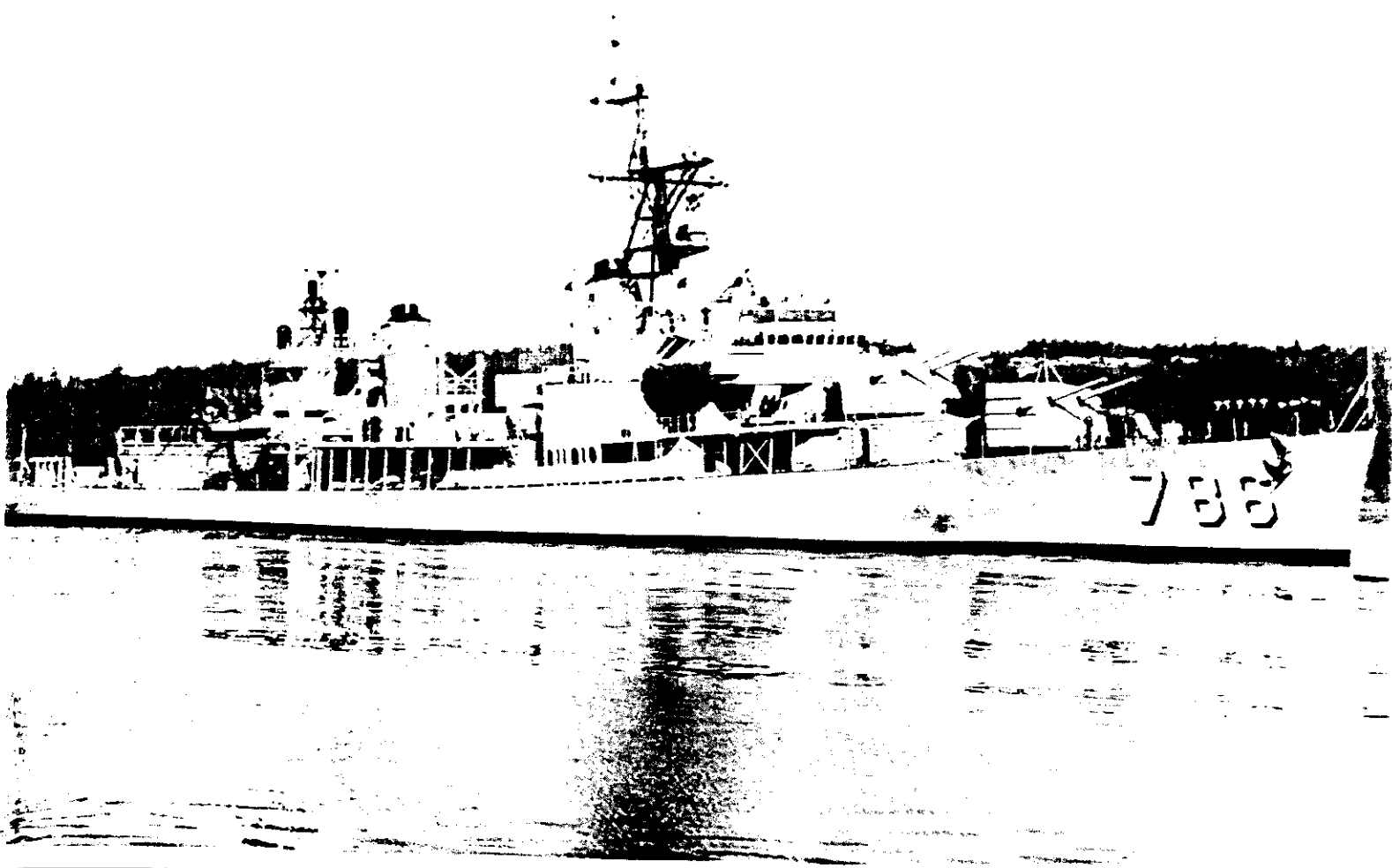


**BEST IN THE WEST**

*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.

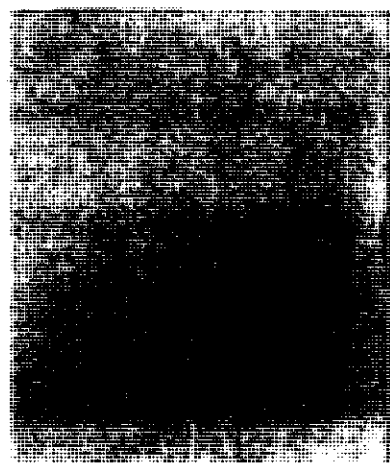
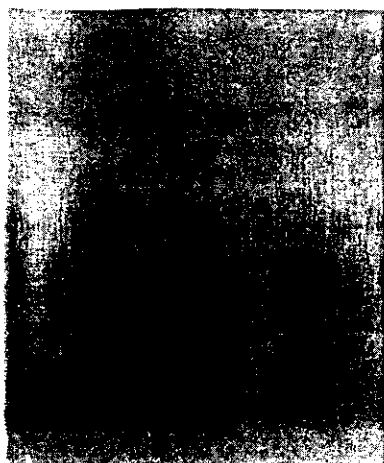
Although a little green around the gills, everyone survived and arrival in Yokosuka on 19 October was a welcome. The cool weather was a pleasant relief from the sultry days spent in the Gulf of Siam. This area of Japan was very exciting and filled with many beautiful sights such as castles, hot springs, 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.

