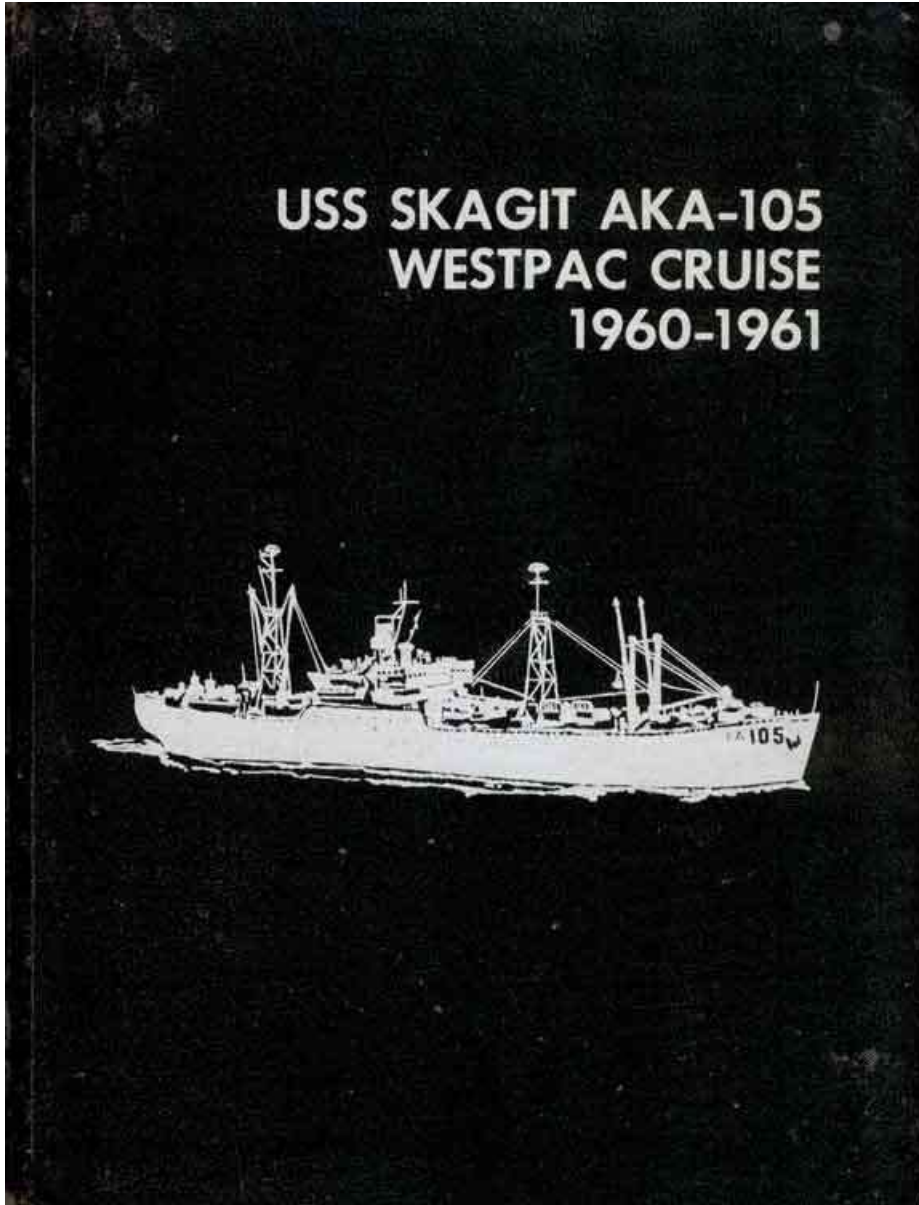


USS Skagit AKA 105
WestPac Cruise 1960-1961

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DEDICATION

To those special few
who waited so anxiously
for our return

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USS SKAGIT AKA-105

THE USS SKAGIT WAS BUILT BY THE NORTH CAROLINA SHIPBUILDING COMPANY, WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, AND WAS CONVERTED FOR USE BY THE U.S. NAVY BY THE BETHLEHEM STEEL COMPANY SHIPYARD, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

AT 11.05 A.M. ON MAY 2, 1945, THE SKAGIT WAS PLACED IN FULL COMMISSION WITH COMMANDER H. R. PARKER, U. S. NAVY, ASSUMING COMMAND AS HER FIRST COMMANDING OFFICER. THE SKAGIT WAS SPONSORED BY MISS HELOISE PIKE OF SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON, FOR WHICH THE SHIP WAS NAMED.

AFTER A SHAKEDOWN CRUISE TO MARSEILLES, FRANCE, SHE SAILED TO JAPAN IN TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JAPANESE SURRENDER CEREMONIES. THE SKAGIT THEN TOOK PART IN THE EVACUATION OF THE NORTH CHINA AREA IN WHICH LARGE QUANTITIES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL WERE INVOLVED.

