

the FIRST YEAR...

HISTORY of LIBERTY

The USS LIBERTY (AGTR 5) began her career in 1945, as a victory ship. Christened the SIMMONS VICTORY, she was launched in May of 1945 by the Oregon Shipbuilding Corp., Portland, Oregon. She saw service in both the Atlantic and the Pacific, including Suyong Bay, Pusan during the Korean War. She was subsequently mothballed by the Maritime Commission in 1958. Liberty was selected by the Navy for conversion to a Technical Research Ship and was delivered to the Willamette Iron and Steel Co. in February 1963. The conversion culminated in the Ship's commissioning on 30 December 1964 at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington under the new name LIBERTY. The name was selected to honor the 10 cities and towns in the United States named Liberty. These towns and cities are located in the following states: Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Mississippi, Kentucky, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Texas.

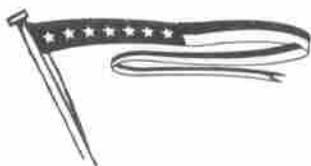
MISSION

The mission of the USS LIBERTY is to conduct technical research operations in support of U.S. Navy Electronics Research Projects, which include electromagnetic propagation studies and advanced communication systems such as satellite communications.





CDR D. T. Wieland, Jr.
Commanding Officer



FELLOW PLANK OWNERS AND CREW MEMBERS:

On 30 December 1964, a ship was born. The Willamette Iron and Steel Company provided the shell and we gave it life. Our growing pains have been sharp and painful but we survived. Today, I will match this ship against any ship in any fleet for any task we are equipped for. We would not necessarily win every time but we would win the majority and be counted among the leaders in spirit and 'can do'.

Lest we forget, I would like to remind you of some of the famous episodes in our short history (the fire that tempered us): Portland, San Diego, The Black Flood, The Great Tidal Wave, Gatun Lake, Guantanamo Bay, The Battle of the Chain Falls, Santa Cruz, the Abidjan Mud Stomp, The Congo Mercy Mission, Capetown Bull, Lagos Moor, Dakar Rest Cure, and the Great Oil Spill. Even now, these things seem far away and I expect we will relive them over a cup of coffee many times over as we read and re-read this Cruise Book.

I am proud to be your Captain and rejoice in your spirit of good fellowship and hard work. I wish you all fair winds and a following sea wherever you may be headed.

D. T. WIELAND, Jr.



CDR Daniel T. Wieland, Jr., was born at Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania on August 2, 1922 and subsequently entered the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland in July 1942. Upon commissioning as Ensign June 6, 1945 he served as Assistant Gunnery Officer in USS JOHN R. PIERCE (DD-753) in the Pacific area.

Commander Wieland remained in the Pacific area as Gunnery Officer aboard the USS ENDICOTT (DMS-35) for the next three years. The ship operated extensively in the China area during this period.

The University of Nebraska at Lincoln was Commander Wieland's home for the next two years where he served as Ordnance and Gunnery Instructor.

July of 1951 found Commander Wieland commanding the USS OSPREY (AMS-28). During his tenure the OSPREY was awarded the Navy Unit Citation and Korean Presidential Unit Citation. Commander Wieland was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat V for his service during the thirteen months aboard OSPREY. During this period OSPREY was engaged in combat minesweeping operations on both coasts of North Korea and was engaged by shore batteries on eight different occasions.

Commander Wieland was then reassigned to the Advanced Mine Countermeasures Course for the next 32 weeks. Upon completing the course he assumed command of the USS JUBILANT (AM-255). He decommissioned JUBILANT at Orange, Texas in April 1954.

His next assignment was Officer in Charge of the Combat Information School at the Fleet Training Center, Charleston, S. C.

From June 1956 until May 1958 he was assigned to the Joint U.S. Military Mission of Aid to Turkey at Istanbul, Turkey. His primary field during this period was Ordnance and Gunnery and Minesweeping advisor to the Turkish Fleet and Naval Academy. This tour of duty was followed by a one year tour as Executive Officer of USS WILLARD KEITH (DD-775).

In September 1959 Commander Wieland assumed command of USS ROBERTS (DE-749). He commanded ROBERTS until September 1961, when he was assigned as Director, Training and Operations, U.S. Naval Amphibious School, Little Creek, Virginia. Commander Wieland served in the capacity until ordered as Prospective Commanding Officer USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5) in August 1964.



CDR J. A. Mazzolini

CDR John A. Mazzolini, born on 15 September 1928, received his early education in Holyoke, Massachusetts and at Billard Academy New London, Connecticut. He attended the United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York where he graduated in December 1950 with a BS degree, Third Officer's License and was commissioned as Ensign in the Merchant Marine and U.S. Naval Reserve.

He entered the Navy in June 1951 and was ordered to the USS MANATEE (AO-58) as assistant First Lieutenant and served as Navigator and Operations Officer. He attended the U.S. Navy Salvage School then at Bayonne, New Jersey, graduating in March 1953 as Salvage Officer and Salvage Diver. He was then ordered to the USS SHAKORI (ATF-162) where he served as Executive Officer. During this assignment he was accepted for augmentation into the regular navy. In March 1954 he was ordered to the USS SHANNON (SM-225) where he served as Operations Officer. In January 1956 he was ordered to the staff Commander Mine Squadron Four as Communications Officer. In March 1957 he was ordered to the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Training Division as head of the Seamanship and Navigation desk. At this time he co-authored the 13th edition of Knight's Modern Seamanship. In February 1959 he attended the General Line School, Monterey, California. Upon graduation he attended the Engineer Officer's School, San Diego, California. In February 1960 he was ordered to the USS LOS ANGELES (CA-135) as Main Propulsion Assistant. In May 1961 he was ordered to assume the duties of Engineer Officer. This was followed in October 1962 by a tour of duty with the U.S. Naval Advisory Group, Korea before being ordered to the USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5) for duty.

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Research Officer



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Research Officer



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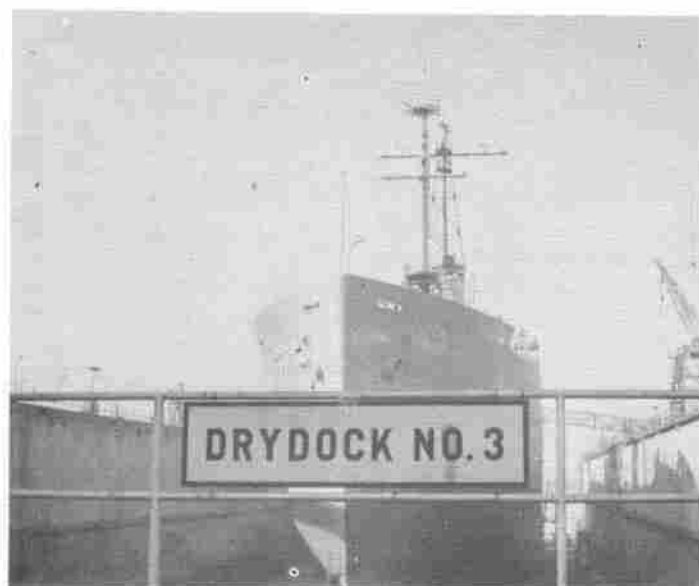
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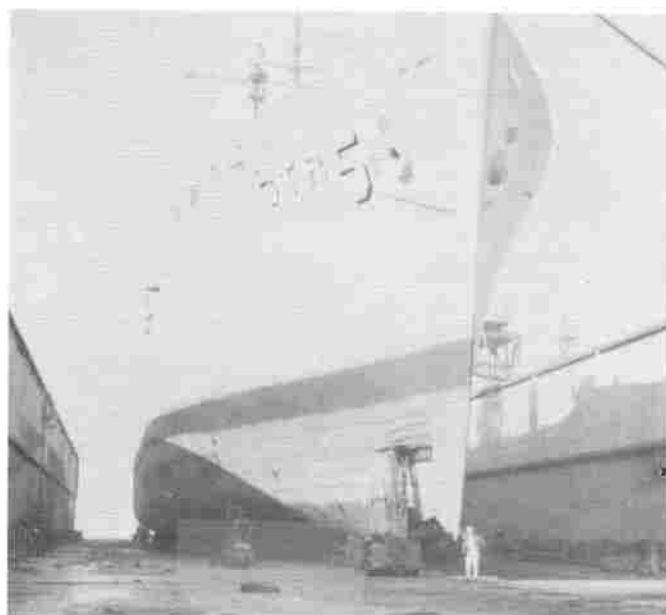
F. W. BOYLE, SKC



CHIEF WINES, CTC



A Ship is Born





Out of Drydock



**and to
Seattle**





The Commanding Officer, Officers and Crew
request the honor of your presence at the
Commissioning of the
UNITED STATES SHIP LIBERTY
at the
Puget Sound Naval Shipyard
Bremerton, Washington
Wednesday afternoon, 30 December 1964
at three o'clock

The Commanding Officer and Officers of
UNITED STATES SHIP LIBERTY
request the pleasure of your company
at a reception at the
Commissioned Officers' Club
Puget Sound Naval Shipyard
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immediately following the commissioning ceremonies
RSVP



Hoisting of the Ensign

Cutting of the Commissioning Cake, Mrs. H. N. Wallin assisting.



