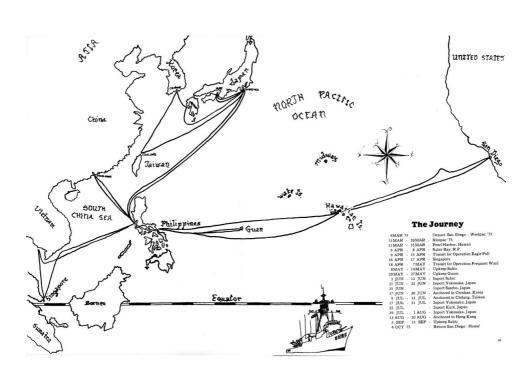
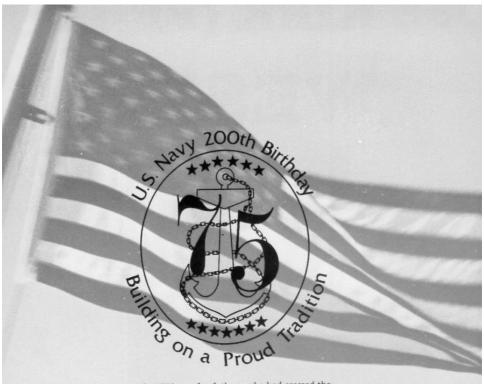


USS KIRK (FF-1087) WESTPAC



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In 1775, our forefathers, who had crossed the ocean in search of freedom, banded together as 13 colonies and established the United States Navy. From this beginning, the Navy is linked in spirit and tradition to each of the 50 states that now form our Union.

The 13 stars of the Navy's 200th Birthday insignia represent the 13 original colonies whose Continental Congress formed the Navy. Fifty links on the chain represent the modern states; and the anchor recalls the strength and bravery of mankind inspired by the sea.

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Cover: The horizontal line depicts KIRK'S seven month deployment. The rays represent her ability to detect and defend air, surface and subsurface targets.

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- 4 YN1 Charles M. Montgomery
- 5 LT Lee S. Clark









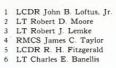














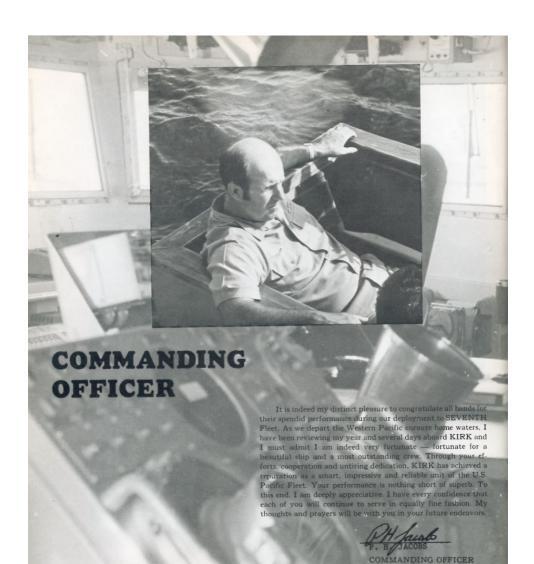


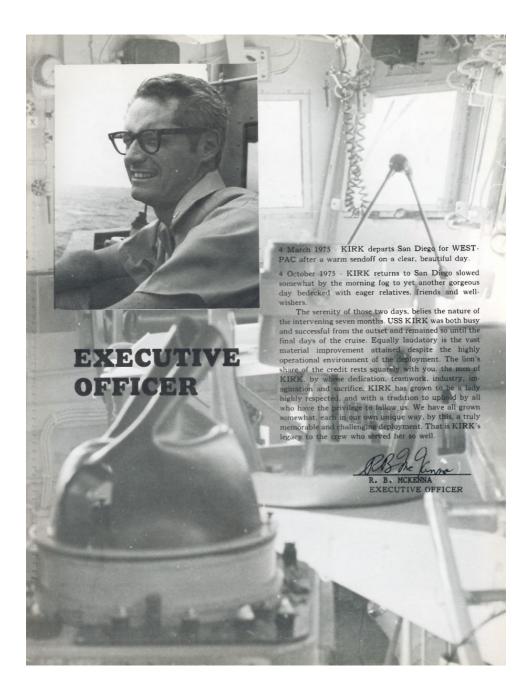
















UNDERWAY WESTPAC '75

For the inexperienced, 4 MAR 75 seemed like just another workday. For the old-timers, the morning had an exciting, yet depressing air about it. The start of another WESTPAC deployment.