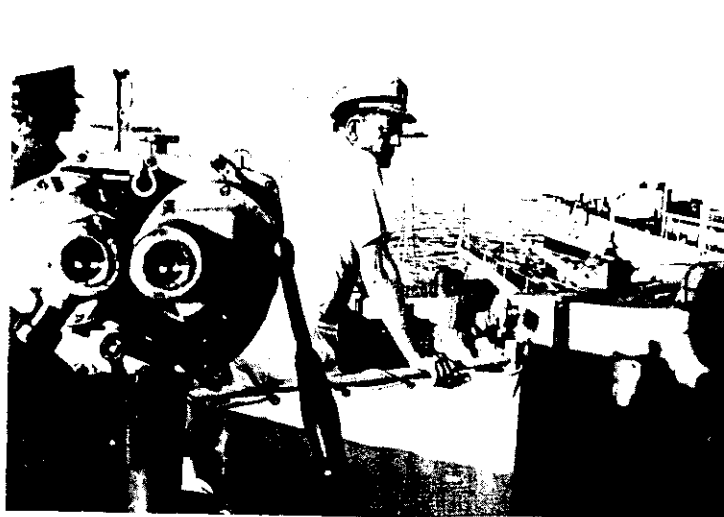
The final assignment was as escort for USS Gridley (DLG-21) on SAR (Search and Rescue) station in the Gulf of Tonkin. The ship spent an uneventful week on station and then headed for Hong Kong. Hong Kong had so many things to offer; great food, sightseeing, and, of course, shopping. Many Anderson sailors 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, COMCORTON 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

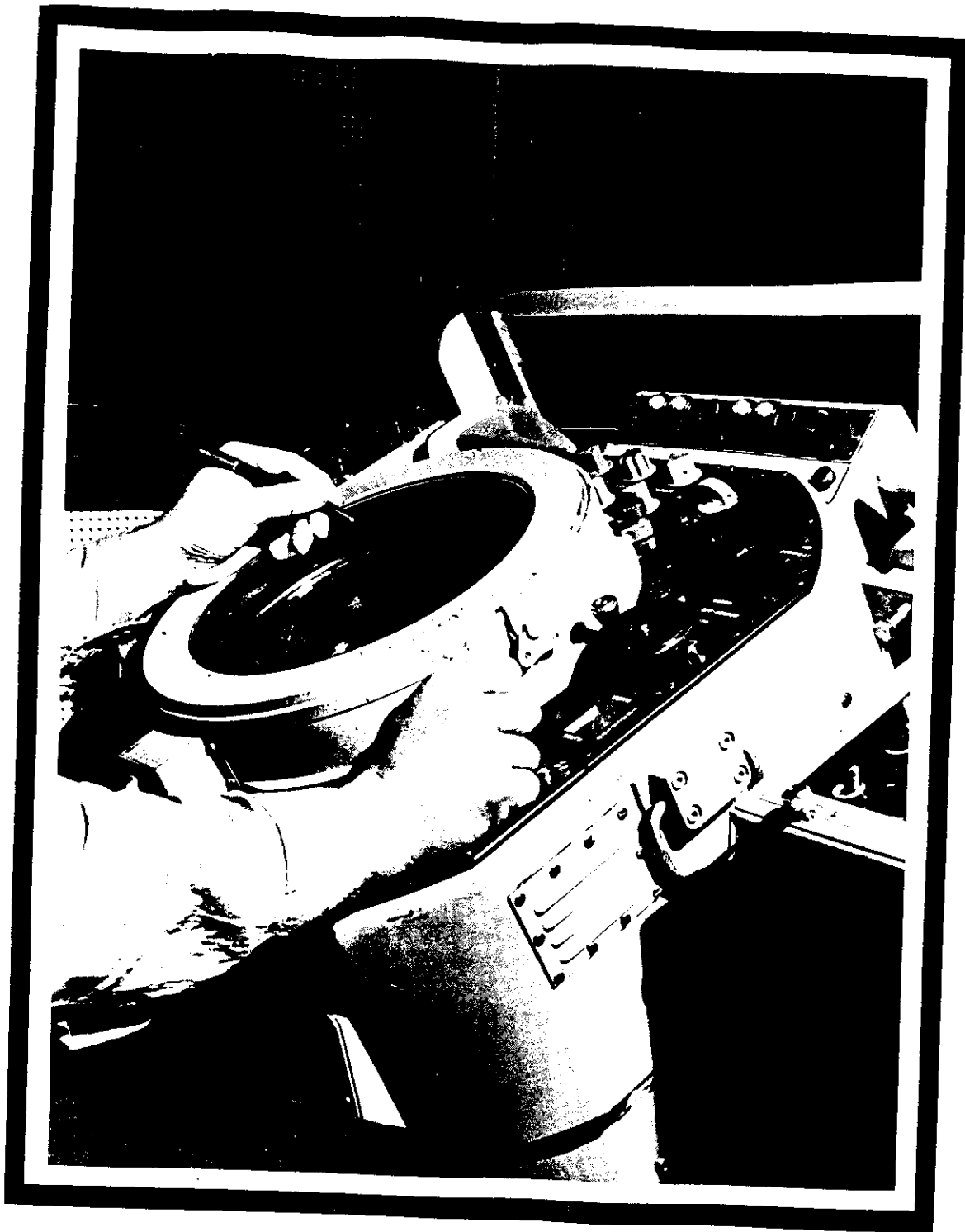
Lcdr Monteath came to Anderson after a tour at the Fleet Numerical Weather Central in Monterey, California. Prior to that he had seen tours on USS Carronade (IFS-1), USS Vesuvius (AE-15), USS Dale (DLG-19), and USS Berkeley (DDG-15). He graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1958 and attended the US 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 forgo 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  
Beliuse, 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



