



# KASKASKIA

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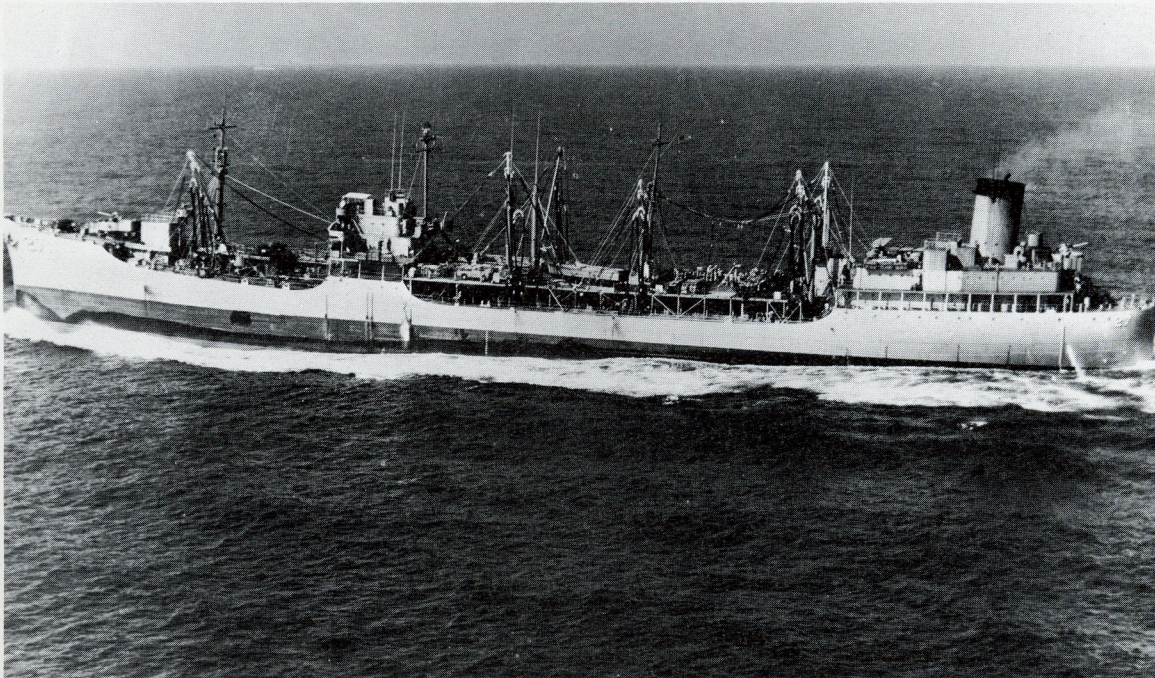
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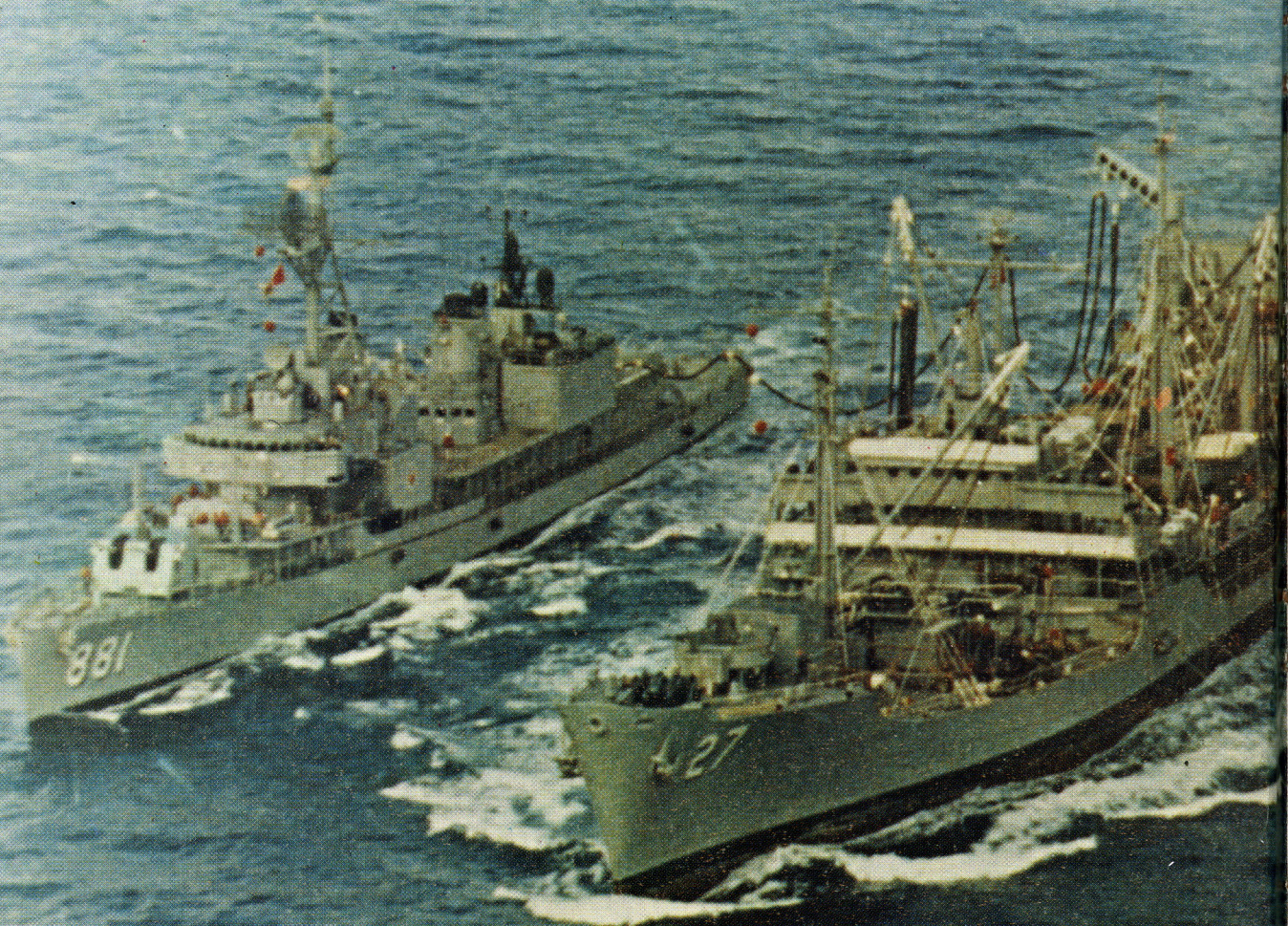
The background of the page is a photograph of a bright blue sky filled with various white, fluffy clouds. The clouds are scattered across the frame, with some larger, more prominent ones and many smaller, wispy ones. The overall scene is a clear, sunny day.



## HISTORY OF A PROUD SHIP

We the ship's company of this fleet oiler are pleased to have an opportunity to show you our ship and explain her functions. Floating oil bases such as KASKASKIA have, since the early days of the second World War, given the U. S. Fleets real mobility and sea keeping qualities. The secret of the "Fleet that came to stay" of the Pacific campaign was the underway replenishment group in which the oiler plays the key role. The practice of replenishing while underway is today a highly developed but altogether routine procedure. Our replenishment force of oilers, ammunition and supply ships, enable our Atlantic and Mediterranean Forces to operate from home ports on the United States East Coast without need for extensive additional bases.

KASKASKIA carries some 1 million 600 thousand gallons of aviation fuel for the Naval Aircraft of our fast carriers as well as 3 million 400 thousand gallons of "Black Oil" for surface vessel main propulsion. This liquid cargo would fuel some 90 tank cars or some 1460 jet tanker aircraft.



USS KASKASKIA (AO-27), which was originally the SS Richmond I, was launched on 29 September 1939. USS KASKASKIA has an overall length of 553 feet and is 75 feet in width. Her draft when fully loaded is 32 feet 4 1/2 inches and she displaces 25,500 tons. Her peacetime crew consists of 13 officers and 215 enlisted men. She was commissioned as a fleet oiler on 29 October 1940 and named after the Kaskaskia River which flows through Illinois.

The year 1941 saw the beginning of USS KASKASKIA'S active service for the U.S. Navy. Although KASKASKIA operated almost entirely in the Pacific theater, more than once finding herself in the forward area, she never met with heavy enemy action or sustained damage from the enemy. During the first half of 1942 USS KASKASKIA operated in the vicinity of New Caledonia, Auckland, New Zealand, Samoa Islands, and the Fiji Islands. During the spring of 1943 she returned to the South Pacific operating

out of Pearl Harbor. While conducting the routine duty of servicing ship in the Pacific she operated from Pearl Harbor to the Marshall Islands.

As the months of the war drew to a close USS KASKASKIA was operating with the Third Fleet off the coast of Japan, supplying fuel and other supplies to the combatant ships. Upon the surrender of Japan, the ship steamed into Tokyo Bay with the occupation forces and remained there for two months furnishing fuel to the incoming and outgoing ships of the U.S. Navy.

As a result of her war record, USS KASKASKIA received sixteen battle stars, including the Marshall Islands Operation, Gilbert Islands Operation, Marianas Operation, Tinian Capture and Occupation, Leyte Operation, and the Okinawa Gunto Operation.

From 1946 to 1953, USS KASKASKIA made several cruises to the Far East, and took an active part in the Korean hostilities, for which she was awarded the Korean



Service Medal with seven battle stars, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and the United Nations Service Medal.

In 1955 the USS KASKASKIA was placed on reserve/in commission status on 8 April thereafter being transferred to the Military Sea Transport Service with Navy crew on 8 January 1957. She was decommissioned on 21 October 1957 and later turned over to the Maritime Administration on 10 December 1958. On 2 January 1959 USS KASKASKIA was stricken from the Navy list.

For the next two years USS KASKASKIA remained inactive in her mothball haven, the Reserve Fleet, Orange, Texas. In 1961 USS KASKASKIA was reinstated by the Navy and was recommissioned on 29 November 1961 and was soon underway, again living up to her past record of achievements.

After completion of a training cruise in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in January 1962 KASKASKIA moved into the Atlantic and has since made her home in Mayport, Florida,

assigned to Service Squadron Four. KASKASKIA has taken an active part in both the Cuban quarantine in 1962 and the Dominican Crisis in 1965, for which she was commended.

On 2 August 1966 KASKASKIA departed Mayport to again transit the Straits of Gibraltar for her third Mediterranean Deployment, to support units of the Sixth Fleet. During this cruise KASKASKIA delivered 21,501,060 gallons of NSFO, 8,168,160 gallons of JP-5, and 3,000 gallons of aviation fuel to 218 ships of the Sixth Fleet. KASKASKIA visited the ports of Athens, Greece; Rhodes, Greece; Ismir, Turkey; Valletta, Malta; Beirut, Lebanon; Naples, Italy; Istanbul, Turkey; Tranto, Italy; and Toulon, France. Fuel lifts were conducted at Suda Bay, Crete; Augusta Bay, Sicily; Cagliari, Sardinia; Rota, Spain; Geata, Italy; and Naples, Italy. Her mission completed, KASKASKIA departed the Med 17 February 1967 and returned to the States 1 March for a period of upkeep and leave.

