

LEAHY-GRAM NUMBER FOUR

What is a LEAHY-GRAM?

A LEAHY-GRAM is a way we in LEAHY can keep you, our families and friends, informed of where we are, what we are doing and where we are going. Additionally, a LEAHY-GRAM is a means of letting you know of matters concerning the careers, health and welfare of your Navy man serving aboard LEAHY.

Where we are and what we've been doing.

Since my last LEAHY-GRAM, so much has happened it would take a book to tell the story. I would like to briefly fill you in on what your LEAHYman has seen and done since we left Norfolk on April 25th.

We steamed independently to Portsmouth, England on the first leg of what you all know was to be an historic visit of U.S. Naval warships to the U.S.S.R. All hands enjoyed liberty in England, and many of us were able to take the trip to London to see such sights as the Tower of London and Buckingham Palace. But Portsmouth was also where we increased the tempo of preparations for our upcoming visit to Leningrad. RADM LANGILLE, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group Twelve, accompanied by his staff and the Sixth Fleet Band, broke his flag aboard LEAHY on May 5, and on May 7, LEAHY was underway for her five-day transit through the Baltic Sea to Russia.

On May 12, to the echoes of twenty-one gun salutes, LEAHY pulled alongside the pier in Leningrad, U.S.S.R. Throngs of curious onlookers queued along the fences to get their first glimpse of a U.S. warship, and before our visit was over, more than 14,000 people had come aboard LEAHY for a first hand look at the best DLG in the Atlantic Fleet.

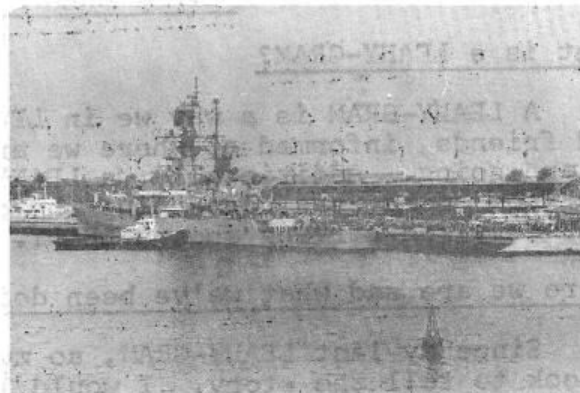
LEAHY's hospitality was equalled by the Soviets, who treated LEAHYmen to tours of many historic and cultural sights of the once capitol of Russia. Elsewhere in this LEAHY-GRAM, you'll find picture pages with just a few of the many sights we enjoyed during our all-too-short visit.

Our visit to Leningrad was more than just another liberty port...it was a giant step toward closing the social gap between the two major powers of the world. In sum, LEAHY and her crew performed in an outstanding manner throughout our stay in Leningrad.

Early on May 17, LEAHY was underway again, this time enroute to Helsinki, Finland, for yet another State visit. And once again, throughout our short three-day stay there, LEAHYmen proved they were true ambassadors for the Navy and the United States. Helsinki is a beautiful city, abounding with friendly people. We found it to be an extremely expensive city, but there were those who did manage to do some souvenir shopping nonetheless. During our visit there, LEAHY was honored by visits from no less than 16 foreign ambassadors! Quite an impressive honor, and from all reports, all were impressed by LEAHY.



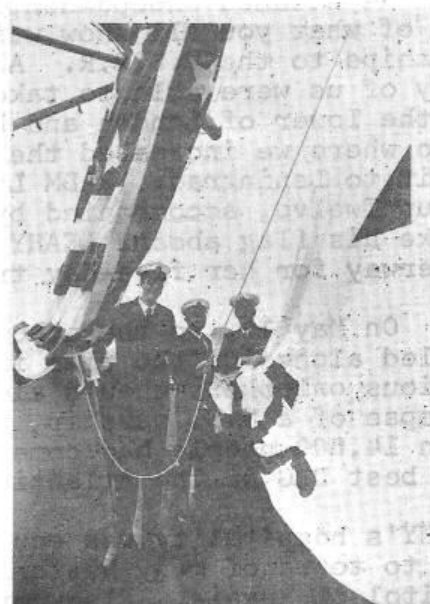
CAPTAIN ALEXANDER M. SINCLAIR, C.O. OF LEAHY, BRUSHES UP ON HIS RUSSIAN PRIOR TO ENTERING Leningrad.



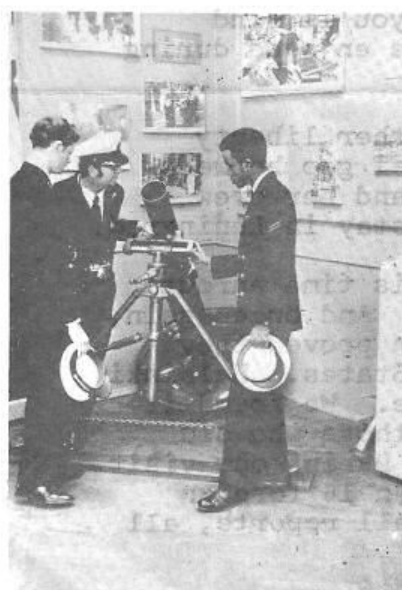
USS LEAHY (DLG-15) DOCKING ALONGSIDE PIER A7 HISTORIC Leningrad, U.S.S.R., ON MAY 12, 1975



RAIM JUSTIN E. LANGILLE, COMCRUDESGRU 12, IS WELCOMED TO THE SOVIET UNION



SM1 GOLDMAN, PH1 FURLES AND SM1 SKINNER PREPARE TO HOIST CEREMONIAL AMERICAN AND SOVIET FLAGS ON LEAHY'S SIGNAL BRIDGE.



