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Dear Families and Friends of the Guide,

This special edition of the Guide Lines Newsletter is published in order that you may share with us the first hand results of our recently completed "Good Will" cruise of the Philippine Islands. The cruise was most enjoyable and we are sure that the impressions we left with the good people in the ports we visited will do much to further mutual understanding and respect between our two peoples.

I am extremely proud of the crew and the wonderful way they conducted themselves while serving in the capacity of Ambassadors of Good Will. The U. S. S. GUIDE will long be remembered in the Southern Philippines. It was again demonstrated that "Where the Fleet goes or may go in the future - We have been."

I would like to extend a special vote of thanks to Lieutenant Octavio R. Allarey, Philippine Navy who accompanied us on the cruise and acted in the capacity of liaison officer. His help and cooperation were very much appreciated.

We commenced our "Good Will" cruise with departure from Subic Bay at 6 AM on the 21st of August, in company with the USS ENHANCE and the USS LUCID. We arrived at our first port of call, the city of Calapan on Mindoro Island at 4PM where we were greeted by city and provincial officials. Unfortunately our short stay in Calapan was marred by heavy tropical rains and yet despite the heavy rain and necessarily long boat ride, GUIDE Good Will Ambassadors were ready and willing to do their part in bringing success to the cruise.

Departing Calapan at 5 AM, Tuesday the 22nd we set course for Gasan on the Island of Marinduque. It was here in Gasan that one of the most heart warming moments of the trip took place. Our main purpose for coming to Gasan was to present the Freedom Medal to a Philippine National, Mr. Alfredo Siana, for services to our country during World War II.

The medal was presented to Mr Siana by LCDR CROWEHILLER, U. S. Navy, Commanding Officer, U. S. S. ENHANCE in the name of the President. In accepting the medal Mr Siana touched the hearts of the assembled persons with the following speech.

"Mr Coastmaster, Captain of the Navy, his men and my friends

On this significant occasion, my heart overflows with joy because this event reminds me of the day when I had the opportunity to save the life of one of our allies and beloved friends from the hands of the cruel Japanese Imperial Forces during the last world war.

It was on the 17th of August, 1944 when I caught sight of an American Navy man, Mr. Rudolf William Velle, a member of the Naval Forces of the United States who was accidentally thrown over board from his submarine, USS GUNNEL (SS-257), during a naval fight against the Japanese Naval Forces between Marinduque and Mindoro Seas.

Being a comrade in arms, defending the same cause, I took care of this American navy man for almost five months, hiding him in the wilderness of the mountains of Marinduque, risking our lives and that of my family. As a matter of fact, I was tortured by the Japanese soldiers and even lost the life of one of my sons in defending the life of Mr. Velle. Mr. Velle was later transferred to the island of Panay where he was picked up by another U. S. Submarine, the HAKE, sometime in the month of December 1944 for his trip to Australia and then to the United States.

By this hospitality my friends, I am being greatly honored by this solemn occasion and it is with profound gratitude that I accept this medal of honor that the United States Government has conferred upon me in recognition of the service I have rendered during the last world war. I will cherish this medal and citation as long as I live.

To me and my countrymen, this citation will be a symbol that the United States of America has not forgotten her allies. Let me now assure the

representatives of the United States Government that in these trying times, should the bond of friendship between these two countries be brought to the test once again, I will not hesitate to make the same effort and sacrifices, though it may mean risking my life, just for the sake of Freedom and Democracy.

Today, I am very happy because I know fully well, together with my men of the Marinduque Guerilla Forces, that we have done our part for the Freedom of our country and if another sacrifice is needed in the future to strengthen the bond of ties of these two countries, I hereby swear that I will again offer my humble service to defend Democracy and am willing to fight in the battle field with our American brothers.

