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FROM

THE

BRIDGE

Dear PROVIDENCE Families.

It has been over a month since my last letter to you, but, as this issue of "The PRIVATEEF" will show, we have been very, very busy. Therefore, I am taking this opportunity to once again correspond with all of you.

The month of August sped by as PROVIDENCE remained committed primarily to Naval Cumfire Support operations. We also joined with other striking forces to conduct several raids along the North Vietnamese coast, including the raid near Haiphong that was well-publicized in the U.S. press.

In September, our hopes for a wisit to Hong Kong, mentioned in my last letter, were realized, and the pleasures and interesting four sist attractions of this famous and exotic Asian port are well documented in the pictures and commentary describing our wisit in this issue of "The PRIVATERS". It was a time of long-mainted and well-deserved rest and recreation. As expected, the conduct and appearance of the men or PROVIDERS was magnifi-

Also, this issue includes pictures and discussion of the wisits of sevining-ranking personages to PROVIDENCE during August and September, including the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral ROMAUT; Communder-in-Chief Pacific, Admiral ROMAUT, Communder-in-Chief Pacific, Admiral ROMAUT, Communder-in-Chief Chief, PROVIDENCE was privileged to be selected as the site of the changeof-command of the CRISEN-DESTROYER Forces, Pacific Fleet, when RAMM Mark N. MODIS Telleved RAMM Sheldon H. KINNEY as the Destroyer Force Commander while PROVIDENCE was underway on gunline operations in the South China Sea on 26 AUGUST.

PROVIDENCE also sur her third change-of-command on board since June, when RADAN is lader MCDERS was relieved as Commander CHISER-DESTRAPER Force, SEVENIN Fleet by RADAN John S. MEN on 1 October, during our most recent in-port period in Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines. RADAN BOCRES returns to San Diego after four months at the helm of a force that has been described as "the largest and most powerful cuisar-obstroyer combat task organization in the world." ALDAN KENS has assumed these gravely active and PROVIDENCE remains proud to serve as flagship for COMMENDESTRANDARD.

I know you were shocked by the ness of the tragic accident in NBMFOKT NBNS. All of us in PROVIDENCE were deeply moved by this terrible tragedy. We have been shipmates with the men of NBMFOKT NBNS throughout our deployment; we and they have confronted the enemy side-by-side on several of the "crusier raids" We join our Friends and follow cruisers—men in NBMFOKT NBNS in the sorror that they and their families must feel at the loss of their gallant comrades—in-ames. God bless them all.

As I'm sure you are sware by now, a tentative schedule has been promulpublished to the crew in detail. The specific dates remain classified information, but we can say that we would expect to return to Sam Blego, if all goes as planmed, in mid-December. This will make the coming Christmas season truly a time for joy and celebration. I nost fervently hope that this schedule does come to pass. Yet, at the same time, I would be remiss if I did not caution each of you to recognize that this is a period of great contract the state of the same time. I would be remissed to the same time and the same time of the contingencies of the world. As I indicated in my previous letters, the need for the employment of U.S. military power in the Vistma conflict, including the vital need for PROVIDENCE, is closely linked to these developments. And so, although you and I should continue to plan and to pray that PROVIDENCE and her sufficiently and the property of the supplyment of the same property of the supplyment of the same property of the property of the same property of the property of the same property of the same

I hope that you all enjoy this issue of "The PRIVATER". Its words and pictures tell far more clearly and succincity than I ever could the real story of the mon of PROVIDENCE -- their undamnted spirit, their limitless courage, their consistently outstanding efforts. They have done their jobs proudly and well. They richly deserve your continued support, your best wishes and your prayers.

God bless and keep you.

Faul C. Gibbons, Jr. Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Sincerely

On the morning of 17 June,

CHANGE

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aboard the Providence, Captain Paul C. Gibbons, Jr. relieved Captain Kenneth of the Control of the Control of the Order of the Guided Missile Light Cruiser in coremonies beld on the ship's fantail while on station in the South second time in Captain Gibbons' Naval career that he has assumed command from Captain Haynes: the first occurring in September, 1967, Haynes as Commanding Officer of USS Preble (Did-1s).

Captain Haynes reported to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C., for duty as Deputy Naval Communications Division.

