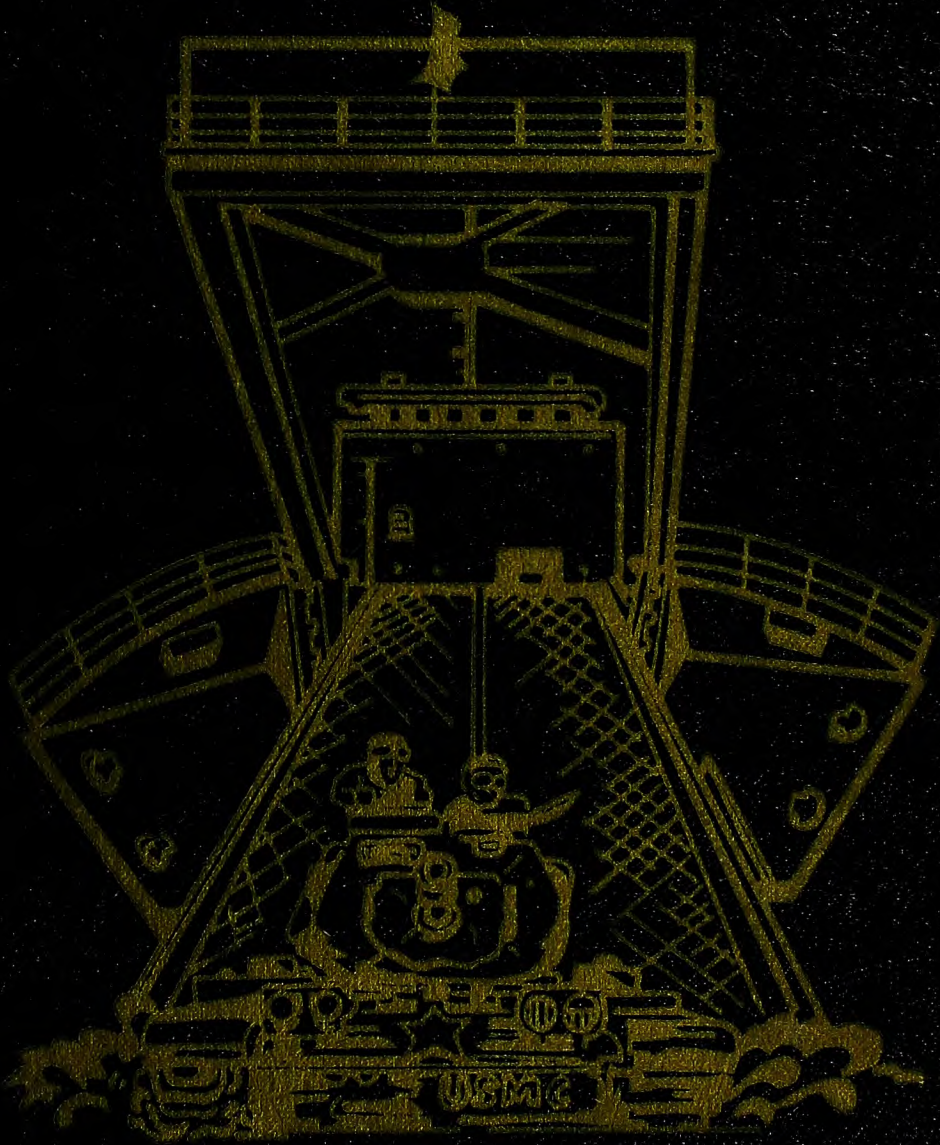
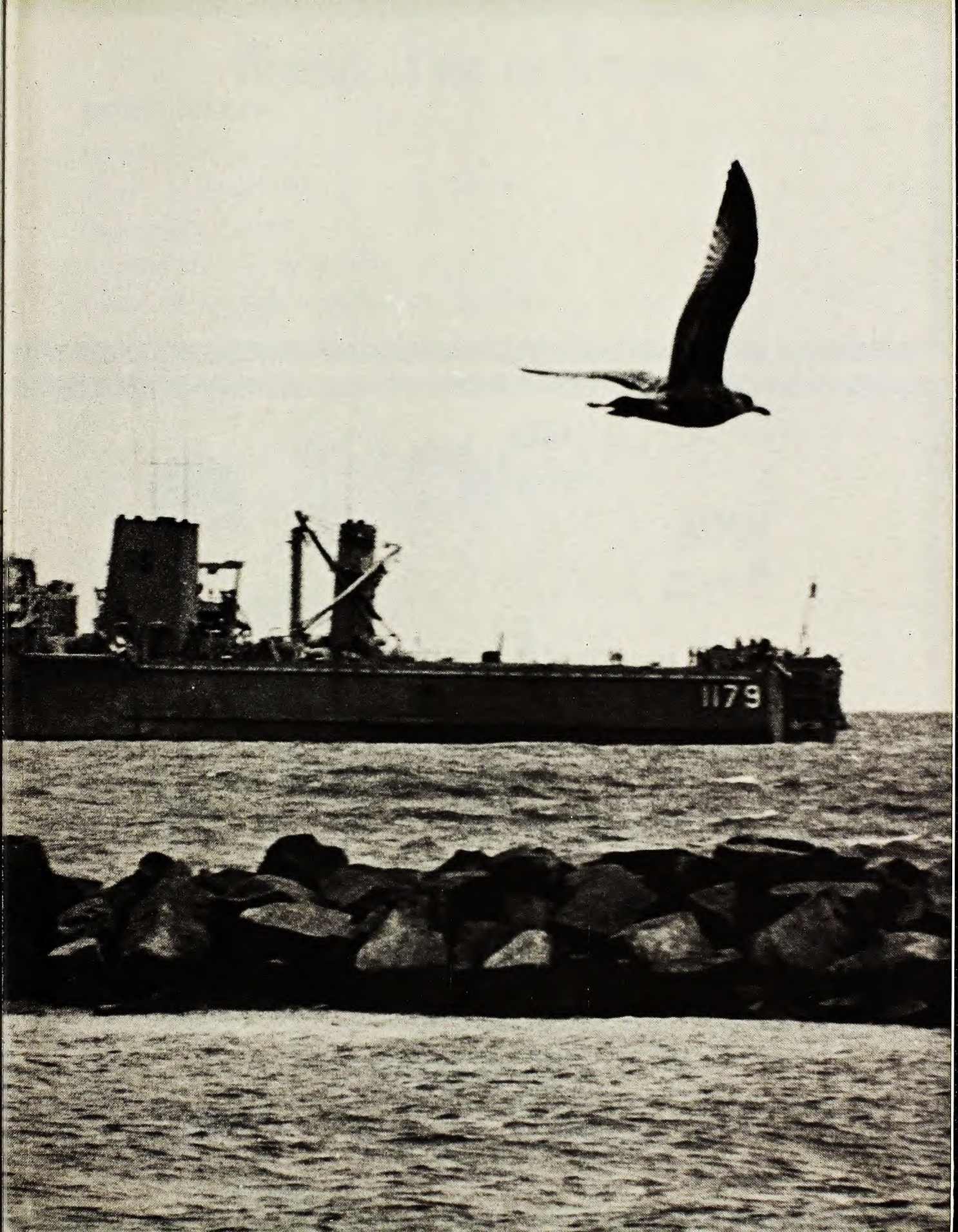


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NEWPORT AND THE NAVY

USS NEWPORT (LST-1179) is the third ship to bear the name of this city and county in Rhode Island.

Newport was founded in 1639 by members of the Antinomian religious movement. This group of men had moved to Roger William's settlement in Rhode Island and purchased Aquidneck (Rhode) Island from the Indians.

In 1861 the United States Navy came officially to Newport. Following the outbreak of the Civil War, the Navy Department decided that the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland should be moved to a safer location. In May of that year, the gallant old frigate CONSTITUTION carried the faculty, their families, and their books to Fort Adams at Newport. Among the men at Newport with the Academy in this period, two would return: Stephen B. Luce and Alfred Thayer Mahan. In 1884 an institute for advanced professional study was established, under Luce, as the Naval War College. His successor and second President of the War College was Alfred Thayer Mahan. Here in Newport, Mahan prepared his lectures on the influence of seapower in history - a course of thought which would win him lasting renown and alter Naval thinking around the world.

Another of these early Naval installations was the U.S. Torpedo Station established on Goat Island in 1869. The Torpedo Station became involved in the development and testing of early submarines, and the HOL LAND (the U.S. Navy's first submarine) was assigned

there for testing and demonstration in 1900. Another of the vital Newport facilities had an early beginning; the U.S. Naval Training Center was established on Coasters' Harbor Island in Narragansett Bay in 1883, making it the first Navy shore-based recruit training station. Here began the Navy's modern recruit training system.

To meet the increased administrative and technical needs of the many Naval facilities in the area, the Navy Department on March 31, 1931, established the Naval Base, Newport, Rhode Island. Included in the new organization were the War College and the Naval Station, which encompassed the Training Station, the Air Station at Quonset Point, and several smaller installations.

In July of 1946, the old Naval Operating Base was disestablished and all commands in the Newport area came under the general name of U.S. Naval Base, Newport, Rhode Island. This organization has continued to the present, but with the Naval War College enjoying a relatively autonomous status.

June 1951 saw the founding at Newport of one of the Navy's most important training facilities, the Officer Candidate School. This school soon became a chief source of Reserve Officers for the fleet, offering training in all facets of seamanship and technical subjects leading to a commission.

In adopting the name of NEWPORT for yet another ship, the United States Navy honors a city and county which have been a cornerstone in her proud history.

HISTORY OF THE NEWPORT (LST 1179)

After commissioning 7 June 1969 at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, USS NEWPORT commenced her Operational and Readiness for Sea Trials at Little Creek, Virginia, involving a period of three weeks. Upon completion of these trials the NEWPORT departed for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for a six week period of intensive shakedown training under the direction of Fleet Training Group, GTMO, finishing with one of the highest grades attained by an amphibious force ship in the past year.

The NEWPORT returned to Little Creek on 1 December and began immediately to make preparation for Amphibious Operational Training coupled with a visit by the then Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Thomas H. MOORER, USN, on 9 December 1969. Upon completion of the Amphibious Training on 19 December which involved landings, beachings, and causeway marriages, the NEWPORT spent the months of January and February 1970 undergoing final testing of her assigned mission capabilities under the direction of Operational

Test and Evaluation Force.

After a brief post shakedown availability during March and April at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia, the NEWPORT commenced preparation for her first operational assignment with the CARIB 2-70 Ready Group.

On May 13, 1970 the NEWPORT, in company with USS GUAM (LPH 9), USS CHARLESTON (LKA 113), and USS HERMITAGE (LSD 34), got underway for carib 2-70 under the command of Captain A. DOUGALL, Commander Amphibious Squadron TEN, and the concept of a complete 20 knot Amphibious Ready Group was fully realized.

The capabilities of the NEWPORT Class LST were first demonstrated in an operational environment during the fleet exercise Exotic Dancer III. In May 1970 and further during scheduled landings for training while deployed through July 16, 1970, culminating in the recent LANTMARMIDEX at Camp Pendleton, Virginia on 20-22 July 1970.

UNITED STATES SHIP NEWPORT LANDING SHIP TANK

built by
PHILADELPHIA NAVAL SHIPYARD
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

KEEL LAID November 1, 1966
LAUNCHED February 3, 1968
COMMISSIONED June 7, 1969

Statistics on NEWPORT

Authorized..... 1965 Shipbuilding Program
Keel Laid 1 November 1966
Launched 3 February 1968
Commissioned 7 June 1969
Completion Date 25 July 1969
Displacement 8,400 Tons
Length-on-Deck 522 Feet, 3 Inches
Length - Overall 563 Feet
Beam 70 Feet
Draft, Full Load 14 Feet, 8 Inches
Crew 10 Officers and 160 Men
Troop Capacity 431 Marines
Power (Diesel Engines)..... 16,000 Shaft Horsepower
Speed (Sustained Sea Speed) 20 Knots
Armament..... Two 3"/ 50 Rapid Fire Twin Mounts
Cargo (Vehicles and / or bulk) 2,000 Tons

USS NEWPORT (LST-1179) is the first of a new class of LST capable of a sustained speed of 20 knots. Providing the fine lines in the bow required for high speed, while retaining the traditional LST capabilities, necessitated several unique alterations.

The Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, and the Design Division in particular, successfully undertook the development, not only of a new ship, but also of several major changes in ship installations.

Certainly the most conspicuous of these innovations is the Bow Ramp system. This "over the bow" concept was employed in order to retain the hull form necessary for NEWPORT's 20 knot capability. The 35 ton aluminum ramp is extended and retracted over the bow through a semi-automatic system of sensing switches which operate powerful winches below decks.

NEWPORT is also the first combat-type ship of the Navy to be fitted out with a side propulsion unit (bow thruster), which allows the bow to be swung from side to side while the stern remains relatively stationary. This increased maneuverability will prove invaluable in restricted waters and especially during mooring, beach-

ing, and causeway marriages.

The Design Division's effort in the modernization of causeway handling methods has provided stronger, lighter and safer hardware for this system. This new concept will now apply to causeway handling throughout the fleet and is a major advance in ease of handling for a critical ship operation.

