

## Arrival Subic Bay

The last leg of the trip from Guam to Subic proved to be the roughest, as we crossed the Philippine Islands via the turbulent San Bernadino Straits. Despite some woozy heads and topsy-turvy stomachs, HAMILTON sailed into Subic Bay on 2 October 1969, some forty days after departing Boston. As we moored alongside the Cutter SPENCER, there were nothing but smiling faces to be seen all about her decks, since her ten month deployment was nearing its end with our arrival. Now began the serious work of relieving the SPENCER--formal briefings, exchange of WESTPAC publications, and informal talk on what to actually expect on patrol. There was also a personnel and material inspection by Commodore Scalabrini, Commanding Officer of Squadron Three.

