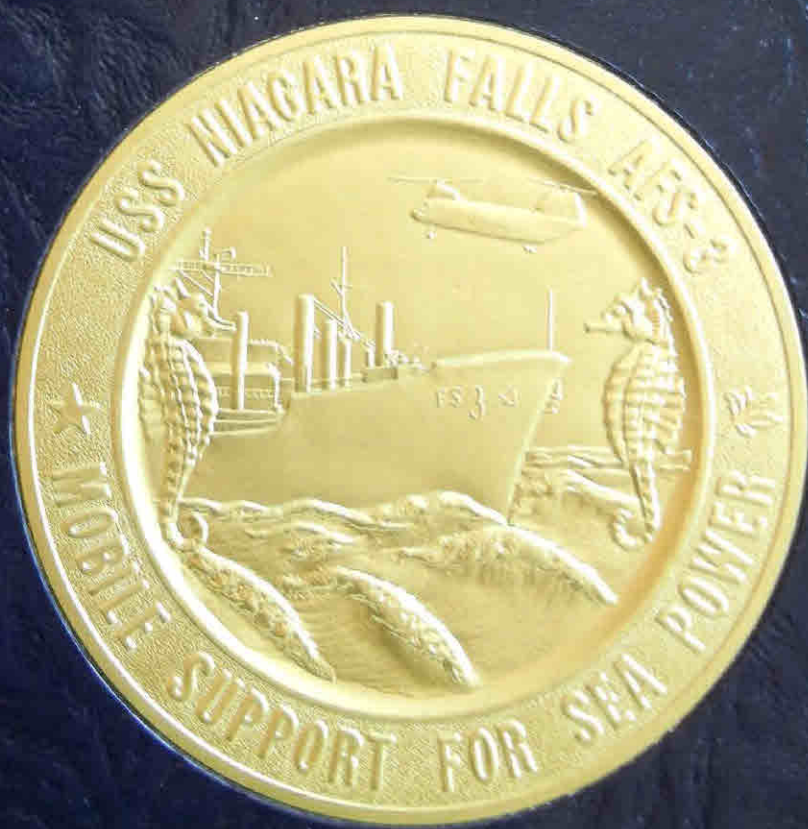


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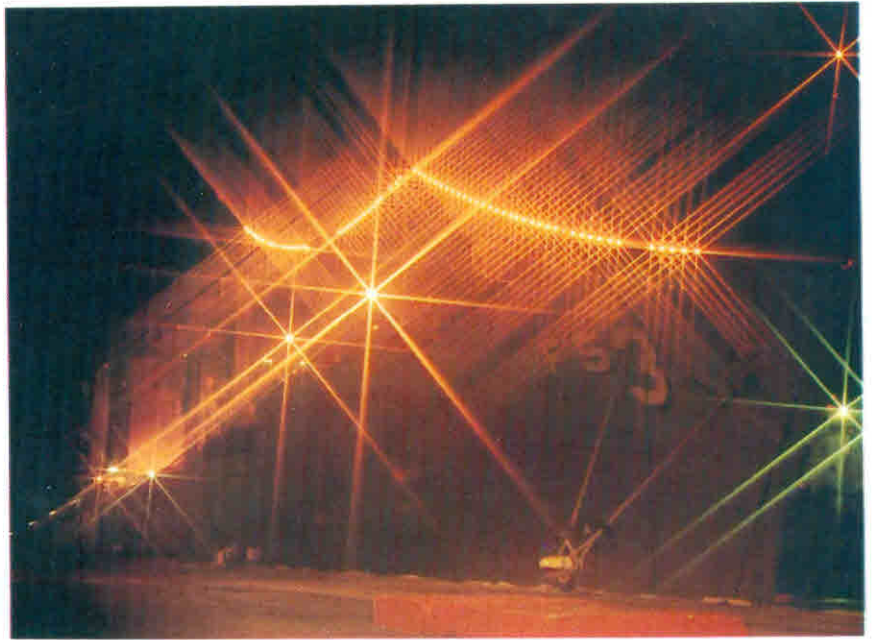
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"BATTLE 'E' WINNERS"
No one does it better . . .

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USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS-3)

WESTPAC '82

SHIPS IN THE AFS CLASS ARE NAMED FOR IMPORTANT U.S. COMMUNITIES. USS NIAGARA FALLS IS THE FIRST SHIP TO BE NAMED IN HONOR OF THE INDUSTRIAL AND RESORT CITY IN NEW YORK STATE. THE SHIP WAS CONSTRUCTED BY NATIONAL STEEL AND SHIPBUILDING COMPANY, SAN DIEGO, COMMENCING 1 FEBRUARY 1965 AND WAS COMMISSIONED ON 29 APRIL 1967 AT THE LONG BEACH NAVAL SHIPYARD. CURRENTLY HOMEPORTED IN ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA. NIAGARA FALLS HAS ALSO BEEN HOMEPORTED IN SAN DIEGO AND SASEBO, JAPAN.

NIAGARA FALLS DEPLOYED APRIL 20 FOR SEVEN MONTHS TO THE WESTERN PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEANS. DURING THE CRUISE, THE "FRIENDLY FALLS" TRANSFERRED OVER 1,700 TONS OF PROVISIONS, 93,000 BARRELS OF FUEL, 5,800 PALLETS OF CARGO, 57,000 POUNDS OF MAIL AND 370 PASSENGERS DURING NINETY DAYS ON STATION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THE 450 MAN, 581 FOOT AFS OPERATED WITH THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER RANGER AND HER BATTLEGROUP ESCORTS IN THE ARABIAN SEA, MAINTAINING CRITICAL U.S. PRESENCE IN THE SEA LANES OF THE FREE WORLD.

CREWMEMBERS ENJOYED VISITS TO PEARL HARBOR, HI; SUBIC BAY, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES; SINGAPORE; DIEGO GARCIA, BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY; PERTH, AUSTRALIA; HONG KONG; GUAM (MARIANAS ISLANDS), AND SASEBO, JAPAN.

NIAGARA FALLS WAS AWARDED THE BATTLE EFFICIENCY "E" AWARD AND THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY ENERGY CONSERVATION AWARD FOR 1982.

“Oh Lord, it’s hard to be humble”

*Oh Lord, it’s hard to be humble
When you’re perfect in every way,
We’ll unrep anything floating
And we get better at it each day.*

*To know us is to love us
Cause you know that we’re a hell of a crew,
Oh Lord, it’s hard to be humble
When you’re doing it the way that we do.*

*Our skipper now he is a winner
A virtual man among men,
When things get too tough for others
Well that’s when they’re just right for him.
No problem will he let disgust him
He just calls on his hard charging crew,
Oh Lord, it’s hard to be humble
When you’re doing it the way that we do.*

*Our helo’s are stroking and smoking
Vertreppin’ those loads through the air,
Our unrep stations are tensioned
Showing that grace, style and flair.
Please excuse our shining devotion
To a ship with which none can compete,
Oh Lord, it’s hard to be humble
When you know you’re the best in the fleet!*

— revised version of “Oh Lord, it’s hard to be humble . . .” for
ship’s underway replenishment break-a-way song —

By CDR Sellers, ENS Hines and MM2 Wiley

DEPARTURE





CAPTAIN ROSS R. TERRY



Captain Ross R. Terry, USN

Captain Terry, a native of Texas, entered the Navy through the Naval Aviation Cadet Program in June 1956, after attending the University of Houston. He was commissioned in August 1957, at NAS Cabaniss Field, Texas, and designated a Naval Aviation Observer (controller) in August 1958, at NAS Glynco, Georgia.

His first tour of duty was spent flying with Airborne Early Warning Barrier Squadron Pacific stationed at NAS Barbers Point, Hawaii. In September 1960, Captain Terry began Radar Intercept Officer (RIO) training in Fighter Squadron ONE TWENTY-ONE at NAS Miramar, California, and was designated a Naval Flight Officer (NFO) that same year in F-4B aircraft.

Captain Terry joined Fighter Squadron ONE FOURTEEN in January 1961, and deployed with USS KITTY HAWK on her maiden voyage in 1962. On board were the first F-4B's to arrive on the Asian scene. In a demonstration observed by President Kennedy, he flew in the lead plane of a formation of four F-4B's and coordinated the simultaneous firing of four Sparrow missiles.

Reporting to Fighter Squadron ONE TWENTY-ONE in November 1964, Captain Terry served as an instructor and became one of the first Naval Flight Officers to be officer-in-charge of a weapons detachment consisting of 12 F-4B aircraft and 30 officers. He also became the first NFO to be trained as a Landing Signal Officer.

In May 1966, he became the Navy's first safety officer while assigned to Fighter Squadron ONE FIFTY-FOUR at NAS Miramar. After arriving in the Gulf of Tonkin aboard USS CORAL SEA, he flew 26 combat missions before being shot down and captured by the North Vietnamese on 9 October 1966. Captain Terry was returned with honor 14 March 1973, after six and one half years in captivity.

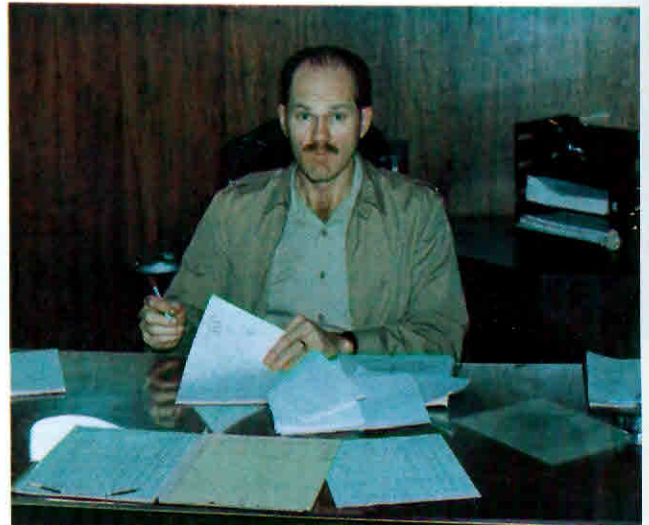
Upon his return, he studied for a degree in business management at the University of Rhode Island and graduated from the Naval War College in Newport. In July 1975, he reported to Training Air Wing SIX at NAS Pensacola, Florida, where he served as NFO training officer while awaiting orders as Commanding Officer of Training Squadron TEN.

During his tour as Commanding Officer, Training Squadron TEN, his squadron became the first to completely organize its ground and flight syllabus under the Instructional Systems Development (ISD) program as set forth by the Chief of Naval Operations. Training Squadron TEN set the guide lines and pace for all Navy flight training missions in the ISD format. His squadron's efforts culminated with winning all of the Chief of Naval Air Training Awards, the CNO Safety Award and each squadron member the Navy Commendation Medal.

In July of 1978, Captain Terry served as Operations Officer aboard USS LEXINGTON followed by an eight month Degree Completion Program tour. He graduated from the University of West Florida with a degree in Social Sciences in August 1980.

His naval awards include the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with combat "V", the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Bronze Stars with combat "V", Air Medal with (1), two Navy Commendations, two Purple Hearts and Vietnam Campaign awards.

He and his wife, the former Susan McClanahan, also a Texan, have five daughters; Donna, Lori, Debbie, Gwen and Trudie.



CDR. W. N. SHELLENBERGER

Born in June, 1942 in Alliance, Ohio, CDR Shellenberger graduated from Grove City College in 1964, with a B.A. in History. He received a Masters of Public Administration degree from the University of Washington in 1974. Commissioned through OCS in 1966 his assignments have included:

CIC school NTTTC Glynco, 1966; ACICO and CICO on **USS NORFOLK (DL-1)**, 1967-68; Destroyer School, 1968-69; Operations Officer on **USS ARNOLD J. ISBELL (DD-869)**, 1969-70; Weapons Officer on **USS FRANK KNOX (DD-742)**, 1970-71; Instructor NROTC University of Washington, Seattle, 1971-74; First Lieutenant on **USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS-4)**, 1974-76; Plans Division, CINCPACFLT, 1976-78; Prospective Engineer Officer Course, Idaho Falls 1978; Engineering Officer on **USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10)**, 1978-80; and Executive Officer on **USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS-3)**, 1980-82.

The Commander is married to the former Pamela Jean Wrathall of Southhampton, New York. CDR Shellenberger is currently assigned to the Staff Commander Carrier Group SEVEN, homeported in San Diego.



LCDR R. A. ERWIN

LCDR Erwin graduated from Ashland College, Ohio in 1969 and after completing OCS at the US Naval Academy, Annapolis received his Navy commission.

His assignments have included:

Gunnery Officer, Electrical Officer and Assistant Engineer on **USS PYRO (AE-24)**, 1969-71, and Navigator and Administrative Officer on **USS FANNING (FF-1076)**, 1971-72.

After a brief civilian hiatus, the Lieutenant Commander returned to the Navy as a part of the Training and Administration of the Naval Reserve (TAR) Program. His assignments have included:

Electrical and Personnel Officer on **USS LEXINGTON (CVT-16)**, 1974-76; Afloat Programs Manager for all New England Surface Naval Reservists, 1976-77; Naval Surface Warfare Officer School, 1977-78; Operations Officer on **USS HULL (DD-945)**, 1978-80; Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Center Pacific Grove, California, 1980-81.

In April, 1982, after completion of Prospective Executive Officer School, Newport, Rhode Island, LCDR Erwin reported aboard the **USS NIAGARA FALLS** as Executive Officer.

LCDR Erwin has continued his civilian postgraduate education concurrently. He attended Arizona State University from 1972-74 and received his M.B.A. from Golden Gate University Extension in 1981.

LCDR Erwin is married to the former Debbie Davis of Dayton, Ohio. They have one son and reside in Monterey, California.



SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR



SKCS WAYNE Y FONG

SKCS Wayne Y Fong was born May 9th, 1950 in Toyshan, China (Province of Kwantung). He settled in Sacramento, California after immigrating to the U.S. in 1955 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in February 1969. Prior to reporting to the **NIAGARA FALLS**, he has served in the "Storekeeper" rating aboard the **USS DIXIE (AD 14)**, **USS OUELLET (FF 1077)**, **USS BRYCE CANYON (AD 36)** and **USS SHASTA (AE 33)**; and shore commands Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, San Diego, California and Newport, Rhode Island.

SKCS Fong has been awarded three Good Conduct Medals, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Campaign Medal, Combat Action Ribbon and Battle Efficiency "E" Ribbon. He is married to the former Susan Ann Hurley of Newton, Kansas and has an 8 year old daughter Amy and a 5 year old son Eric who reside in Vallejo, California



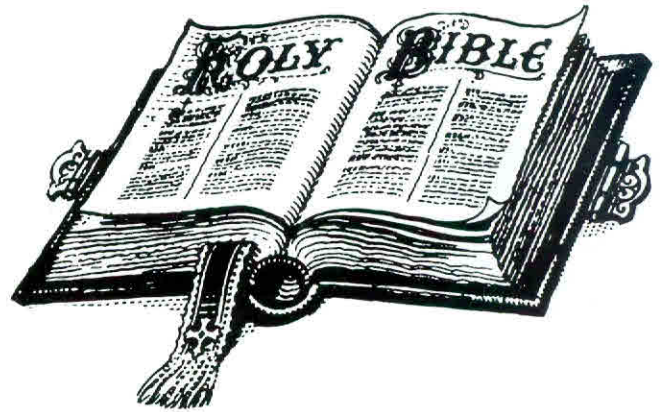
RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS



CHAPLAIN LARRY G SELLERS

The Commanding Officer has the direct responsibility for the religious program aboard ship. The Chaplain, by nature of his ordination and primary duty assignment, is responsible to the Commanding Officer for the implementing of the program. Chaplain Sellers is involved with individuals of every faith and religion and takes part in every aspect of shipboard life. He conducts a weekly worship service and holds daily Bible study and fellowship groups. He performs the Sacraments of the Church, counsels and visits various work stations. He supervises the Lay Leader Program as well as the assigned religious specialist personnel.

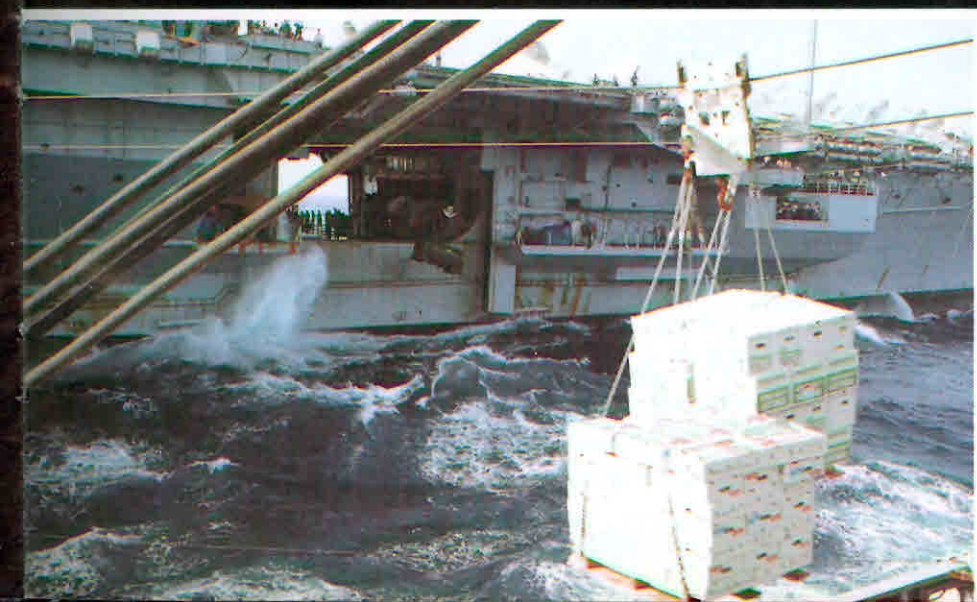
Chaplain Sellers reported aboard **NIAGARA FALLS** in July, 1980. His prior duty assignments include Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Forty Davisville, Rhode Island; U.S. Coast Guard Station New York, New York; Fleet Religious Support Activity Norfolk, Virginia; Naval Undersea Warfare Engineering Station Keyport, Washington; and Naval ROTC Unit University of California at Berkeley, California (post graduate study program). Chaplain Sellers, his wife Jennifer, two daughters and son reside at Hamilton Air Force Base in Novato, California.





UNREPS / VERTREPS







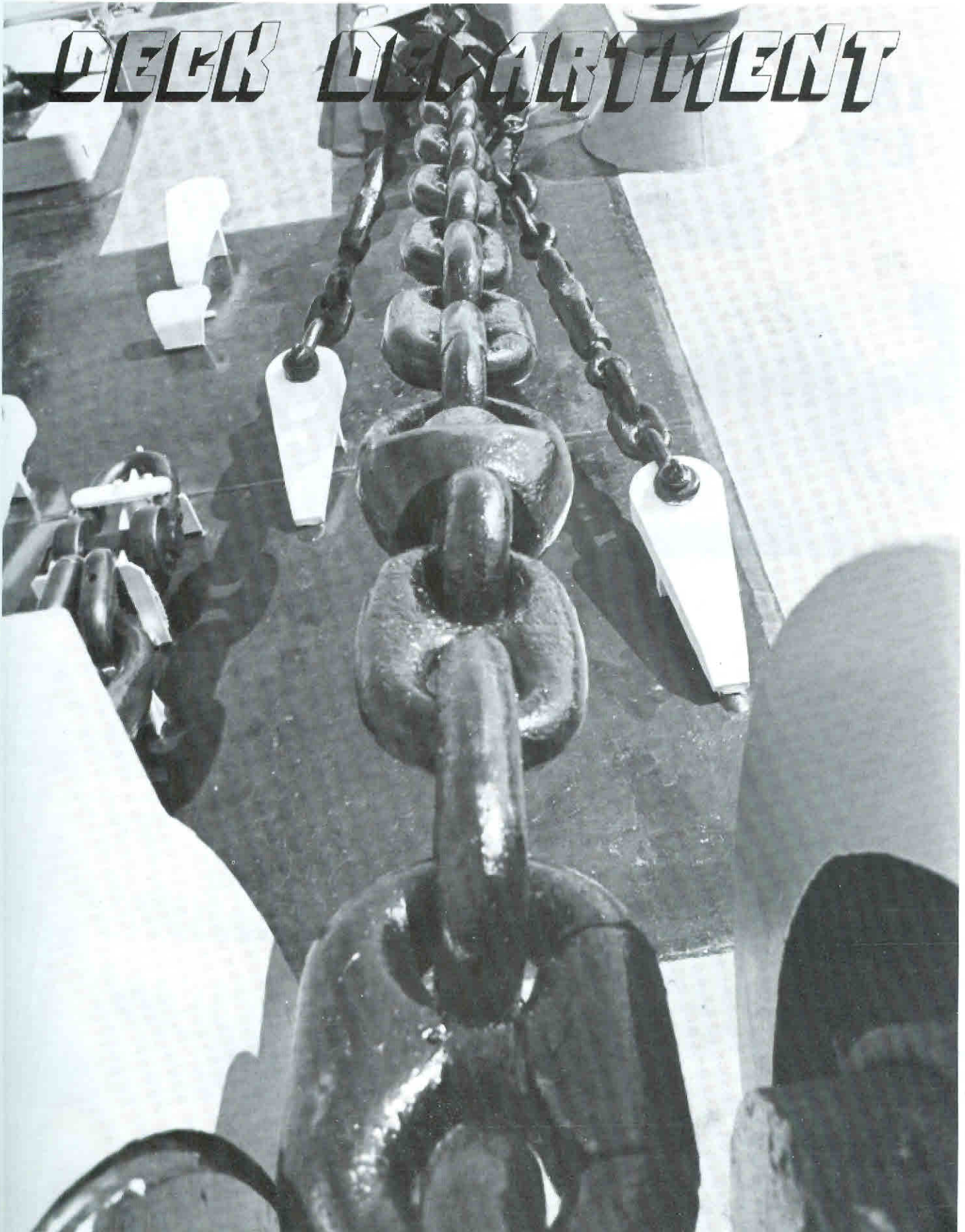
SOME OF OUR CUSTOMERS







DECK DEPARTMENT



**1ST
LT**



LTJG P.H. CHINERY

LTJG Chinery enlisted in the Navy and attended recruit training at Great Lakes, IL in 1960. He has served onboard fourteen ships, made three back-to-back, round-the-world cruises, toured Vietnam and participated in the "Saigon Evacuation."

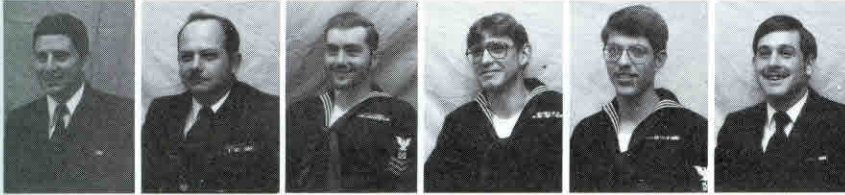
Mr. Chinery chose the rate of Quartermaster and ultimately was promoted QMCS onboard the **USS KAWISHIWI (AO-146)**. He became ship's boatswain onboard the **USS ASHTABULA (AO-51)** and was commissioned CWO2 in April 1979. In 1981 he advanced to his current position as 1ST Lieutenant and Head of the Deck Department onboard the **USS NIAGARA FALLS**.

Mr. Chinery graduated from the Pacific Maritime Academy and later served as a professor in Deck and Navigation at that same institution. He maintains a 2nd Mate Oceans Unlimited license in the U.S. Merchant Marines.

After retiring, LTJG Chinery plans to settle in New Zealand and "just play golf."



1ST DIVISION



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Boston, MA

Nothing happens onboard the **NIAGARA FALLS** without the men in dungarees of 1ST Division. In addition to their role in **VERTREPs** and **UNREPs**, 1ST Division personnel are found standing underway watches on the bridge, manning the helm and running lookout positions. They can be found chipping, painting and sweeping, and in case of man-overboard they are in charge of the starboard whale boat. Possibly most important, 1ST Division personnel are in charge of the accommodation ladder, better known as the "steps to liberty call."







2ND DIVISION

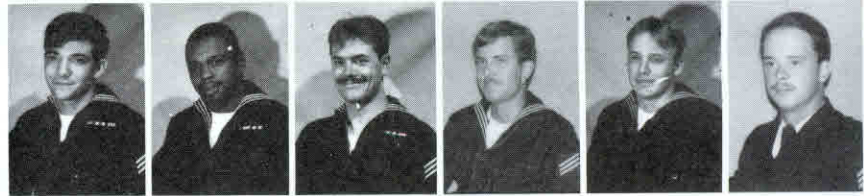
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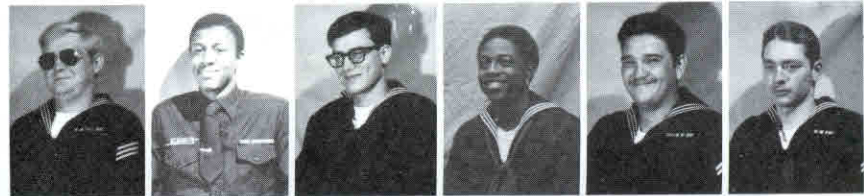
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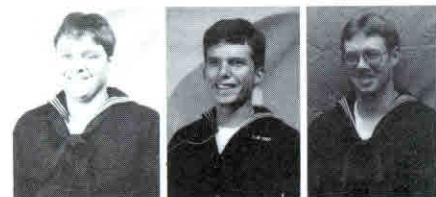
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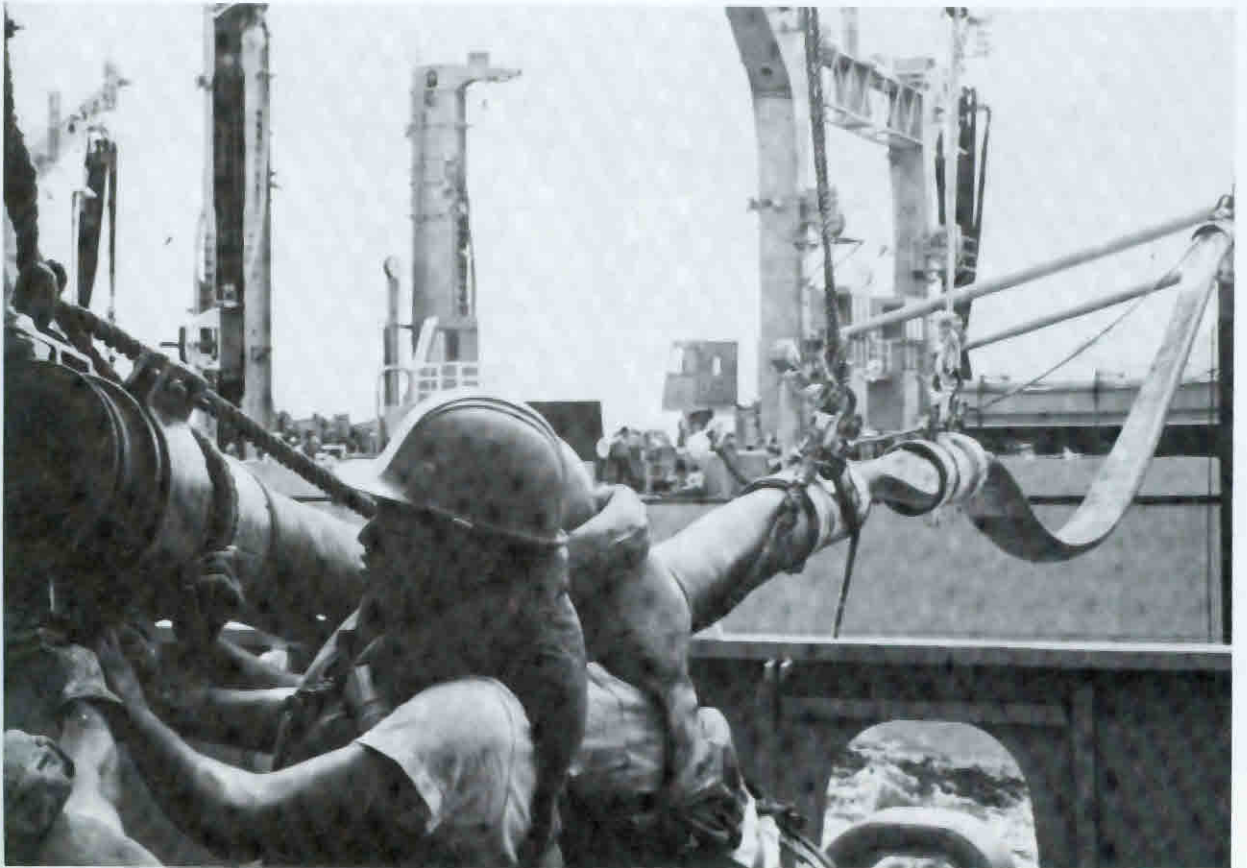


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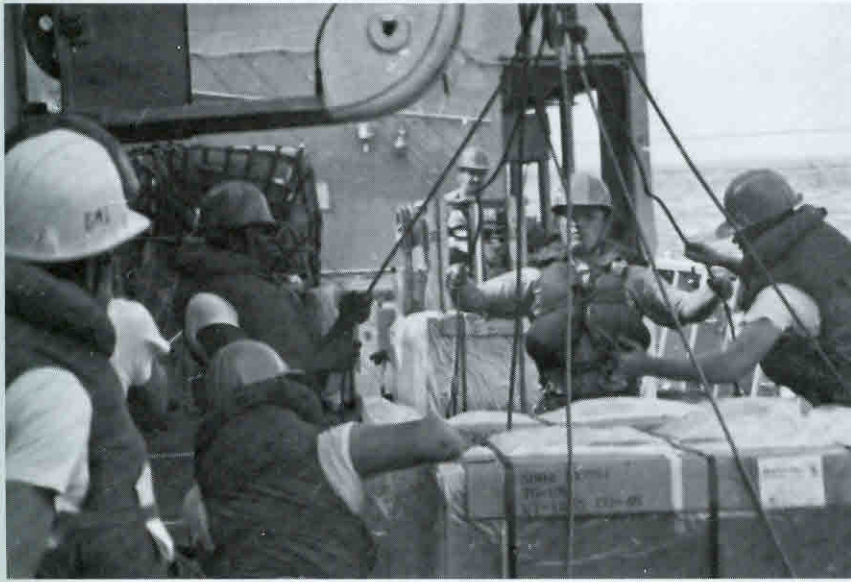
Since 2ND Division is a part of Deck Department they play a vital role in all UNREPs, VERTREPs, and CONREPs. Furthermore, their responsibilities include maintenance and operation of the ship's small boats, including the captain's gig. They maintain the helo hanger, flight deck and holds four and five. Any towing of other vessels is also coordinated by 2ND Division.