Other original design features include the following: a stern gate for loading and unloading through the stern and for launching of amphibian vehicles while underway, the use of smaller and yet more powerful rotary actuators to replace the steering machinery previously employed, and single lever control which gives the pilot house direct control of the engines and both reversible pitch propellers, thus providing the conning station with instant control of propulsion in either direction.

In line with the Navy's determination to increase the damage resistance of all ship's systems, this class of LST has been designed and tested throughout to withstand the severe shock of underwater explosion at some distance from the ship.



Commander Derwin T. LAMB, USN, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1944, and served in the Pacific and in the occupation of Japan. He accepted an appointment as Midshipman at the University of South Carolina, and graduated in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering, and was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy.

Commander LAMB served aboard USS TRATHEN (DD 530) IN Korea, and then from August 1953 until September 1955 on USS THADDEUS PARKER (DD 369). He then became executive officer of USS PERSISTENT (MSO 491) until March 1958, and then took command of USS SNOHOMISH COUNTY (LST 1126).

From January 1960 to March 1963, he served with the Military Assistance Advisory Group, Japan, and then in May 1963 took command of USS CONSERVER (ARS 39). His meritorious service aboard CONSERVER earned him the Navy Commendation Medal.

Commander LAMB then assumed command of Landing Ship Squadron ONE, operating in the Rung Sat Special Zone, Republic of South Vietnam, in September 1965, and for "his courage, leadership, and determination," was awarded the Bronze Star with combat "V" in July 1968.

Washington, D.C. is the next duty station for Commander LAMB where he will be with the Amphibious Warfare branch of the office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Commander LAMB is married to the former Caroline Williams of Columbia, South Carolina. The LAMB's reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and have three children, Larry, age 16, Marian, age 15, and Mike, age 14.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Commander John C. Sterling, a native of Benton Harbor, Michigan, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in June 1956. As an Ensign, he reported on board USS PRESTON (DD-975) and served there as First Lieutenant, Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer, Damage Control Assistant, and Gunnery Officer.

Subsequent tours included that as Executive Officer of USS JEROME COUNTY (LST-848), Instructor of Weapons Systems Engineering at Annapolis, Commanding Officer of USS HICKMAN COUNTY (LST-825), and post graduate school in Ordnance Engineering. While teaching at the Naval Academy, he successfully skippered the Academy's 44 foot yawl, Frolic, to a sixth place finish out of 88 boats in the 1963 Annapolis-Newport Ocean Race, to be awarded six trophies in various competitive categories.

As Commanding Officer of USS HICKMAN COUNTY, Commander Sterling participated in the contingency operations in the Dominican Republic from May to December 1965, and deployed to Vietnam in February 1966. Upon reporting to the Naval Amphibious Base at Little Creek, Virginia in July 1968, he undertook the pre-commissioning training of the NEWPORT crew.

PLANK OWNERS OF U.S.S. NEWPORT

LST-1179

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SHIP'S OFFICERS

Commanding Officer Commander Derwin T. Lamb	Executive Officer Lieutenant Commander John C. Sterling
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LTJG DONALD K. MACKENZIE.....	Engineering Officer
LTJG WILLIAM W. ROUZER.....	Supply Officer
LTJG JAMES F. HOWICK.....	Operations Officer
LTJG RICHARD F. MACKIN.....	Damage Control Assistant
LTJG PHILIP R. MAY.....	Main Propulsion Assistant
LTJG WILLIAM E. McCUNE.....	Assistant Weapons Officer
LTJG DONALD L. MURPHY.....	Communications Officer
LTJG CHARLES F. ROLF.....	Assistant First Lieutenant

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Commander
Walter F. SAUBERS
United States Navy

Commander Walter F. SAUBERS, USN, a native of Edgemont, South Dakota, graduated from Black Hills Teachers College in June 1953 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. He entered the Navy in September 1953 as a student in the Officer Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island and was commissioned an Ensign four months later:

Commander SAUBERS served aboard USS O'Brien (DD-725) until 1956, and then served on the staff of the Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier. From April to June 1959, he served on the staff of Destroyer Flotilla Five.

Commander SAUBERS studied at the General Line School at the Na-Post Graduate School, Monterey, California, from July 1959 until May 1960, and then reported to USS REGULUS (AF-57). In August 1962, he went to the U.S. Naval Academy as an instructor in the Physical Education Department until June 1965.

In July 1965, Commander SAUBERS reported aboard USS SURIBACHI (AE-21) as executive officer, and in November 1967 was promoted to Commander. Since April 1968 he has been a staff officer at U.S. Military Advisory Command, Thailand.

Commander SAUBERS is married to the former Hattie Mae Rose of Igloo, South Dakota. Commander and Mrs. SAUBERS reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia, with their children, Frank William, age 14, and Suzanne, age 12.



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER J. D. DEE, JR., USN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

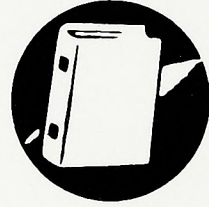
Lieutenant Commander J.D. Dee graduated from Maine Maritime Academy in June 1958 with a Bachelor of Marine Science degree in Engineering and commissioned as ensign in the United States Navy.

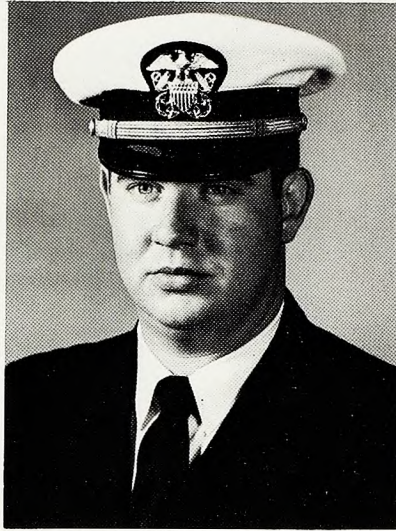
Lieutenant Commander Dee served as Main Propulsion Assistant aboard the USS SPIEGEL GROVE (LSD-32) until May 1960. From June 1960 to August 1962 he was Engineering Officer aboard the USS PLYMOUTH ROCK (LSD-29). After a tour with Naval Schools Command (OCS) at Newport, Rhode Island he reported to the USS CHEVALIER (DD-805) for duty as Engineering Officer from December 1964 to April 1966. From June 1966 to December 1967 he served as Material Officer for Commander Destroyer Squadron SEVEN. His meritorious services earned him the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon.

Lieutenant Commander Dee attended Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, California, from January 1967 to December 1969 and was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

Lieutenant Commander Dee is married to the former Donna Willey of Bangor, Maine. They reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia, with their children: Deborah, age 7, Kathleen, age 4 and Carolyn, age 2.

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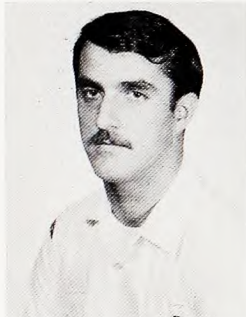
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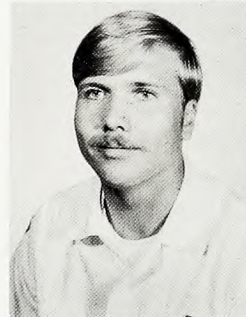
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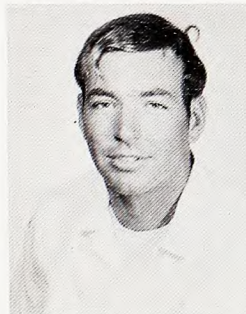
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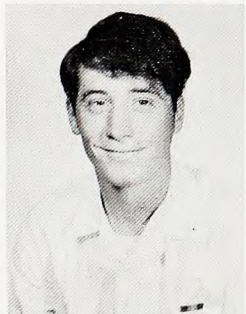
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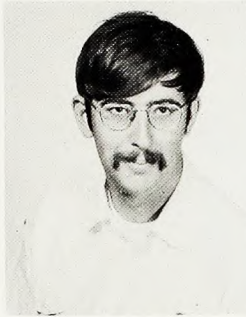
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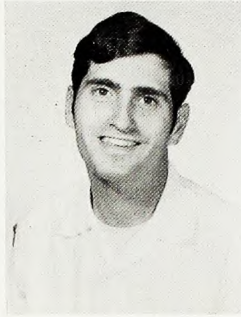
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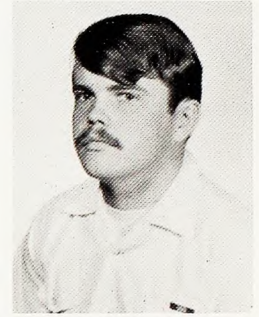
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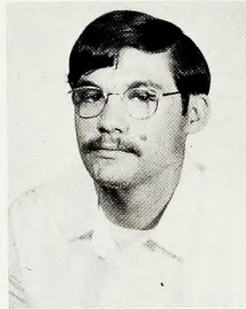
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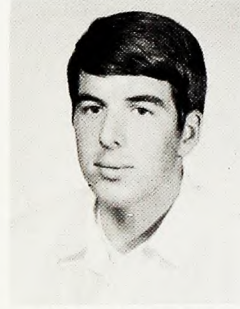
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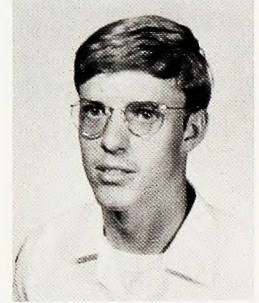
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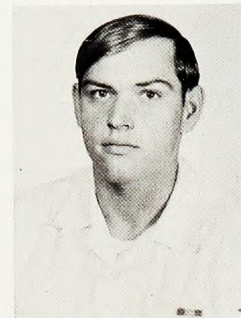
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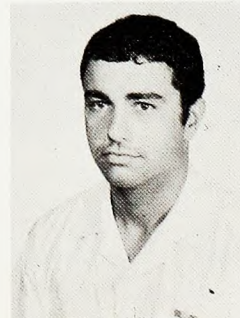
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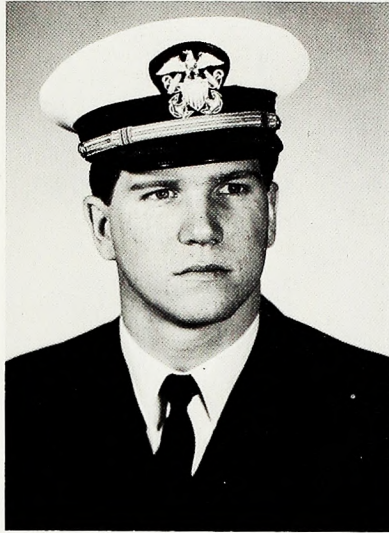
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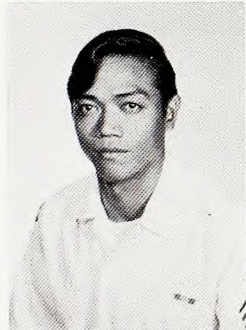
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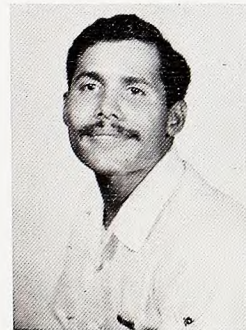
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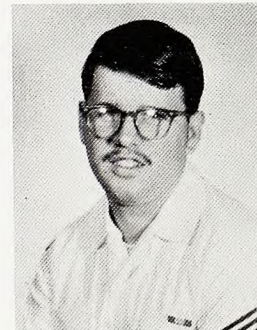
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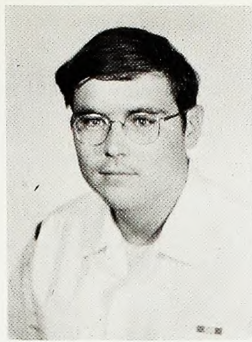


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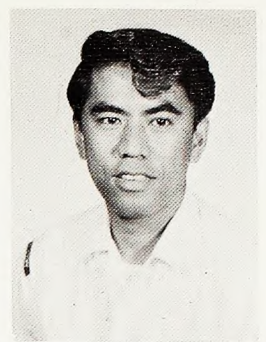