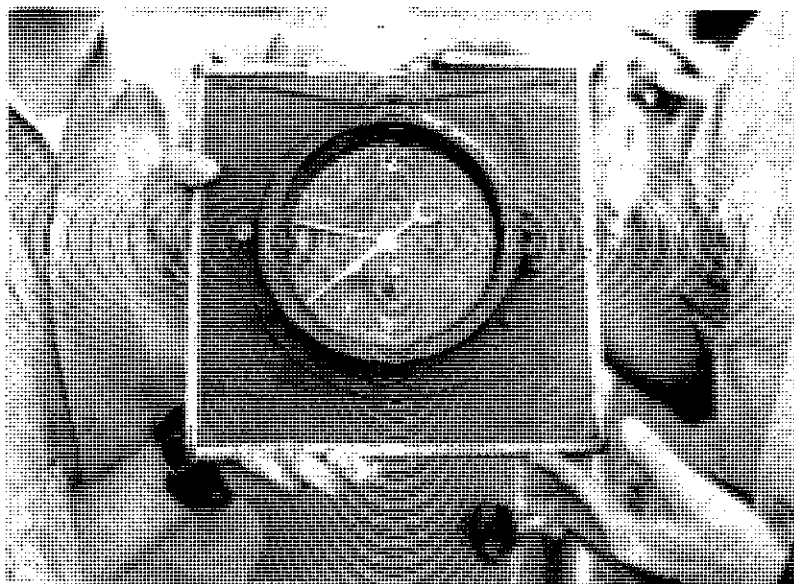
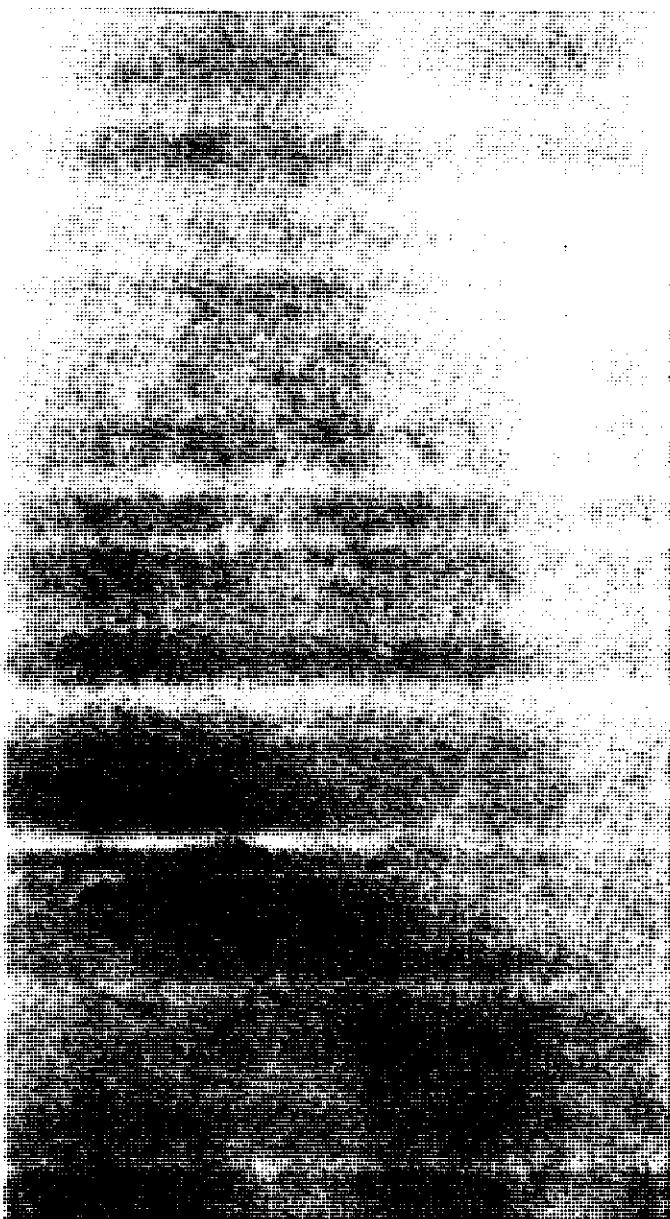
Paine, QM3  
Lund, QM3





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

Ships Office



The Quartermaster's have charge of the clocks.

# 01 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

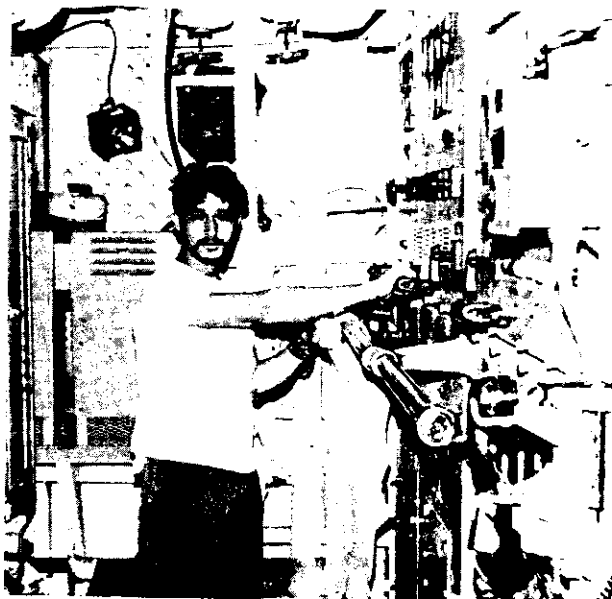
## ***ENGINEERING OFFICER***

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.