2ND Division is comprised of forty men who, with "pride and professionalism," keep the **USS NIAGARA FALLS** looking "s _____ hot."





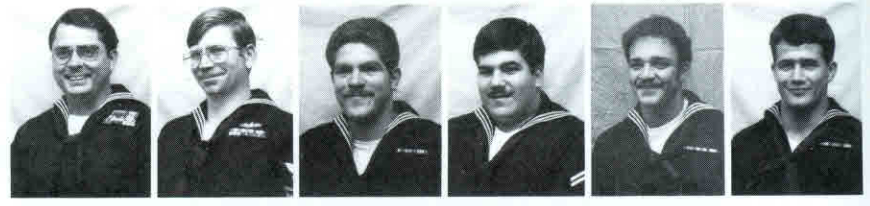
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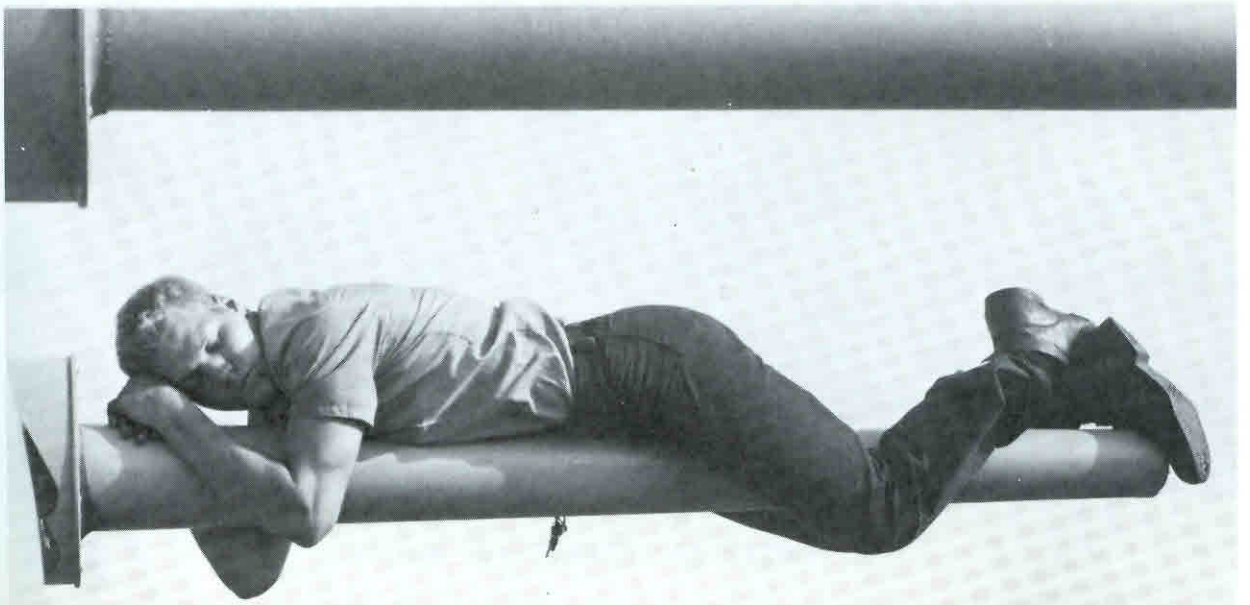
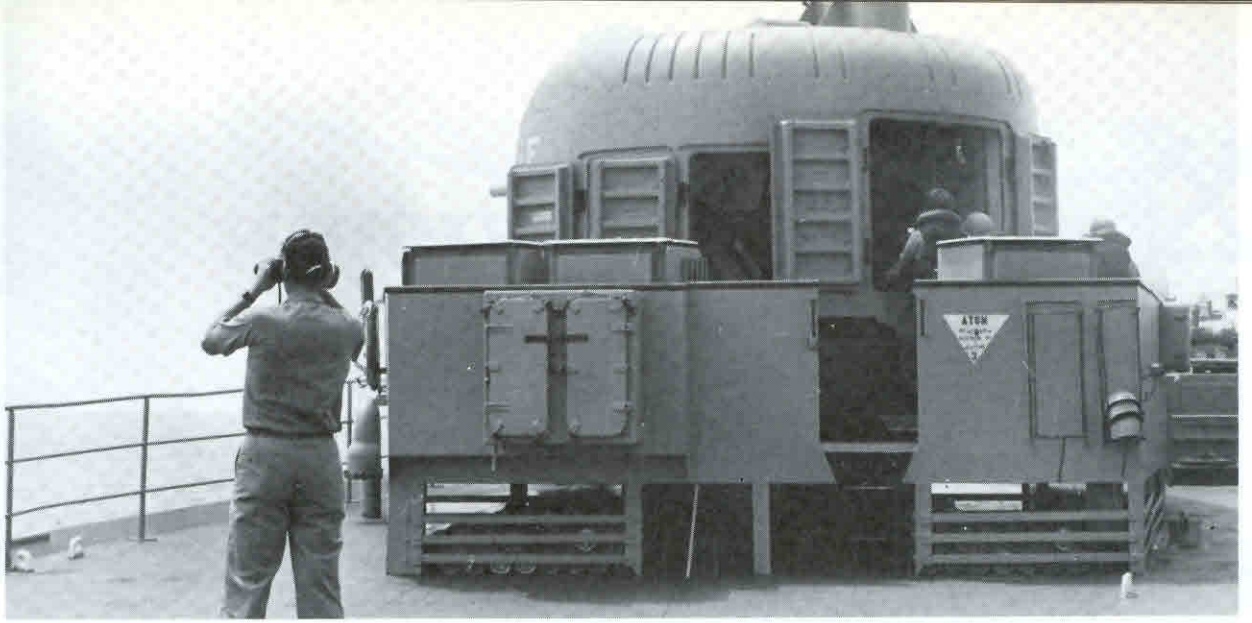
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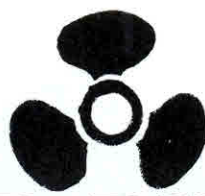
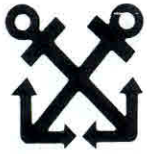


The 3RD Division of Deck Department is the Gunnery Division. Onboard the **USS NIAGARA FALLS** this involves the operation, maintenance and repair of the twin, forward-mounted, 3"/50 caliber gun mounts as well as small arms, magazines and ammunitions.

(Gun) or GMG rate and are capable of making detailed casualty analyses of electronic, hydraulic, mechanical, electrical, and servo systems. Furthermore, they maintain ammunition handling equipment, inspect and maintain magazine sprinkler systems and maintain rocket projectors, gun ammunitions magazines and small arms weapons.

Personnel in 3RD Division hold the Gunnersmate





DM&R DIVISION



The responsibilities of Deck, Machinery and Rigging Division are the most varied in the Deck Department. Not only must DM & R personnel be versed in personnel quality standards, such as bridge and lookout watches, but they must be accomplished in the traditional boatswain's mate rate. Additionally, with the aid of qualified engineering personnel, they operate and maintain twenty hydraulic winches, six UNREP stations, four cargo booms, four boat davits, and the anchor windlass. Clearly the presence of DM & R Division is crucial to the primary function of the **NIAGARA FALLS.**

DM & R is led by **BMCS Brown.**

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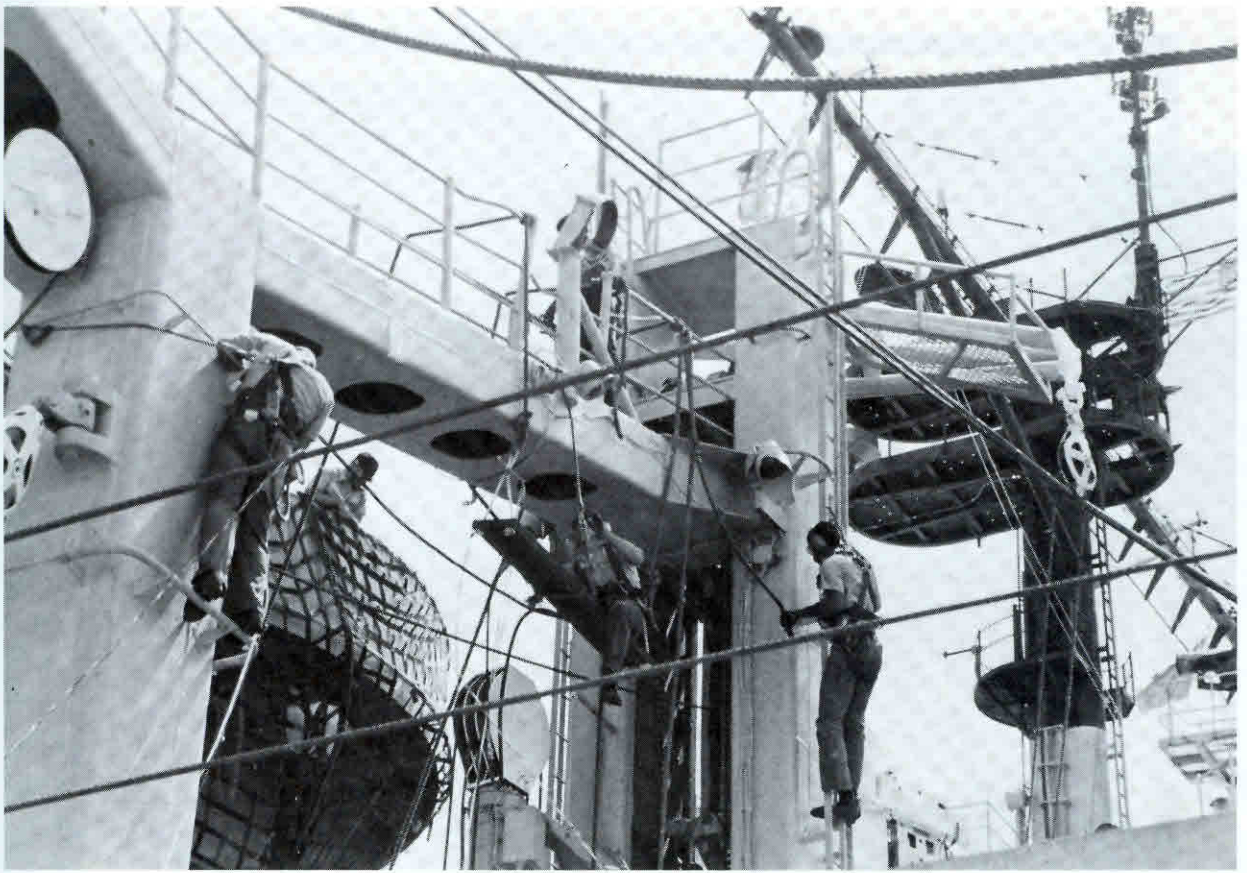


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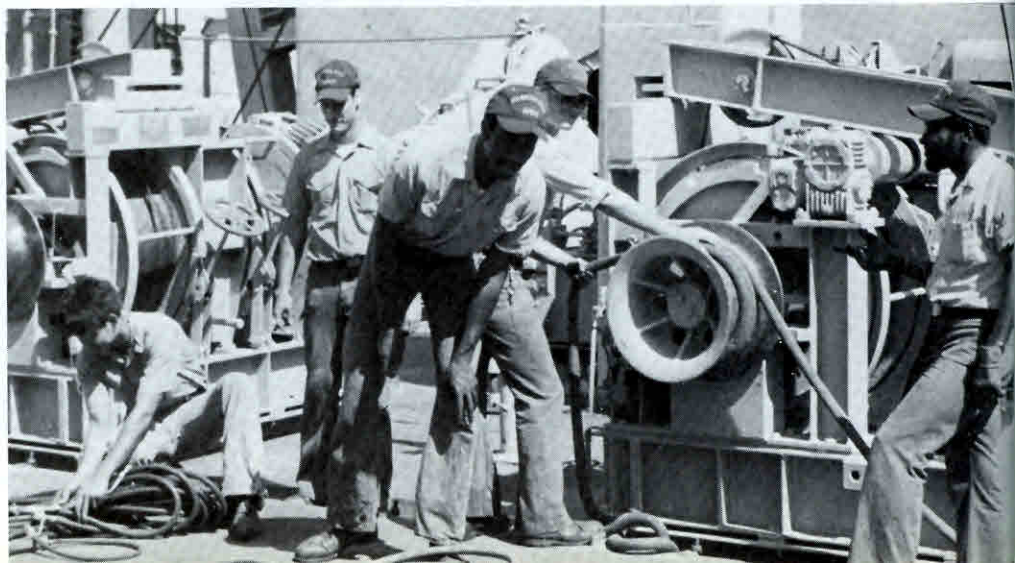
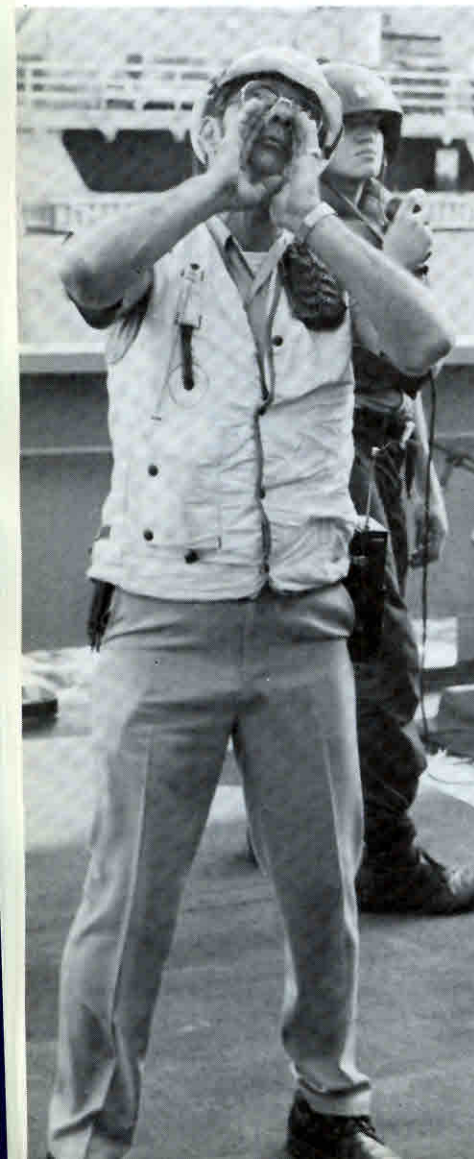


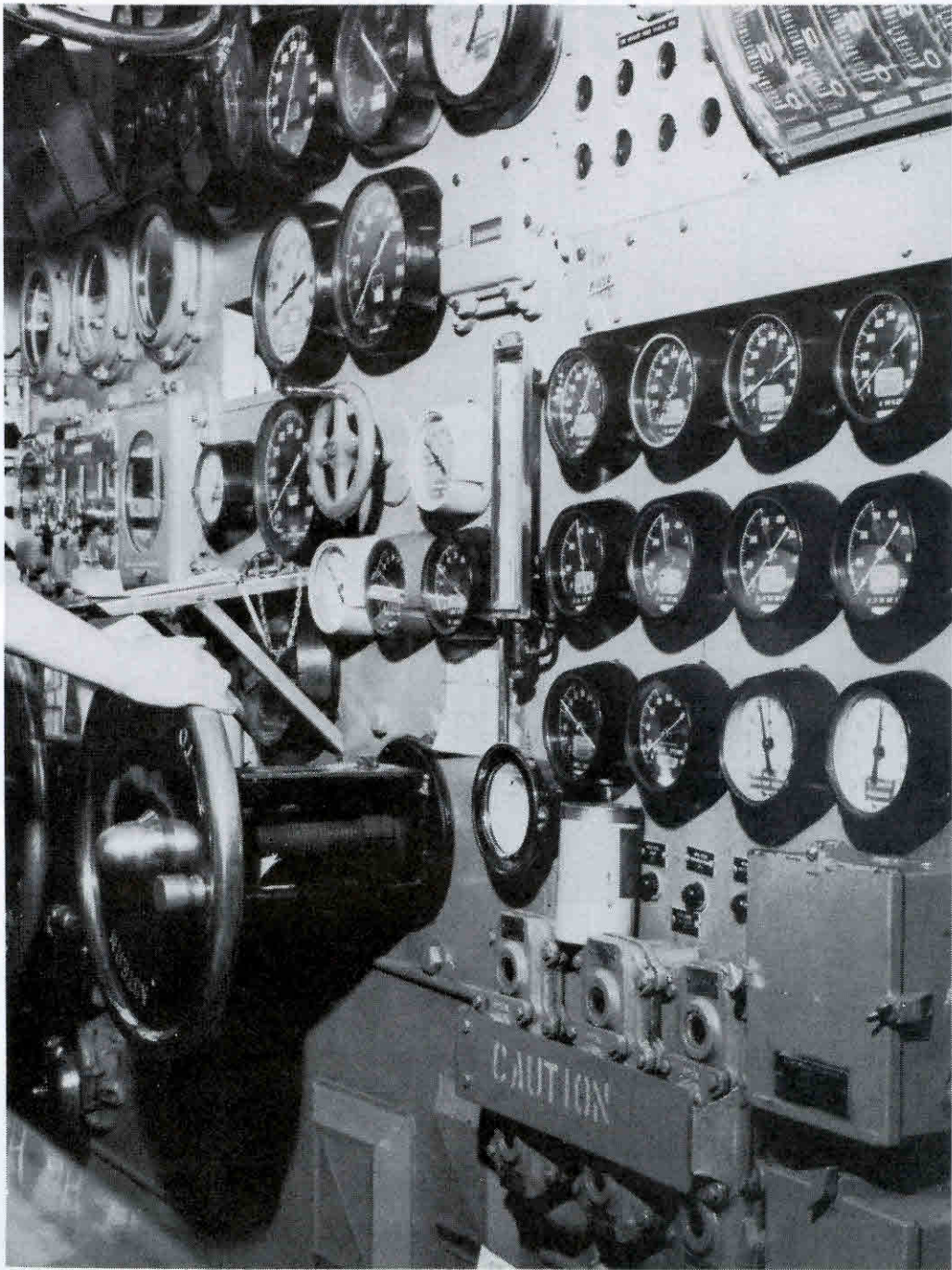


"WHEN ONE HANGS, WE ALL HANG ... "



"IF THE NFL STRIKES, WE STRIKE ... "





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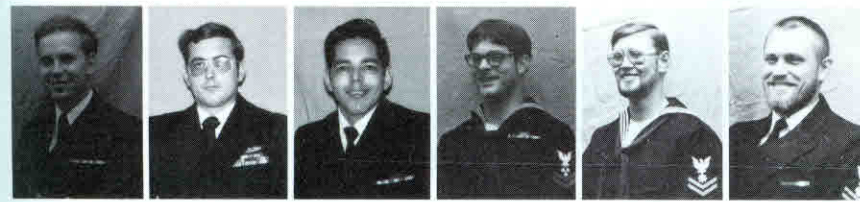
LCDR CARL H. SMITH

Born in Alabama and raised in Montana, LCDR Carl H. Smith enlisted in the Navy in 1960. He served first on the **USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43)** and transferred to the **USS HARLAN R. DICKSON (DD-708)** as a Boiler Tender, 3rd Class. He reported to the Naval Auxiliary Landing Field, Monterey, CA., after advancing to 1st Class. In 1970 he attended B and C schools in Philadelphia, PA., received training in computer maintenance from the Merchant Marine Academy, Baltimore, MD., and attended Automatical Propulsion School in San Diego, CA. In 1971, LCDR Smith reported aboard the **USS FLINT (AE-32)** where he advanced to BTC and ultimately to WO1. As a WO2 he served as MPA, "A" Division, DCA, Fuel and Boilers Officer aboard the **USS HARLAN R. COUNTY (LST-1179)**. After a tour aboard the **USS SHASTA (AE-33)** he was assigned to the U.S. Naval Station, Guam where he ultimately advanced to Lieutenant. After a tour as Engineer Officer on the **USS HUNLEY (AS-31)** he attended SWOSCOLCOM School in Newport, RI., and Hot Plant (1200 PSI) Training at Great Lakes, WI. In March 1982 he reported aboard the **USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS-3)** and was advanced shortly thereafter to Lieutenant Commander.

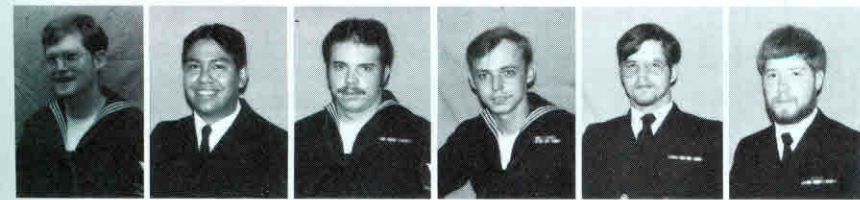
He is married and lives in Vallejo, CA., with his wife, Vera, and children, Patricia, 17, Tamara, 15, Laura, 13, and Carl III, 11.



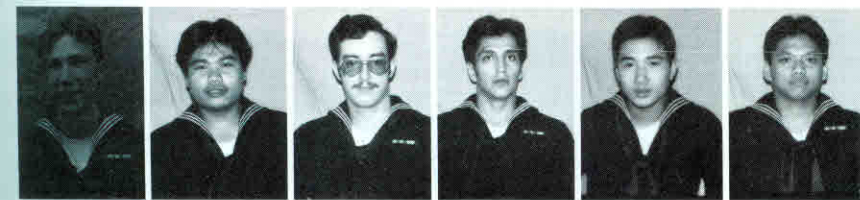
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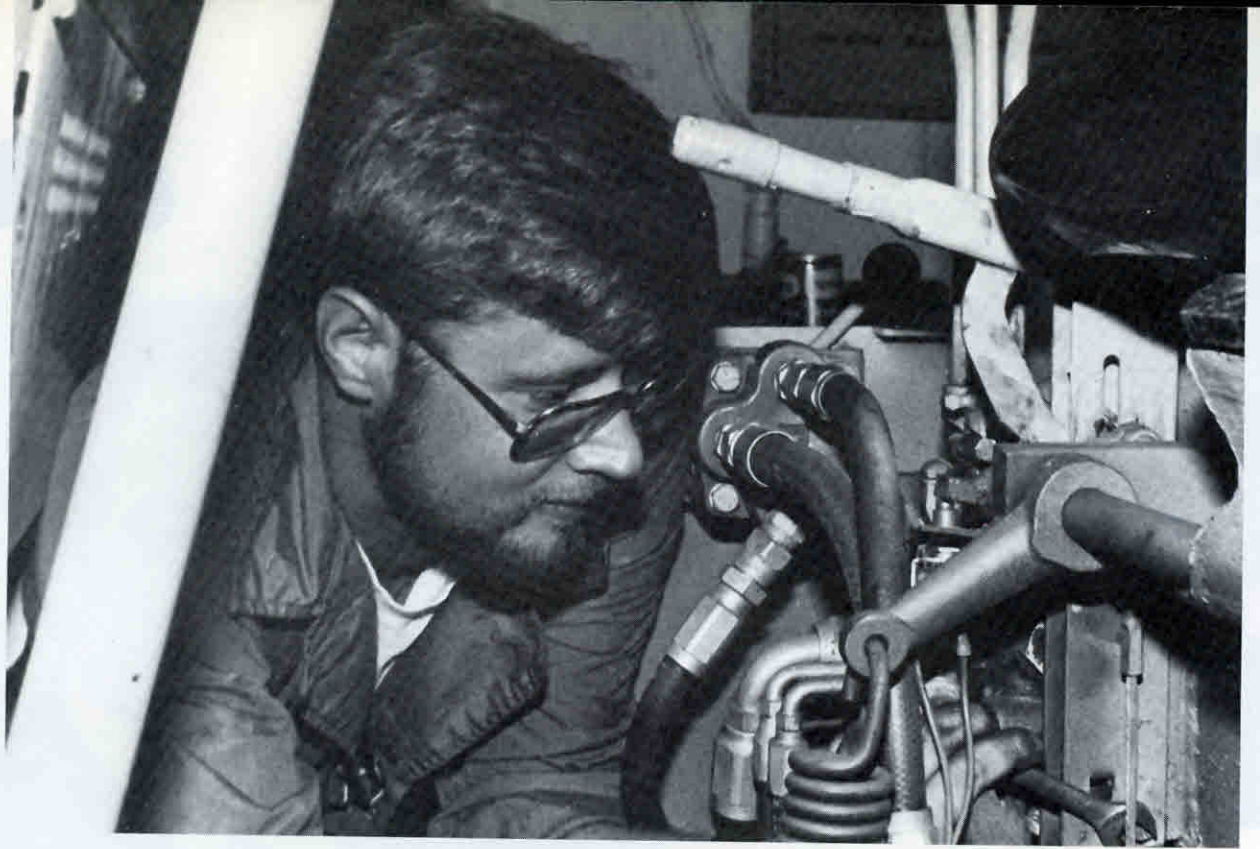


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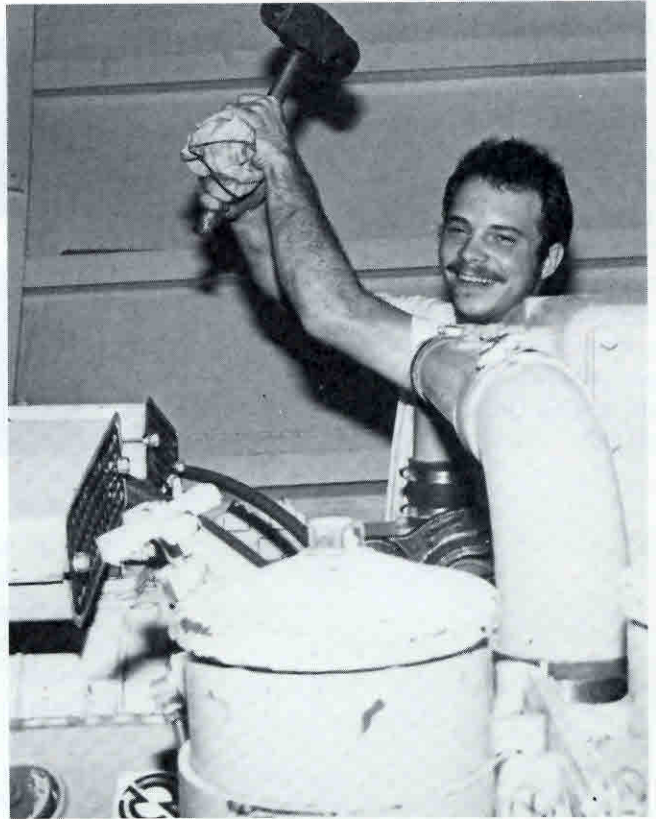
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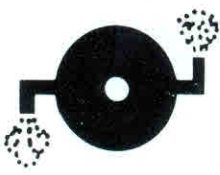
Auxiliary Division is tasked with the never-ending job of maintaining and repairing equipment ranging from air conditioning and refrigeration units to small boats, diesels and air compressors. The division is composed of Machinist Mates, and Enginemen.