DURING THE KOREAN CONFLICT, THE SKAGIT AIDED IN THE EVACUATION OF TROOPS FROM INCHON AND PARTICIPATED IN A DEMONSTRATION LANDING AT ENEMY-HELD KOJO, IN NORTH KOREA. IN AUGUST, 1954, THE SHIP WAS ON HAND TO EVACUATE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES FROM HAIPHONG, NORTHERN FRENCH INDO-CHINA, IN THE FAMOUS PASSAGE TO FREEDOM OPERATION. IN AUGUST, 1960, THE SHIP MADE THE ANNUAL RESUPPLY RUN TO THE PRIBILOF ISLANDS IN THE BERING SEA, AND RETURNED WITH A FOUR-MILLION DOLLAR CARGO OF SEAL SKINS.

SINCE HER COMMISSIONING, THE SKAGIT HAS VISITED MAJOR FAR-EASTERN PORTS MANY TIMES, SHE HAS PARTICIPATED IN A NUMBER OF FULL SCALE BATTLE LANDING EXERCISES, AND HAS UNDERGONE CONSTANT TRAINING TO INSURE COMPLETE BATTLE READINESS.

THE SKAGIT IS ONE OF TWO ATTACK CARGO SHIPS IN AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON FIVE, OPERATING UNDER COMMANDER, AMPHIBIOUS FORCES, U.S. PACIFIC FLEET. HER HOME PORT IS SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

OUR MISSION --

THE MISSION OF THE SKAGIT, ALONG WITH OTHER AKA'S, IS TO COMBAT LOAD, TRANSPORT AND LAND ASSAULT EQUIPMENT WITH ATTENDANT PERSONNEL, AMMUNITION AND SUPPLIES ON HOSTILE BEACHES BY MEANS OF EMBARKED LANDING CRAFT.

THE WEAPONS --

THE PRIMARY OFFENSIVE WEAPONS OF THE SHIP ARE THE BOATS. THE SKAGIT HAS A FULL WAR-TIME ALLOTMENT OF 24 BOATS WHICH ARE USED TO LAND TROOPS AND CARGO. SHIPS OF THIS CLASS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE WAR OF THE PACIFIC WITH ITS MANY LANDINGS ON JAPANESE-HELD ISLANDS, CARRYING TONS OF NECESSARY EQUIPMENT TO THE BATTLE AREAS.

SMALL TOWN --

THE SKAGIT IS CAPABLE OF OPERATING AT SEA FOR OVER A MONTH WITHOUT REFUELING OR RE-SUPPLYING. ON BOARD WE HAVE OUR OWN LAUNDRY, HOSPITAL, BAKERY, BARBER SHOP, SODA FOUNTAIN, VARIETY STORE, LIBRARY, CLOTHING STORE, PHOTOGRAPHIC LABORATORY, CARPENTER SHOP, MACHINE SHOP AND ELECTRIC SHOP.

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**COMMANDING OFFICER
CAPTAIN CARROLL W. BRIGHAM,
USN**

CAPTAIN CARROLL W. BRIGHAM, USN, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE SKAGIT, ASSUMED COMMAND ON OCTOBER 27, 1960, RELIEVING CAPTAIN S. B. PURDIE, USN.

A NATIVE CALIFORNIAN, CAPTAIN BRIGHAM GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, IN 1935. HE ENTERED THE NAVY AS A GRADUATE OF THE NROTC PROGRAM FROM THAT UNIVERSITY.

DURING WORLD WAR II, CAPTAIN BRIGHAM HAD CONTINUOUS SEA DUTY IN THE ATLANTIC IN COMMAND OF VARIOUS ASW TYPE SHIPS. DURING THIS TIME THE SHIPS UNDER HIS COMMAND WERE ASSIGNED TO ANTI-SUB-OPERATIONS AS COASTAL AND OCEAN ESCORTS OF CONVOYS, LOCAL ESCORT FORCES IN THE NORTH AFRICAN INVASION IN 1942, AND AS ASW TRAINING SHIPS.

IN THE POST-WAR YEARS, CAPTAIN BRIGHAM SERVED AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE USS WILTSIE (DD-716) DURING THE KOREAN WAR, AND ON THE STAFFS OF COMMANDER WESTERN SEA FRONTIER, COMMANDER SERVICE DIVISION THIRTY-ONE, AND COMMANDER FIRST FLEET.

PRIOR TO ASSUMING COMMAND OF THE SKAGIT, CAPTAIN BRIGHAM SERVED AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE U.S. FLEET ASW SCHOOL, AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICER
COMMANDER CLYDE SHAW, JR.,
USNR**

COMMANDER CLYDE SHAW, JR., USNR, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE USS SKAGIT, REPORTED ON BOARD FOR DUTY ON AUGUST 30, 1959.

A NATIVE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COMMANDER SHAW GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA IN 1938. JUST PRIOR TO PEARL HARBOR, HE ENTERED THE NAVY IN SEPTEMBER 1941 AND ATTENDED MIDSHIPMEN SCHOOL AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, UNTIL JANUARY 1942. UPON COMPLETION THEREOF HE ATTENDED POST GRADUATE SCHOOL AT THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY FROM FEBRUARY 1942 UNTIL JULY 1942. FROM 1942 UNTIL 1946, COMMANDER SHAW SERVED ON VARIOUS VESSELS, AMONG THEM THE BATTLESHIP, USS SOUTH DAKOTA, AND THE DESTROYER ESCORTS, USS WYFFELS AND THE USS POPE.

RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY IN JULY 1946, COMMANDER SHAW RETURNED TO CIVILIAN LIFE UNTIL HE WAS RECALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY IN SEPTEMBER 1950. HE SERVED AT THE U.S. NAVAL STATION, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND, UNTIL DECEMBER 1952, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE CRUISER, USS HELENA. HE SERVED IN THIS SHIP AS NAVIGATOR UNTIL OCTOBER 1955 AND WAS THEN ORDERED TO THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS FOR DUTY IN THE OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE. HE SERVED IN THIS DUTY UNTIL BEING ORDERED TO THE SKAGIT IN AUGUST 1959 AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

THE BASIC FUNCTION OF THE OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT IS THE COLLECTION, EVALUATION, AND DISSEMINATION OF COMBAT, TACTICAL, AND OPERATIONAL INFORMATION. THE HEAD OF THE OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT IS THE OPERATIONS OFFICER.

THE OPERATIONS OFFICER HAS THREE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANTS. THEY ARE THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, THE COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER OFFICER, AND THE ELECTRONICS MATERIAL OFFICER.

THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER HAS CHARGE OF THE COMMUNICATION PERSONNEL OF THE SHIP COMPOSED OF THE RADIOMEN, AND THE SIGNALMEN. THESE MEN MAKE UP THE OC DIVISION.

THE RADIOMEN HAVE THE JOB OF MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH OTHER SHIPS AND COMMANDS BOTH WITHIN AND BEYOND VISUAL RANGE. TO REMAIN IN COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER TACTICAL UNITS REQUIRES CONSTANT PRACTICE IN ORDER TO TURN OUT SATISFACTORY RESULTS. PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT AND OUR RADIO GANG COMES ABOUT AS CLOSE TO BEING PERFECT AS A SHIP CAN GET.

THE SIGNALMEN, AS THE NAME IMPLIES, TAKE CARE OF COMMUNICATIONS OF A VISUAL NATURE ONLY. ALTHOUGH FLAGHOIST, SEMAPHORE, AND FLASHING LIGHT ARE FAMILIAR TERMS TO EVERYONE ON THE SHIP, THERE ARE FEW WHO ARE ABLE

TO UNDERSTAND THESE LANGUAGES WITH ANY PROFICIENCY. DURING PERIODS OF RADIO SILENCE, THE LOAD PLACED ON THE SIGNALMEN IS EXTREMELY HEAVY. THE MEN IN THE SIGNAL GANG HAVE TO BE ON THEIR TOES TO DO THEIR JOB EFFECTIVELY. THEY SEEM TO ENJOY THE STRAIN AND ALWAYS COME THROUGH WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN.

THE COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER OFFICER HAS CHARGE OF THE CI DIVISION. THE CI DIVISION IS COMPOSED OF THE RADARMEN. THE RADARMEN OPERATE THE RADARS AND MAINTAIN THE VARIOUS PLOTS IN THE COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER IN ORDER TO COLLECT, EVALUATE, AND DISSEMINATE COMBAT AND TACTICAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE AIR AND SURFACE SITUATIONS.

THE ELECTRONICS MATERIAL OFFICER HAS CHARGE OF THE OE DIVISION COMPOSED OF THE ELECTRONIC'S TECHNICIANS. TO THEM FALLS THE JOB OF MAINTAINING AND REPAIRING ALL THE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT ABOARD SHIP.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE RESPONSIBILITIES, THE OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS THE REGISTERED PUBLICATIONS ASSIGNED TO THE SHIP, PROVIDES PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES, MAINTAINS INTELLIGENCE FILES, AND PERFORMS A MULTITUDE OF OTHER FUNCTIONS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.



