



COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET

takes pleasure in awarding this
certificate to the

USS CORRY (DD-817)

in recognition of qualification as a

Naval Gunfire Support Ship

for the year ending **MARCH 1967**

EXCELLENT

with a mark of **91**



Charles K. Duncan
Vice Admiral U S Navy

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FROM: USS INDEPENDENCE

TO: USS CORY

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GO TO GO

APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORT THIS MORNING IN PICKING UP OUR MERCHANDISE
IN WATER YOU SAVED NAVY A LOT OF MONEY MANY THANKS

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NOTE:

INDEPENDENCE HAD ELECTRONICS BOXES VALUED AT
ABOUT \$50,000 DROPPED IN WATER DURING REPLENISHMENT
IN MED - WE RETRIEVED ALL OF IT FOR THEM.

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THE COMMANDER CRUISER*DESTROYER FORCE, U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET
takes pleasure in commending
Commander William J. Aicklen Jr.
United States Navy

During the fiscal year ending 30 June 1967, USS Corry DD817 attained the highest degree of battle readiness in Destroyer Squadron 36. This accomplishment is reflected in the winning of the Battle Efficiency "E" Award as well as Departmental Excellence Awards in Weapons and Supply. Such achievement can only be accomplished by a high degree of teamwork and spirit of cooperation. By your leadership and exercise of command, you developed the competence, performance and esprit de corps of the officers and men to such a degree that this high level of achievement was possible.

Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet commends you, the officers and men of USS Corry DD817 for outstanding performance of duty. Well Done.

C. J. VAN ARSDALL Jr
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy

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U. S. S. CORRY (DD-817)

CARE OF FLEET POST OFFICE
NEW YORK, N. Y. 09501

13 August 1965

Dear Commander AICKLEN,

I received a copy of your orders to CORRY last week while we were in Bombay. I realize that you must have been aware of your new duty assignment for some time now, and perhaps have full knowledge of CORRY's schedule, and firm plans for your arrival on board. However, I note that the orders have you in Norfolk the week of 12 October and then require you to report aboard not later than 20 October. In view of our operating schedule, as I see it from here, this will be difficult of accomplishment. Current planning has CORRY in Athens 2-7, Beirut 11-14, Rota 23-24, and Gibraltar 25-27 October. From there, transit to arrive Norfolk 8 November.

Of course your requirements as to the time needed to effect proper turnover will be controlling, as far as I am concerned, however I would suggest that we might plan on your reporting in Rota and relieving in Gibraltar as a probable course of action. Frankly, I do not think it would be good for you or the ship if you were to make the Atlantic transit as FCC. My past experience in this sort of thing leads me to believe that the overlap between old and new CO's should be as brief as is feasible. On the other hand if you wait until we get back to Norfolk to report, I will be most happy to retain command for the transit - for that matter I may as well admit that I am sorry to be giving up CORRY at all and would gladly stay for another year - so take your time!

I'm sure that in your present location you have taken an opportunity to visit the DD desk in BuPers, and have a resumé of the officer personnel situation, which is quite good. XO and all Department Heads are experienced and capable, and will have learned a lot during the current deployment. The enlisted personnel situation is not as bright since we are now short-handed and will be losing a number of experienced men between November and January. However, short-handed as we are, all hands perform in truly outstanding fashion and do well at whatever is required. Further, we have already laid plans for plenty of basic training ashore during the NOV-DEC "lay-up" to bring up the new men we expect to be getting. All I can say about the personnel situation in the fleet today is that the damages wrought by the personnel planners and distributors ashore are salvaged by hard working sailors at sea.

As you know CORRY completed FRAM I last fall, and is a very formidable ASW ship. Currently, all systems are "GO". Our engines are old but reliable. We haven't missed a commitment yet.

Well, I suppose there is not much point in my singing CORRY's praises to you, but let me say that I believe that you can expect a rewarding cruise.