With the statement "I am ready to be relieved, sir", Captain Haynes signified he

was prepared to turn his command over to his successor. During his past teelve-menth tour as Commanding Officer of the USS Providence, the ship served in varying capacities ranging from Fine Treathness operations along the Pacific Cleek and the Server of t

Captain Gibbons, a native of Los Angeles, California, took command after extensive service in the fleet, including seagoing tours in various command, Executive and Staff assignments. Captain Gibbons reported to Providence from duties as the Senior Adviser to the Commander of the Vietnamese Navy Amphibious Task Force and subsequently to the Vietnamese Navy Deputy Commander for all Riverine campaigns and commander of the Captain Captain of the Captain Captain had been tours in the office of the CND and a graduate of both the General Line School, Monterey, and the Naval Nav College.

As Providence continues to fulfill her assigned tasks, she bids farewell to her Captain of 12 months and takes pride in welcoming Captain Gibbons to a ship that proudly upholds the highest traditions of the United States Naval Services.

ABOVE: The elegance of the traditional cake lent a colorful highlight to the Wardroom reception which followed the

ceremony.

BELOW: Captain Gibbons addresses the crew after taking command.





CNO VISITS PROVIDENCE

On August 24, 1972, the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., paid a visit to the Providence during the course of a tour of U.S. Naval units in the Gulf of Tomkin.

Admiral Zumenlt was accompanied by the Commander, U.S. Sewenth Fleet, Vice Admiral Holloway, and by Captain Damico, Commander Woodbury and other members of the CND staff. The party was welcomed on the fantail of Providence by Rear Admiral Rogers, Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group, U.S. 7th Fleet and Captain Paul C. Gibbons Commanding Officer.

Commanding Officer.

The purpose of the visit was threetold: to visit the crews of U.S. Naval operating forces in the Western Pacific; to discuss matters of mutual interest with commanders, and to pay official visits aboard designated Seventh Pleet units.

Upon arrival the official party was escorted to the mess decks of the "Bjøthing Flagship," where the NON met with all off-duty officers and enlisted Providencemen. Topics were discussed ranging from the Navy's wide involvement in the international scene to the changing role of when within the Naval service. Admiral Zumwalt praised the efforts of Providence and other Seventh Fleet units for their endeavors in the Vietnam conflict.

Following the all-hands meeting, the Admiral made a brief tour/visit with on-station bridge personnel and with Staff personnel assembled in Flag Plot.

Admiral Zumwalt and his party then departed by helicopter to pay visits to other units operating on the gunline off the coast of Vietnam.

ABOVE LEFT: Admiral Zumwalt discusses various topics with the officers and crew of Providence

BELOW: The Admiral and his staff are greeted on the fantail of the ship by (left to right) Commander Nelson and Rear Admiral Rogers.



After addressing the crew, Admiral Zumwalt tours the bridge with (L to R) Admiral Rogers and LCDR Haines, Gun Control Officer.





The Admiral toured designated spaces aboard Providence. At left, he speaks with Flag personnel assembled in Flag Plot.

During the meeting with Providence crewmembers, topics ranging from the Navy's involvement in the international scene to the role of the female within the Navy were discussed.



chaplain's corner

Did you know that we have a Navy pilot on active duty in flying status who has only one leg! In order to prove that he was capable of continuing on active duty, he passed swimming, running, climbing, parachuting, flying tests and many others beyond the requirements of regular duty. It would have been the normal procedure to discharge or retire this pilot after his accident which resulted in the amputation of his leg. But he fought to stay on active duty and today takes his place as a pilot as before.

What is the difference between that type of attitude and one that seeks the easy way out -- one who fights to be of service as opposed to one who tries to get out of doing everything and seek to be served by others?

The difference stands out because most of us are caught up in the popular picture of wanting to be served rather tham serving others. In spite of this, the whole world notices the unusual person who follows the measure of greatness that our Lord Jesus Christ demonstrated by His life and words, "I am among you as one who serves" (Luke 22:27), and "He who would be greatest among you is the one who serves most" (Matthew 23:11). Think it over.

