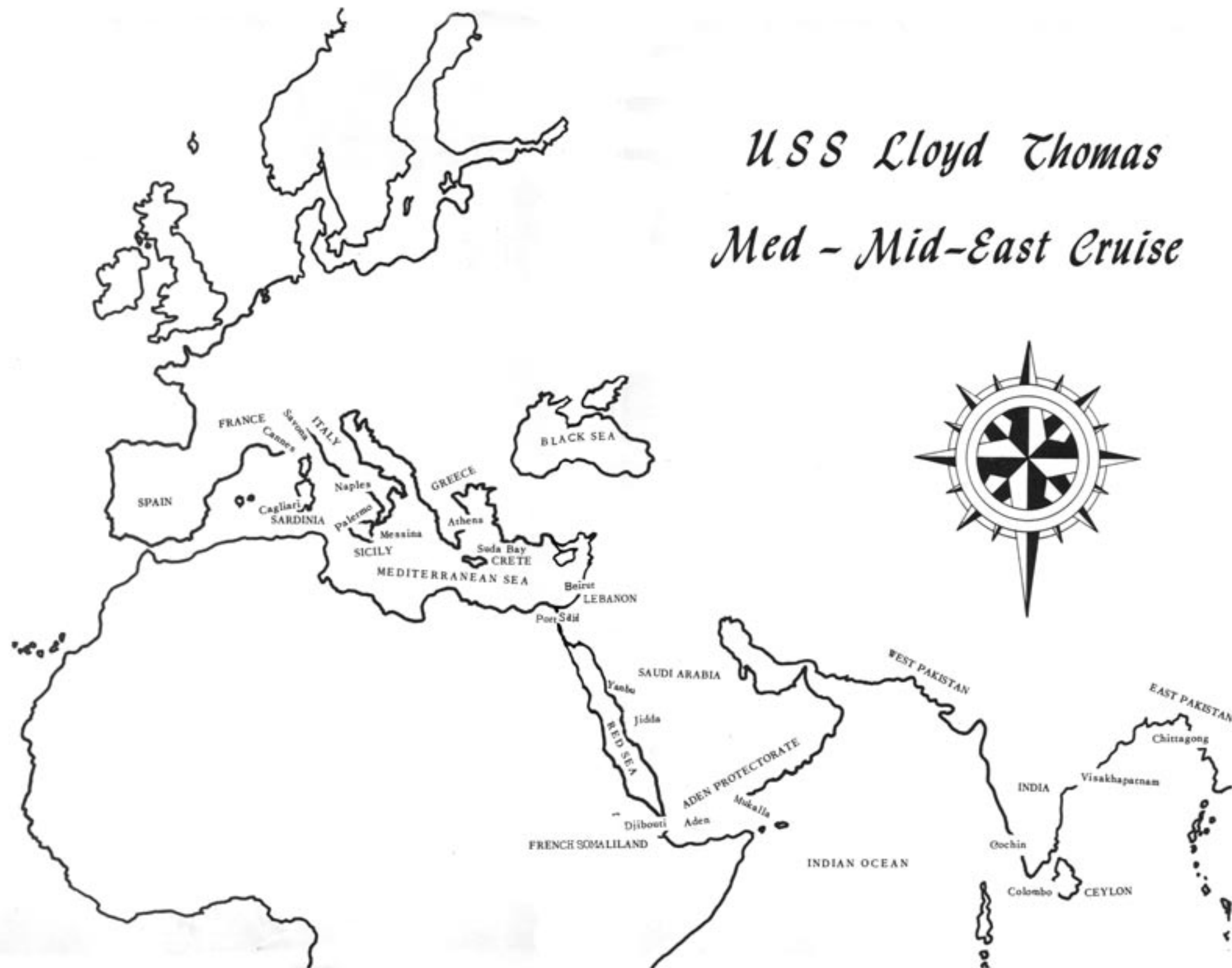




*USS Lloyd Thomas*  
*Med - Mid-East Cruise*



*1962 - 1963*

*Deployment Log*

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Cagliari, Sardinia-22-24 Sept.  
Suda Bay, Crete-28 Sept.-2 Oct.  
Athens, Greece-6-10 Oct.  
Iraklion, Crete-13-15 Oct.  
Naples, Italy-17-29 Oct.  
Savona, Italy-31 Oct.-8 Nov.  
Messina, Sicily-20-26 Nov.  
Naples, Italy-1-9 Dec.  
Cannes, France-15-18 Dec.  
Athens, Greece-22-28 Dec.  
Suez Canal Transit-2 Jan.  
Aden-5-6 Jan.

Colombo, Ceylon-11-14 Jan.  
Visakhapatnam, India-19-22 Jan.  
Chittagong, East Pakistan-25-27 Jan.  
Cochin, India-31 Jan.-2 Feb.  
Mukalla, East Aden Protectorate-7-9 Feb.  
Djibouti, French Somaliland-10-13 Feb.  
Aden-13-18 Feb.  
Jidda, Saudi Arabia-20-24 Feb.  
Yanbu, Saudi Arabia-25-26 Feb.  
Beirut, Lebanon-2-7 March  
Palermo, Italy-12-17 March



Visual Range Miles Transited-39.462 Nautical Miles



# Captain



**CDR. Albert Van Acker**  
Commanding Officer

CDR. Albert Van Acker, USN, the Commanding Officer, USS LLOYD THOMAS (DD-764), hails from Winetha, Illinois and Clinton, Connecticut.

He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in the class of 1944. After two months air indoctrination, he attended submarine school at New London, Connecticut. On graduation from submarine school, CDR. Van Acker was assigned to a submarine relief crew based in Freemantle, Australia. From April 1944 to January 1945 he made five successful war patrols in USS NARWHAL (ss-167). This was followed by further war patrol action in USS BERGALL (ss-320). For his service during this period CDR. Van Acker holds the following medals. American Defense Service Medal, North American Theater Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal; Philippine Liberation Medal with Star and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

From July 1945, when he was designated "qualified in submarines" to June 1949, CDR. Van Acker served in USS FINBACK (ss-230) based in Pearl Harbor, and later, in New London. Following this tour, he earned a Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School.

After two years on the staff of Commander, Submarine Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, CDR. Van Acker was ordered to sea as Operations Officer and then Executive Officer of USS SIGOURNEY (DD-643) when the ship won the Battle "E" award. A tour at the Bureau of Ships, Washington, D.C. was followed by duty in USS WYANDOT (AKA-92) as Executive Officer during an Antarctic Replenishment Cruise.

From June 1959 to June 1961 he was an instructor of Electrical Engineering at the U.S. Naval Academy. In July 1961 CDR. Van Acker assumed command of USS JOHN HOOD (DD-655). He relieved as Commanding Officer, USS LLOYD THOMAS in December 1961.





U.S.S. LLOYD THOMAS (DD-764)  
C/O FLEET POST OFFICE  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

From: The Captain  
To: The Officers and Crew  
Subj: Congratulations

1. I wish to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt appreciation and congratulations to my officers and crew for the fine performance of the ship during this cruise.
2. During the most complicated type of fleet and task force operations, LLOYD THOMAS has been in the forefront. In realistic exercises with the most capable submarines in the world our record has been enviable. In seven months during which there were only twenty-one non-steaming days, our engineers have answered every bell and kept their plant at a high peak of readiness and performance. Our myriad of other equipments have been maintained at a high state. Our deck force has been ready night and day for replenishment. They have never downright hazardous weather conditions. They have never wavered. This performance has required hard work, ingenuity, and courage from each of you. It has been a continual source of pride to me.
3. We were fortunate to visit not only the Mediterranean area, but also the sensitive Middle East area during this cruise. We were able to report 100% shellbacks aboard, and we were able to log the farthest east of any CruDesLant unit for years in our visit to East Pakistan. In each port visited, where local customs and conditions were often quite unfamiliar, you have won friendship and respect for yourselves, your ship, our Navy and our country. And you have taken full advantage of the opportunity to become knowledgeable world travelers. You have been excellent ambassadors.
4. Your fine response and behavior throughout have made this cruise a pleasant, memorable experience for your shipmates as well as for yourself.
5. Well done.

  
A. VAN ACKER





# *Executive Officer*

LCDR A. Nelson  
Executive Officer

Lieutenant Commander Nelson graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1949. During the Korean War, he earned four engagement stars while serving in USS ALFRED A. CUNNINGHAM (DD-752) from 1950 until 1952. From 1954 to 1956, he was an N.R.O.T.C. instructor at Yale University and from 1956 to 1960 served in minecraft in the Pacific Fleet. While in the Mine Force, Pacific, he was Commanding Officer, USS CONSTANT (MSO-427). He reported as Executive Officer of the THOMAS in August of 1962.



LTJG C. Dobbs  
Gunnery Officer

## *Department Heads*



LTJG G. Seaver  
Engineering Officer



Lt. A. Gross  
Former Operations Officer



LTJG W. Jarmer  
Present Operations Officer



Ens. A. Taube  
Supply Officer



# *Mediterranean Cruise*

On the evening of 7 September, 1962, members of the good ship LLOYD THOMAS (DD-764) bid adieu to their families and friends and the Thomas departed for the Sixth Fleet. Thirteen days at sea and, on the morning of 20 Sept., the familiar profile of Gibraltar was sighted off the port bow. 21 September and Thomas steamed into the Golfo de Palmas anchorage in Sardinia. Finally, on the morning of the 22nd—our first liberty port—

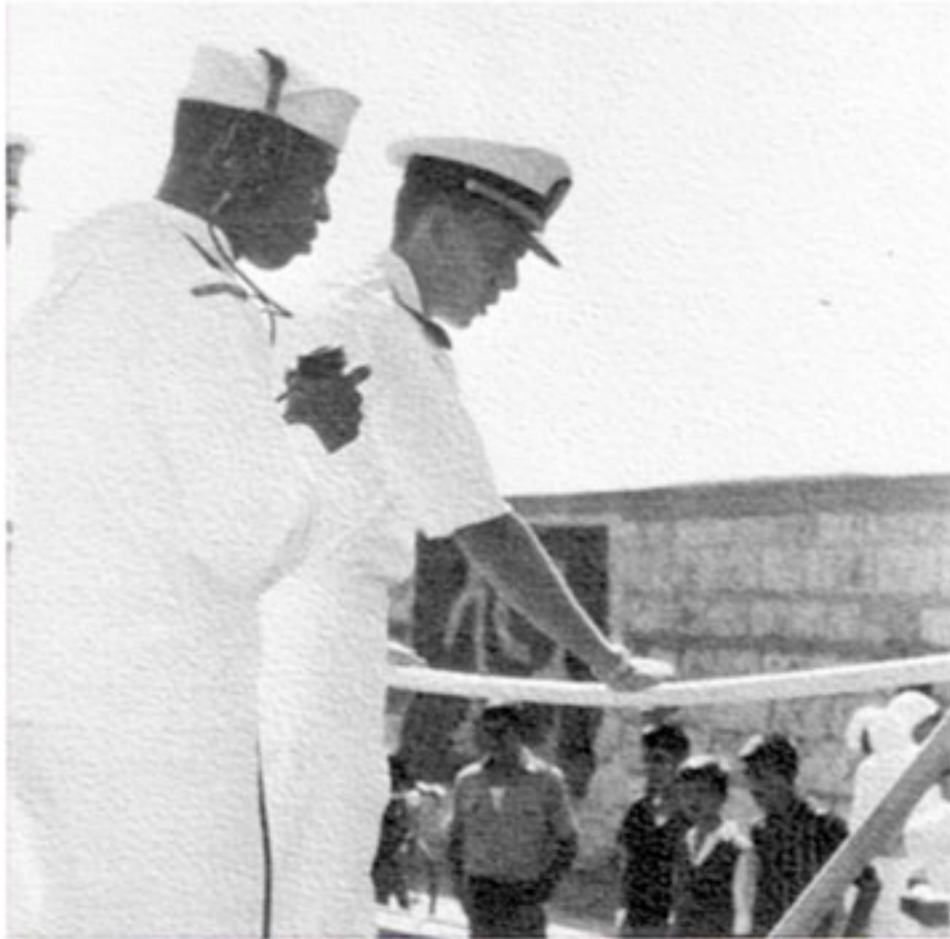




# *Cagliari, Sardinia*



A Modern Italian City



Where we first experienced the "Med-Moor"



A City of friendship....



....Liberty



And legal problems



*Underway from Cagliari, the Thomas steams with the fleet, sampling the high-pressure, tense, operations which so taxed the nerves of our watchstanders.*



## *Suda Bay, Crete*

*Here our motor whaleboat proves to be a most useful—and at that early stage—dependable commodity*



*The Thomas now becomes a full-fledged part of the Sixth Fleet force.*



Land ho!!



# *Athens, Greece*

*Athens, the capital of Greece, an international city, a city at the crossroads of all nations, a city of ancient culture.*



Tours



And then some....







