







USS BERKELEY ^{DDG} 15

SEA DRAGON



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WESTPAC

29 APRIL 1967 - 25 OCTOBER 1967

USS BERKELEY is a fast highly maneuverable destroyer, commissioned at the U. S. Naval Base, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 15 December 1967. She has an overall length of 437 feet, a beam of 47 feet and a displacement of 4,500 tons. BERKELEY carries 25 officers and 340 enlisted men.

Three times, BERKELEY has deployed to Viet Nam waters and on each cruise she has distinguished herself. In August 1964 the ship played a role in the Tonkin Gulf PT Boat incident for which she was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation. The highlight of her second period overseas was the daring and dramatic rescue of six U. S. Air Force crewmen in the face of heavy enemy fire. On this her third and most recent assignment BERKELEY reeked havoc along the coast of North and South Viet Nam on Operation Seadragon and in support of friendly land actions. Many times was the ship fired on, but miraculously never hit directly. Her 5" 54 rapid fire guns silenced many enemy shore batteries that opened on her. The ship also served for several weeks as flagship for the Northern Search and Rescue Commander.

In a ceremony that has become a BERKELEY tradition in the Gulf of Tonkin the Change of Command took place 11 July 1967.

1967 CRUISE STATISTICS

Total rounds 5" fired	5055	Engine Miles traveled	47,722.1
Total rounds of enemy fire within 500 yds of ship	972	Fuel consumed gals.	3,511,725
Helicopter details	63	Water distilled gals.	3,294,262
Underway refuelings	37	Water received gals.	482,258
Underway ammunition replenishments	19	Mail Received lbs.	16,766
Underway AF replenishments	7	Mail sent lbs.	6,574
Underway AKS replenishments	5	Stamps sold	\$3,858.80
High line transfers:		Money orders sold	\$107,003.69
AO	36	Payroll	\$530,000.00
DD	17	Meals served	648,000
CA	13	Ice cream gals.	360
CAG	7	Tons of provisions used	72
DLG	1	Loaves of bread baked	94,000
Ship's store sales	\$40,000.00	Number cokes sold	132,000
		Cash value part requisitions	\$60,000.00



COMMANDER WILLIAM R. SMEDBERG IV, U. S. NAVY

CDR SMEDBERG reported to USS BERKELEY as its third Commanding Officer in January 1966, while the ship was on station in the Western Pacific. This followed a tour of duty in command of USS BRONSTEIN (DE 1037), one of the U.S. Navy's most advanced Anti-Submarine Warfare ships.

After graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1951, CDR SMEDBERG served in the Battleship WISCONSIN (BB 64) for three years, during which period the ship, although homeported in Norfolk, Virginia, spent 14 months in the Western Pacific during and after the Korean War. This tour was followed by two years in the Atlantic Fleet Destroyer USS BEATTY (DD 756).

In subsequent sea duty, he has served as Commanding Officer of USS LAWRENCE COUNTY (LST 887), as Executive Officer of USS JOHN A. BOLE (DD 755), and as CO of BRONSTEIN, all homeported in San Diego, California.

With the exception of attending the Naval War College in 1961-62, both of CDR SMEDBERG's shore duty tours have been in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations - the Fleet Operations Division in 1956-58 and the Strategic Plans Division in 1962-64.



COMMANDER THOMAS M. WARD, JR., U. S. NAVY

Commander Thomas M. WARD Jr., United States Navy was born in Pontiac, Michigan on December 4, 1928. Upon graduation from the United States Naval Academy he received his commission as an Ensign in June, 1951.

After serving aboard the USS ENGLISH (DD 696) for three years as Gunnery Officer and First Lieutenant, and aboard the USS TOWHEE (AM 388) as Executive Officer for almost one year, CDR WARD took command of the USS CARDINAL (MSC (O) 4).

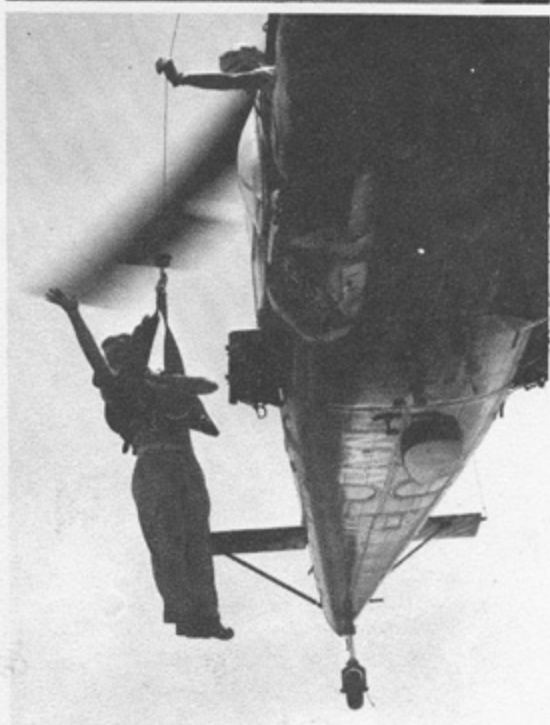
CDR WARD graduated from the U.S. Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California, in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He then attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he received his Master of Science degree in 1958.

After serving two years aboard the USS GYATT (DDG 1) as Gunnery Officer he was assigned to the Pacific Missile Range as Flight Safety Officer. CDR WARD was Executive Officer of the USS BUCHANNAN (DDG 14) from 1963-64 and attended the Naval War College from 1964-65. From 1965 until receiving orders for detachment to the USS BERKELEY he served as an instructor in the Weapons Department at the U.S. Naval Academy.





