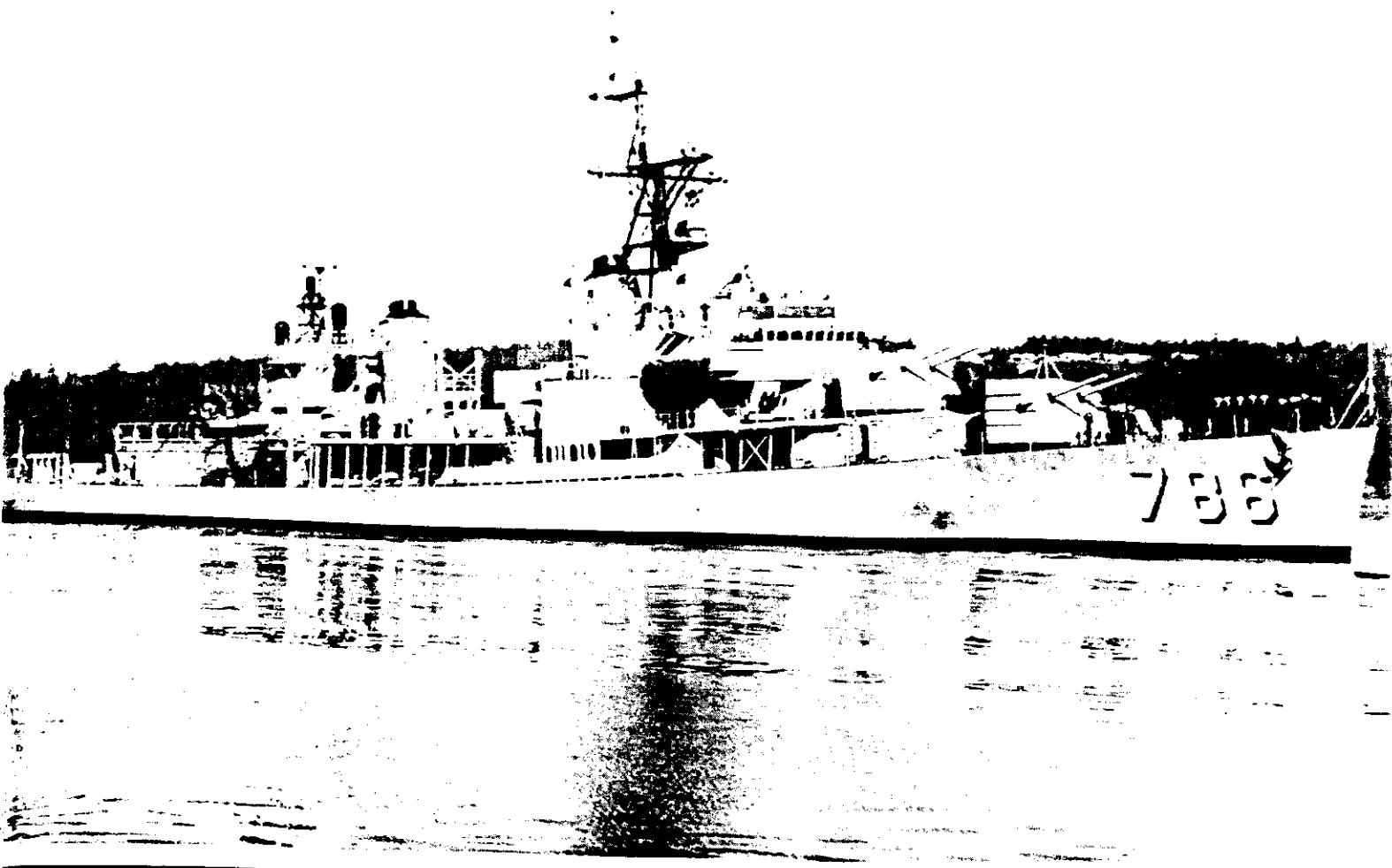


BEST IN THE WEST

WESTPAC 70



USS R.B. ANDERSON (DD-786)

ANDERSON'S DEPLOYMENT

Anderson made a quiet departure from Long Beach on 27 July 1970. A brief visit to Hawaii was the most exciting part of the transit to the Western Pacific. Floral specimens, red earth, and white sand beaches adorned the islands. After brief refueling stops in Midway and Guam, Anderson reached its home-away-from-home, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines. This was the first glimpse of the port to which the crew was to become most accustomed.

Upon leaving Subic Bay, the ship proceeded to the Gulf of Tonkin for a short line period with the attack carrier USS Bon Homme Richard. After completing planeguarding duties, Anderson accompanied Bon Homme Richard and USS Davidson (DE-1045) to Singapore. The British people were very congenial to their American cousins and many Anderson sailors took part in tours of the surrounding area. Singapore was indeed the first of many exciting stays in foreign lands.

Anderson sailed out of Singapore and then dipped just far south enough to arouse King Neptune from the deeps. During the traditional "crossing the equator ceremony," the pollywogs felt Neptune's wrath in more ways than one. It could be said that the episode was a spine tingling experience filled with gastronomic delights.

After a short three day period for replenishment in Subic Bay, the next assignment found the ship southwestward bound for the Gulf of Siam, where for the next three weeks over 1400 rounds of 5 inch/ 38 caliber ammunition were fired by the ship's guns in support of the 21st ARVN Division's operations in the U Minh forest area of South Vietnam.

On completion of the Naval Gunfire Support assignment, Anderson joined the attack carrier USS Oriskany for a transit to Yokosuka, Japan. Along the way a young lady, with the unlikely name of Joan, kicked up her heels and played havoc with the men of DD-786. She was indeed an unwelcomed passenger.

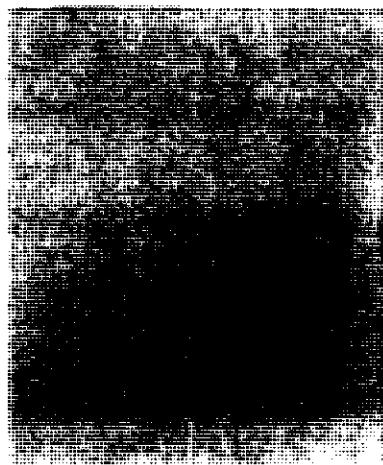
Although a little green around the gills, everyone survived and arrival in Yokosuka on 19 October was a welcome. The cool weather was a pleasant relief from the sultry days spent in the Gulf of Siam. This area of Japan was very exciting and filled with many beautiful sights such as castles, hot springs, and Mount Fuji. A few Anderson sailors made trips to nearby Yokohama and Tokyo. The ship became well-laden with many purchases but, none-the-less departed Yokosuka and headed for the Gulf of Tonkin. An engineering casualty enroute required that the ship return to Japan for repairs, this time to Sasebo. After a pleasurable five day repair period, Anderson once again set forth for the South China Sea via the Taiwan Straits.

Planeguarding was the assignment for most of the next few weeks, but Anderson was called upon to go further north in the Gulf of Tonkin as an escort for USS Chicago (CG-11) for several days. After a trip to Subic Bay for a week of upkeep, the ship returned to planeguarding duty, this time with the USS Ranger.

