

USS Lloyd Thomas Westpac Cruise '70



Lieutenant (junior grade) Lloyd Thomas, USN

Lloyd Thomas was born on March 10, 1912 in Nelsonville, Ohio. He graduated from Ohio University in June of 1935, became an aviation cadet on October 4, 1938, and received a commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy on October 26, 1939. He joined Torpedo Squadron Six on board the USS ENTERPRISE on December 13, 1939, and was promoted to Lieutenant (junior grade) one year later. He gave his life in his squadron's attack during the Battle of Midway, and was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross with the following citation:

"For extraordinary heroism and courageous devotion to duty while piloting an airplane of Torpedo Squadron Six in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Battle of Midway on June 4, 1942. Participating in a vigorous and intensive assault against the Japanese invasion fleet, Lieutenant (junior grade) Thomas pressed home his attack with relentless determination in the face of a terrific barrage of anti-aircraft fire. The unprecedented conditions under which his squadron launched its offensive were so exceptional that it is highly improbable the occasion may ever recur where other pilots of the service will be called upon to demonstrate an equal degree of gallantry and fortitude. His extreme disregard of personal safety contributed materially to the success of our forces, and his conduct was in in keeping with the highest traditions of the Unit United States Naval service."

Lloyd Thomas was entitled to the ribbon and facsimile of the Presidential Unit Citation awarded the USS ENTERPRISE for distinguished achievements from December 7, 1941 to November 14, 1942. He was also entitled to the Purple Heart Medal, the American Defense Service Medal (Fleet Clasp), Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Lloyd Thomas: The Man



USS Lloyd Thomas prior to Fram II in 1961



USS Lloyd Thomas off Hawaii in 1970

The Ship

Construction of the United States Ship honoring Lloyd Thomas was authorized on July 9, 1942. The keel was laid in San Francisco, California, by the Bethlehem Steel Company on March 26, 1944. The USS LLOYD THOMAS was launched on October 5, 1945, and commissioned as a general purpose destroyer March 21, 1947.

LLOYD THOMAS is 390 feet long and 41 feet wide, with a maximum draft of 21 feet, design displacement of 2391 tons, and full load displacement of 3477 tons. Four boilers deliver steam to two geared turbines that furnish 60,000 horsepower to twin screws capable of maneuvering the ship at over 30 knots. She is manned on this cruise by 15 officers and 270 enlisted men. The primary weapons are anti-submarine, and two twin 5-inch, 38-caliber gun mounts are carried for shore bombardment and defense against air, land, and surface attackers.

In 1948 LLOYD THOMAS joined a round the world goodwill cruise starting in San Diego, California, transiting both the Suez and Panama Canals, and covering 45,168 miles. Following conversion to an escort destroyer in 1949 in San Francisco, LLOYD THOMAS was transferred to Newport, Rhode Island. In the years between 1949 and 1961 LLOYD THOMAS made one South American cruise, two European cruises, and six Mediterranean deployments, one of which included numerous port calls east of the Suez Canal. From October 1958 through March 1961 LLOYD THOMAS was an element of Task Group Bravo, an anti-submarine hunter-killer group.

LLOYD THOMAS received a fleet rehabilitation and modernization overhaul (FRAM-II) at the New York Naval Shipyard in 1961. This was followed by one European cruise and four deployments to the Mediterranean, three of which included extensive operation with Middle East forces. During these years LLOYD THOMAS served as host ship for an America Cup race in Newport, saved a fishing trawler flooding off of Boston, tracked a probable Soviet submarine for eight hours in the Mediterranean, and won both the Squadron Battle Efficiency Award and Departmental Excellence Awards twice within three years. Late in 1968 the ship lost a large percentage of its crew and entered a reduced operational status. LLOYD THOMAS returned to full operational status in 1969 and in April 1970 changed home port to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and began preparations for the WESTPAC deployment chronicled in this cruisebook.



Commander Leo Paul Brown, USN
Commanding Officer

The Captain

Commander Leo Paul Brown, USN, enlisted in the Navy in June 1948. He served aboard USS Hugh Purvis (DD-709) and on the Staff, Commander Military Sea Transport Service, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean Area in London, England, before entering Naval Officer Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island in May 1955.

Commissioned an Ensign in September 1955, he subsequently served aboard USS Dortch (DD-670) as Communications and CIC Officer until September 1957, and on the Staff, Commander Destroyer Division One Twenty-two as Division Operations Officer until September 1958. He then reported for duty as Commanding Officer of the auxiliary ocean tug USS Umpqua (ATA-209) which he commanded until February 1960.

Commander Brown completed the ten month General Line course at Monterey, California in December 1960 and was assigned to the Bureau of Naval Personnel as a Branch Head of the Enlisted Services and Records Division (PERS-E3). This was followed by duty on the Staff, Commander Service Squadron Six (Commander Service Force Sixth Fleet), homeported in Naples, Italy, where he served as Force Communications Officer from January 1963 to November 1964. Commander Brown returned to Monterey in January 1965 for additional studies, and was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Business Administration in December 1966.

From Monterey, Commander Brown joined USS Black (DD-666) for duty as Executive Officer, serving in that capacity until October 1968. Prior to reporting aboard LLOYD THOMAS he was assigned to the Staff, Commander United States Military Assistance Command, Saigon, Republic of Vietnam, where he served as a member of the Joint Staff Secretariat.

He is married to the former Bernice Boiteux-Buchanan of London, England. They have two children: Clifford Lee, 15 and Leslie, 12.

Commander Brown wears the following awards and decorations:

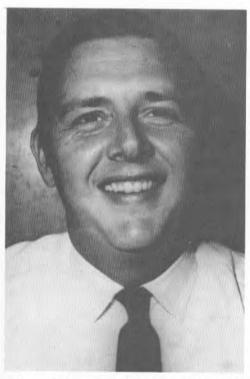
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Navy Commendation Medal (1st and 2nd award)
Good Conduct Medal (1st and 2nd award)
Navy Occupation Service Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Vietnam Service Medal
Vietnam Campaign Medal



Lieutenant Commander Robert F. Schultz, USA

Lieutenant Commander Merton A. Pearson, USN
Executive Officer from
April 1969 to September, 1970

The Officers



Lt. John B. Lienhard, USN Weapons Officer



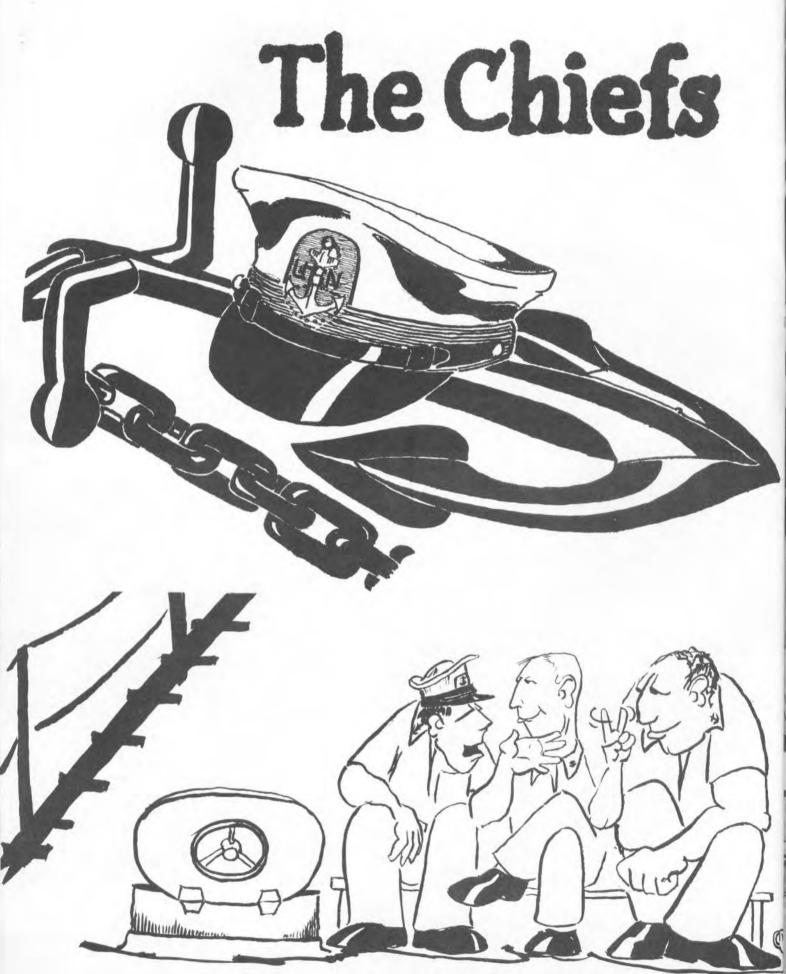
Lt. Edward R. Sharkey, USN
Senior Watch Officer
Operations Officer



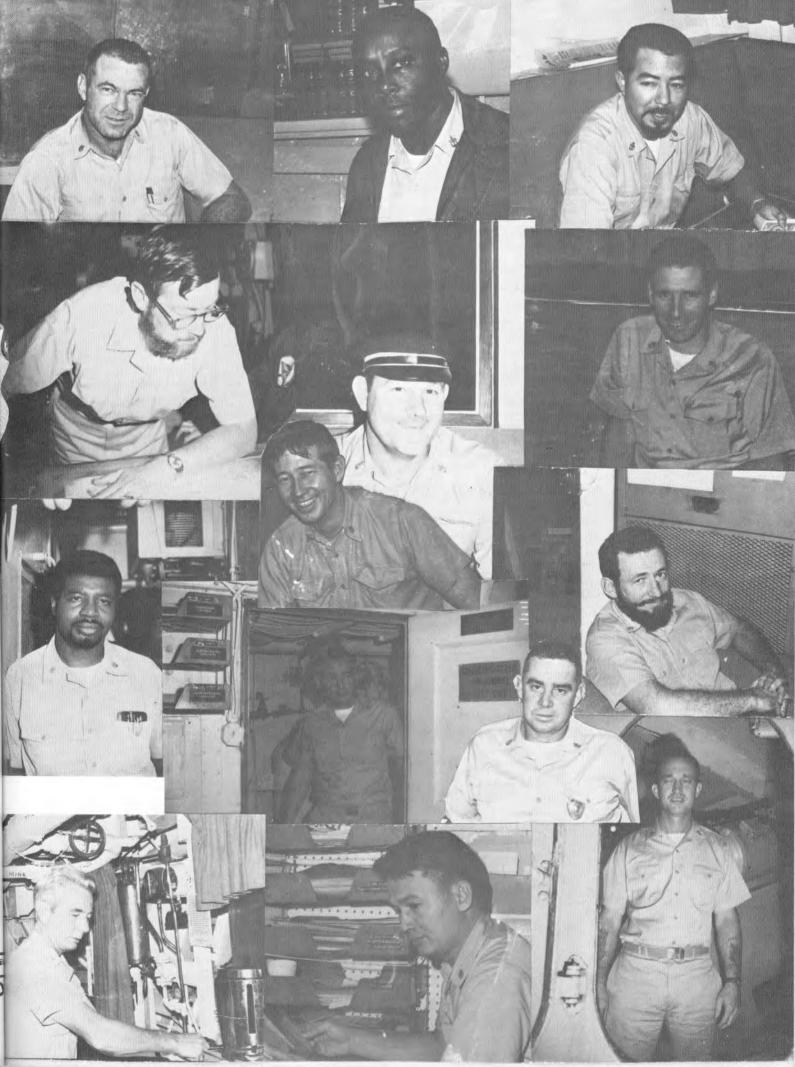
Lt(jg). Richard S. Miller, USNR Supply Officer



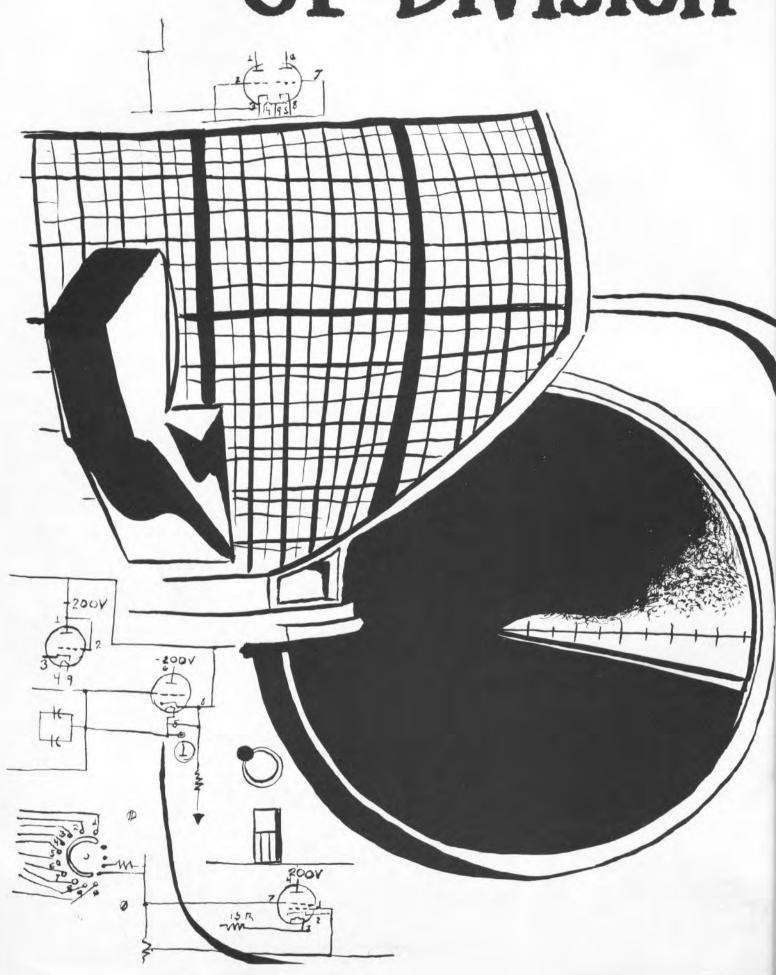
Lt. Thomas E. Sego, USN Engineering Officer



One drink and Sexton was out cold!



