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UNITAS XV



Training was the keynote,



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... but we didn't work all the time.

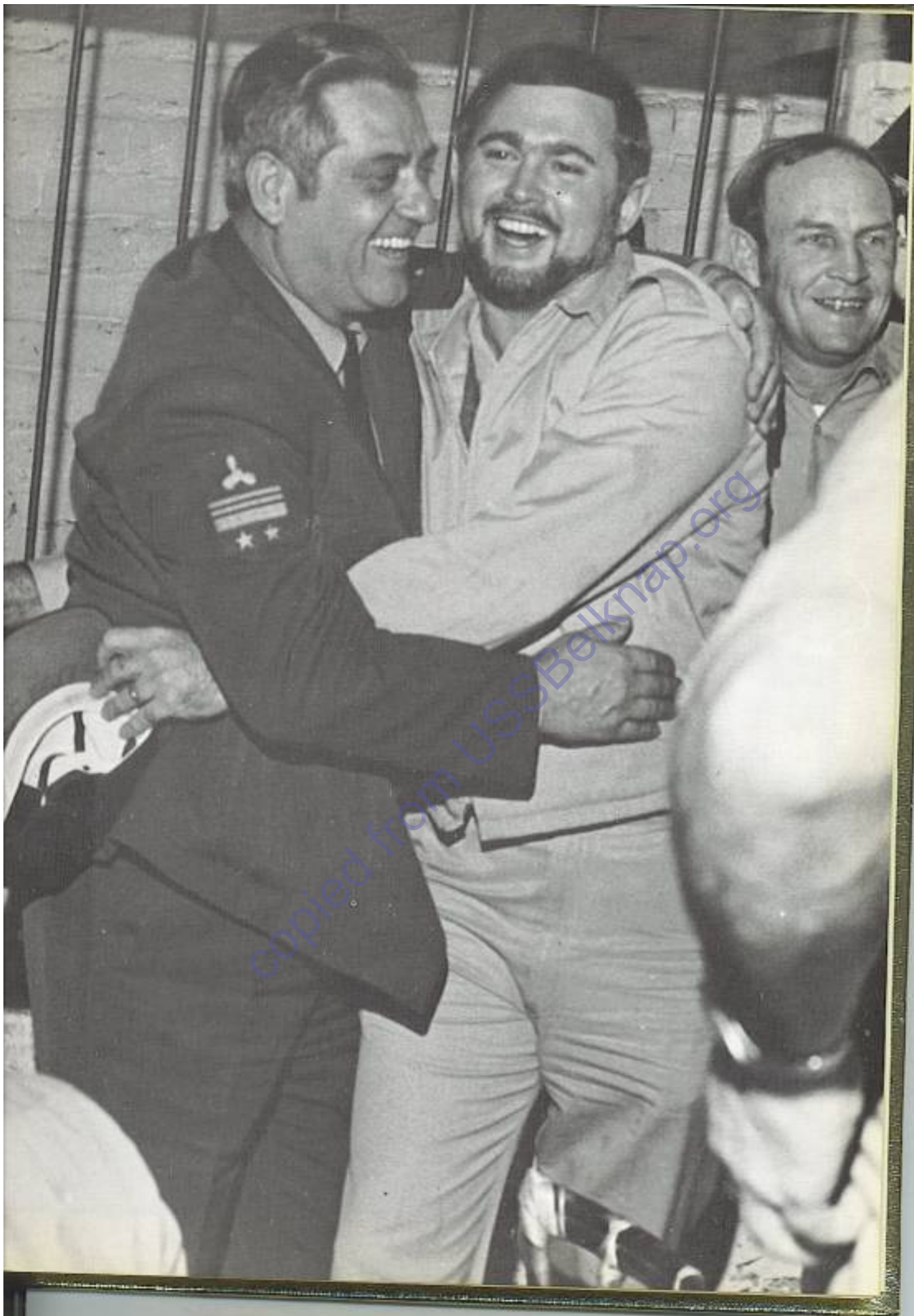


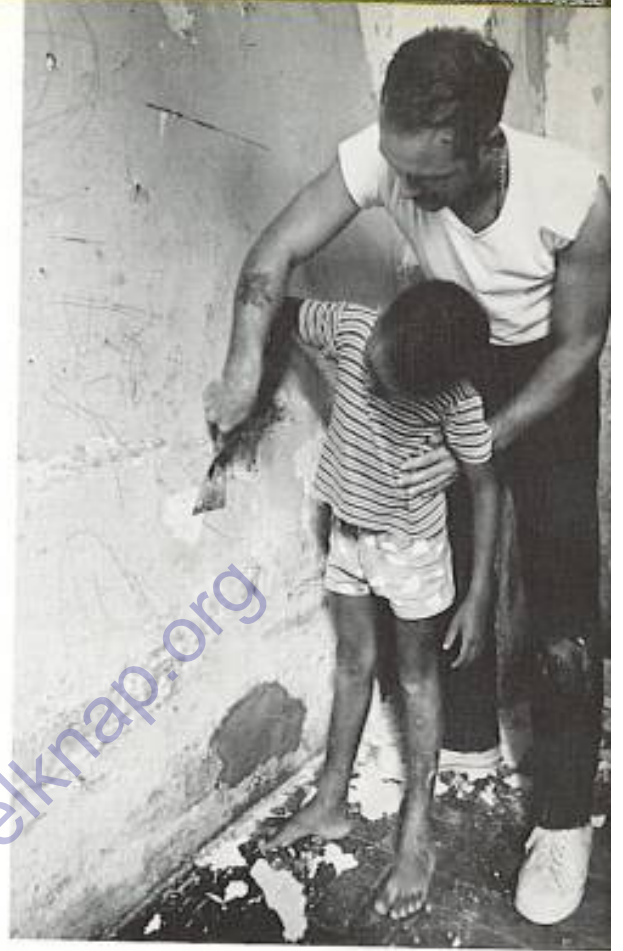


Ashore we found fun too. . .



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Often we had a chance to help our friends ashore.



Sometimes our hands were full just helping ourselves.





We worked a lot.





... then took time out for a beauty contest ...

DA WINNAH!



