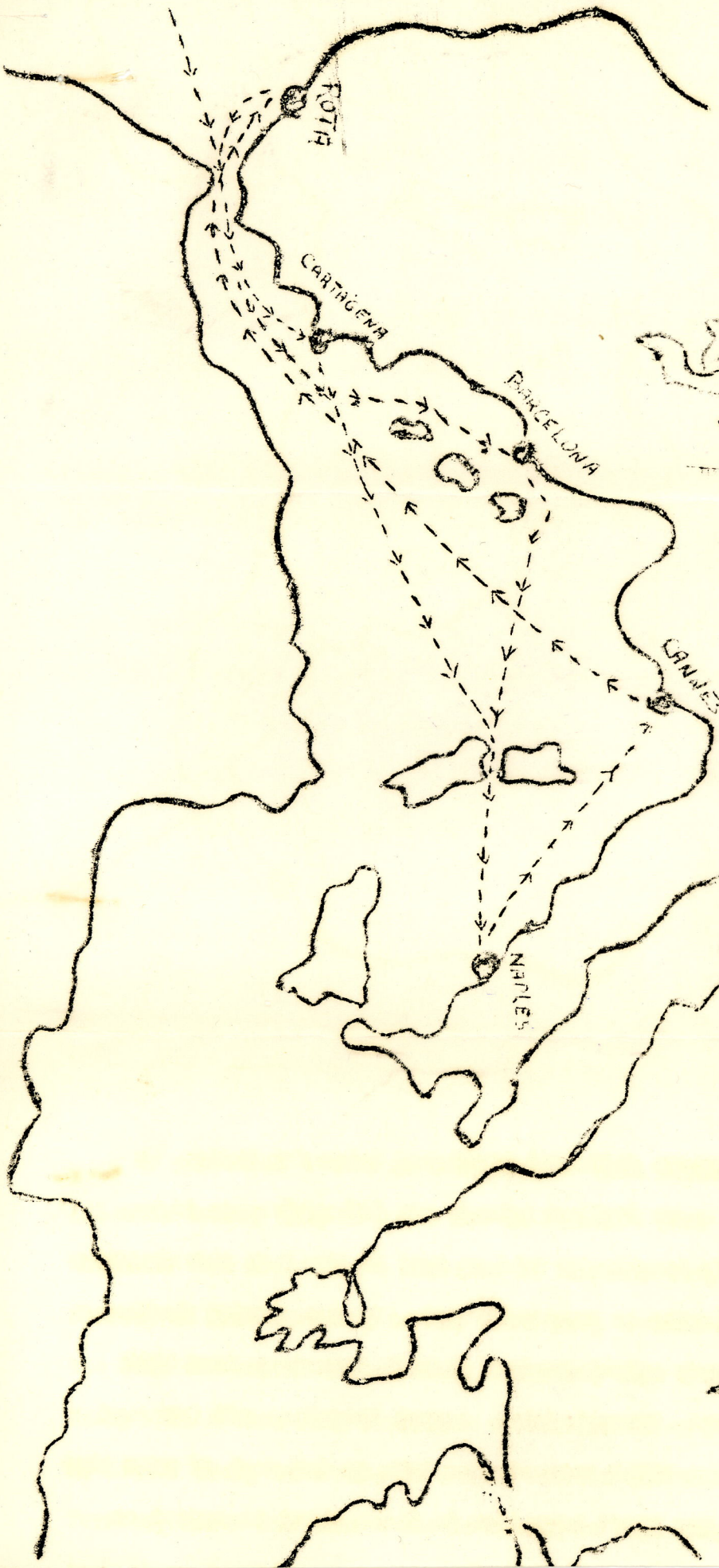


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Dear KASKASKIA Family,

Our last KASKASKIAGRAM came to you from Cannes, France. Since then we've traveled over a good bit of the Mediterranean, and we are now anchored in Naples.

