

# OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

LT Dale L. THOMPSON



Operations dept is made up of QM's, RM's, RD's, ET's, MST's and YN's. These many and varied rates are brought together under the direction of LT. Dale THOMPSON.

The QM's, working hand in hand with the OOD's, proved themselves time and time again, extremely competent and professional. While in port, 2 QM's were sent to piloting/celestial navigation school, which training proved invaluable during the cruise. Thru the QM's diligence, GLACIER was kept right on course. In Radio Central, the RM's provided constant round-the-clock communications, as well as monitoring distress frequencies. Over 2,500 pieces of traffic were handled, as well as over 500 phone patches which contributed greatly to morale. In the Postal Office, almost 3,000 lbs of mail were handled, and over \$50,000 dollars in money orders issued by our efficient Postal Clerks.

In CIC, the RD's stood vigilant watches, keeping sharp look-out throughout the night, and helping GLACIER navigate thru ice-encrusted waters, and avoid mishap.

Due to extensive overhauls prior to sailing, the ET's and our TT were able to keep electronic casualties to a minimum. And thanks to immediate attention to any problems, all equipment has remained on the line and operational.

Our MST's provided invaluable and timely weather information, and were involved in scientific experiments that ranged from coring and seismic studies, to fish surveys and whale observations and vocalizations.

The YN's made certain that all our records were up to date and correct, and that the Plan of the Day was ready and on time each evening, not to mention the long hours spent well into the night in preparing the "GLACIER's Cruise Report."

Even though Operations is a widely diversified department, there is no doubt it runs with precise teamwork, and an outstanding effort by all!!!