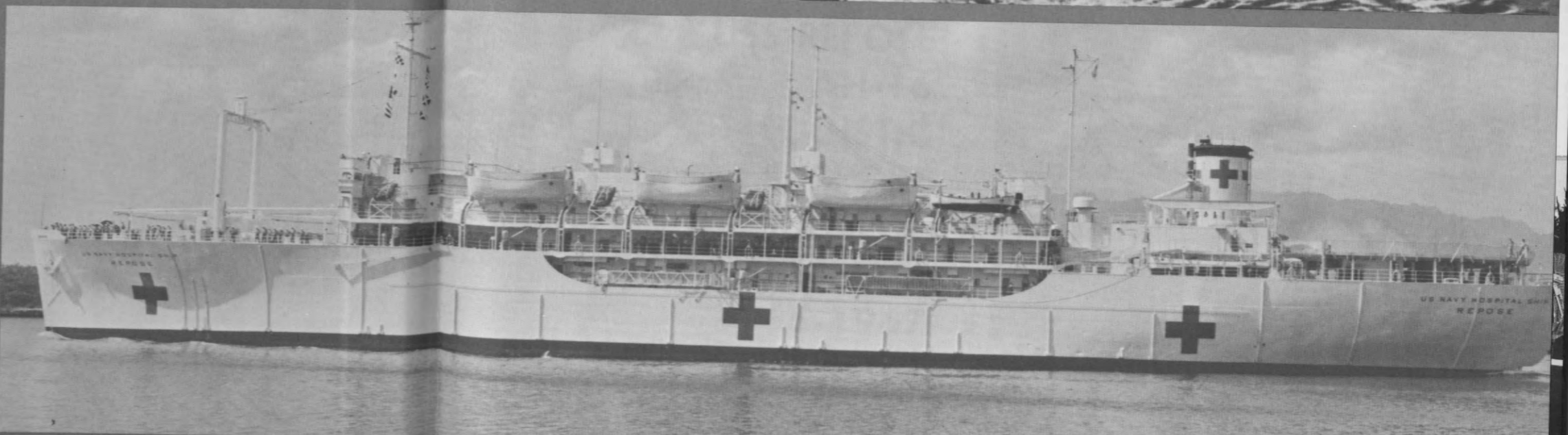
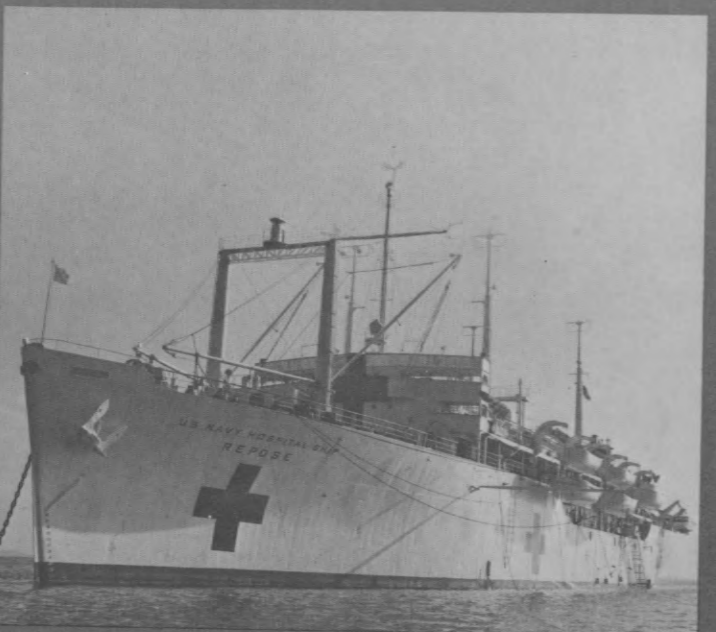
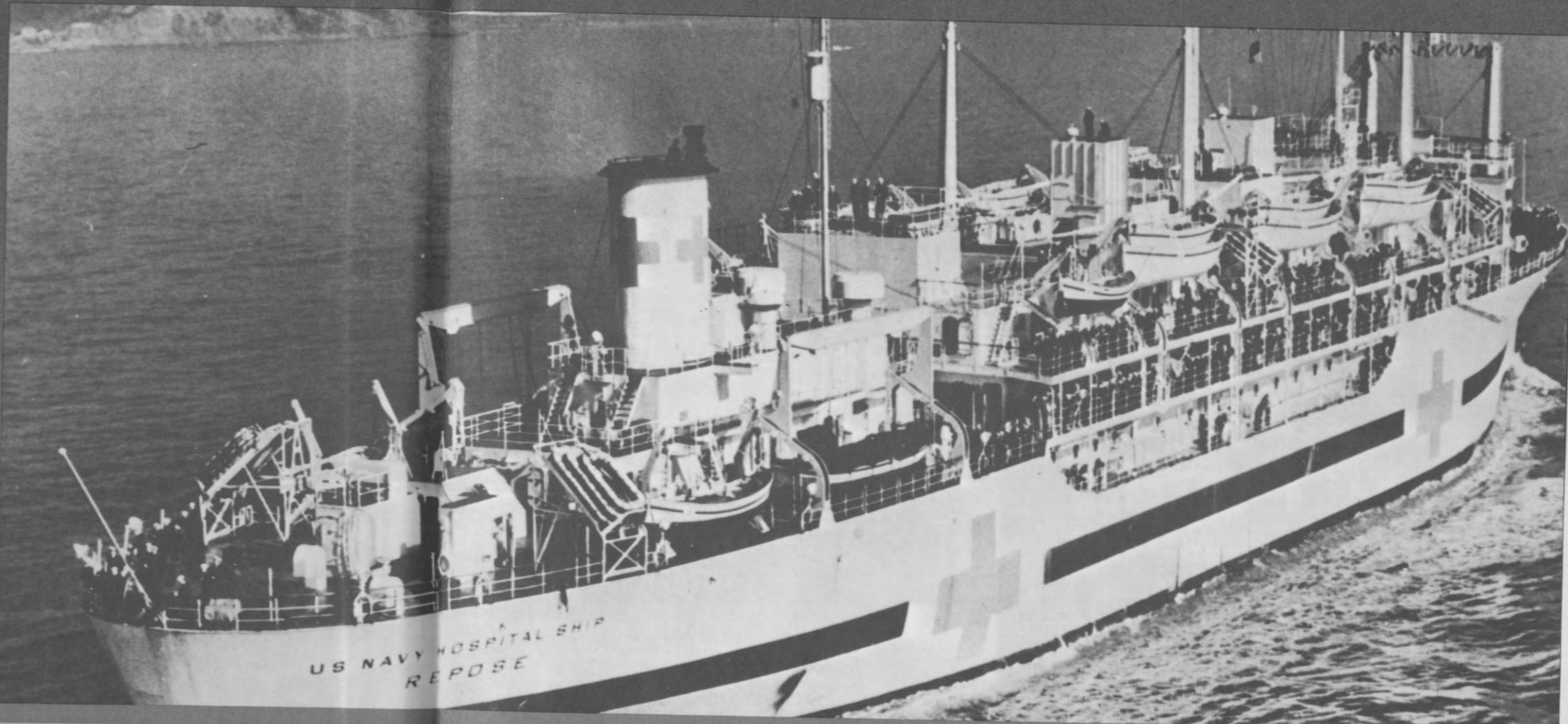
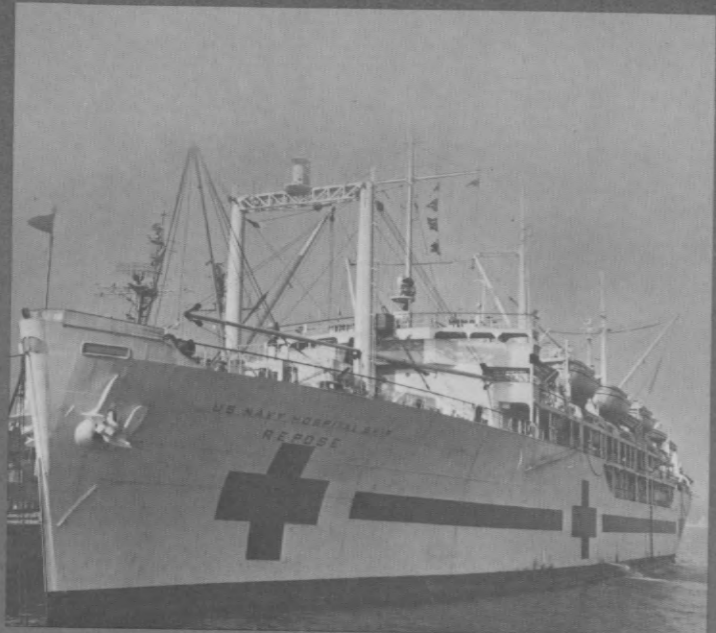


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**USS REPOSE  
AH-16  
LOGISTIC  
SUPPORT  
REPUBLIC OF  
VIETNAM  
1965-1967**





Re-Commissioning Ceremonies/Hunters' Point

Naval Shipyard/16 October 1965



**A Message to Repose Shipmates**

My association with you in Repose has been the most inspirational tour of duty in my Naval Career. Observation of your high purpose, great humanitarianism, and you demonstrated devotion to the well being of our sick and wounded patients has been of itself my greatest reward.

Captain Eugene H. Maher and Captain Raymond C. Gossom, my predecessors in Command of Repose, join me in saluting all of you who have so well and loyally served in Repose during her Vietnam cruise. We hope this pictorial record, from re-commissioning day on 16 October 1965 until her receipt of the Navy Unit Commendation on 19 August 1967, will do justice to Repose's outstanding reputation.

Warmest Regards,

*James M. Campbell*  
JAMES M. CAMPBELL



**EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER  
COMMANDER  
KENNETH H.  
RUECKER, USN**

**COMMANDING OFFICER  
CAPTAIN  
JAMES M. CAMPBELL, USN**



**COMMANDING OFFICER  
NAVAL HOSPITAL  
CAPTAIN RUDOLPH P.  
NADBATH, MC, USN**

Always wishing you, one and all, "Fair Winds and Following Seas". God bless you.

*Rudolph P. Nadbath*



**EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER  
CAPTAIN  
WILLIAM  
SNYDER,  
MC, USN**



US NAVY HOSPITAL SHIP  
REPOSE



**CAPTAIN  
EUGENE H. MAHER  
USN  
16 OCTOBER 1965 —  
10 NOVEMBER 1966**



**CAPTAIN RAYMOND C. GOSSOM, USN  
10 NOVEMBER 1966 — 4 MAY 1967**

**FORMER  
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AND  
EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER**

