

7. General.

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(1) STATEN ISLAND sailed from Seattle 15 July with an experimentally reduced allowance of enlisted personnel - 134. Because of many last minute transfers of engineering personnel, PCS, TAD and medical, six TAD engineers had to be requested. Five sailed from Seattle with the ship and one met us in Nome. One TAD radioman was also requested and sailed with us 15 July. All TAD men had only 3-4 days notice to report. The ship functioned satisfactorily on the reduced complement only because of the TAD personnel assigned. Medical problems and other situations which would not result in the permanent loss of a man on a ship with shorter deployments usually ended in PCS.

(2) A TAD YN2 reported in Nome for diving duty. This enabled the office to thoroughly work over service records, files and publications, bringing them and the office, up to excellent standards after a very hectic inport.

(3) An hour class was held each day during the last month of the patrol for SK's and YN's on the new PMIS accounting system.

(4) No major problems were encountered during the patrol.

b. Morale and discipline. Other than 8 NJP's the patrol was trouble free. The morale was high for a dull trip and from there went up at the time of notice of decommissioning and early return to Seattle. Card tournaments, cook-outs on the fantail, and beer/barbeque parties on the beach, kept the men's spirits together. Nome and Kodiak were the only ports for liberty. Pt. Barrow has nothing to offer for entertainment but in good weather, is something for sightseeing. Showed movies every night.

c. Education.

(1) Service-wide exams. SWE's went quite smoothly this patrol despite the large number of personnel temporarily assigned aboard. One TD man did not receive his exam in time to participate.

(2) In the past two months, 21 men have enrolled in new courses of instruction. During the same period, nearly a dozen passed end of course exams and we have a dozen more with exams pending onboard.

(3) Olympic College Prep Program.

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