

# USS MULLINNIX DD944

MIDDLE EAST/MED CRUISE

MARCH-AUGUST 1980





LOVELY LADY

Nothing but ocean  
As far as the eye can see  
Not a bird, not a ship  
Just this lady and me.

I have been with this lady  
For days innumerable now  
I have gotten to know her  
From her stern to her bow.

This lady is old  
Weather beaten, yet still proud  
From her eyes and her brain  
To her whistle long and loud.

The many men that live with her  
Love her as I do  
For this lady is our home  
And we are her crew.

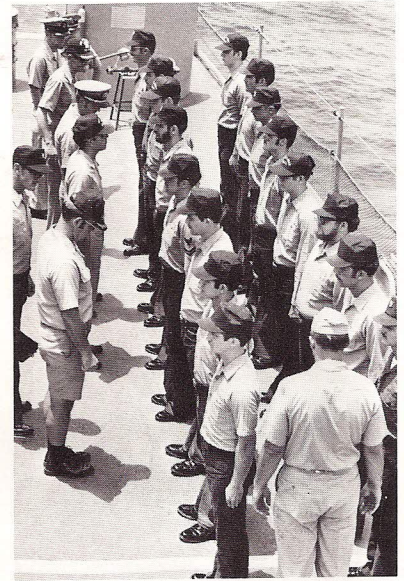
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# THE MEN OF MULLINNIX



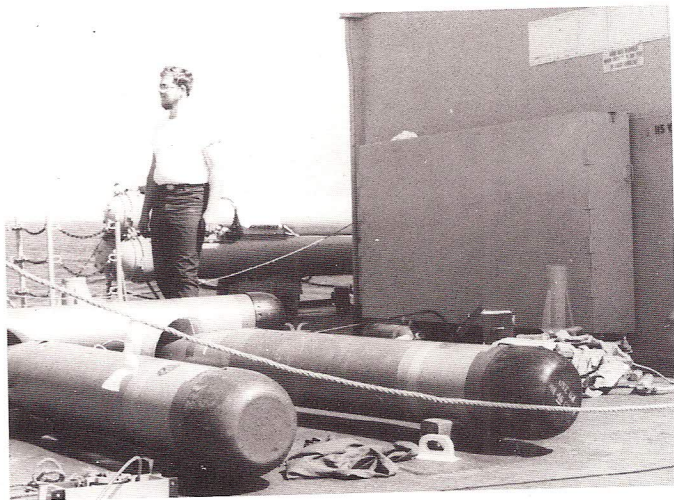
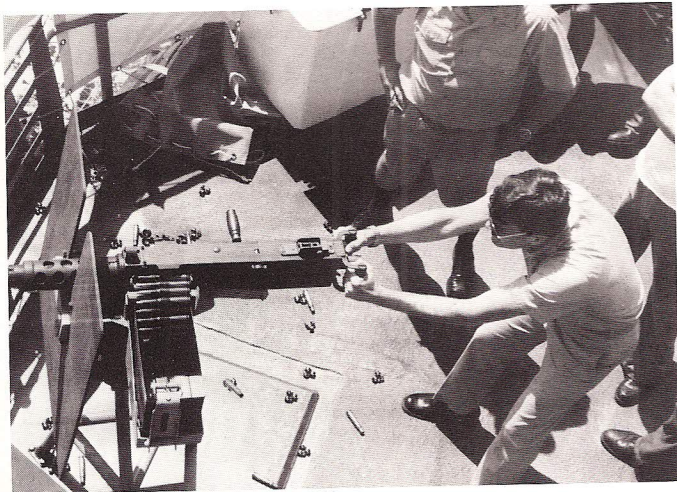
LOOK GOOD



WORK HARD



PLAY HARD



# WEAPONS



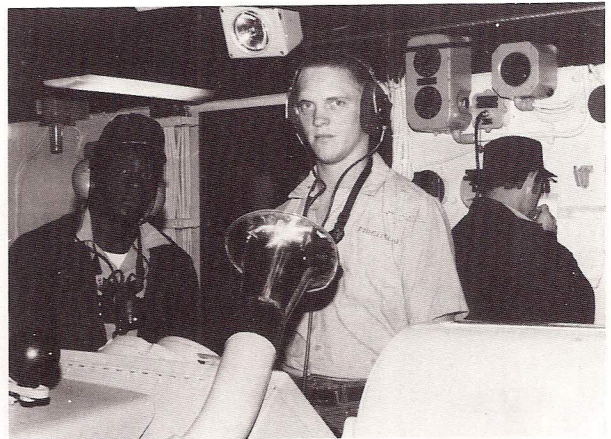
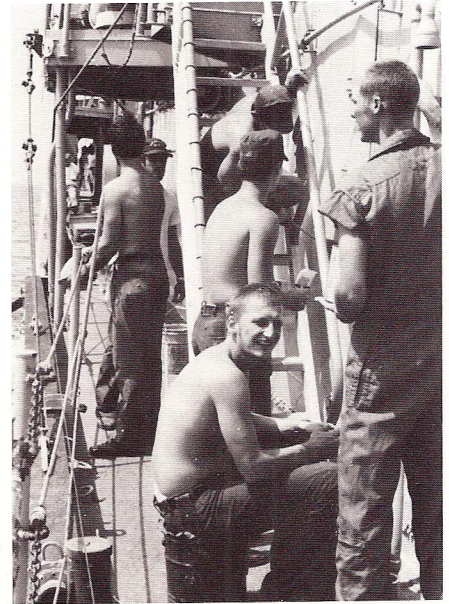
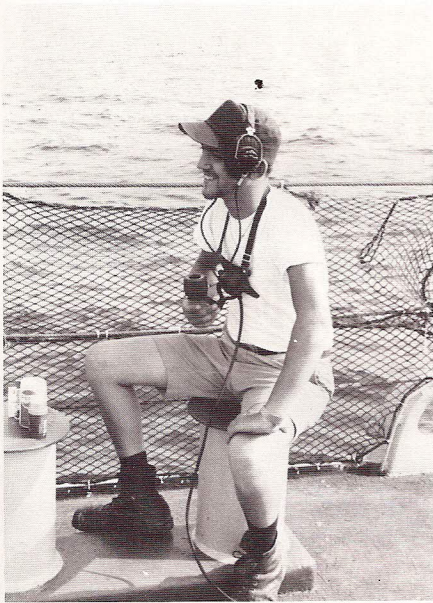
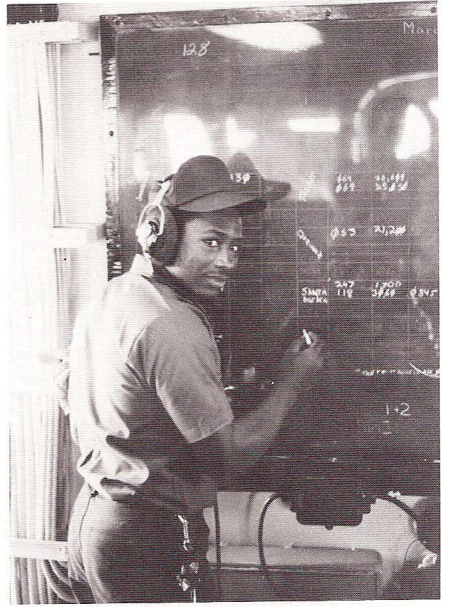


## FIRST DIVISION

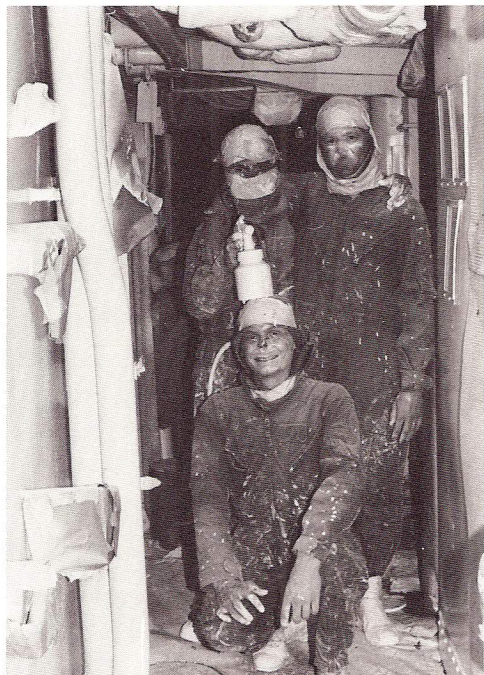
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FIRST Division is composed of some of the Navy's finest young men. No job is too big for FIRST as they painted out, refueled, handled helos, and drove the ship throughout the Middle East. FIRST division worked and played together, but most of all, they were the best.

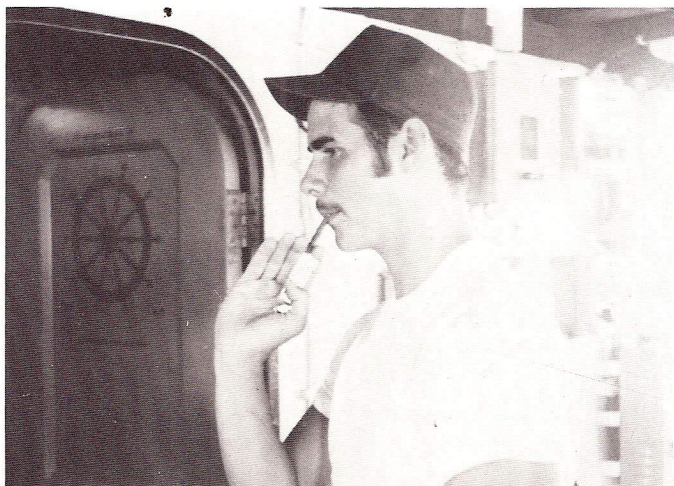








GMG3 BURGNER

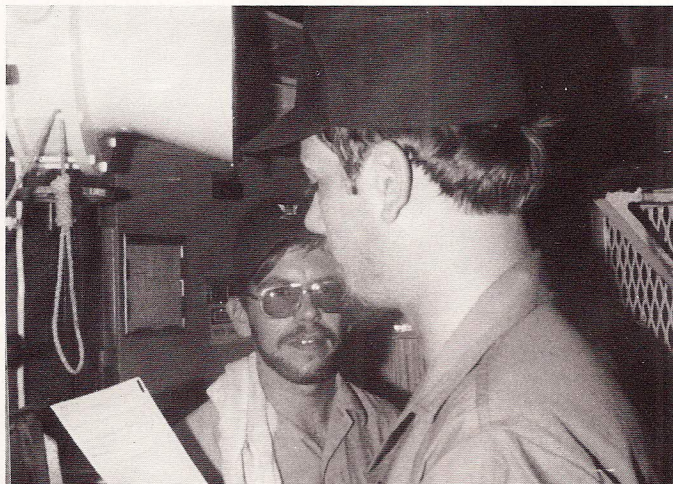


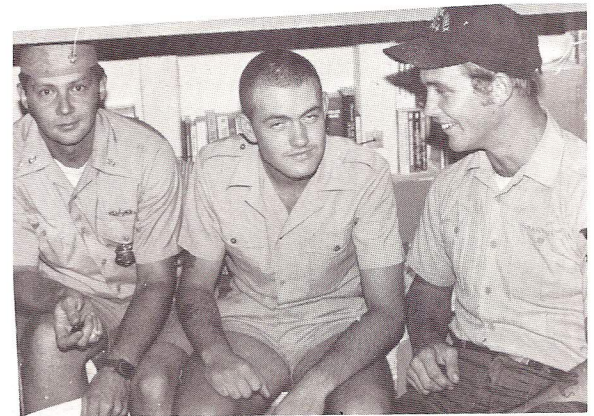
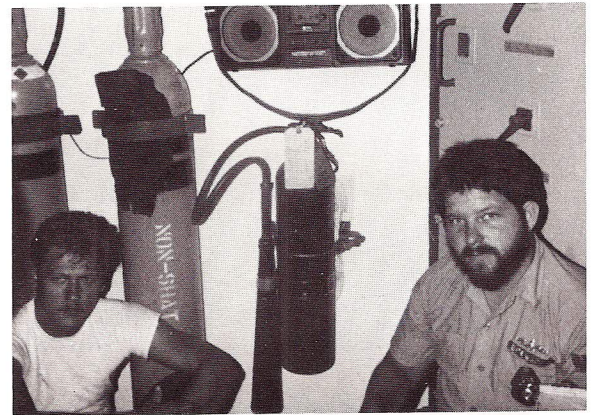
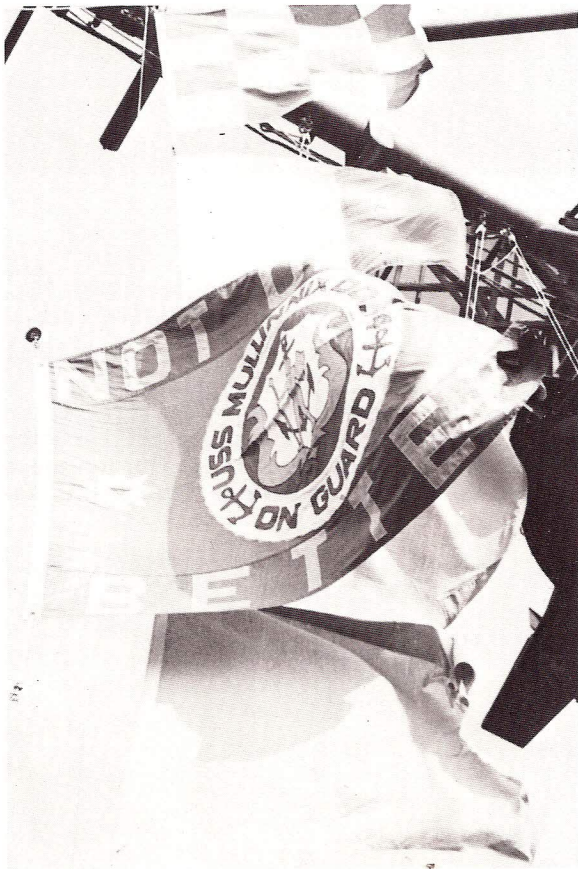
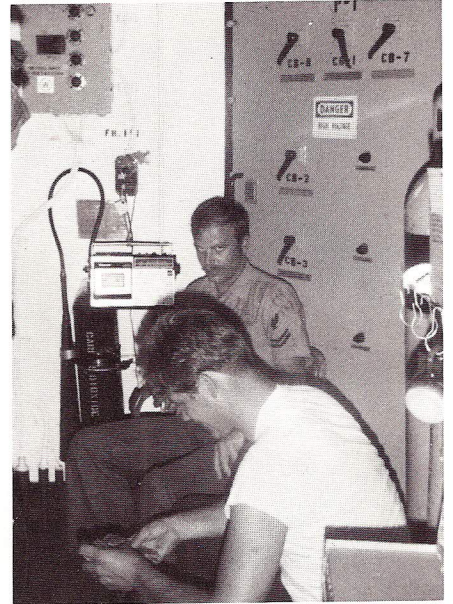
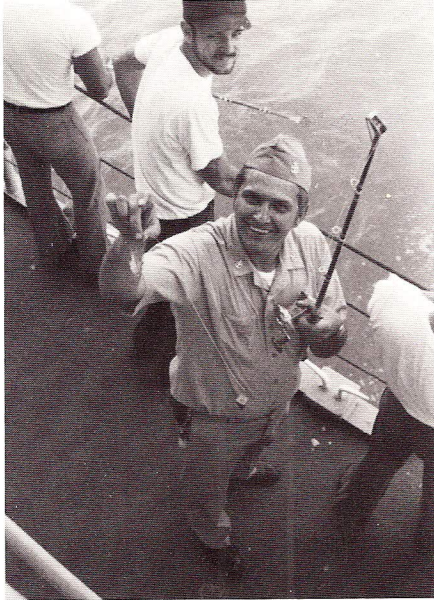


## GUN DIVISION

Back Row: GMGC SAYLOR, GMG1 CALDWELL, GMGSN HEEPS, GMGSN FREEMAN, GMGSN MALMBERG, GMG2 WASHBURN, GMG3 MARTIN, LTJG HIGGS Front Row: GMG3 PETERSON, GMG3 PIPKIN, GMG3 MADRIGALES, GMG3 FRANCESCHI, GMG2 BREWER

GUN division is responsible for the repair and maintenance of three 5"54, MK 42, MOD 7, rapid fire guns mounts, magazine sprinkler systems, and numerous small arms, in addition to the equipment used by the ship's self defense force. GUN division is made up of highly trained professionals that keep three gun mounts weighing 145000 LBS, and made up of 158000 parts, 123 relays, 104 solenoids, and 308 major switch assemblies. During one minute of sustained fire these components work together in 320 individual movements and, while deployed, it was done without a major casualty.



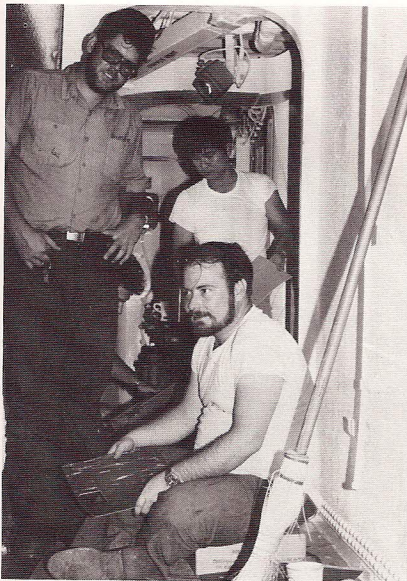


Special Guest

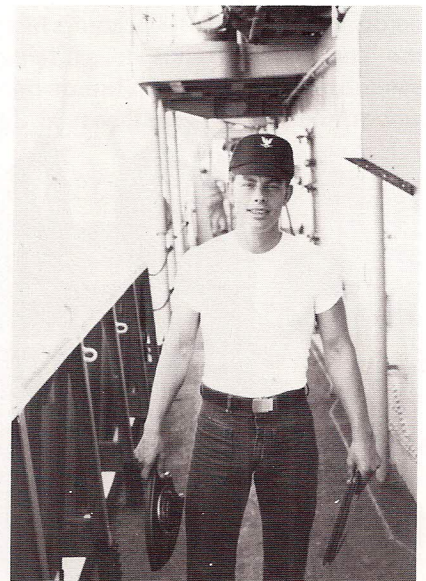


## FOX DIVISION

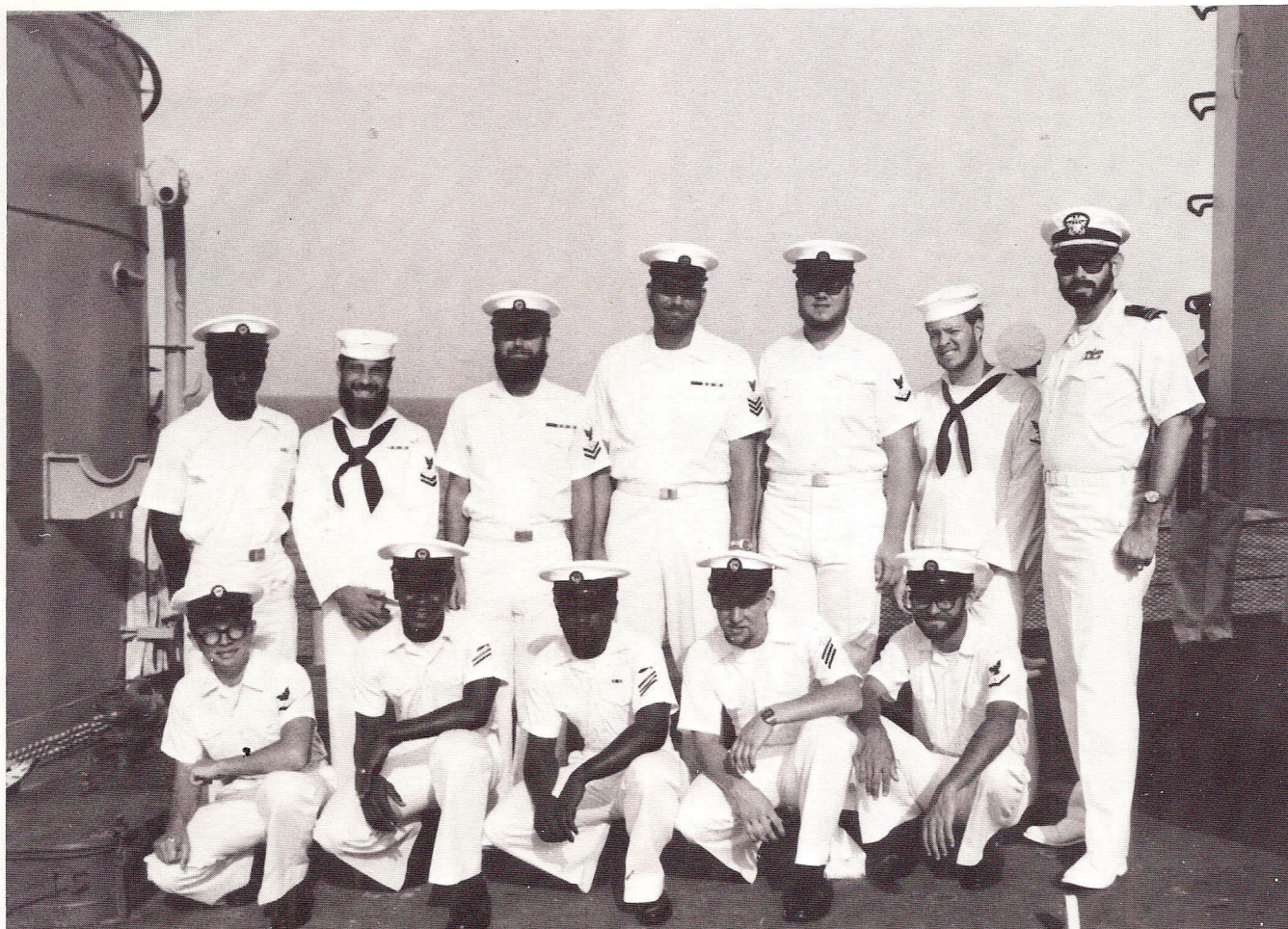
Back Row: FTG2 JOHNSON, FTG3 GIL, FTGSN SHANGLE, FTG3 SHUMATE, FTG2 RITCHIE, FTG2 BENJAMIN, FTG3 FOWLER, FTGC WEBER Front Row: FTG1 SIMS, SN SPITZER, FTG2 FISHER, FTG2 RIGBY, FTG2 KING, LTJG TERRY



On julian date 0071, the **USS MULLINNIX** embarked on her five month mission to explore strange new lands, to seek out new life and civilizations, to boldly go where few civilized men have gone before. During this deployment, the men of **FOX** division were tasked with the operation, maintenance, and repair of the gun fire control systems. These systems are used in conjunction with the target designation system to detect, track, and if necessary, destroy a target, be it air, surface, or land. The **MUX's** primary wartime mission is naval gunfire support and as the best of the last great gunships, she is more than capable of fulfilling her mission.