LIEUTENANT (JG)
OTTO W. KRATZBERG
USNR
CIC OFFICER
OI DIVISION OFFICER



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER
IRWIN H. SELIGMAN
USN
OPERATIONS OFFICER



LIEUTENANT (JG)
JAY N. NELSON
USNR
ELECTRONICS MATERIAL OFFICER
OE DIVISION OFFICER



LIEUTENANT (JG)
ROBERT M. ROTH
USNR
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
OC DIVISION OFFICER



ENSIGN KENNETH P. HOVING
USNR
ASS'T COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
ASS'T OC DIVISION OFFICER



ENSIGN LEON G. SAKKE
USNR
ASS'T ELECTRONICS MATERIAL OFFICER
ASS'T OE DIVISION OFFICER

OC Division



BUFORD W. BAKER SM2



MARVIN L. BROWN SM1



GEORGE W. COLLINS SM3



BILLY C. COCHRAN SM3



OREN R. CORDREY, JR. RM3



GARY D. CROWELL RMSN



DAVID L. DOWNER RM2



STANLEY E. FRIEDBERG SM2



LEWIS R. GREEN SN



GORDON J. HOPMAN RM3



KENNETH L. JUDD RM1



LARRY O. RISLEY RM3



RONALD J. BEST SM1



RICHARD E. STEWART SM3



GEORGE L. TULL RM3



JOHN T. WILLIFORD RM2



OE Division



THOMAS L. JACKSON ETN3



ELLIS L. LARSON ETNSN



ROBERT W. SAILOR ETNS



GERALD W. SHERIFF ET2



WALTER C. SJOLUND ETNS

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EUGENE J. BUCKMEYER RD1



RYAN J. LEWIS, JR. RD3



RUFUS F. LOOPER III RDSN



TED D. MURRI RD2



WILLIAM T. NEWELL RD2



BURTON L. SCHOONOVER RD3



ROBERT J. VOGAN RD3

NAVIGATION DEPARTMENT

THE NAVIGATION DEPARTMENT UNDER THE NAVIGATOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFE NAVIGATION AND PILOTING OF THE SHIP. CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF, THE NAVIGATOR'S PLOT IS NOT A MIXTURE OF RAINWATER, WITCHCRAFT, AND HOPE, BUT, IT IS PRECISE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY A SPECIALLY TRAINED AND WELL EQUIPPED CREW WHO ARE APPLYING EVERY MEANS AVAILABLE, INCLUDING VISUAL AIDS AND ALL OF THE POWERFUL TOOLS OF MODERN ELECTRONICS, TO GUIDE THE SHIP SAFELY.

THE NAVIGATOR IS IN CHARGE OF THE N DIVISION COMPOSED OF THE QUARTERMASTERS OF THE SHIP. TO THE QUARTERMASTERS FALL THE TASK OF CHECKING THE SHIP'S POSITION, MAINTAINING WEATHER LOGS, KEEPING THE SHIP'S CHARTS UP TO DATE, CARING FOR THE CHRONOMETERS AND COMPASSES, AND CHECKING THE GYRO COMPASS ERROR. IN THE QUARTERMASTER'S NOTEBOOK THE EVENTS WHICH OCCUR DURING THE DAY ARE FAITHFULLY RECORDED, FORMING A PERMANENT RECORD OF THE SHIP'S HISTORY. DURING SHIP EVOLUTIONS WHICH REQUIRE PRECISE CONTROL OF THE SHIP, IT IS THE QUARTERMASTER WHO TAKES THE HELM.

THE NAVIGATOR ALSO ACTS AS CUSTODIAN OF ALL NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT, AND, PLANS AND DIRECTS THE TRAINING OF ALL DECK WATCH OFFICERS.



LIEUTENANT MILTON E. KRUEGER, USNR
NAVIGATOR
N DIVISION OFFICER

N Division



ELDON R. COURTNEY SN



RONALD L. FRIEST QM3



DALE E. HALLSTROM QM3



HENRY H. JOHNSON QMSN



MARVIN E. JONES SN

DECK DEPARTMENT

THE DECK DEPARTMENT UNDER THE FIRST LIEUTENANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUPERVISION OF DECK SEAMANSHIP OPERATIONS AND EVOLUTIONS, FOR THE EMPLOYMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE EQUIPMENT OF THE SHIP, AND FOR THE PROCUREMENT, HANDLING, STOWAGE, AND ISSUE OF AMMUNITION AND PYROTECHNICS.

THE FIRST LIEUTENANT HAS FIVE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANTS, THE ASSISTANT FIRST LIEUTENANT, THE WATCH DIVISION OFFICER, THE BOAT GROUP COMMANDER, THE GUNNERY OFFICER, AND THE SHIP'S BOATSWAIN.

THE ASSISTANT FIRST LIEUTENANT HAS CHARGE OF THE FIRST DIVISION COMPOSED OF DECK PETTY OFFICERS AND SEAMEN. FIRST DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HOLDS AND TOPSIDE AREA OF THE SHIP FORWARD OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE AND FOR THE SHIP'S GROUND TACKLE.

THE WATCH DIVISION OFFICER HAS CHARGE OF THE SECOND DIVISION ALSO COMPOSED OF DECK PETTY OFFICERS AND SEAMEN. THE SECOND DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HOLDS AND TOPSIDE AREA OF THE SHIP AFT OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE.

THE BOAT GROUP COMMANDER IS IN CHARGE OF THE THIRD DIVISION COMPOSED OF DECK PETTY OFFICERS AND SEAMEN DESIGNATED AS ASSAULT BOAT COXSWAINS. THE THIRD DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION AND UPKEEP OF ALL BOATS ABOARD SHIP. THE THIRD DIVISION IS EXTREMELY PROUD OF THE ASSAULT BOAT INSIGNE AWARD WON DURING THIS CRUISE.

THE GUNNERY OFFICER IS IN CHARGE OF THE FOURTH DIVISION COMPOSED OF THE GUNNER'S MATES. THE FOURTH DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHIP'S ARMAMENT AND MAGAZINES.

THE SHIP'S BOATSWAIN IS RESPONSIBLE UNDER THE FIRST LIEUTENANT FOR DIRECT SUPERVISION OF ANCHORING, AND AS SORT OF A "WATCHDOG" DURING ALL DECK DEPARTMENT EVOLUTIONS, SUCH AS FUELING AT SEA, AND TRANSFER OF LIGHT FREIGHT, ETC.

"MAN MAY WORK FROM SUN TO SUN, BUT A BOATSWAIN'S MATE'S WORK IS NEVER DONE."



