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USS KING (DLG-10)
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CHANGE OF COMMAND
CEREMONY

Time: 1000, 1 June 1962

Place USS KING (DLG-10), Pier 6, NRF, San Diego, California

PROGRAM

National Anthem

Invocation.....LT BAGGOTT,CHC,USN

Remarks.....CAPTIAN MELVIN E. BUSTARD,USN

Reading of Orders.....CAPTAIN MELVIN E. BUSTARD,USN

"Haul down the commissioning Pennant."

Reading of Orders.....COMMANDER FRANK H. SONNTAG ,USN

"Hoist the Commissioning Pennant."

Remarks.....COMMANDER FRANF H. SONNTAG,USN

Benediction.....LT BAGGOTT,CHC,USN

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CAPTAIN MELVIN E. BUSTARD, USN
FIRST COMMANDING OFFICIER
USS KING (DLG-10)

Captain M. E. Bustard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bustard, was born in Harrisville, Utah, July 11, 1916. He received his commission on February 21, 1942. As an Ensign he placed in commission and assumed command of the USS YP408 which was assigned escort and ASW assignments along the East Coast. In July of 1943 LT (jg) Bustard was transferred the USS AMESBURY (DE) which participated in the North Atlantic convoy runs between the United States and Europe. From November 1944 until early 1946 LT Bustard served with the US Army as gunfire Liaison Officer. From mid 1946 LT Bustard served as Executive Officer on the USS GEORGE (DE-697) until December 1947. During his period on the GEORGE time was spent serving in the Western Pacific along the China Coast and in the Formosa Straits.

Afer a year at the General Lone School in Monterey, LCDR Bustard was ordered as Commanding Officer USS LSNR-401 which took part in the Inchon invasion in 1950. For this action LCDR Bustard was awarded the Bronze Star with "V". In December of 1950 LCDR Bustard was ordered as Division Commander of LSR Division 32 and received the Silver Star for action with his division against Communist Forces in Western Korea. In December of 1951 LCDR Bustard returned to the United States and was assigned to Officer Promotions in the Bureau of Naval Personnel. Two years later he assumed command of the USS SILVERSTEIN (DDE-534) in Pearl Harbor. In June of 1955 CDR Bustard took command of USS CARPENTER (DDE-825) the flagship of Squadron 25 also based in Pearl Harbor. Two years later CDR Bustard was assigned to the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island where he served for one year as a student, followed by two years as an instructor in the Naval Warfare Course.

CDR Bustard was detached from the Naval War College and ordered to the USS KING(DLG-10) in June 1960 and commanded the KING to the present.

Captain Bustard is married to the former Florance Ruth Buehler of Moline, Illinois. They have three children, Michael, Stephen and David.

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COMMANDER FRANK H. SONNTAG, USN
SECOND COMMANDING OFFICER OF USS KING (DLG-10)

Commander Sonntag was born in Los Angeles, California, on January 16, 1922, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard N. Sonntag. He studied at the University of California in Los Angeles beginning his Navy service as a member of the University's NROTC class in 1939 prior to being commissioned Ensign on June 9, 1943. Through subsequent advancement, he attained the rank of commander effective May 1, 1958. After receiving his commission, Commander Sonntag was ordered to destroyer USS LONGSHAW (DD-559) where he served as Navigator and Assistant Gunnery Officer during World War II. He survived the sinking of the LONGSHAW by enemy shore batteries at Okinawa in May 1945. He then became a student at the Gunnery Officers Ordnance School from June 1945 to December 1945. He subsequently became Gunnery Officer of the destroyer USS FRED T. BERRY (DD-858). In February 1948 he became a student in the General Lane School until December 1948 when ordered in January 1949 until August 1951, he served as Officer in Charge, Intelligence Unit, Trinidad, British West Indies.

