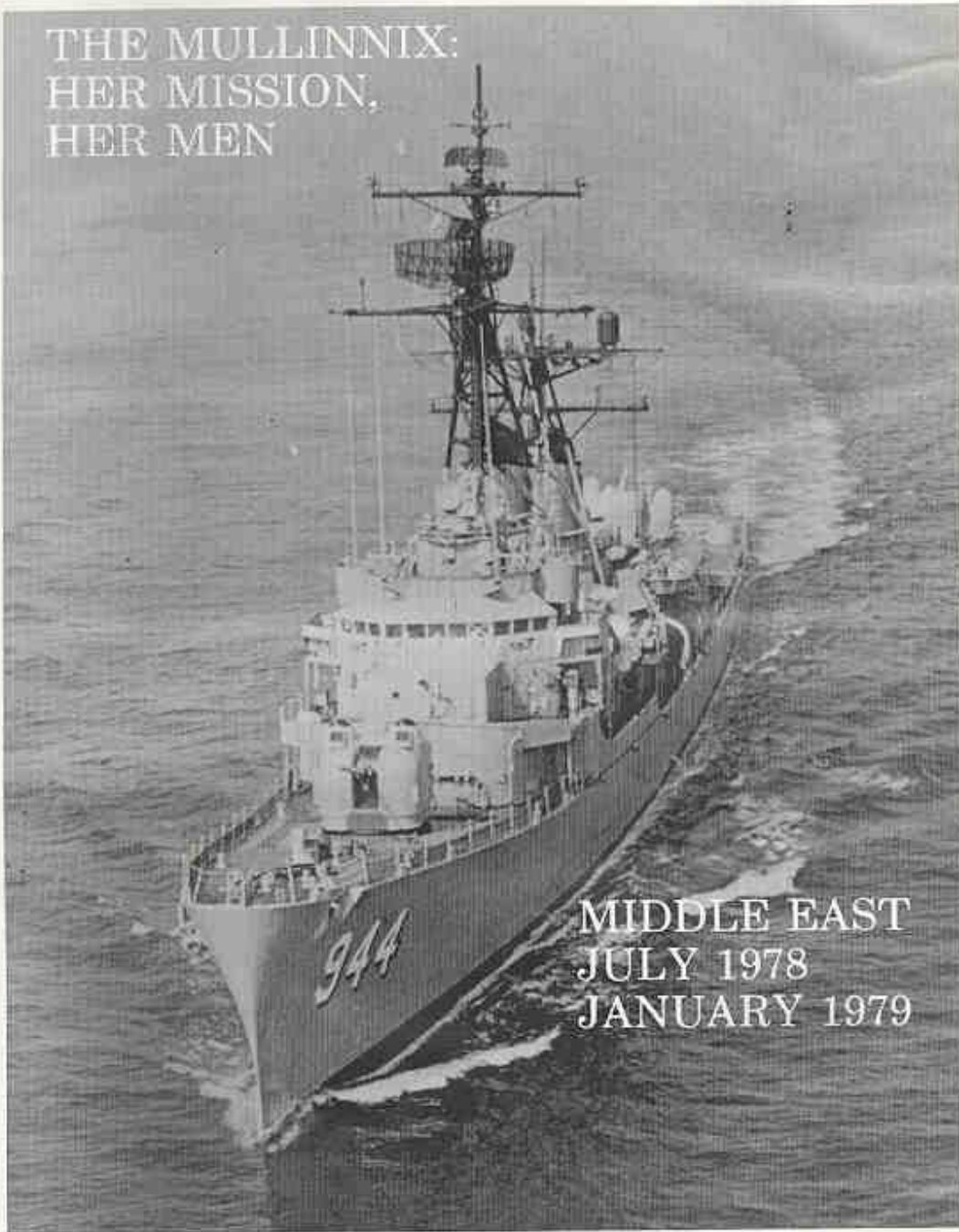
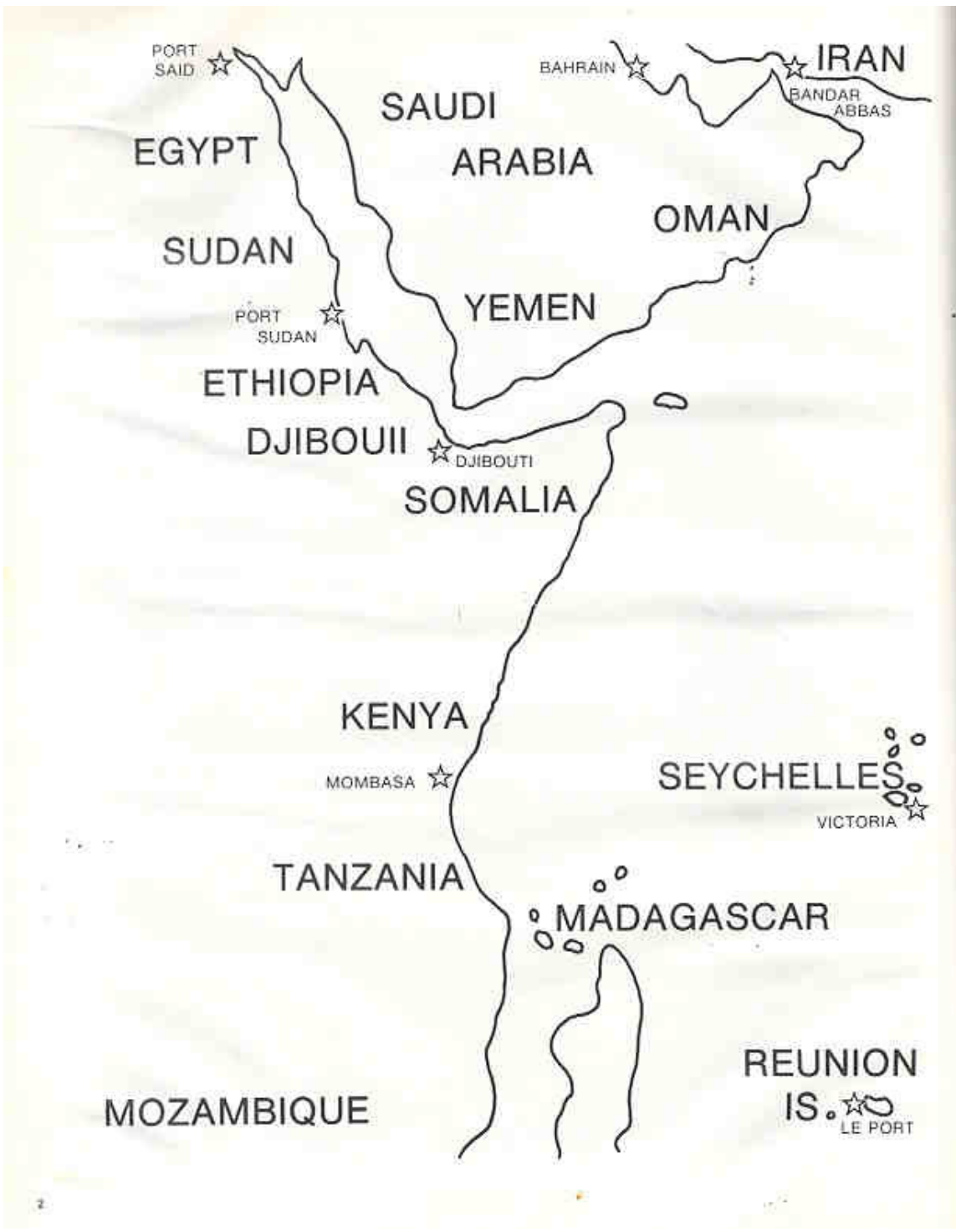
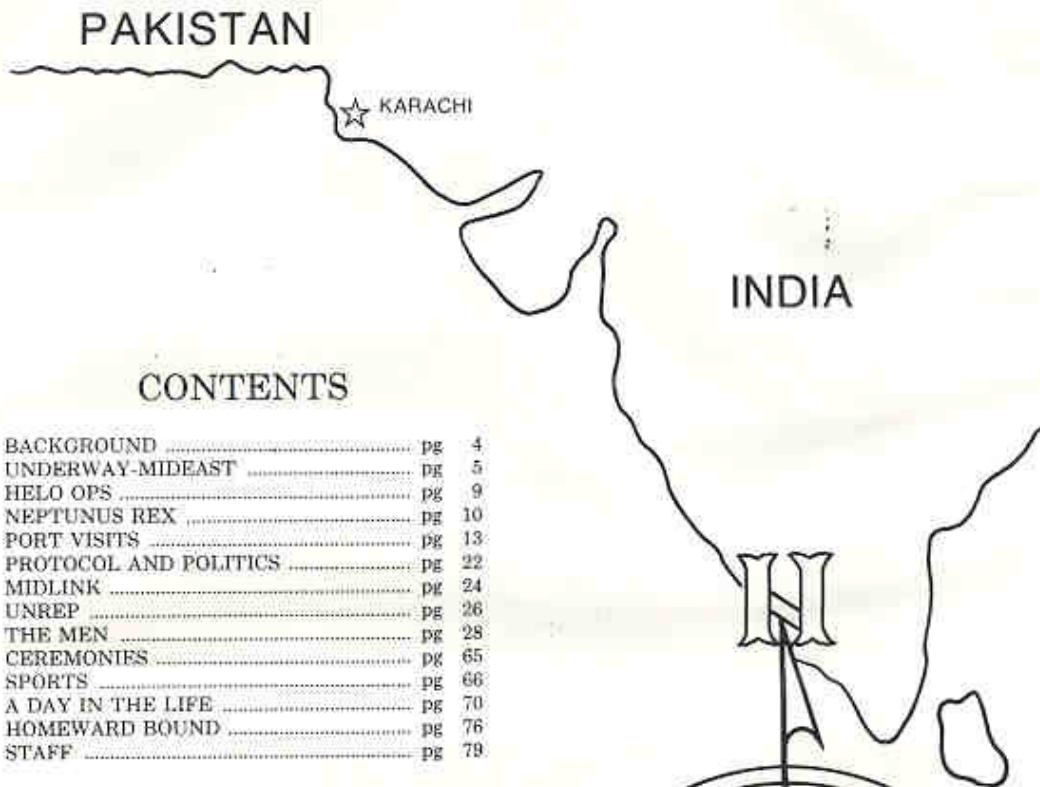


