

SUBIC BAY

PHILIPPINE ISL.

On December 11 we finally arrived at Subic Bay. We would come back to Subic many times in the next few months and would come to regard it as our home away from home. There was a sense of urgency along the repair piers and fueling piers that was lacking at the other Navy bases we had visited. The dozens of ships at Subic had either just returned from Viet Nam or were making preparations to go there, and the tension was noticeable. Our inports were busy at Subic, but there was always time to relax too.

