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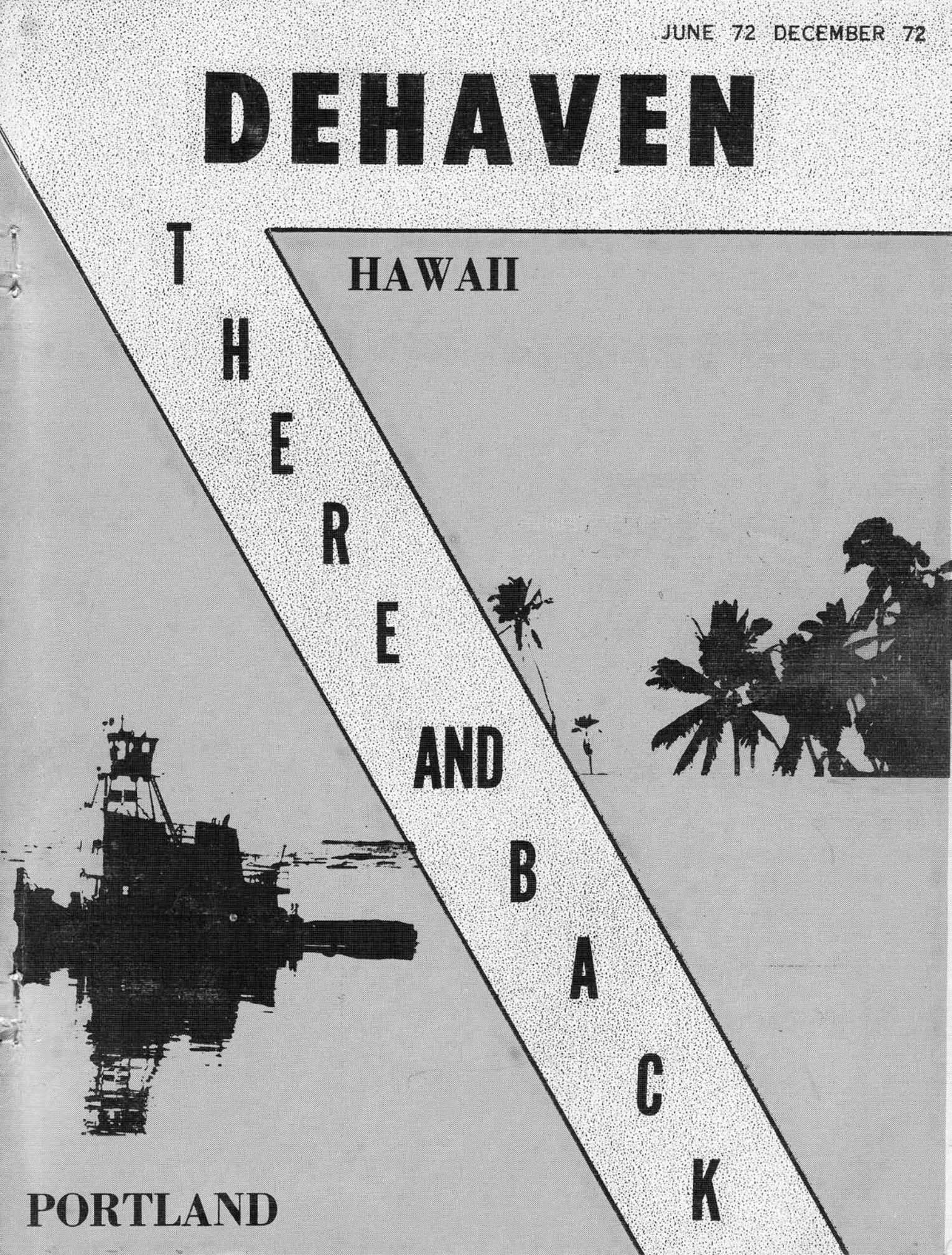
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**COVER**

Kona Coast, Hawaii  
and Tug Western Star on the  
Columbia River, Oregon



# WORD FROM THE CAPTAIN

To our "Family" and Friends

Many of you remember our last newsletter which was printed up just before we sailed for Hawaii last summer, and mailed from Pearl Harbor.

As in that newsletter, various "contributors" have written up some of our more interesting events - and they are included for your more detailed reading. Our overhaul in the Bethlehem Steel Shipyard was extended down to the wire - and a little beyond. On 18 June, we started embarking Naval Reservists who were to sail with us - along with midshipmen from various NROTC

college units. Early on the morning of 19 June (0600), we had a successful machinery trial alongside the pier, and got underway on sea trials at 0900 the same morning. It was very comforting to feel the old girl work up to over 32 knots, but it was a most hectic period. Everyone was literally holding his breath as to when and how we would be ready, and then were tremendously busy working to get all in order once we were. We loaded ammunition later in the afternoon of 19 June and finished up the next morning - then refueled and started off to Hawaii.

The high point of our training effort was our Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI), comprised of selected exercises and a full scale battle problem conducted by our combined nucleus and reserve crews, and observed by our Squadron Commander, ably assisted by the Reserve Underway Training Unit (RUTU) and Fleet Training Group, Pearl Harbor. Solid good results on top of limited underway training time were most reassuring, and we all enjoyed our Hawaiian Liberty in a little more relaxed vein after that.

On our return trip from Hawaii, we were flagship for Captain Harry Spuehler, Commander Destroyer Support Group Eleventh Naval District and his staff, who directed our operations.

Since our return, we've been quite busy in a variety of operations in the Eastern Pacific - primarily gunnery, gunfire support, anti-submarine and electronic warfare, and rescue destroyer for the carriers Ranger and Constellation in the work up of their air groups. We had a delightful cruise up the Columbia River to Portland, Oregon, and will have a weekend visit in San Diego before Christmas.

In September we had a family cruise one Sunday morning, and while I regret there were many parents and family members who couldn't get out here to sail with us, I was amazed at the size of our "family" that day. Our football team recently won their

league championship, and advanced all the way to the area semi-finals before being edged by a powerful all-Coast Guard team 6-0. To date our basketball team is undefeated in 4 starts.

I expect to be relieved in mid-to-end February, and doubt that I'll have an opportunity to write to you in another newsletter before then. In these days when our Navy is undergoing continued reduction as combat operations wane in Southeast Asia, I want to let you know the tremendous job the crew of DE HAVEN is doing in maintaining and operating the oldest destroyer in the fleet. More than 95 per cent of our crew are younger than our ship, and it's a distinct credit to them that we can fulfill every mission - and still have some fun at it.

Again, I encourage you to drop a line if you have any questions or comments (or if you just feel like dropping a line)- or to come aboard and see us if you're out this way.

Thanks for your support,



Howard F. BURDICK, Jr.  
Commanding



CAPTAIN CHARLES E. FAAS



CAPTAIN CHARLES V. WILHOIT, JR.

## NEW COMMODORE

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 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.

On 15 September 1972, Captain Charles V. WILHOIT, Jr. relieved Captain Charles E. FAAS as Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWENTY SEVEN. Captain WILHOIT, a native of Tennessee, attended Columbia Military Academy, Columbia, Tennessee, entered the Naval Academy in 1942, and was graduated and commissioned in 1945.