LIEUTENANT S. L. VESTRI, USNR
FIRST LIEUTENANT



ENSIGN FRANK B. JONES, USNR
ASSISTANT FIRST LIEUTENANT
FIRST DIVISION OFFICER



LIEUTENANT (JG)
FLOYD W. BROWN, USN
BOAT GROUP COMMANDER
THIRD DIVISION OFFICER



ENSIGN THEODORE J. KAISER, USNR
WATCH DIVISION OFFICER
SECOND DIVISION OFFICER



ENSIGN BEN H. STEWART, USNR
ASS'T BOAT GROUP COMMANDER
ASS'T THIRD DIVISION OFFICER



ENSIGN JOHN F. HUNN, USNR
GUNNERY OFFICER
FOURTH DIVISION OFFICER



CHIEF'S MATE DEAN S. HIGGINS, USN
SHIP'S BOATSWAIN

First Division



PRESTON G. AYCOX SN



HAROLD D. BONIN SA



ROY A. BOYLE BMSN



WILLIAM J. CARTER SN



JIMMY D. CHAMBERS SA



WILLIAM S. DEHISON SN



HAROLD D. EARLY BM2



DANIEL R. ELKINS SN



JOSEPH E. FUSCO SA



DOUGLAS HAMMOND BM3



IVAN W. HARRICK SN



JOHN W. MITCHELL SN



ERNEST C. PERRY SN



CECIL D. SEDBERRY SN



CARY E. SHAW SA



DAVID M. SIEGEL SN



DALE M. STAATZ SN



RICHARD A. MCGUIRE SN



Second Division



FRANCIS E. DAVIS BMCA



GERALD L. REID BMCA



LELAND D. ALEXANDER BM2



ROBERT H. HALBY BM3



ROBERT E. DEMPSEY SN



IRELAND K. ELLIS BM3



JOHN W. FOSTER SA



HENRY L. GATES SN



ROGER M. HERRING SN



LESLIE J. HOWEN SN



RICHARD L. JOHNSON SA



ALFRED W. LEACH SA



CLINTON R. MARTIN, JR. SA



JOHN J. MORRISON SA



OLIVER W. STRANGE SN



DENNIS L. TILLE SA



WILLIAM R. TUCKER SA



JAMES M. WHITE SA



LESTER L. WILSON SN



EDWARD W. WILSON III SA



BILLY L. WRIGHT SN

Third Division



ROBERT L. ALLEN BM3



DAVID ANDERSON, JR. BM2



LEONARD R. CRUM SN



ANGELO E. DARCANGELO BM2



HOWARD R. DARRIEL BM3



BRUCE E. DUNCAN SN



WILLIAM GOODMAN, JR. SN



LAWRENCE S. HAGGERTY BM1



JAMES B. HICKEN BMSN



CLYDE W. HOOPER SA



WILLIAM H. HOPKINS BM3



THOMAS W. MCCREEDY SN



CHARLES L. MONFORT SA



JOE E. MONTOYA SN



LOUCENE H. MORRIS SA



WESLEY L. DLIN SN



ROLLIE L. PHILLIPS SN



CLINTON W. SCHREE SA



RICHARD S. SIMPSON BM1



VIRGIL L. SIMS SN



BILLY J. SMITH SA



LARRY L. SOUTH SN



RICHARD C. STEES SN



BRUCE E. TAYLOR SA



JAMES W. THURMAN SA



ALAN T. VOYCE SA



ELWIN A. WANDREY BM1

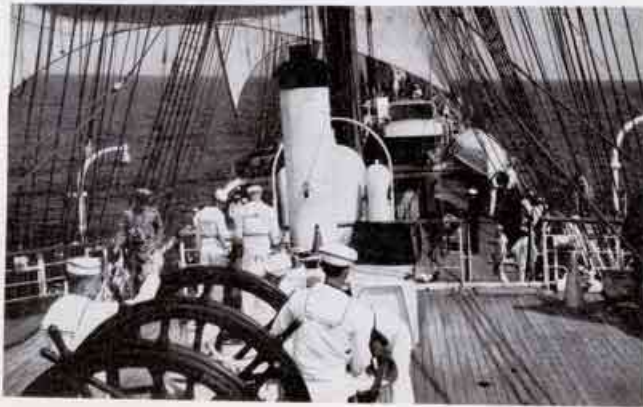


WILBUR D. WIMSATT SN





Cabin Boy Higgins' First Ship
(Ensign Brigham was his Division Officer)



Fourth Division



DAVID L. CUNNINGHAM GM3



JERRY DUPREE GM3



DUANE J. DURNO FT3



WARREN E. HOLCOMB GM2



JOSEPH T. KEIRLE SN



LAURENCE E. SMITH GM3



ROBERT SWARTS GM3



JAMES A. WILSON GM1



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT UNDER THE ENGINEERING OFFICER HAS THE BASIC FUNCTION AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OPERATION, CARE, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SHIP'S MAIN PROPULSION PLANT, AUXILIARY MACHINERY AND PIPING SYSTEMS; FOR THE CONTROL OF DAMAGE; FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER GENERATORS AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS; FOR REPAIRS TO THE SHIP'S HULL; AND FOR REPAIRS TO MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS, BUT WITHIN THE CAPABILITY OF THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

IN AMPLIFICATION OF THE DUTIES PRESCRIBED IN NAVY REGULATIONS, THE ENGINEERING OFFICER MAINTAINS THE HULL, MACHINERY, AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEM IN BATTLE READINESS; SUPERVISES FIRE FIGHTING; MAINTAINS INTERIOR COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT IN THE SHIP; CONTROLS AND RESTORES ENGINEERING AND SHIP CONTROL CASUALTIES; COORDINATES FOR ALL DEPARTMENT'S NAVAL SHIPYARD WORK AND CORRESPONDENCE OR COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO ALTERATIONS OR REPAIRS TO THE HULL AND INSTALLED EQUIPMENT; MAINTAINS THE MASTER MATERIAL HISTORY AND OTHER OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS; AND ACTS AS TECHNICAL ASSISTANT TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN CARRYING OUT ABC DEFENSE PROCEDURES OF THE SHIP.