MIDSHIPMAN FIRST CLASS STOREY, OSI JOHNSON AND FA BENNETT VISIT Leningrad'S HISTORICAL MILITARY MUSEUM.



THROGS OF SOVIET CITIZENS CROWD THE GATES AT THE PIER TO GET A FIRST-HAND LOOK

We left Helsinki on May 21, and five days later arrived again at Portsmouth, England, to disembark COMCRUDESGRU-12 and his staff. After a three-day stay in Portsmouth, for refueling and replenishment, LEAHY departed for Rota, Spain and inchope with the Sixth Fleet to continue her Med Cruise '75.

After a brief turn-over in Rota, LEAHY once again headed out to sea and our first Med port call in Palma de Mallorca. For seven days, LEAHYmen enjoyed the many sights and sounds of Palma, and took advantage of the local sights and typical Spanish hospitality by attending fiestas held in an old Spanish rancho. We also used the time in Palma for upkeep and maintenance of the ship, and prepared for our operations with the carrier USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT (CVA-42). LEAHY put to sea again on June 9, and immediately began operational exercises with ROOSEVELT and the other ships in the Task Group. On June 15, LEAHY entered her first training anchorage of the cruise at Hurd Bank, off the coast of Malta. Training anchorages are designed to conserve fuel while enabling ships to maintain their at-sea posture. During our training anchorage, LEAHYmen enjoyed a few hours of Fantail Follies, complete with barbeque, a skeet-shoot and live entertainment from some of their talented shipmates.

LEAHY departed Hurd Bank on June 17, and entered Operation DAWN PATROL, a NATO exercise comprised of ships from our allied navies throughout Europe. LEAHY performed well throughout the exercise in all aspects of naval warfare, from anti-submarine to anti-air operations; once again proving she and her crew are the "Top Guns". Dawn Patrol came to a successful close on June 26, and LEAHY left the Task Group for Finale Ligure, Italy.

It has been a busy and eventful two months since LEAHY left Norfolk, and each and every LEAHYman has performed his duties in an outstanding manner.

Where we are going.

As you know, we still have almost four months yet to go on Med Cruise '75, and LEAHY expects to operate more and visit more interesting ports in the coming months. Our schedule, as I know it now, looks like this:

2	-	7 July	Port visit, Monaco
8	-	13 July	Port visit, Ajaccio, Corsica
14	-	17 July	Operations in the Western Med
18 July	-	7 Aug	Tender availability, Naples, Italy
8	-	13 Aug	Underway operations
14	-	15 Aug	Training anchorage, Augusta Bay, Sicily
16	-	17 Aug	Enroute
18	-	29 Aug	Port visit, Barcelona, Spain
30 Aug	-	1 Sept	Training anchorage, Polensa Bay
2	-	3 Sept	Underway operations
4	-	16 Sept	Upkeep, Palma de Mallorca
17	-	21 Sept	Underway operations
22	-	23 Sept	Training anchorage, Port Scudo
24 Sept	-	???????	Port visit, Naples, Italy
3 Oct	-		USS DALE departs CONUS as LEAHY's relief
23		OCTOBER	<u>LEAHY ARRIVES NORFOLK</u>



YNSN ADORNATO LOOKS OVER POST CARDS GIVEN HIM BY AN ADMIRING SOVIET CITIZEN.



STGSM DUTCHER GIVES AWAY PRE-PRINTED HAND-OUTS ON AMERICAN SAILORS TO MANY OF THE GATHERING SOVIETS.



MORE HAND-OUTS, THIS TIME A POSTER COMMEMORATING LEAHY'S VISIT TO LENINGRAD, WRITTEN IN RUSSIAN.



ENJOYING THE VIEW OF LENINGRAD FROM THE LEAHY ARE BTCS BASHAW, GMGI CROCKER, EMI KELLER, EMCS BYRD AND DSC FYHR.



FTM3 SIMMONS DISPLAYS A FEW OF THE MANY SOUVENIERS HE RECEIVED FROM ADMIRING SOVIETS AS HE WALKED THROUGH THE CITY OF LENINGRAD.



THREE LEAHYMEN WAVE THEIR FAREWELL TO THE MANY NEW FRIENDS THEY MADE DURING LEAHY'S FIVE-DAY VISIT TO LENINGRAD.

I will be sure to let you know of any changes or modifications to this schedule when and if they arise. Your LEAHYman is doing a super job here in the Med, and while I know you miss him greatly, and he misses you, he is helping his country maintain its peaceful presence throughout the Mediterranean. Without him, LEAHY would not be the fine ship she is. Be proud of him; I am.

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your continued letters and support of your LEAHYman. We look forward to every mail call. I know, that no matter how many miles or days come between us, your thoughts, love and prayers will bridge the gap.

I'll be writing again next month, with more news of LEAHY's exploits.

Very respectfully,


ALEXANDER M. SINCLAIR
CAPT, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER

*As a last minute reminder -
LEAHY'S hull designation changes
from "DLG to CE" on 1 JULY.*