"OI" Division







Lt(jg). Peter A. Schutter, USN Lt(jg). Warren E. Small, USN

Ens. William F. Webb, USN
has relieved Mr. Schutter.
Ens. Stephen E. Bennett, USNR
has relieved Mr. Small.

First row: LTJG Schutter, LTJG Small, RD1 Grigor, ETC Browning. Second row: RDSN Hardee, ETR2 Carroll, ETR2 Feagles, ETN2 Madansky, RDE1 Oneufer, ETN3 Williar, RD3 Hampton. Third row: ETR2 Comer, ETN2 Scott, RDSN Baroni, RD3 Mincer, RDSN Harrington, RD3 Brewer, RDSN Doyle. Fourth row: RD2 Marvin, RD2 Yunker, RD3 Summers, RD2 Stakich, RD2 Wendland, RD3 McClanahan. Missing: ENS. Webb, ENS. Bennett, RDSN Sheffer, RDSN Drews.

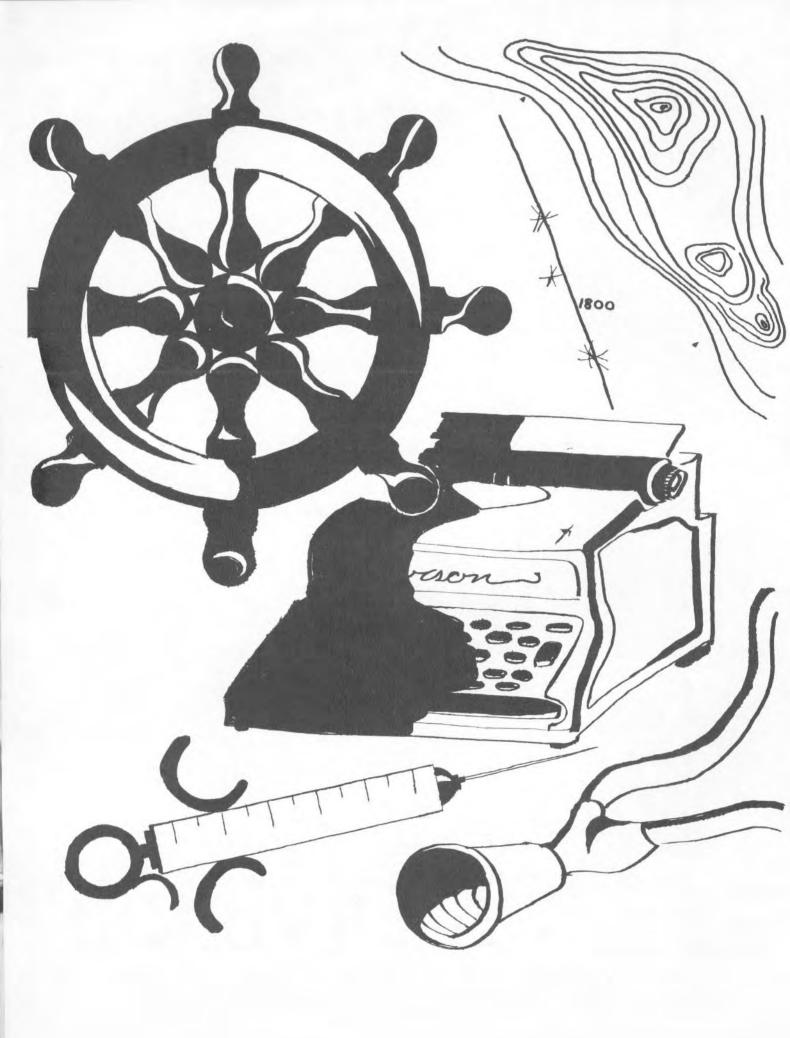


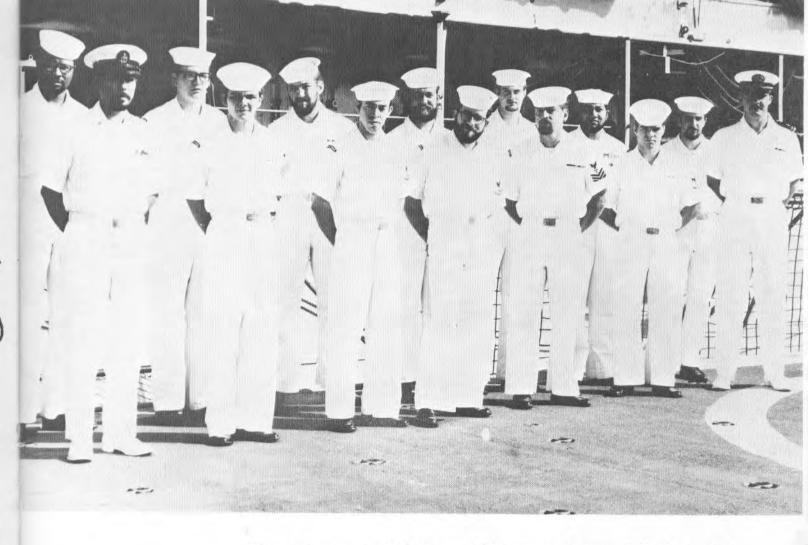














First Row: QMC Cantu, PNSN Henderson, QM3 Cascante, QM3 Brovan, HM1 Mooney, QM3 Fannon, and LTJG Balog. Second Row: YN1 Foster, YN2 Sttotlemyer, QM3 Michaels, QMSN Roberts, YN3 Ferm, PN1 Maae, and QMSN Finck. Missing: PN1 Stroud, and SN Rollins.

"OX" Division

jg) Michael C. Balog, USNR

USS LLOYD THOMAS (DD764) FPO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 96601

WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST 1970 JULIAN DATE: 0224 SUNRISE: 0610 SUNSET: 1906

DUTY DIV: OX

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY--NOT TO BE REMOVED FROM THE SHIP



CARRY OUT THE NORMAL UNDERWAY ROUTINE AS PRESCRIBED IN LLOYD THOMAS INSTRUCTIO 5400.1F OF 1 MARCH 1970 EXCEPT AS MODIFIED BELOW:

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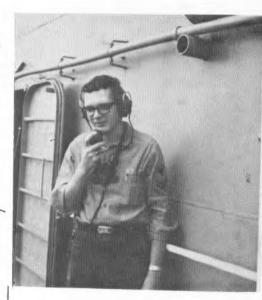












"Whaddya mean eat 'em if I'm captured!!"







1. The ship expects to moor starboard side to BRAVO Piers, this morning 26 February 1971.

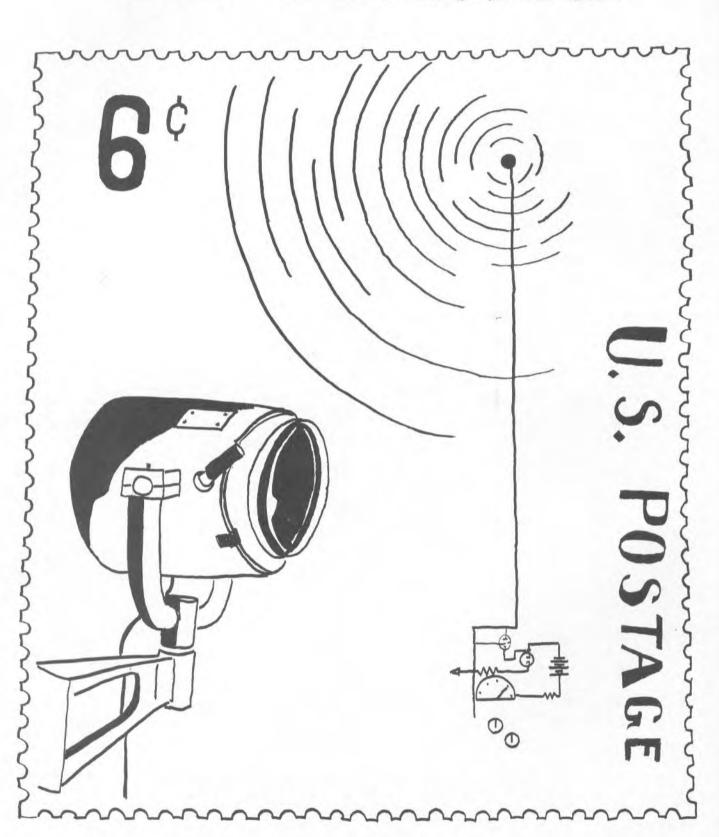
R. F. SCHULTZ, ECDR, USN Executive Officer

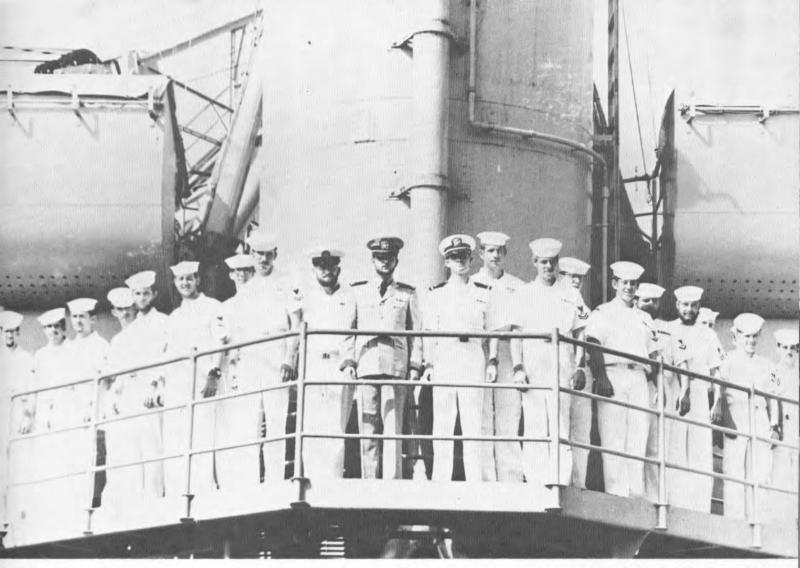


Yes sir! Shine 'em again! Rats! One star:... Two stars..@#&**&#!



"OC" Division





Left to Right: RM3 Lawton, RM3 Paulus, RM3 Kaulfers, RM3 Barto, RM3 Jackson, RM3 Carlin, RM3 Almon, RM2 Schnee, RMC Maughan, LTJG Bender, ENS. Knaup, SM1 McClemons, SM2 Presseren, SMSN Beck, SM3 Levinson, SM3 Carvalho, SM2 Crosser, SM3 Fannon, and PC3 Morgan.

Ens. Thomas W. Knaup, USNR

Missing: RM1 Peck, RM3 Frovarp, RMSN Martin, CYN3 Wright, SM2 Valenti, and SM3

Colford



Lt(jg) Edward J. Bender Jr., USN



OH! HI GUYS.



WHO IS CARLINA ?



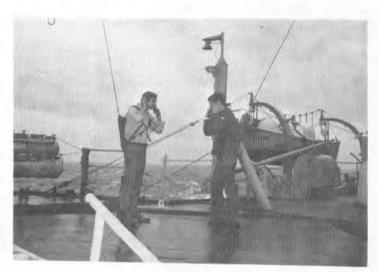
NA, SHE'S BLONDE.