A medical emergency interrupted our transit. Now behind our projected position, the USS TOWERS (our companion during the transit) was far ahead of us. We called it "Operation Sting" and it became an all hands evolution of deception. The object—pass by the TOWERS undetected and be waiting for her upon her arrival in Pearl Harbor. The result—success and a theme song for the remainder of deployment.





RIMPAC '75 gave KIRK's crew the opportunity to put to use the many hours of training and schooling we had undergone. Eleven days of flawless support for a combat team that performed better than any other unit present. The first of many highlights for KIRK. Congratulations were delivered by Admiral Doyle, Commander THIRD Fleet.







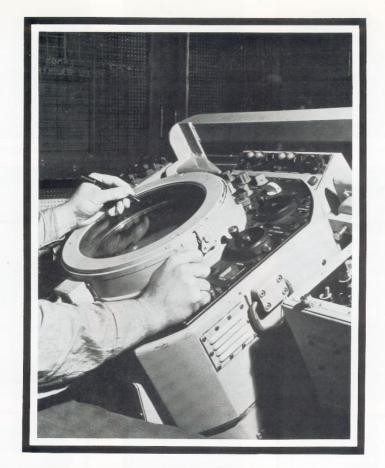






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LTJG EDWARD B. DAUGHERTY

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EWC JOHN F. WILLOUGHBY



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OS3 THOMAS L. OEDING



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OSSN JOHN C. SULLIVAN



OSSN TODD Z. THEDELL

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ETR2 ALEXANDER P. GOZDAN

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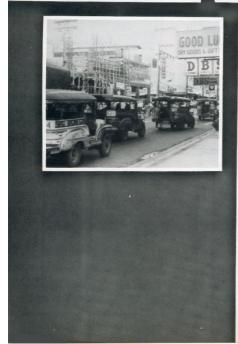
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DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES!

On station for the evacuation of Pheon Phen. KIRK watched and waited — but the operation was accomplished without requiring our involvement. Off to a "week" in Singapore.

SINGAPORE





















air



LT FREDERICK R. SAUTTER JR.



LTJG SCOTT J. OLIN



LTJG SCOTT L. STEELE

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LTJG DONALD A. SWAIN



ADJ2 RICHARD G. FISHER





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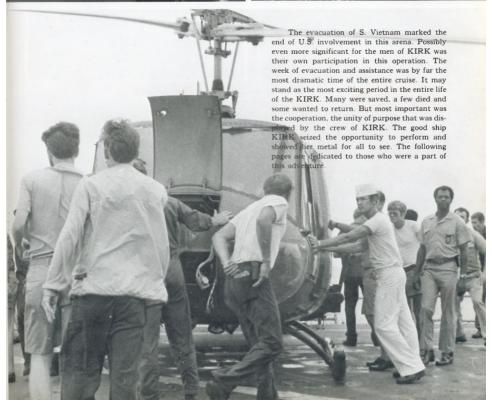
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OPERATION FREQUENT WIND











29 April 1975 - noon · The first South Vietnamese helicopter was inbound. Although neither equipped nor trained to land onboard a ship, the pilots managed superbly. The passengers were searched for weapons and contraband, and then moved to a more sheltered area. A second UH1 "Huey" sought refuge, so it, too, was guided down to the now crowded flightdeck.











As additional helicopters sought a place to land, it became necessary to discard the helos already onboard. Each helicopter in turn was offloaded, then pushed over the side. Twelve aircraft and 157 refugees set down on our deck before the day was out.





A canvas shelter for the refugees was set up on the O-2 level around and aft of the Mack. Bedding consisted of blankets and plastic sheeting—little protection against the driving rain. A hot meal was provided and all bedded down for the night.









The thirteenth pilot to approach KIRK had a considerably more difficult time. His CH-47 helicopter was too large for our flightdeck. Hovering ten to fifteen feet over the fantail, his passengers jumped into the arms of KIRK personnel. The pilot then flew to a position off our starboard quarter and ditched his aircraft after jumping clear. A wave of volunteer swimmers jumped in to assist the man and he was quickly brought aboard.





Within the first few minutes of 30 April, the crew was able to practice its rescue techniques again. A U.S. Marine helicopter fell into the water 1500 yards off our beam. Quick reaction by a bridge watch and motor whale boat crew effected rescue within ten minutes. The two very grateful aviators were dry, warm and fed within the hour.







