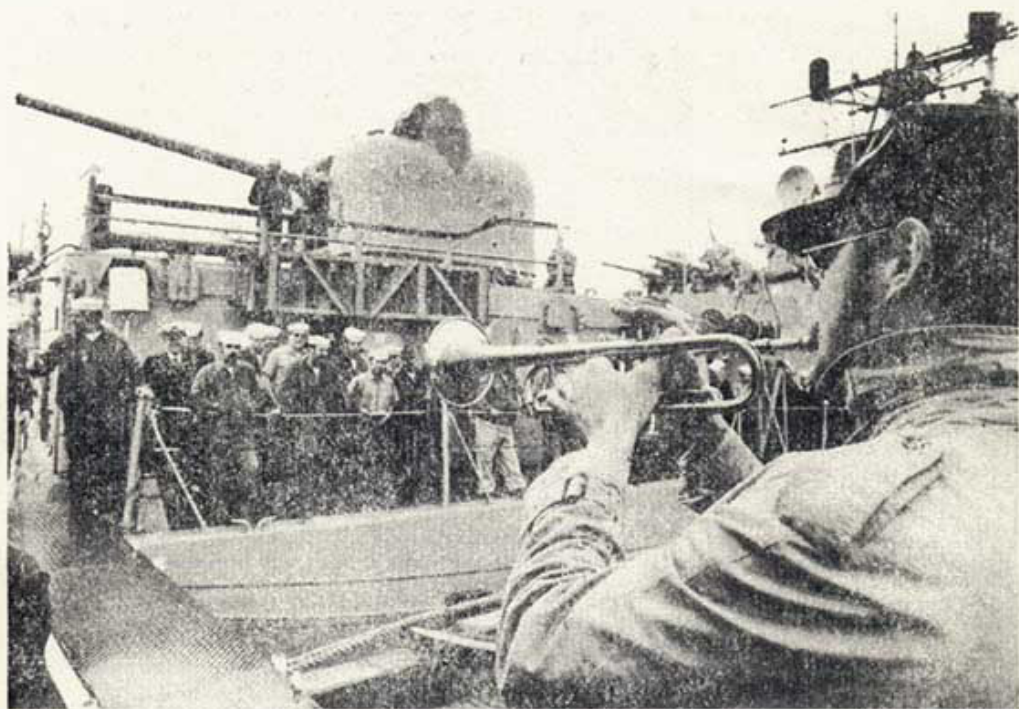


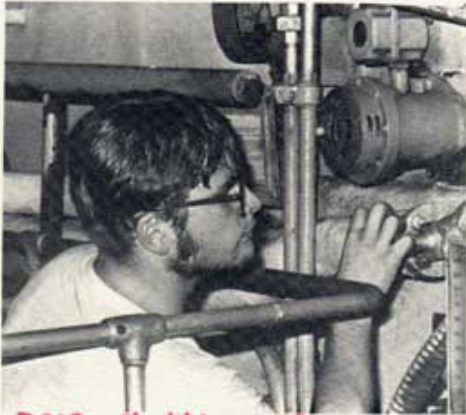
USS MULLINNIX DD 944
WESTPAC CRUISE
12 APRIL 1972 to
27 OCTOBER 1972



UNDERWAY 12 APRIL 1972

working parties throughout the day and the constant hum of machinery as engineers and gunnersmates worked throughout the night, these were the events and sounds which marked the three days prior to getting underway on 12 april.

but on that cloudy morning when we finally slipped away from the pier and headed out to sea it was more a time for our emotions; for some a time for tears, for others a time of joy, and for some on the pier a time to serenade his exshipmates, but no matter what our feelings were at that moment we were westpac bound.



