



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS REEVES (CG-24)

FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96677

IN REPLY REFER TO
1 April 1983

Dear REEVES Families :

I am writing to you on an overcast day here in Yokosuka. The month of March was windy, wet and cold. You are probably familiar with the old saying, "In like a lion, out like a lamb." Well, March roared like a lion for most of its thirty-one days. The Cherry Blossom Festival comes in one week and I believe we are on the threshold of Spring with warmer days just around the corner.

The overhaul is coming along nicely. It will not be too many more days before REEVES comes out of drydock and goes pierside. The crew is anxious to see REEVES with a fresh coat of haze gray sparking and back in the water where all ships truly belong. You will never fathom the amount of diligent effort that has been placed into this overhaul by REEVES' ship's company. I am extremely pleased with the crew's performance, and you can be very proud of your crewmember for his individual contribution.

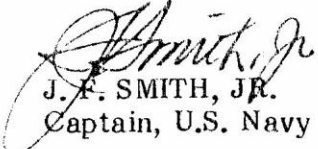
Often the Navy's "Spotlight" falls on the sailors who drive the ship or operate the various electronic and/or fire control systems aboard ship; but there is a group of men who work diligently behind the scenes, and REEVES could not function without their logistic support. I am speaking of the men in Supply Support. LT Chris KIBLER, Supply Department Head, oversees the Storekeepers who maintain and manage REEVES' stores and supplies. The Supply Support Office is managed by SKC Dan BATENHORST, who is assisted by SK3 Juan R. DELAROSA, SK3 Richard S. FLEETWOOD, and SKSA Brett A. MC CORMICK. These men are tasked with ordering supplies and repair parts and keeping accounting records of all OPTAR (REEVES operational funds).

During the overhaul, LT KIBLER also oversees the Integrated Logistics Overhaul (ILO) Division which ensures that overhaul supplies and parts are available and accounted for during the overhaul. The ILO Division is headed by SK1 Michael P. NORMAND and consists of BT1 John R. CULP, FTM1 Karl E. MAERZ, MM1 Jose A. BASILIO, OS1 John M. DUFFY, HT1 William H. HINSON, DS2 Norman D. ROSS, BT2 Kurt L. STUVENGEN, STG2 David L. RICHARDSON, EM2 Joseph J. TORCHIA, GMM2 Ronald BATISTE, QM2 James R. DAY, OS2 Steven W. STONEBURNER, ET3 Stephen M. MIKUSEK, BM3 Marty T. SETTLES, RMSN Eddie L. TURNER, MMFN Florencio P. TINIO. These men are hand-picked for their understanding of their respective specialty areas and their reliability. Their work makes a significant contribution to REEVES' overhaul. Every spare part on the ship is removed, inspected, compared to the allowance list, packaged and restowed. All parts records are reviewed and updated. All ILO team members merit special thanks for their efforts.

A hearty "Welcome Aboard" is extended to the men who joined REEVES in March: ENS Harold LALONDE (OD Division Officer and Legal Officer), ENS Christopher J. RONAN (M and B Division Officer), MS2 Efren A. CAVA, MM3 Daniel J. ENGLAND, MM3 James R. ESCANDON, DS3 Byran T. KING, DS3 Thomas W. BENNER, Jr., GMTSN Frederick M. WILLIAMS, EMFN Clarence T. MC MILLIAN, FN James M. DOBBS, Jr., FN Harry J. POWELL, SN Roger A. DRAKE, OSSA Michael W. SWENEY, OSSA Bobby D. WALTERS, SKSA Brett A. MC CORMICK, OSSA Victor ACOSTA, OSSA Barry K. CROSS, SA Randy J. ZERRANCE, SA Christopher T. RAMSEUR, SA Harold G. MAGNUSON and SR Tyrone A. HUEITT.

With April, there are Cherry Blossoms. This means warm weather, Japanese festivals, REEVES' picnics and softball for the crew. I trust that Spring will bring warmth and happiness to each of you, too.

Sincerely,


J. F. SMITH, JR.
Captain, U.S. Navy