But my friends, before I close, allow me to tell the United States Government, through her authorized representatives, that this citation will remain forever in our heart and memories. I thank you"

Departing Casan immediately following the presentation ceremonies, we proceeded south. Steaming in formation with ENHANCE and LUCID, we participated in several drills and formation maneuvers until we separated from the other two ships to proceed independently into our next port of call.

Arriving at Masbate City, Masbate Island at 8 AM on the 24th of August Guide anchored out until the boat could proceed into the pier and measure the depth of the water. As soon as it was determined that the water was deep enough, Guide proceeded alongside the pier where we were greeted by a large procession of town and provincial officials, a band and a parade consisting of Junior Cadets, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Brownies. As the Commanding Officer, I was greeted and welcomed to Masbate by the Mayor of the City, the Honorable Mr Ben Magallanes and my officers and I were presented with flower leis by several of the city's young ladies.

Following our greeting on the pier I made a call on the Governor of Masbate Province, Attorney Jesus O Alamo, in the Governor's Office. Accompanying me on this call were Lt Ed Miller, our Executive Officer, Lt (jg) Stan Kistner and Ens Paul Gage as well as our staff Photographer Charley King, IN2.

In closing out the mornings calls, a group of personnel paid a visit to the Provincial Hospital to distribute fresh fruit and candy to the patients and to visit with the staff. Included in this group were Lt(jg) Stan Kistner, Ens Paul Gage, Jim Myers, HMI, Charley King, IN2, Gene Wiley, RM2, and Lt Allarey, PN. The visiting party toured the wards distributing their gifts and chatting with the patients. The group then paused for pictures taken with the hospital staff which included the Chief Surgeon, Dr Manuel Juan Jr and his wife, Dr. Ester Juan. Jim Myers, HMI remained at the hospital to converse with the staff and the remainder of the group proceeded back to the GUIDE for dinner.

The afternoon commenced with a visit to the Masbate South Elementary School to deliver 15 cases of books which had been collected as part of "Operation Handclasp" and were to be donated to the Elementary Schools of the Masbate area. Personnel participating in the presentation ceremonies were Lt Ed Miller, Lt(jg) Stan Kistner, Ens Paul Gage, Chief Quartermaster Bob Greene, Willis Greer, DCL, James Myers HMI, Charley King, IN2, Gene Wiley RM2, and Lt Allarey. During the presentation ceremonies the group was entertained by the students and teachers in a program which included a recital by the Grade One students led by 7 year old Miss Kathryn Borromeo, very excellent vocal solos by 11 year old Demadrexis Guadayo and Mrs Fay del Prado. Lt(jg) Stan Kistner and Ens Paul Gage made presentation speeches which emphasized the necessity of education in the Free World. Following the program the GUIDE personnel were treated to refreshments of coffee and cake by the Home Economics Class.

Shifting from the elementary school to Masbate South High School, the group was guests of the students at a school gathering. Lt(jg) Kistner presented the school with a GUIDE Insignia Pinacna which was accepted by the Home Economics Teacher and President of the Student Body, Miss Villamor. Each member of the GUIDE party was called upon to give an impromptu speech and an true GUIDE form, each man presented very favorable remarks. The meeting to a close with remarks by my Executive Officer Lt Ed Miller and myself.

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watch as the GUIDE team was beaten down by a combination of a "fast break" attack and the heat. The final score was 57-47.

While GUIDE personnel were involved in making various calls throughout the day, our comrades on the ship were having quite a time of things too. General visiting aboard ship commenced at 9 AM and lasted until 4 PM and during that time over 3,000 persons from the city of Masbate visited the ship and were conducted on a tour.

At 1 PM, another group of GUIDE personnel were conducted on a tour of Masbate and the surrounding area by the Reverend William Chesbro, the local Baptist Missionary. Chesbro, in addition to arranging and conducting tours for GUIDE personnel, warmly invited all hands to his home for refreshments and to meet his charming wife and 3 children. Reverend Chesbro, who is a native of Los Angeles, has been in the Masbate area for the past 15 months. His assistance and Hospitality will long be remembered by the crew members of the GUIDE.