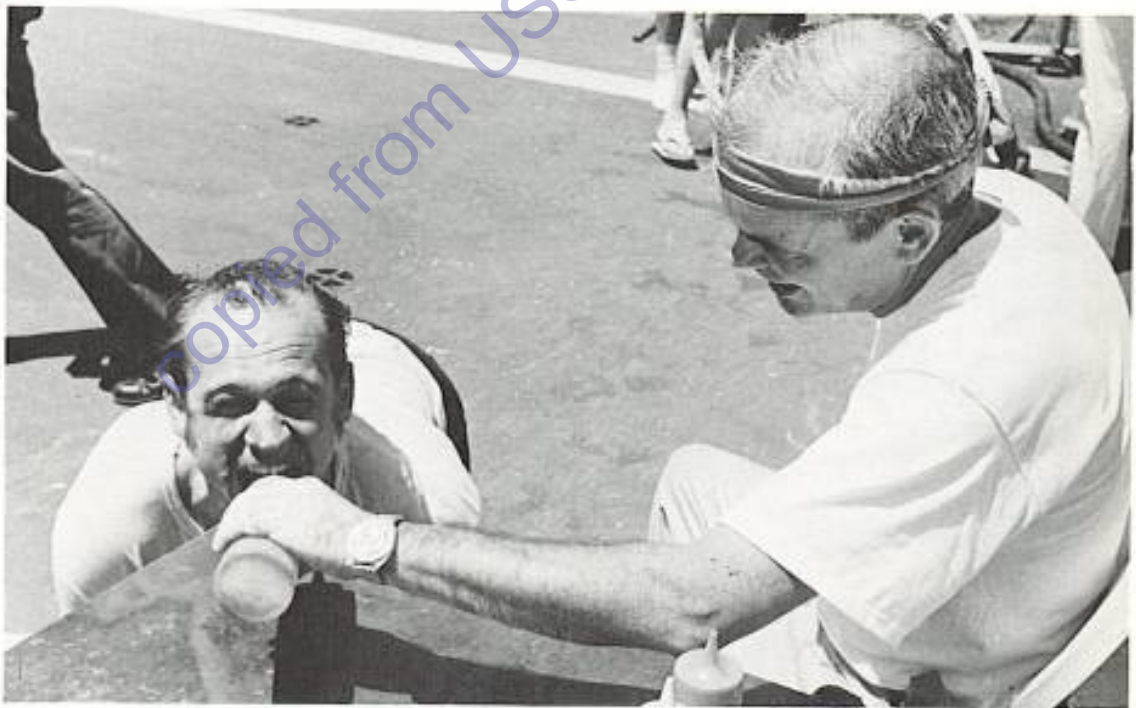
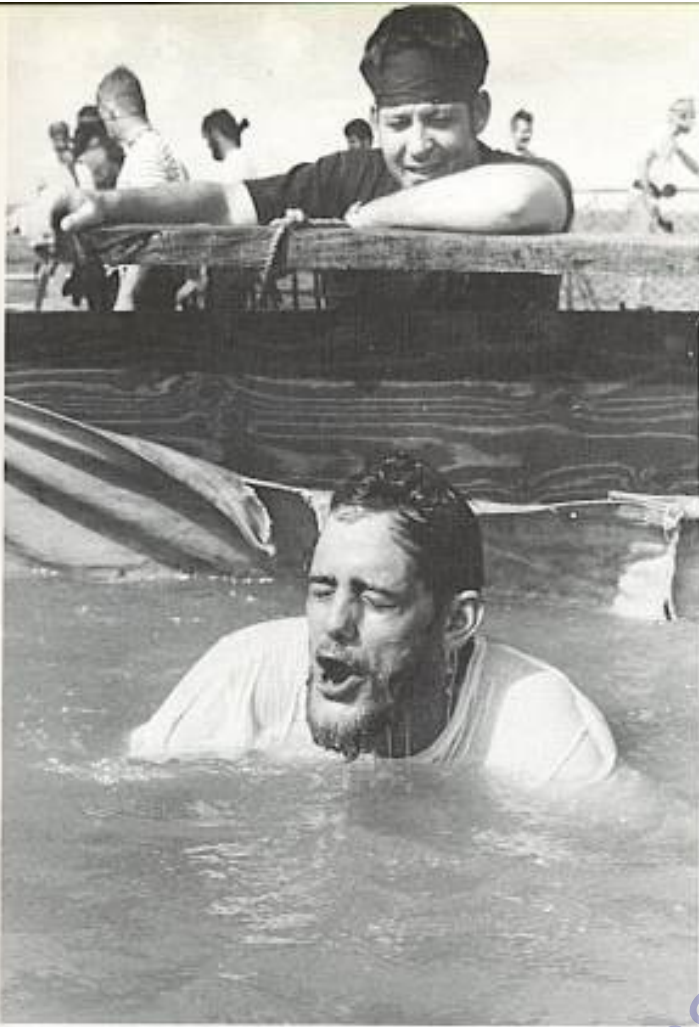




... and then the fun really began.



