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*May We Never Forget Our Departed
Shipmates Who Served With Us Faithfully
and Gallantly*

Taps

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Shipmates

Only through your generosity can we keep this ship afloat. The board has voted over and over not to charge dues, but we still need money to function. Each edition of "The Jolly Cholly" costs us about \$1,000 to print and mail. Enclosed you will find an envelope to place your contribution in to mail back to the Association. We are hoping our shipmates will help us to keep going by contributing to the Association. Whatever you can afford will be greatly appreciated, and will also help us to continue the comaraderie we had when we served in the U.S.S. Charles H. Roan DD 853.

Thank you

From the Signal Bridge



A group of shipmates and I got together in July to look for a reunion site somewhere in the New England area. After several locations, we came up with the following site and date. We also realize that the time and place may not agree with everyone. However, the prices quoted for the

reunion, could not be overlooked. We have selected to go back to the Crown Plaza in Warwick, RI (Providence). The tentative dates are August 3-8, 2010.

The prices contracted will save a minimum of \$100.00 per couple. The room rate will be \$89.00 a night NOT including tax BUT with a Full hot breakfast each morning in the Atrium.

It has always been our goal to try to get the most out of every dollar spent. With this contract we have done just that. Several states and properties were looked at by various shipmates but were cost prohibitive. The cost factor was the major issue in deciding this property over all others. This contract was by far the best buy of them all and included all the requirements needed to have a successful reunion. I would like to ask all those shipmates to make an EFFORT to attend our reunions, especially those shipmates who have never attended one. Remember there is a shipmate of yours that would like to see you.

I would like to discuss another financial issue with everyone. For the past year or so our finances have dwindled. I had discussed this previously with some of our Association Officers and we have NOT requested funds because of the generally poor economy that we are all facing. We are asking those who can afford to donate any amount to keep our Association solvent to please do so. We do NOT have dues and the Association Board has always stood fast against them. Therefore we have always relied on the generosity of our members.

Our costs have gone up for our Newsletter along with postage. Our Small Stores sales, just about supports itself. We DO NOT want ANYONE who can't afford to, to send anything. Our Association is solvent but in need of some replenishment.

Thank you,
Your Shipmate,

Richard F Souza

Financial Report September 27, 2009

Last Financial Report March 15, 2009

Balance of Checking Account \$9,572.37
Reserve Fund-Separate Account \$700.00

Expenditures

Post Office	185.56
Office Supplies	228.32
Small Stores	30.10
Newsletter/Printing	1,414.79
Telephone/Internet - 7 Months	875.00
Storage Locker 6 Months	406.35
Reunion Expenses 2010	1,083.74
National Archives	388.50
Deceased/Flowers/Contrib.	274.21
Reunion Conf. New Orleans	149.25
Total Expenses	-5,035.82

Deposits

Donations & Small Store Deposits 2,442.05

Checking Account	9,572.37
Expenses	-5,035.82
Balance	4536.55
Deposits	2,442.05

Total Balance	6978.60
Reserve fund	700.00

Total Assets Including Reserve Fund \$7,678.60

New Member

Thomas Protonentis
Brick, NJ MM3 59-61

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Loved Ones

Dear Richard & Lorraine,

Thinking about you and hoping everything is going well for you.

I'm doing O.K., trying to keep busy. There are still a lot of things to take care of, but I am taking things one day at a time.

I'm sending a letter I got from Warren Hamm. I thought you would have liked to hear what he had to say about George and I, and the prayer he sent along with his letter.

When we wrote to him we always talked about the great reunions we spent with you and everyone, and how every reunion was greater than the last.

Take care, and I hope you have a Happy Easter.

My thoughts and prayers are with you,

Barbara Morton, wife of

George Morton

SH3 49-52

Dear Barbara,

I greatly appreciated your note advising me of the passing of "My Shipmate" George. He was a good man when we served aboard the Charles H. Roan together and I certainly enjoyed his friendship (and yours) over the past years,

Since George thought so highly of the Roan, my wife Barbara and I thought it would be most appropriate for us to make a donation to the Charles H. Roan Association in his memory. I think that he would like that.

I know that it has been tough on you seeing George suffer and it certainly was a difficult time for him. I have enclosed a small article that I have found comforting in times like these. I really think it is true.