Commodore WILHOIT comes to us from the Staff, Commander First Fleet. Captain FAAS has reported to the Commandant 11th Naval District, for duty.



## MASTER CORPORAL LEVISTON

Master Corporal David LEVISTON came to DE HAVEN from HMCS CARLETON in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. He is a member of the Canadian Armed Forces (sea Division) and is assigned to DE HAVEN for a two year tour as part of the Personnel Exchange Program (PEP) between the United States Navy and the Navies of our allies. He is assigned to OI Division and is working in CIC. His rank is equivalent to a First Class Petty Officer (Operation Specialist) in the U.S. Navy. Master Corporal LEVISTON began his career in the Canadian Navy in June 1959. Since then he has served 6 years in HMCS BONAVENTURE (CVL-22), 2 years in HMCS SAGUENAE a DDH, 1 year at NAS Shearwater, 3 years at HMCS CARLETON and joined us in September. He is residing in Garden Grove with his wife Rhona and their two children, Denise 9, and Samuel 8.

## REAR ADMIRAL READ VISITED

On Thursday, 24 August 1972 Rear Admiral W.L. READ, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Flotilla Three, was piped aboard DE HAVEN for lunch and a chat with Officers and Chief Petty Officers. RADM READ is currently the Senior Officer Present Afloat (SOPA) in Long Beach. He expressed concern over the Navy's ability to recruit enough qualified personnel to man the increasingly technical rates of today's Navy, and subsequently asked us to host a group of high school counselors from the greater Long Beach area for an orientation of shipboard life and a familiarization with today's Navy. We felt particularly pleased to participate in this important work.

# H A W A I I

On Tuesday, 20 June 1972, after a hectic 6 week restricted yard period at Bethlehem Steel shipyard, and a hurried one day ammunition load out at Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, we got underway for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Fifty six minutes after getting underway the crew underwent the first of many General Quarters drills in preparation for our Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) to take place in Hawaii. Later on in the evening of the 20th we rendezvoused with USS TOWERS (DDG-9) and USS Floyd B. PARKS (DD-884) who were enroute to the Western Pacific and were operating with us to Hawaii.

After six days of good seas and fair winds, the deep blue seas of the ocean gave way to the jade green waters of the Hawaiian Islands. As we sailed through the narrow entrance to Pearl Harbor and rendered passing honors to the Arizona Memorial, DE HAVEN returned to a port she had seen many times in the course of three wars and 28 years.

While in Hawaii, DE HAVEN's crew had 15 days inport in which to enjoy the sights and sounds of Hawaii. All was not play however. We spent six days underway in final preparation for, and going through our ORI and Battle Problem. On the 11th of July all of the many General Quarters drills and hard training paid off. By the end of the day we had passed our ORI with a solid "Good" score. Everyone breathed a sigh of relief as we spent our final four days inport and made preparations for our journey home.

While the transit home was more relaxed than the transit over, it was still not what one would call a pleasure cruise. The Captain conducted a three day zone inspection which took him to every corner of the ship and kept officers and men alike working hard to keep one step ahead of his ever probing flashlight. We were again blessed with calm seas and fair winds for our return trip.

We made it home on schedule much to the delight of many waiting families and friends. Among the many welcome home banners, the Great Hawaiian Adventure ended.



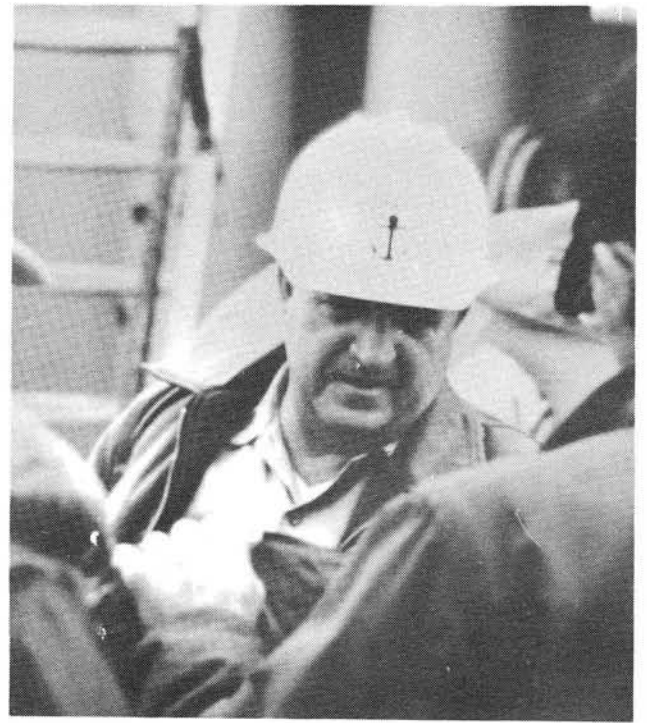
ENS LARRY STODDARD AND ENS TIM PUTNAM SUPERVISING AMMO ON LOAD



LJIG MIKE LANGE WEAPONS OFFICER SUPERVISING AMMO ON LOAD



PASSING THE AMMO



BOATSWAIN MATE CHIEF PACHKA DURING UNREP.

