

## **Movies at Sea**

In 1969 I was C.O. of the USS Holder (DD-819) enroute to the Med for a 6 month deployment. The task group consisted of a carrier, one oiler and 6 DDs. It's customary to show movies in the evening. Each DD gets 6 or 7 movies, but the carrier gets 40 to 50. We exchange movies during underway replenishments. DDs refuel at sea every 3 days.

"Cleopatra", with Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor, had just been released; so I announced to the task group that we had the movie "Cleopatra". Every ship wanted it, including the carrier. So we traded with the carrier for 7 newly released movies. What I didn't say was the "Cleopatra" we had was filmed in 1939.

When we were just about to finish refueling from the carrier and exchanging movies, I told the carrier we were going to practice "emergency breakaway" as soon as they had the movie. As we were breaking away and increasing speed to 27 KTS we played (over the IMC) "I did it my way" by Frank Sinatra.

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