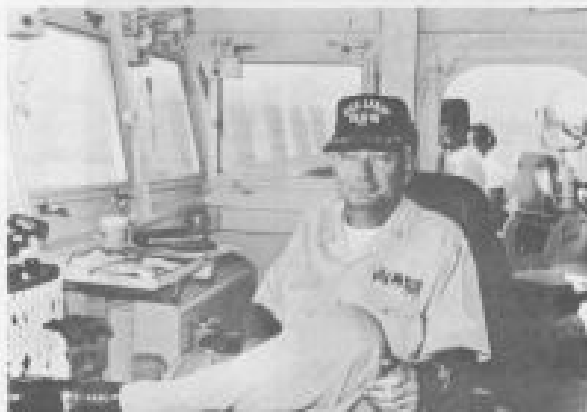




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COMMANDING OFFICER
U. S. S. LEAHY (DLG-16)
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Dear LEAHY Family and Friends,

It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words, and as you'll see in this month's LEAHYGRAM, there will be very little need for words at all. Soon, your LEAHYMAN will be home, and he'll have pictures and slides from the many ports we've visited, but this month we thought we'd give you a short look at some of the places we've been and some of our activities aboard LEAHY.

We're back in full swing now, following our very enjoyable three week visit in Naples, and although we are all looking forward to July 3rd, the operational pace of LEAHY has in no way slowed down. As a matter of fact, we've just completed a very successful week of participation in Dawn Patrol, a NATO exercise comprised of ships from many European navies. Of course LEAHY excelled in all aspects of her part in the exercise. We are now looking forward to operational exercises with other U.S. ships in the eastern Mediterranean, a missile exercise, and a few more very interesting port visits before our turn-over in Rota, Spain on June 24th. As I'm sure your LEAHYMAN has told you, our schedule has been changed more than a few times in the past few weeks, and this is due to operational requirements of the Sixth Fleet and our Task Group. I want to assure you that, whatever other changes might occur, we expect no changes to our arrival date in Norfolk. We plan to arrive at the D & S Piers at approximately 10 a.m. on July 3rd, and the whole crew is looking forward to that day.

I hope that you enjoy the photos we've included in this LEAHYGRAM, and perhaps even see your LEAHYMAN in one of them. Your mail has been a constant source of joy to us and we know you will continue to send your love to your LEAHYMAN, just as I know he sends his to you. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

W. W. JORDAN, Jr.
Captain, USN

WEEKLY PLANNING BOARD FOR TRAINING

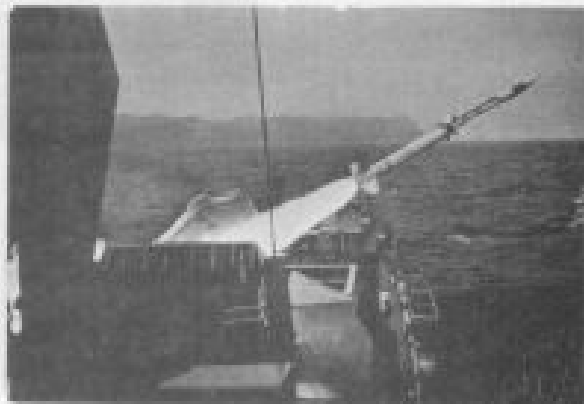


Pictured here from left to right are Chaplain Flick, LCdr Kosch, LCdr Kile, Cdr Strong, LCdr Willenbacher (hidden from view), LCdr Womble and LCdr Uher.

Seen above are the Department Heads and the XO, during a Weekly Planning Board for Training. Here, the schedule for the upcoming week's training is devised, although by the end of the week it will have undergone 36 changes due to operational requirements. Because of the vital importance of proper training, the Planning Board is a necessary facet to the smooth functioning of LEAHY and her crew.

Thanks to the Division Officers and LPOs, whose inputs to their Department Heads are an integral part of planning, these weekly board meetings help make LEAHY the effective ship she is.

U.S.S. LEAHY
Prompts et Parata



"I would like to take this opportunity to also note that the performance of LEAHY during this at-sea period has been superb. You and the "Good Guys in White Hats" on LEAHY are adding luster, in AAW and ASW, to your already significant reputation in the Sixth Fleet."