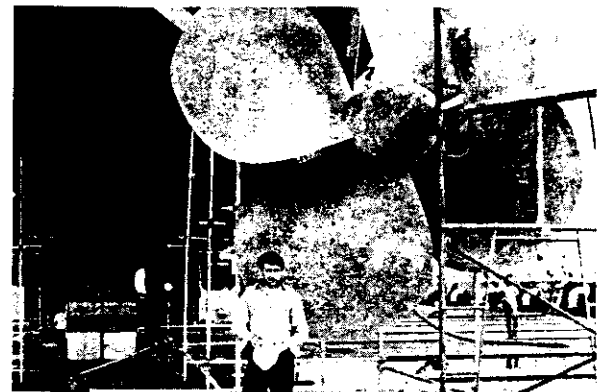
Fireroom watch.



Engineroom watch.



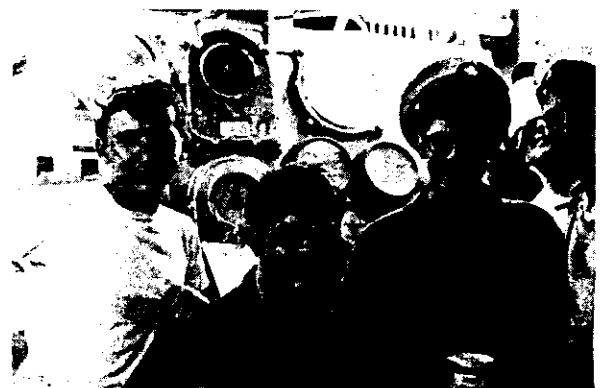
Frustration . . . . .



One of the two propellers.



MMCM Fatheree: CMAA and MDCS Coordinator.



A new "chief".

# B DIVISION



ENS Boudreaux  
BTCS Trace

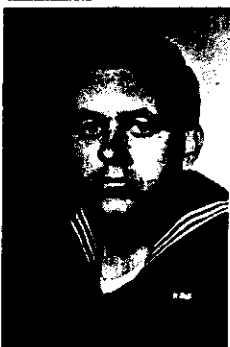
Leonhardt, BT2  
Williams, BT2  
Mellier, BT3  
McCall, BT3



Carrol, BT3  
Wilson, BT3  
Tucker, BT3  
Underwood, BT3



Boheman, BT3  
Nichols, BTFN



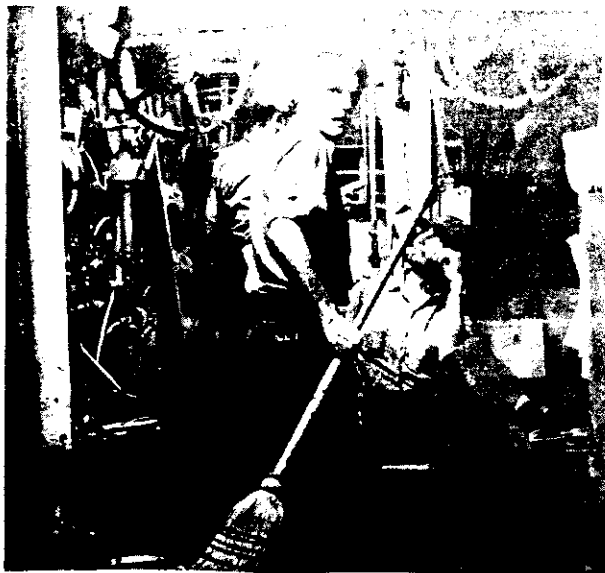


Slowey, BTFN  
Speck, FN  
Olson, FA  
Fisher, FN

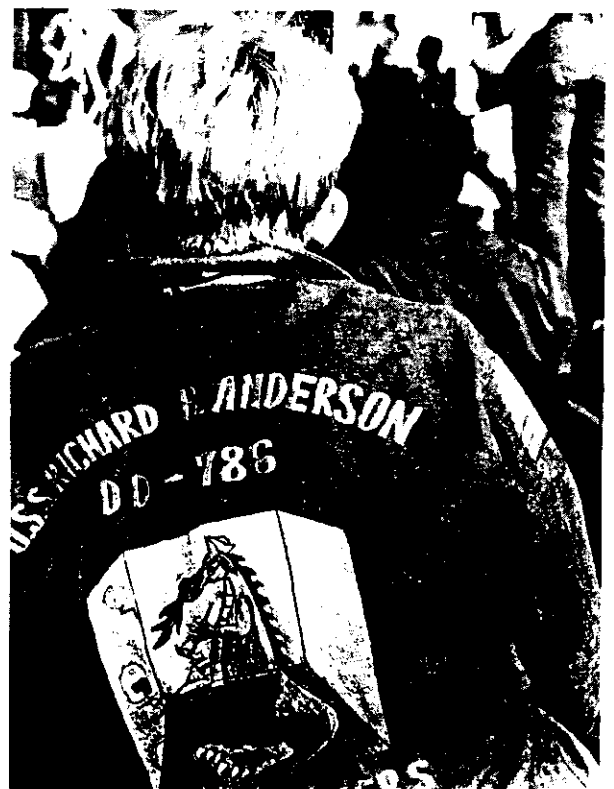


Murphy, BTFA  
Beck, BTFN  
Harn, BTFN

Oil King BT2 Williams.



BT3 Meiller holds field day.



After Fireroom Steamers Association.