Bob Jones, Chief Engineer, working on the engine room.





B DIVISION

The "Fire Room:" where the Boiler Technicians tend three gargantuan kettles which create steam at 620 psi and 850°F. Anytime the plant is "lit off" there are at least six BT's on watch to tame the flame that provides the power for virtually everything on the ship. The Boiler Division is responsible for the maintenance to the boilers and all associated auxiliary equipment such as the automatic combustion controls, pumps and compressors. The BT's also receive and transfer massive amounts of fuels; almost 4 million gallons were handled in the first three quarters of 1982. The "Fuel, Oil and Water Kings" of B Division chemically test and treat all fluids used in the main engineering system. Home for these firebreathing Snipes is the lower level of the "Hole" where a cool day in the Indian Ocean can be 115°F.

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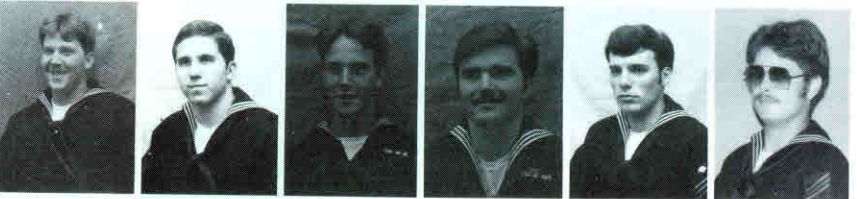
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M DIVISION



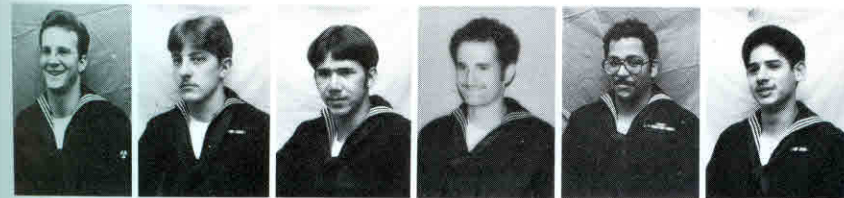
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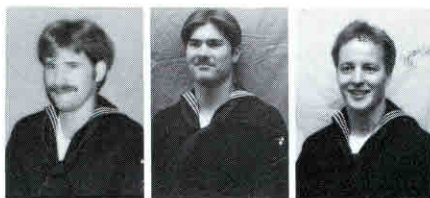
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Lancaster, NY
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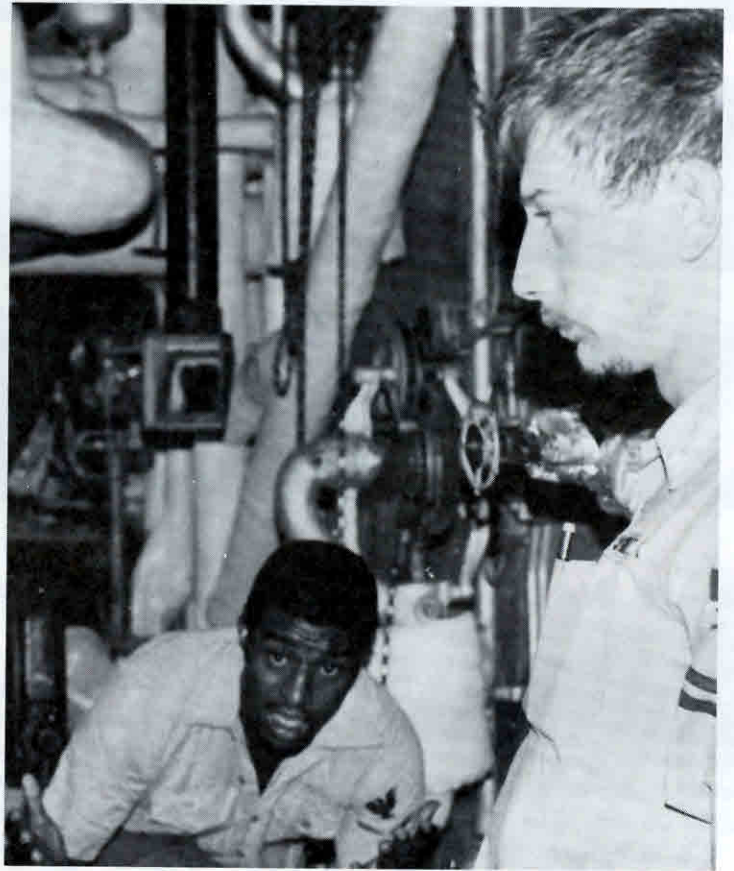
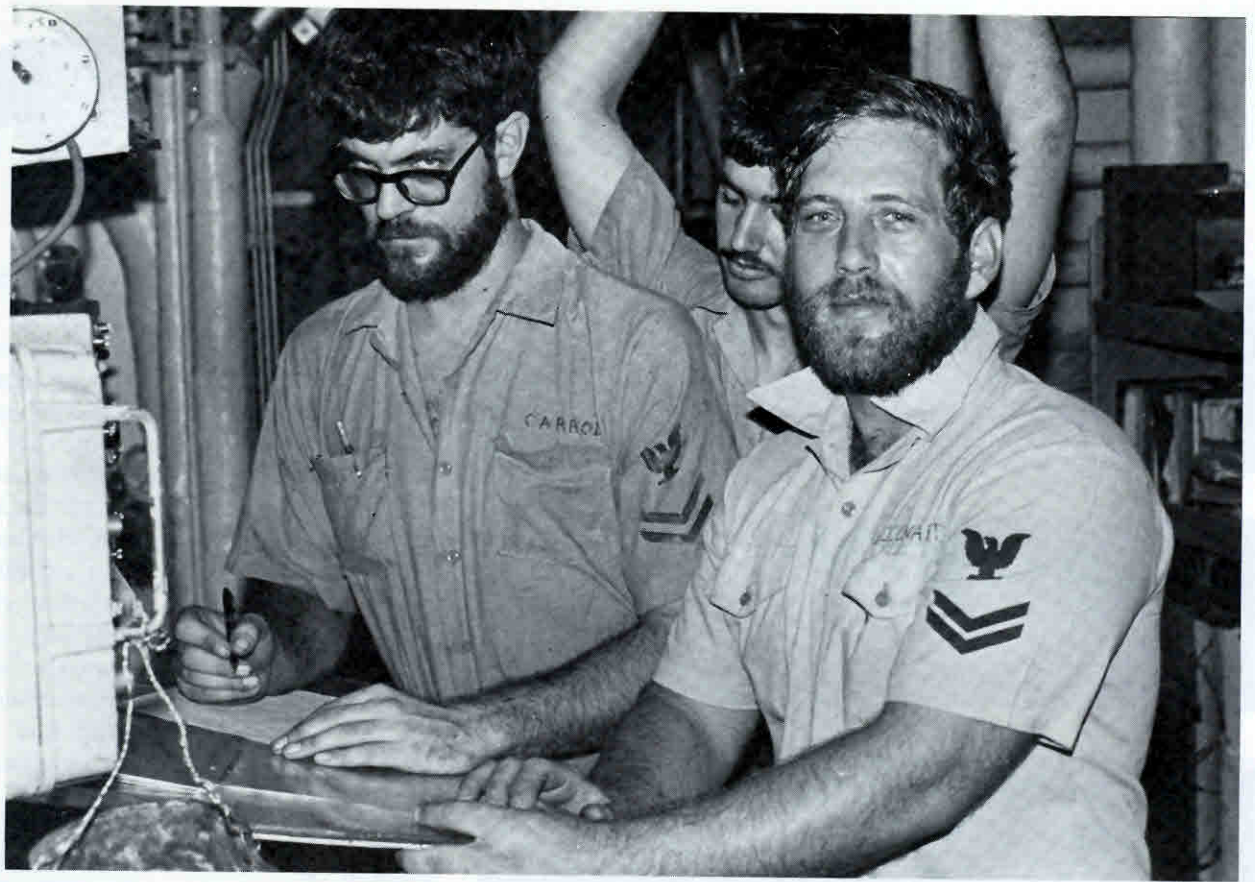
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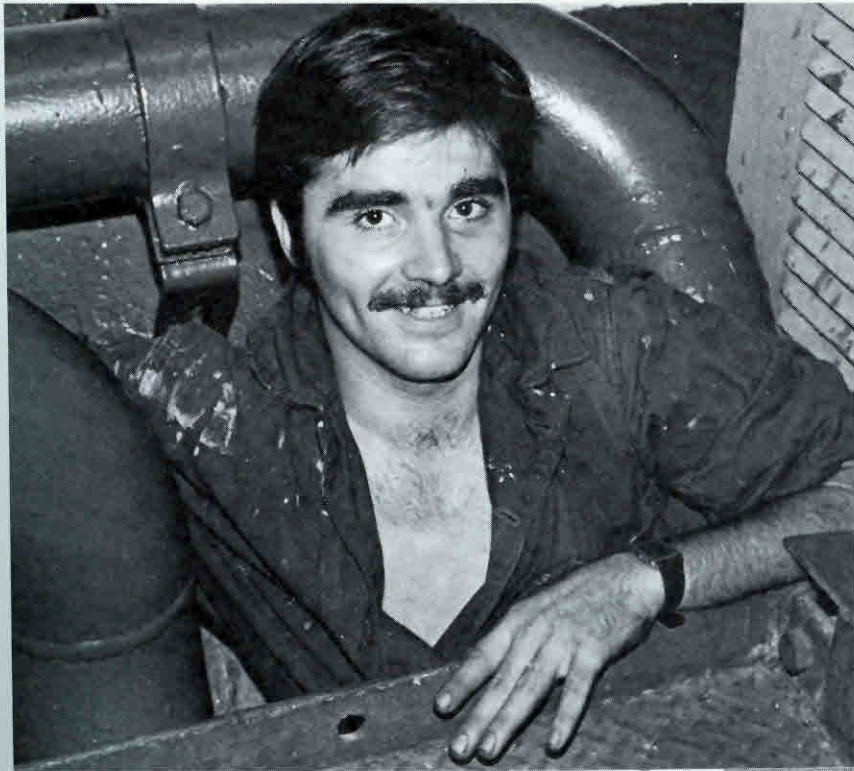
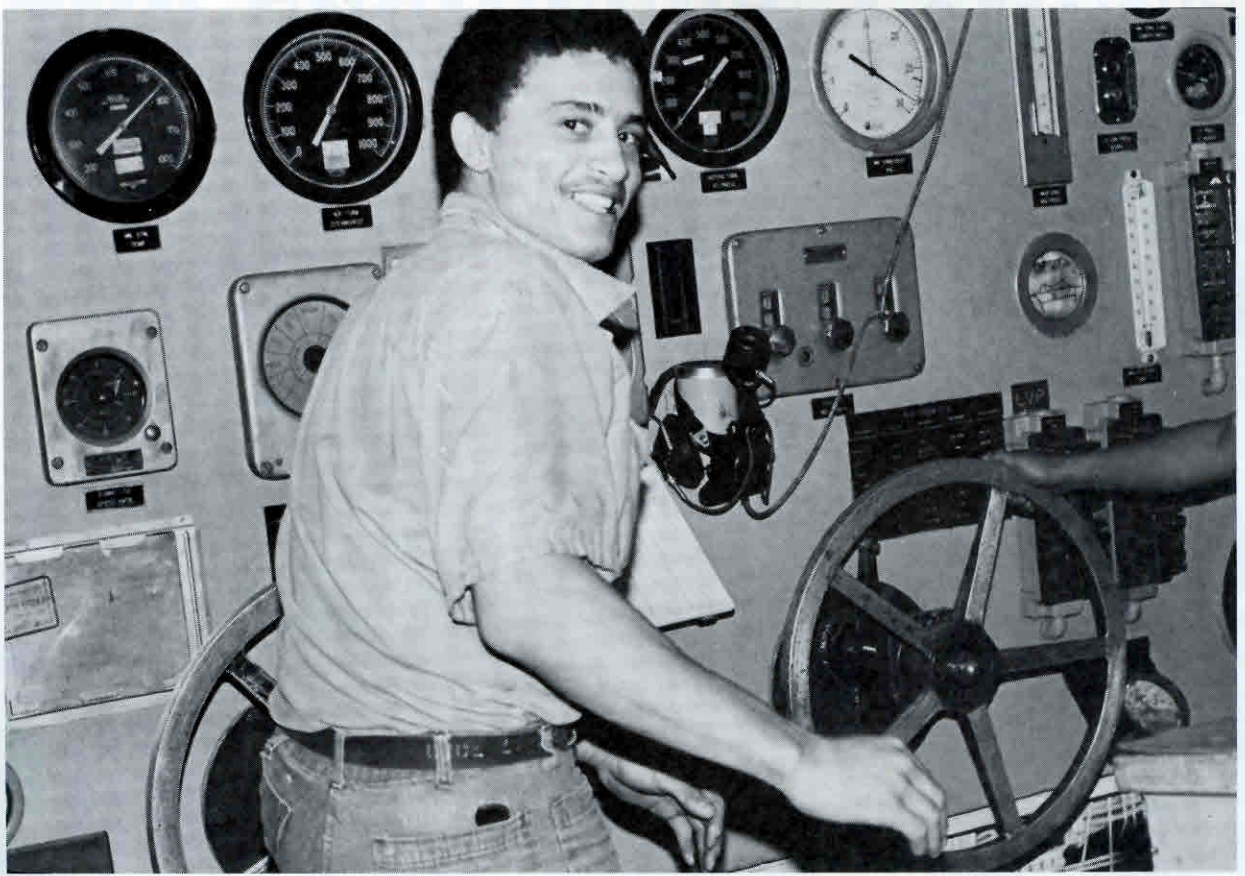


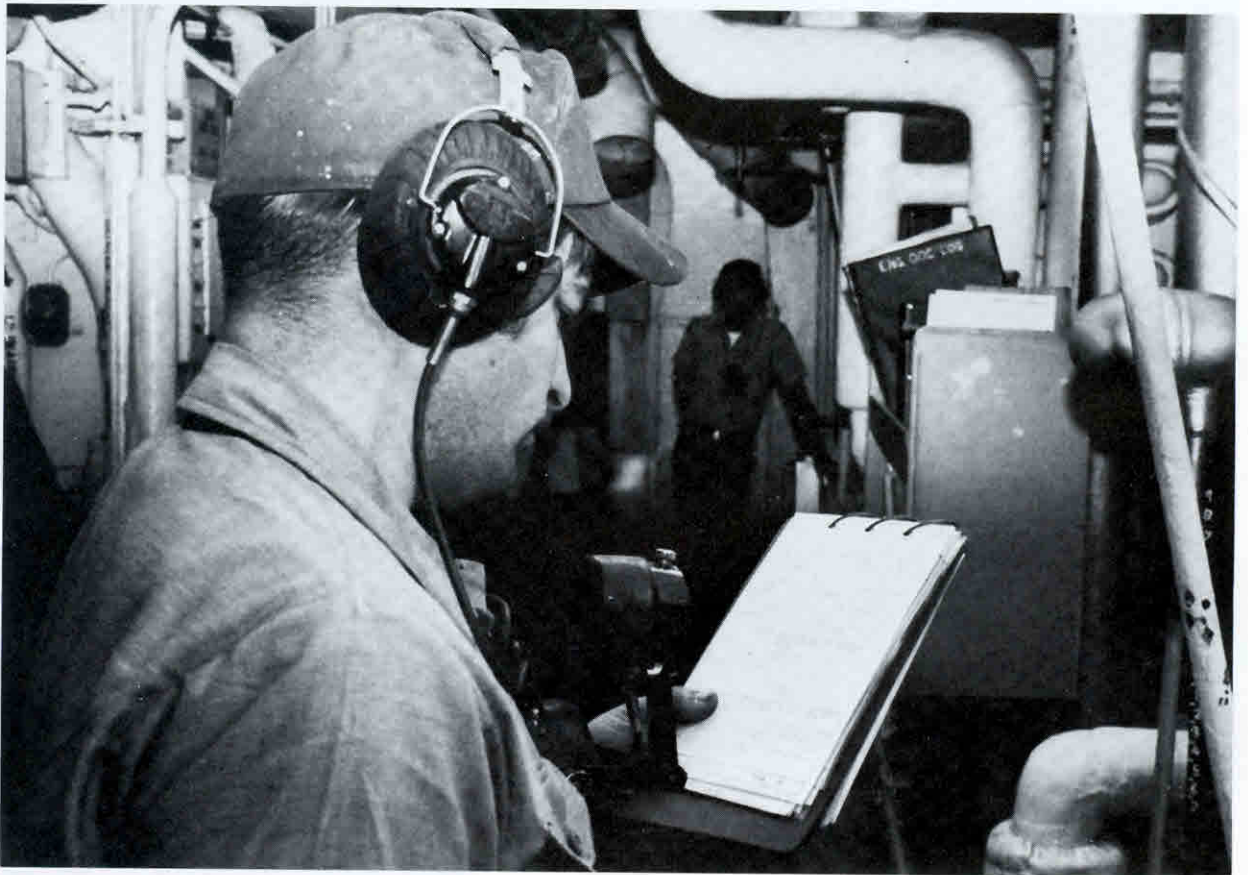
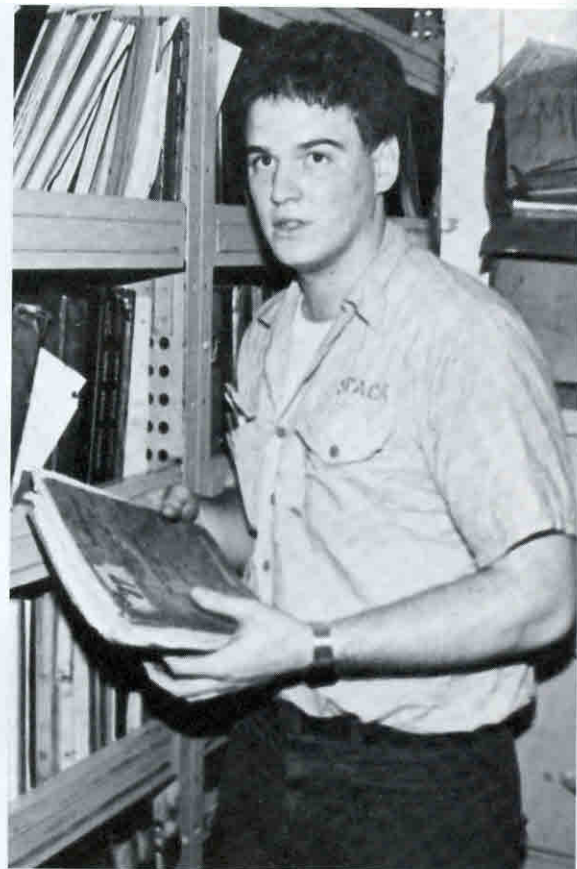
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Mark Wever
Mt. Hood, OR

Sharing the sauna with the BT's are the Machinists Mates. The MM's harness the workhorse steam and extract its tremendous power. The main propulsion turbines provide up to 22,000 shaft horsepower and drive a propeller that stands 20 feet tall and weighs 28 tons. The MM's also utilize the steam to drive three generators, to produce up to 32,000 gallons of fresh water daily from the

evaporators and to run a huge number of pumps and other specialized equipment necessary to operate the Main Engineering Plant. The MM's don't just put the steam to work. They also put themselves to work maintaining and repairing all of the highly technical equipment required to keep the **NIAGARA FALLS** steaming.







THE ENGINEER'S LAMENT

(author unknown)

Now each of us from time to time, has gazed upon the sea
And watched the warships pulling out, to keep this country free,
And most of us have read the book, or heard the lusty talk
About the men who sail these ships, through lightning, wind, and hail.
But there's a place within the ship, that stories never reach
And there's a special breed of men, that legends rarely teach.

It's down below the waterline, it takes a living roll ...
A hot metallic hell, that sailors call the "hole".
It houses engines run by steam, that make the shafts go round
A place of fire and noise, and heat, that beat your spirits down.
Where boilers like a hellish heart, with blood of angry steam
Are armored God's without remorse, are nightmares in a dream.

Whose threat from the fires roar, is like a living doubt
That any minute would scorn, escape and crush you out.
Where turbines scream like tortured souls, alone and lost in hell
As ordered from above somewhere, they answer every bell.
The men who keep the fires lit, and make the engines run
Are strangers to the world of night, and rarely see the sun.

They have not time for man or God, no tolerance for fear
There aspect pays no living thing, the tribute of a tear.
For there's not much that men can do, that these men have not done
Beneath the decks, deep in the hole, they make the engines run.
And every hour of every day they keep the watch in Hell
For if the fires ever fall, their ship's a useless shell.

When ship's converge to have a war, upon an angry sea
The men below just grimly smile at what their fate may be.
They're locked below like men foredoomed, who hear no battle cry
It's well assumed that if they're hit, the men below will die.
There's not much difference down below, that every war may bring
For threat of ugly violent death, down there's a common thing.

For every day's a war down there, when the gauges all read red
Six hundred pounds of heated steam, can kill you mighty dead.
So every man down in the hole, has learned to hate so well
That when you speak to them of fear, their laughter is heard in Hell.
The men below are fools who watch, their spirits slowly die
Who can't often remember how, a cloudy sky looks.

So if you ever wrote their song, or tried to tell their tale
The very words would make you hear, a desperate spirits wail.
And people, as a general rule don't hear a dying soul
So little is heard about this place, that sailors call the "hole".
But I can sing about this place, and try to make you see
The hopeless life of men down there, "cause one of them is me".

And I've been down there so long, that part of me has died
The part that lives on without light, to be a lost hopes guide.
I've seen these sweat soaked hero's fight, in superheated air
To keep their ship alive and right, though no one knows they're there.
So when you see a ship pull out, to meet a warlike foe
Remember faintly, if you can, the men who sail below



E DIVISION



The job of E Division is first, to create electricity ("excite those electrons") and second, to maintain, troubleshoot and repair all electrical equipment. While E Division means high voltage power surging through the nervous system of the ship, it also means that whether one makes a telephone call or puts bread in the toaster, E Division has a hand in it.

There are three work centers in E Division, each minding its own electrical business. EE01 maintains the ship's generators, electric tools and lighting. EE02 is responsible for telephones, sound-powered phones, indicators, sensors, the gyrocompass and the closed-circuit TV system. EE03 handles battery-powered equipment (viz., forklifts), various emergency lighting, hydraulic door circuits and movie projectors.

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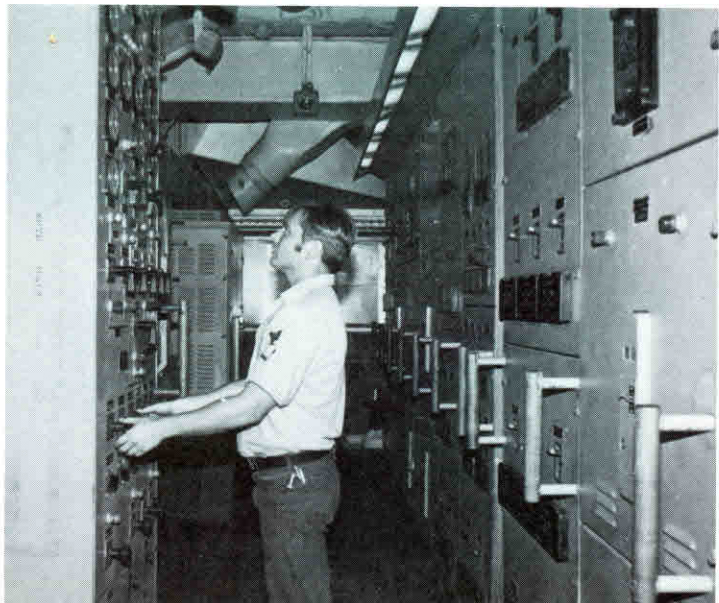
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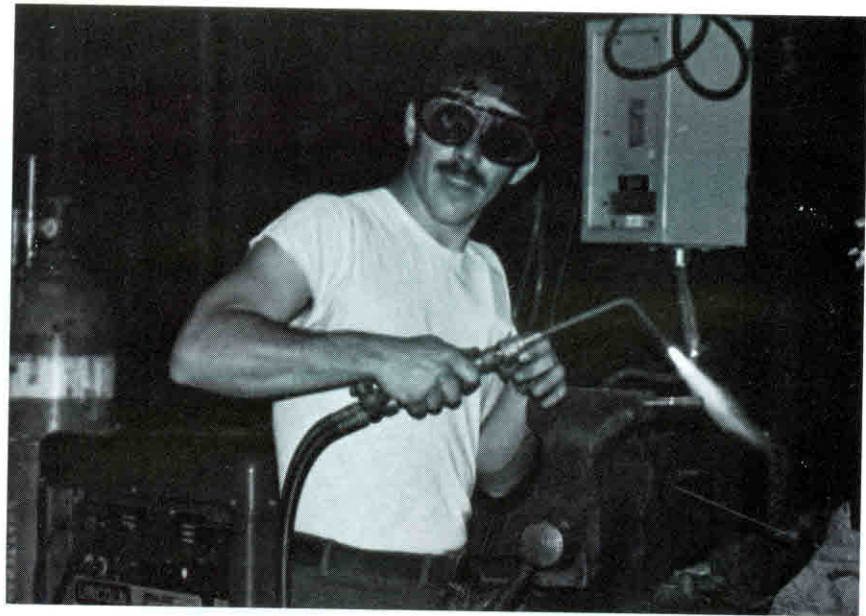
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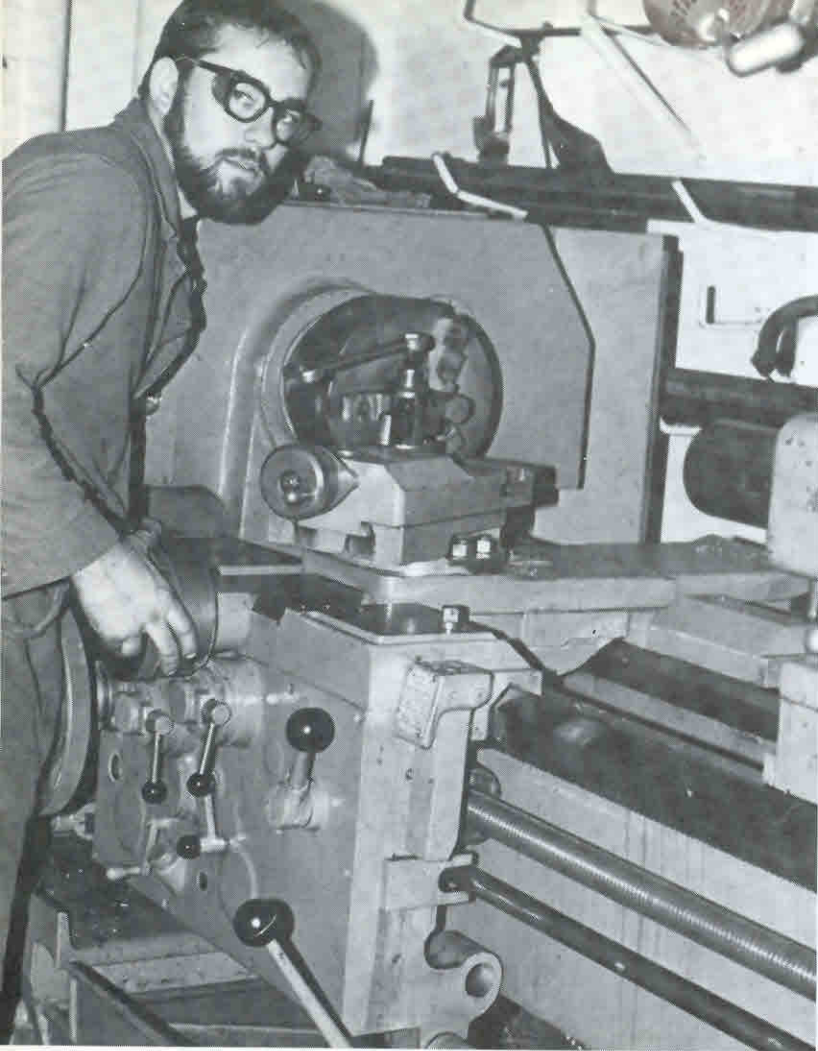
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Roseville, CA



R Division is comprised of Machinery Repairmen and Hull Technicians and is responsible for maintaining the physical integrity of the ship's hull. This includes fabrication parts for various equipment and maintenance of the hull. Additionally, they provide training in general damage control and are the core of the helo crash crew during VERTREP operations.









SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

SUPPLY



**SUPPLY OFFICER
CDR JOHN S. PAINE**

CDR Paine started his naval career at OCS, Newport, RI, and then went on to graduate from the Navy Supply Corps School, Athens, GA in March of 1963. The **NIAGARA FALLS** will be his third ship. He previously served aboard the **USS HYMAN (DD-732)** and the **USS SYLVANIA (AFS-2)**. He has been stationed on the east and west coasts, Hawaii, and Subic Bay, Republic of Philippines. CDR Paine's decorations include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation with Bronze Star and the National Defense Service Medal. He also holds a B.S. degree in Business Administration.

CDR Paine resides in the Bay Area with his wife, Bev, son, Doug, and daughter, Stephanie. The Commander is very active in athletics. He referees basketball and soccer, and umpires both baseball and softball. He also enjoys playing golf and tennis.



**ASSISTANT
SUPPLY OFFICER
LCDR ROBERT J. TISSIER**

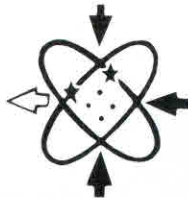
LCDR Robert Tissier, Assistant Supply Officer, received his commission through Naval ROTC at the University of Notre Dame in 1970. The **NIAGARA FALLS** is LCDR Tissier's third ship; his previous sea tours were aboard the **USS CORAL SEA (CV-43)** and the **USS MOUNT HOOD (AE-29)**. His shore commands include the Naval Audit Service, San Francisco, Naval Air Station, Lemoore, California and the Naval Supply Depot, Guam.

Born in San Francisco, LCDR Tissier is a loyal 49'ers fan who enjoys playing racquetball and takes interest in most sports. LCDR Tissier now lives in San Mateo County with his wife, Merry and daughters, Patricia and Ginger.



S-1

DIVISION



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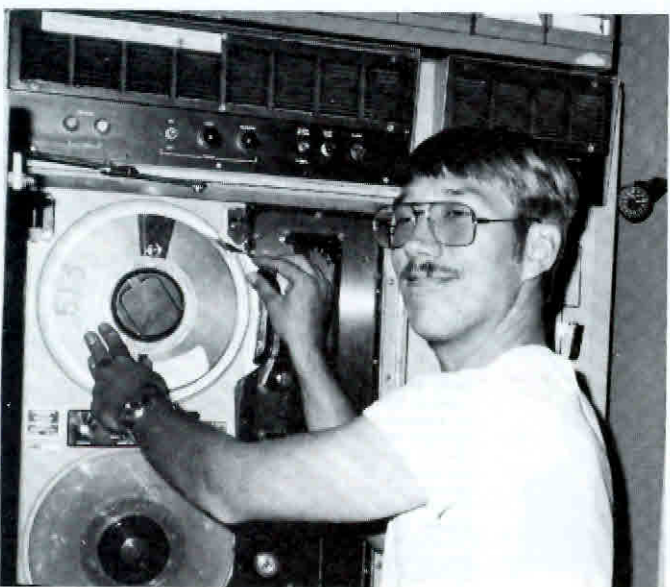
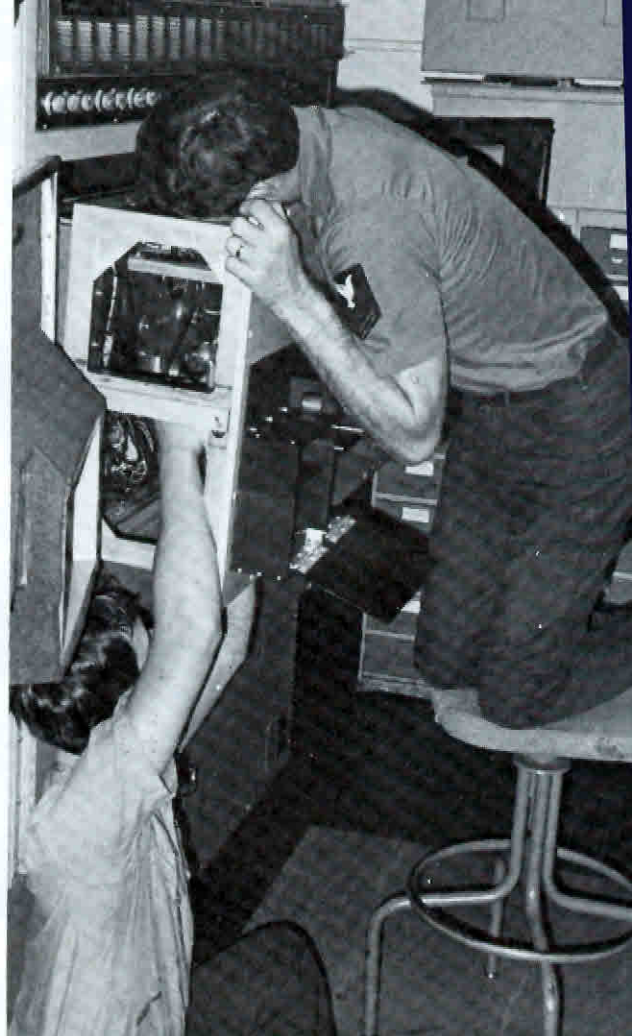
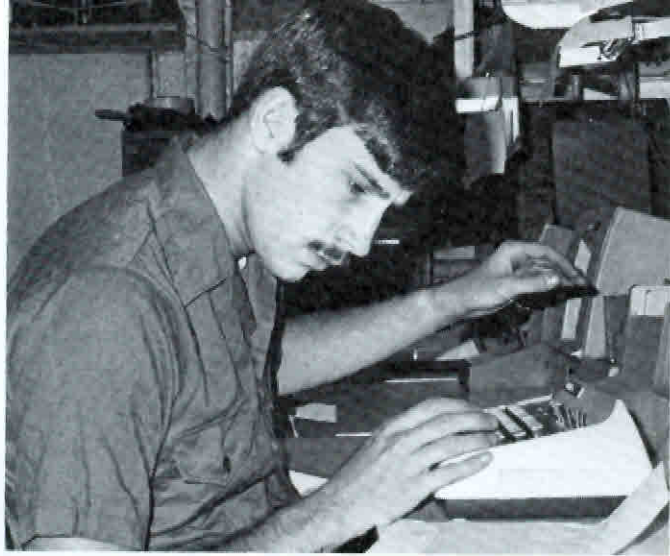


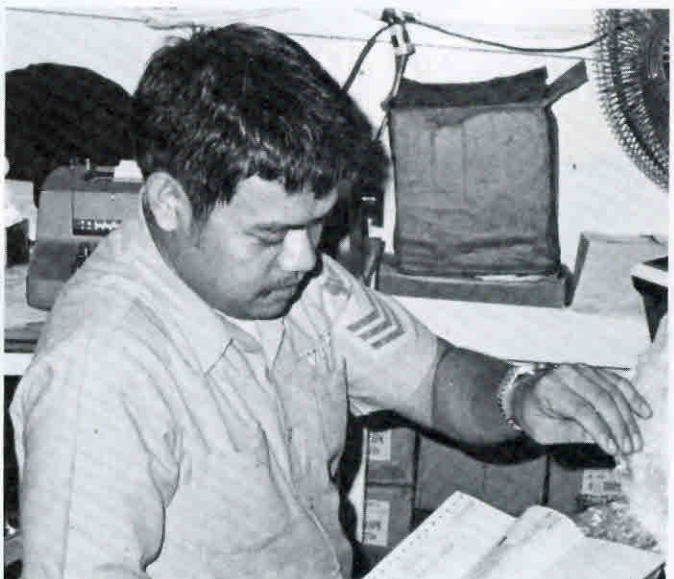
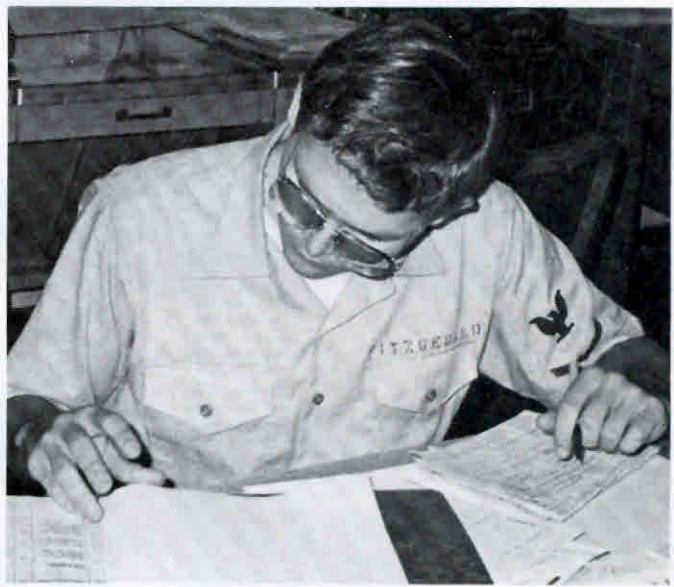
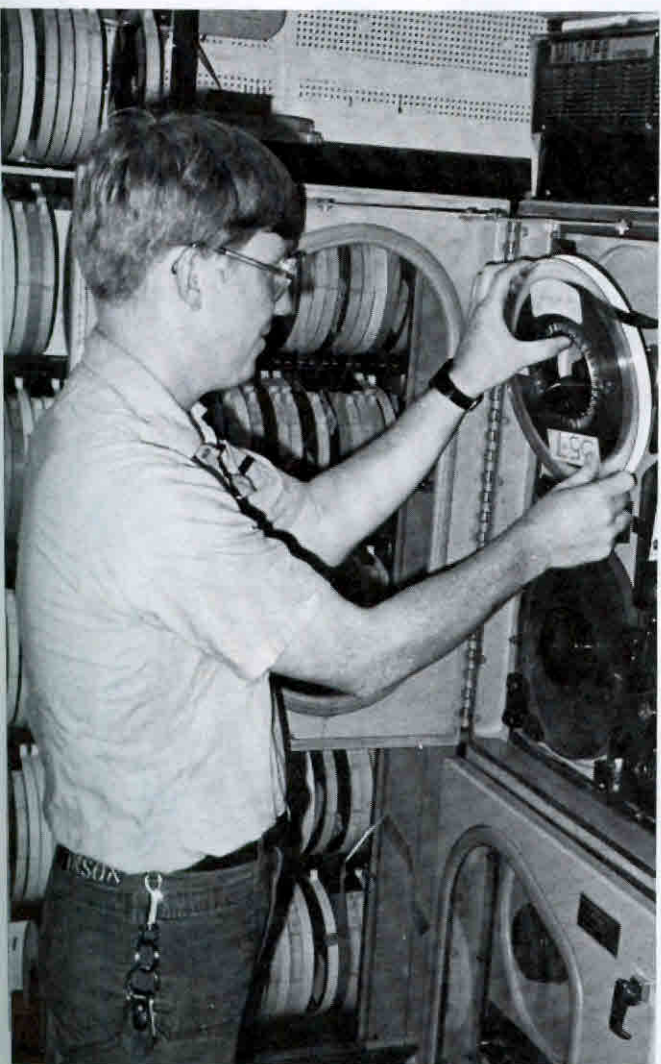
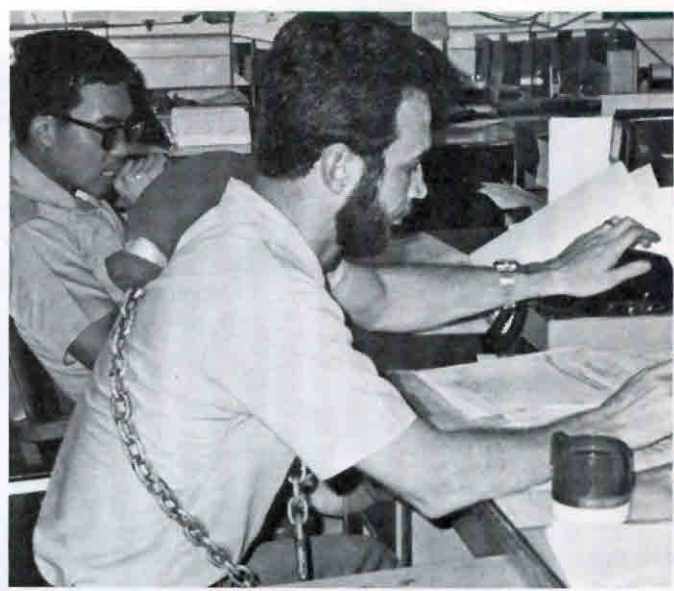
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S-1 Division is the heart of the Supply Department and is broken down into three offices. The Supply Office is manned by Storekeepers (SK) who process all incoming requisitions from our own ship as well as our customer ships. UNREP requisitions are screened and a "breakout listing" is written which describes what supplies are to be unloaded and packed for each ship.

The Automated Data Processing Shop (ADP) is manned by Data Processing Technicians who operate a Univac 1500 Data System. System maintenance is performed by Data System Technicians. All requisitions received by the Supply Office are given to ADP on IBM cards and are then fed to the computer for supply updates. Supply history files are kept on magnetic tape and current files are given to the SKs in computer printout form.

The Supply Support Center serves as a liaison for internal supply and the Supply Department. Action on all requests for issue, procurement, and turn-in of material is determined here. The Supply Support Center is manned by Storekeepers and Aviation Storekeepers.







S-2 DIVISION

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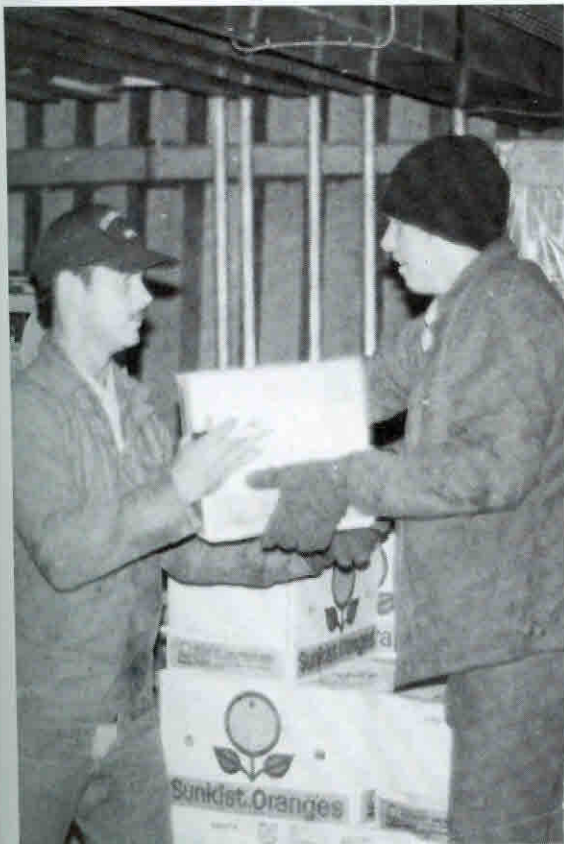
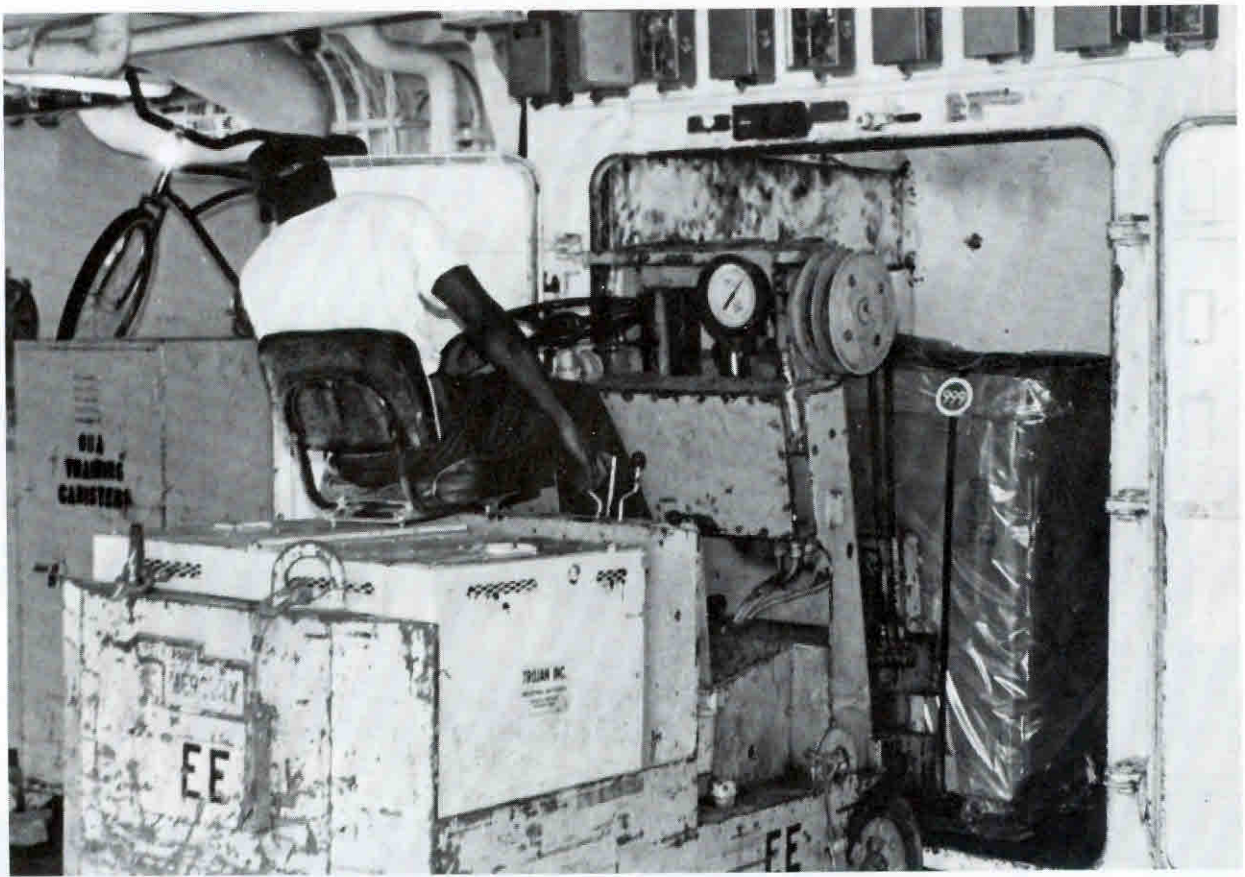
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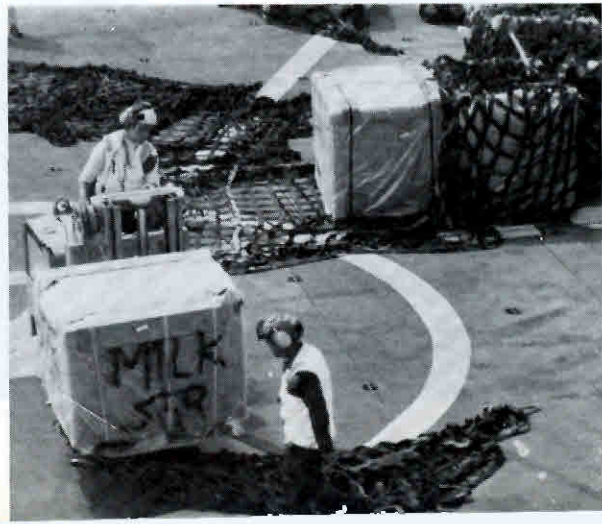
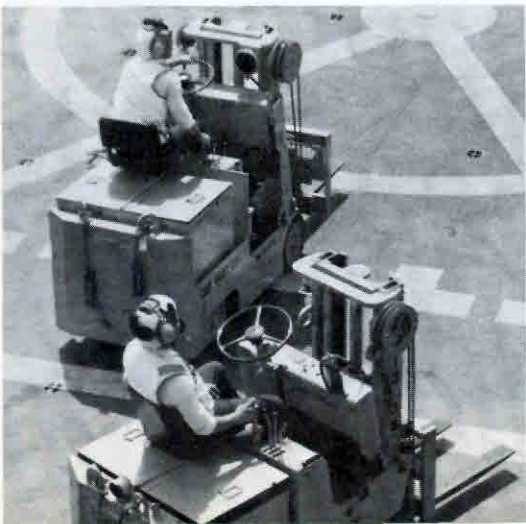


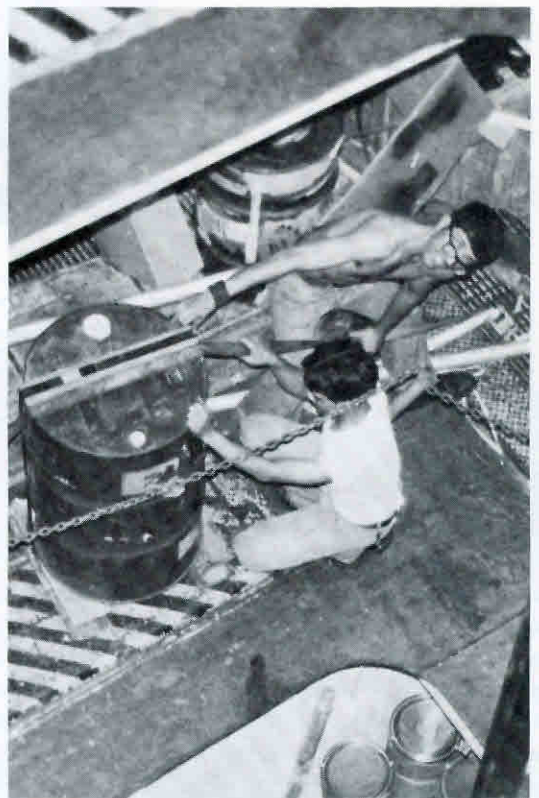
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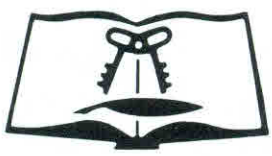


S-2 Division is responsible for the receipt, inventory, security, and issue of \$18 million worth of stock. All the division's efforts are aimed at supporting UN-REPs, the ship's primary mission. With only three months of the cruise complete, some 40 vessels had been replenished with over 893 gross tons of stock. The division's motto is "S-2 can do — and does."









