

# USS GEARING (DD-710)

*The Santa Maria Incident*



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1960-1961



## REBELLION AT SEA

Burke RD3 and Hillman RD2

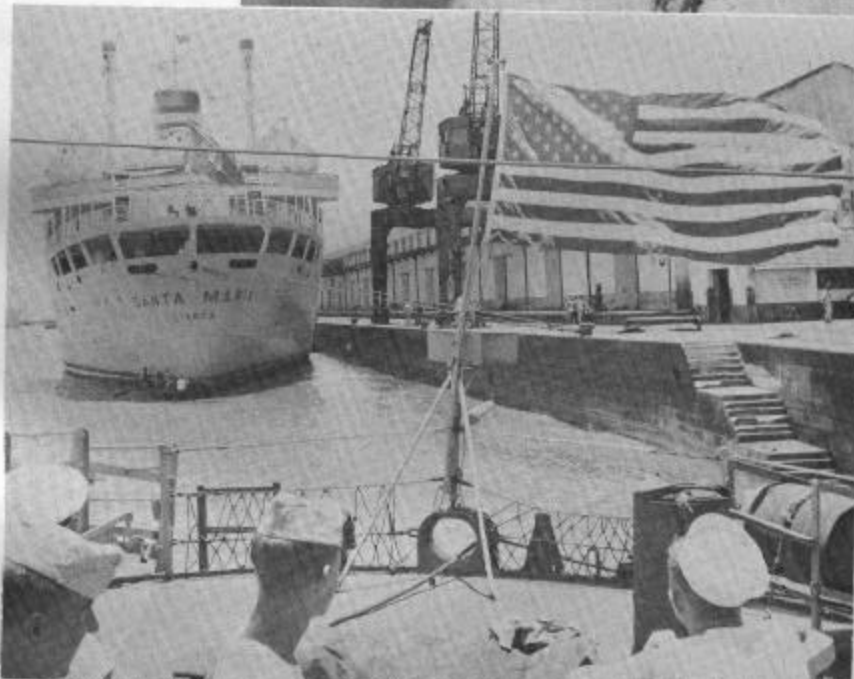
The Santa Maria, out for a holiday cruise,  
Was boarded by a man that had nothing to lose.  
Something the world thought it would never see,  
Such an attempt at modern-day piracy.  
Galvao had the crew well in hand;  
The Santa Maria was making her stand.  
The Portuguese Government's search began,  
And America joined with an organized plan.  
They searched all day and then searched all night,  
But the Santa Maria was no where in sight.  
They called in the Navy and Navy Air too,  
And they rallied around like they always do.  
The call went out that fateful day,  
And the Destroyer GEARING was on her way.  
The GEARING started out at a terrific pace  
On another mission to an unknown place.  
They were not alone in this illustrious chase  
For other ships soon joined the race.  
When on board Admiral Smith did arrive;  
CIC and Radio really came alive.  
A flag watch was set-up, which was really some trick.  
And although we were harried, it was done very quick.  
The Admiral originated sitreps once an hour,  
Which were passed over the URC, with all its great power.  
The URC, that wonderful gear,  
Brought Washington and Norfolk too damn near.  
There were phone cons for the Admiral and Commodore too,  
And even our friend Mr. DENT got a few.  
When all the messages started coming through;  
CIC and Radio had quite a job to do.  
30 January came, and the place was set;  
The GEARING and the Santa Maria finally met.

The reporters came from far and wide,  
To take their little ocean ride.  
On the GEARING they did sail;  
And all 66 were a little pale.  
From piper cub hot on the trail,  
Two reporters decided to bail.  
Into the water they went with a splash,  
And for the Santa Maria they made a mad dash.  
One man made it, the other one failed,  
And from the water it was him we bailed.  
When aboard he had one thing to say,  
Where there's a will "There's always a way."  
The conference was over, no decision was reached;  
We feared the Santa Maria might yet be beached.  
But she came into Recife defeated and alone;  
Her colors flying, the world had been shown.  
The passengers with bright and smiling faces,  
Went to the tugs in a few frantic paces.  
Once aboard, they headed for shore,  
They stepped on land felt safe once more.  
With Galvao's demand finally set,  
Fernadias said. "It could not be met."  
With provisions gone and water low,  
Galvao decided to give up the show.  
Through the world it was definitely known,  
That the "Final whistle" had really blown!  
The moral to this story we may humbly add  
To Captain Galvao, who shouldn't be sad.  
His attempt at revolution, which was his aim,  
Did not succeed, but gave him great fame.  
So again if he should try to reign,  
Beware all airlines it could be your plane.



THE  
SANTA  
MARIA  
INCIDENT

25 JANUARY 1961  
TO  
3 FEBRUARY 1961



Passenger to be



Thar she blows

Admiral meets Galvao



Now muster the duty side boys



This is P.T.P.



It says right here, Arleigh . . .



URC Central



Recife at night—in case you  
didn't get outdoors

Santa Liberdade—Finis



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