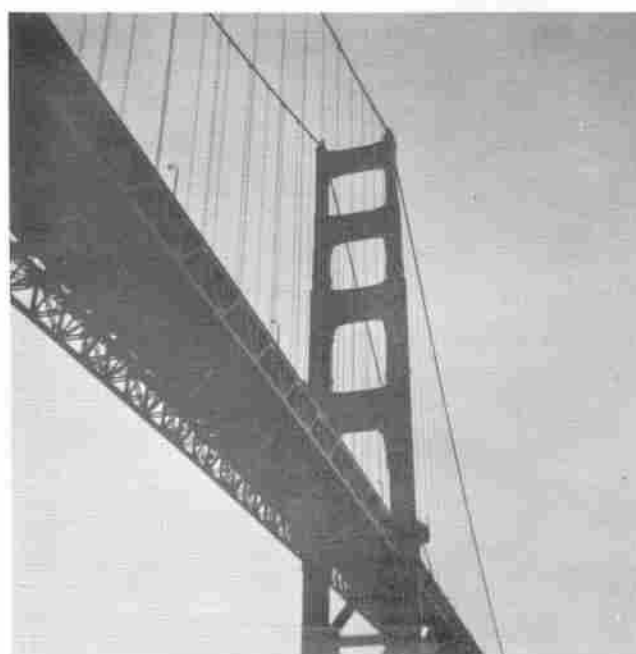
Reading of Commanding Officer's orders and assumption of command, CDR D. T. Wieland.





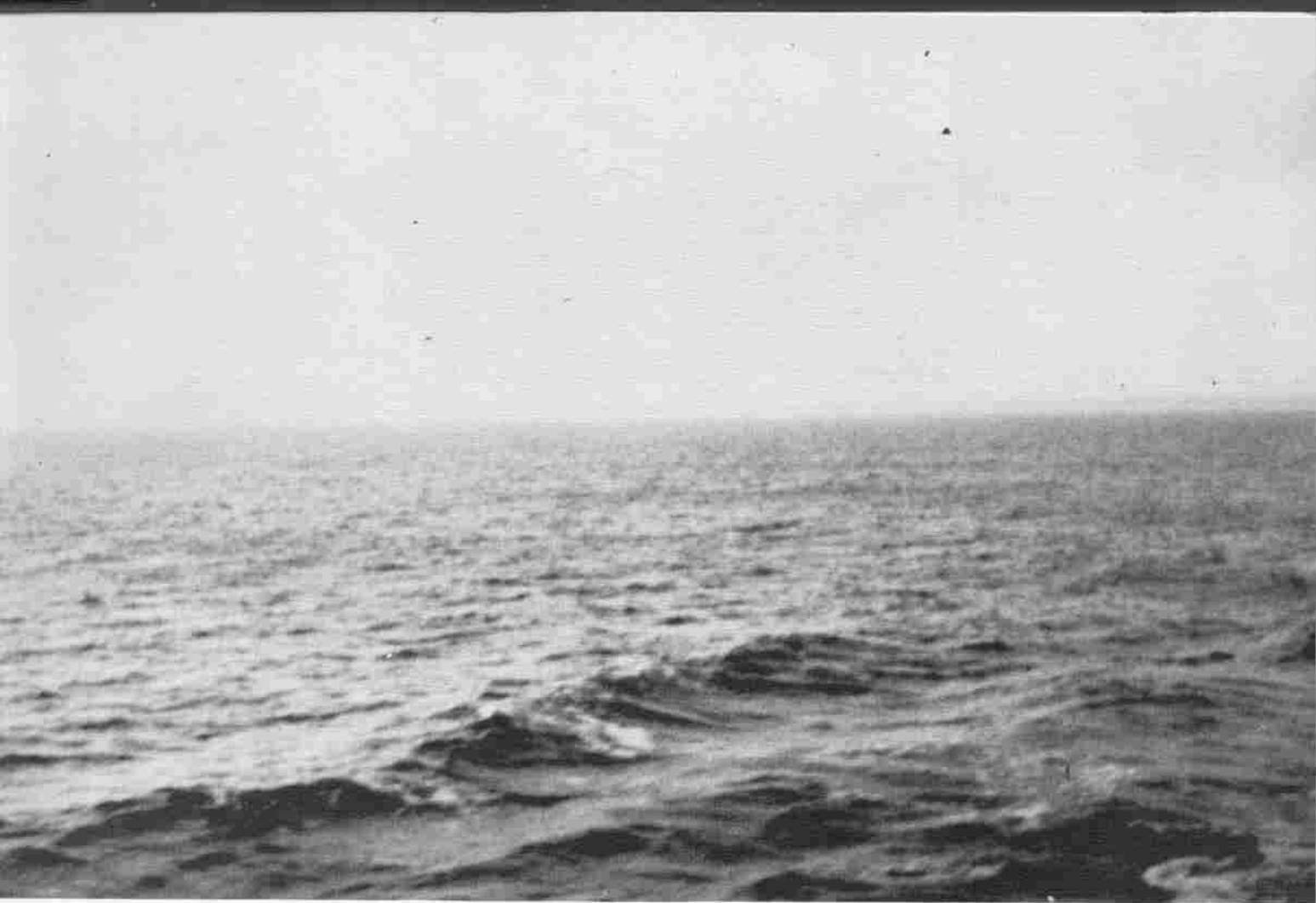
Underway

First Time







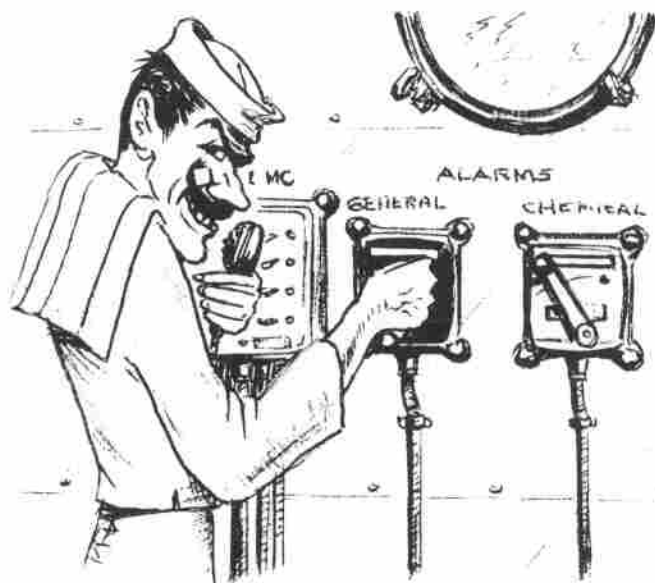


Oscar's there somewhere, Mr. Sweeney.



Rescued, at last!

GITMO

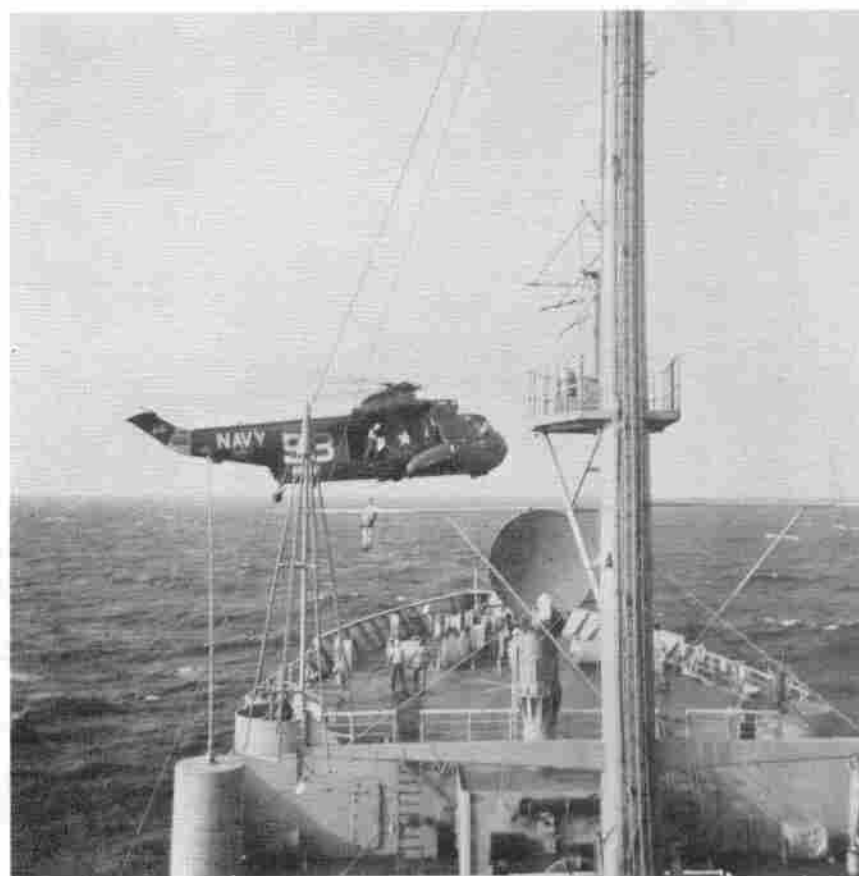


This is a drill, this is a drill, this is a drill, this...is...a...drill...
bong, bong, bong...