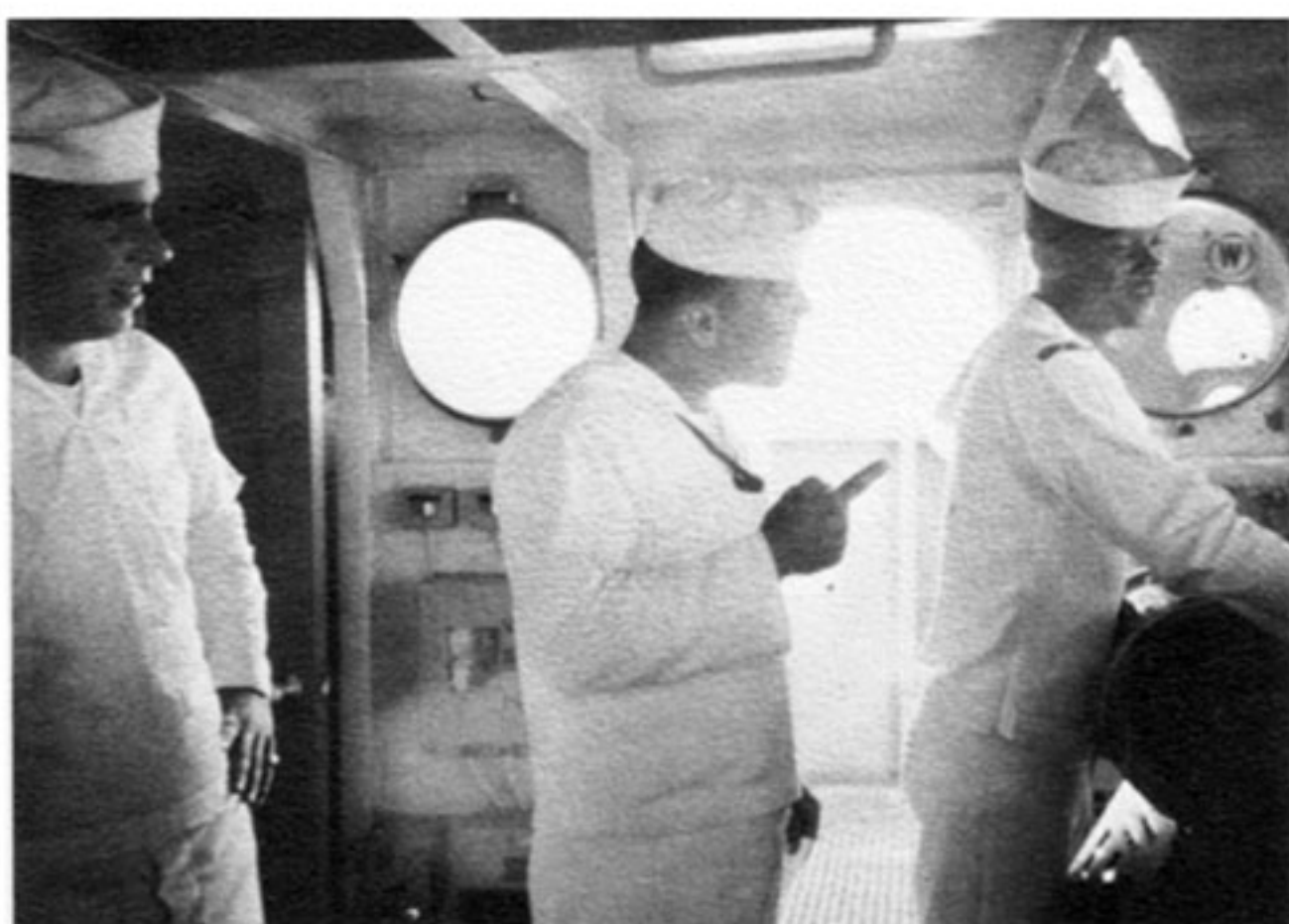
Sightseeing

The taut watch at Pireaeus



Williams drawing a crowd at Pireaeus, Greece

*Athens represented the first major port visited by the Thomas. The first real opportunity to shop, sight-see and—a chance to acquaint ourselves with that world renowned home away from home for the sailor of the sea—John Bulls Est.*



*Leaving Athens in the hands of the British until the holiday seasons. The underway watch takes us first to—*



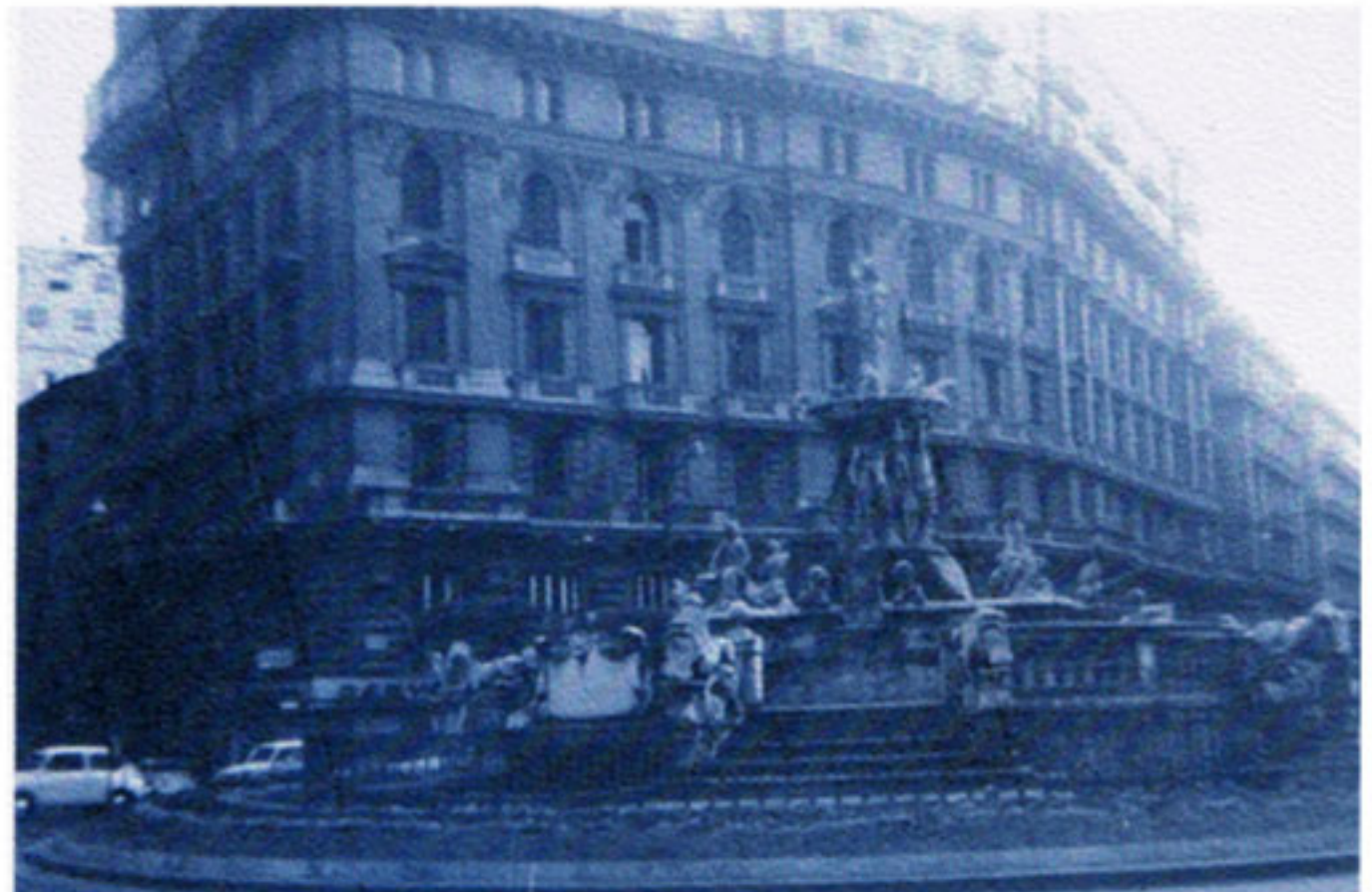


# *Naples, Italy*

*The Thomas, now in the land of the pizza, the watch repairmen, solicitous sailor-baiters, the Capri boats, and the Navy auto salesman.*



"Hey Joe!" ....



The ugly American



# *At Sea*

*Far from being all liberty and no work, more than half of the deployment time was spent at sea. Underway replenishments, fleet and shipboard exercises bring to mind such familiar phrases as "Now Darken Ship", "Set the helicopter detail", "Station the Planeguard Detail",....*



*"Station the Special Sea and Refueling Detail"*



*"This is a drill,..."*



*"Now Turn To"*



Northern Italy calls and the Thomas arrives  
at

# *Savona, Italy*



Just park it anywhere



An Italian Riviera town known as a commercial shipping center. A town famous to the Lloyd Thomas for the Zanzibar and the San Francisco.



Friendship





# *Messina, Sicily*

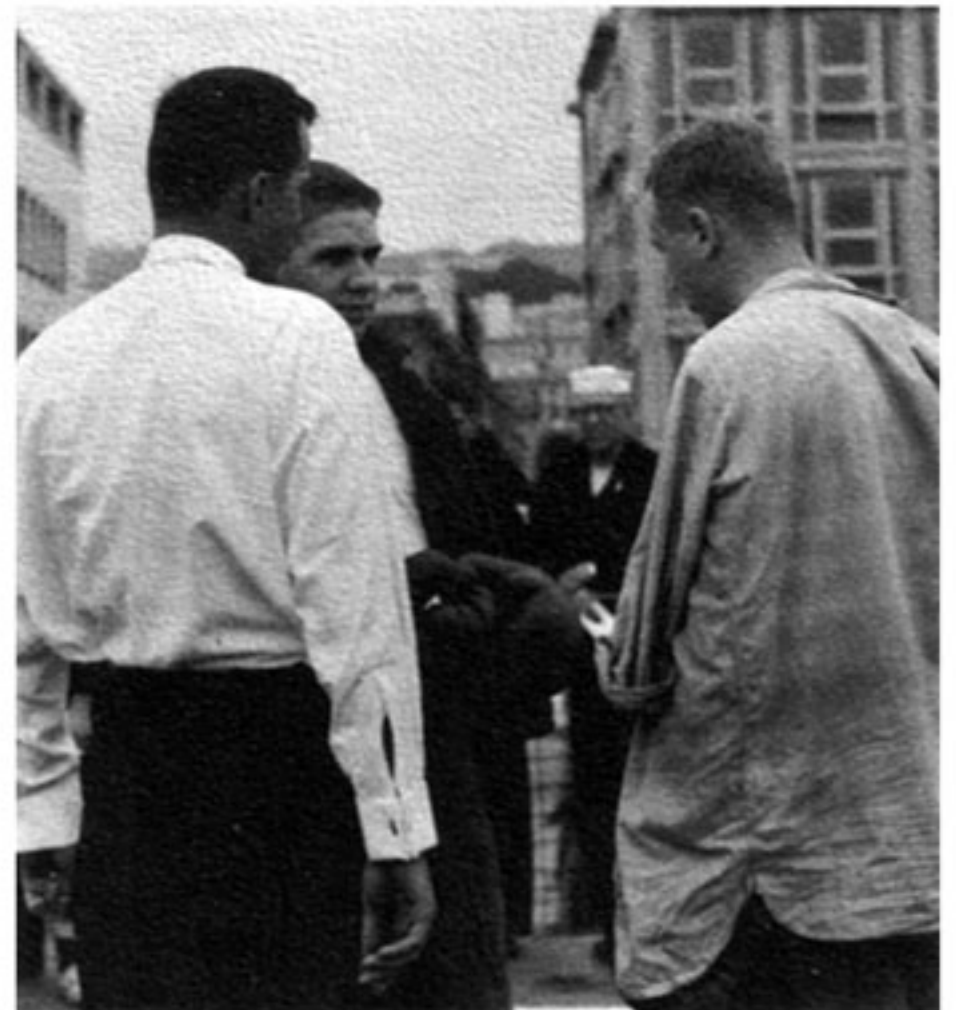
*The most memorable event occurring at Messina was Thanksgiving (pictured below).*

*The second most significant occurrence was the Ship's Party (not pictured below).*

*Rough seas made this Southern Italian port a welcome sight for the weary Thomas crew.*



Holiday feast



Holiday honors



Holiday athletics





Nine days of tender availability again brings the Thomas to Naples. More acquainted now with the hard-sell tactics of Southern Italians, Thomas sailors stormashore confident in their ability to defend themselves against the wiles of the natives—Some are almost successful.

After Naples—*Cannes, France*

Dragging anchor and a surprise 0400 reveille



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INFO: USS FORRESTAL			

- UNCLAS  
SURPRISE INSPECTION
- SIXTHFLT REF ART. 1401
  - CTF 60 WILL CONDUCT SURPRISE INSPECTION OF USS LLOYD THOMAS AT 181000A DEC. IAW REF A.
  - INSPECTION PARTY RAD: J HYLAND, CAPT V G LAMBERT, LCDR G J ECKERT, LCDR W L HASNERT JR.
  - UNIFORM OFFICERS SERVICE DRESS BLUE BRAVO, CPO, SERVICE DRESS BLUE BRAVO OTHER ENLISTED SERVICE DRESS BLUE BRAVO.
  - REQUEST CREW BE PARADED AND PREPARED FOR INSPECTION UPON ARRIVAL CTF 60
- BT



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Nobody worries about inspection here





# Athens, Greece



—for the second time finds the Thomas moved in with units of Phibron 4.

Our temporary Greek shipmates depart after a three week stay.

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While more visits follow



UNCLAS

EXPECT TO VISIT ACTION SHIPS WITH RUSSIAN NAVAL ATTACHE  
COMMO GOLITSINE AS FOLLOWS:

FORT MANDON 1015

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...BT...

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And of course December 25th brought the Christmas Holidays—celebrated in true American style though some felt there were better places it could have been spent.





*Dec. 28 and the Thomas leaves the Mediterranean and brings to a close the first phase of her deployment.*

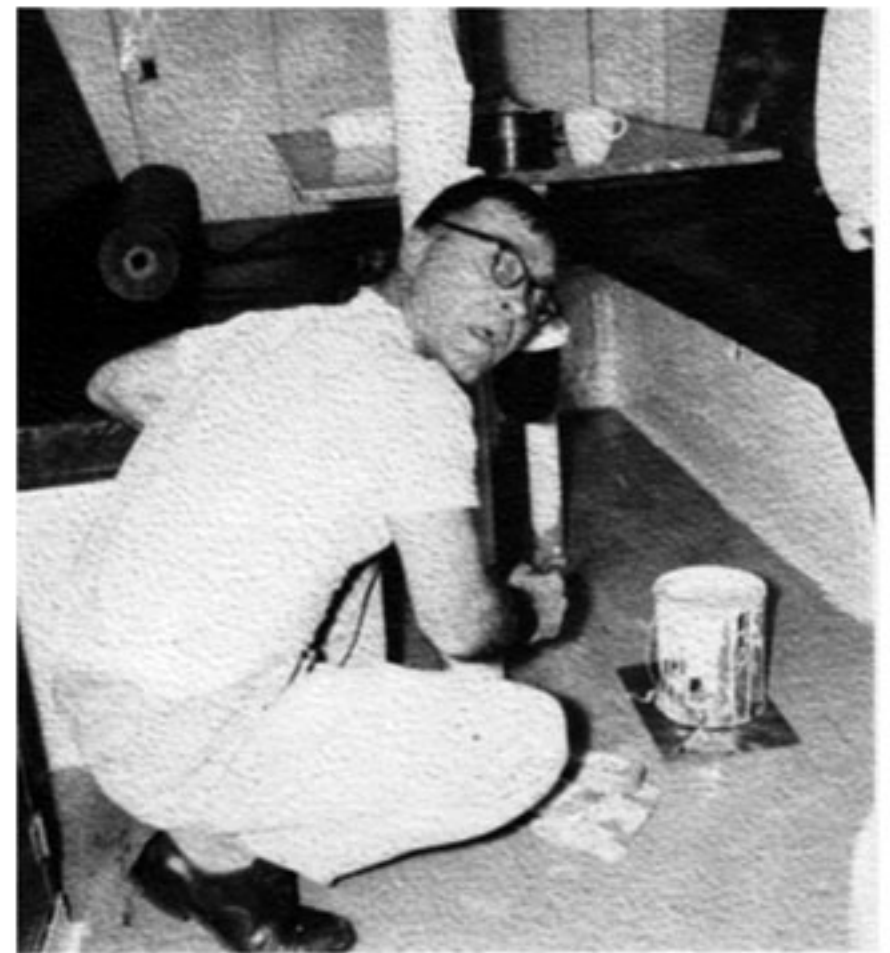
The Mediterranean brought—



Carefree days



Days of work



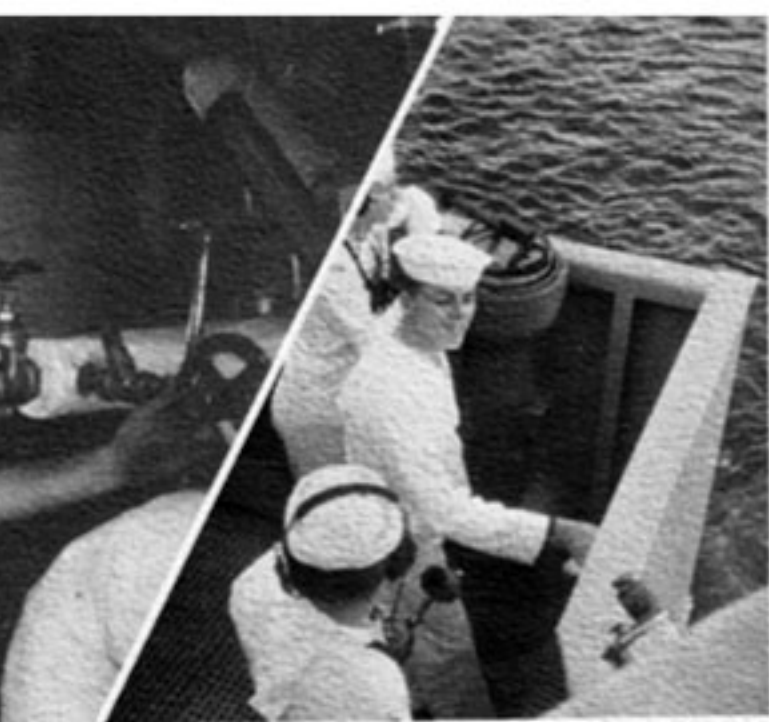
And some days when it just didn't pay to get up.