In the evening, our very able bodied Electricians headed by Chief Electricians Mate John Hamilton and Jim Garland, IC2, set up the ship's movie projector in the city plaza and with the aid of a Police Department generator commenced showing movies at 7 PM, for a crowd of over 3,000 people. The Police Chief, Fidel Ubac was on hand with a number of his very able staff to act as ushers and control the great number of persons present. The movies ended at midnight and the people of Masbate were very pleased with them.

The following morning, Friday the 25th, our "Good Will Ambassadors" got an early start. At 7 AM a group of "painters" left the ship to paint class rooms of the South Elementary School. This group, lead by "the old master painter" Chief Quartermaster Bob Greene and consisting of Paul Hodgman ETR3, Harold Foster, SOG3, Gene Carpenter, SM3, Bob Jones, SN, Johnny Darnold, SM3(P1), Gene Wiley, RM2(P1) and Charley King, YN2(P1) was a volunteer painting party whose sole purpose was to paint classrooms which had recently been built and for which there was no paint. Armed with brushes and rollers and gallons of paint this group approached the task with true GUIDE enthusiasm and by noon had succeeded in painting the interiors of several class rooms.

General visiting on board ship between 9 and 11 AM saw an additional 2,000 persons visit the ship. The ship's guides were kept busy as they guided parties of 15-20 people about the ship for tours.

Also during the morning hours, the GUIDE softball team played an exhibition game with the Masbate High School baseball team in the partially completed Provincial Athletic Stadium. The "GUIDE NINE" came out on top with a score of 23-3. This game was played before a crowd of over 1,500 persons including many of the High school students.

At 10 AM, my Executive Officer, Lt Ed Miller and I visited the Masbate Catholic School where we were introduced to the staff, conducted on a tour of the school and entertained by the students. From the school we proceeded to the Provincial Hospital where we were joined by Lt(jg) Stan Kistner, Jim Myers, RM1, John Mower, EM2 and Terry Delandras, SN. We visited with the patients and distributed candy to the children. Following our tour of the hospital we were entertained at a Philippines style luncheon by Dr Manuel Juan Jr, the Chief Surgeon. Jim Myers, RM1 observed two appendectomy operations performed by the hospital staff with the only light provided being two five cell flashlights. Teaming up with Chief Electrician John Hamilton and John Mower, EM2, we obtained a wet cell seal beam lantern from the ship and rigged emergency lighting for the operating room.

In the afternoon, a working party headed by Lt Ed Miller returned to the Elementary School to finish the task of painting the school rooms. This group consisted of Chief Quartermaster Bob Greene, Harold Foster, SOG3, Floyd Hardin, SN, and Gene Carpenter, SM3. This group concentrated on the new home economics classroom which was recently constructed to replace a building destroyed by a typhoon. To show their appreciation the school entertained the group with coffee and cakes made by the home economics class.

General visiting continued on board ship at 1 PM with over 1500 persons braving the rain to visit the ship. Visiting for the Masbate area ended at 4 PM and brought the total visitors to over 6,000.

A Second tour of the island led by Reverend Chesbro and consisting of Chief Boatswains Mate Russ Tharrington, Wes Gurr, RM2, Gary Phillips, EF3, Herb Wharry, RM3, Ron Nagel, SN, Curt Peterson, QM3, Larry Schell, EM2, Jim Garland IC2 and Larry Durant, RM3 departed the ship shortly after dinner. After the tour was over the group went to Rev. Chesbro's home for refreshments before returning to the ship.

Lt(jg) Stan Kistner, Ens Bob Chilcoat, Larry Sands, GM2 and Terry Delandras, SN, presented three boxes of books to the Masbate Catholic School and were given the opportunity of meeting the teachers and being entertained by the students. The children are extremely proud of their command of English language.