11 JULY 1967





LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RICHARD C. AVRIT, U.S. NAVY

Born in Tilamook, Oregon, on February 18, 1932, Lieutenant Commander Richard C. AVRIT graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy as an Ensign in June 1953.

From 1953-54 he was assigned to the Destroyer USS GEORGE K. MACKENZIE (DD 836) as Fire Control and Secondary Battery Officer. He then served aboard the Frigate USS WILLIS A. LEE (DL 4) from 1955-57 in several billets: Electronics Officer, Navigator, and Combat Information Center Officer.

LCDR AVRIT attended the Navy Post graduate School at Monterey, California, where he received his Master of Science degree in Engineering Electronics in 1960.

He then assumed command of the USS SUMNER COUNTY (LST 1148). From 1963-66 LCDR AVRIT was assigned to the Key West Test and Evaluation Detachment of the Operation Development Force where he served as Anti-Submarine Warfare Evaluation and Project Officer for the Navy's advanced and sophisticated AN/SQA-26 Sonar.

LCDR AVRIT reported aboard the BERKELEY in December, 1966, to begin his tour as Executive Officer.

WEAPONS



LT JOHN F. LEDER
WEAPONS OFFICER





LT V. T. DAVENPORT
 ASW OFFICER
 LTJG C. S. EVERETT
 FC OFFICER
 LTJG G. B. REYNOLDS
 FIRST LIEUTENANT
 ✓ ENS J. S. BEACHY
 MISSILE OFFICER
 ENS R. G. RANDOLPH
 GUNNERY ASST.
 ✓ LTJG F. P. MYERS
 ASST. FIRST LIEUTENANT
 ✓ WO1 W. VOLLMAR
 ASST. FC OFFICER
 ✓ BMC JOHN VUKSTA
 CMAA



GMGC BLANEY
GMGC MORRIS
FTCS OSVATICS
FTC NOLAN
FTC HEWITT
STC CHAPMAN
STC MEERS
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FIRST DIVISION



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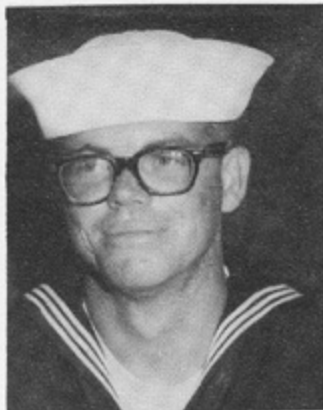
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GREEN
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CONGER
DAHLIN
MIKKELSON
COLLINS



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VARNER
WAGNER
SHULTZ
HARKNESS
ROHM

WELLER
CAMERON
THOMPSON
WILSON
PILLSBURY



HOWARD
CROWE
BRUNO
RUIZ
REYENGA

CLARK
ROBINSON
WARMACK
REPPA
COLLINS

FIRE CONTROL



ROWLEY
BREEDLOVE
LOMAS
HERZTFELDT
HORST
CHETWYND

WATSON
DEROSA
MASON
ROESSLER
BOSCH



JOHNSON
MICHEL
LAPORTE
HEKRDLE
STROTHER
RAMSEY
LEROY

HANSEN
LUEBBEN
WILLIAMS
WALKER
STILL
PETERS
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AS DIVISION



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THORPE
LIDBERG
STRAWDER
KUILAN

OVERTON
TORCHIA
KIRKPATRICK
HYMES



SUGG
MILLS
EDMISTON
MACAULAY
TOMLINSON

RELYEA
LIGHTY
ERDMANN
MILLER
SCHORZMAN

G DIVISION



GAY
ZINCK
HURST
HENRY

EBERT
DUTTON
STARNES
HUTFLES



PARKER
LYDA
REEDY



MEHAFFEY
BASS
ANDERSON



ALEXANDER
ROOF
HENNESSY

SUPPLY



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SUPPLY OFFICER



LTJG H.R. BORDEN
DISBURSING OFFICER



SKC FRITTS



SH1 CANFIELD



DK1 SWARENS



SK1 HUBBARD



HENRY
DUKES
SIGUA



SMITH
BUMGARDNER
ROTH



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GRAY



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COLLANITES



BEATTY
READY
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SCOTT



JISKRA
STALEY
TRUJILLO



UTSEY
YOCHAM
LOLNITZ



HADDEN
JOHNSON
SONIAT



PADUA
JOSE
CASTILLO

OPERATIONS

DEPT.



LCDR G. M. MONTEATH
OPERATIONS OFFICER



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LTJG R. H. YATES
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LT R. B. ROGERS
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QMC WHITTING
RMC FRANZ
SMC MERCER

PNC KRAUSS
HMC EADS

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MACKENZIE
STINNETT



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HARTUNG



SCHULTZ
KELLER
TRIPPLETT



SHERTZ
GRAHAM
SELLE



MCCOO
BRADLEY
RILEY



ENNIS
WAPSTRA
DESCOTEAUX



ANDREAS
NORTON
WEST



CORROW
HOLDEN
COLLETTI



GREEN
WILSON
BARNETTE



SHANER
HAKKILA
CHAMNESS



RAVER
BAKER
MOJICA

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 WARNER



ROBINSON
 DEBUSMAN
 DERTINGER



DAWSON
 GAMBLE
 MEIER



TAULBEE
 PFEIFFER
 STOCK



JOHNSON
CODY
RAGLAND



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EICHINGER
BOSTROM



PIGGOTT
RAMOS
PIERCE



LANGER
CASSIDY
DEGRIEF



HENZLER
O'BANNON
GRAHAM



WINEGARDEN
JERDEN
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ENGINEERING

