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On 20 October 1968, SOUTHWIND arrived at the entrance to the Panama Canal, after seven days at sea and transit was made the following day. Unfortunately there was a military coup in progress in Panama City, and, for this reason, liberty was restricted to Rodman Naval Base in the Canal Zone. Though disappointed, a good time was had by all just enjoying being on land. Then, on the morning of 24 October 1968, SOUTHWIND departed the Isthmus for Wellington, New Zealand.

