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From: Commanding Officer, USS CANOPUS (AS-34)  
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- Encl: (1) Photograph of Commanding Officer, USS CANOPUS (AS-34)  
(2) Biography of Captain H. J. TRUEBLOOD, U. S. Navy,  
Commanding Officer, USS CANOPUS (AS-34)  
(3) Excerpts of Commendatory Messages and Letters received  
during 1968  
(4) Copies of the "Helmsman" Ship's Newspaper for 1968  
(5) Roster of Officers as of 31 December 1968  
(6) Weapons Department manhours for 1968  
(7) Repair Department manhours for 1968  
(8) CANOPUS Communication Brief for 1968  
(9) Chaplain's activities for 1968  
(10) Hyperbaric Chamber Treatment for 1968

1. CANOPUS was under the operational control of Commander Submarine Squadron SIXTEEN, Captain William E. SIMS, during the entire year of 1968. During this period while moored in a Mediterranean moor at Rota, Spain, the Commanding Officer Captain H. J. TRUEBLOOD and Executive Officer Walter KRAUS had the helm throughout the entire year. She accomplished 37 SSBN refits plus numerous other services to other units of the fleet which are attested to by enclosures (3) and (7).

2. The Supply Department made a concerted effort to improve effectiveness and reduce inventories; as a result gross and net effectiveness rose 75.9 and 89.0 to 84.7 and 95.3 respectively during December 1968. During the last six months of the year gross and net effectiveness averaged 84.1 and 94.8 respectively. The total inventory value was reduced from \$15.3 million to \$13.2 million at the end of the year.

3. Commander K. FOX, U.S. Navy, Repair Officer, was presented the Navy Commendation Metal for his "outstanding and meritorious services from April 1965 to September 1967" while serving consecutively as Building Co-ordinator during the pre-commissioning of CANOPUS and later as the Repair Officer.

4. CANOPUS' First Lieutenant and Diving Officer, Lieutenant Edson WHITAKER, U.S. Navy, and R-1 Division Officer, Lieutenant Marion E. CARVER, U.S. Navy, received the Navy Achievement Award for outstanding services performed on a special project.

5. The work load for CANOPUS' Dental Department remained about the same as 1967. 17,231 procedures were accomplished on 7,338 patients. 40% of this total was expended in dental care for the SSBN crews. In addition, 1400 preventive dental treatments were carried out on Navy dependents in the Rota area in conjunction with Naval Station Rota, Spain.

6. Distinguished visitors to the ship during 1968 were as follows:

Vice Admiral Joseph Ignatius GALANTIN, Chief of Naval Material, 3 January 1968.

Rear Admiral James Francis CALVERT, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Flotilla EIGHT, 12 January 1968.

Rear Admiral James William DOLAN, JR., Engineering Duty, 4 February 1968.

Rear Admiral Donald G. IRVINE, Commandant Naval District, Washington, D.C., 5 February 1968.

General L.L. LEMNITZER, U.S. Army, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, 10 March 1968.

Rear Admiral Lawrence George BERNARD, Commander Submarine Flotilla SIX, 15 March 1968 and 28 April 1968.

General Leonard F. CHAPMAN, Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, 9 May 1968.

Rear Admiral John Victor SMITH, Weapon Systems, Ordnance, and Engineering, 13 May 1968.

Rear Admiral Joseph Bryen McDEVITT, Judge Advocate General, 23 May 1968.

Rear Admiral Edward Cobb OUTLAW, Fleet Air Medical, 11 July 1968.

Paul R. IGNATIUS, Secretary of the Navy, 12 July 1968.

Rear Admiral Levering SMITH, Engineering and Ordnance, 12 July 1968.

Vice Admiral Joseph Ignatius GALANTIN, Chief of Naval Material, 12 July 1968.

Rear Admiral James Outterson COBB, Judge Magistrate General Spain, 23 August 1968.

Major General Jack K. GRIFFITH, United States Marine Corps,  
3 September 1968.

Admiral Ephraim Paul HOLMES, Commander in Chief, United States  
Atlantic Fleet, 17 September 1968.

Vice Admiral Arnold Frederic SCHADE, Commander Submarine Force,  
United States Atlantic Fleet, 17 September 1968 and 9 October 1968.

Robert F. WAGNER, United States Ambassador to Spain, 9 October 1968.

Vice Admiral David Charles RICHARDSON, Commander SIXTH Fleet, 21  
October 1968.

Charles A. BOWSER, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, 21 October 1968.

Rear Admiral David Bonar BELL, Office of the Chief of Naval  
Operations, 21 October 1968.

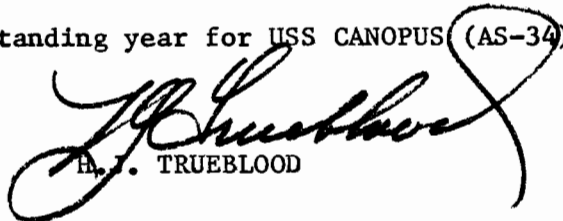
General Leonard F. CHAPMAN, Commandant of United States Marine  
Corps, 20 November 1968.

Rear Admiral Frederick Hayes MICHAELIS, Nuclear Propulsion, 2  
December 1968.

Prince and Princess of San Lucar, de Orleans y Borbon, 23  
December 1968.

Rear Admiral Edward Cobb OUTLAW, Fleet Air Medical, 30 December 1968.

7. 1968 was considered an outstanding year for USS CANOPUS (AS-34).



H. J. TRUEBLOOD

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