Commander Sonntag once more became a student, this time at the Mine-Warfare School at Yorktown, Virginia. He then was ordered to assume command of the USS ZEAL (MSF-131) from November 1951 to March 1954 and saw action in Korean waters. He became Commanding Officer of the minesweeper USS ENERGY (MSO-436) in July 1955. His next duty assignment was as Commander Mine Division 91 until September 1956. The Commander for the next three years headed the Operational Intelligence Dissemination Section in the Office of Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. As Commanding Officer of the destroyer USS JARVIS (DD-799) from July 1959 until November 1960, he was then ordered to the Staff of Destroyer Flotilla Three (later to become Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla Three, in October 1961) where he served as Operations Officer.

Commander Sonntag assumed command of the guided missile frigate USS KING (DLG-10) on June 1, 1962.

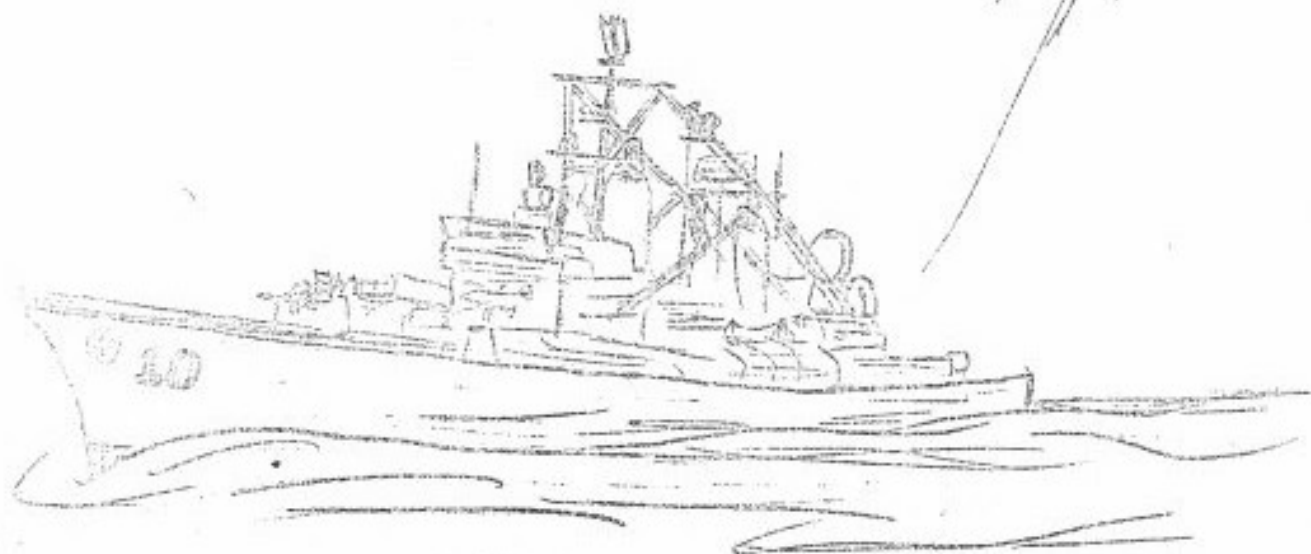
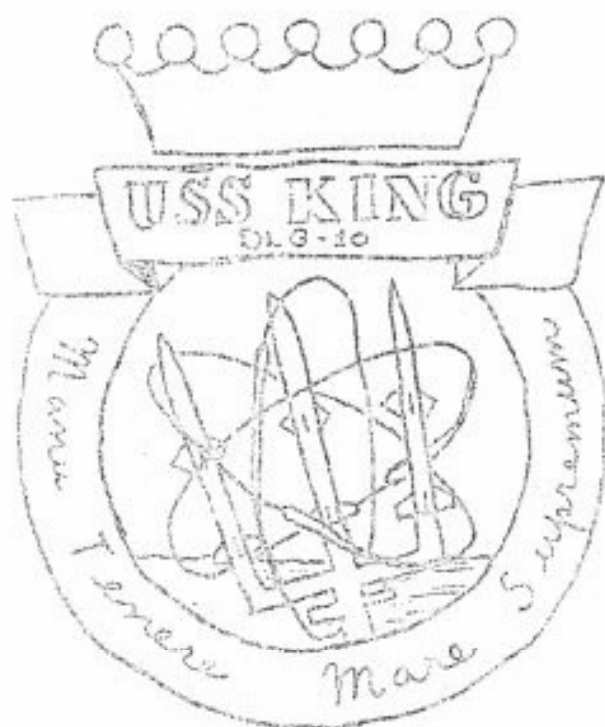
For his wartime service, Commander Sonntag was awarded the following citations: Bronze Star (two), Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Area Medal (nine stars), United Nation Service Medal and Korean Service Medal (two stars).