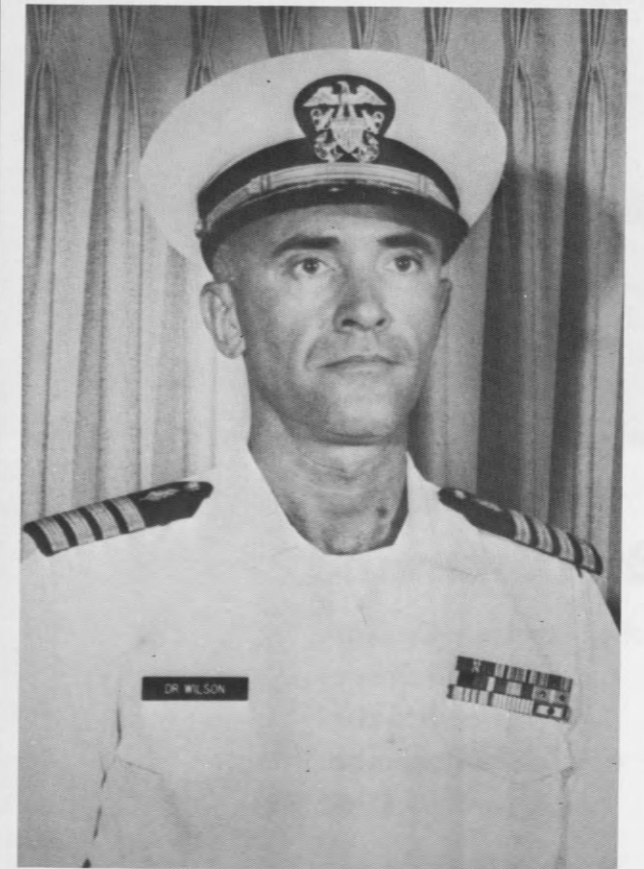


**LT. COMMANDER JACK "B" ELLIOTT, USN  
16 OCTOBER 1965 — 22 MAY 1967**



**CAPTAIN PAUL R. ENGLE, MC, USN  
16 OCTOBER 1965 — 5 OCTOBER 1966**

**FORMER HOSPITAL  
COMMANDING OFFICER AND  
EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER**



**CAPTAIN THEODORE H. WILSON  
16 OCTOBER 1965 — 18 OCTOBER 1966**



## Change Of Command

Captain Gossom  
Relieves  
Captain Maher  
10 November  
1966



## Change Of Command

Captain Nadbath  
Relieves  
Captain Engle  
5 October 1966





CHIEF NURSES,  
 COMMANDER KOVACEVICH  
 NC, USN  
 COMMANDER HANKEY  
 NC, USN



COMMANDER BILL JONES

**Hospital  
 Administrative  
 Officers**



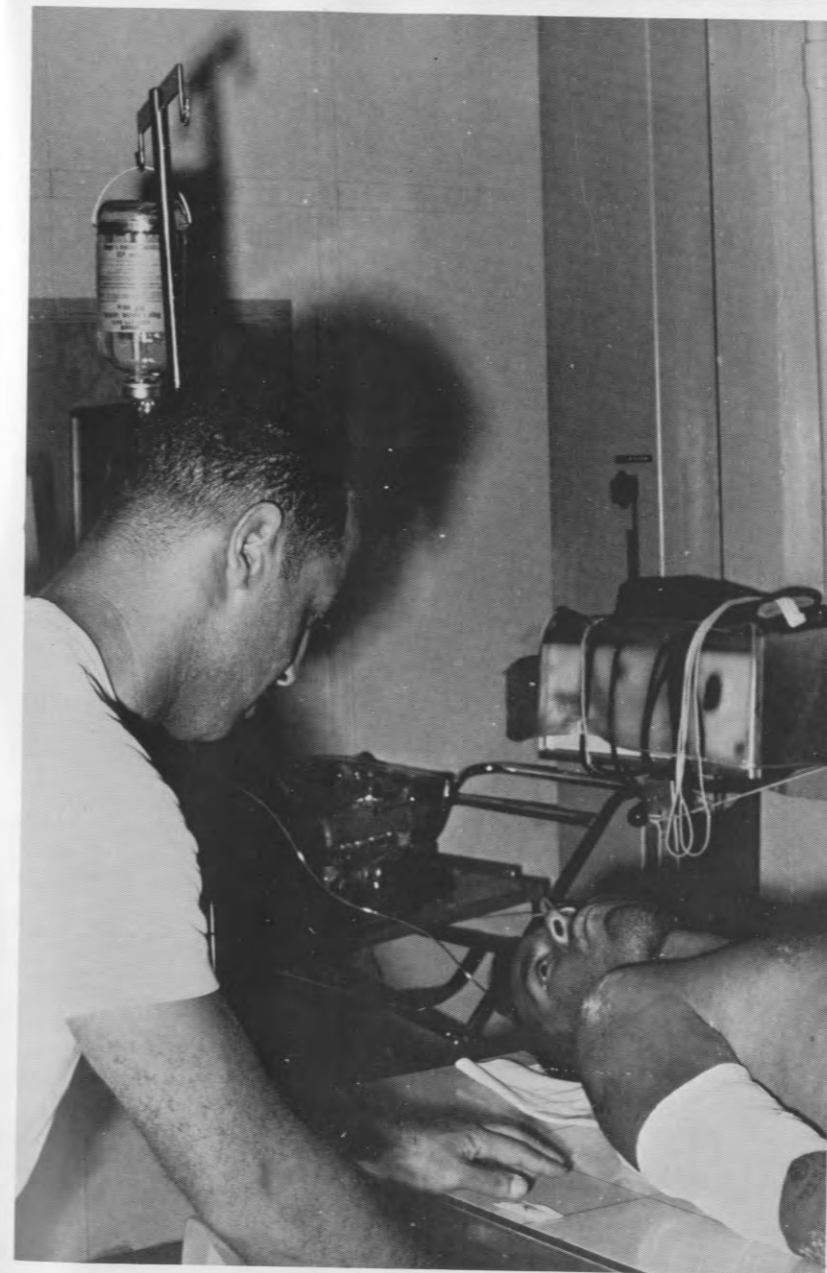
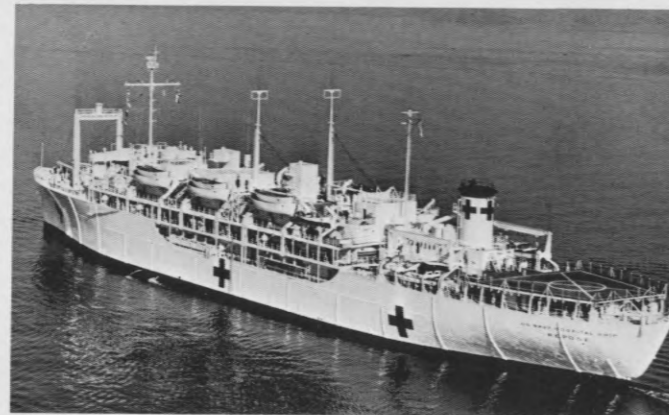
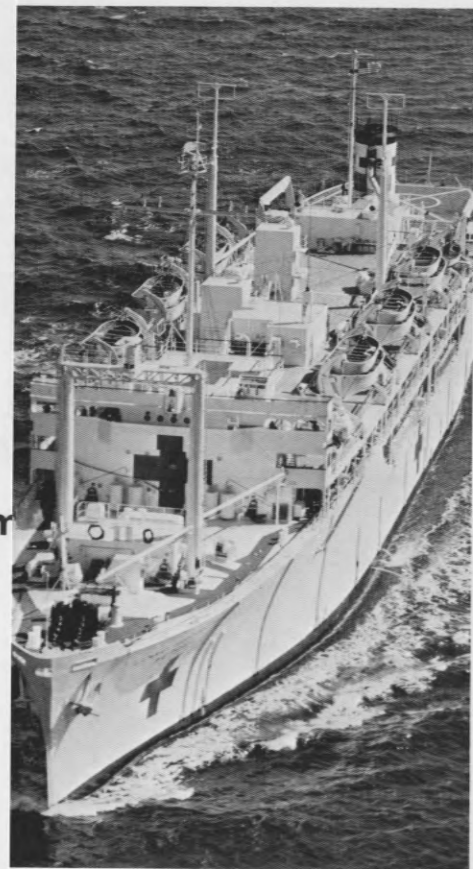
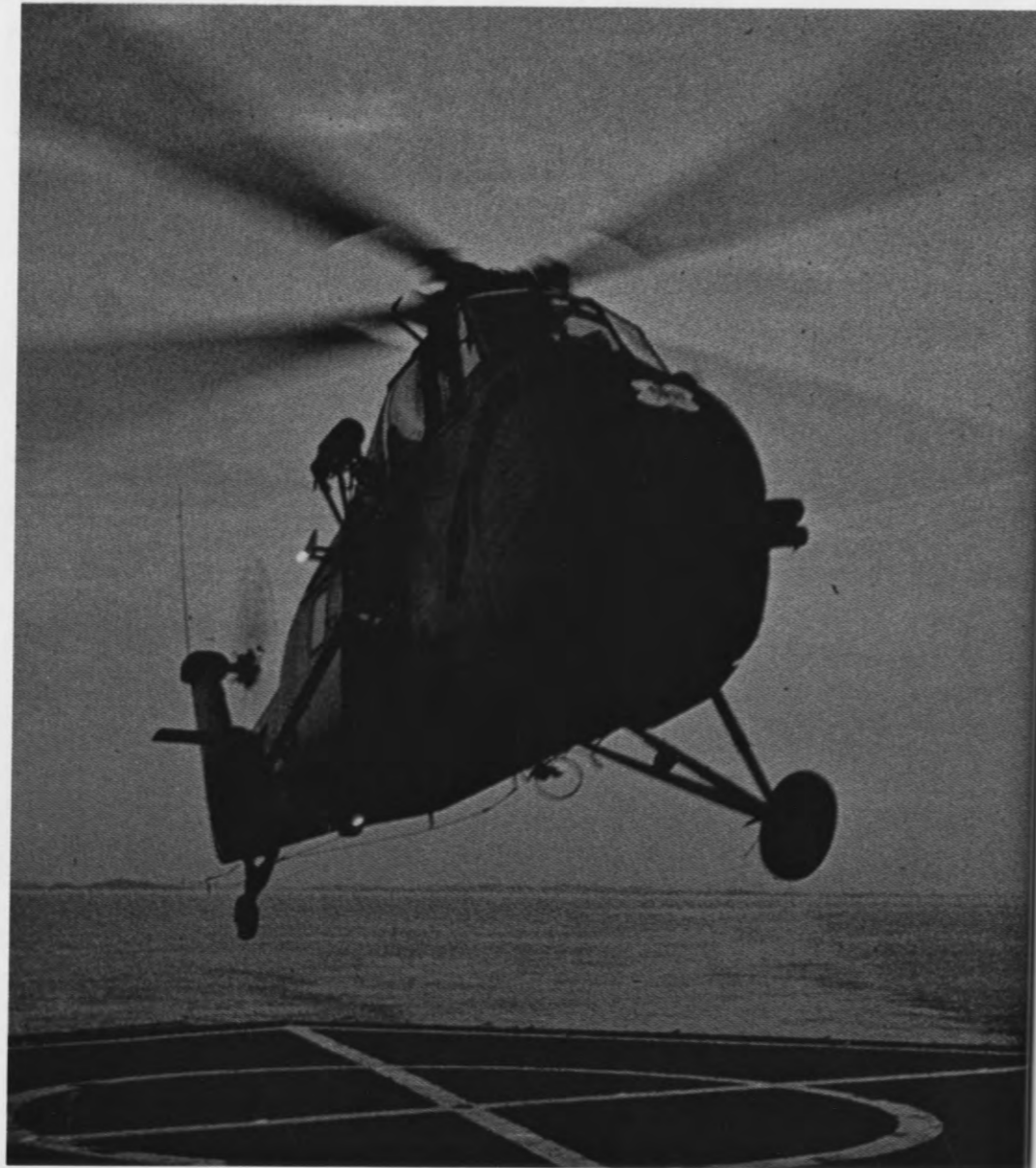
COMMANDER  
 JOHN  
 WOLF  
 MSC, USN



