



DEPENDENT CRUISE
JUNE 27, 1949



NORFOLK



USS SPRINGFIELD
FLAGSHIP
COMMANDER
U.S. SECOND FLEET
AND
STRIKING FLEET
ATLANTIC



Springfield at Work



Ship's History

The USS SPRINGFIELD was commissioned as a light cruiser on Sept. 10, 1944, in Boston, Mass., and named jointly for the cities of Springfield, Mass. and Springfield, Ill. Early in 1945 she participated in 67 days of continuous fighting during the Okinawa campaign. Springfield operated in the Far East and along the West Coast of the United States from that time until placed in the Fleet Reserve in Jan., 1949.

In March 1957, the first stage of SPRINGFIELD's conversion to a Terrier guided missile cruiser was commenced. The conversion was completed at the Boston Naval Shipyard where the SPRINGFIELD was recommissioned as CLG-7 on July 2, 1960.

SPRINGFIELD departed for the Mediterranean on Dec. 4, 1960, and relieved USS DES MOINES as Flagship of the U. S. Sixth Fleet with homeport at Villefranche-sur-Mer, France.

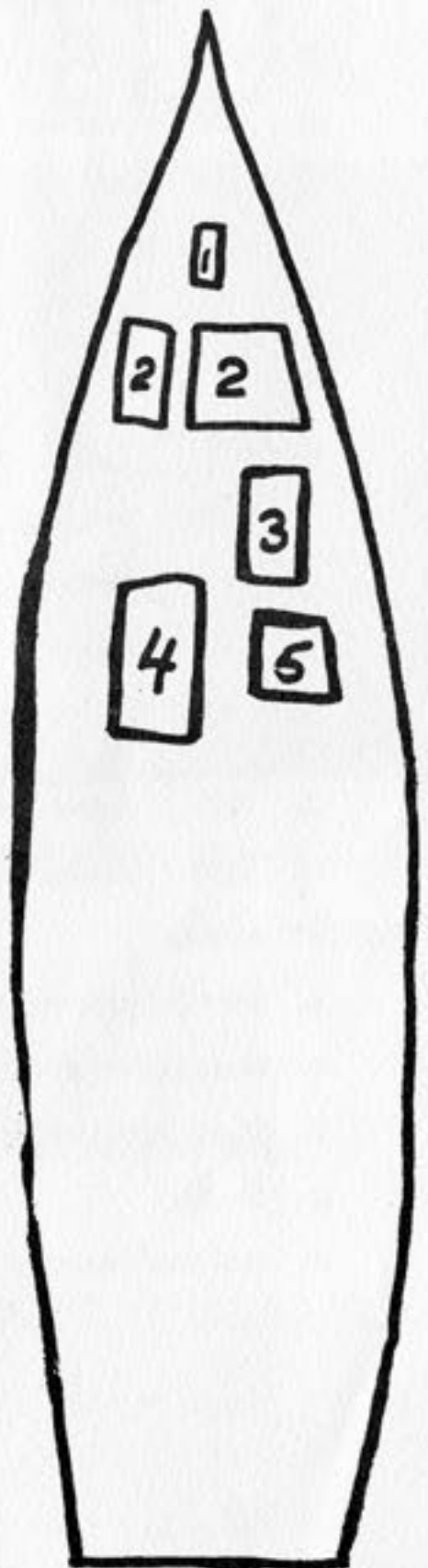
For the next two and one-half years SPRINGFIELD carried out her Flagship duties, visiting the major Mediterranean ports and participating in Sixth Fleet and NATO exercises.

On May 11, 1963, SPRINGFIELD was relieved by the USS LITTLE ROCK to allow her to return to the United States for a period of maintenance and refresher training. SPRINGFIELD returned to the Mediterranean and resumed duties as Flagship, Sixth Fleet on Dec. 15, 1963.

During the next 37 months the ship served as a goodwill ambassador in more than 40 ports in 12 different countries. SPRINGFIELDMEN sponsored parties for orphans and school children throughout the Mediterranean and hosted more than 42,000 visitors to the ship.

On Jan. 28, 1967, USS LITTLE ROCK assumed duties as Sixth Fleet Flagship and SPRINGFIELD began her trip back to the U. S.