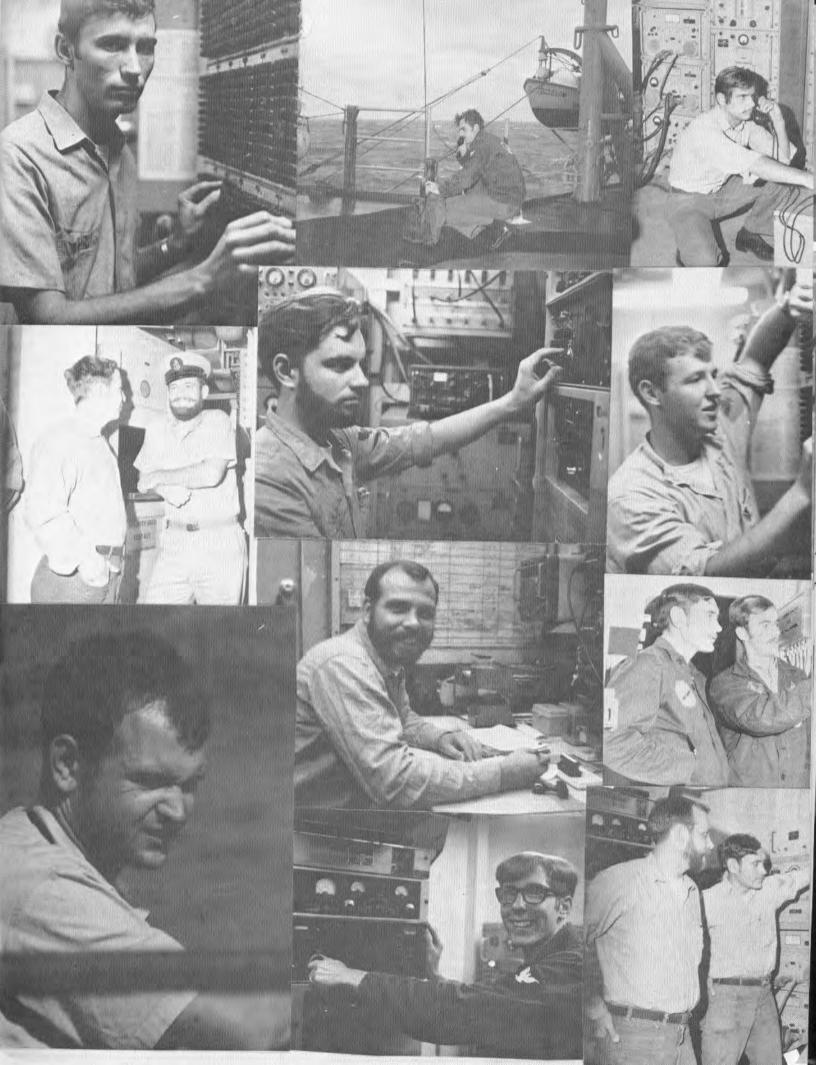
OK, WHO PASSED MAIL CALL ?

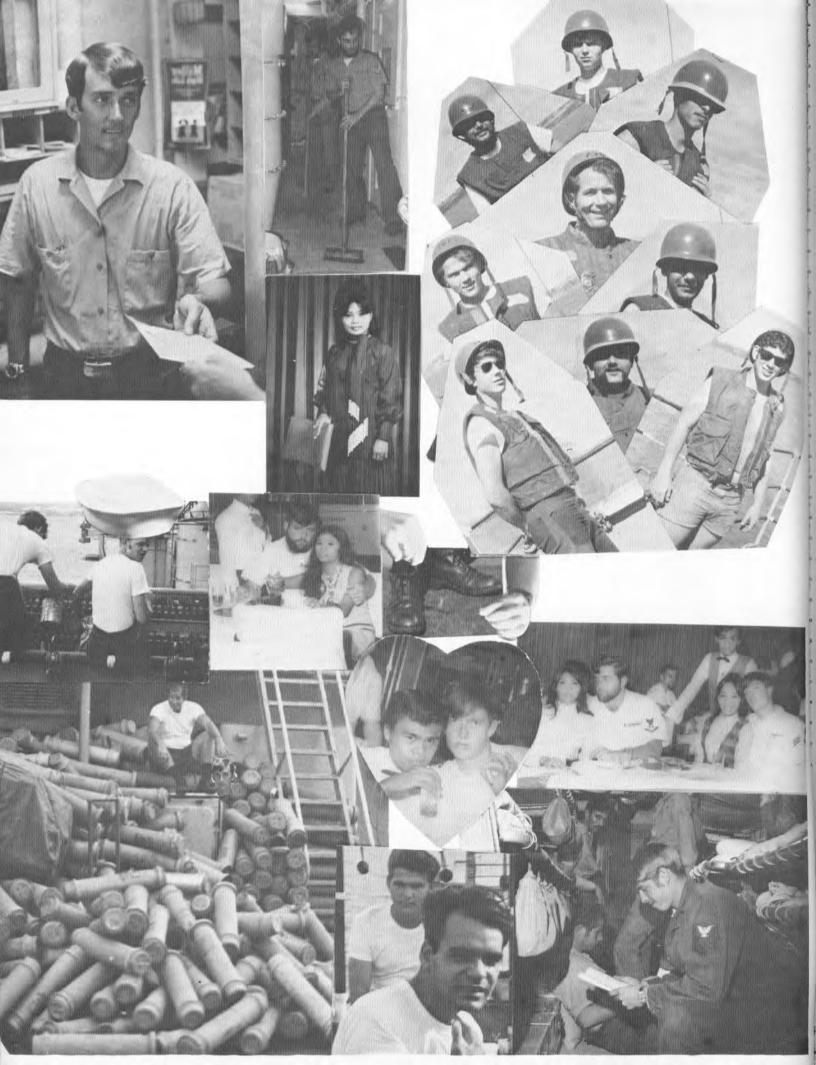


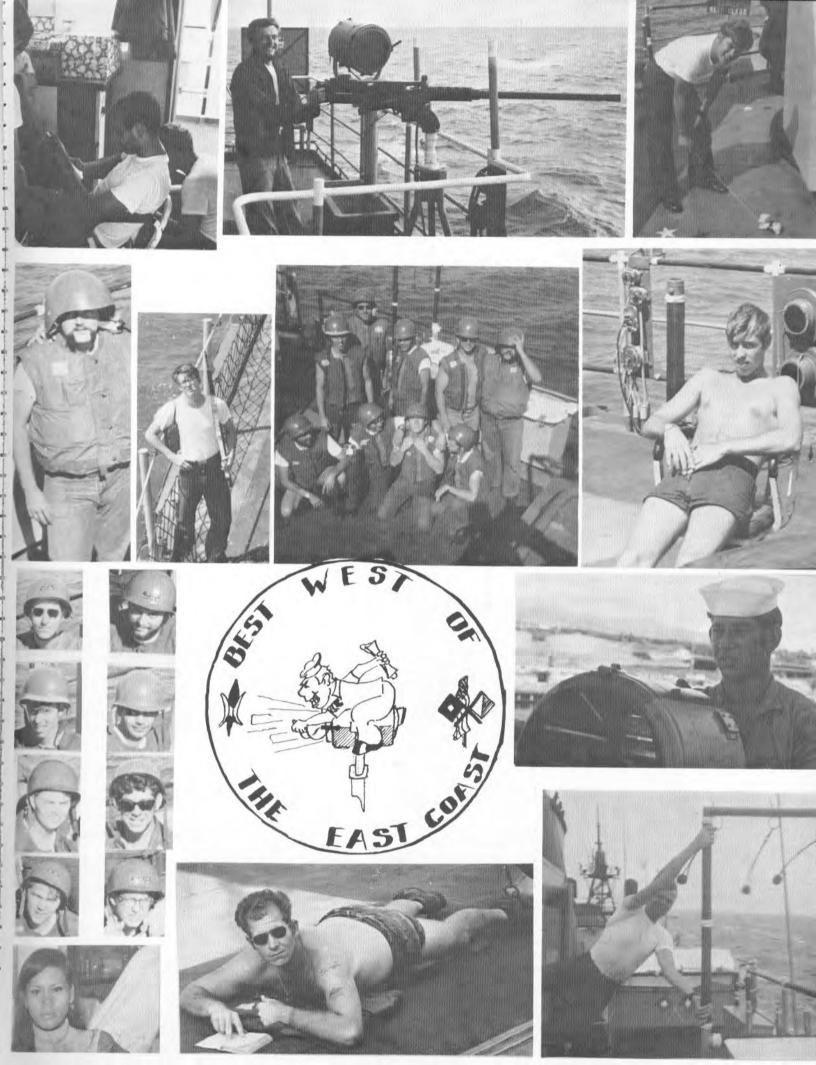
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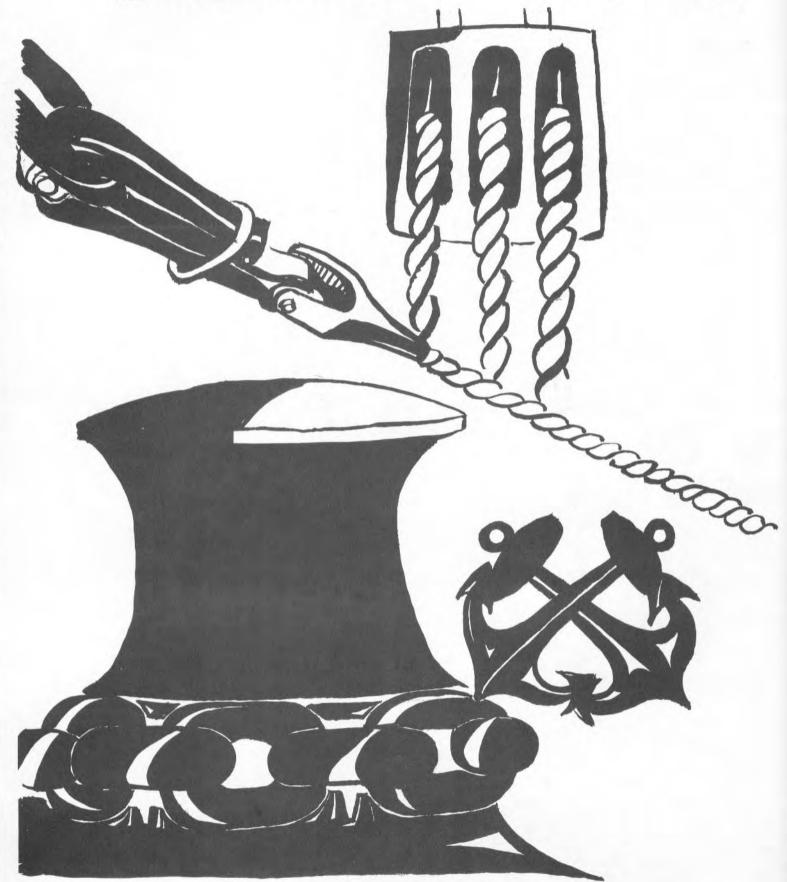
WHO ?







Deck Division





SA Vodhanel, SA Sloan, SN Madrid. SA Thompson, SN Benton, SA Seher, SN Vieu, SN Rollins, SN Graham, SN Wright, SN Boyer, SN Grinnen, SN Herring, SN Bryant, BM3 Couts, BMC Young

LTJG Moore, BM1 Chamberlin, SR Taylor, SN Wilkins, SN Jemison, SA Person, SA Hussey, SN Craven, BM3 Weinheim, BM3 Russell, SN Patla, SN Garver, SN Badillo

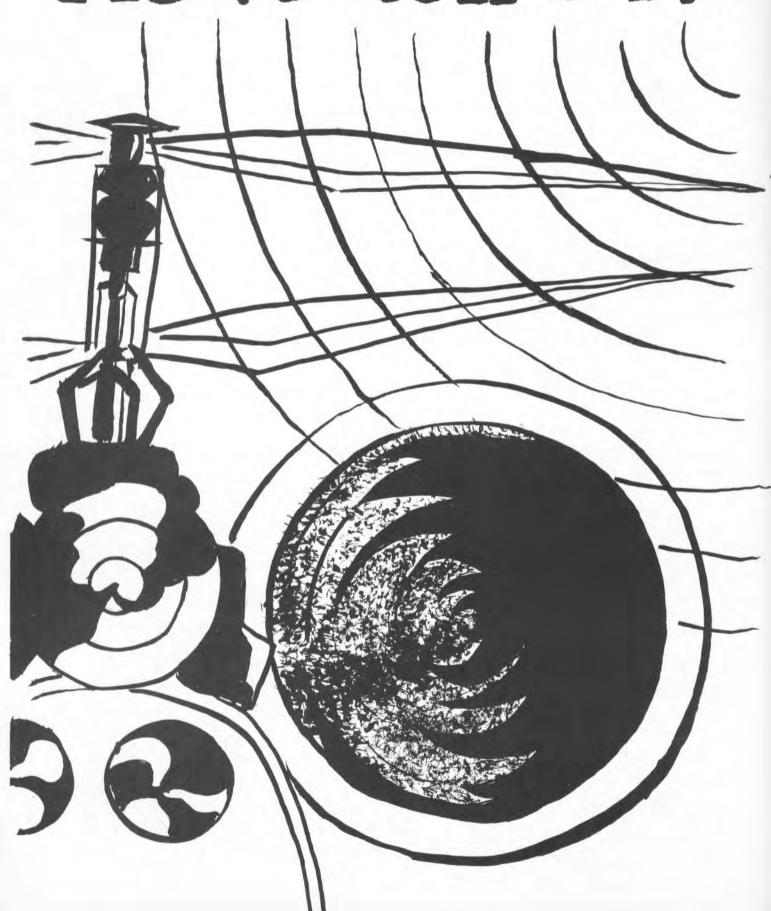
Missing
BM1 Cooper, BM2 Love, SN
Chilton, SN Hillard, SN Demarco, SN Bass, SN Mueller,
SN Smith, SN Olena, SN Boor,
SN Neiboer, SN Caton, SN
McCorgary, SA Arneson, SN
Malley, SN Bedell, SN
Cafarelli





