

# USS OUELLET DE-1077



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FAMILYGRAM II

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Dear Members of the OUELLET Family,

As we in OUELLET are now well into the New Year, I would like to take this opportunity to review the events of 1971 after we arrived in our homeport.

On April 27th and 28th Final Contract Trials were held. During Final Contract Trials (FCT) the last remaining "bugs" were sought out by the ship's force and the Naval Inspection and Survey Board. The few discrepancies discovered were then evaluated and a determination made as to how they could best be corrected. Desirable alterations were referred to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, where OUELLET entered Post Shakedown Availability in the middle of May for a period of about four months.

During the ensuing four months, several noticeable changes took place. The most visible change is the addition of the Basic Point Defense Missile System which does much to enhance OUELLET's Anti-Air Defense capability. The new missile system utilizes an eight celled launcher from which a Sparrow Missile is launched. In its present configuration, as aboard OUELLET, it has proven a useful deterrent against the present day air threat.

Many not so visible changes have taken place also. Some of these were repair and improvements to the active and passive electronic countermeasures suite, radar systems and secure communications capability.

In late September OUELLET departed the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and spent four weeks conducting ship's systems alignment and Weapon's System accuracy trials.

On October 26, 1971 OUELLET entered a six week period of Shakedown Training for purposes of learning skills in Gunnery, Anti-Submarine Warfare, Damage Control, Engineering Casualty Control, Communications and Operations. The pace was fast and difficult, but a high degree of training and team spirit has evolved and given each individual crew member new confidence and pride in his job.

In August, 78 OUELLET personnel participated in the Advancement in Rating Examination. Of these, 49 passed the exam and 32 will be or have already been advanced to the new rate as indicated below:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FORMER RATE</u>	<u>NEW RATE</u>
CONNALLY, J. C.	BM3	BM2
DENOMME, M. E.	FTGSN	FTG3
DESCLOS, D. D.	MM3	MM2
ERRETT, D. E.	IC3	IC2
GARIDEL, D. W.	BT3	BT2
GEORGE, C. W.	SN	CS3
HARDENBROOK, C. D.	SM3	SM2
HATTEBERG, R. A.	RDSN	RD3
HILLPOT, D. O.	SN	SM3
LANDSPERGER, K. C.	SN	CS3
LAUGHLIN, K.	SN	SM3
LEJEUNE, J. G.	BTFN	BT3
LINDSEY, R.	SN	VN3
LYALL, D. L.	SHSN	SH3
MAMMINI, E. C.	DC3	DC2
MURRAY, M. P.	FTG3	FTG2
MYERS, R.	RM3	RM2
NICHOLS, D.	DCFN	DC3
OPPERMANN, R.	EN1	EN3
POTTER, A.	CS3	CS2
PRIEST, H. E.	BTFN	BT3
ROER, S. B.	SN	SM3
ROSENBAUM, T. F.	SN	GMG3
ROYBAL, B.	RDSN	RD3
SANDERS, D. E.	SN	PC3
SEALS, J. W.	FN	EN3
STETTLER, G. R.	FTG2	FTG1
STUNTZ, D. E.	BTFN	BT3
VANDECAR, H.	CS2	CS1
VOSS, R.	MM1	MNC
WHITE, W. D.	SN	SH3
WILSON, L. S.	FN	SF3

I am sure you are just as proud of these promotions as I am.

In late January OUELLET sailed from Pearl Harbor to join the Seventh Fleet on her first deployment. While deployed we will attempt to keep the OUELLET Family informed of our experiences with more frequent Family Grams. Letters to the crew from home are always appreciated and mail call is a highlight of each day. Our correct mailing address is:

EXAMPLE: SN John A. DOE, USN  
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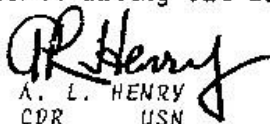
In the last Familygram we announced the Sailor of the month program on QUELLET, which gives special recognition to the man selected as the Outstanding Sailor for each month. The following personnel were selected as Sailor of the month as indicated below:

April BM3 M. P. CANITE  
May RD3 E. L. QUALKENBUSH  
June ETN2 D. L. PERRITT

In July the crew requested our recognition program be shifted from a monthly selectee to a quarterly selectee. Sailors of the quarter are:

July - September BT1 H. E. MARLING  
October - December BM2 D. W. SHEA

It has been very gratifying to receive letters from you with your comments on the last Familygram. In closing, I would like to wish the QUELLET Family Best Wishes for 1972 and ask you all to correspond as frequently as possible with your serviceman during our deployment.

  
A. L. HENRY  
CDR USN  
Commanding Officer