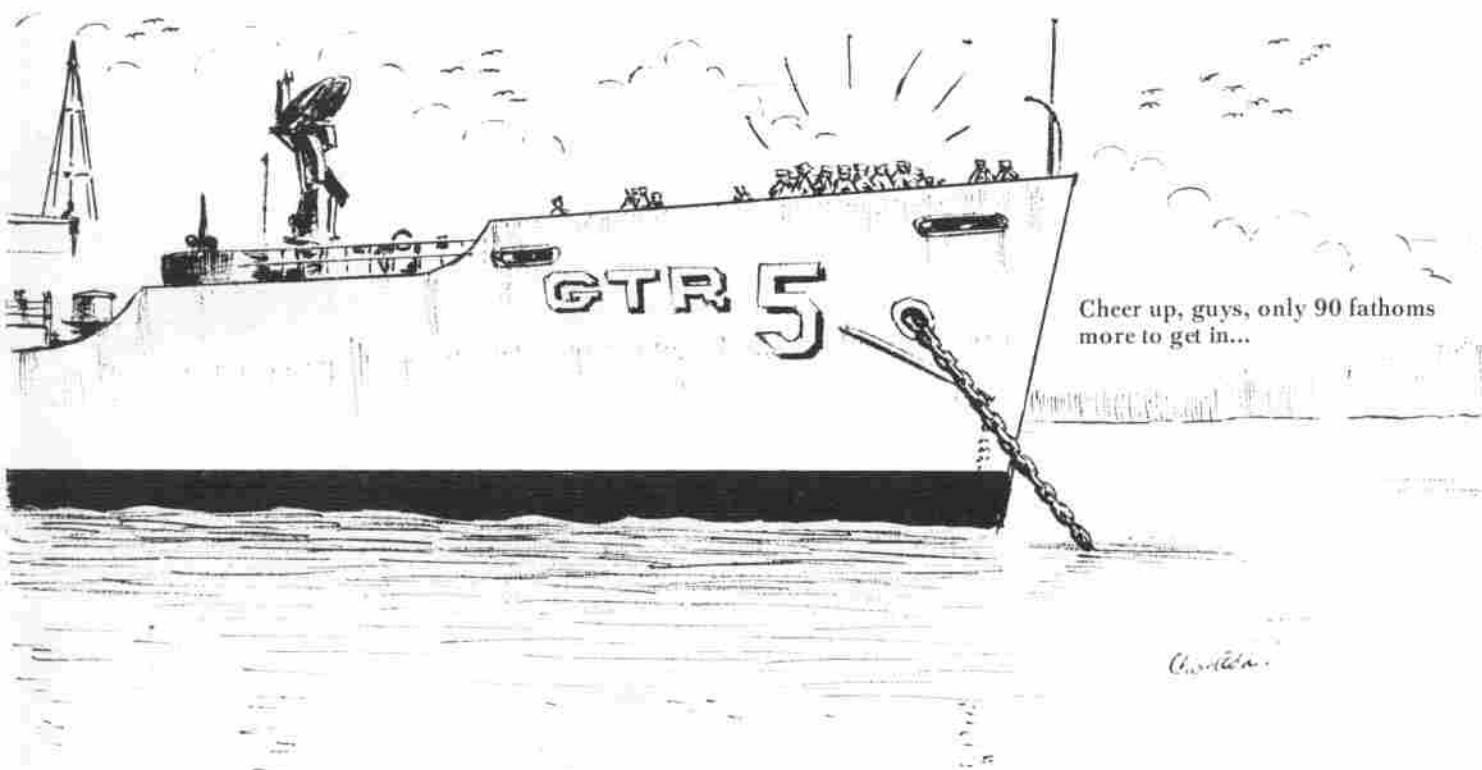
A Crew Member

**Leaves
the
Ship**





JAMAICA

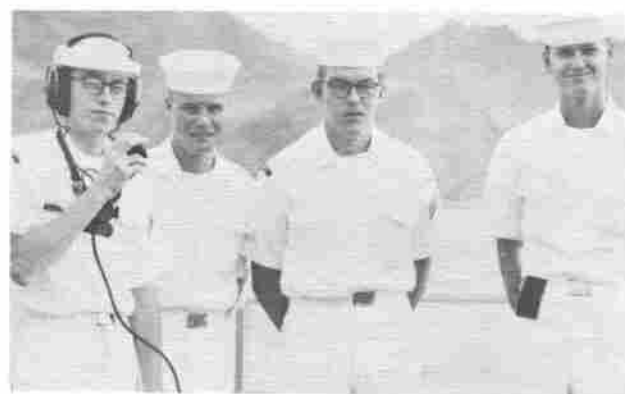
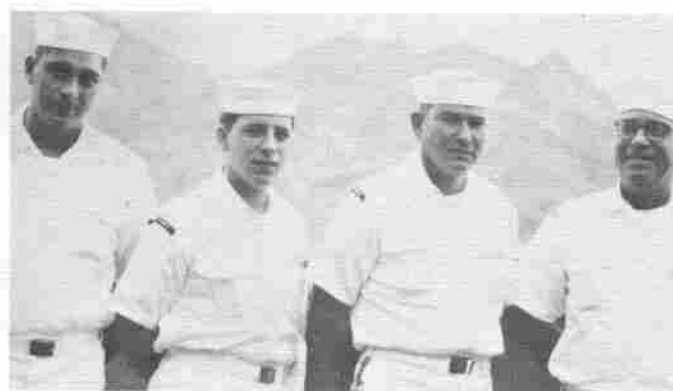


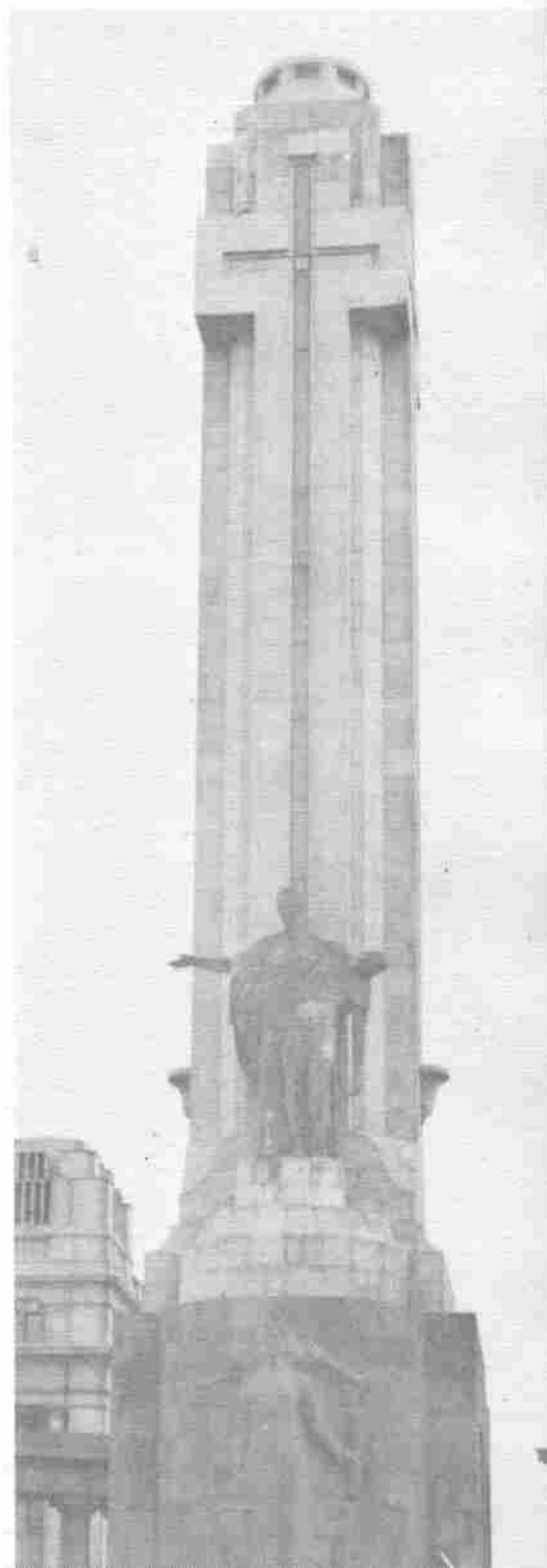
Cheer up, guys, only 90 fathoms
more to get in...

Charles



Santa Cruz De Tenerife







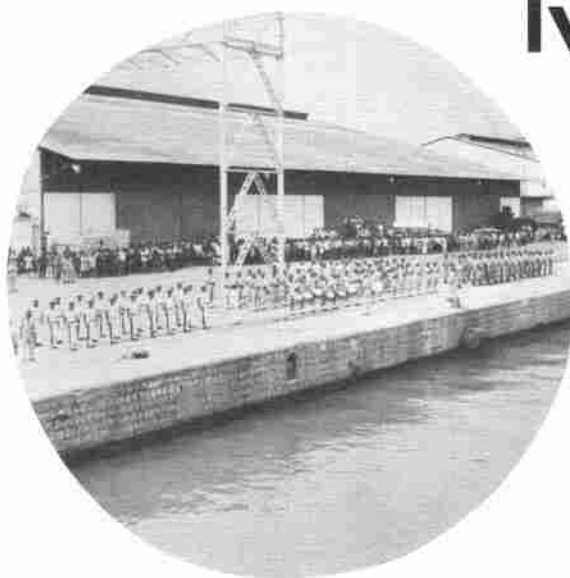
Good evening.





Abidjan,

Ivory Coast



Our group had 25% fewer cavities.

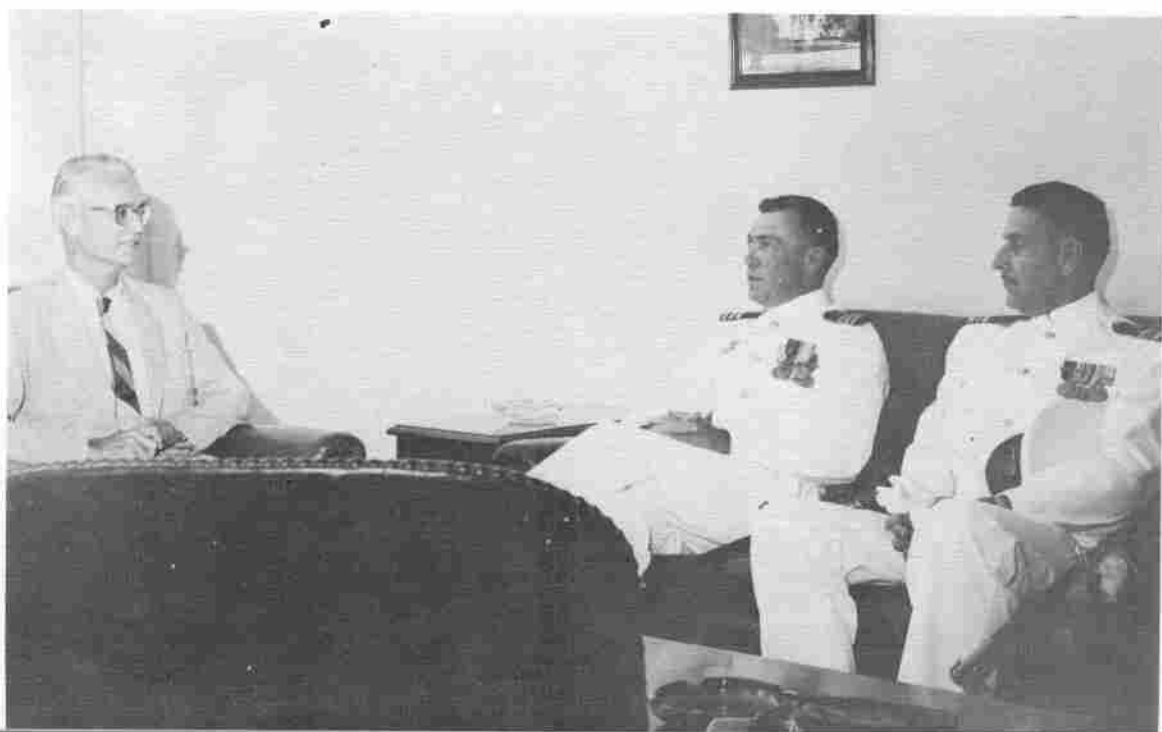




...and later we've scheduled a traditional mild dance...

