

# OPERATION 'SEA DEVIL'

## LCDR Marvin W. Howard Is New Protestant Chaplain

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was formed which was to deliver supplies and equipment across the sea to the invaded country. This convoy, in order to deliver the much-needed supplies, had to proceed through submarine-infested waters and protect itself from air attacks conducted by the aggressor nation.

SEA DEVIL was divided into different phases each one stressing a different stage of training. For the first phase, the BENNINGTON and our eight destroyers operated with ships from Australia and the United Kingdom—training in anti-submarine warfare, air defense and replenishment at sea. This was followed by a large ASW demonstration given a few miles off Manila by ships of the United States and Australia, with aircraft of both nations being joined by the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

The second phase of SEA DEVIL found us zig-zagging across the South China Sea from Manila Bay towards a rendezvous with naval units of other SEATO nations which had departed from Singapore. We provided ASW protection for the ships of our convoy which were constantly threatened by attacks from four "enemy" submarines. The undersea opponents—represented by the United Kingdom's HMS AMBUSH and HMS AMPHION and the U. S. SEVENTH Fleet's USS CATFISH and USS SABALO—had

Chaplain Marvin W. Howard, LCDR, CHC, USN, reported aboard the BENNINGTON from Helicopter Training Squadron EIGHT, Pensacola, Fla., on April 14, 1962, relieving Chaplain Seth E. Anderson, CDR, USN.

Chaplain Howard, born and reared in St. Petersburg, Fla., began recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Norfolk, Va., in November 1942, and graduated a fireman apprentice. While serving aboard the USS SIMS (DE-154) and the USS KLINE (APD-120), he advanced in rate to machinist's mate first class. He was discharged in November 1945.

After the service, the Chaplain attended Stetson University at De Land, Fla., where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree. Upon completing four years' college, he attended the Southern Baptist Technological

the task of trying to gain attack position and deliver simulated and practice torpedoes at ships of our convoy. It was a running battle all the way, and both sides received significant training benefits.

After rendezvous at the pre-designated area of the South China Sea on Sunday, 29 April, an at-sea replenishment operation, of a magnitude seldom seen since World War II, took place. The USS HASSAYAMPA and eight United Kingdom supply ships each replenished two ships at a

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Chaplain Howard delivers sermon at Sunday services.

Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and was given his Bachelor of Divinity degree upon graduation.

In 1953 Chaplain Howard pinned on the traditional cross, signifying his role in the Chaplain Corps; at the same time he was commissioned an ensign in the U. S. Navy. He has been on active duty since.

As a flying enthusiast, Chaplain Howard has 800 flying hours to his credit, and has been responsible for establishing flying clubs at several different commands. He is interested in starting another such club on the BENNINGTON.