Prior to Christmas, the ship left station for Keelung, Taiwan. Keelung is the port city for Taipei, the capital of Taiwan. Shopping and sightseeing filled the six days in this port. Anderson departed Keelung on 21 December for Subic Bay where the entire crew celebrated Christmas and New Year's while the ship was in drydock for repairs.

The final assignment was as escort for USS Gridley (DLG-21) on SAR (Search and Rescue) station in the Gulf of Tonkin. The ship spent an uneventful week on station and then headed for Hong Kong. Hong Kong had so many things to offer; great food, sightseeing, and, of course, shopping. Many Anderson sailors increased the size of their wardrobes with Mod fashions available. Hong Kong was undoubtedly one of the favorite ports visited by the ship.

A return trip to Subic Bay provided an opportunity for repairs prior to the homeward transit. Brief refueling stops in Guam, Midway, and Pearl Harbor were made enroute to San Diego and Anderson arrived for a gala homecoming on 11 February 1971.





Vital communications keep the Captain informed.



The Captain surveys the situation.



COMMANDING OFFICER

Commander Herbert F. Nelson was commissioned as Ensign USN upon graduation from the University of Mississippi in 1953. His previous assignments include duty aboard USS **Mississippi** (EAG-128); Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois; USS **Savage** (DER-328); Staff, COMCORTRON SEVEN; Staff CINCPACFLT; Staff, COMDESRON SEVEN; Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, California; and Fleet Training Group, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He reported aboard having completed a tour of duty as Executive Officer, USS **Wainwright** (DLG-28).

Commander and Mrs. Nelson, the former Pauline Galley of Waukegan, Illinois, reside with their two children in Chula Vista, California.

The XO takes the conn.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

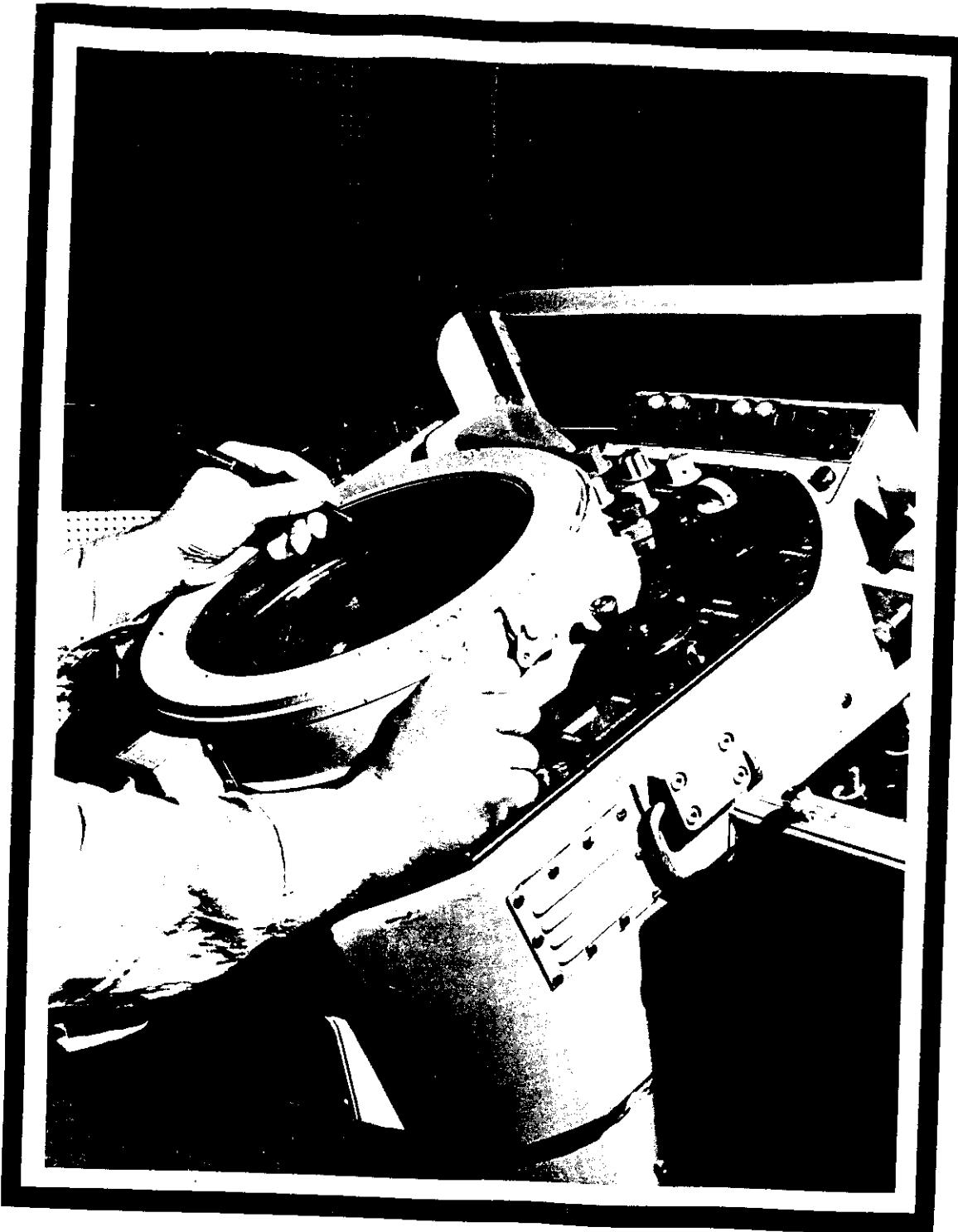
Lcdr Monteath came to Anderson after a tour at the Fleet Numerical Weather Central in Monterey, California. Prior to that he had seen tours on USS *Carromade* (IFS-1), USS *Vesuvius* (AE-15), USS *Dale* (DLG-19), and USS *Berkeley* (DDG-15). He graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1958 and attended the US Naval Post Graduate School from 1963 to 1965 earning a Master of Science degree in Oceanography. Lcdr Monteath is married to the former Kay Butler of Memphis, Tennessee. They have two children and reside in Chula Vista, California.



"Where is Sam?"

The "Old Salt".





OPERATIONS



LT Judelson

OPERATIONS OFFICER

The Operations Department is the eyes, ears and the brains of the ship. Information received in radio and on the signal bridge is funneled into CIC (Combat Information Center) where it is displayed, interpreted, and evaluated. Having been processed, this information in turn is passed to the bridge so that the Command can make its decisions. The signal bridge is truly the eyes of the ship. Signalmen by means of flashing light, flag hoist, semaphore and Nancy gear keep constant and alert visual communications with ships in company.

Radio, in turn, is the ears of the ship. Messages are sent

and received via radio-telegraphy, radio-teletype, and radio-telephone.

Yet Radio and Combat both would not be able to perform their jobs if the various radar and communications equipment were not operative. The electronics technicians therefore, are an integral part of the operations team.

However, let us not forget the ship's offices with their yeomen who handle most of the administrative work of the ship. They ensure a smooth and efficient turnout of reports and logs. A good yeoman crew is highly necessary to the efficiency and morale of the department and the ship.