# COMMANDING OFFICER



**Captain William R. Eason**

Captain William R. Eason was born September 13, 1921 in Manassas, Georgia, the son of R. E. Eason (deceased) and Mrs. Oka D. Nessmith of Manassas, Georgia.

Captain Eason is a graduate of the University of Mississippi. He began his naval service as an Aviation Cadet in 1942 and was commissioned an Ensign and designated a Naval Aviator in Corpus Christi, Texas in August 1943. Additional naval schools attended include the Photographic School at Naval Air Technical Training Center in Pensacola, Florida in 1946; General Line School in 1953-1954; Naval Air Weapons Systems School, Guided Missiles, Jacksonville, Florida; and the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia in 1956-1957.

Initial operational experience was with Composite Squadron EIGHTY aboard the USS MANILA BAY operating with the Seventh Fleet in support of the Philippine operations in Leyte Gulf, Second Battle of the Philippine Sea, Mindoro, and Lingayen Gulf.

Other assignments include: Naval Air Experimental Station, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; VCN TWO, Key West, Florida: Operations Officer; Composite Squadron SIXTY-TWO and Officer in Charge Composite Squadron SIXTY-TWO; Guided Missile Officer, Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Staff; Executive Officer, Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN; Commanding Officer, Fighter Squadron TWENTY-ONE; Assistant Technical Officer and Shrike Project Officer, Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, California; Commander Attack Carrier Air Wing NINE; Executive Officer, USS CORAL SEA (CVA43).

Prior to receiving orders to command the USS KASKASKIA (AO-27) Captain Eason was assigned to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Weapons Systems Evaluation Group in Washington, D. C.

Awards have included two Distinguished Flying Crosses, four Air medals, and two Navy Unit Commendations.

He is married to the former Betty Lee Rye of Palatka, Florida. They have three children; Midshipman William R. Eason, Jr., USN; Patricia Ann Eason, age 18; and Janet Lee Eason, age 13.

# COMMANDING OFFICER OCT '65 - DEC '66



**Captain Augustine W. Smith**

Captain Augustine (Gus) W. Smith was born in Gloucester, Virginia, on April 8, 1922, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter W. Smith. He attended Gloucester County Public Schools, graduating in June 1939. Prior to entering the U.S. Naval Academy, Captain Smith attended the College of William and Mary (ND) for one year. After graduating from the Naval Academy, he was assigned to the USS SAN FRANCISCO (CA38) in June 1943. During his tour Captain Smith was assigned various duties in the main battery fire control division. After various operations in the Northern, Central, Southwest and Western Pacific, including the Philippine Liberation, China Service, and ten major engagements, he was detached in November 1945 to report for flight training in Corpus Christi, Texas, Squadron duty followed with deployment in several Attack Carriers. After attending the Naval War College in 1955 and a tour of duty in the Aviation Plans Division of CNO, Captain Smith reported to Heavy Attack Squadron Five as Executive Officer and in 1960, as Commanding Officer. In 1961, he reported to USS CONSTELLATION (CVA64) as Nuclear Weapons Coordinator and later as Operations Officer. In 1963, Captain Smith reported to the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, D. C. This course of instruction was followed by another tour in the Aviation Plans Division of CNO. He was detached from this duty in August 1965 to report as Commanding Officer, USS KASKASKIA (AO27).

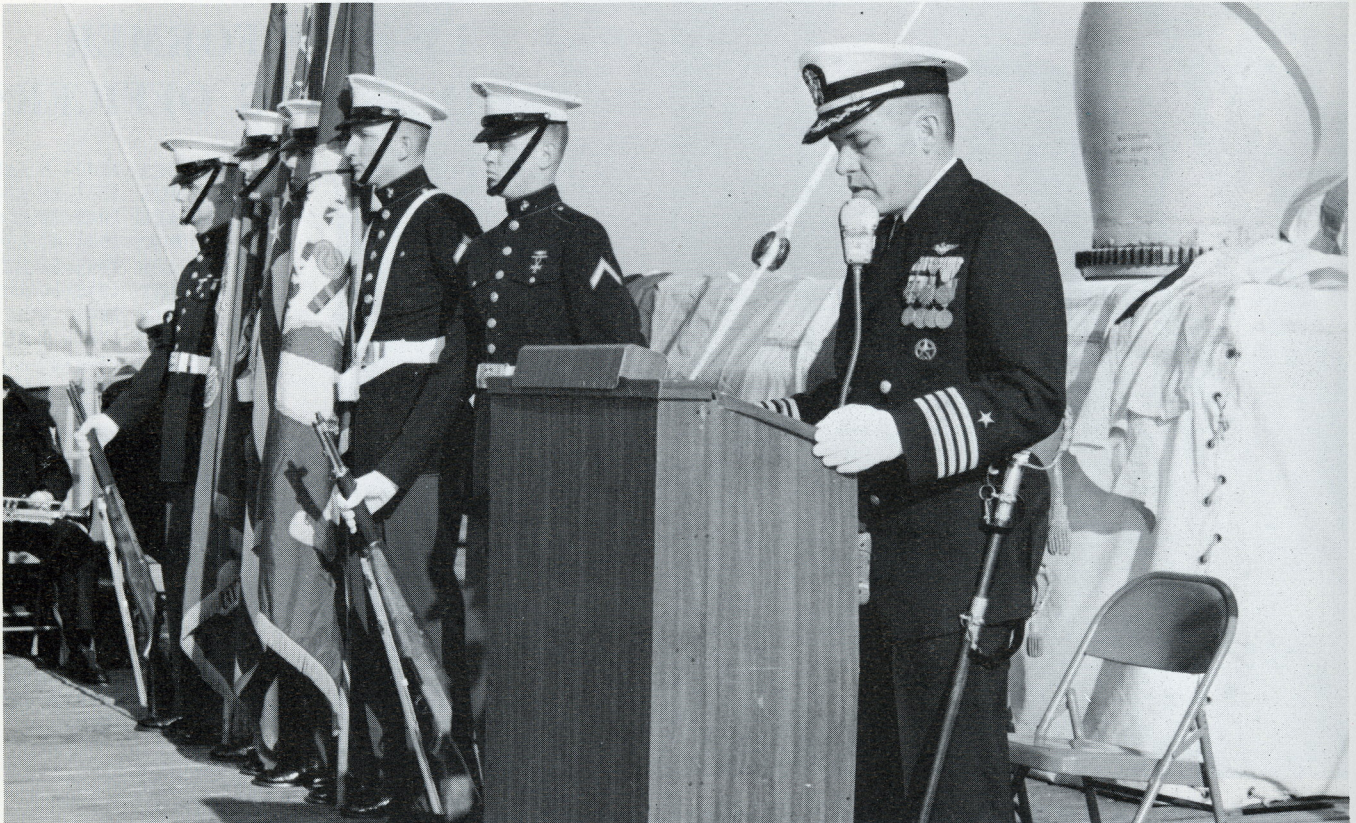
Captain Smith is married to the former Miss Glendyn Greig of Vallejo, California. They have two children, Sharon Smith, a student at Mary Washington College, and Peter Smith, junior high school student. Captain Smith and his family reside at 1216 South Fairwater Drive, Norfolk, Virginia.

## LIST OF FORMER COMMANDING OFFICERS

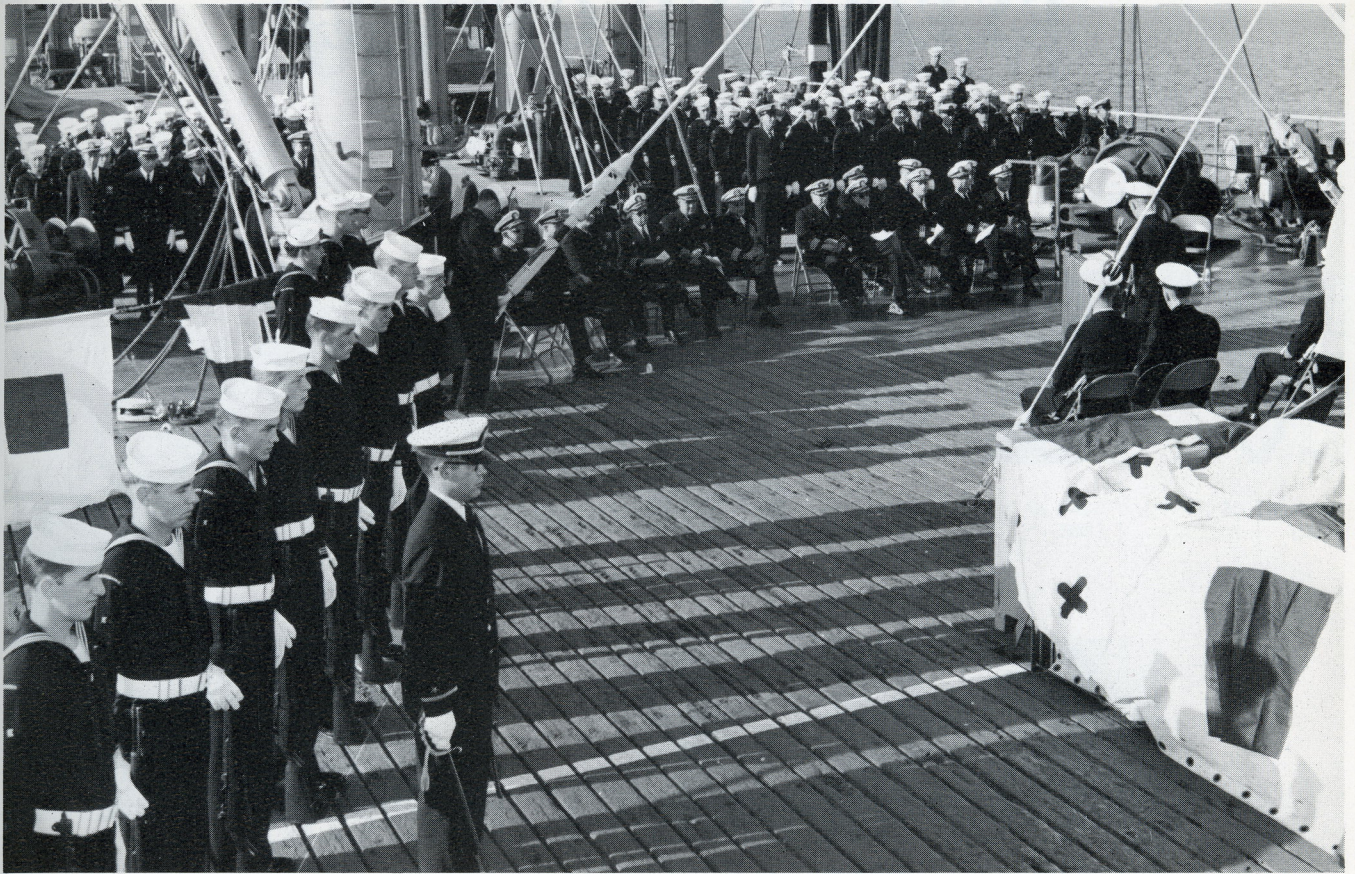
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LCDR William F. PATTEN	22 MAY 1944-30 APR 1945
LT Theibert D. ARTHUR	30 APR 1945-31 DEC 1945
CDR Frederic C. RICE	27 JAN 1946-16 JUN 1946
CAPT George B. STALLINGS	16 JUN 1946- 2 AUG 1947
CAPT Francis C. MANVILLE	2 AUG 1947- 1 AUG 1948
CAPT John F. HENKEL	1 AUG 1948-20 AUG 1948
LCDR Charles E. CONBOY	20 AUG 1948- 2 OCT 1948
CAPT Gordon S. EVERETT	2 OCT 1948-13 SEP 1949
CAPT Thompson F. FOWLER	13 SEP 1949-28 AUG 1951
CDR Albert C. THOMPSON	28 AUG 1951-22 SEP 1952
CAPT Robert A. KEATING, Jr.	22 SEP 1952- 7 NOV 1953
CAPT Authur C. HOUSE, Jr.	7 NOV 1953- 8 APR 1955
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CDR L. B. ENSEY	8 JAN 1957-21 OCT 1957
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CAPT John D. HOWELL	6 DEC 1961-28 NOV 1962
CAPT Wells R. BILL, Jr.	28 NOV 1962-30 NOV 1963
CAPT Donald K. ISSITT	30 NOV 1963-10 OCT 1964
CAPT Charles W. WARD	10 OCT 1964-15 OCT 1965
CAPT Augustine W. SMITH	15 OCT 1965-20 DEC 1966
CAPT William R. EASON	20 DEC 1966-