# M DIVISION



LTJG Ross  
MMC Cartwright

Bellais, MM1  
Singley, MM3



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





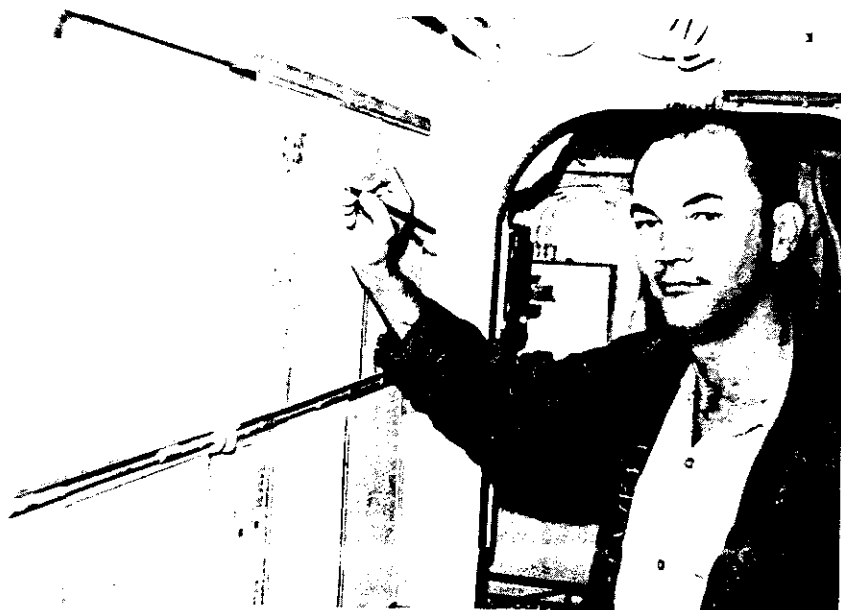


Shipfitter Shop.



Electrician Shop with Flag.

MM1 West Checks PMS Board.



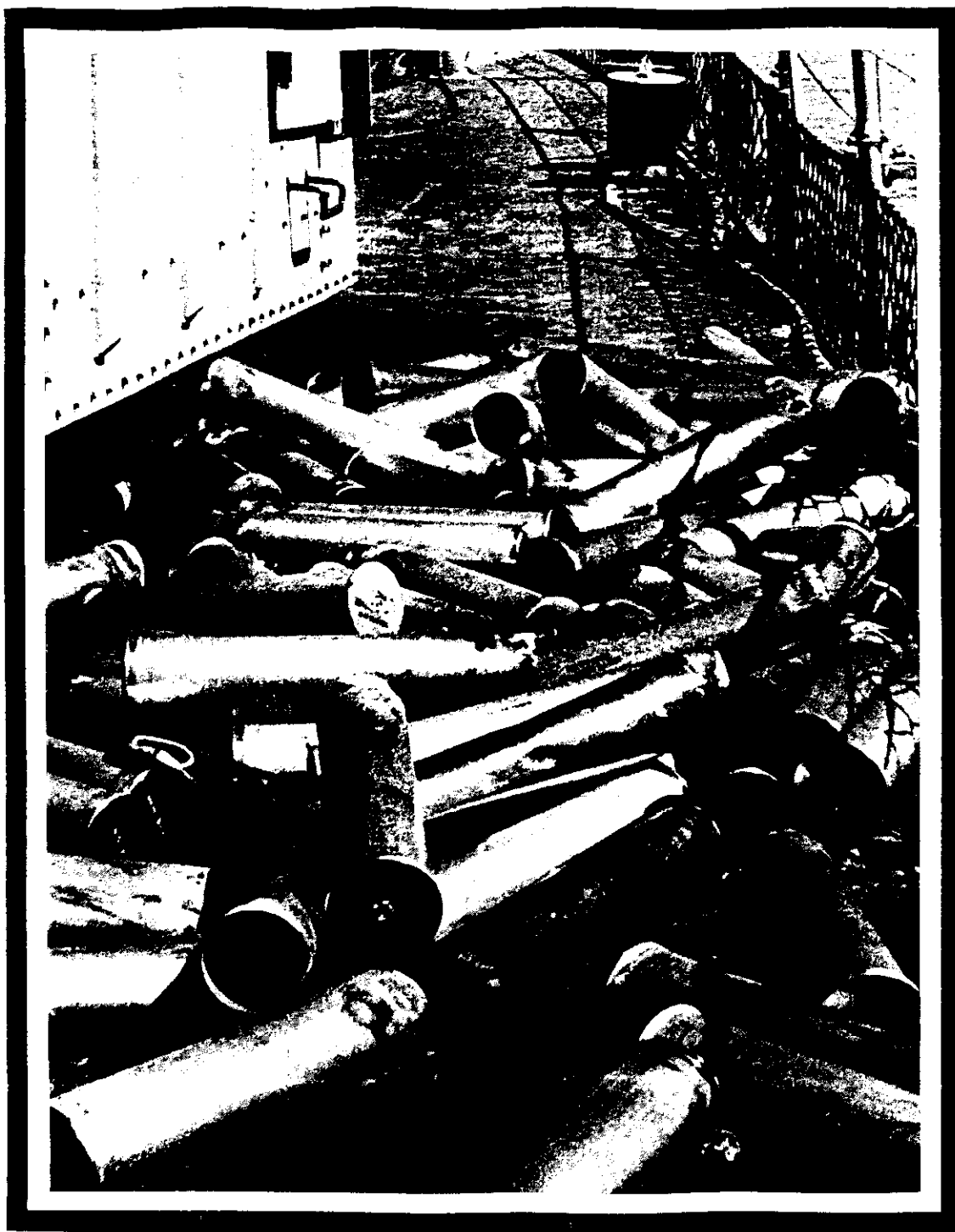
Pryor, FN



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.