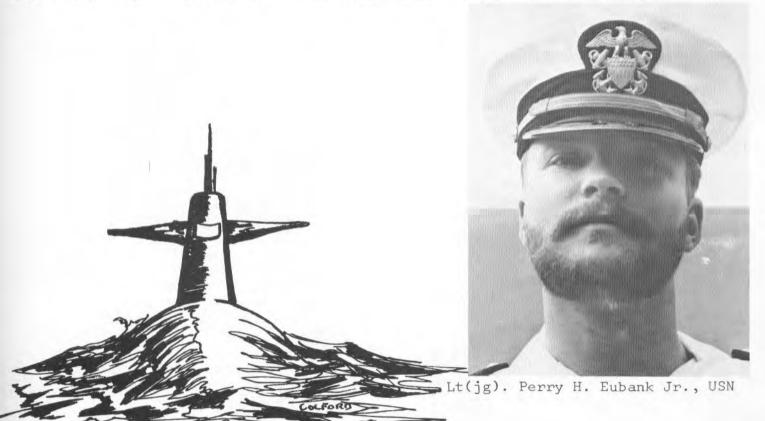


AS & Dash Div.





Standing: AN N.G.Box, ADJ2 T.J.Mick, ETR2 K.M.Jackson, AN R.S.Tate, ETN3 R.L.Burke, STGSN J.A.Larson, EN1 E.Waller, STC F.R.Eicholtz, LTJG Eubank, ST1 J.A.Smith, STGSN J.S.Laubhan, STGSN W.A.MacDougall, STG2 D.H.Dudley, STG3 V.A.Greifenstein, STGSN M. A.Collinson. Kneeling: STG3 H.R.Ingram, STG2 J.C.Hochstettler, STG2 S.A.Anderson, TM2 L.L.Mason, STGSN R.B.Fowler, TMT3 K.P.Lukowski. Missing: STG2 J.C.Hanna





Der it is.

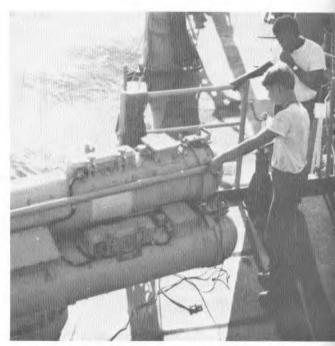


Now, what I say?





I used to know what it was.

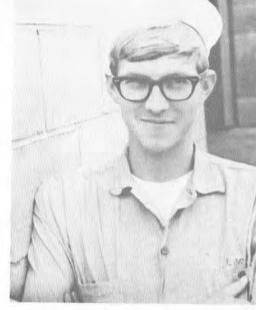


No, I'm sure it goes in this end

And I'll raise you another dollar.



You're in the "Blibbon" generation!



Squeeeeeeeeeeak.



No, honest, it's really mine.



Wanted - Dead or Alive.



Are you ripplin'?



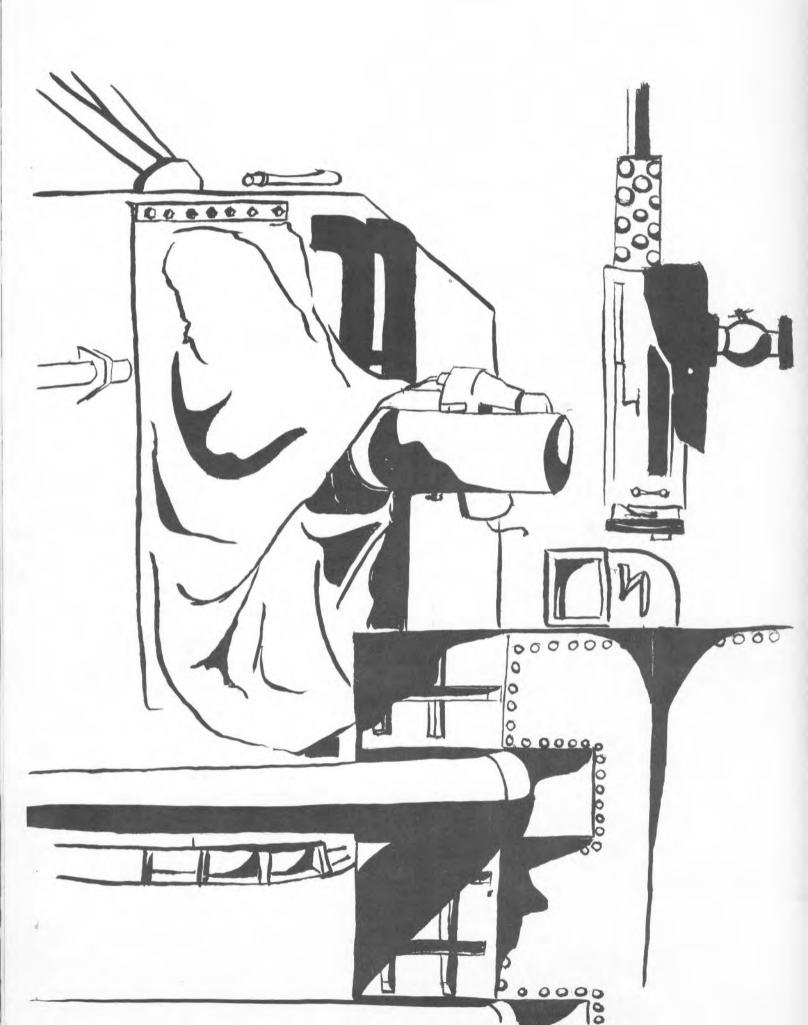
...and they are mild.

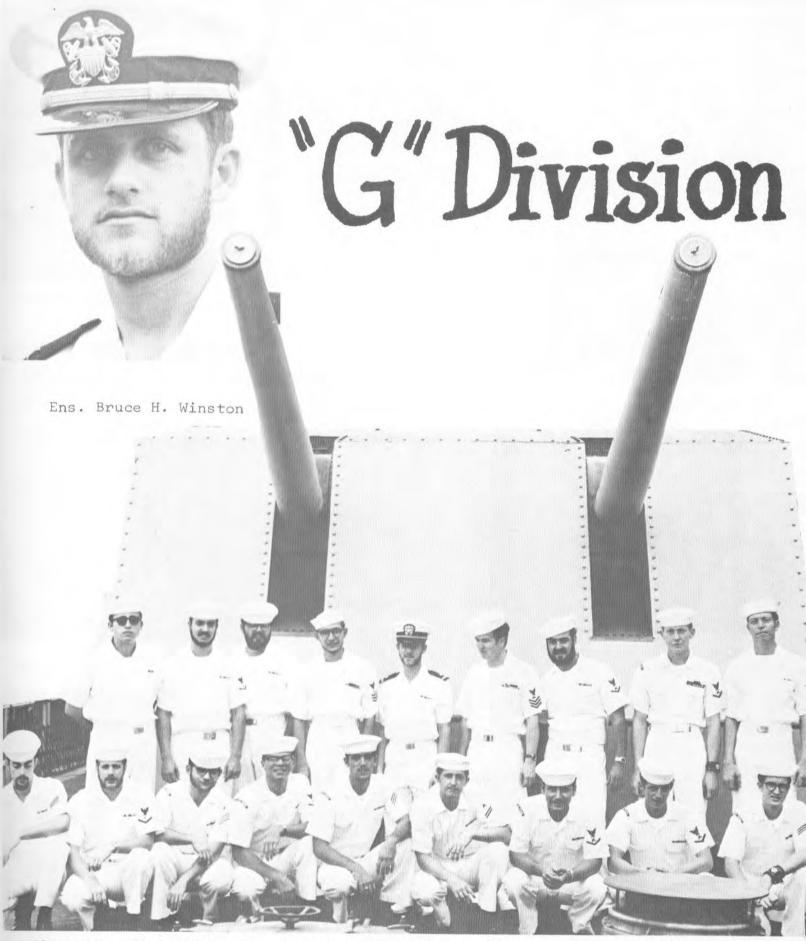
...and he gave her mouse to mouse resuscitation.











First row: SN N.G.Pasquire, FTG3 R.Lemire, FTG3 R.C.Evans, FTG3 E.A.Babbitts, FTG3 D.McPherson, GMGSN K.R.Cummins, GMG3 G.L.Santamore, GMG3 R.B.Peck, SN J.W.Ellison. Second row: FTGSN W.H.Bailey, FTG3 M.Hoevel, FTG2 D.Justison, FTG2 P.R.McKee, Ens. Winston, GMG1 J.H.Kordatzky, GMG3 M.Levine, GMG3 M.Miloni, GMG3 T.J.Pettit. Missing: GMGC C.I.Burchfield, GMG1 J.W.A.Pomerleu, FTGSA J.S.Beckwith, FTG3 T.Monachello, GMG3 C.F.Scheider, FTG3 H.Newberry.



AGHH! Tonight I get to change into a real people.



Hey man, those "Z"-gram are alright.





Just gimmie a chance will ya!



Game of "FISH" anyone?



Why me?



L/T's secret weapon...the "Jew"



What, this isn't officers c-country?







Err, ahh, where does this go?



Today sea & anchor detail was only 3 hours early.



I just wanna go home.



"BUDDHA"

