



There is a feeling of intense excitement as we arrive in Hong Kong after many long days at sea. We were greeted with bouquets and stacks of "free drink" cards from many of the establishments hoping to gain our business during the month we would serve as an administrative unit for U.S. Navy ships visiting Hong Kong. During the first several days, many parties were given by the bars and nightclubs in the Wanchai district in honor of the arrival of a new station ship.

Despite the fact that ten of our personnel composed the permanent Shore Patrol in Hong Kong, there were twenty-seven glorious days in which to enjoy the swinging nightclubs, excellent food, fantastic bargains, soft beds and all the other delights to be found only in the Orient. At last, this was REAL liberty!

