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The beginning of Deep Freeze 77 was quite a strain on "A" division. Many extra hours were put in as the air conditioners and evaporator refused to cooperate. The last air conditioner was finally repaired after our second equator crossing, however, "Sea Shower" remained an everyday word.

At our first liberty port the LCVP had to be towed into NASSAU by a commercial tug and was then tied to the ship under a deck drain as the tropical rains came down. Bailing water from the LCVP is not the best way to spend the early hours of the morning after a days liberty in NASSAU.

After about a week in the ice, the heeling pump in B-2 went out and parts were out of the question. Completing a through search of McMurdo Station, an old drive shaft from a truck was discovered and after a few modifications the heeling pump was again operational. As all good things must come to an end, so did the trim pump - it could not be repaired.

The trip from New Zealand to Hawaii disproved the myth that sailors do not get sea sick. The men of "A" Gang were no exception.

As we look back on the trip there are many happy and fond memories and many many sea stories to tell those who missed Deep Freeze 77.