



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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USS REEVES (CG-24) FAMILYGRAM

November 7, 1984

Dear Family and Friends,

At the end of my last letter, we were "homeward bound," enroute to Yokosuka. During that last week at sea, we held our annual Damage Control Olympics. The Philippine Sea was a long way from the Olympics of Los Angeles, but believe me, the competition proved almost as fierce. Coordinated by LTJG. HAROLD LALONDE, REEVES' Damage Control Assistant, the events covered basic knowledge and practical use of such things as gas masks, life jackets, first aid, and other life saving items. The Olympics were a big success, with nearly every crewmember participating in one event or another. Two men who really stood out were HULL TECH SECOND RUSSEL HACKLER, who donned an Oxygen Breathing Appartus (OBA's are self contained breathing devices used for firefighting) in a mere 29 seconds, and SEAMAN MIKE THIEM, who put on a life jacket in just 1:09. Engineering Department came out as all around champs, followed by Operations, Supply, and Weapons.

We came home on 28 September, but were underway once again on the 29th, this time with 168 family members and friends aboard for a day-long cruise on Tokyo Wan (Bay). The "Sailors-For-A-Day" observed a missile tracking exercise, a firefighting equipment static display, and firefighting techniques. A spectacular airshow by USS MIDWAY (also conducting a dependant's cruise) kept everyone in awe. After the show, REEVES and MIDWAY closed to within 80 feet of each other and crewmembers conducted an underway replenishment lightline transfer. While giving our guests a brief glimpse of what life at sea is like, the cruise gave us the chance to demonstrate what we've known all along: the world's finest cruiser has the world's finest crew!

Free cigars have been plentiful this last month, as six of our shipmates and their wives are now hearing the pitter-patter of little feet. YEOMAN SECOND ERIC WENZEL and wife HITOMI had a girl, SANDRA SAKURA, born SEP. 24; RADIOMAN SECOND ERROL RIVERS and wife TOSHIKO had a girl, ASAMI, born SEP. 24; MACHINIST MATE FIRST MIKE EVERET and wife CHRIS had a girl, KIMBERLY, born OCT. 12; ENGINEMAN THIRD JUN CRUZ and wife ELOISA had a son, JARI, born SEP. 10; GUNNERS' MATE TORPEDOS SECOND PATRICK REILLY and wife CATHLEEN had a son, KEVIN, born SEP. 18; and LIEUTENANT COMMANDER TYLER WOOLDRIDGE and wife KATHY had a girl, KATHRINE ASHLEY, born OCT. 6.

Recently, we conducted our annual physical fitness exam, which included running, stretching, and situps. Several men performed exceptionally well. Top individual was GMM3 DALE ZINK, followed by BT3 MONTE BLAKE, MM2 BRENT KIRKLAND, ET3 RUSS COLETTI, ET3 DONALD SEXTON, MMFR REX LAUGHLIN, DS2 GREG THIELEN, EW3 KIM MCCANN, LTJG HAROLD LALONDE, AND LT. DAVE SORANNO. The winning division was "E" DIV., and the top five men who pulled them to that first place finish were ICFN ROBERT JACUK, EMFN JAMES JOHNSON, EMFN ROLANDO DIZON, EMFN WASHINGTON, AND IC2 RICHARD OBIEN.

It was my distinct pleasure to recognize some very deserving crewmembers during this last inport period. An awards ceremony was held on 4 Oct. for the following individuals:

Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist:
MSC ROBERT TAYLOR

Letters Of Commendation:
SMC JOHN NUGENT
GMT1 THOMAS PIERCE

Letters Of Appreciation:
MSC ROBERT TAYLOR
MS1 TEODORICO LIVERATO
MS1 ARMANDO LORISTO
MS2 EFREN CAVA
MS2 JEFFREY SEKEY
MS3 ANTHONY CAMPBELL
MS3 LARRY MITCHELL
BMC KENNETH DUNN
MR1 DUGLAS SHANNON
BT1 MICHAEL DYKES
HT1 WILLIAM HINSON
SA DISKIN BAILEY
SN CARLOS BERMUDEZ
SA LAWRENCE BRABANT
MSSN MICHAEL BONSELL
SN FERDINAND CARINO
SA GERARDO DUPLAN
IC3 KENNETH FIOLA
SA RANDY FONTANEZ
FA ROBERT GUTIERREZ
BM3 ANTHONY METZ
SH3 OSCAR MONTENEGRO

BM1 NATHANIEL HARRISON
HT3 HARVEY HATCHER
SN CHRIS HENDERSON
SN DAVID HENDRICKSON
SN CHARLES KENNEY
SA GERALD KNAPPENBURGER
HTFN JOSEPH NAGY
HT2 RICHARD NORMAN, JR.
SN THOMAS RENDEL
SA PETER SANDAU
HT2 JOHN STINER
SA MICHAEL THIEM
SA DAVID ULCH
EMFN JOHN WALSH
EMFN AARON WASHINGTON, JR.
BMSA MICHAEL WILLS
EMFA JAMES JOHNSON
BT3 WILLIAM KEETON
MMFA ALVIN LEWIS
FN RODDY McCRITE
SA CHRISTOPHER RAMSEUR
BM3 DANIEL WEST

Also on that same day, we said farewell to a very important member of the REEVES' team. PERSONNELMAN CHIEF JOHN F. KANE transferred to the Fleet Reserve after 20 years faithful service to the Navy and his country. Fair winds and following seas, Chief.

"Welcome Aboard" goes to our newest shipmates and their families: HT2 BRUCE CAMPBELL, MM2 CHUCK LECROY, SA WILBUR JACOBS, ET3 DONALD SEXTON, STG2 KEVIN SCHOPPENHORST, SR TERRY SCHOEPHORSTER, MS1 CESAR RAGA, RMSA STEVEN BEOLET, PN1 JAMES BOND, BT3 BAILEY, IC3 ROBERT BEHNKE, OASN DONALD BUCHANAN, OASN PERRY CAWLEY, TM3 STACEY FORGES, FR RANDY RICHMOND, STGSA ROCKO DECARD, LT. CHARLES MYERS, AND LT. JOHN ROUDABUSH.

We set sail on the 15th of October and conducted various exercises with the MIDWAY BATTLE GROUP before arriving at one of our most visited ports, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, on 26 October. While inport here we are fine-tuning the ship for participation in a large scale maritime exercise called FLEETEX 84. Over 70 ships will be involved, including 5 aircraft carriers. We're all looking forward to this demanding exercise, and I'll tell you the results in my next letter.

Sincerely,


J.G. WEBER