

Change Of Command — 6 June 1969

After a short "good will voyage" to Bermuda in May 1969, the reins of command on HAMILTON were taken by Captain James H. B. Morton who relieved Captain Richard C. Hoover as Commanding officer. Captain Morton came to us from Governors Island, New York; in previous tours of duty he had served as Executive Officer of the HUMBOLDT and as Commanding Officer of the DILIGENCE. So, Captain Morton brought with him several years of seagoing experience which would stand both himself and HAMILTON in good stead during the ensuing year, as preparations were to begin shortly for the coming deployment to Vietnam. In Captain Hoover, Captain Morton relieved a fine officer and gentleman, one who was genuinely liked and respected by all those who served under him.