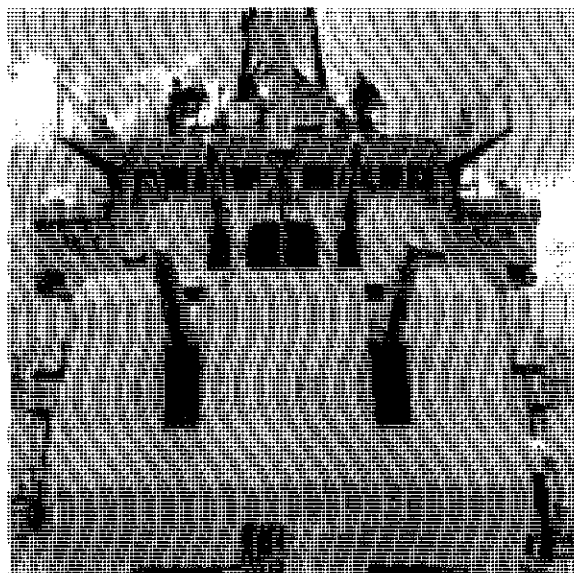
AS Division consists of the ASROC Gunners Mates, who maintain and operate the ASROC system; Torpedoman, who maintain the torpedoes; and the Sonarmen, who work on the sonar and its associated equipment.

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.

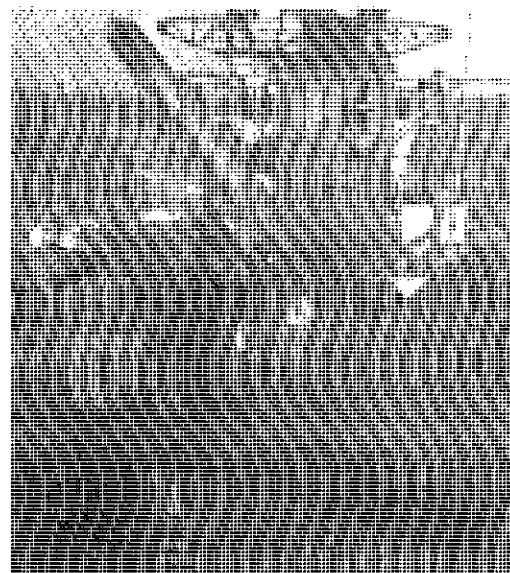
1st Division, the "deck force," has among its responsibilities the maintenance of all weather decks and the ship's exterior hull, the Captains gig, main deck interior passageways, the issuing of all general consumable stores and paint.



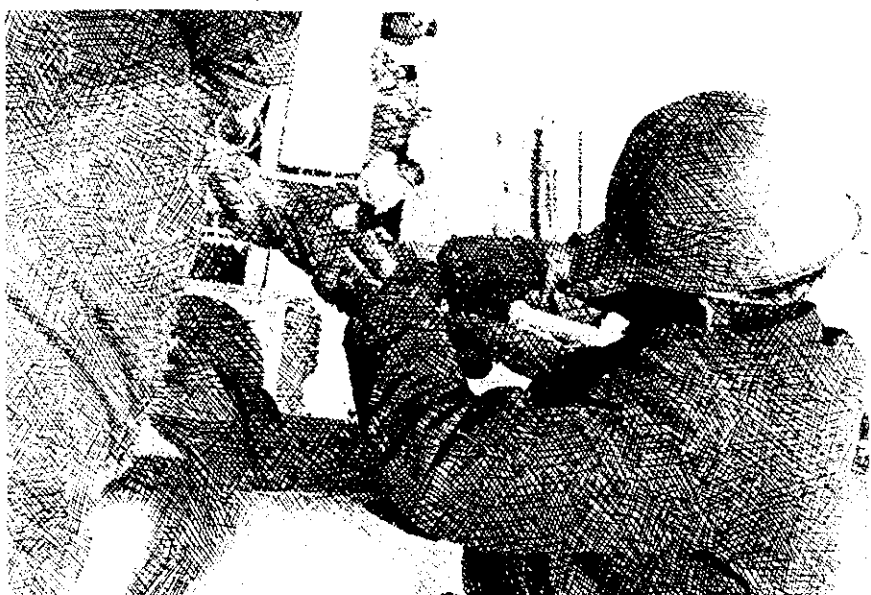
Sonar Gang.



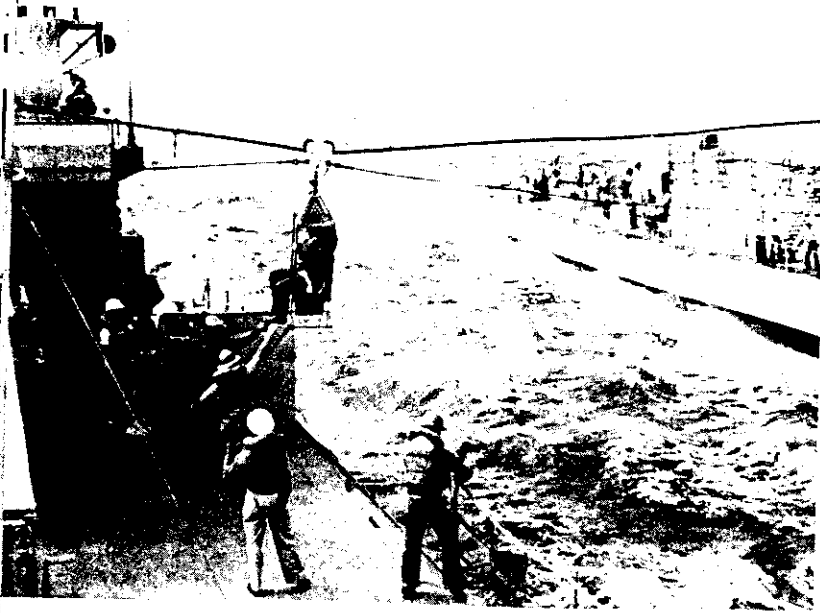
The guns.



"In flight".



Rigging is hard work.



High line transfer.



The "Wild Bunch".



"Take A Break".

Seating the probe.