THE MULLINNIX:
HER MISSION,
HER MEN



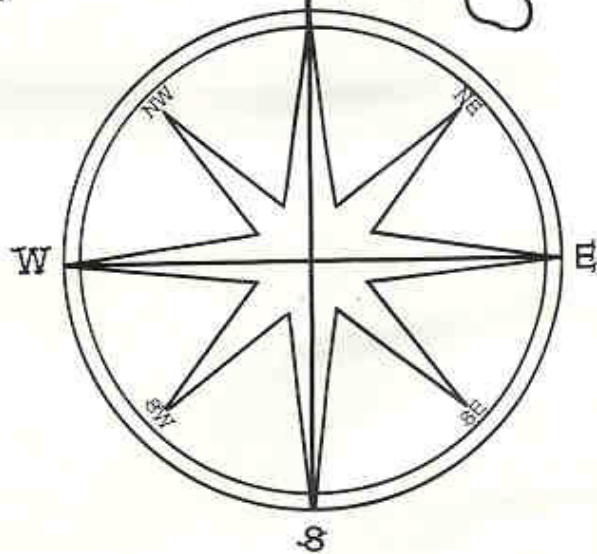
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MAURITIUS


 PORT
 LOUIS

The USS MULLINNIX (DD 944), is a Forrest Sherman Class Destroyer. She has a gunnery fire-power greater than any current class of Destroyer, and is equipped with modern fire control and submarine detection equipment. The main mission of the MULLINNIX is to provide naval gunfire support, whether it be for land-based or other sea-going units, and to provide anti-aircraft and anti-submarine protection for larger units.

MULLINNIX was built by the Bethlehem Steel Company in Quincy, Massachusetts and is the first naval vessel to bear the name of one of America's most gifted "Air Admirals." MULLINNIX stands as a tribute to Rear Admiral Henry Matson Mullinnix who was killed in action while serving aboard his flagship, the escort Carrier USS LISCOMBE BAY. The keel was laid on 5 April 1956. Almost one year later, Mrs. Kathryn Mullinnix, widow of Admiral Mullinnix, christened the ship by breaking the traditional bottle of champagne over her bow. On 7 March 1958, MULLINNIX was commissioned as a combatant in the United States Navy. On this occasion, Mrs. Mullinnix presented the officers and crew with Admiral Mullinnix's personal flag and sword, not only as a symbol of Naval Tradition but also as a standard for the MULLINNIX to achieve and maintain.