# CHANGE OF COMMAND

## 20 DECEMBER 1966



**“I RELIEVE YOU SIR”**



# EXECUTIVE OFFICER



LCDR S. J. Mylander

# DEPARTMENT HEADS



LT R. E. Shuford  
FIRST LT



LT R. A. Fredette  
OPS OFFICER



LT O. N. Morgan  
CHIEF ENGINEER



LTJG W. J. Vansickle  
SUPPLY OFFICER



LT K. S. Johnson  
FIRST LT APR 63-SEPT 66

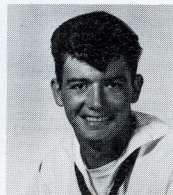


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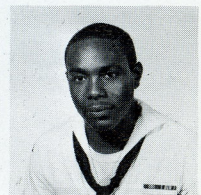
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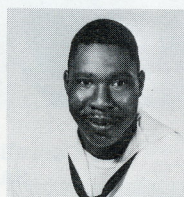
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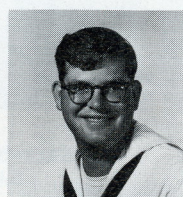
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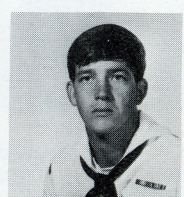
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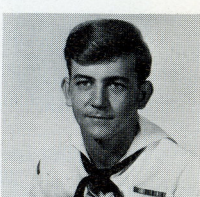
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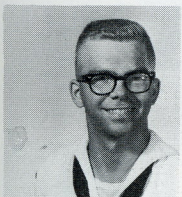
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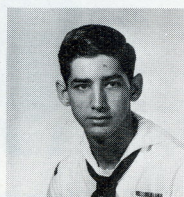
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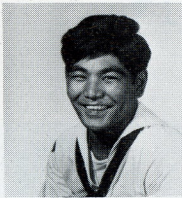


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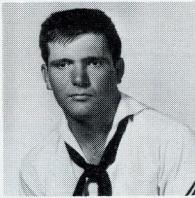




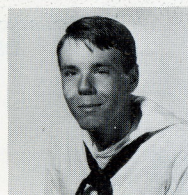
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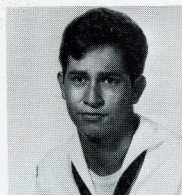
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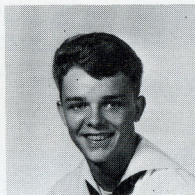
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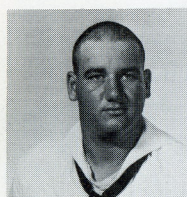
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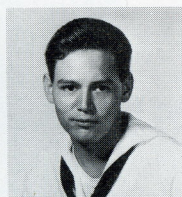
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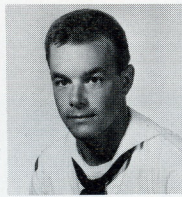
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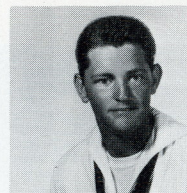
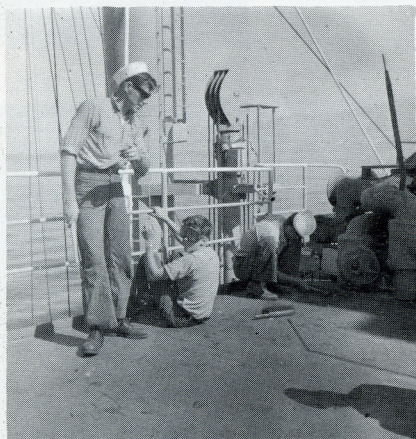
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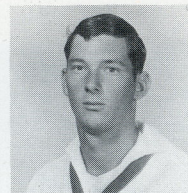
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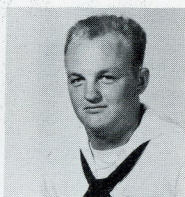
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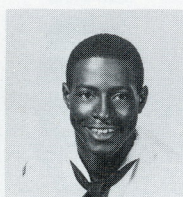
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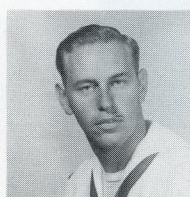
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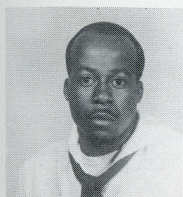
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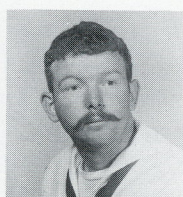
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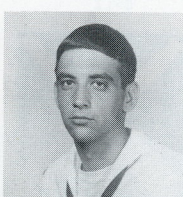
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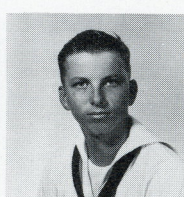
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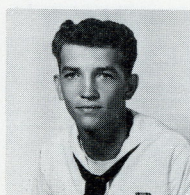
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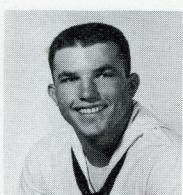
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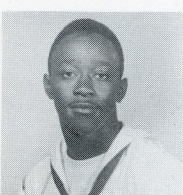
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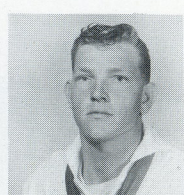
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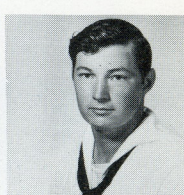
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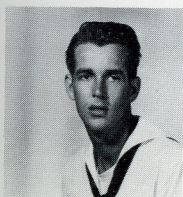
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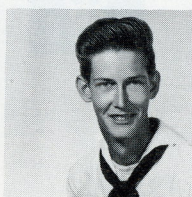
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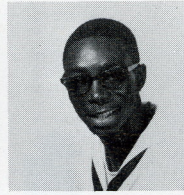




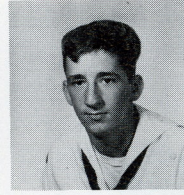
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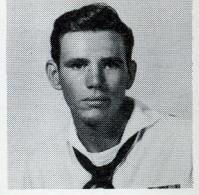
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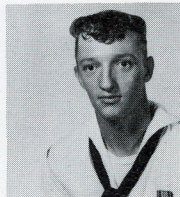
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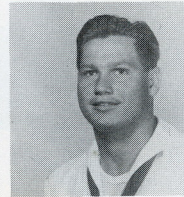
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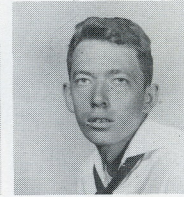
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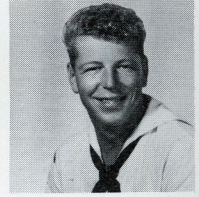
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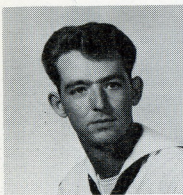
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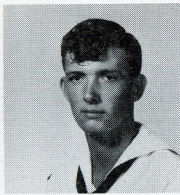
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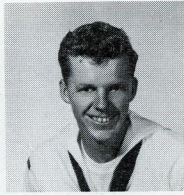
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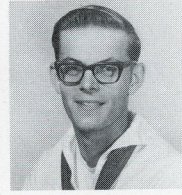
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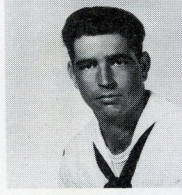
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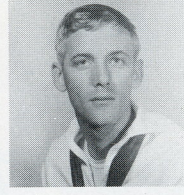
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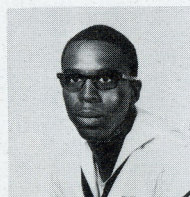


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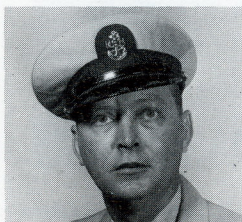
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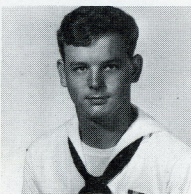
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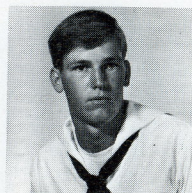
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J. Tabb  
PN3



M. Pleskoff  
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D. Cyr  
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# OPERATIONS DIVISION



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COM. OFFICER



ENS E. Rickert  
NAVIGATOR



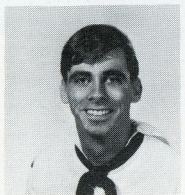
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Jun '65-Oct '66



LTJG A. Sachleben  
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Jul '64-Aug '66



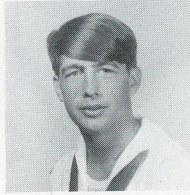
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J. Reeves  
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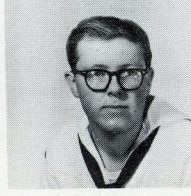
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V. Vasquez  
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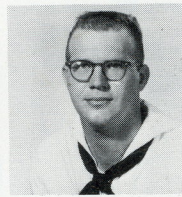
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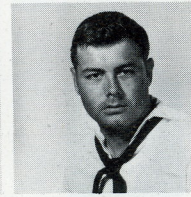
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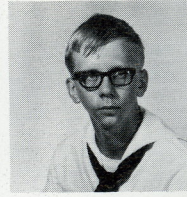
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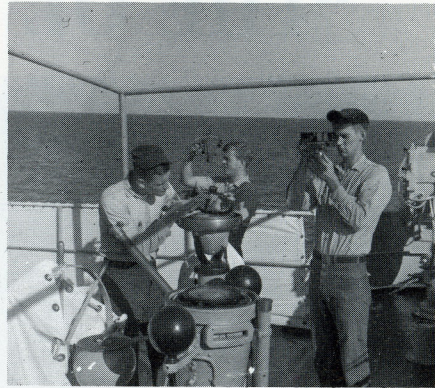
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T. Strickland  
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P. Stack  
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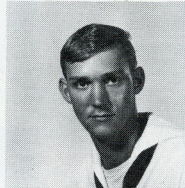
"There must be something wrong"