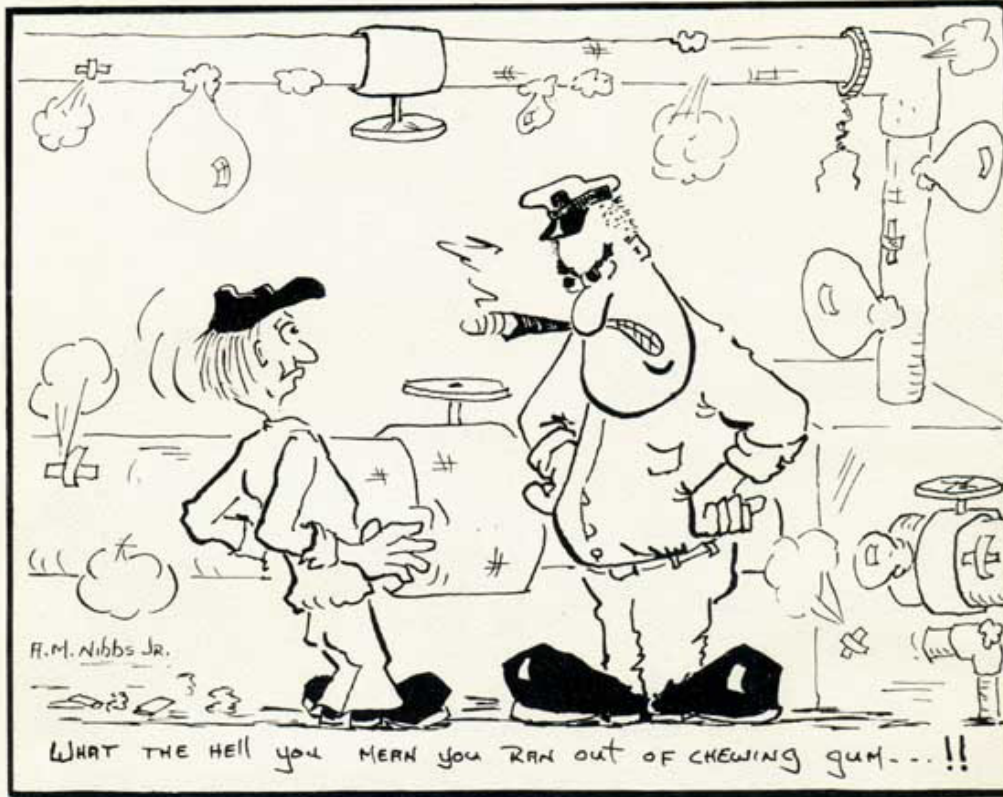
DALE SHULTZ MMJ
ENGINEERS



WEASEL



without the snipes the ship cannot operate. imagine no power for the guns, no air conditioning to speak of in the compartments, and no water for those "hollywood showers".





Houghton mm1
Corley BTC



Simon

Lee



CLAWSON

PANAMA CANAL

the engineers had kept the plant steaming and the quartermasters had kept us on track and though work continued day and night, it was time now to cross from the Atlantic





.... to the Pacific.



At the break of dawn, on our first day in the Pacific, we started intensified training for WESTPAC.





It takes all kinds of training...



TEASLEY BT3







By the time we spotted Hawaii, got the lines over in Pearl, it was back to sea steaming towards Midway.





Bob Tyng



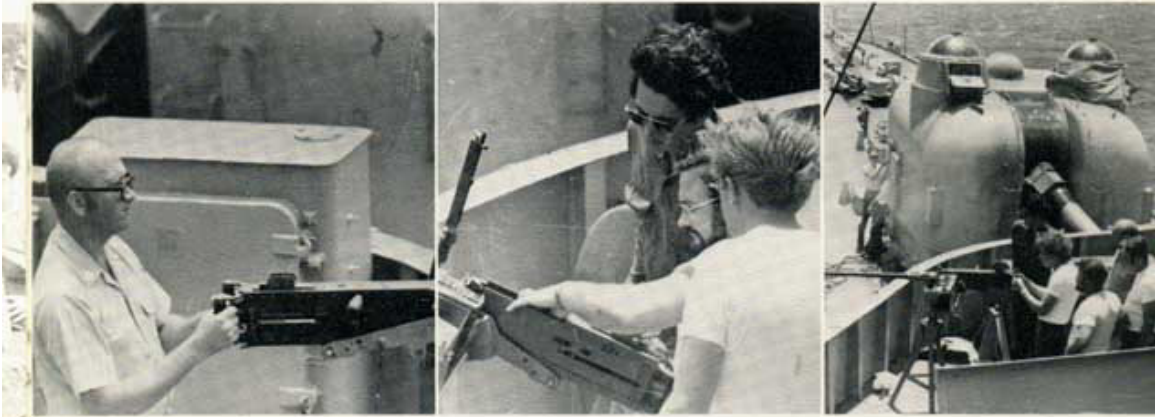
MIDWAY



"I never met a goony bird I didn't like."



a stop for fuel and we were back at sea and back at training.





SUBIC BAY

this was just a quick stop in our transit. the day were occupied by loading bullets, loading stores and preparing for our anticipated role as a gunfir support ship.

But where there are Subic days there are also onlongapo nights.