The medical representative, usually an able and experienced hospital corpsman, keeps a close eye on the health of the crew, which is always an important factor.

The postal clerk offers another important service to the ship--the daily supply of mail and packages, which also assists in keeping up the ship's morale.

RD3 Nash and QM2 Rouse reenlist.



The XO is also the Navigator.



ET2 Dilallo takes it easy.



RD3 Crowell on watch in combat.

OC DIVISION



LTJG Herrick
RMC Turner

Plain, RM1
Beluse, RM2
La Comb, RM3
Van Allen, SM3



Chriske, SM3
Medders, RMSN
Maltas, RMSN



SM1 Metzger runs the Signal Bridge.



OE DIVISION



ENS Bramlet

McDonald, ETR1
Thomas, ET2
Broderic, ET2



Von Boeckman, ETR2
Stills, ETN3
McGill, ETSN

The ET's enjoy a game of cards.



NX DIVISION



ENS Servant
HMC Swanson

Wilcot, QM1
Armstrong, PN2
Ragsdale, PN2
Rouse, QM2



Smith, PC2
Davis, HM3
Provost, YN3
Shedo, QM3



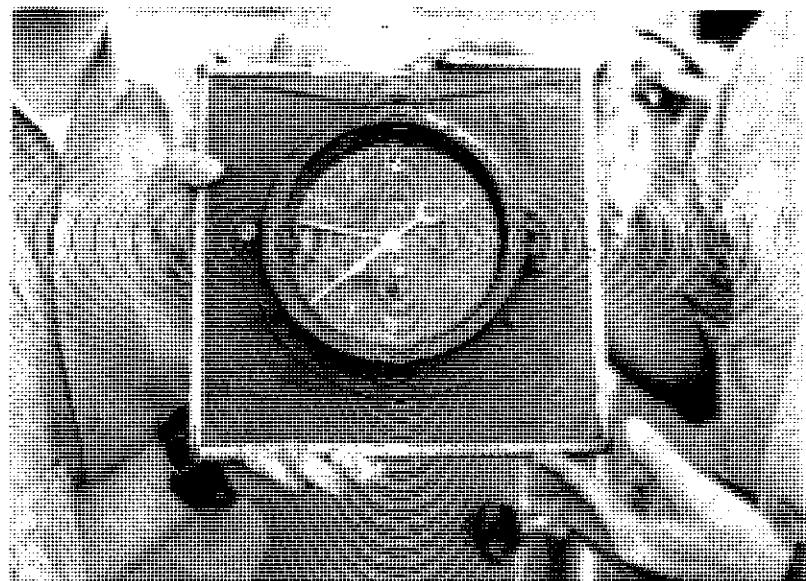
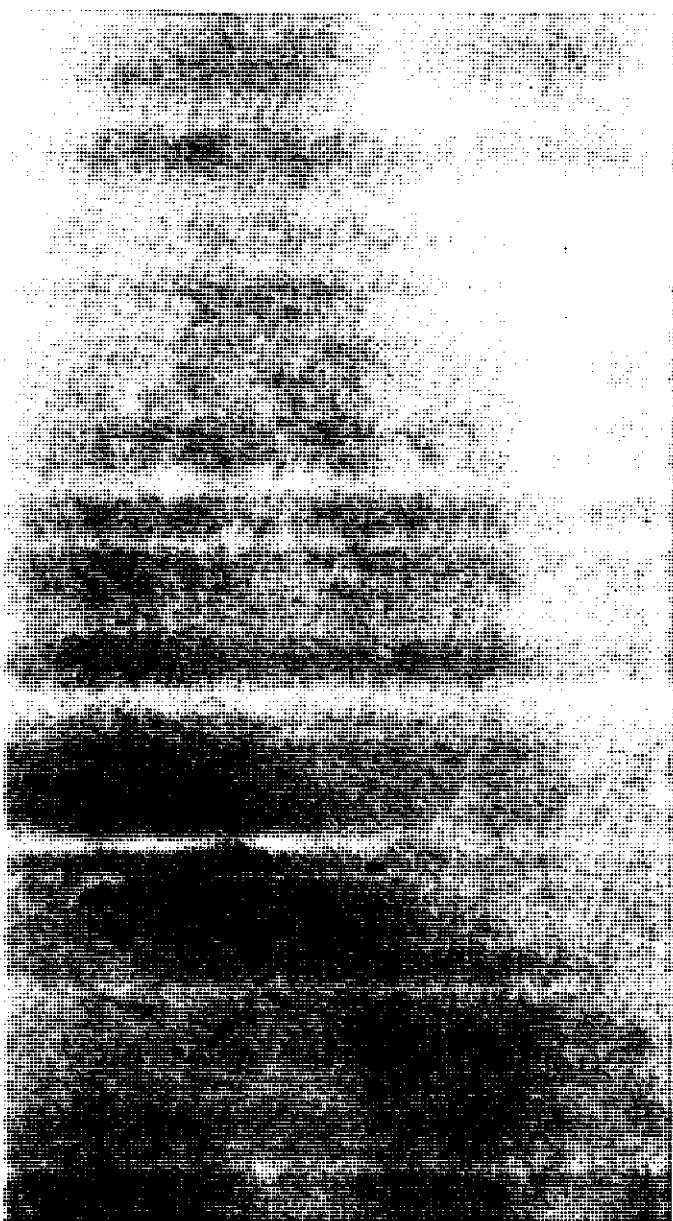
Paine, QM3
Lund, QM3





Webb, SN
Yuen, SN
Lovenbury, SN
Armstrong, QMSA

Ships Office



The Quartermaster's have charge of the clocks.

