

USS RUSHMORE

LSD-14



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Welcome Aboard



USS Rushmore LSD-14
9 Feb - 24 July 1965



In the twenty-one years since her original commissioning, RUSHMORE has lived three distinct lives: Two active, combat-distinguished war time years in the thick of things in the Pacific; four and one half quiet, out-of-commission years in Pascagoula, Mississippi; and the most recent eleven and one half years operating the Atlantic.

The letters "LSD" in the ship's title represent "landing ship dock". Born of wartime necessity, this new type was designed as a combination dock and landing craft carrier. She is 458 feet long, 72 feet wide and has a speed of 14 knots and displaces from 4500 to 8000 tons, depending on her load. The really unique feature of this type is the 394 foot long well, which carries her main cargo. By flooding her ample ballasting tanks with sea water, or by emptying them, the LSD may be lowered or raised in the water so that the well deck varies from dry to a depth of ten feet of water. From this feature stems the primary mission of the LSD: rapid delivery off an enemy beach of a large number of combat-loaded landing craft.

LSDs are named after historic sites in America. RUSHMORE is named for the Mount Rushmore Memorial in the Black Hills of South Dakota, where a giant sculpture in mountainside stone commemorates four of our greatest Presidents: Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt.

Under wartime pressures, RUSHMORE was built in six months in Newport News, Va., by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company. Her keel was laid on 31 December 1943; launching was on 10 May 1944; and on 3 July 1944 RUSHMORE was commissioned.

An interesting sidelight of RUSHMORE's building is that she was originally intended for the British. All original plans and blueprints still carry her expected name, HMS SWORD.

Beginning a scant three months after commissioning, RUSHMORE performed distinguished combat service in the last year of the war in the Pacific, which culminated in the surrender of Japan. She participated in four amphibious landings: Leyte in October 1944; Palawan in February 1945; Mindanao in March 1945; and Tarakan, Borneo in April-May 1945. For these she earned three battle stars on her Asiatic-Pacific Cam-

paign Medal.

Among RUSHMORE's many and varied wartime experiences, some are especially interesting and memorable. For her fine work at Leyte and Lingayen in the Philippines, she received two letters of commendation. She steamed a total of 70,000 miles in her wartime life, crossing the equator ten times and the 180th meridian six times. For the Borneo landing, RUSHMORE carried Australian troops of the famed "Rats of Tobruk" Battalion which helped chase Rommel out of Africa. The ship carried every manner of cargo, of which perhaps the most unusual of her career was a 137 foot Japanese submarine, transported from Samar, Philippine Islands to San Francisco.

In late 1945, in the wake of the war, RUSHMORE earned the Navy Occupation Service Medal with Asia clasp for operations in occupied Japanese waters. The American Campaign Medal and World War II Victory Medal complete the total of four ribbons she now displays on her bridge.

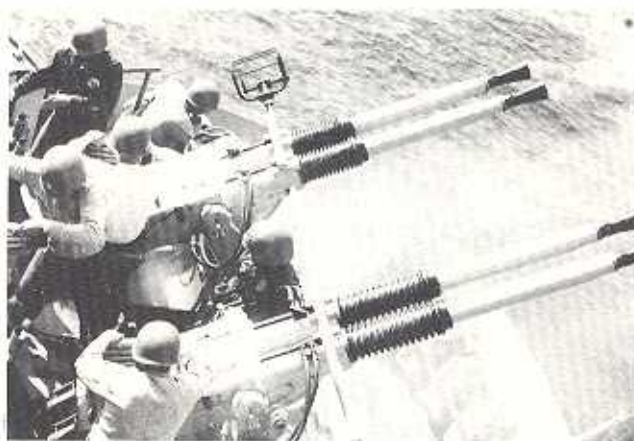
Next came decommissioning in August 1946, and mothballing in Pascagoula, Miss., the beginning of four and one half years of the silent waiting for which the reserve fleet was intended.

The Korean War began the third phase of the RUSHMORE's life with recommissioning on 21 September 1950. The ensuing fifteen years have been busy ones, spent

ranging the Atlantic, Caribbean, and Mediterranean seas. During this period, she has steamed a total of 194,000 miles. The largest portion of this time has been spent at sea on various training cruises and exercises. The RUSHMORE had her hull strengthened in preparation for six consecutive summers of cruising to resupply DEW line bases in the Arctic Sea - a record which only icebreakers can match.

In the spring of 1963 the RUSHMORE participated in operation DEMOLEX in the Caribbean, which was viewed by the late President Kennedy.

In the fall of 1964 she participated in Steel Pike I, the largest peacetime amphibious landing since World War II. From 8 February to 17 June 1965, she operated as part of the Sixth Fleet Amphibious Squadron in the Mediterranean after which she journeyed once again above the Arctic Circle for operations in Norway, returning to Norfolk 24 July 1965.



Commanding Officer



COMMANDER BURTON B. WITHAM, JR., U. S. NAVY

Commander Burton B. Witham, Jr., U.S. Navy, was born at Portland, Maine on the 18th of March 1923. He attended Northeastern University and Harvard University and entered the naval service as a student in the Naval Reserve Officers Training course on September 19, 1942. Commander Witham received his commission as Ensign in February 1945. He subsequently served at the following duty stations:

Explosive Investigation Officer, U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot, Balboa, Canal Zone; Staff Officer, Commander Caribbean Sea Frontier, San Juan, Puerto Rico; Gunnery Officer, USS HARRY F. BAUER (DM-26); Gunnery Officer, USS VAN VALKENBERG (DD-656); Commanding Officer, USS LST 822; Staff, General Line School, Monterey, Calif.; Commanding Officer, USS BOLD (MSC-424); Commander Mine Division 82; Director of Enlisted Training, Fleet Sonar School, Key West, Florida; Executive Officer, USS FRANCIS MARION (APA 249).

