

Fuel and mail became synonymous terms in the ten months of Unrepping with oilers, refrigerated ships, and ammo ships. For each man there could be nothing as important as a perfumed letter or a familiar scribble on an envelope. Yet for the ship there was nothing more important than supplies and fuel. An Unrep required a high degree of professionalism and a considerable



amount of hard work with all hands participating. Unrep ships were often not on schedule and had a knack for appearing in the middle of the night or when least expected. Yet, for all the inconvenience and hard work that an Unrep entailed, it was still looked forward to for soon after it was over "mail call" was piped and the letters were distributed.