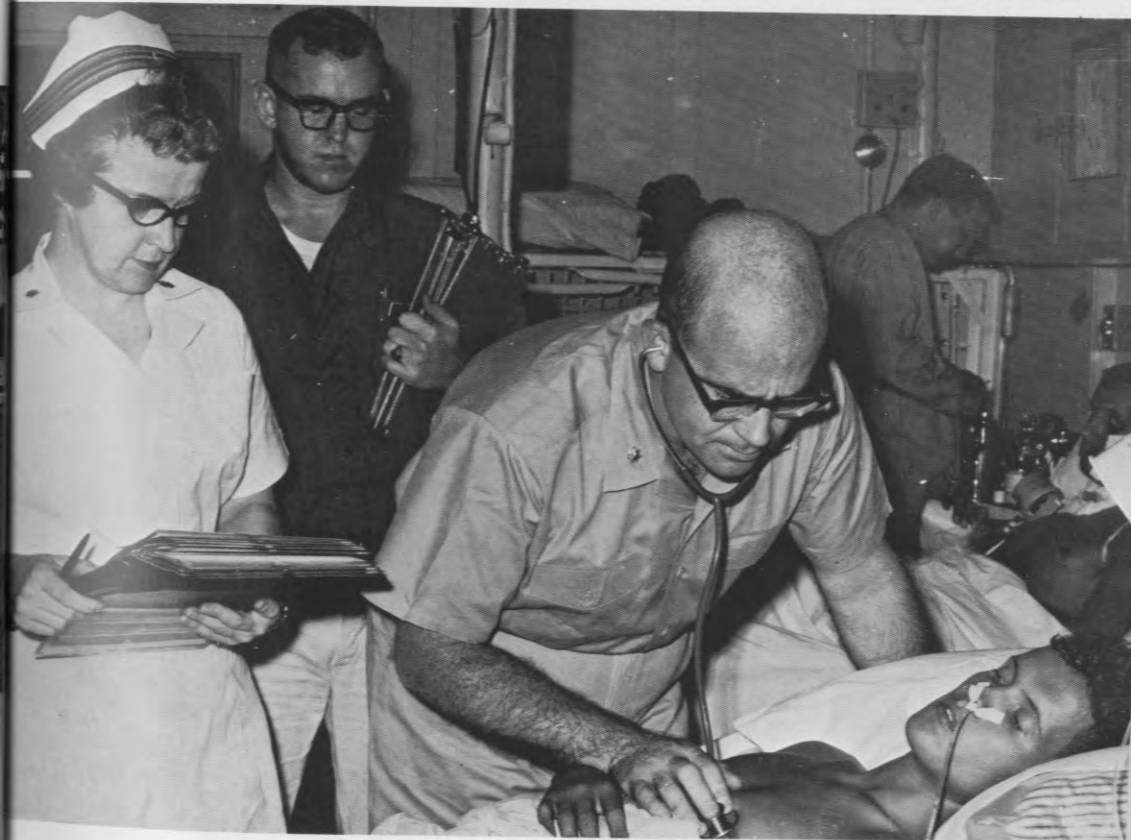
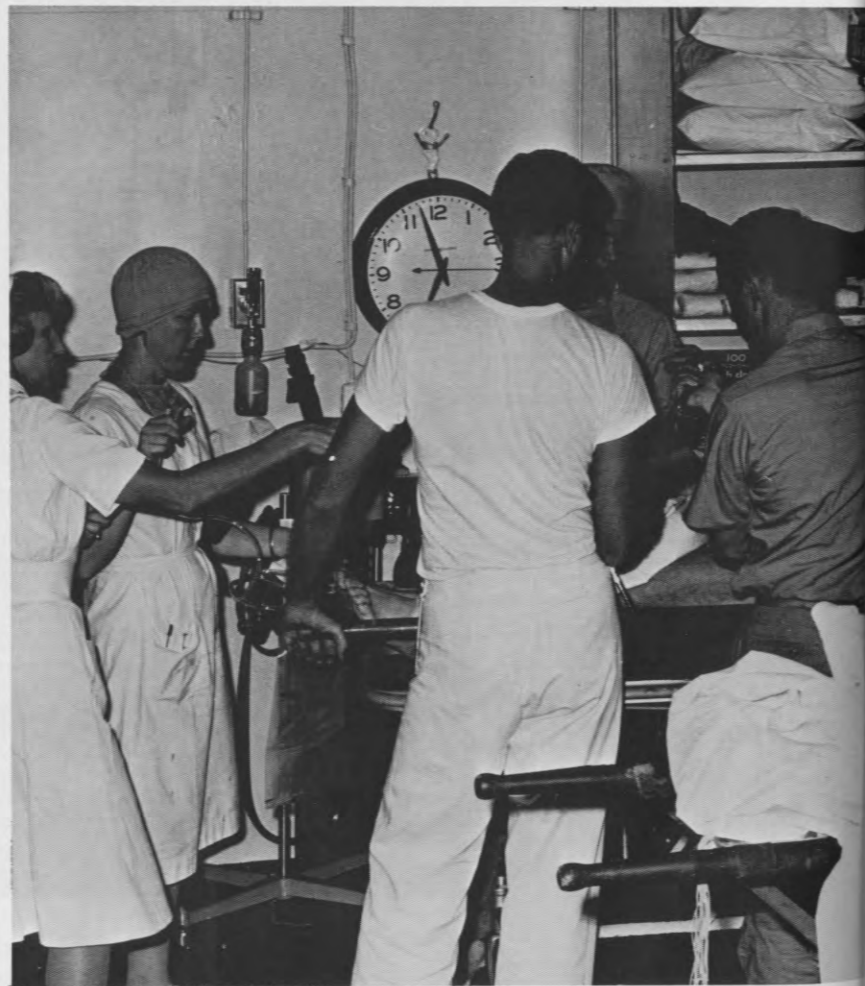
**Flight Quarters!"**



"Flight Quarters . . .



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**Change  
Of  
Command**  
Captain Campbell  
Relieves  
Captain Gossom  
4 May 1967



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COMMANDING  
GENERAL  
III MAF



Lt. Gen.  
Walt  
Awarding  
Purple Heart

Distinguished  
Guests



LIEUTENANT  
GENERAL WALT—  
A Friend to All

Distinguished  
Guests



VICE ADMIRAL  
ROBERT B.  
BROWN, MC, USN  
Surgeon  
General  
of the  
Navy

CHAPLAIN  
VEST  
AND  
SON



LT. GEN.  
WALT  
AND  
CAPTAIN  
ENGLE



AMBASSADOR  
H. L. T. KOREN  
Director  
Office of  
Civil Operations  
U.S. Embassy



REAR ADMIRAL  
NOVELL G. WARD, USN  
Commander  
Service  
Group Three



RAYMOND  
BURR



RAYMOND BURR  
OF  
NBC-TV



Farewell  
to a  
Great Friend



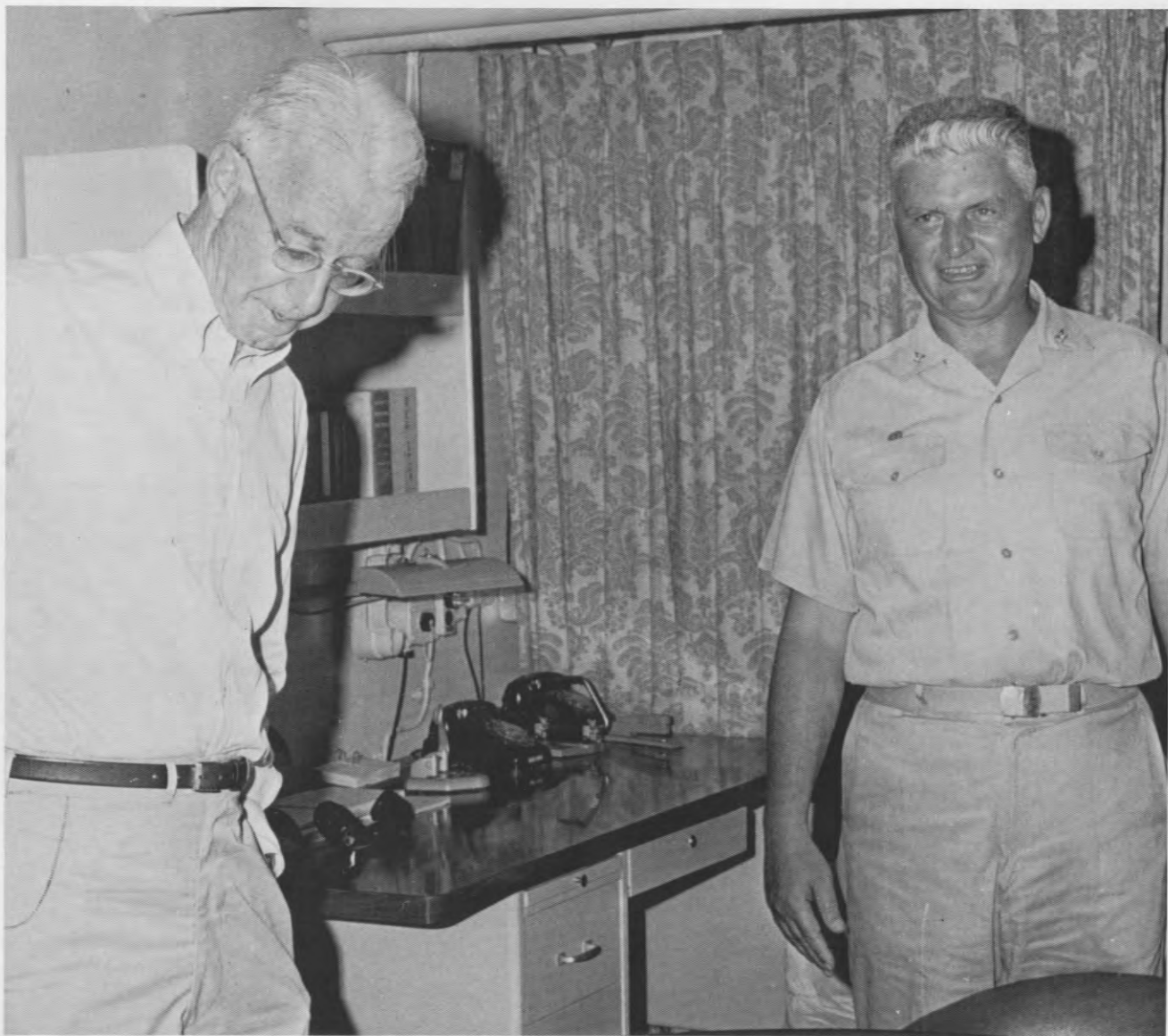
Raymond  
Burr and  
Chief  
Petty  
Officers



Co's  
Ship  
and  
Hospital  
Raymond Burr



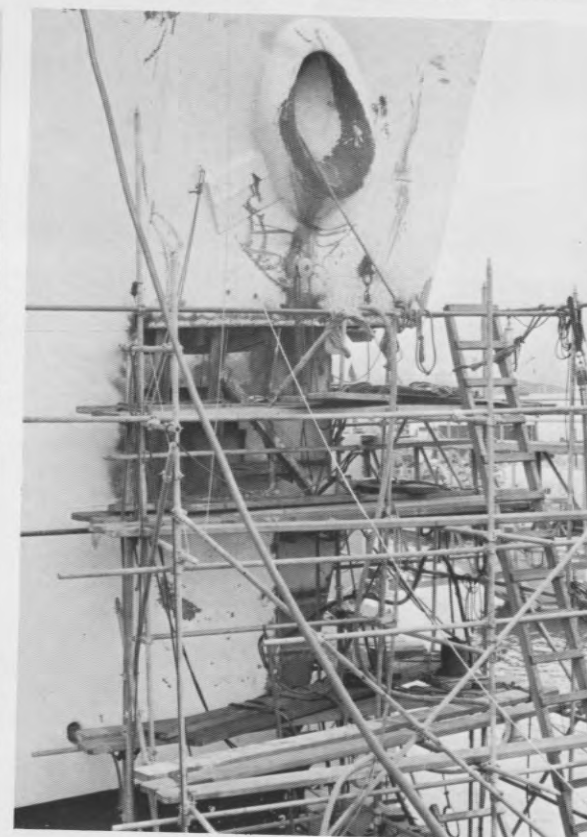
REAR ADMIRAL LACY



AMBASSADOR ELLSWORTH BUNKER  
American  
Ambassador  
to  
South  
Vietnam



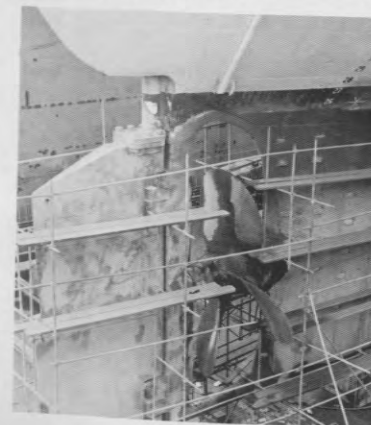
## Oops! A Collision



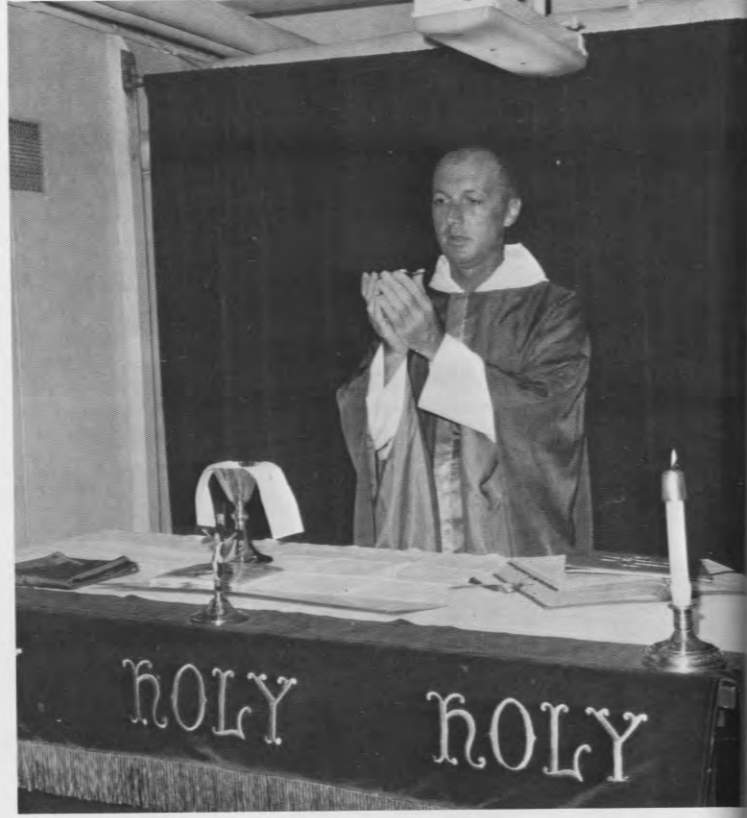
*REPOSE*  
(They Sank the Titanic)  
Oh, they built the ship, the Repose  
And when they had it through  
They thought they had a ship  
Whose bow would never bruise  
But that tiny little pin  
Just couldn't pass the test  
It was then that we took that needed  
rest.