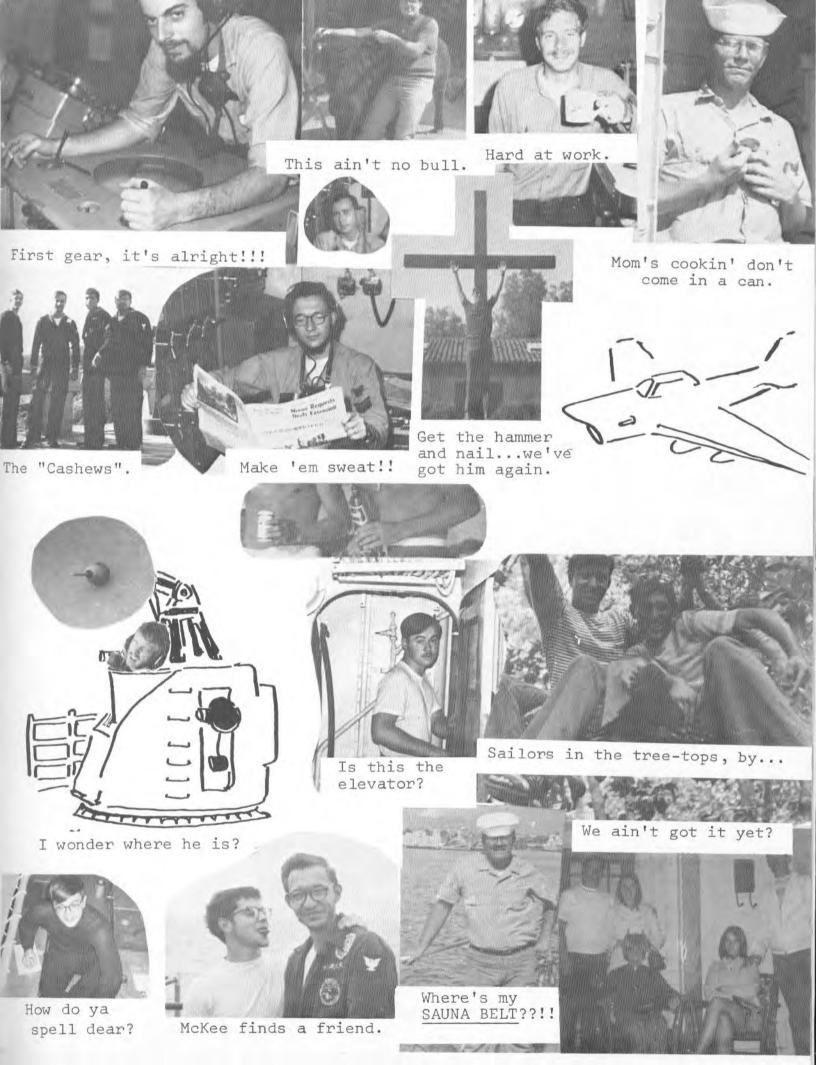


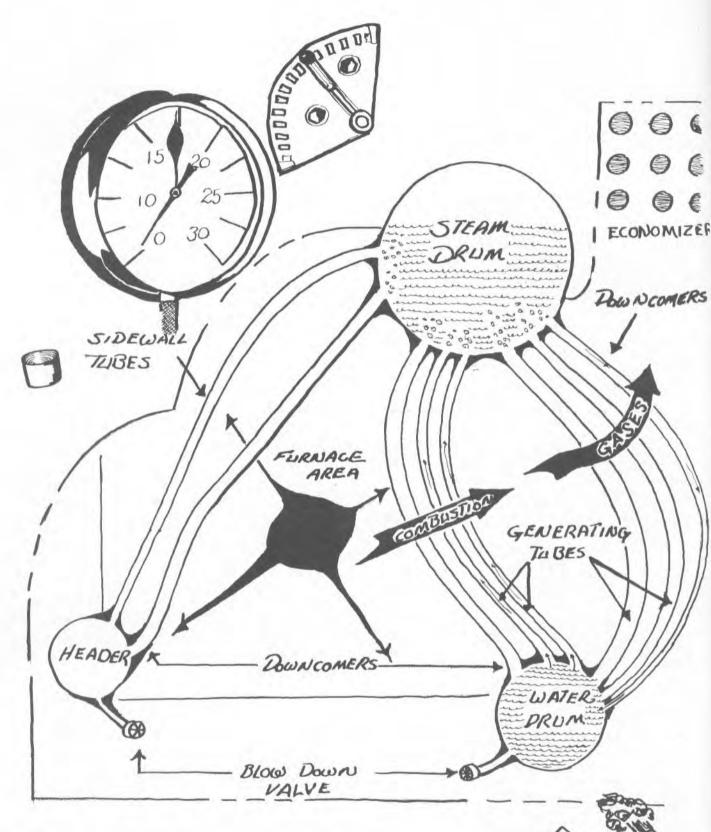
Maybe if we.....



Hey! "Banana with eyes" a hand here. Gimmie







"B" Division

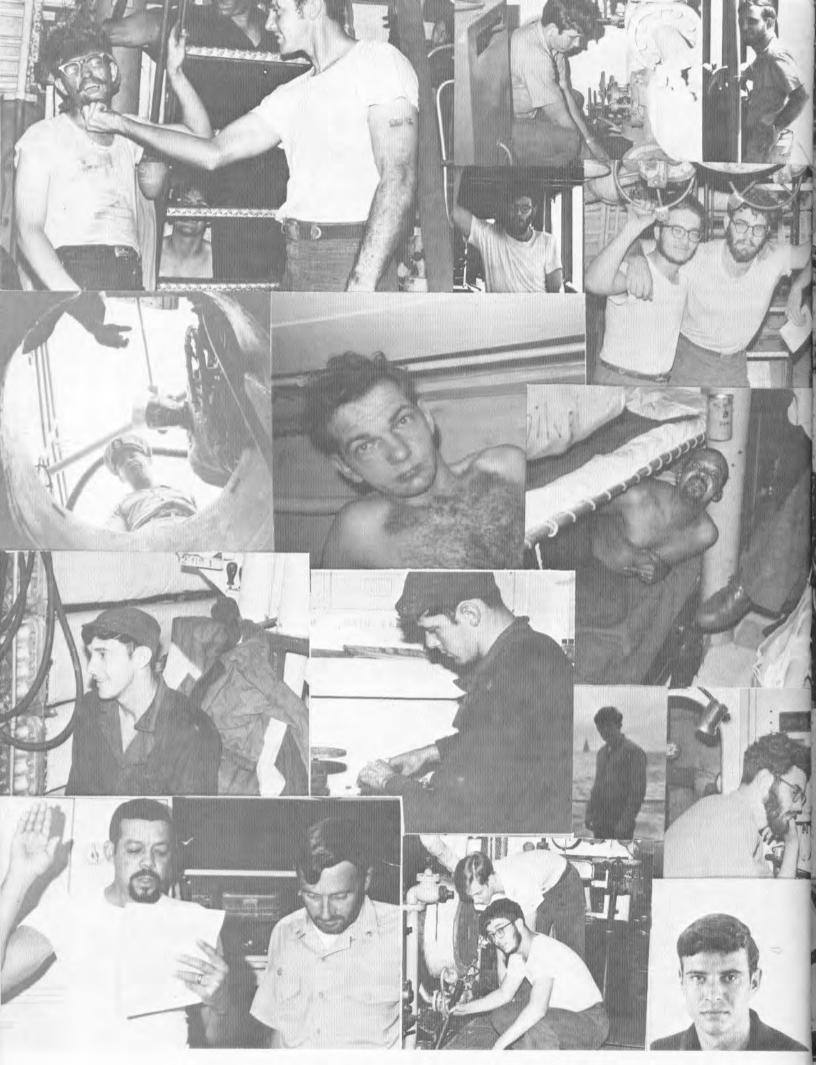




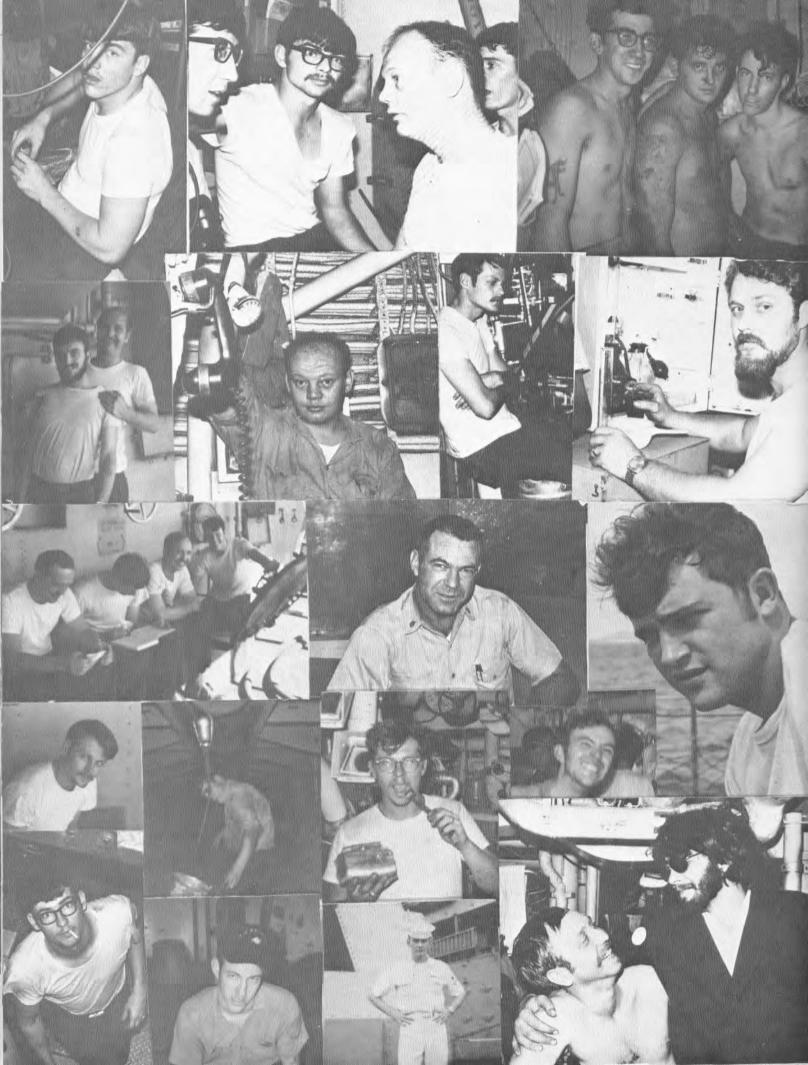
First Row: BT3 Meyer, BT3 Gillen, LTJG Watson, LT Sego, BT3 Lyon, FA Joyce. Second Row: BT3 Ritzer, BTFN Cole, FA Janette, BTFN Barnett, BTC Haag, BT3 Teegarden, FA Silvey, FA Willey, BT2 Reck. Third Row: BT3 Bouchard, FN King, FA Crawford, BT3 Reissman, FN Woodward, BT1 Nepper, BT2 Cornish, BT3 Cooke. Missing: BT1 Neman, BT2 Goss, BT3 Pouline, BT3 Reynolds, BT3 Stutzman, FA Crowell, FA Moffit.

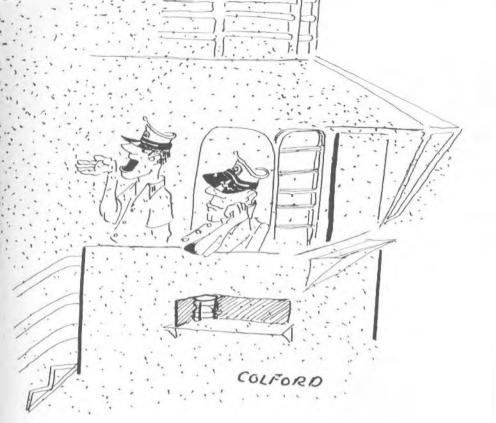


Lt(jg). Robert C. Watson, USN









We finally have a clear day and the soot blower gets stuck.



Boy am I dedicated



Dive Dive!!