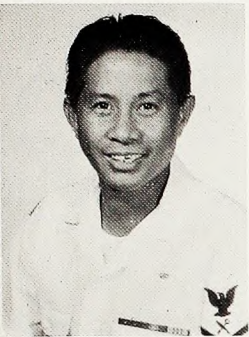
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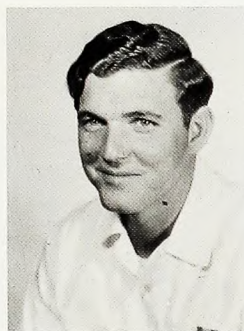
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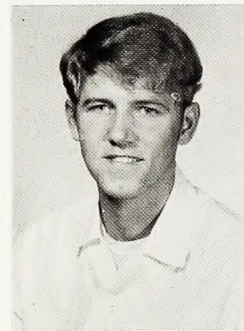
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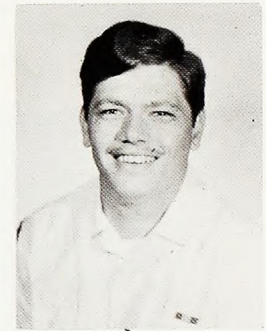
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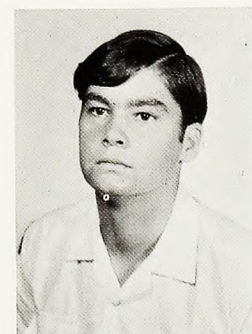
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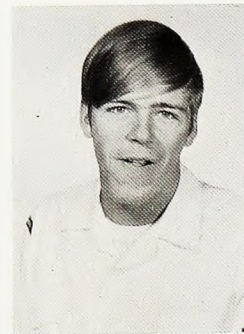
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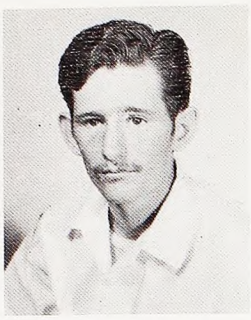


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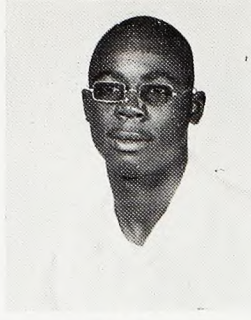
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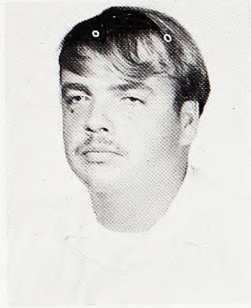
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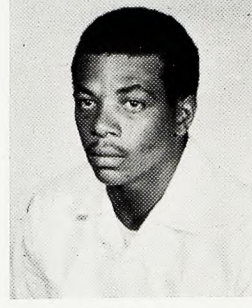
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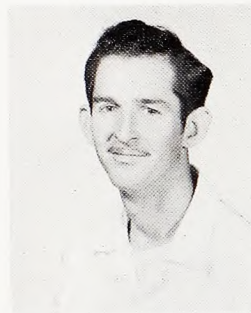
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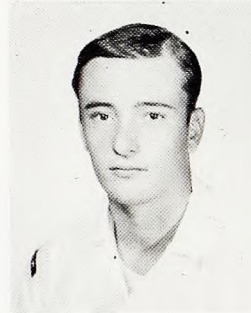
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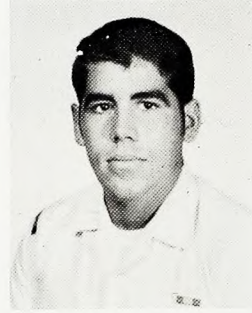
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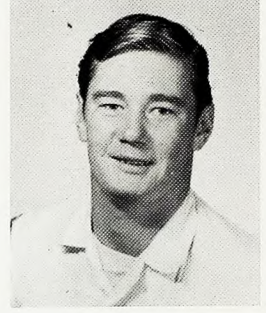
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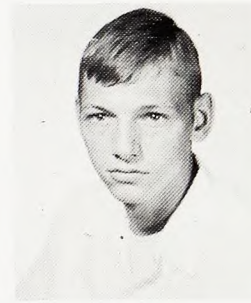
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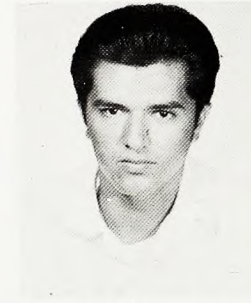
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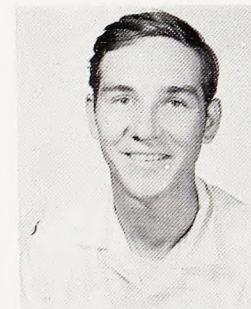
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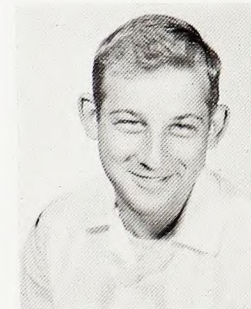
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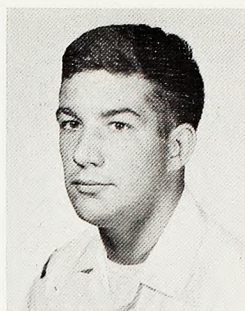


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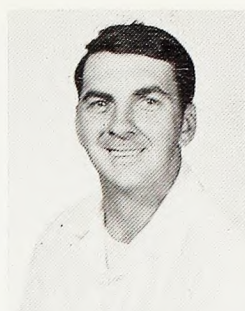
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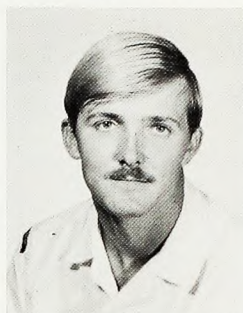
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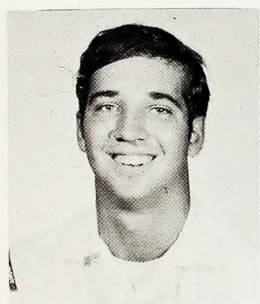
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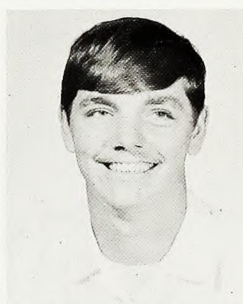
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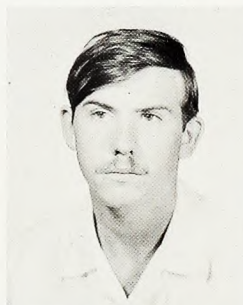
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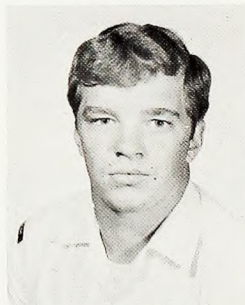
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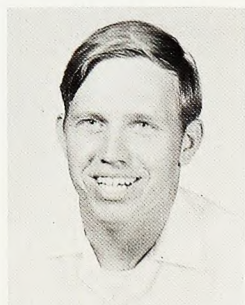
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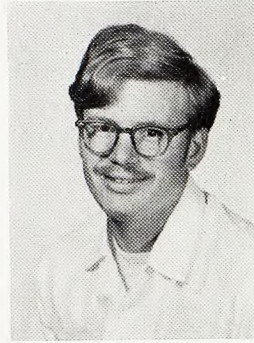
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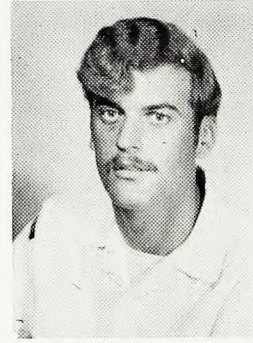
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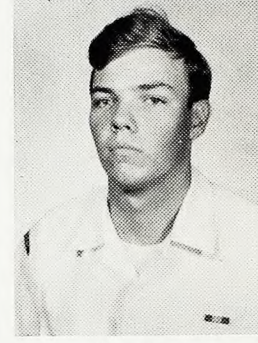
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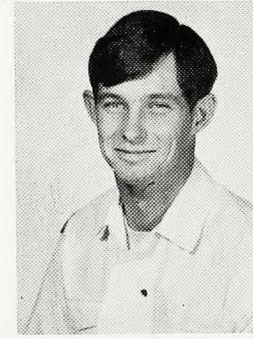
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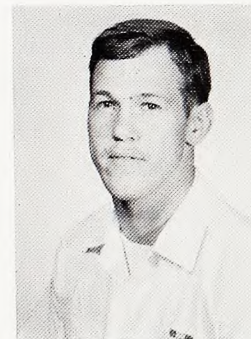
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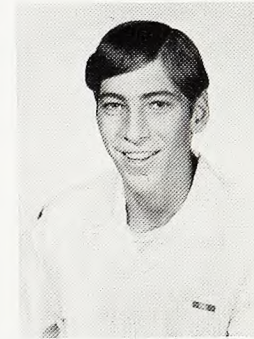
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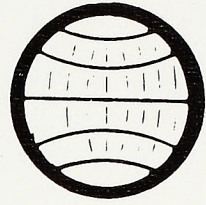


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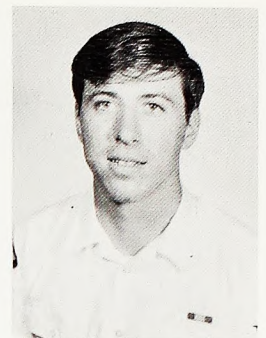
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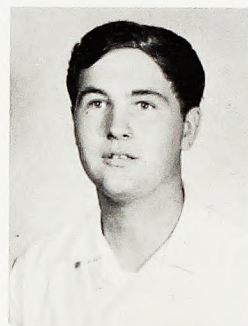
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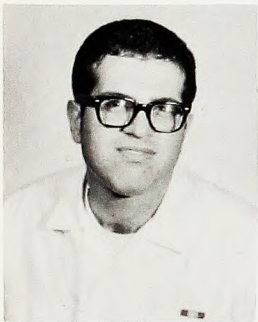
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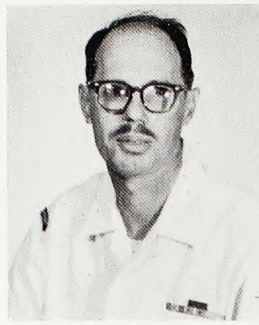
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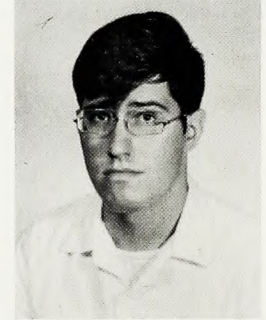
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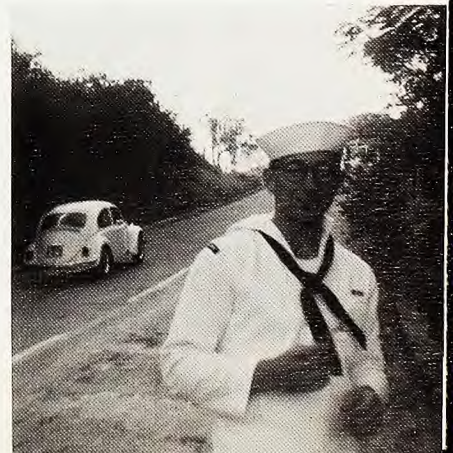
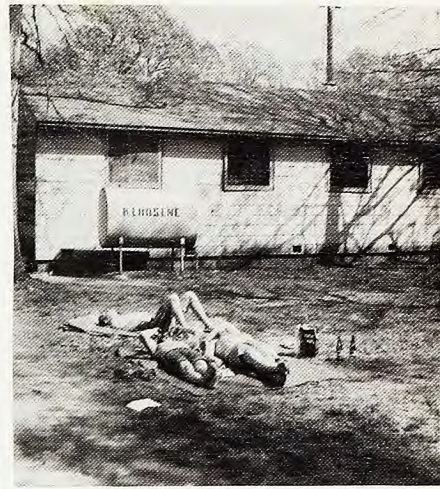
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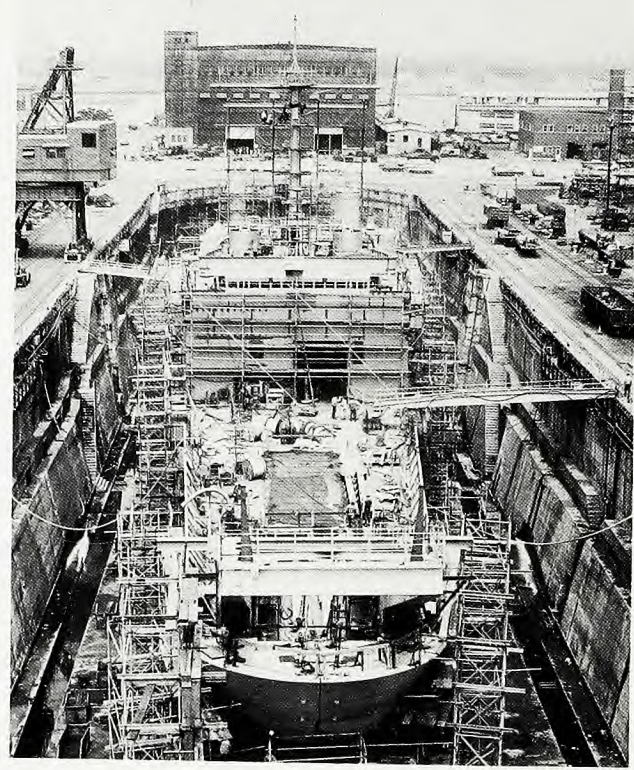
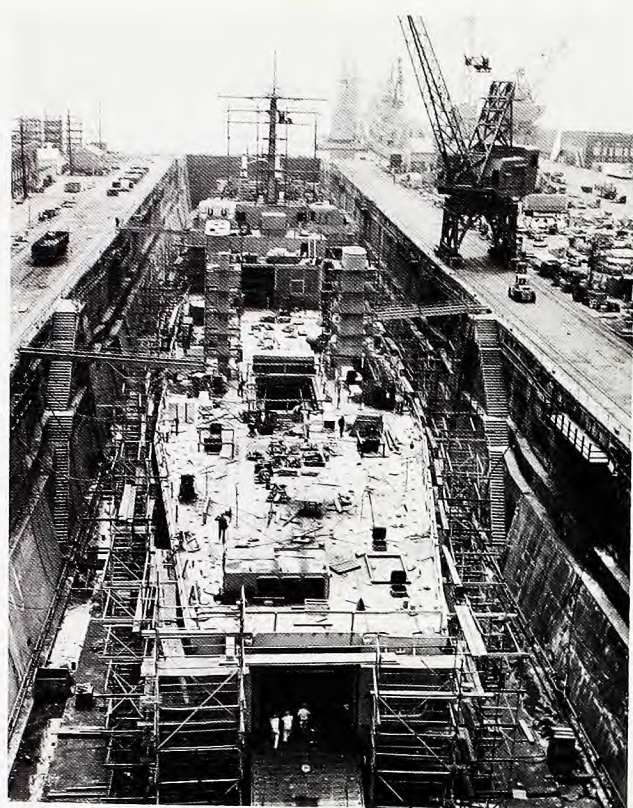