I am really pleased that the U. S. Navy supported you and George to the last. I will always be more than pleased to assist you in any way that is appropriate.

The two of you will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Warm regards,

Warren

Hi Joe,

Enclosed is the prayer I received from Warren Hamm. It was a real comfort to me after reading it.

I'm also enclosing a verse I received from a friend that worked at the hospital where George passed away.

George usually had a joke for her or they'd tease one another. She found a dish with this verse on it in the hospital gift shop and gave it to me. I found it so comforting.

Georges' passing was listed as 0 1/08 in the newsletter the correct date is 01/09.

Thank you for your call and I hope the prayers will comfort others as they have me.

Barbara R. Morton

Death is nothing at all; I have slipped away into the next room. I am I, and you are you; whatever we were to each other; that we still are. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way you always used. Put no difference into your tone, wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it always was; there is absolutely unbroken continuity. I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner... All is well.

H.S. Holland, Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, England

I'm Still With You

Please don't grieve now that I've left your side,
There's a peaceful place where I now reside.

My life on earth is gone it's true,
But always know I'm still with you.

The joys I've had, the loved filled days,
The happy moments, in many countless ways.

Friendships so special, happiness and sorrows,
Make memories last and bring sunshine tomorrows.

God called me sooner, and though why, we don't know,
There's peace in knowing it was my time to go.

When winds gently blow, and the sun shines through,
Remember I'm free and still with you.

“Within my heart the song still plays in memory of those better days”

Flags and Signals

Dear Richard,

Hope this finds you and your family doing well and in good health. Pat had an aorta valve replaced in November and has made a great recovery. I hope the 2010 reunion will be held in the Northeast area. I met with Bob Boorum in February of this year while we were in Florida. He looks great.

Thanks for all you do,

Ray Ward

CO/CDR 65-67

Dear Joe,

The article that appeared in the recent “Jolly Cholly” relative to my career, caused me to reflect and realize – once again – that ones success in the Navy is the direct result of the many thoroughly outstanding individuals with whom you serve. My shipmates on the Roan were certainly a significant factor in my success. Thank You!

Thank you Joe for all you do for the Navy and the “Roan Crew” by being editor of this fine publication. We are fortunate to have you. I look forward to the 2010 reunion in the east.

Enclosed is a small check to help out.

Warm regards,

Warren C. Hamm Jr., RADM, (ret.) USN

LTjg 49-52

Dear Richard,

Please ship me a ships cap with the pre-ram silhouette. Is there anyway I could have “Plankowner” on it? Since I went aboard the ship when they were first outfitting it for the commissioning, it means a lot to me. I have enclosed a check for \$40, \$15 for the cap and the rest for “The Jolly Cholly.”

My health prevents me from attending the reunions, so I share my memories with my family. They’re too polite to tell me they have heard that story before, but at 87 years old, I’m allowed.

I’d like to thank you and the rest of the staff for your excellent work. My wife and I both enjoy “The Jolly Cholly” very much.

Yours truly,

Charles F. Dickinson Sr.

“Plankowner”

MM2 46-48

Dear Richard & Shipmates,

Sorry about not getting my dues in on time, I have had a lot of health problems lately. I hope to overcome them soon. Love to you all.

Respectfully,

Charles Stevens

MMFN 52-53

Richard,

Every time I receive “The Jolly Cholly” I see at least one name I recognize. I get my 67-68 Med Cruise book out and look for the face that goes with the name. I look forward to this newsletter and I’m proud I served in the Charles H. Roan. Thanks again for the memories. Here’s a check for my order and the rest goes toward “The Jolly Cholly” costs.

Thanks again

Tom E. Parker

DC2 66-70

Richard,

Please find enclosed a small addition for the kitty, I really enjoyed the spring “Jolly Cholly”, which brought back many a memory. I reported aboard in 1968 after “Destech” as the weapons officer. Jack Byrne was the XO, and I will never forget that when I reported to him, his first words were “Oh no, another big one, there goes the mess bill.” Things did go uphill from there.

Keep up the great work,

Steve Mondul

LT 68-70

Dear Richard & Joe,

I just want to tell the two of you what a great job you’re doing with the USS Charles H. Roan Association. Please keep up the super work. Here’s hoping that both of your first mates and the rest of your families are doing well.