MULLINNIX has steamed all over the world, visiting ports from Buenos Aires to Singapore to Bahrain to Izmir, and engaged in a multitude of different operations, such as recovery of a two-man Gemini Space shot in 1965 and NATO operations in the North Atlantic and Mediterranean. In addition, MULLINNIX has served two tours of active duty in the Western Pacific, including service off the coast of Vietnam, one in the Middle East, and three tours in the Mediterranean.

In February 1974, MULLINNIX deployed to the Middle East, steaming over 40,000 miles in six months, returning home in August. The next year was full of fleet exercises and inspections. MULLINNIX increased her readiness by participating in Exercise Agate Punch off the U. S. East Coast in April 1975 and COMPTUEX I-76 in July 1975. She also participated in CARIBEX I-76/VERITAS VIII in August 1975 in conjunction with units of the U. S. Atlantic Fleet and the Brazilian and British navies in the Caribbean Sea. In October 1975, MULLINNIX left Norfolk for a seven month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea, returning to homeport in May 1976.

MULLINNIX completed an extensive, eight and one half million dollar overhaul in Brooklyn, New York in December 1977, and refresher training at Guantanamo Bay Cuba in March 1978. MULLINNIX is presently homeported in Charleston, South Carolina. For their performance during the deployment featured in this book, the officers and crew of MULLINNIX received the Navy Expeditionary Medal.



“UNDERWAY . . .
— SHIFT
COLORS”



AZORES,
SAO MIGUEL,
PONTA DELGADA



"Ten Days Across — 'Miller Time'"



SUEZ CANAL



"These are monuments to unknown soldiers . . .



. . . and this, to unknown motives."





President Sadat's Summer Home

"A Local Lovgely"



"American
Presence
Abroad; —

"Some Local Opinions."





"Green Deck"



"Preparation"



"Evolution"



"Critique"

HELO OPS

ONE DAY AT THE EQUATOR



"... Some Waazy Off Broadway Productions . . ."



"... Some Pollywogs and Some Beauties . . ."



"BEHOLD THE SPLENDOR OF NEPTUNUS REX"





"99"



"Miss MUX"



"174"



"Hitting the Rack"



PORT VISITS



Port visits encompass a two fold mission, morale and diplomacy. But, while the "show the flag" portion of the cruise is important, the crew is most certainly more interested in fun.



REUNION
ISLAND



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SEYCHELLES





Impressive View isn't it?



... so is this one.

PORT VISIT REUNION

The beaches of St. GILLES.





Mauritius



Seychelles

PORT VISITS: ASSORTED

Reunion Island



Seychelles



KARACHI



"The Snake"



"... and the Mongoose!"





"The Rat Patrol"



"Hey Joe!"



"Pakistan's answer to Eric Clapton"



CASINO NIGHT





SHIP'S SELF DEFENSE FORCE

With OSC Hathorn in charge, a green group of sailors were converted into a sharp company of men ready to defend the MULLINNIX against any opposition while in port. Proficient with small arms, and well versed in tactics they formed our own small army.



PROTOCOL AND POLITICS

Mr. Tom Burke, American Consul - Mauritius



Sir Veerasamy Ringadoo - Minister of Finance - Mauritius



Tours for the local populace



MULLINNIX: A Gracious Hostess

When deployed to distant seas, **MULLINNIX** plays an important role as a symbol of American power, friendship, and commitment. In keeping with this the officers and men find themselves entertaining and being entertained by dignitaries and officials of many countries. Whether the event is a soccer match, or a formal dinner the **MUXMEN** always perform their diplomatic duties with enthusiasm and aplomb. Of course, as a military unit, we occasionally host some rather senior American Officers as well. On this deployment **RADM S. H. PACKER, COMIDEASTFOR** was a frequent visitor and we received a visit from **VADM MOGRER, CINCUSNAVEUR**. Naturally, these men were quite impressed by **MULLINNIX** and the **MUXMEN**.



RADM and Mrs. AZADI



RADM S. H. PACKER



ACE DIPLOMATS



The men behind the scene

The Scene



OVERSEAS OPS



In order to keep the combat skills of MULLINNIX and our allies finely tuned, MUX conducted exercises and drills whenever and wherever possible. During the deployment we participated in exercises involving units of the Iranian, British, Saudi Arabian, and Pakistani Navies. During PASSEX the torpedo patrol boats of the Saudi Arabian Navy provided us with valuable experience in dealing with hit and run attacks by small high speed craft, while their officers participated onboard MULLINNIX in areas of combat strategy and to improve their tactics and procedures. The major exercise conducted during the deployment was "MIDBINK" and involved units from the navies of the CENTO nations. In this operation MUX conducted exercises of all major capabilities; including gunnery, ASW, communication and formation and high speed maneuvering. With their



mission completed two Pakistani demolition divers mysteriously disappeared while carrying out late night sabotage exercises, only to be recovered days later after being towed out to sea by strong underwater currents.

During PASSEX and MIDLINK, valuable training was gained onboard MUX in the areas of Helo Ops with the help of the Royal Navy and the USS LASALLE. Helo, "UNREP" and Fire Fighting skills were improved to the point where the "CRASH TEAM" was assembled and ready in a 5 minute notice, by far out-performing even the most hardened of Helo crews.

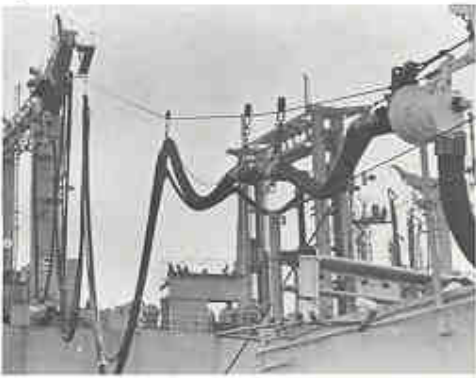
To conclude this exercise a miniature simulated war was held and MULLINNIX fared quite well. Our total score of "kills" consisted of many aircraft and ships including a guided missile cruiser that was very surprised to see us.





UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT





THE MEN



COMMANDING OFFICER



Commander Peter S. Labyak was born in San Diego, California on 19 September 1933. He graduated from Severn School, Severn Park, Maryland in 1958, after which he attended the U. S. Naval Academy, graduating in June 1962.

Commander Labyak's first assignment was **USS DEWEY (DLG 14)**, where he served as the Damage Control Assistant. Subsequent sea tours have included duty as the Chief Engineer aboard **USS SHELTON (DD 790)**, Commanding Officer of Oceanographic Unit TWO aboard **USNS DUTTON (TAGS 22)**, and he also served as the Executive Officer of **USS KOELSCH (DE 1049)**.

Commander Labyak's first shore duty came in 1966 when he was assigned to the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where he subsequently earned a Masters Degree in Oceanography. He is also a graduate of the U. S. Naval Destroyer School and Armed Forces Staff College. In March 1973, he was assigned as the Executive Officer of the Navy Recruiting District New York. Prior to assuming command of **MULLINNIX** on 15 February 1978, Commander Labyak served in the Executive Office of the President, Telecommunications Policy, Washington, D.C.

Commander Labyak is a designated Surface Warfare Officer, and is a Command, Control and Communications subspecialist. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Navy Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal with two campaign stars.

Commander Labyak is married to the former Gail C. Merrill of Norfolk, Virginia. They have three children; Theresa, born 1966; Laura, born 1968; and Daniel, born 1972.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Lieutenant Commander Roy R. Twaddle, III, was born 11 June 1942 in Newport News, Virginia. He graduated from Southwestern-at-Memphis with a BA in Biology in 1964. In 1977 he was awarded an MSA in Science and Technology from the George Washington University. He also is an honor graduate of the Naval War College class of 1978.

Since commissioning, Lieutenant Commander Twaddle has served at sea aboard six ships in the billets of Commanding and Executive Officer, and as Department Head on four other occasions. While ashore, he served as an instructor of Midshipmen at the U. S. Naval Academy where he authored the textbook *PRINCIPLES OF NAVAL WEAPONS SYSTEMS* in 1976. He reported aboard *MULLINNIX* as Executive Officer in September, 1978, while the ship was conducting a port visit in Karachi, Pakistan.

He is married to the former Gayle Whitaker of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.



DEPARTMENT HEADS

Weapons Officer



LT JOHN MORRIS

Operations Officer

2.2

LT KENNETH BECK



2.3

Chief Engineer



LT DAVID HANBACK

Supply Officer



LT(g) PRESTON COULTER





WEAPONS



FIRST DIVISION







SECOND DIVISION

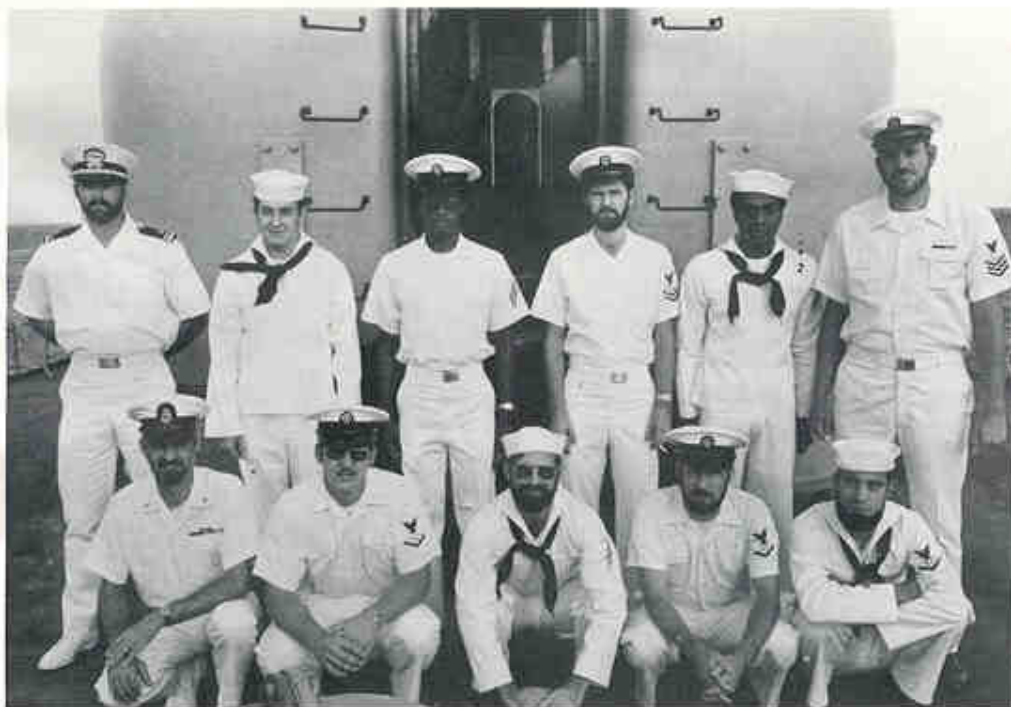
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Composed of Fire Control Technicians and Gunners Mates, 2nd division maintains the three 5 inch guns and associated radars and computers which together make up the MUX's reason for being; its weapons systems. Skilled technicians, who work on the variety of mechanical, hydraulic and electronic sub-systems in their equipment, these men bear the responsibility of ensuring the MUX's ability to accurately deliver the stunning fire power she was designed for. As one of the last few "gunships" in our fleet the MULLINNIX is an aging but vital asset and her value is in the hands of these men.







A/S DIVISION

Back Row: LT(jg) MURPHY, STGSN FOX, STGSN CAMPBELL, STG2 ENGLEHART, TMJ ANDERSON, STG1 DURANT Front Row: STGSC RIBAR, STG3 BENDORF, STGSN HAGEN, STG3 GERALDS, and STG3 PISANO

A/S division, composed of both Sonar Technicians and Torpedomen, is charged with the task of detecting and maintaining contact with any object beneath the surface of the seas. In addition, A/S division also maintains the torpedoes capable of destroying hostile submarines. Other jobs include monitoring and recording oceanographic data, maintenance and operation of the fathometer as well as maintaining and operating the equipment used to divert hostile torpedoes. Proof of A/S division's capabilities was the "well done" received for their excellent performance during operation MIDLINK when they outperformed all other ships present.