> E. M. Reagan Jr., CHC CDR. E. M. Reagan Jr., CHC Ship's Chaplain

CINCPAC Tours Providence

On September 19,
1972, Admirat Neel
A. GWILER, Commanderin-Chief, Pacific, accompanied by Admiral Bernard A. CLARFY, Commanderin-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleetand Vice Admiral Bernard A. CLARFY, Commanderin-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleetand Vice Admiral Junes LSMENH
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U.S. units in Southeast Asia. During
his two-hour stay abourd, Admiral GWILER
called upon Rear Admiral W. Haley ROKER,
chen Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Fore, U.S.
SNENTH Fleet, embarked on PROVIEROK. Ph. S. SWENTH
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ABOVE: Admiral Gayler bids good-bye to Captain Gibbons after a two-hour visit of the Guided Missile Light Cruiser. ABOVE: Admiral Gayler shakes hands with Rear Admiral Rogers as he departs PROVIDENCE to visit other U.S. units operating in Southeast Asia. New Arrivals - Welcome Aboard! (16 August - 1 October)

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Transfers - Godspeed and smooth sailing! (16 August - 1 October)

LT S. R. BOUCKE LTJG D. BOYLE LTJG L. J. BRUNDIDGE LTJG L. J. BRUNDIDGE
LTJG R. M. CARLISON
LTJG J. IVERS
LT T. F. O'DONNELL
LTJG T. J. RICHARDSON
LTJG R. E. TAYLOR
TN J. P. BAQUIRAN
EMZ G. C. BERTERA SN J. L. BOYD SN J. L. BOYD
BMZ M. J. BREMER
SN B. C. BRASE
AKI C. R. BURNS
SA T. W. CHRISTOPHER
ETR3 D. E. CLARK
RD3 P. M. CLARK
CS3 C. M. COX
RMS M. T. EAGAN
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RMS M. C. EDRANDE IN RM3 C. S. EDWARDS, JR. BT1 J. N. ERWIN HT3 D. F. EVANS SH2 S. C. FALKENSTEIN SM2 S. C. FRELS IC3 R. D. GROSS IC3 J. F. HANEY FTM2 G. E. HOLZ SN R. A. HOMER YN2 K. KING JO3 L. L. LARSON BM3 W. B. LUCINDO IC3 J. A. MARTIN RM3 T. L. MARX SK2 R. B. MAYO RM3 S. A. MCDOUGALD SM3 G. A. MCKAY BT3 D. E. MEISENHOLDER DPC J. W. MILLER ETR3 R. E. MOREY HT3 D. L. MORROW RDCS A. E. MORTON FN J. R. NICHOLS BT3 T. R. OLSEN SN J. S. ONECHYK HT3 R. J. PANSIERA SN N. E. PATTEN FIM3 J. F. PERNISI HTZ R. E. PHILLIPS RD3 P. K. POTTER HIFN M. L. ROBERTS PN3 R. M. ROUNDS RM3 M. W. SELENSKY BT3 S. B. SHADWICK HT3 J. P. SHANNON, JR. ENI A. L. SIVUMAKI CS3 J. E. SOLERZANO, JR. RM3 B. J. STOUT RM3 J. R. TOMASELLO ETN2 D. K. VANMARK FTM3 S. VILLA MR3 S. D. WILLIS

Statistics

The following personnel have advanced in rate during the months of September and October 1972:

SEPTEMBER

BALVIN, M.J.	FN-IC3
BEAVERS, L.R.	SN-RD3
BLACKSON, M.B.	SN-RD3
CHISM, H.R.	SN-GMM3
COLLIC, C.W.	FN-MM3
ECKLEY, M.C.	SN-PC3
JAZMIN, J.F.	DK2-DK1
JOHNSON, S.J.	FN-EM3
JONES, C.A.	GMG1-GMGC
LAMOS, T.M.	CS3-CS2
LEE, C.O.	RM3-RM2
LEWANDOWSKI, J.	FN-MM3
MADDEN, P.G.	SN-RD3
MADDOCKS, J.C.	SN-SK3
PENNY, R.E.	FN-EM3
PETRIG, M.D.	FN-MM3
QUIMSON, M.S.	SDCS-SDCM
RISLEY, J.P.	SN-YN3
RODRIGUEZ, F.	FN-MM3
SCOTT, B.C.	SN-GM3
TRUESDELL, W.D.	SN-PC3
WEDEL, T.W.	MM1-MMC
WHEAT, D.D.	FN-MM3 SN-GMM3
ZANDER, R.D.	SN-GMM3