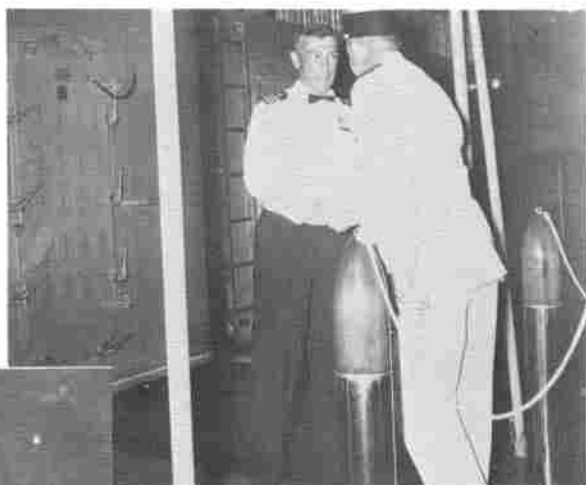


Captain, your friend's asleep.

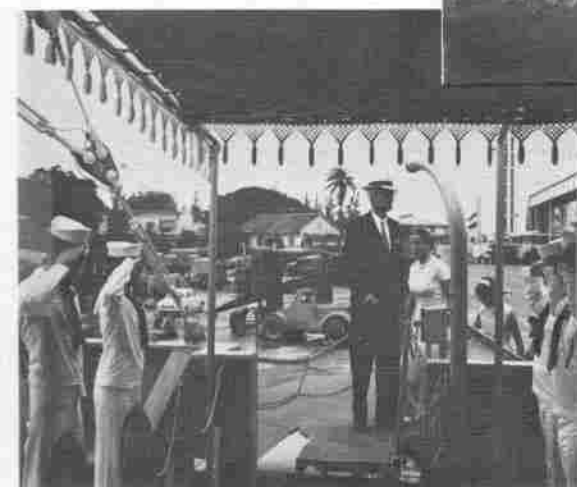


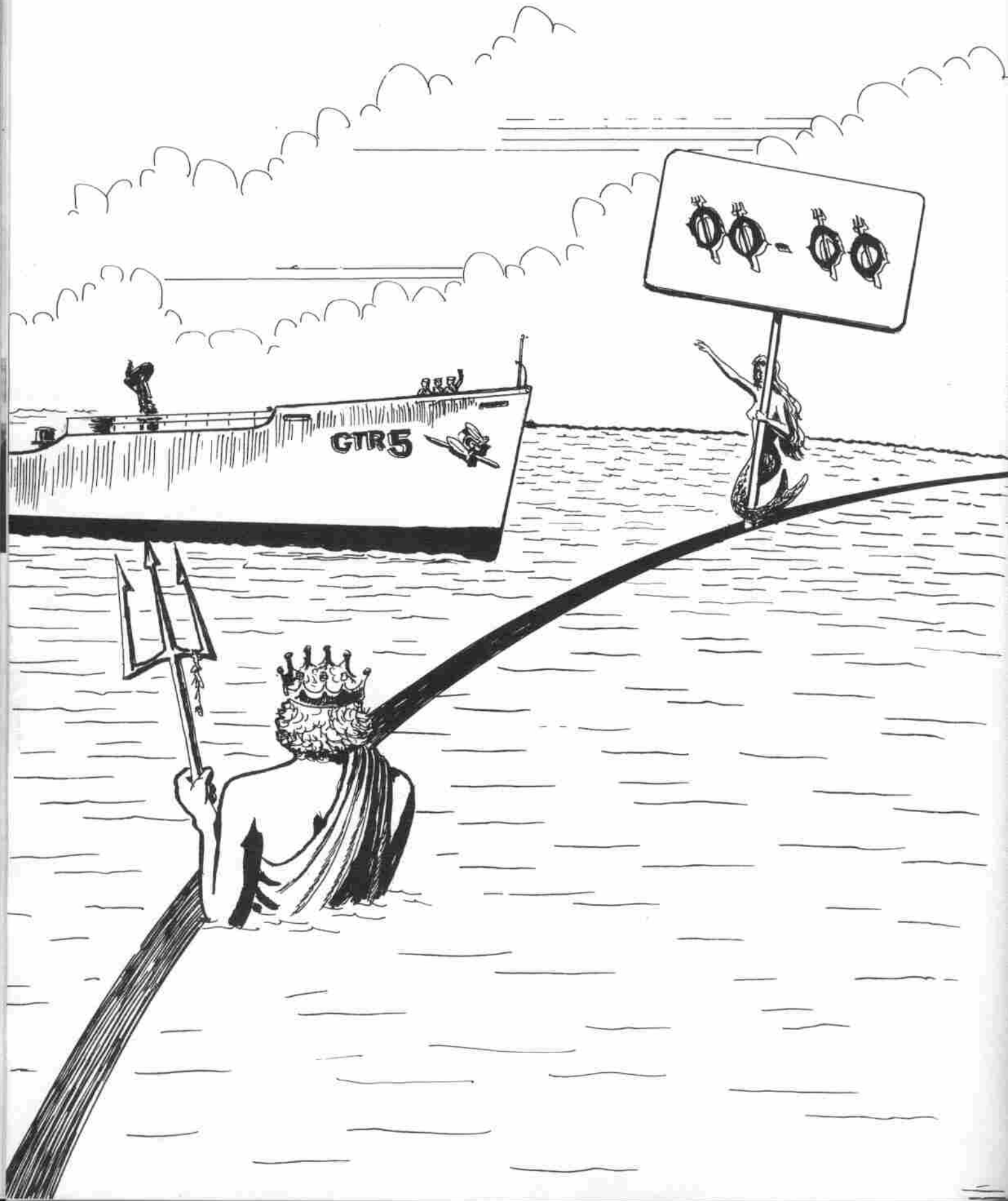


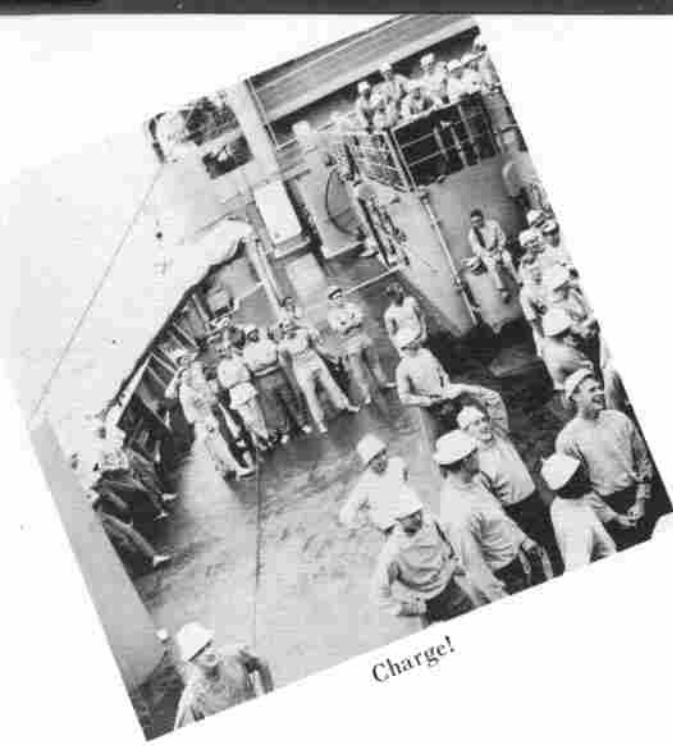
Captain, he's asleep again.



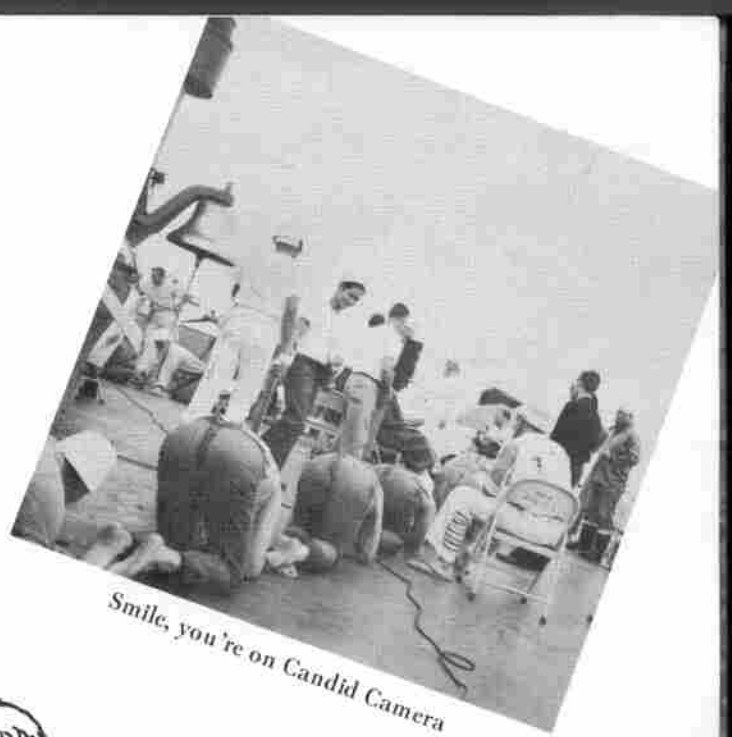
Go man go...