*Chorus*  
It was sad (it was sad)  
It was sad (it was sad)  
It was sad when we kissed another  
oiler (scored a bullseye on their  
gig)  
Officers and crew  
And all the patients too (shout)  
Grabbed their cameras  
Cause we had a job to do.

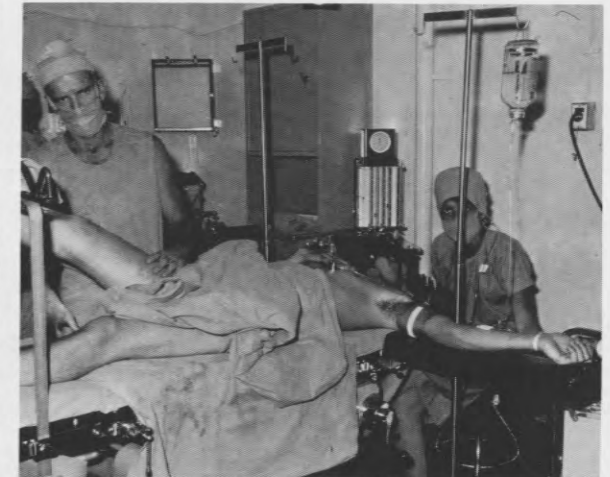
Oh, the crew they were superb  
As we listened for each sound  
While the oil washed our decks  
And our prayers were heaven bound  
But the Captain's mighty hand  
Eased us out of that frightful jam  
Oh it was sad when we kissed another  
ship



# Worship



# Team Work



LT. COMMANDER  
WILLIAM T.  
VEST,  
CHC, USN  
Protestant  
Chaplain

LIEUTENANT  
CONALL R.  
COUGHLIN, CHC, USN  
Catholic  
Chaplain

Choir

COMMANDER DONALD ROONEY  
Former Catholic Chaplain





## Happy Birthday Nurses



### POOR LITTLE NURSES

We're here to tell a story  
About a famous group  
We're not known as the girl scouts  
But most of us are boots.

*Chorus*  
Poor little nurse O'ya  
I hope that things don't get worse  
A'Ha poor little nurse  
I'm just a nurse at heart.

When playing men in volleyball  
Well we just aren't fools  
We tie their hands behind their backs  
So we could never lose *Chorus*

We really love to party  
Down by the deep blue sea  
But when the men they throw us in  
Our rank they never see *Chorus*



## Vietnamese International Ward



Vietnamese International Ward

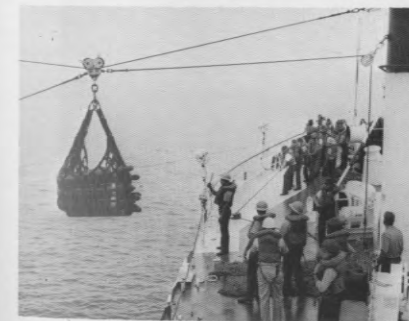
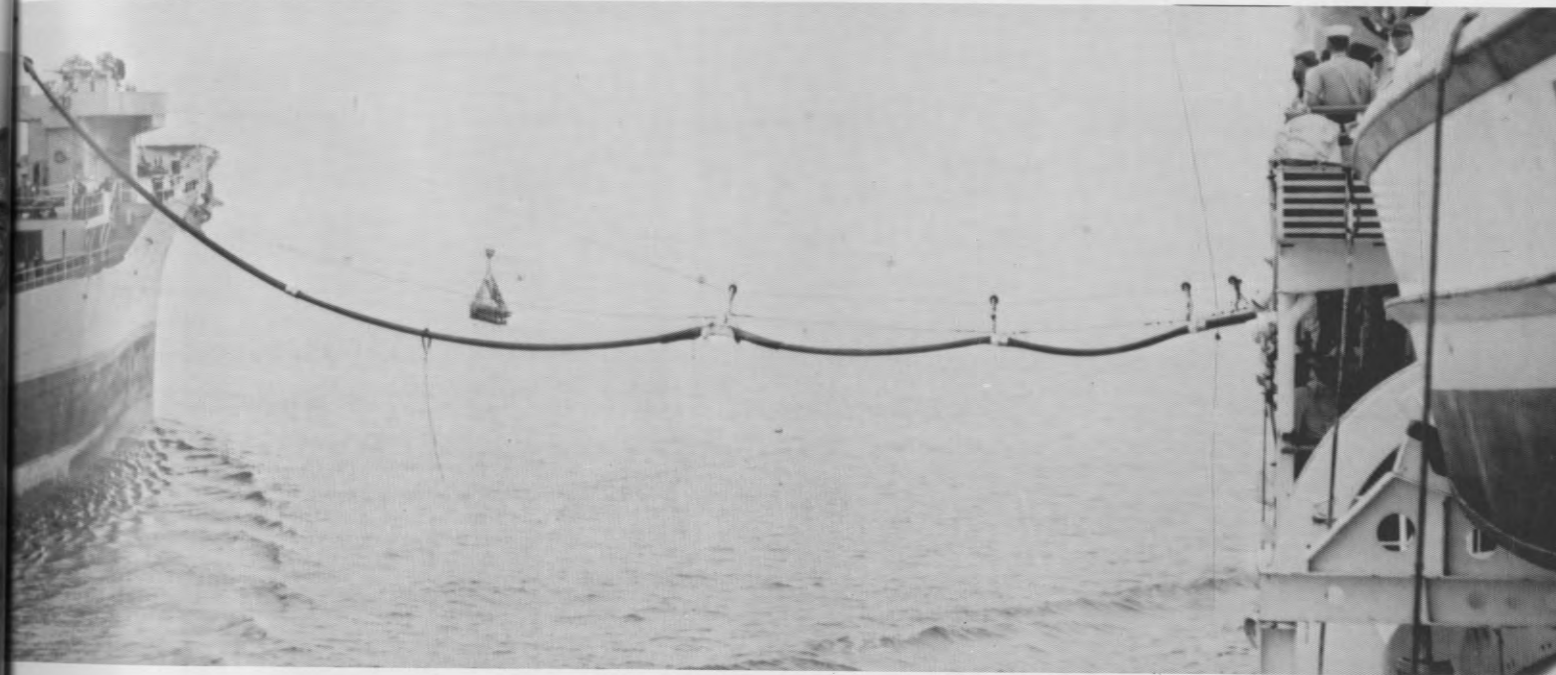
# USS Sanctuary Arrives



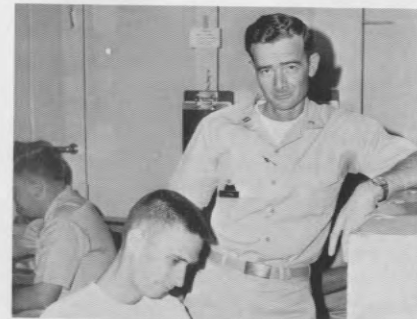
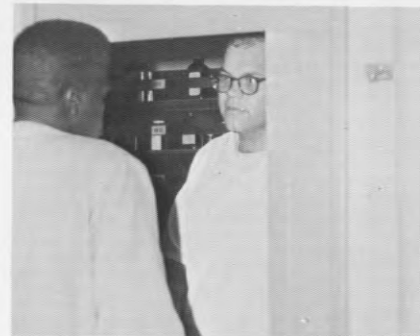
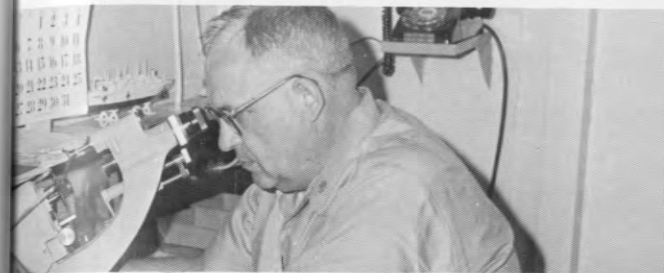
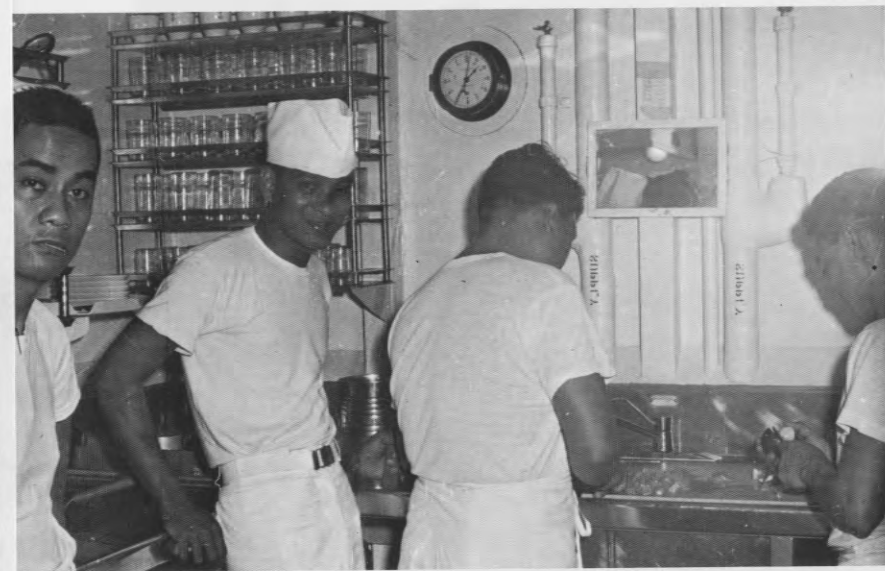
*SANCTUARY*  
 How are things in San  
 Francisco  
 Is the golden sun still  
 gleaming there  
 We welcome you, oh sister  
 dear  
 To ole DaNang, to Chu Lai,  
 & Phu Bai  
 We invite you all to come  
 aboard  
 And see the best in patient  
 care  
 Number One is all our  
 Repose crew  
 But don't dismay, there's  
 room for  
 Number Two