Please accept my token of appreciation for the kitty, and to the rest of my shipmates, let’s get together and get our treasury back up. I know times are tough, but please give what you can afford to keep this great organization alive and kicking.

I wish all of you Roan sailors and families, health and happiness.

Dallas Rees

QM2 59-64

Flags and Signals

Dear Richard,

Just got the newsletter and read it cover to cover. That's always a welcome piece of mail. I noticed we have a new member, Pete Nord. He was my division officer and a nice guy.

Frank Locastro called about going on the Hawaiian cruise but we must decline.

Alice doesn't like to be away that long. I would love to go since I never made it there with the Navy. I won't go without the first mate. I do like the sound of the Canadian cruise, I think I can persuade her to do that one.

I hope Lorraine is feeling better. Give her our best wishes.

Enclosed find a little cash to help keep the organization afloat.

Affectionately,
Bob & Alice Klotz
QM3 51-54

Chief Souza,

Fall River sounds great; USS Kennedy and Big Mamie, Whites of Westport and 20 minutes to Newport.

Lin Gay
ETRSN 62

Dear Richard,

Hope this finds you and Lorraine healthy and happy. Enclosed is a check for the Roan Association. We're going to join you on the Hawaiian cruise.

Yours truly,
Don & Elinor Burton
MM3 49-51

Hi Souz,

Thanks for all you do for the Association and the newsletter. I hope all is well with you and your wife.

Dick Zimmermann
LTjg 65-67

Chief Souza,

Hope all is well with you. Here is a little something to go toward "The Jolly Cholly."

Take care,
Joe & Grace Oleksak
RD2 62-63

Richard,

Although the cruise in 2007 was great we will not be able to make the November 2009 cruise due to family commitments. Give my regards to all and we are looking forward to the 2010 reunion. We hope Lorraine is doing well. Enclosed is something for the fund.

Your shipmate,
Tony DeNiro
SN 58-60

Richard,

I really enjoy all the issues of "The Jolly Cholly", it brings back lots of memories. Enclosed is a check for the Association.

Stay well,
Al Fortunato
SN 51-54

Chief Souza,

Here is a little something to help keep us going. "The Jolly Cholly" is the best. I hope Lorraine is much better.

Bill Morrison
MM3 61-65

Hi Richard,

Hope you and Joe are well. Enclosed is a check to help out.

Your shipmate,
John Griggs
TNSN 51

Richard,

Enclosed is a check for \$16. Six for a pin and ten for the Association.

Your shipmate,
Tom Kauffman
BMC 57

Hi Rich,

I hope you and the family are all well. I haven't seen you and my other shipmates since the very first reunion. If all goes well at home, I really will try to make the next reunion. Enclosed is a check to help our association.

Jack Stiglianese
SN 52-56

Flags and Signals

Richard,

I wanted to say hello to Ken Jennings, Tom Hassman and Oscar Roos. I'm still trying to locate Bill & Jerry Gibbs who served with me in Roan in 1968. If you have any idea where to find them please let me know. Let's keep the Jolly Cholly afloat. Till next time.

Tom Frowert
STG3 65-69

Dear Lorraine & Richard,

Just dropping in to say hello and to let you know you are in our thoughts and prayers. We sincerely hope Lorraine, that your medical problems have taken a turn for the better and we'll have the pleasure of seeing you in November aboard the "Zaandam", both of you. We spoke with Mary Graves today and made our reservations for the cruise, so now we have something to look forward to. We've enclosed a check for the Association. We love receiving "The Jolly Cholly."

Regards,
Carl & Gloria Sandburg
MM1 51-52

Dear Rich,

Here is something for the kitty. We're looking forward to the next reunion. All's well here and we hope the same with you and Lorraine.

Warmest regards,
Maryann & Sal Genova
QM3 52-55

Dear Richard,

We really appreciate all your efforts in keeping the bulletins alive. I was 18 years old when I joined the shakedown cruise in Gitmo and the bulletin has taught me a lot about the Charles H. Roan.

Thanks,
Ed Gannon
SK3 46-47

Dear Richard,

Really enjoy "The Jolly Cholly". Please send me a License plate holder and use the rest for the kitty.

Thanks,
Ron Smith
EM3 54-56

Dear Richard,

I am so glad you came up with these cruise books. I lost mine somewhere when moving and I missed it very much.

