

Heating units were also installed in the officers' quarters in the forward Quonset Hut.

In addition to routine work, the entire hull was painted as well as the main deck.

November was marked by numerous changes in personnel. On 5 November, M.H. Nolte, Jr., Ensign, USNR, reported aboard for duty as an additional deck officer.

The most notable event of the month was the transfer of command aboard the YOLO. At a formal ceremony on 6 November, 1945, Lt(jg) E.C. Kinley assumed command, relieving Lieut. C.H. East, who was eligible for release under the demobilization program. Lt.(jg) G.C. Bracken became the new Executive Officer. Ensign R.C. Dolis took over the duties of Communications Officer and relieved Lt.(jg) J.V. Cardin, who was transferred to ComServDiv 102 for duty. M.H. Nolte became Gunnery Officer. On the same date, Lt.(jg) W. Davis was detached as Supply Officer.

Due to the large number of personnel the required billeting for short periods of time, berthing conditions became extremely crowded during November, especially in respect to officers. For several weeks, a daily average of 45 transient officers berthed and subsisted on the ship. Bachelor Officer quarters were established on the beach for the Port Director, and officers of that unit moved ashore on 23 November 1945.

Approximately 88 tons of provisions were issued to 80 craft during November. 175 tons of fresh and dry provisions were received during this period.

The entire month of December was spent in a routine manner, with the exception of the transfer of the ship's doctor, Lt. (jg) T.L. Barber, who was reassigned, and CPC S.M. Levant who returned to the United States for leave. The ship continued the duties of provisioning and 62 ships were issued some 72 tons of fresh and dry provisions.

The demobilization program during the months of September, October, November, and December brought about a rapid turnover of personnel. Eleven men were transferred during September, nineteen in October, nineteen in November, and seventeen in December. In addition, six men enlisted in the regular Navy and were granted 30 days rehabilitation leave. Thus, a total of 72 ship's company men were transferred in the four months period. Through various Receiving Ships 46 men reported aboard as replacements.

The foregoing account comprises the activities of this vessel up to 1 January 1946.

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