

THE CRUISE

"The Officer Candidate cruise will stop at Nassau for two days liberty. This famous city is the capital of the Bahama Islands and is located on the famous island of New Providence. This island is a favorite tourist spot and should provide many diversions from shipboard life." --O. C. Cruise Book.

Nothing like it - a cruise to Nassau. Four days down, four days back and in between two glorious days in port. Can you see yourself with a bronze tan acquired during long hours spent relaxing in the sun on the Fantail? Or how about those happy evenings spent watching movies on the "rec deck", followed by many healthful hours of sleep? Maybe a little ping-pong or shuffleboard?

Each of us had a vision of what the cruise would entail, some perhaps a more realistic one than others. However, the first few days at sea set everyone straight.

Diligent searching revealed no ping-pong tables. The many healthful hours of sleep each night turned out to be two or three, now and then in a bunk of about two cubic feet. By the time the roaches were finished bedding down, one just fit.