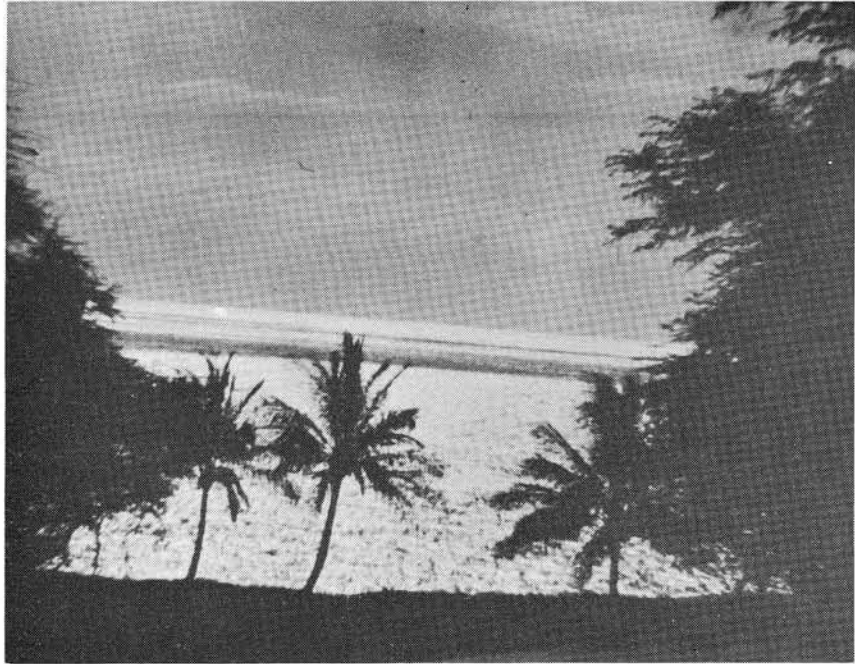


SN JOHN STEELE

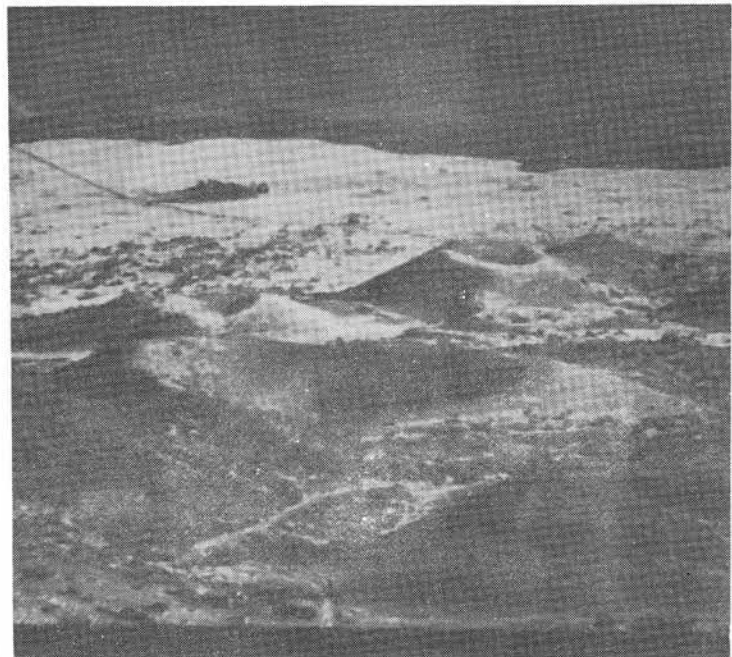
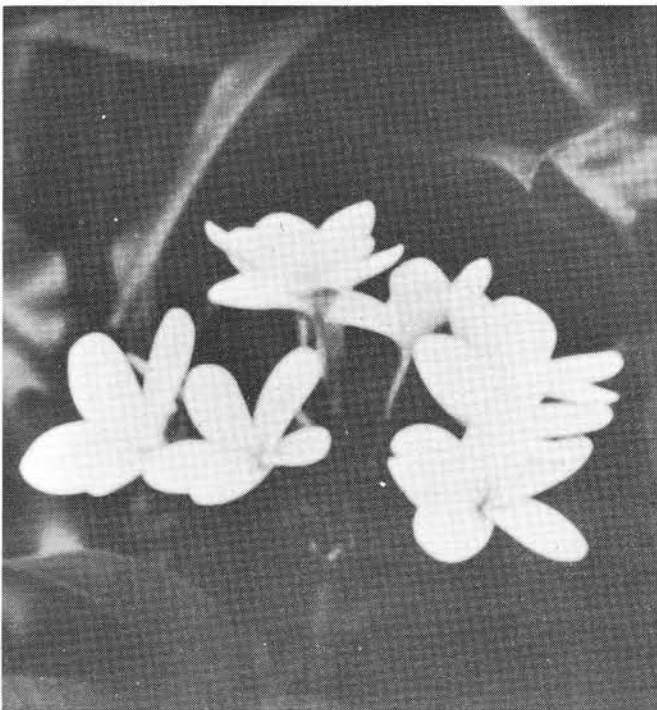


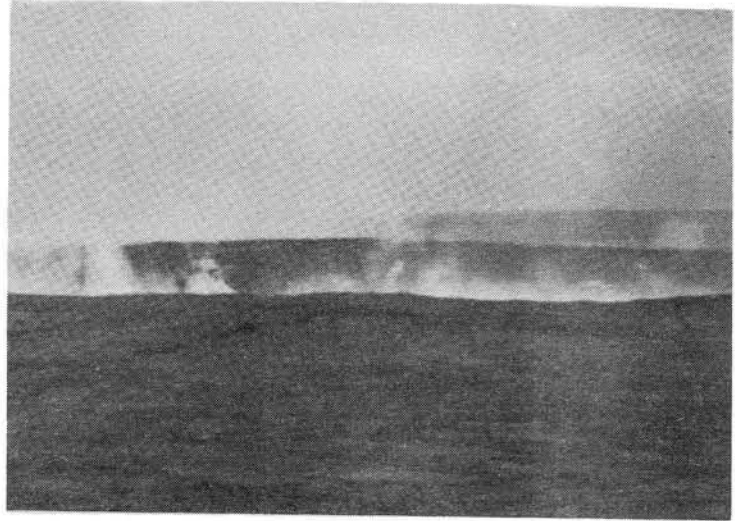
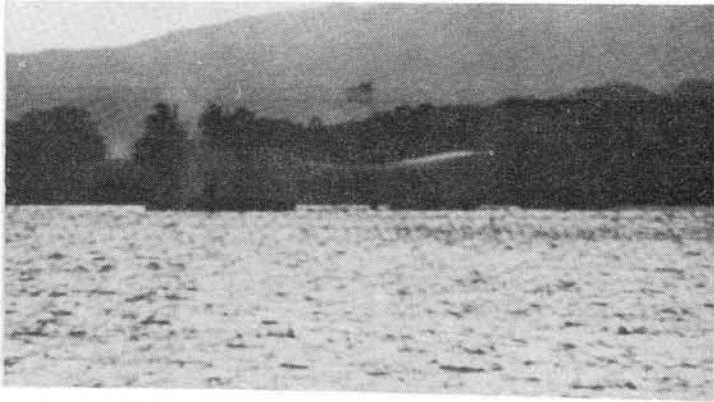
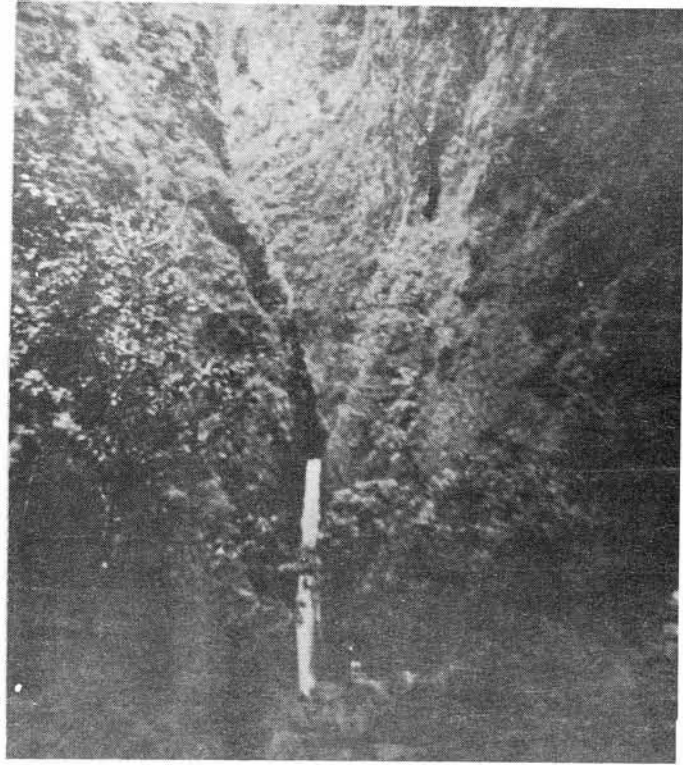
BM2 JOHN SOMMA (LEFT) SN MICHAEL WILLIS (CENTER) AND BM3 ROGER KREIG ON "LIGHT LINE" DETAIL