USS  
Sanctuary  
Arrives

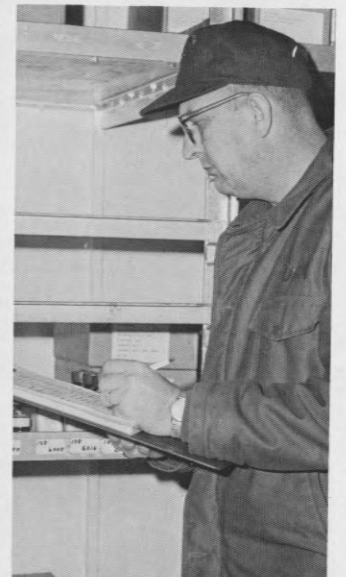
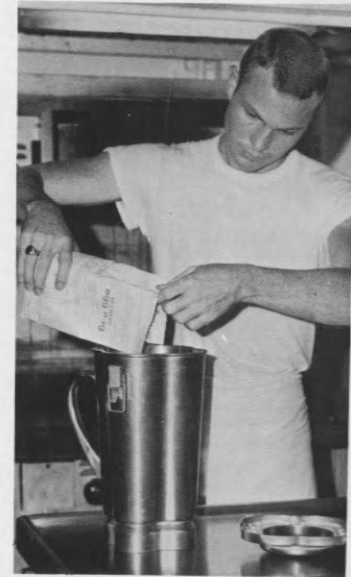
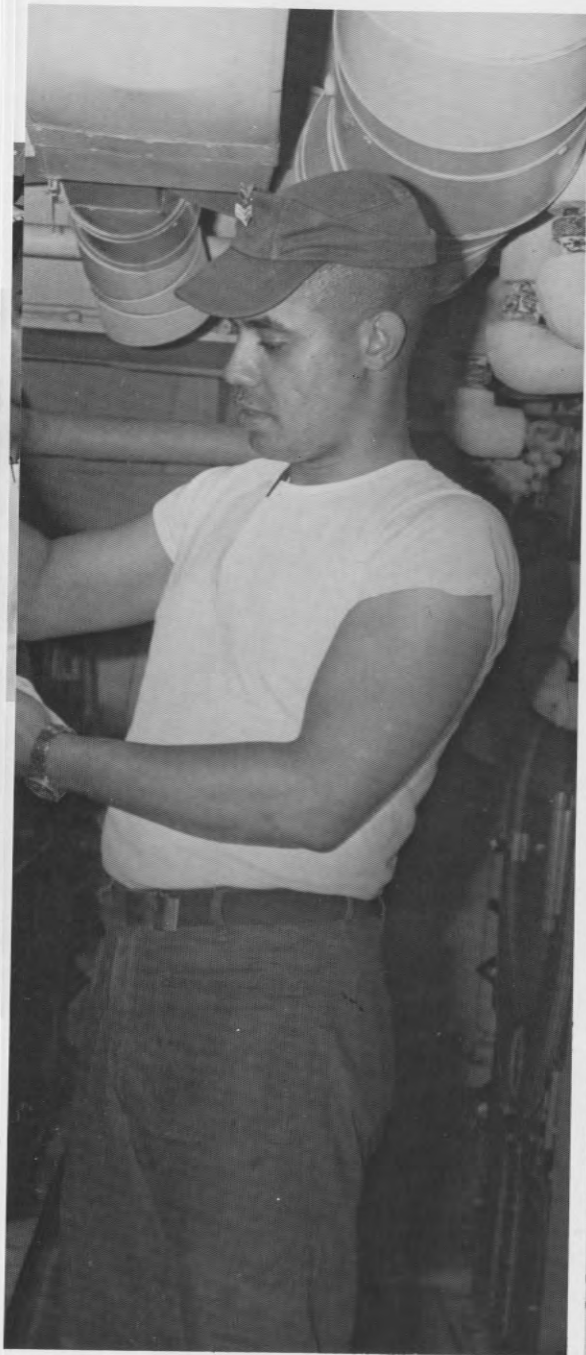


# Underway Replenishment



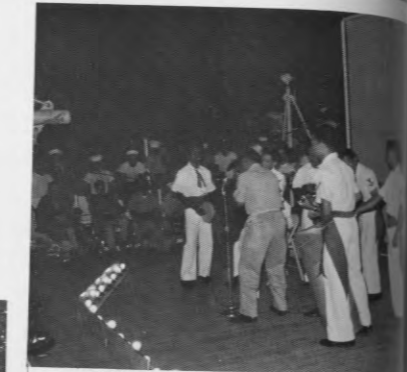
# The Ship At Work







Fun



Fantail  
Follies  
Old  
and  
New



Visiting Band



Do  
you  
call  
this  
fun?



