

USS REEVES

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PROUD TO SERVE

FAMILY-GRAM

NO. 3-65 At Sea with the Seventh Fleet 28 June 1965

SECNAV VISITS REEVES

On Thursday, 17 June 1965, REEVES was privileged to have on board for a short visit the Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Paul Nitze. The Secretary was making a personal tour of the Naval units in the South China Sea area to gain first hand knowledge and experience with the operations being conducted in the area.

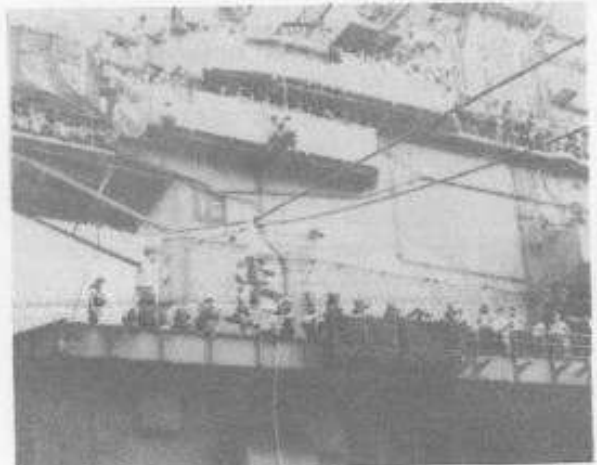
The Secretary was transferred to REEVES by hi-line from the Flagship of the Seventh Fleet, the U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY. After a brief meeting with the Commodore and the Commanding Officer on the Bridge, Mr. Nitze was escorted on a tour of the ship. On completion of the tour, he met with the ship and staff officers in the wardroom and then spoke briefly to the assembled members of the crew on the fantail.



Chiefs COOPER and ABANG assist the Secretary with his life jacket..



REEVES makes approach on OKLAHOMA CITY to receive the Secretary by Hi-Line.



Mr. Nitze then observed the ship making an approach on the U.S.S. BON HOMME RICHARD and the rigging of the hi-line gear. After saying his goodbye and complimenting the officers and men on their "beautiful" ship, he was hi-lined aboard the BON HOMME RICHARD. (Photo above)

The word "NAVY-Departing" was passed, along with the sounding of eight bells, as REEVES final honor to its distinguished visitor.



THE SEVENTH FLEET

The SEVENTH FLEET is the Navy's largest numbered fleet and as such is charged with control of seas covering almost one-fifth of the earth's surface. As the United States' front line of defense in the Pacific, its ships and aircraft maintain the highest possible state of readiness over the longest communist front in the world - from the Far East maritime provinces of the Soviet Union to the Republic of Vietnam. In addition the fleet continually trains with, assists, protects, and visits more than a dozen free nations of the vast Western Pacific-Southeast Asia area, an area of 1-1/2 billion persons - more than half of the world's population.

One of the SEVENTH FLEET's primary missions in carrying out its role as a "Ready Power for Peace" is the creation and maintenance of friendship and goodwill to achieve understanding of American aims and ideals by the free people of Asia. Fleet units must serve effectively as a deterrent force and as a diplomatic force.

Other missions include the maintaining of the SEVENTH FLEET as a powerful and indispensable national defense force and a deterrent to aggression against free nations of the Western Pacific. This includes the responsibility to ensure freedom of movement on the high seas to protect those nations whose economic progress depends on such freedom of movement.



Chasing the Carriers.....

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

All of the men serving aboard REEVES are now eligible for the ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, having completed a minimum of thirty days in the designated combat zone around Viet Nam.

A letter requesting the Medals has been submitted to the Navy Department and by the time your man returns home, he will be wearing the well - deserved medal.

RECENT ADVANCEMENTS

On 16 June three more petty officers were advanced:

B. L. White, RM3 to RM2

D. G. Ford, MM3 to MM2

T. E. Miller, ETNSH to ETN3

On the same date, three men received their "striker" designations:

W. C. Bentz, SN to YNSN

L. L. Miller, SN to BMSN

J. E. Williams SN to BMSN

Word was also received that D. W. Thompson would be advanced in a later increment from SN to GMC3.

Congratulations are in order for the personnel listed above! - ask for your cigar - before they forget.

BASKETBALL TEAM

REEVES' basketball team has continued its winning ways. During the last in-port period in Subic Bay, our challenge went out and was accepted by the gallant men of the SOMERS.

The game was played on the evening of Monday, 7 June in the Naval Station gymnasium. When the smoke cleared, REEVES was on top again with a final score of 55-34. Yeoman Second Class R. H. STILL, USN, led the team in scoring with 18 points.

It was a quiet Sunday Afternoon, so why not Swim



AHHH....the Good Life!



The Leading REEVES Bachelor Officer Socialite tires early.



Water Polo, anyone?



Keep trying, it's not really so difficult.



Now, Wiggle your ears....



For safety's sake.....



A "Cannon-Ball"



Secretary Nitze talks with CO on bridge.....



