

HELICOPTER ANTI-SUBMARINE SQUADRON SIX
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San Francisco, California 96601

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Dear Families and Friends of HS-6 Personnel;

After saying a late but fond farewell on 17 August to all those left behind in San Diego, HS-6, as well as the other squadrons in the Air Group, spent the next few days unpacking and organizing the thousands of items necessary to fulfill its mission. Shortly before arriving in Hawaiian waters, we reported ready for our Operational Readiness Evaluation - a week long Anti-Submarine Warfare exercise, designed to test not only the ability of the Kearsarge and the Air Group, but also our destroyers as well. With the first part of the exercise successfully completed, the Kearsarge tied up at Pearl Harbor on 27 August for supplies and a well earned liberty for the crew.

The next afternoon with all hands refreshed from a few hours ashore, the entire group of ships and aircraft returned to sea to complete the exercise. After an intensive three day workout the Kearsarge once again on 1 September pulled into Pearl Harbor where the crew received a well deserved rest.

Our five days in Hawaii seemed almost too brief to most of the squadron personnel. Judging by the suntans and sunburns all hands enjoyed their liberty.

After Labor Day weekend the ship departed for Japan and cooler weather. During this transit and during future transits to other ports, the Kearsarge is frequently too far from land to send or receive mail, so all hands eagerly look forward to arriving in the next port.

One highlight of the cruise came when the Kearsarge's Commanding Officer, Captain TATE, made the announcement to the crew that the ship's first "cruise baby" was born to Petty Officer and Mrs. McEwen of HS-6.

Congratulations are also in order to Petty Officer and Mrs. Colonnese, and Airman Apprentice and Mrs. Estevez, who have had babies born since the squadron departed the States.

During our overseas deployment, Search and Rescue (SAR) Detachments from the squadron will be sent to other aircraft carriers for periods of approximately three weeks. As these carriers will often be great distances from the Kearsarge, HS-6 personnel assigned to these SAR Detachments will be able to receive mail more rapidly if sent to the following address:

Return Address

Name & Rate
Detachment Cubi HC-7
(HS-6 SAR DET)
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California 96654

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Doctor Stemsrud, our Flight Surgeon, has written a "Medi-gram" full of useful information regarding medical facilities available to dependents of squadron personnel. If you have not received your copy please inform your husband and the Squadron will gladly forward a copy to you.

Another Family Newsletter will be forthcoming after the Kearsarge arrives in the South China Sea. Keep the home fires burning.

Sincerely,



A. D. FOX