

# Liberty Ports

Deployment to WESTPAC is not all work and no play, as the men of the HAMILTON can attest to. We were fortunate, especially compared to most of the American forces in Vietnam, to spend several days each in some of the best ports that the Far East has to offer. These included Hong Kong; Bangkok; Manila, Kaohsiung, Taiwan; and Yokosuka, Japan. Also, in transit, there were welcome stops in Panama, Hawaii, and San Francisco, with fuel stopovers at Guam and Midway. And, lest we forget, HAMILTON spent a great deal of time at her Far Eastern "homeport," Subic Bay, and its sister city, Beautiful Olongapo. Who will ever forget the quaint shops, the friendly night clubs, the tantalizing smells of sidewalk barbecues, and most of all, the wonderful citizens of Olongapo themselves, who at every turn tried to make the American sailor feel wanted, in this, his "home away from home." For this, and much more, Beautiful Olongapo, we salute you!