MISS  
JEANETTE  
BAKER



PRODUCED AND PRESENTED BY THE CREW

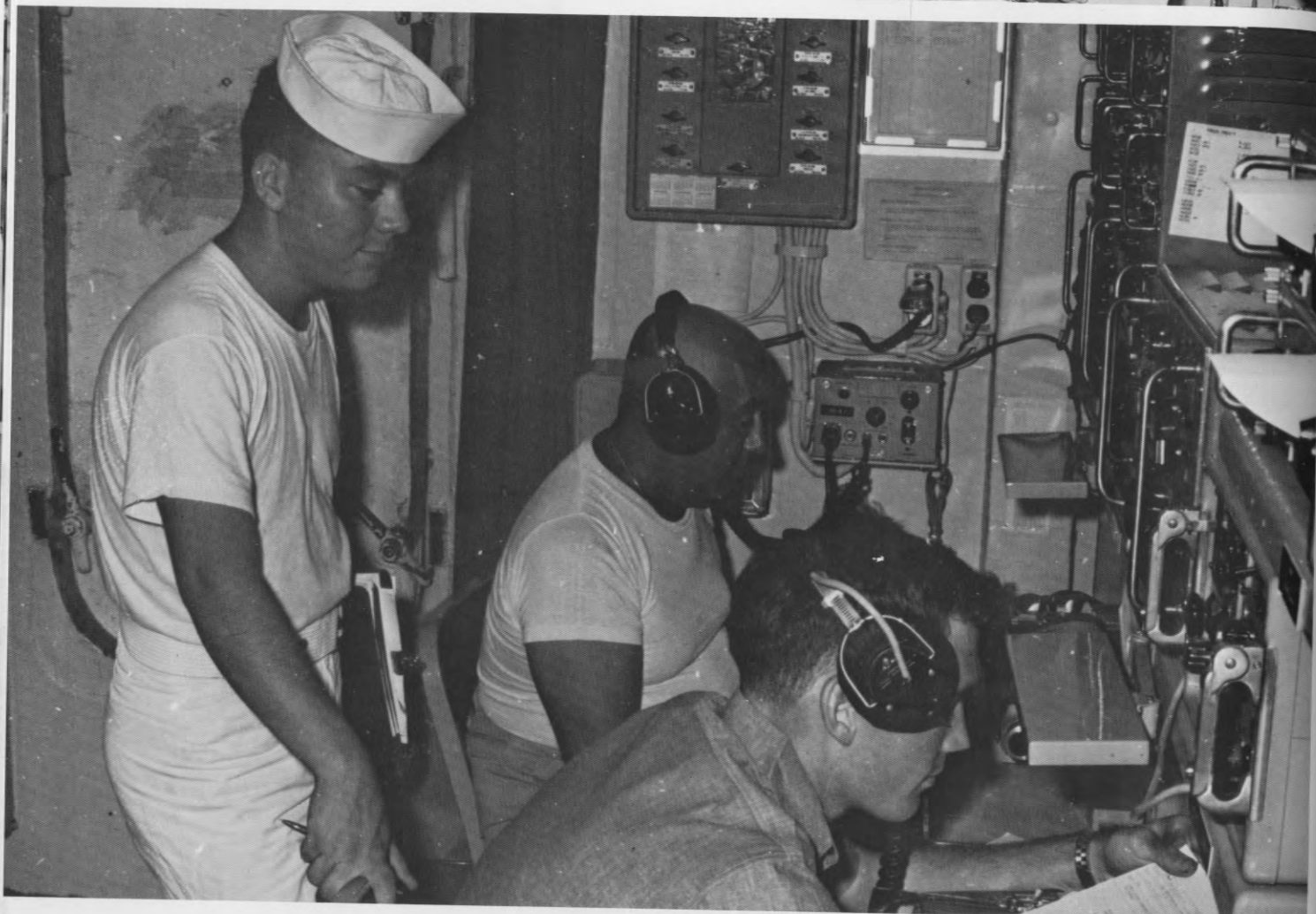


# USS Canberra Band



# Phone Patches To Home



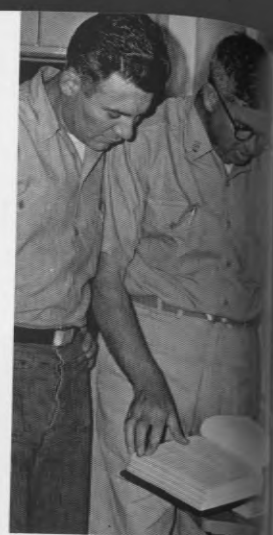


**Teamwork**





# Working As One



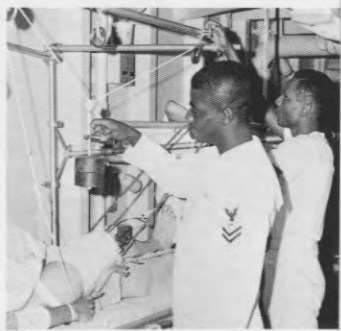
# The Nurses Wanted To See



# Now Here It Is . . . !



## Still Working Together





## Simulated Rescue



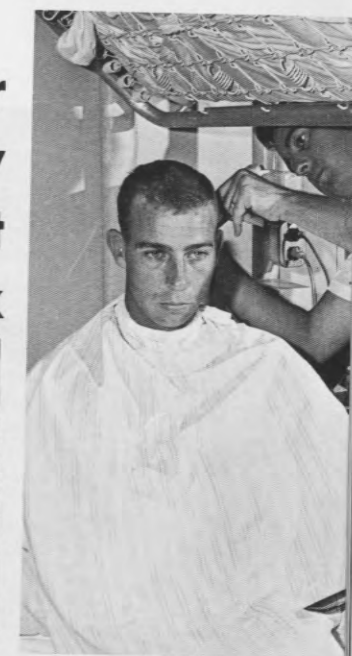
**Repose  
Yesterday**



**The  
Big  
One  
Got  
Away**

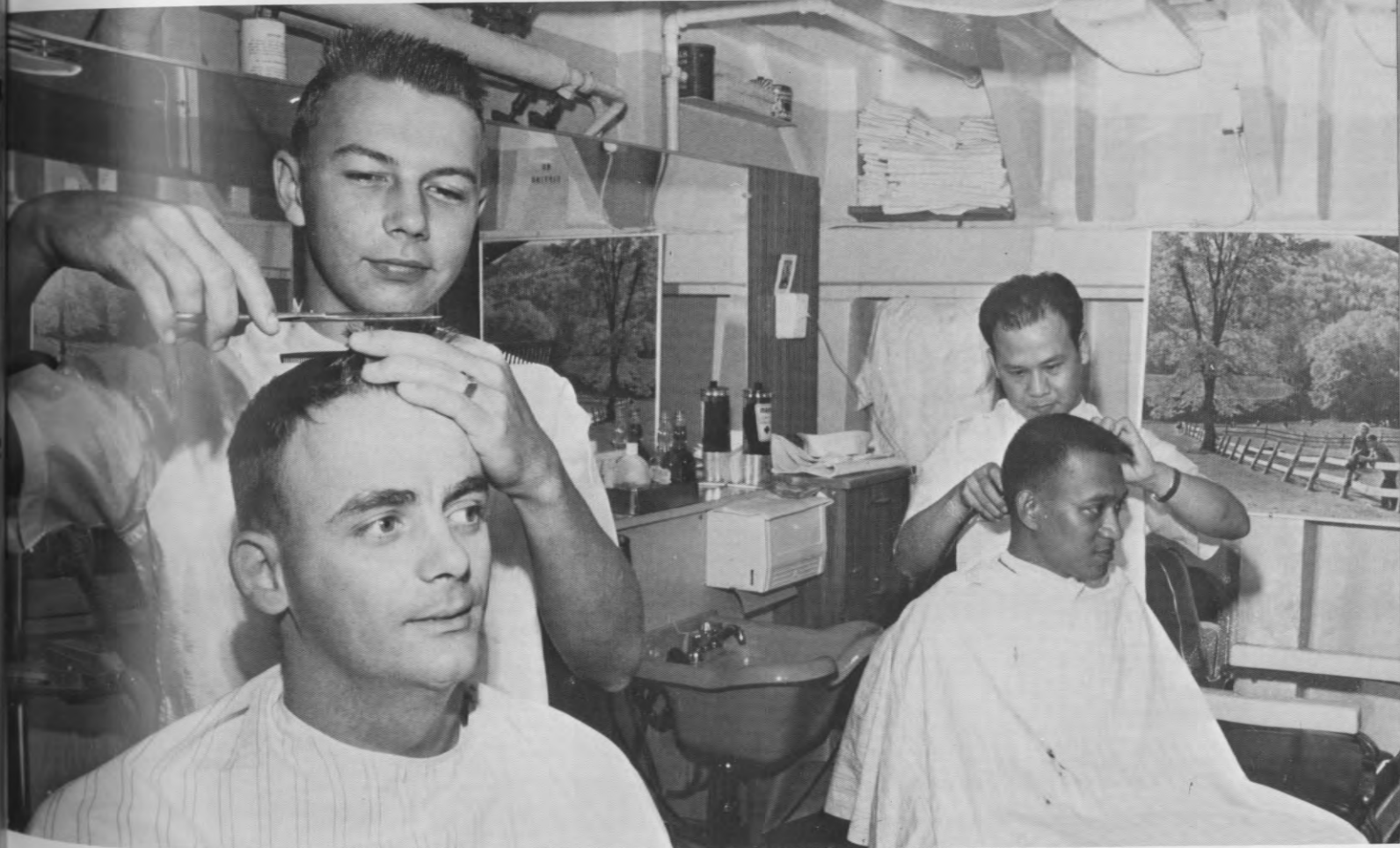
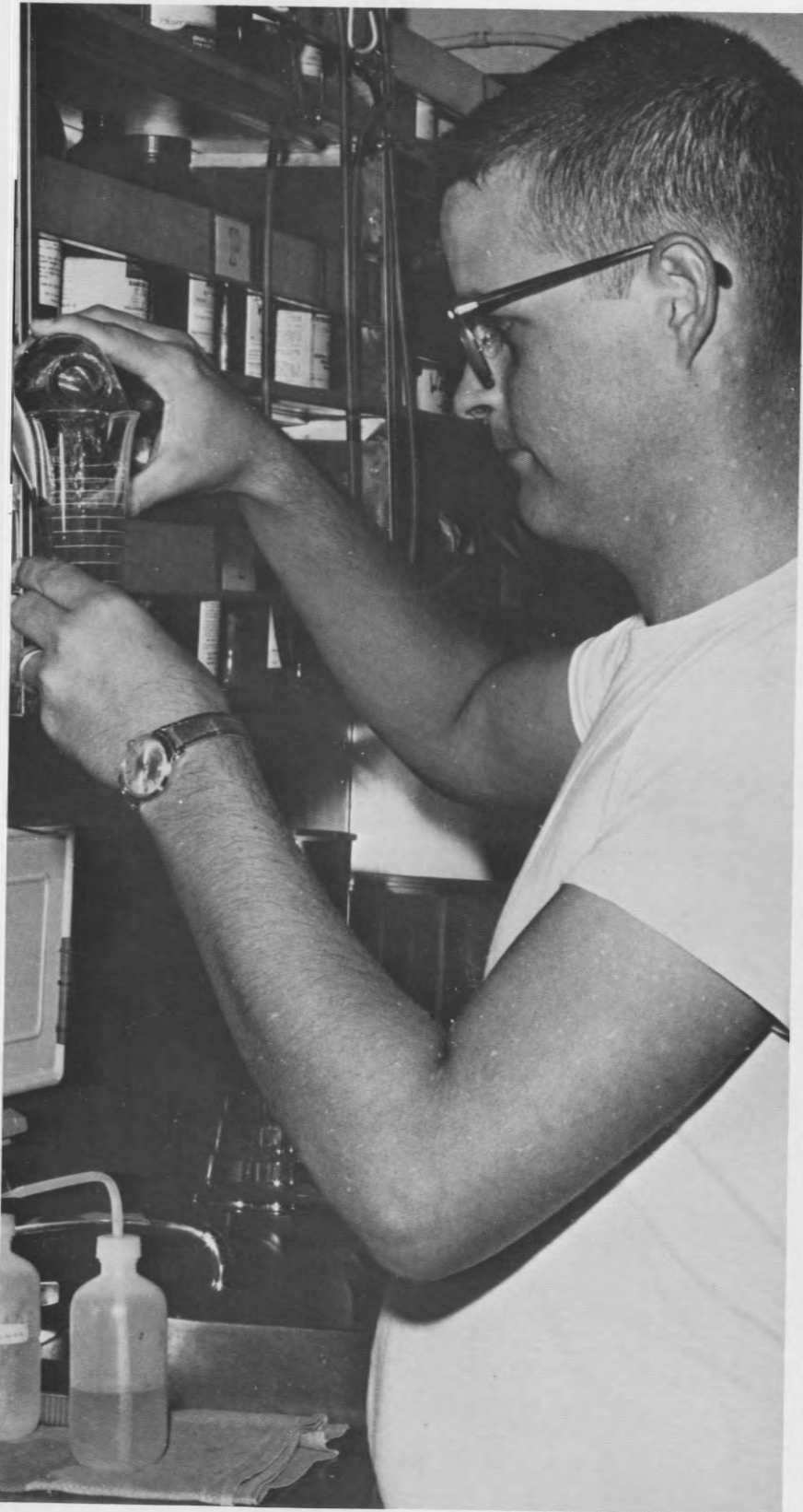


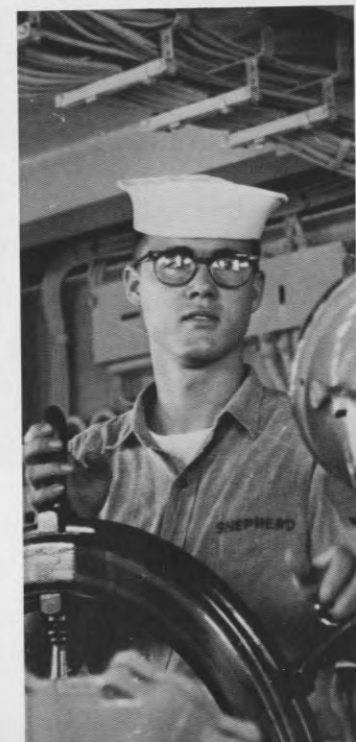
**Our  
Crew  
At  
Work**

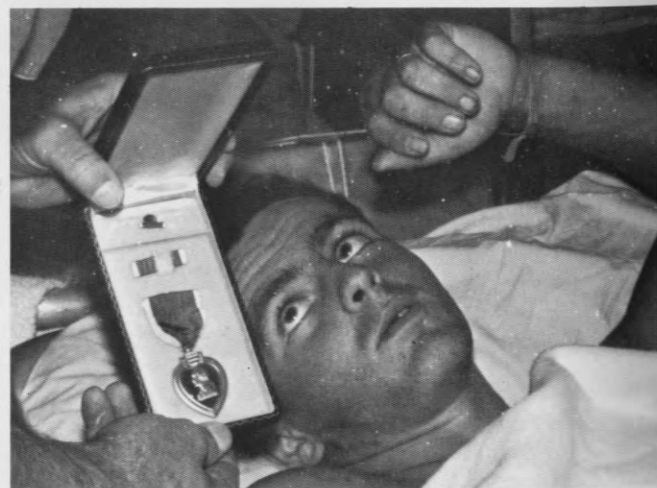


**Shipping  
Over**



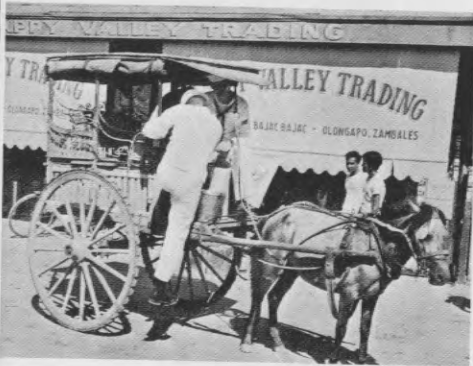








Pay Day



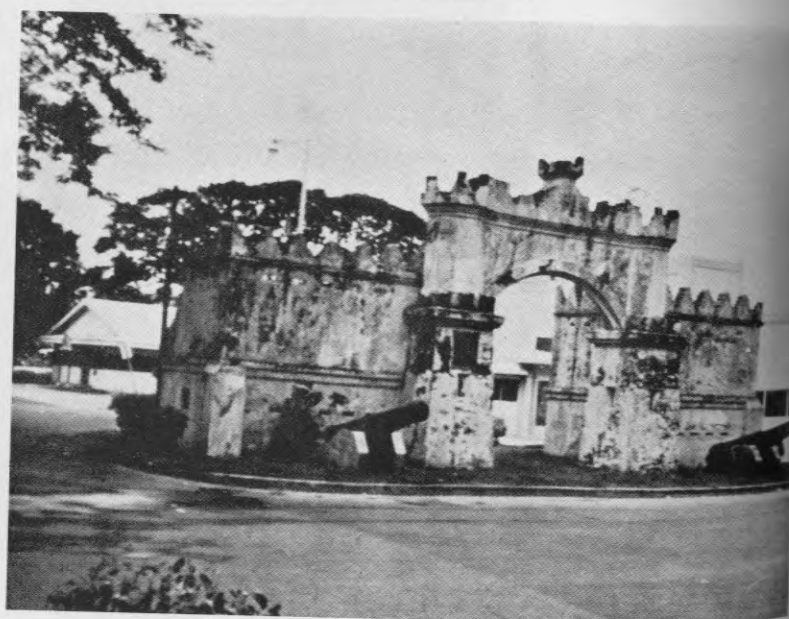
Liberty

# Subic Bay

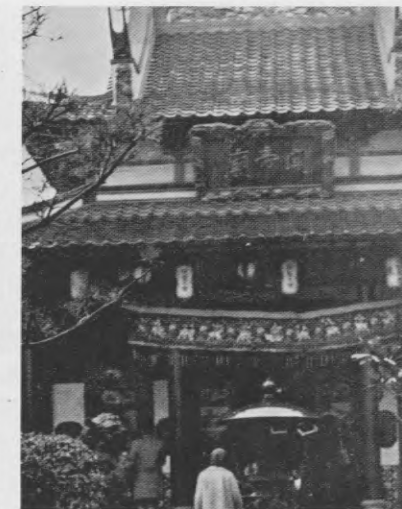
Our Home Port



# Places



# Japan





Hong  
Kong



Relaxing





# Replenishment



# Attention!



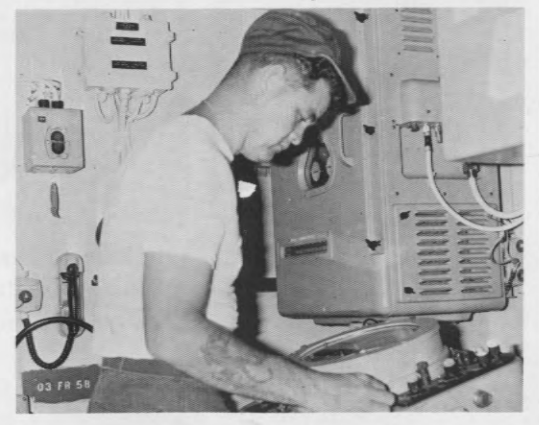
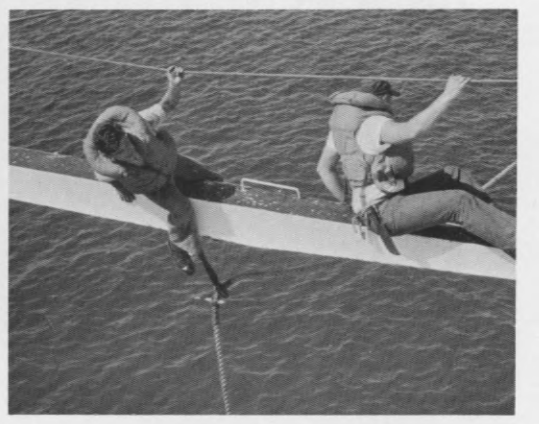


Two!

Hand  
Salute,



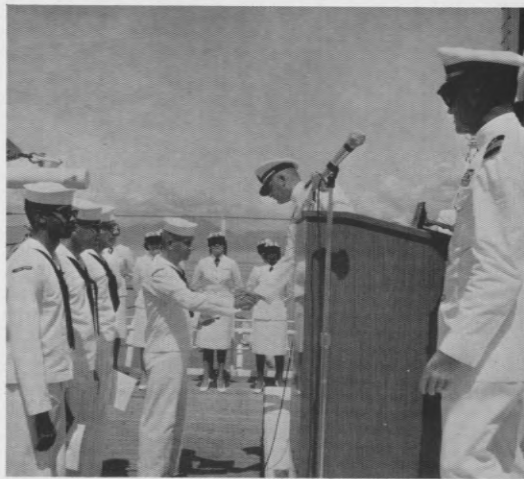
**Wait  
One!  
Flight  
Quarters**



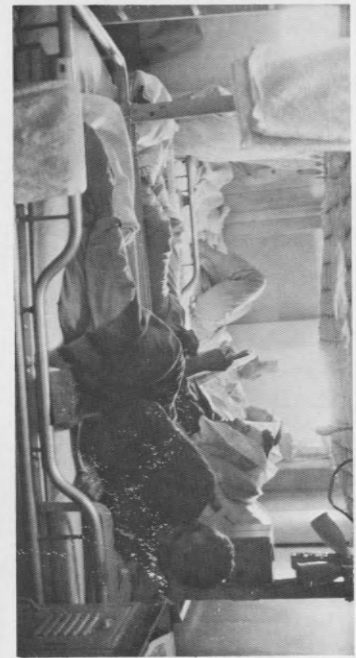
Captain Campbell Presenting Various Awards