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fire





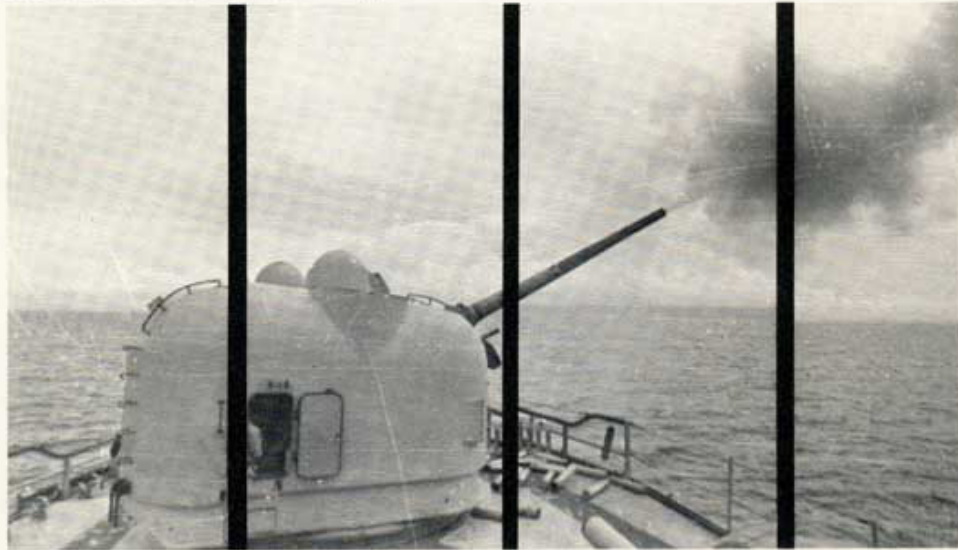
While the engineers made sure the plant would get us there; the bridge made sure we didn't hit anything on the way.





15 May 1972 a day for quiet thoughts.

16 May 1972 within one hour after reporting "on the line, ready for call for fire" the first of our 14,472 rounds was fired. No time for quiet thoughts now.



THE GUNLINE

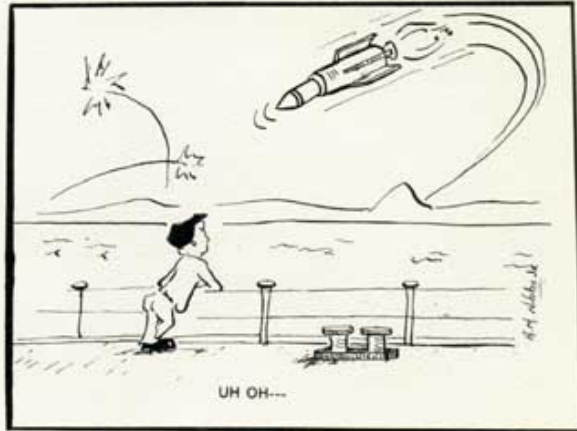


Our first rounds worried some but we were sure this was the right place.





Soon after we arrived we made the acquaintance of many "friendly fishing boats" but we also made the acquaintance of a few hostile rounds.





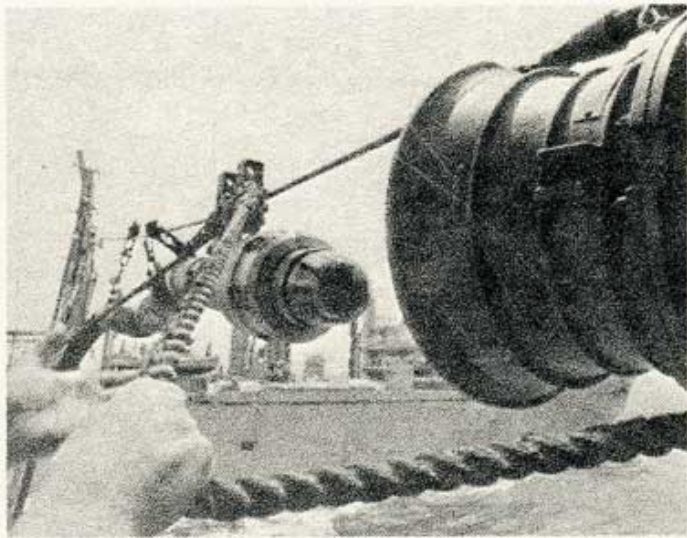
the first line period was marked by 7821 rounds of gunfire support; long days of "call for fire missions" and long nights of "harassment and interdiction missions". those days and nights of firing on the beach did not go without pause for there were quiet moments, afternoon mail calls, and Sundays on the gig; however, they were not long moments for soon we were back in action.