Everywhere could be seen the volunteer spirit. Sacrifice, giving, sharing with others. The hour of the day or night didn't matter. The duration of the job made little difference. Always there were people at hand to assist in whatever way necessary.



























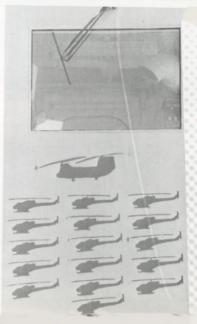




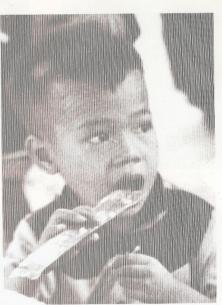
The afternoon of the 30th, the refugees were transferred from KIRK to a Military Sealift Command Ship nearby. New friends were bid goodbye. Hope and comfort were dispensed by all hands. Another wave of evacuation helos came upon us later that day. These persons were in turn off loaded to the USS OKINAWA. New orders — proceed to Con Son Island immediately. Assist and direct the movement of the balance of the South Vietnamese Navy and accompany the ships Eastward.







































On 2 May at 0300 the convoy started it's treck. The TAN NAM VIET was experiencing mechanical problems so ten KIRK personnel were detached to lend assistance. The ships were badly overcrowded and

without adequate food, water or medical supplies. Personnel load was balanced among the Vietnamese ships and the Military Sealift Command ships. KIRK'S motor whaleboat began dispensing the required supplies.





Our weary medical staff was augmented by a Doctor and two Corpsmen from the USS MOBILE. The volunteer spirit came through again as seven tons of rice and C-rations and more medical supplies were loaded aboard in quick fashion. The gig and motor whaleboat continued their mercy missions. Five pregnant women were brought aboard and situated in the 1st Class Lounge. The Americans riding with us took up residence in the crew's lounge.

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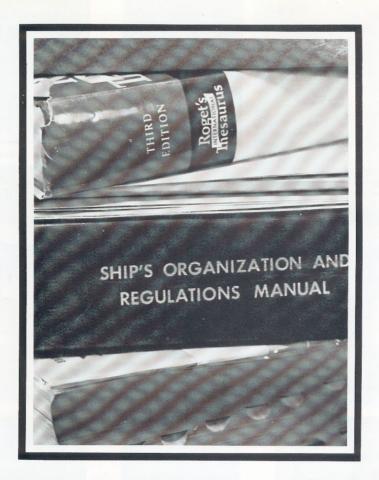




On 5 May, thirty-nine KIRK personnel were transferred to nineteen Vietnamese Navy Ships. Their purpose to take the ships into the custody of the United States. Preparations were made to take the ships into Subic Bay. Small arms were either collected or thrown overboard. Due to a delay, it became necessary to continue the food and water replenishment. At exactly 1200 on 7 May, each ship ceremoniously lowered the flag of the former Republic of South Vietnam and raised the American ensign. With a U.S. Naval Officer in command of each ship, the convoy proceeded into Subic. From Subic the refugees were loaded onto MSC vessels and taken to Guam.

KIRK personnel continued their humanitarian efforts through the sponsorship program. Many found close and grateful friends who we would see again in Guam and the United States. Most important of all, KIRK and her crew had participated in one of the most important naval exercises in recent years. She had learned much about herself and those who serve aboard her.





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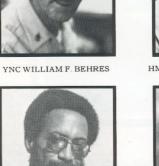
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YN3 FRANK L. SODERBORG



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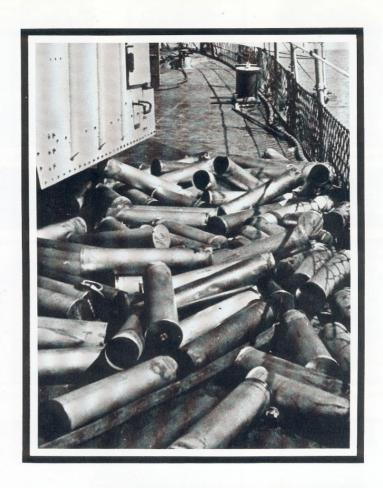


The Mayaguez incident had caused our quick departure from Subic. On the first day out, however, we were redirected to Guam. There we were able to have a short visit with some old friends.