Commander Sonntag was married in 1943 to the former Miss Geraldine Handley of Los Angeles, California. The Sonntags have four children, Charles Bernard 18, Steven Jay 14, Frank Henry, Jr. 11, and Craig William, 2. Their official residence is in Garden Grove, California.

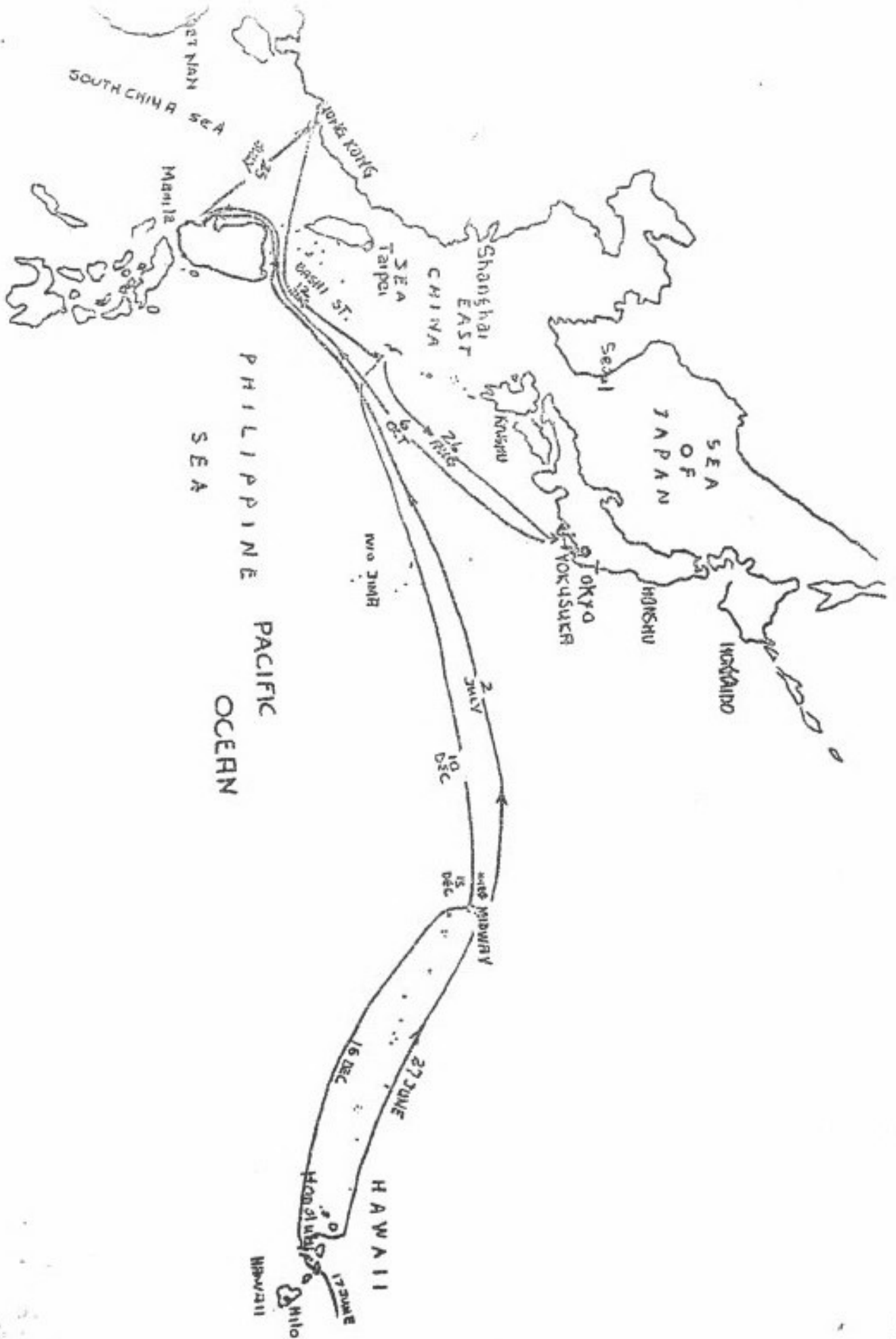
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West Pac Cruise