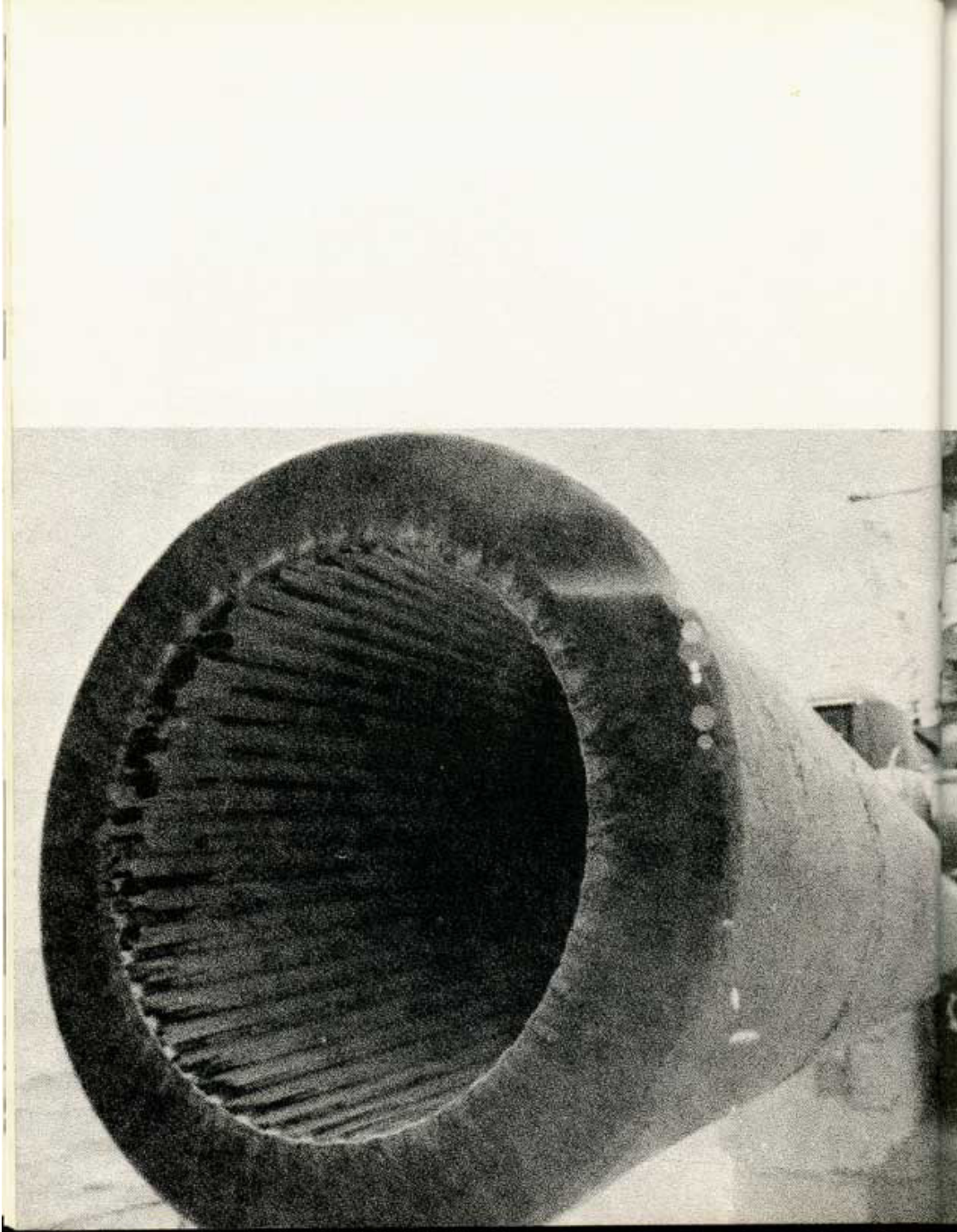




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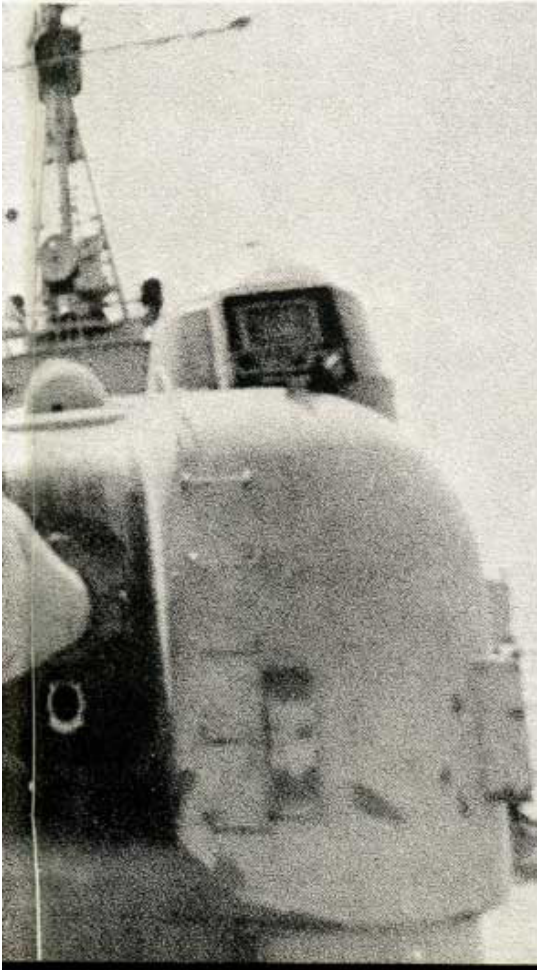