S-3 DIVISION

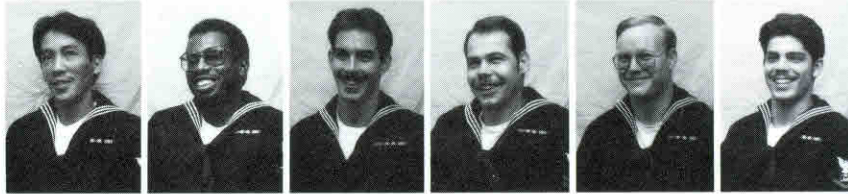
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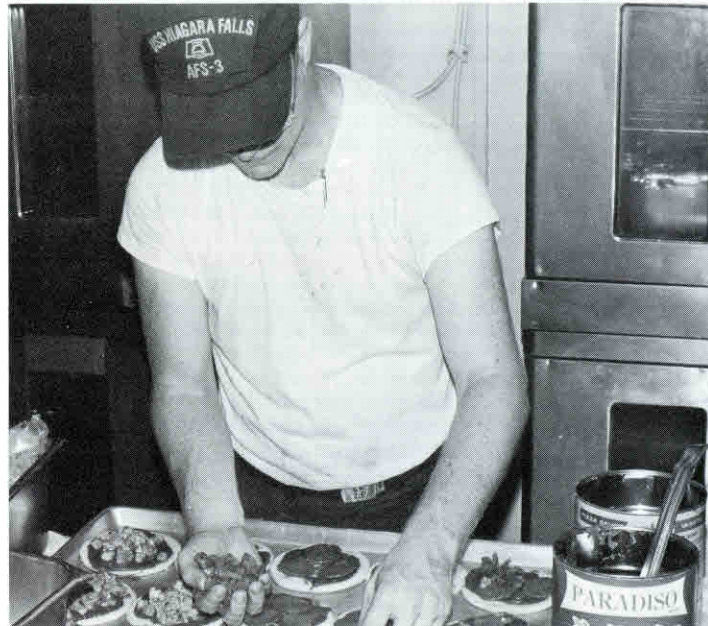


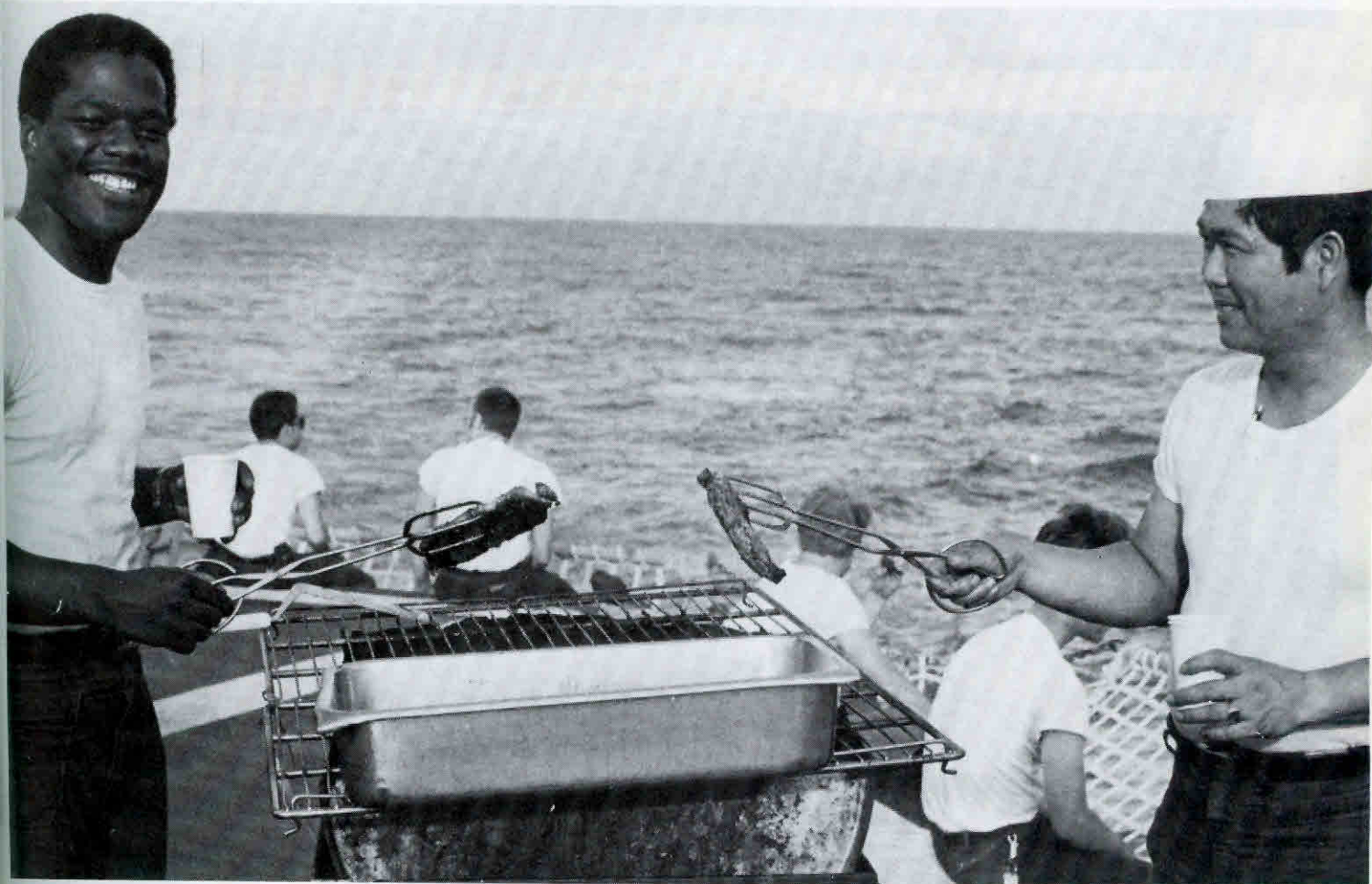
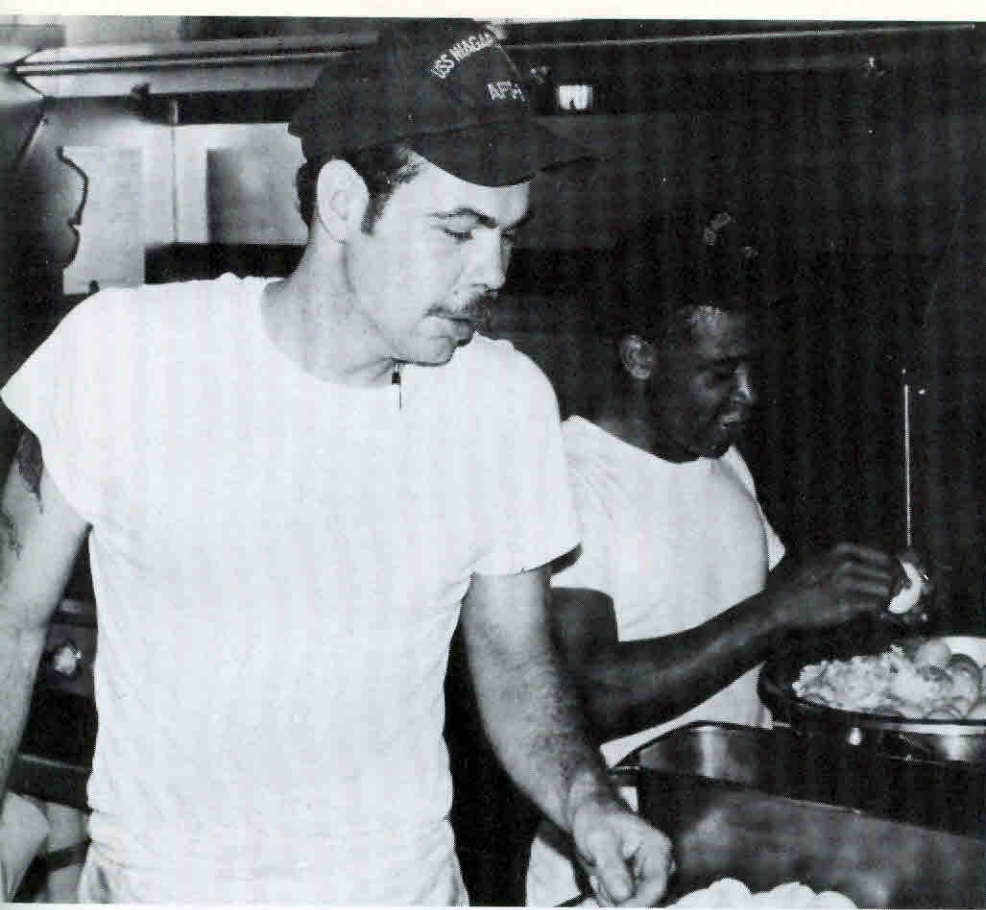
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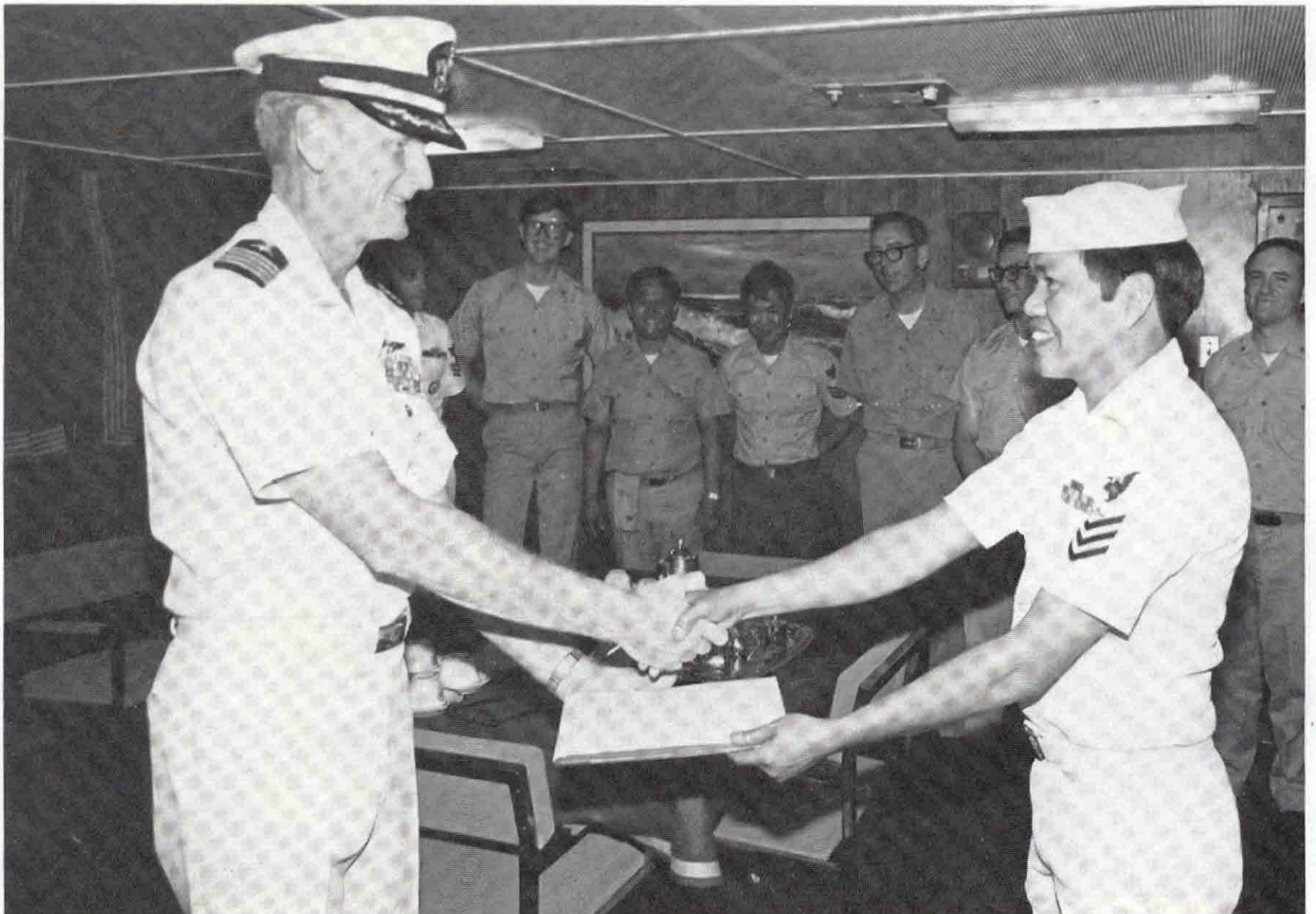


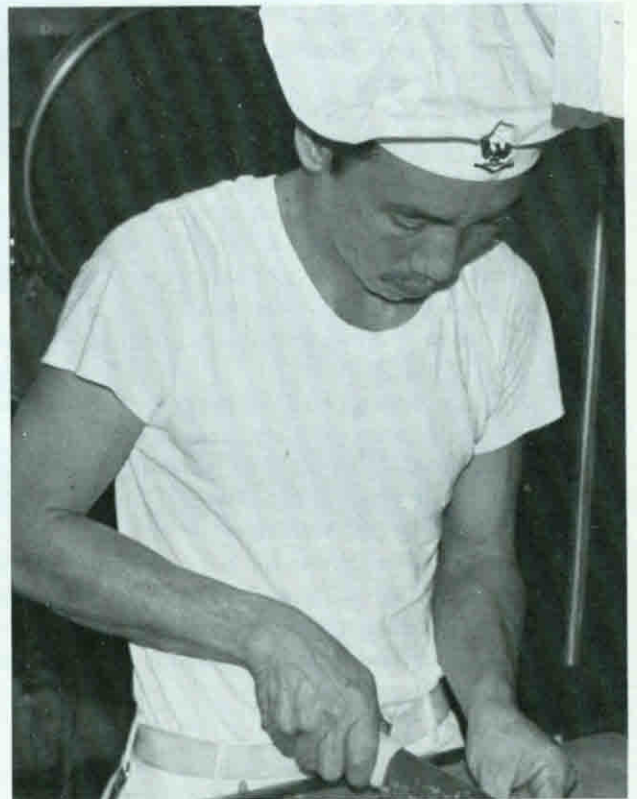
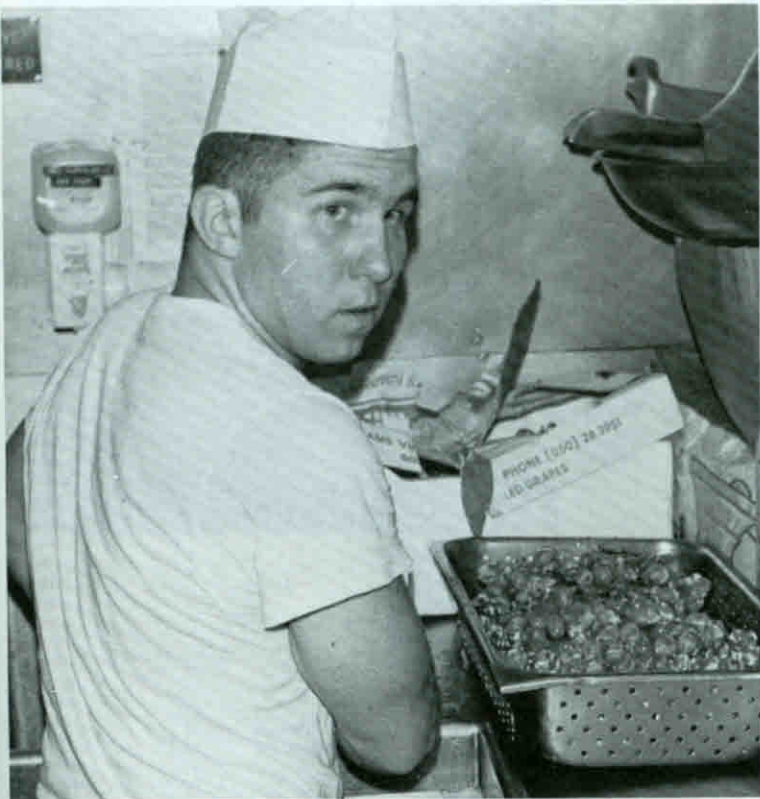
S-3 Division is charged with preparing and serving 3 meals a day, 365 days a year to over 400 men. Fresh bread and pastries are baked daily in our bake-shop. 20 Mess Management Specialists and 26 Food Service Attendants all have a part in seeing that every meal is of the highest quality possible. We are the only restaurant in town, but we are still very competitive in our attitudes toward food and service.

We may live without poetry,
music and art,
We may live without conscience
and live without heart.
We may live without friends,
and live without books,
But civilized man cannot live
without cooks.











S-4 DIVISION



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Joplin, MT



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Illoilo City, RP



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Cleveland, OH



Cesar M. Mayor
Zambales, RP



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Armando Lavarlas
San Carlos, RP
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Rock Island, IL
J. F. DeGuzaman
Zambales, RP
Michael E. Kau
Honolulu, HI
Wilson H. Stanley
Western Samoa



S-4 Division handles a wide variety of responsibilities. The retail section, headed by SH1 Binaoro, along with SH1 Davis, SH2 Stanley, SH3 Kau (who transferred in September) and SHSN Doty maintain the ship's soda fountain, soda vending machines, ship's store and process all the involved paperwork.

Services such as laundry are tirelessly performed by SH2 Lavarlas, SH2 Hayzlip, SHSN Davis and SN Boudreaux. Long hours in excessive heat only causes them to work harder. A thankless job to say the least.

The entire crew is kept looking sharp by the ship's barber - SHSN Williams.

The Disbursing Office, tasked with maintaining and processing pay records, allotment requests, travel claims, pay vouchers, check cashing and safekeeping is run by DK1 Mayor (who transferred in August) and DK1 Cowan, DK3 Deguzman and DK Heisinger.

The Division Officer for S-4 is Ensign Gutcher who can be found running back and forth from the ship's store to disbursing at almost any hour of the day.

S-4 Division's motto is "nobody does it better" - and nobody does!

Brian L. Doty
Sheridan, MI



Lamar W. Durham
Los Angeles, CA



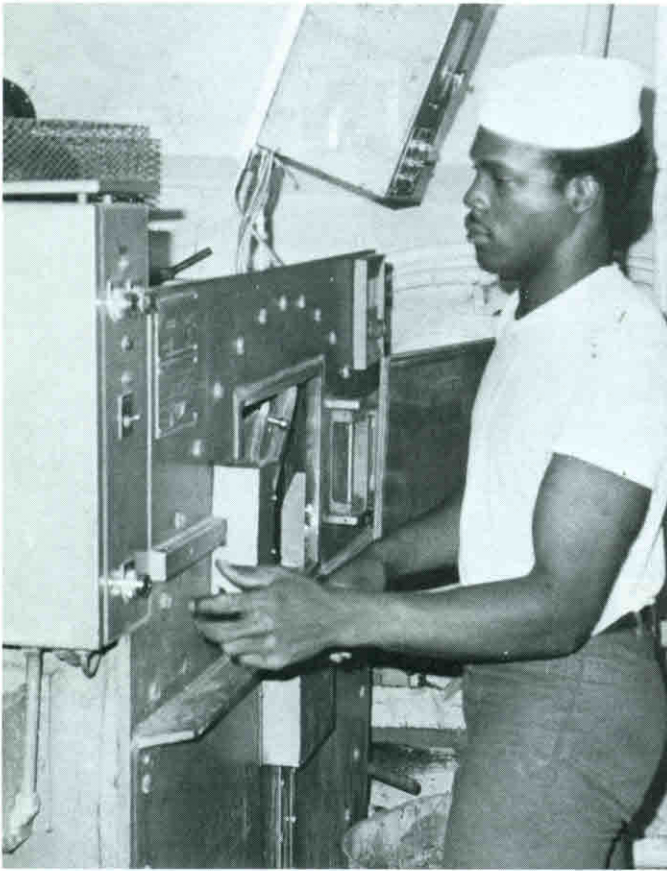
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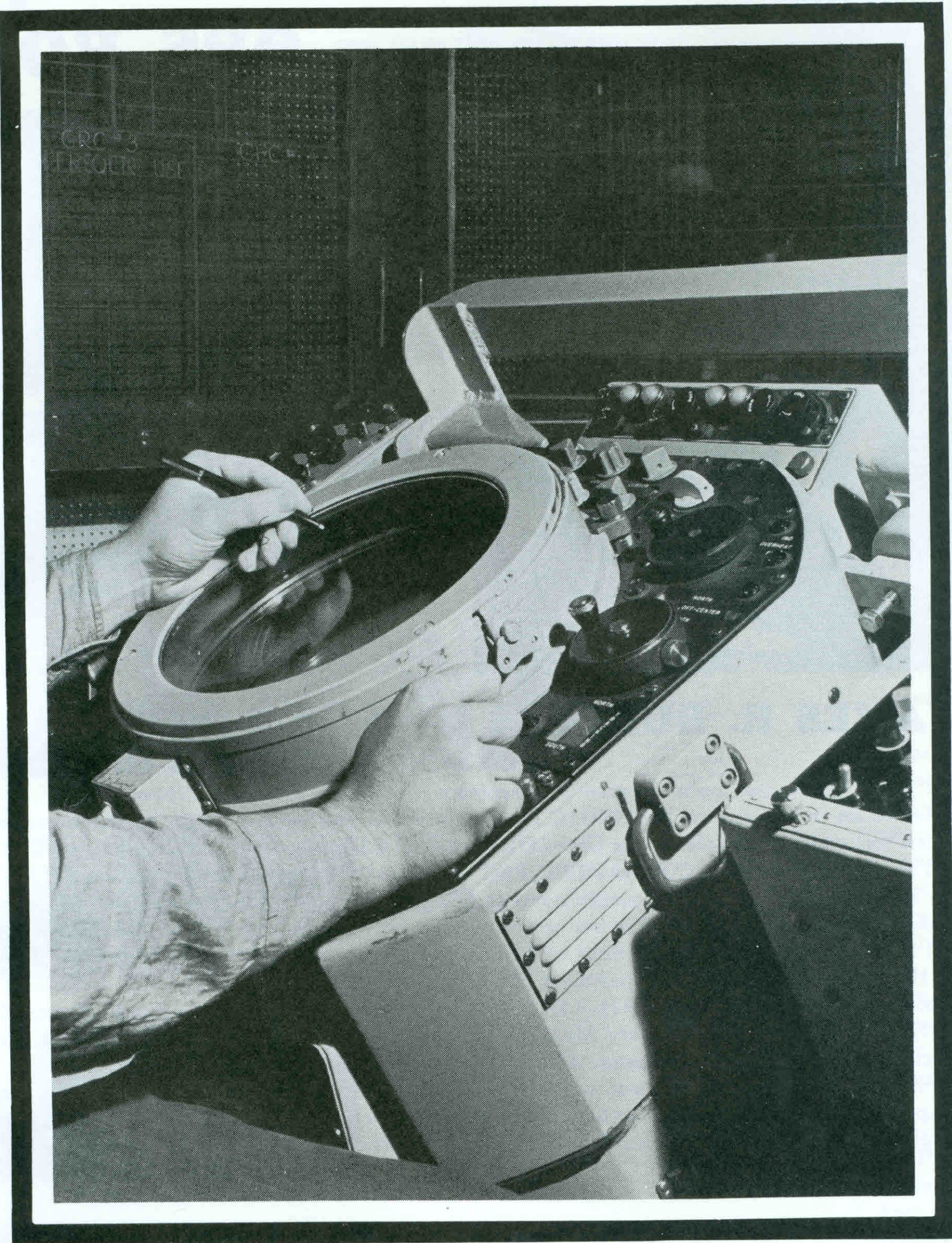


T. Williams
Newark, NJ









OPERATIONS



OPS BOSS



LCDR JAMES R. BURGESS

LCDR James R. Burgess reported aboard in September, 1981 as Operations Officer.

He obtained his commission via the NROTC Program at the University of Virginia, at Charlottesville, in January, 1972. His first tour of duty was onboard the **USS CHIPOLA (AO-63)** homeported in Pearl Harbor, HI. LCDR Burgess then served as the CINCPACFLT/COMNAVSEVPAC Torpedoes Officer before being transferred to the **USS MARS (AFS-1)** in Sasebo, Japan. He obtained qualifications as a Surface Warfare Officer and Engineer Officer of the Watch. Upon completion of this tour LCDR Burgess served as Executive Officer of the **USS ILLUSIVE (MSO-448)** in Charleston, SC. Next he served as the Head of Personnel Services and Benefits Branch of the Bureau of Naval Personnel. He attended SWO School, Department Head Course in Newport RI., prior to his assignment as Engineer Officer onboard **USS MILLER (FF-1091)**. LCDR Burgess' decorations include the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Award and the National Defense Service Medal.

He is married and resides in Alameda with his wife and neurotic dog. LCDR Burgess enjoys hacking around at various sports, including tennis, golf, and basketball when not in active pursuit of the ultimate vintage, estate-bottled wine or engaged in the creation of epicurian delights in his kitchen.



OC DIVISION



M. Williams
Gainesville, FL
Jack L. Jost
Bakersfield, CA
Bob Duval
El Toro, CA
David B. Reid
California
Mike Stack
New York, NY
Bob Blythe
Southie, MA



Herb Gallo
Lake Charles, LA
Jerry Jones
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Robert Taylor
Cedar Rapids, IA
Mark Buzzard
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Casey Fitzgerald
Huntington, CA
Sandy Gillespie
Castle Rock, WA



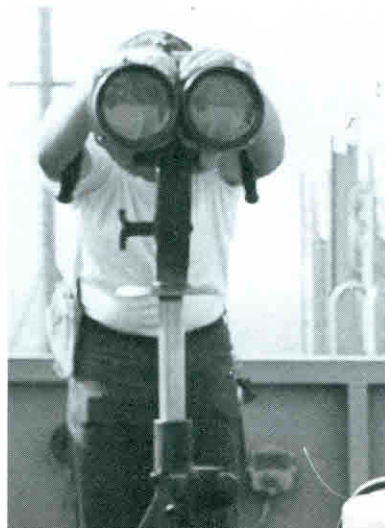
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Anthony Chavez
Denver, CO
Vic Ledbetter
Defiance, OH
Mike Waters
South Windham, ME
Curtis White
Detroit, MI
Patrick Impiccini
Dry Tavern, PA



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Spokane, WA
Randy Williamson
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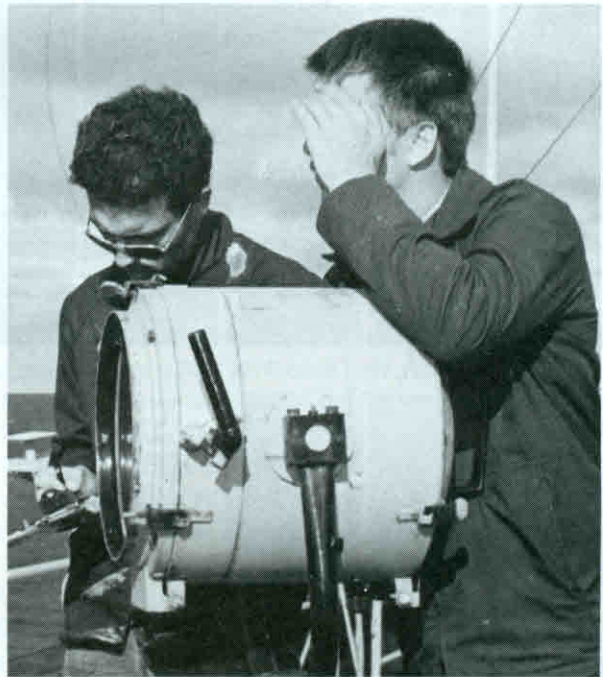
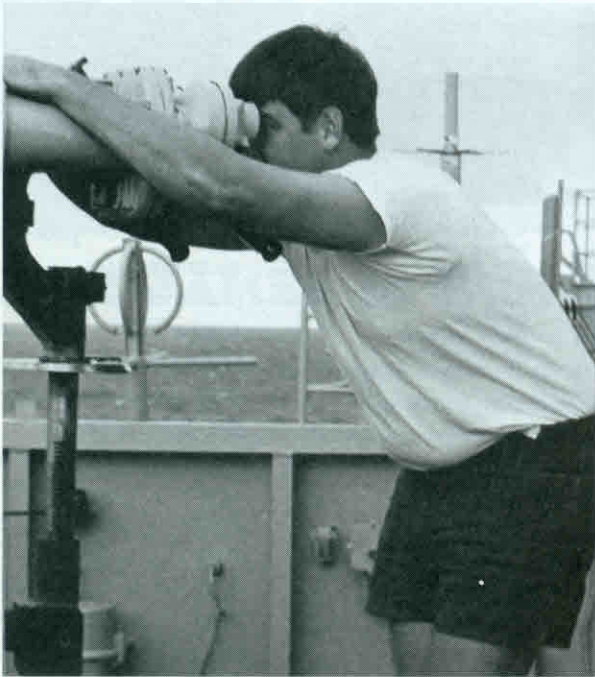


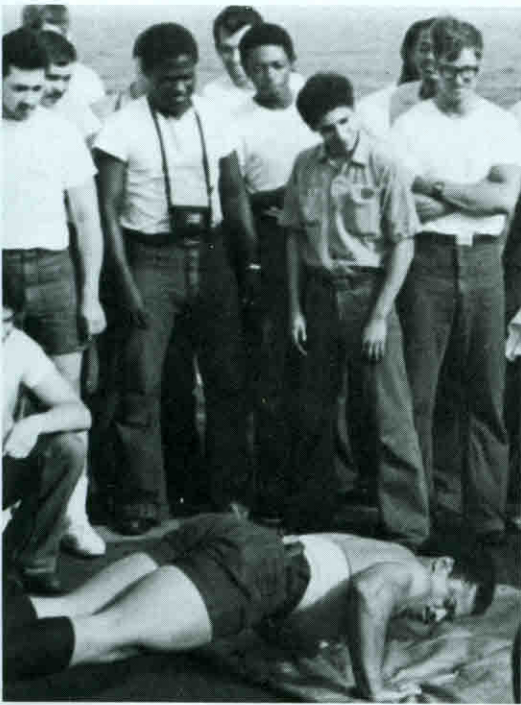
W.E. Fisher
Alexandria, LA
K. D. James
New York, NY
Ralph Marquez
Los Angeles, CA
Ron Darnell
Mobile, AL



OC Division - comprised of two communications ratings; the ship's Signalmen and Radiomen. The Radiomen live in the electronic world utilizing modern-day technology to transmit and receive ship's messages by traditional long-haul (high frequency and line-of-sight 'UHF/VHF') or the Navy's five tactical satellites orbiting 22,500 miles in space. Radio Central is a 24 hour a day job - processing messages ranging from personal telegrams (class "E" easy messages) to the all important schedule change for our port visits.

The Signalman Rating is one of the oldest in the Navy. Signalmen, commonly known as "the eyes of the ship" have three methods of sending messages: semaphore (sort of like sign language), flashing light and signal flags (75 different ones). The Signal Bridge is manned 24 hours a day underway to keep a watchful eye and communicate whenever required.





OE DIVISION



Operations Electronics Division is responsible for the preventive and corrective maintenance of all ship's electronics systems. This includes surface search radars, navigational aids, and communications systems with their associated antennas and couplers. The Electronics Material officer ensures that all systems are combat-ready and operational. Presently there are nine electronics technicians who maintain this equipment.

