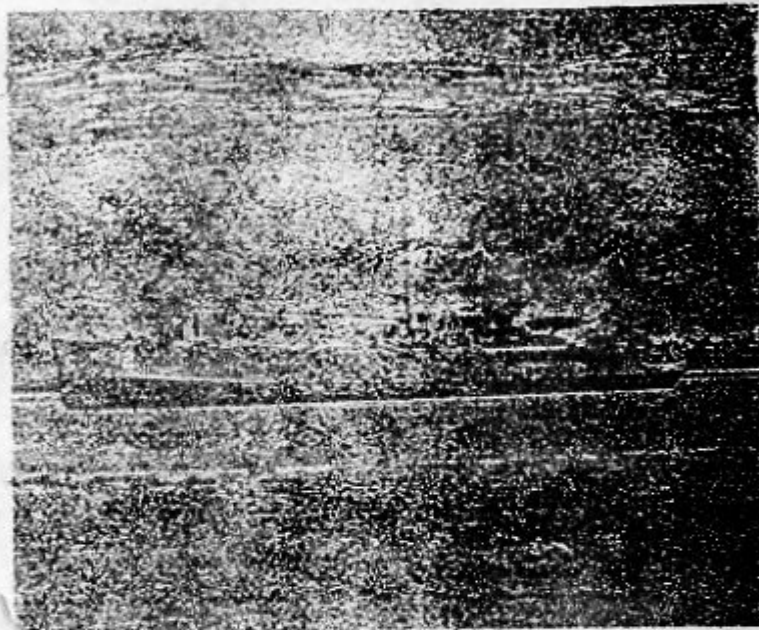


CHANGE OF COMMAND

USS MARK AKL-12



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LT Walter F. B. YIELDING, USN

LT Walter F. B. YIELDING is a native of Fayette, Alabama. He entered the Navy in February 1947 and served primarily in destroyer types until commissioned in November 1963. He then served on USS FREMONT (APA-44) in the billets of Ship's Boatswain, boat group commander and First Lieutenant. In April 1964 LT YIELDING reported to USS DULUTH (LPD-6) and served for 17 months as First Lieutenant. He then reported to the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California as the head of the security division, first lieutenant and disaster Control Officer. LT YIELDING relieved as Commanding Officer USS MARK (AKL-12) in June 1969. His next duty assignment will be at the Fleet Training Center, Newport, Rhode Island where he will be head of the Navigation and Leadership Department.

LT YIELDING is married to the former Nancy D'Ambra, of Barrington, Rhode Island. They have four children, Cynthia 12, Mauri 11, Crystal 10 and Clifton 5.

LT William B. ROBINSON, USN

LT William B. ROBINSON was commissioned in 1963 and for the next 18 months served on board USS STANWART (MSC-493) as Chief Engineer. LT ROBINSON is a mine warfare specialist, having graduated in June 1966 from the U. S. Naval Schools Mine Warfare, Staff Officers' course. From July 1966 until February 1968 LT ROBINSON served as Executive Officer of USS OBSERVER (NSO-461). In March 1968 he became officer in charge, Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 21 (Inshore Anti Submarine Warfare and Harbor Defense), a post he held until ordered to USS MARK as Commanding Officer. LT ROBINSON is married, has two children and resides in Norfolk, Virginia.

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HISTORY OF THE USS MARK (AKL-12)

The USS MARK (AKL-12) was built by the Avondale Shipyard, Avondale, Louisiana in 1943 for the U.S. Army. She saw action in World War II, rendering her services of resupply to the various units engaged in the Pacific Island Campaigns.

After the war, MARK remained in the Philippine Islands area as an Army logistic support vessel until 1950 when she was turned over to the Navy and redesignated an AKL and placed in commissioned service.

During the period from 1950 to 1965, AKL-12 was placed "Out of Commission in Service" and was used to shuttle supplies and passengers between Subic Bay and Sangley Point Philippines. In November 1965, MARK, the only AKL in its class, was placed back into commission and shifted its area of operations from the Philippines to Vietnam.

Since that time, MARK has been "on the go", carrying ammunition and supplies to the remote outposts of the Mekong Delta as well as to our far-reaching coastal installations.

From 1 May 1969 to June 1970, MARK steamed over 19,000 miles through the rivers and coastal waters of the Mekong River Delta while delivering over 11 million pounds of general cargo and ammunition to U.S. and Allied Naval bases.

Chief Engineer, U.S. Navy, 1943-1945. Graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, 1943. From July 1945 until February 1948 in the WEST served as Executive Officer of the USS WEST (DD-561). In 1948 transferred to the USS WEST (DD-561) as Executive Officer of the WEST (DD-561) and later transferred to the USS WEST (DD-561) as Executive Officer of the WEST (DD-561). MARK has two children and resides in Norfolk, Virginia.

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