We left Cannes on the second of February to participate in "Operation Poopdeck V". We weighed anchor in a rather calm sea, and then the Mediterranean weather showed us just how fickle it can be. Within an hour, we were rolling, pitching and tossing about like a Destroyer. The winds quickly built up to fifty knots and the seas to twenty five feet, then gradually abated until, at about 1800, the wind and seas were normal again.

After the worst part of the storm had passed, we took part in a simultaneous four ship abreast underway replenishment, a thing which is seldom attempted under even the most optimum of conditions. We accomplished this succussfully under a moderately heavy sea condition with the SHASTA and the guide ship HYADES to port and the ALTAIR to starboard which meant we had to not only maintain station on the guide ship but also not make any movements that would embarass the ALTAIR.

This successful underway replenishment was accomplished only through the superb helmsmanship of "straight wake" Michael Toomey, "postage stamp rudder" Larry Rocks and "sorrowful" Jonathan Trzeciak. To these three, KASKASKIA offers her thanks and the traditional Navy "Well Done".

Our role in Operation Poopdeck V was to replenish at sea the fast moving attack groups as part of a group of replenishment ships. Things were much as they would be in time of war, with little warning of replenishment operations. Often, the first notice we would receive of a refueling was when the thirsty Carriers, Cruisers and Destroyers



would appear on the horizon and signal their condition of thirst.

Operation Poopdeck V was over on the sixth. We had been deployed one month to the day. We left the replenishment formation and set course through the Straits of Gibraltar for Rota, near Cadiz for a fuel lift.

The traffic through the Straits and along the coast of Spain is unbelievably heavy. No matter which way one steams, it seems that all the traffic is headed the other way. It's almost like driving the wrong way down a one way street.

Rota, located across the bay from Cadiz, is a joint Spanish-American Naval Base populated mostly by Americans. Cadiz is a seaport and industrial city on the southwestern coast of Spain and is located in the province of Jerez. Away from the coast, on most of the arable land the grapes which produce the famous Jerez wines are grown....these wines are known as Sherry in English.

After filling up at Rota, we steamed back down the one way street, still against traffic, through the Straits and north to Barcelona. During our twelve days in Barcelona, we concentrated mostly on getting the ship back into top operating condition and on activities concerned with Operation Handclasp. We presented about three hundred pounds of medical supplies, donated by the U. S. Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida, to the Hospital De Extranjeros, which is run by the foreign embassies in Barcelona. In addition to the medical supplies we presented three hundred school books to be distributed in the public schools in Barcelona. These books were a donation from the boys and girls of Southside Junior High School, Jacksonville, Florida. We also lost a soccer game to the boys of the Hogares Ana G. de Mundet, 5-3, but we had loads of fun losing. To the victors belong the spoils,



however, and several sailors left their white hats on the heads of the orphans. The soccer team came to visit us the next day and loaded up with all the hamburgers, ice cream and soda pop they could eat and drink and they ate and drank a lot.

Barcelona is the second largest city in Spain, second only to Madrid. The natives argue that Barcelona is really larger than Madrid because the census takers in Madrid count all the Madrilenos suburbs. At any rate, the population of Barcelona approaches two million. The city is located on the northeast coast of Spain in the province of Catalonia. It is an industrial area unlike most of Spain, which generally is agricultural. The natives speak a language called Catalan, which sounds more like a mixture of French and Italian than Spanish. Although the city is very much Spanish, it is not typically Spanish at all.

The Spanish people however were wonderful. They are among the most agreeable, friendly and helpful people we have met yet. They live a most unusual life according to our standards. To work at 0900 - 1000 after a short desayuno (breakfast); quit work promptly at one p.m.; eat for 2 hrs; sleep for 1 hour and back to work at 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. then eat between 9 p.m. and midnight. This is followed by nightclubbing, movies, walks, visiting friends or what ever they wish. Most go to bed by 3 a.m. and then get up to start all over by 8:30 a.m.