OI DIVISION



LT Steele
RDC Prue

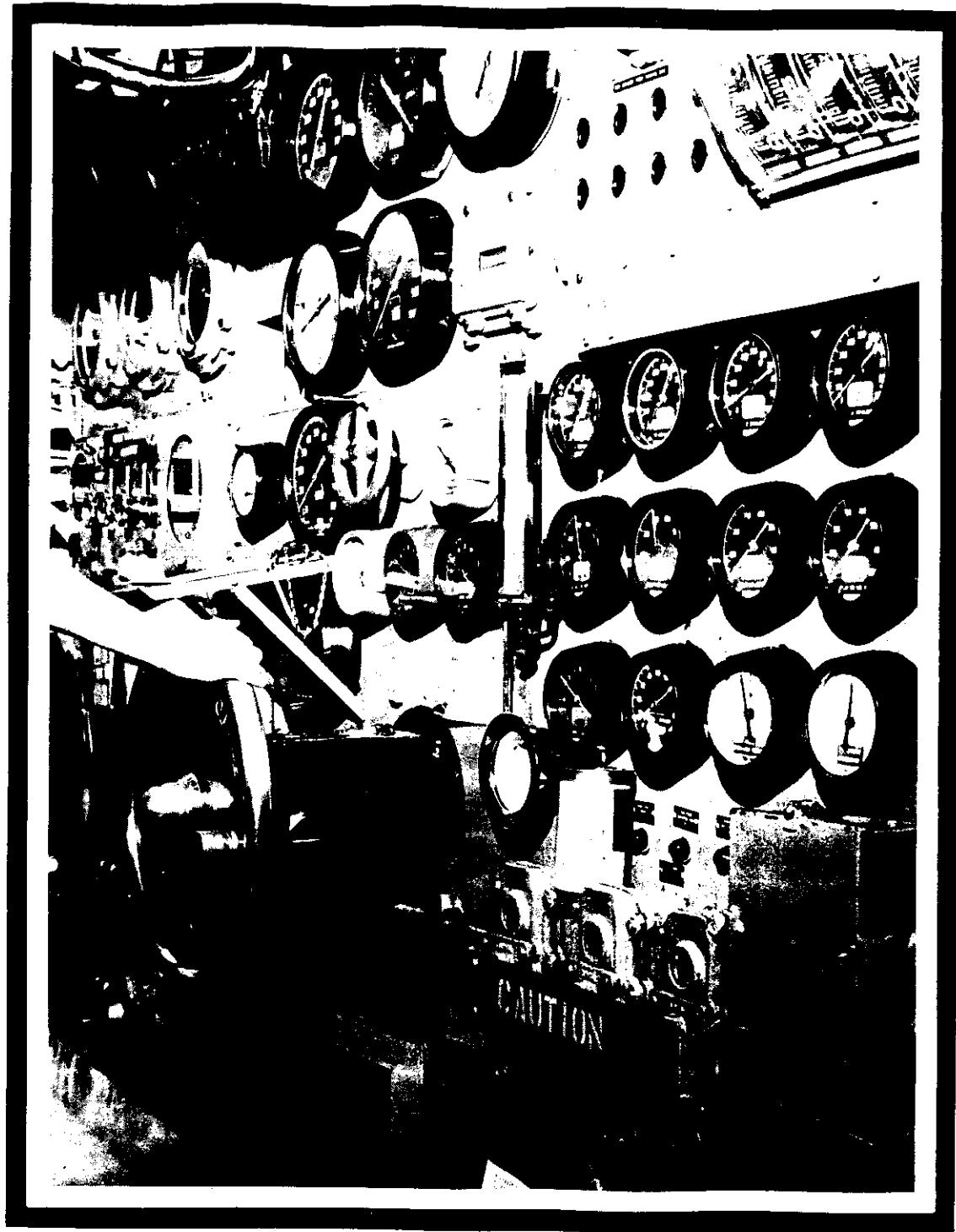
Baty, RD1
Fischer, RD3



Howell, RD3
Gruenberg, RD3
Tyler, RD3
Haider, RDSN



RD3 Nash on the scope.



ENGINEERING



LT Schmoker
LT Kamp

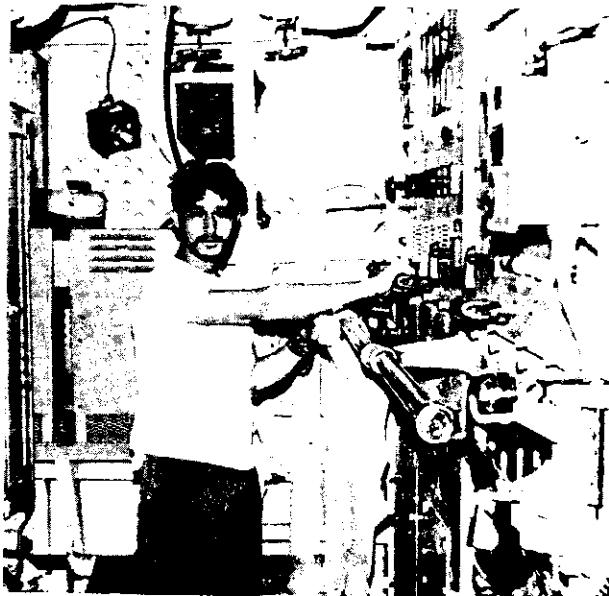
ENGINEERING OFFICER

The duties of the Engineering Officer and his department cover a wide field. Unless a successful and efficient plant is operated, the ship will not steam properly and many of her necessary pieces of equipment will not be put to use. Basically, the department is responsible for the operation, care, and maintenance of all propulsion and auxiliary machinery and for the control of damage. Some of the specific duties of the department are:

1. The operation and maintenance of all piping systems, and all electronic and electric devices not specifically assigned to other departments.
2. Damage control.
3. The repair of the hull and its fittings.
4. The operation and care of all boat machinery.
5. The maintenance of the engineering log and the engineer's bell book.

It is clear that this department has a very important part in keeping the ship in operating condition. The efforts of the "Snipes" are greatly appreciated.

FN Rendon shifts the load.



FN's Clark and Alexander talk it over.



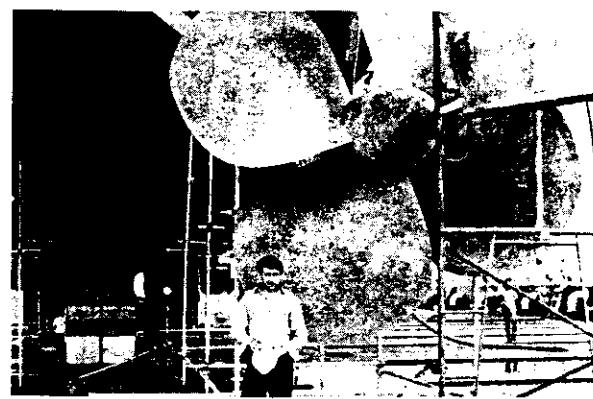
Fireroom watch.



Engineroom watch.



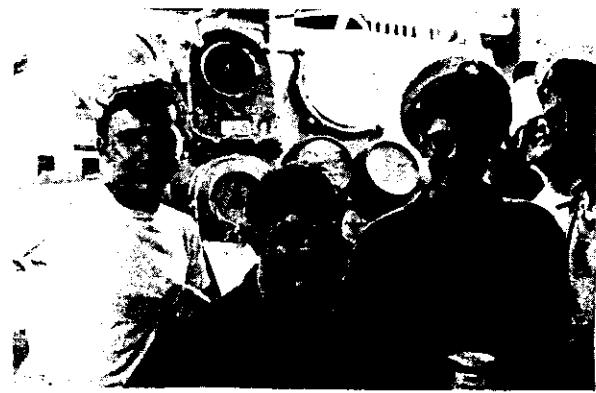
Frustration



One of the two propellers.



MMCM Fatheree: CMAA and MDCS Coordinator.



A new "chief".

