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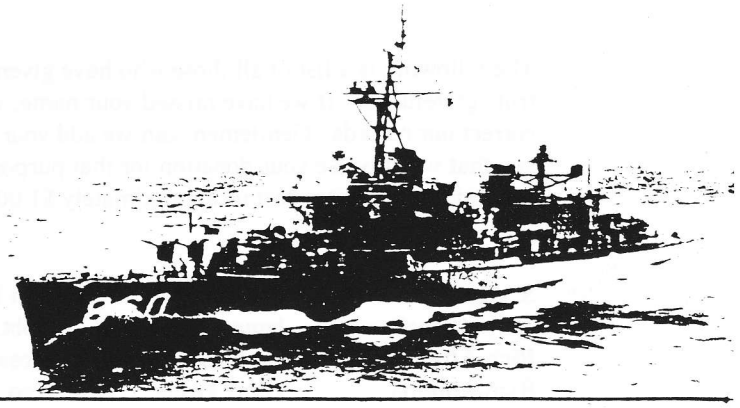

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Gentelman as you know our shipmate Leiser is the normal editor of our letter but unfortunately he has had another set back so I am filling in for him and I would appreciate your sending me your ansures to this letter and during the period it will take Gordon to get back on his feet once again. My address is

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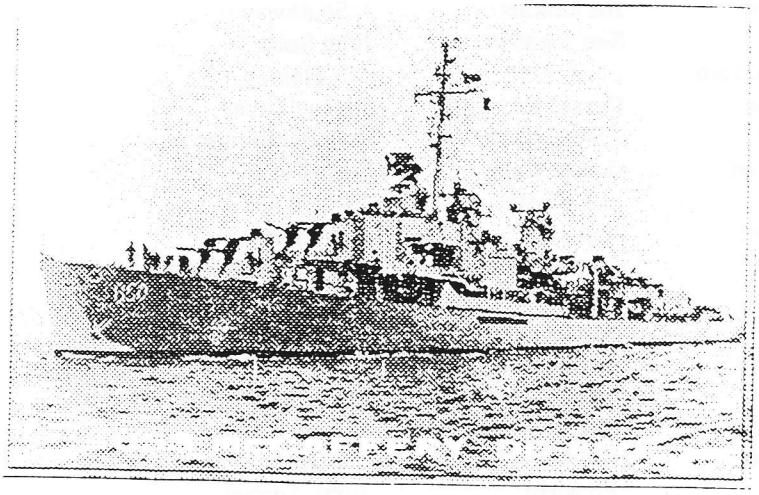

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The following is a list of all those who have given a donation to keep the Newsletter going, which we are truly grateful for. If we have missed your name, we apologize and would like to hear from you so we can correct our records. Gentlemen: can we add your name to the printing and mailing fund? I can assure you that we only use your donation for that purpose . Even a few stamps help. We have almost 700 on the roster and a letter cost us approximately $1.00

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REUNION No 10 has passed you by and shipmate you were missed if you didn't report for muster you missed a great time. Now it is time to move on to plans for the next reunion which will be held , WHEN & WHERE ?? We have in the past held a reunion every two years but there has been talk about having one every year and at different times. YOU HAVE TO BE THE ONES TO DECIDE. Please help us as we want to have as many shipmates get together as possible . Even if you can't be sure you can make the next one please give us your opinion ASAP so we can plan.

Here is something to consider that Harold Faulkner me. Read this and make your comment.

During our last reunion we held a meeting on Tues.morning, May 16th. Several sites were mentioned for the next reunion, but no decision was made as to where or when.Some of the locations mentioned were New England; Branson,MO.;Great Lakes ; Oregon. Here is a suggestion: The USS Gearing (DD710)has a reunion every year. Members volunteer to hold reunions in their home towns. There reunions are simple affairs, with a few planned activities (more time for bull-sessions-the one thing lacking on the cruise) Local attractions and activities are listed for thoes that want to sightsee ect. The only things that are absolutely necessary to have a reunion are:close by a airport,hotel,hospitality room and a fine restaurant. The McCaffery can run a reunion in the same manner;i.e. members volunteering to hold reunions in their home town, either each year or every other year. Each member who volunteers can make the reunion simple or have planned activities. To start the ball rolling I will volunteer to run a reunion for 2001 or 2002 (or if you want 2001 I'll take 2002) If I run one in Dallas one night will be a Bar-B-Que and a keg of beer or soft drinks and lemonade. Who will volunteer for another year??

Remember this to guide us on where to look to have the next reunion.

Do you want it to be held at or near a Navy base ___ or a tourest attraction ____ ? If your choice is voted on will you run the reunion.??? _____

Future Reunion Plan

Where ? EAST ___ SOUTH ___ CENTRAL ___ WEST ____

When ? Jan - Feb _ Mar - Apr _ May - Jun - Jul - Aug

Sep - Oct - Nov - Dec -

Reunion News
Dinner At Joe's Stone Crab

If you went to the reunion but didn't attend the dinner at Joe's Stone Crab, or if you did not make the reunion, you missed a great dinner and fellowship. I heard one complaint about dry pork chops, but all other comments praised the food and service. Joe's restaurant seats 450 and opens at 4:55 each day. They must have opened a few minutes early, as when we were seated at 5:00, the waiting time was already two hours. Of course, our party of fifty-four didn't help the situation. We were lucky in that May 14 was their last day of the season; they closed that night, and will reopen the middle of October.