THE ENGINEERING OFFICER HAS FIVE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANTS: THE MAIN PROPULSION ASSISTANT; THE DAMAGE CONTROL ASSISTANT; THE AUXILIARIES ASSISTANT; THE REPAIR ASSISTANT; AND THE ELECTRICAL OFFICER.

THE MAIN PROPULSION ASSISTANT IS IN CHARGE OF THE M AND B DIVISIONS COMPOSED OF BOILERMEN AND MACHINIST'S MATES, THEY OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE MAIN PROPULSION MACHINERY OF THE SHIP.

THE DAMAGE CONTROL ASSISTANT HAS NO DIVISION BUT HAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT JOBS ON BOARD SHIP. HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WATERTIGHT INTEGRITY OF THE SHIP, AND DURING GENERAL QUARTERS IS IN CHARGE OF THE DAMAGE CONTROL REPAIR PARTIES.

THE AUXILIARIES ASSISTANT IS IN CHARGE OF THE A DIVISION COMPOSED OF ENGINE MEN AND MACHINERY REPAIRMEN, THEY HAVE THE IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY OF MAINTAINING BOAT ENGINES, EVAPORATORS, REFRIGERATION MACHINERY, AND EMERGENCY DIESEL GENERATORS FOR EMERGENCY POWER.

THE REPAIR ASSISTANT IS IN CHARGE OF THE R DIVISION COMPOSED OF SHIP FITTERS, AND DAMAGE CONTROL MEN, THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL FIRE FIGHTING AND FLUSHING EQUIPMENT, CARPENTER WORK AND WELDING, AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL WATERTIGHT INTEGRITY FITTINGS.

THE ELECTRICAL OFFICER IS IN CHARGE OF THE E DIVISION COMPOSED OF ELECTRICIAN'S MATES, AND INTERIOR COMMUNICATION ELECTRICIANS, THEY MAINTAIN ALL INTERIOR COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT IN THE SHIP, AND ALL POWER, LIGHTING, AND VENTILATION EQUIPMENT.

RELIABILITY IS THE KEYNOTE OF NAVAL ENGINEERING. THE COMPLEX MACHINERY THAT MAKES A SHIP COME TO LIFE MUST ALWAYS BE IN PERFECT OPERATING CONDITION. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL THE MEN IN THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT MUST CARRY OUT THEIR JOBS WITH A COMPETENCE AND LACK OF PRETENTION THAT IS IN THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE NAVAL SERVICE.