# AS DIVISION

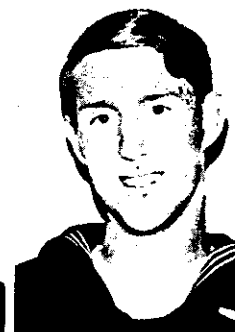


LTJG Johnson  
STGC Sanders

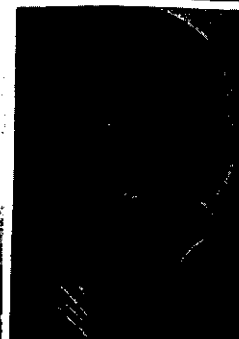
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Miller, STG2  
Selby, STG2  
Kaufman, STG2



Girdley, TM3  
Giraud, STG3  
Foley, STG3



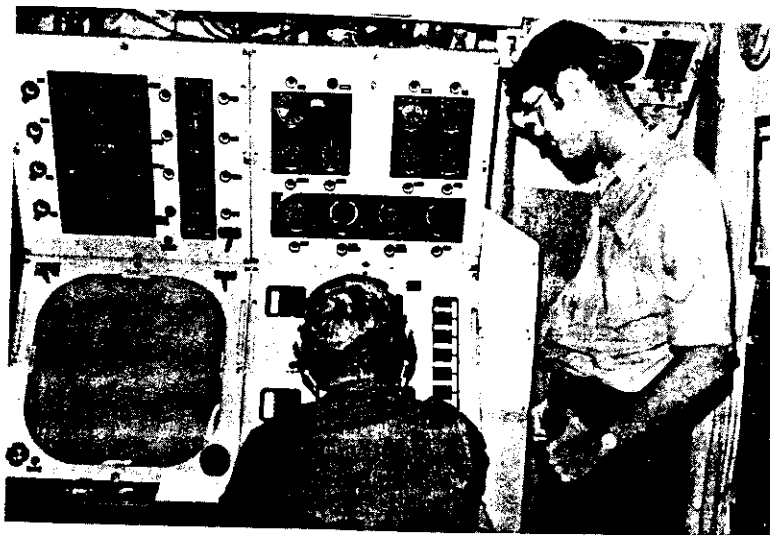
Johnson, GMG3  
Petittee, STG3  
Watson, TM3





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

STG2 Selby in Sonar.



Torpedo tubes.



GMG1 Figgins 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



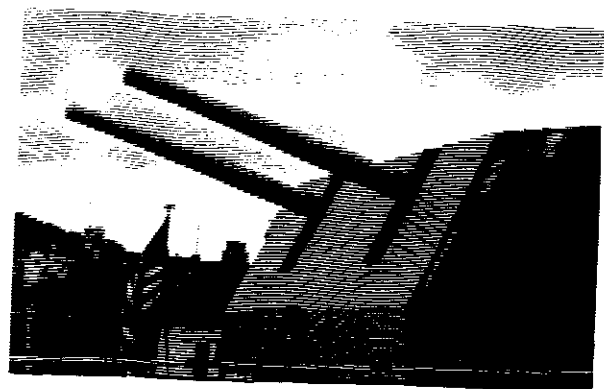
Brownlee, GMGSN  
 Lewis, FTGSN



GMGSN Brownlee finds time to fish.



5"/38 cal. guns.



# 1ST DIVISION



LTJG Brown  
BMC Christensen



Hammond, BM1  
Jones, BM3  
Parkinson, SN  
Shloyda, SN

Metz, SN  
Steinmeyer, SN  
Richard, SA



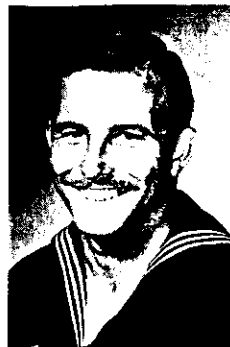
Metzler, SN  
Pena, SN  
Raden, SN



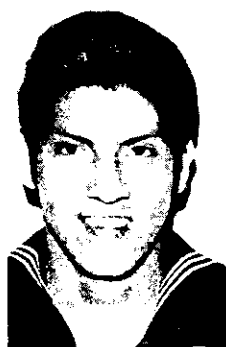
Nabors, SN  
Sain, SA  
Fouquet, SN  
Sanford, SA