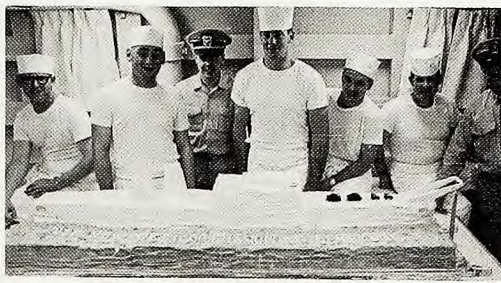
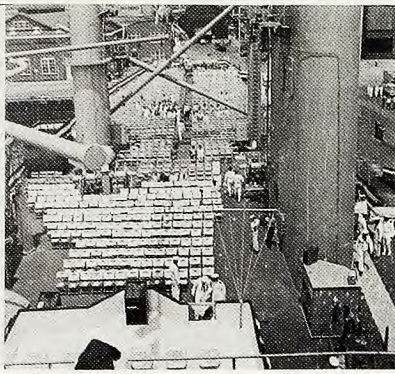
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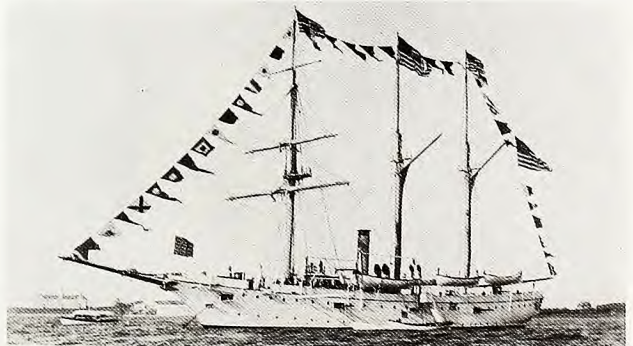
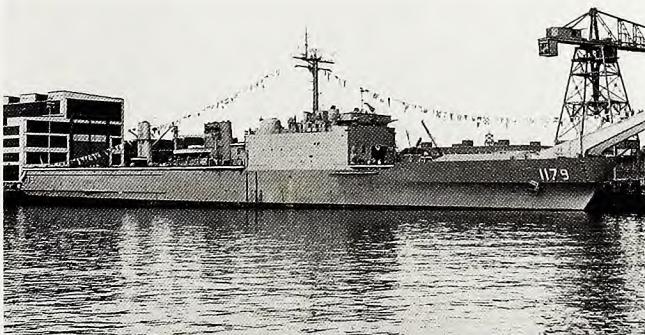
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EN3 Hoffman
FN Skinner

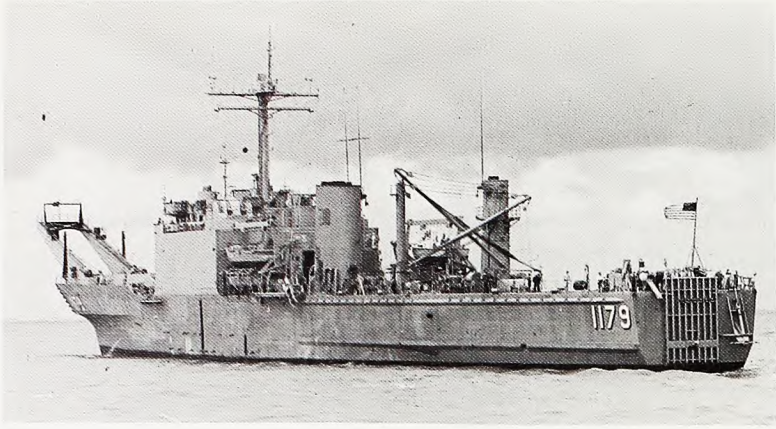




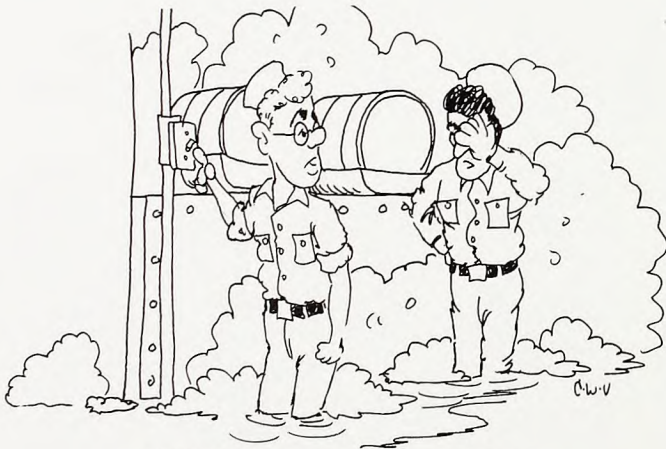


Believe it or not — it finally happened — and on June Seventh 1969. We were finally made an official part of the navy with all of the appropriate pomp and circumstance.



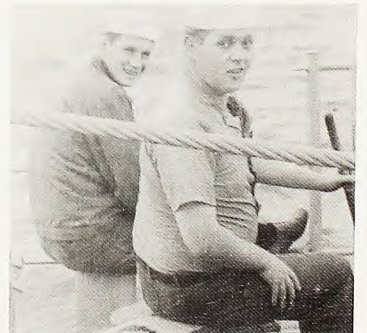
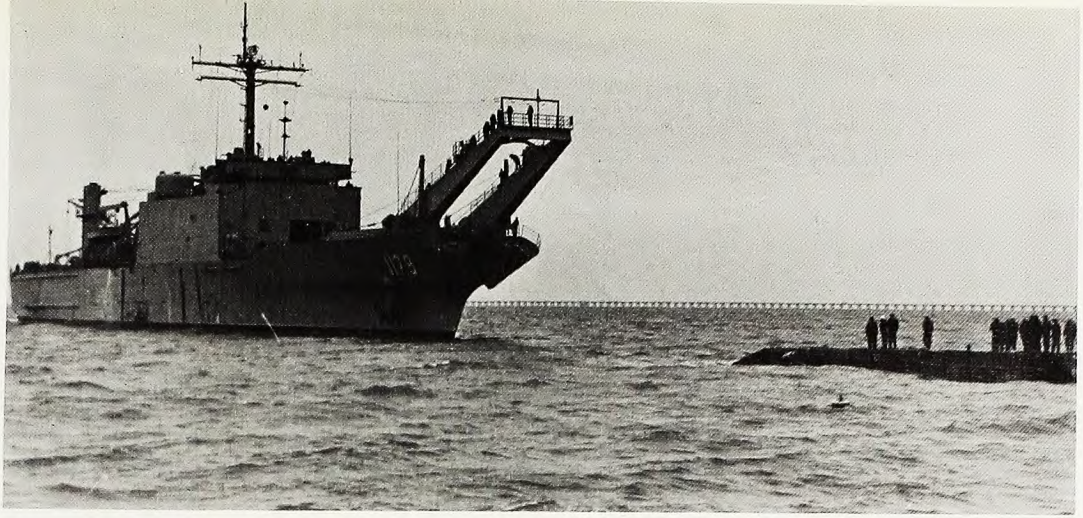


After many weeks of preparation and hard work, we finally embarked on our maiden voyage down the Delaware. Everything went smoothly....but then there was that slight misfunction at the foam station.



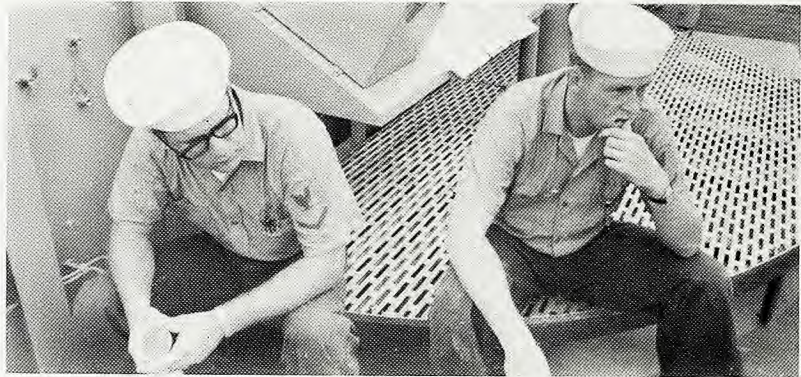
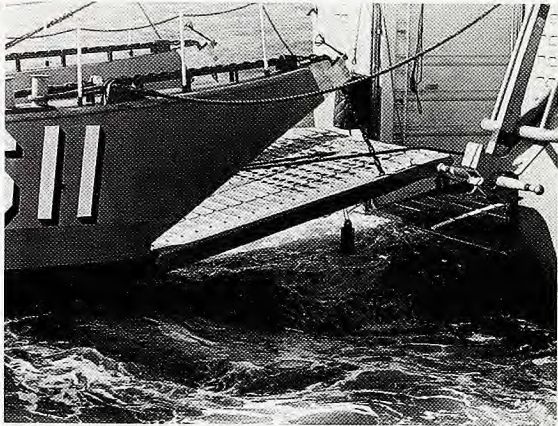
"I GUESS THIS ISNT THE LIGHT SWITCH, IS IT?"

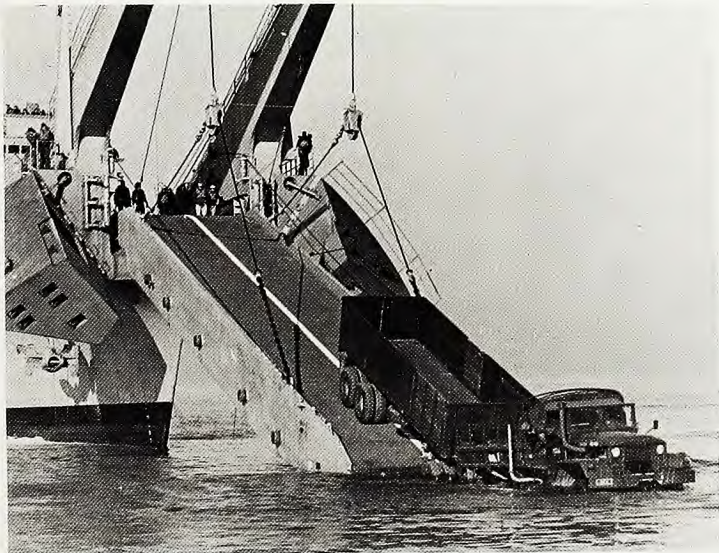
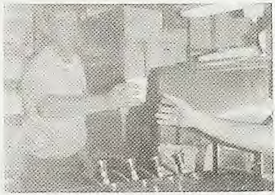


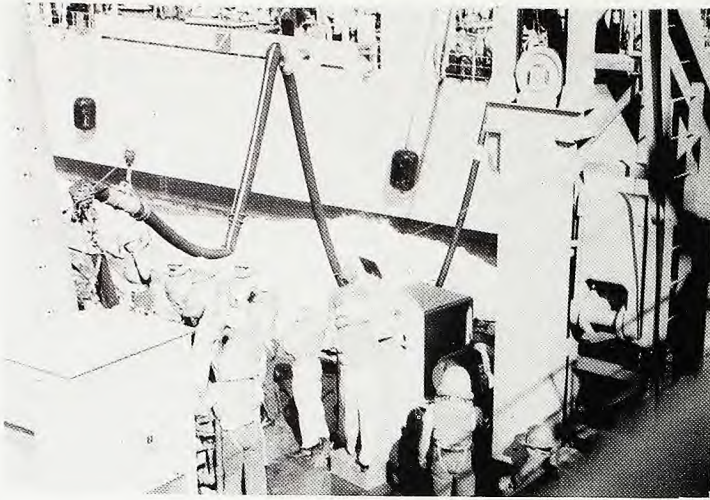




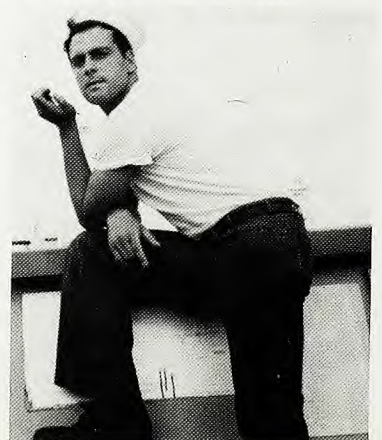
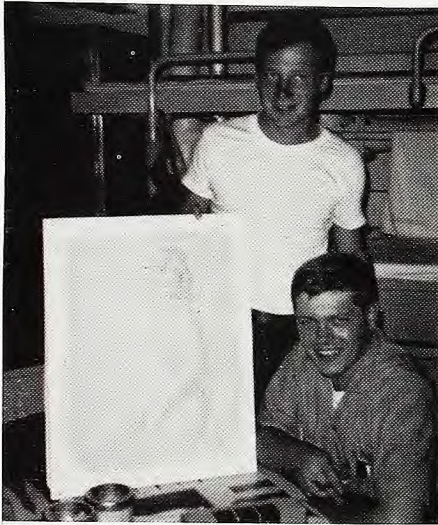
In the navy every day is a holiday!