OPERATIONS



NAVIGATION DIVISION

Back Row: ENS FOSTER, QMSN PETERS, QM3 CRETE, QM1 PALMER Front Row: QM3 HAYME, QMSN GREEN

"N" Division was able to successfully guide us to every port of call, always arriving on time. We left the states somewhat inexperienced and returned with a seasoned group of quartermasters. The many and varied ports of call provided the training we needed in piloting. We came to know many areas intimately, such as the Persian Gulf and the port at Bahrain. Each member of "N" Division spent many long hours on watch, improving their quartermaster



skills and building their self-confidence, which is so very important in their rate. The deployment made a team of "N" division, ready to accept further challenges, development of skills, and new ports.





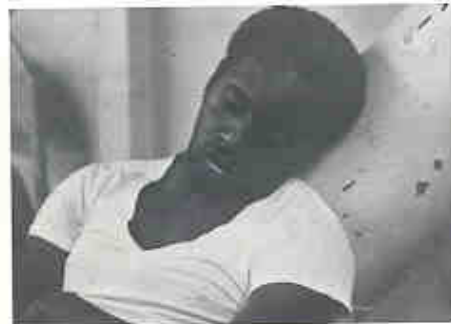
OC DIVISION

right to left: SMI KIRK, RMI GRIMM, RMI CLARK, SMSN RUBALCABA, RM3 DOWD, RMI CARPENTER

The ability to effectively communicate with other ships, commands and services in all conditions is the mark of a professional communications division. Throughout the deployment, MULLINNIX Radiomen and Signalmen continually demonstrated this ability; specifically:

The Radiomen maintained reliable satellite, HF and tactical communications in a region of atmosphere anomalies and of changing and short notice requirements. Their performance received recognition from the Commanding Officer, USS MULLINNIX, COMIDEASTFOR and COMSECONDFLT.

The Signalmen continually outperformed all other ships in all areas of visual communications and a signalman, SMSN RUBALCABA, represented U.S. Forces in the MIDLINK communications competition. In addition, the signal gang collected much visual intelligence on foreign shipping and received kudos from COMIDEASTFOR.







OE DIVISION

Back Row; left to right - CW02 WILLIAMS, EW3 THOMPSON, ET3 LYMAN, ET3 JOHNSON, EW2 BARNES, ET2 WHITCOMB and ET1 CRAY Front Row: ET3 LeBLANC, EWSN RHYNE, ETSN COWINS, ET2 EVANS and ET2 HART







OI DIVISION

Back Row: LTJG HAINES, OS3 PULLIAM, OSSN JONES, OSSN RENSHAW, OS2 STEPHENS, OS3 SPATH, OS3 O'BRIEN, OSSN FRITH.
 Front Row: OS1 COOPER, OSSN MARES, OS3 PATRICK, OS2 BIONDO, OSSN MEDRANO, OSC HATHORN. Absent: OS3 KRAHN, OSSN GARDINI

The Operation Intelligence Division is responsible for the search, collection display, evaluation and dissemination of tactical and strategic information. This information is gathered by the ships radar, ESM equipment and intelligence reports, plotted upon various plexi-glass boards evaluated and passed on to the bridge and other ships in company. These men have a "Need To Know" to complete their tasks. They work in combat information center - the heart of every ship in the Navy. It is in CIC that the action takes place, where the decisions are made, where it all happens. It takes an exceptional man to do this job - and all these men are - exceptional.





"Jawohl Mein Capitan!"



"... We've got to find se papers!"



"Seig Heil!"



"OI PLAYERS"



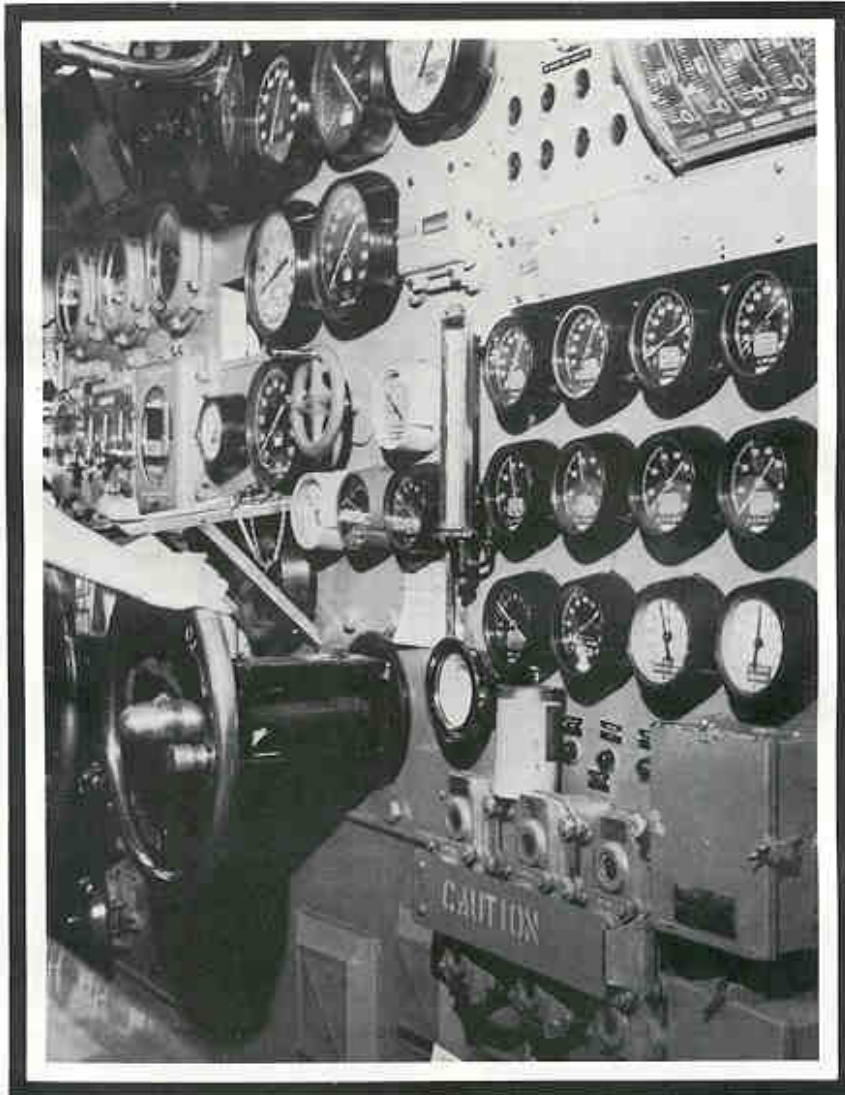


X DIVISION

Back Row: left to right - LT(jg) FEATHERSTON, YN3 GULLICKSON, SN NOFTSGER, HMs VANDIVER, PN1 LAMIGO, HMC BAUM
 Front Row: YN2 CASWELL, PN2 DAVIS, PC3 SAPIA Divisional member missing VNSN SMITH