The "R" division living compartment



Writing home.....



Reading "Stars & Stripes - a good newspaper delivered daily by MIDWAY Helicopter.....



Four spades???



Waiting for movie call.....

HAIL!

Since departure from CONUS, we have had the pleasure of welcoming aboard, as members of ship's company, the following men:

William D. Gibbs, BT2
Jon D. Billington, FTM2
Charles E. Van Gaasbeck, FTM3
Ronald E. Warner, FTM3
John R. Latino, Jr., EM3
Thomas J. Dytko, FTGSN
Randall R. Miewiarowski, RMSN
David L. Wilfle, SN
Albert M. Baile, SA
Donald L. Faircloth, SA
Michael D. McGinnis, SA
Bobbie J. Wilson, SA

Unfortunately, we have also lost some of our friends and shipmates. We don't like to see them go - but we wish them well in their future jobs. If they contribute to their next commands as they have to REEVES, their future is assured. May the new personnel be swiftly absorbed into the REEVES family - and become "team" members at the earliest.

BEACH PARTIES

The Welfare and Recreation Committee provided the athletic equipment and made arrangements for the beach, beer, and busses. The recreation area and beach at the Naval Air Station, Cubi Point, Philippines was the chosen spot.

When REEVES pulled into Subic Bay on Thursday, 3 June, all was in readiness' and at liberty call, the parade to the beach began. Busses were shuttled from the ship to the beach on an hourly schedule and a varied assortment of athletic "uniforms" could be seen heading off the ship.

The beach parties were held for the liberty sections each day and on final departure from Subic Bay on Wednesday 9 June, there were many tired, suntanned ex-athletes manning their sea detail stations - but, looking forward to the next port call and more of the same.

It is expected that the same type arrangement will be scheduled for each in-port period. Stand by for more sun burn and sore muscles.

AND

FAREWELL!

The following personnel have left:
Harold H. Fortmayer, IC2, Transferred to NAAS, Meridian, Mississippi
Paul K. Herring, FTG3, Transferred to FLETRACEN, San Diego, California
Prospective losses during the month of July include:
Clarence A. Fergerstrom, PNCA, Transferred to NORVAGRU LANTRESFLT, Portsmouth, Va.
John L. Sweet, RDCA, Transferred to Recruiting Duty, Detroit, Michigan
Robert F. Plummer, Jr., IC1, to SSC, USNTC, Great Lakes, Ill, IC"B" School
William D. Masters, STG1, Transferred to PLEASWSCHOOL, San Diego, California
Saturnino Costales, SD2, for transfer to the Fleet Reserve
Hermenegildo M. Mauricio, SD3, to NAS Cubi Point, Philippines
Don W. Folger, SK3, Transferred to ADMINCOM, USNTC, San Diego, California

Our appreciation to all for a job "Well Done" -- may you continue to have fair winds and a following sea!



ANOTHER REENLISTMENT



MERITORIOUS MAST

CHIEF RAEDE (CON'T)

Since returning to REEVES for duty on 26 March 1965, Chief RAEDE has continued to perform in an outstanding manner. In his firm, mature, but genial manner; he assumed the responsibility for REEVES' complete electronic suit and made all preparations for a deployment within two weeks.

Throughout REEVES' WESTLAC Tour, he has proven himself to be an ingenious, imaginative, and industrious leader with an exceptional ability to analyze an equipment failure and come up with the exact source of trouble..... Through his actions and leadership, in these and numerous other instances, the electronic suit has remained in excellent condition in an up status whenever it has been needed.

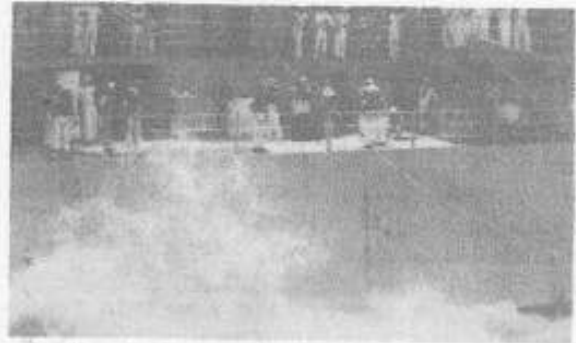
Chief RAEDE'S mature, quiet, and good-natured manner, instills in juniors and seniors alike, confidence in his ability and reliability. He is an outstanding technician and petty officer. His knowledge of his rate, his willingness to perform any and all tasks assigned, his ability to organize work and train those junior to him are unmatched. He is an extremely effective leader and promotes excellent morale. He works closely with his men and guides them in their work, ensuring that they are trained to care for all of the equipments.

The unfailing good spirit shown by Chief RAEDE through Condition III watches and unrelenting demands on his time and talents has contributed materially to the high state of morale among the heavily overworked ET's.

He administers his division efficiently and fairly while consistently exhibiting the most admirable qualities of leadership. He maintains the highest possible standards of conduct, industry, drive, knowledge, and works diligently towards increasing the professional knowledge of his men. His leadership and ability are a constant source of inspiration to all that work with him or for him.