Swim call along the way!







weapons



LT GARRY "I" CASSAT



LTJG NATHANIEL GRISSOM



BMC ANDREW W. SMITH

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BM1 HENRY O. TROY



BM2 PAUL DUFRENE





SN DAVID H. MIKESELL



SN KENNETH L. PRESCOTT



SN MATHEW L. WORKMAN



SA TYRONE BRUNER



SA MARK A. BYMASTER



SA DENNIS R. CARNEY



SA JOSEPH L. CHAVEZ



SA CLARENCE A. CUNNINGHAM JR.



SA RICARDO D. DINOSO





SA ALBERY L. EFFERSON



SA ZANE G. FLECK



SA SANTOS J. GOMEZ



SA DENNIS J. HUDSON



SA CHARLES K. JUSTUS



SA LARRY W. LASHLEY



SA EDDIE LOPEZ



SA EDILBERTO M. PERALTA JR.





SA CURTIS E. TATUM



SA GERALD S. SAVANNAH



SA RAYMOND D. WILBURN



FA LANGSTON B. SMITH

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GMGCS HARVEY M. DILULO



FTGCS DAVID M. JOHNSON

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FTG2 JOHN M. WAHLMAN JR.



GMG3 TIMOTHY L. CLANCY



FTGC LYLE G. BAKER



FTG3 WALTER JOHNSON





GMG3 CARL W. MORGAN



GMG3 JACK R. SANDERS



GMG3 GARY N. SANVIG



FTGSN FREDERICK H. ROBERTS



GMGSN MITCHELL W. ROGERS

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FTG I NORMAN S. MOORE
GMG3 RUSSELL G. BENISON



ENS LANCE A. MYNDERSE



STGCS JOSEPH BENENATI



GMT1 THOMAS J. DIXON



STG1 RICHARD M. LEE



STG1 COY O. MEADOWS

3rd



STG1 THEODORE A. SIEVERT III



STG2 MARK L. DALLNER



TM2 LARRY R. McDANIELS



STG2 WILLIAM P. MUNDY



STG2 MICHAEL J. RICHE



rimpac'75 - 9 subs - 1 whale



STG2 JEFFREY ROHRBAUGH



STG2 DANIEL K. WELLER



STG2 JAMES R. WIMBROW



STG3 MICHAEL N. CLOSS



GMT3 BERTRAM C. DENTON



STG3 EMERY W. KIRK

BEWARE! — bumps ahead



SN WILLIAM S. CUTLER JR.



SN WILLIAM L. HANCOCK JR.



GMTSA RICHARD BANKSTON



STGSA DANNY K. PALLAS



STGSA DENNIS C. TROXELL

NOT PICTURED:

LTJG ALLAN E. PORTER STG1 DANIEL R. LUCERO STG2 WAYNE BRAKENSIEK STG3 RAYMOND D. PAUL STGSA JAMES B. KNOX

Commanding Officer's Inspection



When all else fails — back to Subic. An eleven day upkeep then underway for Japan. During the transit we celebrated HUMP DAY with a cookout on the fantail and a sale in the ship's store. KIRK was halfway done with her deployment.





















supply



LT LOUIS E. ARCURI



ENS CRAIG M. COMPIANO



SKCS ROBERT LEWIS JR.



MS1 MERINO A. BUENAFLOR



SH1 NICHOLAS COLANERI



DK1 MICHAEL H. C. EDWARDS

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DK1 VICTORIANO D. GONZALES



MSI CESAR S. OLAES



MSI SERAFIN B. SABOCOR



SK1 JEFFREY T. SWAN



MS2 AL C. ALINSUNURIN



MS2 FELY E. EUGENIO



MS2 LEONARDO R. GARDE



SK2 ROBERT J. HILLS



MS2 ALFONSO B. LUMABAN



SK2 CHARLES L. RIGGS





MS3 WILLIAM F. BURGWALD



SH3 ROBERT A. CHAMBERLAIN



MS3 MANUEL F. ELEFANE

problems? — get out your frapping tool



SH3 NICANOR V. ESTANDARTE



SH3 GERALD E. HARRISON



SH3 TERRANCE G. O'NEILL



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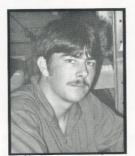