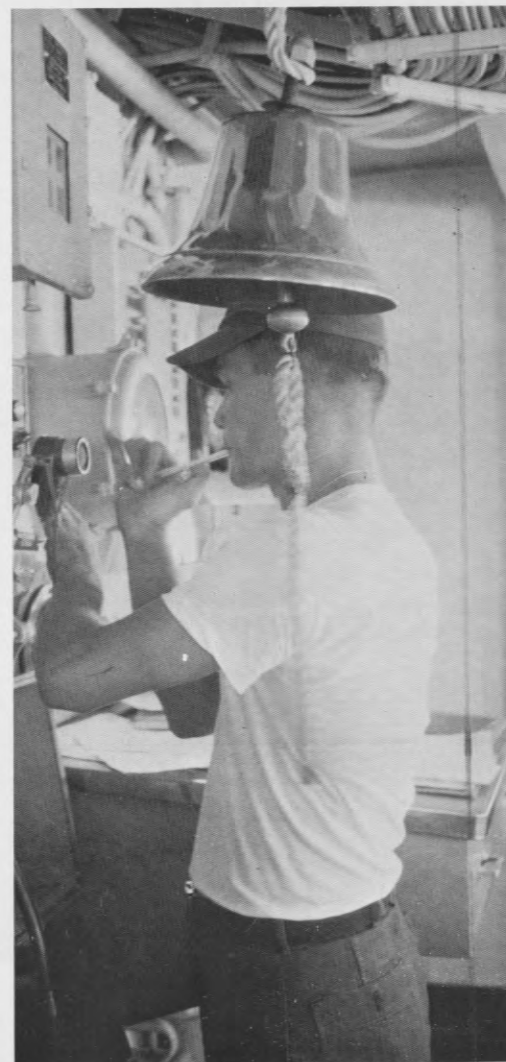
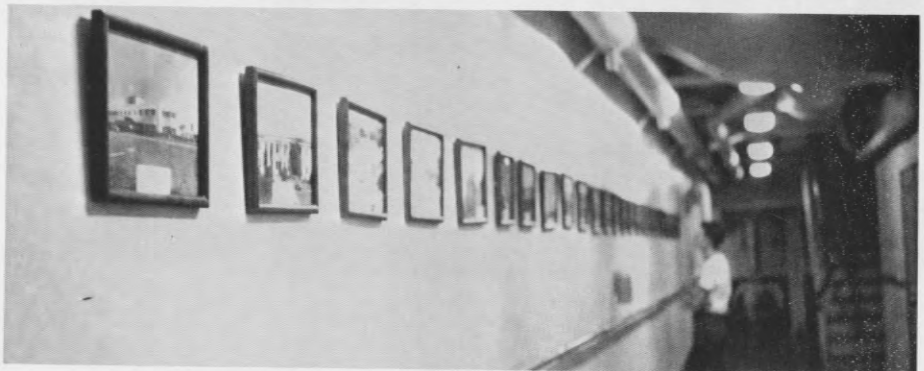
Meritorious Mast and Awards



Cdr. Ruecker Presenting Athletic Award to Lt. Ellen M. Monaghan



Around The Ship



**Flight  
Quarters —  
Responsibility  
Of  
All  
Hands**



ROUTINE  
13134Z AUG 67  
FM COMCARDIV 2  
TO USS REPOSE  
INFO COMSERVRON 3/  
COMSERVGRU 3

UNCLAS E F T O  
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

YOUR QUICK EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO OUR CALL FOR ASSISTANCE IN HANDLING CASUALTIES CAUSED BY FIRE AND ORDNANCE EXPLOSIONS IN FORRESTAL ON 29 JULY IS SINCERELY APPRECIATED. THE HIGH CALIBER OF THE MEDICAL TREATMENT PROVIDED BY YOU SAVED THE LIVES OF SEVERAL OF OUR INJURED SHIPMATES AND ENDED THEIR PAINS. THE ENTIRE SHIP/AIRWING/STAFF TEAM HAS BEEN HEARTENED BY THE DEMONSTRATED ABILITY AND DEDICATION OF THE NAVY MEDICAL CORPS TO TAKE CARE OF THE NAVY MEN. I EXTEND A SINCERE "THANK YOU, AND WELL DONE."

RADM HARVEY P LANHAM.

## Rendering Assistance To USS Forrestal CVA-59

36Z JUL 67  
FM CTG 77.  
TO USS REPOSE  
INFO CTF 77/ COMSEVENTHFLT/CTF 73

UNCLAS  
ASSISTANCE RENDERED FORRESTAL (U)

1. THE TRAGIC 29 JULY FIRE ON USS FORRESTAL REQUIRED EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS ON THE PART OF THOSE WHO ASSISTED. YOUR QUICK RESPONSE TO JOIN FORRESTAL, RECEIVE PATIENTS, AND PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE AIDED IN AVERTING ADDITIONAL LOSS OF LIFE.

2. PLEASE EXPRESS MY SINCERE APPRECIATION AND WELL DONE TO ALL HANDS.

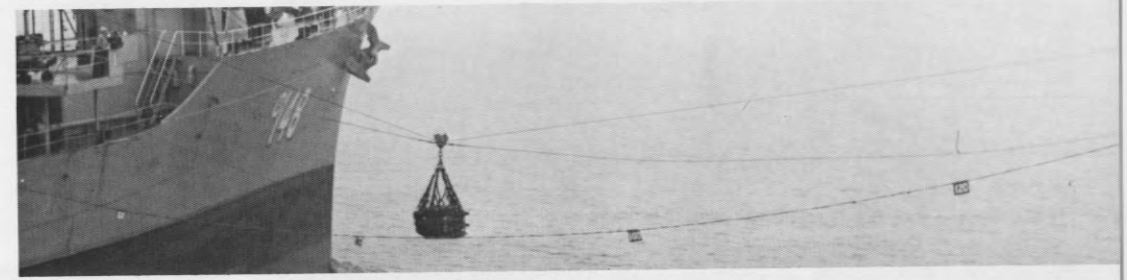


## Life Boat Crew Stands By





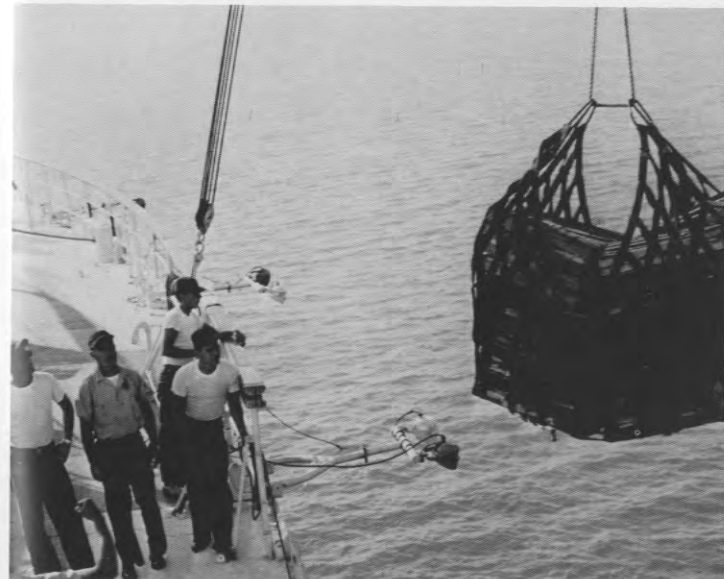
**Our  
Primary  
Objective:  
Support**





Lucky Bag







## 3000th Operation

## Repose

### Underway

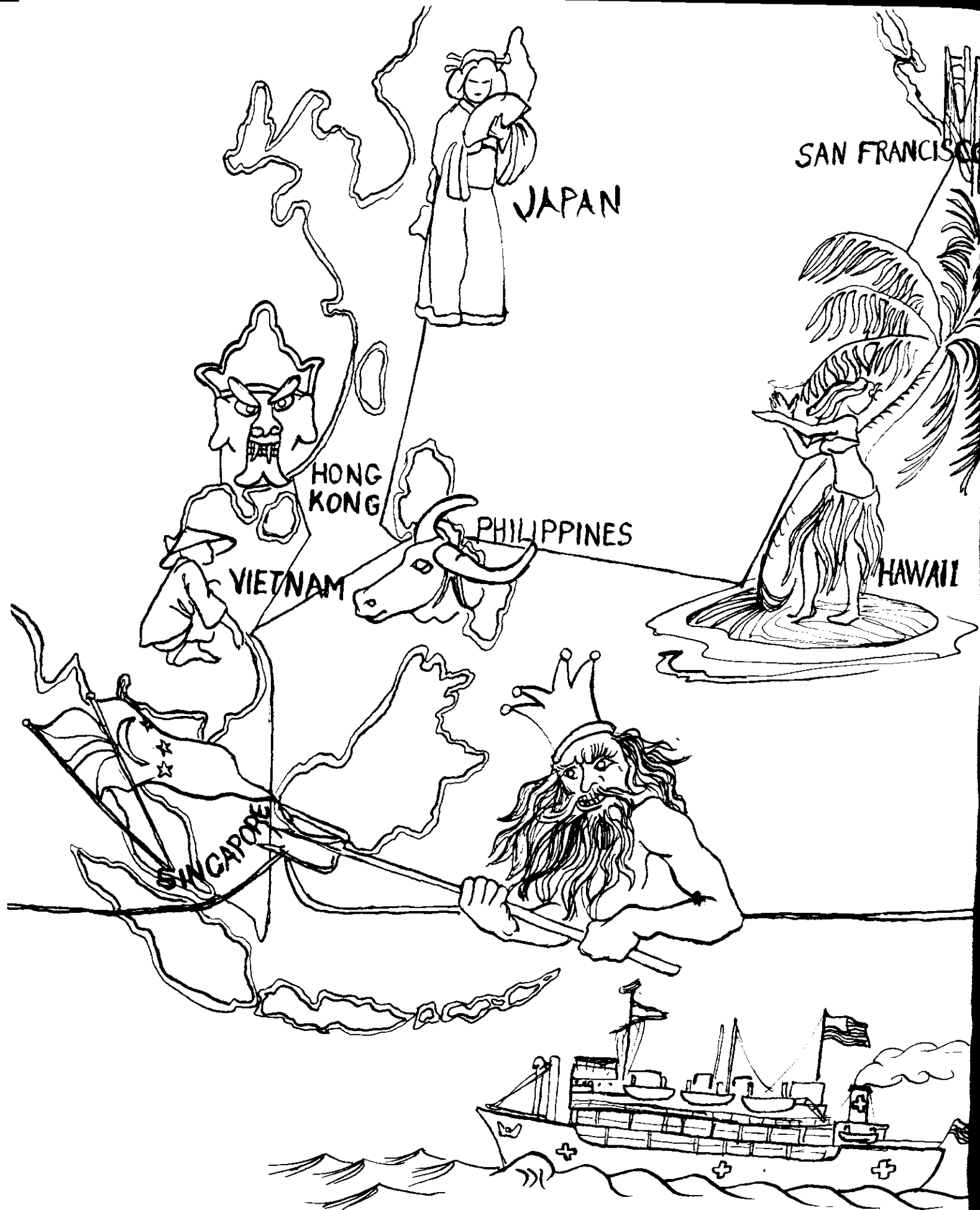
3 Jan 1966 Departed San Francisco  
 3-9 Jan 1966 ENR Pearl Harbor  
 20 Jan 1966-3 Feb 1966 ENR Subic Bay  
 14-15 Feb 1966 ENR Vietnam  
 16 Feb-11 Mar 1966 on the Line—Vietnam  
 11-12 Mar 1966 ENR Subic Bay  
 10-11 Apr 1966 ENR Vietnam  
 12 Apr-17 May 1966 on the Line—Vietnam  
 18-19 May 1966 ENR Subic Bay  
 27-28 May 1966 ENR Vietnam  
 29 May-6 Jun 1966 on the Line—Vietnam  
 7-8 Jun 1966 ENR Subic Bay  
 10-14 Jun 1966 ENR Yokosuka  
 8-12 Jul 1966 ENR Subic Bay  
 15-16 Jul 1966 ENR Vietnam  
 17 Jul-26 Aug 1966 on the Line—Vietnam  
 27-28 Aug 1966 ENR Subic Bay  
 3-4 Sep 1966 ENR Hong Kong  
 10-11 Sep 1966 ENR Vietnam  
 12 Sep-9 Nov 1966 on the Line—Vietnam  
 10-11 Nov 1966 ENR Subic Bay  
 21-23 Nov 1966 ENR Vietnam  
 24 Nov-24 Dec 1966 on the Line—Vietnam  
 25-26 Dec 1966 ENR Hong Kong  
 2-3-Jan 1967 ENR Vietnam  
 4 Jan-7 Feb 1966 on the Line—Vietnam  
 8-9 Feb 1967 ENR Subic Bay  
 20-21 Feb 1967 ENR Vietnam  
 22 Feb-10 Apr 1967 on the Line—Vietnam  
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 27-28 Apr 1967 ENR Vietnam  
 29 Apr-16 Jun 1967 on the Line—Vietnam  
 17-18 Jun 1967 ENR Subic Bay  
 10-11 Jul 1967 ENR Vietnam  
 12 Jul-2 Aug 1967 on the Line—Vietnam  
 3-6 Aug 1967 ENR Singapore  
 12-15 Aug 1967 ENR Vietnam  
 16 Aug-19 Sep 1967 on the Line—Vietnam