Thank you,
Walter Dec
SO2 60-62

Richard,

You guys do a great job! I for one appreciate how much all of you put forth in effort to remember our ship and shipmates. Enclosed is a small check for the fund.

Ken Jennings
STG3 66-67

Hi Richard,

Thanks a lot for the jacket. I have enjoyed my last one. My grandson, who is a senior at North Carolina State is wanting my old one, so I will let him have it to wear around campus.

A shipmate,
Bill Burgess
SO3 47-49

Chief,

I just finished reading the spring 2009 edition of "The Jolly Cholly". Great Read! The amazing career of Admiral Hamm followed by the "Saga of the Bearing" makes the quote by John F. Kennedy so true. Bravo Zulu! Check enclosed.

Denny West, Captain USN (ret)
Ens 54-56

Dear Souza & Lorraine,

Howdy! I always look forward to getting "The Jolly Cholly." Here's a little money to help out.

I had a little problem last month. I ran out of blood outside of Branson, MO. I had to stop and get a refill before I could go on to Springfield MO. Anyway I found out that they really like military. My room was one ex-military after another. They all wanted to see how I was doing. I think everyone there was ex-military. Well Souza & Lorraine I have to close for now.

Sincerely,
Perry Woodman
RD1 65-68

Down Memory Lane

Jan. & Feb. 1952



The "Jolly Charlie" was sent to Key West, FL reporting to C/OPDEV4; an organization developing ASW and running the Sonar School. Our assignment (somewhat classified); work with airborne units (HELOS) in ASW operations. (All of this is from memory I do not remember what HELO unit (s) were involved but they came out of NAS Key West or Boca Chica).

Talk about flying egg crates! Due to the weight of the conventional sonar the exterior of the Helo was removed. The pilot/copilot, AC and sonar tech just strapped themselves in, all wearing flotation gear and open to the wind and sky. In case of a ditching in shark and barracuda infested waters, huge balloon type inflatables were attached to the frames; theory being, the whirlybird would remain afloat until rescued.

In due time, the Roan went out each morning to join the fun and games. An ASW helo would arrive on station and take a position 2000 yds ahead and fly in a prescribed direction ahead of Roan. At an estimated 2000 yds, the bird would hover, lower the sonar dome, and ping until Roan closed to 2000 yds and radio to break hover and proceed to the next "dip" point. This went on mornings and afternoons.

Sounds great, simple; just make sure the Roan didn't get too close, as the antennae were higher than the bird when hovering. To make sure the coordination was exact, the Roan sent along a qualified officer for each daily flight. He was "Mr. Safety".

Joe Trainor Capt USN-R

LT 50-52

"Any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction' - 'I served in the United States Navy' ". John F. Kennedy

Why Veterans Reunite

"I now know why men who have been in the service yearn to reunite. Not to tell stories or look at old pictures. Not to laugh or weep. Comrades gather because they long to be with the men who once acted at their best; men who suffered and sacrificed, who were stripped of the humanity. I did not pick these men. They were delivered by fate and the military. But I know them in a way I know no other men. I have never given anyone such trust. They were willing to guard something more precious than my life. They would have carried my reputation, the memory of me. It was part of the bargain we all made, the reason we were so willing to die for one another. As long as I have memory, I will think of them all, every day. I am sure that when I leave this world, my last thought will be of my family and my comrades...Such good men." (*unknown*)

Charles H. Roan Reunion August 3-8, 2010 Crown Plaza Hotel Warwick, RI (Providence)



WaterFire Providence®, the award-winning sculpture by Barnaby Evans installed on the three rivers of downtown Providence, has been praised by Rhode Island residents and international visitors alike as a powerful work of art and a moving symbol of Providence's renaissance. WaterFire's one hundred sparkling bonfires, the fragrant scent of aromatic wood smoke, the flickering firelight on the arched bridges, the silhouettes of the firetenders passing by the flames, the torchlit vessels traveling down the river, and the enchanting music from around the world engage all the senses and emotions of those who stroll the paths of Waterplace Park. WaterFire has captured the imagination of over ten million visitors, bringing life to downtown, and revitalizing Rhode Island's capital city.