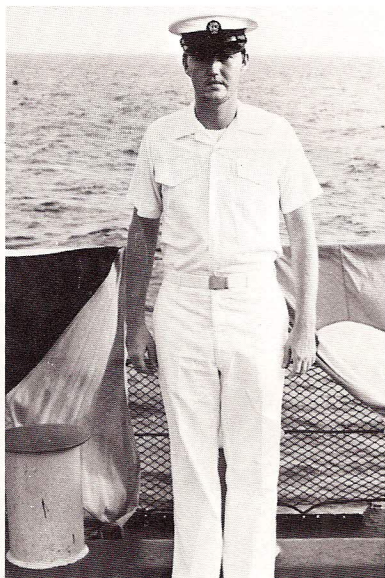




## AS DIVISION

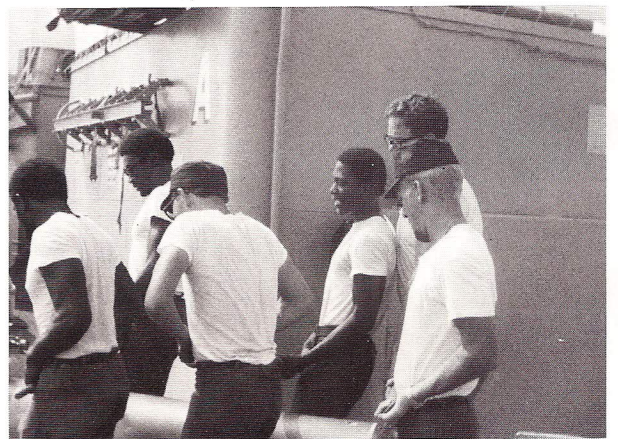
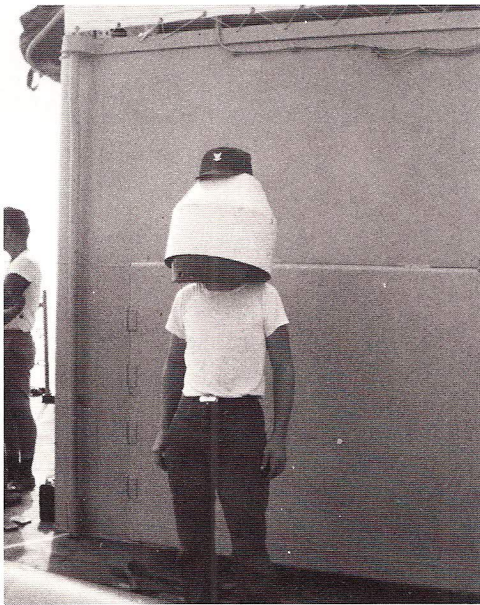
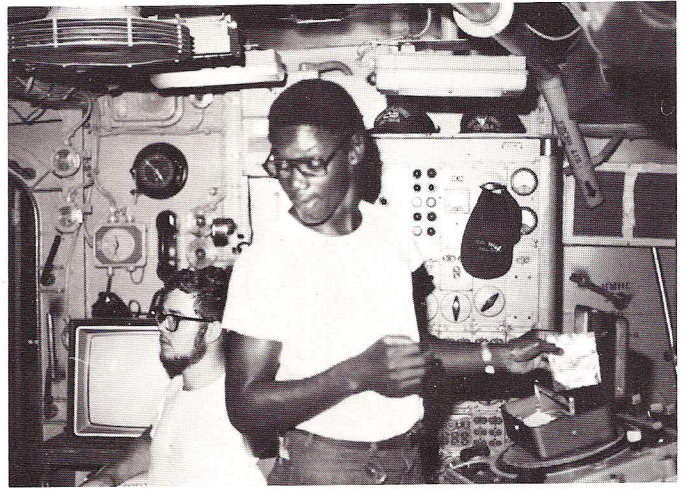
Back Row: STG3 CAMPBELL, STG2 PISANO, STG2 ENGLEHART, STG1 DURANT, STG3 WOOLARD, STG3 KOEN, LTJG CROW  
 Front Row: STG3 GODZIK, TMSA BONNER, TM3 CLAY, STGSN PETRAS, STG3 BOGAN

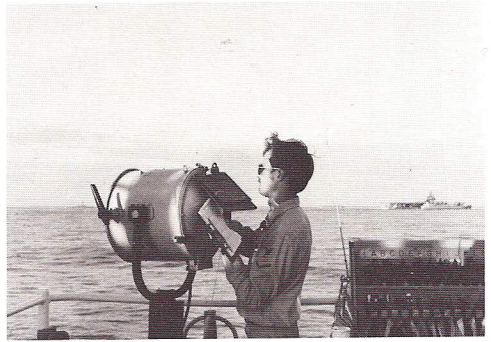
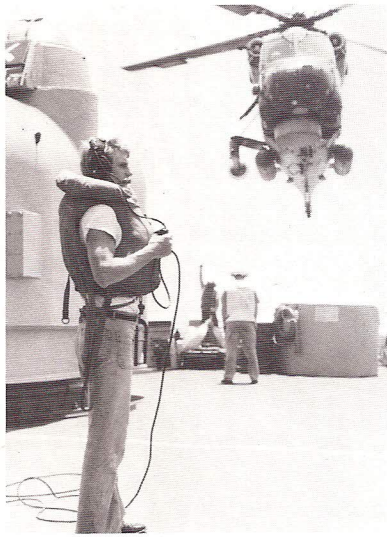
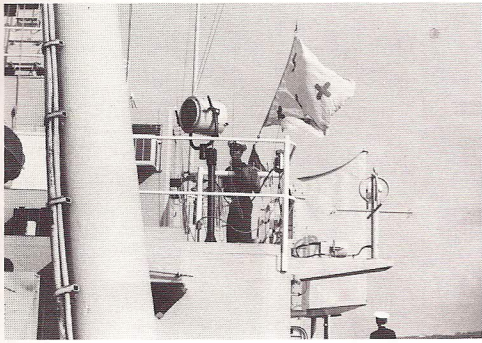
### STGSN SHEA



AS division is in charge of detecting and maintaining contact with any object on or beneath the surface of the sea. Consisting of sonar technicians and torpedomen, the division operates, repairs, and maintains all sonar, ordnance, and associated equipments at a high level of readiness. With continuous teamwork, AS division's performance in exercises, such as MARCOT and READDEX 1-80, aided MULLINNIX in achieving the ASW "A", signifying superior performance.

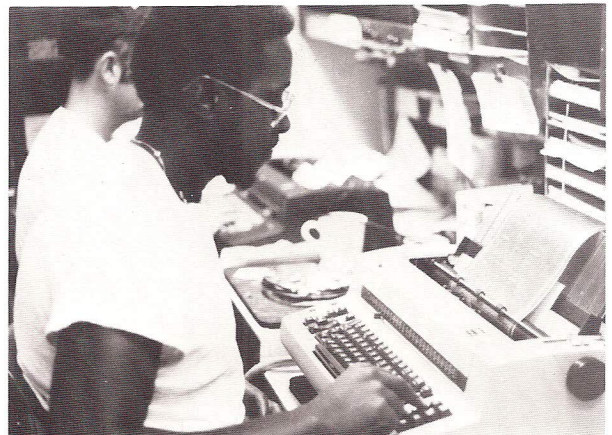
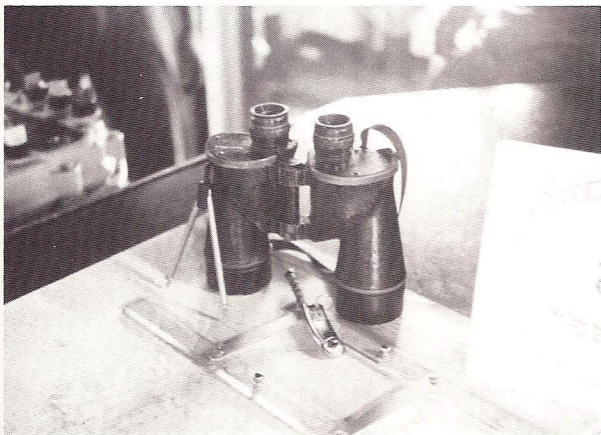




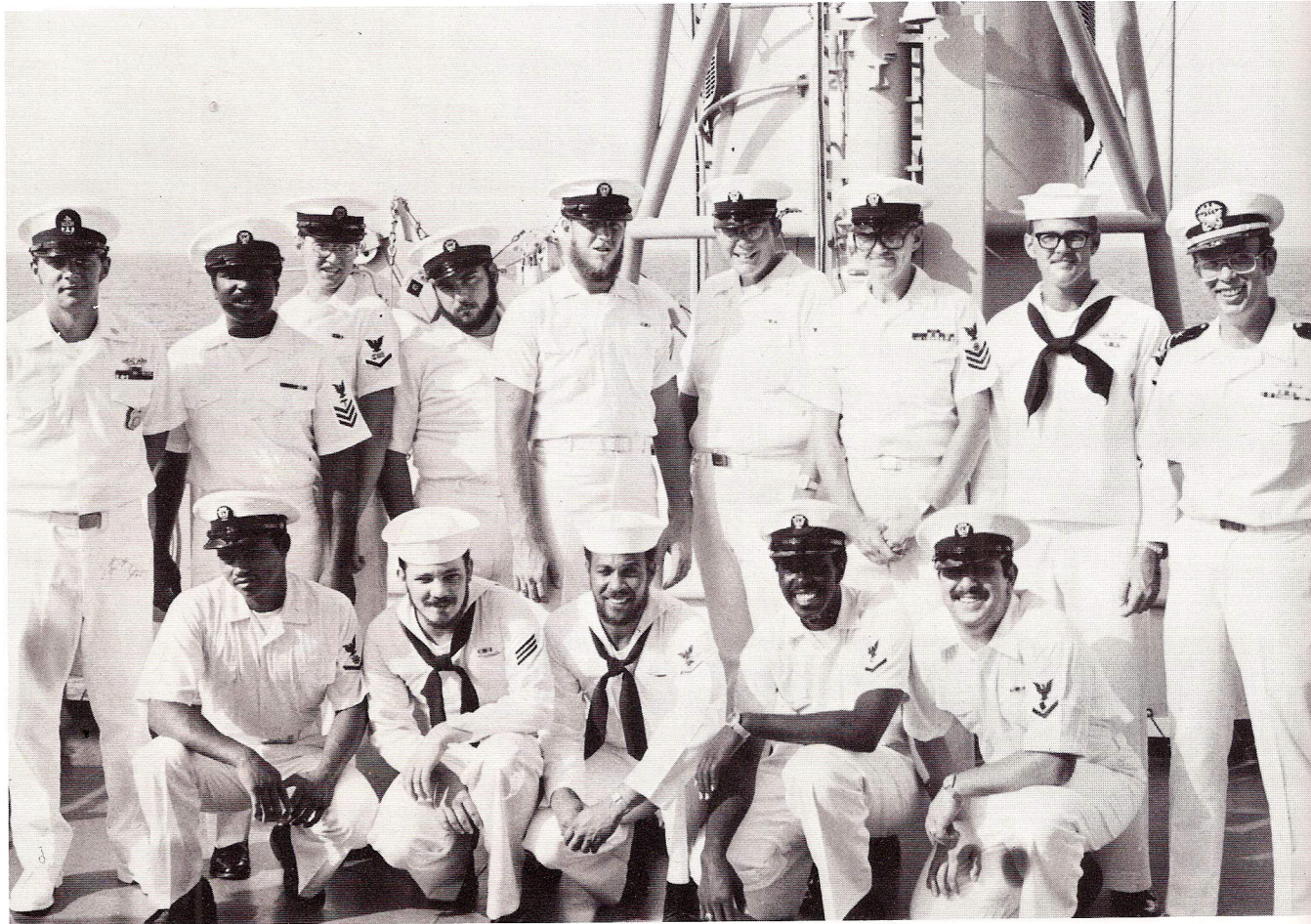


# OPERATIONS

## NX

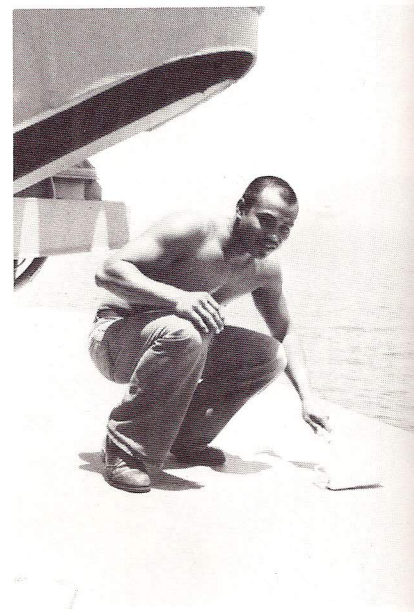
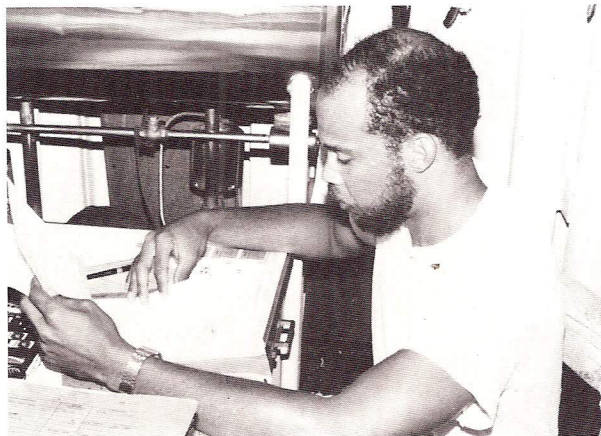


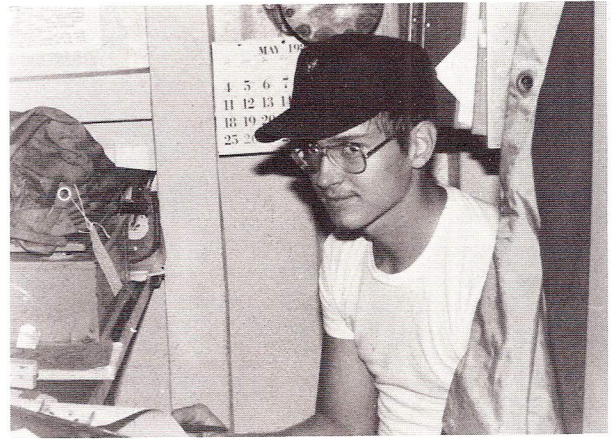
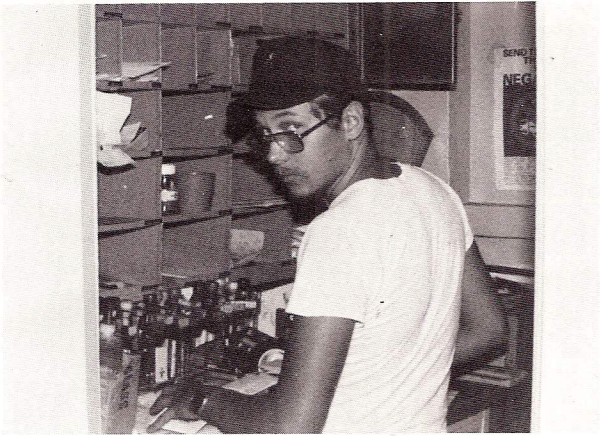


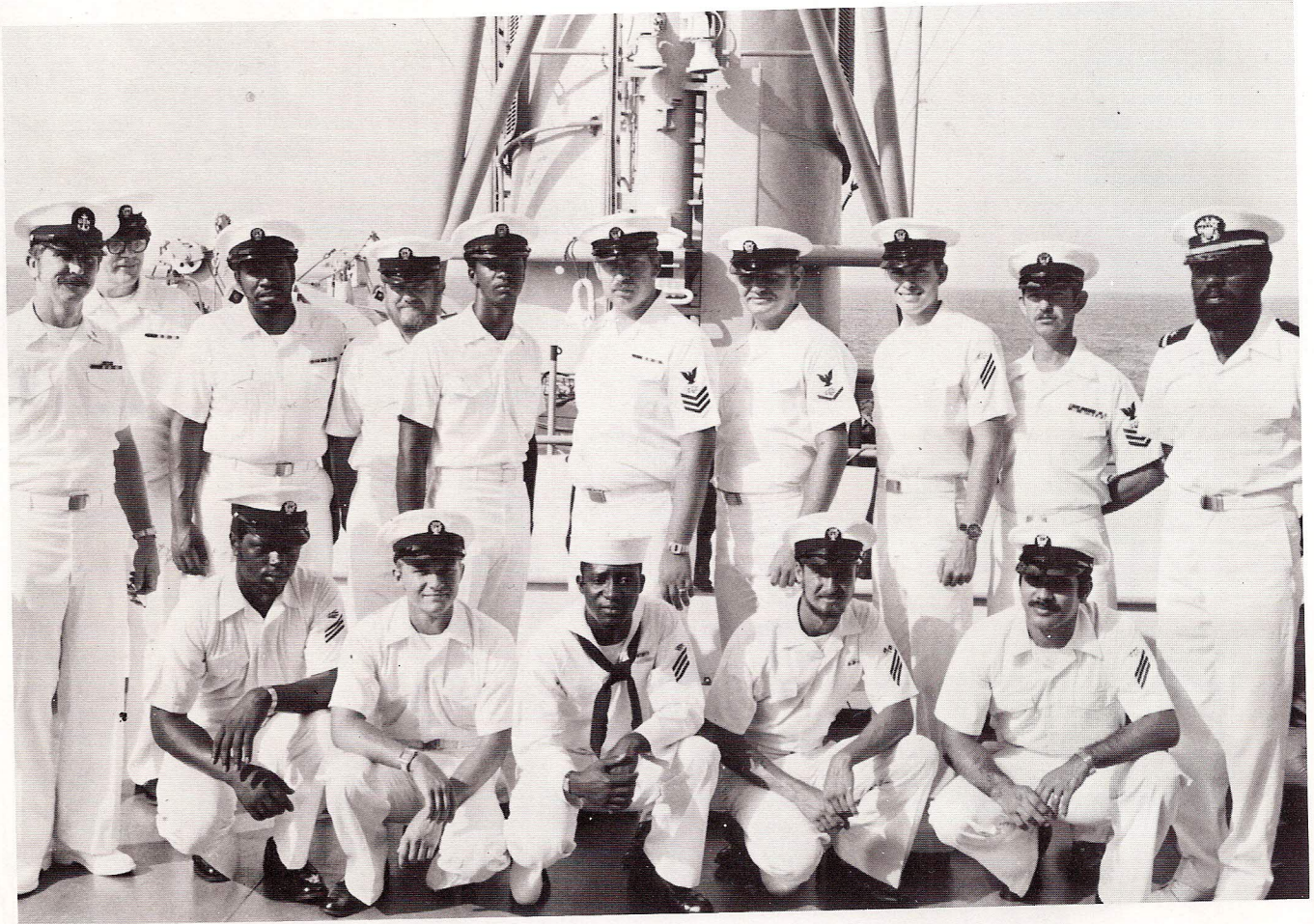


## NX DIVISION

Back Row: MAC EVANS, HM1 BAILEY, PC3 TEETER, ET3 FACKRELL, QMSN SEAVAR, QM2 CRETE, QM1 PALMER, FTG3 ROYALTY, LTJG OGARA Front Row: QM3 HAYME, SN SMITH, HM3 WHITE, YN3 SCOTT, PN3 SANTAGATA



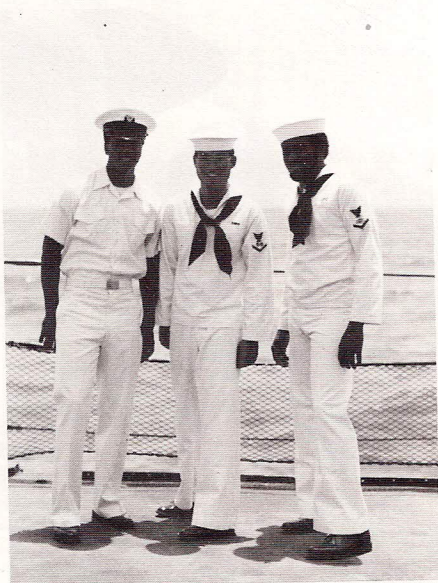




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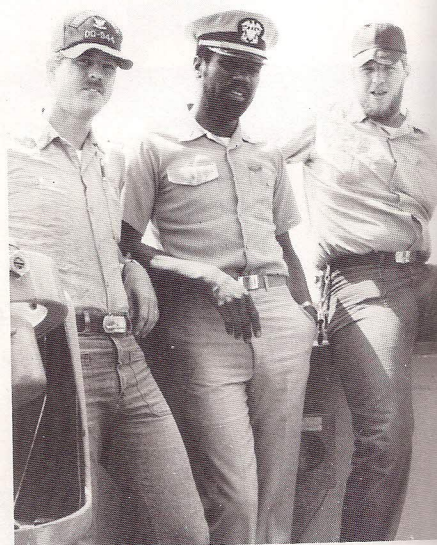
Back Row: RMC CARPENTER, RM1 GRIMM, SM2 STERLING, SM1 HUTZELL, SM3 GRIFFIN, RM1 SAWMILLER, RM3 HAYNES, RMSN MANSBURGER, RM1 CLARK, ENS LUNDY Front Row: RMSN HALL, SMSA HEISLER, RMSN WASHINGTON, SMSN WILSON, RMSN GARCIA

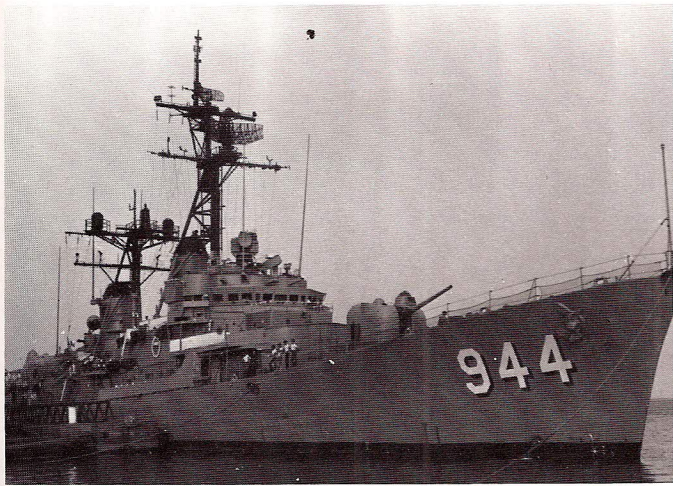
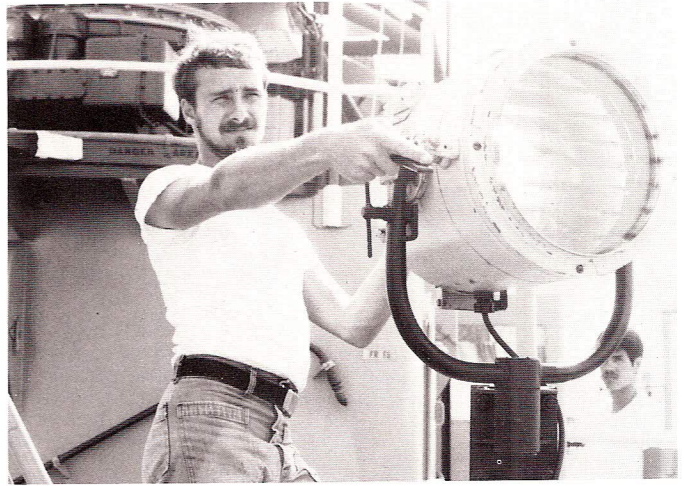
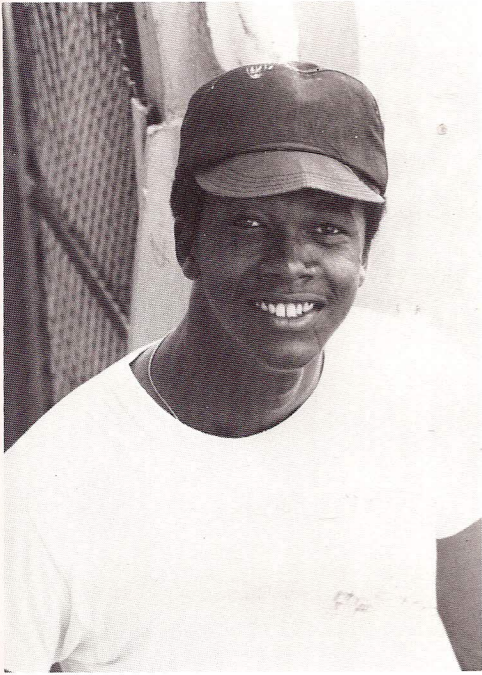
RMSN NOWELL, SM3 PARKS, RM3 BELL



OC division radiomen must be able to work together to ensure quick and efficient dissemination of all incoming message traffic. By working together on the deployment much more was learned about the equipment and RM rate. The signalmen continued their usual outstanding performance, outshining all other ships during drill periods. Whether in radio central or on the signal bridge, OC division members are professional communicators.

Div Off and friends



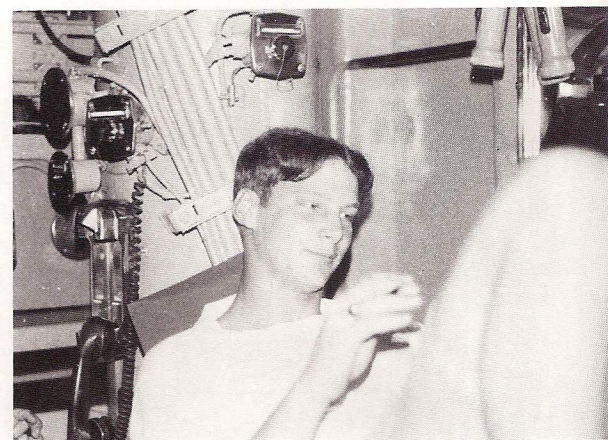
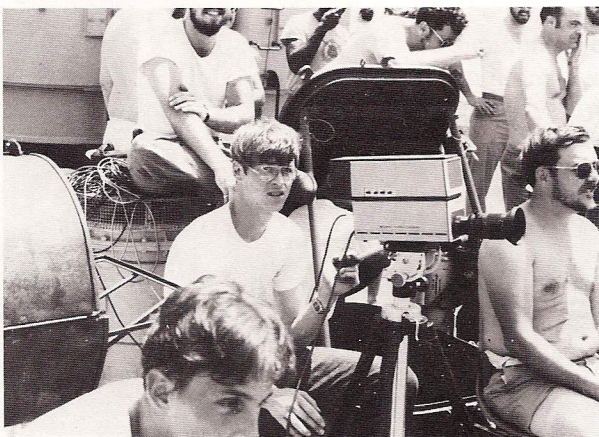


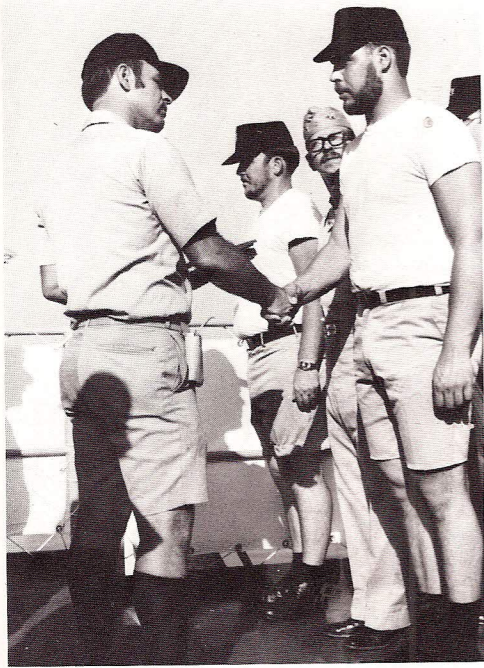


## OE DIVISION

Back Row: ET1 GRACEY, ET1 CRAY, EW2 CARROLL, EW2 THOMPSON, EW3 COOLIDGE, ET2 LYMAN, ET3 SYDRAM  
 Front Row: ET2 EVANS, ET3 LEBLANC, CW03 WILLIAMS, EW3 BILICH, ET3 COWINS, ET3 HILDEBRAND

OE division is the electronic repair workcenter onboard **MULLINNIX**, responsible for the operation, repair, calibration, and maintenance of communication, radar, navigation, and intelligence collecting equipments. The division consists of highly trained technicians of the electronic and electronic warfare ratings, who take great pride in their accomplishments. Two of these are the award for EW excellence and the equipment support for the coveted fleet "green C" for communications expertise. The men of OE truly epitomize their motto . . . "Professionals Around the World," with each member contributing to the successful mission of the mighty MUX during the Middle East/Med cruise of 1980.



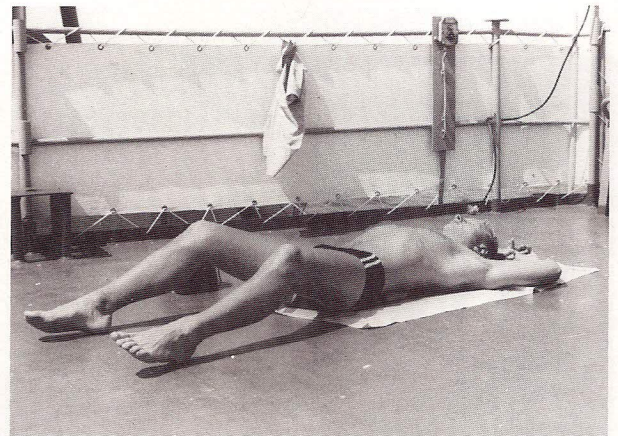
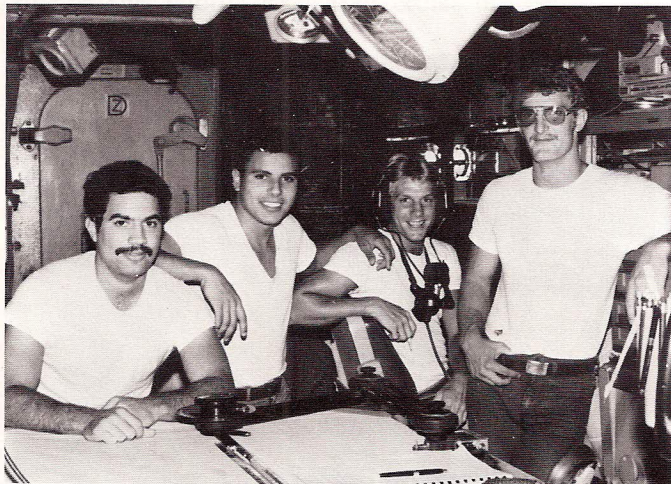




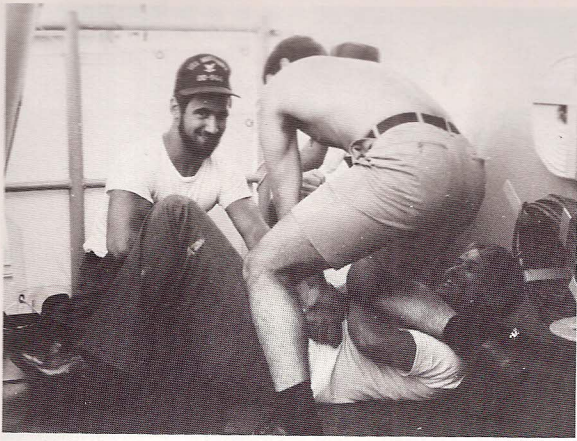
## OI DIVISION

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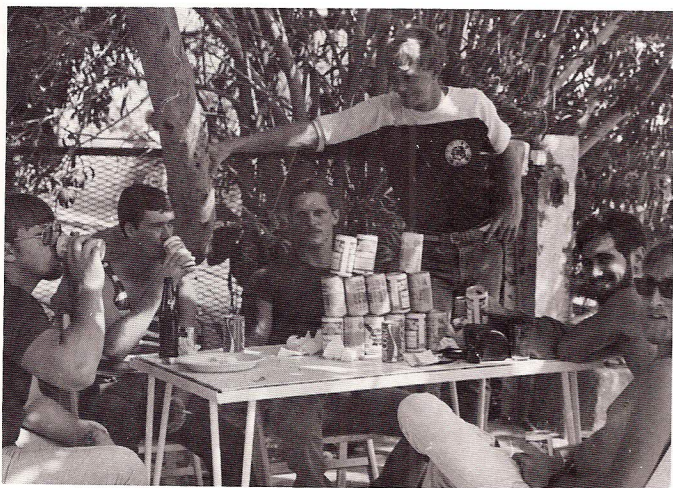
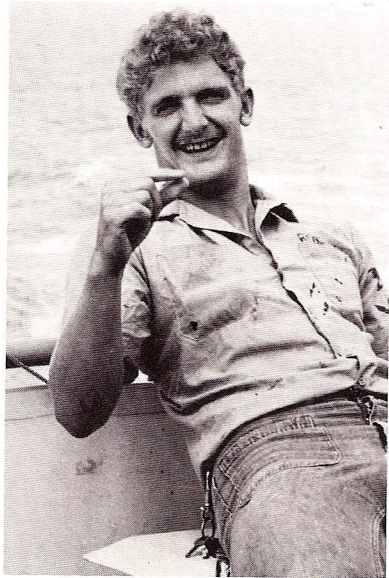
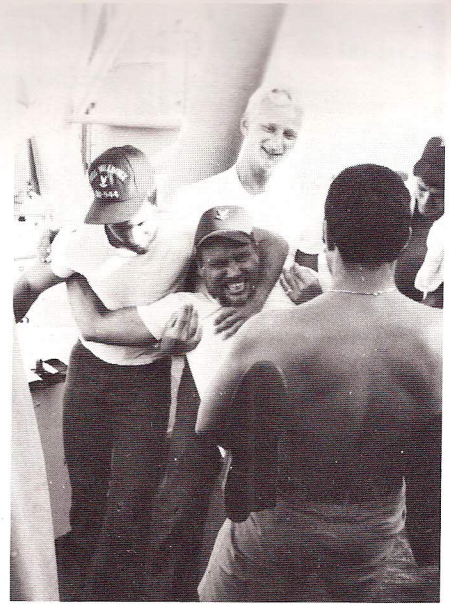
The Combat Information Center is concerned with the collection, display, and evaluation of information from the ships sensors, and then disseminating the information to the shipboard command and control stations. During the 1980 Middle East/Med deployment, **MULLINNIX** operations specialists demonstrated their superior professional ability while conducting tense operations at sea with units of both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets. The cruise was a rewarding one for OI division. After standing many long watches and enjoying the few liberty ports together, the division molded into a unit of men in which many lasting friendships were made. The men, working together, formed a very effective CIC team dedicated to carrying out the ship's mission.



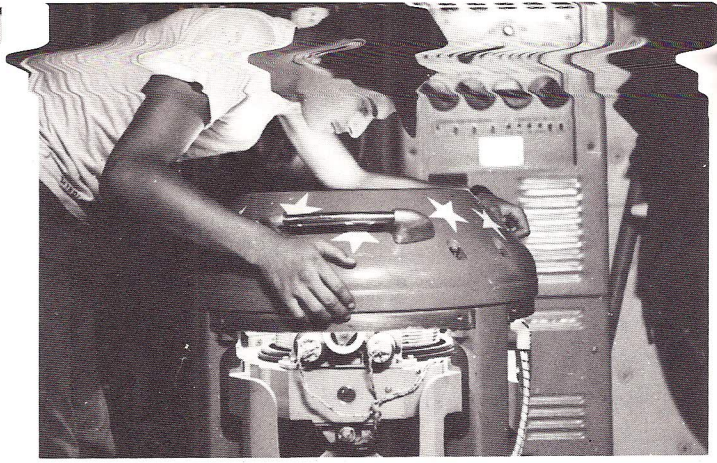
The ultimate sunbather.



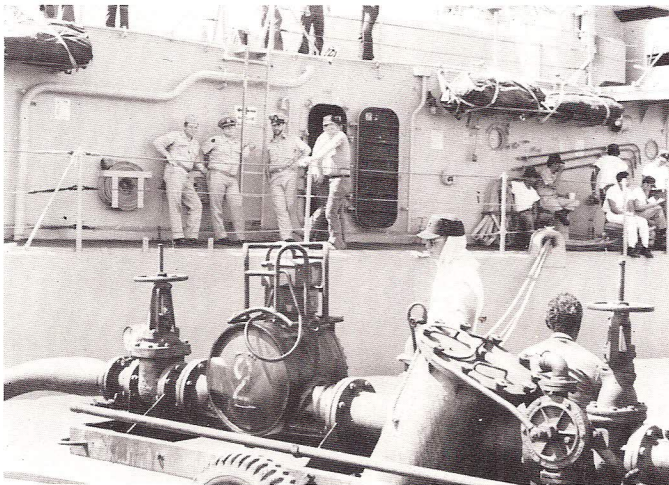
Our favorite playmate

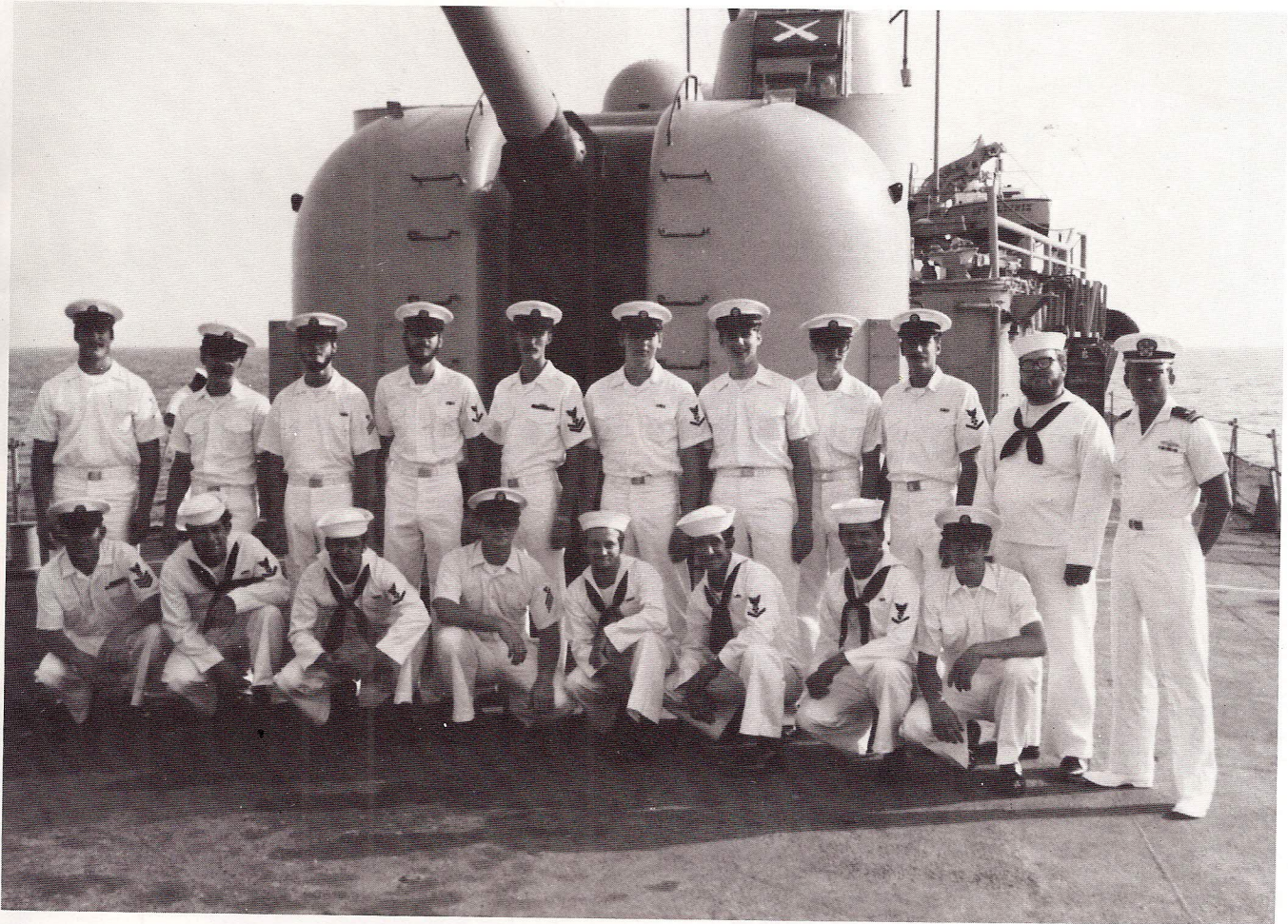






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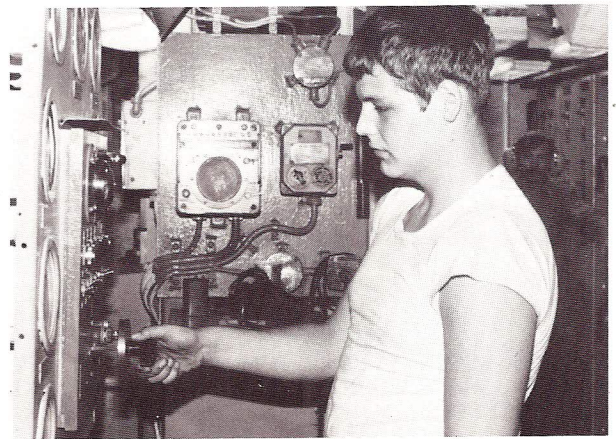
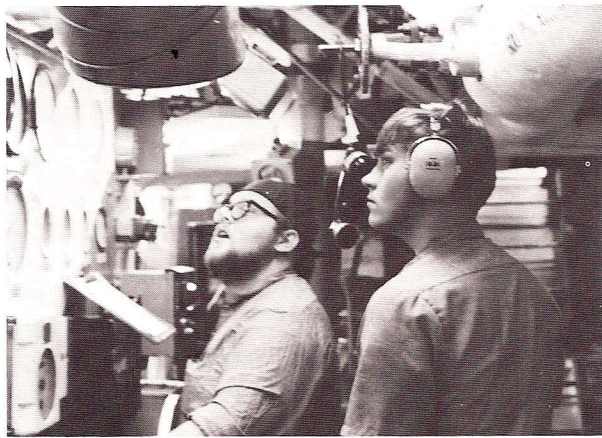
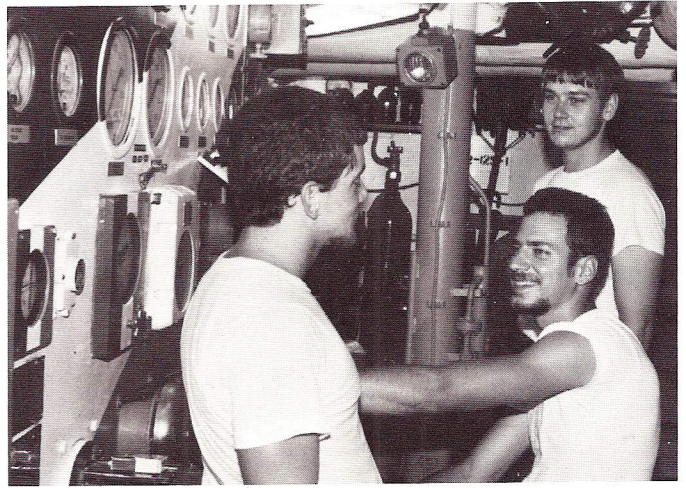
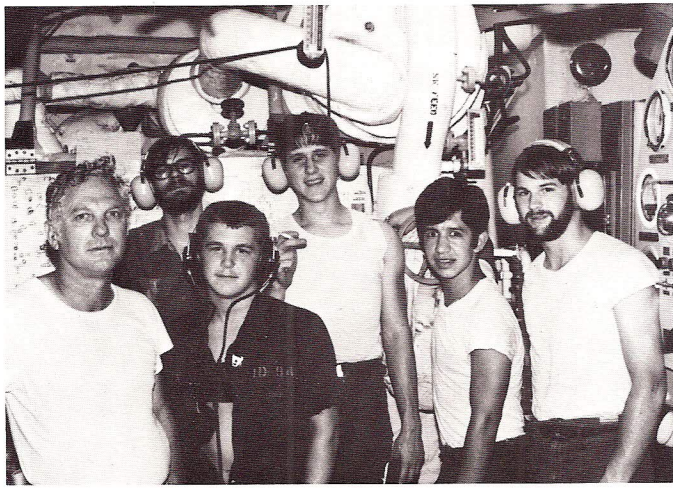


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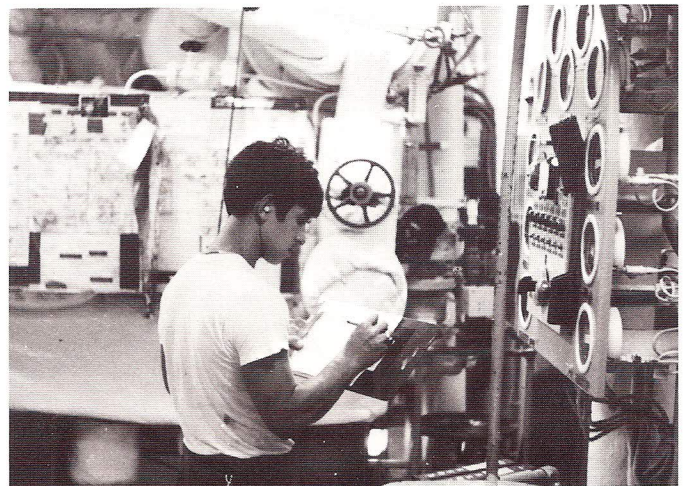
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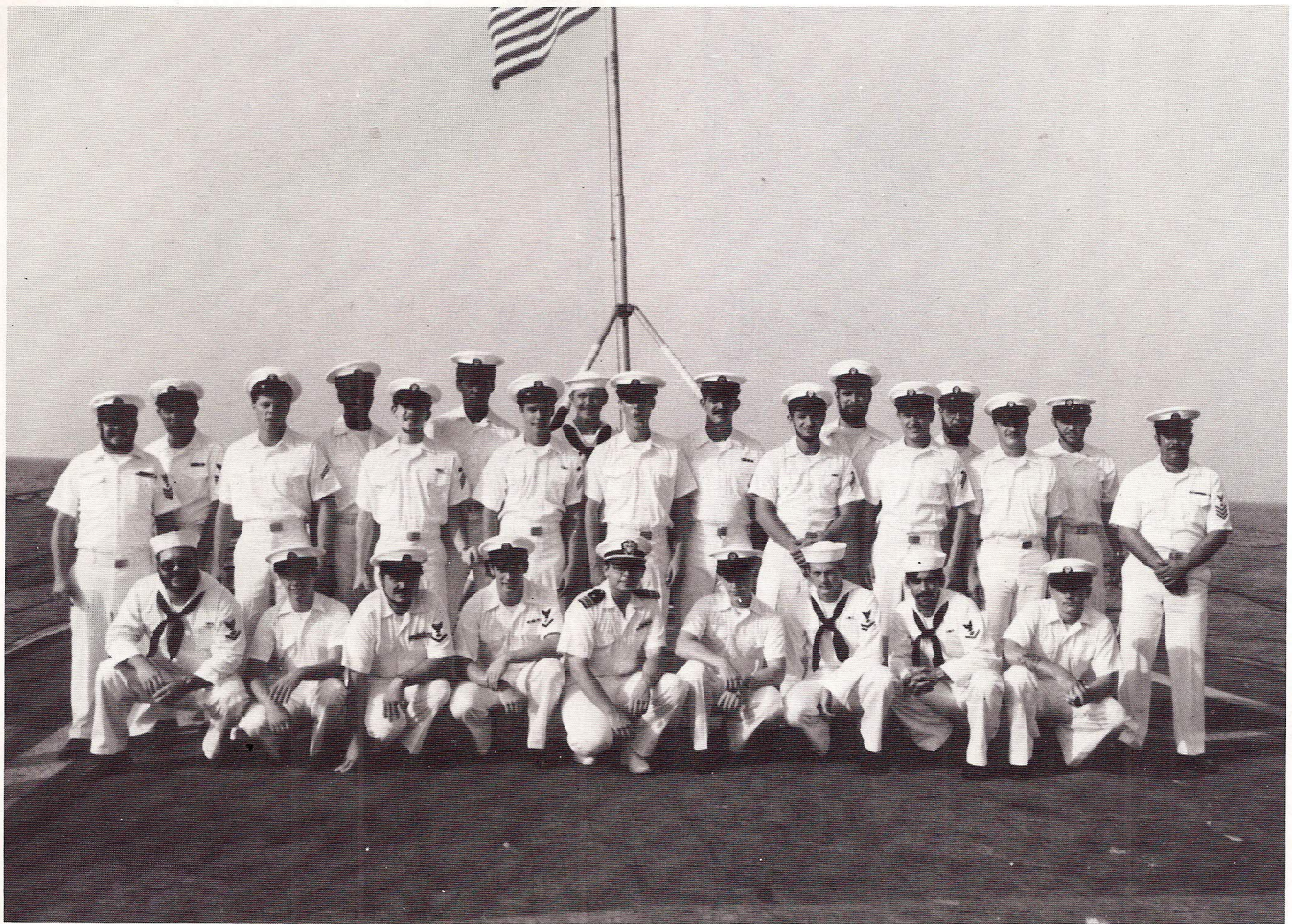
Front Row: MM3 MOORE, FA WERTH, FA MCGIVERN, MM3 FANNIN Back Row: MM2 DOTSON, MM3 BARCLAY, FA STILES, FN SLAGLE, MM1 BRADLEY





FA ROBERTS



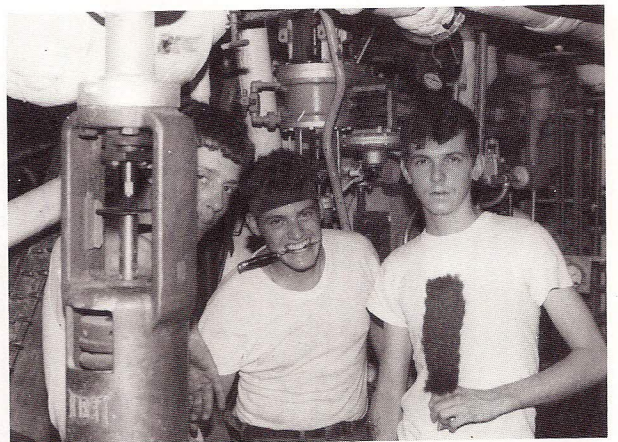
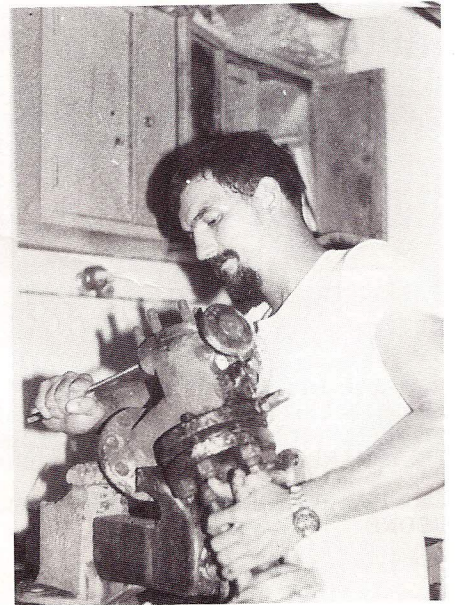
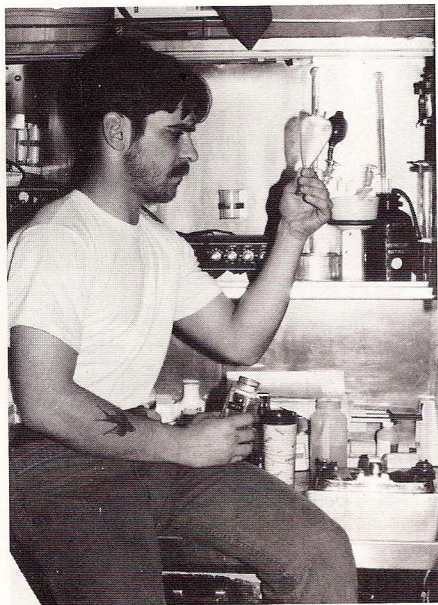
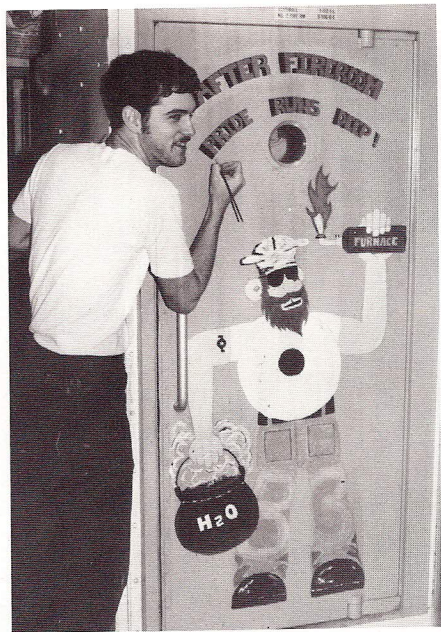


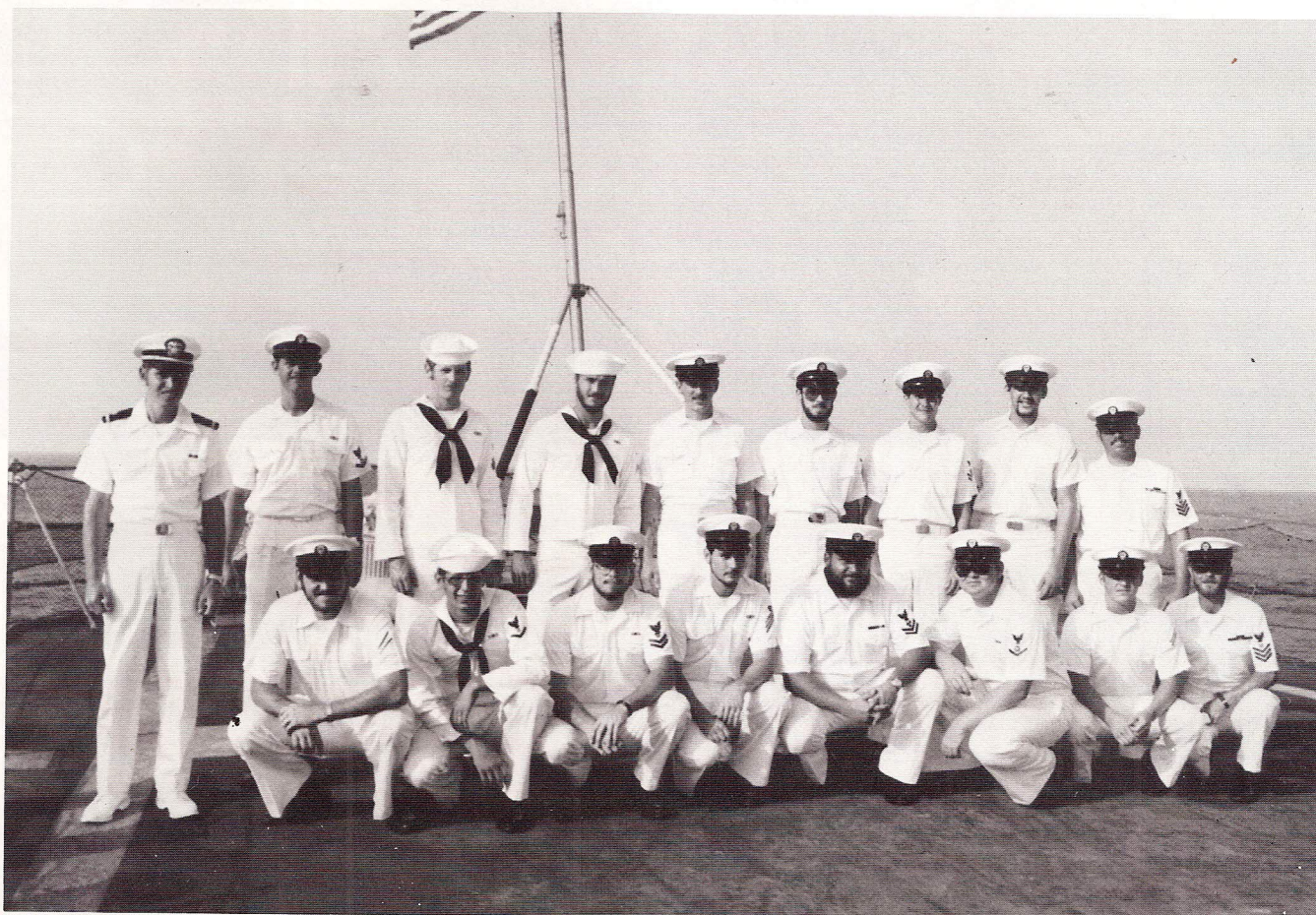
## B DIVISION

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Back Row: BTCS DELANEY, ENS TEASLEY, BT1 PATRIDGE Front Row: BT3 BRIGGS, BTFN TURNER, BT3 WHALEN, BTFA BOONE



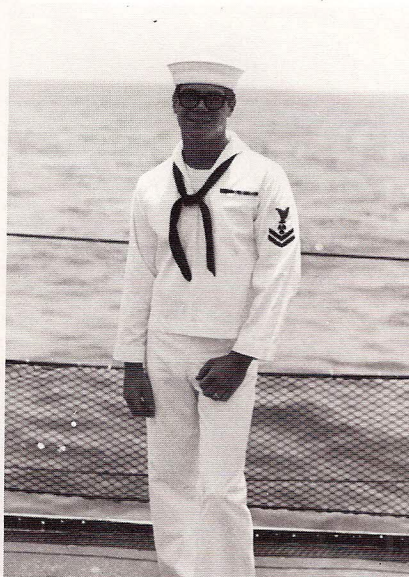




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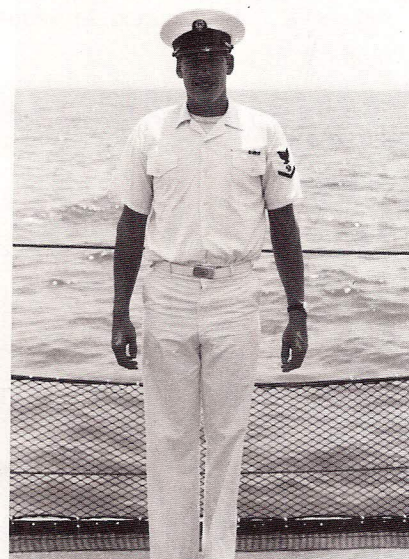
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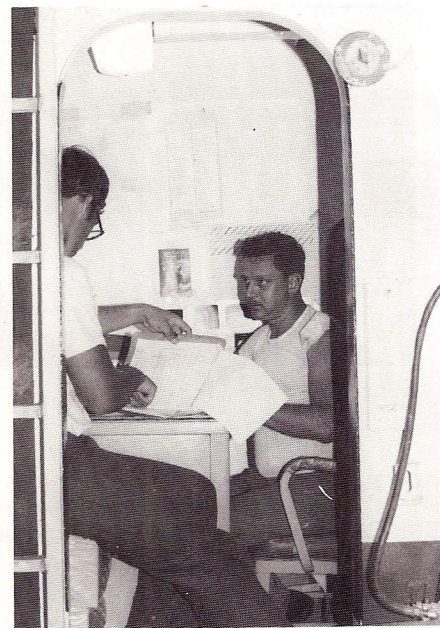
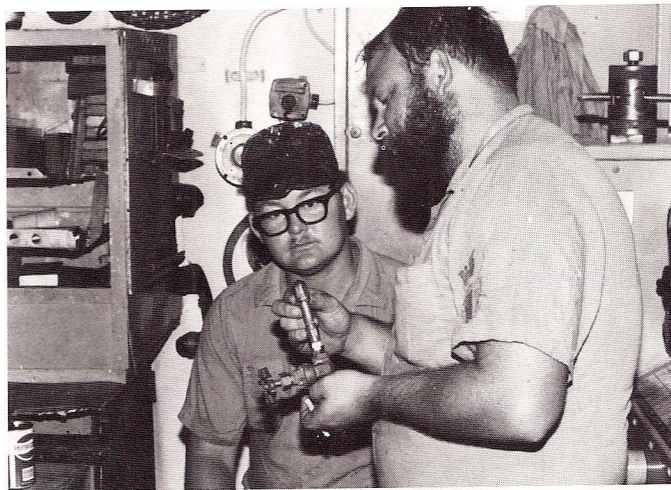
MM2 LAGO



Repair, or R division, consists of personnel in the engineman, hull maintenance technician, machinery repairman, and machinist mate ratings, each playing an integral part in the repair and maintenance of various shipwide systems. All R division personnel must often work side by side to complete assigned tasks, which makes them a rather unique group of individuals. This team was responsible for making repair parts not readily available, keeping the emergency diesels and ship's boats in top operating condition, making water system repairs throughout the ship, and keeping the ship's AC units on the line. Each of these has an impact on crew morale and R division is to be commended for their contribution to high morale during the cruise.

HT3 BECKWITH



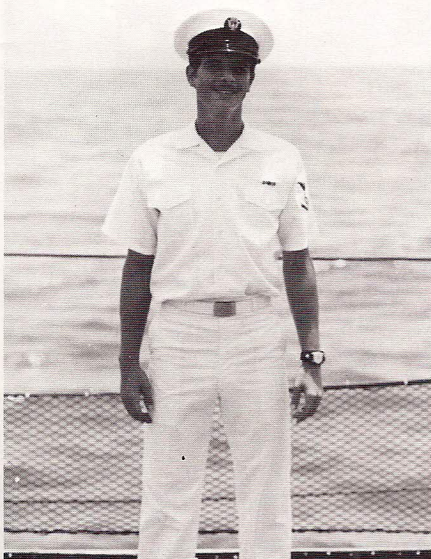




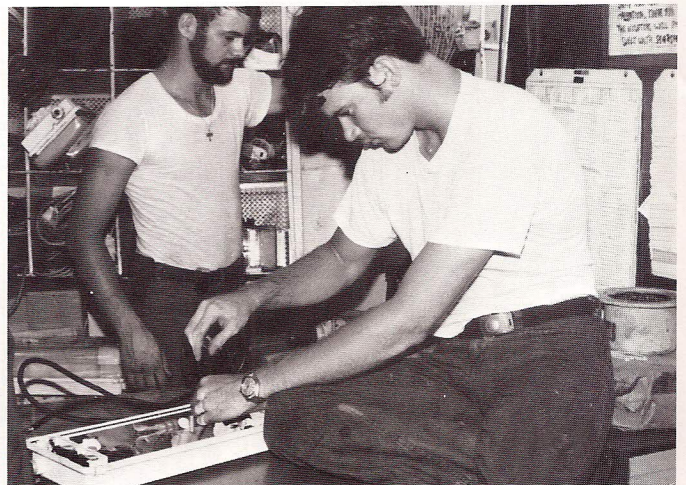
## E DIVISION

Back Row: EM1 BAUZON, EMFN SELJE, EMFN PRIMEL, EM3 COCHRAN, IC3 THERRE, EM2 SMITH, EMC ALLEN  
 Front Row: EM1 CONNERS, EM3 PATE, EMFA COLON, ICFN PLOTT, EM2 ZIMMERMAN, EM3 FRANCIS

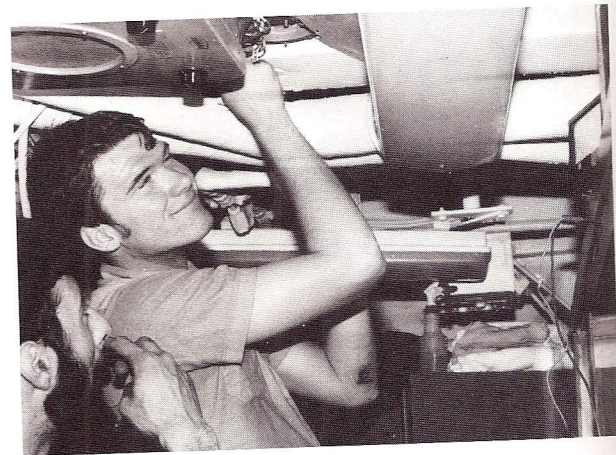
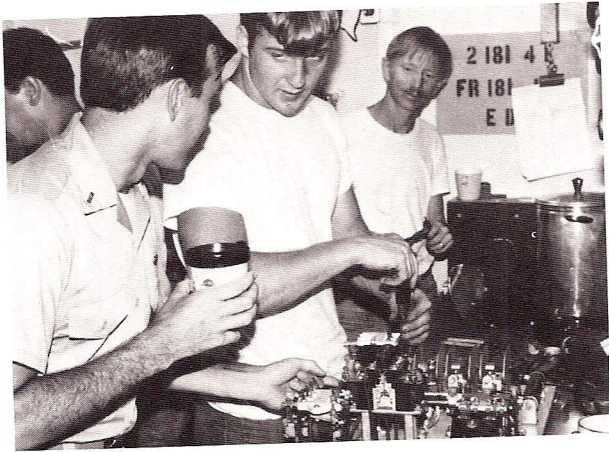
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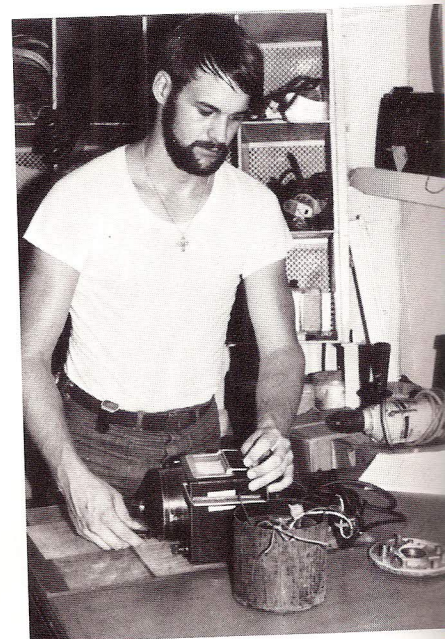
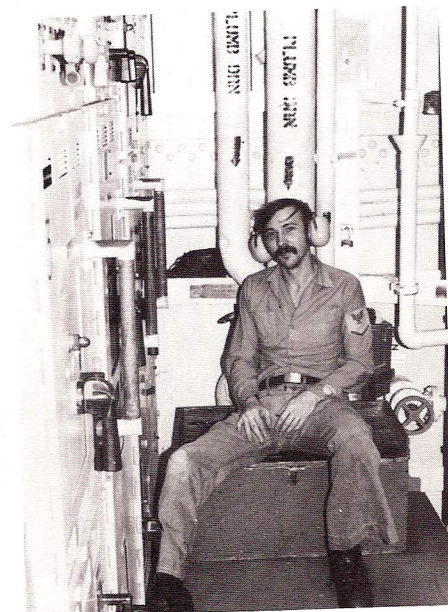
The **MULLINNIX** Power, Light, and Telephone Company had the distinction of providing some of the only 60 cycle electricity in the Middle East. Their gear, therefore, was in constant use, with little in the way of shore based support. Throughout long hours spent working on motors, repairing controllers, and babysitting balky gyros, the entire division maintained a positive attitude and fine sense of comraderie.

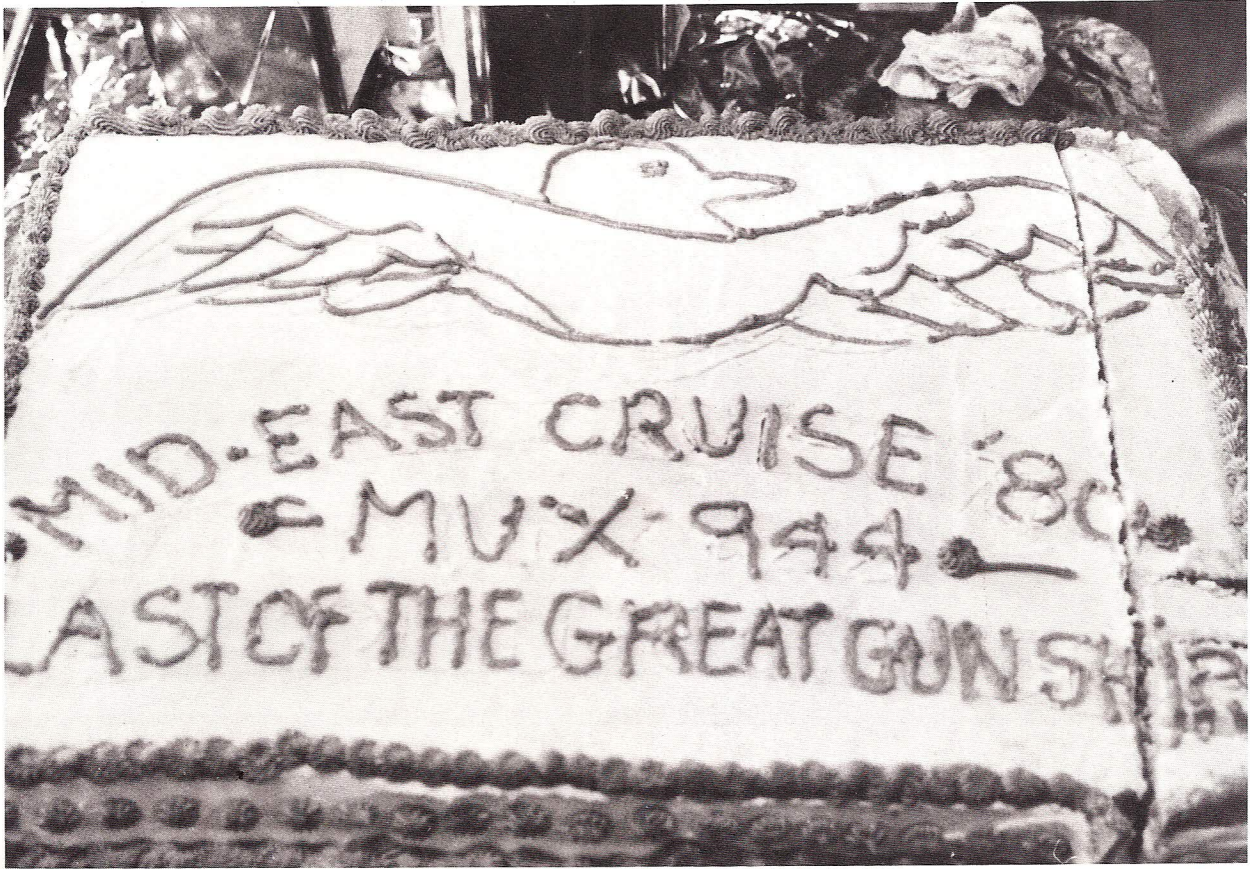






EMFN RIVOLI





# SUPPLY



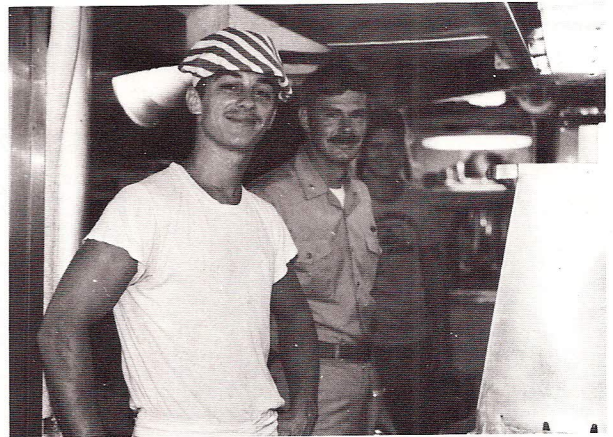
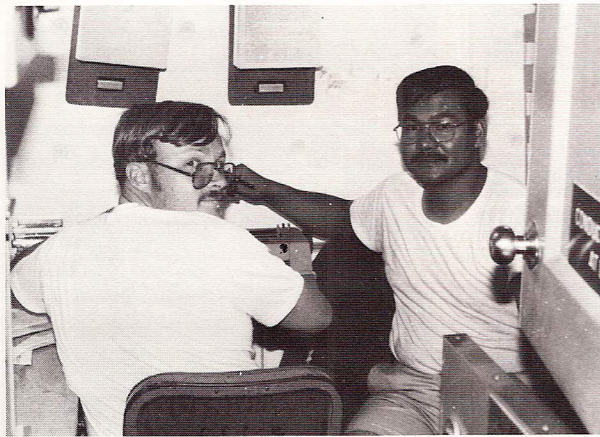
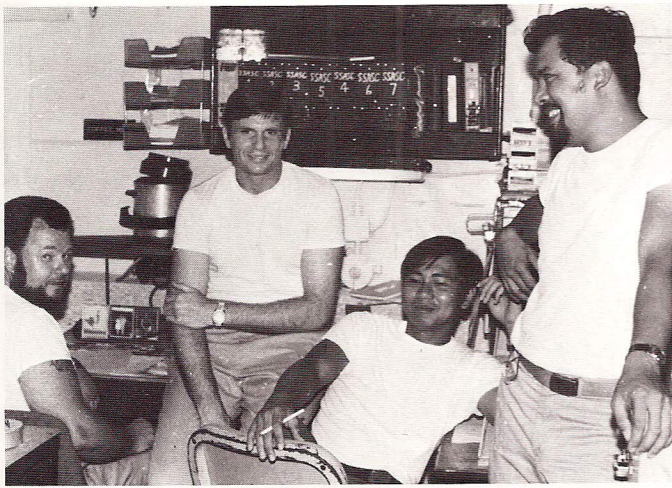


S1 DIVISION Back Row: LTJR CARON, DK1 RAMOS, SK2 DELVALLE, SKC RIGGS, SHC CANDELARIO, SH2 ADDERLEY, SK1 STINNEY, SKC CALLIOTTE, ENS MCPPEEK Front Row: SH3 LANDINGIN, SH3 CHAMBERLAIN, SHSN LITTLE, SH3 CALALO, SK3 RIEGO

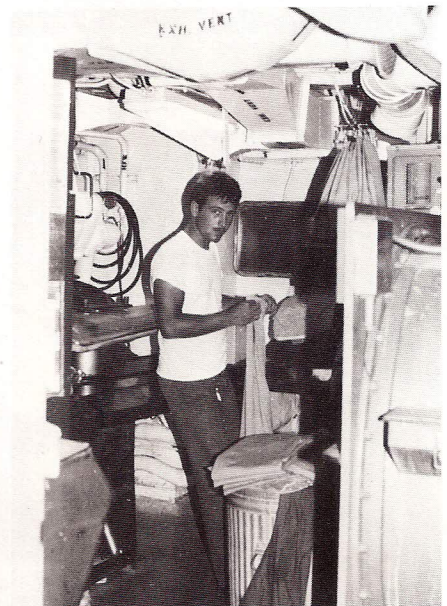
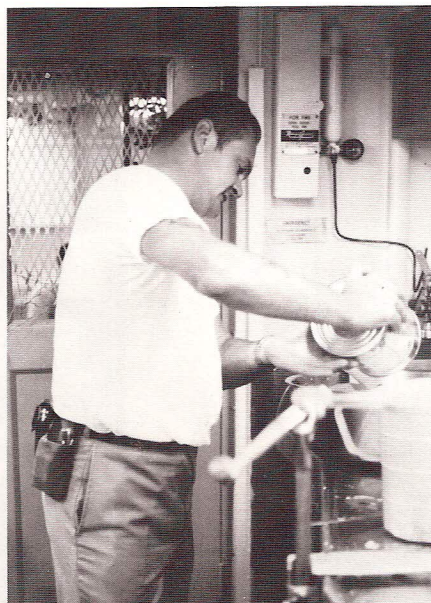
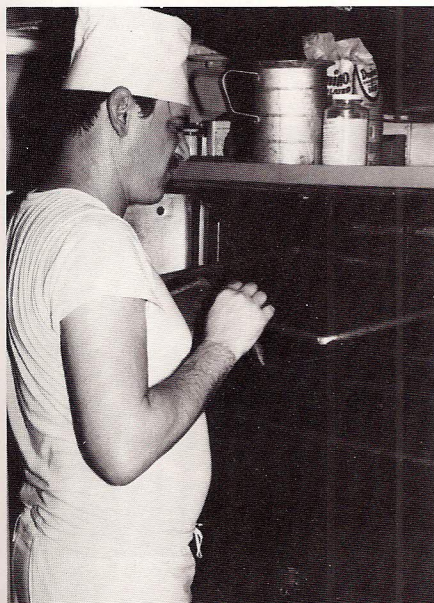
## SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

S2 DIVISION Back Row: LTJG CARON, BTFA DOUZART, MS2 GLAVES, MS2 WHITE, STGSN SHEA, FA WERTH, MS1 ABRAMS, BTFA HOWARD, ENS MCPPEEK Front Row: FA ROBERTS, EN1 SANDERS (Messdecks MAA), MMFN COLEMAN, OSSN HOLBROOK, BTFA MACKKEY, MMFA GRUDZINSKI, MSCS EDPAO

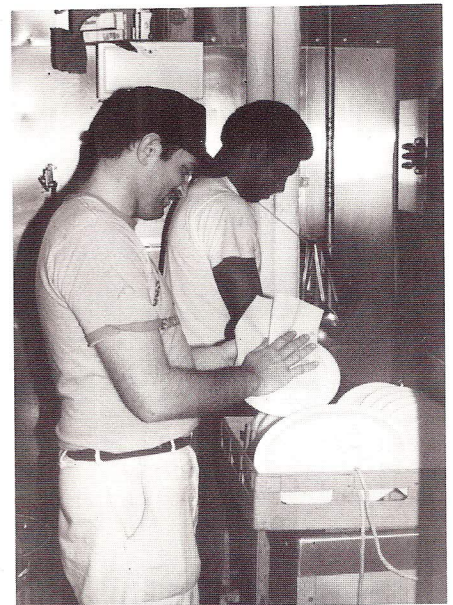
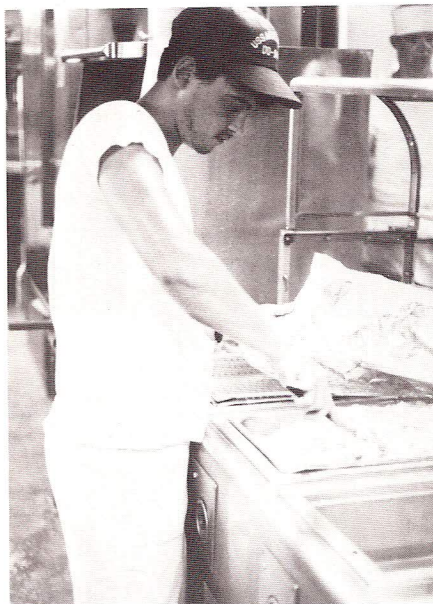
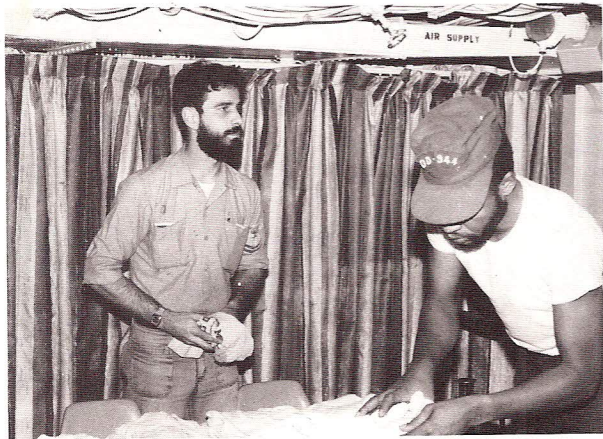




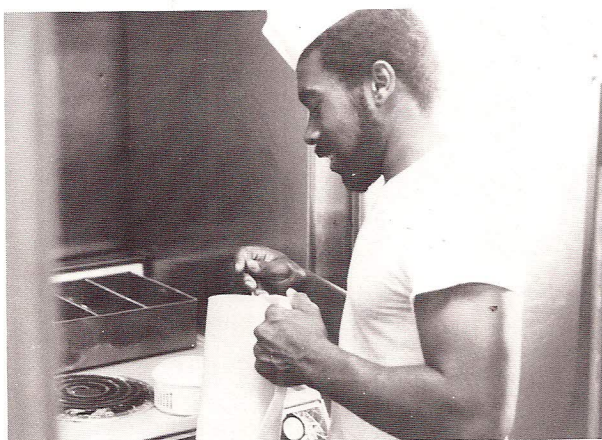
During the arduous Middle East/Med deployment, the **MULLINNIX** blue "E" supply department was the major key to high morale, giving complete logistic support to all aspects of **MULLINNIX** life. Excellent, innovative meals were enjoyed daily by **MUX** men. The ship's store charted new frontiers in luxury items while furnishing all essential personal needs. The laundry and barber shop services were outstanding. Repair part support and disbursing continued to exceed the already high standards which have become routine on **MULLINNIX**.



# HARDWORKING MESSCOOKS . . .



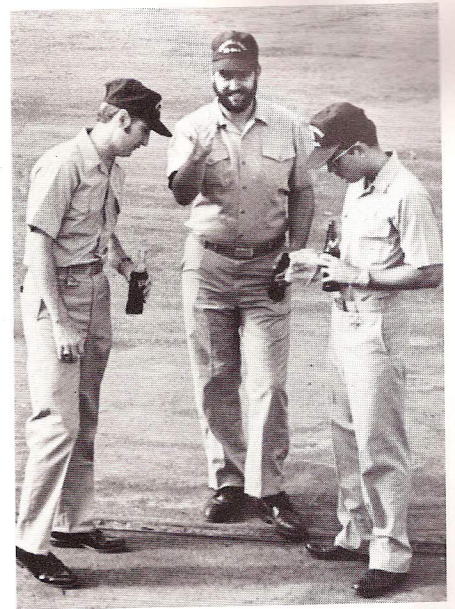
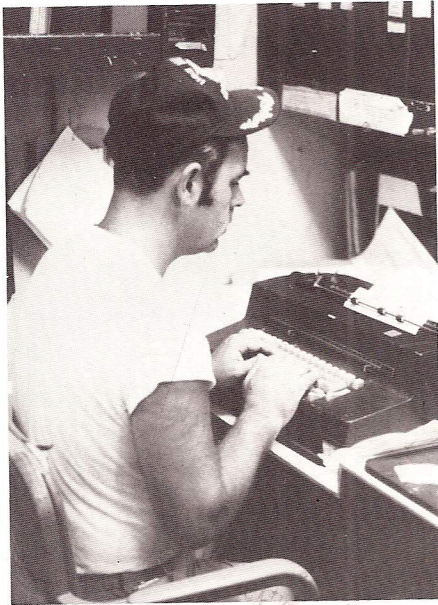
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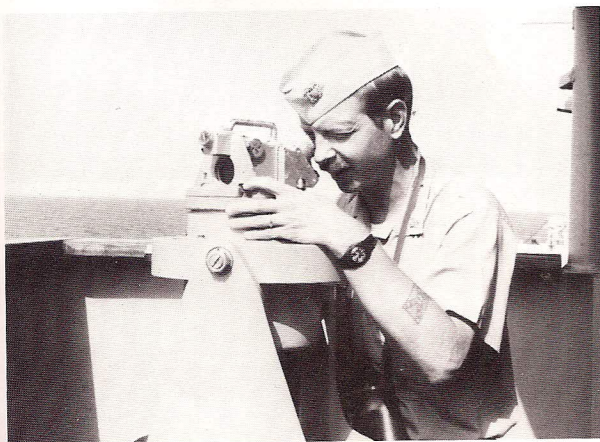
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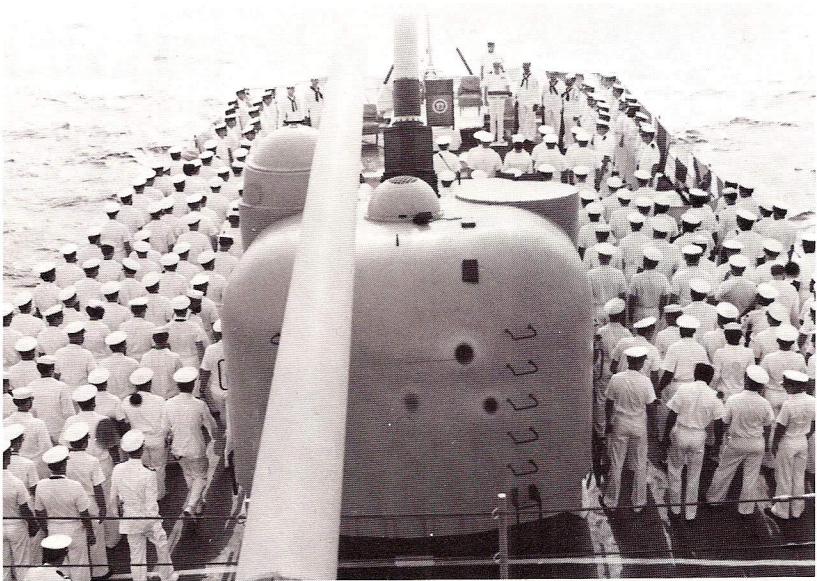
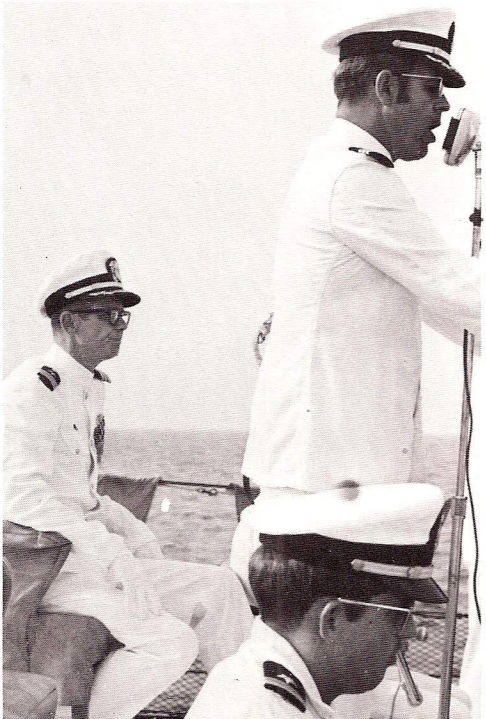
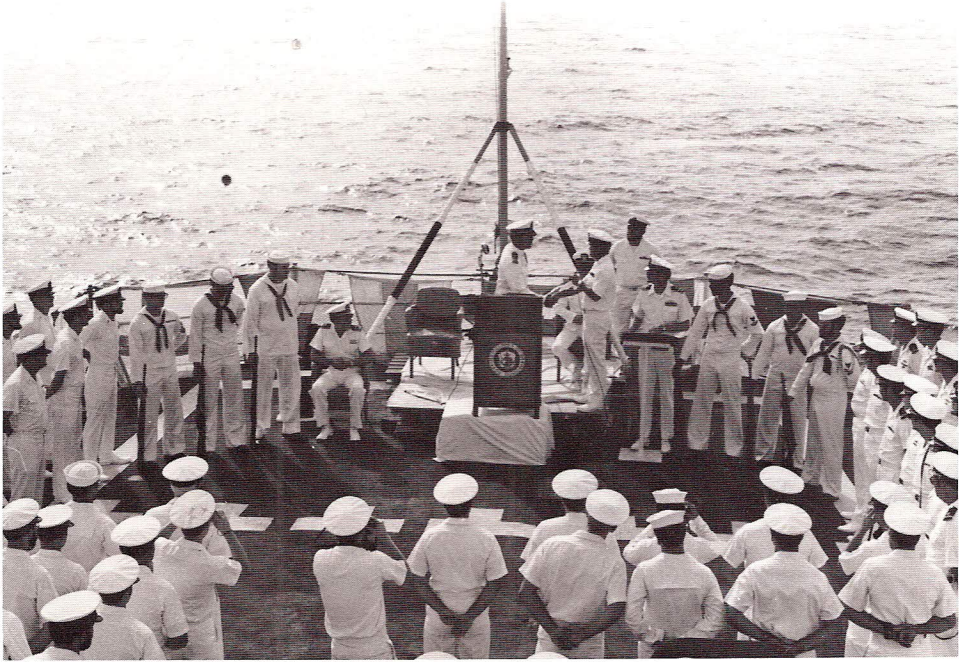
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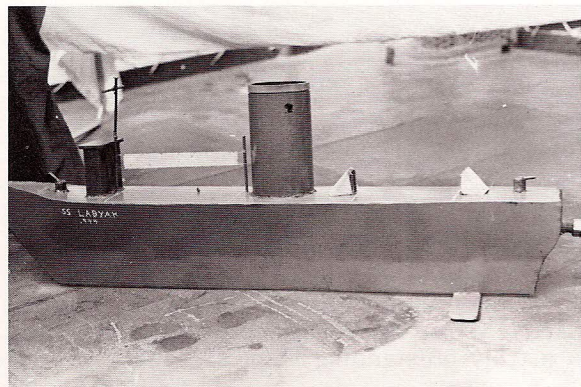
# OFFICERS



# CHANGE OF COMMAND . . .



# AND FAREWELLS 25 JUNE 1980





# COMMANDING OFFICERS

FEB 78-JUN 80



Commander Peter S. Labyak was born in San Diego, California on 19 September 1939. He graduated from Severn School, Severna 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 Chief Engineer aboard **USS SHELTON (DD 790)**, Commanding Officer of Oceanographic Unit TWO aboard **USNS DUTTON (TAGS 22)**, and as the Executive Officer of **USS KOELSCH (DE 1049)**.

Commander Labyak's first shore duty came in 1967 when he was assigned to the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, where he earned a Masters Degree in Oceanography. He is also a graduate of 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**, 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, and the Navy Expeditionary Medal.

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.

Commander Labyak has seen deployments of two, five, and six month duration, in addition to numerous exercises and gunfire support qualification cruises. While serving as Commanding Officer, **MULLINNIX** rose from just another Atlantic Fleet unit to a truly outstanding ship, a "superstar."

Commander Thomas W. Yankura was born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania on 23 August 1940, where he attended public schools. He graduated from Springfield College in 1962, with a Bachelor of Science in Education, and received a Master of Science in Community and International Relations in 1963. He entered the Navy through the Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. After commissioning in 1964, he embarked upon his career as a Surface Warfare Officer in the destroyer force. During his early career, Commander Yankura served as the ASW Officer aboard **USS JOHN R. PIERCE (DD 753)**, and following graduation from destroyer school, he completed two tours as Chief Engineer, aboard **USS WILKINSON (DL 5)** and **USS JONAS INGRAM (DD 938)**. Additionally, he completed a tour as Officer-in-Charge of a Combat Coastal Patrol Detachment (Swift Boats) in Vietnam and was assigned to the office of the Chief of Naval Operations in the division of Strategic Plans and Policy.

From August 1973 to August 1975, Commander Yankura attended graduate school and was awarded a Master of Education and an Advanced Study Degree in Guidance and Psychology. In December of 1975 he became the Executive Officer of **USS VALDEZ (FF 1096)** until December 1977. On 3 May 1978, following school at Millington, Tennessee, Commander Yankura reported for duty at the Human Resource Management Detachment, New London, Connecticut. Commander Yankura holds the Bronze Star Medal with the Combat "V". He is married to the former Ann Scott of Springfield, Massachusetts. They live in Groton, Connecticut with their son Thomas, 6 and daughter Michaelene, 3.



# EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

SEP 78-MAY 80

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 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 at the U.S. Naval Academy, where he authored the textbook **PRINCIPLES OF NAVAL WEAPONS SYSTEMS** in 1976. He reported aboard **MULLINNIX** in September 1978 and has seen the ship improve markedly in all areas of performance.

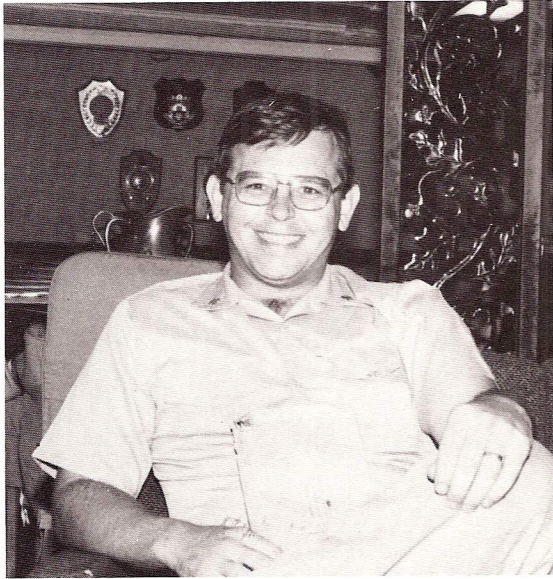
Lieutenant Commander Twaddle celebrated his promotion to Commander while assigned to **MULLINNIX**. He is married to the former Gayle Whitaker of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.



Lieutenant Commander Wilbur E. Bridges

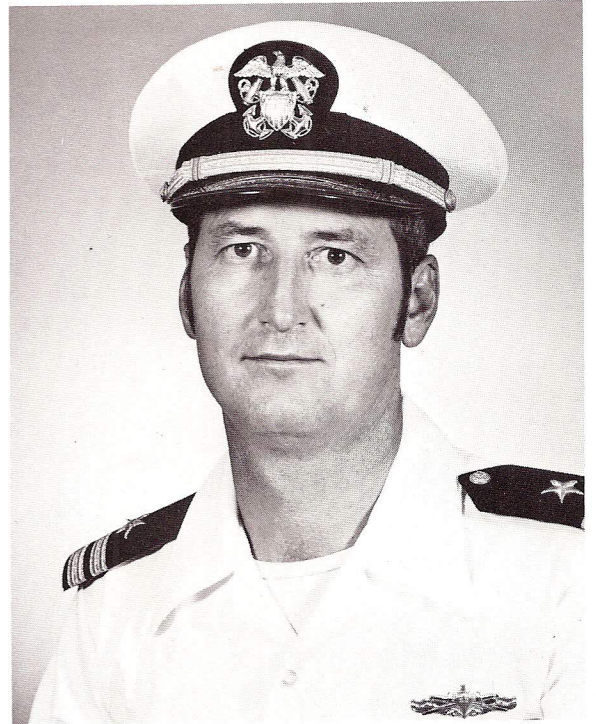


# DEPARTMENT HEADS

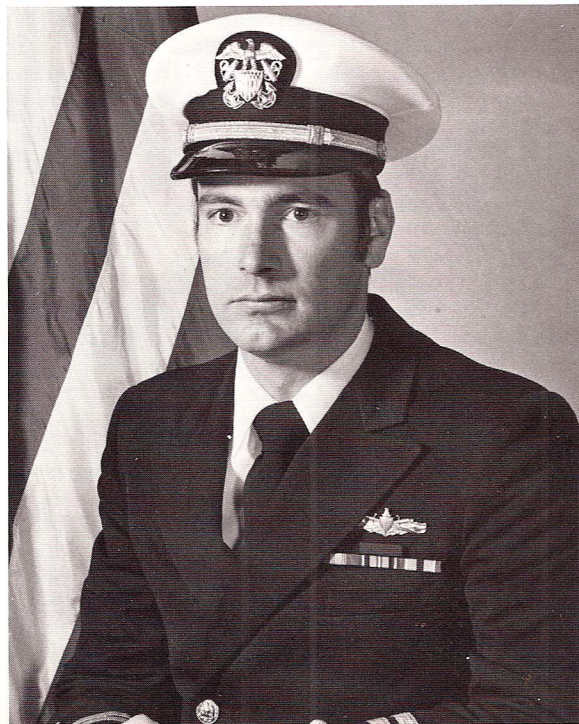


LCDR DAVID HANBACK

ENGINEERING  
JUL 78-JUN 80



LT CARL LECROY      CHIEF ENGINEER



LT JACK WATLING

WEAPONS



LTJG THOMAS OGARA

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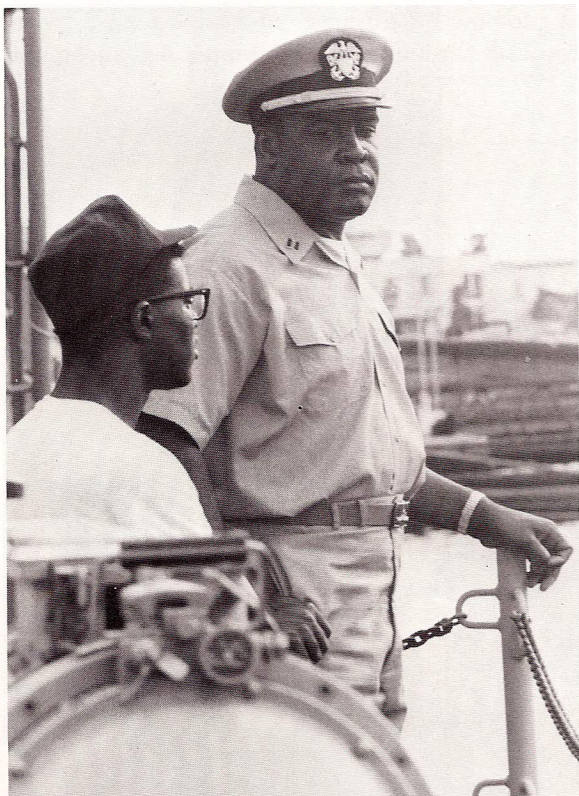
LCDR JOHN YOUNG  
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LTJG MIKE CARON

SUPPLY



LT GERALD EASLEY

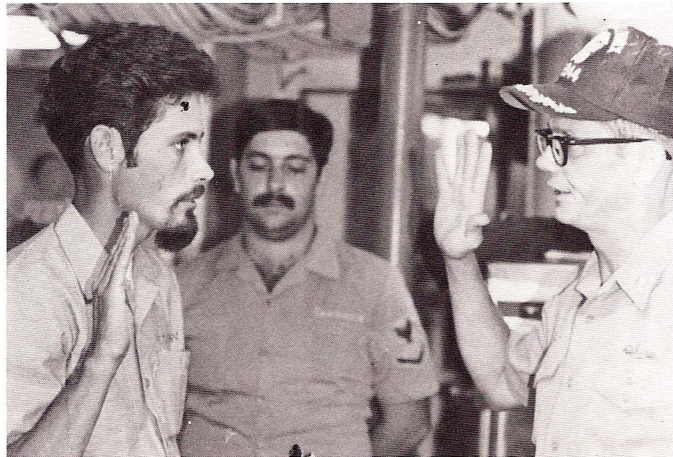
CHAPLAIN



## RECOGNITION ABOARD MULLINNIX FOR . . .



During the deployment, **MULLINNIX** became one of the few fleet "superstars" in retention. This successful goal required superior performance by the entire chain of command, and encompassed an active participation by **MULLINNIX** in bringing a variety of Navy programs to the crew. One of the most effective programs was the recognition of those crew members who went beyond the call of duty in the performance of technical expertise and military behavior. These were awarded letters of commendation, appreciation and, as was the case with 12 individuals, Navy Achievement Medals.

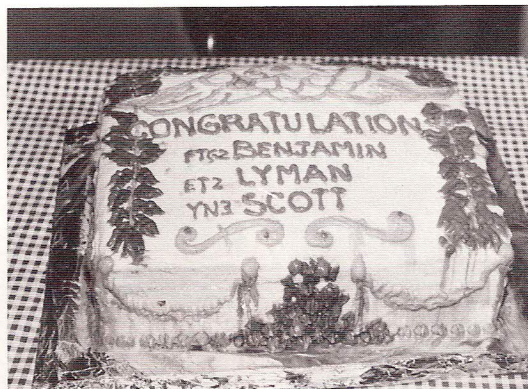
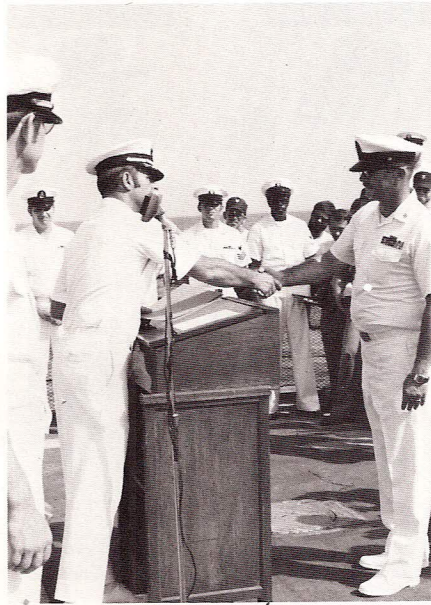
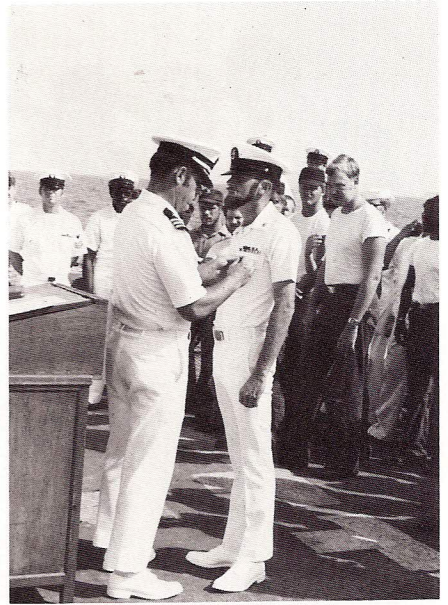
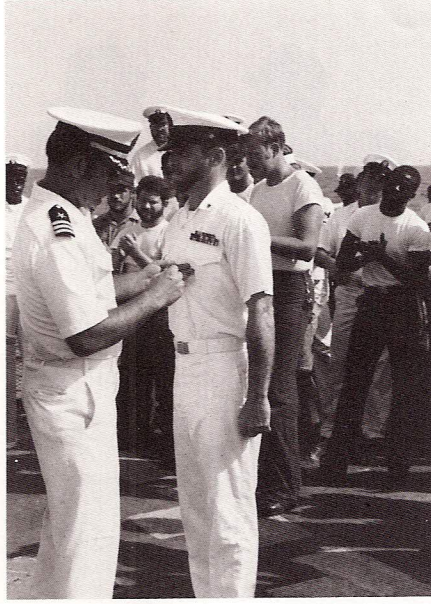


Occasionally a sailor decides to put forth maximum effort in learning about his ship. During the cruise many men earned the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) silver cutlasses. This is indicative of one who is qualified in basic PQS applicable to him, has completed the ESWS PQS book, and has gone before a board to demonstrate his knowledge of the ship.

In every organization, advancement is the key element to job satisfaction, and on **MULLINNIX** advancement is a most successful program. The Command Advancement Program provided the opportunity to advance qualified personnel based on outstanding performance. In 1980, one third of the **MULLINNIX** crew was advanced through normal means, with three advanced through the Command Advancement Program.

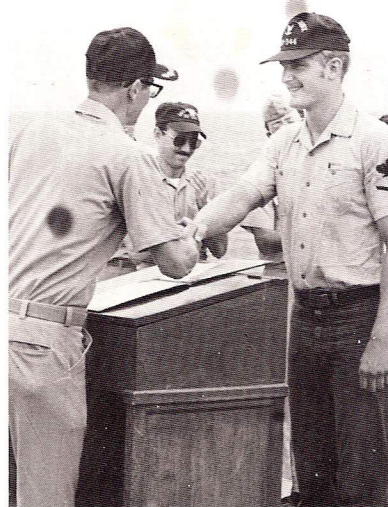
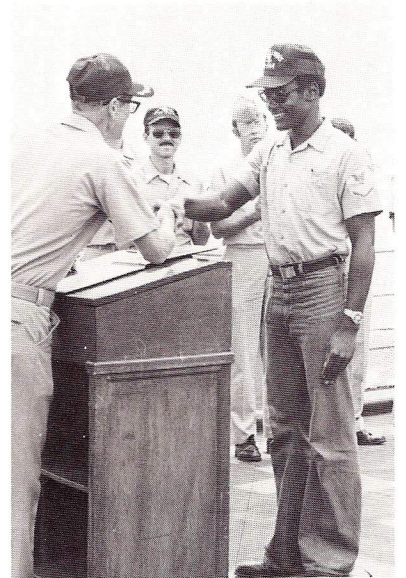
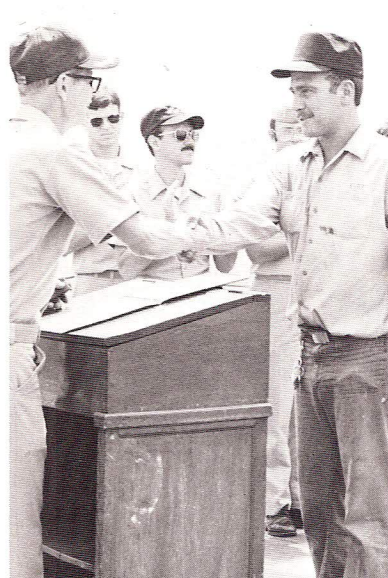
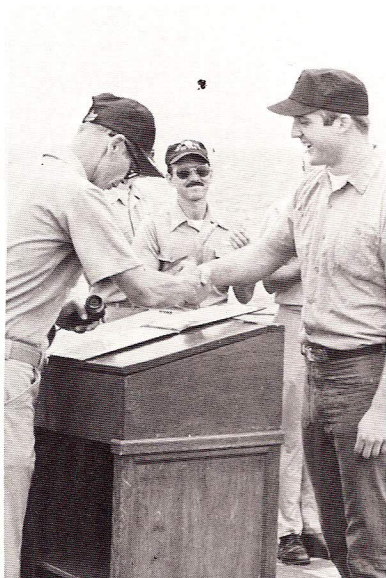
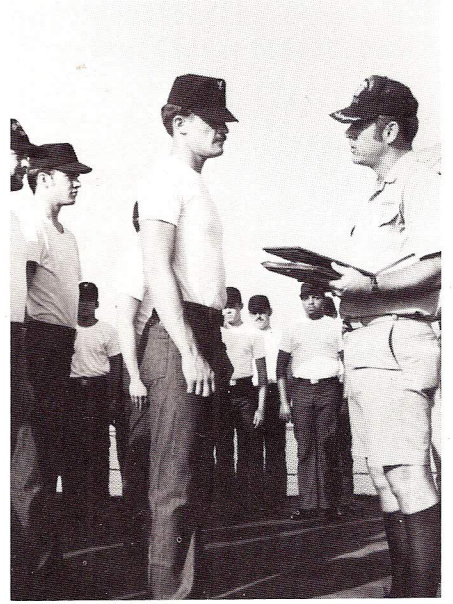
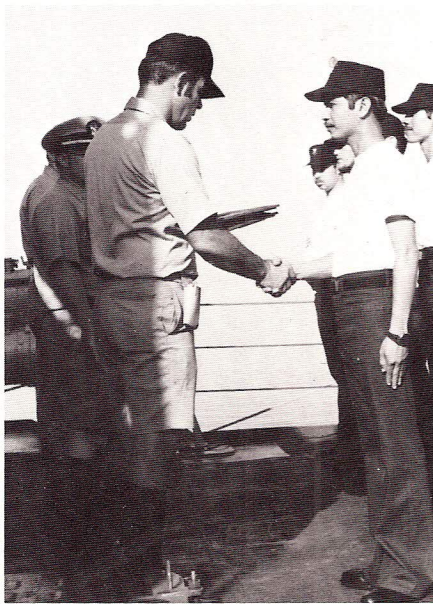


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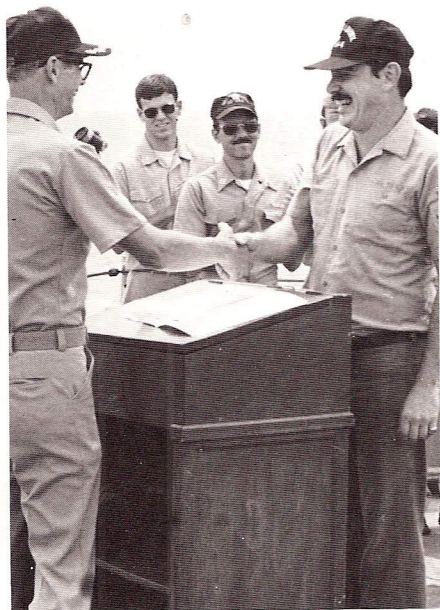


Everyone has a part in the recognition process

# SAILORS OF THE QUARTER



# ADVANCEMENTS



ENLISTED WARFARE SPECIALISTS Back Row: MAC EVANS, FTGC WEBER, BTCS DELANEY Front Row: GMG1 BREWER, FTG1 SIMS, OS1 COOPER, FTG3 ROYALTY (Not pictured: QM2 CRETE)



# SPECIAL TEAMS



DEPLOYMENT DRILL TEAM Back Row: BMSN REED, SH2 ADDERLEY, FN JACKSON Front Row: MM2 LAGO, ET2 EVANS, OS3 MEDRANO, ENS PERKINS



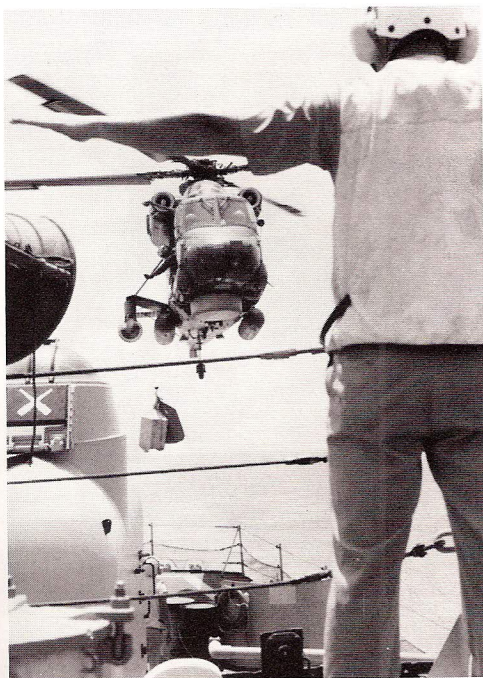
SUEZ CANAL SPECIAL SEA DETAIL Back Row: BMSN WHITE, MS2 WHITE, BMSN CARLSON, BM3 DUKE, BM2 GARLAND Front Row: BMSN REED, BMSN BERNADINO

# HELO CRASH CREW



Standing: ENS PERKINS, HT2 HILTON, HT2 LEITL, BT3 CHARLES, HT1 SANDERSON, HT2 LANTAGNE, FTG3 GIL Middle Row: BMSN WHITE, BM3 DUKE, BMSN KRUSE, BMSN MURPHY Front Row: BM1 WILDER, SK3 RIEGO, EN3 TAYLOR, OS3 PULLIAM, SH3 CHAMBERLAIN, HT3 BECKWITH, MM2 KIMBALL, STG3 CAMPBELL, YN2 SCOTT

During those long hours at sea in the Indian Ocean, the helo crash crew did their part to keep the morale up. When called away, the crew knew that mail was not far from being delivered. They were best known for their short notice manning, quick and professional, and for their helo handling, which was commented upon by many of the helos that visited **MULLINNIX**. A "well done" for a professional job.



# SELF DEFENSE FORCE



Back Row: OS3 GARDINI, SA ARMSTRONG, STGSN PETRAS, RM3 MANSBURGER, MM2 SMITH, LTJG HIGGS, MM2 HERRING, BT3 DYER, HT2 LEITL, MM3 ESPOSITO Middle Row: HM2 WHITE, GMG3 WASHBURN, ET3 FACKRELL, ICFN PLOTT, MM3 ATZROTT, OS3 MEDRANO, SN SPITZER, BMSN FERGUSON, MM3 BARCLAY Front Row: GMG3 PIPKIN, HT3 BECKWITH, BT3 CHARLES, FN JACKSON, MMFN CARROLL

Many hours of training once again produced an outstanding Self Defense Force. MM2 Smith and BT3 Charles served as squad leaders and their prior Army experience proved invaluable to the development of another professional **MULLINNIX** team. A dedicated LTJG Higgs served as Officer-in-Charge and he settled for nothing less than the best in level of training and appearance. With this combination of professional leaders and dedicated members, **MULLINNIX** was in good hands with the Self Defense Force.

Squad Leader, Asst Squad Leader, Officer-in-Charge



Ready for inspection



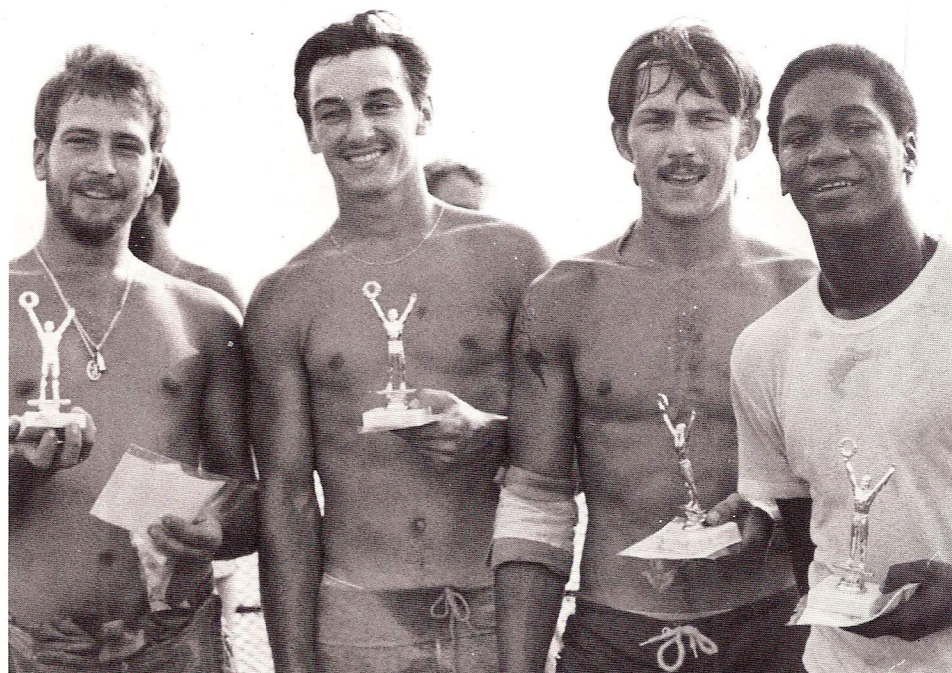
Professional training . . . produces results.



# SPORTS



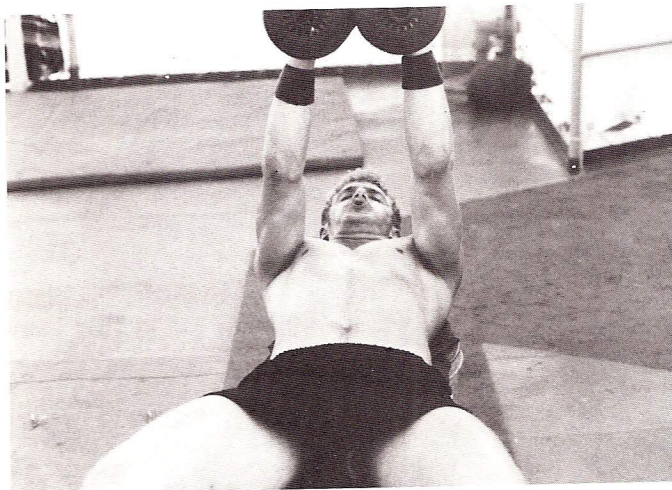
NUMBER ONE VOLLEYBALL TEAM B Division, Team 1: BTFN BLACKWELL, BTFN HENSLEY, MMFN COLEMAN, BT2 WHALEN



NUMBER ONE DECK HOCKEY TEAM, TEAM 69: SHSN LITTLE, MS2 WHITE, BMSN WHITE, TMSN BONNER



CHESS CHAMPION: SH3 LANDINGIN



A popular individual sport

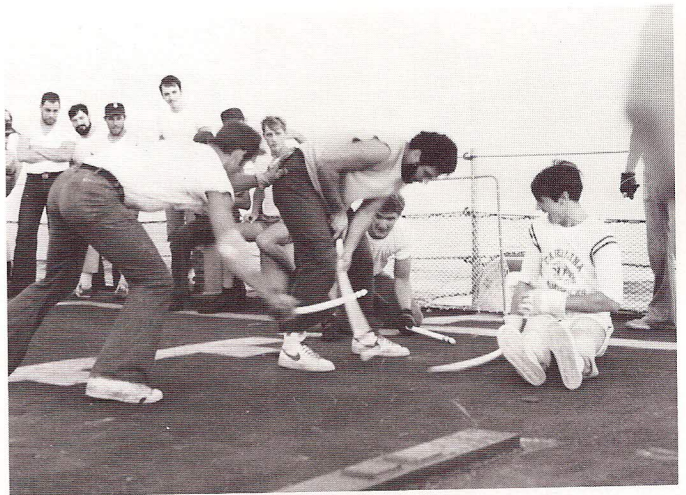
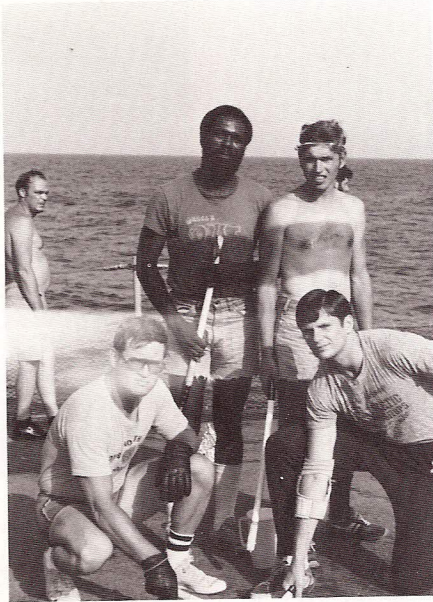


MULLINNIX BASEBALL TEAM Back Row: MM3 ATZROTT, FTG2 FISHER, SHSN LITTLE, BMSN KRUSE, TMSN BONNER, MS2 WHITE Front Row: OS3 RENSHAW, GMG3 BURGNER, OSSN ROMAN, FTG3 GIL, OS3 GARDINI, MR2 MURPHY, BMSN WHITE

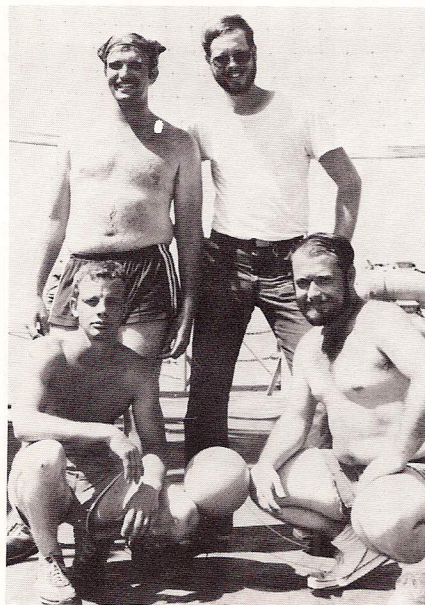
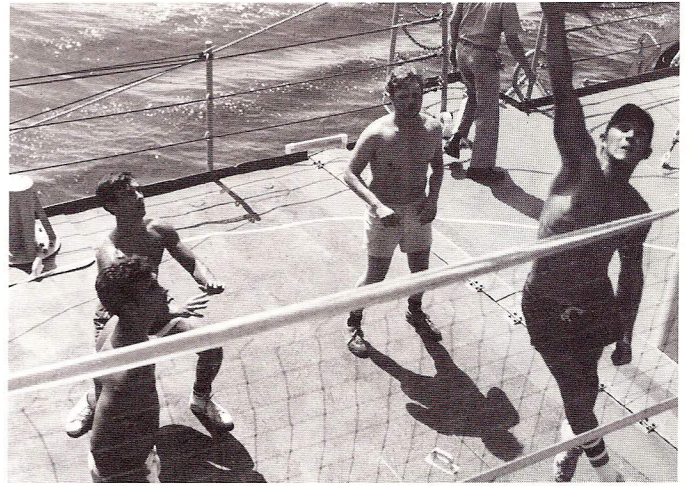


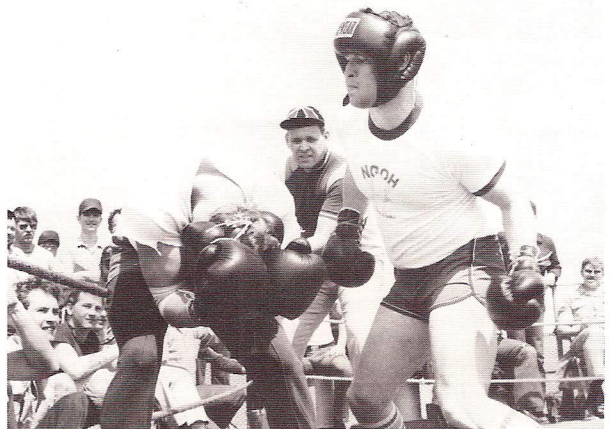
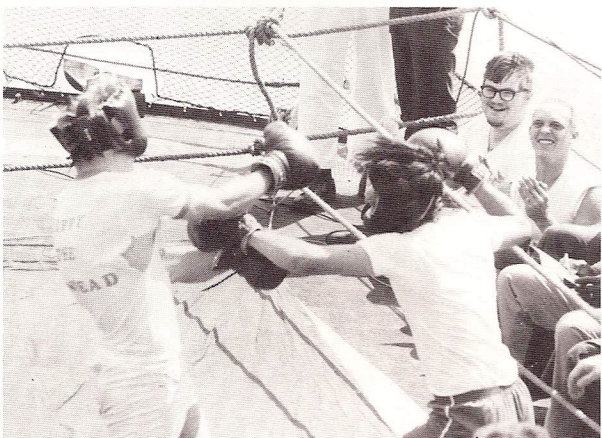
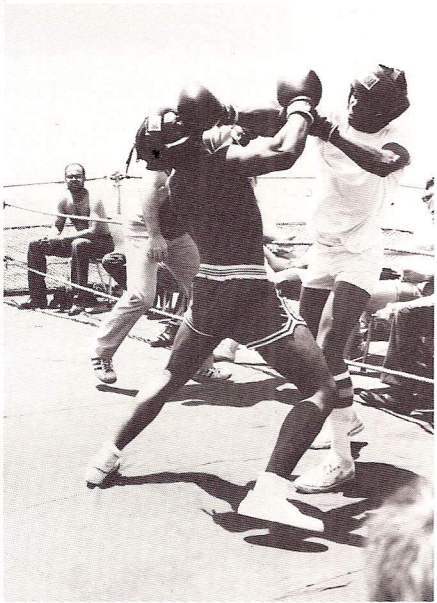
During the deployment, **MULLINNIX** had a sports program that will not soon be equaled, with competition in volleyball and deck hockey as the main events. There was an active physical fitness training group and many individuals followed rigorous programs in weight lifting, in addition to keeping the main deck full of runners. Championship boxing matches were enjoyed by all who participated, with trophies awarded to the top contenders. Whenever possible, the **MULLINNIX** baseball team competed against other ships, and was always willing to play against the wardroom or chiefs. With respect to sports, the five months spent away from home port were active and very rewarding.









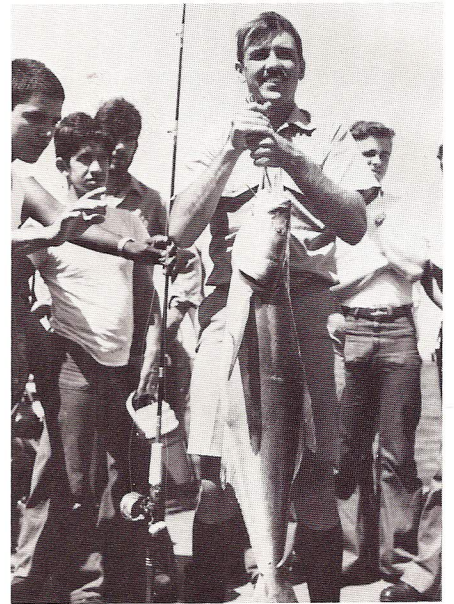


# FISHING

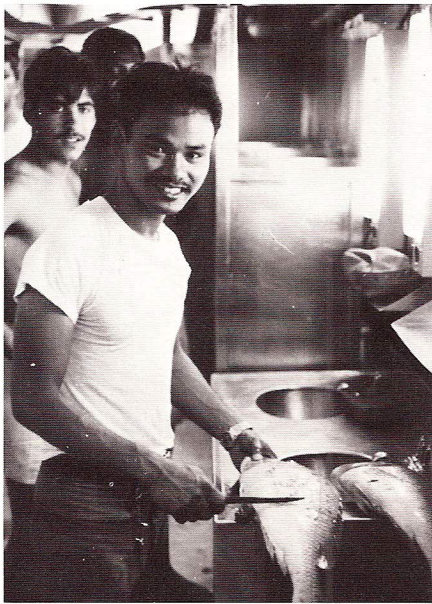
One bright spot in those long, tedious patrol periods was the terrific fishing experienced by the crew. Though the land was barren and inhospitable, the waters teemed with finny creatures quite uneducated in the ways of western lines and tackles. Trolling off the fantail with feather jugs accounted for tuna, albacore, barracuda, dolphin, and sailfish. Bottom fishing and casting produced groupers, snappers, cobia, king mackerel, rainbow runners, triggerfish, and jacks.

Good spots will be remembered: Bal el Mandeb for its albacore, dolphin, barracuda, and billfish; Bahrain Light for groupers and cobia; Arab Bank for vast numbers of rainbow runners.

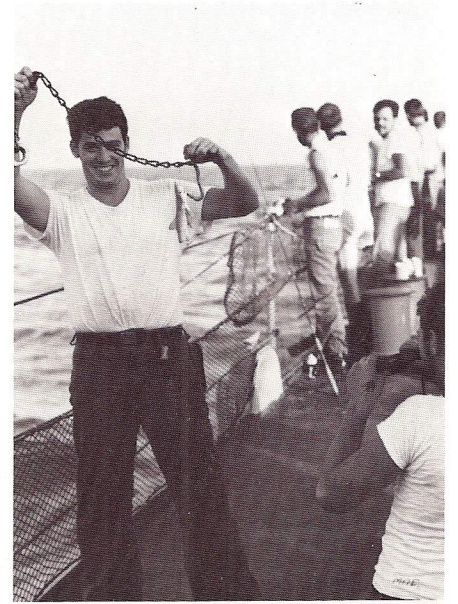
The first annual Middle East Angling Derby saw some nice fish entered. SKC Riggs won the trolling category with a 22LB dolphin, and LT Fetherston took first in the bottom fishing category with a 30LB cobia. Other notable catches included a 24LB cobia by MMC Newey, a 15LB sailfish by STG1 Englehart, an eight foot white tip shark by MAC Evans, a 22LB grouper by STG2 Bogan, and a 150LB bull shark on 50LB tackle by MM3 Barclay.



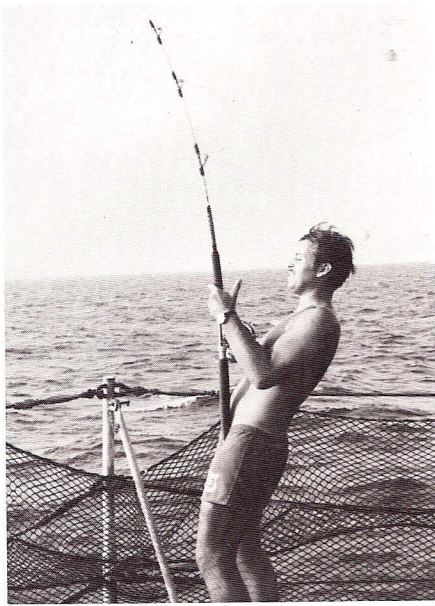
A 30lb cobia from Bahrain Light



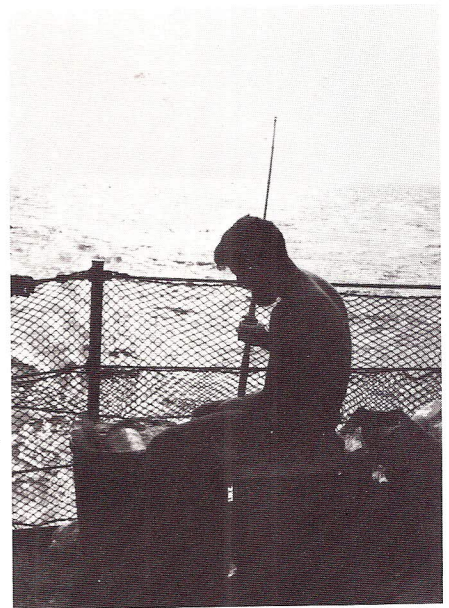
Some snappers about to undergo surgery



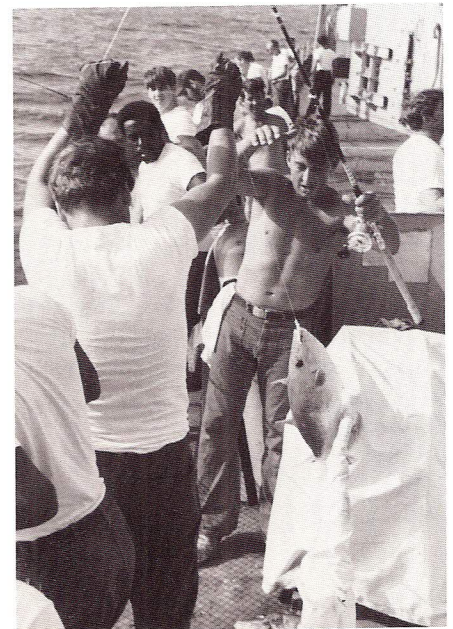
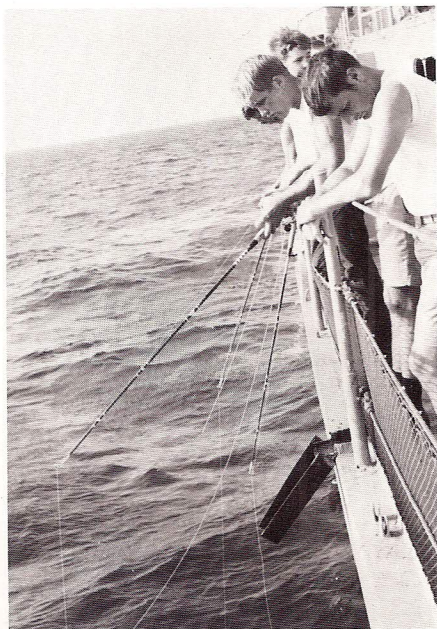
Not all the big ones got away



Strain! MM3 Barclay leans into a big one

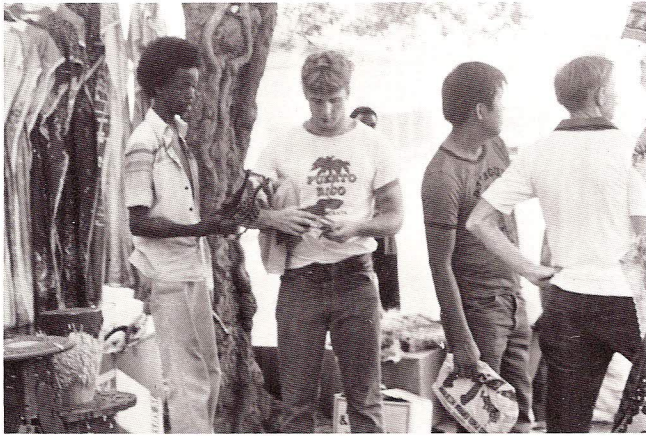


Even aboard ship, fishing affords a chance to unwind at the day's end

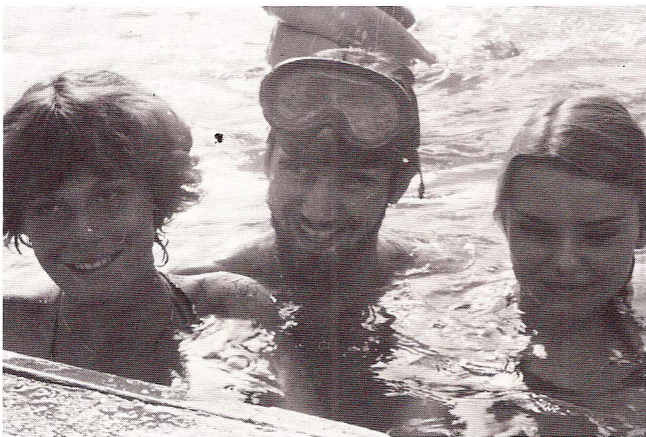


Triggerfish come aboard during fast action at Arab Bank

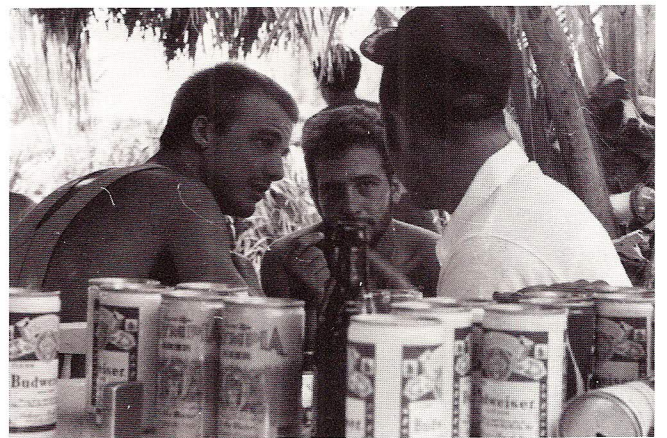
## LIBERTY



## DJIBOUTI



The only time Gar smiled during the cruise

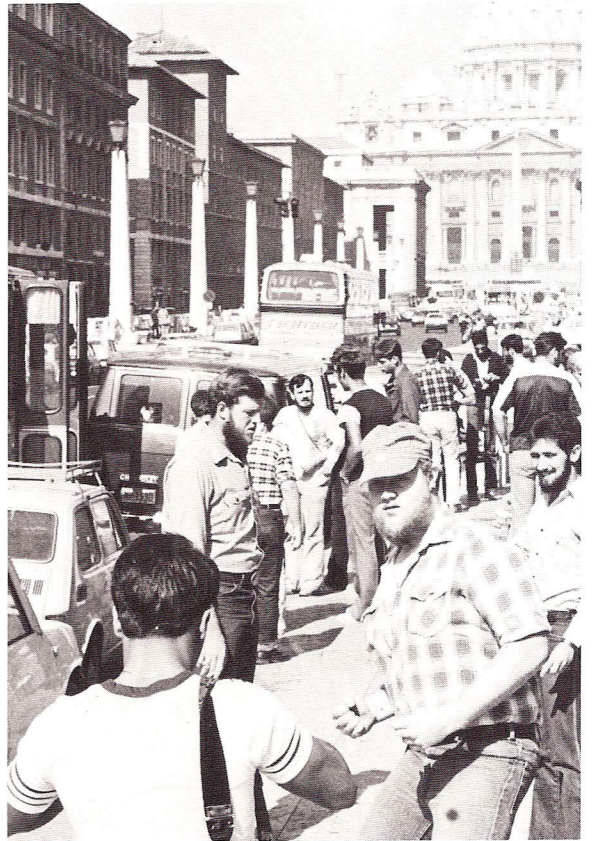


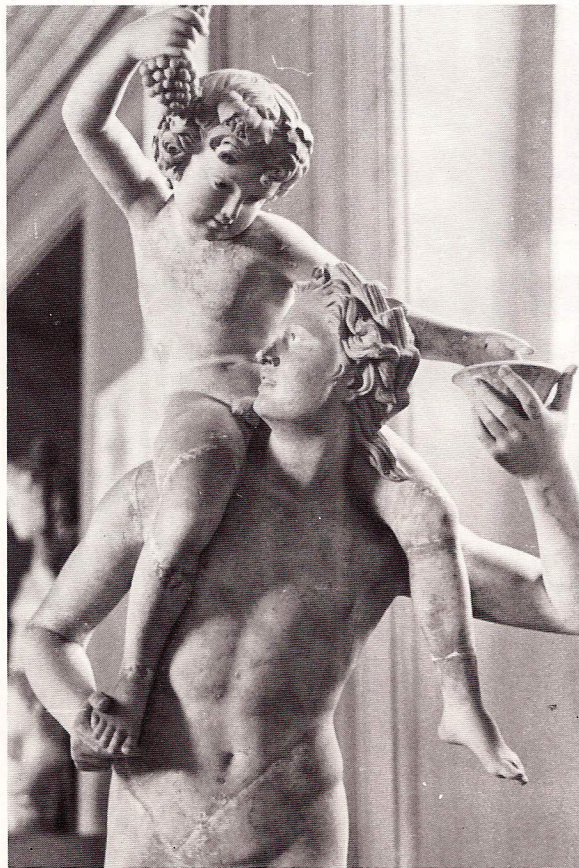
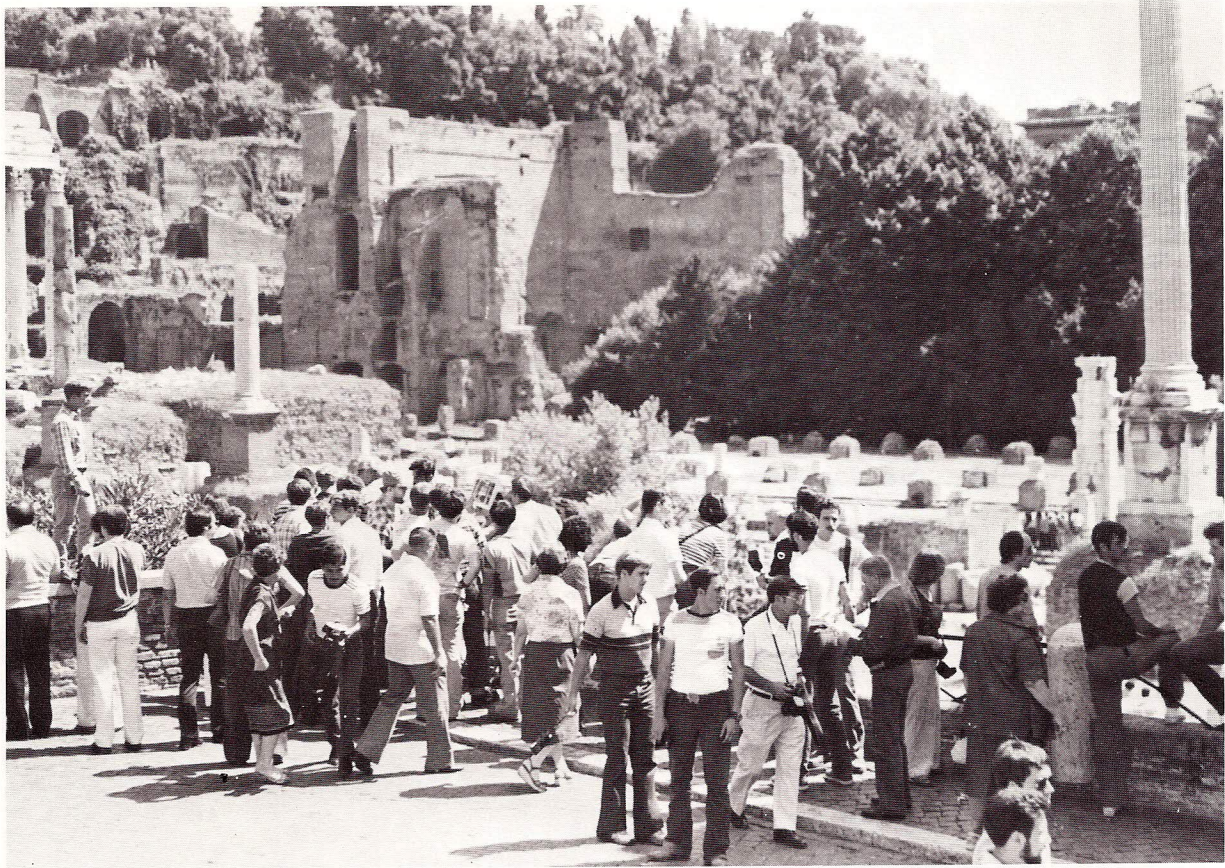
The Apollo Club

This deployment will not be long remembered for its liberty ports. With Djibouti and Bahrain as the only Middle East "liberty" ports, the crew was more than ready for the pasta of Italy. However, whatever or wherever the liberty, an American sailor can relax if he is away from the ship. After the long, hot hours of the Straits Patrol, even Djibouti was a welcome sight. The crew enjoyed the facilities of the Apollo Club, with beer and burgers provided by the ship. Upon arrival in Naples **MUX** men had a chance to really see some of the world, with tours to Rome and Pompeii, and those that went to the beaches will long remember the beautiful female attractions. Though Gaeta was a working port, all had a chance to enjoy the local cuisine and many night spots.



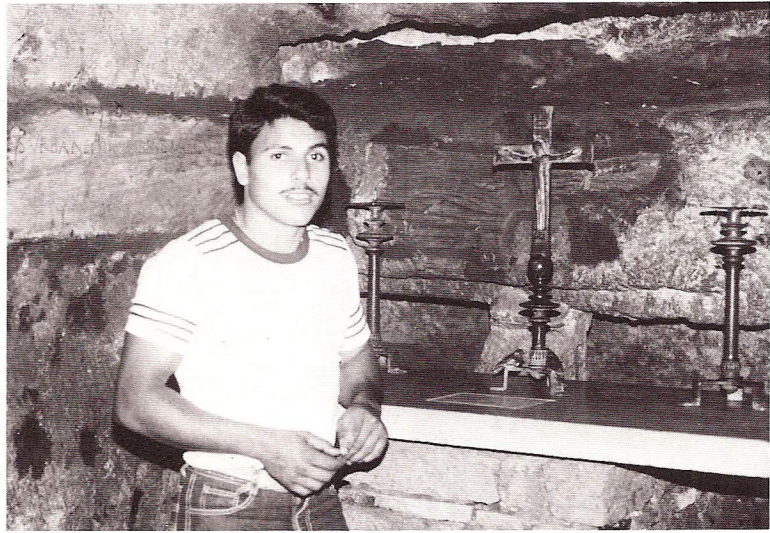
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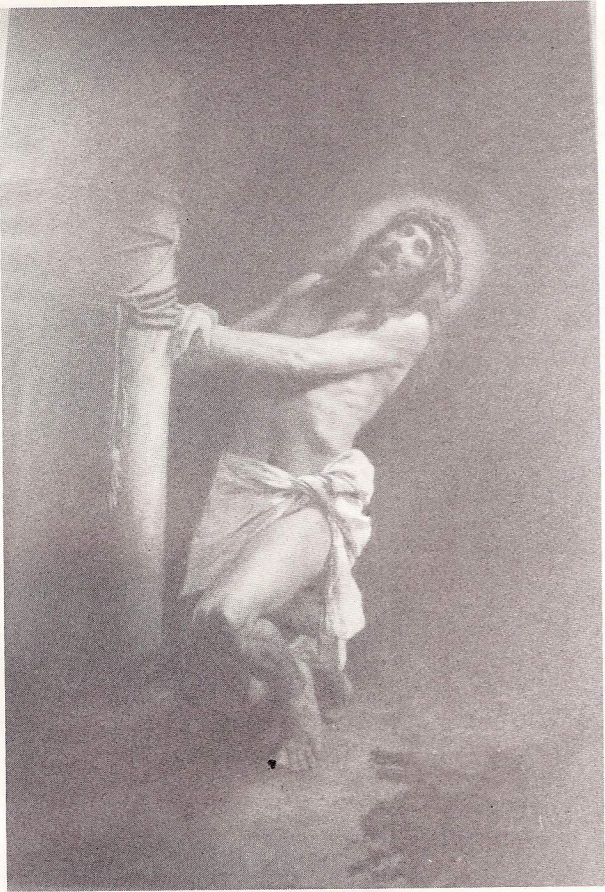








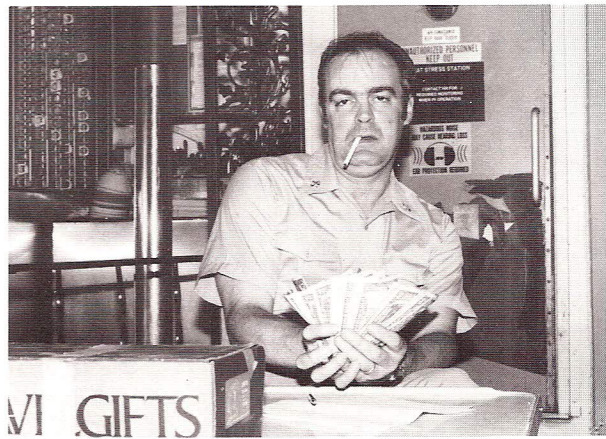
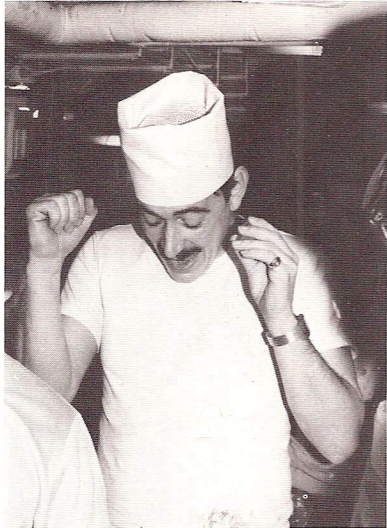




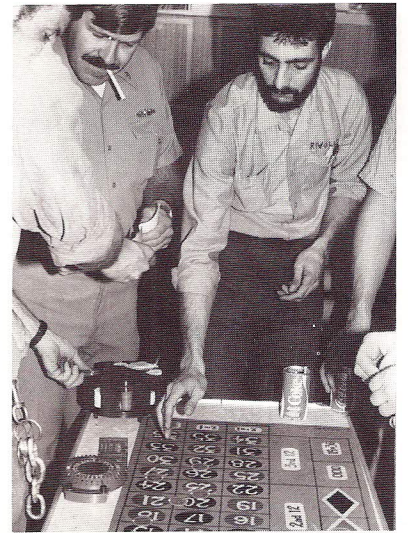
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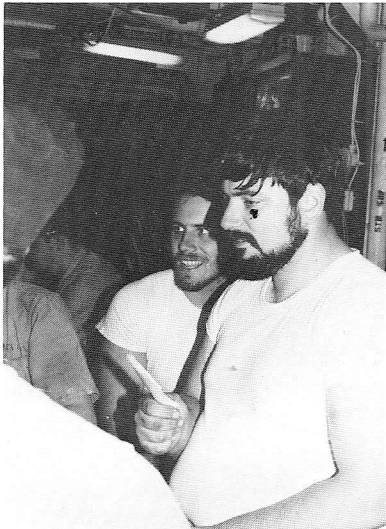


# ANOTHER BREAK IN THE ROUTINE . . . CASINO NIGHT



A natural for cashier

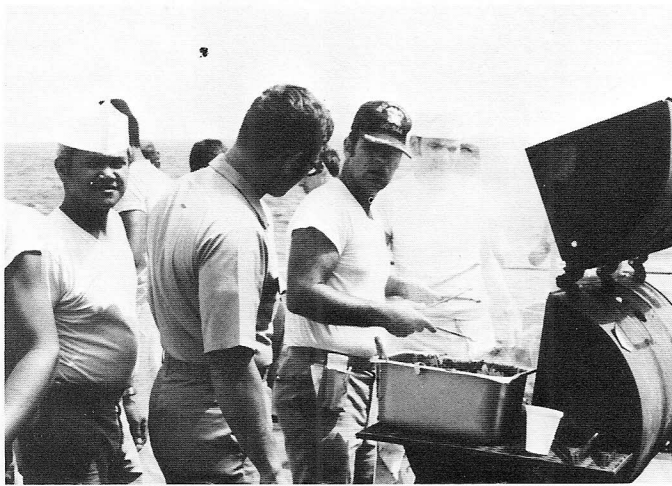




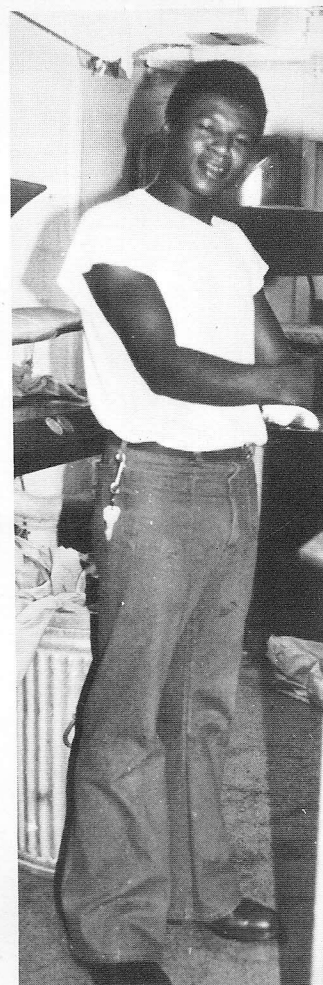
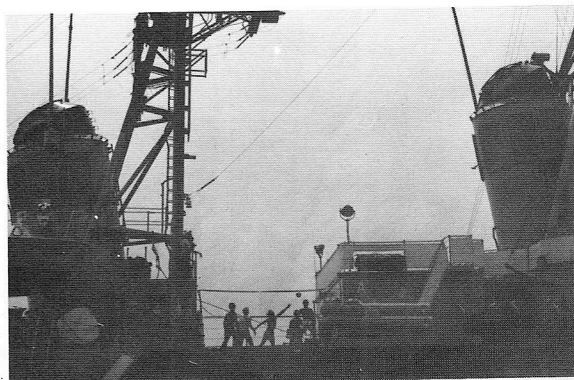
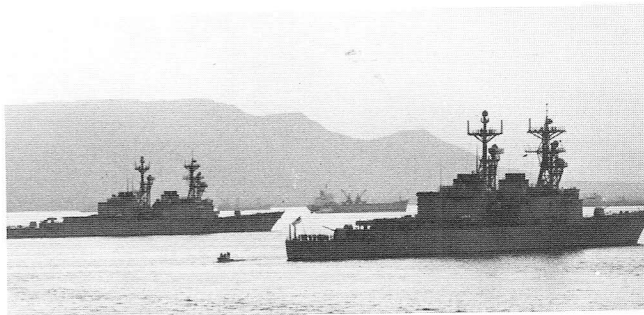
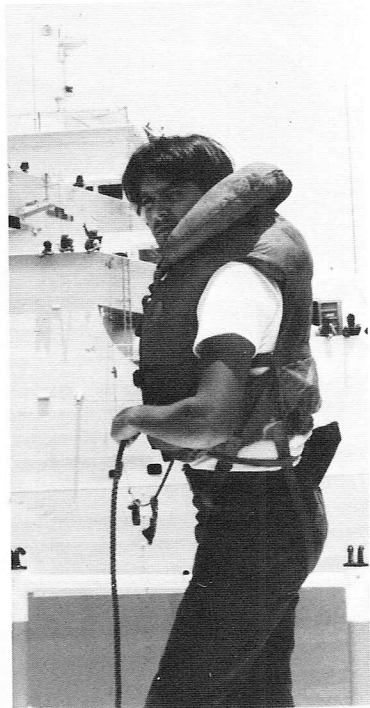
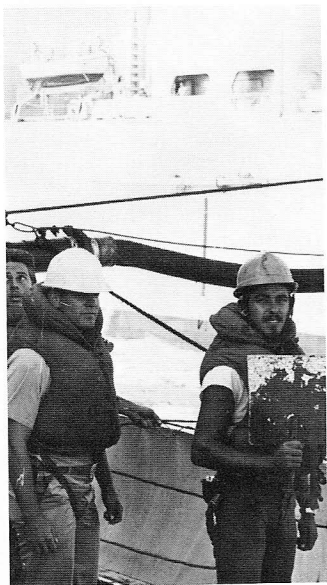
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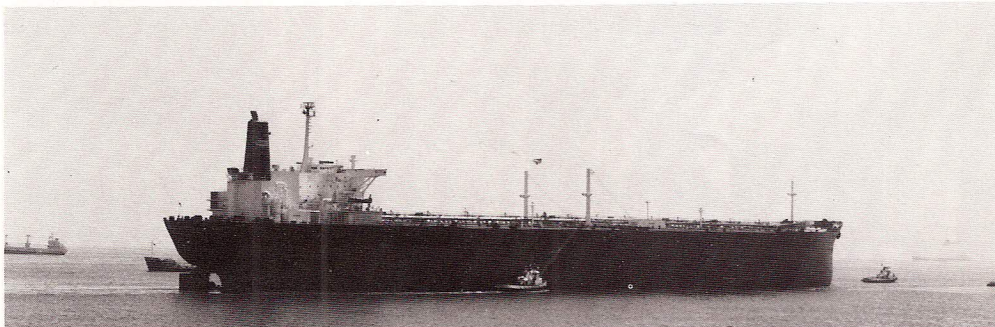
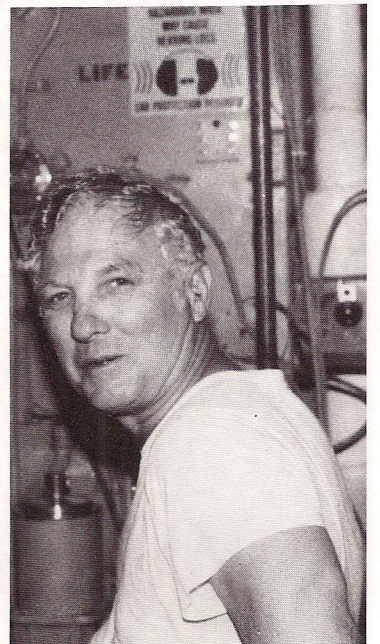
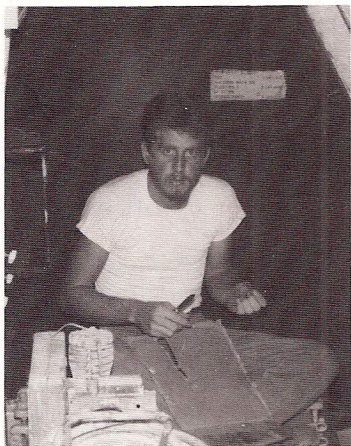
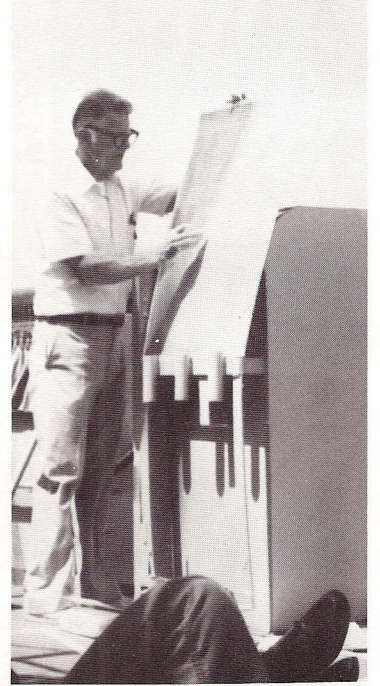
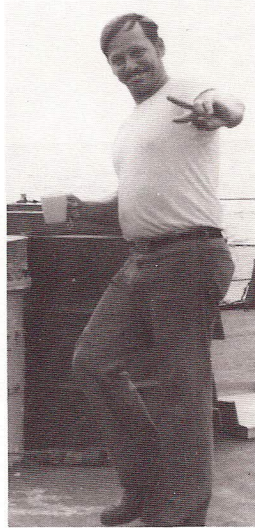
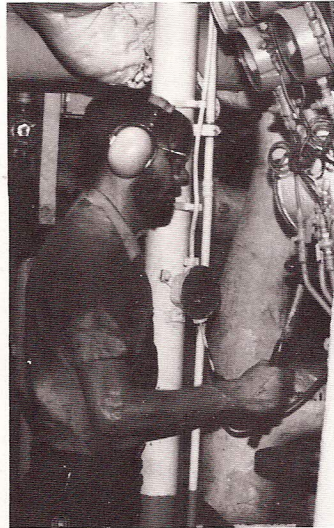
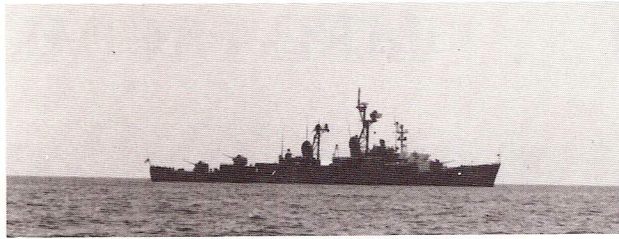
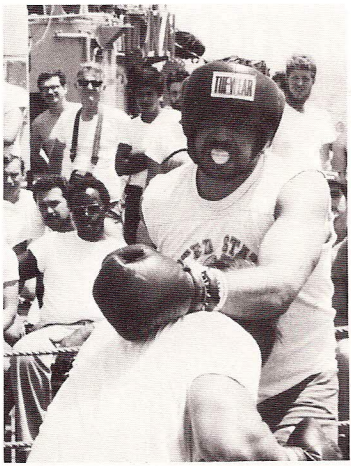
with MAC Evans in charge

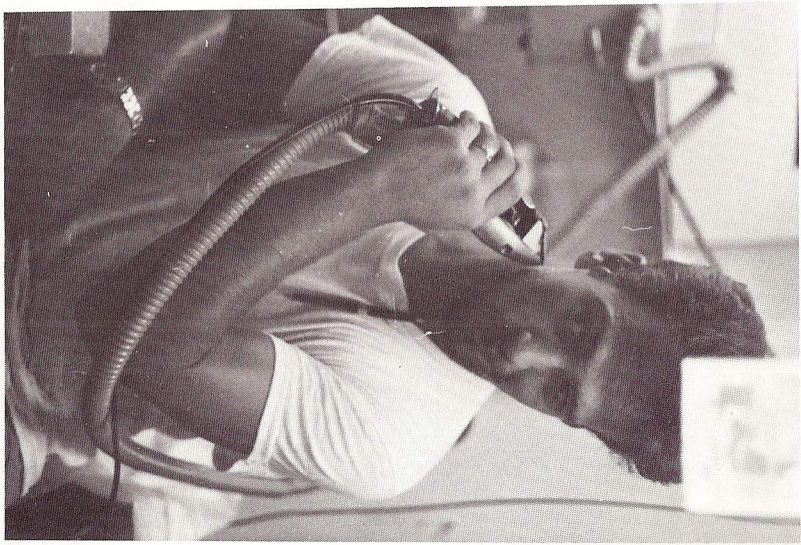
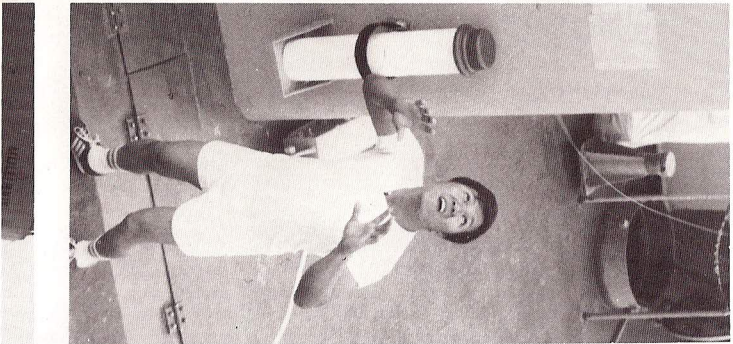
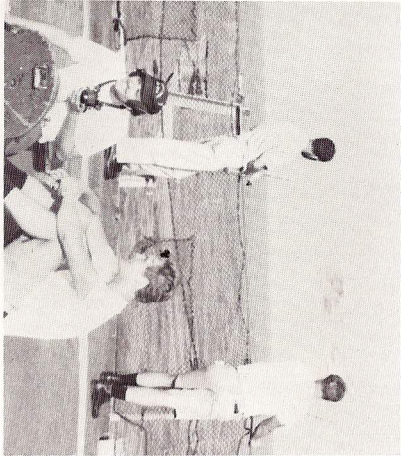
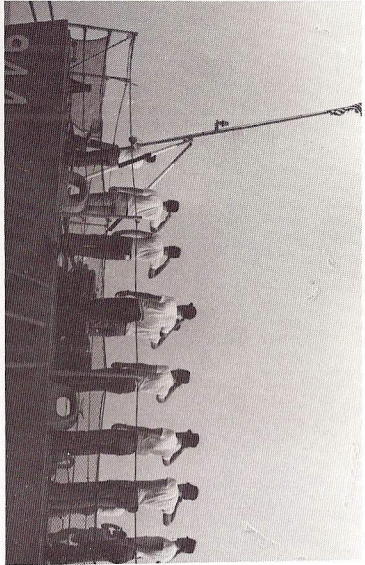
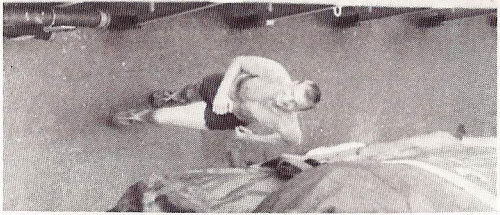
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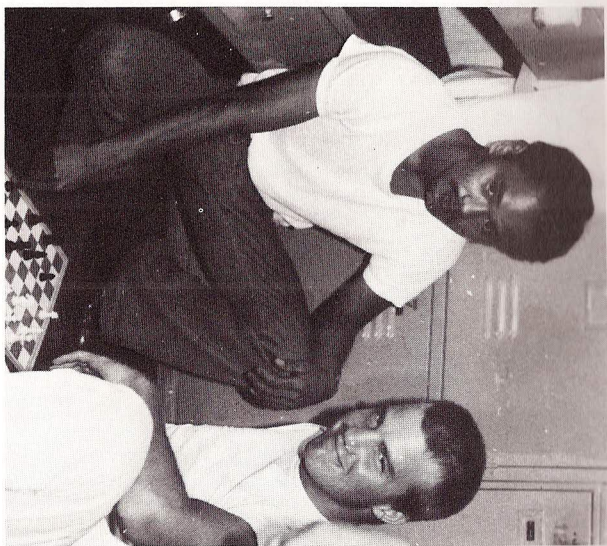
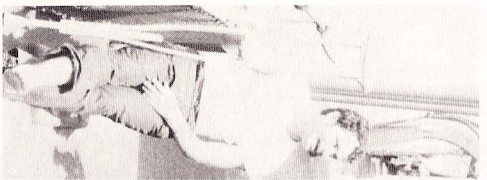
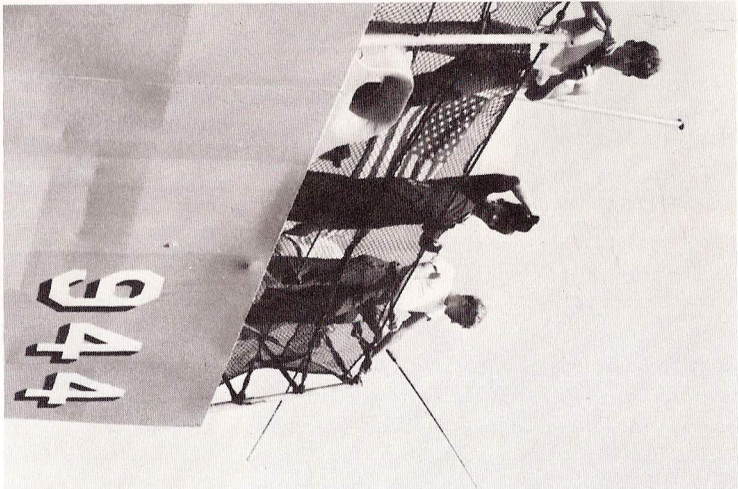
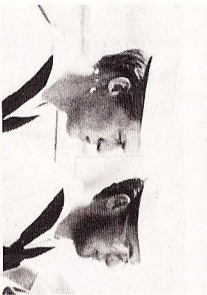
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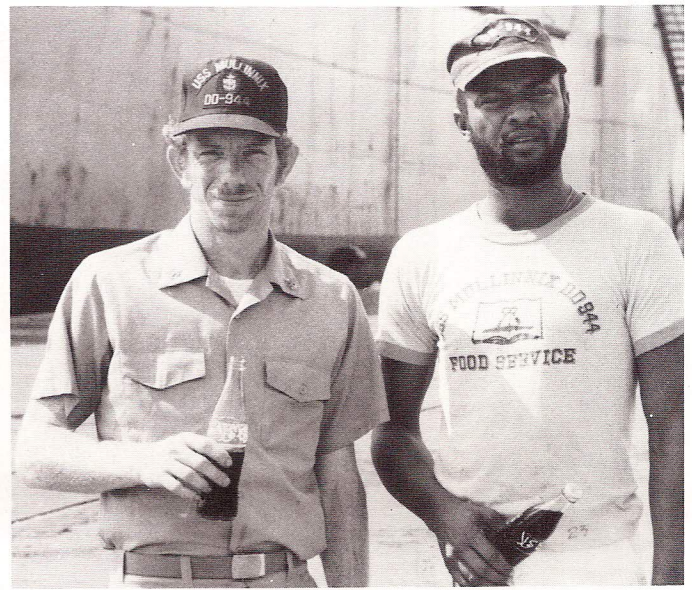
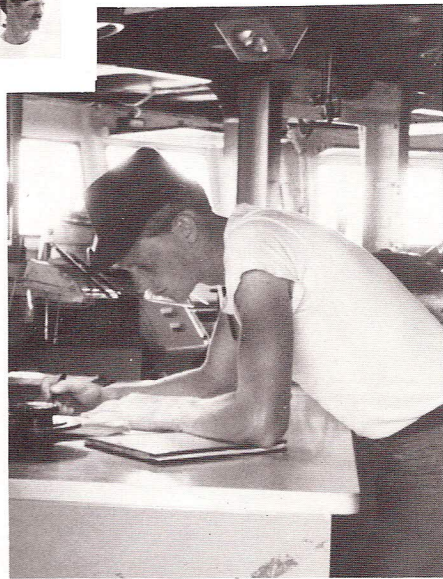
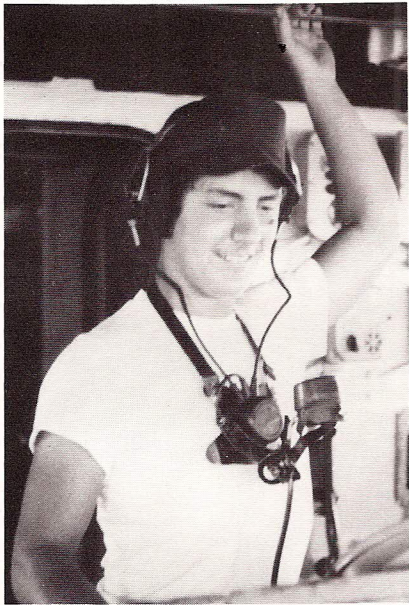
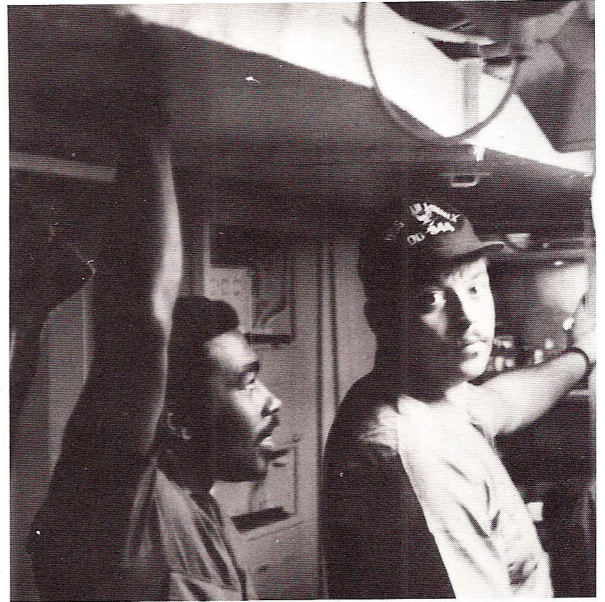
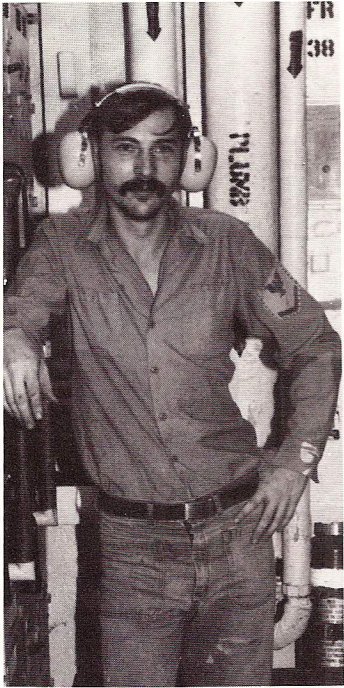


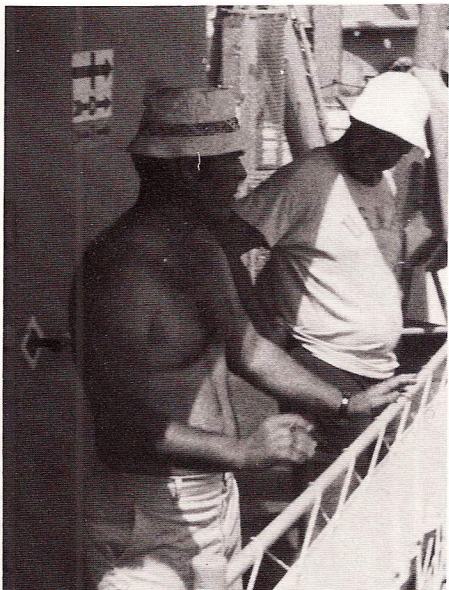
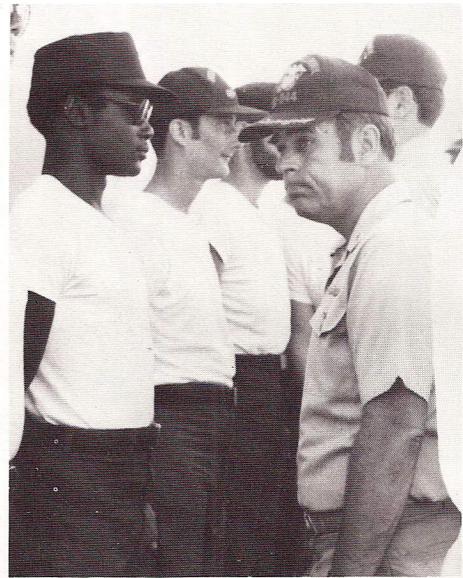
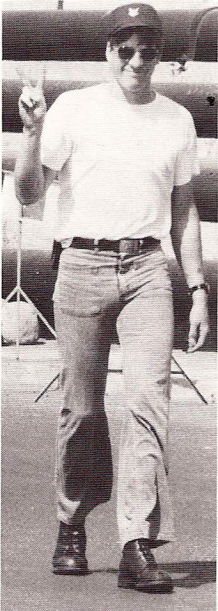
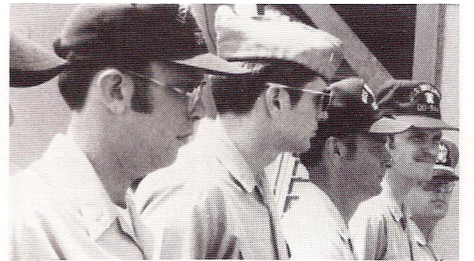
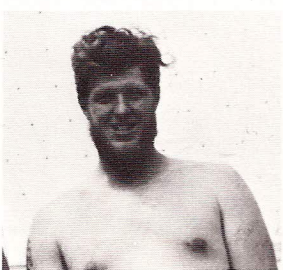
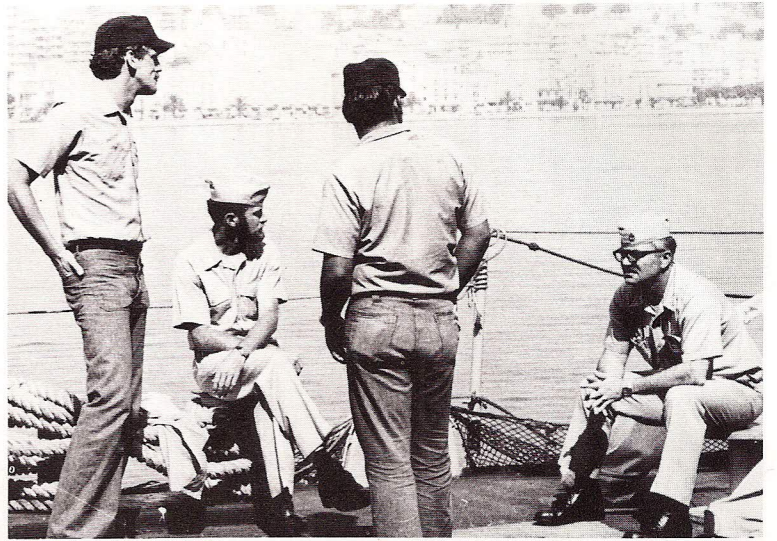
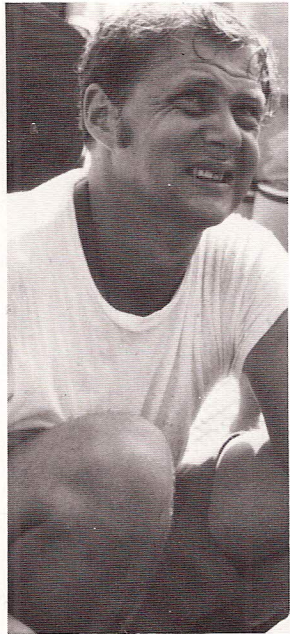
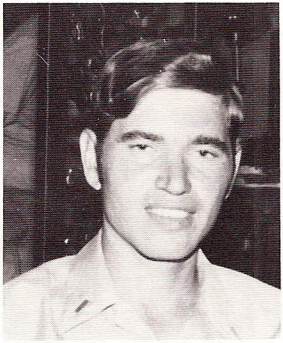






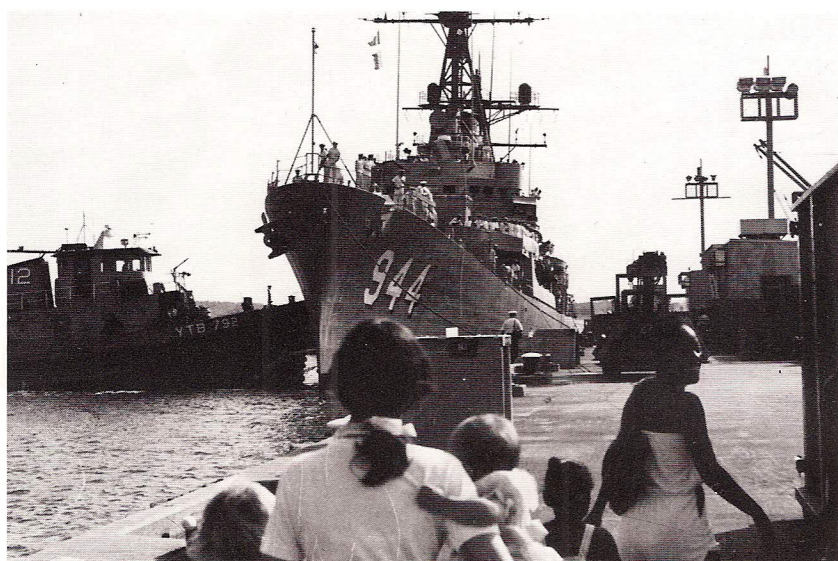


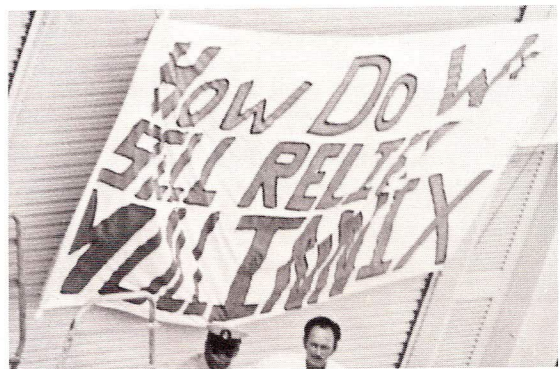
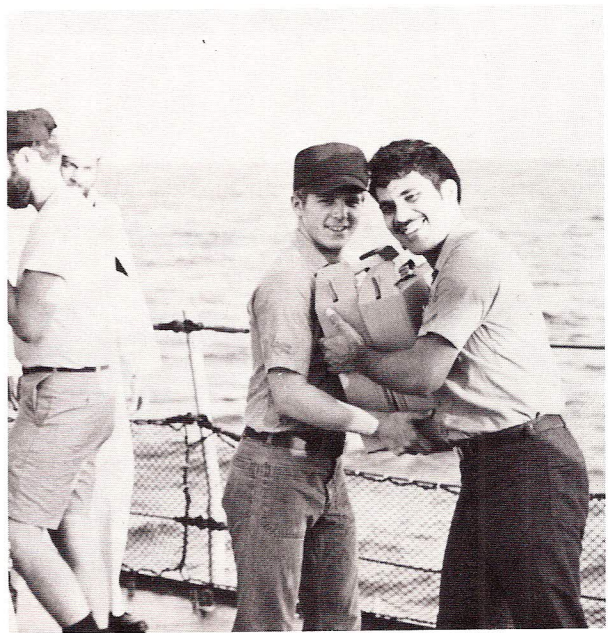


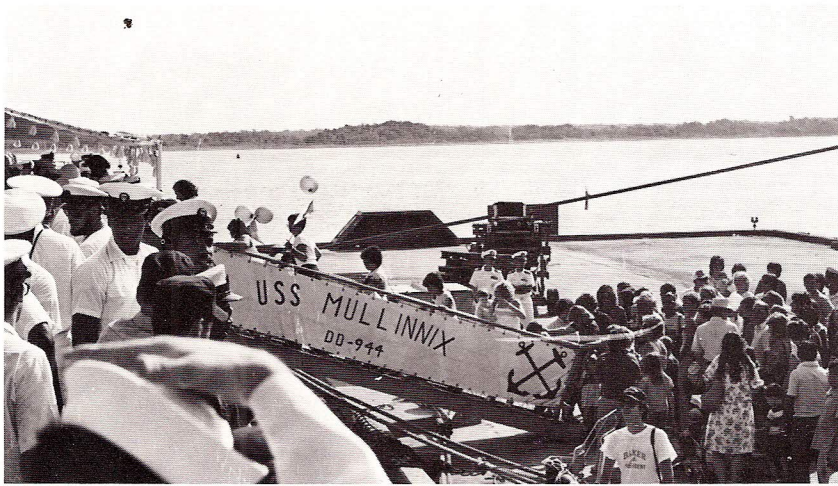
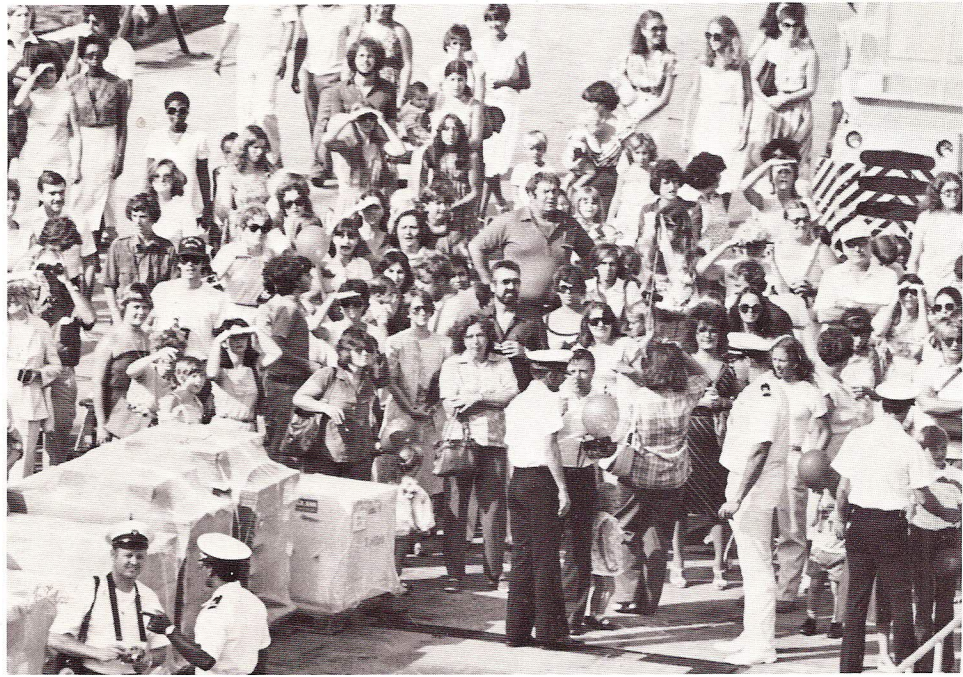


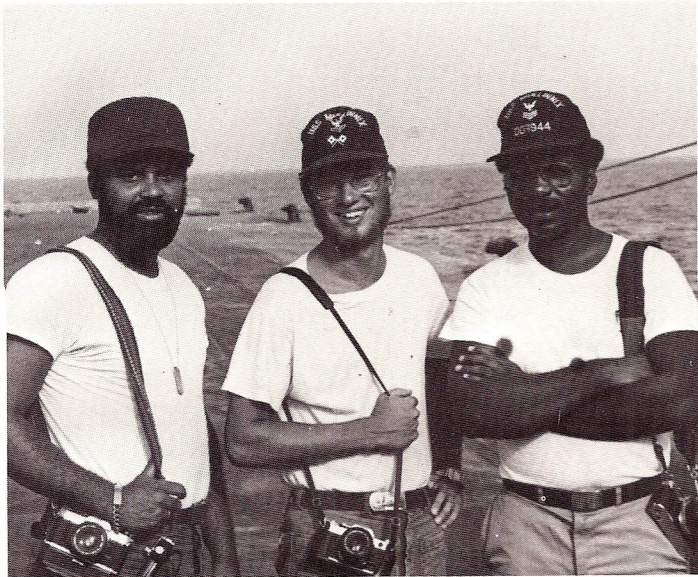
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From the beginning I have considered the job of putting this cruisebook together a challenge. Now that it is completed, I am proud to have had the chance to serve the crew in the capacity of editor. There is no doubt that, as each one of us looks through this book, many memories will surface. My time for leaving **MULLINNIX** nears, and I will take many of those memories with me. I have especially enjoyed working with each and every man of the engineering department and with the operations specialists during those long hours of watch; many close friendships were developed.

This cruisebook is solid proof that with enough desire and effort anything can be accomplished. In the three years I have been on **MULLINNIX**, the men have shown that desire and effort, and they have accomplished great things. This book will serve as a record of some of those accomplishments.

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