Charge!



Smile, you're on Candid Camera



Momma

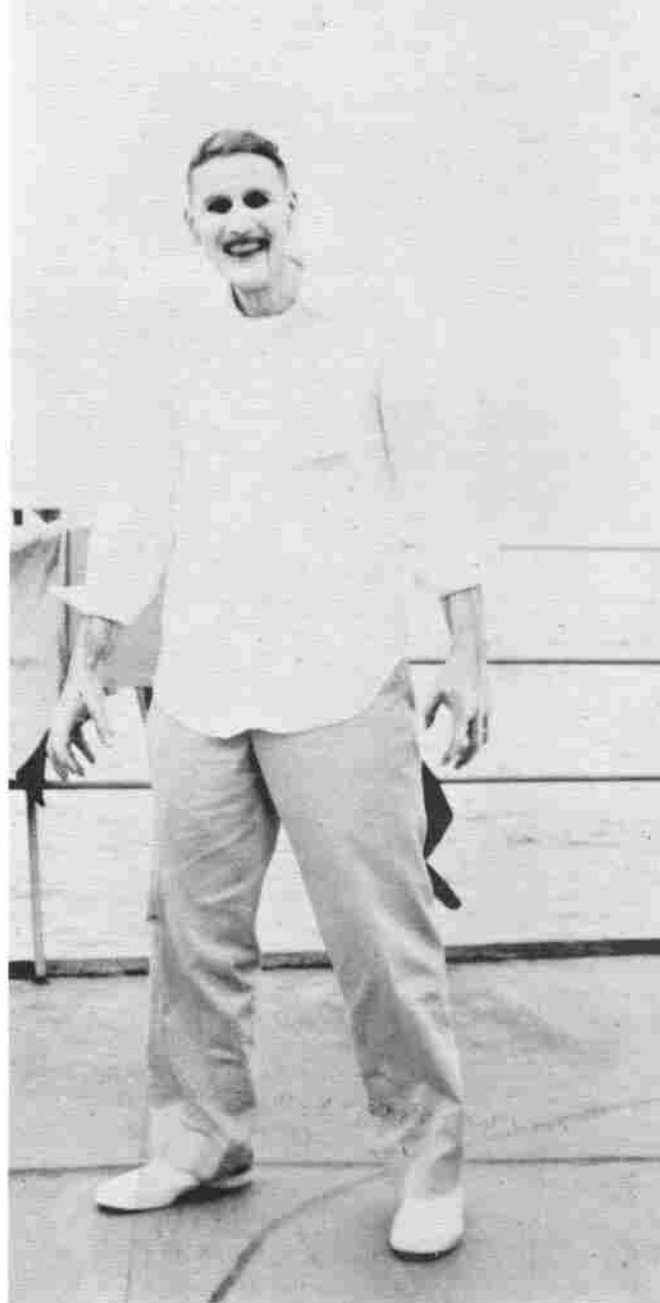




Birds of a feather



Oo LaLa!!



Carry me back to ol' Transylvania!



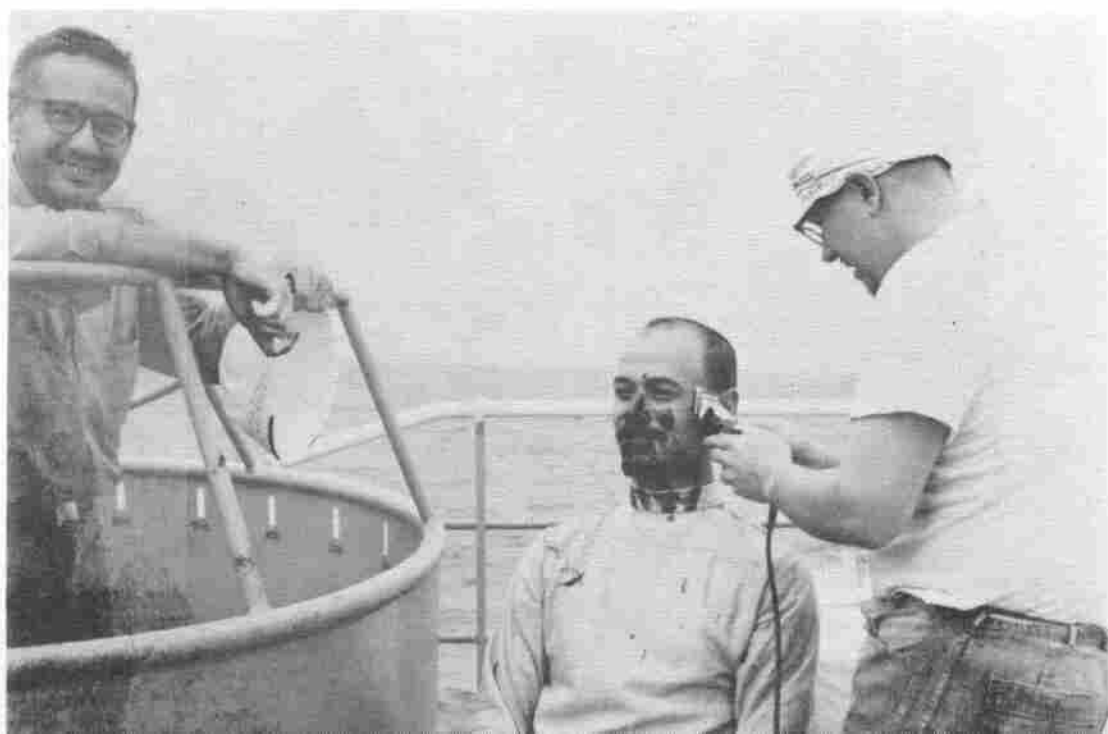
Mutiny on the Bounty



Who me, a snipe?

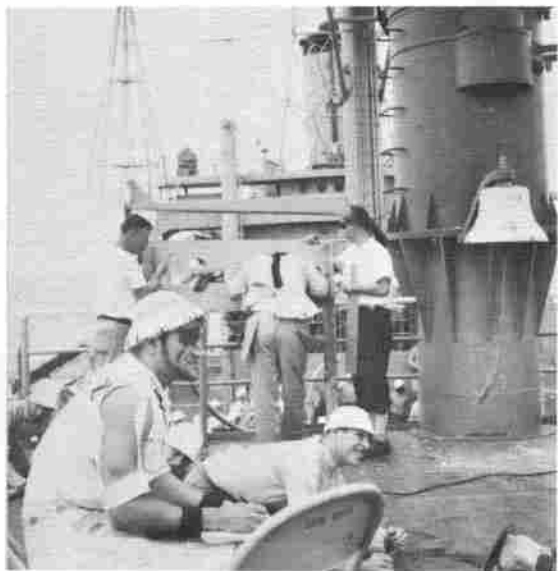
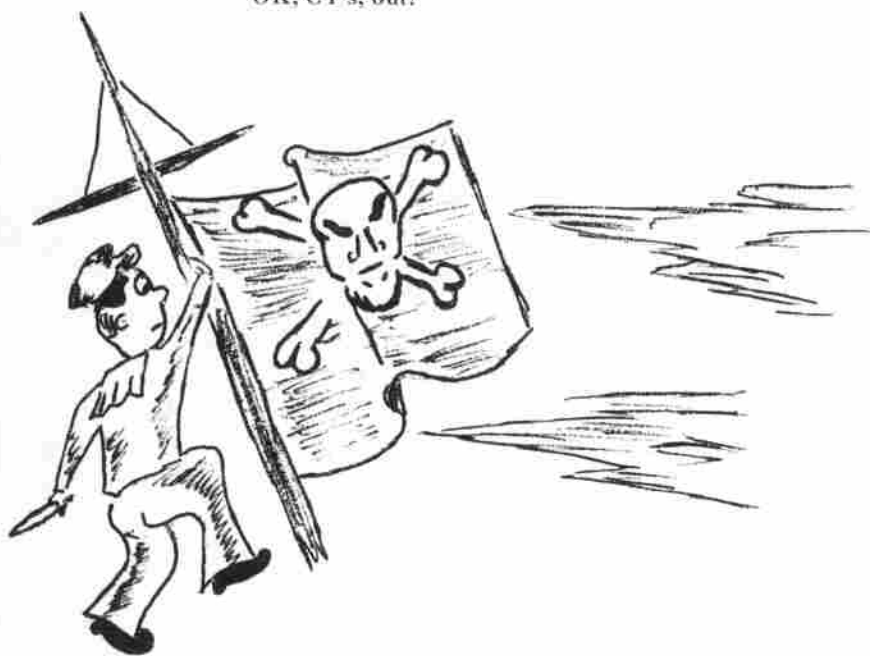


Whadda ya smiling about?





OK, CT's, out!



See if I open the store now.



Alms for the poor



It melts in your mouth.