ENGINEERING



Left to right - MMC STONER, HTC STIER, MMC GADDY, MMCS SULLIVAN, MMC BRADY, EMC HALL, and EMC SPRNCER

ENGINEERING CHIEFS



HTCM MULLEN





E DIVISION

Back Row: left to right - LT(jg) ANDERSON, EMC SPENCER, IC2 JOHNSON, EMFN KELLOGG, EMFA FRANCIS, IC2 HORVATH Front Row: IC2 WICKS, EMFN PETERKIN, EM1 SYLVIA, IC1 WOJICK, and EM2 DARIES







R DIVISION

Back Row: left to right - HT3 ROSE, HTFN LEUTL, HTFN NILE, ENS MORAN, FN FACKRELL, and ENFN DIXON Front Row: EN1 UDARBE, HT3 HILTON, HT2 SAWYER, ENFN TAYLOR, MM2 ECKERT, and MMFN MOORE

"R" division stands for "REPAIR" division. These men provide service to the ship in a myriad of ways. The Hull Technicians provide their welding talents throughout the ship, as well as maintaining all plumbing facilities and damage control equipment. The HT's, it can truly be said, Keep the Ship Afloat.

The Auxiliaries (or "A-Gang," as they are often called), provide many essential services for the ship, including Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, and many others, including laundry and galley equipment maintenance. Both the HT's and A-Gang provide their skills wherever needed to make this ship a better place in which to live and work. They are, indeed, "Repairmen of the Fleet."







B DIVISION

Back Row: left to right - BT3 BROWN, HTFN MARTINO, BTFN SHERMAN, BT2 JACKSON, HT3 WHALEN, BTFN COCHRAN, and BT3 SPURDUTI Front Row: ENS O'GARA, BT2 WAGNER, HTFN WILLIAMS, BTFA GASPER, BTFA KOVALENKO, BT3 DASHNAW, and BT2 SHERRILL



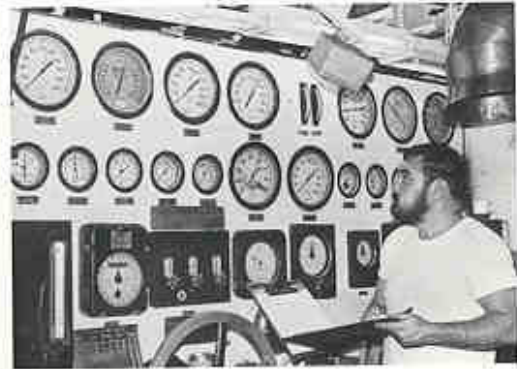




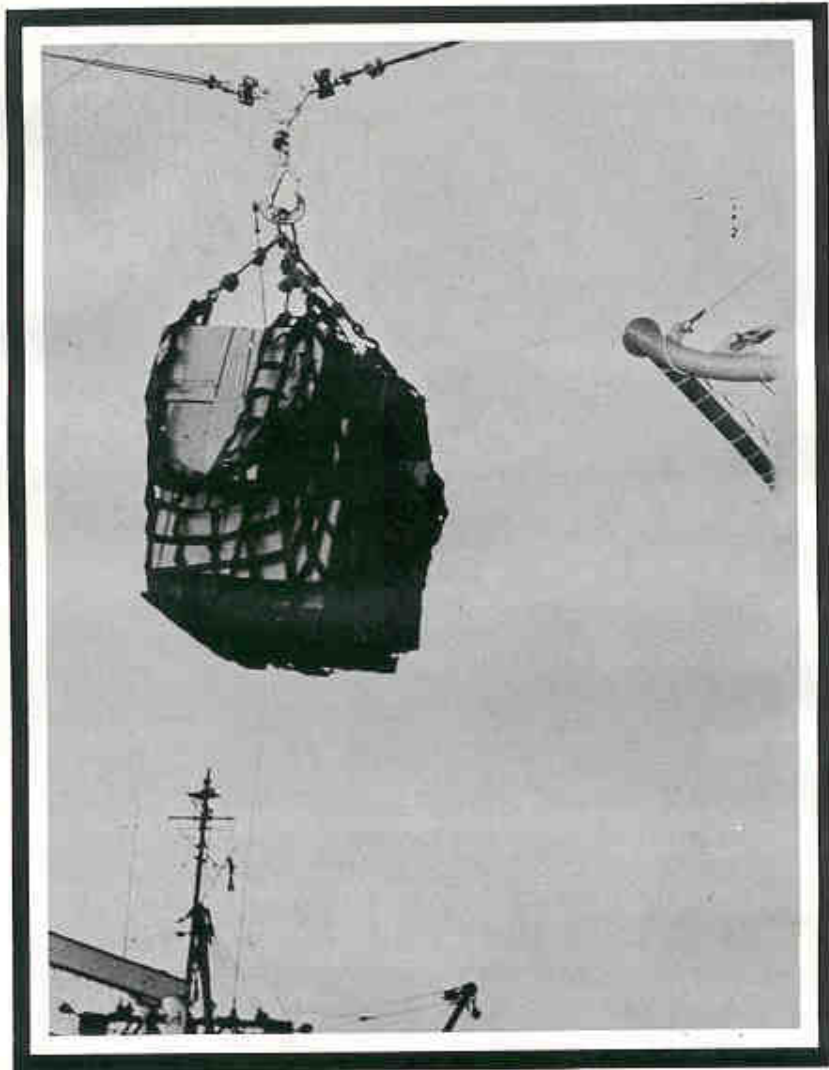
M DIVISION

Back Row: left to right - ENS WAGNER, MMI NEWBY, MMFN HARJU, FN DEMI, MM2 ARMSTRONG, MMFN VEZINA, and MMI PULLEN Middle Row: MMFA KIRK, MMFN BARCLAY, MMFN O'BRIEN, MMFN KIMBALL, and MMFA COCHRAN Front Row: MM2 LAGO, FN WHITE, MMFN TAPIA, FN EDENBURN, and MMFN ARCHIBALD

