

Opposite page: The Sembawang Shipyard is one of the largest and busiest ship repair facilities in Southeast Asia. Above: HTFN KAVANAUGH and LIVINGSTON taking a break and smiling for the camera. Below: FA DAVIS, FA JOHNSON and FA FOSTER. Second: MMI LAMPKIN and Third, FAMcELRAYV.



The first underway period found the La Salle headed full steam to Singapore. Having visited the Sembawang Shipyard Repair Facility the previous June, La Salle was now there for business, an extended restricted availability, for a Navy Distillate Conversion was the order of the day.

The cleaner burning properties and lower operating temperatures prompted the decision to go ahead with the ND conversion.

"M" and "B" divisions bore the brunt of the ND conversion work. Down in the engineering spaces, round the clock work kept the closely trimmed schedule on time. At the completion of the conversion, La Salle had pulled off another first by completing the entire conversion program in record time.

Though the major thrust of the RAV period was the ND conversion, other jobs kept the entire ship busy. Sembawang workers worked around the clock to complete hundreds of required jobs. The ship's force worked long hours side by side with the yard workers to effect an almost total work day. Pipes and valves were removed, cat walks replaced, flight deck renovated and pumps were installed.

