

ELECTRONICS

The mission of the Electronics group is to maintain, repair and pray for all electronic equipment on board NORTHWIND. This includes everything from simple AM receivers to sophisticated, computerized, satellite navigation systems. Although continually plagued by OOD's who can't see land on the radar (1164 miles at sea), QM's who can't get a satellite fix in the Panama Canal and RM's who can't reach San Francisco radio with a comco, the ET's were able to complete Operation Deep Freeze 77 with only one casrept outstanding. This casrept was on an unused piece of gear and required over 5 months to obtain the parts.

The EMO, LTJG Hathaway, could often be heard mumbling to himself when the number of casrepts from Electronics came close to the number for Engineering, however, this was seldom the case. The "Duty ET's" biggest dread was when Mr. Hathaway was the OOD. He was certain to call the "Duty ET" because he was unable to get a satellite fix.

Although seldom off his shelf before noon and never without a cup of coffee and a warm pipe, Master Chief Wallace was the leader, advisor, consultant and instructor of this group. He was an optimist's optimist and could convince anyone that all electronic equipment was operational during a complete power failure.

ET1 Tierney, who got out of the Navy because he didn't like sea duty, was the chief's assistant when not manning the rail. His future plans are to make chief, get a good S and Q shore billet and own a massage parlor.

NORTHWIND'S answer to "Ma Bell" was TT2 Huscroft. You may already know about "Goat Beard" from the Berkeley Gazette. But what ever has been said, he was an excellent TT and a pleasure to have aboard.

The Crypto Tech (ETN) was Bill Burton and for unknown reasons enjoyed the roughest weather and heaviest seas.

Petty Officer Minshell (now ET2) was the quiet one of the group and had varying interests, the Ham Shack, building a dragster and studying electronics in his spare time, (what a ghastly thought).

ET3 Best (now ET2) was a jack of all trades - ET, SK, TT and even a GM during general quarters. No one is sure what he looks like since he has had a full beard since arriving.

The seasoned veteran of breakers was ET3 now ET2 Gallagher. He especially liked being underway so he could pursue his favorite pastime - sleeping. The only thing he likes better than sleep is a massage parlor.

Damn the seals, full speed ahead.