"YOU WOULD LOOK LIKE THAT TOO AFTER 96 HOURS IN THE HOLE!"

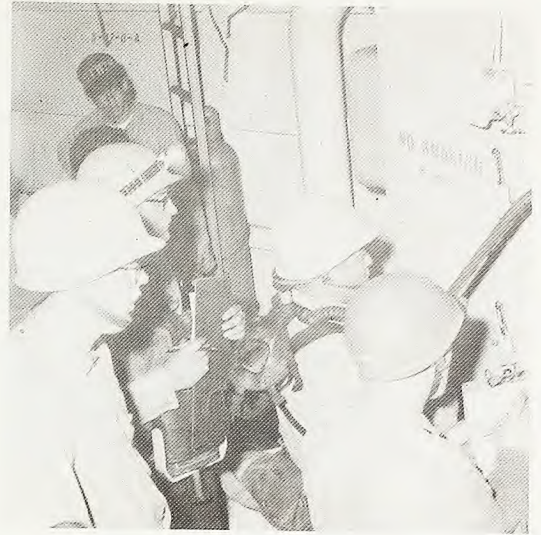






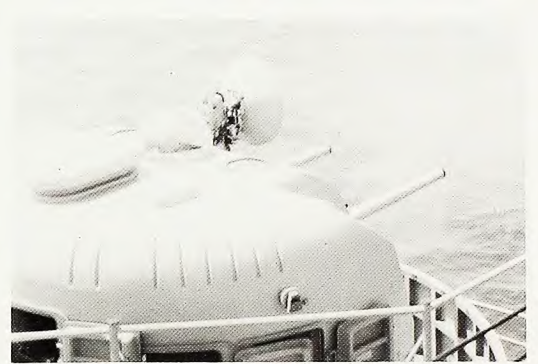
In the midst of shakedown training we got a well deserved breather — a weekend in Montego Bay, Jamaica, Newport's first foreign port of call.



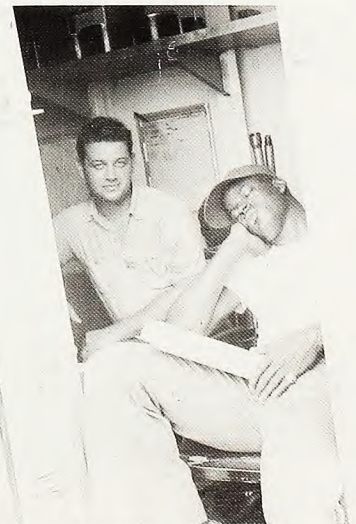




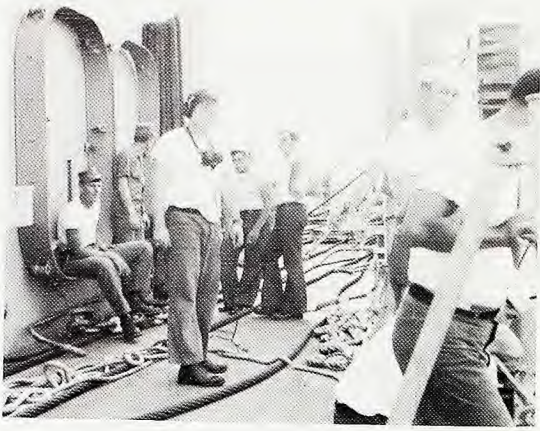
Late winter of 1970 was spent in Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. This period was characterized by the excellent working relationship between the crew and the "Yardbirds". Also who can forget those pleasant six A.M. bus rides from Little Creek.



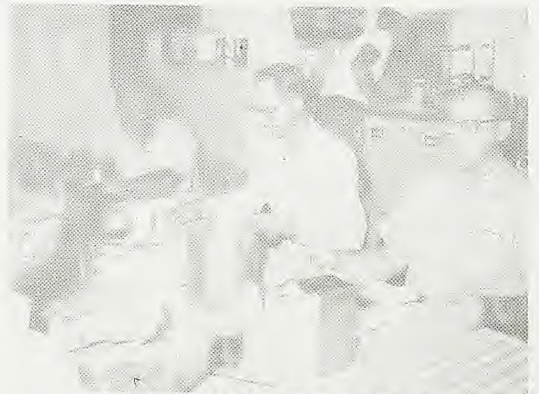
Wait a minute! They don't load guns like this anymore !!!



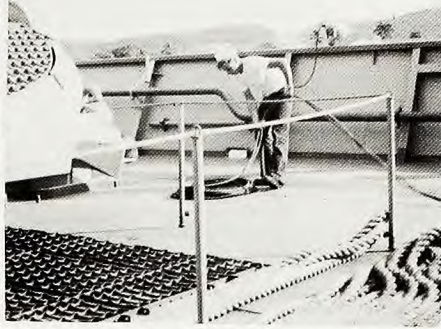
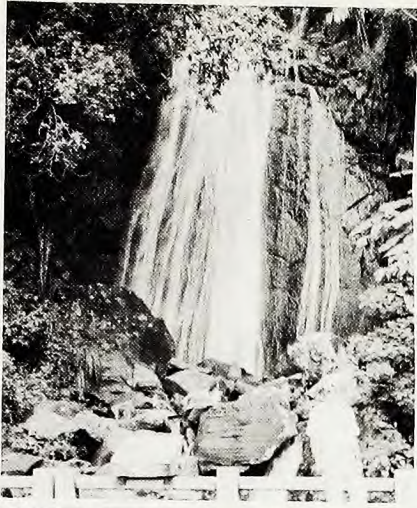
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Ready for Liberty



Hey, Ruf! We're being watched!



The joys of Puerto Rico are many.



And varied

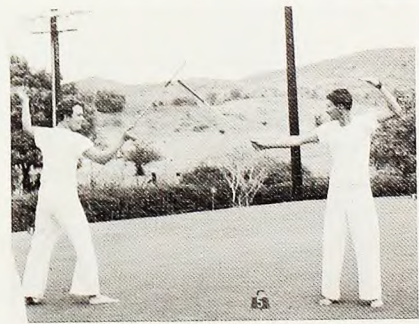
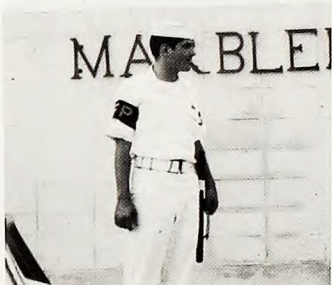


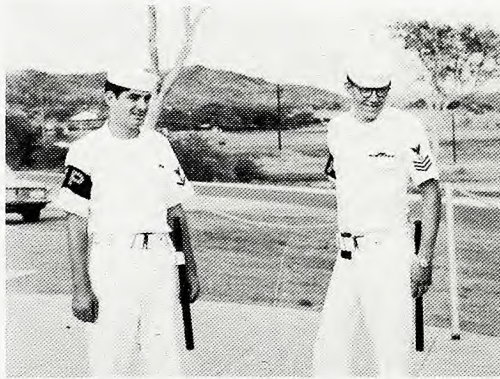
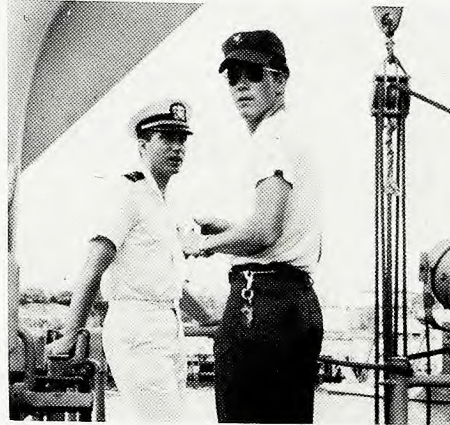
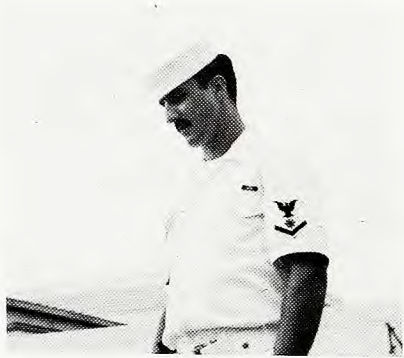
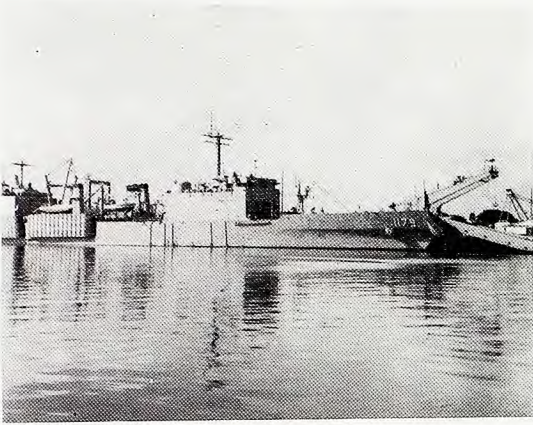
Both off ship And on



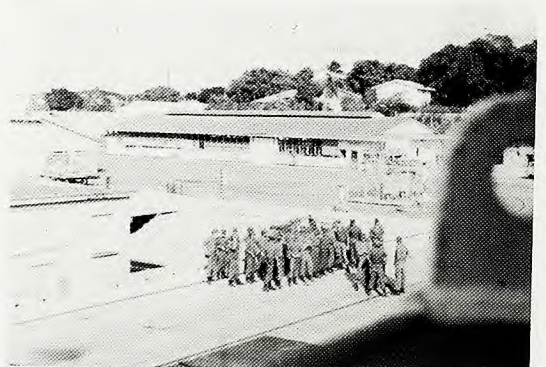
As we approached the tropical countryside of Panama, most of us found the weather slightly less than ideal, but in true naval fashion, we tried to make the best of an unpleasant situation, by forcing ourselves to go out and endure the night life, and indulge in an occasional frolic with the National Police; those friendly gentlemen in Khaki!

From Panama we headed for the relatively cool climate of GTMO where we landed and re-embarked the Marines on board during a practice invasion and managed to spend a few hours contemplating the many joys of life present there...

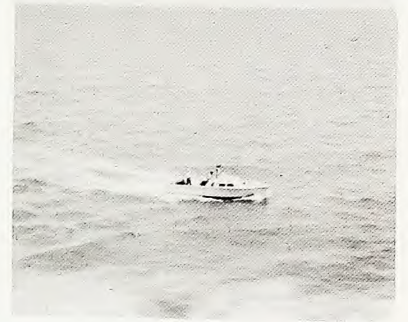
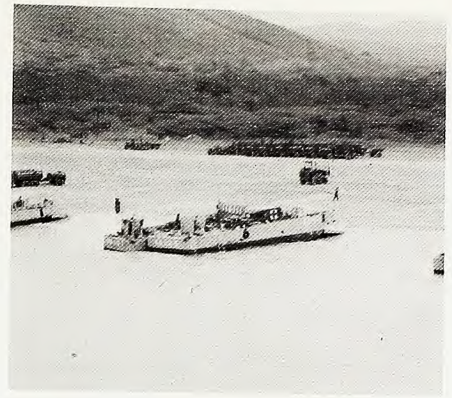




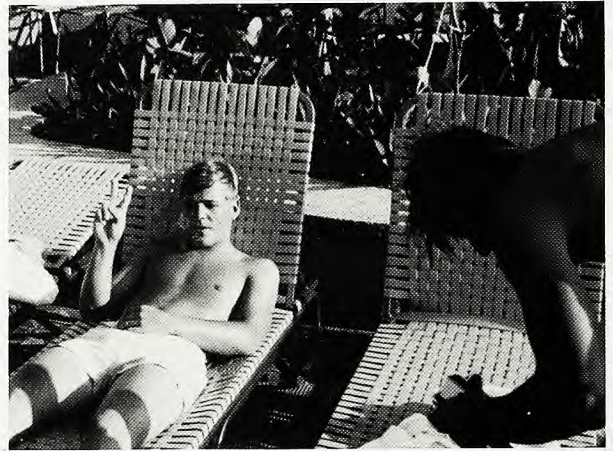
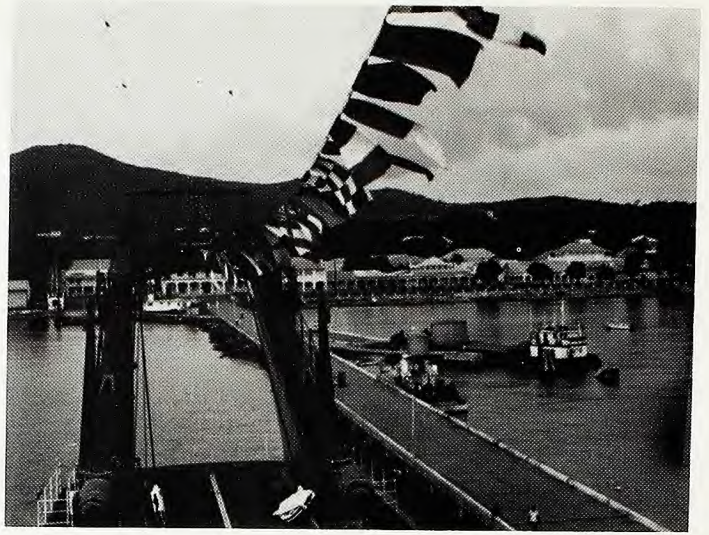
Eventually we finished our business,
and the marines finished their games
— and off we sailed for Puerto Rico.