At 6 PM a formal dinner and reception was held on board the GUIDE for local dignitaries headed by the Vice Governor of Masbate Province, Mr Micanor Taragona. The buffet style dinner included ham, roast beef, salads and desert. A roast pig, donated by local citizens was also included.

While city and provincial dignitaries were being entertained on the GUIDE the "Good Will Ambassadors" of the U. S. Navy were guests of the provincial hospital staff and were entertained with a buffet style native dinner of roast pig (litson - pronounced lee chon), Philippine shish-ka-bob and trimmings. A five piece string band played native and popular songs and the staff nurses provided dance partners as well as exhibitions of native dances. In addition to the musical entertainment provided, there were several discussion groups formed and Philippine/American relations were strongly reinforced throughout the evening.

At 9 PM, the scene shifted to the town plaza where his honor, the Mayor issued a special decree calling for a special dance to be held in honor of "Our Navy Friends." The dance was held in the Mayor's social center and was attended by some six thousand people who were honoring their naval guests. A fifteen piece dance band provided excellent dance music and a special program of native dances was provided. The dance was considered a fitting farewell to our friends and neighbors, the wonderful people of Masbate.

GUIDE departed Masbate at 5 AM on the morning of 26 August and proceeded to sea to rendezvous with ENHANCE and LUCID. Following our rendezvous, we held transfer at sea operations in which Ens Paul Gage and his staff of observers were high lined to the LUCID to observe competitive exercises.

At the completion of the days exercises, the GUIDE observers were returned, in a kinder manner, by whale boat.

On 27 August GUIDE once again parted company with LUCID and ENHANCE and proceeded to our next port of call, the city of Davao on the island of Negros. Arriving at noon, GUIDE moored to the Norwegian merchantman "Sunny Duke" from Oslo, Norway. Sunny Duke was loading copra, the chief export of the southern islands for delivery to Hong Kong.

Following our arrival I departed the ship for a call on the city mayor. Accompanying me on this visit were Lt Ed Miller, Lt(jg) Stan Kistner, Ens Paul Gage and Chief Quartermaster Bob Greene. The call included a buffet lunch and reception which was attended by other city dignitaries. After lunch the mayor, the Honorable Jose Pro Reyes, escorted the GUIDE party to the residence of the Governor, Mariano F. Perdicen.

During the afternoon, several GUIDE crew members toured the campus of Silliman Institute which was celebrating its 60th anniversary. One group comprised of Charley King, EM2, Jim Myers, EPL, Gene Wiley, RM2 and Don Newman, SOG3 were warmly greeted by students and faculty members and given a guided tour of the campus and dormitory areas. The guide, Miss Norma Gonzales was a Sophomore student studying nursing. All of the students were quite anxious for autographs and comments concerning the individual rooms in each dorm.

The GUIDE Basketball team played an exhibition game against a team made up from several of the teams that participate in local tournaments. The speed and fastbreaking attack of the local teams was too much for the GUIDE's team which was left by the wayside in a one-sided battle 86 to 43.

At 7:30 PM a bus called at the ship for the liberty party and transported them to the town of Bacang. Bacang was celebrating its' annual town fiesta and GUIDE crew were extended invitations as honored guests. The program

included athletic games, parade of the Queens (for the first time in history of the city, there were two queens) and their courts, proclamation ceremonies, fireworks and dancing. Music was provided by an excellent 14 piece dance band which was supplemented at times by GUIDE personnel including Donald "Lightning" Garrison, TA, Russ Tharrington, BIC and Jim Garland, IC2. The festivities ended at midnight when our bus returned us to the ship.

At 9:30 the following morning Lt(jg) Stan Kistner, Ens Paul Gage, Charley King, IN2 and Gene Wiley, RM2 presented 15 cases of books to the District Supervisor of Dumaguete Schools, Mr Victorio Concepcion. Also present at the ceremonies were the Mayor, Mr Victorio Taboraza, Principal of Dumaguete Elementary Schools and Mrs Urbana Kanlas, Principal of Dumaguete Parochial Schools. Lt(jg) Kistner made a short speech which stressed the importance of education in our two democracies.