B DIVISION



ENS Boudreaux
BTCS Trace

Leonhardt, BT2
Williams, BT2
Meillier, BT3
McCall, BT3



Carrol, BT3
Wilson, BT3
Tuckér, BT3
Underwood, BT3



Boheman, BT3
Nichols, BTFN

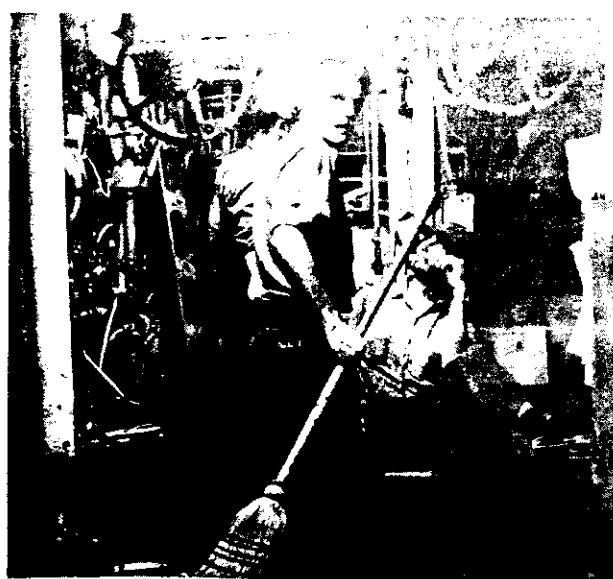




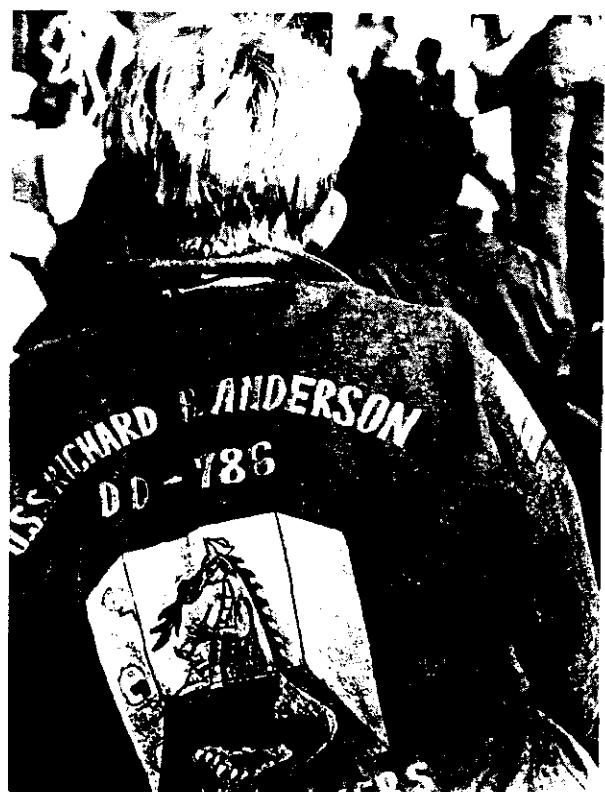
Slowey, BTFN
Speck, FN
Olson, FA
Fisher, FN



Murphy, BTFA
Beck, BTFN
Harn, BTFN



BT3 Meiller holds field day.



After Fireroom Steamers Association.

M DIVISION



LTJG Ross
MMC Cartwright

Hensley, MM3
Rodriguez, MM3
Roundtree, MM3
Foster, MM3



Nelson, MM3
Goebel, MM3
Ferguson, MM3
Tally, MM3

Terrebonne, FA
Dermody, FA
Marcotte, FN
Lett, MMFN



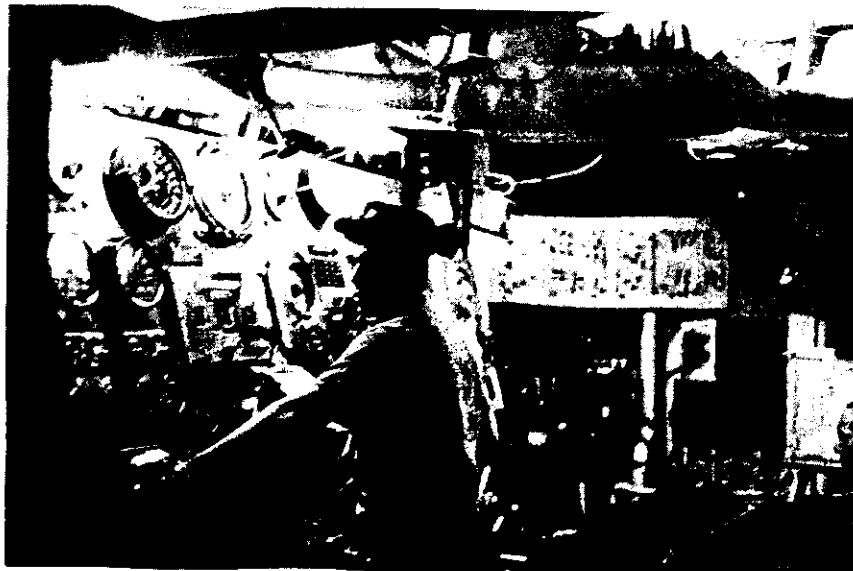
Pick, FN
Chavez, FN
Landrigan, FA
Christian, FN



Strohl, FN
Maves, FN
Smith, MMFN
Huff, MMFN



MM3 Nelson on the throttle.



R DIVISION



MMC McCracken

Dove, EM1
Doom, MR1
Townsend, DC1
Quick, EN2



McKellop, DC2
Barbour, EN2
Tirona, EM3



Albrecht, SF3
Snyder, SF3
Ofalsa, EM3



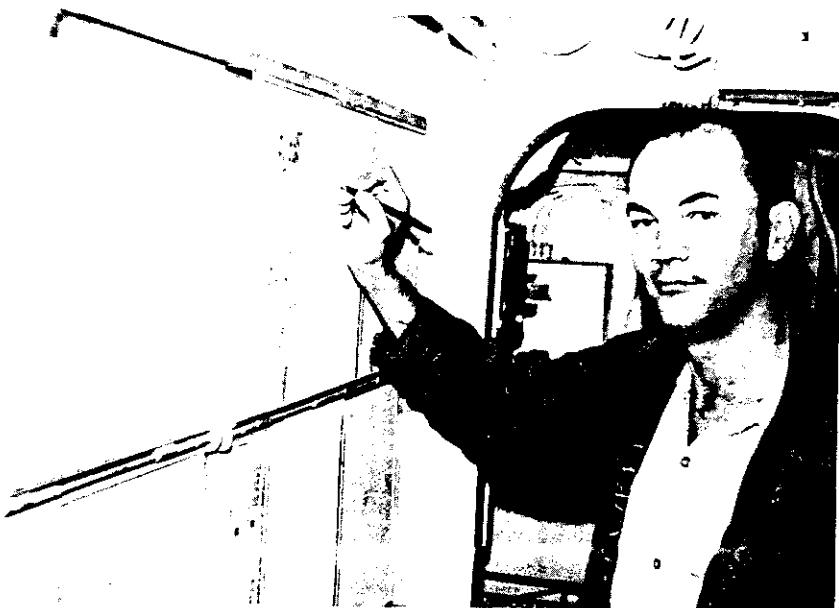


Shipfitter Shop.



Electrician Shop with Flag.

MM1 West Checks PMS Board.



