

*Excerpts From The  
P. O. D.'s  
1952 Mediterranean Cruise*

**8 January—NORFOLK, VIRGINIA**

Note 2—Final loading of stores and supplies in preparation for the forthcoming Mediterranean cruise will commence at 0800 today.



Prior to getting underway, the MIDWAY was a beehive of activity. The inevitable working parties were a common sight as men labored day and night loading provisions.