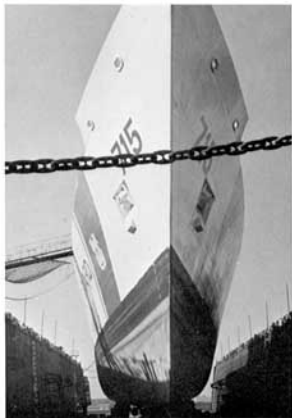


Home Again

HAMILTON departed the Combat Zone for the final time on 4 May 1970 for the two day trip across the South China Sea to Subic Bay. The Cutter SHERMAN, out of Boston, was our relief, and after several days of briefings and transferring pubs, HAMILTON departed Subic on 12 May enroute Boston. On the way, we stopped again in Hawaii, then it was on to San Francisco for a three day inport. Finally, on the 19th of June, HAMILTON proudly sailed up Boston Harbor with a huge banner on



her superstructure, proclaiming that "THE BEST IN THE WEST IS BACK IN THE EAST." We then spent a welcome two months in Boston before leaving for the Coast Guard Yard in Curtis Bay, Maryland for a much-needed four month upkeep period. So, HAMILTON's deployment had come to an end. She would now resume her normal Stateside duties, none the worse for wear after her ten month tour in Vietnam and certainly a better ship because of it.