In need of a new barrel for mount 51, it was off to Danang for one quick day.



it wasn't long after regunning that the guns were back at work,





Bob Mellor



finally, mail call!



Me Gor







SUBIC BOUND







INSPECTION PRIOR TO SUBIC



RETURN TO SUBIC BAY



our first gunline tour had not been easy on either men or machine and our return to subic bay was to be a time to ready both the men and the **mux** for yet another gunline tour.







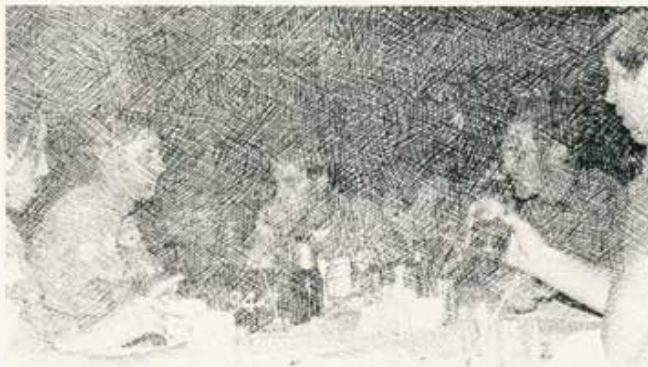
"J.C."

"Bimbo"
Rob CLARNO





despite the heavy workload there was time to relax during the day; either shopping at the exchange, go-carting, or sipping a few beers with friends at the club.





Bruce
Wilson
HT 3





all those subic days and onlongapo nights had to come to an end eventually and soon we found ourselves back at sea and on our way to the gunline.

during this gunline tour we faced not only the responsibilities of gunfire support but also those of supporting the gunline commander (right radiol).



SANDY McINTIRE
IC3





Gunfire support on the line continued and soon five-one and five-two began to falter but five-three with old 'Yosemite Sam' fired on and on.





VERTREP



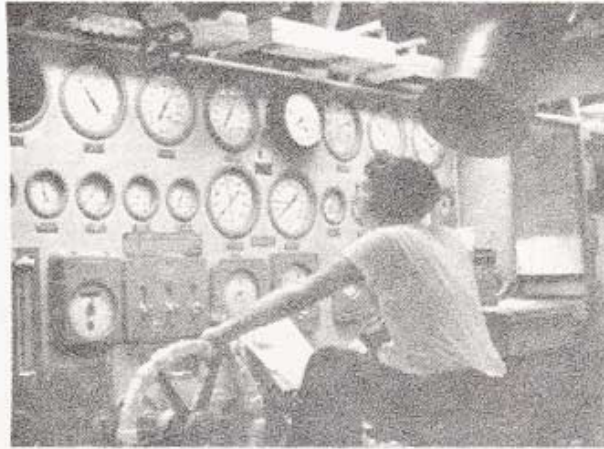
REFUELING



REARMING







Here Turn
That, Take
Our
So Turn
Damnd



as the guns pounded the coastline of vietnam the engineers kept the plant together in anticipation of word that we would head towards home.

With the Shaft
to US From & To
Loveth Ones
L & Turnith this
the Thing Aroundeth
&
to Home









PAYDAY





...and after payday a time to relax.



and now back to earning our
combat pay.