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LT D. D. SCHROEDER
CHIEF ENGINEER





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DCA
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MPA



ENS W. K. FOGERTY
ELO
ENS T. FRENCH
ASST. MPA



BTC MCGUIRE
MMC WEST
MMC SEAY



SFC SMITH
DCC BROWNLIE
EMC GALENUS

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RYDSY
ROMILLY
HAGER
SIMASKO
MALAZUK
DEWEY

DIAN
JURACH
DIMAS
WILKINS
SCHULER



HARRISON
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PRITCHARD



SIMMONS
STANTON
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BRYANT
MILLER
CRIPE
SPUTE

JACKSON
TABBATT
TAYLOR
BALMAIN
KEMP
TOBIASSON

B DIVISION



KIKUYAMA



PINKERMAN
GOTAUTIS
HENDERSON



COTE
MATCHETTE
MARTINEZ



KRUEGER
MILLER
PEARSON



FOWLER
GROAH
MAAS



McINERNY
WILGUS
CARMICHAEL



BARNES
MUSIC
COBAUGH



TOBIAS
CIARDULLO



KANE
SARRO
MEDINA



ROMER
YAGLE
LITTLE



PETRICK
LEECH
ADAMS



THOMPSON

M DIVISION



NICKSON



HEEFNER
WILLIAMS
MANN



REAGAN
DOLLINS
WARFIELD



COVEY
STURTEVANT
GUNION



MCCALVEY
SIMMON
FINNIGAN



GAGE
FLYNN
PARRISH



FAULKNER
HASTINGS
LANCASTER



WOODALL
ROSS



RUCKER
GROOM
DAHL



HURLEY
ADKINS
MANGINI



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SAMUELSON

THE SHIP EXPECTS
TO GO TO
GENERAL QUARTERS
IN
ONE MINUTE!

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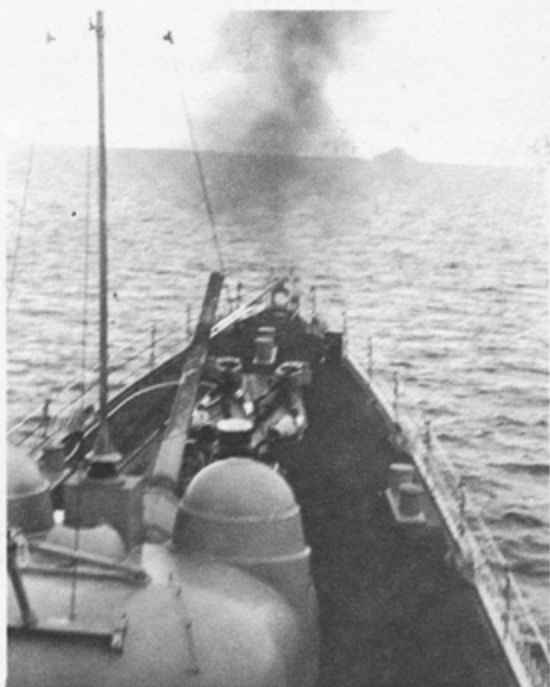
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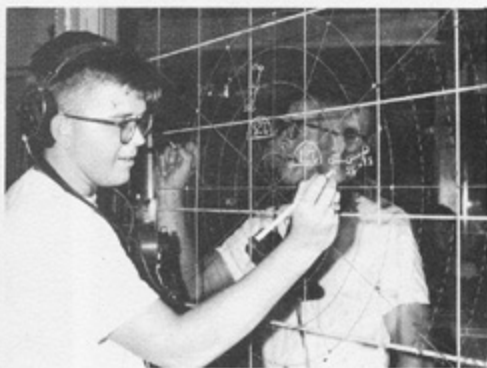
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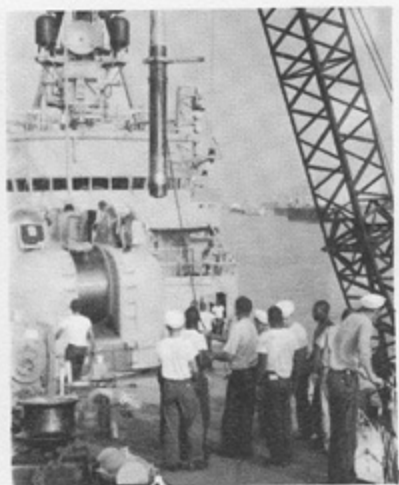


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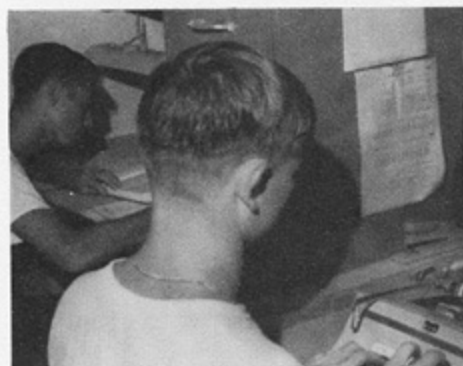