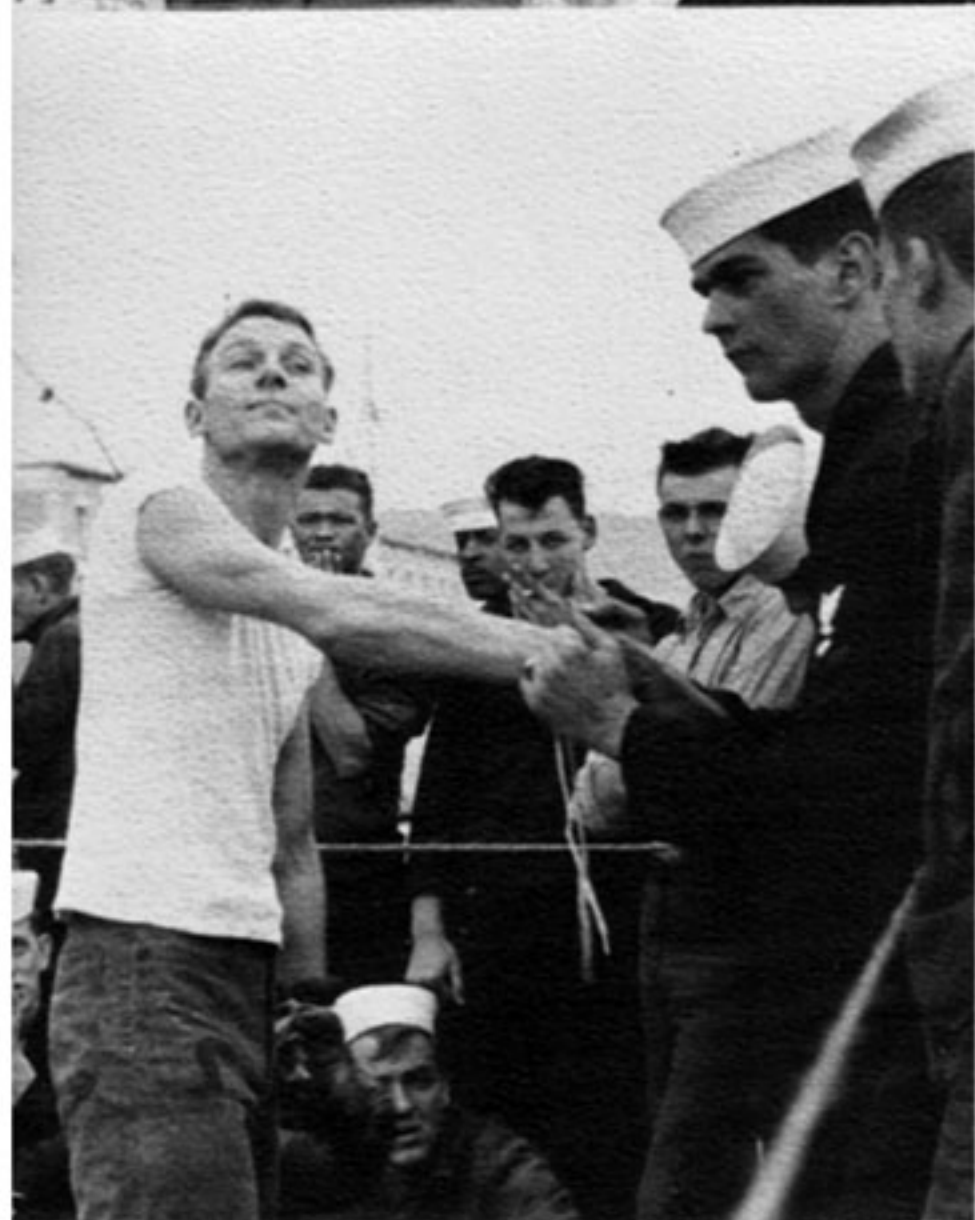


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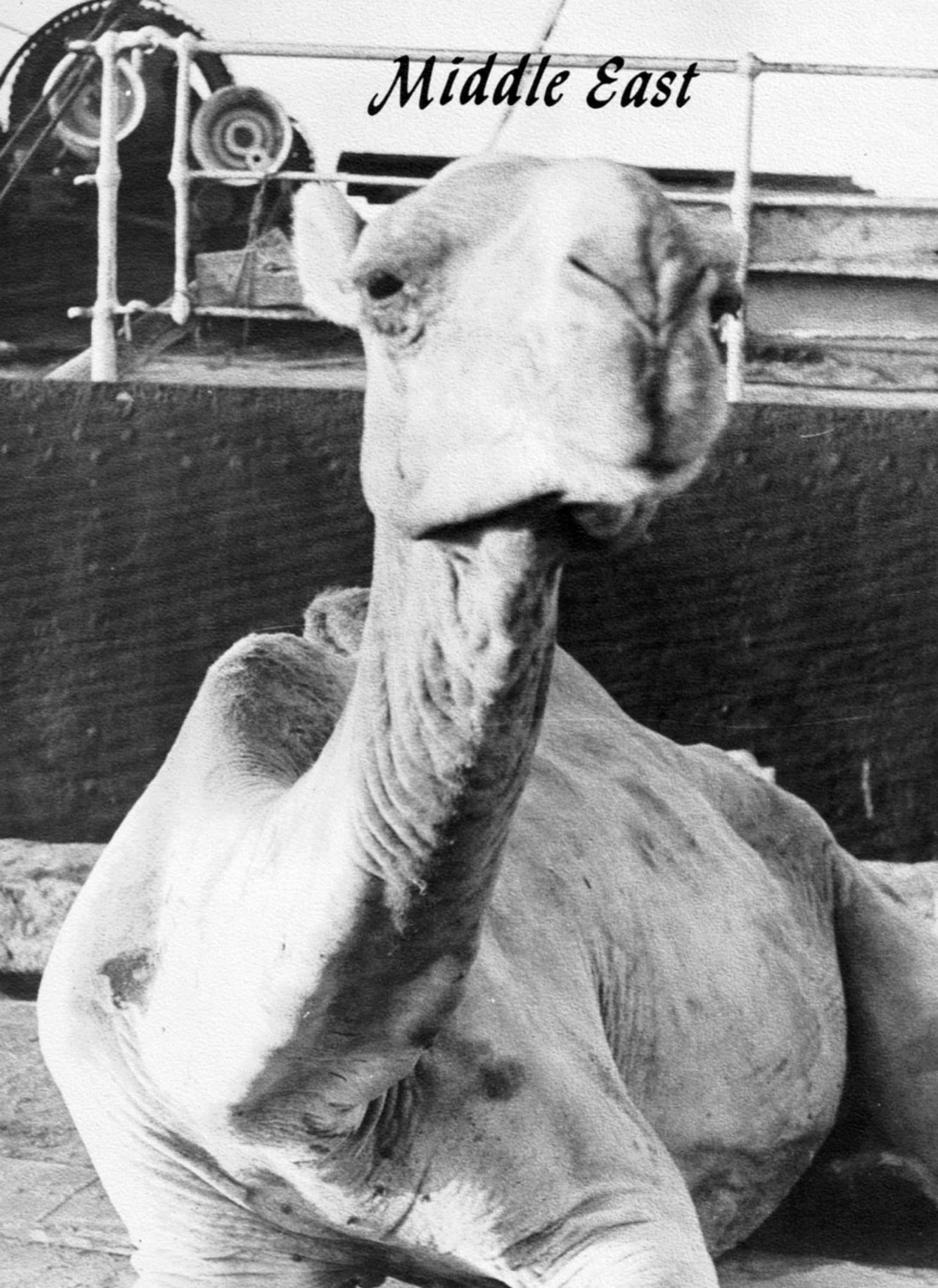








*Middle East*





# *Port Said*

*New Year's was celebrated in Port Said moored with units of the friendly Russian fleet.*

