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Mr. and Mrs. Steve P. Turocy
141 Chambers Avenue
Campbell, Ohio

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Turocy:

As you have very likely been informed, we of the PILLSBURY are planning on making a family cruise on the 8th of August. It is my sincere hope that you will be able to join us.

The ship will sail from East Dock, Goat Island, Newport, Rhode Island at ten A.M. Friday, 8 August and will return to the same berth at approximately three P.M. that day. The noon meal will be served on board.

The dress suggested is informal. If your intentions are to enter the machinery spaces, I would suggest slacks and comfortable low heeled shoes. The regulations concerning children guests require that they be at least thirteen years of age. This requirement is based on safety.

If you can join us, please complete the attached form and return to us in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage, so that we may make all necessary plans upon our return to Newport.

It will be an honor and true pleasure to have you aboard. I do hope it is possible.

R.S. Harward
R.S. HARWARD
Lieutenant Commander, U.S.N.
Commanding

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This is issue number one of USS PILLSBURY FAMILYGRAM. It is our intention to go to press four times each year to keep you, the wives and parents of the men of PILLSBURY informed of what the ship is doing and any items which we feel will be of interest to you.

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The top item of interest in this issue concerns of pending Family Day Cruise. The ship plans to make a one day trip to sea leaving Newport, Rhode Island at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, 8 August and returning to Newport about 3:00 P.M. that afternoon. You are our honored guests. If your home is not in the Newport area and it is possible for you to make this trip, communicate with your son or husband who can provide you with all the details. We sincerely hope you can be on board when we get underway on the morning of 8 August.

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Here is the schedule of ship's operations for the next four months:

- 22 July - Arrive Newport
- 19 August - Depart Newport for Sea
- 17 September - Return to Newport
- 30 September - Depart Newport for Sea
- 28 October - Return Newport

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As you all know the mission of USS PILLSBURY is a rather unique one. The ship acts as a seaward extension of our Mid-Canada Radar Detection Line. As such, we spend extended periods at sea and due to this long period of time without normal access to supply system, the unusual becomes routine. It is indeed a rare tour that the ship is not faced with the mechanical failure of some one of the actual millions of components installed in the ship. These failures are a challenge to the ingenuity and resourcefulness of the men of the ships. Making unusual and difficult repairs in mid-ocean with limited spare parts available has become a high point of pride of all departments of the PILLSBURY. It is this spirit and "Can Do" attitude which enables us to successfully carry out an arduous and demanding task.

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The ship's of the Atlantic Barrier are on station in Mid-Atlantic twenty four hours a day, three hundred and sixty-five days a year. In fair weather and in foul, in sweltering sub-tropical heat and in fog shrouded iceberg waters the mission of detection of aircraft approaching our shores goes on. Very little recognition is accorded to the men and the ships of the barrier, partially due to the restricted nature of some of our operations. The exception to this lack of recognition was recently noted when Admiral Jerauld WRIGHT, Commander-in-Chief of U.S. Atlantic Fleet sent the following message to the men who man the Barrier in the Atlantic:

"As the air effort is increased, I desire to reaffirm the crucial importance of the arduous tasks performed by the men who man the ships and planes in this advanced echelon of vigilance - the outstanding manner in which the job is done engenders the keenest admiration for the spirit, perseverance and devotion of all hands participating in this vital national defense mission".

Don't forget the big day - Friday, 8 August. A chance to go to sea in a Man-of-War and see first hand what your son or husband does on board ship. The ship will be wide open to you - have lunch with us - join your son/husband on his actual watch station. We hope you can make it.

CUT THIS OUT AND PLACE IT BY YOUR TELEPHONE:

NUMBERS TO CALL FOR ASSISTANCE OR INFORMATION

Ship's movements Viking 7-2280
ext. 8-559
or 7-476

Family Information Center . . . Viking 7-2280
ext. 7-476

Navy Relief Viking 7-2280
ext. 499

Red Cross Viking 7-2280
ext. 455