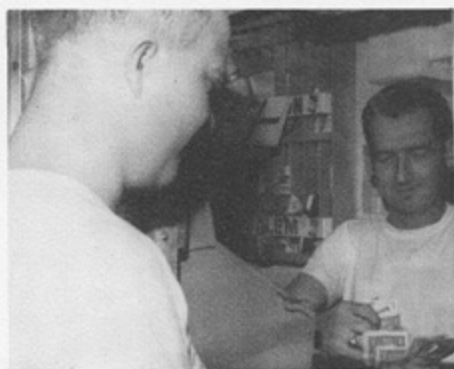
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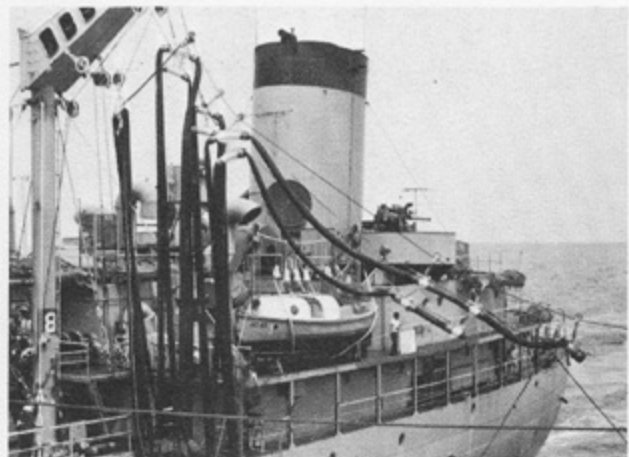
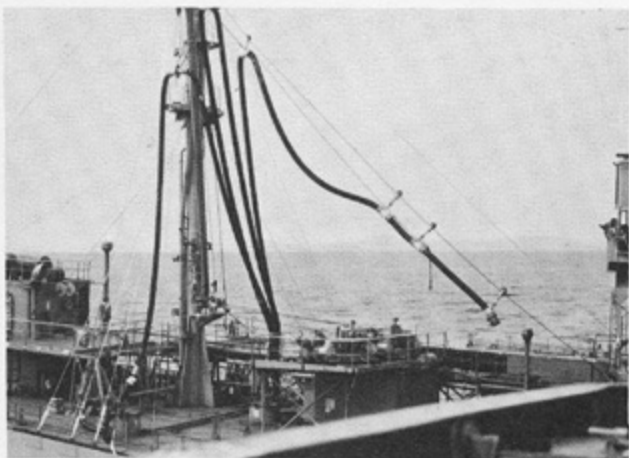
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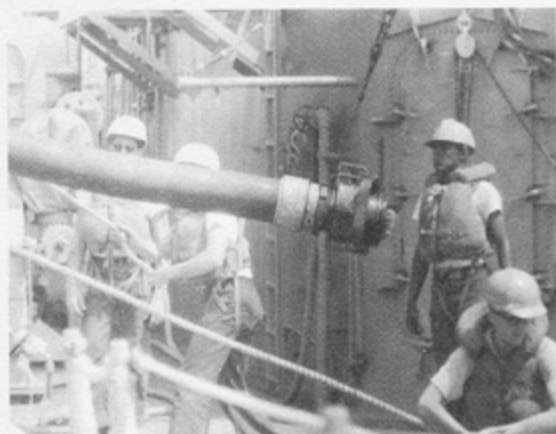
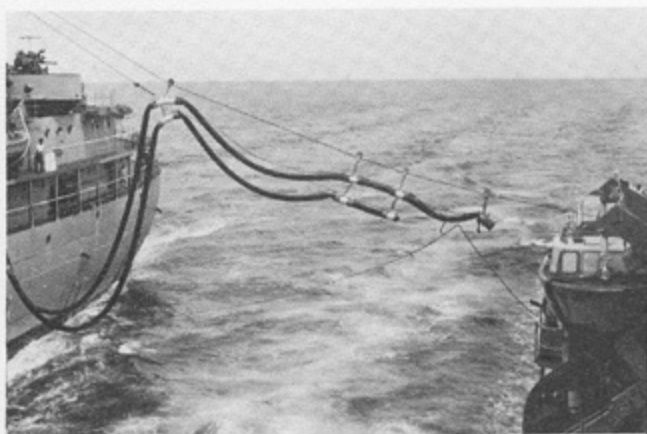
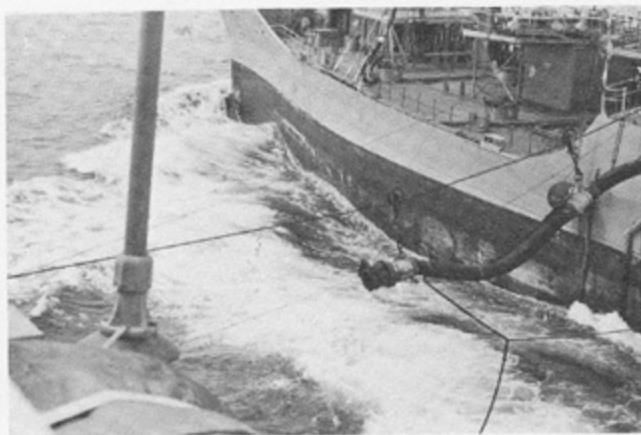