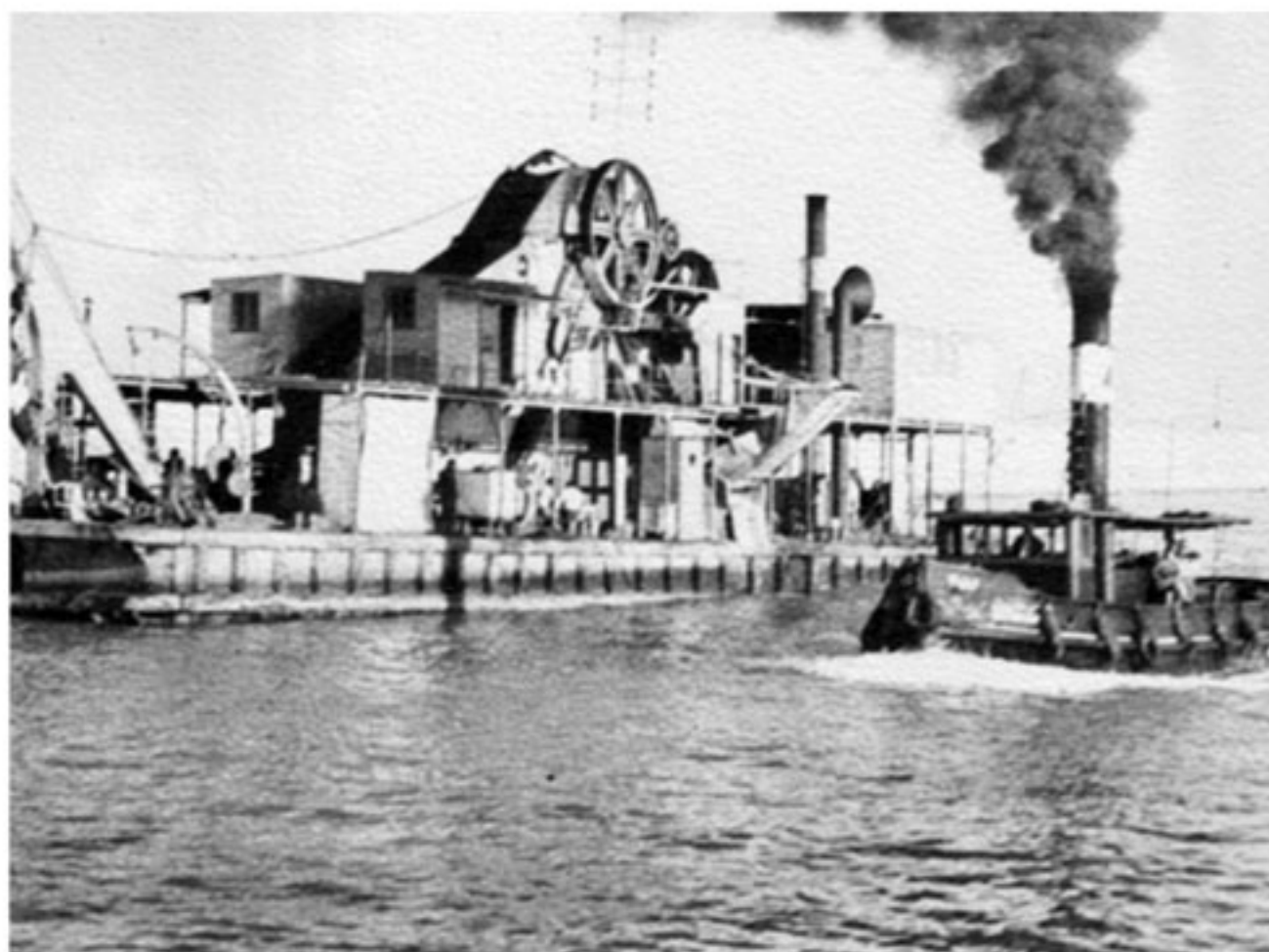


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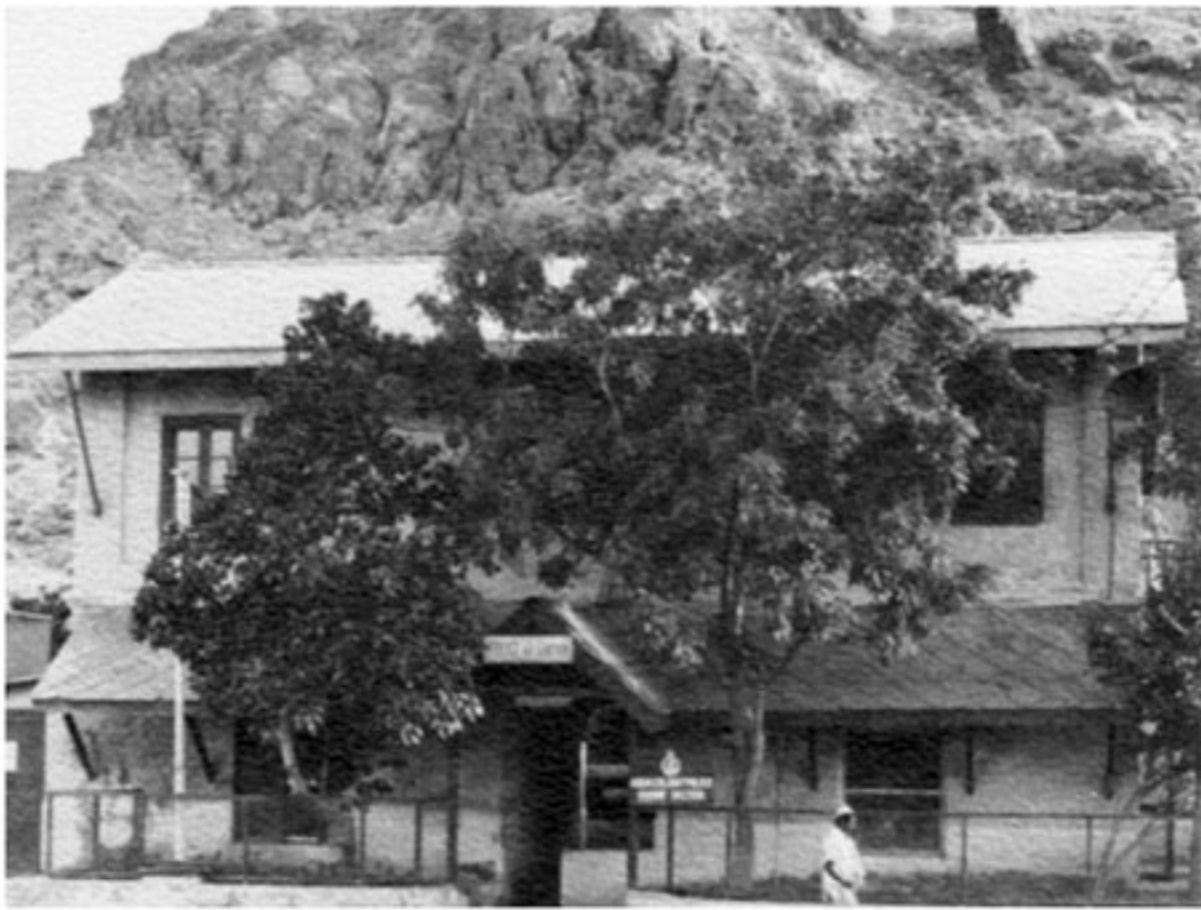
*Finally the last North bound ship crosses our bow and Thomas leads the South bound convoy toward the Red Sea.*



## *Canal Transit*



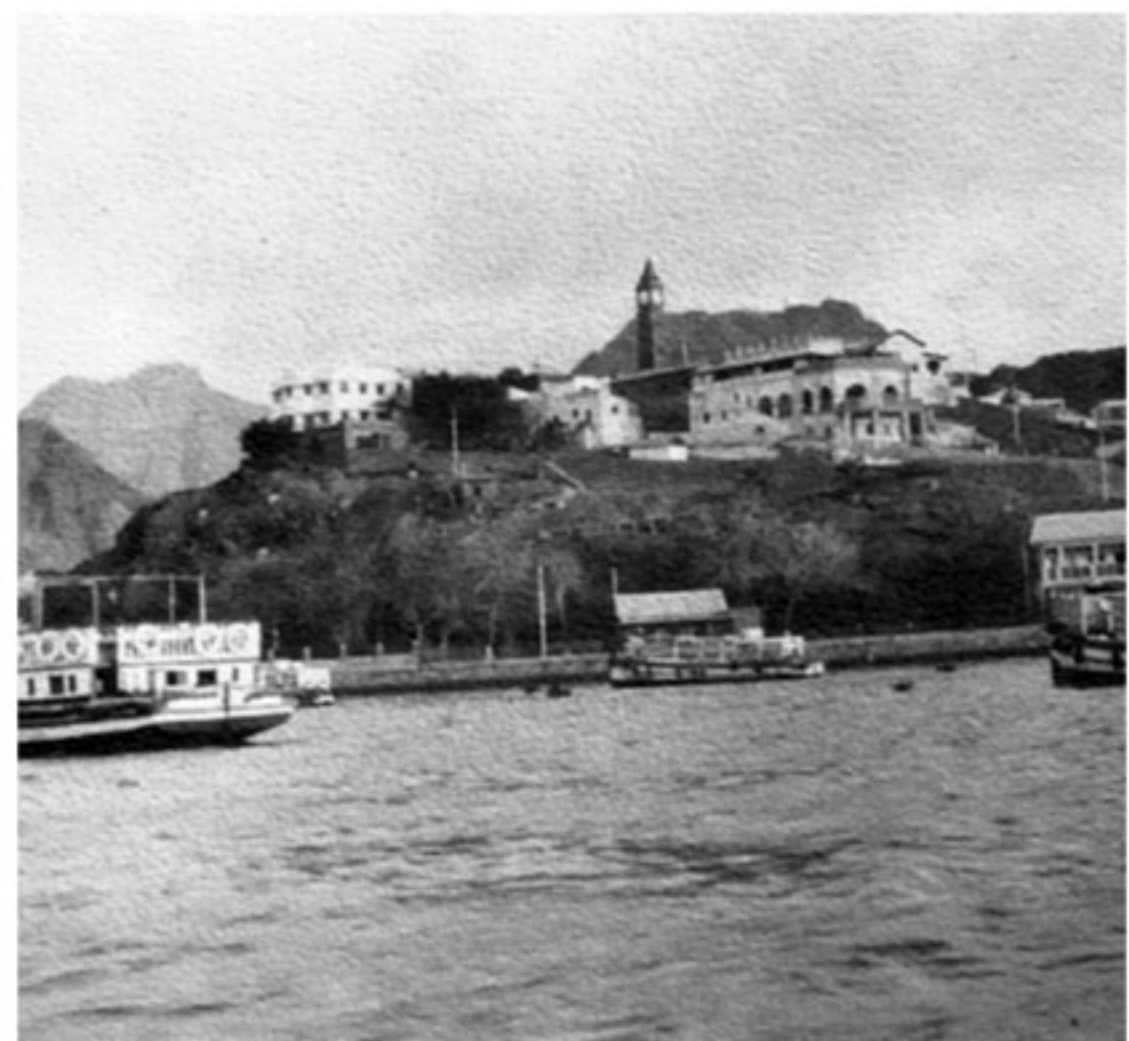
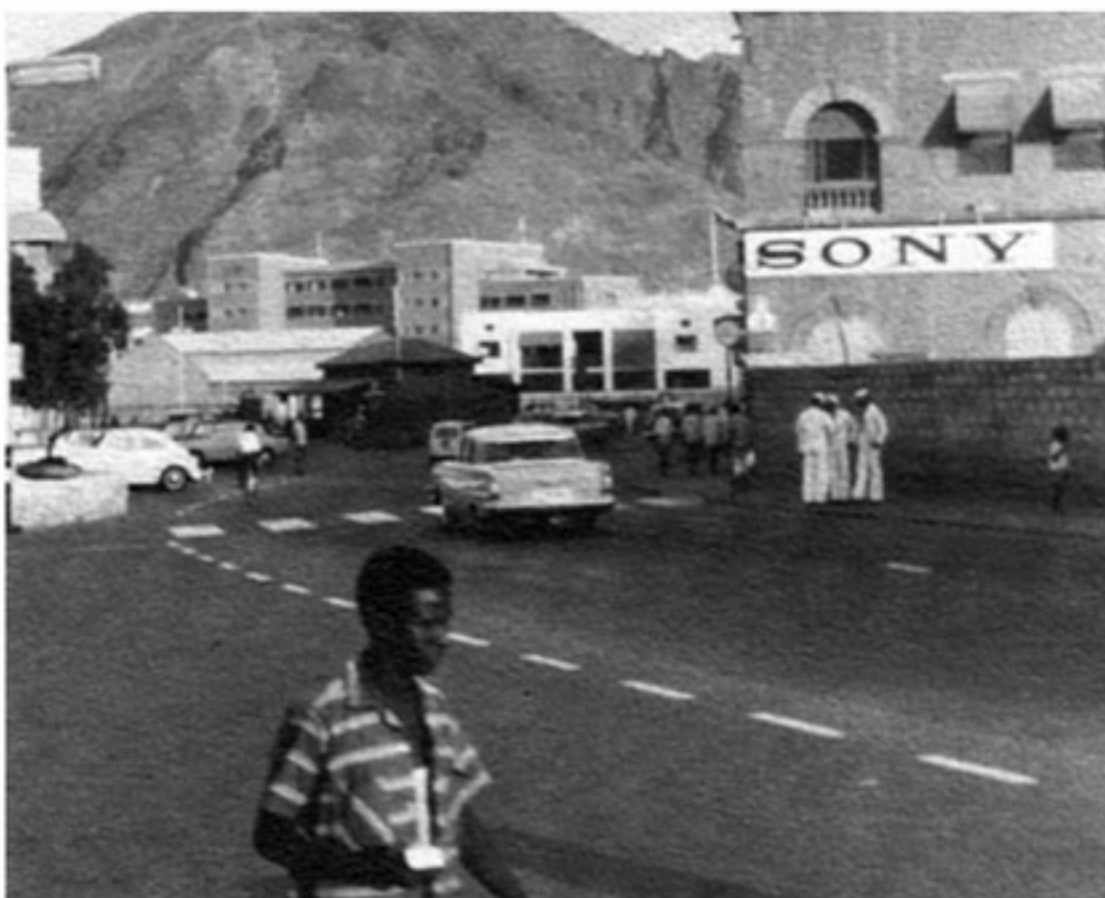
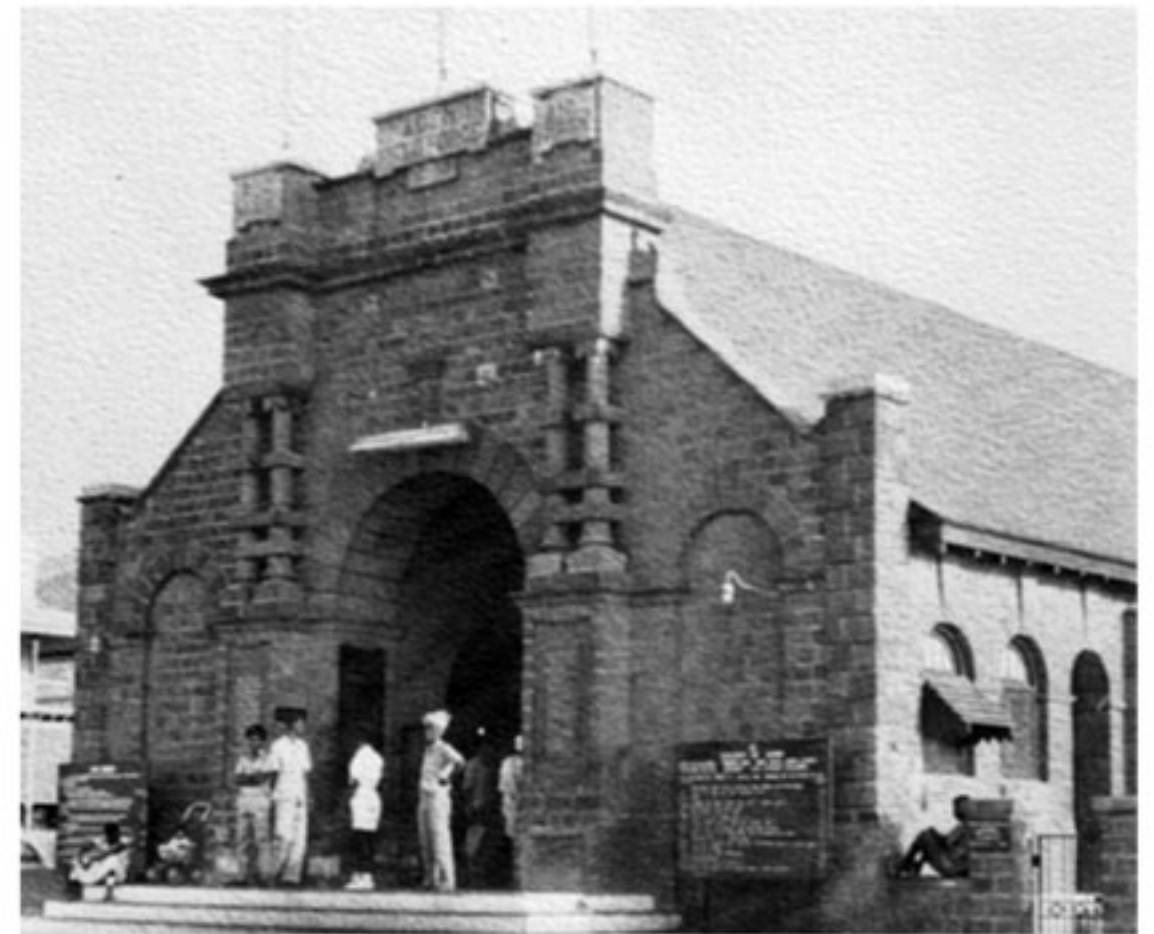




# Aden



*A British Crown Colony of English speaking Arab merchants. Many valuable hours, ordinarily expended in other pursuits, were spent in Aden while haggling with that little brown shopkeeper over the price of a tape recorder.*