While in Barcelona, many of us spent some time shopping and sightseeing, picking up bargains and taking in the beautiful Catalonian landscape. The Catalonians were kind enough to stage a bullfight for the fleet the last Sunday we were in Barcelona. Since the bullfight season in Spain runs from Easter to Thanksgiving, the



bullfight we saw was roughly the equivalent of staging a major league baseball game in Yankee Stadium on New Year's day.

The bullfight is called corrida de toros in Spanish, which roughly translates as "running of the bulls". Few Americans realize that the corrida is not a bullfight per se: the bull never wins. The fight is within the matador himself; how much courage, skill and grace can he show while killing the bull, which could easily kill him. Many of us saw our first bullfight that day and the last we care to see.

We left Barcelona on the twenty-fifth for Naples; spent one (20 hour) day fueling; passed through the Straits of Bonifacio between Sardinia and Corsica, and tied up at the fuel piers in Naples the next day. After filling up with fuel, we shifted berths about four hundred yards across the channel where we are presently moored.

Naples is a large, busy city on the western coast of Italy about halfway down the Italian peninsula. Its population of 1,170,000 makes it Italy's second largest seaport and her third largest city. There is a good bit of heavy industry here, and we're well aware of it, for we can see both the shipyards and oil refineries from the ship.

Naples is surrounded with sights to sightsee. Pompeii and Herculaneum, destroyed by Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD and still excavated, are



thirty miles to the south. Nearby are the cities of Paestum, Sorrento, Amalfi, Caserta and Salerno, and the islands of Capri and Ischia are just a boat ride away.

Naples was founded in about 600 BC by refugees from the nearby Greek colony of Cumae. It took the name of Neopolis (New City) to distinguish it from the still older Greek city adjoining, called Parthenope. The name "Neopolis" has gradually changed over the centuries to "Naples". Naples passed on to the Romans in 290 BC, but remained a center of Greek culture. For this reason it was the favorite of several Roman Emperors. Naples suffered severely during the Gothic wars following the breakup of the Roman empire. In the eighth century the Neopolitans established a republican form of government which lasted until 1130 AD when Naples was again conquered. Several countries ruled Naples from 1130 to 1860, when it was incorporated into the kingdom of Italy.

During WW II, Naples suffered heavy damage from allied bombing and at the hands of the Germans during the Salerno campaign. Some of the bomb damage is still evident. Naples was liberated by the allies in October, 1943.

	BOX SCORE	
	SHIPS FUELED	GALLONS TRANSFERRED
JANUARY	41	3,316,362 gals
FEBRUARY	16	2,749,068 gals



## MEET THE DEPARTMENT

The sailors of KASKASKIA's Deck Department are the ship's anchor clankers. A member of the Deck Department might drop an anchor or weigh it; hoist a boar or operate it; fly a fueling rig; rig a boom for cargo; splice a line; fire a gun; chip the paint off the deck or paint a bulkhead or stand a watch at sea on the bridge. It's all in a day's work for the stalwarts of the Deck Department.

Rigs, guns, paint, and boats are all in the ballywick of LT. Kenneth S. Johnson, KASKASKIA's First Lieutenant. LT. Johnson is from Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He joined the navy in 1949 and was assigned to the fleet Tugs, COTAUBA and UMPQUA. After leaving the UMPQUA in 1954, he spent two and a half years at the Naval Recruiting Station and Office of Naval Officer Procurement, Nashville, Tennessee as a traveling recruiter. From February 1957 until June 1960 he served on the staff of COMDESRON 36 and aboard the USS NEW.

He was commissioned an Ensign in June 1960 under the LDO Program and ordered to duty on the staff of Commandant of the Fifteenth Naval District. He reported aboard KASKASKIA in March of 1963, where he assumed duties as Ship's Boatswain and First Division Officer. He was promoted to Lieutenant in the same month.

The present Ship's Boatswain and First Division Officer is Lieutenant (junior grade) William L. Barnes. Lieutenant Barnes, a native of South Bend, Indiana, attended Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois under the NROTC Regular Program. He received his commission as Ensign in June of 1962 upon graduation, and was ordered to NAS Pensacola for flight training. He reported to KASKASKIA in June 1964. (Bill Barnes as you already know is the producer of these familygrams).