L. Baker  
QMC



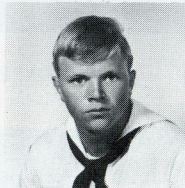
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H. Halleck  
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G. Aspinwall  
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A. Shafer  
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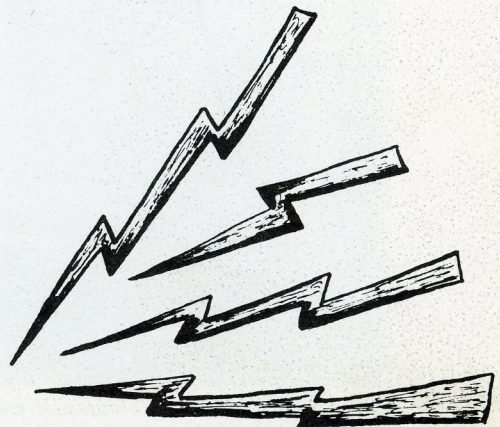
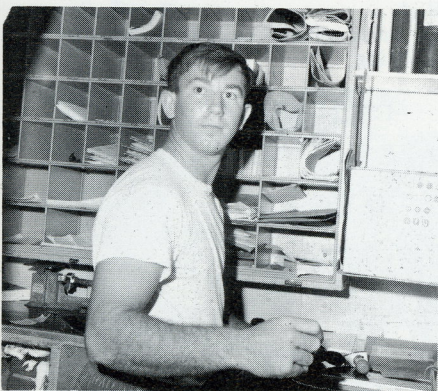
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C. Fairbanks  
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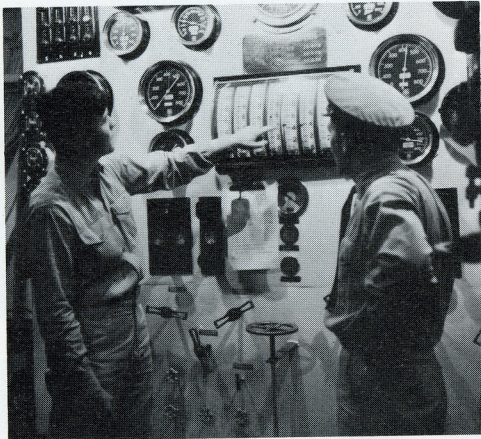


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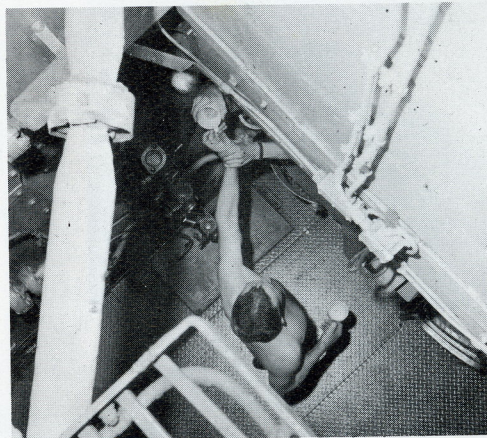


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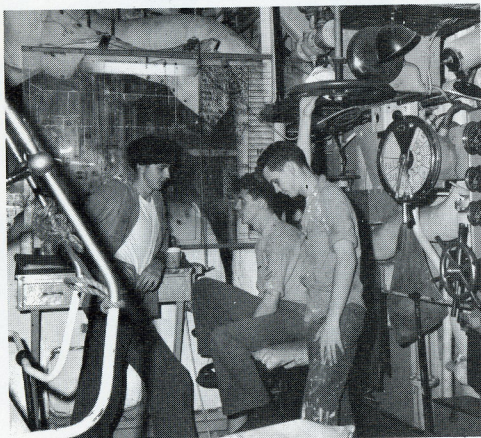
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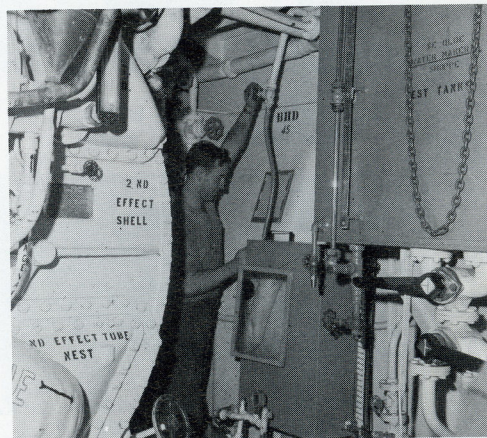
Look! Look! it's moving



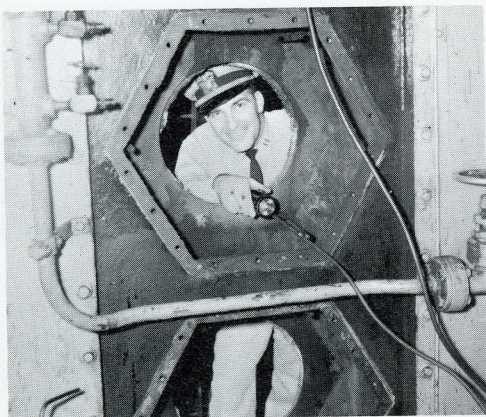
When I say drink, I mean drink



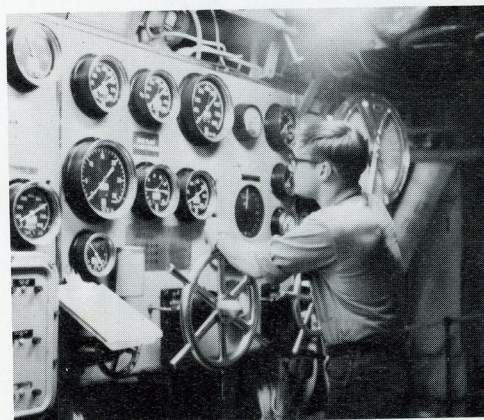
Tonight at 2200, we strike



Just one more drink, and I'll be able to make anything



Come on fellows, I was just joking



I think we're losing vacuum

# A DIVISION



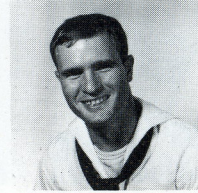
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MMC



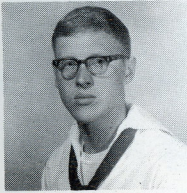
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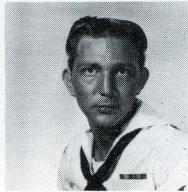
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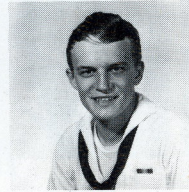
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R. Wasyl  
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R. Rankin  
MM3



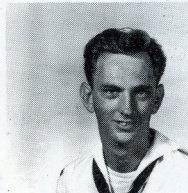
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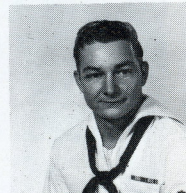
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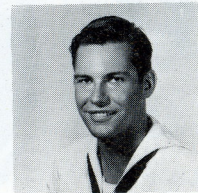
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ENFN



A. Hawn  
FN



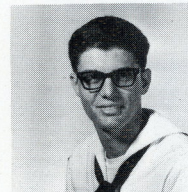
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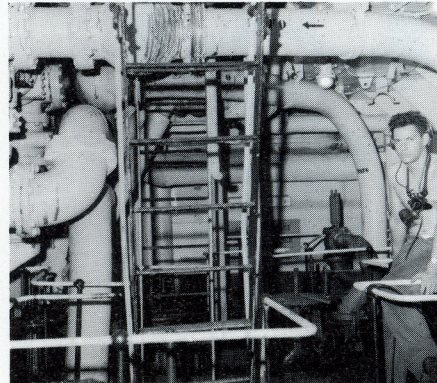
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P. Greska  
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S. Kinzel  
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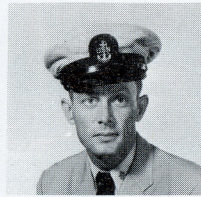


You're right, I'm not happy

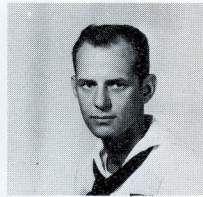
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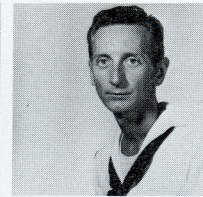
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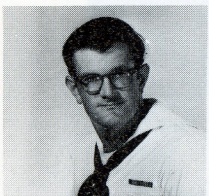
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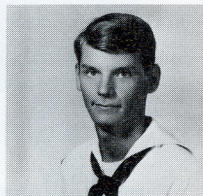
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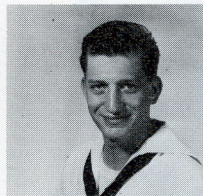
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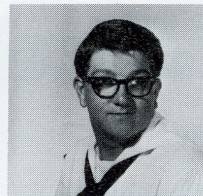
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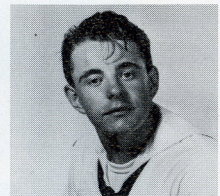
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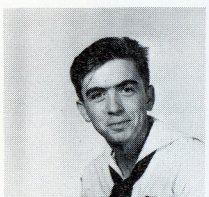
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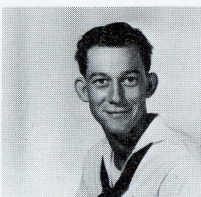
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R. Mahnken  
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B. Linamen  
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R. Adkins  
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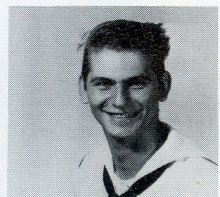
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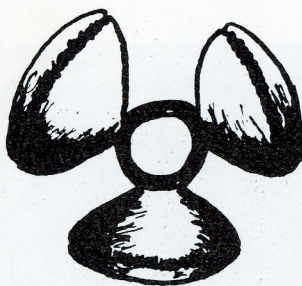
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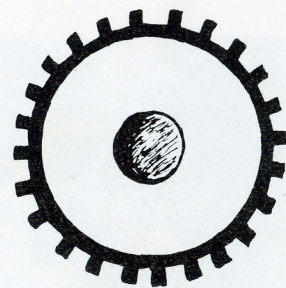
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D. Beauchaine  
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ENG



ENG

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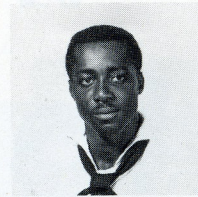
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A/E OFFICER



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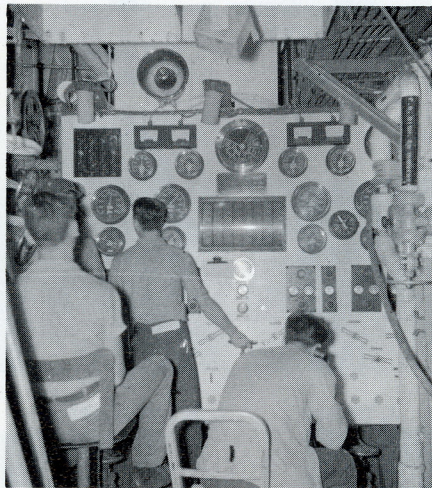
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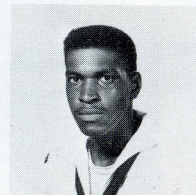
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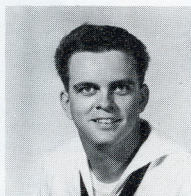
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W. Scott  
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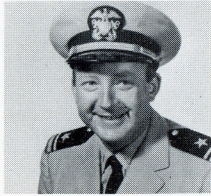