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Navy Unit Commendation; American Defense Service Medal; European – African – Middle Eastern Campaign Medal; Asiatic – Pacific Campaign Medal – 14 Battle Stars {1 Star - Rennell Island 1/43, 1 Star - Consolidation of Southern Solomons 5-6/43, 1 Star - Antisubmarine operations 7/43, 1 Star - New Georgia group operation 7/43, Kolombangara action 7/43, Vella Lavella occupation 8-9-10/43, 1 Star - Gilbert Islands operation 11-12/43, 1 Star - Hollandia operation 4-5/44, 1 Star - Escort/anti-submarine operations, TG 30.4 6/44, 1 Star - Consolidation of Northern Solomons 6-7-8/44, 1 Star - Western New Guinea - Morotai landings 9/44, 1 Star - Leyte operation - Leyte landings 11/44, 1 Star - Luzon operation Mindoro landings 12/44 Lingayen Gulf landing 1/45, 1 Star - Manila Bay–bicol operation Mariveles–Corregidor 2/45 1 Star - Consolidation of Southern Philippines Mindanao Island landings 3/45 Visayan Islands landings 3/45, 1 Star Borneo operations 4-5/45}; Victory Medal WW II; Philippine Liberation Ribbon 1 Battle Star; National Defense Medal

9th Commanding Officer - USS C. H. Roan DD-853



Commander Thomas P. Connell May 59 to Aug 61

Thomas Connell was born in Jersey City, NJ, in 1915, the oldest of seven children, to Mary and James F. Connell. His father was a career Fireman. He graduated in 1938 from St. Peters College with a Major in English and was Captain of the track team. After working for several years at Standard Oil, he joined the Navy prior to the outbreak of World War II.

In January 1942, he began the V7 Navy program on board the U.S.S. Prairie State and was commissioned an Ensign. He spent six weeks at the Torpedo School in Newport, R.I and then was assigned to the U.S.S. Taylor (DD 468) as the Torpedo Officer. After training and shake-down, the Taylor helped escort the second convoy to North Africa and later went to the Pacific for duty as part of DesRon 21. This was the first of the Fletcher Class destroyers in the Pacific. Usually anchored in Tulagi harbor across from Guadalcanal, Taylor made many trips up the "slot" to bombard enemy bases in the Solomons and protect mining operations. On one of these trips as part of TF31, the Taylor participated in the Battle of Kolombangara firing ten torpedoes at the Japanese cruiser, Jintsu, sinking the cruiser. The Taylor also participated in the rescue of the Helena survivors and raids on the Gilbert and Marshall Islands. After overhaul in the States and on anti-sub duty in the Pacific, the Taylor depth charged and forced an enemy sub to surface and damaged it with 5 inch gunfire. The sub sank, followed by a huge explosion.

Later, the Taylor escorted TF72 to Luzon, bombarded Corregador, assisted in the Borneo and Mindanao landings and captured five Japanese trying to escape from Tawitawi. While serving in the Taylor at this

time CDR Connell earned the right to display 14 battle stars. CDR Connell was detached from the Taylor in May 1945 after she participated in the Borneo landings.

CDR Connell then attended Line School at Annapolis as a student and later on served on the staff of the Navy War College. He then became the Exec of the USS Henley and USS Kraus. His next assignment was as XO of the NROTC unit at the University of Mississippi where he also earned a Master of Arts in English Literature.

His first command was the USS Nawman from 1954-1956. He commanded the USS Roan from 1959-1961. During his command, the USS Roan, participated in Operation "Inland Sea, the first passage of a naval force through the Saint Lawrence Seaway into the Great Lakes and took part in the ceremonies dedicating the Seaway. In 1960, the Roan toured the Mediterranean with the Middle East Force traveling through the Suez Canal, cruising the Red Sea and visited many Persian Gulf ports. During his tenure, the ship won an antisubmarine warfare trophy.

CDR Connell was married in 1951 to Marie Nevins and they had five wonderful children. After retirement, CDR Connell taught English

for two years at St. Rose High School and for eighteen years at Ocean County College. In 1985, he retired for real, and now lives quietly in Belmar, NJ.