Second Division Officer is Lieutenant (junior grade) Allen R. Walter. Lieutenant Walter is a native of Cleveland, Ohio and a graduate of Ohio University at Athens, Ohio. He was commissioned an Ensign after graduation from OCS in March 1963 and was ordered to USS DIAMOND HEAD (AE-19), where he served as Assistant Cargo Officer, Deck Training Officer, and Deck Administrative Officer. He reported aboard the KASKASKIA in July, 1964.

KASKASKIA's Gunnery Officer is Lieutenant (junior grade) Louis C. Rutland. Lieutenant Rutland is from Union Springs, Alabama. He received his commission as Ensign under the NROTC Contract Program in June 1963 upon graduation from Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama. He reported aboard KASKASKIA in July 1963.

Deck Department's Able Technical Adviser is Master Chief Boatswain Mate Nelson P. Burnett. Chief Burnett, a native of Baldwin, Alabama, came to KASKASKIA in July 1964 from Training Squadron ONE, NAAS Saufley Field, Florida, where he was leading Chief.

Philip Lagasse, BML, leading petty officer of First Division is an experienced man aboard AO's. Prior to his reporting aboard the KAS on 8 February 1964, he was attached to the USS ELOKOMIN. Lagasse, wife Mrs. Le and six children resides at Norfolk, Va.

Leading PO in Second Division is Ralph Reagan, BM2, who had made his second home aboard Oilers since 1961. Reagan makes his home in Jacksonville, Fla. with his wife, Annie and their four children.



WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED . . . . . SIXTH FLEET COMMUNITY RELATIONS

"Visits to foreign ports offer SIXTH Fleet personnel a unique opportunity to establish friendly relationships with the people of the nations surrounding the Mediterranean. The United States is bound by Treaties of Alliance with most of these nations, but in many cases the people of these countries have very little first-hand knowledge of America and Americans. By conducting an active community relations program, SIXTH Fleet units can do much to increase the level of mutual understanding and respect existing between the people of these nations and the United States. While our mission in the Mediterranean is primarily a military one, the SIXTH Fleet community relations program by promoting good will, also contributes significantly to the preservation of peace among nations. The conduct of such a program is a part of the mission of the SIXTH Fleet.

Here's what KASKASKIA has done in conducting this program.

1. Back in November and December we collected materials to be distributed over here. The Student Council of the South Side Junior High School in Jacksonville collected several hundred school books, food, money and numerous items of clothing for us to distribute while we're here in the Med. From the Red Cross we received school materials to distribute, and from the Hospital at NAS, Jacksonville, about three hundred pounds of medical supplies.

2. While in Cartegna, our first port in the Med, we visited the girl's orphanage, Asilo de Las Ramblas, mostly to see what we could do for them. We presented some school supplies and hot rolls to the Asilo.

3. While in Barcelona, we entertained teachers, orphans and other Spanish families and Americans who asked to visit the ship,



as well as distribute some of the handclasp material mentioned above.

4. In Naples we've played host to a group of exchange students and to a group of about twenty-five children who have American sponsors under the Foster Parents Plan.

The Officers and men of KASKASKIA take a deep interest in the people of ports we visit. We feel that our efforts contribute a great deal towards fulfilling the SIXTH Fleet's mission of keeping world peace.

KASKASKIA offers her congratulations to:

LT(jg) BARNES, HOLDER, BM2, CHIEF KNISBELL, CHIEF MITCHELL, CHIEF BURNETTE, CHIEF GAUSE, CHIEF GREEN, CHIEF KOVACIC, CHIEF ROSS, AND LAGASSE, BML who have recently completed successfully the U.S. Navy Career Counseling School.

Happy Birthday to the following, who had birthdays in February.