### In Port

10-19 Jan 1966 Pearl Harbor  
 4-13 Feb 1966 Subic Bay  
 13 Mar-9 Apr 1966 Subic Bay  
 20-26 May 1966 Subic Bay  
 9 Jun 1966 Subic Bay  
 15 Jun-7 Jul 1966 Yokosuka  
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 5-9 Sep 1966 Hong Kong  
 12-20 Nov 1966 Subic Bay  
 27 Dec 1966-1 Jan 1967 Hong Kong  
 13-26 Apr 1967 Subic Bay  
 19 Jun-9 Jul 1967 Subic Bay  
 7-11 Aug 1967 Singapore

Total Underway  
 438 days

Total In Port  
 156 days



## USS Repose (AH-16) Plan Of The Day For Smaterday 5 Agast 1967

Surprise: 0636

Sunset: 1001

*For Official Abuse Only—To be removed from the ship Duty Div: Shellback carry out the abnormal near equator routine as modified below:*

### Hospital Watches:

Off for the day: A. L. L. pollywogs

Suggest off also: UPI Editors

Med Off: Excused

Durty and Off: All Shellbacks

Aesthetic Offense: Sight of Shellback

Admin Off: To sun deck

Dental Off: Bounds to all DT pollywogs

- \*0600 Wet down all Shellbacks
- 0610 Pollywogs lay down to incinerator room to file all subpoena
- 0620 Slop for Shellbacks—Subpoena ashes served
- 0745 Quarters for music, interruptions and introductions
- 0750 Officers crawl (Shellbacks)
- 0755 Shellbacks, turn sunnysides to
- 0756 Turn to on Shellbacks
- 0900 Variable diseased Shellbacks—Scrub down training in bilges
- 0900-1130 All Shellbacks due for yearly shower lay down to fill out scurvy report at sanitation office
- 1200 Smorgasbord for pollywogs (Shellbacks served in garbage disposal room)
- 1000 Exceptional offer to inspect Shellbacks for lice
- 1400 Variable diseased Shellback shaving for all stranglers in scullery
- 1600 Take all Shellback infiltrators to the head for soaking
- 1645 Wet down all Shellbacks
- 1650 Chow for the pollywogs
- 1655 Slop for that other group
- 1700 Potential commotions in Ward C-7 (tribute accepted for tithes and bribes)
- 1900 Roman Gothic Mess in Ward C-7 (coin of the realm not accepted)
- 2000 Movies: Wardroom—*Paddle In The Breeze*—Dr Hansen, Lt Powers and a mighty cast of others, standard procedure, colorful, fleeting suspense (adults only)
- 03 Level—*Night Raiders*—P. WOG, UPI Editors, a host of pollywogs, and a Shellback Gladiator or two, standard procedure, 24 hours, bloody spectacle
- CPO Mess—*A Phinque In The Crowd*—L. A. B. Mitchell, one man continuous showing, a petty production (not recommended)
- 2400 Time out, change sides

### NOTES:

- \*1. Catch-as-catch-as-can training exercises for pollywogs all day. Training aids furnished by N. Rex and Co. Prizes for most Shellbacks caught, bloodiest spectacle fattest Shellback, cleanest Shellback, (scrubbings no fair), highest ranking Shellbacks and Scalps.
2. It is expected that a scurvy jellyfish will slither aboard today. Avoid close contact: his name is D. Jones, scribbler for Rex. The Captain will lay down. Jones, don't provoke any pollywogs!
3. It is feared that the terrible smell is Davy, whatever his name is, and his wife. It will be noted that as the REPOSE nears Neptunes pigsty, the seas grow stagnant and the winds become foul. *Shellbacks!* Can you take it?

*P. WOG*  
P. WOG

# USS Repose (AH-16)

## Plan Of The Day For Sunday, 6 August 1967

### (The Day Of Reckoning For All Pollywogs)

Sunrise: On command of HRH Neptune

#### Hospital Watches:

Off of the Day: LCDR Usselman  
 Surg Off: Lt J. Gorman  
 Med Off: Lt Miller  
 Duty Off: LCDR Tomlinson, Lt Rademacher  
 Anesthesia Off: LCDR Briant  
 Admin Off: CWO Richards, Lt Price  
 Dental Off: DTC Lile, (LCDR Lindsay)

Sunset: When all pollywogs have become TRUSTY SHELLBACKS (or met their fateful end)

#### Uniform of the Day:

Shellbacks: At the pleasure of Neptunus Rex  
 Pollywogs: Any attire that will not offend the dignity of the Royal Court and entourage. Recommended are articles of clothing with no great monetary or sentimental value. Females are advised to wear trousers, slacks or shorts, plus other necessities.

0600 Reveille

0615-0645 Sumptuous breakfast in the Royal Mess for all Trusty Shellbacks.

*Menu:* Steaks to order, eggs to order, hash browned potatoes, golden brown toast, jams, jellies, butter, sweet rolls, fresh fruit, chilled fruit juice, etc, etc, with second servings if desired by any Trusty Shellbacks.

*Special Messmen:* CDR Hankey, LCDR Pavlisin, LCDR Huttula, Lt Sargent, LTJG Potts, SH1 Martin, MR1 Hixon and HM2 Bolash.

0645-0730 Breakfast (!) for pollywogs (Special menu). Normal menu for patients only.

0800 On deck the Royal Side Boys. Receives His Royal Highness, Neptunus Rex, King of the Deep and Ruler of the Raging Main, plus the Royal Court. Full honors befitting His Royal Personage, King Neptune.

0805 King Neptune receives the greetings and welcome of Trusty Shellback, Captain James M. Campbell, U. S. Navy, Commanding Officer, USS REPOSE (AH16).

0810 Remarks by King Neptune.

0815 King Neptune and Royal Court tours all wards to pay their Royal and humble respects to the patients of REPOSE.

0855 King and entourage lays aft to the Royal Throne.

0900 Convene the Royal Court to hear charges preferred against the slimy pollywogs in the crew and render the just judgement ("Guilty") for all.

(As required) Welcome the newly encrusted Trusty. Shellbacks into the Ancient Order of the Solemn Mysteries of the Deep.

(To be announced) Pipe down from initiation. Police up the decks. Stow all equipment. Wash down after decks. Prepare to enter port. All Trusty Shellbacks lend a hand.

"T B A" Supper for the crew.

"T B A" Dinner for Officers.

#### Notes:

1. Church services, at the pleasure of King Neptune, will be announced.
2. The slimy pollywog Electrical Gang had better have the general announcing system (IMC) "mikes" ready for His Majesty and the Captain!
3. All personnel desiring to have their subpoenas signed and sealed with the ship's seal, turn them in to the Personnel Office. All subpoenas will be returned to the owners as soon as feasible.

*Kenneth H. Jones*  
 Commander U. S. Navy

Davy Jones  
 By direction of  
 NEPTUNUS REX,  
 King of the Deep and  
 Ruler of the Raging Main

## Dirty Slimy Pollywogs Being Washed



King  
Neptune  
Rules





**Now  
A  
Trusty  
Shellback**

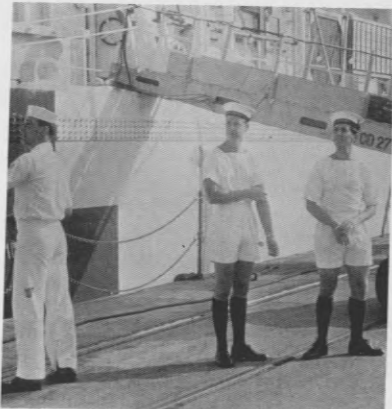


**Of  
The  
Ancient  
Order  
Of  
The  
Deep**





Singapore



## The White Angel

She sails the sea in majesty,  
This Angel of the East,  
Where wounds are soothed from battles fierce  
At Armageddon's feast.

She rides the waves in every tide  
Across South China's Sea,  
She heals the sick and wounded men  
Who fall for liberty.

Her wake is gentle as the wind  
That rustles autumn's corn,  
Her ballast holds her straight and true,  
As she is slowly borne.

Along the coast of Vietnam,  
From Dong Ha to Chu Lai,  
Her destiny is mercy's role,  
That no man will deny.

On call her LOGSUP if you wish,  
But there are those who say,  
She is their angel decked in white,  
Who gave them life today.

Let's drink a toast to all who serve—  
The medics and the crew—  
Who proudly share each single task,  
And glory in her too.

Who is this Angel of the East,  
Whose tribute we propose?  
She is none other than your ship,  
The U. S. S. Repose.

C. G. Scott



## THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY WASHINGTON

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commending  
USS REPOSE (AH-16)

for service as set forth in the following

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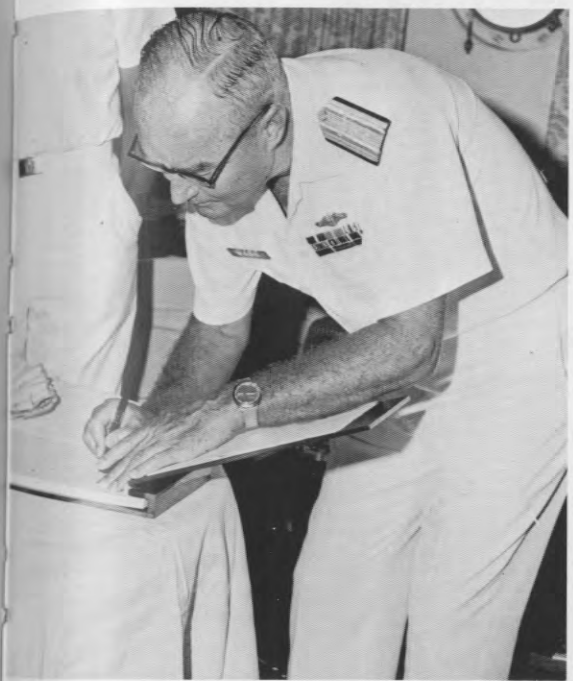
For exceptionally meritorious service from 22 February 1966 to 8 February 1967 while providing medical facilities afloat in waters adjacent to the I Corps Tactical Zone and in primary support of the III Marine Amphibious Force, Republic of Vietnam. Providing exceptional and selfless service in pursuit of her mission to save lives and reduce suffering, USS REPOSE admitted 4,927 patients, 1,758 of which were critically injured combat casualties; performed over 2,000 surgical operations, more than 1,600 of which were classified as major surgery; and administered 3,067 pints of blood during emergency life-saving surgical and intensive care procedures. More than two-thirds of all patients were subsequently returned to duty due to the excellent treatment received. In support of the I Corps Tactical Zone, REPOSE rendered outstanding medical service during twenty-six combat operations, including DOUBLE EAGLE, UTAH, HASTINGS, COLORADO, DECKHOUSE IV, PRAIRIE and DESOTO. While operating in waters off the Danang, Chu Lai, Phu Bai, and Dong Ha Tactical Areas of responsibility, REPOSE habitually averaged forty to sixty continuous days "on the line", and accepted over 3,000 helicopter landings without a mishap. In addition to combat medical support, REPOSE provided 6,200 outpatient and consultation services to Free-World Military Forces and Vietnamese civilians in urgent need of medical service and humanitarian care. She performed all combat medical support with the minute mortality rate of slightly over one percent of patients received, one of the lowest mortality rates in the annals of warfare. The outstanding dedication to duty, resourcefulness and inspiring professional skill demonstrated by the hospital staff and ship's company were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

All personnel attached to and serving on board USS REPOSE during the period designated above, or any part thereof, are hereby authorized to wear the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon.

Paul H. Nitze  
Secretary of the Navy

# Presentation Of Navy Unit Commendation

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Rear Admiral  
Norvell G.  
Ward  
Commander  
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