Also during the morning, Jim Myers, RM1, Ray Honeycutt, SN and Pat Beninger, PH2 were escorted on a tour of the local hospitals and TB sanitorium by Mr Rodriguez, a member of the university press. The crew members found the hospitals to be well staffed and very modern.

General visiting was conducted on board the GUIDE from 1 PM to 4 PM with a total of 1500 persons visiting.

The local radio station taped a 30 minute interview with several of the GUIDE crew members including myself for broadcast later in the evening. The panel discussion was of a general nature and was participated in by Ens Paul Gage, Bob Greene, QMG, Larry Durant, RM3, Ray Honeycutt, SN, and myself, as well as our hosts Mr and Mrs Efrain Guingona. Mrs Guingona is a native of Denver Colorado. The Guingonas have a son in the U. S. Navy, Bobby, stationed in the U.S.S. Trumpetfish (SS 425).

At 6 PM a dinner for the city and provincial officials was held on the forecastle of the GUIDE. A group of 40 officials, led by the honorable Jose Pro Texas, Mayor of Dumaguete, spent an enjoyable 2 hours on board before departing.

At 7 PM a movie was held on the fantail for the benefit of visitors on the pier. A double feature western and mystery was shown to the crowd of over 500 persons crowded around the stern of the GUIDE.

GUIDE departed Dumaguete at 8 AM on the morning of 30 August and rendezvoused with our sister ships at noon. After steaming further south all afternoon the three ships anchored in the shelter of an island and commenced cleaning the sides of all three ships prior to entry into our last port of call. While anchored GUIDE transferred mail which had been received in Dumaguete. I'm sure the crews of ENHANCE and LUCID were as glad to receive mail as we were. Following our cleaup, we once again got underway and headed for the island of Mindanao, second largest of the Philippine Islands and our final port of call.

Early in the morning we once again separated from ENHANCE and LUCID and proceeded to the City of Oroquieta. Arriving at Oroquieta GUIDE was greeted with a thunderous ovation from over a thousand people on the pier awaiting the first visit of a U.S. Navy Ship. Many were waving placards proclaiming "Welcome U.S. Navy." Local dignitaries including the Mayor, Honorable Anacleto Bandala boarded the GUIDE as soon as our lines were over. Amidst the music of a local band, GUIDE Officers and Men were presented with numerous leis of native flowers and warmly welcomed to Oroquieta.

Following the visit of local dignitaries on board the GUIDE, I gathered my officers and chief petty officers around me and proceeded to the offices of the Honorable Governor Quinjano where I was presented with a key to the province.

Upon completion of our call on the Governor, we proceeded to the premises of a huge coconut processing plant, the Red V, where the plant supervisor Mr Tony Raymond and his wife Valerie cordially greeted our party and treated us to refreshments.

A call was made on the local hospitals by Jim Myers, RM1 Gene Wiley, RM2 Johnny Darnold, SM3 Ray Honeycutt, SN and Pat Beninger, PH2. The party found the hospitals to be very modern and up-to-date as well as staffed by competent doctors and nurses.

Afternoon visits included a tour of rural high schools by myself and a party of officers and chiefs. I was presented with a lively pair of monkeys as a token of friendship but unfortunately due to our limited space aboard ship, could not accept them.

The Guide Basketball team met with the local "Rosebeth" team and although leading most of the game, succumbed to the heat and lost 74-58. After the game, GUIDE members were treated to folk dances by members of the Southern Capitol College, Harvardian College, the Holy Rosary School and the Central Elementary School.

General visiting during the day ended at 4 PM with a total of over 5 thousand residents receiving typical GUIDE hospitality.