EBERLE, Michael                      JACKSON, Charles                      SUMMIT, Kenneth

GONZALES, Ruperto                      MAY, Bradley

HARRIS, Bruce                      MC DONALD, Raymond

Two of KASKASKIA's finest officers, LT(jg) Ed KURZ and LT(jg) Bill SCHULTZ received promotions to the grade of LT(jg) during the month of February.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore G. NEMIC on the recent addition to their family - Ana Marie NEMIC.

Congratulations to Chief CRAWFORD for receiving his permanent appointment to Chief Petty Officer.

Also congratulations to Donald E. GROUT for completing his high school GED diploma through USAFI.



SPECIAL ITEM

The following article appeared in "Il Mattino" 10 March 1965. This is Naples largest morning newspaper.

The article as you can readily see has been loosely translated.

THE AMERICAN BENEFIT PROGRAMS

NINETEEN ORPHANS GUESTS OF THE "KASKASKIA"

THE ORPHANS, AIDED BY THE "FOSTER PARENT'S PLAN" ORGANIZATION VISITED MINUTELY THE SUPPORT SHIP KASKASKIA AND WITNESSED A MOVIE.

Nineteen Neopolitan children, all fatherless, were guests yesterday aboard the support ship KASKASKIA of the U.S. Navy.

The invitation is included in the plan of the Foster Parent's Plan, a charity organization which sees to the aid of needy families and particularly to the orphans to which it insures a monthly subsidy of 5000 Lire for scholastic expenses and offers numerous opportunities such as was enjoyed yesterday by the above mentioned nineteen orphans.

It is impossible to describe the joy of these young (average age 12) scholars of both sexes who rather than bashful took seats in the motorboat put at their disposal by the KASKASKIA, anchored at the end of our port, then they climbed aboard the beautiful unit where they were told that they might pry wherever they wished, ask questions, visit the entire ship. To make the thing less difficult there were selected some crew members who were native sons and therefore able to speak an understandable enough Italian.

The children, sorted out under the editorship of the Italian Red Cross (in other cases and for the same organization the choice is made by the National Motherhood and Childhood Works) were accompanied by Mrs. Della Valle of the IRC and by Mrs. Lombardi. But to tell the truth, they had hardly climbed aboard, about 1400, when they left their nice chaperones



and dedicated themselves with enthusiasm, in groups of four or five, to the visit of the ship.

Assisting the Commanding Officer, CAPT. C.W. WARD, two exceedingly patient officers: LCDR John R. WEIMERSKIRCH and the press attache, Bill BARNES, who, when about 1530 judged near the moment to give the little guests a further entertainment, gathered they in front of a screen to attend the showing of the film "Alice in Wonderland".

In 1964 the FFP aided without interruption about 5200 children of poor families of South Central Italy: besides the monthly support the assisted receive victuals and clothes distributed by the warehouse in Rome. The capital has an important part in the functioning of the organization.

Indeed all the small aided have a Canadian or American patron to whom they write a monthly letter sent to Rome: there the missive is translated into English and sent to its destination. In his turn, the "Patron" responds in English, sent to Rome: there where the FFP counts 28 clerks and 12 translators, the letter is translated into Italian and is sent to the FFP impart to the childrens suggestions about the course of their studies or their choice of preferred metier: Each 18 months they send to the American (or Canadian) parents amplifying and reporting documents.

The support ship comes from Barcelona and Cannes where it has been host to other underprivileged children of orphanages. It will leave our waters tomorrow.



CAPT Sez;

As you have already seen we manage to keep gainfully employed even though we are in port.

My wife, Helen arrived in Barcelona one day after we did. She had come over with LTJG Ed Kurz's wife, Sue, on board a coal collier, the E.H. BIRD, out of Norfolk, Va. Needless to say we have been having a ball what with just being together again, shopping, touring, eating all kinds of wonderful food, and sampling the many wonderful wines.