of
United States Ship
KING (DLG-10)



6 June 1962 → 21 December



WESTERN PACIFIC EMPLOYMENT CALENDAR

0815 7 JUNE 1962	Underway from San Diego for WESTPAC
7-13 JUNE	Enroute Pearl Harbor.
13-18 JUNE	In port Pearl Harbor.
18-21 JUNE	Local Sea Operations (Hawaiian Oper. Area)
21-25 JUNE	In port Pearl Harbor.
25 JUNE-7 JULY	Enroute to Subic Bay, Philippines.
7-17 JULY	In port Subic Bay, Philippines.
17-30 JULY	Enroute to Hong Kong, B.C.C.
30 JULY-6 AUG	In port Hong Kong. B.C;C.
6-21 AUGUST	Enroute Buckner Bay, Okinawa.
21-25 AUGUST	In port Buckner Bay, Okinawa.
25-27 AUGUST	Enroute to Yokosuka, Japan.
27-31 AUGUST	In port Yokosuka, Japan.
31- AUGUST-6 Sept.	Local Sea Operations(Japanese Oper. Area)
6-27 Sept.	In Port Yokosuka, Japan.
27 Sept.-13 Oct.	Enroute to Subic Bay, Philippines.
13-20 Oct.	In Port Subic Bay, Philippines.
20 Oct-1 Nov.	Local Sea Operations.
1-6 Nov.	In Port Subic Bay, Philippines.
6-19 Nov	Enroute to Buckner Bay, Okinawa
19-22 Nov.	In Port Buckner Bay, Okinawa
22-27 Nov.	Enroute Subic Bay, Philippines
27-30 Nov.	In Port Subic Bay, Philippines
30 Nov-13 Dec.	Enroute Midway Island, Pacific
13 Dec.	In Port Midway Island, Pacific
13-16 Dec.	Enroute Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
16 Dec	In Port Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
16-21 Dec	Enroute San Diego California, U.S.A.

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The seventh of June 1962 was the starting date some 196 days ago. Sea detail was set. The lines were hauled on deck, and the captain backed the ship from the pier into the stream. Even as we passed the ferry landing, women and families were still waving from the piers. We rounded North Island and pointed to sea, where we rendezvoused with the USS MAHAN and USS ORISKANY. From that meeting we headed for Hawaii and Pearl Harbor.

Pearl Harbor was but a stop on the way to WESTPAC, but the soft breezes and warm sunshine bid us welcome forever. It was an impressive sight steaming past the famous "BATTLESHIP ROW", and seeing beautiful Arizona Memorial to her entombed crew, Ford Island, the submarine piers and Merry Point Landing. Swimming, aloha shirts, the International Market Place, the tree house, Diamond Head and the warm nights are all pleasant memories of Hawaii. It wasn't long after this that we learned we had won an "E" for our missile performances.

The KINGSMEN softball team played in the CRUDESLOT THREE softball tournament and although we lost two and won only one game we played fine ball and all the games were close.

From Hawaii's sunny shores we steamed westward to Subic Bay in the Philippines where sunshine was replaced by the ever present rains which we all remember so well. Olongapo and wood carvings will be long remembered by everyone. Many men took the boat ride to Grande Island and rewarded by a pleasant day. Skin diving (mostly by the radar men), water skiing, and a golf course were enjoyed by all. In all we had four in port periods in Subic Bay. Most of what will be remembered though is the rain, MPC, jeepneys, golf, and good food at the clubs. It was there in Subic Bay that the Chiefs started besting the officers in bowling.