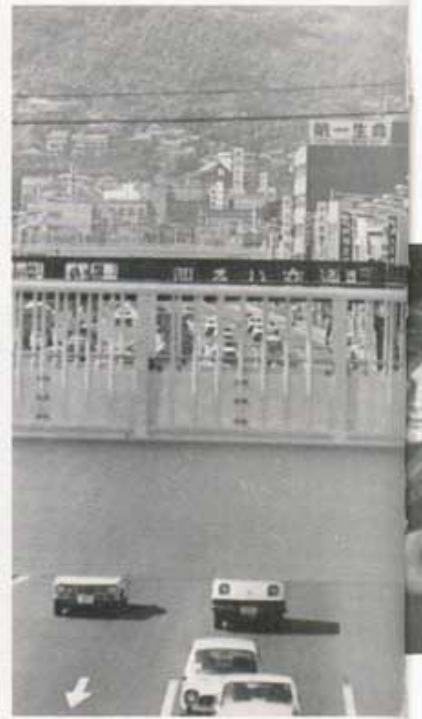
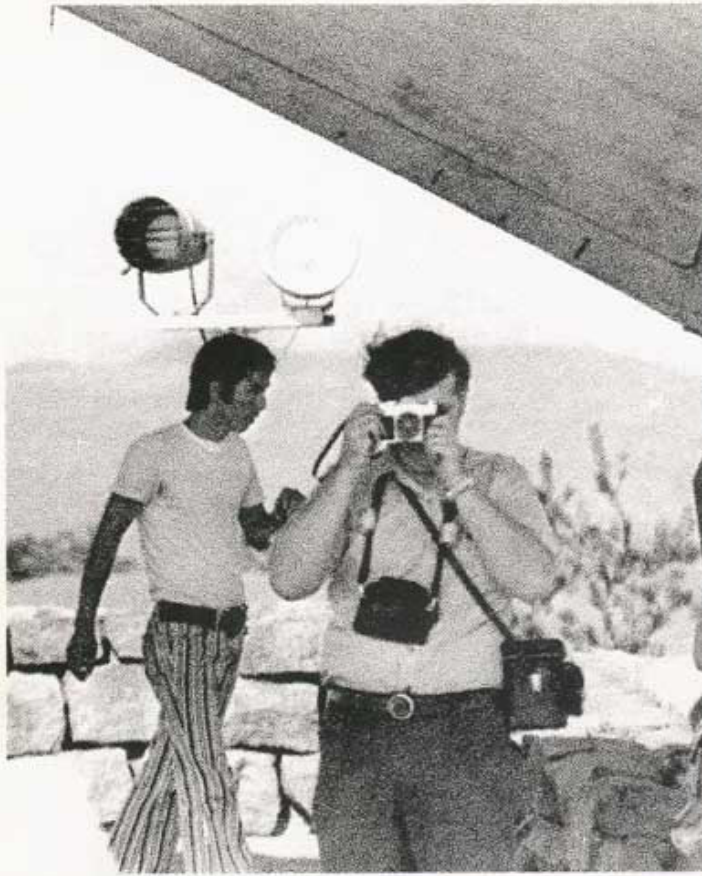












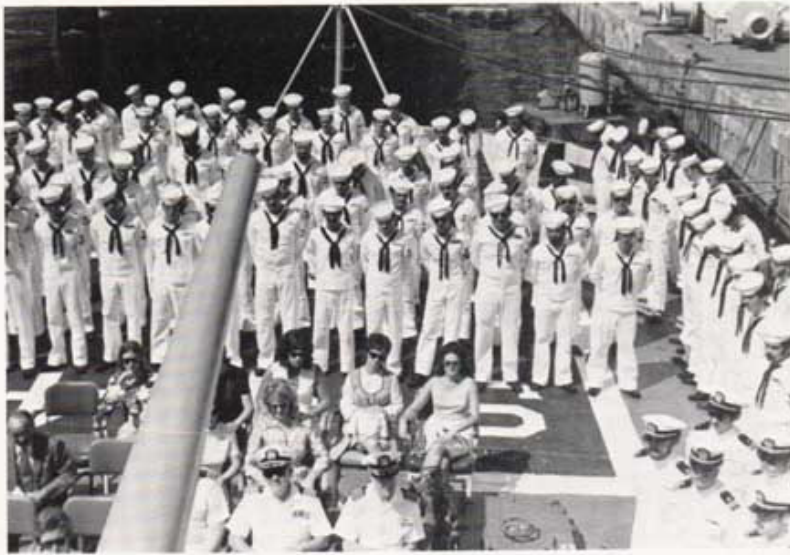
SASEBO







"a day, an hour, of virtuous
liberty
is worth a whole eternity in
bondage."
joseph addison





CHANGE OF COMMAND 14 AUGUST 1972

The change of command ceremony is a time-honored tradition which formally restates to the officers and men of the command the continuity of the authority of command. It is a formal ritual conducted before the assembled company of the command. The Naval change of command is nearly unique in the world today; it is a transfer of total responsibility, authority and accountability from one individual to another individual.

HONG KONG











'RIDERS ON THE STORM' FINALLY HEAD TOWARDS HOME





4 Warships On Way Ho

By JOHN STEVENSON

NORFOLK—The Navy is sending more guns and oil from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and it is bringing some home.

A Navy spokesman said Monday that the guided-missile frigate Biddle and destroyer Mullinix, both based in Norfolk, will return from duty off Vietnam Oct. 28.

