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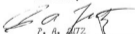
A Message to the SHEBURN Ship's Company

In the last ten months you have gone half way around the world and then returned to Boston after almost eight months of combat operations in Vietnam. These have been extremely busy months and have demanded much from all of you. With two major encounters with armed enemy steel hull infiltration ships, 752 Naval Gunfire Support missions, 1400 Vietnamese medical treatment cases, and 86% of the time at sea, your ship made a marked contribution to the United States effort in Vietnam.

Each of you contributed to this performance and may take deep satisfaction from a job well done in the service of your country. You faced marked danger, endured long hours of watch and work, and both afloat and ashore conducted yourselves as a credit to the ship, the Coast Guard and the Flag. You yourselves always know when you do a good job and so I tell you nothing new when I note your truly excellent performance during the Vietnam deployment. I have been proud of you and your accomplishments.

This cruisebook will be for us all a reminder of these ten months. You have given to the country your most valued possession, part of your lives, while serving in this deployment. Your service has been in accord with the ship's motto "Faithful and Honorable". Well done. You can remember it with pride.

Sincerely



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