From GTMO we headed back to San Juan, and from there "around the corner" to Vieques, where Carib 2-70 accomplished its primary mission - a full scale landing of Marines and all of the logistical support necessary to support them.

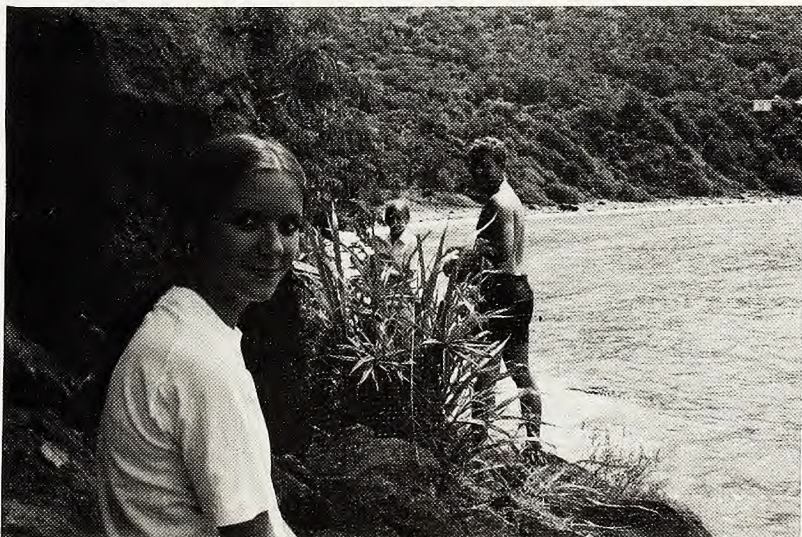


In the midst of our amphibious assault training at Vieques, we took a weekend off and visited the island of St. Croix for the weekend. This provided the opportunity for all hands to get an adequate quantity of sun, sand, suds, and companionship before finishing our duties and heading north for Little Creek and home.

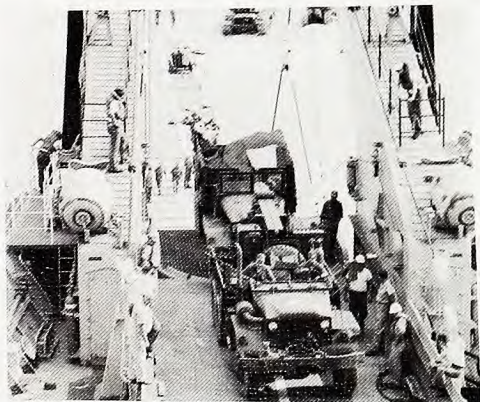
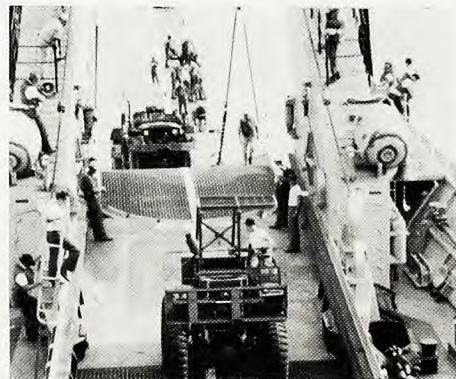




A typical native



After the short, pleasant interlude of St. Croix, it was back to work, and with the end of our mission drawing near, all spirits rose — and we re-embarked the marine forces prior to getting underway for home.





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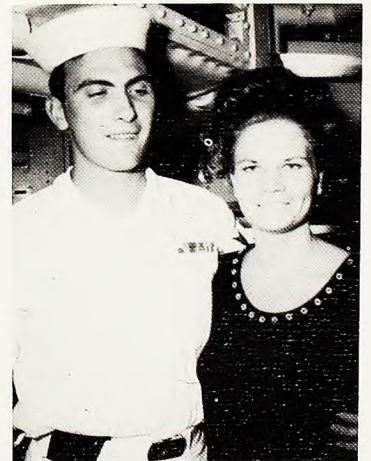
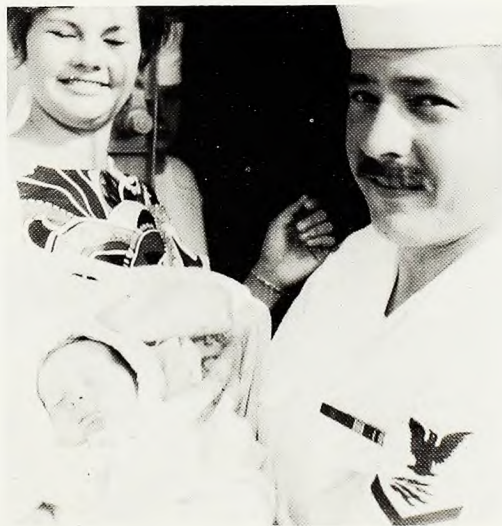
"WHY WEREN'T YOU BORN A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN?"

FINALLY — to the amazement of all, we were on our way home — and the reactions were varied!

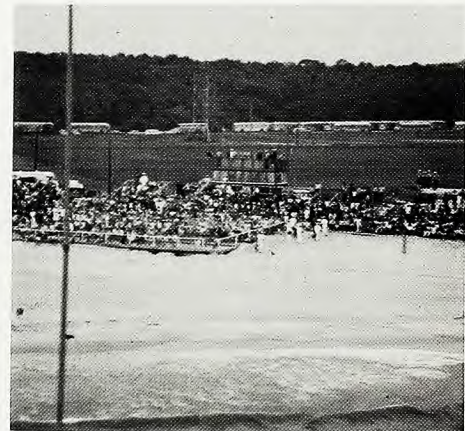
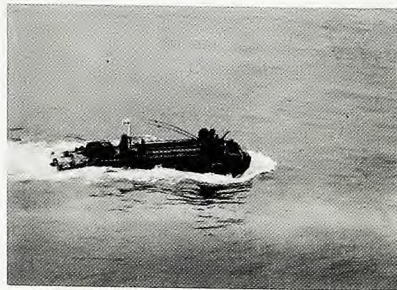
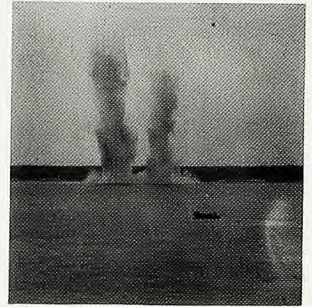


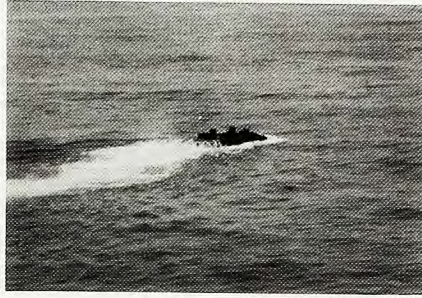


And finally — we arrived — and for a few days were able to enjoy the companionship of family and friends.

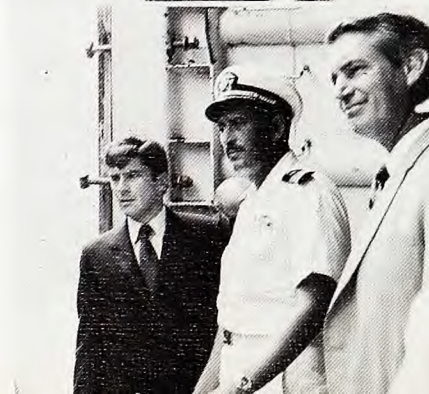
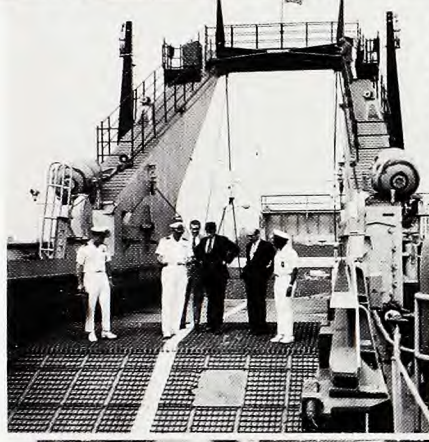
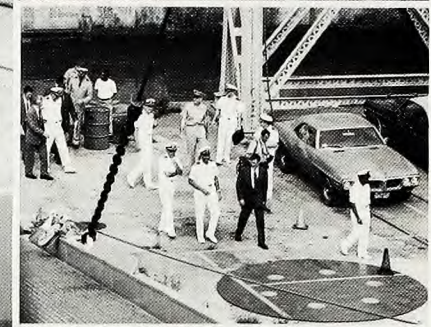


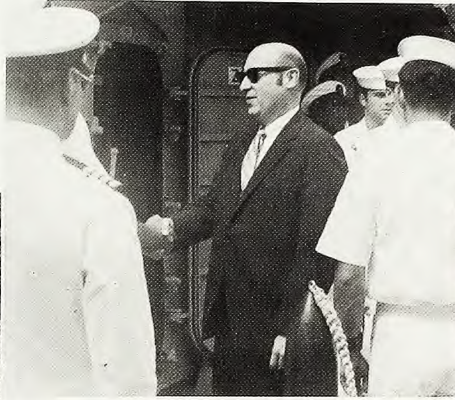
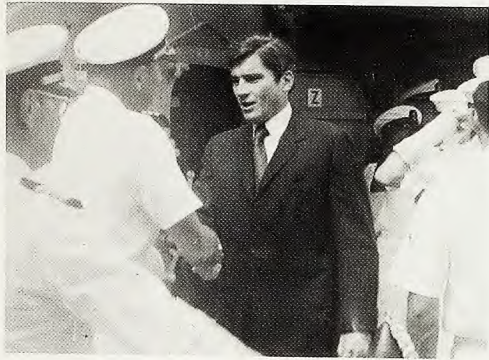
After an all too brief interlude — we were back at work again. This time with an audience to observe our landing expertise.





From a demonstration of our military capabilities, we proceeded to Washington, D. C., where we demonstrated our political and social capabilities, which seemed to be well-received by all, judging from the size of the crowds that visited the ship.





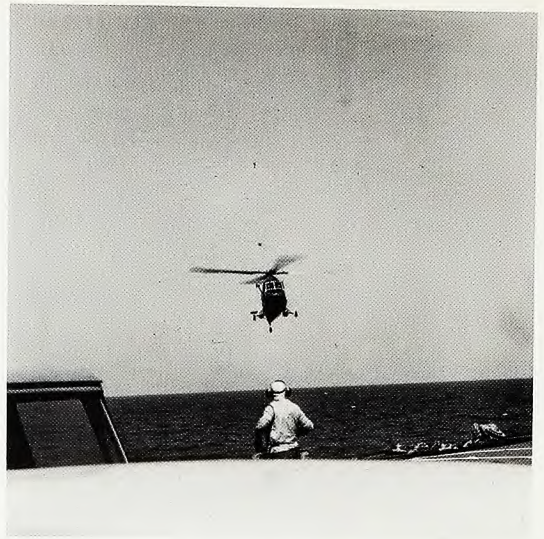
From Washington, we proceeded on to Newport, Rhode Island, the city after which the ship was named. Due to the absence of our official photographer, we do not have many pictures of what was a most enjoyable visit.

NEWPORT R.I.