Pryor, FN

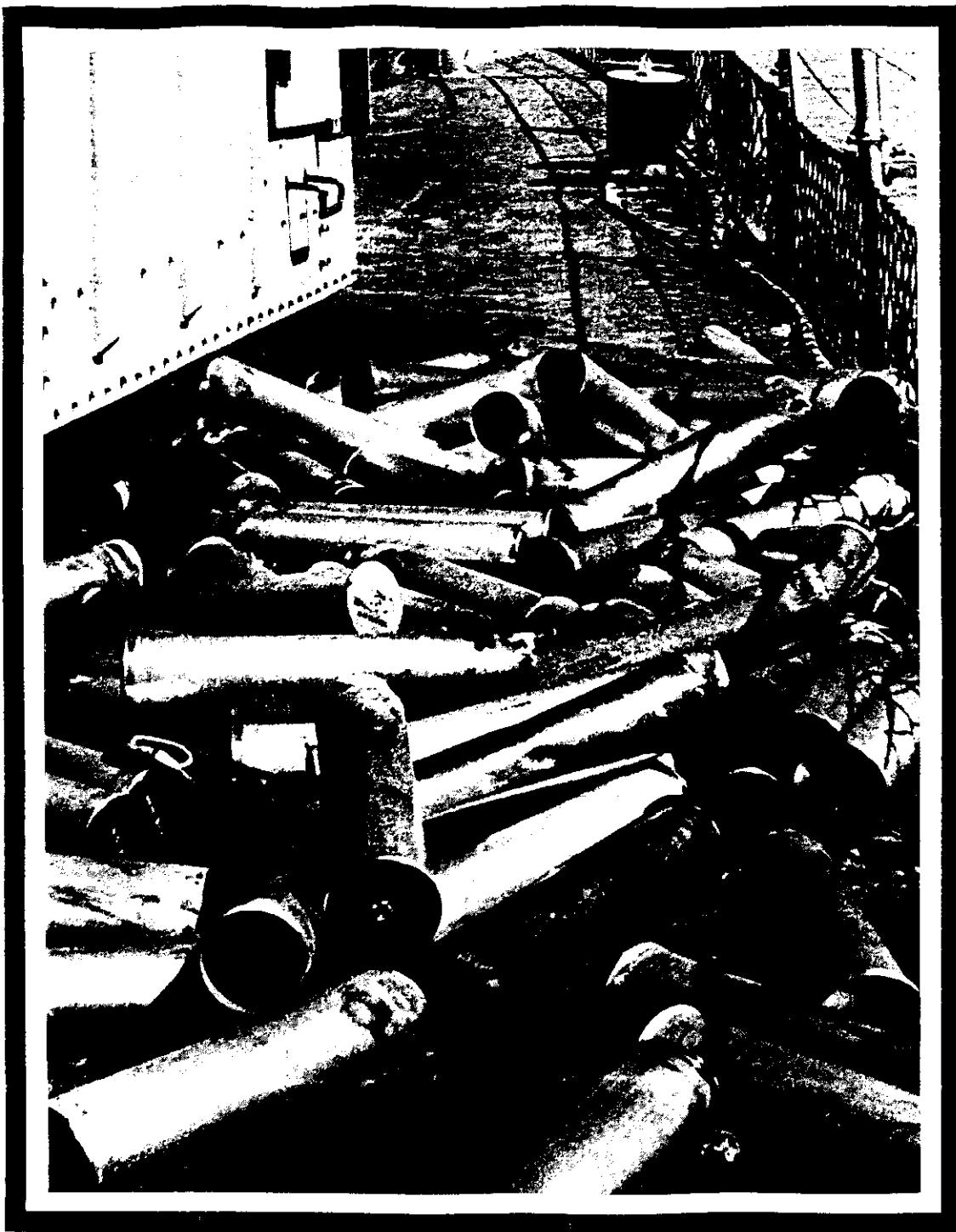


Peckham, SFFN



Stanton, FN
Alexander, FN
Mick, FN





WEAPONS



LT Kaye

WEAPONS OFFICER

The main function of the Weapons Department is to maintain a condition of complete material and battle readiness of all weapons systems, ordnance, fire control, and deck and hull equipment.

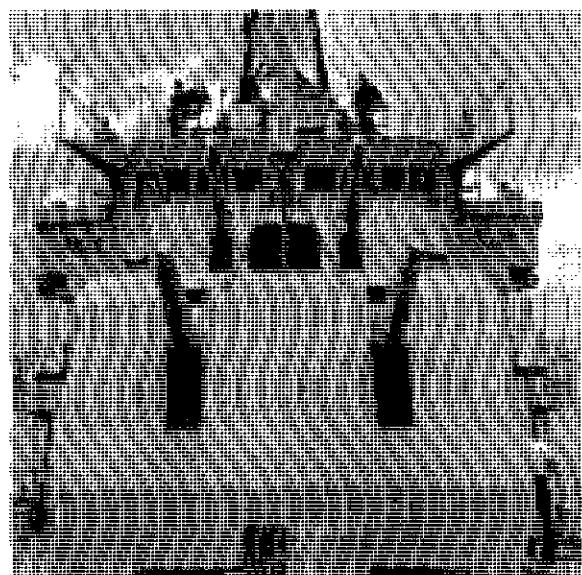
AS Division consists of the ASROC Gunners Mates, who maintain and operate the ASROC system; Torpedoman, who maintain the torpedoes; and the Sonarmen, who work on the sonar and its associated equipment.

G Division has two groups of personnel; the Gunners Mates, who keep all the gunnery systems operative, and the Fire Controlmen, who maintain and operate the Fire Control Radar, Director, Computer, and related equipment.

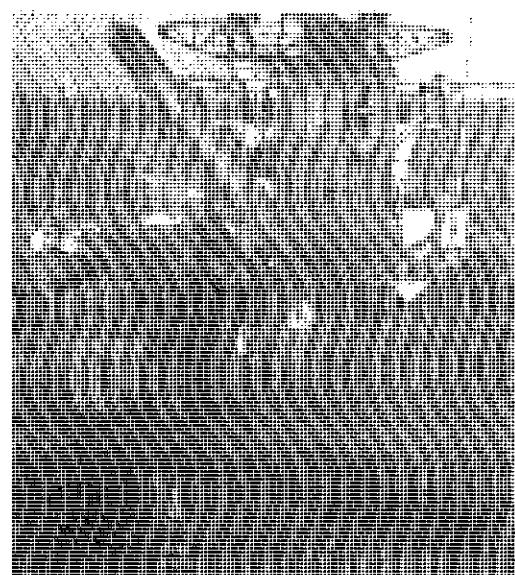
1st Division, the "deck force," has among its responsibilities the maintenance of all weather decks and the ship's exterior hull, the Captains gig, main deck interior passageways, the issuing of all general consumable stores and paint.