OCTOBER

BEHARELLE, R.	SN-YN3
BUMBASI, R.C.	SD1-SDC
FRANCIS, D.R.	SN-BM3
MAKO, F.J.	DS2-DS1
SAPHORE, D.W.	FN-MM3
SCHOMMER, J.F.	SN-BM3
SEILER, E.J.	DP1-DPC
OSBURN, J.E.	DS2-DS1
URIAS, M.	SN-BM3
WATSON, H.T.	RMC-RMC

STATISTICS

Since departing San Diego, PROVIDENCE has:

Steamed 22,168 miles

Consumed 6,140,695 gallons of fuel

Consumed 9,839,117 gallons of water

Consumed food:

milk: 17,741 gallons

bread: 10,126 pounds

meat: 99,132 pounds

green vegetables: 71,386 pounds

Received 36,184 pounds of mail Replenished at sea 73 times

Fired approximately 30,031 rounds at 2141 enemy targets



BEHEMOTH RETOOTHED





Twice during the current deployment, Providence Gunner's Mates have presided over the lengthy and herculean task of

replacing her battle-worm gun barrels. Periodic replacement of the ship's conventional armament of three six-inch and two five-inch guns has been necessitated by the intensely demanding nature of Southeast Kaian combat operations, which has twice, within a period of a few weeks time, caused her guns to very nearly expend their full "service life" (number of firings required to attain 1000 barrel

would, and of the three six-inch barrels weight of 9,000 lbs, and is capable with a six of the six

An interesting and little-known fact about Providence is that she is one of only four active ships in the U.S. Navy equipped with a battery of six-inch guns.





The Boiler Technician (BT), although a vital element of the crew on virtually all Navy ships, is a person whose duties are generally not fully understood by

non-Engineering Department personnel.

The Boiler Technician, who must function in a hot and oily atmosphere, is a most versatile individual. He must have a good basic knowledge of chemistry in the must have a good basic knowledge of chemistry in and fuel oil. He must exercise the skills of the shipfitter and the mechanic in order to maintain and effect repairs to the boiler and its operating machinery. Indeed, he must be a jack-of-all trades in order ling at peak efficiency.

B Division consists of some 65 rated BT's and strikers. The B Division Officer is Marrant Officer Briggs. Other key personnel include BTC Miller, leading Boiler Technician and CPO-in-charge, Forward Fire Room, BRC Bullock, CPO-in-charge, After Fire Room and Engi-

neering Department 3-M Assistant; and BT1 Sharp, divi-

sion Leading Petty Officer.

The challenges which a Providence Boller Technicism must meet on a day-to-day basis are now. The mast meet on a day-to-day basis are now. The ment where temperatures often exceed 110° Fabrenbeit. He must observe a rigorous boller maintenance schedule which prescribes the laborious tasks of cleaning virilerables" (the oxterior sides of the boller technique control of the boller technique control of the providence of the of

tubes) after every 1800 hours. When underway, the Boiler Technician faces a considerable challenge in smintaining sufficient boiler supporting services. Steam must be supplied to the main engines, turbo-generators, evaporators, laundry, and galley - all of which play a vital role in keeping Frovidence operational and habitable. Thus, fly when at sea to supply Frovidence with the Tifeblood by when at sea to supply Frovidence with the Tifeblood services.

of steam. During inport periods, unless complete shore power services are available, at least one boiler must be kept on the line to drive the turbo-generators which provide the electricity required to sustain lighting, electronics and other electrically-driven equipment.

Providence has four boilers, each of which is capable of producing 600 psi steam for her four engines, which can propel her at speeds in excess of 30 knots. The Privateer is proud to salute the hard-working men of B Division.



Division in the Spotlight



BT2 McCann is shown changing the burner on the No. 3 boiler in the After Fire Room





ABOVE LEFT: BT3 Turner turns a forced draft blower in the Forward Fire Room. ABOVE RIGHT: Standing watches in the After Fire Room are

MBUVE RIGHT: Standing watches in the After Fire Room are (L to R) BT3 Raemaker, FN Stains, BT2 McCann, and BT3 Johnson. RIGHT: Fireman Owens receives orders from Main Control.





