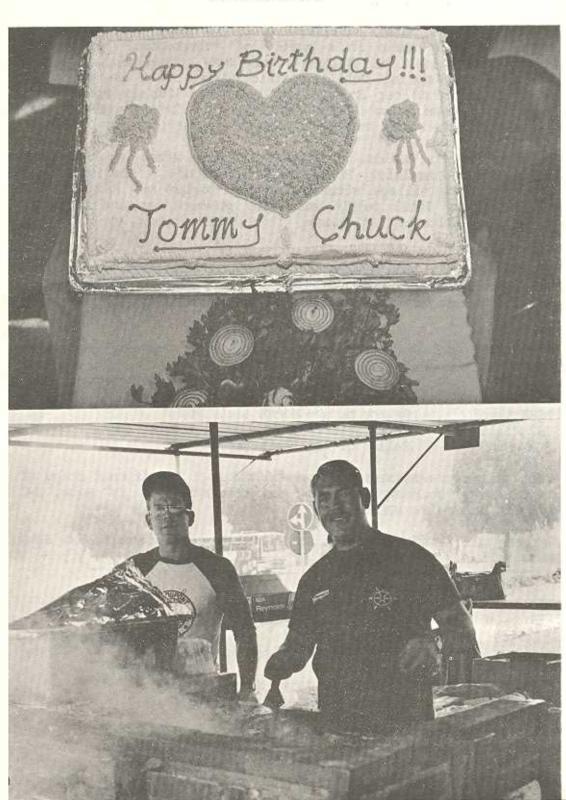


UNITED STATES SHIP THOMAS C. HART (FF 1092) FAMILYGRAM

SEPTEMBER 1986



FROM THE SKIPPER

Dear Hart Family and Friends,

At the risk of being redundant, greetings from "sunny" Naples, Italy. We are once again in a period of intermediate maintenance availability (IMAV) with USS VULCAN. This IMAV, along with a recent visit from an Engineering Mobile Training Team, will be of great assistance in preparing our Engineering Department for an Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE) scheduled for late October. The OPPE is the "Super Bowl" for engineers, so let's cheer them on.

We returned to Naples on September 16th, after an extremely enjoyable visit to Cavalaire, France (1-12 September). Cavalaire is a small resort/fishing village situated between Toulon and Nice on the French Coast. The local people were very pro-american and made the entire crew feel welcome. Of course, it's difficult not to like this crew.

In late August, the Welfare and Recreation Committee sponsored a picnic to commemorate the ship's birthday. The committee, Food Service personnel, and innumerable volunteers made it an enjoyable and memorable event.

Since my last writing, the following crew members have been recognized for their contributions to the ship:

SMI Nelson Petty Officer of the Month (July 86)
OSSN Beard Sailor of the Month (July 86)
OS2 Willis Petty Officer of the Month (August 86)
SHSN King Sailor of the Month (August 86)

Four of our crewmembers took one of the most significant steps of their naval career on September 16th. Congratulations to YNC Macy, EWC Robinson, AEC Harris and MAC Hale.

We are all looking forward to your continued support, so KEEP WRITING!!!

Sincerely,

Louis A. Nick Commanding Officer

WARDROOM

Greetings from your ambassadors in the Med. Your HARTMEN are bravely carrying on the cause of maintaining outstanding relations with our NATO allies. All of us have unselfishly given of our time and efforts being forced to bear the burden of consumption of pounds of local culinary delights, expensive beverages, and enduring hours of socializing with many pleasant people. It is a difficult and thankless task, but we endure our tribulations with pride and are determined to set the example for others to follow.

If there's a dry eye in the house...please read on. We did, in fact, recently complete a very successful and enjoyable two weeks in Cavalaire, France. We were invited to numerous social events as guests of the mayor and met numerous warm and friendly people. We returned their kindness by hosting a reception on board HART for 40 townspeople. This occasion marked the first time wine had been served on HART and our guests were proud to share in such a milestone along with a wonderful array of foods prepared by our own supply department. As usual the HART crew made a lasting favorable impression and our faces appeared more than once in the local newspapers.

Liberty on the Riviera was great. Not only was Cavalaire full of things to do, but many visited the nearby towns of San Tropez and Toulon and found them equally enjoyable. The countryside is truly spectacular and every turn offers yet another breathtaking view.