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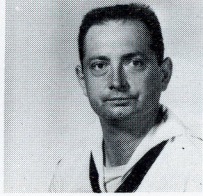
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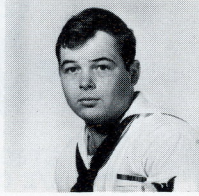
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Jul '64-Aug '66



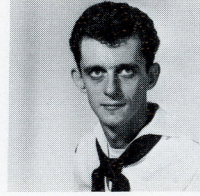
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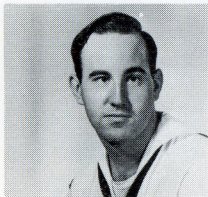
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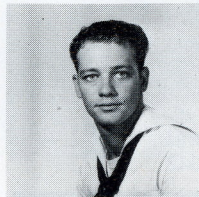
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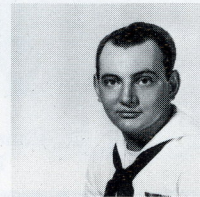
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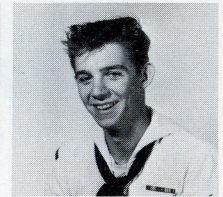
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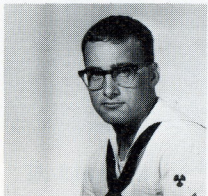
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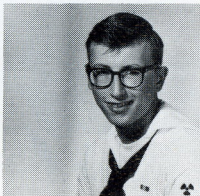
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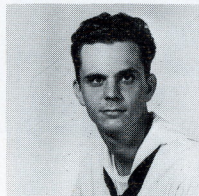
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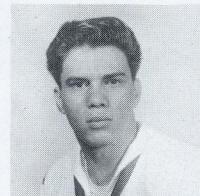
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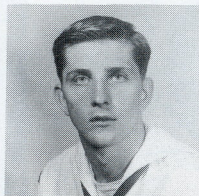
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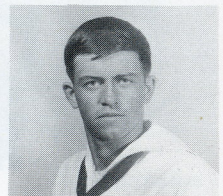
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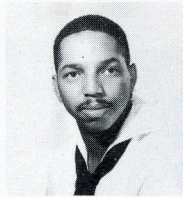
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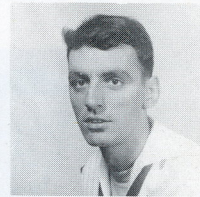
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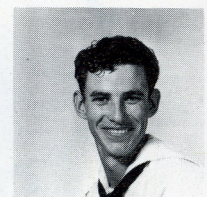
G. Roddy  
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L. Dove  
FN



R. Tennihan  
FN



J. George  
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# R DIVISION



Just 2000 miles to the R and R, I wonder



ENS C. Generlich  
DCA



J. Salter  
DCCS



G. Williams  
SFP2



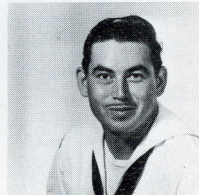
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L. McNeill  
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T. Buckley  
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J. Admire  
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G. Macias  
SFM3



Boy, I bet this surprises Rice

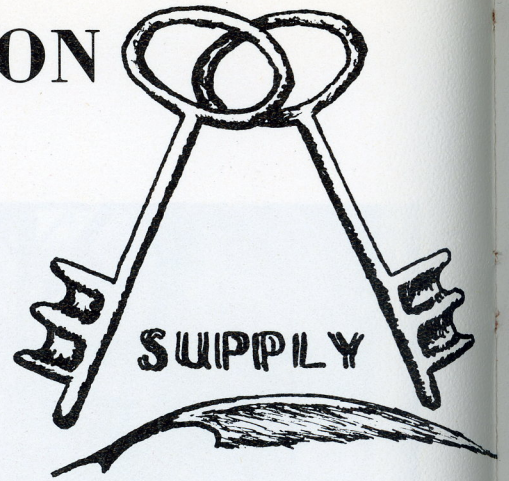


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# SUPPLY DIVISION



LTJG W. Roberts  
DISBURSING OFFICER



C. Green  
SKC



K. Story  
CSC



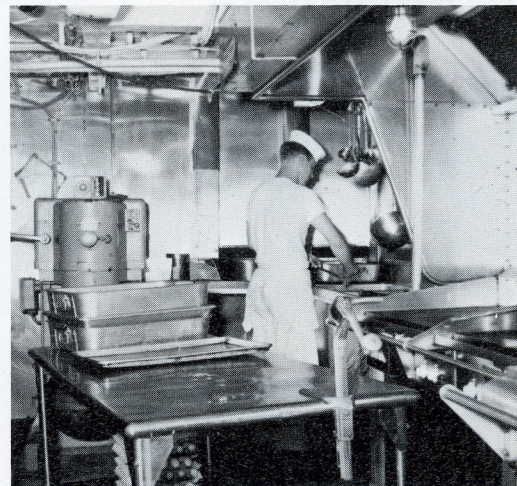
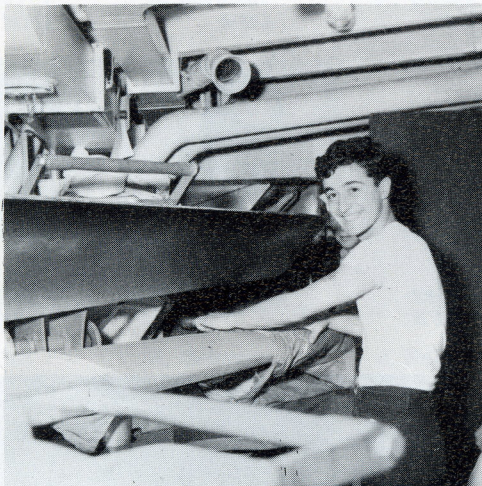
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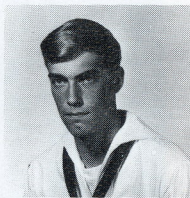
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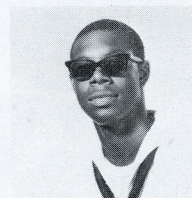
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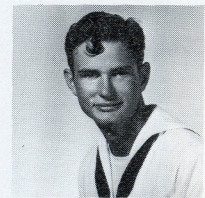
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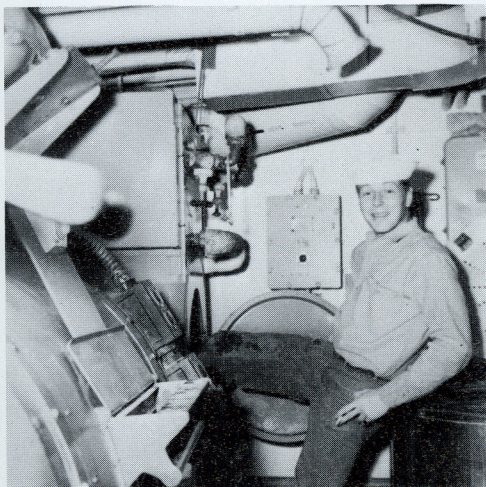
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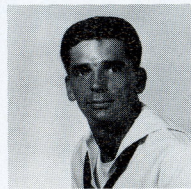
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G. Hankey  
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J. Molumphy  
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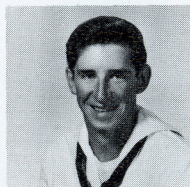
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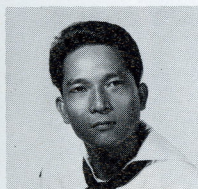
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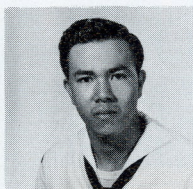
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R. Basso  
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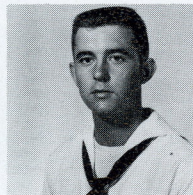
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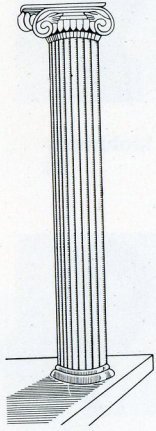


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# ATHENS



The Acropolis



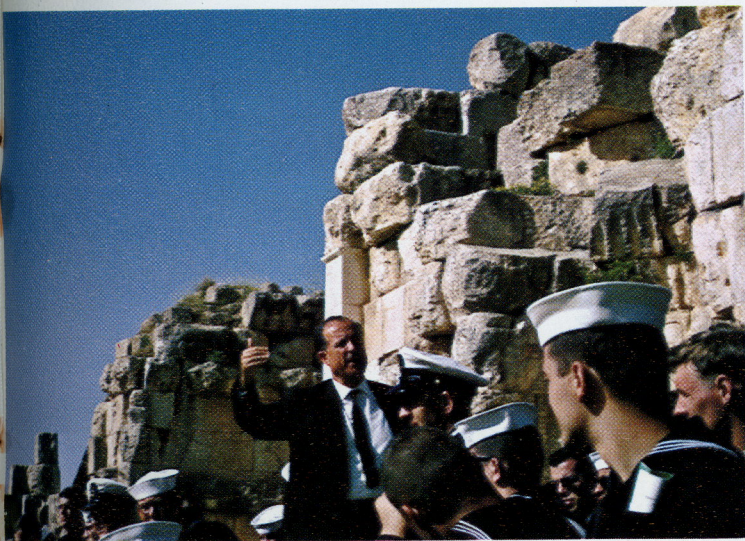
The Parthenon



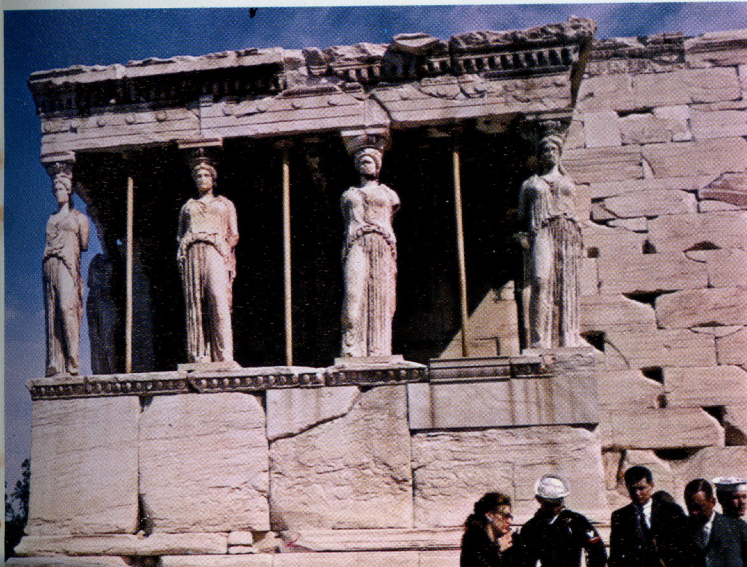


This is where it all started.