UGH!







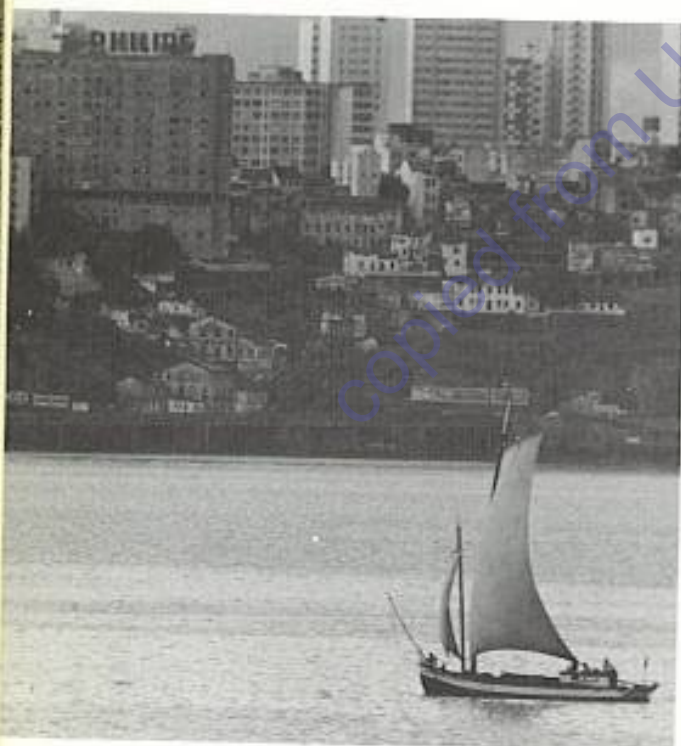


Special Sea and Anchor Detail



A twenty-one gun salute to our friends.