While in Cavalaire we challenged the city basketball team, who has played together since childhood, and won a "heart attack" victory as Charlie "Fat Man" Ellis sunk an 18 footer at the buzzer to clinch the victory 54-53. What a game!!

A "Harty Welcome Aboard" is extended to Ensign Ed Hopkins and his wife Elizabeth as new members of the wardroom. Ed will be relieving Sean as Auxiliaries Officer. The rest of us go merrily onward. The Captain and XO have been busy at the local discos. Ollie, Glen, and Jim were seen at numerous local taverns screaming "reeb me" to the utter confusion of their French waiters. No one saw Pat, Tim, or Bill while we were in Cavalaire and Larry and Fred were last seen doing snake imitations at a local bar. Rumour has it that Arch and Brian slept for two weeks while Van was most often seen putting up with Harry as a tennis doubles partner and chasing Willie and Gary down a waterslide next to our Admin Hotel room. Steve Newman was ostracized for "gaffing off" a beautiful young French girl. Steve Sleem was last seen with a catcher's mit looking for sun rays.

We all miss our loved ones and friends dearly and are happy that we are winding up our time away and will soon be with you once again. Next stop Naples, Italy...Chow!!



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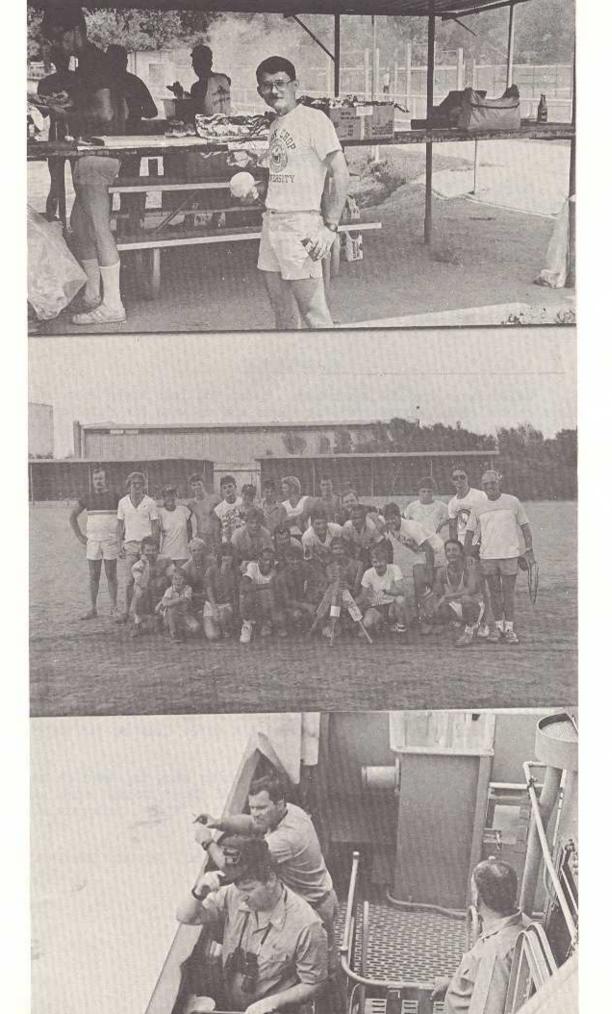
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OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

OI/OW Division

A big bonjour from the zany bunch up in CIC!

Since you last heard from us, we have been up to our scope tops with new and exciting adventures. Once we pulled up stakes from breathtaking Naples, Italy, those OS's and EW's zipped right into the groove of steaming again. OSSN Foster was heard saying, "It's marvelous to be underway, simply marvelous!"

Upon departing Naples the good ol' bunch helped steam our way through the central Med over to the coast of Egypt.

On we went to participate in a joint U.S.-Egyptian exercise called, SEAWIND. Our EW's shined through, evaluating ships and aircraft giving us that leading edge in the warfare scenarios. EW2 Conley smiled and said, "Go ahead, make my day!"

The boys were like sad puppy dogs upon hearing that our port visit to Haifa, Israel was cancelled, but we soon cheered up when we heard that we were going to Cavalaire, France instead!! The bunch was all abuzz trying to learn French phrases like, "eat", "How much?", and "Where's the beach?"