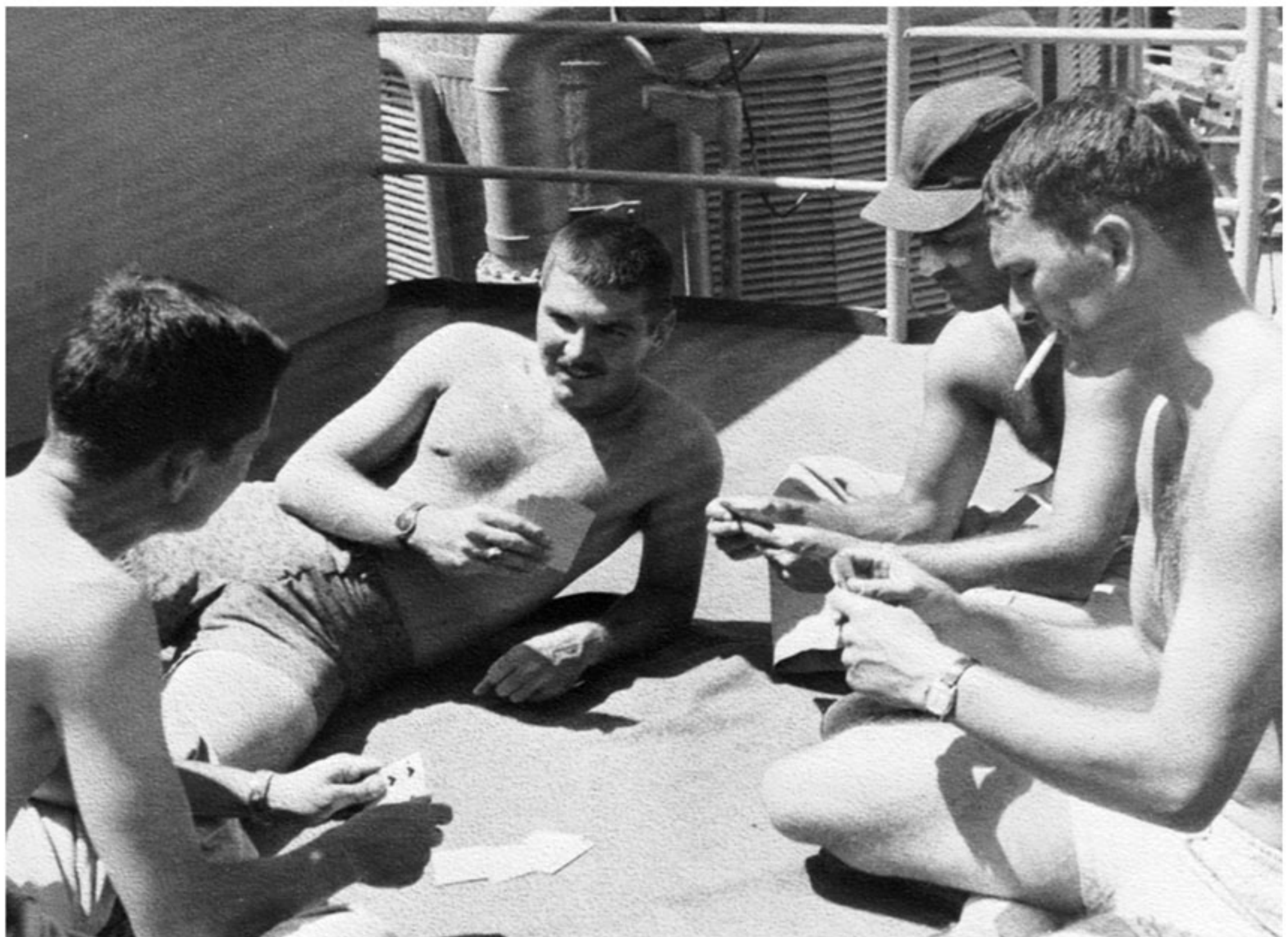




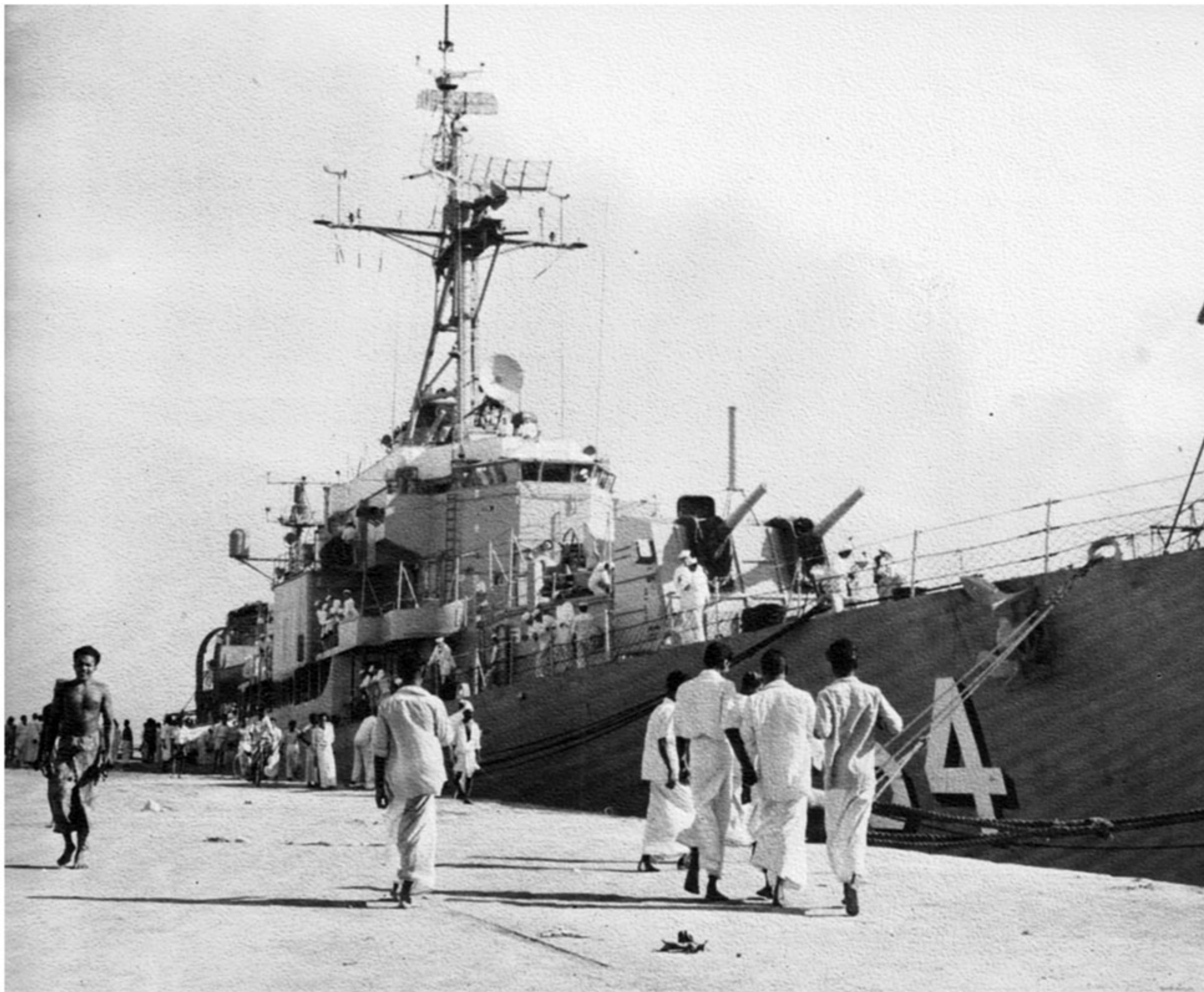
# *Indian Ocean Transit*



*Underway from the Red Sea this lone destroyer steams lazily in the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean on toward Ceylon. A little different than the Med, but the crew eventually managed to accustom themselves to a new sea life.*







## *Colombo, Ceylon*



The Madame Ambassador



And other VIP's.



# Colombo...

*The Capital city of the Dominion of Ceylon. Within the city those endowed with a moderate bank account browsed the shops of the jewel merchants. Just a few miles outside the city the poor enjoyed the scenery of the kandy tea plantations. The disinterested just played with the British.*



How much?



Coconut vendors



Kandy Temple

Sabu.....





# *The Equator*





# *Pollywogs' Day?*



*Having fun—Slimy Pollywogs?*





# *The Inspection*

All men have dirty socks

Extreme Ugliness

All pollywogs need haircuts

Laughing in Ranks





# *Shellbacks' Day*

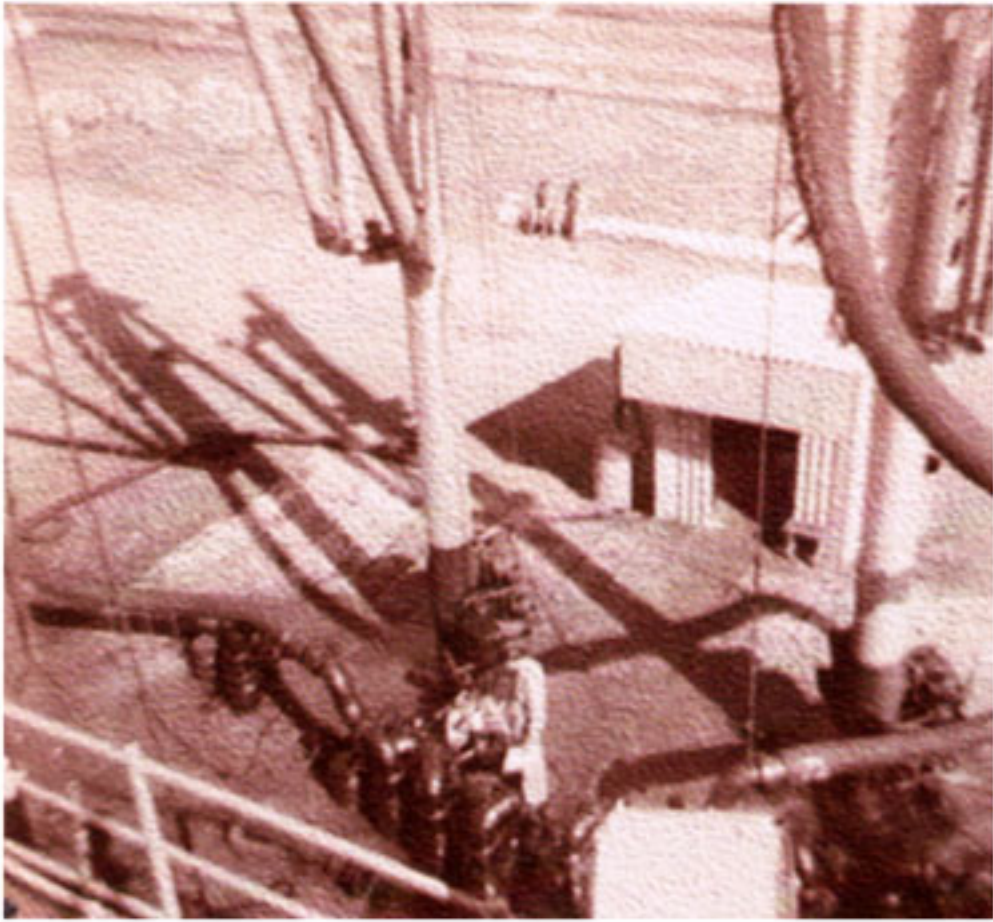






The Committee





In in-port refueling—for a change

# *Visakhapatnam, India*

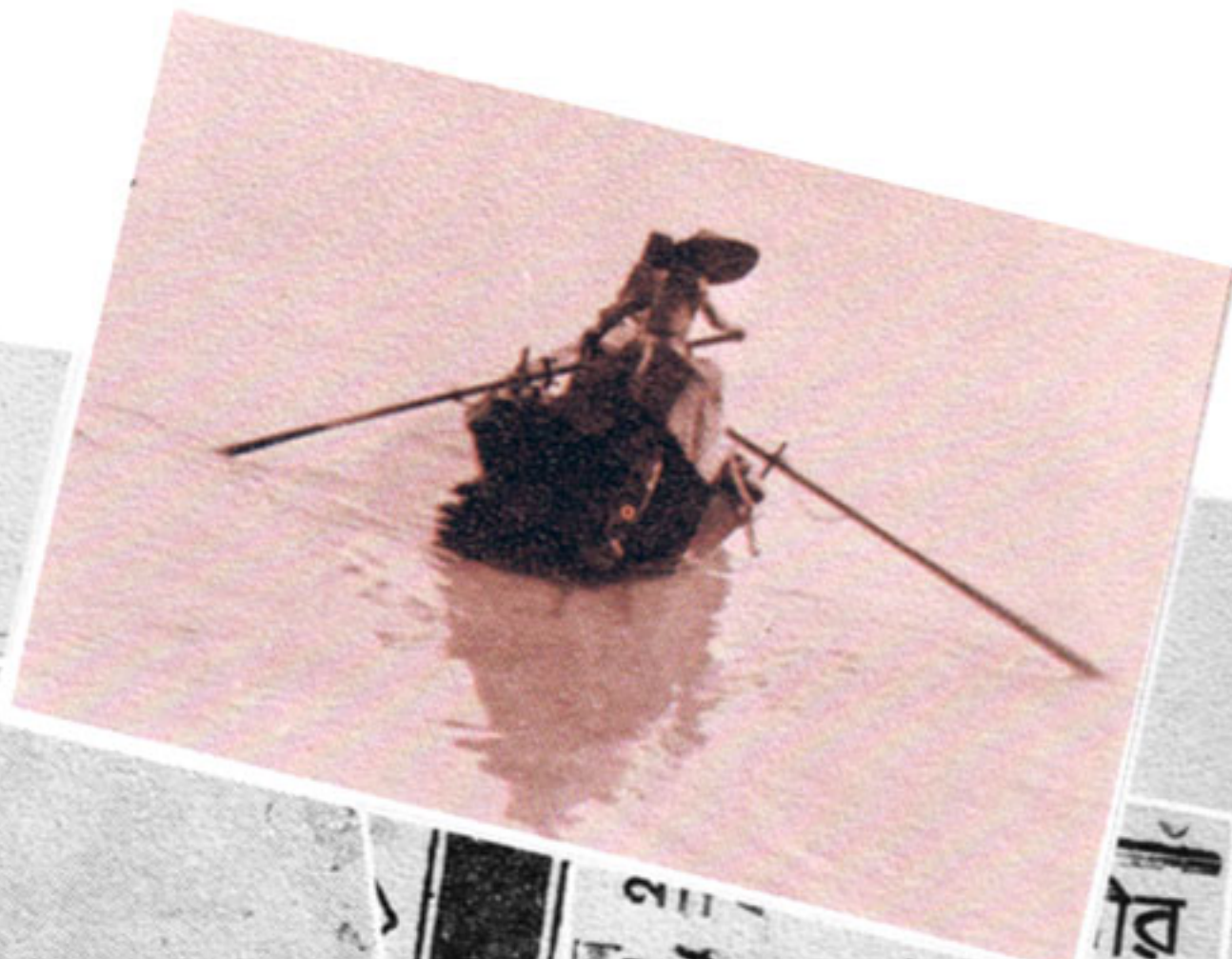
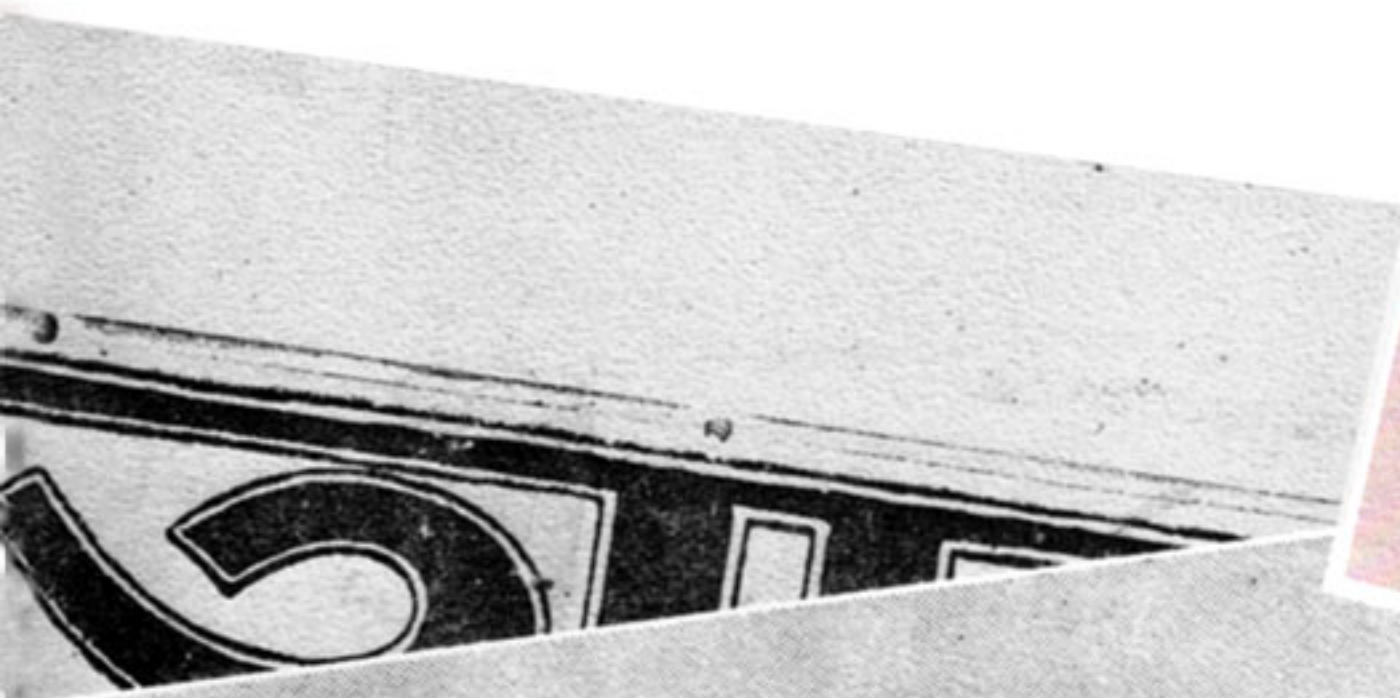
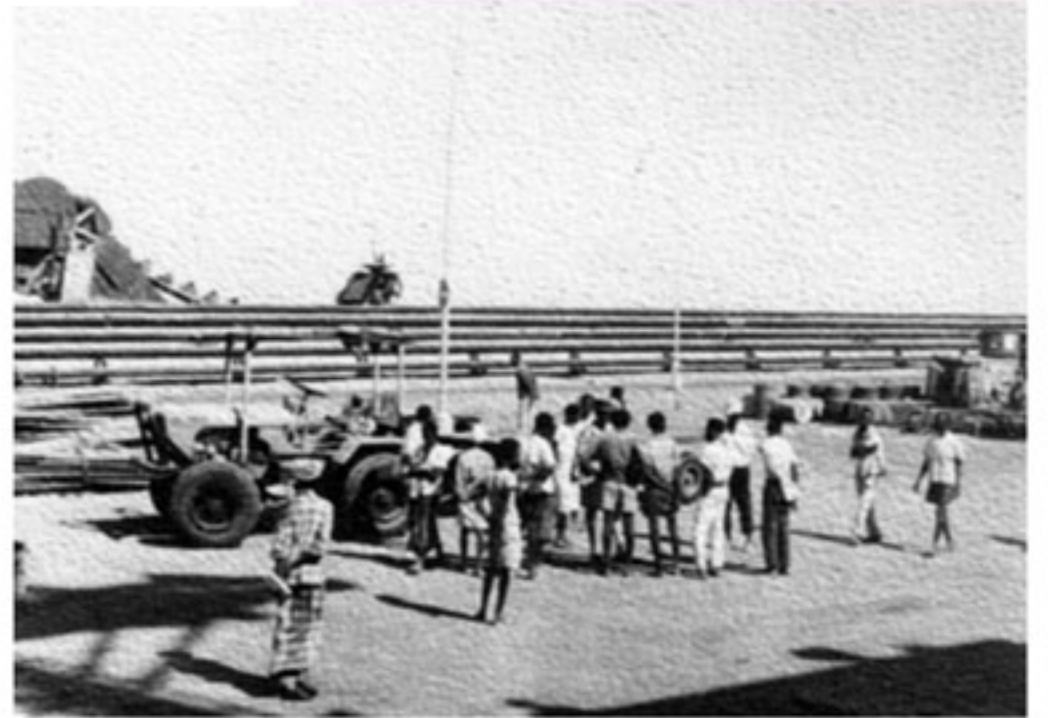
An Indian Naval Base and training camp. Nearby also was an American settlement at the Caltex Oil Refineries.