Cape Town, South Africa

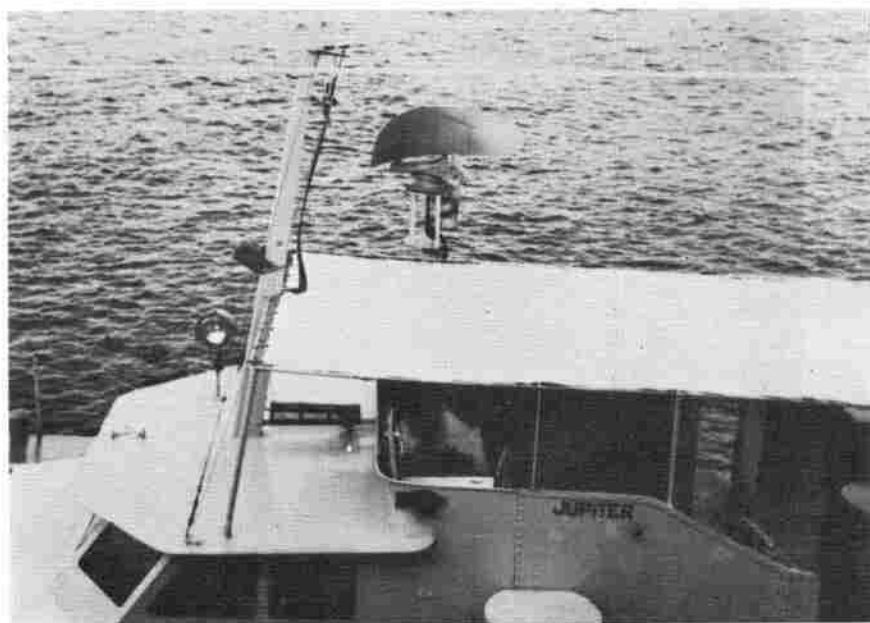


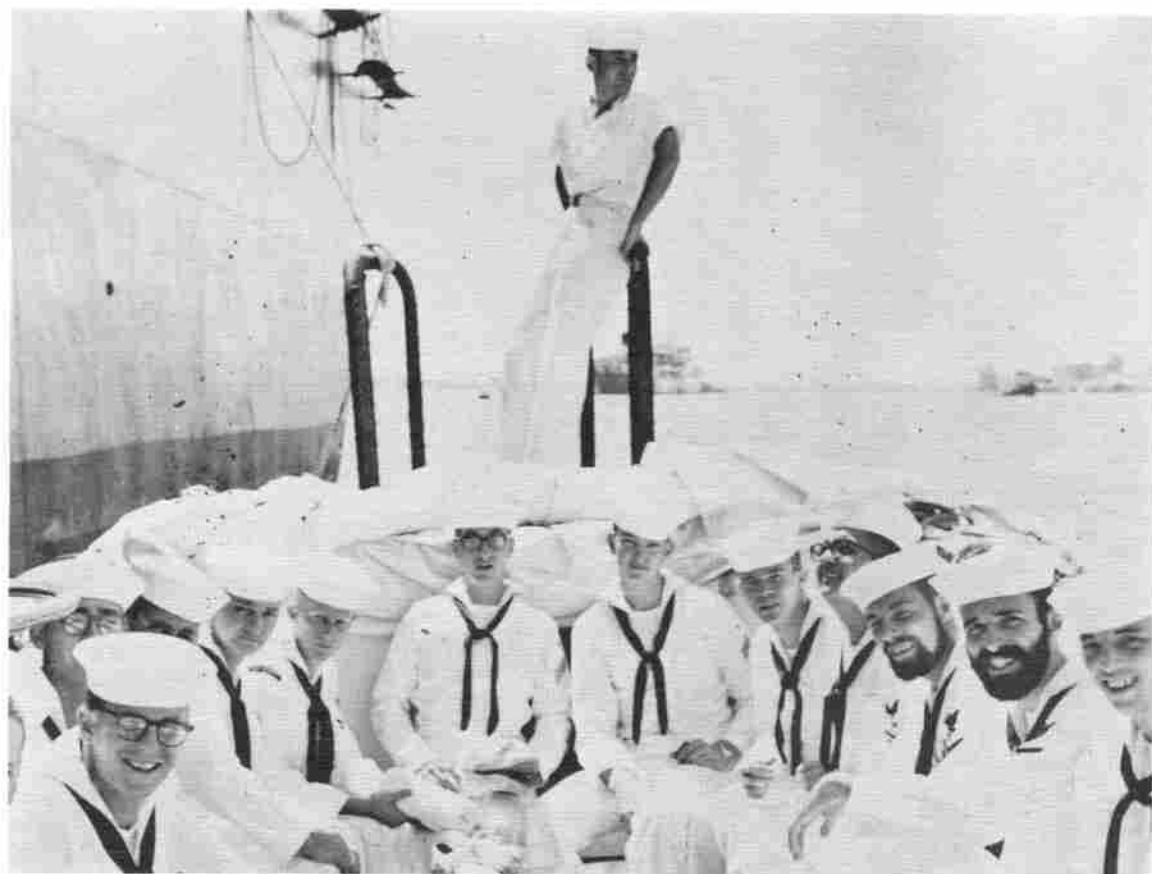




Friends Across the Sea







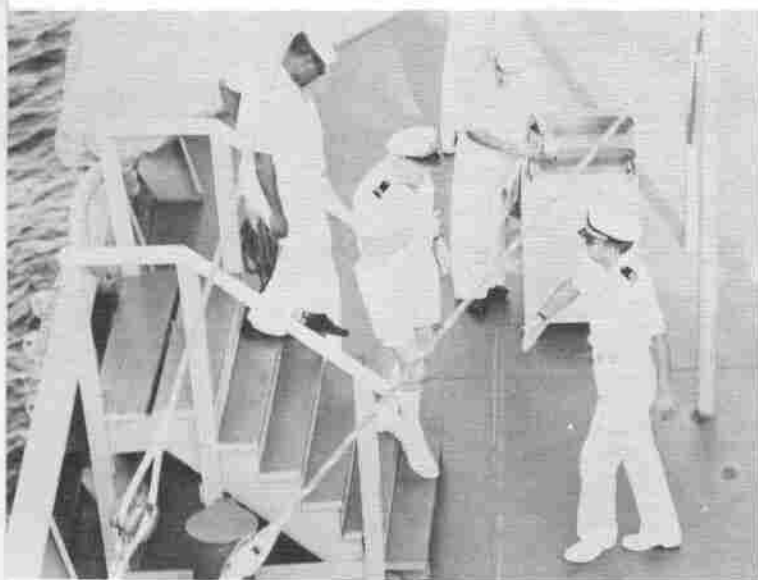
Lagos, Nigeria



How much you give me, Joe?