I thought I might mention that in Spain living is not too expensive. For example, the Hotel Tobagan on the Plaza Real in Barcelona charges 170 pesetas per night for a very modern double room with shower. 170 pesetas is about \$2.80 in our money, nearby is a restaurant, Colletes, 1786, where you can eat a complete six course dinner including an excellent wine for 65 pesetas or about \$1.06. Breakfast is about \$.27 & lunch \$.35 to \$.40 and the food is excellent and plentiful.

Naples living has proven to be a bit expensive but we have thoroughly enjoyed our stay here too.

One of the things that has particularly appealed to me is the loving care the average Spanish and Italian parents lavish on their children, who are uniquely beautiful and extremely well behaved. It is pure joy to just sit in the sun and watch these charming people out walking with their children. And they walk them everyday the sun shines. It seems to be the great national pastime.

I want to thank all of you for your kind and thoughtful letters and I wish I had time to answer each one separately. However, please know that I appreciate hearing from you and I will acknowledge your letters and queries in the familygrams.



My personnel thanks go this time to Mrs. Ronald Webber of Atlantic Beach, Fla; Mr & Mrs Asa E. Phillips (Mr. Phillips is the National Vice President & Director of the Navy League of the United States) of Boston, Mass; to Mr. Tom Hayes, Charles Feinstein and all the Code 800 ers at Boston Naval Shipyard; Capt & Mrs Ted Rowe, Boston, Mass; Mr. & Mrs. John Timmerman of Jacksonville, Fla; Joseph Briscoe III, of Little Rock, Arkansas; Lt & Mrs. Ferrier (Marine Corps) of Tarawa Terrace, North Carolina - who is hoping to pull duty in Vietnam - can't keep those leathernecks down; Mrs. Robert Fitz and children of Jacksonville, Fla; Mrs. Barbara Gallo of Phil, Pa; Arch Whitehouse - who writes books about the Navy and Armed Services and one about himself called - The Fledgling - its good! and Arch we have a very large library aboard which we use extensively; Mrs. M. Greska - yes we too are proud of your son, Peter; Mr. & Mrs. Louis Kish of Youngstown, Ohio, - the organ music hasn't improved; Dr & Mrs. Harvey Bloom of Dallas, Texas - Harvey is a retired Navy Captain who misses the service; Mr. Andrew L. McCarthy of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Cdr Bill Kaiser of Hofstra University who is an ex-aviator type and quite eager to be here with us for some good Liberty; Mrs. G.A. Ward - my Mom, of Freeport, L.I.; Mr. & Mrs. Geo. D. Noon of Westbury, L.I.; Mrs. Ann Ellis of Tucson, Arizona - my wife's mother; Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Touche of Tucson, Arizona; Mr. & Mrs. Ellen Michaelson and family of Brookline, Mass. and our neighbors in Jacksonville, Max and Jane Brown, who not only are taking care of our son, Corky, but have our siamese cat, one Budgerigar, keep my car operative, cut my lawn, trim bushes and fertilize my garden and flowers and I ask you where can you possibly find two more considerate wonderful neighbors?

There are several other things I had hoped to say regarding our deployment but will close now with a short thought for our young readers.



The children over here have different hours and dates for their schooling. I checked on an Italian friend's son (17 yrs) as to his studies and school. He laughingly told me that in the U.S. the students have many festas or fiestas as they call them. On questioning further I learned that he attends school Mondays through Saturdays from 0730 to 1630 (4:30 P.M.) Sept. through July. August they have off for good behavior. So kids if you think your studies take up too much of your time come on over here and you won't have time to think about it except on Sunday or during your month off in August.

Mothers - Dads - Wives - families - friends - your men on the KASKASKIA who have already established a record for excellence in battle efficiency, are now in addition setting high standards of conduct ashore making friends for our Navy and country. You can justifiably be proud of them as I am.

I am proud of you too for the sacrifices you have already made and are continuing to make in sending these fine young men out to serve their country - to help keep the peace in these trying days.

With warm personal regards and may God Bless.

*Charles W. Ward*

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