USS Prairie State IX15 ex USS Illinois BB7

V7 -- Midshipmen Officer Candidates (USNR classification)

V7 program was a program under which you committed yourself to go into officer training in the Navy immediately upon graduation. They would allow you to finish your undergraduate career. It was a three-month course where you started as an apprentice seaman, became a midshipman, and then became an ensign all in 90 days. They used the term "90-day wonder."



Nicholas, O'Bannon, Taylor - DesRon 21 - steaming into Tokyo Bay

The first US Navy ship to anchor in peace in Japanese coastal waters at the end of World War II was a destroyer that, wrote Admiral Halsey, "admirably performed every mission assigned to her." A lucky ship, USS Taylor, DD 468 earned 16 battle stars through three years of hazardous service in every major Southwest Pacific campaign from the Solomon Islands to Tokyo Bay, from which she emerged **without casualties** and nearly without a scratch.



Battle Honors - Mt52 - USS Taylor DD-468

Assignments

USS Prairie State		1941	Ensign V-7 Naval Program Hudson River, NJ
Torpedo School		1942	Newport, RI
USS Taylor DD 468		42-45	Torpedo Officer - Gunnery Officer
Line school Annapolis		46-48	
USS Henley DD 762	XO	49-50	
USS Richard E. Kraus DD 849	XO	50-51	
Naval War College	student	51-52	Newport RI
CinC LantFlt Staff		53-54	
USS Melvin R. Nawman DE 416	CO	54-56	
Naval War College Newport		56-59	
USS Charles H. Roan DD 853	CO	59-61	
NROTC Oxford MS	XO	61-65	



Captain Connell and daughters



Captain Connell and his Roan crew - 2008 reunion

Hi Joe,

Recently I e-mailed Rich Souza about trying to put together a mini reunion for the St. Lawrence Seaway for mid-September, 2010. I have been working with Mary Graves from Cruise Planners who has helped our reunion group with several other reunions and trips. She is also doing the Hawaiian Cruise this fall for us. Richard told me to contact you and see if you can mention it in our next newsletter. I already have the prices and itinerary from Mary. We want to know if our shipmates are interested in this cruise and if so to please contact me at jaydalton@aol.com, or (863) 324-0009 or (863) 221-6815, or by fax at (863) 326-1611. I will forward prices and itineraries to anyone interested. The cruise starts in Boston and goes to Bar Harbor, Maine. Then onto Halifax, Nova Scotia, then Sydney, Nova Scotia. Then onto Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, then to Quebec City, Quebec and finally to Montreal. The sailing date is September 4, 2010. Prices start at \$ 1,099 ppdo. Thank you in advance if you can help.

Your shipmate,

Jay Dalton IC3 (57-60)

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Book Reviews

Since I have assumed the position of Editor of "The Jolly Cholly" I have learned to wear many hats. In the last couple of years I have been sent two books that relate to some of the life of the USS Charles H. Roan. So now I'm asked to be a book reviewer. How's that for a poor kid from Chicago? Well let's see if I can do this.

The first book, "As I Remember" was from Burgess E. Williams. Burgess was an IC man who served in the Roan in 1950. His book is an autobiography, beginning with Burgess's youth in West Virginia. There is a chapter about his tour in the Roan with some interesting stories about Roan and some of Burgess's shipmates accompanied by some nice photo's.

One story that was of particular interest is of the rescue of civilian plane crash survivors while Roan was in Gitmo. I would like to have more details of that story.

Burgess received an appointment to Annapolis and left the USS Charles H. Roan for prep school. The book then tells of his life at Annapolis and leaving there to pursue an Electrical Engineering degree at West Virginia University.

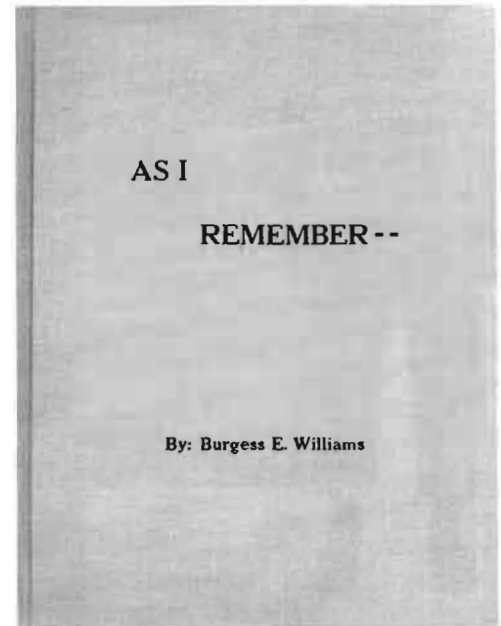
Because of my nosey nature I enjoy biographies, so I found this an interesting read especially his time in Roan and his stay at the Naval Academy.