Upon arrival France, OI Division served as outstanding ambassadors of goodwill. The guys taught a group from England all about softball, who in turn taught us all about cricket. Much fun was had by all as we celebrated with a fine vintage of Sangria. Yum!!!

Seeing how much everyone was enjoying the port, our division officer, Ensign Willie Metts asked, "Do you like it?" "Yean!" OSSN Keller, OSSN Foster and OSSN Beard all commented on how much they enjoyed the generous libery policy while in Cavalaire. This gave the crew plenty of time to see the sights and make new friends from different places. If you looked close you could find OS3 Castro playing his saxophone under the streetlights and in the Eden Bar in Cavalaire.

As much as we hated to, it was time to say goodbye not only to Cavalaire, but to some of the team. EWl "Johnny" Williamson left for his new command, Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado. And EW3 David Meloy checked out to check into EW "C" School in Pensacola, Florida. We will miss you both. With their departure, we welcomed our new arrival, EW3 Mike Brandon from Newberry, South Carolina. SAAAAAAAALUTE! Speaking of welcoming. OSC "Big Roy" Crow is welcoming EWl/EWC "Jack" Robinson with open arms as Jack moves on up into the ol' fraternity of chiefs. Three cheers!!! And lest we forget, a fond farewell to OS2 Cecil D. Willis as the "little one" moves on to

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Until next time, "See ya later folks. Keep those letters coming. Chow!!"

OC Division

...and from the communication and signal gangs.

Happiness and good cheer from the sparks and scivie wavers as we slowly and positively become shorter and shorter on this "I.O. cruise." We had an absolutely wonderful time in Cavalaire, France and with the exception of missing you all severely, we were sorry to leave such nice people. Many friends have been made and some will be good pen pals in the future. With that we will depart this scene and the next time you hear from us will be face to face. Good health and God bless. We love you all very much.

OE Division

Greetings once again from lovely (HA HA) Naples, Italy. Yes as you all know by now our trip to Israel was unfortunately cancelled, but rest assured we managed to get over that painful loss in Cavalaire, France. Things are still going well for the "ET GANG." We are always on the scene for all electronic casualties, and the chief ensures there's always something to do to occupy our time.

We welcome aboard ET3 Richard Simmons. Richard arrived shortly after our last familygram and is already a firm member of the shop. Greetings will also be in order for ET3 Hines who is due to arrive next week.

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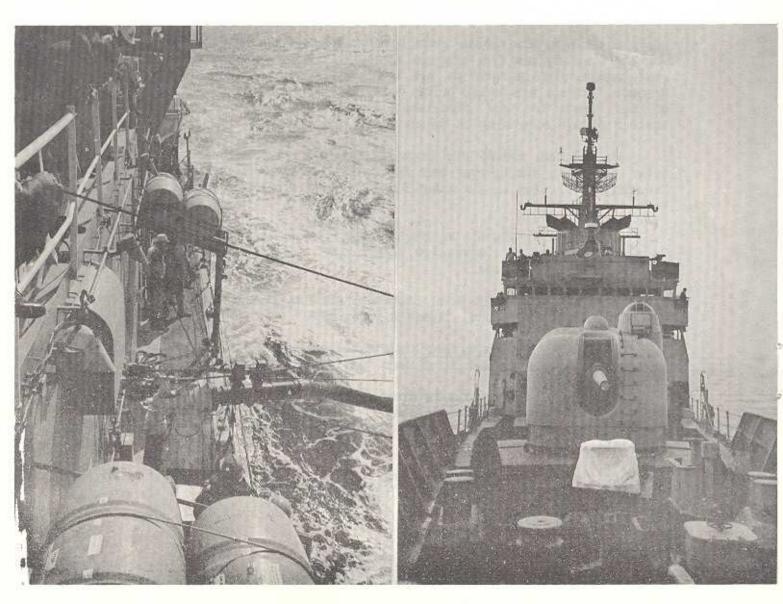
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Jeff Byrd, Bob Gipe, Bob Main and Dave Hubbard all send their love to their wives. Andy and Chief send "Hey Baby....."