Hit the pit

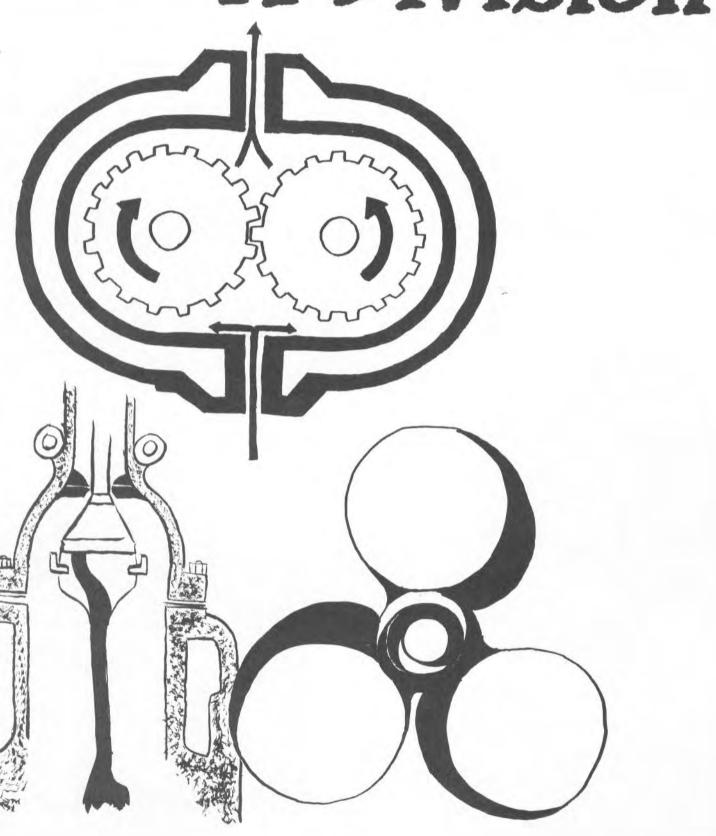


Standing a tight watch



So thats dripping too

"M"Division





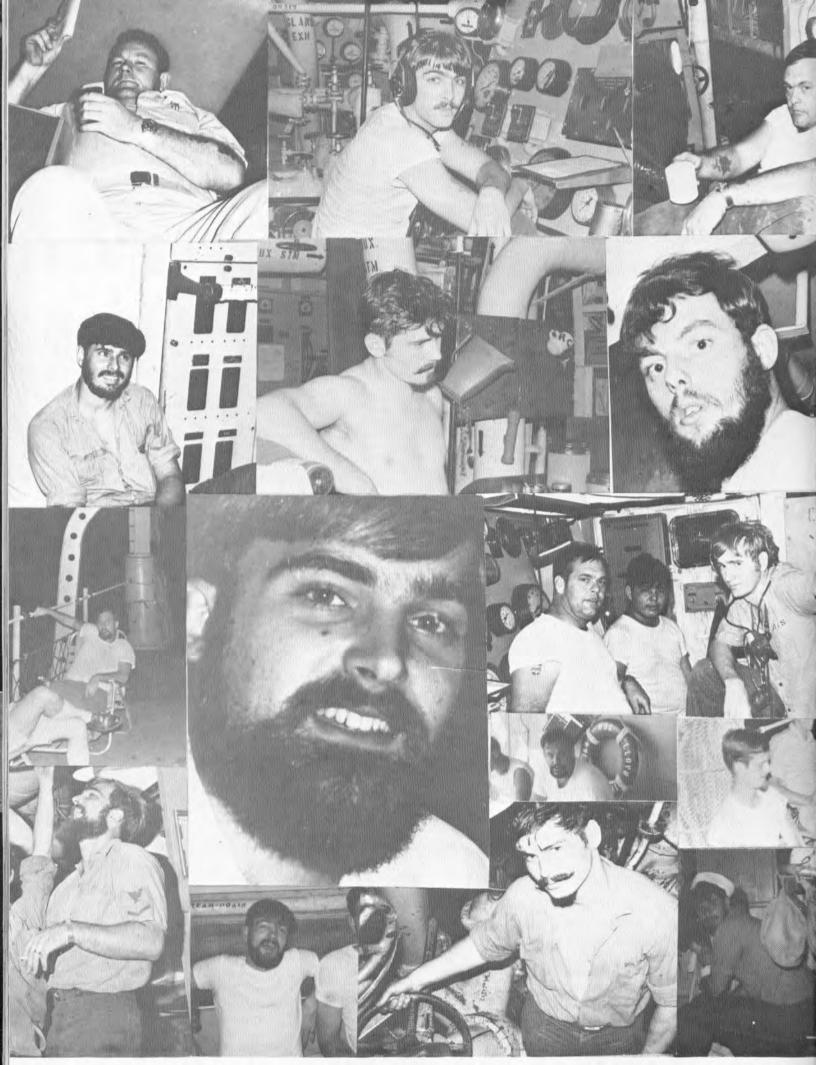
First Row: MM1 Carman, MMC Kell, MMCS Sexton, LT Sego, MM1 Walsh, MM3 Smith. Second Row: FN Whitlock, MM3 Forster, MM3 Dillard, MM3 Dow, MM3 Sylvester, FN Greenwalt, FN Serrano, FN Russell, MM3 Hill, MM3 Hays. Third Row: MM2 Johnson, MM3 Spiegel, MM3 Phelps, MMFN Shelburn, FN Sutherland, MM2 Haase, FN Bequart, FN Thornton, FA Davis. Missing: MM3 W.J.Smith, MM3 Howell, MM3 Napier, FN Roberts, FA Matott, FR Pacheco.



New guy. said he's been through the gears and knows them like the back of his hand.



MMCS W.R. Sexton, USN





Oh, my girdle is killing me.



Well, after engine room did it again.



Speeding! Who, me?



I wonder if I'm safe here.



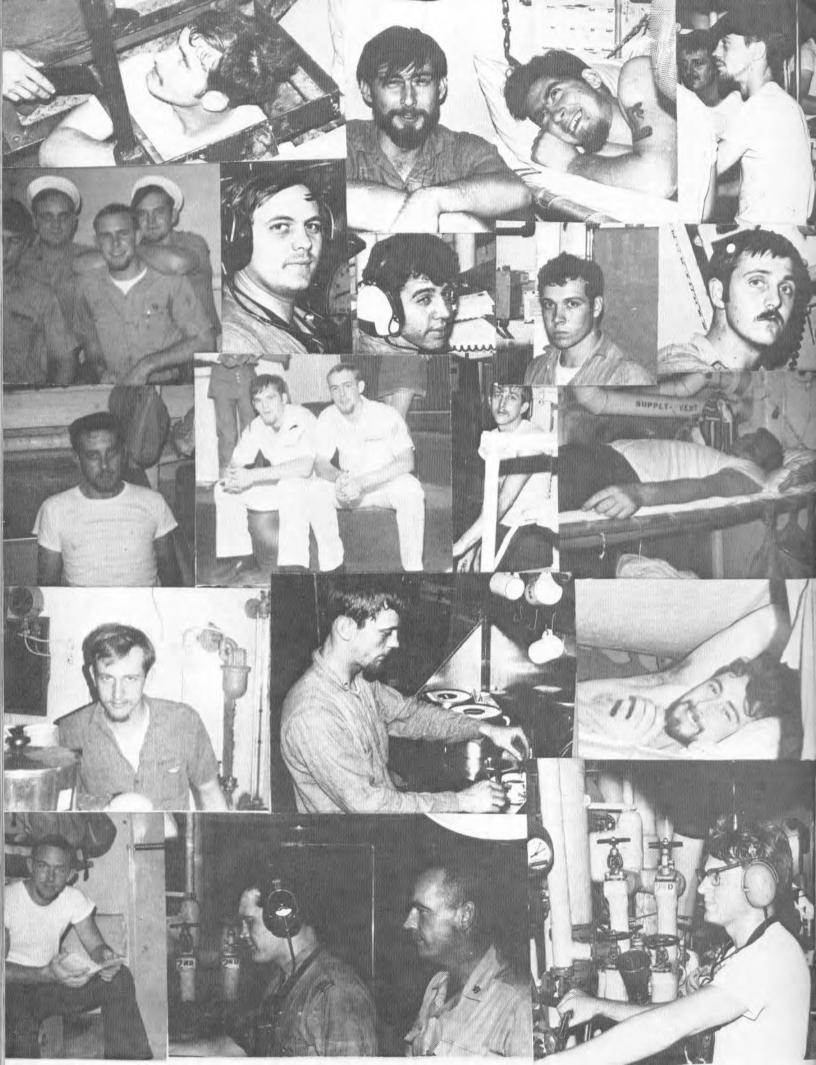
And I promise I shall never do it again.



For the last time, it's after frame 110.



Hurray! I'm finally off restriction.





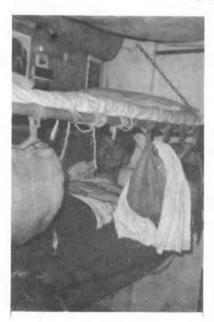
Not recruiting duty in Wyoming?



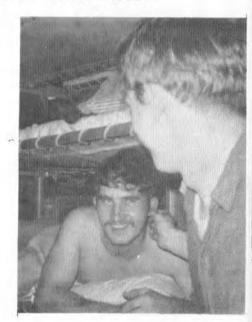
Picture of loveliness!



Let Hertz put you in the driver's seat.



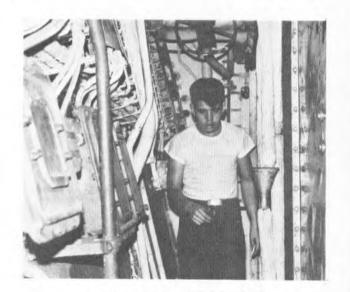
Who me? Go down in the pit.



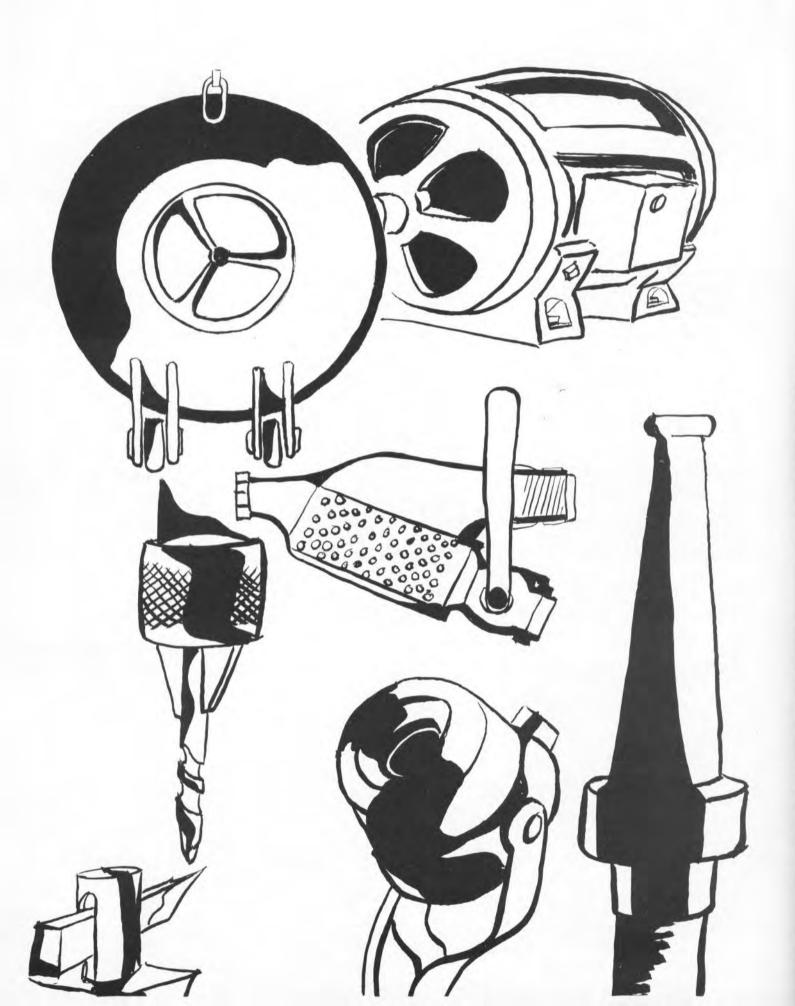
You know your looking better every day.



Mmmm, that little old rainmaker me.



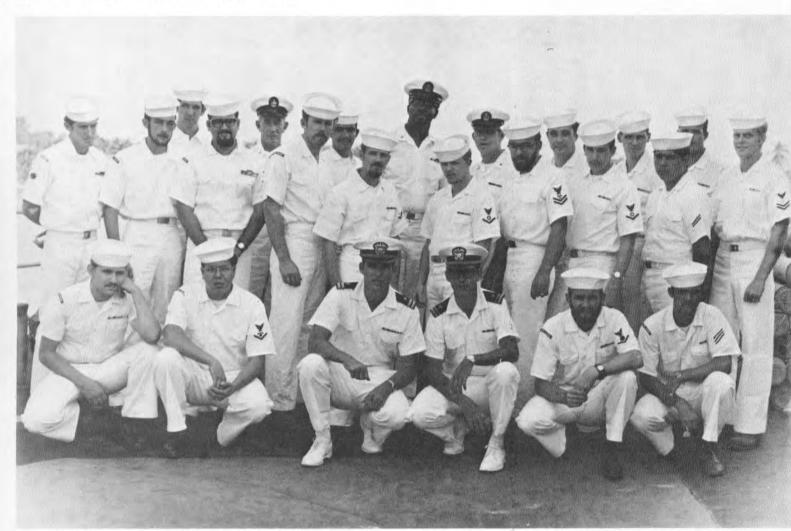
Now, let's see. That was 3 with garlic, 2 with onions, 4 with relish, 3 with...
Or was it.....





"R"Division

Lt(jg). Rickard H. Hokans, USNR



First Row: EMFN Laird, IC3 Martinez, LT Sego, LTJG Hokans, EM3 Ragsdale, FN Souza. Second Row: MM1 Sullivan, EMFN Watson, IC1 Milke, DC2 Boothe, SFP3 Cooper, EN3 Williams, MM2 Fierro, EN3 Walters, FA Baker, SFM2 Purdy. Third Row: DC2 Mathiak, SFC Cole, DC3 Bischoff, EMC Hughes, MMC Edwards, EM1 Class, EMFN Nielsen, SN Rankin. Missing: EM2 Bowles, EN1 Duvall, EM2 Johnson, MR1 McPherson, EM3 Paquette, IC3 Perry, SFP3 Slingerland.



I hope that gum holds!



Somebody bloke my tick tock.





I do this for a hobby.



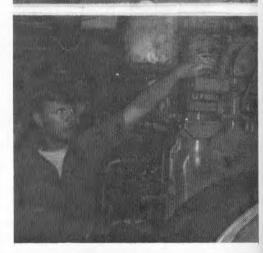
You should see what we do after knock-off.