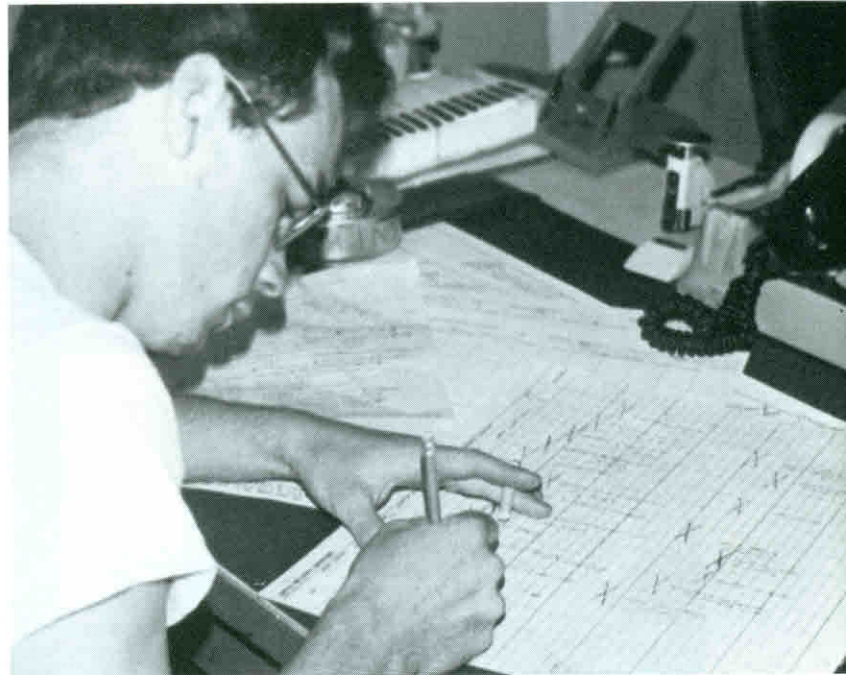
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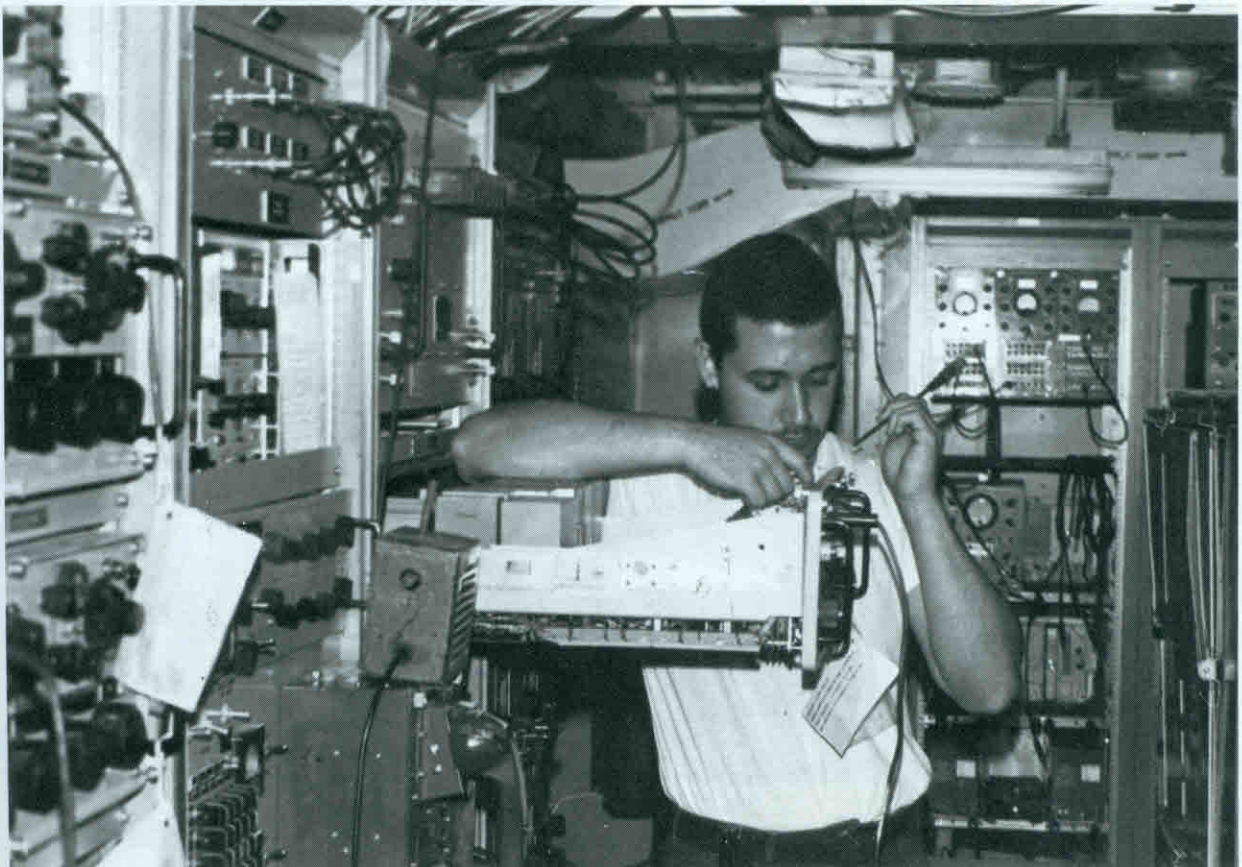


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E. R. Camp
Melrose Park, IL
Carlos Guzman
Stockton, CA



Dennis Newman
Groves, TX
Steven Wasco
Medford, OR
Jerry Lillenthal
San Jose, CA







OI DIVISION

R.D. Oswald
Redmond, WA
M. Andrews
Peoria, IL
Stephen Roth
Temperance, MI
Tim Tepper
Boston, MA



Keith Turner
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Scott Dalebroux
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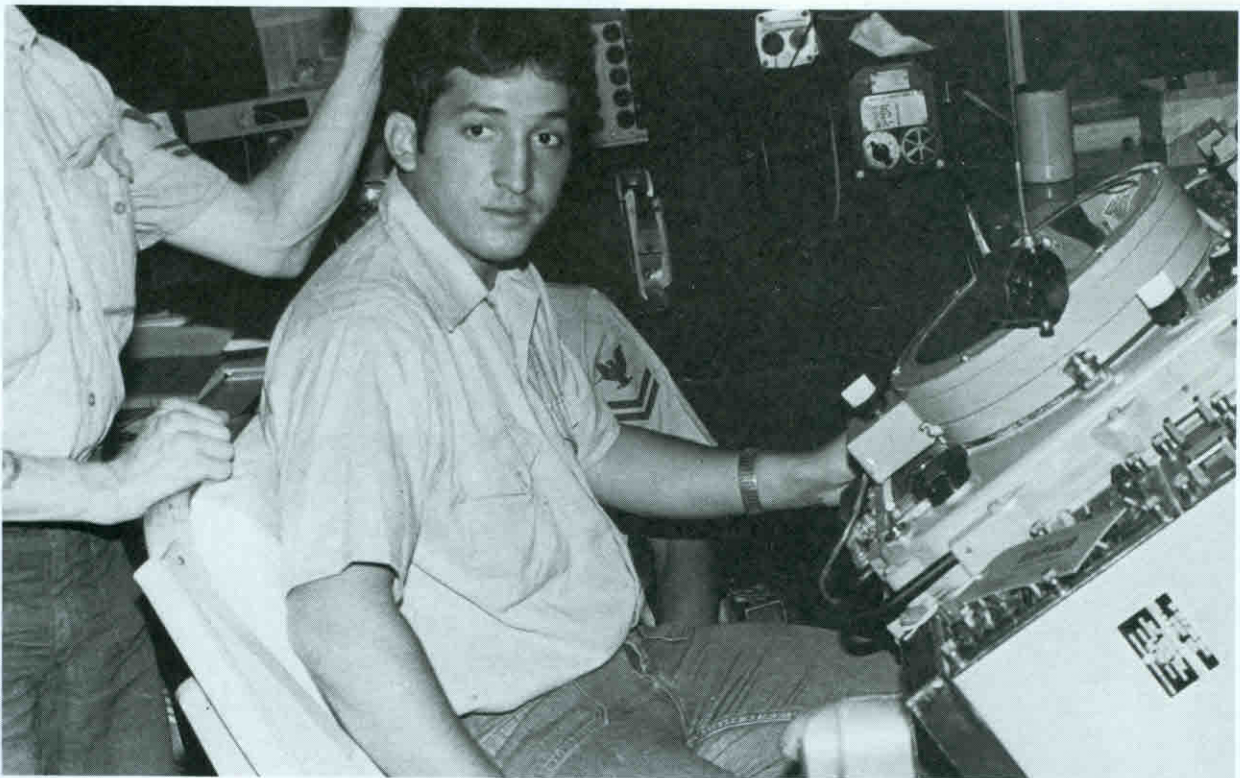


Robert Franklin
Wheatland, OK
M. Guarnery
Indianapolis, IN
Rocky Neaves
Pontiac, MI
Willie J. Brown
Deland, FL



The function of OI Division is to gather and disseminate tactical information. This involves processing and displaying intelligence information, identifying, designating and tracking all air, surface, and subsurface contacts, and determining all other possible external threats. Furthermore they maintain shipboard radio circuit guards and assist the bridge in all operational evolutions.





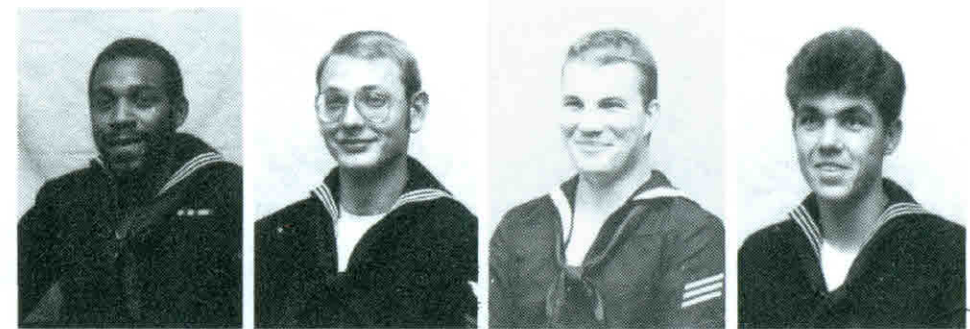


ON DIVISION

Michael Muldoon
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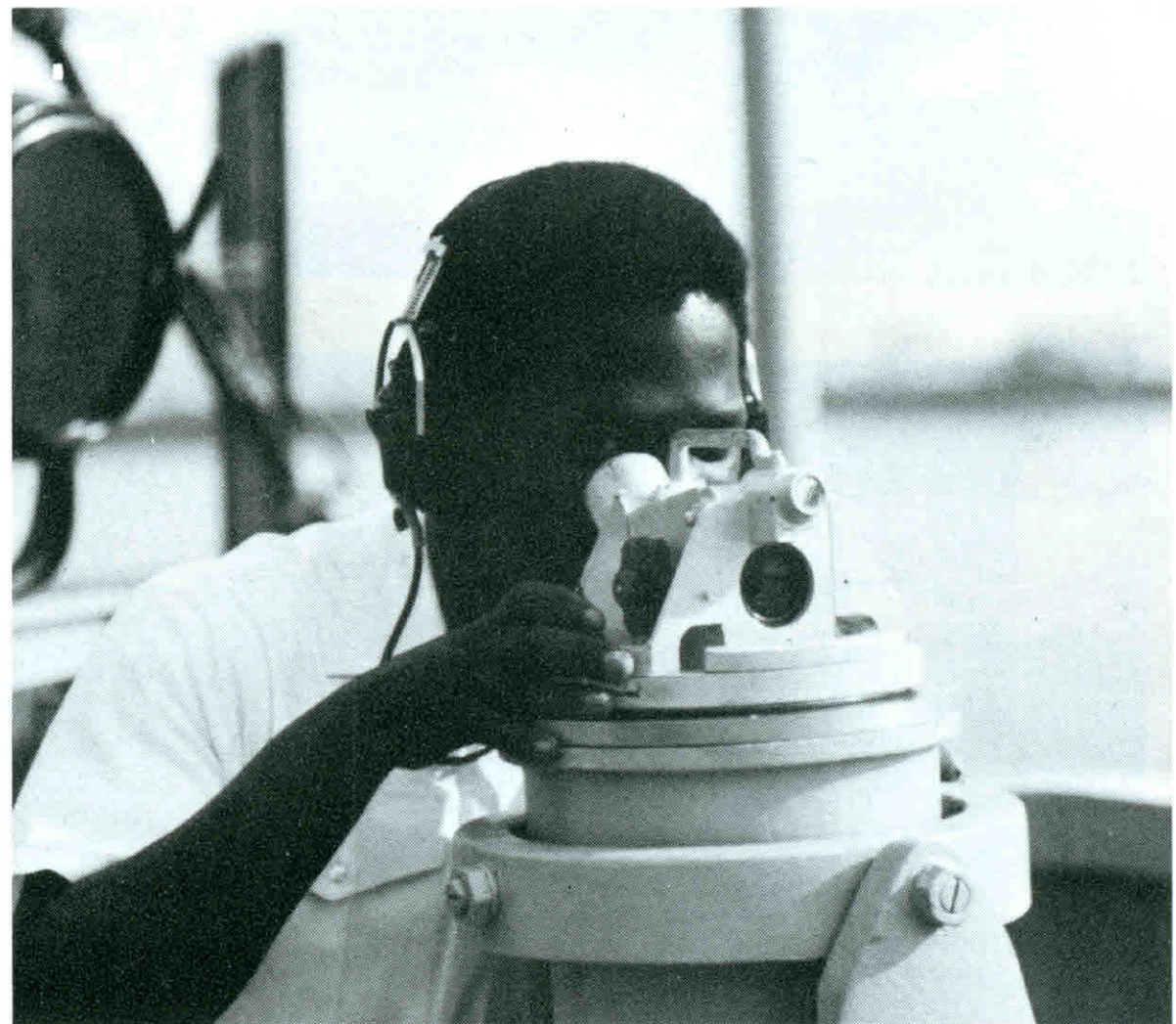


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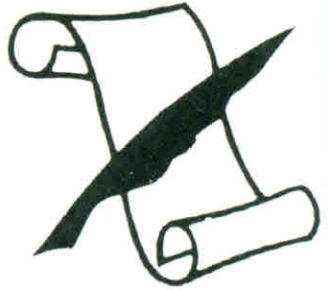


The primary function of ON Division is to ensure the safe passage of the ship through all waters. Navigation and charting of the ship's position employs radar and various electronic aids in addition to celestial and direct visual methods. ON personnel also serve as meteorologists, restricted-maneuverability helmsmen and keepers of the Deck Log.

ON Division is comprised of quartermasters who consider it an honor to be part of this select team, which demands dedication, responsibility and intelligence.







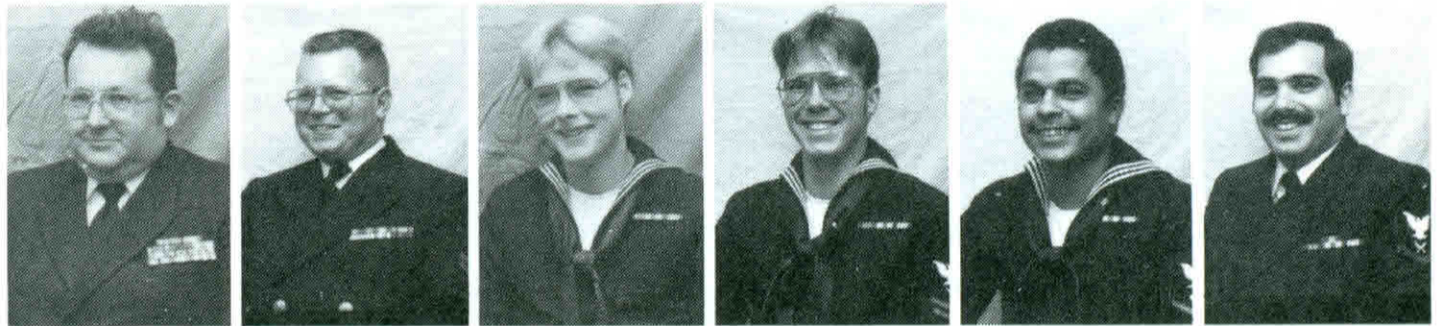
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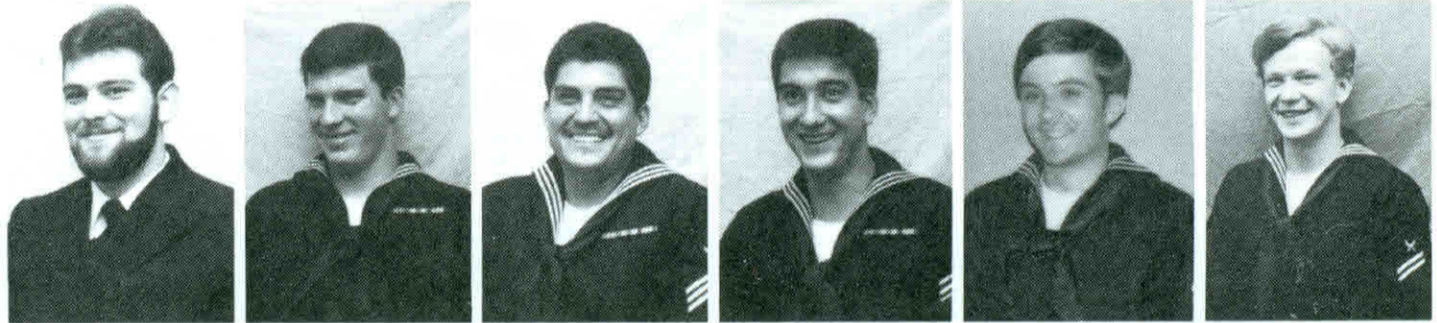
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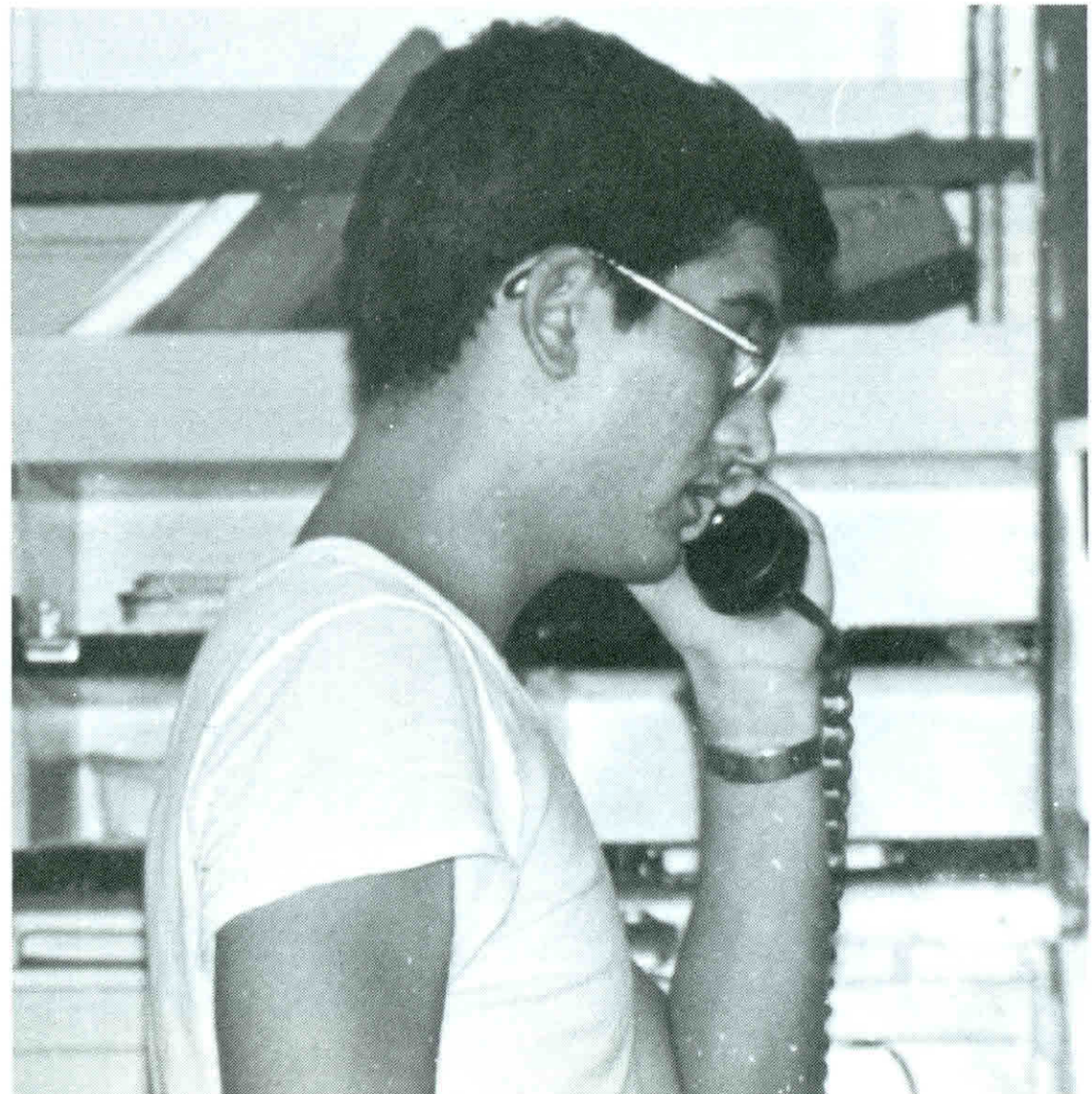
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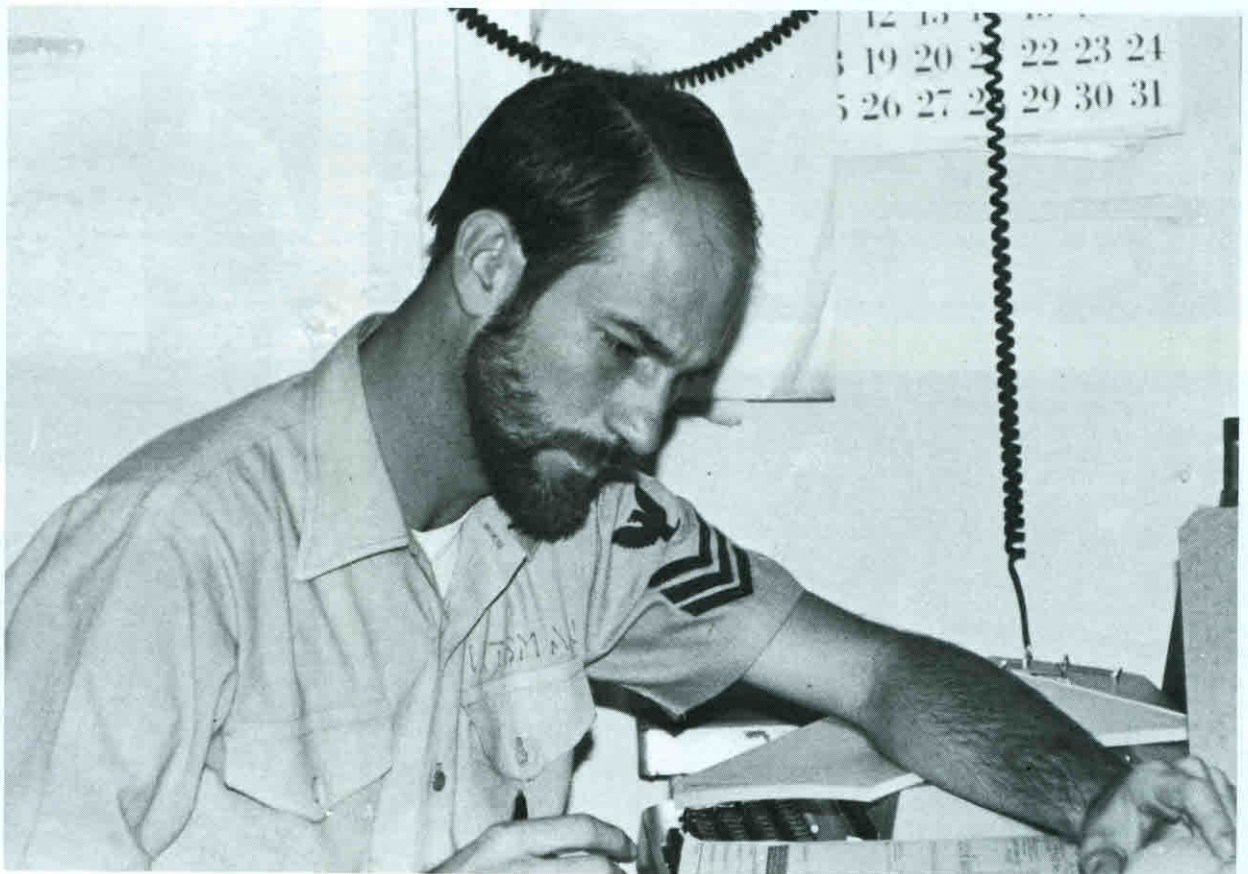


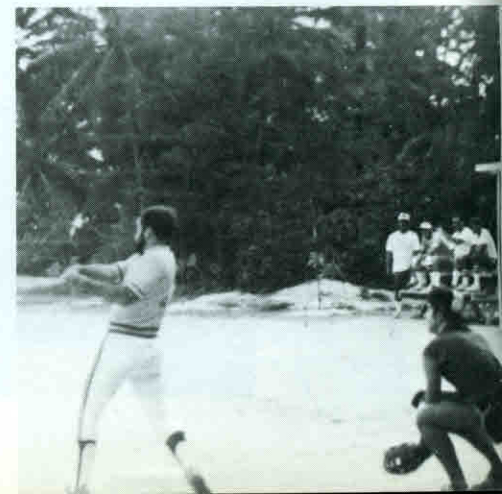
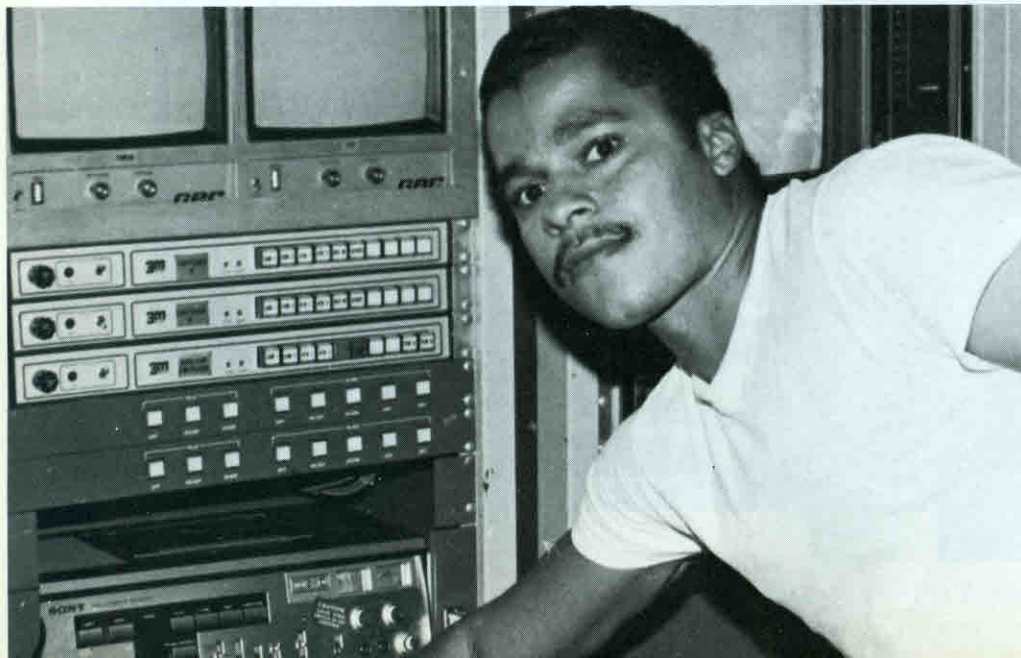
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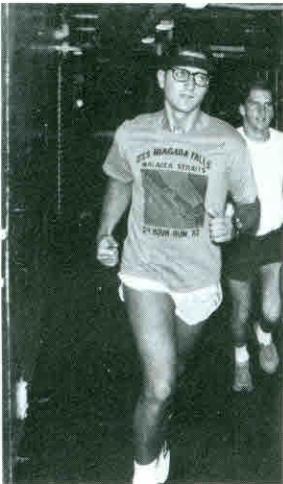
X Division is saddled with many tasks. Most important in the crew's mind is the Post Office. The ships office serves as a library for personnel records and Navy instructions, as well as a clearing house for intraship message traffic. The Master-at-Arms force provides the infrequently needed ship's "police." Also included in this division is Career Counseling and the ever-popular Site-TV, providing up to three channels of audio and/or video entertainment while at sea. The Chaplain's assistant runs the ship's library and sets up religious services.