Time goes by and home is drawing ever closer. Know you are on our minds and in our hearts constantly. This life is sometimes difficult both for us and you, but the job is necessary and the homecomings are "great!"

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As Second Division officer, I (Ensign Hamlet) would like to send a special "thankyou" to all of the families and loved ones of Second Division personnel for the support you provide through cards and letters. When the days are long and the going is rough, it is thoughts of you and your letters that enable us to work with an unending supply of energy. Performance of Second Division personnel has been nothing less than admirable throughout the entire cruise. You can be very proud of each and every one of them and the duties they perform; I certainly am.

Until our return we will leave you with a few lines:

FC3 Velez (Odie): Hello to all.

FC2 Howell (Sluggo): See you at Christmas.

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FC2 Adams (Shadow): I am thinking of you often. Hope to see you soon.

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FCl Rush: Hi Hon. Love you and miss you! How's Krysten Marie?

GMG3 Cordero (Coffee Bean): Hi Honey! I miss you a lot. See you soon. Te amo mucho! Hi to my family in Puerto Rico.

GMG1 Ocean: Hello to my kids, Quincy, Deshon, and Quentin.

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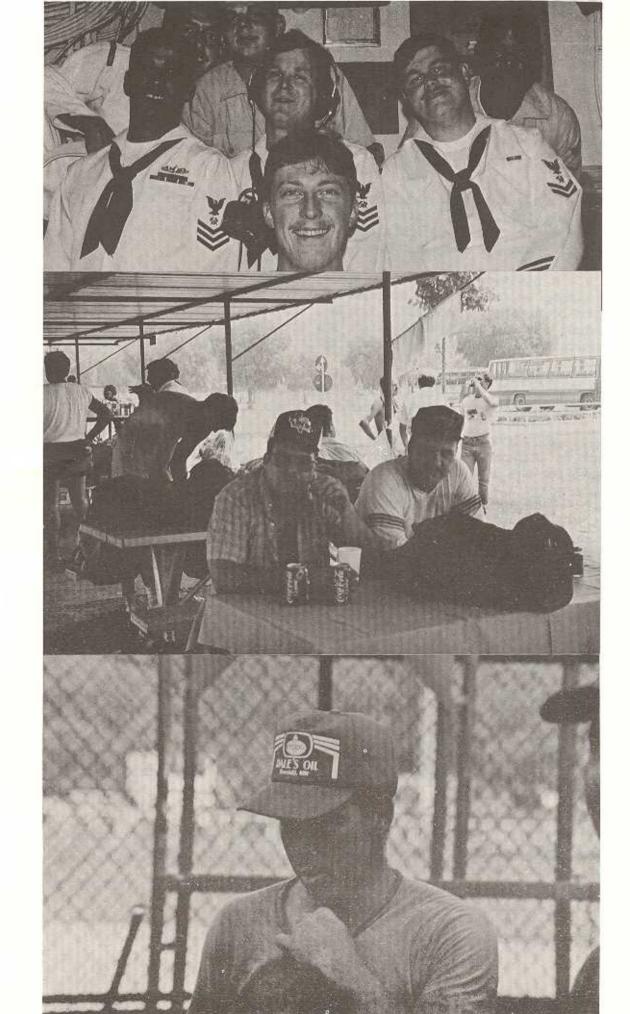
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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

R Division

Repair Division continues to remain busy making shipboard repairs, raining for damage control, and making preps for the upcoming OPPE. The time is passing quickly because we stay busy, but still not quick enough — we are ready for home.

R Division continues to grow both in quantity and quality! The workshop welcomes three newcomers to the division: HTFA Daniel Frank from Downington, PA; HTFN Darrin Bell from Craig, Colorado; and GMG3 Pat Inlow, who has transferred from 2nd Division. R Division has already noticed a big difference in its work accomplishment. Welcome Aboard.

Congratulations is due to the division for their excellent performance in July and August. The entire division received a letter of appreciation from the commanding officer for their efforts.

The division definitely enjoyed the recent port call in France, but is not particularly ready for another stay in Naples. Just can't wait for the port call in Norfolk.

Some notes for our families:

HTT2 Holliday sends his love to all of his family back home, and he is hoping to see them all waiting for him on the pier when we pull in. "How beautiful that day will be!"

