



THE BIG E LEDGER

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The following remarks were made by Admiral John J. Hyland at his assumption of command of the U. S. Pacific Fleet.

" It is with great pride and humility that I take over from Admiral JOHNSON today as Commander in Chief of the United States Pacific Fleet, the largest, most powerful Naval Command in the world. Admiral MOORER once called this job the "Ultimate salt water assignment", I couldn't agree more.

I look forward to my new duties because I know I can count on you, the Officers and men of the fleet. I know from first hand experience that you are among the most courageous and dedicated men in the world. You are proving it daily in Southeast Asia. With your help and support there is nothing that, together, we cannot accomplish.

I don't have to remind you of the importance of our commitment in Southeast Asia. We in uniform seem to understand that, in this far off arena, the freedom of the American people and the free world is at stake. The resolve and ability I have learned to expect from you confirms my belief that, in a time of crisis, the best men a country has, offer to step forward. Our country's trust rests firmly and safely in your hands as the best trained, most dedicated, and ablest seagoing men in the world today."

EXERCISE "BLUE LOTUS" DRAWS TO A CLOSE

As Exercise "Blue Loyus" draws to a close for ENTERPRISE it can be said that many of the rough edges involved in smooth combat functioning have been worn off.

The simulated day and night combat operations have served to better coordinate the actions of all parts of ENTERPRISE, from the Air Wing NINE squadrons flying their bombing and support missions to the tracking radar of CIC and the damage control parties located throughout the ship.

Lt. K. R. SYDOW, acting Damage Control Assistant, noted that the repair parties worked with greater efficiency than in past exercises and showed "more enthusiasm".

The operational training of the Combat Information Center team was tested to full capacity in a stream of attacks being launched at the ship from the air, the sea surface and by submarines.

A note of realism was injected Saturday night as a VF-96 Phantom experienced a landing gear collapse upon recovery. The prompt action of the "Big E's" flight deck crew members averted what could have been serious damage as a fuel tank ruptured in the mishap.

It has been, as Operations Officer Commander W. R. O'Connell termed it, an exercise in "how to live with the increased tempo of Yankee Station."

WEAPONS DISPLAY PRESENTED BY AIR WING NINE

The Officers and men of the ENTERPRISE were treated to a spectacular weapons display this morning presented by the "birds" of Air Wing NINE.

At 0755 the show began with HS-2 dropping smoke flares into the water. Within a matter of seconds two A-4Es piloted by LCDR L. D. NAGAL and ENS Harlan GERARDY appeared overhead. Loaded with two LAU-10 launchers carrying four, five inch Zuni rockets per launcher, they fired on the smoke flares that were floating 1/2 mile to the port side of the ship, scoring direct hits.

Then came the "Stingers" from VA-113. Piloted by the XO, CDR Jake JAKOBS and LTJG Jeff James, the skyhawks scored their own bullseyes on the smoke flares with Mk 81 bombs.

Adding to the firepower, A-6A Intruders, from VA-35, with a payload of twelve 250 pounders apiece circled once, dropped low and loosed their bombs directly on target.

The exciting climax to the demonstration was carried out by an F-4 Phantom launched with sidewinders and flares. LCDR and his RIO LTJG Tom MARX, of VF-92, dropped and ignited the flares, did 180 degree turn and fired 2 sidewinder heat seeking missiles at the flares for direct hits.

CDR ROUGH MAKES 200th LANDING

CDR J. L. ROUGH, Commanding Officer of the " Fighting Silverkings", yesterday became the most recent ENTERPRISE Double Centurian. CDR ROUGH's 200th carrier landing on the ENTERPRISE gives him a grand total of 496 traps, 143 of which marked the successful end of a combat mission.

PROBATION IS OVER AFTER 32 YEARS ON JOB

Wichita, Kas. - Marvin Rosen, director of the Sedwick county welfare department, received a letter which read: "Your employment with probationary status is considered a working test of your job. If at the end of your probationary period, you have learned your job satisfactorily you will be eligible for permanent status." Rosene has been with the department 32 years.

Help make the next "Big E" cruise book what you want it to be! We need to start gathering interested personnel for the staff. If you have ability in the fields of art work, layout, caption writing for photographs or writing of longer items such as divisional writeups, and if you are going to be aboard ENTERPRISE for most or all of the upcoming deployment your part time help would be appreciated. It's a chance to get a variety of ideas and outlooks into your book. Contact JOSN John Chapman in the Public Affairs Office, 02-52-2-Q, phone 951.