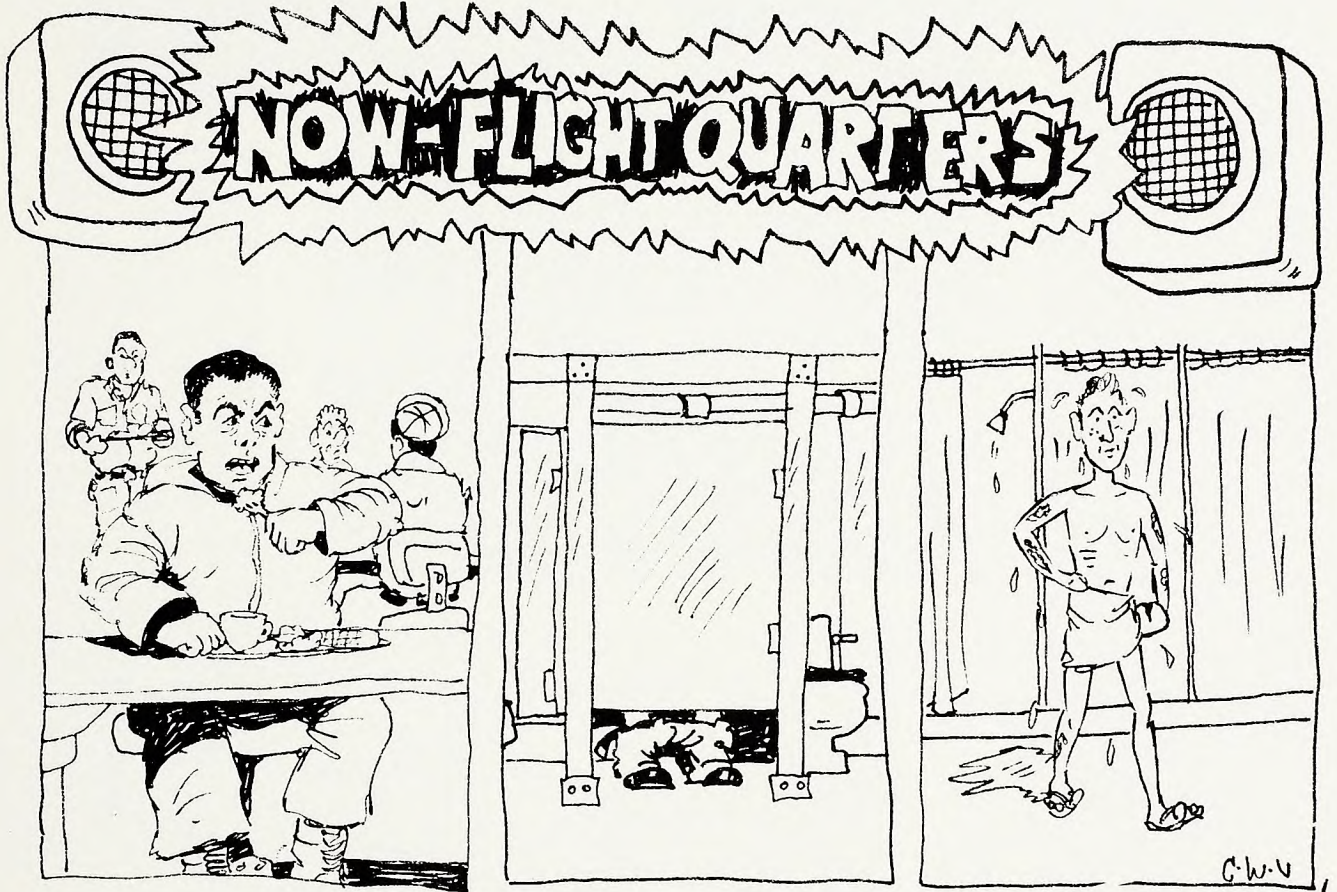




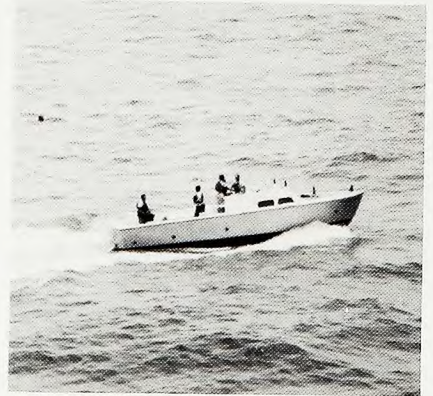
Following our two "port visits" to Washington and Newport, we again enjoyed some time off, and following that we journeyed to the rivers of South Carolina, where we again demonstrated the Newport's adaptability by proving that she could be used as a mobile riverine base.

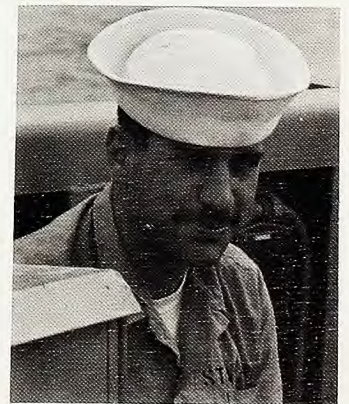
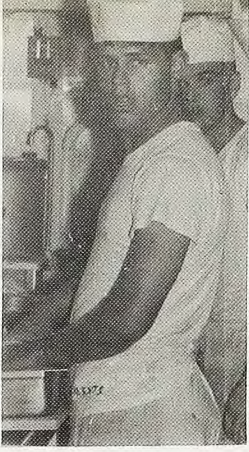


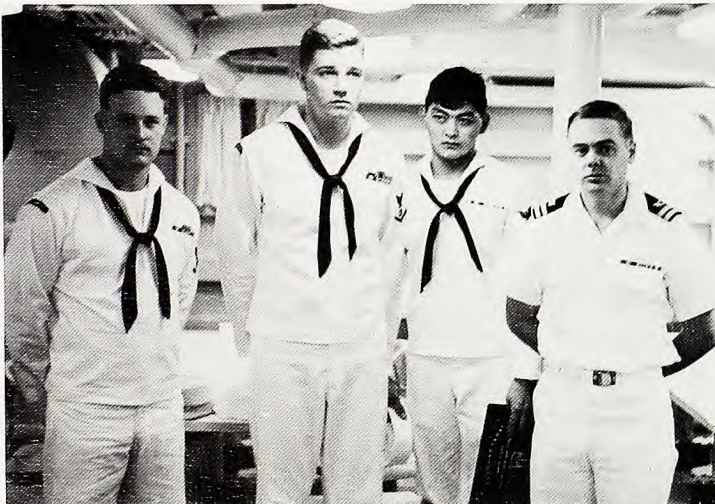
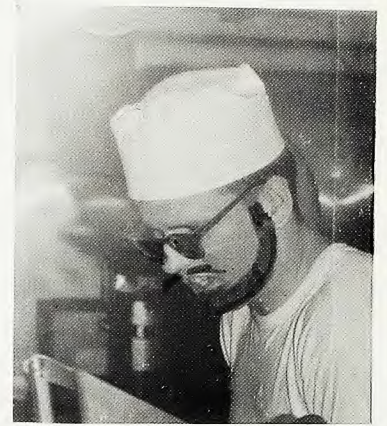
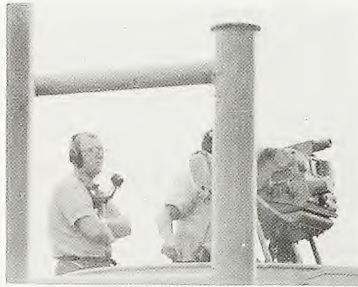
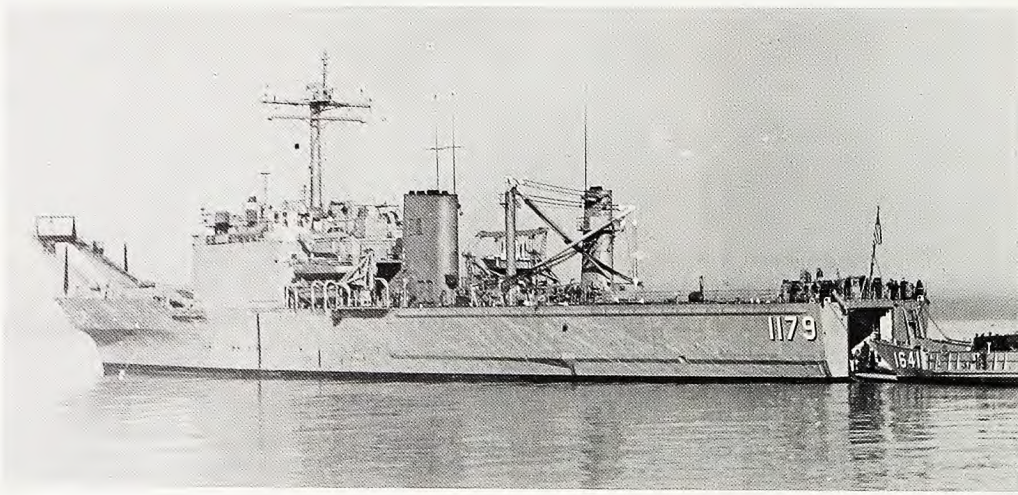
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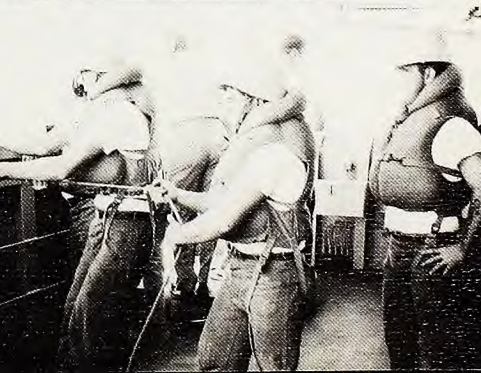
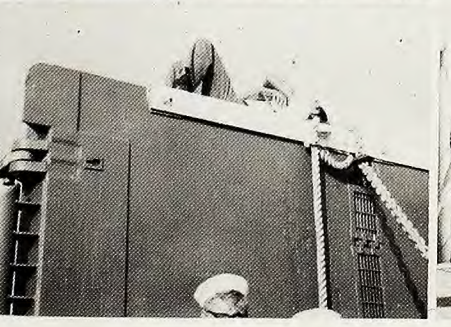
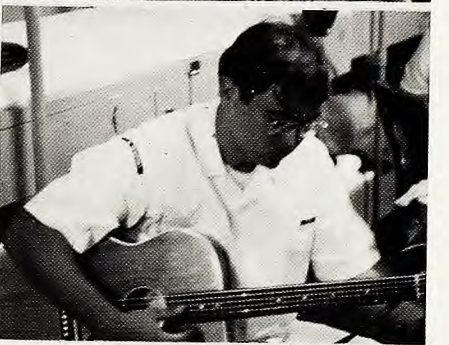
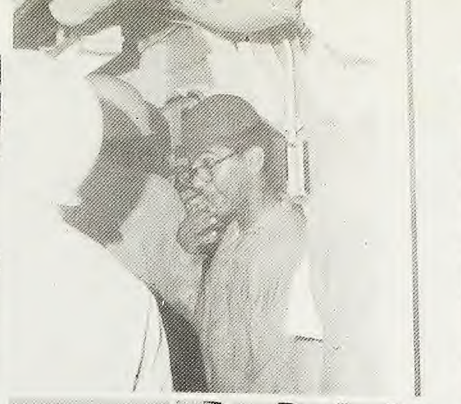


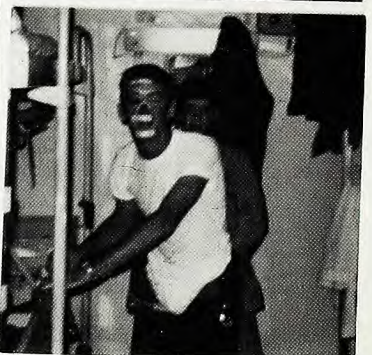
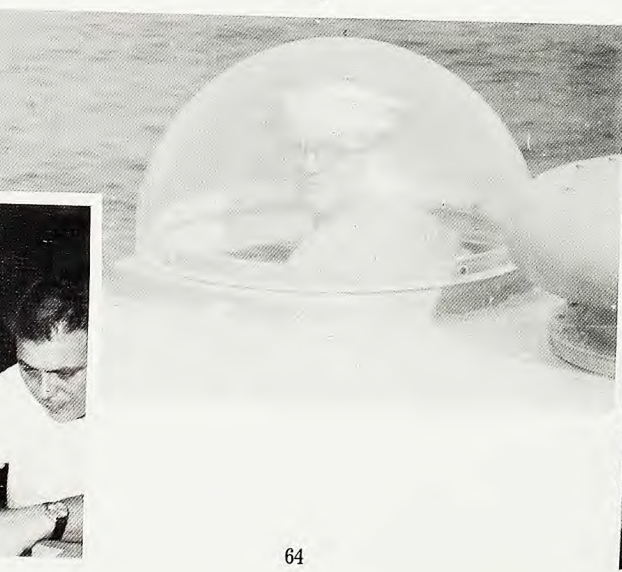
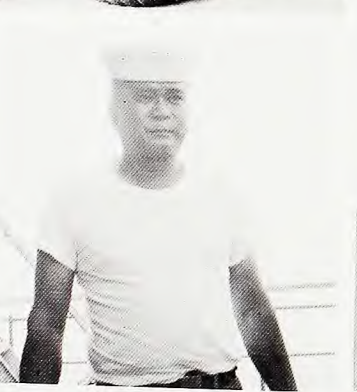
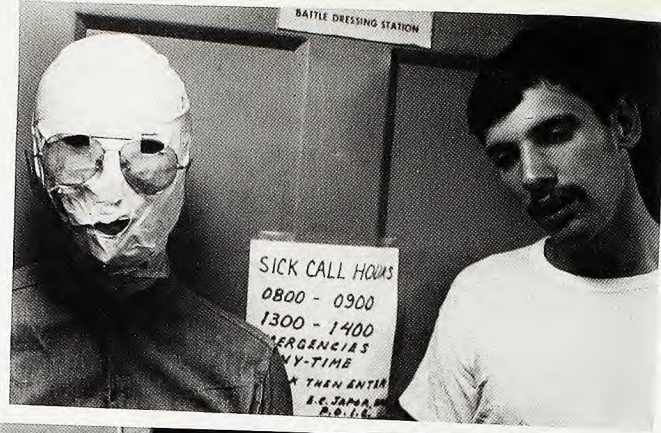
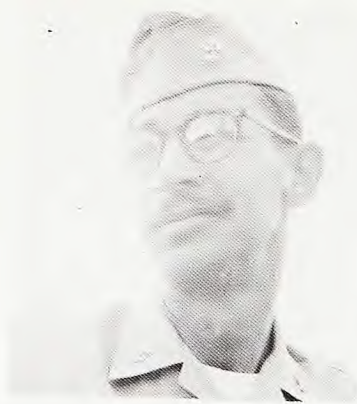
Few people got a full night's sleep or for that matter, completed anything that they started due to our many helo operations that just seemed to come up at the wrong time.