We can say of Chittagong that it was further East than the Thomas ever expected to be—12,300 miles from Newport at 90°05'E



চট্টগ্রাম উপস্থিতি

চট্টগ্রাম, ২৫শে জানুয়ারী।—  
পাকিস্তানে শুভেচ্ছা সফর উপলক্ষে  
মার্কিন নৌবাহিনীর অন্তিম  
ডেউয়ার ইউ এস এস লয়েড টমাস  
অদ্য শুক্রবার এখানে আসিয়া  
পৌঁছিয়াছে। কম্যাণ্ডার আলবার্ট  
ভ্যান এ্যাকাবের নেতৃত্বে পরিচালিত  
মার্কিন নৌজাহাজটি আগামী রবি-  
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করবে।

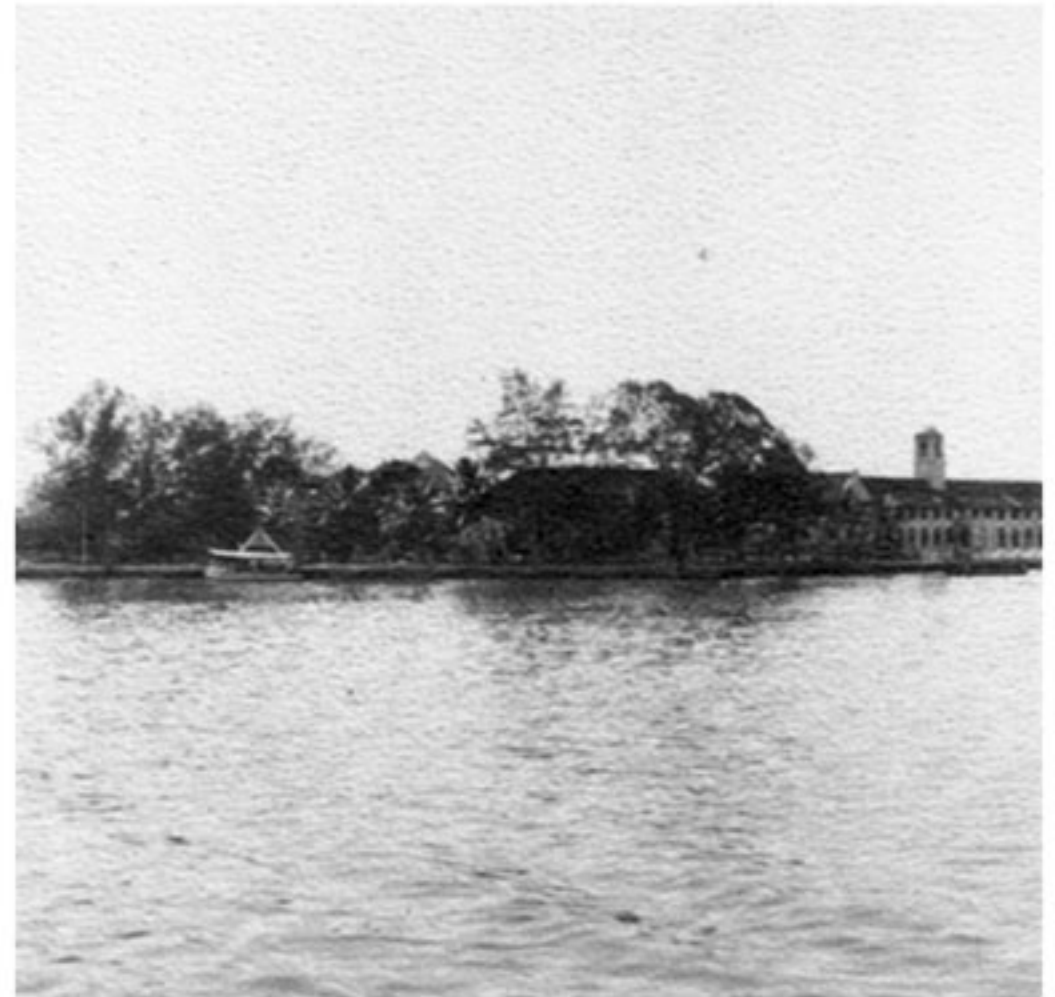
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কম্যাণ্ডিং অফিসার কম্যাণ্ডার  
আই এইচ মার্সিক ১১ মত্বর জেঠিতে  
নোঙ্গর করার পর জাহাজটি পরি-  
দর্শন করেন। অপরাহ্নে পূর্ব পাকি-  
স্তানে নিযুক্ত মার্কিন কন্সাল জেনা-  
রেল বিঃ চার্লস পি ও ডোনেল  
সকরকারী

মার্কিন যুদ্ধতরী "এস. এস লয়েড টমাস"

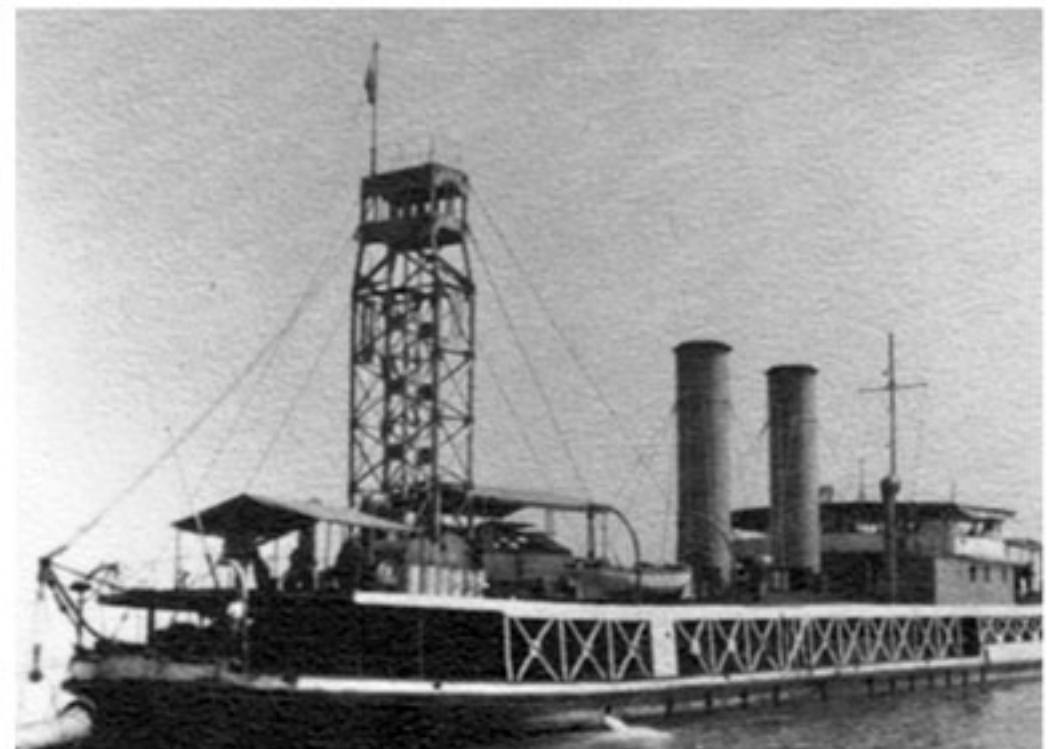




Our first look at the Western coast of India. A tropical fishing settlement, Cochin is called the "Venice of the East" due to the large network of Islands in the area. It was here that Vasco de Gama died in 1502.



## *Cochin, India*







*With more time on our hands it sometimes becomes difficult to find things to do – thus shipboard olympic games and – Smokers*

# *Smoker*



Fight clean and come out alive



Entertainment



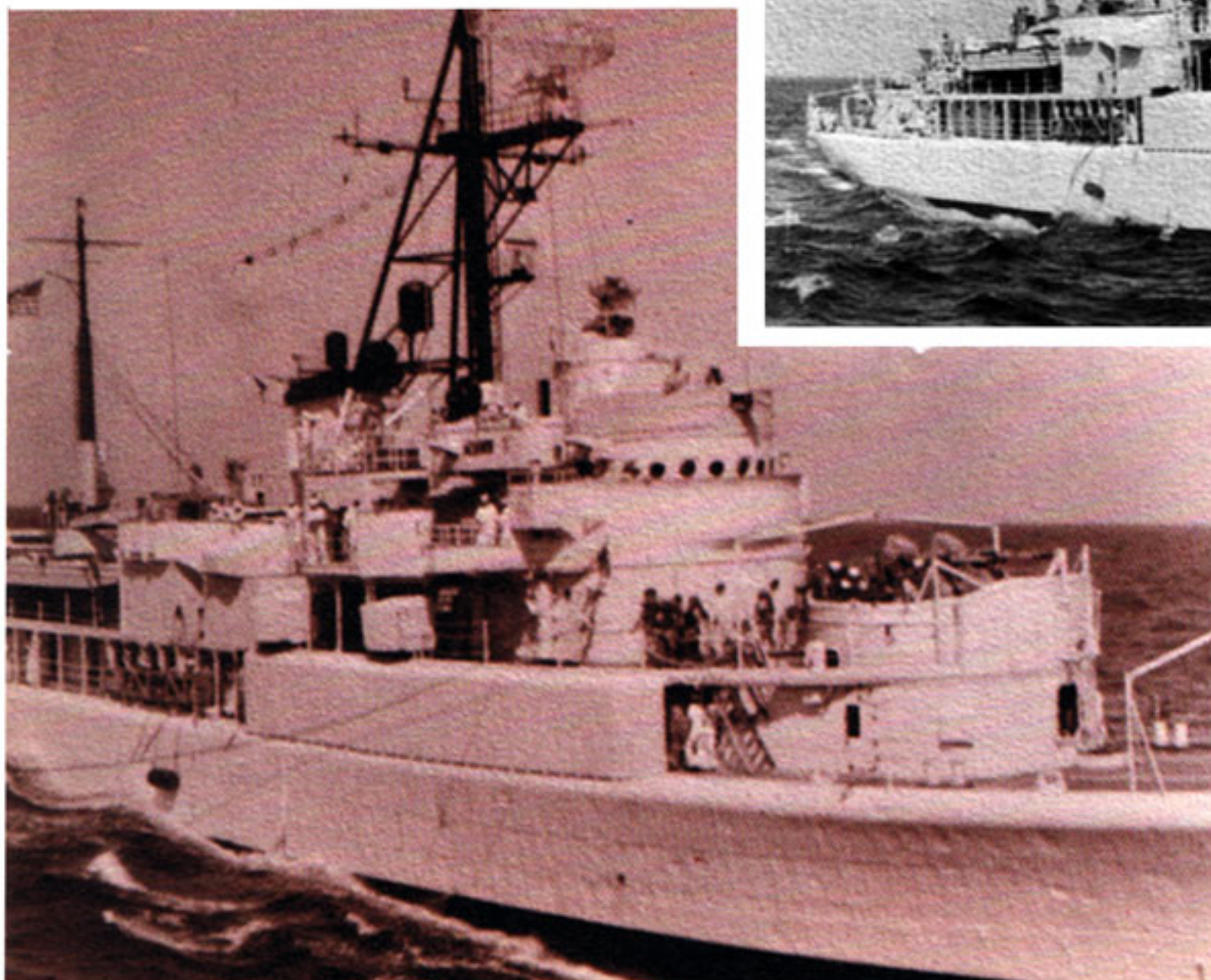
Food



# *Mukalla*



*An interesting, first hand observation of the primitive Arab observing Ramadan.*