The above is part of the text of a message received by Captain JORDAN from Rear Admiral TURNER, Commander Task Force 60.1, at the conclusion of recent at-sea operations. As noted by Rear Admiral TURNER, LEAHY and her crew have continued to compile an outstanding track record for her Anti-Aircraft Warfare (AAW) and Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) activities. These are LEAHY's prime responsibilities, and thanks to an outstanding crew and fine leadership, she has gained the reputation of being the best in the fleet.

Pictured on this page are the Naval surface-to-air Terrier missiles, LEAHY's primary weaponry. Also in LEAHY's arsenal are the ASROC (anti-submarine rockets), which provides LEAHY with her ASW sting. LEAHY can, and does, live up to her motto - Prompts et Parata - Prompt and Prepared.

PERSONNEL INSPECTION



The inspection team - Capt JORDAN, Cdr STRONG and BMC WINDHAM - along with CWO2 DORAN, inspect ETN3 GIBBS.

During our recent visit in Naples, a personnel inspection was held aboard LEAHY. Preparation for the inspection was intense, as crew members spent hours "spit-shining" shoes and pressing uniforms. As always, LEAHYMEN proved to be as sharp looking as they are sharp acting, and many received a "well done" for their efforts.

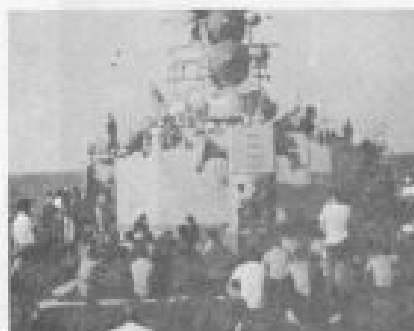
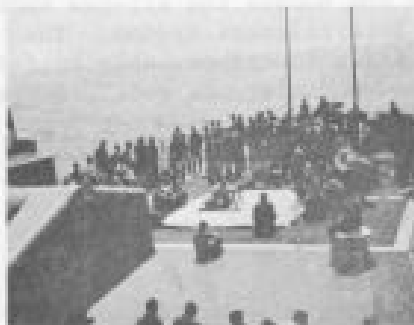


Capt JORDAN inspects FTM3 MIYASATO, as YNC PARR takes notes.

"PEOPLE DAY"
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On April 3rd, the sun was shining, the weather was mild, and spirits were high aboard LEAHY, as we began our celebration of "People Day". Set aside as a day to reawaken ourselves to the Navy's Human Goals Program, "People Day" was celebrated throughout Task Force 60.1 with a variety of ship-board activities.

LEAHY's fun and games included a Bar-B-Que on the fantail, a skeet-shoot, a boxing and wrestling "smoker" on the fantail, and a talent show. The highlight of the day's activities was a "rap session" on the fantail with the Captain and XO fielding questions from the crew.



As evidenced in the pictures on this page, a good time was had by all. LEAHY has taken "People Day" one step further, and has set aside the month of June as LEAHY Human Goals Awareness Month". Planned for June is another day of fantail activities, an essay contest with some very worthwhile prizes and a number of other programs designed to firmly establish LEAHY as a leader in the Human Goals Awareness Program.

WMDL TELEVISION & RADIO...

the inside story



Jim Streit at the controls.

Since the last LEAHYGRAM, WMDL has undergone quite a few face-lifts, all of which were planned and designed to further enhance its operational capabilities. Almost four feet have been added to the present control room, and this addition now houses the all-new WMDL-RADIO-2, the second half of the Ship's Entertainment System. The new addition also enables all administrative functions, ably headed up by Journalist Seaman Gene SCHOECK, to be "under one roof", instead of their previous location in the Flag Cabin.

A vote of thanks must certainly go to Captain JORDAN and XO STRONG, who patiently and very determinedly cut through much red tape to gain approval for the addition. Much thanks also goes to LEAHY's HTs for the part they played and the sweat they contributed. Many others also helped with the expansion, too many to name here, and thanks go to them too for their contributions. Special thanks go to ETN3 Jim STREIT, Chief Engineer at WMDL, for the many sleepless nights and endless days he put into WMDL's new home. His dedication is very evident, and he can truly be called not only a Jack-Of-All-Trades, but a master of them also.

On the 02 level portside, aboard USS LEAHY, there exists a monument to the "new" Navy and its concern for the morale of its crews. It is technically called a SITE system, and is a closed-circuit cable TV station. Its name aboard LEAHY is WMDL TV 4, an almost round-the-clock television station, operating for the entertainment and information of the crew.