In the evening residents of Oroquieta were entertained with movies shown on the pier while GUIDE personnel stended a dance in their honor given by the Mayor at City Hall. Refreshments at the dance included roast pig and native fruits. I presented the Mayor with a GUIDE Insignia Flacque and after short speeches by myself and the Mayor the festivities got underway with lively dancing and singing until late into the night.

The morning of 31 August found the officers and men of the GUIDE eagerly anticipating this last day of the Good Will Cruise. At 9 AM we delivered thirteen cases of books to the Oroquieta Central Elementary School and Lt(jg) Stan Kistner presented three cases of books to Father Murphy at the Holy Rosary School. Father Murphy, an American from Boston, accepted the books with pleasure.

The Guide softball team hammered out a 14 to 11 victory over a team from the Red V Coconut Processing Plant. Al Moore, CSJ, connected for a home run in the 7th inning to lead the team to victory before a crowd of over 1,000 spectators.

During the afternoon a group of 20 officers and men from the GUIDE toured several outlying schools visiting with the students and teachers. At Talairon the group made presentation of athletic gear to Mr Monico B. Bladefera Jr., President of the Talairon Athletic Association. Schools visited during the afternoon included Mabod, Binmangan, San Vincente, Alto Pinis, Talairon and Central Elementary.

A dinner in honor of the people of Oroquieta was hold on board the GUIDE in the evening with the Mayor as Guest of Honor. Ice cream desert was the high light of the meal for 35 guests.

Following dinner the officers and men of the GUIDE were guests of the Southern Capitol College at a dance given in their honor. Miss Elsa Sabijon, Campus Queen and candidate for title of "Miss Oroquieta" was presented an autographed picture of the ship by Lt Ed Miller. Miss Sabijon was unanimous choice of the GUIDE for the title of Miss Oroquieta. Dan Garrison and Miss Sabijon gave an outstanding jitterbug demonstration to start off the evenings dancing. Refreshments were served and the GUIDE sailors enjoyed a wonderful evening.

At 7:30 AM, 1 September GUIDE got underway, amid a rousing cheer and best wishes from the people of Oroquieta for a speedy return, and pointed her bow north for the rendezvous with ENHANCE and LUCID.

Arriving on station about 9 AM, GUIDE joined her sister ships for the long trip back to Subic Bay and a welcome two week period of upkeep.

Our summation of the Good Will Cruise, as reported to the Officer in Tactical Command was "RECEPTION - OUTSTANDING, TREATMENT - OUTSTANDING, RELATIONS - OUTSTANDING, RESULTS - OUTSTANDING, MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.

As an appropriate closing to this section of the letter, I would like to insert the following messages which were received from our Division Commander, Commander Mine Division NINETY-THREE, Commander G.A.AUBERT, USN and from Commander Naval Forces, Philippines, Rear Admiral David J WELSH, USN.

"FROM - COMINDIV 93  
TO - MINDIV 93

ADDENDUM

FROM - COMTHFLT  
TO - USS GUIDE // USS ENHANCE // USS LUCID

THE PROGRESS OF YOUR CRUISE THROUGH TO SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES HAS BEEN FOLLOWED WITH INTEREST AND PLEASURE. CONGRATULATIONS ON THE CONDUCT OF A THOROUGHLY PLANNED AND WELL EXECUTED GOOD WILL MISSION. PASS MY PERSONAL WELL DONE, GOOD LUCK AND BEST WISHES TO ALL HANDS. SIGNED VICE ADMIRAL GRIFFIN

FROM - COMINPAC  
TO - HENDIV 93

HENDIV 93 VISITS TO PHNOM-PENH AND SOUTHERN PHILIPPINE ISLANDS NOTED WITH GENUINE PLEASURE.

SUCCESS OF LEADER AND EXCEL VISIT TO PHNOM-PENH MOST IMPORTANT AND A BRILLIANT ACHIEVEMENT. PERFORMANCE OF GUIDE, ENHANCE, AND LUCID ON THEIR GOOD WILL MISSION OUTSTANDING IN EVERY RESPECT.