# BEAUTIFUL HAWAII





## FAMILY CRUISE

DE HAVEN's "72" family cruise began back in July. Plans were being formulated for future reserve weekends and resulted in skeletonized plans for the cruise. Young and old alike, that is 8 years and above, were invited and young and old alike did attend. 600 dependents, friends and relatives of DE HAVEN's nucleus, reserve and sea cadet crew came along to enjoy the cruise. LTJG George SAUER got DE HAVEN underway with one prolonged blast that really caught the attention of most civilians aboard and a few sailors, too. Once underway in the right direction we sailed east past the Queen Mary and among the oil islands in the outer harbor. All the while, moms, dads, sons, daughters, aunts, uncles, grandparents and other guests scoured every inch of DE HAVEN obviously enjoying the cruise and learning vaguely what it is like to be a destroyer sailor. After changing course to a more westerly heading, DE HAVEN sailed up past Point Fermin and along the Palos Verdes peninsula to Marineland. About this time the sun finally broke through on a rather gray day which only livened the spirits of everyone aboard. Captain BURDICK kept everyone informed with his travelogue throughout the cruise. As stomach pains hollered for food and the taste of cold beer, DE HAVEN swung past "Marineland of the Pacific" and headed back into Long Beach Harbor. Once safely moored all guests were invited to attend the barbeque on the mole. All who attended enjoyed cold beer and soda, charcoal broiled hamburgers and hot dogs, and feasted on potato salad, beans, and all the trimmings. As the afternoon wore on, the party dwindled and it is said that few die hards from 1st division finally killed the last "keg" of DE HAVEN's "72" family cruise.



DE HAVEN is the second ship of the U.S. Navy to bear the name. The first USS DE HAVEN (DD469) was sunk by Japanese dive bombers off Guadalcanal in World War II. During the family cruise, we were honored with a visit by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert HOPKINS and their daughter who now reside in Torrance, California. In 1943, Mr. HOPKINS served as a Carpenter's Mate in DD469 and was able to survive her sinking carrying with him the life ring from her motor whaleboat.

Mr. HOPKINS above presented the wartime deck grey and black lettered life ring to Commander BURDICK on the bridge of the "New" DE HAVEN-which is now the oldest destroyer in the Pacific Fleet.



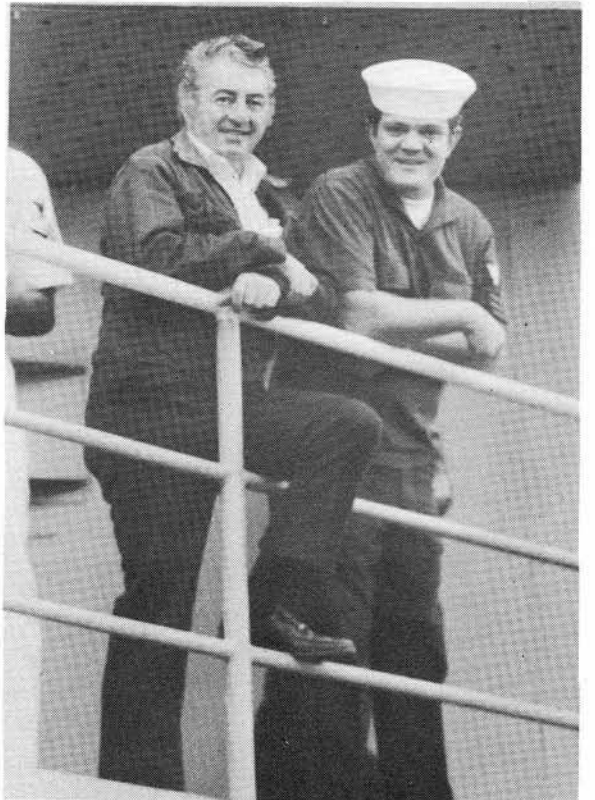
OUR PXO, LCDR LARRY DANIELSON AND HIS WIFE, BRENDA



SIG3 TOM MAGHER AND HIS WIFE, DEBBIE



E1R3 STEVE ELKE (LEFT) AND HIS WIFE, ELLEN



SK1 SAM BARRAÇO AND HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW



RMSN DAVE McMATH



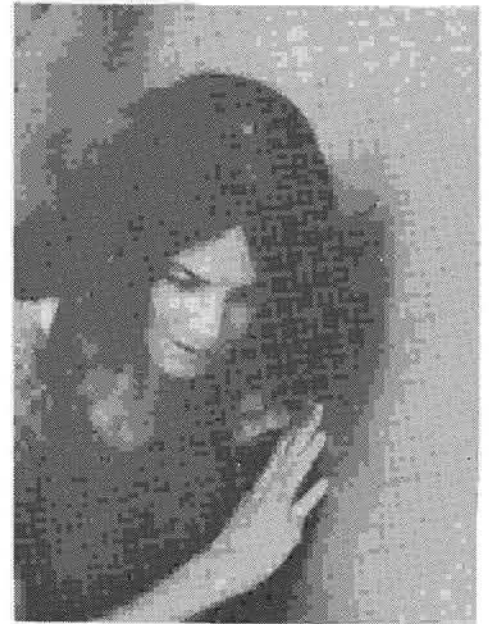
JANE BURDICK, THE CAPTAIN'S WIFE



(LEFT) ENSN JOE KAISER AND HIS WIFE LAVERNE  
(RIGHT) ENSN GERALD BERKEL AND HIS WIFE DARCEL



(LEFT) JACK AND LUCY OVERTON  
(RIGHT) LARRY AND DEB STODDARD



CAROL LEWANDOWSKI WIFE OF  
ENSN AL LEWANDOWSKI



RICK OVERDORF AND HIS GUEST DIANE EDWARDS



ENSN RICK MOESSNER

# PORTLAND

Once per quarter we take a two week cruise for training of reservists. One of these cruises took us to Portland, Oregon in late September.

On September 26 we got underway from Long Beach and rendezvous with the USS MCKEAN was completed early that afternoon; in company we steamed northward. The first day of the trip was very pleasant, with the weather warm and the seas calm. This was greatly appreciated by our 14 sea cadets and those reservists not accustomed to being at sea.

Although we did little maneuvering as we proceeded northward there certainly was plenty of activity. Many exercises were conducted between MCKEAN and DE HAVEN. Our signal men were constantly being called upon to perform in all kinds of weather at all times of the day and night. Reservists found the engine rooms a source of training and of course our food service personnel were busy with the normal never ending task of feeding three square meals a day plus a little extra at night.

As we continued north the weather became increasingly worse. By the evening of the 27th it was windy and cold. By then, however, all (almost all) hands had become accustomed to the ceaseless pitching and rolling and took it in stride.

We crossed the treacherous Columbia River sand bar in the afternoon of Thursday 28 September. It was cold and rainy in Astoria, the little fishing village where we moored, but those not on duty enjoyed a short evening ashore before getting on with the trip up to Portland the next morning.

The 29th dawned clear and cold, a beautiful day for going up river. We embarked a few guests at Astoria and were underway at 0800.

