



Birdseye view of shipyard



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# COAST GUARD YARD

The **MIDGETT** entered the Coast Guard Yard Curtis Bay, Maryland, on 16 April 1972. The yard period which followed would produce some large changes. The biggest job to be accomplished was the installation of the sonar equipment. Also on the agenda was cutting 5 feet off the stacks. This attempt to improve the stability of the ship has been considered a total flop by the weaker stomachs in the crew. Last but not least, on the list of large jobs was the repair of the starboard shaft. The hassle of long work days and poor sleeping conditions had few compensations for the crew. A few of the high sports during the yard period would have to include such incidents as: the paint raft, with crew still aboard, drifting into the middle of the bay; the mysterious appearance of the "**MIDGETT**" on the side of the drydock (in 10 foot letters); and of course the nightly McDonalds runs (the record run being for \$74). Liberty hours were put to good use by most members of the crew. The bigger liberty towns in the area being New York, Philadelphia, Washington D. C., and of course Baltimore. The **MIDGETT** crew also proved to be worthy competitors in the sports program hosted by the yards. The sports program include boxing, baseball, tennis, golf, and ping pong.