LIEUTENANT IRA B. DEMENT, USN
ENGINEERING OFFICER



LIEUTENANT (JG)
RICHARD D. PIERSON, USN
MAIN PROPULSION ASSISTANT
M AND B DIVISION OFFICER



LIEUTENANT (JG)
ALLEN E. ERTEL, USN
DAMAGE CONTROL ASSISTANT



ENSIGN DANIEL B. LAPPEN, USNR
ELECTRICAL OFFICER
E DIVISION OFFICER



ENSIGN ROBERT W. EVERS, USNR
AUXILIARIES OFFICER
A DIVISION OFFICER



SHIPPRETECH RANDOLPH PETERS, USN
R DIVISION OFFICER

M & B Division



DENNIS R. BARKER MMFN



CARL W. BRATTON MMFN



HAROLD S. SOUK MMCA



EDDIE CASEL, JR. MM3



WALTER J. DUNN MM2



JAMES A. HAMBY FN



RONALD H. LEW FN



ROBERT D. MEEKS MM2



JOHN D. ROBERTS III MM3



HOWARD L. SACKETT MM2



TROY I. BARTLETT, JR. BTFN



GARY A. BOWER FN



MERLIN E. BROWN MM2



CHARLES E. DAVISON FN



CHARLES A. DIMAS BTCA



LORENZO FIGUEROA BT3



LARRY M. FLAHERTY FN



BOBBY G. FORD FN



ROBERT W. HOLLEY FN



ROBERT O. MASON, JR., BT2



SAMUEL F. MORGAN BT3



OSCAR PATES, JR., FA

A Division



NORMAN W. CAMERON ENCA



LUIS B. AGOT EN3



DUSTIN BILLS FN



JERRY E. BRIERY EN3



CURLEY BROOKS, JR. EN3



RONALD L. BRYCE EN2



KERRY R. COLLINS FN



ALLEN W. COOLEY MR1



CARROLL L. ELLIOTT EN3



RONALD R. GORSKI FN



IRVIN D. HATFIELD FN



CHARLES R. JOHNSTON FN



E1 S. KRAUSE FN



DONALD D. MUMPER EN2



ROBERT A. NEWELL EN1



FRANK L. NUDO MR3



HUBERT T. SANDERS EN1



SOLOMON J. SELLERS FN



JAMES E. SUNDERLIN EN3



J. D. VAN ZANDT EN2



IRA C. WILDE EN3



JAMES H. WILSON EN2



HERBERT C. WOOTEN EN1



JAMES P. ZAMIRA FA

R Division



WILLIAM L. BARRON SFP2



CARL A. BORDI SPM3



DUDLEY J. CARRIERE FN



ASHTON H. COX SFC



CLYDE E. CRISP SFP3



ELMER R. ENGEN SP1



SYLVESTER E. HAGAN, JR. FA



PEDRO S. IGNACIO SFP2



WILLIAM K. KAPOLOLU DC1



DOUGLAS C. KINGAID FN



JAMES C. MCDONNELL FN



WILLIAM R. NEAL SPM2



WYATT J. SAPP DC3

CHARLES E. TAYLOR DC2



E Division



WILLIAM F. GREENWELL EMCS



BILLY E. HOLMES FN



CHARLES G. BAINWATER IC3



PAUL J. KIRIIEWSKY EM2



JOSEPH M. DEDERA IC2



LYNN D. KIRBY EM3



CLYDE J. MCKOY, JR, FN



JOHN A. MILLER FN



RICHARD D. MILLER EM1 GEORGE J. OLTMANN EM2 WILLIAM A. PRUETT, JR. EM3



MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT UNDER THE MEDICAL OFFICER HAS THE BASIC FUNCTION AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING THE HEALTH OF THE PERSONNEL OF THE SHIP, MAKING INSPECTIONS INCIDENT THERE-TO AND ADVISING THE COMMANDING OFFICER WITH RESPECT TO HYGIENE AND SANITATION AFFECTING THE COMMAND.

THE MEDICAL OFFICER IS IN CHARGE OF THE H DIVISION COMPOSED OF THE HOSPITAL CORPSMEN OF THE SHIP. THEY ASSIST THE MEDICAL OFFICER IN HIS MANY DUTIES, GIVE SHOTS --- OOH! --- AND TREAT THE MANY ACHES AND PAINS INCURRED DAILY BY THE CREW.

WHILE ON THIS CRUISE AND THOUSANDS OF MILES AT SEA, THE MEDICAL OFFICER AND HIS ABLE ASSISTANTS PERFORMED AN APPENDECTOMY AS IF IT WERE AN EVERYDAY OCCURRENCE.



BACK ROW: THOMAS D. DRAKE HM2; ANTON D. LEY HM3; KENNETH G. SMITH HM3
FRONT ROW: LT ROBERT E. WALKER, MC, USN, MEDICAL OFFICER; RALPH D. EMERSON HMC



LIEUTENANT
ROBERT E. WALKER, MC,
USN
MEDICAL OFFICER
H DIVISION OFFICER



THOMAS D. DRAKE HM2



ANTON D. LEV HM3



SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

THE SUPPLY DEPARTMENT OPERATES AS A SERVICE ORGANIZATION. IT IS THE MISSION OF THE SUPPLY DEPARTMENT TO FURNISH THE NEEDED ITEMS OF MATERIALS AND SERVICES WHEN NEEDED, AND WHERE NEEDED IN THE FASTEST AND MOST EFFICIENT WAY POSSIBLE.

ABOARD SKAGIT IT COULD BE THE STOREKEEPERS ISSUING A REPAIR PART WHICH WILL KEEP A VITAL PIECE OF EQUIPMENT OPERATING, THE PREPARATION OF A BIG HOLIDAY MEAL BY THE COMMISSARYMEN, THE SHIP'S SERVICEMEN OPERATING THE BARBER SHOP, LAUNDRY OR SHIP'S STORE; THE PREPARATION FOR WARDROOM GUESTS BY THE STEWARDMEN, OR PAYDAY ON THE 15TH AND 30TH -- PRAISE BE TO THE DISBURSING CLERKS.

NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN ARE THE MEN BEHIND THE SCENES, THE MEN WHO KEEP UP WITH THE PAPERWORK, INSURING THAT A REQUISITION WILL NOT GO UNFILLED BECAUSE OF A DELAY IN ORDERING OR A MISTAKE IN HANDLING. SERVICE IS THEIR MOTTO, BUT WHEN GENERAL QUARTERS IS SOUNDED, THEY TAKE THEIR PLACE AT THEIR BATTLE STATIONS READY TO DO THEIR PART IN MAKING THE SHIP A REAL FIGHTING TEAM.

"Service our motto, Speed our fame"



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JUST PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR WESTPAC, VICE ADMIRAL HOWARD A. YEAGER, USN, COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS FORCES, U.S. PACIFIC FLEET, CAME ABOARD TO WISH THE SHIP AND CREW A PLEASANT AND SUCCESSFUL CRUISE.



FIRST WE VISITED HAWAII



SOME PLAYED THE ROLE OF TOURISTS

WHILE AT SEA AND UNDERWAY FOR GUAM, WE HAD A SEAGOING PICNIC ON THE FANTAIL COMPLETE WITH CHARCOAL BROILED STEAKS AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS



AT GUAM WE HAD TWO WEEKS UPKEEP
AND SPENT CHRISTMAS



. . . WE HAD BEACH PARTIES GALORE!