After the first stay in Subic Bay the KING took the trip Northwest to the magnificent city of Hong Kong. One could write volumes about Hong Kong and capture none of its charm or mystery, and yet so few words describe it well. quaint, oriental, crowded, yet alive and fast moving. The most important memory will be the very reasonable prices which we all took advantage of. Stereo sets, speakers clothing, are but a few of the items KINGSMEN purchased. cashmere sweaters, ivory toys, no one dare try to list them all. There will be memories of Kowloon, the ferry ride, the delicacies found in Jimmie's kitchen and the Parisienne Grill, the small junks and sampans. Marry Soo's side-painting-girls, the rickshaws outside the china fleet club, and the packed housing areas. The boat (Walla Walla) we hired to take us to the ship from Fenwick Street Pier.

Many times it appeared to cough and sputter for the last time but it always got us there and back. On one trip the engineer of the boat (a 10 year old boy) notice a large amount of smoke pouring from underneath the forward authorship seat. He grabbed a bucket of water,lifted up the seat, and threw on the pipes guess this was the "radiator."

Everyone hated to leave Hong Kong. We later missed a second trip to Hong Kong due to an engineering casualty which kept us in Yokosuka.

Buckner Bay in Okinawa saw us next . Commodore HUBBELL came to our anchorage to present us a plaque for our excellent performance in overall competition with the other ships of Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla THREE which includes just about everthing. After that the Executive Officer gave us a warning about the "Habu" snake and other things. Up to this point in the cruise we had the "E" for Missile,Fire Control,and now Overall Excellence. There is more.

No one was bitten by the Habu's in Okinawa and it is a good thing. He probably would have died of fright before the poison. It was learned from a doctor at Kadena Air Force Base that only one serviceman has ever died from snake bite on Okinawa. We shot more missiles while in the Buckner Bay area,and went in and out for local operations several times giving the forecstle crew plenty of training in anchoring.

About the time we were in Okinawa the first time around, typhoon started chasing us. This seemed to occur every week as the cruise went into its the last month. (We went to an anchorage in Subic Bay one night to keep from getting tossed about,and on the way home we took several days running before a tropical strom,which caused our delay.)

Yokosuka followed. This was the scene of many parties. The crew elected to have department and divisional parties instead of a big ship's party. The Weapons Department party at the hotel on the hill , the Engineering Division's party at the bar on the boulevard,and the Officers party at the "O" club to name but a few. To the Captain and the Executive Officer it seemed the ship would never run out of divisions or departments as they were invited to all and attended same. After eight parties "EXHAUSTION".

There are many memories of Yokosuka. Oil paintings ,thieves alley,personalized coffee cups that most KINGMEN bought. Building A-33 and the good prices,girls wearing kimonos and getas,the Buddhist Shrines,Kamakura (Hollywood of Japan),and pachinko games The second trip back to Yokosuka that we missed, and china sets.

From Yokosuka to Subic Bay (We might have gone to Saigon, South Viet Nam but the Mahan went instead.), to Okinawa where the King celebrated her second anniversary with a birthday cake and ceremonies. The same day, awards were given to the men who advanced in rate on 16 November. The King had 72% of those who took the examination make it. The force average is about 55%. To Subic Bay with more missile firings in Okinawa was just about the same story until the Weapons Demonstration off Okinawa in December, except for parting from the ORISKANY. Since starting the cruise, the three NTDS ships had been through thick and thin together, and one of them leaving our fold was quite an event. The Weapons Demonstration for CINCPAC was the first major exercise without the Big "O", and the King was her old self as she came through like a true champion. We shot down the target sleeve on the first run and as back-up missile ship we fired a missile in place of the MAHAN when they were unable to fire. We should get 4.0 in readiness this month.

