

DAMAGE CONTROLMEN

The words "duty DC lay to . . ." have meant more new problems with which we have had to grapple under the leadership of overseer Dennis Woods. In Hong Kong it was two feet of water in the laundry and boatswain's hole, with O'Keefe and Rice being called upon to save the day. The monthly flooding of "O" stores held good times for Gray and O'Keefe, while the drains in the scullery prevented Davis from many a good night's sleep.

During gunfire support missions we were busy with metal work in upper handling, putting the head back together when the mission ended, or welding on the forecastle.

UNREPIng ammo always kept us in suspense wondering how many stanchions or lifelines would be broken before it was over. Not that we minded, we always welcomed something to keep us busy.



DC3 Mike O'Keefe, DC2 Steve Davis, DC1 Bob Gray, DC1 Dale Rice, DC1 Dennis "Woody" Woods.