We took many tours - - -



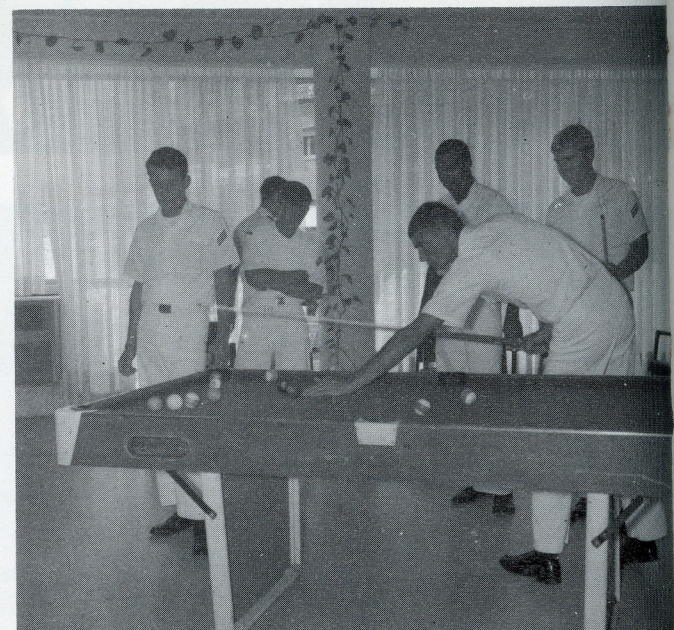
. . . We saw memorable sights.



## THE ANCIENT LAND OF GREECE

The palace stays well protected.

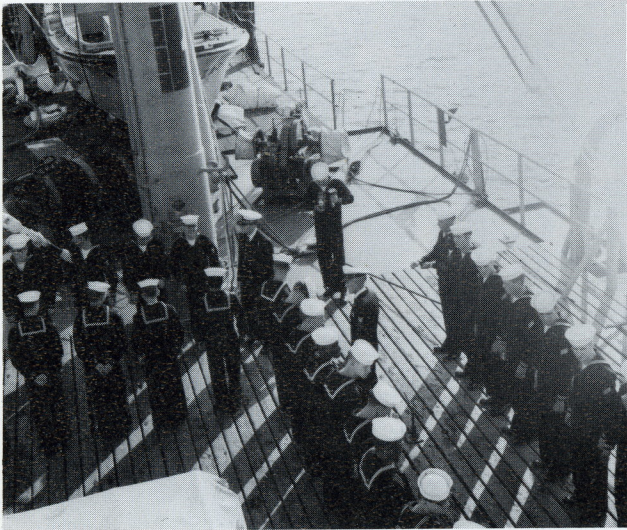


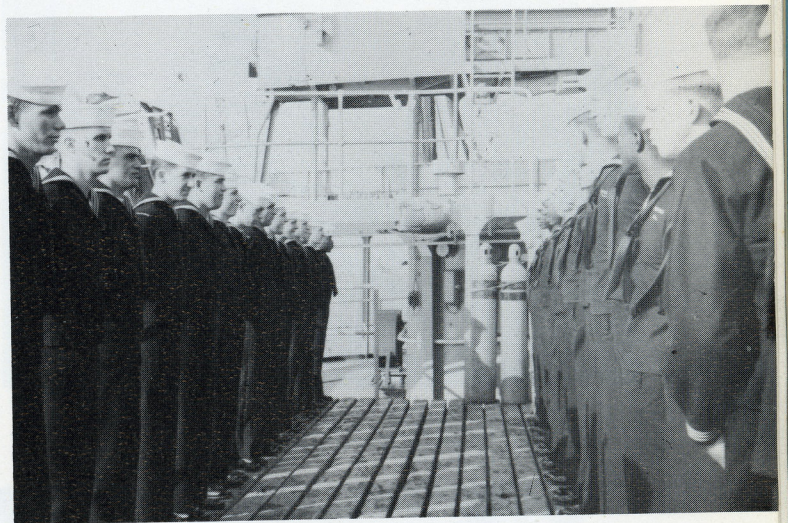


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# CO'S INSPECTION

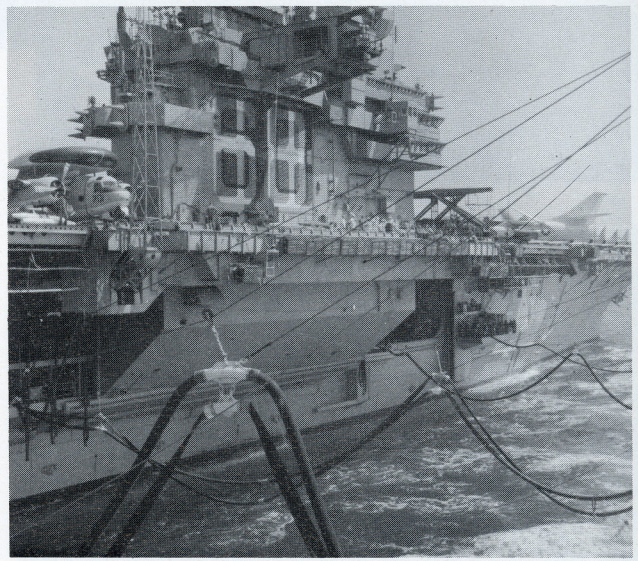


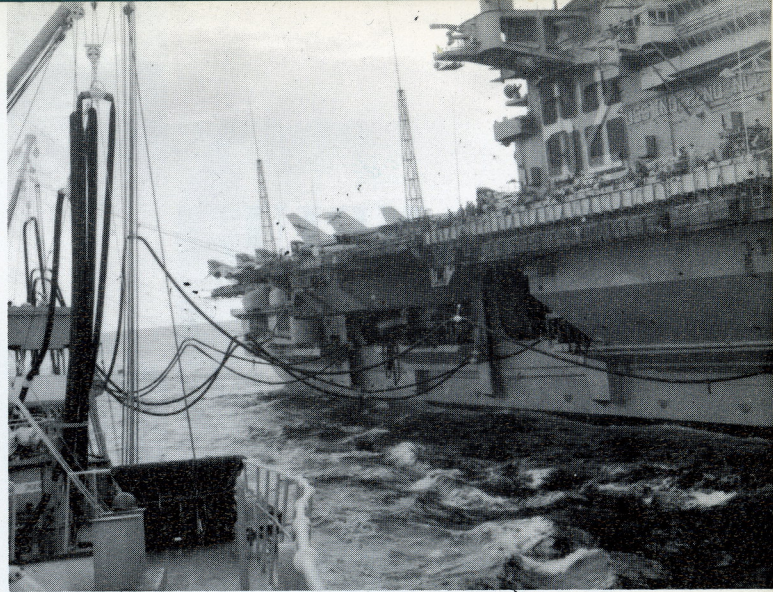




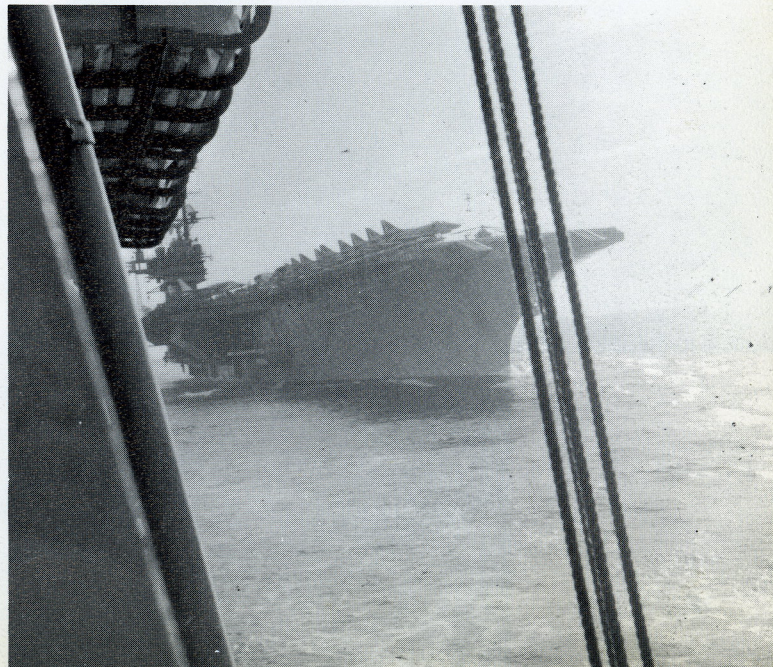


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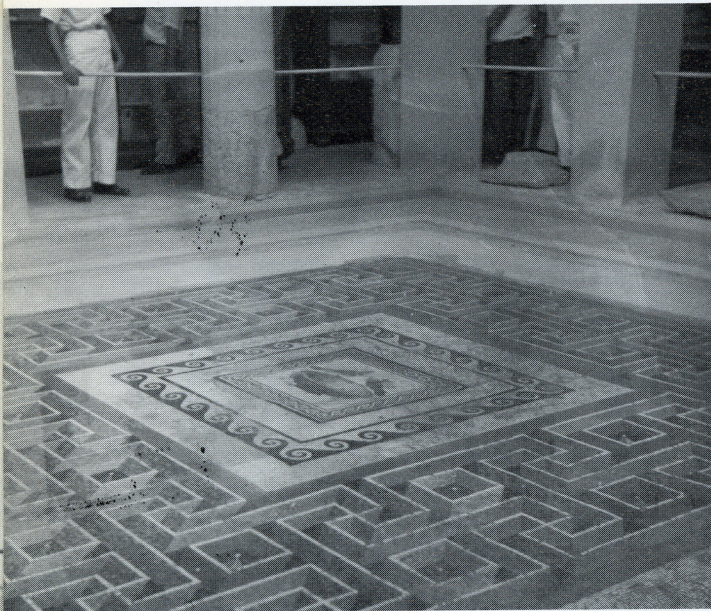