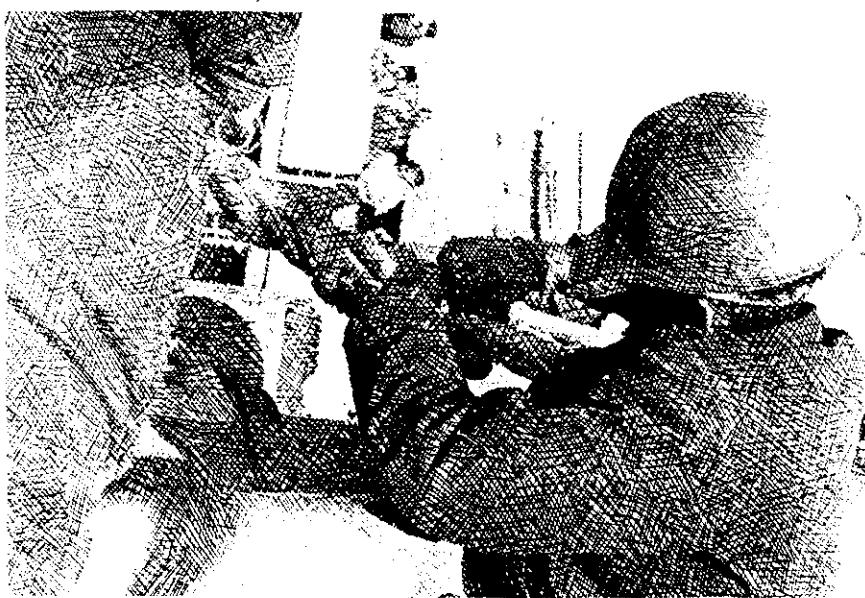
Sonar Gang.



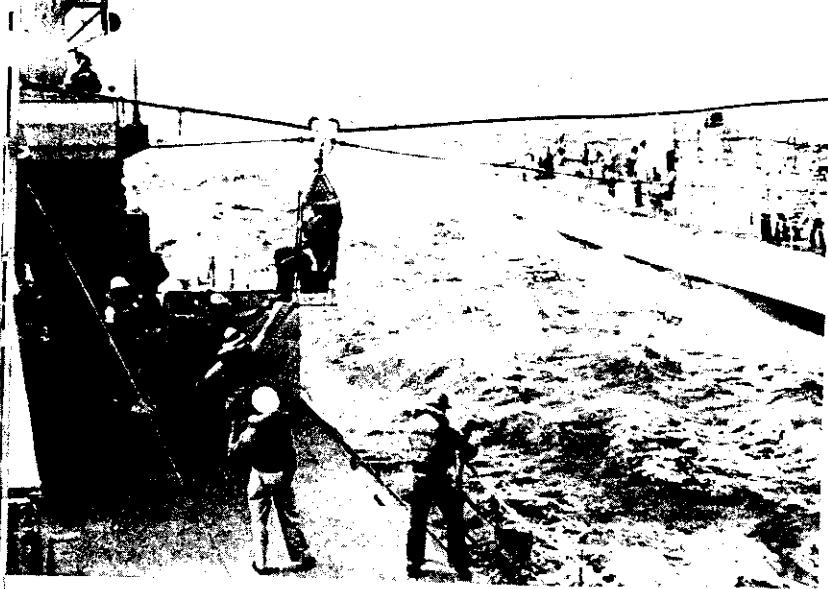
The guns.



"In flight".



Rigging is hard work.



High line transfer.



The "Wild Bunch".



"Take A Break".

Seating the probe.



AS DIVISION



LTJG Johnson
STGC Sanders

Gross, STG1
Miller, STG2
Selby, STG2
Kaufman, STG2



Girdley, TM3
Giraud, STG3
Foley, STG3



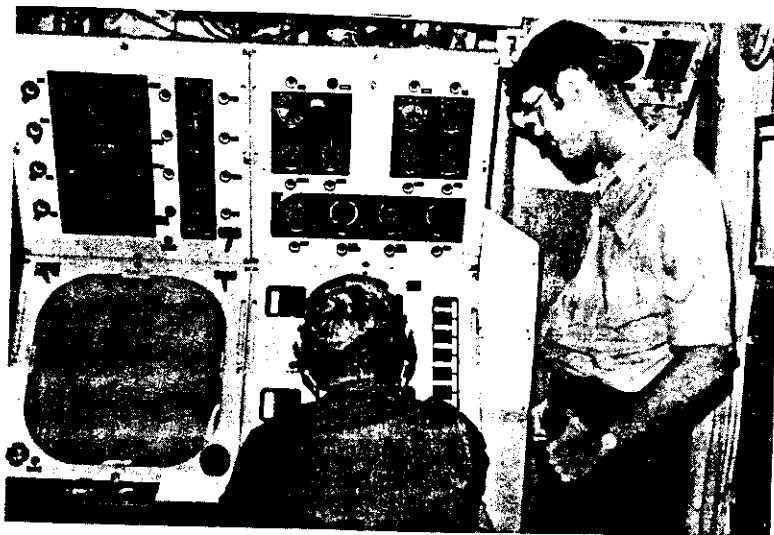
Johnson, GMG3
Petittee, STG3
Watson, TM3





Grann, STSSN
Singer, TMSN
Fowler, SN
Sherenesky, GMGSA

STG2 Selby in Sonar.



Torpedo tubes.



GMG1 Figgens works on the launcher.

G DIVISION



LTJG Corse
GMGC Smith and FTGC Martyn

Garcia, GMG1
Norgard, FTG2
Hanson, FTG2



Padilla, GMG2
Flor, GMG2
Rickman, GMG3



Rooze, FTG3
Jackson, FTG3
LeMaster, FTG3



Howie, FTG3
Shaughnessy, GMGSN
Jordan, SN
Essner, SN



Crawford, SN
Mullen, SN
Winans, FTGSN



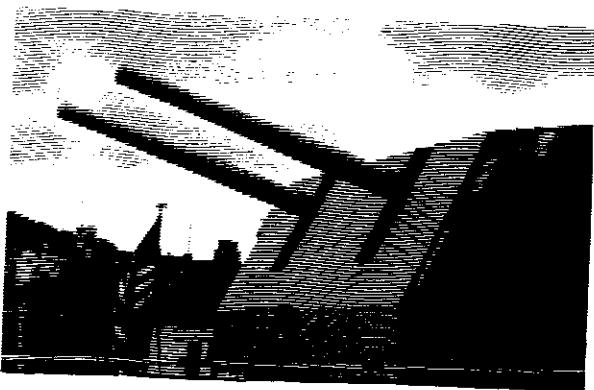
Brownlee, GMGSN
Lewis, FTGSN



GMGSN Brownlee finds time to fish.



5"/38 cal. guns.



