

RETURN TO SUBIC



THE FLAG SHIP



"RESPLENDENTLY ATTIRED"

Serving as the Flagship for Coast Guard Squadron Three, the SPENCER returned to Subic Bay for 14 days of work and recreation in the Republic of the Philippines. Aside from the Squadron Three Change of Command ceremonies, the period was highlighted by a ship's party and wild weekend excursions into Manila and Baguio.

The "Change of Command" came off without a hitch; much to the satisfaction of CAPT. D. J. SCALABRINI, the new Commodore, and his predecessor, CAPT. S. K. FRICK. Held aboard the SPENCER on 25 April the event was accompanied by all pomp and ceremony that such an occasion demands. CAPT. WELLIVER and CDR GOVE smoothly presided over the regal affair. Resplendently attired in their full dress uniforms complete with dangling medals and swords, the junior officers of the SPENCER were magnificent in their capacity as ushers for the brass-laden guests; not the least of which was RADM V. G. LAMBERT. For those aboard who had never been to a V.F.W. meeting or a ritzy yacht club opening, it was indeed a gala affair.

While COMCGRON 3 was changing hands, the majority of the SPENCER men were enjoying a ship's party on Grande Island, a resort run by the Special Services for the exclusive use of U.S. Servicemen. Taking advantage of the crystal clear water and the numerous recreational facilities available, the men were actively engaged in swimming, softball, basketball, and golf. Many gourmets preferred the more sublime pleasure of gorging themselves with the culinary delights prepared by the SPENCER commissary department. Of course, a significant amount of alcoholic beverage was also consumed.

