

UNITED STATES SHIP MULLINNIX (DD-944)

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Am New Years finds MULLINNIX Med moored in Naples
 Made fast to the sea wall with nylon and cable
 Our berthing assignment is Quebec⁵¹ fifty-one
 To Molo San Vincenzo the mooring lines run

The bow is held steady with anchor and chain
 With ninety fathoms out we expect to remain
 Secure in our nest in eleven fathoms water
 And with mud bottom it seems like we "oughter"!

Alongside to port are two other DD's
 JOHNSTON and VOGELGESANG make our nest three
 With fires in 2A there's plenty of steam
 For 3 and 4 generators and auxiliary machine

The starboard¹ ashore bringing in the new year
 While we in the port like sentinels peer
 Protecting our ship from dangers impending *Am*
 With condition six watches and an OD unbending

Most of the fleet of Vice Admiral Anderson
 Are here in the harbor for the holiday season
 M.C. FOX and STORMES and the tender YELLOWSTONE
 The WILLIAM R. RUSH, WALWORTH COUNTY and CONE

BOSTON and ESSEX are the two heavies
 Then service force ships, who keep us ready
 RIGEL and CHUCKAWAN, and out in the bay
 Unprotected by sea wall the MISSISSENEWA lay

SOPA in Naples is COMFAIRELM
 Watching closely over his realm
 Embarked on (MUX" is CDS 32
 Captain R. B. KELLEY and his crew

Since last New Years Eve, which found us in BOSTON
 Much ocean we've covered, we've been on the run
 In these following verses lets look once again
 To see what we've done and where we've been

We left dear old Boston on January the fourth
 And sailed for Norfolk, our new home port
 But for only a month did we stay there
 Then off to the South for a cruise so rare

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad was our first stop
 Where COMSOLANT set up his shop
 Four new DE's joined us then
 Also a sub, and ashore PatRon 10

Again we turned South, onward to Rio
 While enroute 90 pollywogs met their old foe
 From Rio on Southward to Montevideo
 Mardel Plata was next, then northward we go

At Recife we stopped for only a day
 Then again Port-of-Spain; here ship's parties were gay
 LaGuaria was next, here we changed XO's
 Port-of-Spain once more for a little more limbo.

Here Admiral STEPHAN then hauled down his flag
 of he and his staff our crew still does brag.
 We left for the states after four months away
 And this time it wouldn't be such a short stay.

We arrived in Norfolk on the sixth of May
 And CDS 32 came aboard to stay
 Alongside the TIDEWATER we spent some time