

## CHAPTER NINE

### MEDICAL

#### 1. Deployment Preparations

Prior to the ship's arrival at Naval Supply Center Oakland, arrangements had been made with TRACEN Alameda Medical Department to do the physical examinations that were due prior to sailing. The extra time and effort to complete these by the Medical Staff at TRACEN Alameda and the Dental Department at NSC Oakland were greatly appreciated by the BURTON ISLAND.

Health records were reviewed by the HMC. Crewmen that were possibly not fit for sea duty due to previously existing problems were referred to USPHS San Francisco or the Medical Department, Alameda for evaluation. Six men were evaluated not fit for sea duty for various reasons, i.e. medical, dental. Four men that reported aboard on the final days prior to sailing did not receive sea duty deployment physicals due to the time element. Reviewing their health records, they did not have any pre-existing conditions that would possibly become a problem after deployment.

The medical supply and drug inventory was found to be more than adequate with the exception of frequently used items that were replenished.

#### 2. Medical/Dental General

The general medical/dental condition of the crew was good. There was a minor outbreak of colds and other upper respiratory infection complaints that turned nearly nil by the halfway point of the trip.

Dental problems that arose underway were treated at the Indian Health Service PHS facility at Juneau and at Point Barrow.

Immunizations that were delinquent or due were given to bring those records up to date. Physical examinations that will be due in the next import were noted.

#### 3. Medical Statistics

Motion sickness	17	Minor concussion	02
Upper respiratory infection	138	Neck and back strain	11
Bronchitis	14	Ankle and wrist sprain	08
Sinusitis/allergy	21	Splinter removal	05
Viral syndrome	17	Dislocation (finger)	01
Urinary tract infection	07	Chemical/foreign body	09
Epidymitis	01	eye	
Constipation	03	Hemorrhoids	02
Cephalgia	12	*Renal stones	01
Contact dermatitis	12	Wart removal	03
Tinea pedis/cruris/corpus	30	Conjunctivitis	03