## REPLENISHMENT



# ISTANBUL





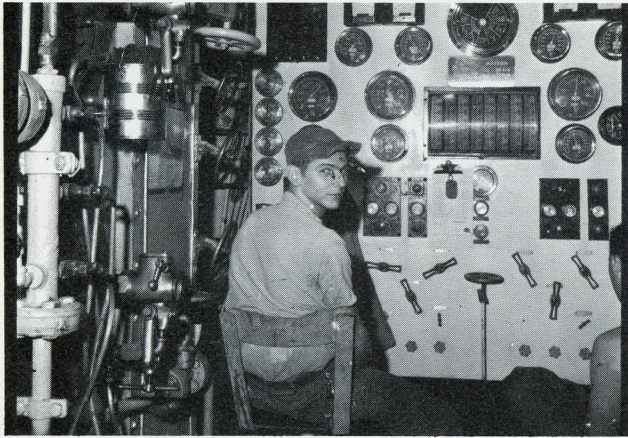
# VALLETTA, MALTA







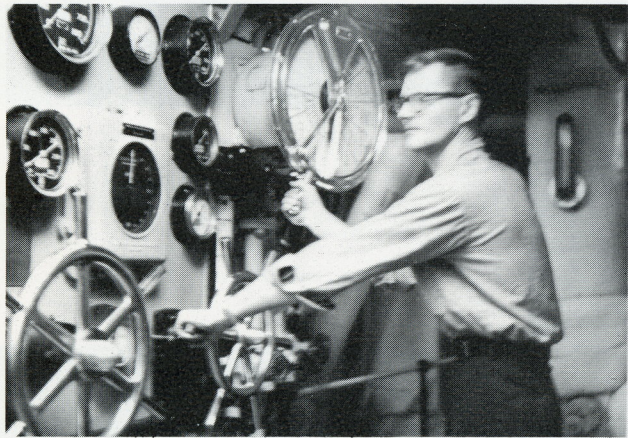
# SNIPES & COMPANY



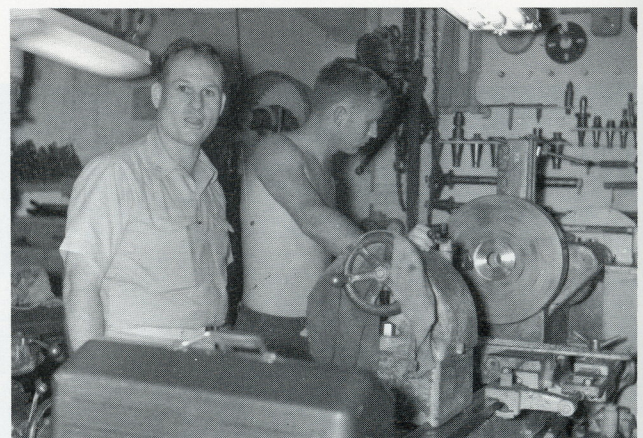
No sir, this isn't #1 pump room



Look, look, it's moving again



Boy, did I get a gear on that one



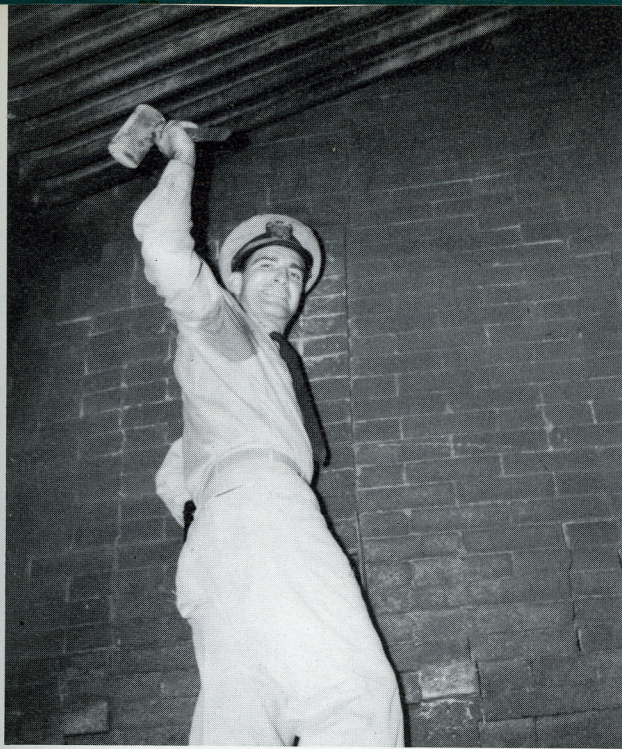
Get the Chief a salt tablet quick!



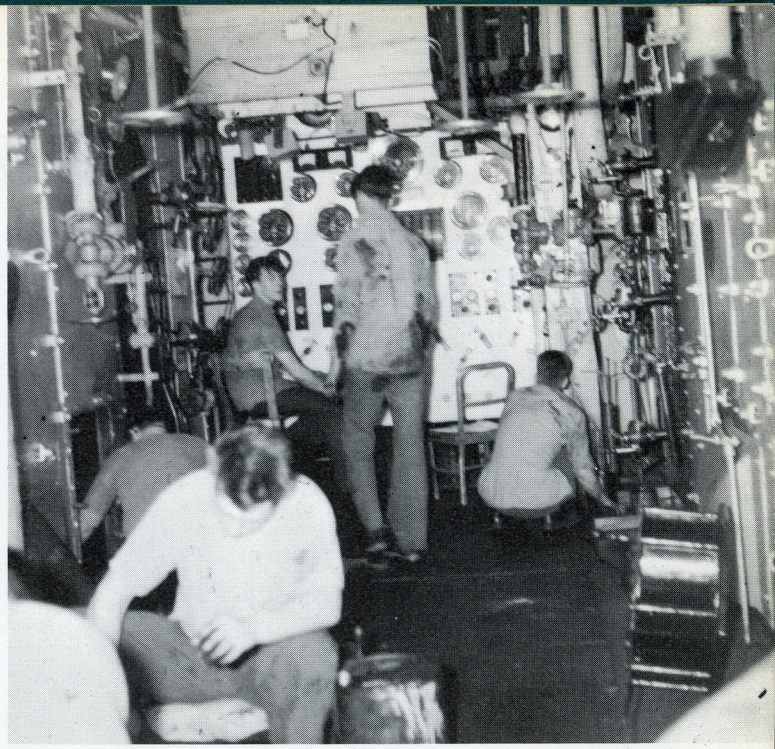
Good news, you only have to stay down there eight more hours



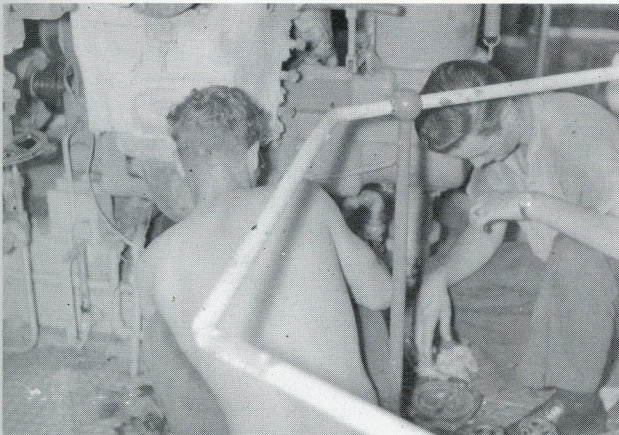
We'll have you out in a minute Chief



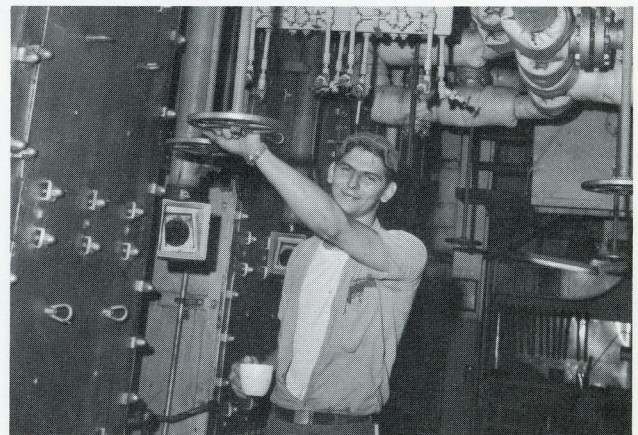
I'll fix the boiler once and for all



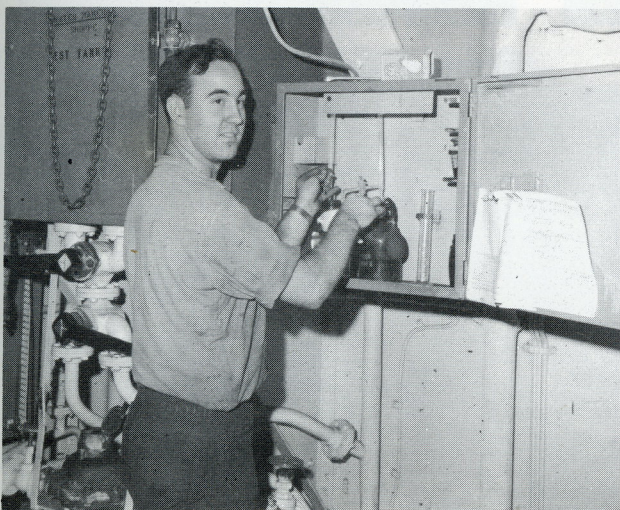
A Fire Room party



I hate to fix a feed pump with a hangover



Happiness is a check valve that works



Ha, Ha, and to think all I do is test water here



We could set bleachers over there so more people could watch the turtle races

# MESS DECKS HOOTENANNY



# SPORTS AND RECREATION



....Chief our ID's and liberty....