During the 1978-79 Middle East deployment, "M" Division developed greatly as professional engineers while still finding time for fun and relaxation. The division significantly improved the material condition of their spaces, developed into finely tuned watchstanding teams, and helped MULLINIX make every commitment. Two noteworthy accomplishments were passing the cleanliness and preservation inspection and the full power run trial. Just as "M" division worked very hard, they played very hard from the beer blast on the beaches of Pakistan to the club in Bahrain. "M" division surely left their mark during the Middle East deployment and can be relied upon to meet further commitments.







SUPPLY



SUPPLY DIVISION

left to right - MSSN RIVENBURG, SK1 RIGGS, OSSN MADRANO, MS2 ZINZ, Back Row: SHSN LANDINGIN, SHSN CHAMBERLAIN, SK1 CANDELARIO, SN RIEGO, SN CALALO, MS1 ROGERS, MSSN E. WHITE Front Row: SN DOMINGUEZ, MS2 GUNDAYO, MS1 ABRANS, MS3 ESTACIO, MS1 BOURFF

left to right - ENS CARON, LT(jg) COULTER and MSCS EDPAO



SKC CALLIOTTE







AWARDS AND CEREMONIES



During the deployment many Mullinnix sailors were advanced, commended, decorated or re-enlisted. During one such ceremony where MUX fighting men were noted for performance rendered, RADM PACKER (COMIDEASTFOR) presided over the entire ceremony from a letter of Appreciation to performing a re-enlistment, giving way for many future and inspirational ceremonies to be conducted while deployed to the Middle East area of operations.

Time and time again, MUX sailors went above the 100% expected by putting forth that little extra to keep the ship running smoothly and efficiently.

During ceremonies onboard MUX many "first timers" and careerists received decorations of Good Conduct to be used as models of professional pride for the entire command.

Promotions in the Navy bring on greater responsibility and a greater desire for added education to improve those skills, like the professionals they are, MUX men were not dreaming of doing it, they did it.





SPORTS . . .



. . . AND SMOKERS



HOLIDAYS

We were always at home in spirit.



WMUX - TV

By providing us with a combination of sports, news and character assassinations WMUX became the most popular station on the air. Of course the competition was pretty slim and nobody could beat WMUX's test pattern.



WMUX - the assassination station - trying to keep our morale high and our morals low.



MOUTHY AND MALAJUSTED

- a - HOLLYWOOD HAINES
- b - MS2 "THE TYPICAL MESSCOOK" ARNOLD
- c - SN PETER MCMAHON

“A DAY IN THE LIFE . . .”



Reveille!



Got a chill?





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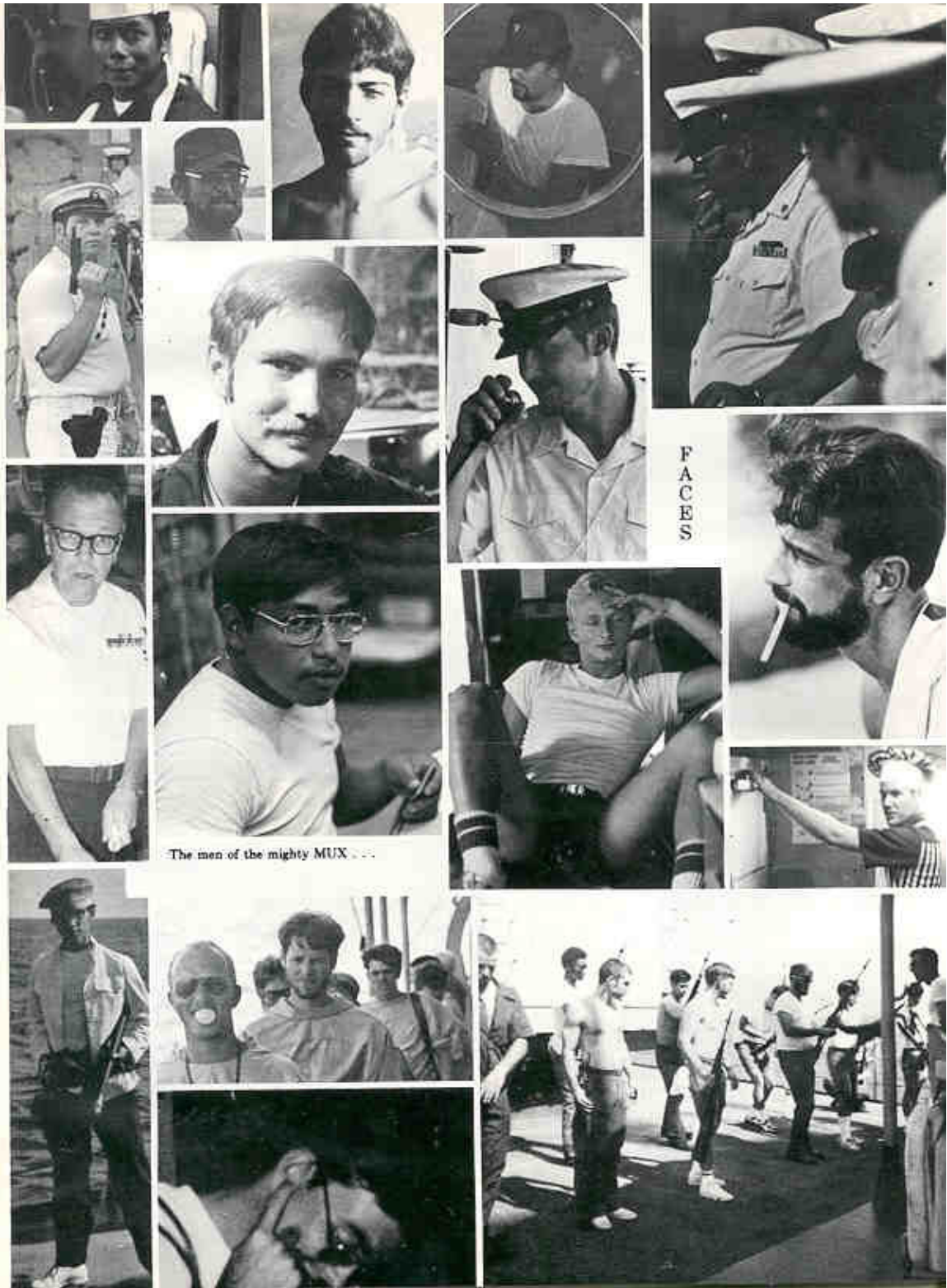