. . . AND, WE PLAYED BASEBALL!

... AND WE PLAYED FOOTBALL ...



... OCCASIONALLY ...



... AND WE PLAYED MORE
BASEBALL ...

WE VISITED IWAKUNI, JAPAN, WHERE THE MAYOR AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GRACIOUSLY WELCOMED US



TOURS WERE TAKEN TO ALL THE NEIGHBORING CITIES . . .

. WE SPENT 25 DAYS IN HONG KONG AND WENT BROKE SAVING MONEY, WHILE THERE WE CELEBRATED THE 19TH BIRTHDAY OF THE U.S. AMPHIBIOUS FORCES . . .



. . . AND WE INVITED 37 UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN TO HELP US CELEBRATE. ONE YOUNGSTER WAS FILLED WITH AWE UPON SEEING HOT WATER FLOWING FROM A FAUCET. THIS REMINDED US THAT THE MANY EVERYDAY THINGS WE TAKE FOR GRANTED ARE STILL UNKNOWN TO MANY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD . . .

WE VISITED OKINAWA



AND THE TOURISTS WENT ON MORE TOURS



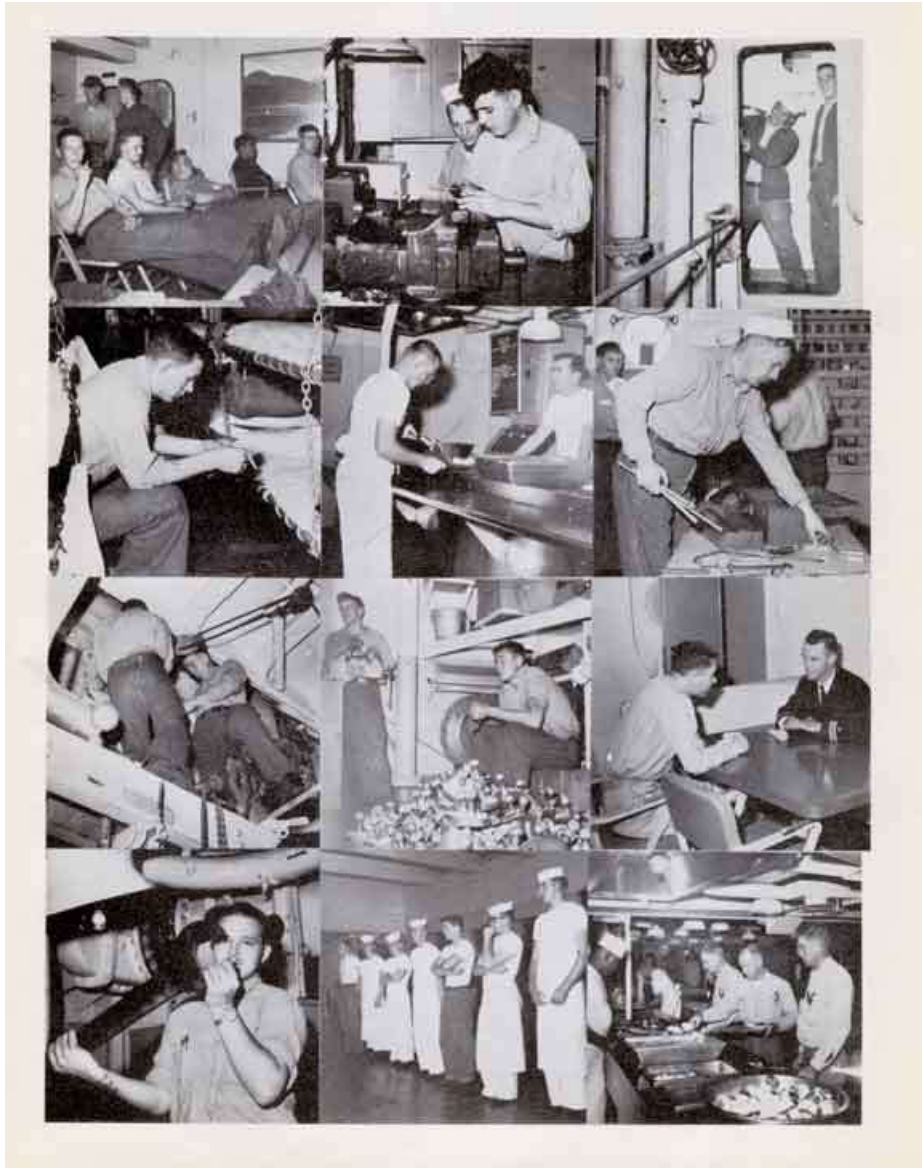
WE VISITED SUBIC BAY AND MANILA
IN THE PHILIPPINES. OUR MOTOR-
BOAT HAD A NARROW SCRAPE IN
MANILA HARBOR

WE WENT ON OPERATION "PONY
EXPRESS" DOWN IN BORNEO. WE
REFUELED AT SEA MANY TIMES. . . .



OUR LAST CARGO WAS LOADED AT
SUBIC BAY

AND THEN WE WENT HOME TO SAN DIEGO TO BEAUTIFUL SAN DIEGO





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shipmate who we
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