



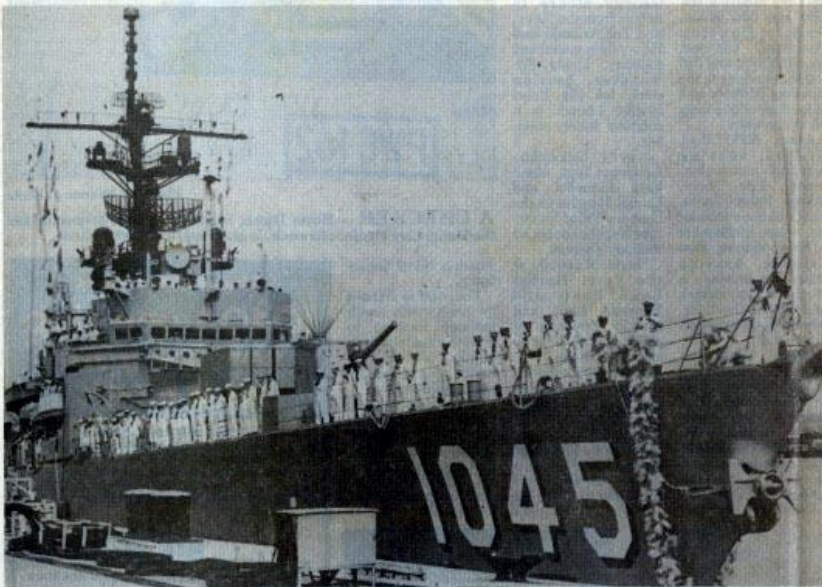
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WELCOME BACK — Various wives, children, friends and military officials anxiously wait at a NavSta Bravo Pier for the frigate USS Davidson (FF-1045) to dock. The Davidson returned to Pearl Harbor

recently after completing an extended WestPac deployment. While underway, the ship operated with various U.S. Seventh Fleet vessels and visited many exotic ports. (More photos on page A-8)

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Home... FF-1045 completes cruise!



DEPLOYMENT OVER — The USS Davidson steams back into Pearl Harbor after completing an extended WestPac cruise. While deployed, the ship operated as a unit of the U.S. Seventh Fleet and docked at various exotic ports.

"Welcome home USS Davidson (FF-1045). We missed you!"

That's what the 15-foot sign heralding the Davidson's arrival in Pearl Harbor, Jan. 28, spelled out for the crew returning home to family and friends after six months in the Western Pacific.

Yellow ribbons graced the harbor, greeting the 13 officers and 226 enlisted men as they sailed into Pearl that Friday morning.

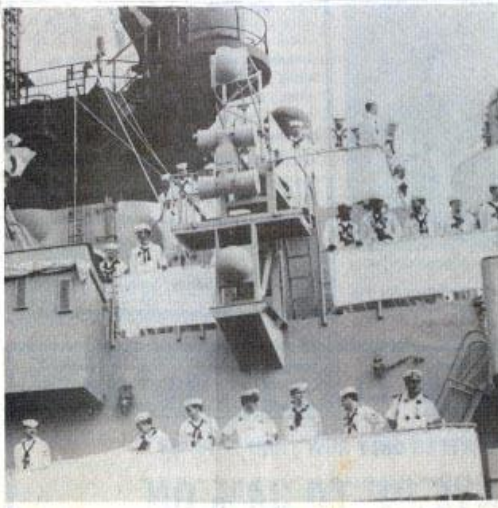
During its deployment the Davidson operated with units of Destroyer Squadron 33. The ship's cruise took the crew to such exotic ports as Hong Kong; Sasebo, Japan; Pattaya, Thailand; and Subic Bay, Philippines.



Whatta sight!

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HI, SON — Boiler Tender Second Class Chris Wilcox hugs his wife Becky and meets his son Timothy for the first time. Timothy is three weeks old.



SEARCHING, LOOKING — Crewmembers of the frigate USS Davidson search the pier for a familiar face while the ship arrives in Pearl Harbor. The USS Davidson returned recently from a six-month deployment.



THERE HE IS — An excited wife sees her husband and helps their son find him while the USS Davidson returns from a six-month deployment.



I'm glad

DID YOU MISS ME? — A father takes time to become reacquainted with his son during the hustle of USS Davidson's homecoming.



WAITING — The wives of USS Davidson's commanding officer and executive officer wait with Rear Adm. C.J. Rorie, Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, for the ship to tie up.



WHERE'S HE AT? — Frequently heard on the pier was, "Where's my daddy?" This young lady, with help from her mother and a family friend, looks for her father.



ALOHA — Hula dancers were on hand to greet USS Davidson sailors back home from an extended WestPac cruise.



WELCOME HOME — A daughter waves to her father while her mother and other family members of USS Davidson crewmembers hold a special sign.



HOME! — Sometimes words aren't enough. A hug says so much to a homecoming sailor.