In summary, I could recommend no one more highly."

More shots of Secretary Witze



Preparing to leave Oklahoma City



The Secretary of the Navy.....



Addresses the crew.....



and discusses in the wardroom....

MANILA TOUR

On Sunday, 6 June 1965, 35 REEVES men made a fascinating tour of the City of Manila. The men took the Chaplain and LTJG Halvorsen in tow at 0800 and all were whisked away in the comfort of two Special Services busses for a trip that will be long remembered.

The 3-1/2 hour trip down the island to Manila was an education in itself. As we climbed the crooked mountain road we swapped the city of Olongapo for thinly scattered thatched huts, built on stilts. In the villages the women were laboriously washing their clothes by hand and laying the clothes on the lawn to dry. In one of the villages a woman was seen bathing in the water running from a pipe in the front yard - fully clothed! Must have been wash and wear material.

Most of the larger villages had an attractive school and at least one church. Driving in the traffic encountered could only be described as an invitation to a nervous breakdown. The highway was a two lane paved road (most of the way). When our bus was meeting a truck, and a jeepney and a car tried to pass, (one from each direction), and then a carabao (water buffalo) wandered onto the highway - well, it got a little sticky. But our drivers did an outstanding job and the trip was uneventful.

As we approached the rice farms we noticed piles of straw on the highway and the cars were driving right over it. We soon learned that the farmers who were standing along the shoulder were letting us do their threshing for them. Our wheels would knock the rice from the straw and they would remove the straw and scatter some more on the road.

We had planned to tour the San Miguel Brewery but the guard sadly informed us that we had to have reservations, which we had neglected. So, thirsty and disappointed, we drove on to Manila and the USO where we met our guides and had lunch. After a delicious lunch we exchanged our dollars for pesos and hit the town.

Some of the sights included: the beautiful American Embassy building; an impressive Catholic Church with an intriguing history; memorials to national

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heroes; the down-town area; and the spot where 600 U. S. men were killed by Japanese snipers from atop the Post Office Building. Cameras snapped away at the University of Santos de Thomas where Americans were imprisoned during WWII; and at the Malacanang Palace - the White House of the Philippines. We were especially impressed with the beautiful lawns and the breath-taking beauty of the three massive chandeliers inside the palace.

New York Avenue was a touch of the States: a large commercial tract of sky scrapers to be opened soon. Millionaire Road afforded an extravagant view of luxurious homes in the one-hundred thousand dollar class. Climaxing our tour was a stop at the awesome U. S. Armed Forces National Cemetery where over 17,000 are buried. We were engulfed by a sea of white marble crosses and Stars of David.

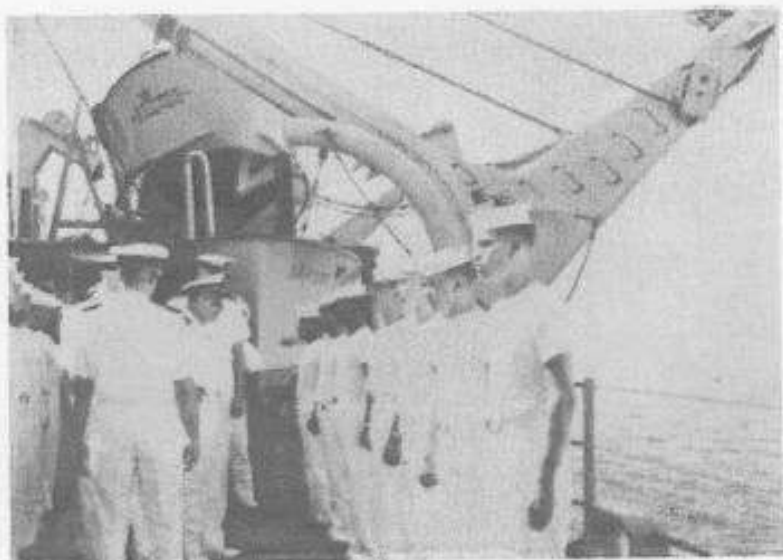
With only one more hour to spend we headed for the shopping district to boost the economy in our own nautical way. About dusk we boarded our bus and headed back for the ship. We unanimously decided that the only thing worse than trying to drive into Manila in the day was to try to drive out in the dark. We stopped at the Half Way House for refreshments and souvenirs and then finally pulled into Subic Bay at 10 p. m. It was a tired but happy group that wanted to know when the next tour left!

OUR THANKS TO MIDWAY!

The co-operation and assistance of the U. S. S. MIDWAY in making it possible to add photographs to this third edition of the REEVES Family - Gram is acknowledged with sincere gratitude.

REENLISTMENTS

On 17 June, 1965, Yeoman Third Class, A. F. Snyder, USN, reenlisted on board REEVES to become the 24th man to reenlist out of 33 eligibles. This makes a 73% ship - over rate on board REEVES for the past year.



The "S" Div.

The 1st Div.



The "W" Div.