The trip up the Columbia is long and tiring for those who must stand at sea and anchor detail stations, but still it is an inspiring journey. The river courses through large forests and low hills. Fall is especially beautiful with the color of changing leaves.

We moored in Portland that afternoon and liberty was declared shortly thereafter. We were in Portland for three days during which maximum liberty was given. There were many points of interest to see and many activities, including a basketball and volleyball game with the crew of the Wallace L. LIND, home ported in Portland.

# PORTLAND

Tuesday morning the 3rd we received 40 high school students and two counselors for the trip down river and got underway at 1000. The students were given a firsthand look at "how the Navy works" and we hope a desire to be part of it.

We moored briefly at Astoria again to debark our guests before setting course for home.

On our way back to Long Beach we once again emphasized training. It was rigorous at times, but rewarding just the same. We had a gunnery exercise in which the mount crews were able to sharpen their skill at local firing; and underway replenishment exercise in which we and MCKEAN passed a practice load of cargo back and forth a few times; maneuvering exercises to give the officers and helmsmen practice at precision conning and many hours of divisional training both within our own ships company and with MCKEAN's via radio telephone and flashing light.

When we moored in Long Beach early in the morning of 6 October another cruise came to an end. We had accomplished what we had set forth to do: increased the readiness and knowledge of all hands in professional matters of a fighting ship and had some fun besides.





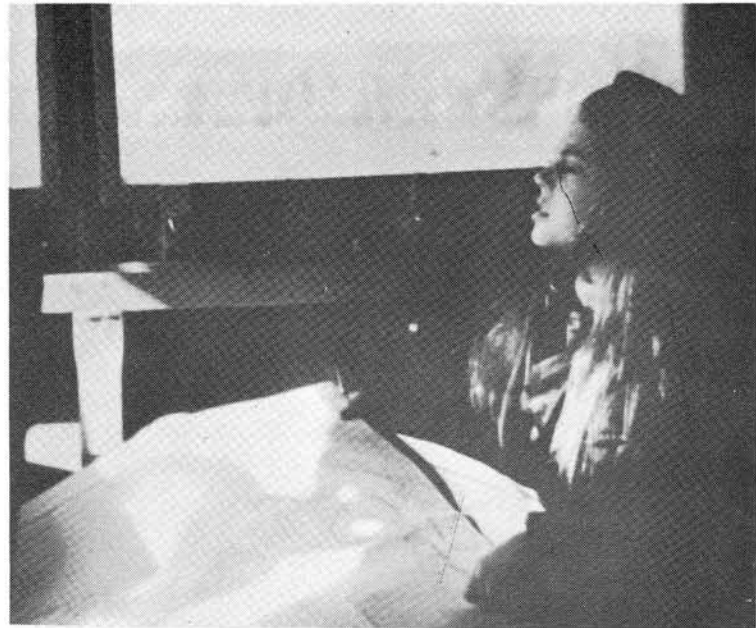
SN BOBBY GINDOY



LYNDA, GUEST OF GMSEN WEAVER



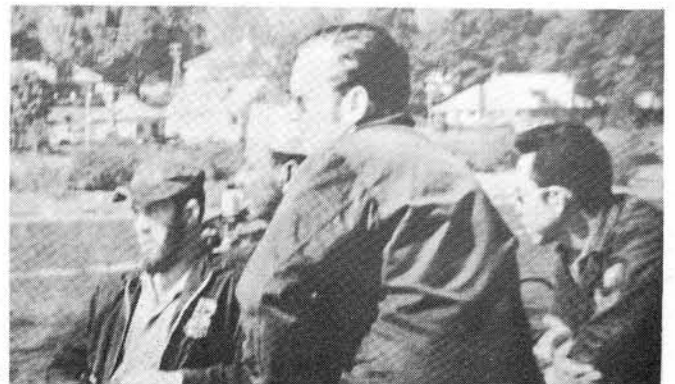
MM3 JOHN SAUNDERS



JUNIOR NAVIGATOR OF THE DAY



MM1 HUGH ANGELLA



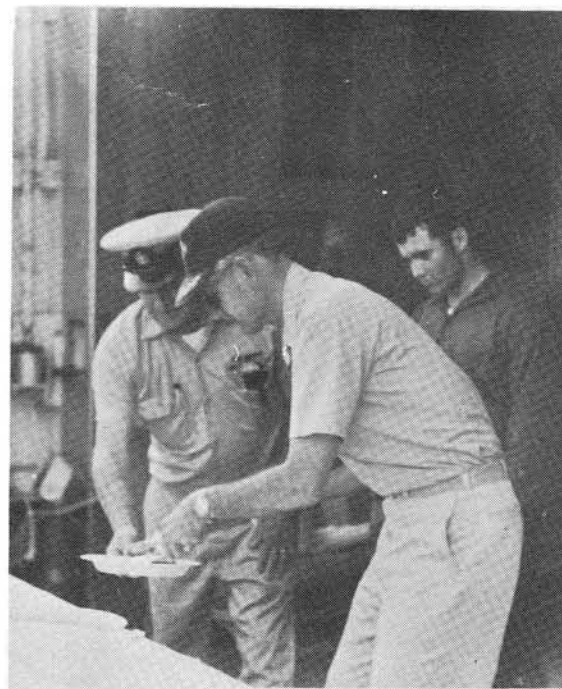
BT2 DAVE DILLBECK, BT1 GENE CUMMINGS,  
FIG2 BILL COMBS, SD1 TONY EVANGELISIA





# NAVY DAY AT SEA

USS DE HAVEN (DD727) Celebrated Navy Day on 14 October south of San Clemente Island during her drill weekend. Here, CDR BURDICK cuts a piece of cake for SR Bradley J. HOFER, the youngest of the crew, and for BMC Merlyn R. BASCHKA, the oldest.



# BROTHERS

On various ships and stations throughout the Navy, members of the same family are assigned concurrently. This may be by chance or by choice on the part of the men involved. At present De Haven has three sets of brothers on board. A brief biography of each set is presented below.