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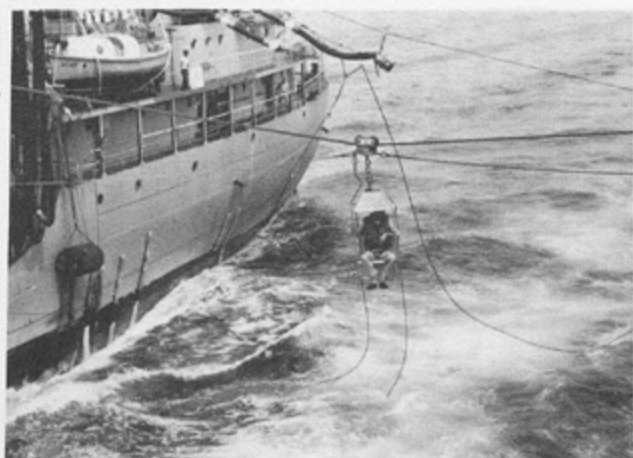
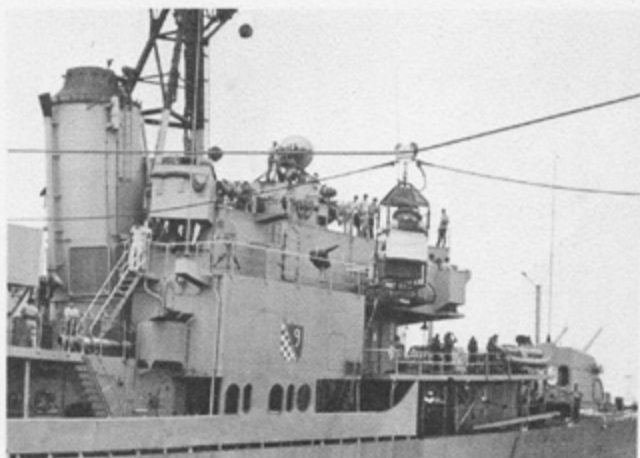
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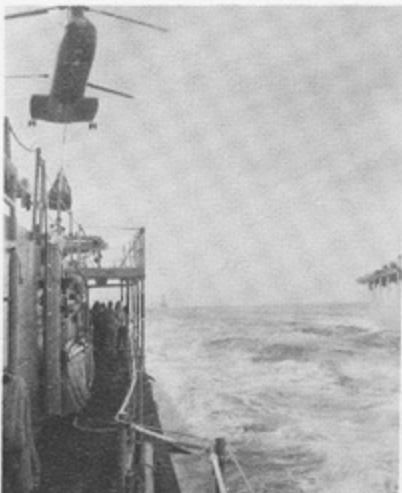
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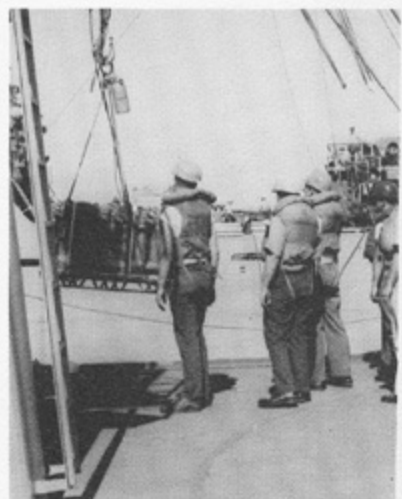






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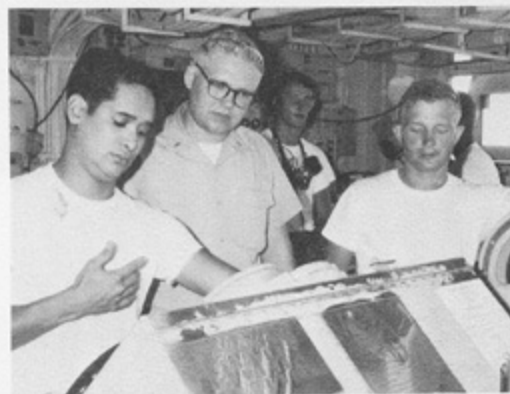




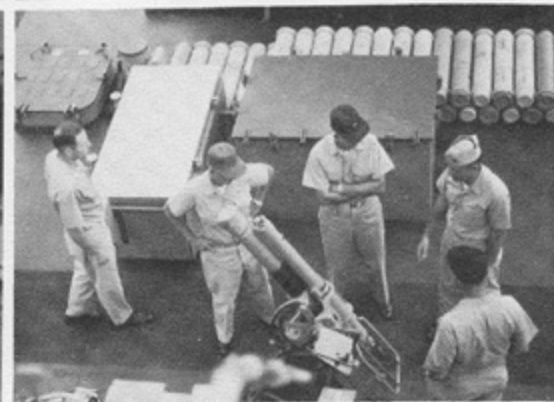
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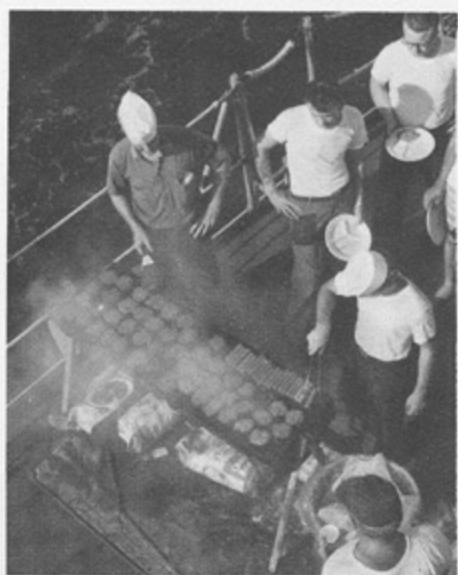


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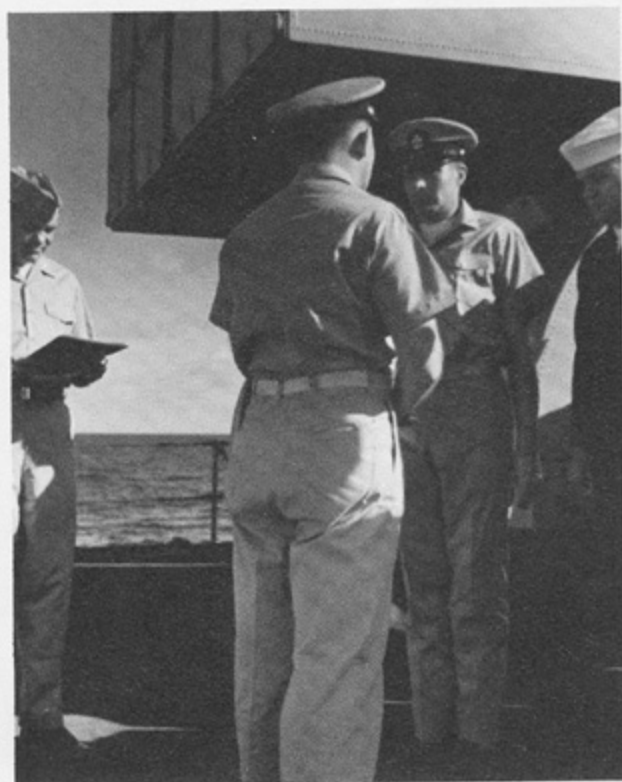
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L.B. Ship Hit by Viet Coast Guns