Commander Witham's naval honors include: American Theatre, World War II Victory, World War II European Occupation, National Defense, United Nations Service Medal, and Korean Theatre with two stars.

Commander Witham is a ham radio operator and has received several commendations from the states of South Carolina and Florida for his radio assistance during hurricanes Gracie and Donna. He is also an active member of the Plaza Volunteer Fire Department in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Commander Witham is married to the former Caroline Milliken of Portland, Maine and has two daughters: Anne, age 18 and Mary, age 14.



Executive Officer

LCDR BILLY M. BURROW, U.S. NAVY



Department Heads



Lt. D. Dellinger
OPERATIONS OFFICER



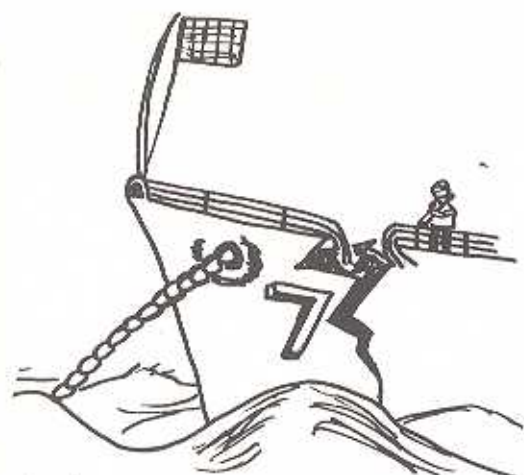
Lt. D. Rice
ENGINEERING OFFICER



Lt. L. Stamer
FIRST LIEUTENANT



Lt. O. Fisher
SUPPLY OFFICER



11 O'CLOCK LIGHT STRAIN



Ltjg. P. Wilson
NAVIGATOR

Division Officers



Ltjg. L. J. Shue
CIC OFFICER



Ltjg. W. B. Brown
ELECTRICAL OFFICER



Ens. W. E. Bragunier
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER



Ens. J. S. Peterson
2nd DIVISION OFFICER



Ens. T. M. Guyton
ADMIN. ASSISTANT



Ens. F. D. Sears
SHIPS BUSUN



Ens. D. P. Scauffer
A DIVISION OFFICER



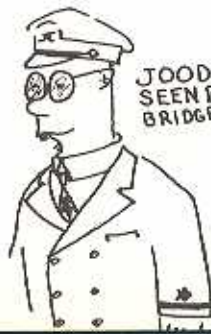
Ens. W. C. Phoebe
GUNNERY OFFICER



Ens. F. W. Ranhosky
ASST. CIC OFFICER



CWO-2 Terry
B&M DIVISION OFFICER



JOOD AS
SEEN BY THE
BRIDGE WATCH

Embarked Officers



Ltjg. J. W. Schopp
UDT-22 OINC



Ltjg. R. Samuelson
UDT-22



Ltjg. R. Newton
UDT-22



Ltjg. E. Owens
OINC ACU-2



John contemplates the universe.



Ltjg. T. Bruner
OINC BMU-2



Ens. W. Gardner
OINC ACB-2



Yes sir, it is a topless



Ens. J. Butler
BMU-2



Signalman strikers



I'm just afraid that Mr. Ranhosky will use my scissors the next time.



Uniform of the day??!



So you want to be an Ensign?



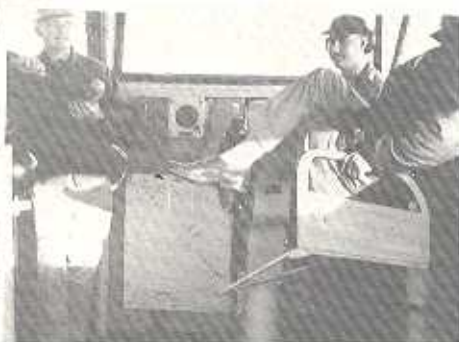
Now front line—take one giant step.



Rushmore's own "Buffalo"



Boy, wait till they let us up here when we're underway!



It's your wife, sir.