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DK4 JAZMIN

JUNE

Petry Officer Jamin reported abourd Providence on 25 october, 1970. Born in Manuay, Pangusinan, Philippines, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy on 26 April, 1960, after attending 3 years at the University of the East in Manila. Originally assigned in the Steward Marke Rain, Petry Officer Jamin converted to the IR Nating, Petry Officer, Petry In Petry 1970, 1

This outstanding Petty Officer is married to Erlinda Jazmin. Petty Officer and Mrs. Jazmin make their home in Imperial Beach, California, and have two children, Madeline (age 4) and Joanne (age 5).

DKI Jazmin has received his third Good Conduct Award and is an outstanding example of the dedicated, professional Sailor, who excels in his work.



DK2 SHEPHERD

SEPTEMBER

Pay record maintenance and related disbursing duties can be quite a challenge. but DK2 Donald E. Shepherd, September's Man of The Month, feels that it is a very

interesting and rewarding job.

DK2 Shepherd joined the Navy on November 12, 1970. Prior to this, Shepherd served with the U.S. Army as a Radioman and Career Counselor. Shepherd reported to Providence in September, 1971, and was assigned to the Communications Department. He quickly proved his worth, and was made a watch supervisor. After four months in Communications, he transferred to the Supply Department. He was assigned to the Disbursing Division, and given the responsibility of maintaining the pay records of all officers and chief petty officers on Providence, His outstanding professional performance and diligent, dedicated efforts quickly led to his selection as Man of The Month.

Don and his wife, Patricia, reside in Imperial Beach. They have two children. Terrance and Tamara.

BM2 GHEZZI

AUGUST

August's Man of The Month is Boatswain's Mate Second Class Thomas L. Ghezzi, Assistant L.P.O. of First Division.

BM2 Ghezzi, who entered the Navy on March 10, 1969, has been aboard Providence since May of that year and has worked in all three deck divisions. The fact that he has advanced to Petty Officer Second Class relatively early in his first en-listment reflects his responsibility and ambition. Ghezzi is often found on the bridge or quarterdeck where he has won the confidence of all OOD's as Boatswain's Mate of the Watch.

BM2 Ghezzi frequently acts as petty officer-in-charge of the forward refueling and rearming stations. In this capacity, he supervises the rigging of the stations and the operation of the rigs, which effect the transfer from replenishment ships to Providence of the fuel and ammunition which are so vital to her functioning in WESTPAC. On several occasions, Ghezzi has had responsibility for his division as acting Leading Petty Officer, and he has exhibited outstanding leadership and sound judgment on each of these occasions.

Tom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Ghezzi of Uhrichsville, Ohio. He and his wife, Karen, recently celebrated the birth of their first child, Ty Allen.





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The tours of the new territories offered the opportunity for Providencemen to become familiar with the Chinese way of life, away from Hong Kong

Hong Kong Island and Kowloon were nice sights after 40 days of gunline activity.

after a 40period, gunline Providence entered Hong Kong harbor for the first time in over four years. While some of the crew experienced a rekindling of old memories, many others obtained their very first glimpse at the exotic British crown colony. Rickshaws, chopsticks, walla-walla boats, delectable cuisines, the Star Ferry, tailors and cobblers are just a few of the many colorful facets of Hong Six well-deserved days were spent dining,

On the

29th of

August

dancing, shopping and bargaining, touring and picture-taking on both Kowloon and the island city. A free bus tour of the island and the new territories was enjoyed by many Privateers. Other excursions found Providencemen relaxing at Repulse Bay or touring the Tiger Balm Gardens. The visit was over all too soon, and sailors trudged back to the ship on the final morning burdened with just about every sort of bargain offered. Perhaps the easiest way to express The Privateer's feelings toward Hong Kong is: 'Hong Kong, it's a far-out, fun filled place. nice port to visit."



The fishing village of Aberdeen offered boat rides, Chinese cuisines, and many pictures to remember it by.

Atop Victoria Peak, Privateers had a magnificent view of the island, the harbor, and Kowloon.





Bargains galore and a fast-paced way of life are typical of the streets in Hong Kong.