Nearly 500 rounds from heavy caliber coastal defenses bracketed the Long Beach-based missile destroyer USS Berkeley in the Tonkin Gulf Wednesday, but the ship escaped with nothing but shrapnel damage to her decks, the Navy said.

The Berkeley was probing the Song Yen River area at the time.

Cmdr. Thomas M. Ward Jr., of Rossmore, the Berkeley's skipper, made a high-speed turn seaward while returning enemy fire.

The heavy cruiser USS Boston, operating nearby, zeroed in on the enemy batteries with her 8-inch guns, silencing the shore guns while the Berkeley steamed to safety.

L.B. Warship KO's Enemy Shore Guns

By BUCK LANIER
Navy Editor

The Long Beach-based guided missile destroyer USS Berkeley knocked out two North Vietnamese shore batteries Sunday, the Navy said.

It was the second battle action in five days for Cmdr. Thomas M. Ward Jr.'s ship, with the 7th fleet in the Tonkin Gulf.

The Berkeley moved into the Cap Falaise area and routed two truck-mounted guns, and her 5-inch guns

sank two 60-foot enemy craft near the beach.

Enemy shore batteries dropped an estimated 40 rounds close to the ship. The Berkeley returned the fire as the heavy cruiser USS Boston moved into the area.

The Boston's 8-inchers accounted for a second coastal defense site and damaged another.

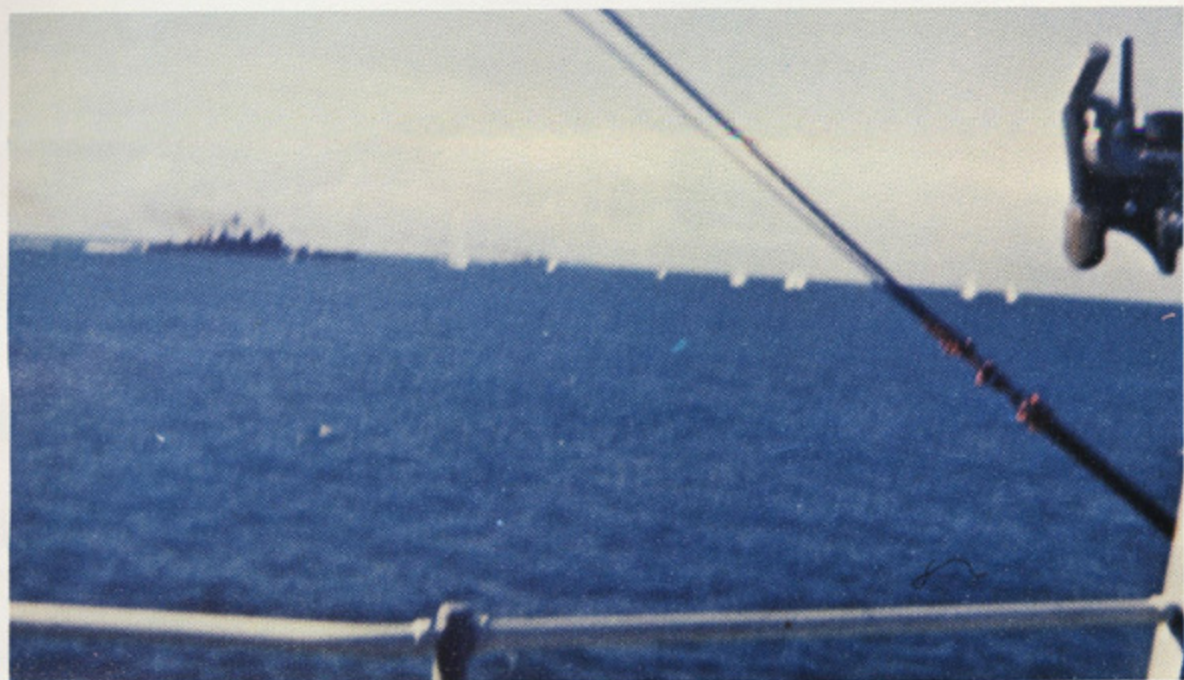
Both ships withdrew without injuries or damage.

Communists killed eight Americans, wounded 20 and damaged most of the vehicles.