1ST DIVISION



LTJG Brown
BMC Christensen



Hammond, BM1
Jones, BM3
Parkinson, SN
Shloyd, SN

Metz, SN
Steinmeyer, SN
Richard, SA



Metzler, SN
Pena, SN
Raden, SN



Nabors, SN
Sain, SA
Fouquet, SN
Sanford, SA



White, SN
Larrow, SN
Bickford, SN
Berry, SA



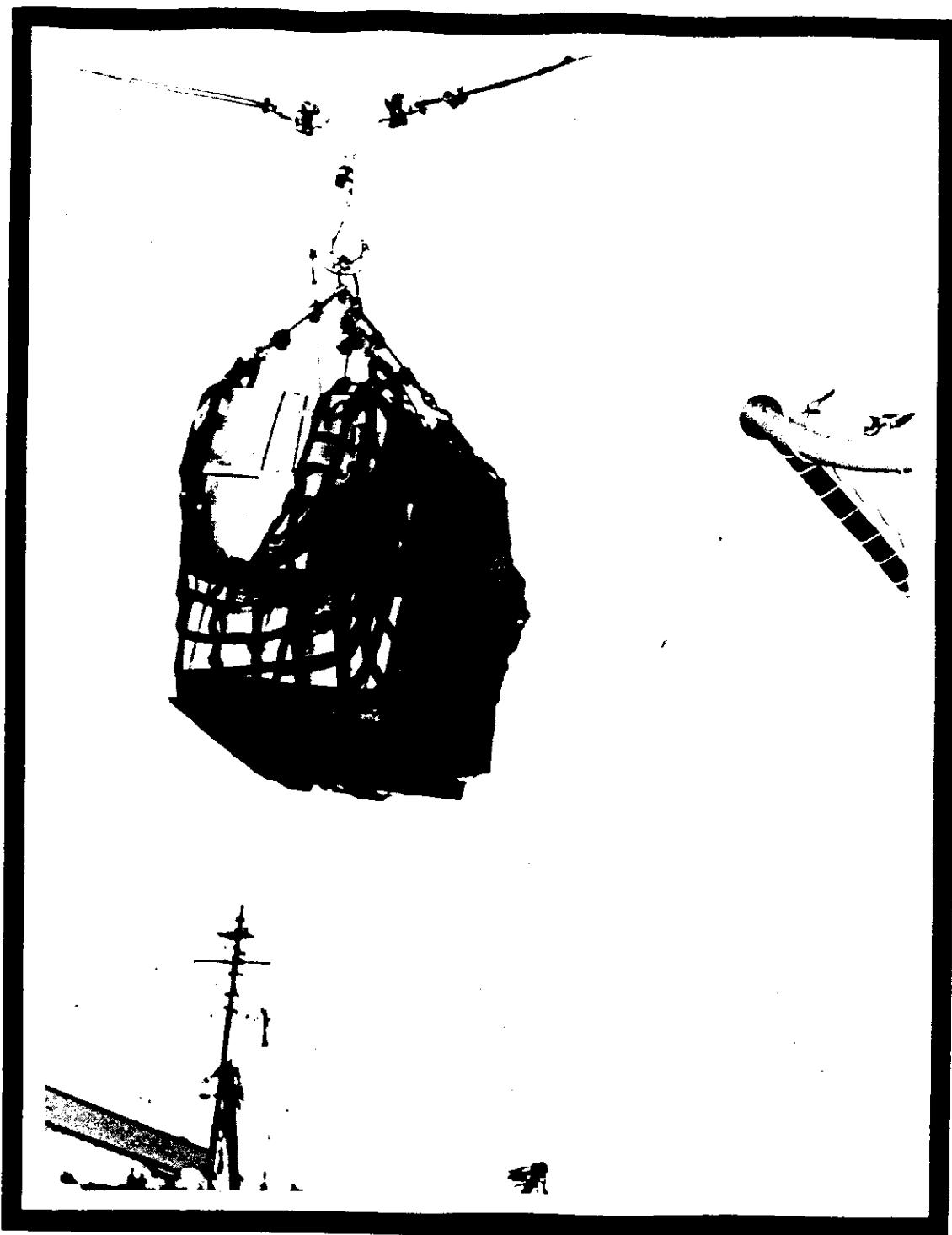
Wilson, SN
Brand, SMSN
Medina, SN
Garcia, SN



Guerrero, SA
Williams, SN
Hesser, SA
Sweeney, SN



Helbing, SA
Dews, SN
Bittle, SA
Kleinen, SA



SUPPLY



LTJG Currie

SUPPLY OFFICER

The Supply Department, under the vigilant eye of the Supply Officer is responsible for procuring, receiving, storing, issuing, shipping, transferring, selling, accounting for, and maintaining stores equipment. Specifically, the duties of the Supply Officer are:

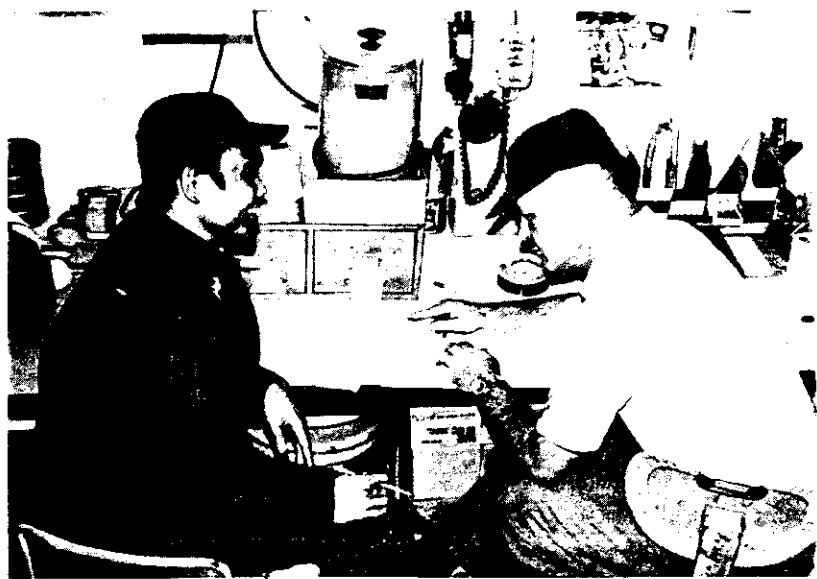
1. Receiving, delivering, and shipping authorized baggage, medical and dental supplies and equipment.
2. Inspecting material received under orders and contracts calling for inspection on delivery.
3. Operating:
 - A. The general mess, including the preparation and service of food.
 - B. The ship's store, laundry, and barber shop.
4. Disbursing government funds; but when there is an assistant for disbursing, he relieves the Supply Officer for the responsibility for procurement, custody, transfer, issue, and accounting of funds.
5. Coordinating the annual inventory of equipment including repair parts, in the custody of the several heads of departments.

So, you can easily see the momentous job carried out by this department. It is to the "Supply Boys" that we owe our gedunk, good chow, and spares.

The Scullery.



Echo Storeroom.



Bravo Storeroom.



SN Medellin makes a sale.

Ship's Laundry.



LTJG Currie samples the Mess.



SN Davis gives SK3 Williams a trim.



SN Coffman prepares the food.





Galley painting time.



Supply Office.

The Wardroom Pantry.



CS3 Gruenberg enjoys eating.



S DIVISION



LTJG Trainor
CSC Lynch

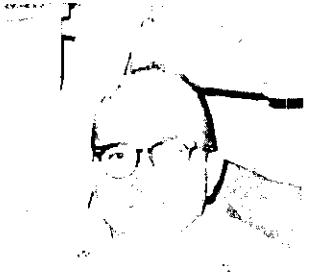
Paderanga, SK1
Candelaria, SD1
Buckingham, SK1



Valez, SH1
Schroeder, SK2
Lucas, CS2



Patterson, CS2
Magpusao, SK3
Williams, SK3
Pyne, SK3



SKC Thomas



Johnson, SH3
Gruenberg, CS3
Franks, CSSN



Gonzales, TN
Davis, SN
Hatowitz, SKSN
Galbadores, TN



Medellin, SN
O'Brien, CSSN
Johnson, FN
Coffman, SN



Alegre, TN
Cacatian, TN
Timbang, TN
Sarao, TN

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