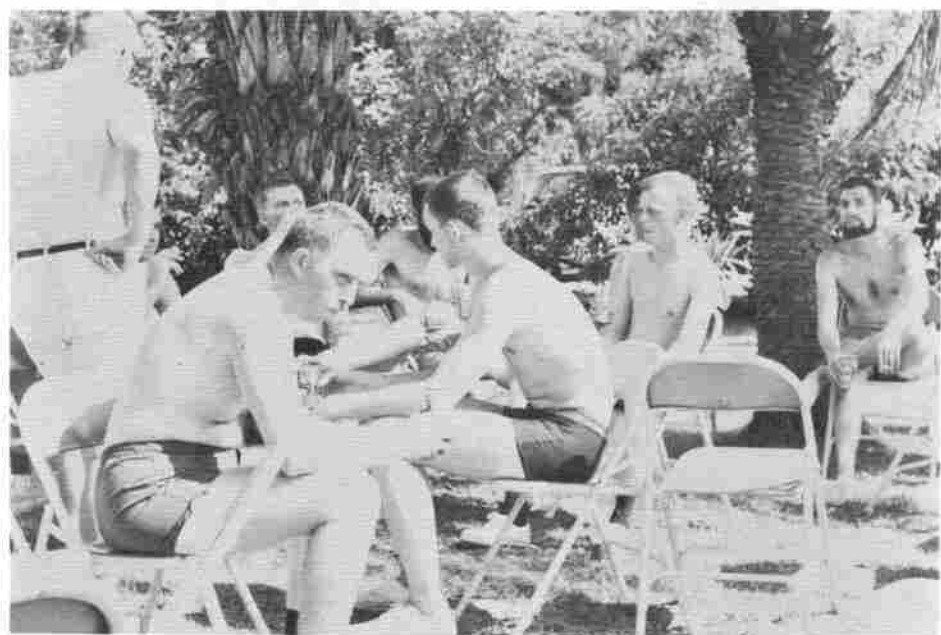


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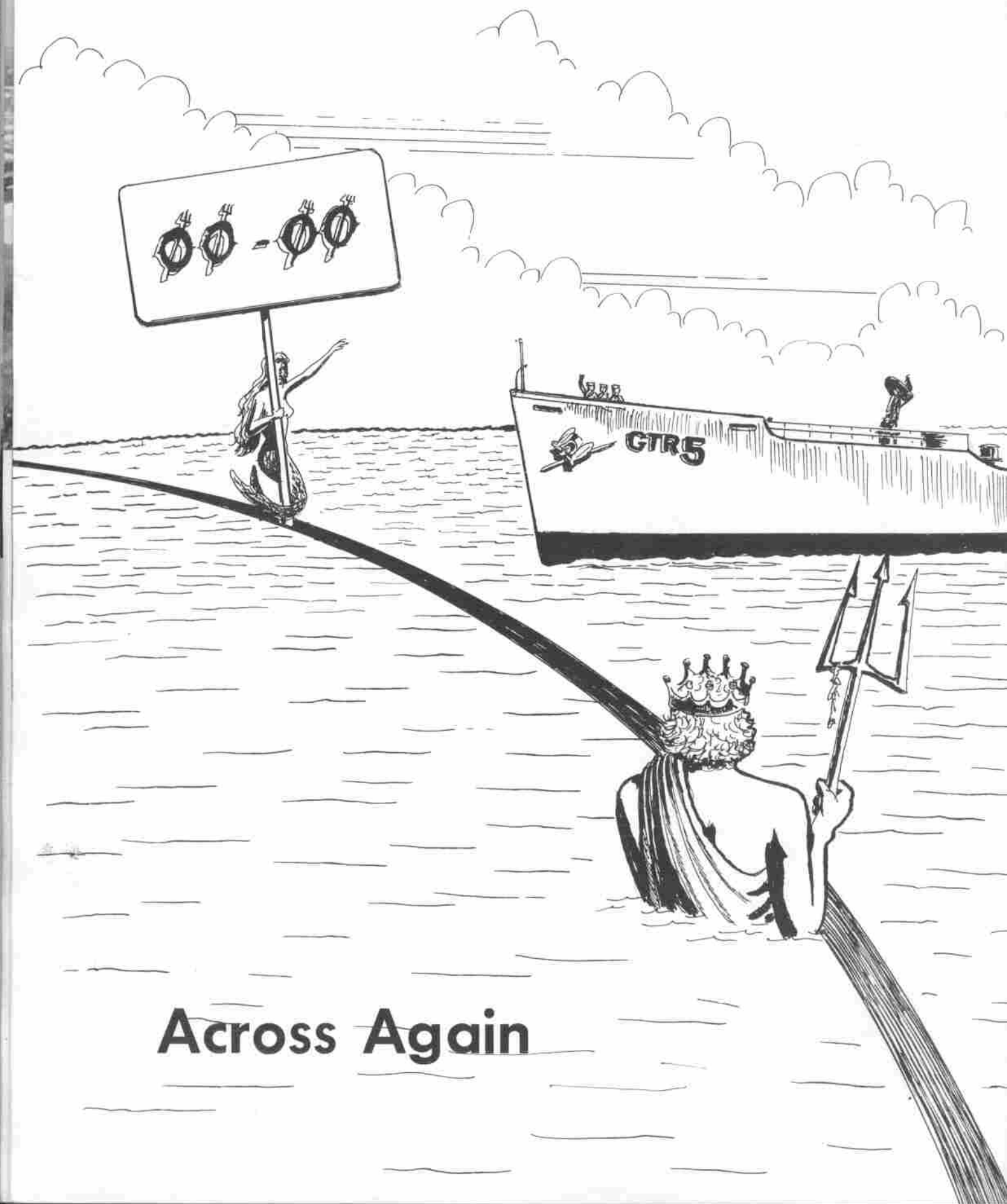


Senegal









Across Again



HOMeward BOUND



Captain's Inspection prior to Admin





Wash down for Homecoming...

and Finally...



HOME!

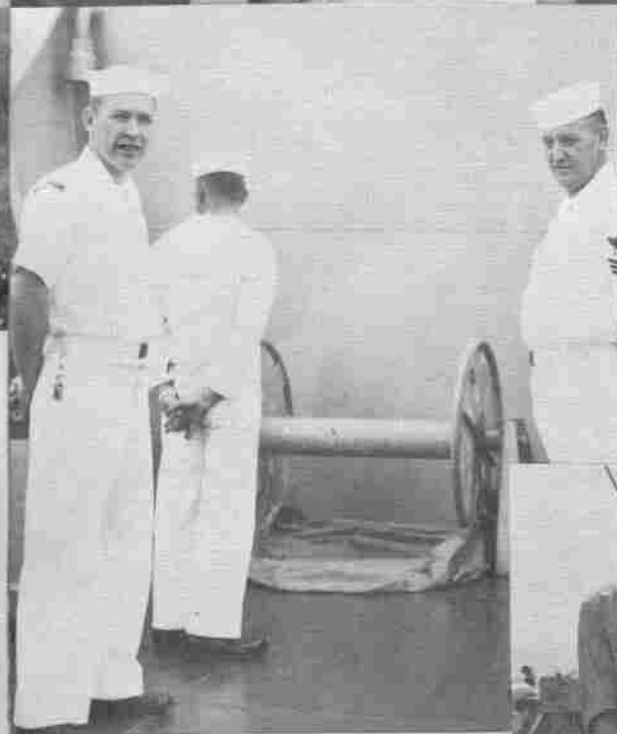


Around the Ship

First Class Work



Allen's folly







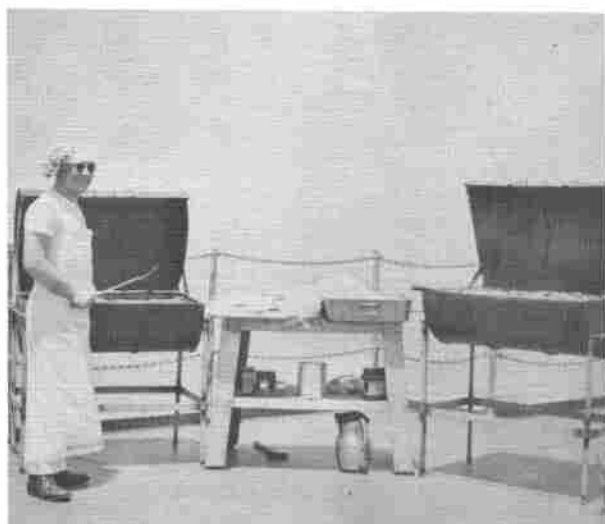
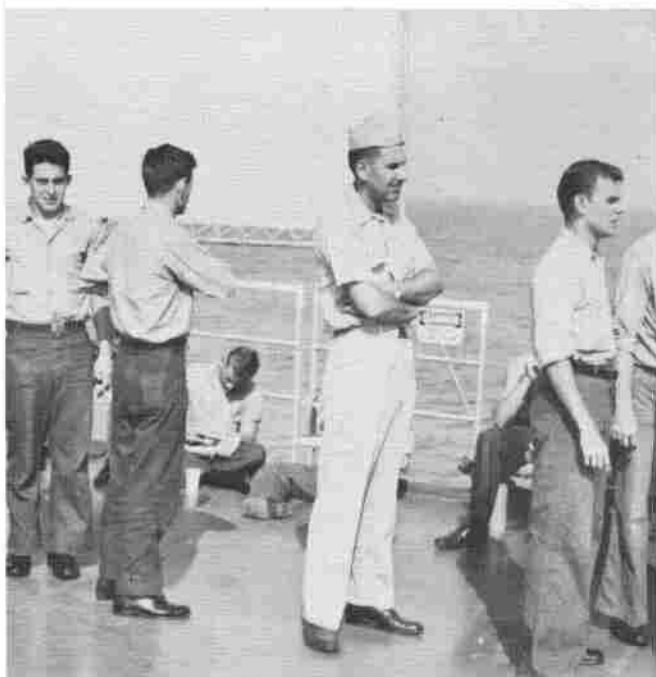
Enlisted beach



Officers' Beach



Welcome to Uncle Slep's



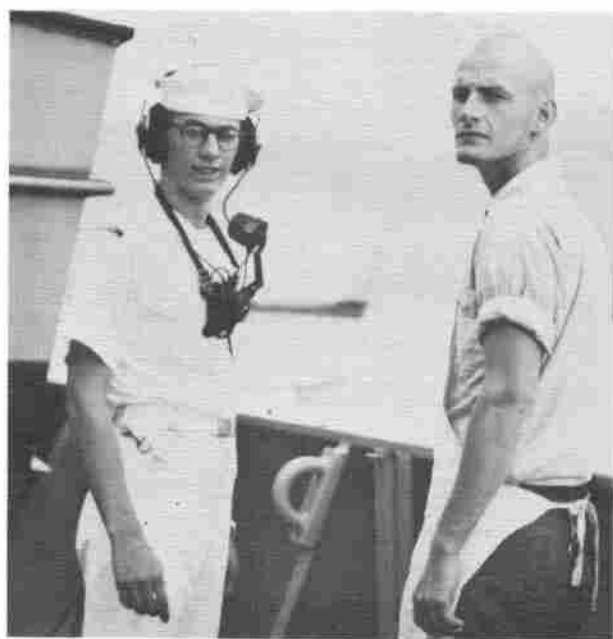
Hi, Big Boy



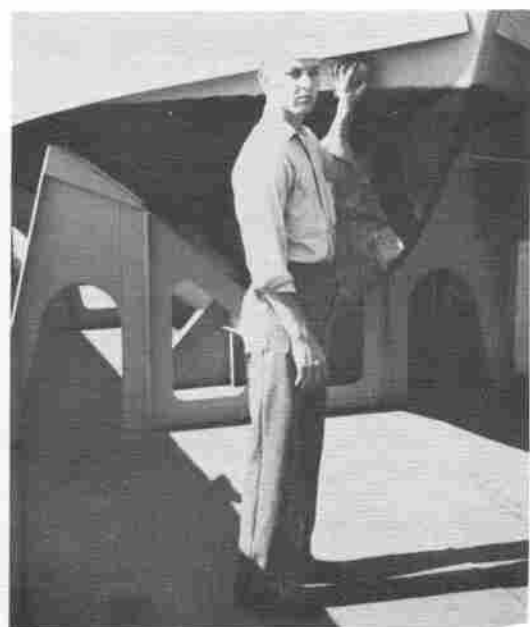


I shall return





DECK





SUPPLY



Oops, sorry...