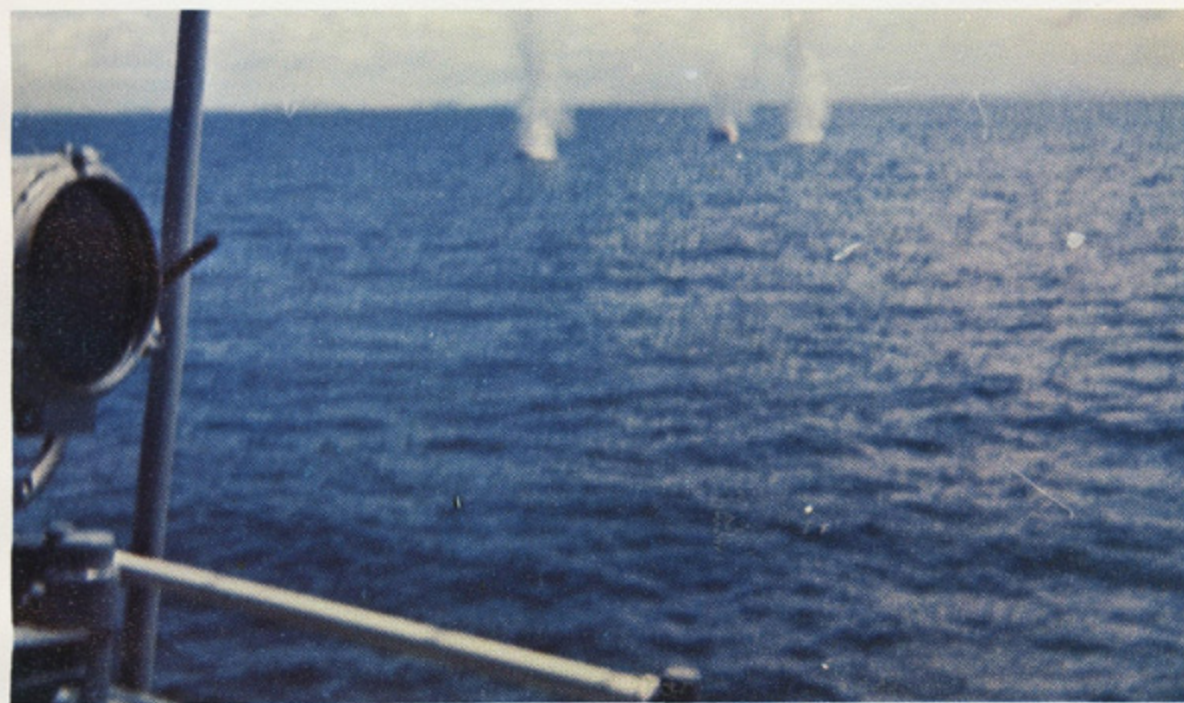
Ships of the U.S. Navy engaged in heavy artillery duels with North Vietnamese shore batteries during the weekend. American officials announced 10 shells had been fired at the cruiser St. Paul and the destroyers Berkeley and Osburn in the biggest off-shore battle reported in the war.

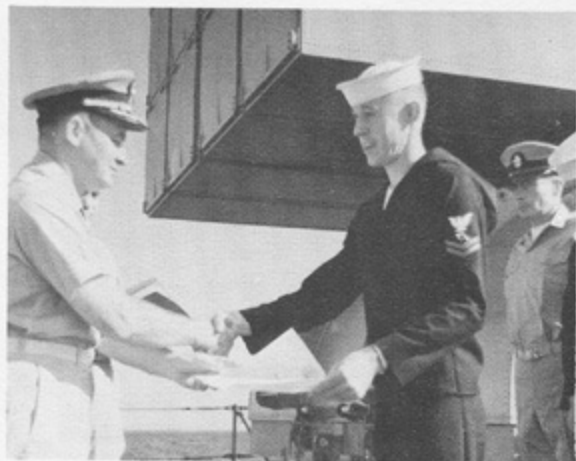
Spokesmen said the St. Paul suffered a four-foot hole in her starboard bow from a direct hit by the Communist guns. No American casualties were reported, and the U.S. ships knocked out at least one of the North Vietnamese batteries.





COUNTERBATTERY!





LONG BEACH-PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII-4-19 MAY
YOKOSUKA, JAPAN 17-21 MAY SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES

PORTS OF CALL

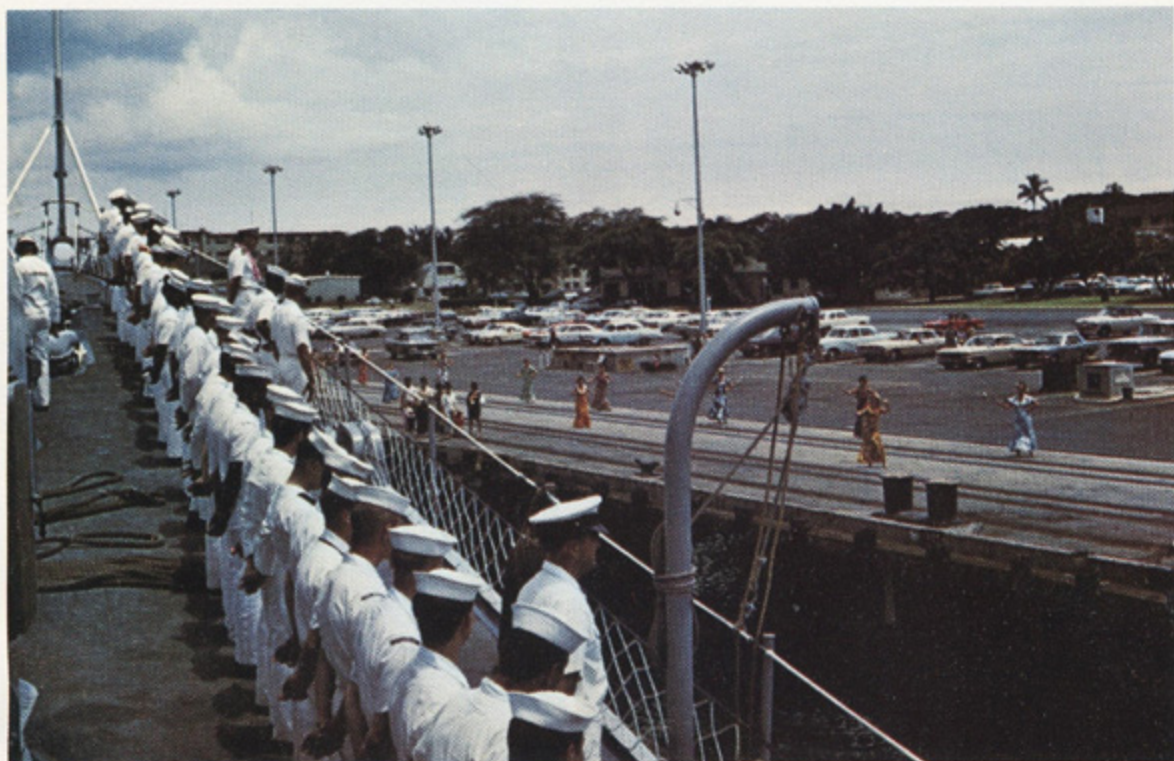
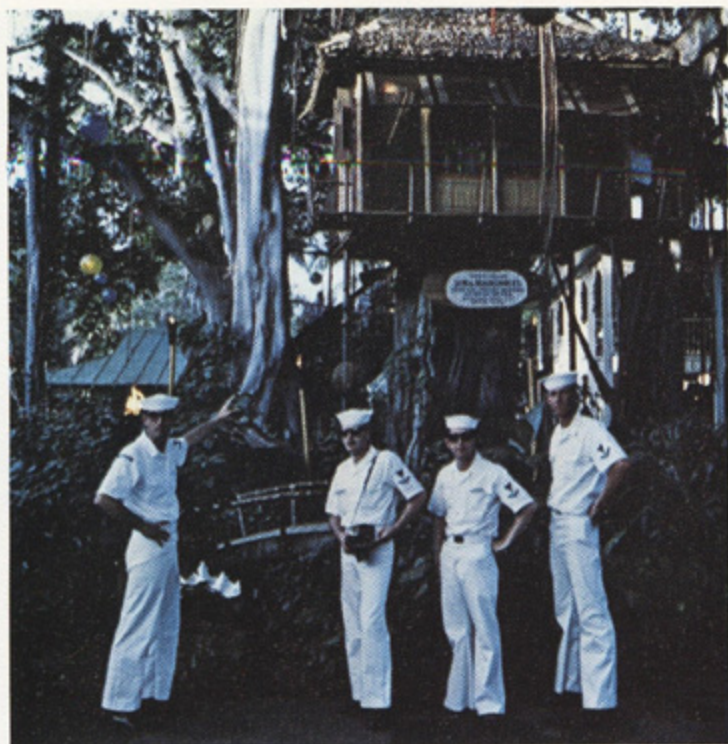
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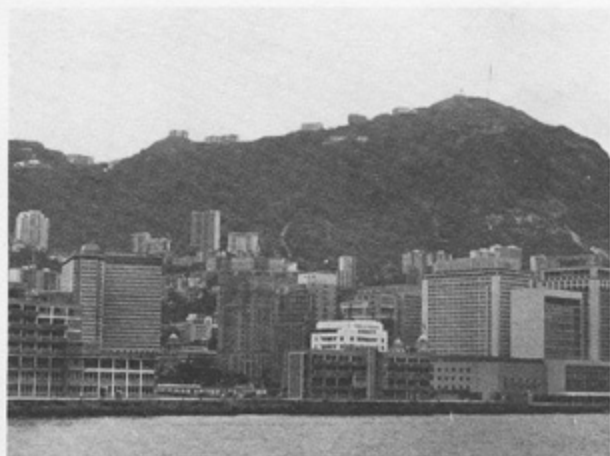
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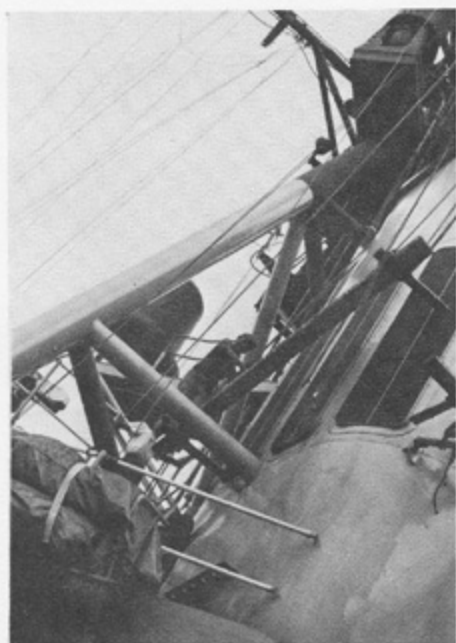






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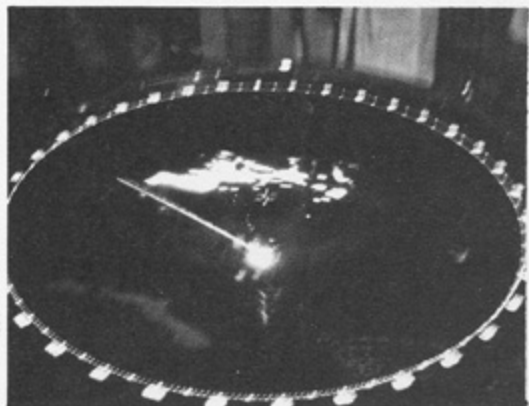


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TAIWAN





29 APRIL 1967
A SAD FAREWELL



LONG BEACH ON RADAR
A LAST AND FIRST GLIMPSE!





25 OCTOBER 1967



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HOMECOMING





