

Ships in Arctic Operation

Navymen in 34 ships are now headed Stateside, or have already returned, from a series of "real cool" operations which began in May. They were part of a force of 114 Navy, Coast Guard, Maritime Administration, MSTs and Royal Canadian Navy ships operated by the Military Sea Transportation Service to resupply DEW Line radar stations and other isolated outposts in the Far North.

Nineteen of the Navy ships participated in Project 572 West, Pacific phase of this year's DEW Line sealift to the Arctic, and seven were assigned to the Atlantic phase of that operation. Another six served in the SUNEK project, carrying supplies to Air Force bases and other outposts in Northeast Canada, Labrador and Greenland; one carried supplies to Department of Interior sealing stations in the Pribilof Islands; and one took part in the MONA LISA project.

Here's a listing of Navy-manned ships involved:

PROJECT 572 WEST

uss *Elderado* (AGC 11)
uss *Burton Island* (AGB 11)
uss *Atka* (AGB 31)
uss *Staten Island* (AGB 51)
uss *Carter Hall* (LSD 31)
uss *Gunston Hall* (LSD 51)
uss *Requisite* (AGS 18)
uss *Grapple* (ARS 71)
uss *Current* (ARS 22)
uss *Grasp* (ARS 24)
uss *Safeguard* (ARS 25)
uss *Elkhorn* (AOG 71)
uss *Tombigbee* (AOG 111)
uss *San Bernardino County* (LST 11101)
uss *Chittenden County* (LST 561)
uss *Dunn County* (LST 7421)
uss *Hillsborough County* (LST 8271)
uss *Lincoln County* (LST 8981)
uss *Mahoning County* (LST 9141)

PROJECT 572 EAST

uss *Edisto* (AGB 21)
uss *Ashland* (LSD 11)
uss *Lindenwald* (LSD 61)
uss *Shadwell* (LSD 151)
uss *Donner* (LSD 201)
uss *San Marcos* (LSD 251)
uss *Fort Mandan* (LSD 211)

SUNEK

uss *Rushmore* (LSD 141)
uss *Casa Grande* (LSD 131)
uss *Preserver* (ARS 81)
uss *Opportunity* (ARS 41)
uss *Hoist* (ARS 401)
uss *Avenge* (MSO 4231)

PRIBILOF ISLANDS

uss *Washburn* (AKA 108)

MONA LISA

uss *Whitemarsh* (LSD 81)

Welcome back. You're just in time for a warm Stateside winter.

Commendation for Submarine Sailor



"Outstanding courage . . . initiative . . . inspiring actions"—these are standard expressions, and may be found in any one of a thousand citations and commendations for one thing or another. Frequent use has not dimmed their value, however, but has served to point up the qualities displayed innumerable times by Navymen when disaster threatens.

One example is furnished by the case of Charles E. Payne, TM1(SS), uss, who was recently presented the Navy Commenda-

tion Ribbon with Metal Pendant at ceremonies aboard uss *Pomodon* (SS 486). The award recognized the heroism displayed by Payne when escaping hydrogen gas from *Pomodon's* batteries exploded in the submarine's forward torpedo room last year while she was docked at Hunter's Point.

Immediately after the explosion Payne unhesitatingly entered the smoke-filled forward torpedo room in order to evacuate casualties. Although forced from time to time to go topside for fresh air, he continued to aid in the evacuation of the dead and injured and to help fight the fire until compelled to go to the shipyard infirmary for treatment of smoke inhalation. Later he returned to his ship and continued to assist in controlling the fire until forced to leave for the infirmary a second time.

Payne's Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant, accompanied by a citation over the signature of Secretary of the Navy Charles S. Thomas, was just one of 48 such awards made in the past year.

Money and Muscle Saver

A real back-saving gimmick has been developed by the Norfolk Naval Supply Center. This gimmick promises to save a lot of sweat and sore muscles as well as saving taxpayer dollars in warehouse operations throughout the Navy.

The device is a rectangular steel frame with eight moveable steel straps that fits on a forklift truck. Its purpose is to move loaded stor-

age bins without disturbing their contents.

The forklift is driven to the storage bin where it lowers the device down on top of the bin. The straps are then bolted to it. Contents undisturbed, the bin section is then lifted onto the dock trailer.

When the trailer has been towed to another location, another forklift outfitted with another bin lifter can repeat the process of removal.



ROUGH GOING — Destroyermen of USS *Stembel* (DD 644) muster seamanship for approach to USS *Yorktown* (CVA 10) for refueling in stormy waters.