Chief Petty Officers



R. Fay, BTCS



R. Leggett, ENC



I. Manual, DCC



W. Duane, HMC



M. Tabor, MMC



C. Leyden, BMC



R. Lamm, BMC



E. Barrett, GMC



C. Morrison, BMC



F. Jackson, QMC



J. Looper, HMC

The Crew



Deck Department

FIRST DIVISION



R. Williams, BM3 G. Miller, BM3 W. White, SN D. Blood, SN R. Graves, SN



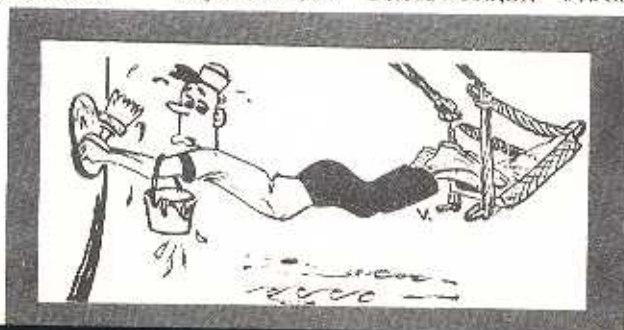
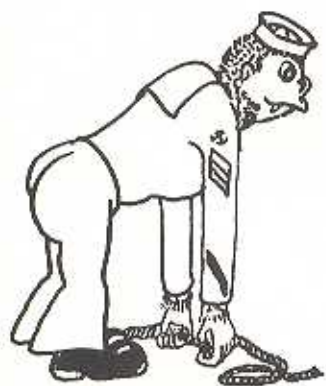
F. Kaufman, SN D. Givliano, SN W. Perry, SN J. Perkins, SN R. Pucci, SN



L. McCoy, SN E. Costello, SN G. Gillian, SN F. Pohl, SN D. Campbell, SN



T. Pearo, SN D. Johnson, SN B. McSween, SN W. Winter, SA J. Miller, SA



SECOND DIVISION



W. Patnaude, BM2 D. Christy, BM3 D. Bernard, SN E. Miller, SN J. Flecher, SN D. Wagner, SN W. Dixon, SN



V. Ladouceur, SN J. Vargo, SN C. James, SN W. Boehne, SN B. Reid, SN R. Merone, SN D. Martin, SN



A. Collis, SN N. Calonna, SN K. Salsberry, SN P. Desfosses, SA

THIRD DIVISION



L. Hindle, GMC2 S. Darcangelis, FT3 R. Steinsdoefer, SA



H. Dutton, GMGSN J. Beckner, FTGSA D. Bellm, SN



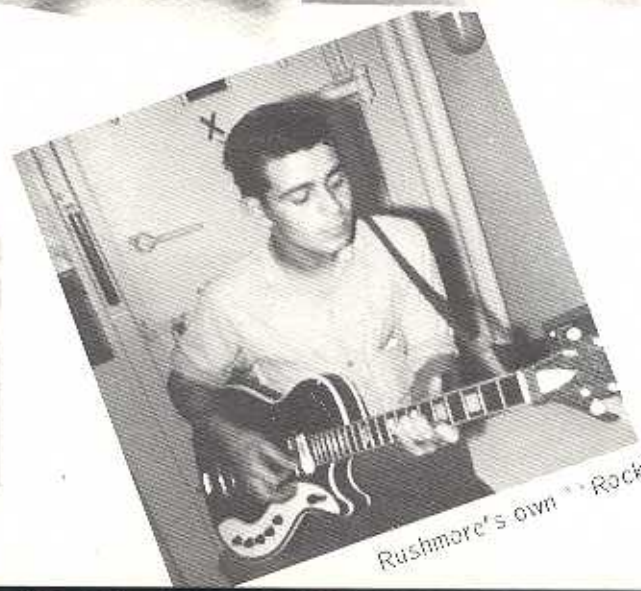
It looks like a brown breasted ruby throated swallow to me.



They gave it to me for reenlisting



The "Wheels"



Rushmore's own "Rockin' Roach"



Our award winning gunners.



"Now turn in all paint!"



Miller on the helm



YOU SAID YOU WERE A SAILOR
 BUT YOU'RE A SAILOR'S SON



Operations



B. Ramsey, RM1 J. Binkle, RD1 F. Miller, RM2 H. Layton, SM2 A. Graham, ETN2 P. Brown, RD2



D. Conrad, SM2 W. King, RM3 T. Bunch, RM3 F. Drazbraski, RD3 J. Ryan, RD3 L. Walters, RD3



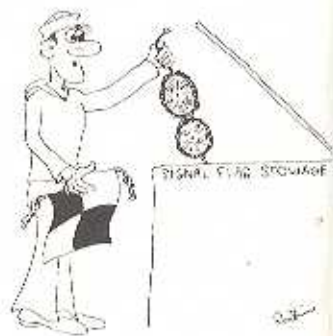
H. Leslie, RM3 C. Reid, RM3 R. Fleischer, SM3 R. Armstrong, SM3 J. Ortiz, RM3 K. Gregory, SN



C. McMullen, RMSNR Mecker, RMSN S. Sammons, SN J. Valtz, SN D. Brantner, RDSN R. Chaney, SA



J. Lightner, SN A. Mietzen, RMSN J. Handley, SA R. Weaver, FTRSN

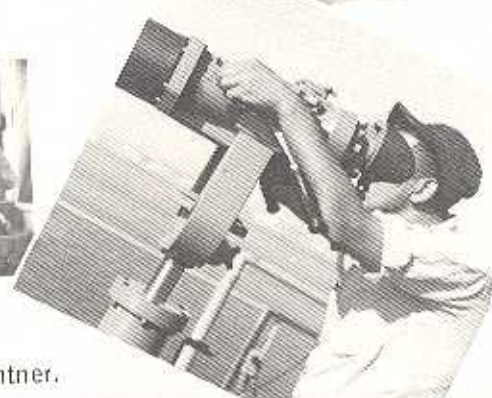




Conrad what are you reading.



King on watch.



Wait one, I'll check with Brantner.



Send in more beer, Roger over.



I swear I saw a little man!



Muscie Beach



"Paper, covers rocks."



Tactical observers.