Beer call



Well we tried, but Bud won out

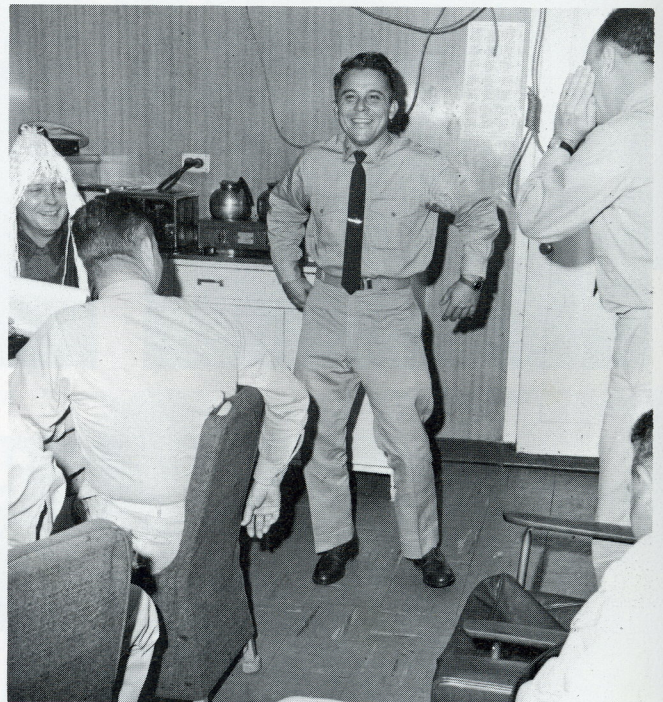


Stand by to charge



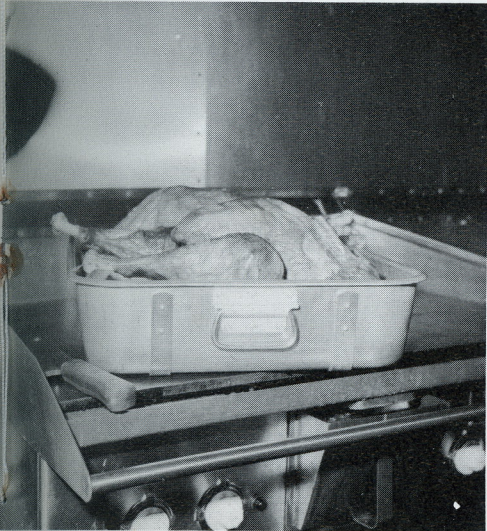
But I don't want to play

# CPO INITIATION

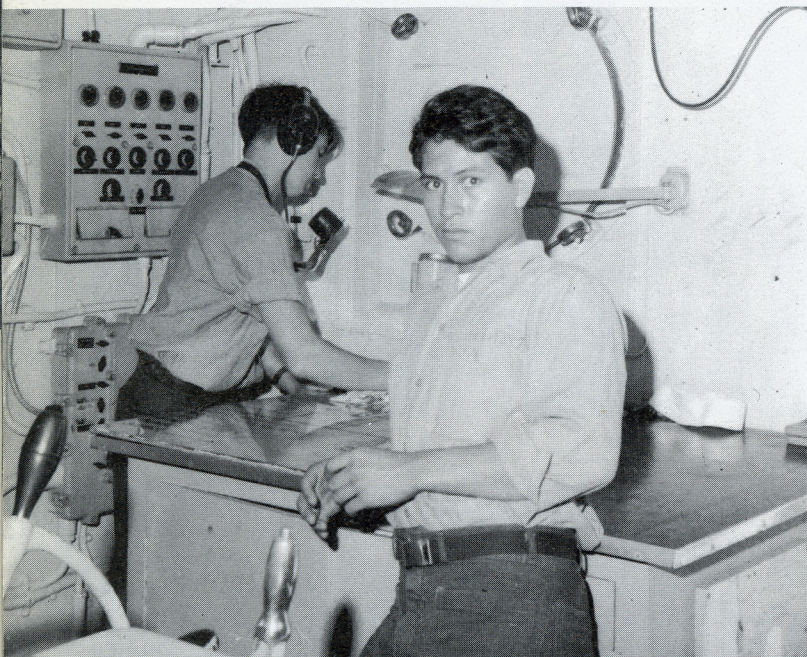




# HAPPY HOLIDAYS



# GUNNERS MATE



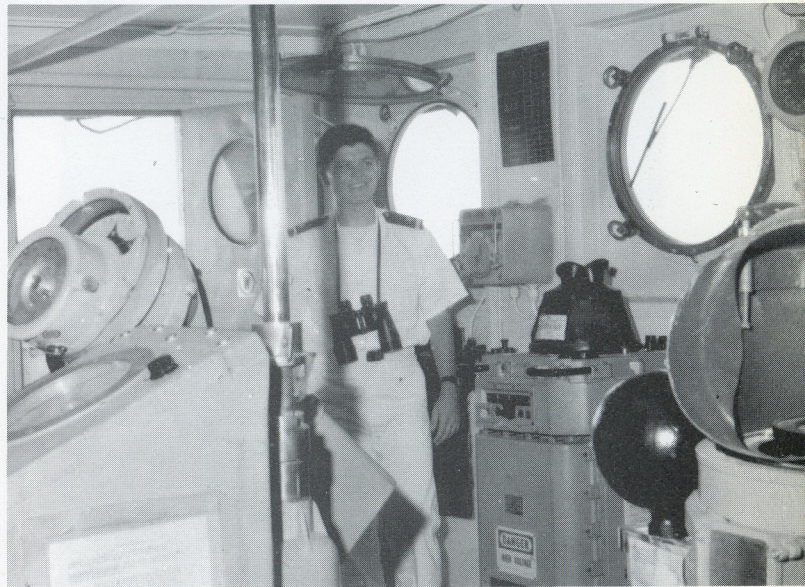
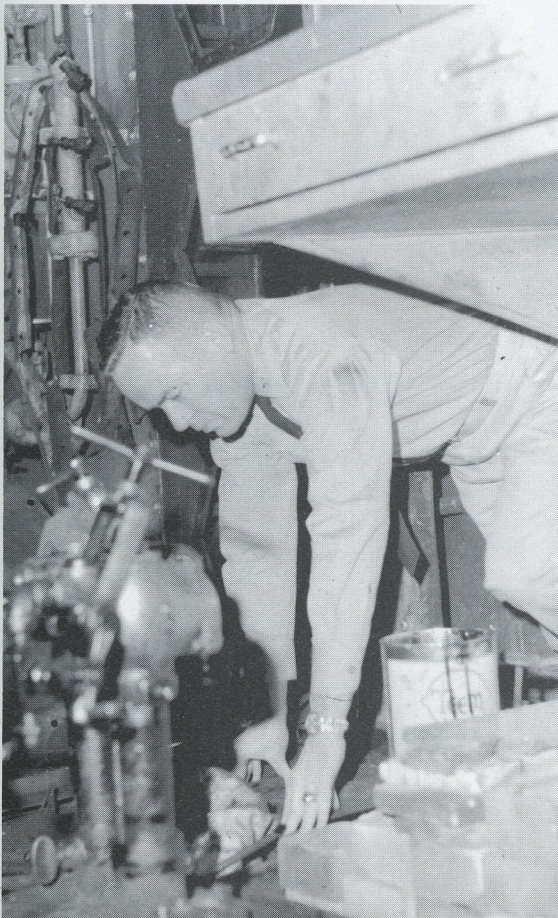
Pittsburg was never like this!



The dynamic duo



This thing sure looks like a compass



Captain, you won't believe this but we're aground, Ha, Ha, Ugh!



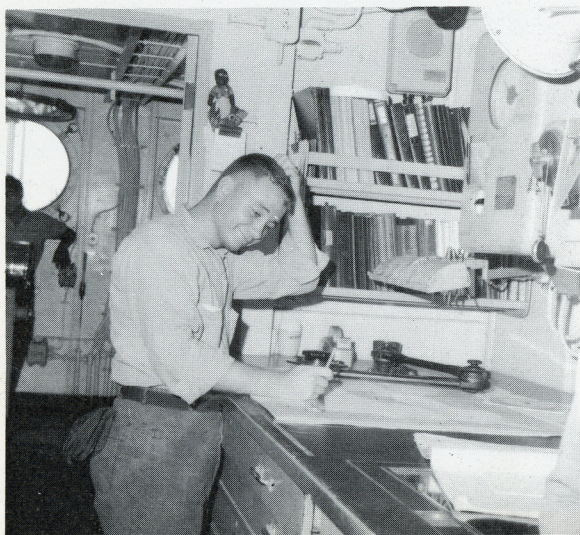
Attention to Quarters!



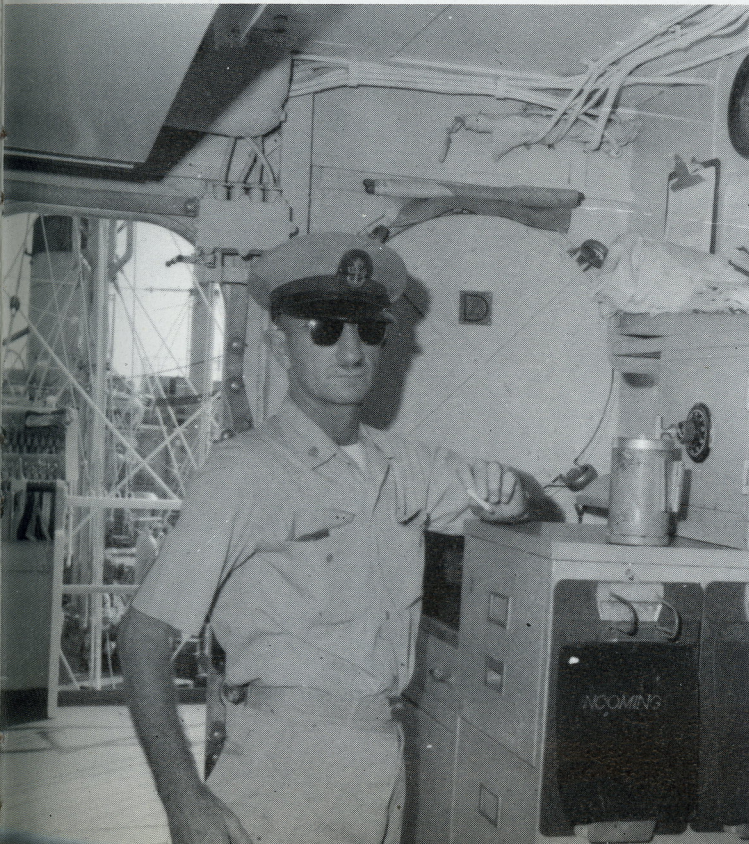
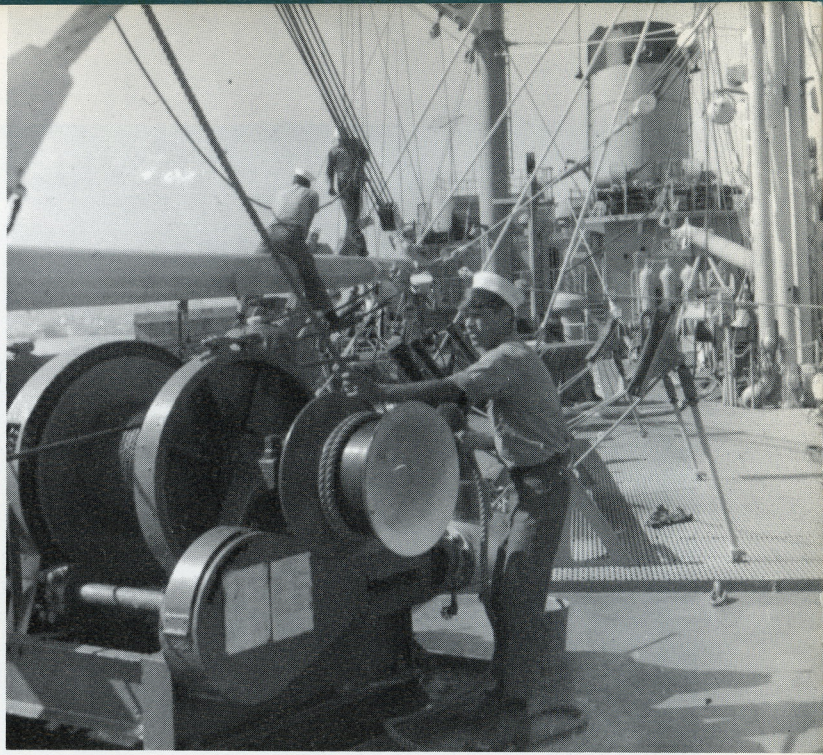
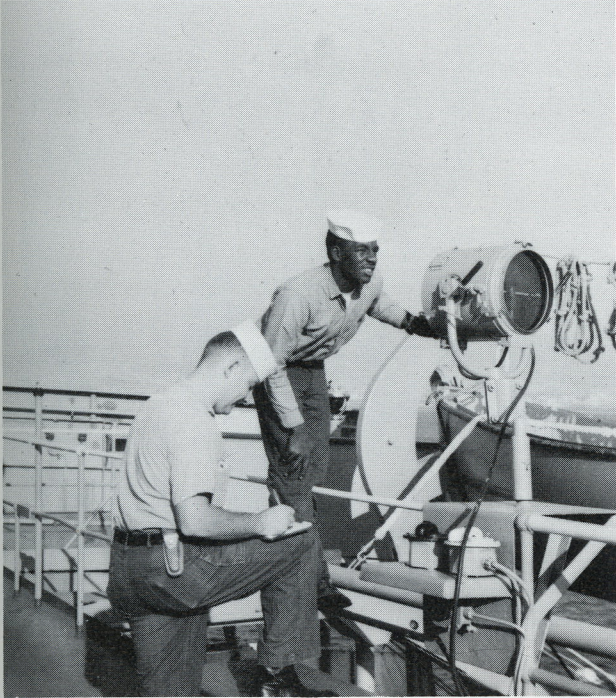
You mean we don't know where our rudder is?



But Chief, I can't find the semaphore flags.



But we can't be in Boston!





They must be joking--I was made for destroyers



