

With temperatures in the low 50's and the wind blowing steadily from the West, on April 25, 1969, the TANEY cut her umbilical cord with her Alameda home and began a ten month journey that was to take her half way around the world. The Coast Guard Band, impeccably dressed in their dress blue uniforms, added to the festive atmosphere, playing "Semper Paratus" for swarms of friends and relatives gathered at berth four to say their final goodbyes.

Mixed emotions filled the air. Loved ones said farewell for what would be the last time in ten months, and friends stationed at the base heckled us with shouts of "Have a nice trip; I'm glad it's you and not me."