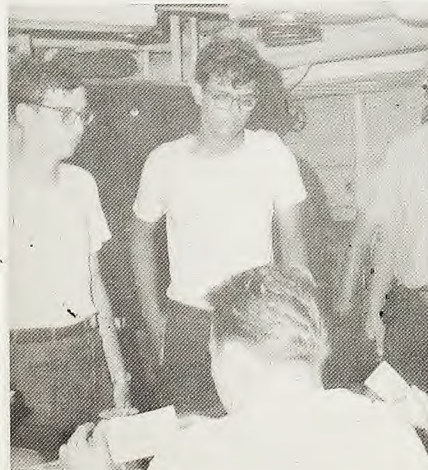
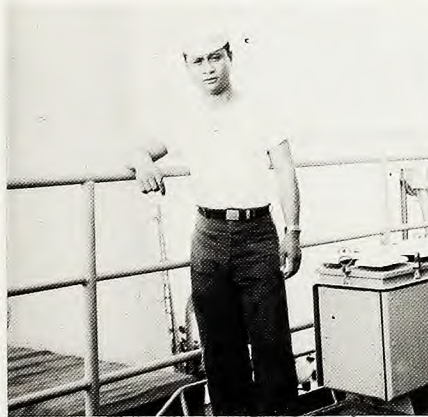
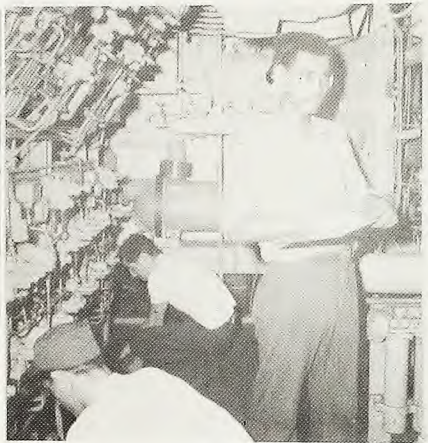
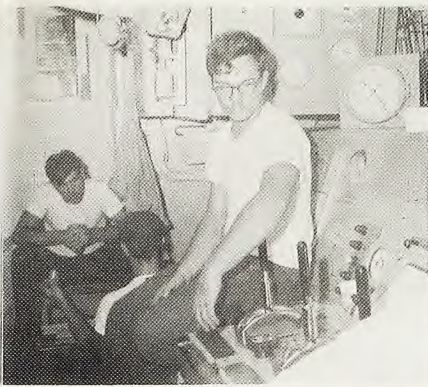


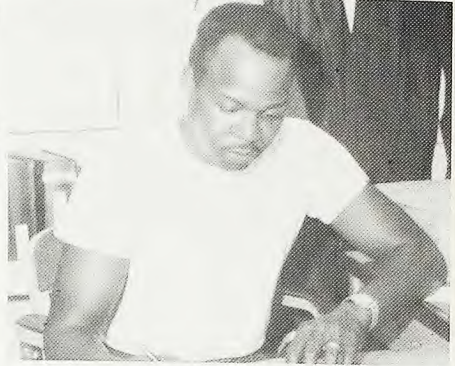
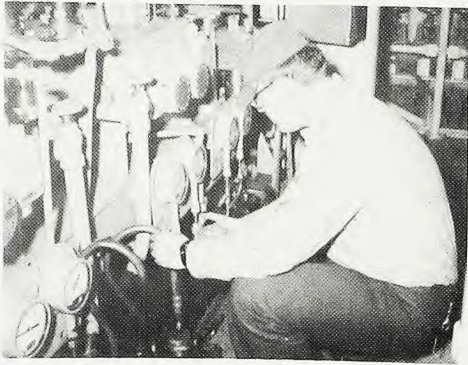






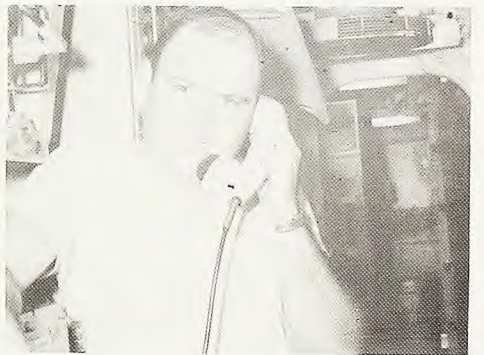


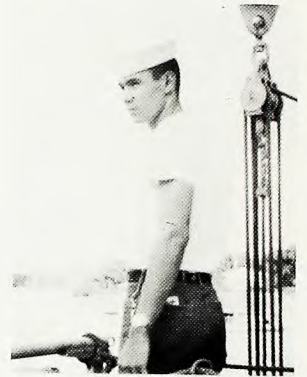
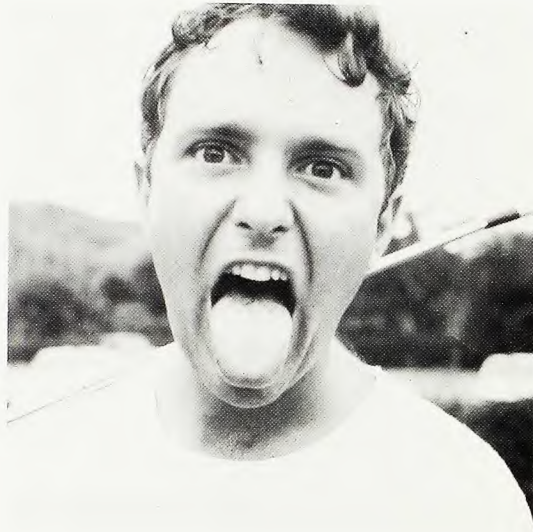
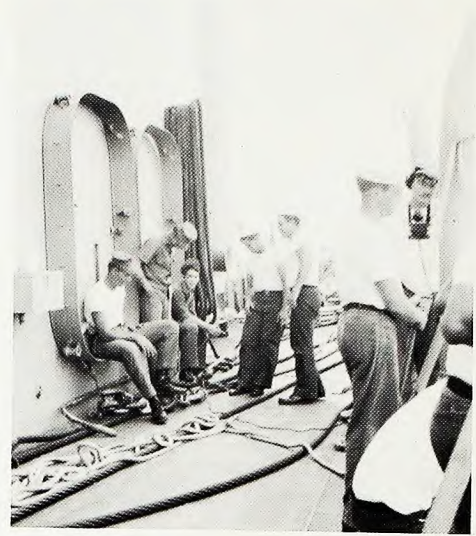


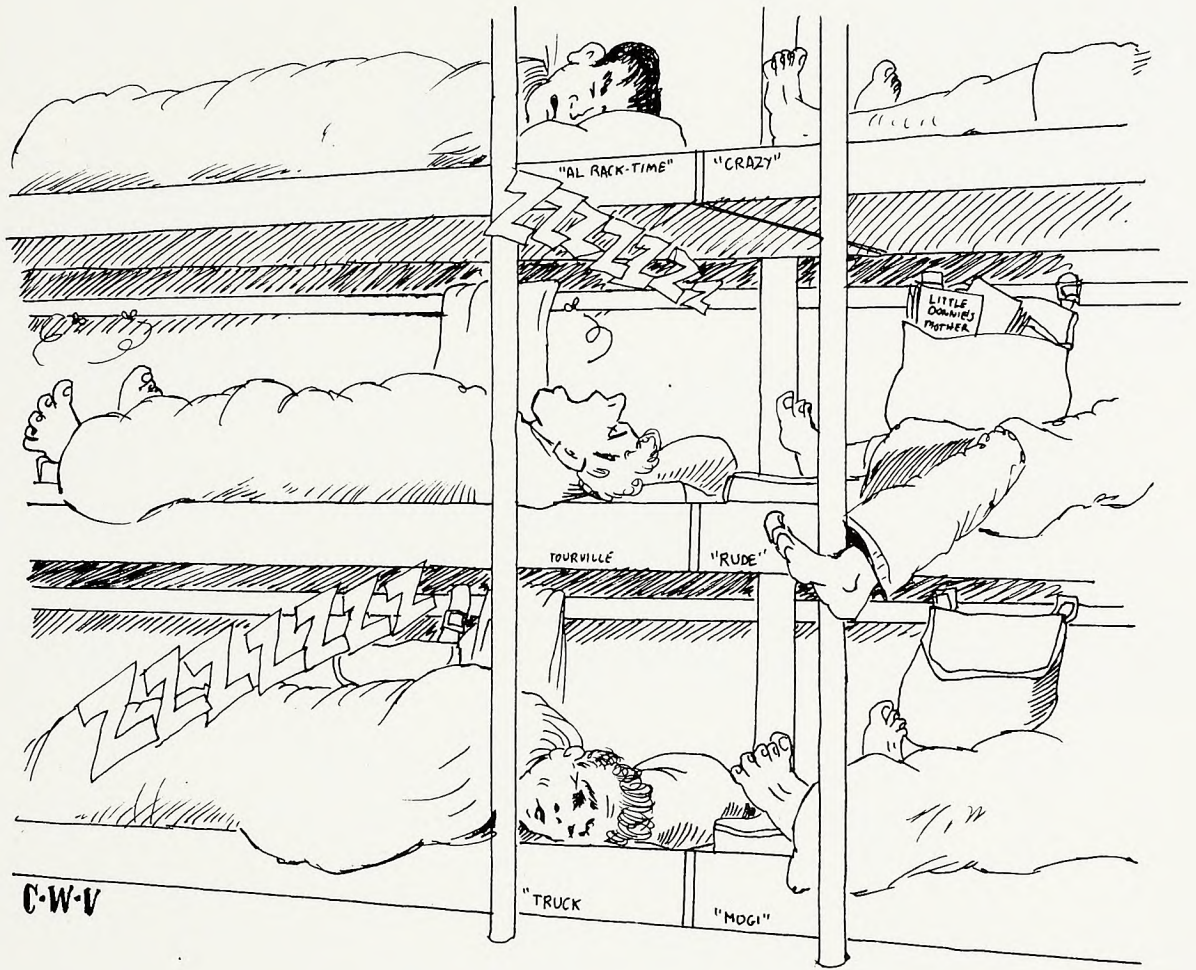




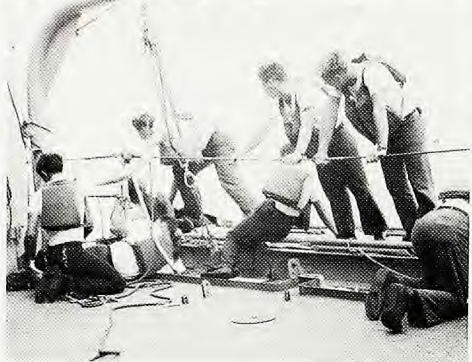
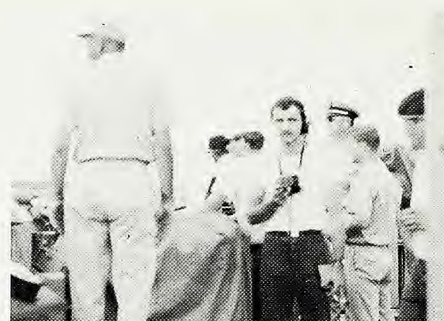
"SQUARE AWAY, MEN! AND WATCH YOUR ----- LANGUAGE!"







G.Q. STATIONS - SUPPLY DEPARTMENT



With a very short time to get ready, we next underwent a change of command ceremony on the eighth of September, during which CDR. D.T. Lamb was relieved as commanding officer by CDR W.F.S Saubers.