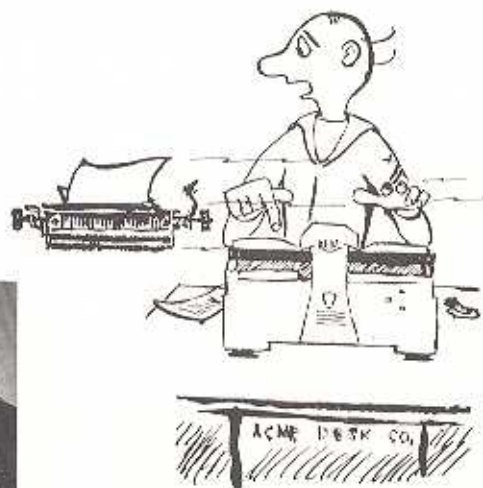
H N X DIVISION



J. Boyd, QM1 F. Thornton, YN L. Baird, HM2 J. Minnich, PN2 C. Nickowski, QM2



F. Smith, QM3



B. Holladay, HM3



P. Taylor, HM3 J. Judge, PN3



J. Johnson, PN3 J. Nugent, YN3



G. Dennis, SN H. Wilson, QMSN



R. Sexton, HN W. Kunke, HN



C. Hayes, YN L. Carlson, SN N. Reid, SN R. Gilmore, PCSN G. Mason, YNSA



Starshack and its owner.



Who says Bobby Dylan's a fake?



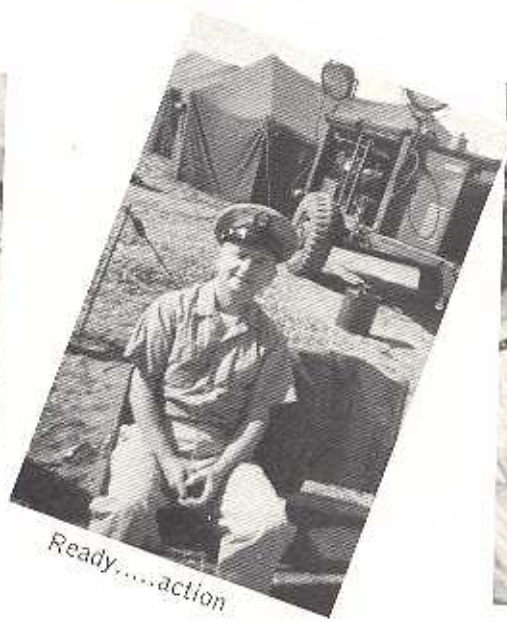
Coffee break for the Captains office.



Cargemen worked round the clock.



Ships office takes a break.



Ready.....action



Engineering Department

A DIVISION



J. Baker, FN A. Doss, MM1 J. Hofer, MM1 J. Blackstock, MM2 R. Embry, EN2 E. Opsito, MR3



T. Sebastian, MR3 L. Hicks, MM3 S. Parrott, MM3 J. Zakrzewski, EN3 W. Hutchinson, EN3 A. Brown, FN



T. Panks, ENFN R. Brousseau, FN J. Bellard, FN



J. England, ENFN D. Land, FA



AT Co's inspection

B DIVISION



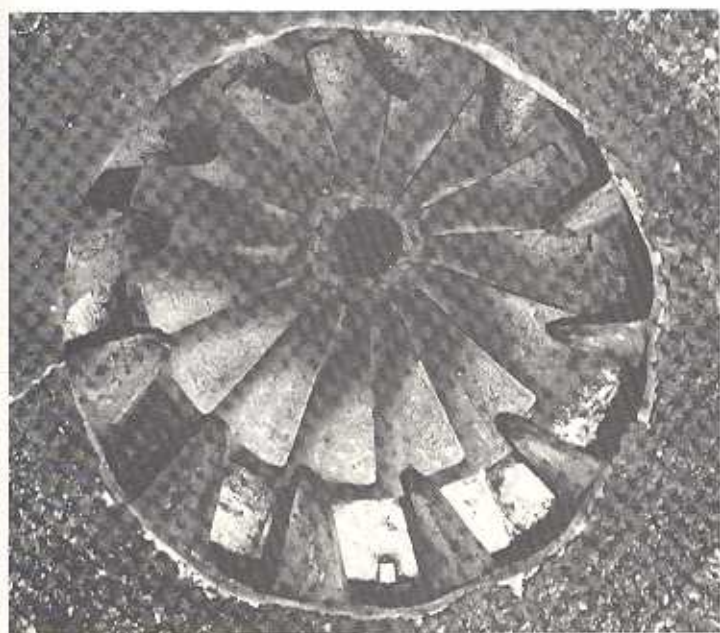
F. Tody, BT1 H. Berry, BT2 J. Ratcliff, BT2 J. Bannon, BT3



R. Nelson, BT3 F. Hill, BT3 H. Roundy, BT3 M. Carruba, FN



C. LaQuadra, FN D. Herzberg, FN M. McNeils, FN R. Brinkworth, FN M. Jovingo, FN R. Lee, FN A. Compitello, FA



R. Malyneaux, FA J. Buzard, FA H. Kimler, FA



S. Lavoie, FA M. Scupien, FA M. Hilliard, FA

E DIVISION



C. May, EM1

R. Carle, JC1

J. Phillips, EM2

L. Spring, EM2

K. Reinhard, EM2



R. Harris, EM3



We don't care who the shore patrol officer is!



