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In Uniform

O. D. Stiller Sees Sister On Okinawa

Radioman Second Class O. D. Stiller Jr., USN, son of Mrs. Hazel V. Stiller of 51 Watt St. was a member aboard the attack transport USS Navarro when it rendered assistance to the storm battered British freighter SS Habib Mariker in the South China Sea.

Typhoon Emma had forced the merchant vessel aground on Lincoln Reef and had smashed all the ship's lifeboats.

The Navarro, answering the distress call, steamed to the area and lowered boats to effect a rescue. The boat crews rescued 43 crew members from the battered freighter. After minor medical attention 38 were transferred to the nearby SS Bengalis.

Radioman Stiller recently saw his sister Nancy when his ship docked in Okinawa. She is the wife of Sp-5 Richard Stafford of Cooleemee and is living on Okinawa.



O. D. Stiller
Fleet in the Gulf of Tonkin.
The carrier coordinates surface and sub-surface surveillance operations. These operations include the tracking and reporting of all friendly and enemy shipping in the Tonkin Gulf.

Edgar Bowers

Pvt. Edgar L. Bowers, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Overt W. Bowers, 1 Church St., Cooleemee, completed nine weeks of advanced infantry training Nov. 17 at Fort Polk La. His last week of training was spent in guerrilla warfare exercises.

Terry McDaniel

Fireman Terry D. McDaniel, USN, son of Mrs. Rebecca Foster of Cooleemee, is serving aboard the anti-submarine warfare support aircraft carrier USS Kearsarge with the Seventh

George Allen Being Transferred

George Allen Jr. of the Industrial Engineering Department at Erwin Mills, will be transferred to Durham in the near future. He will assist Ed English, also a former Cooleemee resident.

The date of his leaving is still uncertain, according to Mr. Barney Miller, Personnel Manager.



Ann Stewart Seeks Title Of Miss Cheerleader USA

Ann Stewart, a sophomore at Western Carolina University, has been selected to compete for the national title of Miss Cheerleader USA.

She is one of 600 cheerleaders from across the country seeking the title. Only five of the contestants will be selected to compete in the finals at Cyprus Gardens, Fla.

If Ann is picked, she will go to Florida December 26 and spend a week competing with the other five finalists.

The winner will receive a \$700 scholarship, an outboard motor and water skis, swim suits and a camera.

"I've got no idea I'll make the finals since the odds (five out of 600) aren't too good," she said while spending Thanksgiving here. "But I'm sitting on go if they pick me."

Ann is a four-foot, one-inch blond, according to the pictures, but she's sporting a new brown wig this holiday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stewart of 33 Center Street.

At Western Carolina, she is majoring in political science and was freshman representative in the May Day festivities. She also is a member of the Delta Zeta sorority and the Catamount (annual) staff.

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