MR3 Sweet sends his love to all the family! And remember, bro's, keep the Molsens Cold.

HTFN Frank sends his love to all his family and friends in Colorado.

HT2 Harrison: To my wife, Shirley -- Hi, Honey! Miss you! See you soon. Are you ready to ride, Babe?

HT2 McIntyre: To Lisa E. — Miss you 143!!!

HTFA Frank sends his love to all his family back home. Miss you!

HTFN Anderson: Hi, guys. Miss you all!

HT3 King: Happy birthday, Sean, Jackie, and Julie. Thanks a lot everyone — your love and support are more precious than gold.

HTl Davis: Hello, Mrs. Davis. I miss and love you. Hope you had a nice birthday. You boys be good. Love yah!

HTFN Wilson: Thanks for all of your support. See ya soon.

HT2 Gilbert: Things just don't seem to be what they are! Love you all. Keep me in mind, Cathy!!

HT3 Lewis: Miss you all. Send money!!

HTFN Conyers: To my family I send you my love, and my appreciation for giving me strength to endure. To Andrea — Know I miss and love you. Let's try for August '87 in L.A. To the guys at Wayne's house — stay cool, Bros! See ya at Christmas.

GMG3 Inlow: To all my family. I'm enjoying my new company and surroundings. I'll be departing the Tommy Chuck and going to Tampa, Florida after returning to Norfolk.

SEE YOU SOON!!!

B and M Division

Hello again from M and B!

Well the light at the end of the tunnel is in sight and though the days are passing slowly, we're looking more and more forward to that moment when we'll be with you all once again.

We're pleased to extend a Harty welcome to FR Simpson. We are also sad to say farewell to MM1 Kust, who has been with us for five years, and congratulations are in order for MMFN George Washington, who is expected to be advanced to petty officer third class in October.

At the beginning of this month, we visited the town of Cavalaire, France. We spent an enjoyable 12 days there and made more than a few friends. After that it was back to Naples, Italy in preparation for yet another major inspection.

Your letters and packages have eased our longings to see you again, but they are merely a substitute during our time of absence from you all. During times of quiet and rest they give us that time together that we do not have. They bring us smiles and ease the worry of not knowing how things might be at home at that very minute. You should all know that they are very much appreciated and our love and thanks are extended from our hearts.

It is time to close out now so we all say AU REVOIR!!! We love you!!!!

Love Notes

To Mom, Laura, Scott and Rick. See you Thanksgiving!!!! Love, Jeff!

Hi everybody!!! I wanna go home!!! Don Jones!

To my family. Looking forward to seeing you soon! Bob Theiss!

To my Mom. Take care. I'll be home Christmas. Love, Brad.

To my wife. I love you. Will be with you soon! D.A. Irby!

To my dear, sweet Pamela. See you soon and take care. Love always, Jason Good!

Marilyn, Megan, Amber. Love you much and miss you. Mom, Dad — see you XMAS. Love, Bill.

Take care Mom, Dad, Grandma & pa and Lil sis Charlie. Happy birthday, Misty, Lisa! Love, Jerry!

Love ya Jaleyne & kids. Be home soon. Brian

Love you Staci & JR, Mom, Dad, Tim, Chip! Home soon. Mark.

I love you Kim! I need and care for you so much! Smile my Love; time is short! Love, SDRIII.

Hi Baby Sis, sweet darlin, Sean!! Great pictures! Hi Cille! And you other turkeys!!!

Be careful Cakes on your trip to Norfolk in November. Love you and the kids. Home soon. J.W.

I love you, Betty! Hi, Mike and Shon. I will be home soon! Love, Andy!

I love you, Mommy, Leila, Allen. See you all soon. Daddy!

I love you Louie. Take care. Richard.

Gitte and Christopher. All my love and miss you much. Tom.

Hey Paula! You gussing or what?

Millie. Love you and missing you. John.

Mom and Dad. Three hundred and sixty-five days to go. Then homeward bound!!! Love, Mark.

G. Washington. Hello Jessie, Bryan and the rest of my family. Home soon. Take care. Love, Bo.

Mom and Dad. Take Care! Robin don't worry. George will be fine. Love you all! Tim.

Jo Anne. Happy birthday and anniversary. Love, Lou. What's up, Cheese!!!

