

U. S. NUCLEAR SUBMARINE CIRCLES GLOBE SUBMERGED

The Triton, largest United States Navy nuclear-powered submarine, made history recently on its first cruise by completing the first submerged circumnavigation of the world -- a voyage of 41,500 miles. The 7,750-ton ship, equipped with two advance-type water-cooled atomic reactors, traveled under water for 84 days. Throughout the trip, a periscope provided the Triton's 183 officers and men with their only glimpse of the world above the seas. The photographs in this set -- some of them made through the periscope -- are part of the record of the voyage which has been described at length in the log of the submarine's commander, Captain Edward L. Beach.

16-17 In Magellan Bay, near Cebu, the periscope of the Triton was raised and, to his surprise, Captain Beach was looking directly into the eyes of this young man in a small dugout, close alongside. The young man stopped paddling and gazed at the periscope, then proceeded on his way. Since a submarine in the Bay would be unusual, one crewman asked, "Wonder what he is going to tell his friends in Cebu tonight?" All agreed with the Quartermaster who said, "They won't believe a word he says." (60-9151)