Following an overhaul and upkeep period at Boston, SPRINGFIELD conducted underway training enroute to Norfolk where she relieved USS NEWPORT NEWS as Flagship, Commander Second Fleet on Sept. 1, 1967. Since that time she has participated in various fleet exercises and operations off the East Coast and Caribbean areas.

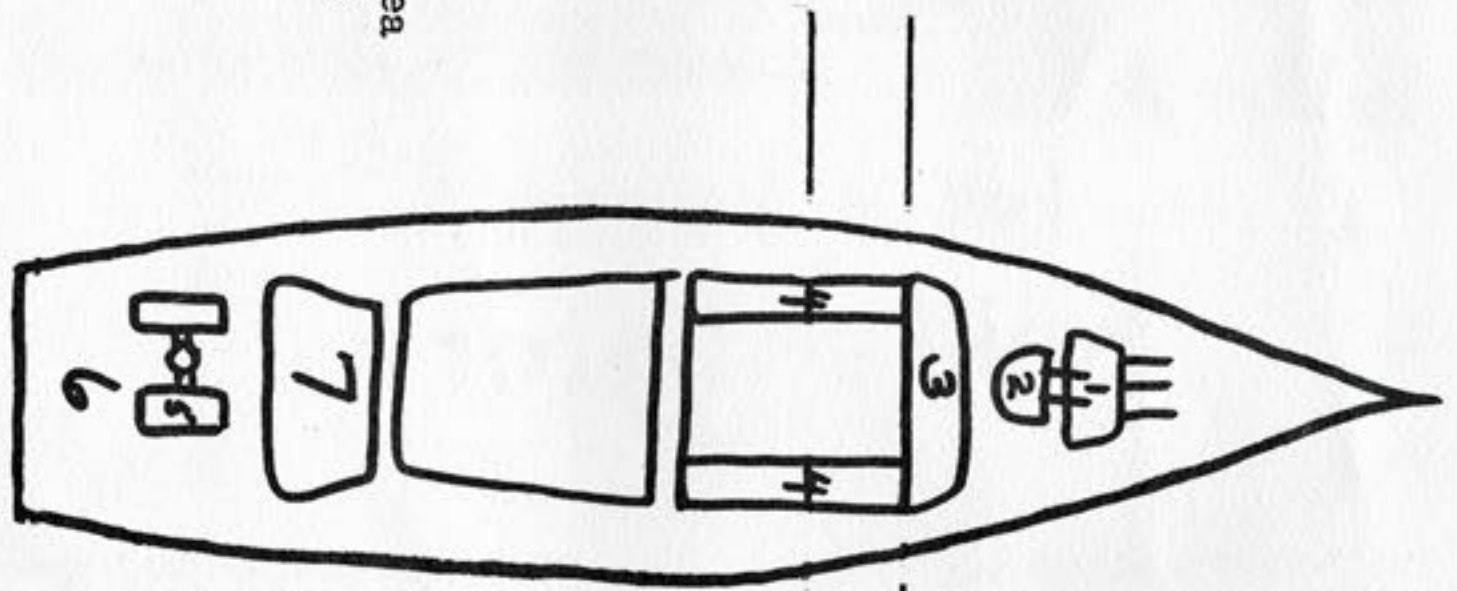


3rd Deck

- 1. Dental
- 2. Sick Bay
- 3. Evaporator Room
- 4. Machine Shop
- 5. Fireroom and Engine Room (4th Deck)
- 6. CIC