White, SN  
Larrow, SN  
Bickford, SN  
Berry SA



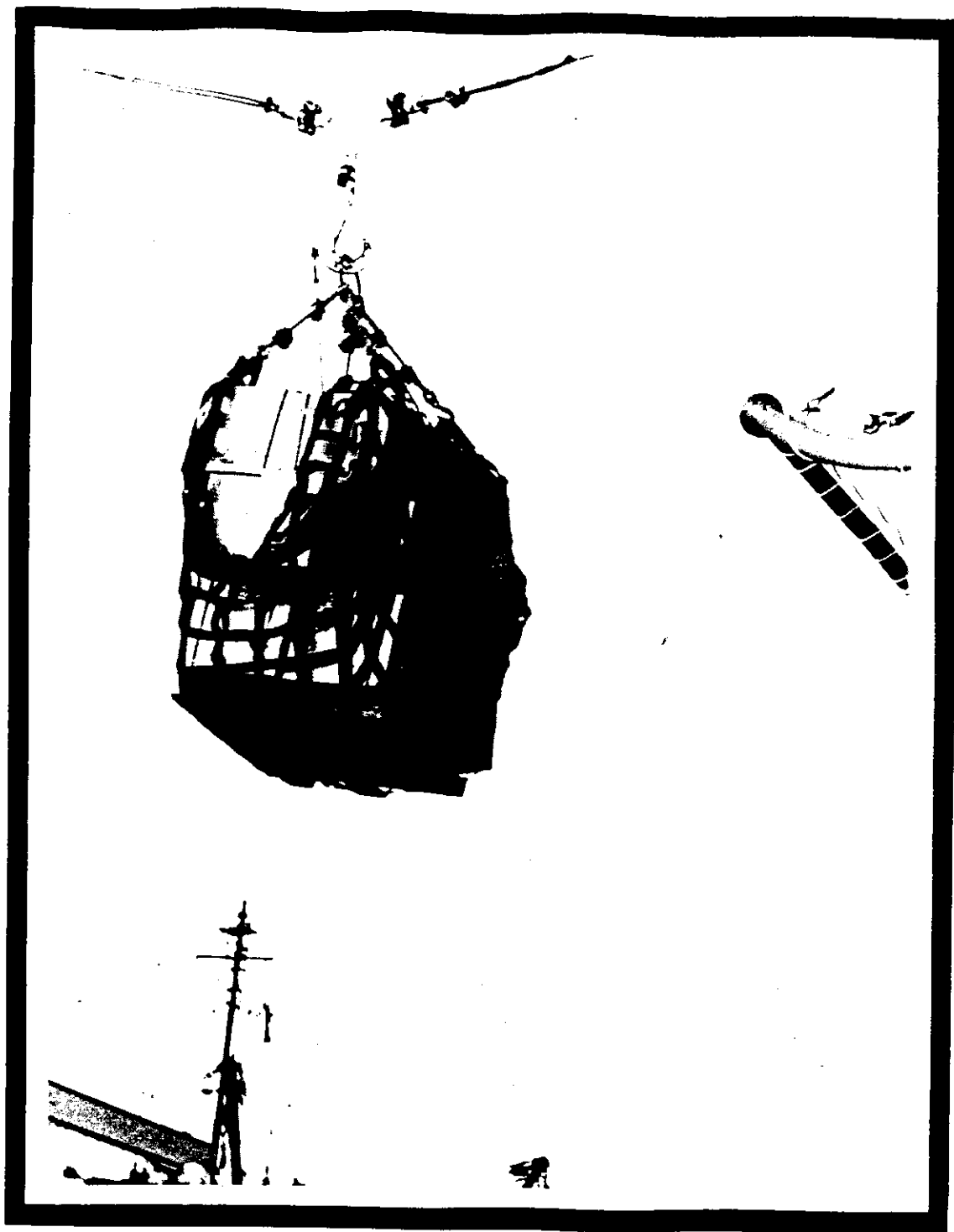
Wilson, SN  
Brand, SMSN  
Medina, SN  
Garcia, SN



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.

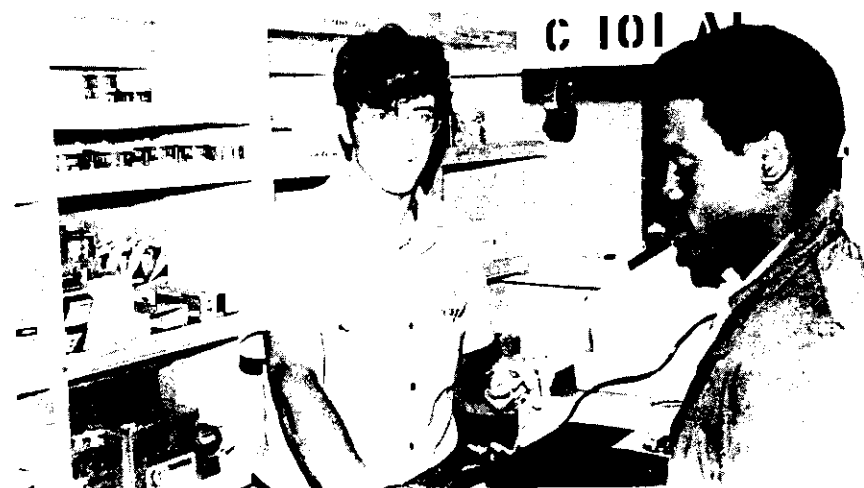
The Scullery.



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.



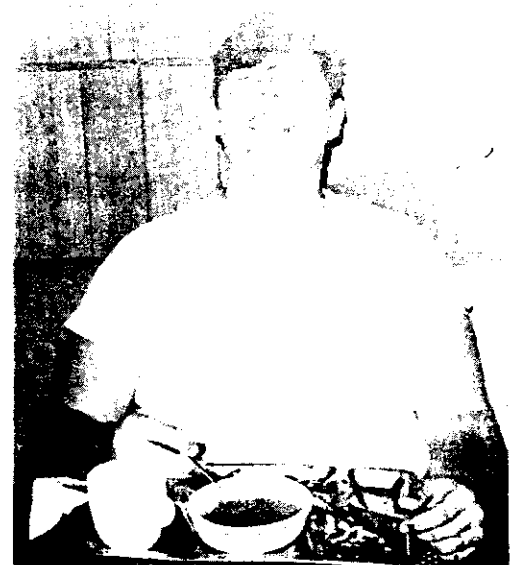
Galley painting time.



Supply Office.



The Wardroom Pantry.



CS3 Gruenberg enjoys eating.



# S DIVISION



LTJG Trainor  
CSC Lynch

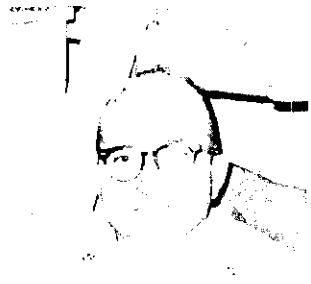
Paderanga, SK1  
Candelaria, SD1  
Buckingham, SK1



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

ROSS R. B. ANDERSON (DD-780) WESMAY