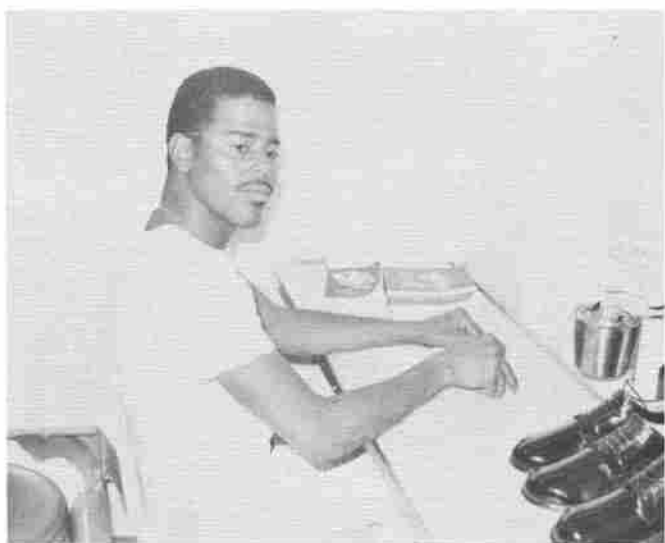
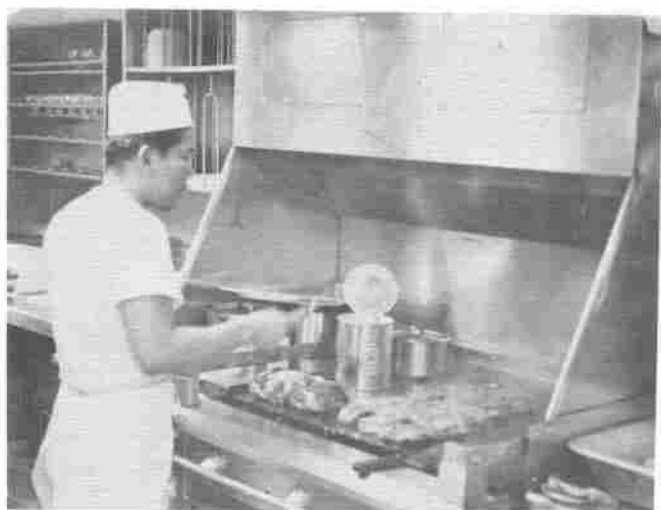


Whadda ya mean a bug?

Our store hours are: 0900-0905—1400-1403

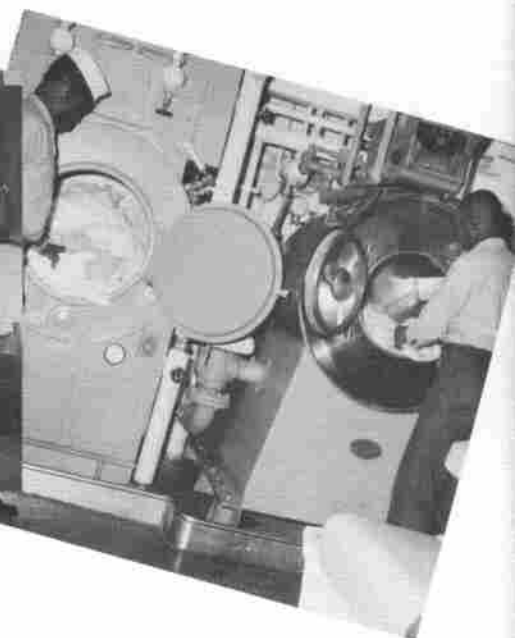


Our hours are: Guess when...



Elder's Gang





BRIDGE

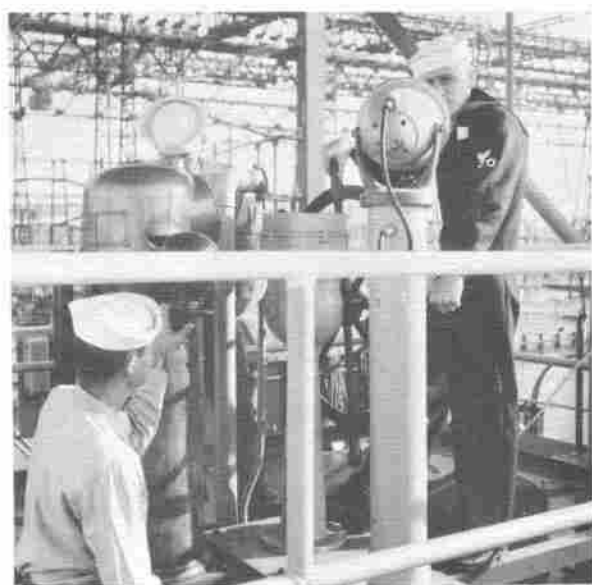




Hi, welcome to CIC



Dr. Livingston, I presume



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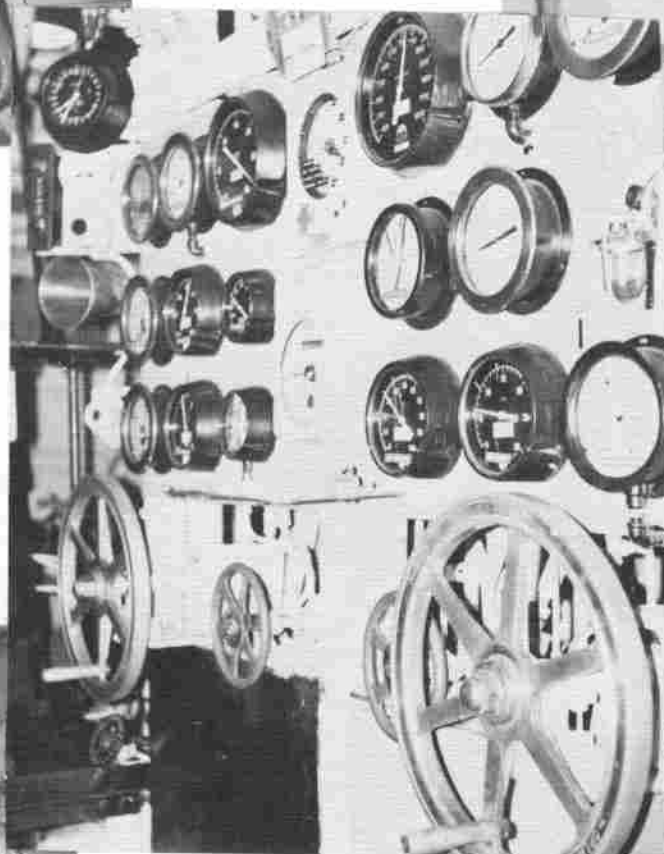




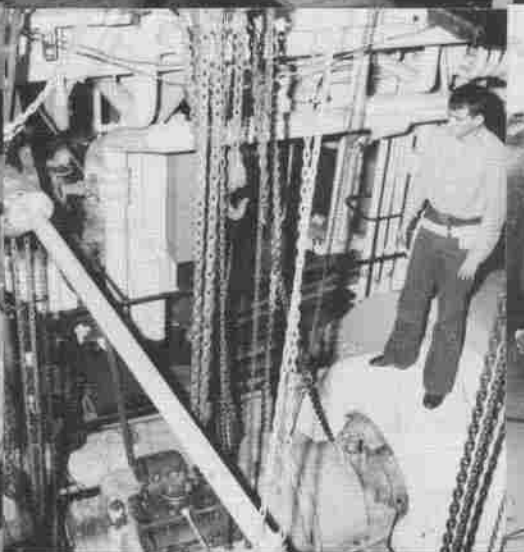
Under
 S you'll find sugar
 K Kleenex
 A Apple Struddle
 T Tea
 E Eclairs
 R Rolls
 S Sandwiches



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RESEARCH

The

Physical



Fitness

Program





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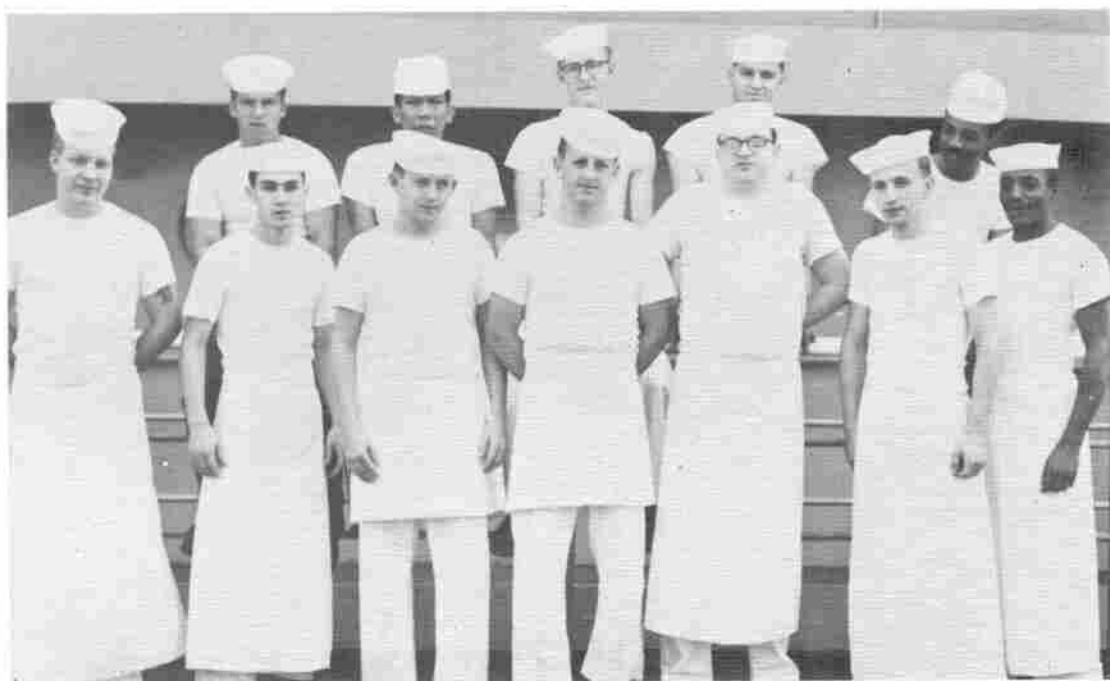
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STAFF

From us to you

What we of the staff have tried to do is give you, the crew, a pictorial history and memory of your ship. The time from a forlorn drydock in Portland to a triumphant return from the first cruise has been filled with work, laughter, tears, and lasting friendships. These are the things we hope we have preserved for you.