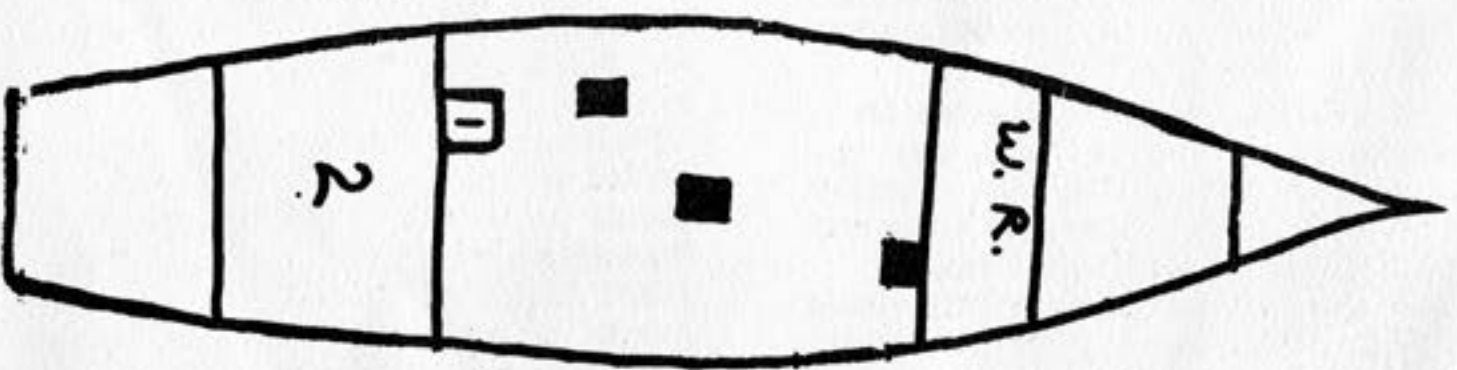
MAIN DECK AND ABOVE DISPLAYS

- 1. 6"47 Cal. Turret
- 2. 5"38 Cal. Mount
- 3. Bridge
- 4. Signal Bridge
- 5. Missile Launcher
- 6. Fantail
- 7. Wing and Fin Area of Missile House



2nd Deck

- 1. Bake Shop
- 2. Messdecks
- Denotes Ladies Powder Rooms (Crews Lounge; S-3 and Wardroom)



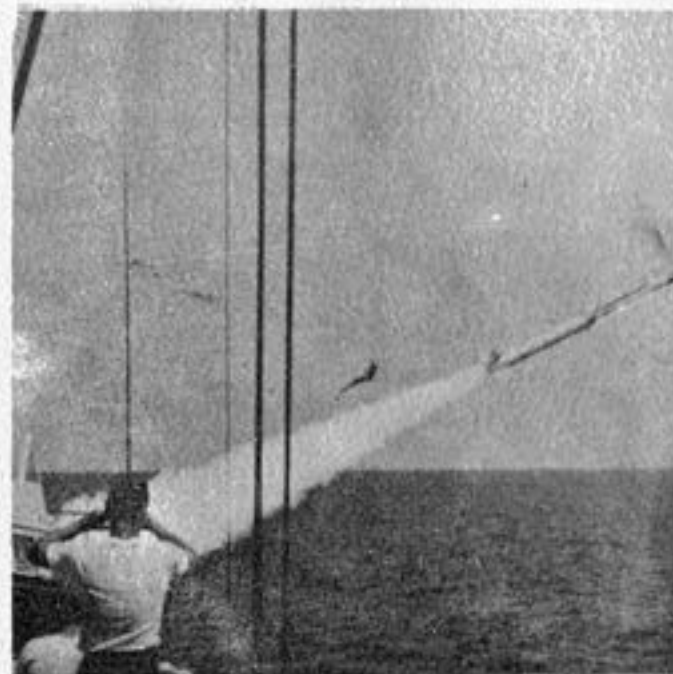
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1. 0730 Buses depart Pier 12 for Yorktown
2. 0900 Arrive SPRINGFIELD at Yorktown
3. 1000 Underway for Norfolk
4. 1015 Missile demonstration on fantail
5. 1045 Missile demonstration on fantail
6. 1100 - 1230 Lunch
7. 1215 Missile demonstration on fantail
8. 1245 Missile demonstration on fantail
9. 1300 Man Overboard Drill - boat recovery
10. 1315 Small Arms demonstration on fantail
11. 1345 High speed run and turns
12. 1415 Ice cream cones on Mess decks
13. 1530 Arrive Norfolk
14. 1535 Liberty (bus shuttle)

DISPLAY AREAS

- A. Bake Shop (actual baking each hour on the hour)
- B. Mess Decks powered food, menu cards
- C. Signal Bridge (flag hoist, flashing light and semaphore)
- D. Bridge
- E. Sick Bay (operating room display)
- F. Dental Office
- G. Engine and Firerooms
- H. Turret and Mount
- I. CIC (AAW defense problems - each hour on the hour)
- J. Machine Shop
- K. Evaporator Room
- L. Wing and fin area of Missile House

Life Aboard SPRINGFIELD



is a busy life....



with plenty of work....

but with good food....



and time to relax.

