

The stopover in Hawaii was a brief one—enough time to receive final orders on deployment overness, refuel, load stores and a last chance at stateside R & R. The crew enjoyed the sand and surf of the beaches and participated in the variety of nightlife centered around Honolulu and Waikiki.



Passing the 180th meridian brings on a host of traditional seafaring ceremonies. Rough weather hampered Golden Dragon festivities but the age old ritual haircutting went on as planned, much to the dismay of neophyte sailors. Actual crossing: 21 January 1968; 0200 20.45 - 180.00.