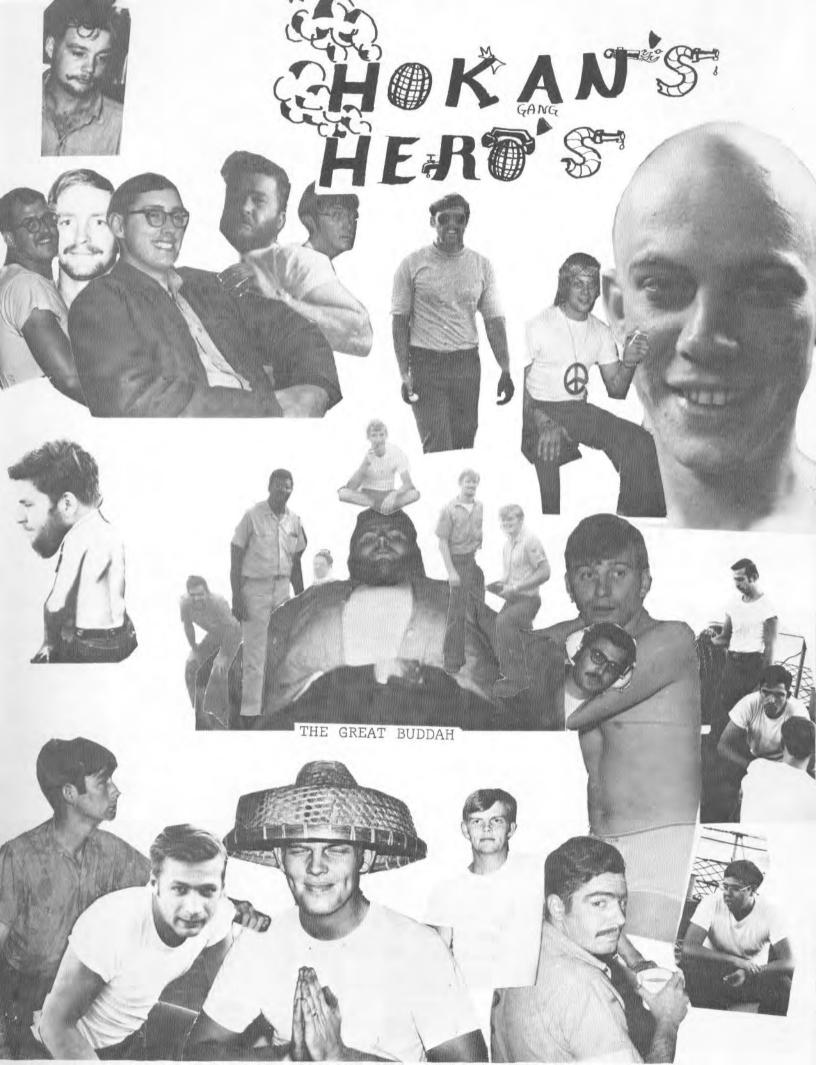


That should be long enough. Now, if either firepump happens to stall...





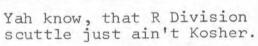




















Took a little work, John, but I managed to parallel the After Board with After Diesel.



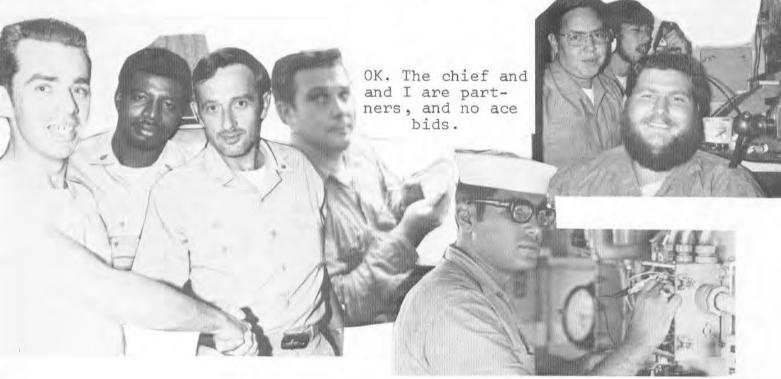
The Gold-Dust Twins



The trouble with this ship is that they keep the D.C. frequency up too high.

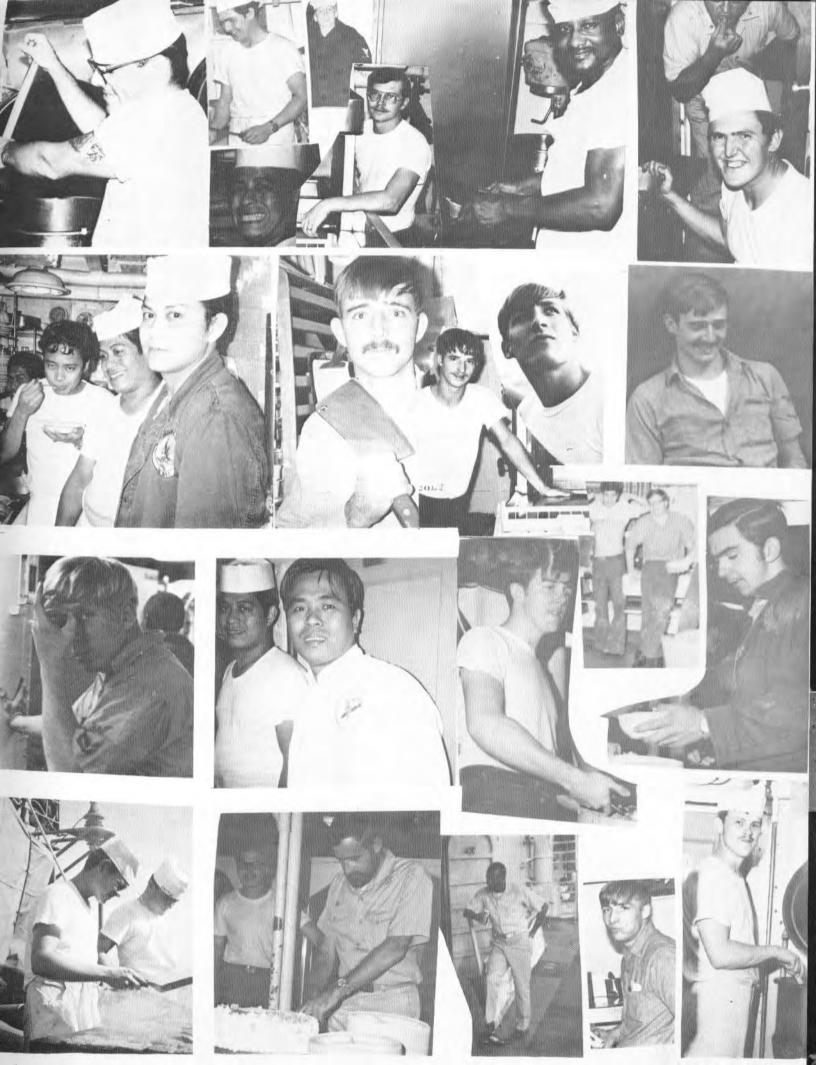


Ya know Chief, I've been findin' these bolts all over the deck lately.

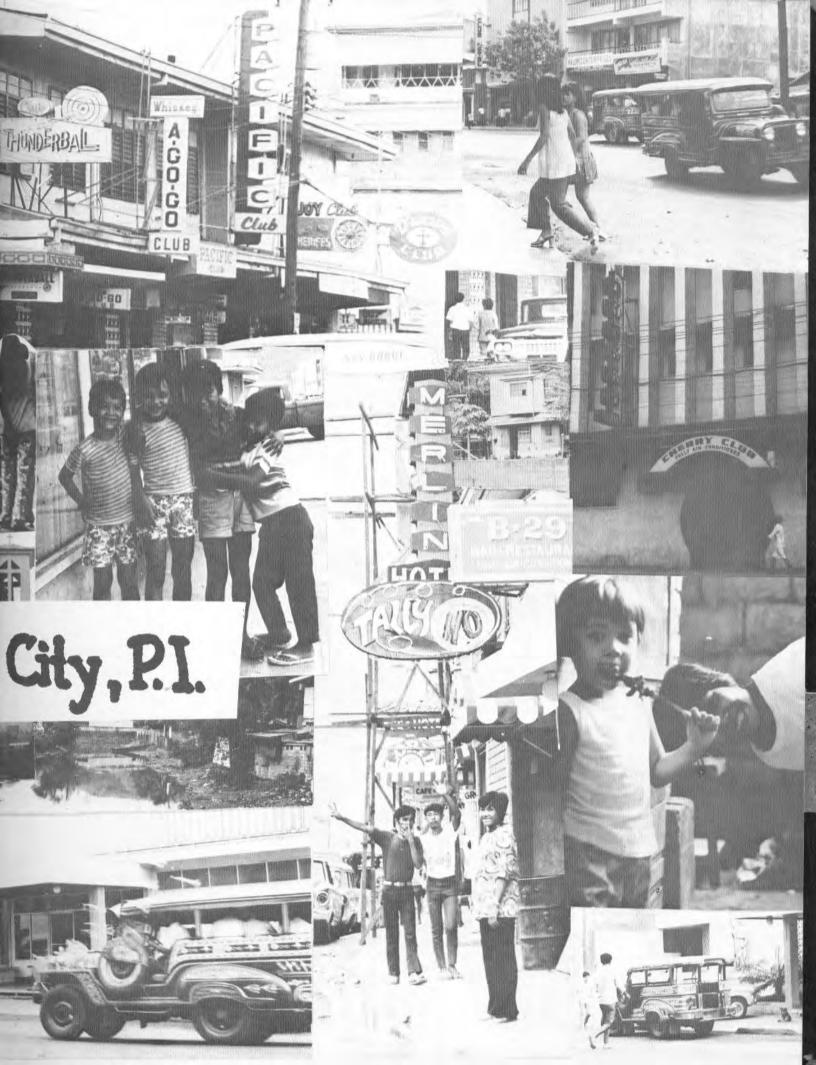


Hey! Are electrons orange or yellow?











Welfare and Recreation Committee

Left to right:
IC-1 Milke, RD-2 Marvin,
Lt(jg) Small, BT-3 Gillen,
AMSAN Box, FTG-2 Justison,
SM-3 Carvallo. Missing:
STG-2 Anderson, RD-2 Yunker,
SK-3 Gardner, MM-3 Smith,
QM-3 Cascante, SN Craven

In the absence of our favorite diversions, the Welfare and Recreation Committee found many ways to amuse us. There were cribbage tournaments, pinochle tournaments, spades tournaments, bingo, a photo contest, a beard growing contest, several cookouts, athletic gear loans, and special events on holidays. Several divisions had division parties on this cruise, and the committee set up an outstanding ship's party in Subic Bay on December 4th and 7th.

The ship's radio station "KOOL" piped many hours of good sounds thru the ship. Many of the pictures in this cruisebook were developed and printed on board in the Welfare and Recreation sponsored darkroom set up on this cruise. The book itself is partially financed by the Welfare and Recreation fund.

THANKS, AND WELL DONE!





First Row: AN Norman Box, STG2 Joe Hochstettler, SKSN John Benfatti, Second Row: John Marvin, LTJG Perry Eubank, RDE1 Bill Oneufer, BT3 Herb Ritzer, RD2 Charles Yunker, SM3 "Duck" Colford, RM3 Dan Lawton.

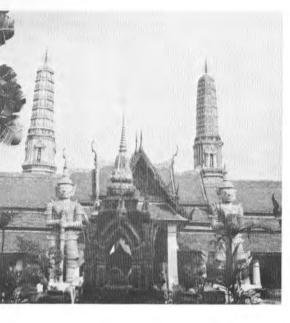
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Cruise Book Committee



FTGSN Harry Pasquier FTGSN Dave Evans EMFN Bruce Watson DK1 Grandpa Jones IC1 Fred Milke Missing: RD1 Art Grigor FTG2 McKee

Radio Station 'KOOL"



