

THE COMMANDING OFFICER

USS CANOPUS (AS-34)

TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

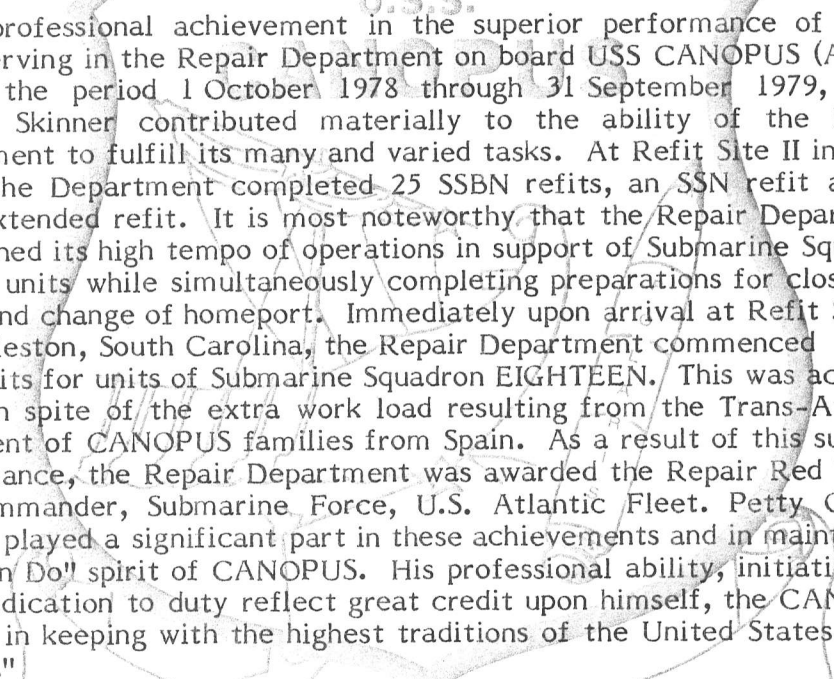
ENGINEMAN FIRST CLASS

DOUGLAS SKINNER

United States Navy

WITH THE FOLLOWING

Letter of Appreciation



"For professional achievement in the superior performance of duties while serving in the Repair Department on board USS CANOPUS (AS-34). During the period 1 October 1978 through 31 September 1979, Petty Officer Skinner contributed materially to the ability of the Repair Department to fulfill its many and varied tasks. At Refit Site II in Rota, Spain, the Department completed 25 SSBN refits, an SSN refit and an SSBN extended refit. It is most noteworthy that the Repair Department maintained its high tempo of operations in support of Submarine Squadron Sixteen units while simultaneously completing preparations for closure of Site II and change of homeport. Immediately upon arrival at Refit Site IV in Charleston, South Carolina, the Repair Department commenced scheduled refits for units of Submarine Squadron EIGHTEEN. This was accomplished in spite of the extra work load resulting from the Trans-Atlantic movement of CANOPUS families from Spain. As a result of this superior performance, the Repair Department was awarded the Repair Red "R" by the Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Petty Officer Skinner played a significant part in these achievements and in maintaining the "Can Do" spirit of CANOPUS. His professional ability, initiative and loyal dedication to duty reflect great credit upon himself, the CANOPUS and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."


D. O. GRIFFITH
CAPTAIN, United States Navy
Commanding Officer