MY CONGRATULATIONS AND SINCERE APPRECIATION. WELL DONE. SIGNED REAR ADMIRAL BECTON.



HAVE BEEN AWARE OF YOUR CONTINUED HIGH PERFORMANCE AND IT FULLY REAFFIRMS MY ALREADY GREAT CONFIDENCE IN ENHANCE, GUIDE AND LUCID.

BETWEEN OUR TWO DEMANDING ASSIGNMENTS WE HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT THE NINE GUNNERS OF THE READY SEVENTH FLEET CAN AND WILL PERFORM WITH UNIFORMLY HIGH CAPABILITY TOGETHER OR APART.

FROM - COMNAVPHEL  
TO - USS ENHANCE, USS GUIDE & USS LUCID

CONGRATULATIONS ON MOST SUCCESSFUL GOODWILL CRUISE. YOUR THOROUGH PLANNING AND PREPARATION FOR THE TRIP, ENTHUSIASTIC INGENUITY DEMONSTRATED BY YOU AND YOUR PERSONNEL ON MANY OCCASIONS RESULTED IN OUTSTANDING PEOPLE TO PEOPLE PROJECT. U.S. SEVENTH FLEET, U. S. NAVY AND OUR COUNTRY GAINED MANY NEW FRIENDS AND RENewed FRIENDSHIPS WITH MANY THOUSAND FILIPINOS THROUGH YOUR EFFORTS. I AM SURE THAT FILIPINOS IN TOWNS AND CITIES YOU VISITED WILL REMEMBER FONDLY FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES THE VISIT OF YOUR SHIP AND AS A RESULT WILL ALWAYS HAVE A GREATER INTEREST IN AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICANS. WELL DONE. SIGNED REAR ADMIRAL DAVID J WELSH, U.S. NAVY.

It is messages such as these that make me proud to command such a fine ship and crew.

Other items of interest on our ship recently include the arrival of two more new crew members.

Francis D Campbell, FN, USN was received from the USS EPPING FOREST LSD-4 and joined the GUIDE just prior to our departure from Sasebo, Japan. Campbell's wife Ida and their daughter Betty reside in Gearheart, Oregon.

Lee Roy Kennedy, SN was received from USS PROBE (MSC-199) at Sasebo Japan. Kennedy's mother, Mrs Sadie Carlson resides in Crewell, Oregon

A hearty "welcome aboard" is extended to these newest of Guide families. It is the sincere wish of every member of the Guide that your husband/son will enjoy his tour of duty on board as much as we will enjoy having him with us.

Congratulations are in order to Lt Ed Miller, who has recently received orders for his next duty as Commanding Officer, U. S. S. PEACOCK (MSC198) homeported in Sasebo, Japan. Ltjg Thomas J Barry, presently Gunnery Officer of the USS COWELL (DD547) will relieve Lt Miller as Executive Officer in December of this year. Lt Miller and his lovely family will be missed in the Guide Circle but as always in this navy life, friends come and friends go but the important thing is to have these friends to remember. Ltjg Barry will have quite a job filling the shoes of his predecessor but will find many willing hands extended in typical Guide fashion to help him get situated.

We now have only about 6 weeks of operations in the Sabic Bay area to look forward to and then we will be pointing our bows toward Long Beach and home. Continued writing on the part of each "Guide Crew Member" there at home will help to shorten those weeks. Your letters are as important now as they were when we departed in May. Keep up your good work for without the assistance you have given us, we could not have had such a successful deployment.

In closing I hope that the information contained herein has aided you in understanding that, though we are on small ships, our task is as big or bigger than that of the larger ships. We are but few to do so much and yet with a "Support Force" like the Guide has, how could we possibly fail

Sincerely

  
N.L. MORIARTY, LCDR, USN  
Commanding Officer