The Virgi

Tuesday



Home From Combat Zone

ginian-Pilot

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Section B



NORFOLK



VIRGINIA





COMDESRON THIRTY-SIX FLAGSHIP

during the transit to vietnam and for a greater portion of her westpac cruise **mullinnix** served as flagship for destroyer squadron thirty-six. during this time commander destroyer squadron thirty-six, captain thomas j. hughes acted as gunline commander for three periods totalling forty-four days. commodore hughes was directly responsible for all naval gunfire support in military regions one and two in south vietnam. he and his staff directed and coordinated the myriad of details from refueling to rescue of downed pilots, and the minute-by-minute operations of nearly thirty ships.

upon completion of their third tour as gunline commander **comdesron thirty-six** and the **desron thirty-six** staff were dissolved.





CDR JAMES R.
CANNON, USN
COMMANDING
OFFICER
8 OCTOBER
1971 to
14 AUGUST
1972



commander cannon enlisted in the navy in 1951 and one year later he entered the u.s. naval academy. after graduation in 1956 he reported aboard **uss compton** as damage control assistant. another tour of sea duty followed as a member of the commissioning detail aboard **uss blandy** as engineer officer.

in 1960 commander cannon was stationed at the university of virginia on the staff of naval reserve officers training unit as instructor of engineering and navigation. following two years at the university of virginia he studied engineering at the u. s. naval postgraduate school in monterey, california. commander cannon next took command of **uss utina** in 1963 and after two years reported to the staff of commander-in-chief, u.s. atlantic fleet. from august 1967 to june 1968 commander cannon attended the naval war college in newport, rhode island. following this tour he reported to **uss dupont** as executive officer.

uss shangri-la was commander cannon's next duty assignment. he served in this aircraft carrier for two years as engineer officer.

commander cannon's personal awards include the bronze star, joint services commendation medal, navy commendation medal and the republic of vietnam honor medal. he resides in virginia beach with his wife alice and their three children, james, jr., susan, and deborah.





COMMANDING OFFICER



COMMANDER ALEX J. VIESSMANN, USN

commander alex j. viessmann was commissioned an ensign in the navy from brown university in june 1957. he served as cic officer and communications officer in **uss rankin**. in 1960 he reported to **william rush** where he served successfully as weapons officer and operations officer. his next duty was on the staff of commander cruiser destroyer **flotilla four** where he was project mercury and gemini retrieval techniques officer. following this tour he assumed command of **uss lipan** in march 1964 and in february 1966 reported to amphibious warfare school in quantico, virginia. a one year tour as aide and executive assistant to the commandant of the national war college was followed by eighteen months as executive officer of **uss brinkley bass**. commander viessmann assumed command of **uss mcmorris** in march 1969. in august of 1970 he reported to the u.s. army command and general staff college as a student and after graduating served in vietnam as senior advisor, first coastal zone.

commander viessmann is married to the former alice jordan of norfolk, virginia. they have two daughters, laurel and kitt.





LCDR MERLIN G. BELL EXECUTIVE OFFICER

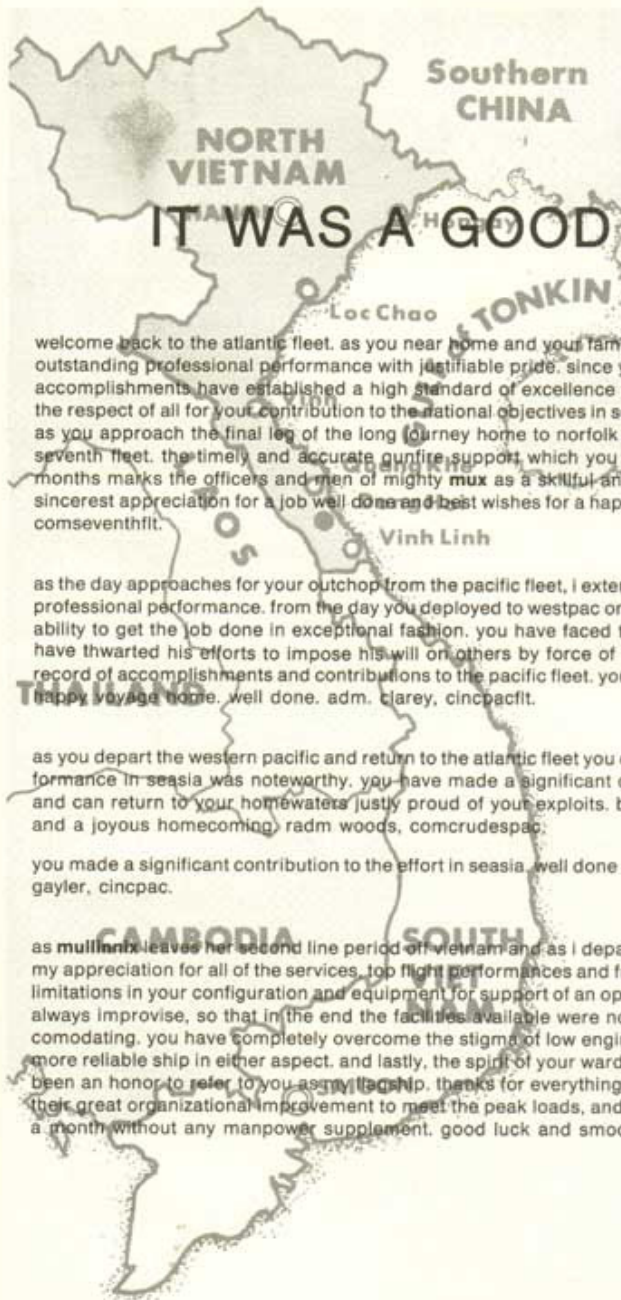
merlin g. bell was born september 22, 1939 in logansport indiana. he graduated from high school in seymour, indiana and entered the naval reserve officer training program at purdue university. he graduated from purdue in january, 1962 and was commissioned as an ensign in the united states navy.