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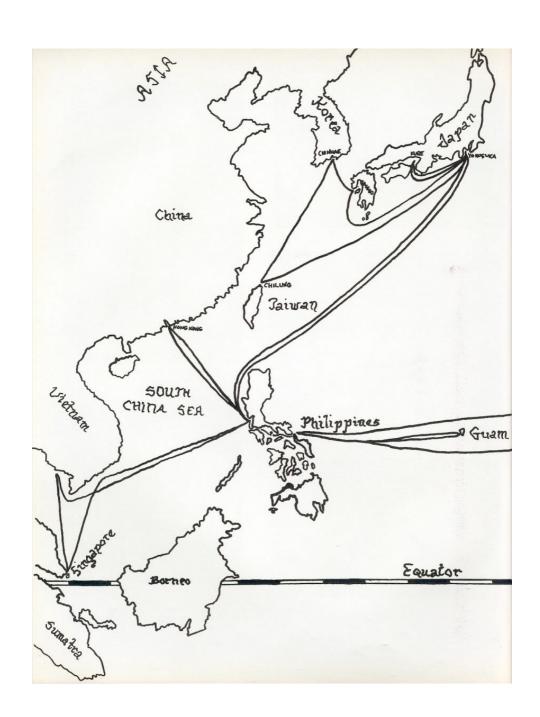


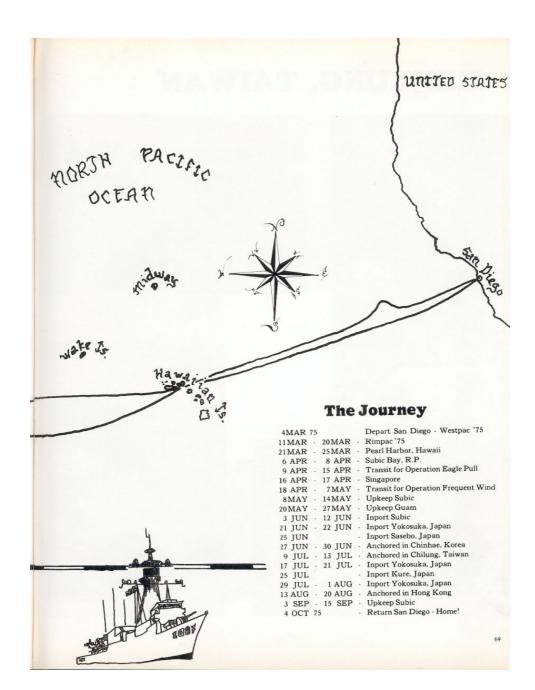






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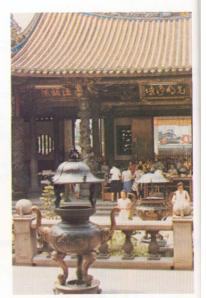


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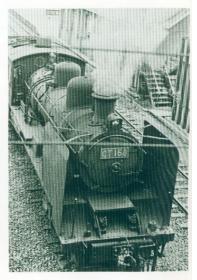




















. . . Keelung. Taiwan. Need anything more be said? The visit was just too short for most. When we left we were loaded down with tons of teak furniture and many pleasant memories. Back to Yokosuka to pick up \$66,000 worth of foreign order merchandise.

































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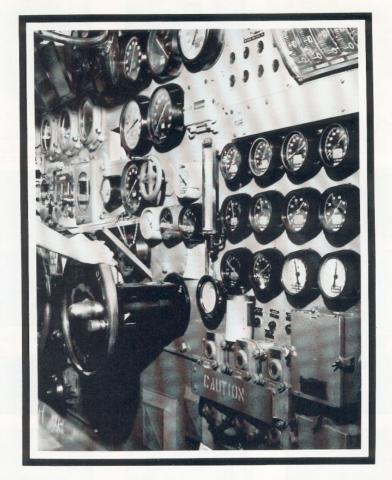












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MMC RAUL A. RENTERIA



EMC WINSTON WELLS



MRI PASCUAL P. DEOMAMPO





HT1 EUGENE HASSELL



EM1 QUITIN C. MABANTA



IC1 THOMAS A. POWELL



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MM2 JAMES STOMBAUGH



MM3 PAUL BARE



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EM3 JOSE CALDRON



HT3 MILLARD ELDRED



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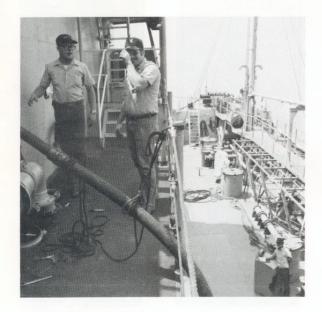
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