Duxbury Bay alongside for transfer





*Our first encounter with the French in the Middle East.*

# *Djibouti, French Somaliland*

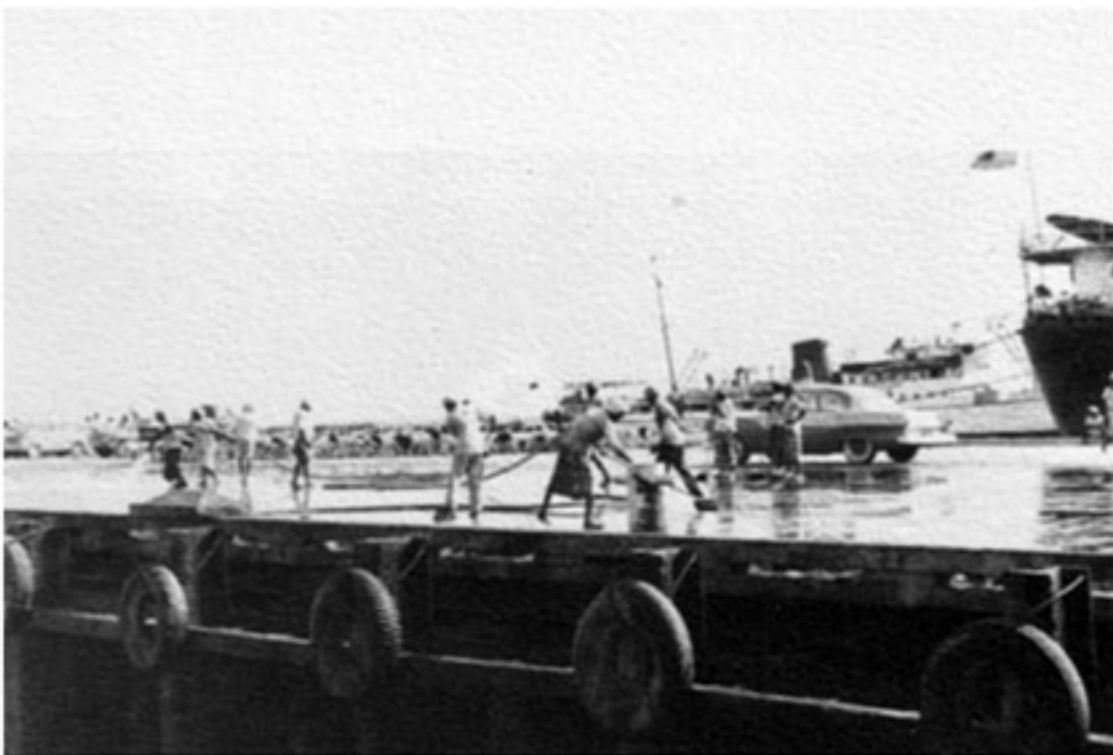






# *Aden*

*Aden again — no longer a Crown Colony but still plenty of Englishmen.*







Pilgrims

# Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Jidda — the seaport to Mecca and the center of Saudi Arabia foreign relations. A fine port for lovers of the desert Animal, and the Moslem Ramadan customs.



Sheep



Camels



Monkeys



And Visitors

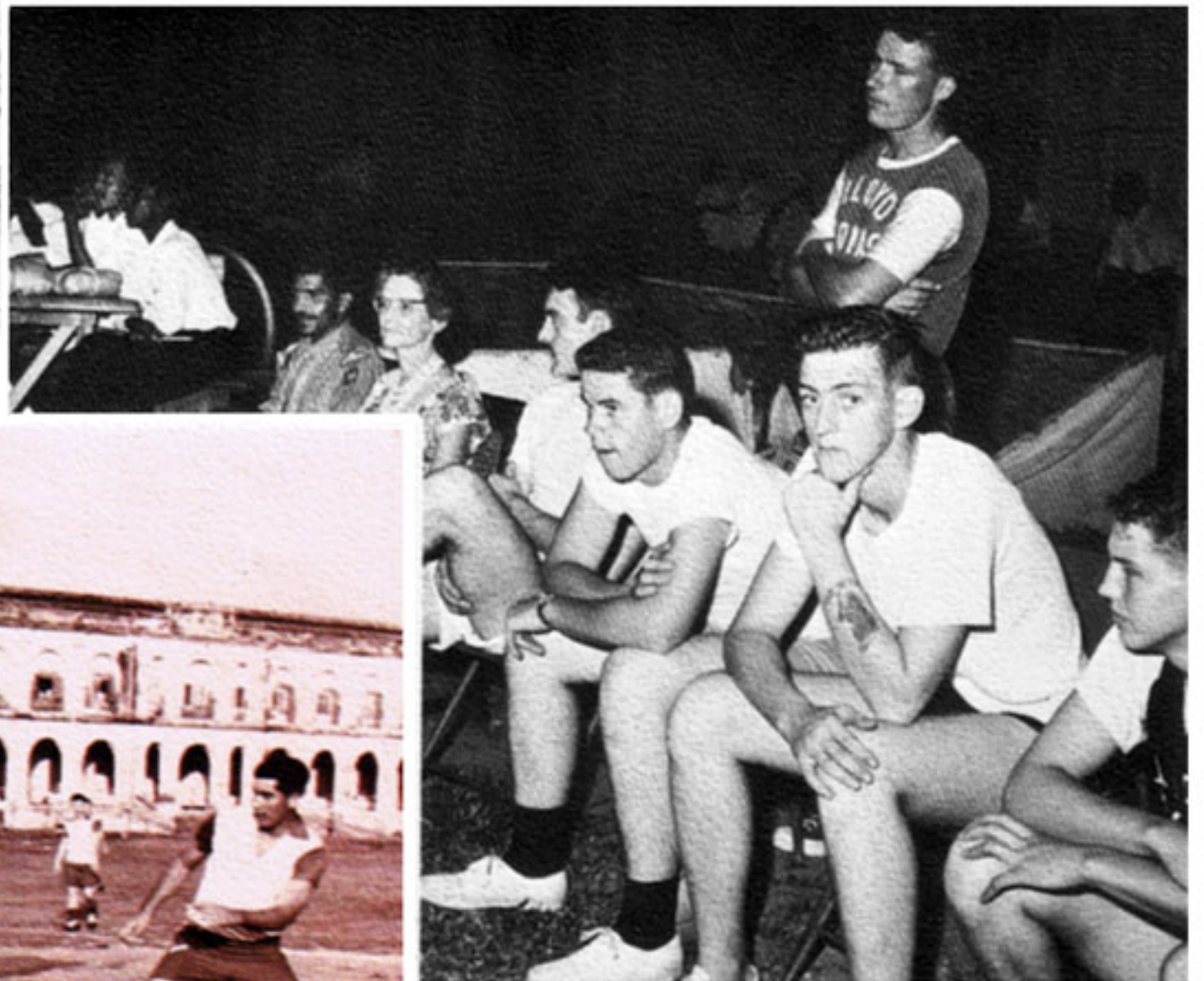
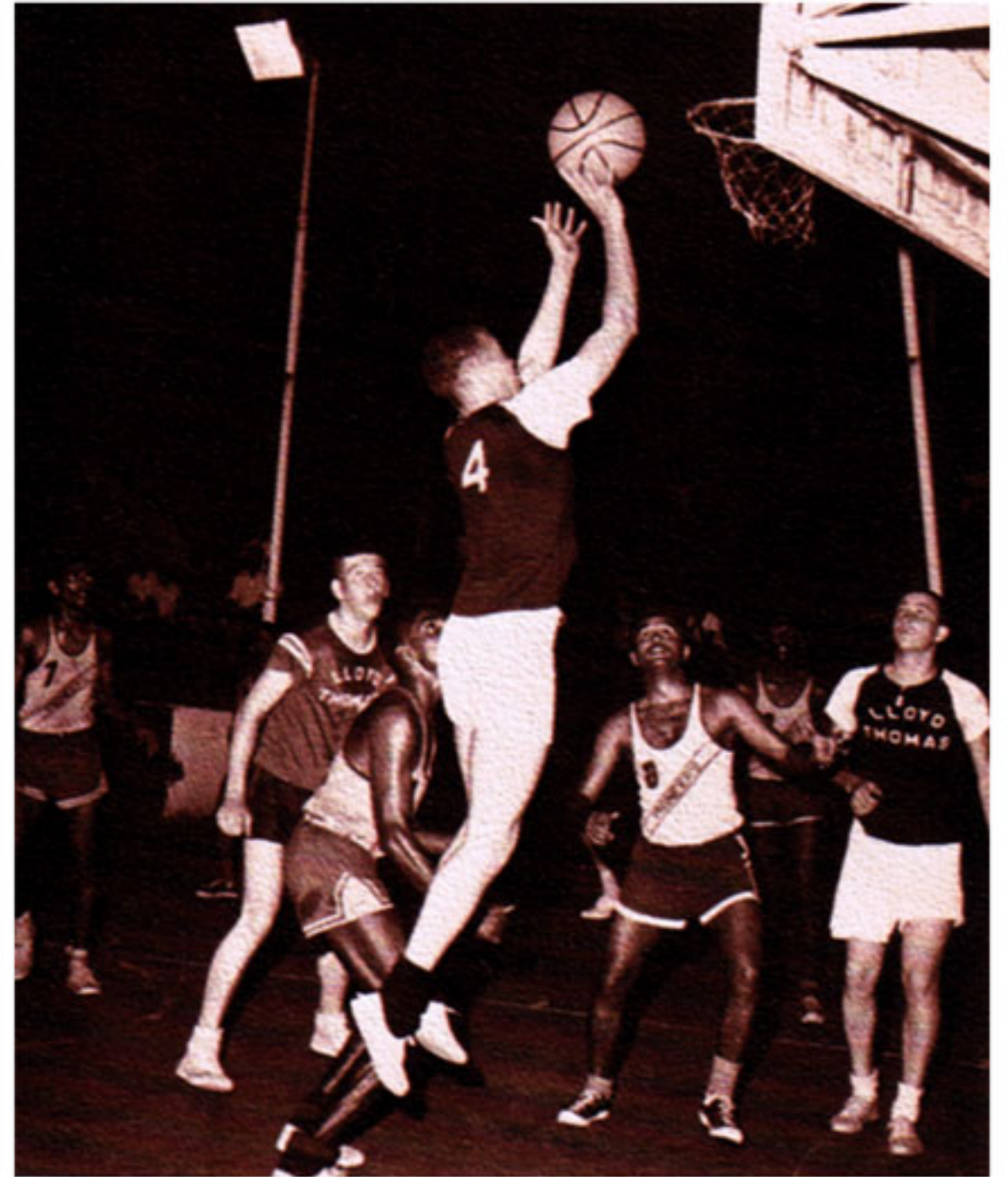
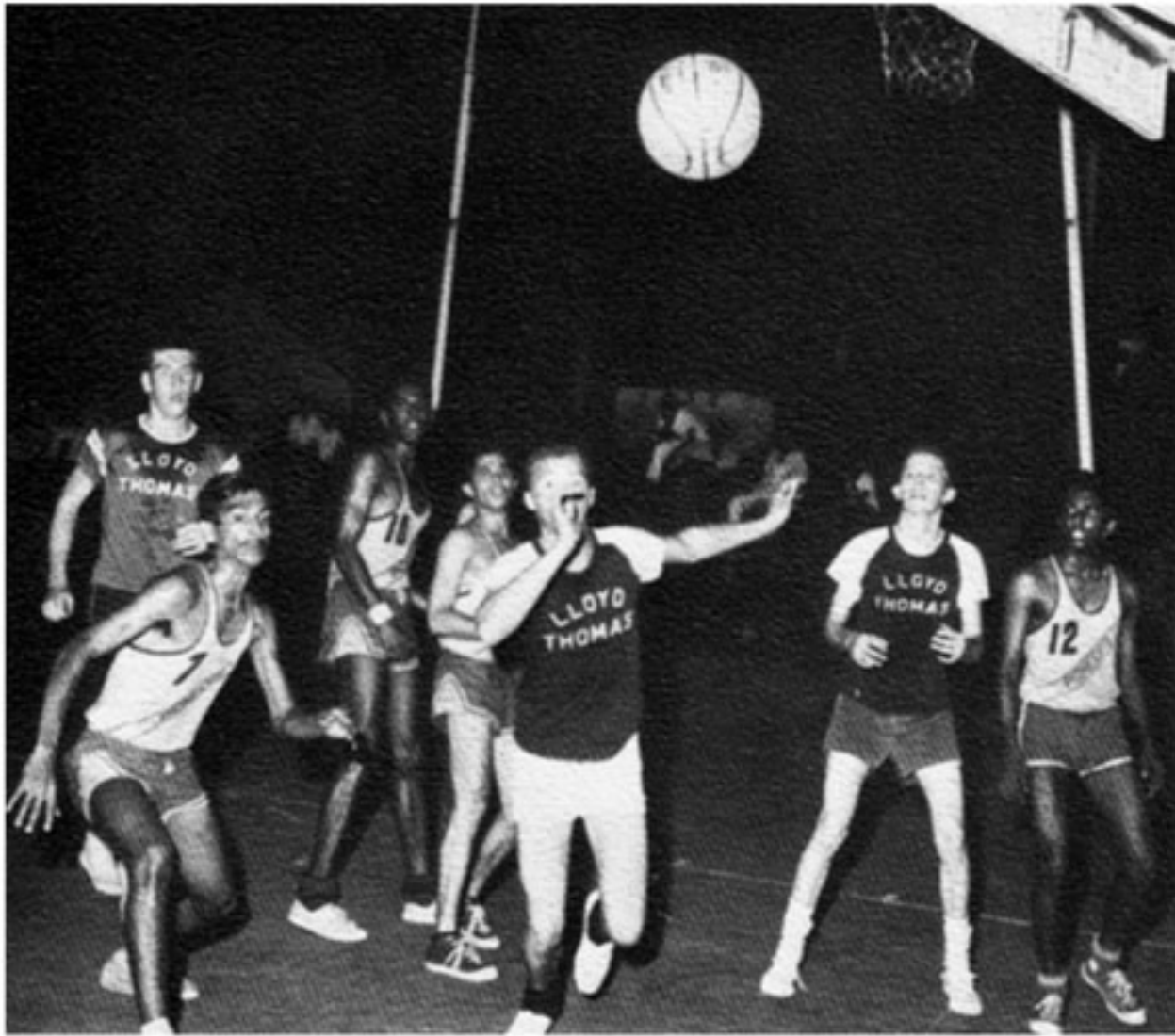


# *Yanbu, Saudi Arabia*





# *Sports*









## *Beirut, Lebanon*



Once again the Thomas returns briefly to the Mediterranean. March begins in Beirut, Lebanon. Also included within our days at Lebanon was a two day tour of the Holy Land via Mid-East Airlines.