lcdr bell reported to **uss preston** as main propulsion assistant in june 1962 after having graduated from the comcrudespac engineering school at san diego, california. in february, 1964 lcdr bell was transferred to **uss loefer** at yorktown, virginia where he served as engineer officer until july 1965. from july 1965 until december 1966, he served as executive officer onboard **uss valor**.

his first shore tour was spent at the naval postgraduate school in monterey, california where he received a master of science degree in operations research in october 1969. after a brief tour of duty with comcrudeslant lcdr bell attended naval destroyer school in january 1970. upon graduation lcdr bell was assigned to **uss lawrence** as engineer officer. in november 1971 lcdr bell joined **mullinnix** as executive officer.

he is married to the former glenda clewis of wilmington, north carolina.





IT WAS A GOOD CRUISE...

welcome back to the atlantic fleet. as you near home and your families, you can look back on seven months of outstanding professional performance with justifiable pride. since your sailing on short notice on 12 april your accomplishments have established a high standard of excellence that will be hard to equal. you have earned the respect of all for your contribution to the national objectives in seasia. well done, admiral duncan, cinclanflt. as you approach the final leg of the long journey home to norfolk after completing a fine employment within seventh fleet, the timely and accurate gunfire support which you have provided in vietnam for the past five months marks the officers and men of mighty **dux** as a skillful and effective fighting team. take with you our sincerest appreciation for a job well done and best wishes for a happy reunion with loved ones. vadm holloway, comseventhflt.

as the day approaches for your outchop from the pacific fleet, i extend my sincere appreciation of your superior professional performance. from the day you deployed to westpac on short notice, you have demonstrated your ability to get the job done in exceptional fashion. you have faced the hostile fire of a determined enemy and have thwarted his efforts to impose his will on others by force of arms. you can be justifiably proud of your record of accomplishments and contributions to the pacific fleet. you have my admiration and best wishes for a happy voyage home. well done. adm. clarey, cincpacflt.

as you depart the western pacific and return to the atlantic fleet you can do so with the knowledge that your performance in seasia was noteworthy. you have made a significant contribution to destroyer operations in sea and can return to your homewaters justly proud of your exploits. best wishes for a smooth homeward transit and a joyous homecoming. radm woods, comcrudespac.

you made a significant contribution to the effort in seasia, well done and best wishes for continued good sailing. gayler, cincpac.

as **mullin** leaves her second line period on vietnam and as i depart as comdesron 36, i would like to express my appreciation for all of the services, top flight performances and friendships you have given me. with obvious limitations in your configuration and equipment for support of an operational commander in combat, you could always improvise, so that in the end the facilities available were not just adequate, they were completely accommodating. you have completely overcome the stigma of low engineering and weapons reliability. there is no more reliable ship in either aspect. and lastly, the spirit of your wardroom and crew endeared them to all. it has been an honor to refer to you as my flagship. thanks for everything. special credit goes to your radio gang for their great organizational improvement to meet the peak loads, and to handle over four thousand messages in a month without any manpower supplement. good luck and smooth sailing always. capt. hughes, cds 36.



IN MEMORIAM

JACKIE LEE GARRION, USN
SEAMAN
29 APRIL 1972



If the war goes on forever
will we look out in the dawn
and see the eagle playing
with the dove upon the lawn;
and will we hear the trumpets
mingled with the harp
if the war goes on forever
and the shouting doesn't stop.

Rod McKuen

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