The second book, "Join the Navy and Discover the World" was from Karl G. Heinze. Karl didn't serve in Roan; he served in the Samuel B. Roberts. This is how Karl describes his book: "Destroyer Division 101, which included the Roan, was deployed to the Far East at the end of the Korean War. At the end of their service there, the Division continued west to circumnavigate the world before returning to Newport, R.I. For those of us who participated, it was the adventure of a lifetime. I served as Navigator aboard one of the destroyers, the Samuel B. Roberts DD 823. I've written a book about the world cruise."

I found this book very interesting on two points. One, this was the cruise I wish I had made. Two, Karl was an officer, and it gave me a window to see how the other half lived. There's that nosey nature at work.

This was a good read and probably would bring back some memories of shipmates who made that cruise. But remember this is written by a crew-member of the Samuel B. Roberts.

If you would like a copy of either of these books I'm sure they're obtainable. For Burgess William's "As I Remember" contact me and I'll put you in touch with Burgess. For Karl Heinze's "Join the Navy" e-mail Karl at KGHEINZE@aol.com



Join the Navy and discover the world!

Karl G. Heinze



The United States Navy sometimes sent ships from the Atlantic fleet to the Pacific Ocean. The four ships in Destroyer Division 101, based in Newport, R. I., took part in such a deployment. Upon completion of their Far East mission the ships continued west to complete a circumnavigation of the world. For the sailors involved it was a never-to-be-forgotten experience. *The Adventure of a Lifetime!*

New Uniforms? Really! You Got To Be Kidding!



Our Navy is changing it's uniforms, and for the most part I don't like what I see, (for what that's worth.) The picture in the upper left is the new work uniform. What is he a marine? The picture in the upper center is the new service uniform, I guess what we called undress blues or whites. If any of the other services catch him he'll get slapped around, I garr-ooon-ty.

Now the picture on the upper right I like. That's going back a whole lot a years. I kind of like the blue piping on the whites.

Now compare the upper left and center with the picture on the bottom left. Now that's a North American Blue Jacket (sorry I had to use Ed Semcheski, RM2, 62-64, that's all I had.) He looks like a sailor. He could leave the ship and not worry about getting chased back on board.

The picture on the bottom right, I just like.



**At Sea With
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HMS Bulwark spearheading.
Following behind (left to right):
second row: HMS Argyll, HMS Ocean, RFA Fort Austin, HMS Somerset
third row: FNS Duplex, RFA Mounts Bay, RFA Wave Ruler, RFA Lyme Bay, USS Mitscher
rear: Submarine HMS Talent.

Under the clear blue skies of the Mediterranean, the eleven ships of the Royal Navy's Taurus 09 deployment line up, led by the Flagship HMS Bulwark.

The Task Group sailed from the UK in February and exists to maintain the Royal Navy's fighting capability as well as develop the UK's capacity to operate with other NATO countries and other nations in the Mediterranean, Middle East and South East Asia.

The Task Group is conducting a wide range of activities, including maritime security operations, and exercising amphibious and anti-submarine warfare.

One of the great things about these pictures is that if you look carefully at the rear of the formation you can just make out the submarine HMS Talent.

The whole task force is under the command of Commander UK Amphibious Task Group Commodore Peter Hudson.

The Task Group comprises 9 ships, including a US Navy destroyer, one nuclear powered submarine, Royal Marines from 40 Commando in Taunton, the Fleet Diving Unit, Assault Squadron Royal Marines from Plymouth, elements of 820 and 857 Naval Air Squadrons (NAS) from RNAS Culdrose and support helicopters from RNAS Yeovilton and RAF Odiham.

At its height, 3,300 personnel will take part in the 20,400 mile round-trip deployment, interacting, training and building relations with 17 nations.

The Task Group is expected to return in August 2009.

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Ron Lucchesi, FTG3, 66-68, has put a lot of hard work into it.



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(Back of jacket)



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