



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
USS REEVES (CG-24)  
FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96677

IN REPLY REFER TO  
1 July 1982

Dear REEVES Families:

I am writing to you from our homeport of Yokosuka, Japan. We arrived here on 18 June following a two month intensive underway period and after spending twelve fun filled days in Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, where the crew once again demonstrated their ability to be outstanding representatives of the Navy and the Nation. REEVES got underway from Subic 10 June to conduct an underway ammunition transfer and to provide telemetry support for USS KNOX during a Sea-sparrow missile firing exercise. We then headed north with the USS MIDWAY through the South China Sea, Bashi Channel, East China Sea and Philippine Sea.

While REEVES was operating in the tropics, temperatures climbed into the 90's with humidity also in the 90's. Despite the sea breezes and occasional showers, humidity and heat are a constant threat to equipment and can make daily living unpleasant. REEVES' "A" Gang (Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Division) works round the clock to ensure that all systems function at top level efficiency to keep temperatures cool inside the skin of the ship. CWO2 Joe CONOLLY (Division Officer) heads the team which consists of MM1 Carl NEWELL, EN1 Gary SLETTERINK, MR1 Douglas SHANNON, MM1 Jose BASILIO, EN2 Ellis WARNER, MM2 Scott KONVALIN, MM2 Emette MASSEY, MM2 Jodi RODERICK, EN3 William MOGG, EN3 James LILLEY, MRFN Tony TURNER, ENFN Luke STRAW, FR Carl LINDECRANTZ. The two months of tropical weather was a real test of their repair skills.

While in transit from Subic, a Career Day was conducted on 15 June for all hands. This was held for the crew to have an opportunity to investigate information concerning their careers. It was a "Stand-down" day, with information activities set up in booths on the Enlisted Dining Facility. All people were encouraged to take advantage of this great opportunity to see, hear, and discuss any and all programs which are available for professional development. Tours were provided so that spaces not normally accessible to all hands could be explained to anyone interested in ratings other than his own. The day's activities concluded with a fantail cookout where all had their fill of good old Bar-B-Q prepared by our excellent cooks.

We would like to welcome aboard NC1 Tom Gillespie who comes to us from USS ESTOCIN (FFG-15) via 6 weeks of Career Counseling School in San Diego, California. Petty Officer GILLESPIE did a tour in the Army, the U.S. Marine Corps, and has been in the Navy for about 6 years. He was a guided missile gunners' mate for the TALOS system on USS ALBANY, and a conventional gunner's mate on USS MILWAUKEE (AOR-2) and USS ESTOCIN. He has one year previous career counseling experience. NC1 GILLESPIE has relieved ET1 FRAZIER and is now USS REEVES' Command Career Counselor, helping to arrange re-enlistment incentives and follow-on duty assignments for REEVES crewmembers.

We had some excitement on our recent transit north when REEVES was tasked with transporting an ill crewmember from the USS PERMIT (Fast Attack Submarine) to REEVES by small boat. Congratulations and a well done are extended to the boat crew and participants in the very safe and seaman-like open ocean small boat MEDEVAC (Medical Evacuation): BM3 Brad BUTLER, Cox'n; BMSN Peter ANDROSHUK, Bow Hook; ENFN Luke STRAW, Boat Engineer; SN Joseph ARENDS, Swimmer; HM2 Willie BLANDING, Medic; LTJG Earnest HEASSLER, Boat Officer.


A hearty welcome aboard to our many new arrivals: STG3 Glenn MACARTHUR, HT1 George ROSS, GMMSA Douglas UTLEY, OSSR Douglas PARLEE, MMFN Joey BUSCHINE,

EMFA Alex DIMALANTA, MCSC Clyde BEAVER, DKSR Jeffery CARBAUGH, BMC Kenneth DUNN, BTFR Russell FLEMING, EMCS Wendell GAWTHORP, NC1 Thomas GILLESPIE, MMFA Bret GREANY, MMFR Robert KREOFISKY, PNSA Aubrey GITTENS, ET3 Roger WALKUP, BTFR Condar BAINES, MS2 John MAGERS, OSSR Jonathan BALL, EMFN Frank JONES, GMMSN John MASON, FTMC Samuel MODISETTE, GMTSA James MCGLYNN, BTFR Victor PORTILLO, BTFN Kenneth RUSHING, and OSSA Ronald TIEMAN.

REEVES anticipates spending several weeks at home undergoing repairs and regular maintenance during this inport period, and this has certainly boosted the spirits of our families in Yokosuka. We steam approximately seventy percent of the time, so the thirty percent of inport time (not all of which is inport Yokosuka) with our families becomes precious, especially to the married crewmembers.

I encourage you to continue to remember us in your letters and prayers.

Sincerely,



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Captain, U.S. Navy