MEDICAL OFFICER'S



DR. RICHARDSON

Dr. Richardson served as Medical Officer during the final four months of WESTPAC '82. Born in Florida and raised in Southern California the doctor attended the University of California at Irvine. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1977 after majoring in biology and chemistry and performing research in the field of gene-cloning. He promptly began his medical studies at the University of California at Davis. In 1978 he received his commission as an Ensign in the Navy Medical Corps, and was advanced to Lieutenant in 1981 after receiving his M.D. After completion of his internship at the Naval Regional Medical Center, Oakland, the doctor flew to the Indian Ocean and joined the ship at Masirah, Oman.

At the conclusion of his sea tour, Dr. Richardson plans to enter Psychiatry Residency at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda.

Dr. Slightam is no stranger to the military, having been raised in an Air Force family. He graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.S. degree in biology from the University of Dayton in 1977. He received his M.D. in 1980 from the Ohio State University, School of Medicine. He attended on a Navy Scholarship. After completing a one year internship at the Navy Regional Medical Center at Oakland, California, Dr. Slightam reported aboard the "Friendly Falls" on 20 July 1981 for a one year tour as the ship's Medical Officer. As such he made only the first half of the cruise before departing to begin his training in Psychiatry at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD.

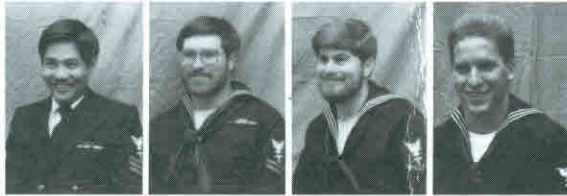
Dr. Slightam and his wife, Sallie are originally from Dayton, Ohio.

DR. SLIGHTAM



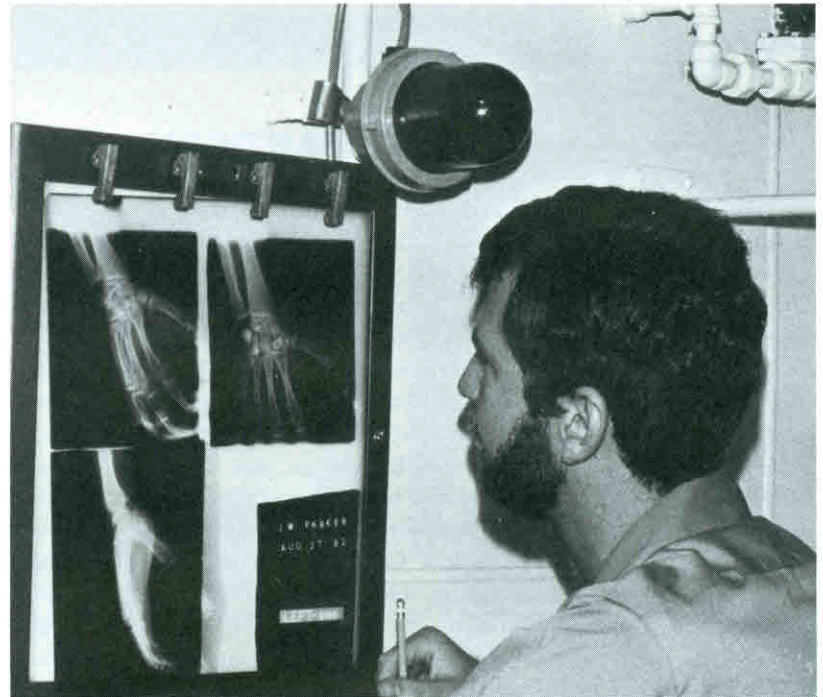
MEDICAL

Cipriano Mata
Aambales, RP
Steve Martin
Tulsa, OK
Bret Bolt
Fresno, CA
Mark Beede
Palisades, CA



The Medical Department resides in Sickbay and is headed by Drs. John Slightam and Mark Richardson. Leading Petty Officer and Work Center Supervisor is HM1 C.F. Mata. HM2 Steve Martin is Supply Petty Officer and X-ray Technician. HM3 Bret Bolt supervises the pharmacy and lab, while HM3 Mark Beede handles sickcall and supervises the operating/treatment room.

Medical Department responsibilities include establishing standards of environmental sanitation, industrial hygiene, and other measures for the prevention of illness and injury. Additionally the department trains ship's personnel in first aid, rescue, hearing conservation, heat stress, respiratory protection, and VD control. The department manages critically ill patients not only from the **NIAGARA FALLS**, but with the assistance of the Air Det, makes "house calls" to nearby ships whose resources are less extensive.







HC3 DET 106

The Navy's safest helicopter squadron is proud to have a detachment on-board the "Friendly Falls." Det 106 has logged more flight time and completed more missions than any other helo detachment in the Indian Ocean. Name the place and "Golden Arches Airlines" has been there.

The Air Det consists of two H-46 Sea Knight helicopters, six of the world's greatest aviators, a "veteran" warrant officer who directs the maintenance effort, a senior chief who not only directs the enlisted side of the house but also flies as an aircrewman, and nineteen men who are specialists in their rates ... both on the job and during liberty call. Five of the nineteen act as aircrewmen when not performing maintenance.

When it comes to VER-TREP, Det 106 is "the class of the fleet."

Dave Rich
Portland, OR
Tony Shaddix
Mobile, AL
Mike Filippel
Boston, MA
Rick Reasor
Grapevine, TX
Jeff Reed
Boulder, CO



Frank Groff
Clinton, MO
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Fort Pierce, FL
Ken Bing Binder
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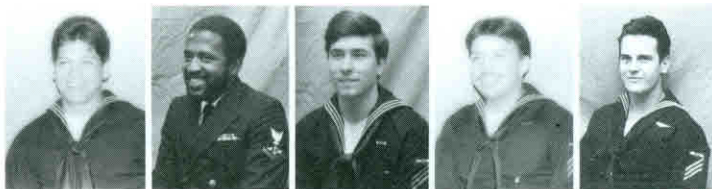
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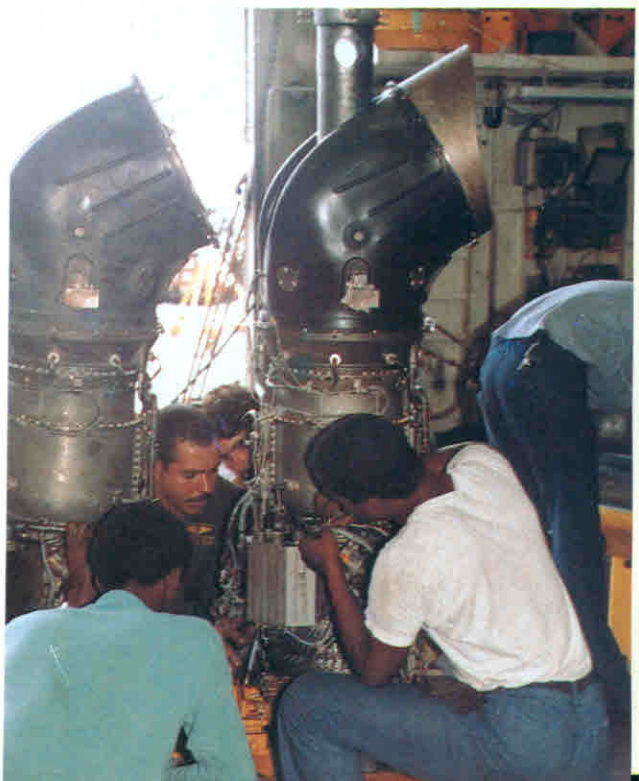


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David Clair
Cypress, CA
Gary Ellis
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Desi Gama
Othello, WA
Nate Garrity
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Joe Hinojosa
Victoria, TX
Archille Julian
New Orleans, LA
Todd Anderson
Westlake VII, CA
Chester Garcia
Reseda, CA
Ronald Misner
Freemount, CA







CAG AIR BOSS



LCDR S. F. LETCHWORTH

LCDR S. F. Letchworth served as "Air Boss" or department head for the Helo Department. Previously he has been a pilot at NAF Sigonella, Sicily, Air Officer aboard the **USS CLEVELAND** and SAR pilot/FRS instructor with H-16 at NAS Pensacola, Florida. Currently he serves as pilot and officer-in-charge of HC-3, NAS North Island, San Diego, California.

He is married with two children.





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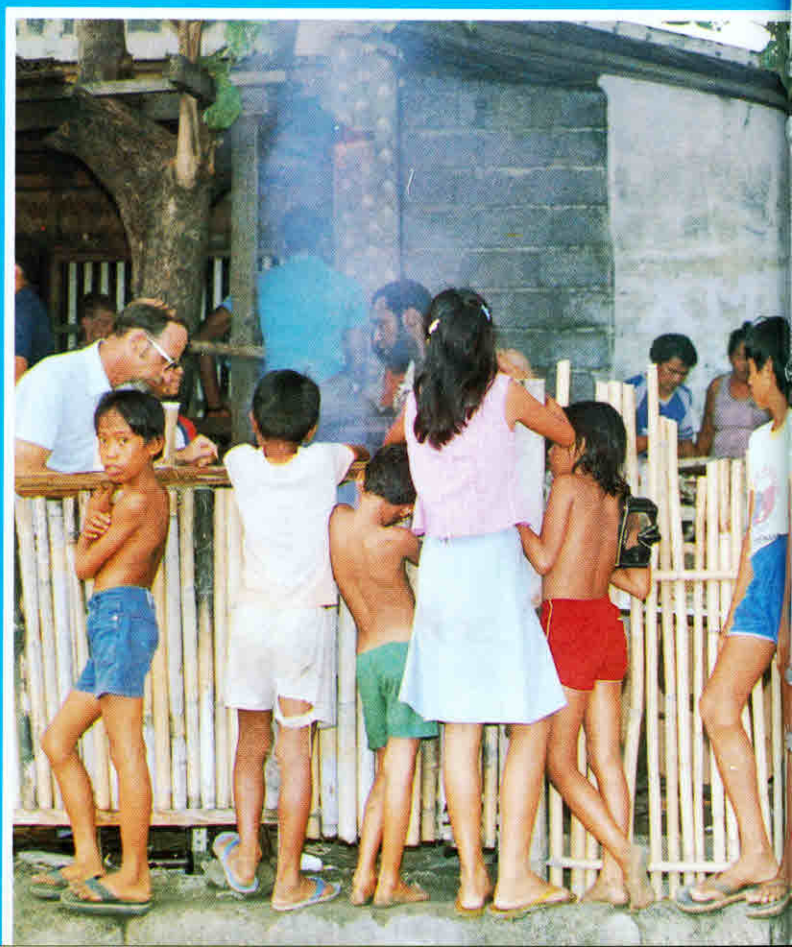
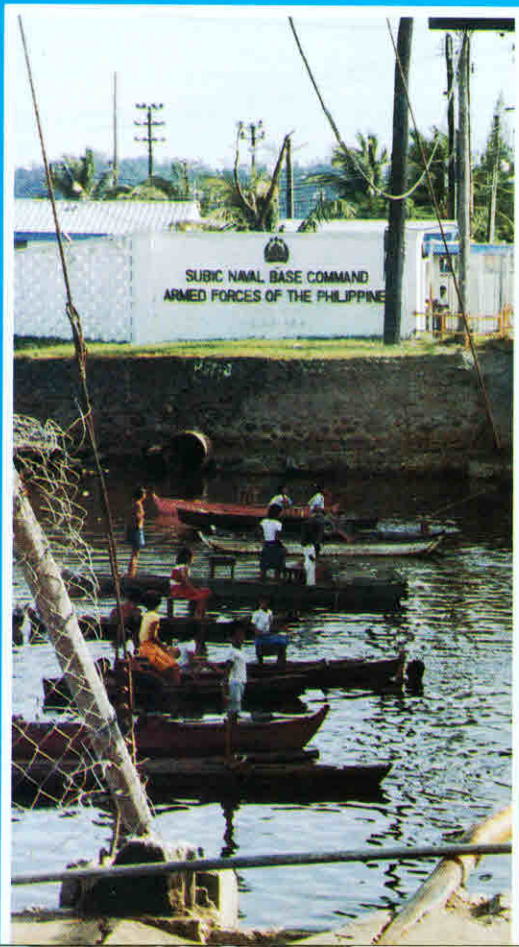
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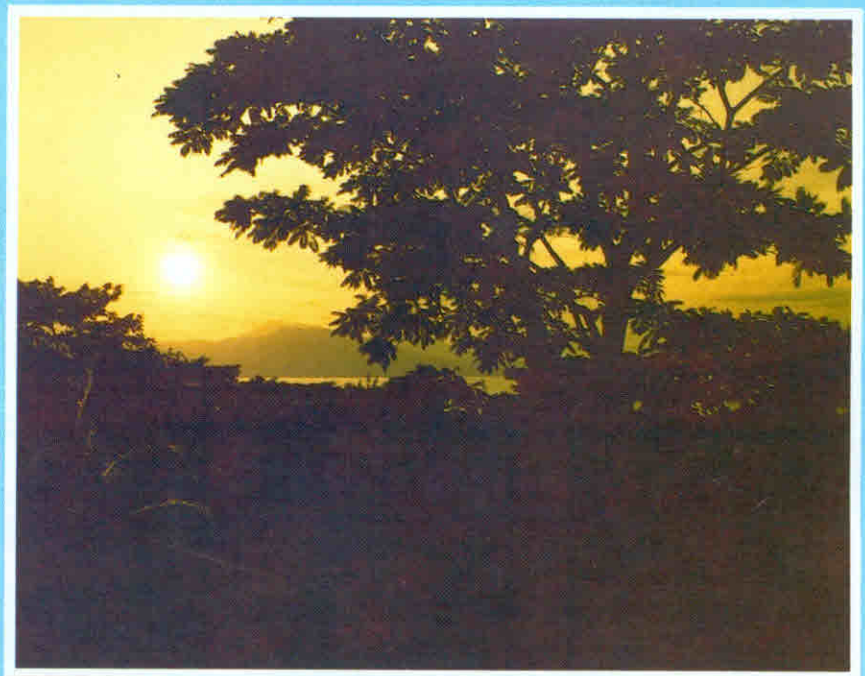
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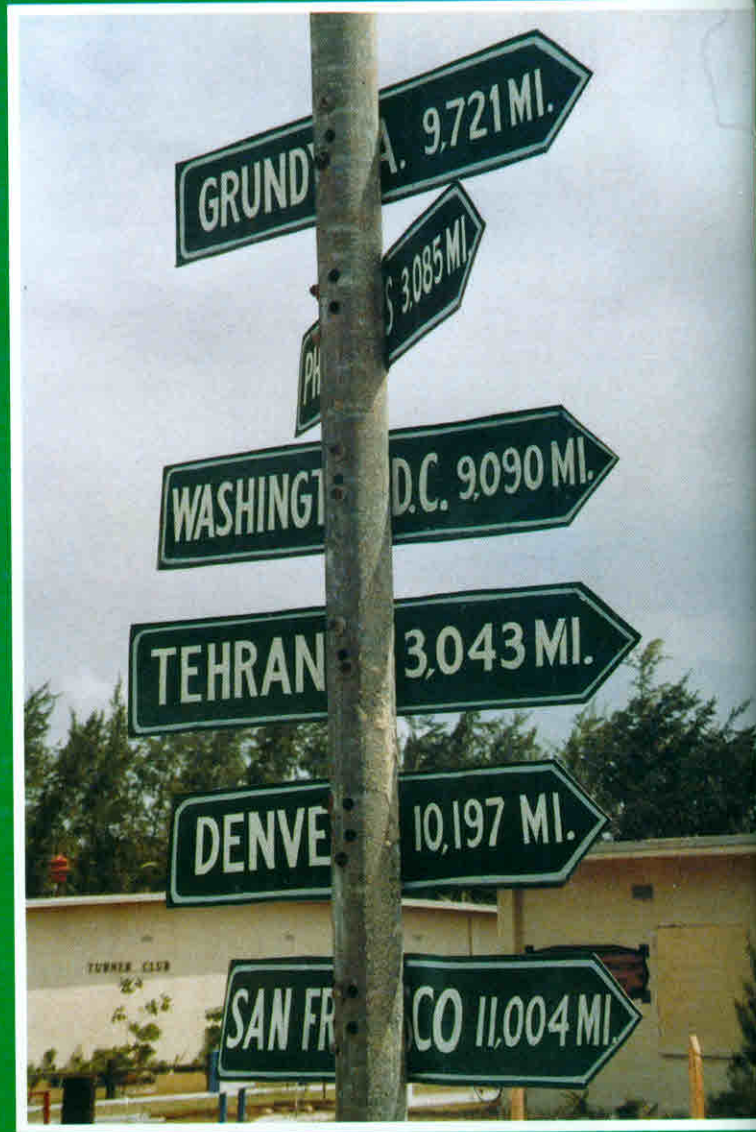
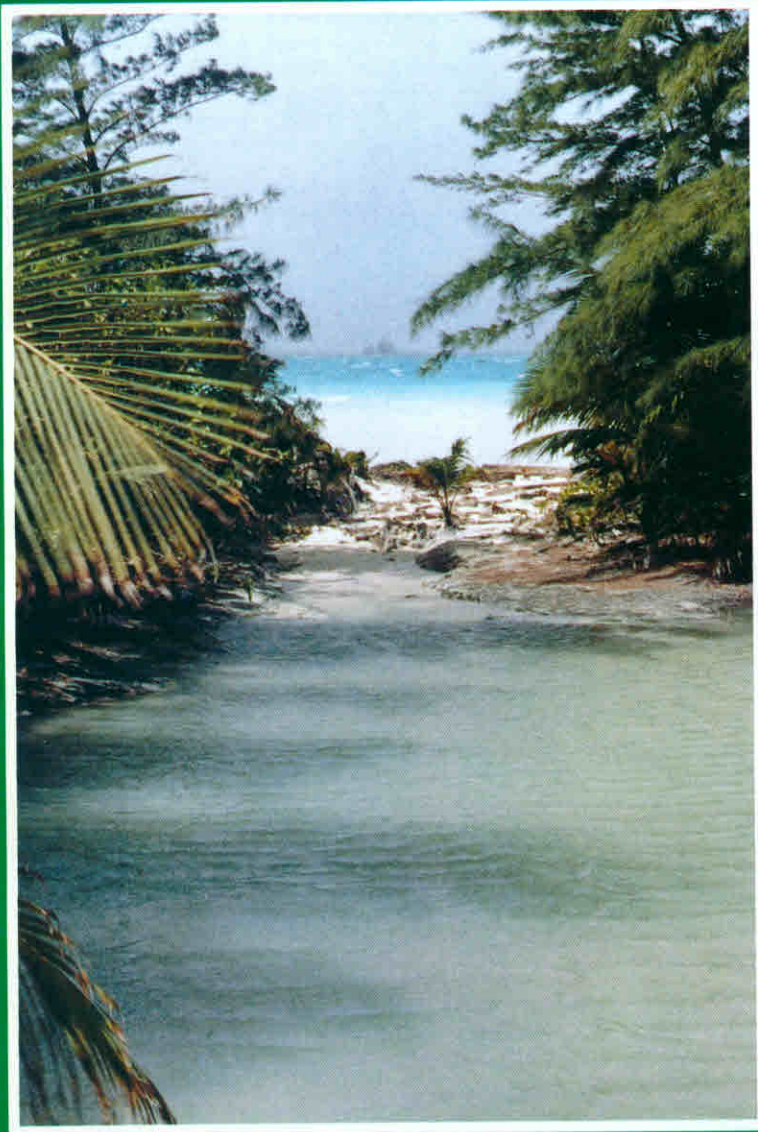
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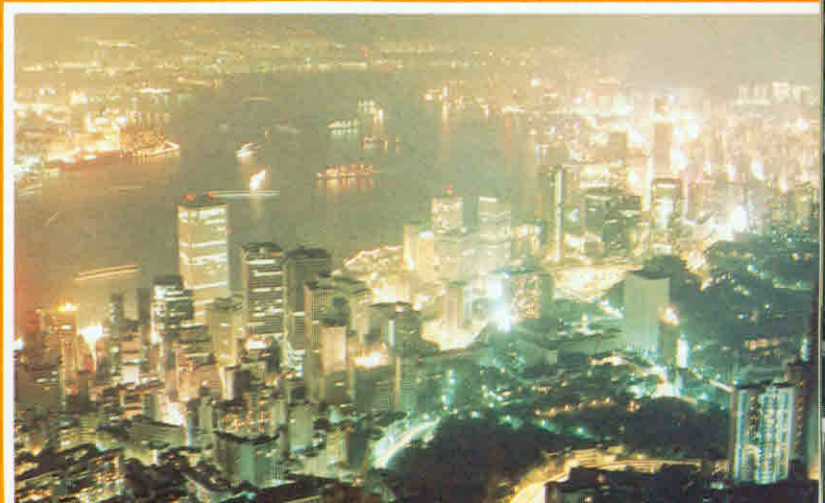


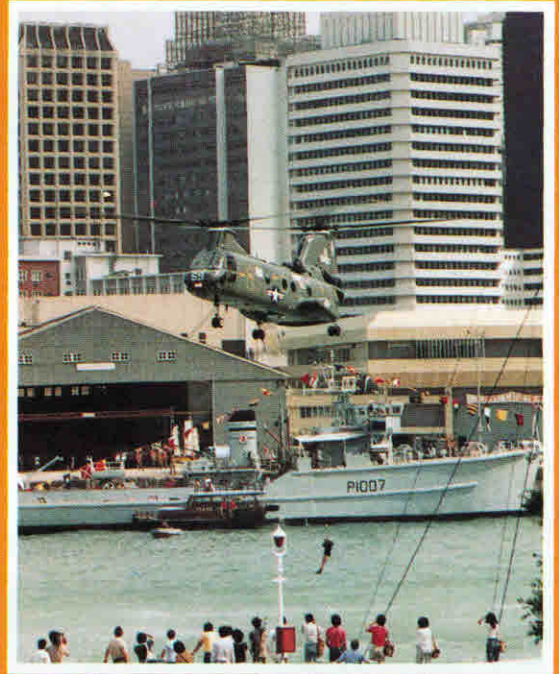
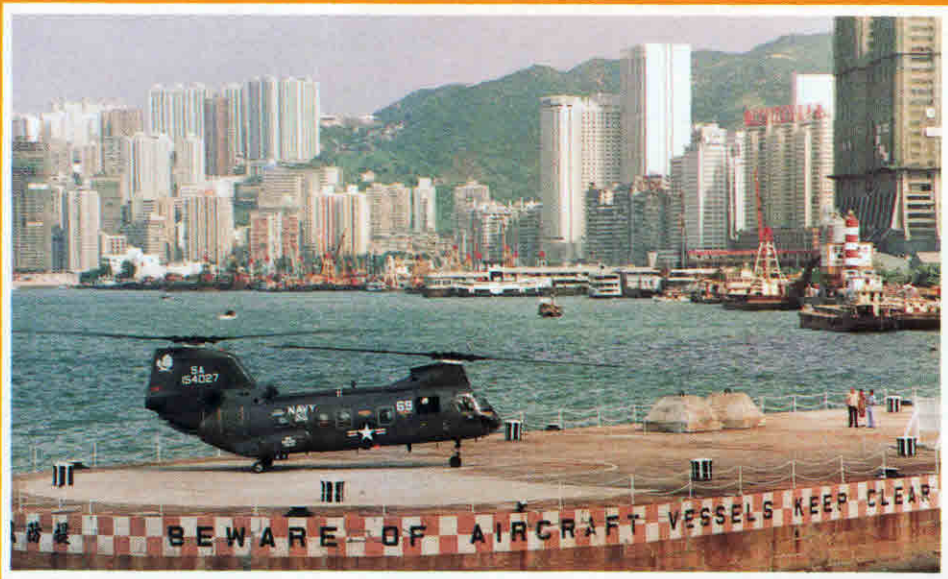


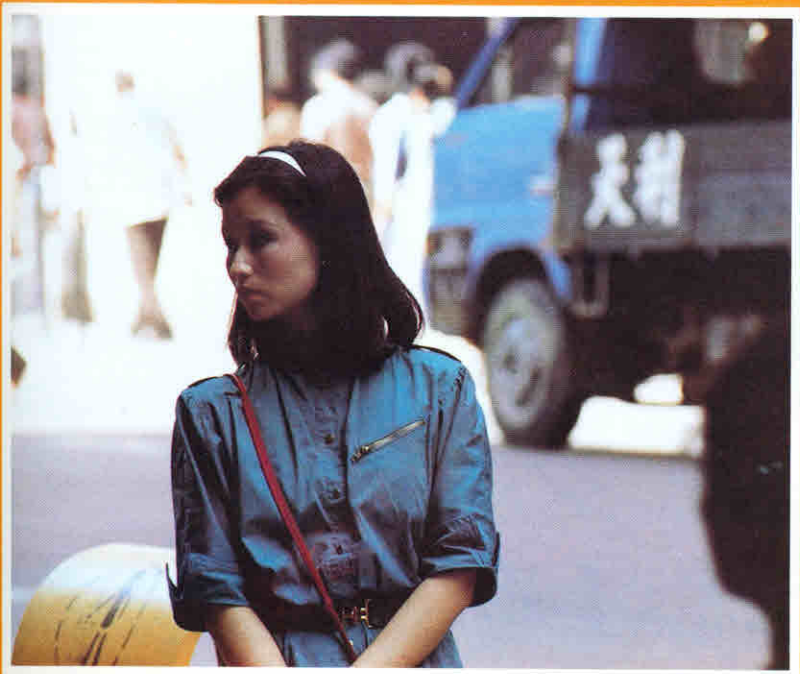
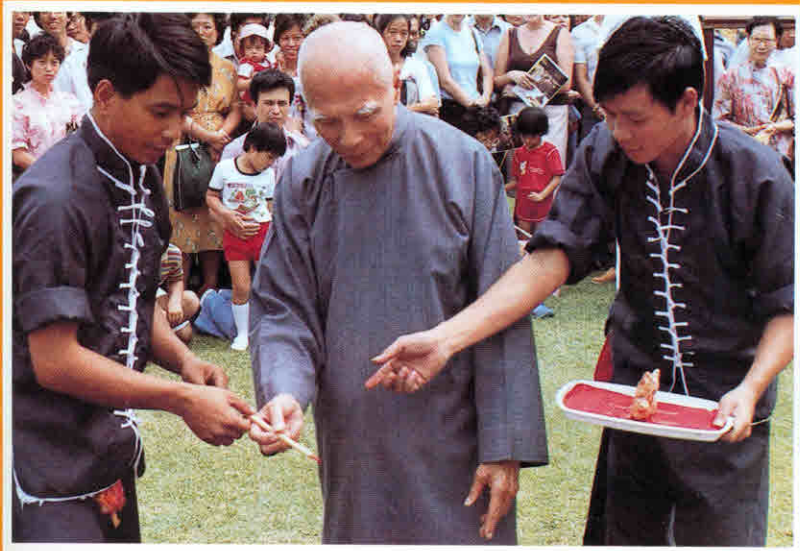