## *Holy Land Tour*







Jerusalem



# *the Holy Land*



Bethlehem



Jericho



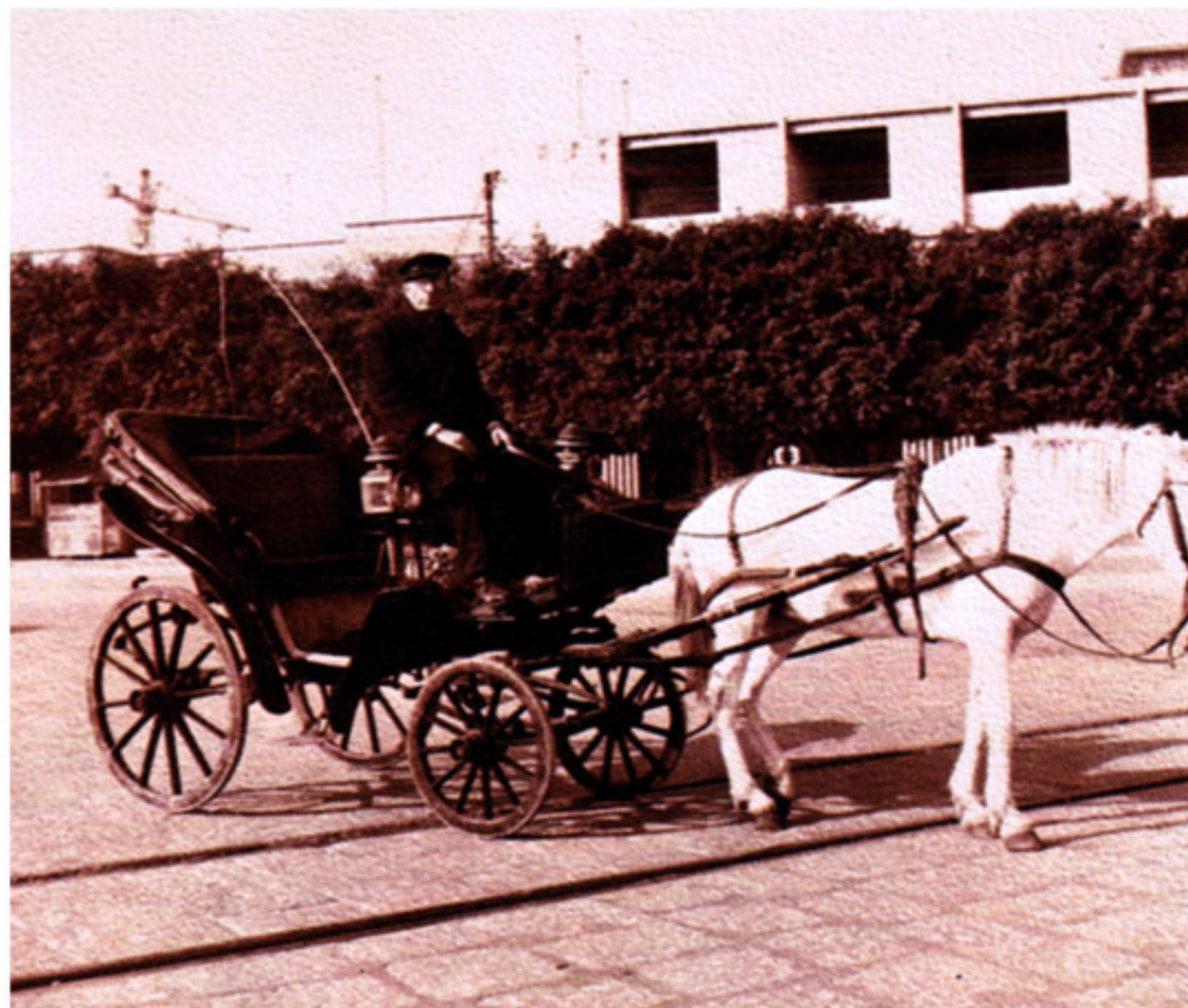
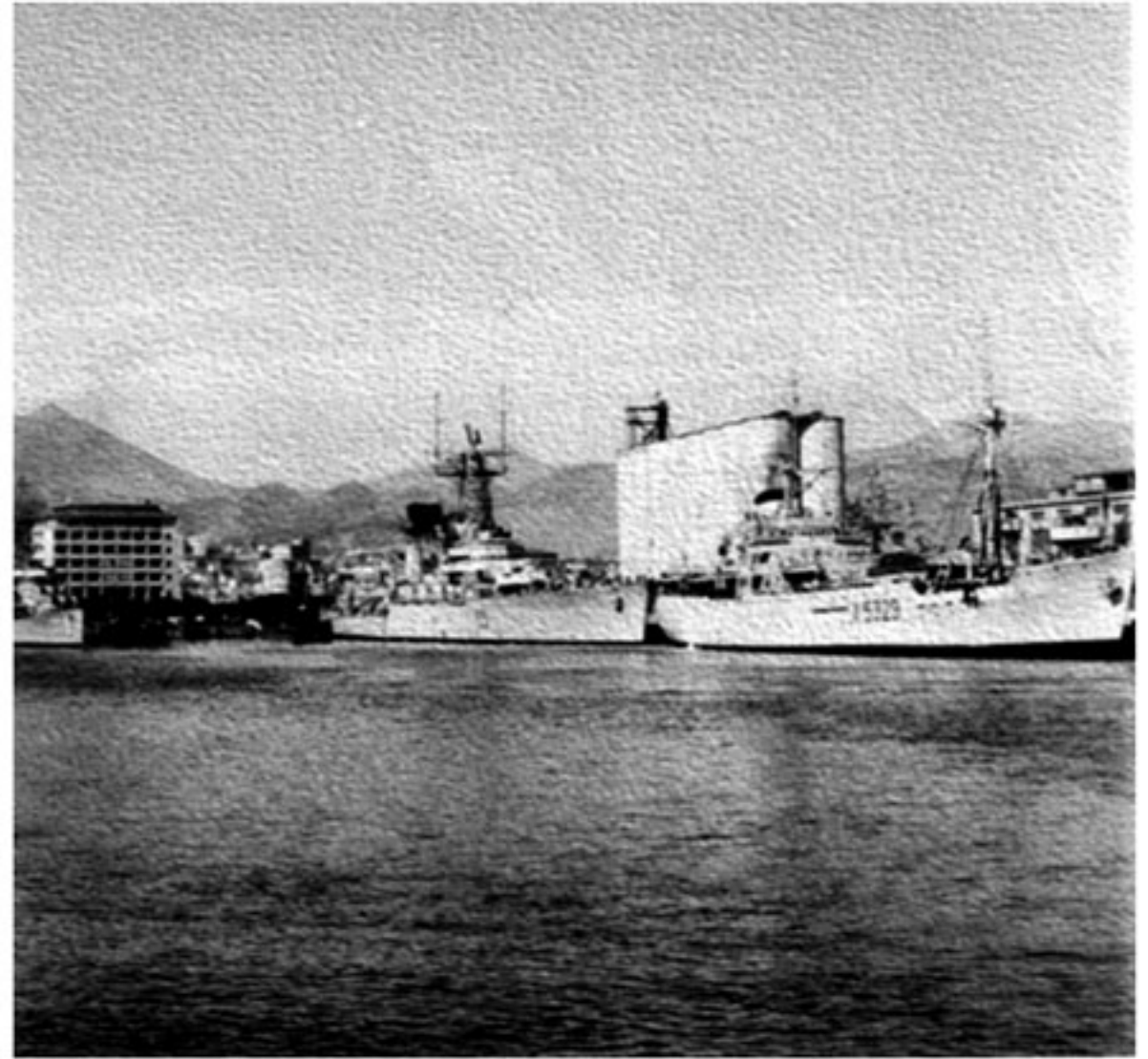
Tomb of Lazarus



Dead Sea



# *Palermo, Italy*



*And so – goodbye Palermo, Yambu, Pakistan,  
Greece, Europe, Suez – Newport beckons.*



# Deck Division



Ltjg. R. MacKenzie  
First Lieutenant



W. Cook, BM1



G. Graham, BM1



S. Wilson, BM2



W. Cartier, BM3



L. Jacobs, BM3



R. Aquino, SN



E. Blanchette, BMSN



C. Booker, SN



R. Burkhuser, SN



W. Casterlin, SN



R. Comer, SN



R. Devalentino, SN



A. Foley, SN



P. Gerdt, SN



J. Hall, SN



R. Harris, SN



L. Hoffman, SN



R. Hollywood, SN



D. Lightrody, SN



G. Maltsberger, SN



V. Martino, SN



W. Masterson, SN



T. Norris, BMSN



R. Palladino, SN



C. Pilacinski, SN



R. Roberts, SN



C. Robickand, SN



H. Schoen, SN



R. Sewell, SNN



J. Shollenberger, SN



T. Sledge, SN



W. Stroth, SN



J. Thompson, SN



R. Thompson, SN



R. Veeder, SN



A. Williams, SN



W. Zanowski, SN



J. Hensley, SA



G. Mack, SA



R. Puepke, SA



W. Richards, SA



*G*

# *Division*



Ens. T. Connelly  
G Division Officer



J. Crouch, FTC



W. Jarrell, GMCA



E. Popek, GMM1



R. Clark, GMG2



D. Pugh, GM2



D. Williams, GM2



C. Harris, GM3



L. Hickman, GM3



J. Kowaacki, FTG3



J. Schott, FT3



D. Louder, FT3



G. Waite, GM3



R. Arnsman, SN



R. Boyd, SN



J. Cawley, SN



G. Glasser, FTSN



# *A/S Division*



Ltjg. E. Cefalu  
ASW Officer



C. Poliskey, SOCS



R. Andrews, SOG3



J. Porcher, TM2



L. Andrews, SOG3



F. Wellinger, SOG2



J. Garbers, TM3



R. Gravley, SOG3



F. Wozniak, TM3



W. O'Brien, SOG3



G. Harper, SOGSN



H. Reed, TM3



A. Zazzi, SOGSN



W. Underwood, SOG3



R. Zimmerman, SA



# M and B Division



W. Benoit, MMC

R. Brenner, BTC

H. Nichols, MMC

W. Keefer, BT1

A. Kuczewski, BT1

R. Creech, BT2

Ltjg. J. Pearl  
B&M Division Officer



J. Pickering, BT2

J. Pollom, BT2

W. Small, BT2

R. VanBuskirk, MM2

F. Vorwald, BT2

J. Welch, BT2

G. Adams, BT3



L. Buchhorn, MM3

V. Cox, MM3

J. Gibbs, BT3

B. Konzelove, BT3

P. Landry, BT3

J. Nicklesberg, BT3

J. Potts, MM3



D. Adams, FN

W. Bentley, FN

R. Brady, FN

L. Brown, MM1

J. Dell, FN

R. Dotz, FN

W. Dunn, FN



E. Gordynik, FN

K. Graham, FN

R. Harrison, FN

J. Jerome, FN

D. Kentley, FN

D. Knight, FN

K. Lee, MMFN



J. Liso, FN

R. Martucci, FN

E. Montegari, FN

R. Moran, BTFN

R. Murchie, FN

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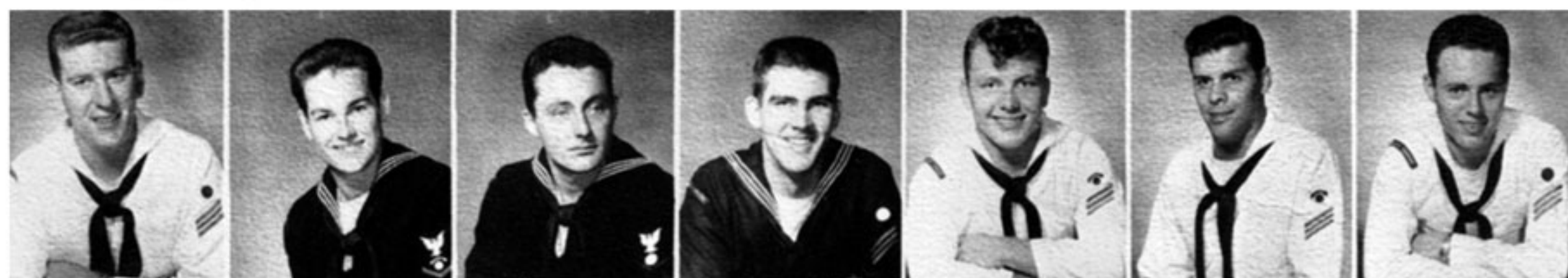
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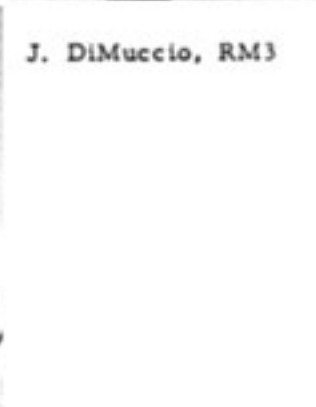
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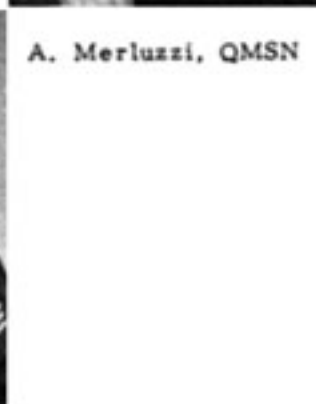
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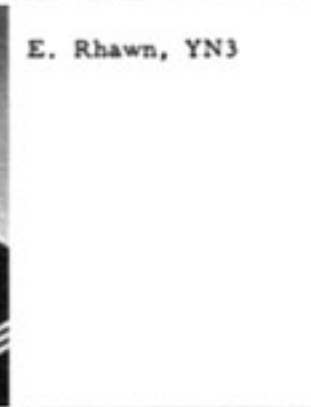
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