As expected, the long trail home was filled with ruts and bumps. Bad weather forced us to turn around, go south, north, west and it seemed that every day was a week. High winds, rain heavy seas tossed even the mighty carrier HORNET about. Running low on fuel caused us to hold up at Midway for a few hours and gave some of a cheerful break from the monotony of the sea. We saw Gooney Birds by the thousands. Any man who left the ship that day will remember these white and gray birds who parked in yards, under bushes, and everywhere. We saw them do a strange dance that is as yet unexplained.

Pearl Harbor had us for a few hours again as we refueled there before pulling out and beginning the long awaited trek to San Diego. It was early on the morning we arrived in Pearl Harbor that Commodore Hubble awarded us still another trophy. This one for expert in Anti-Air Warfare. We also took on the first fresh milk we had had since last June when we were in Pearl Harbor on our way to WESTPAC.

In summation - a few facts - the deployment calendar is attached, as is a map of our travels. However, there are a few more non-essential facts which you may want to remember.

For example: Twenty-one schedule changes, 47,269 miles traveled from 7 JUNE TO 21 DEC. 1962, 197 sunrises, 196 days passed, over 10,000 liberties (men going ashore, that is). Awards for Missile, Fire Control, Overall Excellence, Expert in Anti-Air Warfare and continued high praise from every quarter for our performances. We spent 124 days at sea, and had 73 days of liberty (discounting Midway and Pearl). Over 4,700 pieces of china were bought, 26 Pachinko games, and several bicycles. There were 12 typhoons that we came near or were forced to evade. We had 33 underway replenishments and received over 4,300,000 gallons of fuel. We were at sea on the 4th of July, Veteran's Day and Labor Day and in port for Thanksgiving and will be in port for Christmas. A MERRY ONE TO ALL.

A CRUISE IS ENDED

The KING slipped her lines and backed away from pier six in San Diego on a chilly June morning that seems like years ago. The cruise that started then, is over now. Months, weeks, days and hours have been counted and crossed off on individual lists. Presents have been looked at, prices argued and items purchased in many Far East cities. Chinaware from Japan, silks and clothing from Hong Kong, wood carvings from the Philippines, radios, phonographs, toys, cameras, kimonos, and music boxes from various ports. Men went ashore in Olongapo, Naha, Yokosuka, Kowloon and some went beyond to Kamakura, Tokyo and Manila. Honolulu was given the KING treatment, Midway Island had a short look at the KING crew during a short refueling stop.

Exotic things and places were seen. Water that was at once azure, then an off color green as if there were walls between the two; coral reefs, Buddhist temples, rickshaws, junks and sampans to name but a few. Few can say they have not enjoyed the cruise, but fewer still are able to say they would like to stay. The WESTPAC Cruise of 1962 for the KING is now over. The sights of San Diego will soon loom over the horizon to the speculation of all hands. Excitement and anxiety become common traits. A quiet indifference to the past is visible, as the magic word "home" is passed. It is over -- and as it has been said.....

"I care not what lands you tread,
or seas you roam,
your greatest joy lies in coming home".

USS KING (DLG-10)
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COMMANDING OFFICER'S CORNER

The intent of this document is not to display in any fancy manner our cruise to the Western Pacific of June-December 1962, but is to portray by modest means, highlights of the cruise and to specifically name the individuals who comprised the crew of the most modern destroyer type ship our Navy owns.

Each one of us will carry away different memories of events that occurred. Each one of us will carry away different memories of the individuals we were in contact with. For my part, I will always remember one thing in particular, and that is the success of the KING and the KINGSMEN in every operation undertaken. Many people do not realize a ship, such as the KING, must be manned by highly competent, professional dedicated individuals. Many people do not realize that much of the ship's success depends upon seamen and firemen aside from the efforts of her officers and petty officers. In other words, running KING is a team proposition--this in my opinion has caused us to succeed.

There are so many outstanding personalities on board that it would be totally unfair for me to single out a person or a group of persons for purposes of recognition. Nor, do I believe any one person would want to be singled out as the one who made "KING" GO. I would however, as this cruise ends, like to express my extreme gratitude for what you all have done to help make KING the best destroyer type ship I have seen.

Very respectfully

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