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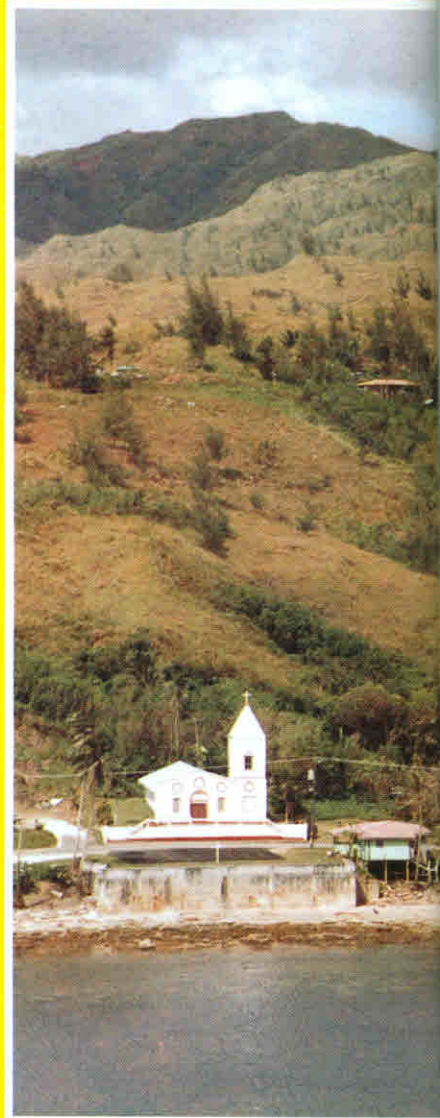






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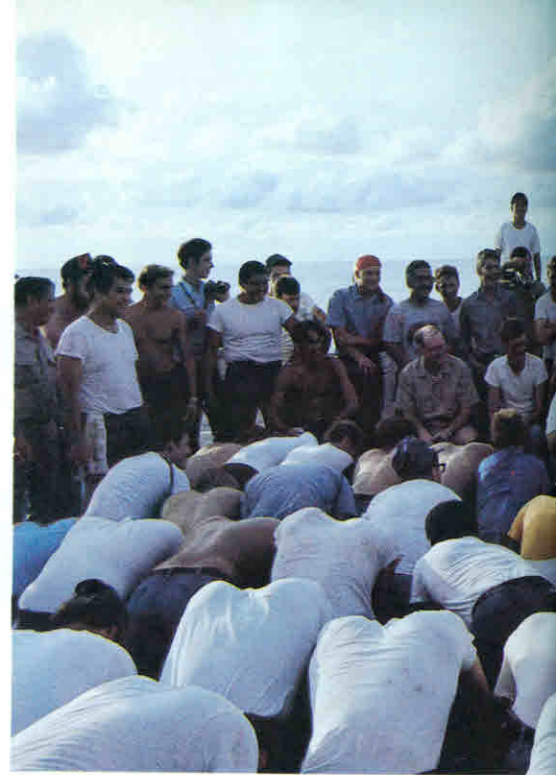
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**ACTIVITIES
AND EVENTS**

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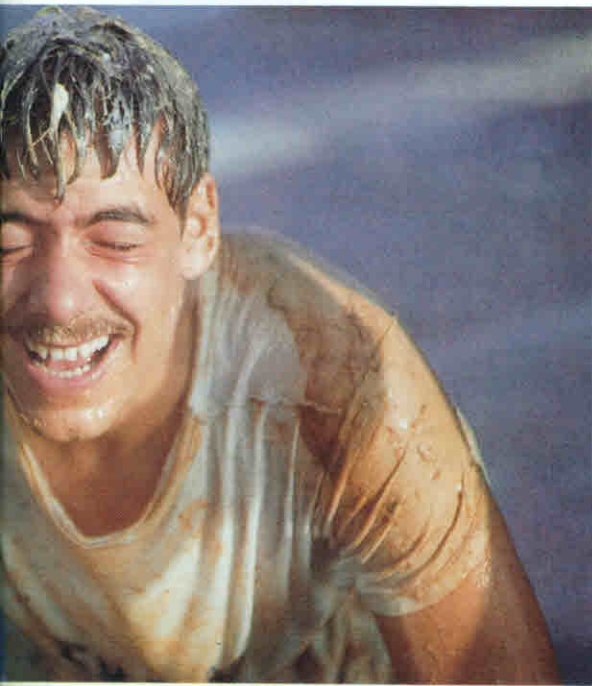


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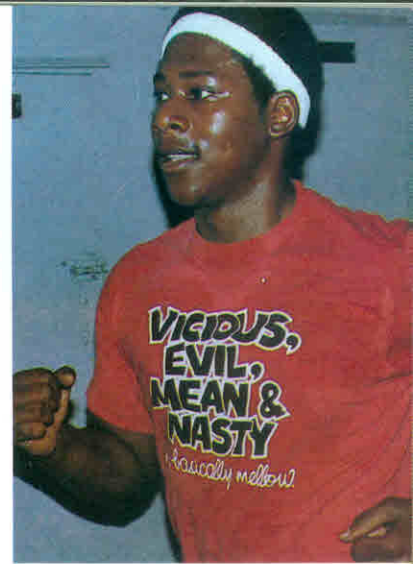




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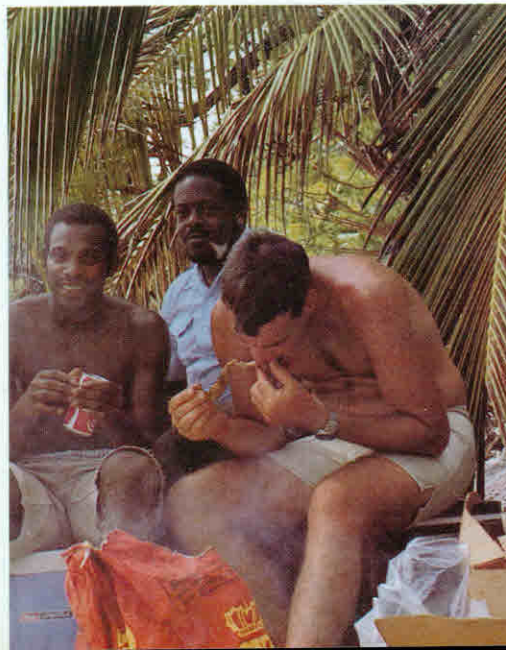




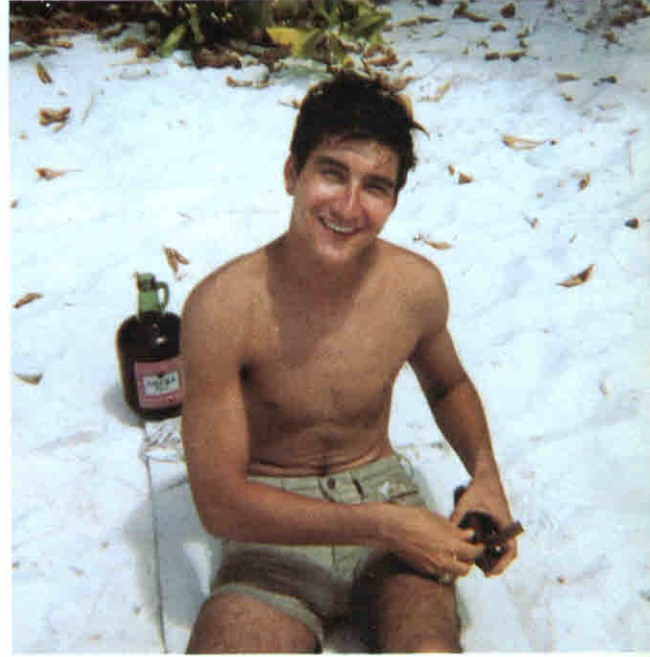
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PARTICIPANTS

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LCDR Tissier	90	BM2 Redar	30	SN Butler	15
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LCDR Burnett	75	DS2 Lander	30	FN Hunnicutt	15
MM3 Wilde	75	LTJG Oswald	30	CDR Paine	15
DPC Dodd	75	SKSN Haller	30	SK1 Vasquez	15
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ICFN Tennant	45	ENS Garrigan	30	SKCS Fong	15
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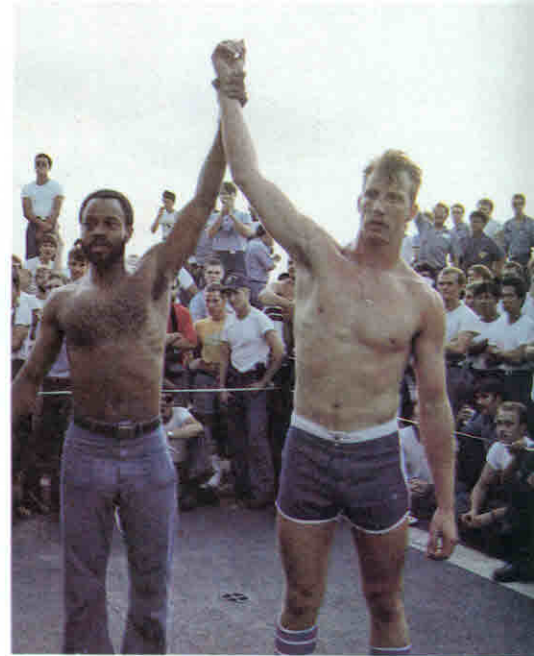


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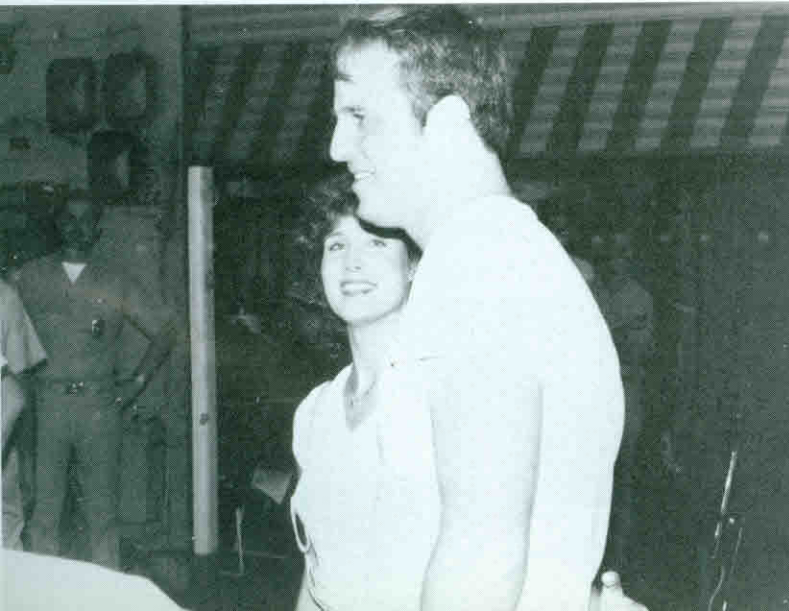


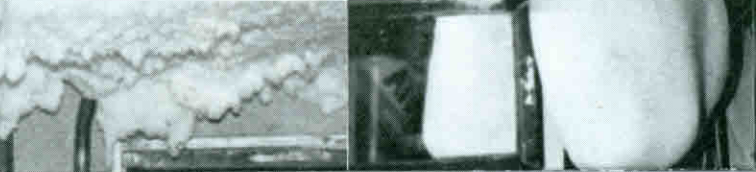
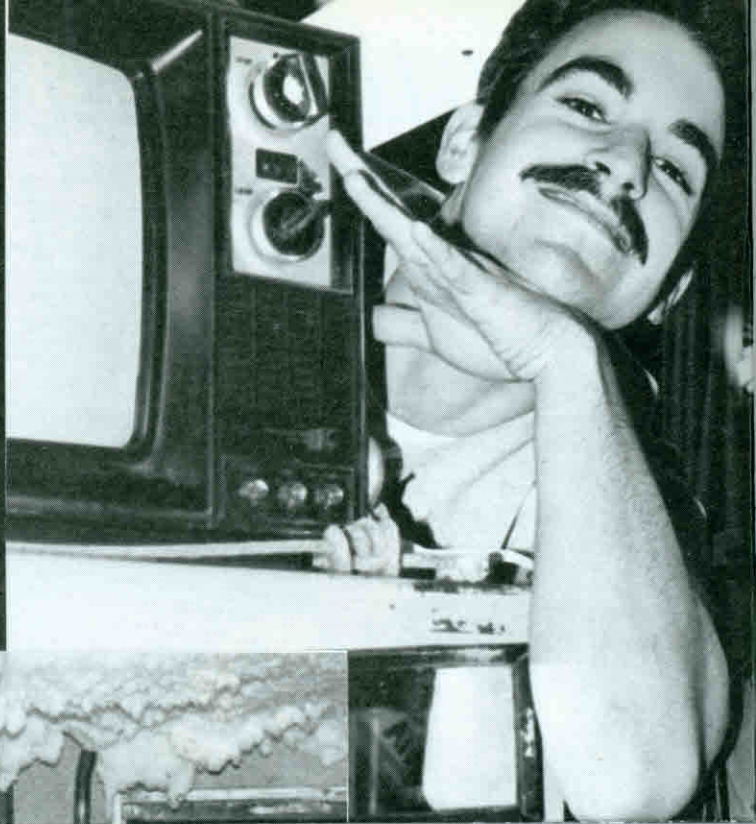


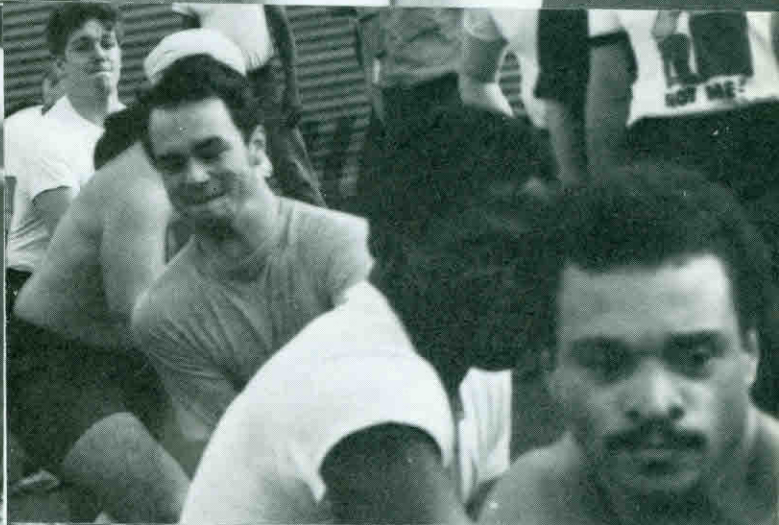
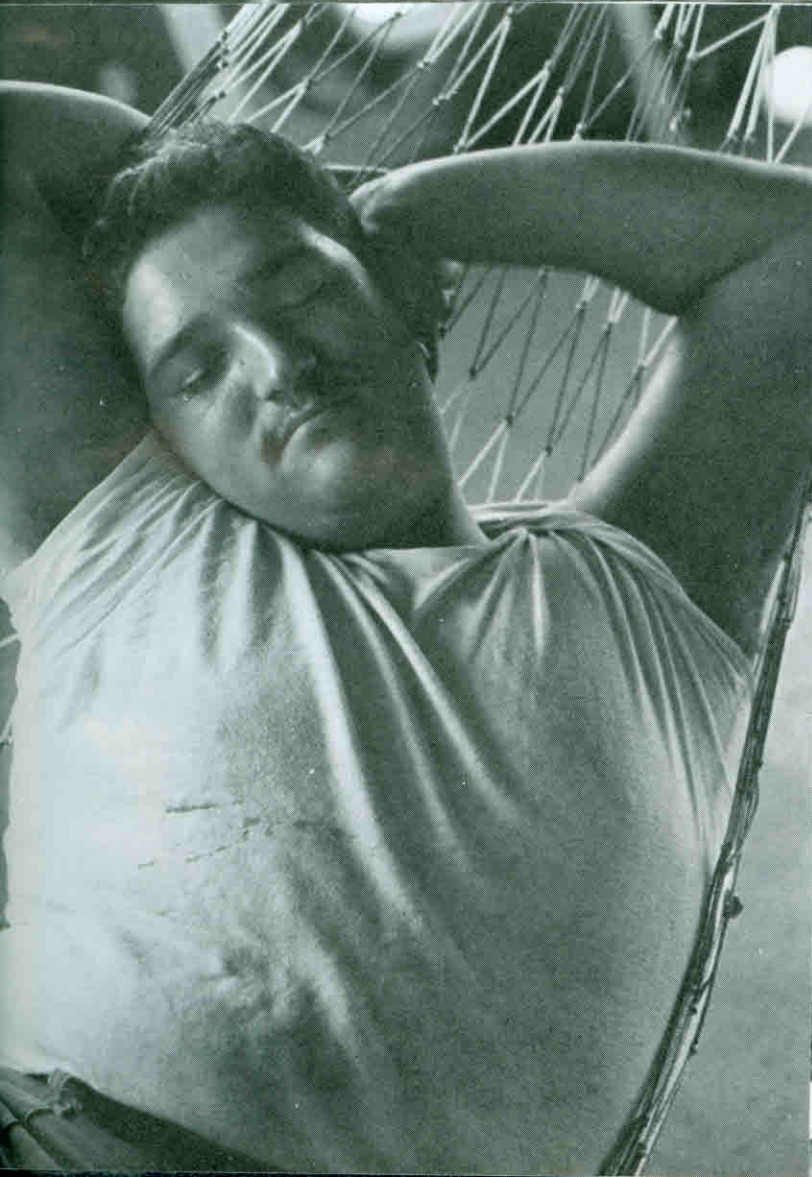
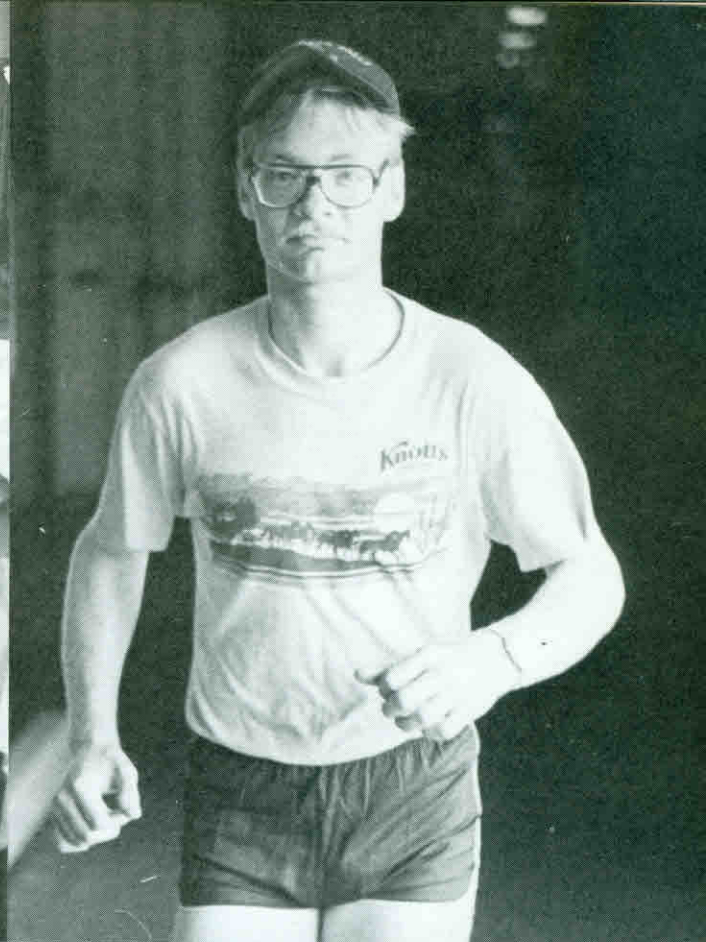
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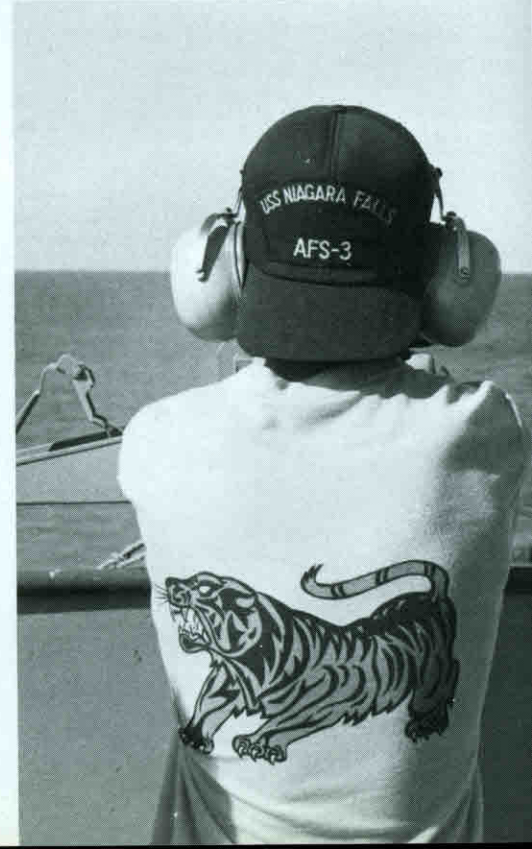
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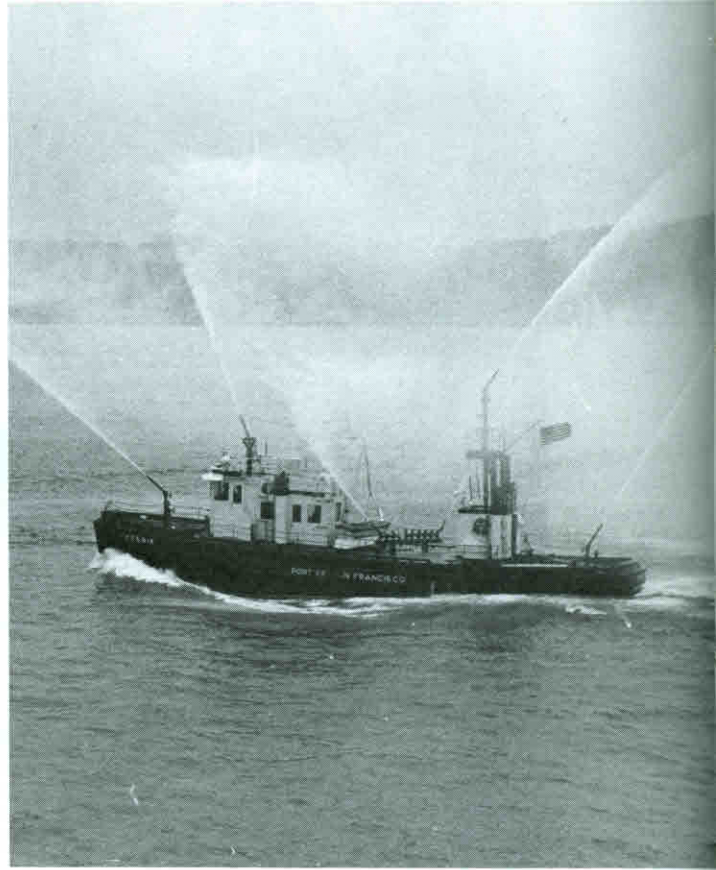
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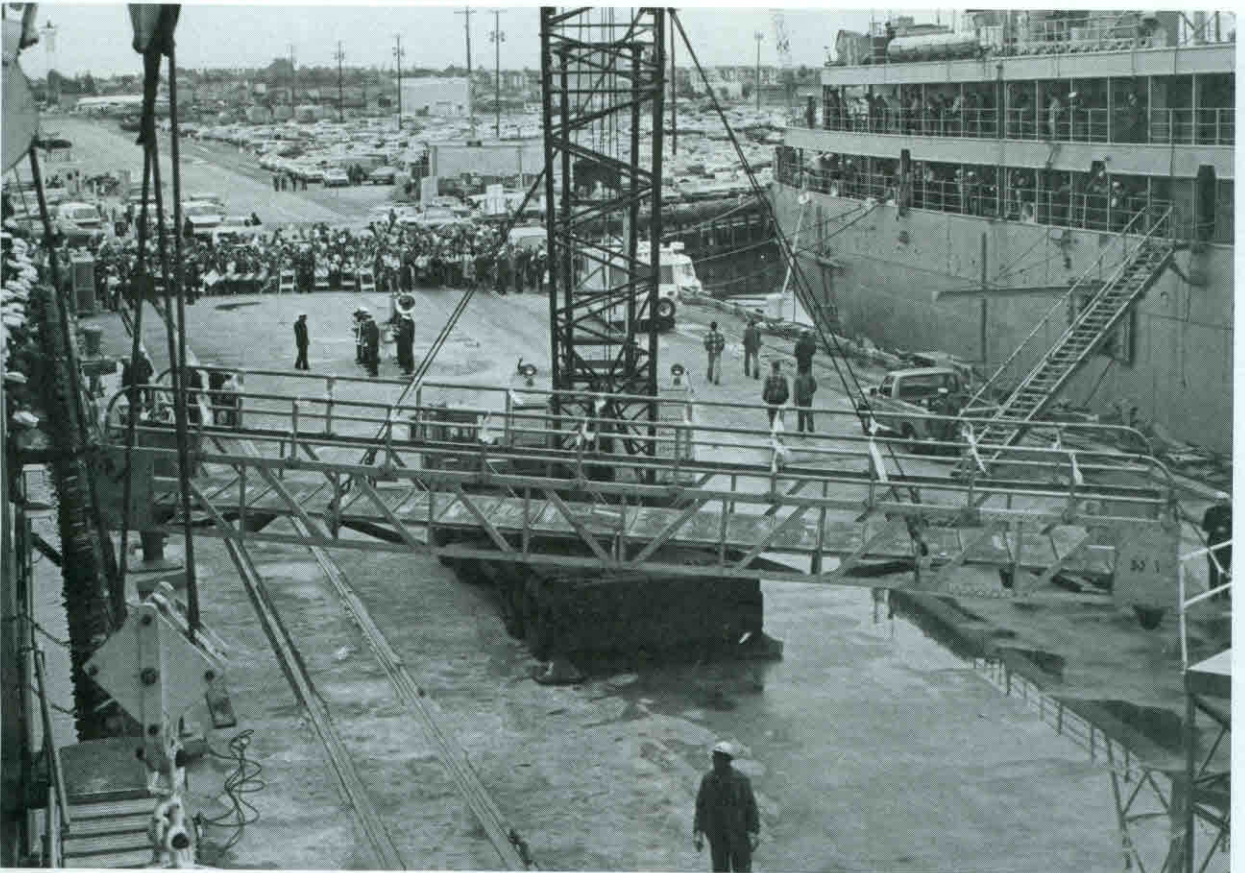






HOME COMING









They Welcomed NIAGARA FALLS

Photos by Curt Fargo

Fireboats, vintage planes bearing the sign "Oh Lord, It's Hard To Be Humble", escorted the "Friendly Falls" under the Golden Gate when she returned home just before Thanksgiving. Hundreds of families and friends waited on the docks for the USS NIAGARA to tie up.

During the seven-month deployment, the NIAGARA, commanded by CAPT Ross R. Terry, operated with the USS RANGER and her battle group escorts in the Arabian Sea.

The 450-man ship visited Pearl Harbor, Subic, Bay, Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory, Perth, Australia, Hong Kong, Japan and Guam.

In September, the 581-foot vessel won the Secretary of the Navy Energy Conservation Award. Cruise



Ecstatic FN Frank Alberts gets a hug from his sister Jenny

highlights included an aerobatic flight demonstration by Helicopter Squadron HC-3 Detachment 106 over Hong Kong for a crowd of 40,000.

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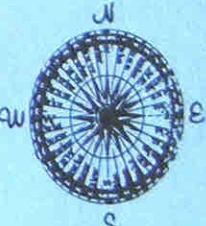
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