R. Boutiette, EM3



J. Cady, EM3



T. Strasser, EMFN



G. Zielonka, EMFN W. Feldman, JCEN F. Anders, JCEN F. Arcano, EMFA C. Murphy, FA



"YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T PUMP BILGES IN PORT!"

M DIVISION



L. Hood, MM1 W. Beane, MM1 R. Palmer, MM1 J. Leader, MM2 W. Cantrell, MM3



K. Munsell, MM3 D. Zweifel, MM3 G. Cady, MM3 M. Post, FN D. Deaton, FN



J. Pigott, FA S. Spafford, FN R. Hernandez, FN O. Thompson, FN D. Wulterkens, FN J. Shutter, FA R. Taylor, FA



W. Stephens, FA W. Kimlin, FA



R. Waalk, FA



This made us go.

R DIVISION



D. Rush, SF1 C. Bowen, SFP2 S. Mercer, SFP2 L. Bishop, DC2 G. Coggins, SFM2



W. Brown, SFP3



They'll never find us for the working party.



J. Lopez, SF3



J. Wilson, SF3



T. Grant, SFPFN



W. Paradis, FA S. Friedrich, FN R. Ness, FN



R. Steele, FN E. King, FA H. Calaway, FA



Compendium Wides



Love that "Bach"



Throttle Jackey



You need more beer, where?



I just shipped.

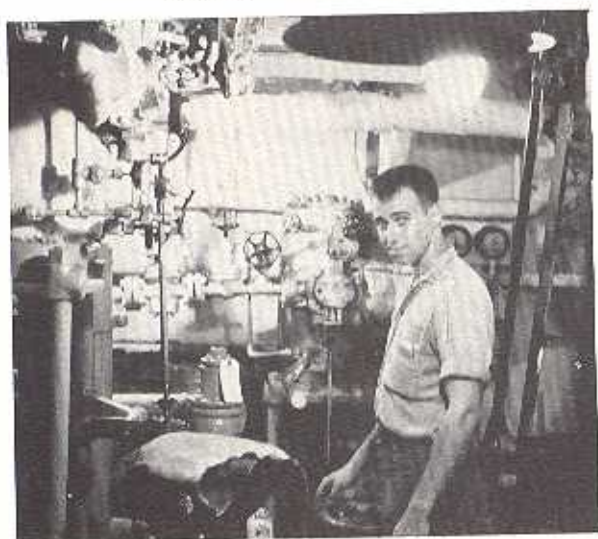




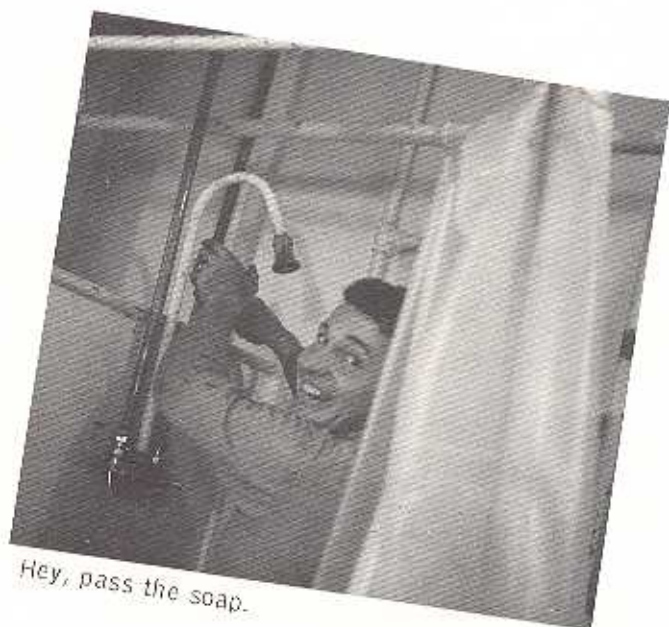
I get time and a half for overtime



And its only been three months.

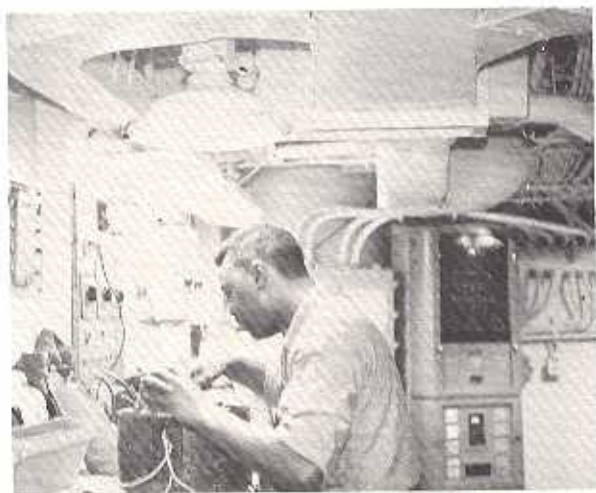


We make the finest moonshine in the fleet.



Hey, pass the soap.

She has dual carbs and overdrive too!