ARTICLE
"According to my records, there are over five hundred McCaffery members who are NOT members of The Tin Can Sailor publication, a publication dedicated to Destroyermen. It would be great publicity for McCaffery if four or five hundred would sign on for the newsletter, really a newspaper. You can ask for a complimentary copy of The Tin Can Sailor publication (no charge). If you like it, sign on - If you don't like it, just forget it. Nothing lost but a post card, telephone call or e-mail. I feel sure once you see it, you will like it. These are the addresses: THE TIN CAN SAILOR, P O BOX 100 - SOMERSET, MA 02726; e-mail dd719@aol.com; telephone 508-677-0515; web site www.destroyers.org Just ask for a complimentary copy." Bill Maslak

ARTICLE
" I have been contacted by several widows and children of deceased former McCaffery sailors asking me if I had any information about their deceased husbands and/or fathers. Using the McCaffery history and rosters I could help them to some degree, at least where McCaffery is concerned. The purpose of this article is to strongly suggest that you take time and start writing you service memoirs. You may not think your history is important but your family does. You might even consider adding your history as a civilian. It need not be a Book of the Month publication but it will be a valued history for generations to come. Do this for your family." Bill Maslak

You can put this in the newsletter file and use it when you need it.

"Old timers may know the answer – Can you name the eight rates which were called "right arm" rates ? All other rates were worn on the left arm. Right arm rates signified men of the Seaman Branch; left arm rates were used by personnel of the Artificer Branch (craftsmen), Engine Room Force, and all other Petty Officers.

ANSWER: Boatswain Mate, BM; Gunners Mate, GM; Turret Captain, TC; Signalman, SM; Quartermaster, QM; Fire Controlman, FC; Torpedoman, TM; and Mineman, MN.

Answer from Navy Uniform Regulations dated May 1941 (concerning the eagle) and February 1948. The right arm rates were disestablished 2 April 1949 and all rates were worn on the left arm with the eagle facing to the right.

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HEY GUYS I GOT THIS OUT OF A 1998 RETIREE ACTIVITIES LETTER, FROM THE 914TH AIRLIFT WING, NIAGARA FALLS , NY, THOUGHT U MIGHT LIKE TO READ IT, I NEVER HEARD OF ANYTHING LIKE IT.. HOPE NONE OF US HAVE TO USE IT..KEN SERVICE IN VIETNAM AND PROSTATE CANCER. IF A MILITARY MEMBER SERVED ANYWHERE IN VIETNAM ALL PROSTATE CANCER IS NOW CONSIDERED SERVICE-CONNECTED. ATTENTION: WIDOWS AND WIVES. IF YOUR HUSBAND DIED OR DIES FROM PROSTATE CANCER YOU ARE ENTITLED TO DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION (DIC) FROM THE VA ($833.00 PER MONTH). ATTENTION : RETIREES AND VETS. IF YOU HAVE OR HAD PROSTATE CANCER YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY. ALL CLAIMS SHOULD BE MADE AT YOUR NEAREST VA OFFICE. YOU MIGHT WANT TO PASS THIS ON TO SOME OF YOUR BUDDIES THAT WERE THERE.

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As a result of my request for old 8 mm movie film shot while aboard McCaffery, we were able to compile and edit a VCR tape for the years 1954-1973. Keep in mind this is not a Hollywood production but the quality is surprisingly good considering the quality of cameras in those days, age of the original film, shot by amateurs, and probably stored away in less than ideal conditions for many years. The tape runs about one hour and fifteen minutes. It is a great history for your children and grandchildren. Even if you weren't aboard these particular years, it shows the Navy as we saw and lived it. The cost is ten dollars which includes mailing. Send a check to: Bill Maslak – 859 Hamill Road – Verona, PA 15147-2925.

HELP HELP HELP HELP

There is a shipmate that attended the Baton Rouge reunion two years ago the I owe something to . I have lost my note that I wrote when you called and I agreed to send your pal something. Please call me or drop me a line so we can square up.

NEW HATS AND SHIRTS

We are going to have golf type shirts made with embroidered McCaffery emblem. The cost will be $15.00 for M-XL, & $17.00 for 2X-3X. These prices include postage. The shirts will be Navy blue with Gold embroidery. Also, the new hats are great, and they will cost $12.00 postage included. Bear in mind that we do not keep a ready inventory, so when you order, have patience, as we have to have an order big enough to get them made up. If interested, please get your order in. In the event we don't have enough orders, all monies will be returned.

Last Reunion Cruise Book

We can only have one printed if we order enough copies and at the present we are about 10 short.We ask you to send us any photos you took while with the gang or just a snap shot. ID anyone in the picture. The books will cost $15.00 unless you live in Florida and then our good gov. wants a sales tax of $1.05 added on. This price includes postage and the company who prints the book will mail it to you .

Well Shipmates thats all till the next news letter ,which will come your way in about six months. In the meantime stay out of sick bay and have great libertys. And drop us a line so we will have some good sea stories to tell your other mates about.If you know of a shipmate that doesn't get our letter let us know who and where he is.

May you have fair winds and a following sea,

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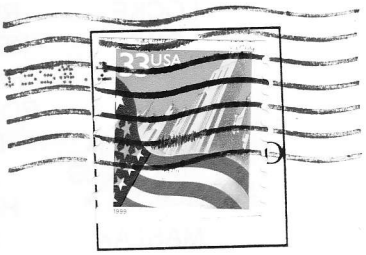

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