Gene Schoeck selecting daily television programming.

DAILY LIFE ABOARD LEAHY



SN Howard TUDISCO and PC2 Jerry GAY make sure the mail gets out as often as possible.



CSSA Tim MILLER prepares enough vegetables for 350 meals in a "small" 18 gallon pot.



SH3 Robert Jones obviously enjoys cutting BMSN Donald ANDERSON's hair, but "Andy" looks a little uncertain about the end result.



The local mail carrier from the U.S.S. AMERICA prepares to make its welcome delivery on the fan-tail.

THE MED



The seas have many moods, as evidenced in the two pictures above. In the picture above right, RMSN Wayne DE LEO and RMSA Carl GISONNI find out first-hand that the Mediterranean can get a bit rough.

Below are just two views of the many sights enjoyed by LEAHYMEN during our present Mediterranean cruise.



Ancient mosque in Istanbul, Turkey.



The famous ruins of the Colosseum in Rome, Italy.

"SET THE SPECIAL SEA AND REFUELLING DETAIL"



LEAHY preparing to pull alongside oiler, shown here also refuelling Aircraft Carrier AMERICA.



Forward fuel line from oiler to LEAHY.

A little different than gassing-up the family car, refuelling at sea can be a tricky maneuver. It takes plenty of expertise on the part of all hands involved, from the Conning Officer whose job it is to bring LEAHY alongside the oiler, to the crew members at the forward, aft and midships stations who assure that the fuel and supplies are received properly.



Occasionally, a personnel transfer takes place while alongside another ship. As you can see, it's an interesting ride - to say the least.



Conning officer, Lt PARKER, discusses maneuvers with Capt JORDAN on the bridge wing, as QM3 John WALSER looks on and JOSEPH Gene SCHOECK makes voice contact with the bridge of the oiler.

SICK CALL



Here, HM3 Rick HUMME checks the blood pressure of MM2 Paul O'NEIL, as Chief BRIDGES looks on approvingly.

On board LEAHY is a well-equipped sick bay, ready to handle all but major medical problems. Under the able supervision of HMCS Joe Billy BRIDGES, the sick bay provides care and attention to most ailments and illnesses LEAHYMEN might develop. Chief BRIDGES receives capable help from HM3 Rick HUMME, who assists in all the operations of the sick bay. LEAHYMEN rest easy, knowing they're in good hands.



These LEAHYMEN are smiling because they just helped alot of people. During our recent visit to Thessaloniki, Greece Chief BRIDGES and members of LEAHY's crew donated blood to the local Red Cross. Besides receiving the heartfelt thanks of the local Medical authorities, they were also the subject of a very flattering article in the local newspaper.

LEAHYGRAM NEWS NOTES

NEW LEAHY WIVES OMBUDSMAN - We are very thankful to announce that Mrs. Linda McNealy, the fine wife of RM1 MC NEALY, has graciously accepted the position of wives ombudsman for LEAHY. Among her duties as wives ombudsman, Mrs. McNealy will assist our LEAHY family as one who will listen and advise the Command of benefits and concerns that are important to all. Each of us look forward to working together with Mrs. McNealy for an always greater LEAHY.

NEW LEAHY ENLISTED WIVES CLUB PRESIDENT - Do you know "LEW"? You should know LEW (LEAHY Enlisted Wives). LEW has a very fine new president - Mrs. Diana Gay, wife of PC2 Jerry GAY. Mrs. Gay, with the help of other fine LEAHY enlisted wives, has already shown much enthusiasm and interest in our LEAHY family. All of us look forward to working with Mrs. Gay in the time ahead. If you don't know LEW, you don't know what you're missing!

VIDEO TAPE EXCHANGE - During this Mediterranean deployment, LEAHY has enjoyed the benefits of its own Closed Circuit TV Station. One of the very pleasurable benefits of our TV station has been the welcome sight of our loved ones on video tape, sent from Norfolk, largely through the great efforts of our LEAHY Enlisted Wives Club and Chaplain Bud MMON. Very soon, we will be sending to all our families in the Norfolk area a video taped familygram showing many of the highly successful operations and activities of our present Mediterranean deployment. Just a word of appreciation to all who became stars and producers in Norfolk, and don't miss our LEAHY stars - coming soon!

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