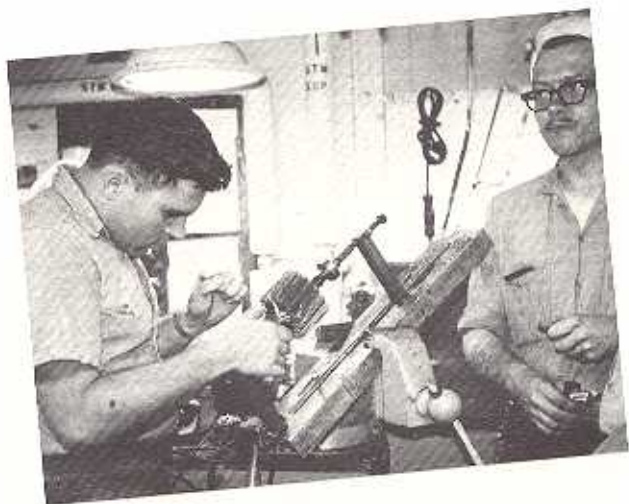
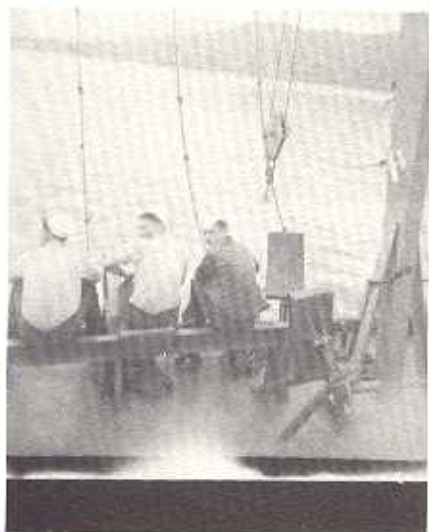




Must have been a good one!



Catching a nooner.



We keep a keg on tap most of the time.

Suppy Department



E. Weaver, CS1 B. Fearon, SK1 S. Pace, SD1 F. Vergara, SH2 S. Madelo, SD2 B. McCord, DK2 C. Fenner, SH3



B. Bowen, SK2 S. Burgess, SH2 W. Shranks, CS3 E. Talley, SD3 A. South, CS3 J. Bologa, SK3 M. Wanty, SK3



W. Brooks, CS3 B. Proctor, SH3 N. Rodamer, SA G. Kelley, SKSN R. Steward, TNSN J. Glover, SN S. Moore, FN



R. Laskowski, SN S. Gilmore, SN A. Militar, TN J. Mumford, SN R. Hutchinson, FN G. Sinks, SA C. Berry, SN



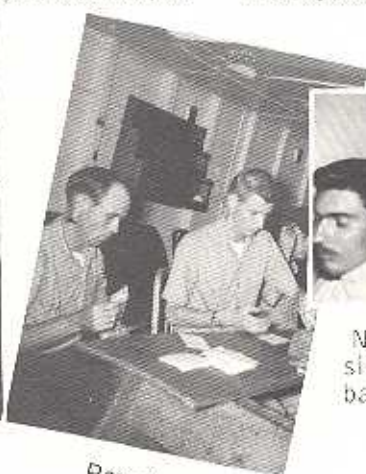
M. Santasieri, SN



Saturday morning
inspection



And I jammed it right up
to here!



Pay day



None off the
side, top, or
back, please

Assult Craft Unit Two



J. Suits, BM1 T. Williams, BM2 G. Higman, BM2 F. Johnson, EN2 J. Wallace, BM2 R. Simmons, EN2 R. Beam, EM3



C. Lewis, EN3 R. Whitney, EM3 W. Nicholas, EN3 M. Hall, BM3 C. Lewis, EN3 T. Buist, EN3 F. Byrne, BM3



J. Scott, ENFN J. White, RMSN F. Lytell, SN J. Skinner, EN J. Cashman, SN R. Fernandes, SN D. Crumpton, SN



L. Cohen, SN A. Cobb, SN R. Wilcox, SA

ACB TWO



C. Loomis, FO1 H. Liller, BM2 S. Clinard, EON2 D. Banuster, BT2 P. Catania, EN3



C. Donatiello, BM3 R. Ober, EN3 J. McNealey, SN D. Phillips, SN D. Wissinger, CN J. Weed, SN

Beachmaster Unit Two



G. Crumpler, BM2 R. Zach, SM2 T. Münich, ET3 V. Halleums, SN K. Parks, FN



D. McNellis, HN M. McCall, RMSN A. Bilodeau, SMSN G. Ivy, PNSN D. Kanara, SN



C. Mork, FN W. Wells, SN D. Whitman, SA



"All hands stand clear of the main deck due to heavy seas!"



Mine Squadron Ten



Minron 10 at inspection



A. Allison, BM2 E. Sherwood, BM1 R. Foster, EN1



L. Sailor, EN1 W. Hambrick, EM2 K. Ezell, EM2



L. Schmitz, EN3 R. Stanley, EM3 F. Brodka, EM3 P. Ashby, BM3 T. Belk, BM3

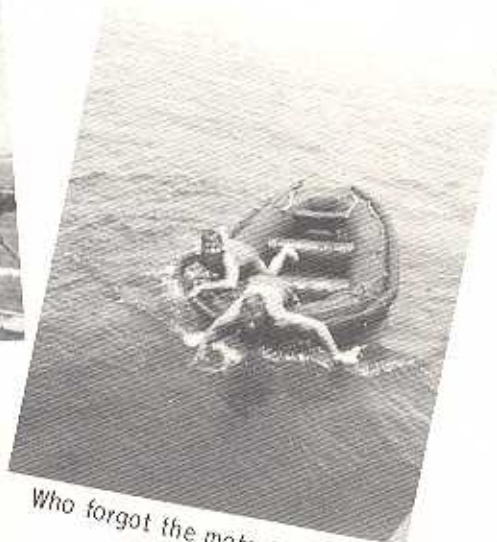


W. Davenport, E. Nyborg, FN E. Williamson, SN D. Halter, SN



"PERMISHINTACUNABRD
SHIR?"