Both Squadron and Division Commodores have relieved since I have been away from the 6th Fleet on my more or less independent cruise in the Middle East, and I haven't yet met either one, so can't tell you what to expect on that score.

For my personal planning I would appreciate any information you can give me regarding your ETA. If there is anything I can do for you in addition to normal turnover preparations, let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack Lowell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

J. E. LOWELL
Commander USN



EMBASSY
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Valletta, Malta

October 17, 1966

Commander W. J. Aicklen, USN
Commanding Officer
USS CORRY (DD-817)
FPO New York 09501 LOCAL

Dear Commander Aicklen:

The purpose of this letter is to convey to you the thanks of the Captain and crew of the GAY LADY. Captain Alphonse Gayuela called at the Embassy on Saturday, October 15 to express his and the crew's gratitude, not only for the rescue itself, but also for the many kindnesses and courtesies which he said were accorded them by the CORRY.

This note, which is sent at Captain Gayuela's request, has been copied to Admiral Koch for information.

Well done!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George J. Feldman".

George J. Feldman
American Ambassador

P.S. Also enclosed for your information is a copy of the press release issued by the Embassy on October 13.

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TO: USS CORRY
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A. YOUR 062100Z

- BRAVO ZULU FOR A JOB WELL DONE IN YOUR SPEED AND PROFESSIONAL RECOVERY OF SEAMAN FORD.

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FROM: USS CORRY

TO: USS R L WILSON

INFO: COMDESRON 36 / COMDESRON 362

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SM FORD BOBBY L. ON BOARD WET AND COLD BUT NO INJURIES.

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RESCUE OF WILSON SAILOR
CHARLIE NIMITZ C.O. of
WILSON SENT THIS MSG TO
ME AFTER I RESCUED ONE
OF HIS SAILORS WHO HAD fallen
OVERBOARD AT NIGHT DURING
FUELING, ROUGH SEAS AND RAIN
south of SPAIN.

FM USS R.L. WILSON
TO USS CORRY
BT
UNGLAS
FINE JOB. THANKS
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NOVEMBER 9, 1966

NAVY

● THE FLEET AROUND THE WORLD ●

Independence and Corry

USS INDEPENDENCE — This attack carrier and the destroyer Corry combined efforts to rescue the nine-man crew of a 75-foot oiler which burnt and sank in the Mediterranean more than 100 miles east of Sicily. After the rescue, two of the nine merchant seamen were treated for minor injuries.

The oiler, the Gay Lady, flying the Panamanian flag, was sailing from Valletta, Malta, to Corfu, Greece, when the gasoline she was carrying caught fire while the crew was attempting to start a diesel engine.

The flaming ship was first spotted by Comdr. D. G. McCormick III, executive officer of Fighter Squadron 41 and his radar interceptor officer Lt. (jg) D. E. Germaine. They were flying a F4-P Phantom II on a patrol from the carrier. Realizing that the vessel was in danger of sinking, McCormick radioed back to the carrier.

Independence, then 30 miles away, and her escorting destroyer headed for the sinking craft. Other pilots, alerted by radio transmissions, searched the area and reported that the ship had already sunk and that the crew members appeared to be safe in a life boat and on a raft.

Two hours after the Gay Lady was originally sighted, Corry picked up the British, Spanish and Moroccan survivors. The ships are part of a NATO task force.

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Team Up to Save Lives



*The Commanding Officer
United States Ship Corry
requests the pleasure of your company
at the Change of Command Ceremony
at which*

*Commander John E. Lowell, U. S. Navy
will be relieved by*

*Commander William J. Aicklen, U. S. Navy
on Tuesday, October Twenty Sixth at 10:00 o'clock
on board U.S.S. Corry DD-817
Gibraltar, British Crown Colony*

*R.S.V.P. Regrets Only
U.S.S. Corry DD-817*

*Uniform
Service Dress Blue*