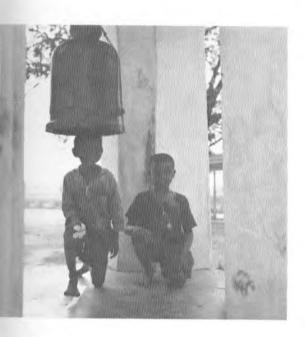




Bangkok

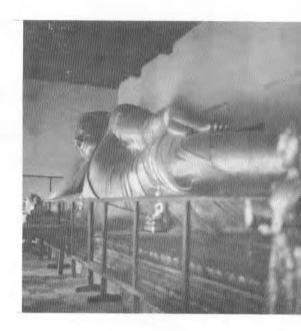






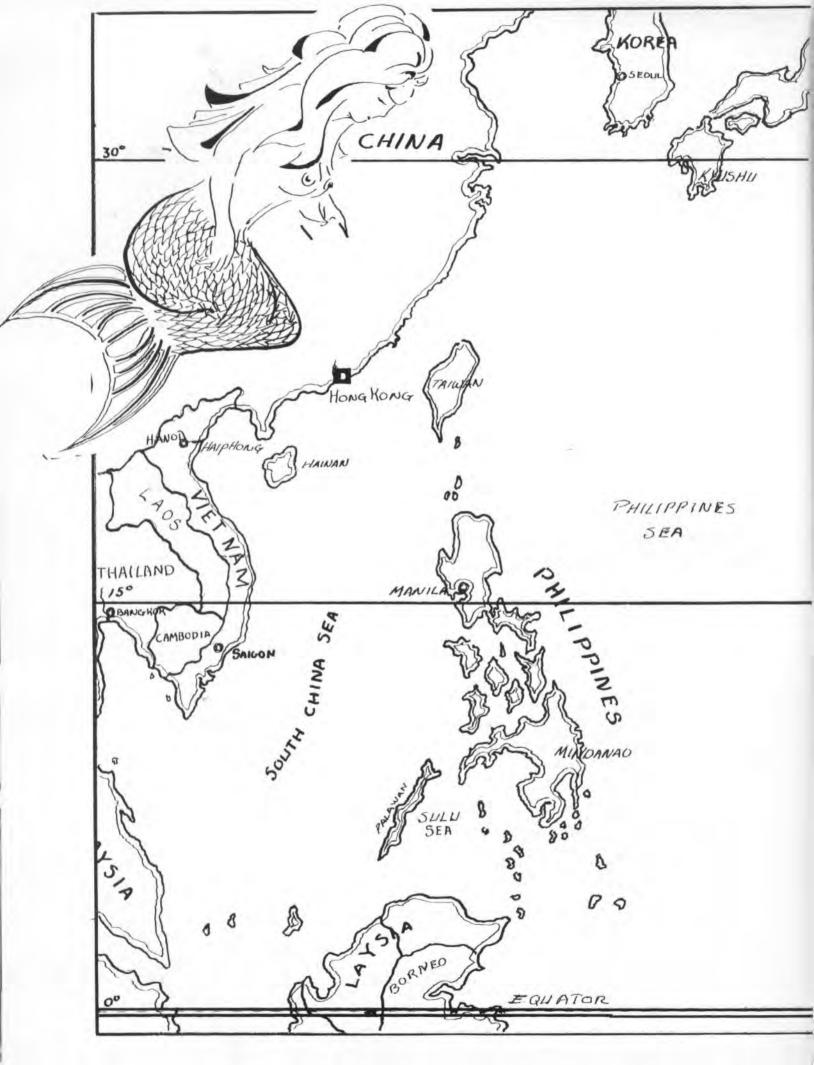
Thailand

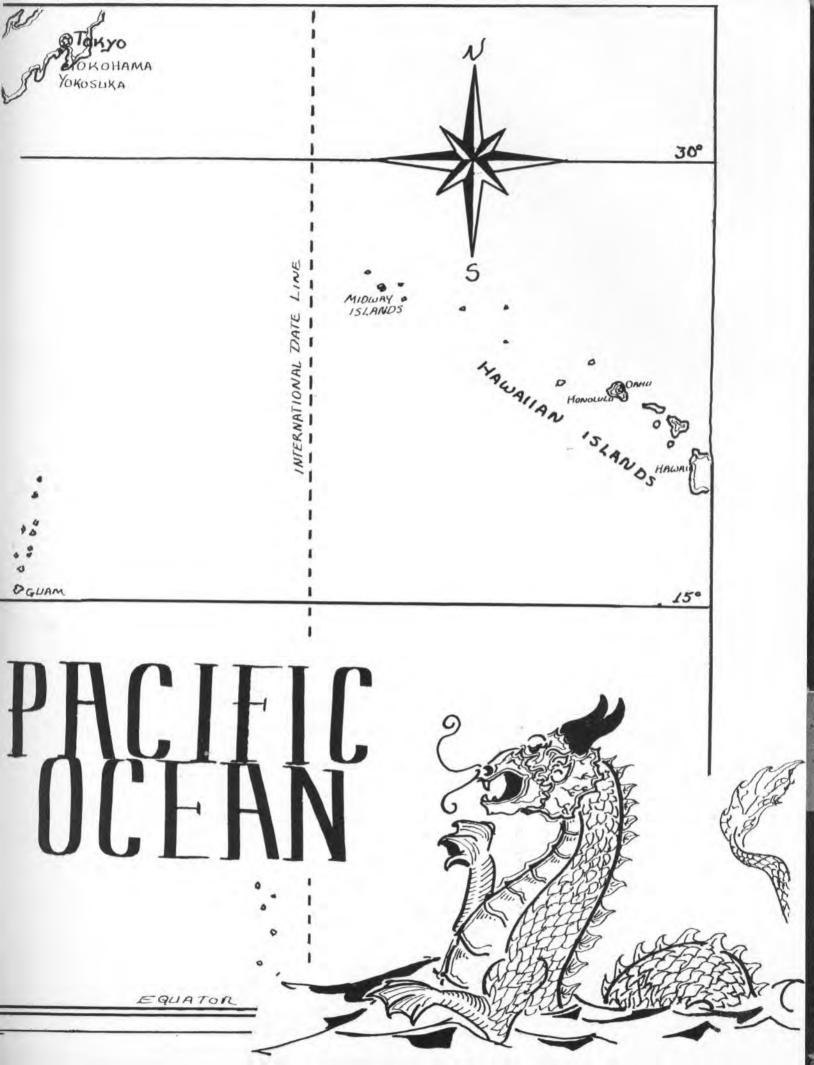


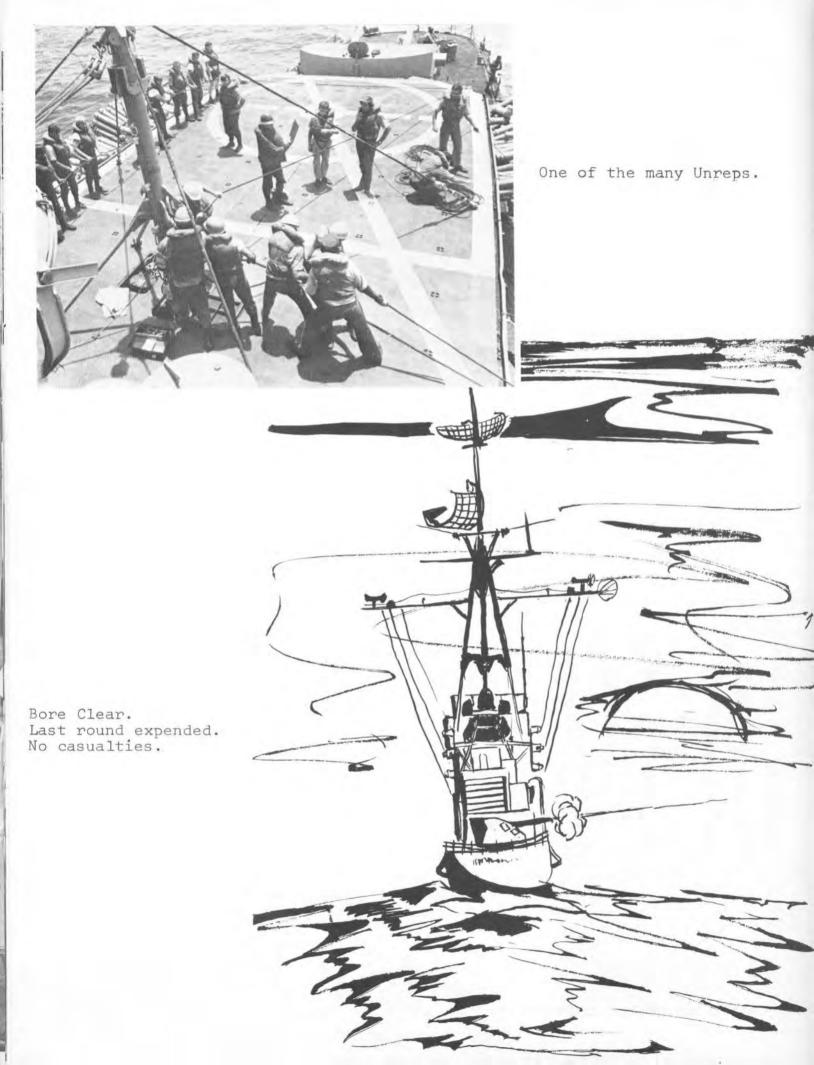














15 February 1971: Good-bye Subic, good-bye Westpac!







In Memoriam

Alan Scott Boor, SN

Dennis John Bullock, GMGSN

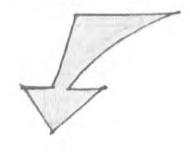
Douglas Alan Nieboer, SN



13 September 1970: Return to Subic for repairs . . .



and liberty in Olongapo City





27 September 1970: On station North SAR

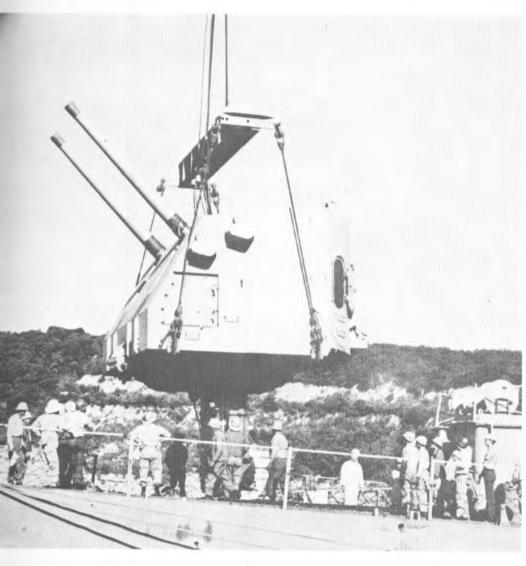


20 October 1970: Refuel in Okinawa enroute to Yokosuka, Japan



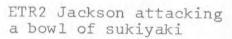


10 October 1970: Subic Bay



22 October 1970: Arrive Yokosuka, Japan, for repairs and a new Mount 51

But Japan wasn't all work or was it?

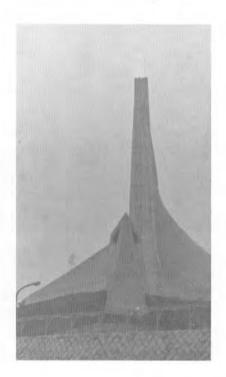






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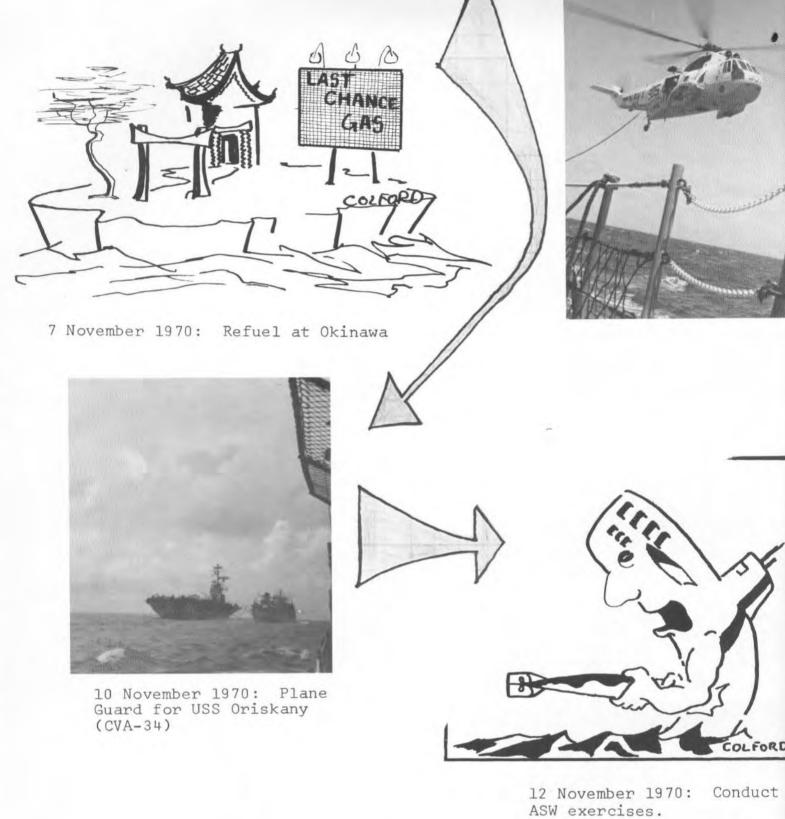


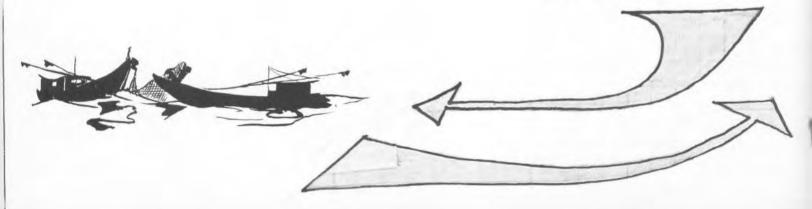






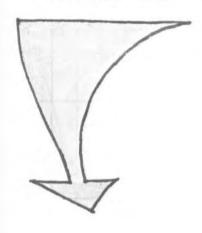








7 December 1970: Ship's Party in Subic Bay





11 December to 28 December 1970: Fired over 1,900 rounds on the Gun Line



25 December 1970: Colford's depiction of Christmas on the Gun Line





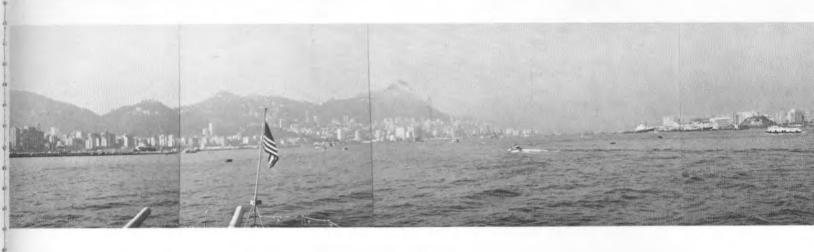
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