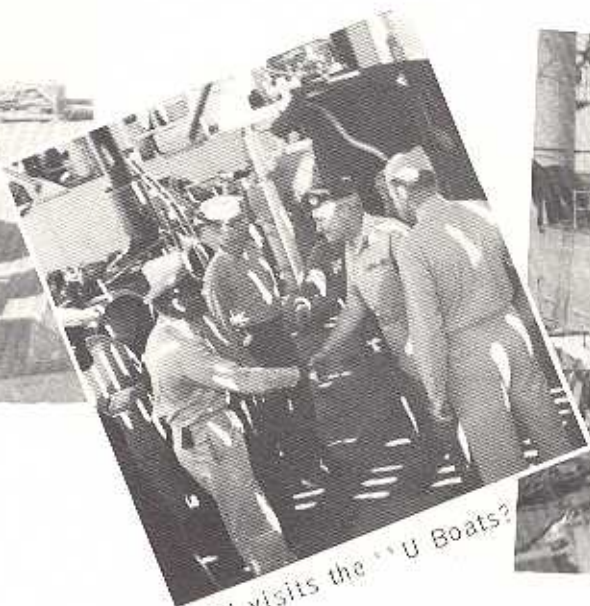




Who forgot the motor?



OK! who forgot to bring the salad dressing.

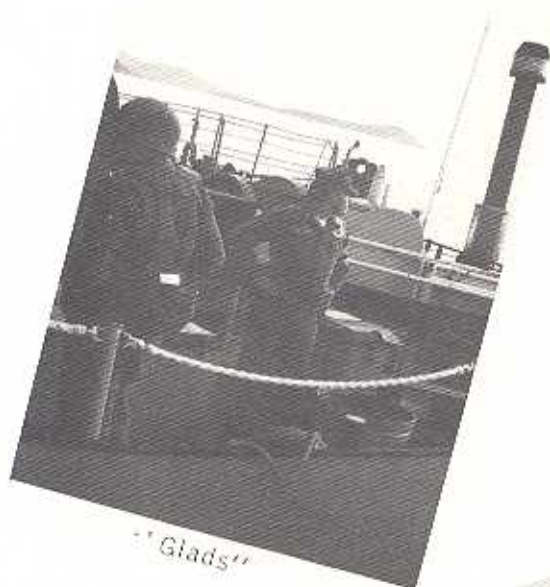


British General visits the "U Boats?"



It bit me right here.





"Gladys"



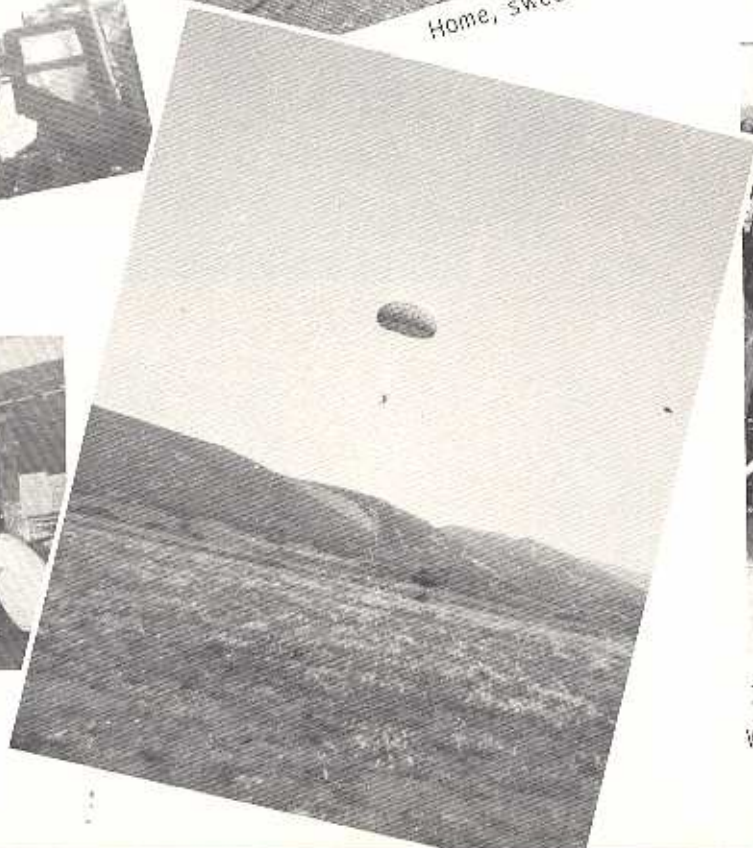
The Commodore.



Home, sweet home.



Sherwood working?



I think this is where Wallace hides his beer.



THE CREW AT WORK AND OTHERWISE.



Smile Boyd



You're all on report.



Captains birthday



Mirror, mirror, on the wall, whose nose is bluest of them all?



Pull harder



We're not really a garbage barge.