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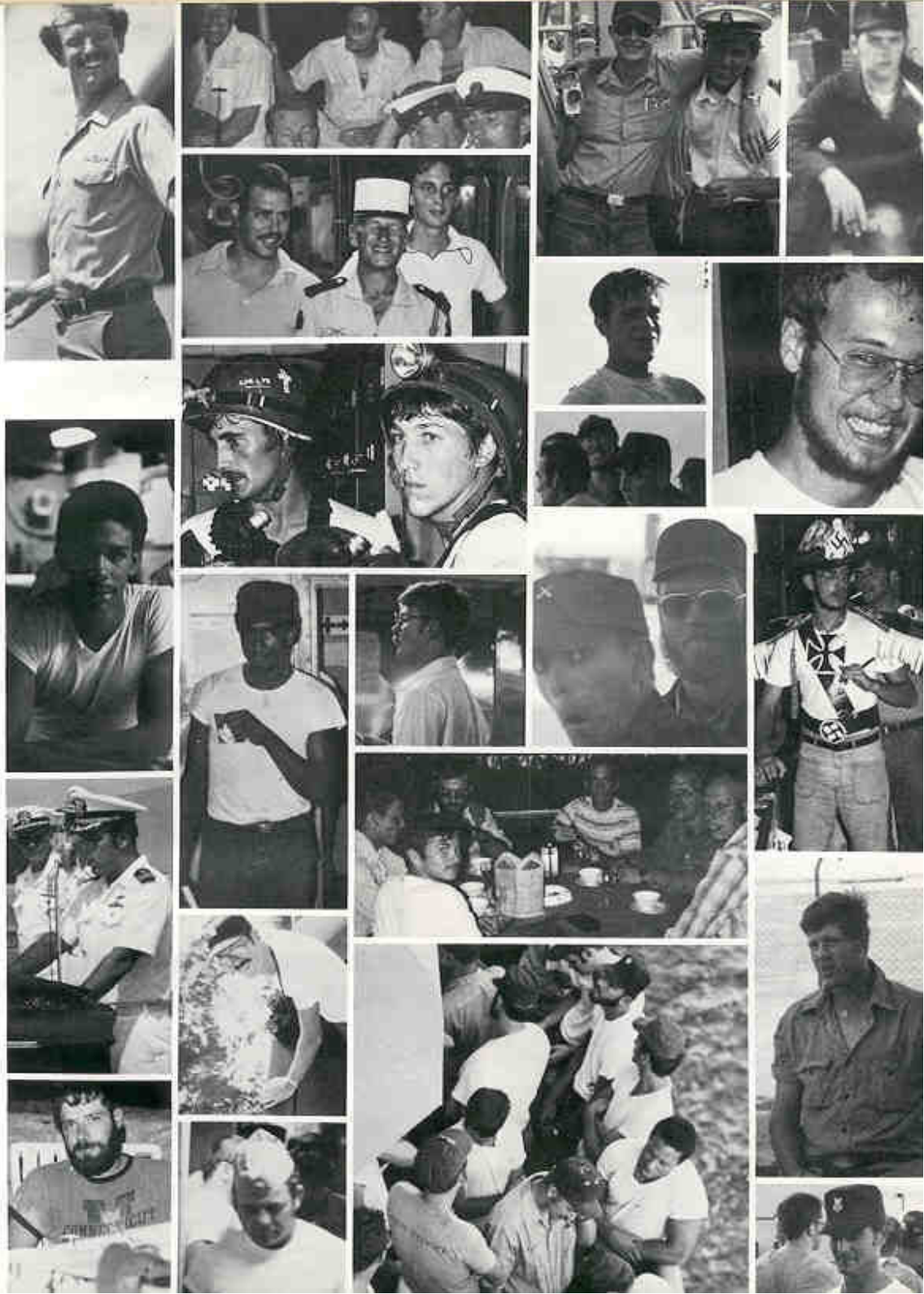
Hickey at his best





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The men of the mighty MUX...





"The Sak, Bahrain"



"A 24 Karat Window"



"No Hay Us In His Sights"



"Shooting Pictures With A 5 Inch Cannon"

"Home Sweet Home"



"The Taj Mahal Of Port Said"





"One Of Bahrain's Many Gold Stores"



"A Scope Full Of Skunks - Karschi"



"The Photo The Editor Didn't Want"



"Galilei And Arnold With A Case Of The Crabs"

"Sweet Sunset"



"Gotta Light!"



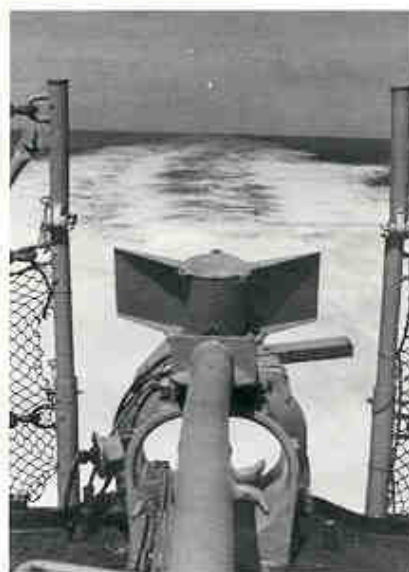
HOMeward BOUND



One last port



One last "Hey Joe"



One last look



Our partner the Veeland



The weather



The results



Our new Motto: "NOT OLDER - BETTER"



HOME



1946-1947

"Moored - Shift Colors"



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