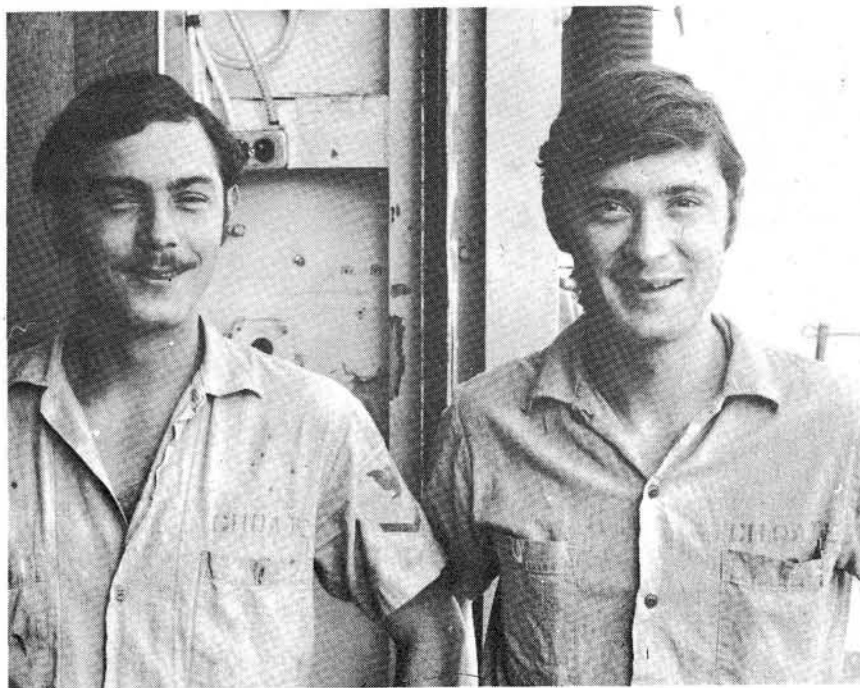


Gunners Mate Second Class "Rick" Wade and his brother Gunners Mate Third Class "Mike" joined the Navy together on 1 July 1969, in Cleveland, Ohio under the provisions of the Brother program. They attended Boot Camp at Great Lakes, Illinois and Gunners Mate Class "A" School together. They were both assigned to the USS Platte (AO 24) for 3 months and then assigned to the USS Mullany (DD 528) until her transfer to the Republic of China Navy in October 1971. Both brothers expect to remain on board De Haven until November 1973. In the above photo Mike Wade (Left) is congratulating "Rick" (Right) for his advancement to Second Class. (Mike will be advanced to Second Class on 1 January 1973)

Radioman First Class Ed Empey (Right) and Signalman First Class Ralph Empey (Left) are serving together for the second time in their careers. Their first mutual assignments was on board the USS Magoffin (APA-199) for 18 months. SMI Ralph Empey joined the Navy in 1958 and his brother Ed joined in 1964. In addition a third brother Norman Empey, who is also a Radioman First Class, served aboard De Haven for a brief period earlier this year. The Empey family is truly an "All Navy" family comprising of their father who was an ex-Boatswain's mate First Class and five sons and one daughter all of whom have served their country honorable in the Navy



Boiler Technician Second Class "Mike" Choate (Right of below) joined the Navy in October 1968 and was followed by his brother Engineman Third Class Johnny Choate (Left of below) in February 1969. While in boot camp they requested brother duty and were assigned to the USS Bridget (DE 1024) homeported in Seattle Washington for four months. Both brothers volunteered for Vietnam duty and Mike was subsequently transferred to the USS Sanctuary (AH 17) while Johnny was assigned to the U.S. Naval Support Activity, DaNang Vietnam. Upon completion of their Vietnam assignments they requested and were granted brother duty again on board the USS Mullany (DD 528). Both were transferred to the De Haven in October of 1971. They plan to return to school upon completion of their active service



# HELO HANGAR

Way back in 1960 DE HAVEN underwent a conversion which added what is commonly referred to as the Helo Hangar. The hangar housed two drone anti-submarine helicopter (DASH) and associated equipment. After the removal of DASH from Navy ships, the hangar went through several changes. It has been a meeting room, theatre, party room, and lounge - all with the dull, enexciting interior typical of most shipboard working areas. But now all that has changed. DE HAVEN now has a comfortable, attractive room known as the Crew's Lounge with false overhead (ceiling), panelled bulkhead (walls), couches, coke machine, drinking fountain, and soon to be tiled deck. All this has come about as a result of carefully saved for funds, materials purchased by EMCS SPENCLEY, and the inspiration and hard work of HTI Merlin BLEDSOE. He was in charge of a group of men from various divisions aboard ship assigned to work on the Lounge. This group included SN FERRIES from 1st Division and ETRSN MILTON from OE Division, 2 of the hardest workers. Unfortunately HTI BLEDSOE was transferred just after he had completed the major portion of work and is unable to enjoy the results of his efforts. When 100% complete, the Crew's Lounge will boast a 9' x 12' movie screen, visible on both sides, a projection room capable of showing cinemascope films, stereo music, a library, trophy case and athletic gear locker. From a home for a helicopter to a lounge for the crew - quite a change in the life of DE HAVEN. The conversion has been managed to permit reinstallation of a helicopter or other outsize cargo should the need arise.

# FOOTBALL

UNDEFEATED? - A SPOTLESS DEFENSIVE RECORD? - Yes, those were the headlines as DE HAVEN's touch football team swept to a 9-0 league record allowing the opponents no points during the season.

It was a season highlighted by team spirit, a lot of fun, and a desire to win. Fortunately we were able to take the league championship and entered in the Naval Station Tournament. As the post-season tournament unfolded, there were eight teams trying for the championship. In our first tournament game against USS STEIN, we again were strong defensively as we won 16-0. In the quarter final match against the Coast Guard, we played a strong game but lost a heartbreaker 6-0. The Coast Guard team and a team from NAS Point Mugu continue as Long Beach area representatives in the West Coast Navy Championships. There were many highlights and different stars during each game, but each game was a team effort in which each man contributed significantly.

The record:

DE HAVEN 6	USS LARSON 0
DE HAVEN 12	USS LARSON 0
DE HAVEN 2	USS WABASH 0
DE HAVEN 28	USS DOWNES 0
DE HAVEN 8	USS DOWNES 0
DE HAVEN 18	USS WABASH 0
DE HAVEN 1	USS J.P. JONES 0 (Forfeit)
DE HAVEN 1	USS J.P. JONES 0 (Forfeit)
DE HAVEN 1	USS BRISTOL COUNTY (Forfeit)
DE HAVEN 16	USS STEIN 0
DE HAVEN 0	Coast Guard 6

The team: MM1 Angelly, FTG2 Berndt, ENS Campbell, FTG2 Combs, STGSN Conner, CS3 Edwards, SH3 Gibson, SA Jopling, RD3 Lesperance, EM2 Morefield, BM3 Overfelt, ETR2 Roske, LTJG Sauer, SN Steele, EM3 Szabo, GMG3 M. Wade, GMG2 R. Wade, RD3 Wheeler, STG3 White

RD3 WHEELER, STG3 WHITE, ETR2 ROSKE, MM1 ANGELLY, STGSN CONNER

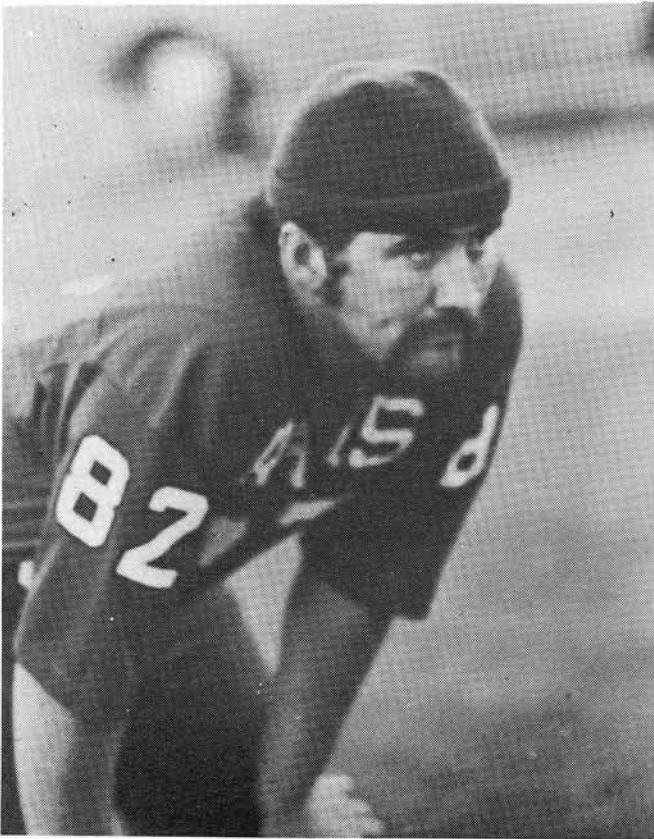


RD3 WHEELER

STG3 WHITE



EIR2 ROSKE, MM1 ANGELY, SIGSN CONNER



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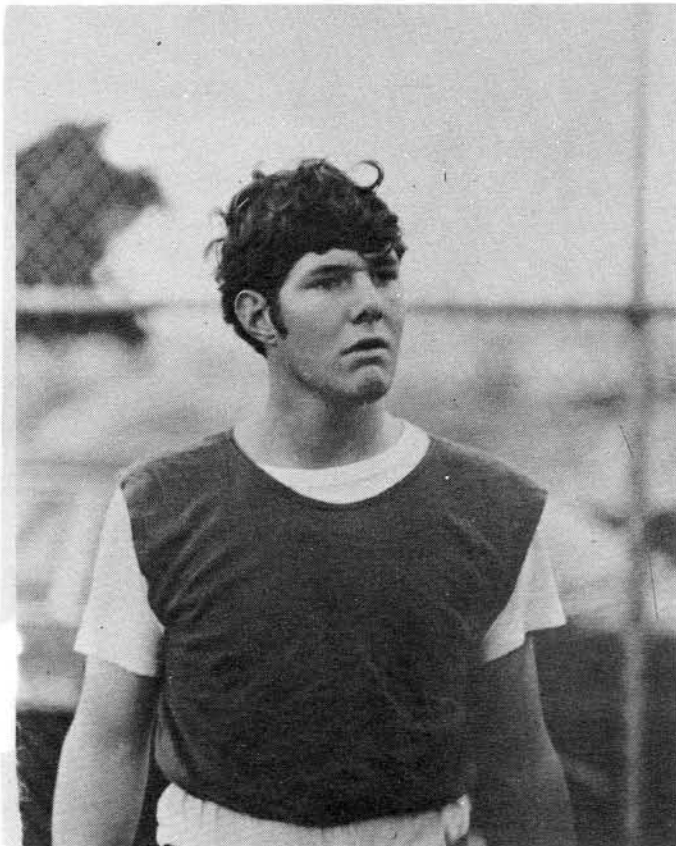
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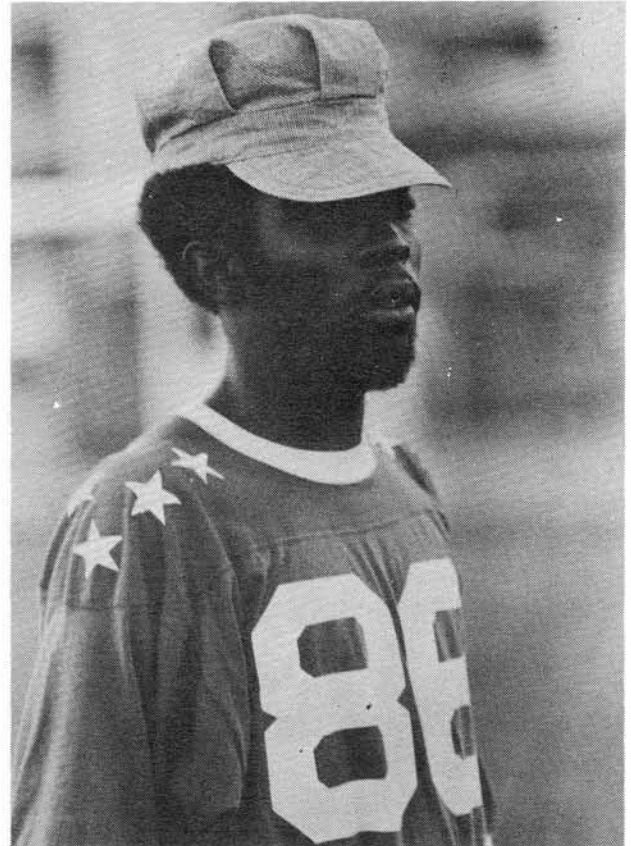
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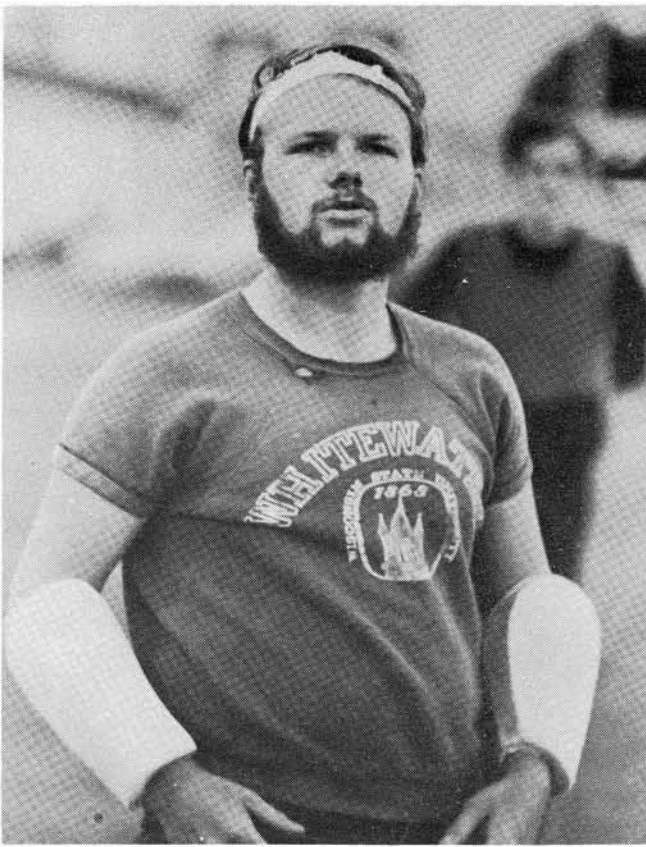
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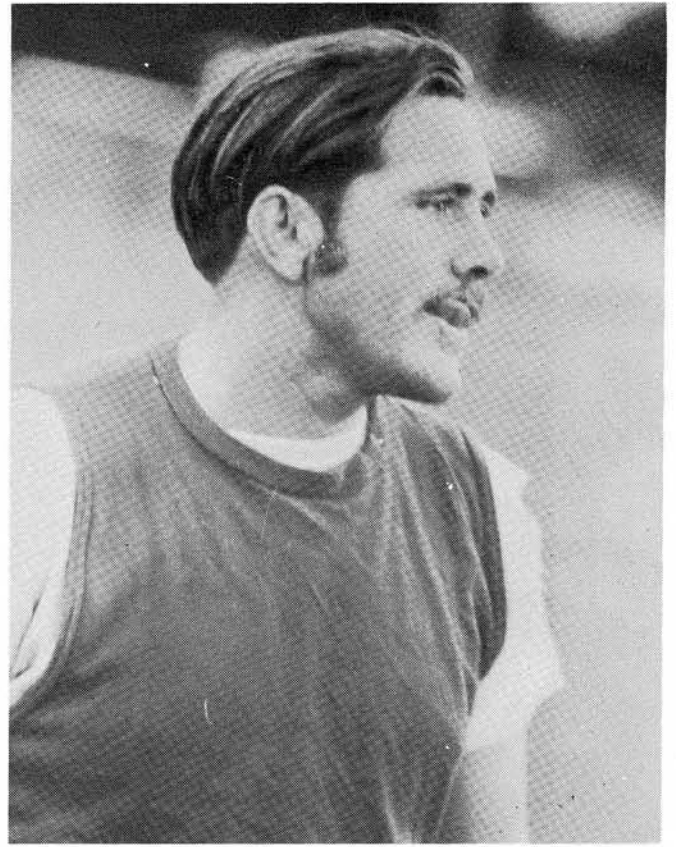
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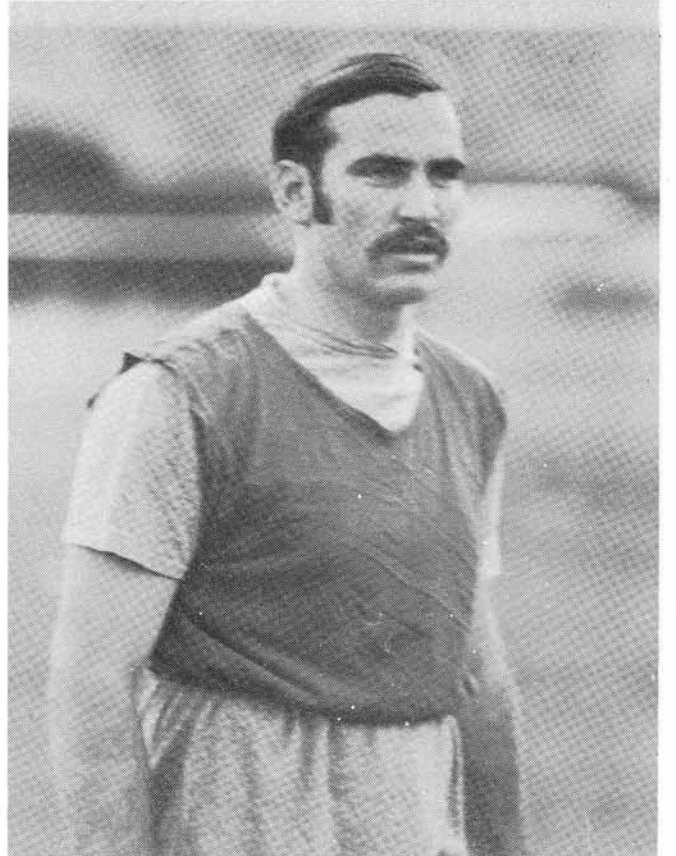
C53 EDWARDS