Wrestling smoker



The day the Captain came home from the hospital.



We had several cookouts while at sea.



Rusk receives a medal.



Brantner's in trouble again!

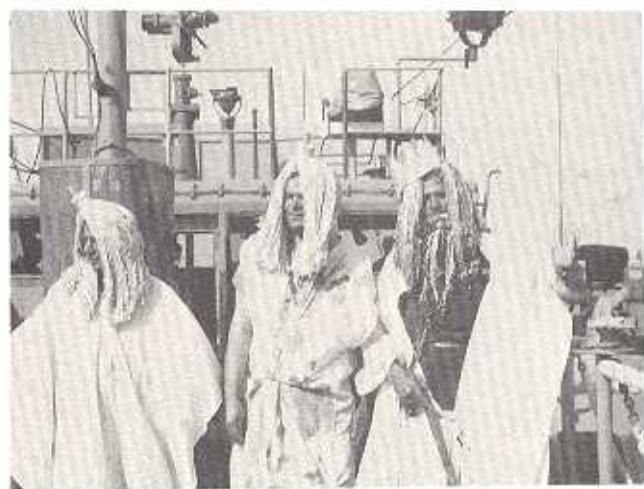


CROSSING THE ARCTIC

WE ALL BECAME BLUENOSES



The rebellion



Visitors from land of the Polar Bear



Boy, whatta bunch of rotten guys.



Confirmed Bluenoses



Making of a Bluenose



The conformists

Thumbs down to Boreas



His majesty Boreas Rex.

LIBERTY CALL



I just told them about GOLDY-LOCKS.



Mr. Brown presents Handclasp dolls in Izmir, Turkey



Visitors in Turkey



Some of us met old friends

See this?-It's a ship store T-shirt!



...STAYS MAINLY IN THE PLAIN, LIKE HELL!



They didn't have milk so....



Engineers at club in Naples.

PORT BRIEFING FOR LITTLE CREEK,
VIRGINIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

GENERAL. It has been sufficiently long since most of us have seen our native..... We now tend to think in European terms (I'll have a cognac). This brief gouge has been prepared to refresh your memory and to enable you to absorb the initial shock. English, of many strange varieties, depending upon your location, is widely spoken. You may even find some familiar tongues like Spanish, Italian, French, Turkish, and Norwegian as well as Swahili.

FOOD/EATING HABITS. American eating habits are strange; for example:
Breakfast: Alka Seltzer and tomato juice
Lunch: Hamburger and Alka Seltzer
Dinner: Hamburger and V.O.

RECOMMENDED EATING ESTABLISHMENTS.
MCA
Circus Bar
The Wayside
Jolly Roger
The Whing Ding (excellent cuisine)
Surf Rider
Queens
Eureka
Palace
The Top Hat

ACCOMODATIONS. Hotel accomodations are abundant. Need we say more? Again, 99% are of the drive-in, or motel variety. Little provision seems to have been made for the individual without an automobile or money. Motels come complete with everything.....radio, soft drink machines, and courtesy bars of Dial soap.

ENTERTAINMENT. TV, by the way, stands for television (occasionally referred to as the, "tube") the American version of which presents such classics of Western Folklore as Gunsmoke, Have Gun Will Travel and Yogi Bear. There are also medical-type dramas on American television, and by playing strict attention to the Doctor's techniques, one may become qualified as a practicing physician or a plumber, depending on the commercials you watch, in a matter of weeks. Drive-in movie going is a popular pastime. You may even see a movie. If you really want to see a flick, try the late show on TV.





TRANSPORTATION. This is no problem. There are millions of automobiles. Be advised, however, that the massive road building program has left the country one large detour. If you should happen to lose your way in the maze of over/underpasses, tunnels, cloverleaves, and turnoffs, give up and reenlist.

TOURS. There are some interesting tours available. There will be for married men called the "One-Day Introductory tour of home", which, in addition to emphasizing the focal points around the house, offers at no extra charge, an introduction to your wife/mistress, children, dogs, cats and neighbors or what have you.

SOUVENIRS. Shopping is superb, as is shoplifting. Shopping areas called "centers" feature quaint little native shops where the local handicrafts may be purchased. Example are, Southern Shopping Center, Roosevelt Gardens, and Giant Open-Air. Strange little bazaars such as A&P and Food Fair offer exotic foods. And such prices! Remember, When asked for 5 offer 2. You'll be surprised at the reaction this brings!

CUSTOMS. The concept of driving-in (national pastime) is a way of life here. We have already mentioned this in regard to motels and restaurant. In addition there are drive-in churches, drive-in-banks, drive-in liquor stores, and drive-in brothels, the last of which is off limits to all military personnel.

CURRENCY. The local currency is the U.S. dollar which valued at 4.8 new Francs 7 Shillings, 5 Kroner, 620 Lire, 60 Pesetas of our home currency.

OF SPECIAL NOTE. Off limits in the Beach area to personnel over 16:

MCA
Circus Bar
The Wayside
Surf Rider
Queens
Eureka
Palace
Whing Ding
The Top Hat

A SPECIAL WARNING: As in Naples there are all kinds of people who will meet the ship and who will act real friendly. Ignore them, they're just after your lira.

SUMMARY. In closing, remember our motto here in the Sixth Fleet. "Clean mind, clean body... take your pick."





TIFFANY
514 COLLEY AVENUE, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA