

Just a year after returning from our historic around the world cruise, TEXAS was off again. On reflection the dominant theme of this cruise was to be, "Have guns, we travel." Travel we did: To Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Australia, Tonga, and Western Samoa.

We used our capabilities. Our propulsion capabilities were tested on departure by the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board; results, superb success. Our anti-air warfare capabilities were tested while serving as flagship for Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE; results, superb success. Our tactical prowess was tested as the flagship of Commander, Middle East Force; results, superb success. Our repair ability, supply support and ingenuity were tested by three months with no outside support; results, superb success. Our wits, patience, and camaraderie were tested by 105 days at sea; again a superb success. We always were the "Ace-In-The-Hole", were called on when the going got tough and never failed to stand tall in the saddle.

We all are proud of our performance. We worked hard; we played hard. Ashore and afloat the FINEST CREW in the U.S. Navy demonstrated its capability and capacity.

Forgive us as we strut our stuff in this recording of our travels; but, when you're hot - it's hard to be humble.