MM1 ANGELLY



GMG3 MIKE WADE



EM2 MOREFIELD





EIR2 ROSKE



EM3 SZABO

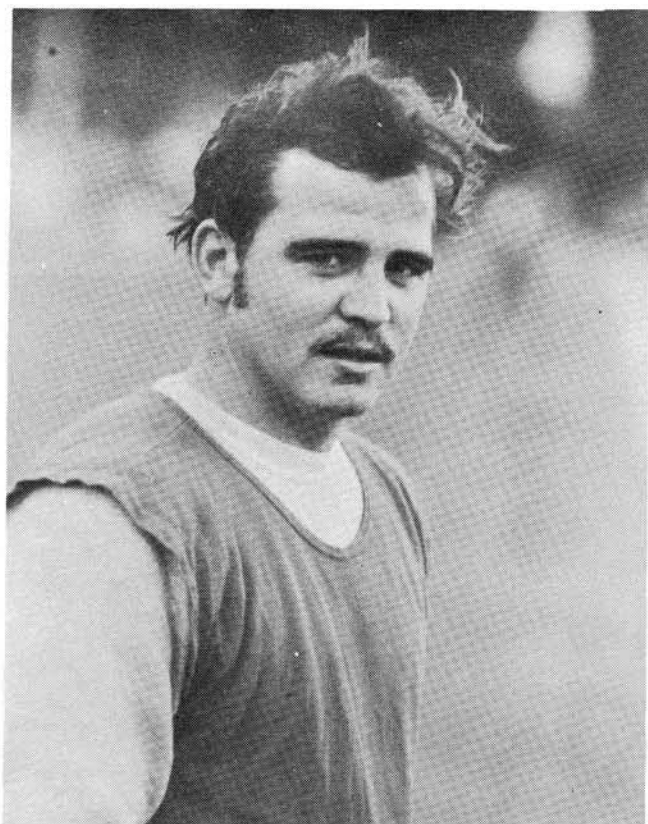


FIG2 BERNDI



LIJG SAVER

# DEHAVEN

## PROMOTIONS

MM1 Angelly

OS2 Delacy

OS2 Wheeler

GMG2 WADE

BT2 Dooley

BT2 Smith

BT2 Dillbeck

MM2 Brewer

CS3 Edwards

HT3 Owens

EM3 Arends

HT3 Overdorf

MM3 Saunders

MM3 Van Giesen

YN3 Ash

SN Santilli

SN Snook

SN Steele

SN Prusa

SA Ferguson

SA Hajek

SA Hastings

SA Hofer

SA Laird

SA Southworth

FA Ivey

FA Mathews

Gunner's Mate Chief  
Forrest Walker Retires  
after 20 years service



REENLISTMENTS

RMC Lee

GMGC Snyder

GMG1 Wilson

SK1 Barraco

BM2 Takasugi

MM2 Green



LT Jack OVERTON (right) and LTJG George SAUER (left) being hoisted to USS RANGER (CVA-61) during carrier ops off southern California.

POT POURRI

In the past months since our last FAMILY GRAM many notable personal events have occurred - namely family additions, promotions, and reenlistments.

BIRTHS: Congratulations are in order to:

LT and Mrs Richard Puckett for the birth of their daughter Alison.

BM1 and Mrs Jim Huffman for the birth of their son Anthony.

BM2 and Mrs John Summa for the birth of their daughter Bridget.

SN and Mrs Michael Willis for the birth of their daughter Serene.

ETN2 and Mrs Ervin Sumner for the birth of their daughter Tanya.

IC2 and Mrs Raymond Riojas for the birth of their son Raymond.

MM3 and Mrs Joseph Thibodeau for the birth of their son Jason.

TN and Mrs Camilo Gindoy for the birth of their son Camilo Jr.

SN and Mrs Leo Rozanek for the birth of their daughter Samantha.



The crew of gun mount 51 stands amidst the dregs of an afternoon's firing—spent cartridge cases.