

UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT



Underway Replenishment known as UNREPS was our gas station, post office, and grocery store in the South China Sea. Times we pulled alongside an oiler, ammunition ship, or refrigerated supply ship. It always seemed like every UNREP was on a holiday or Sunday or not during our regular working hours. A UNREP was hard work rigging lines and oil rigs for supplies and fuel. Also, precise seamanship was required in keeping the ship 120 feet away from the oiler for an hour or more at a speed of ten knots. But it always seemed worth it. We got the most important item of all — MAIL!