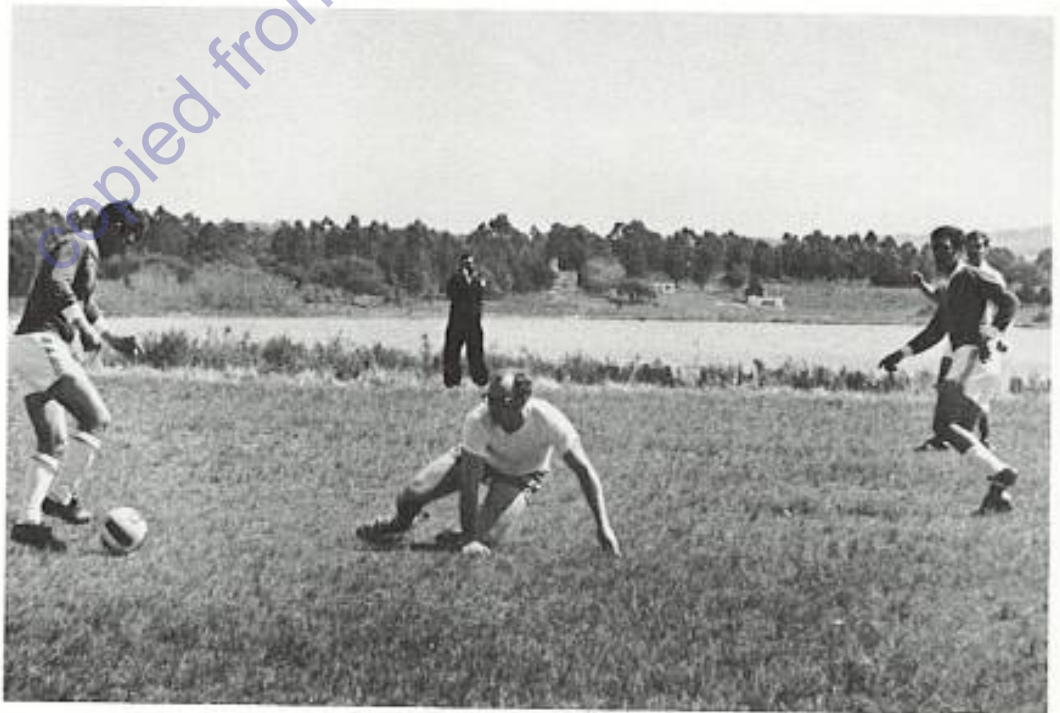
We took time out for some sightseeing in Brazil.







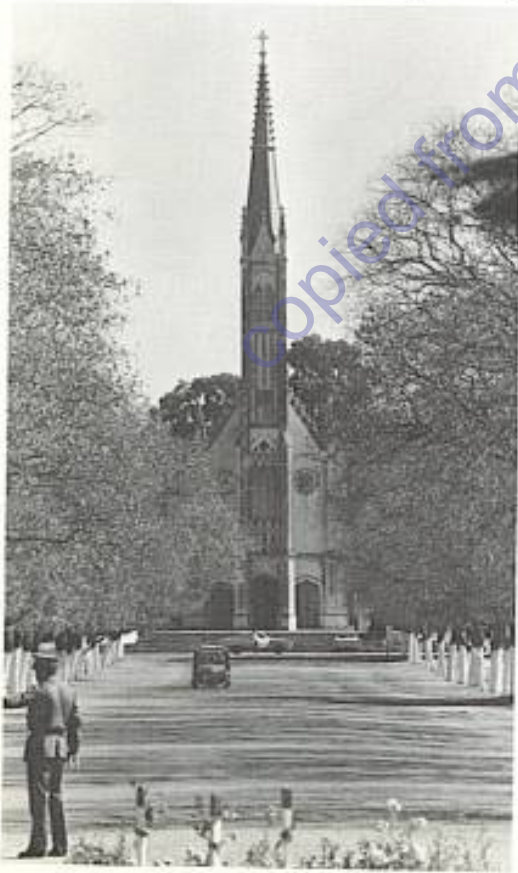
Uruguay provided a chance for sports.

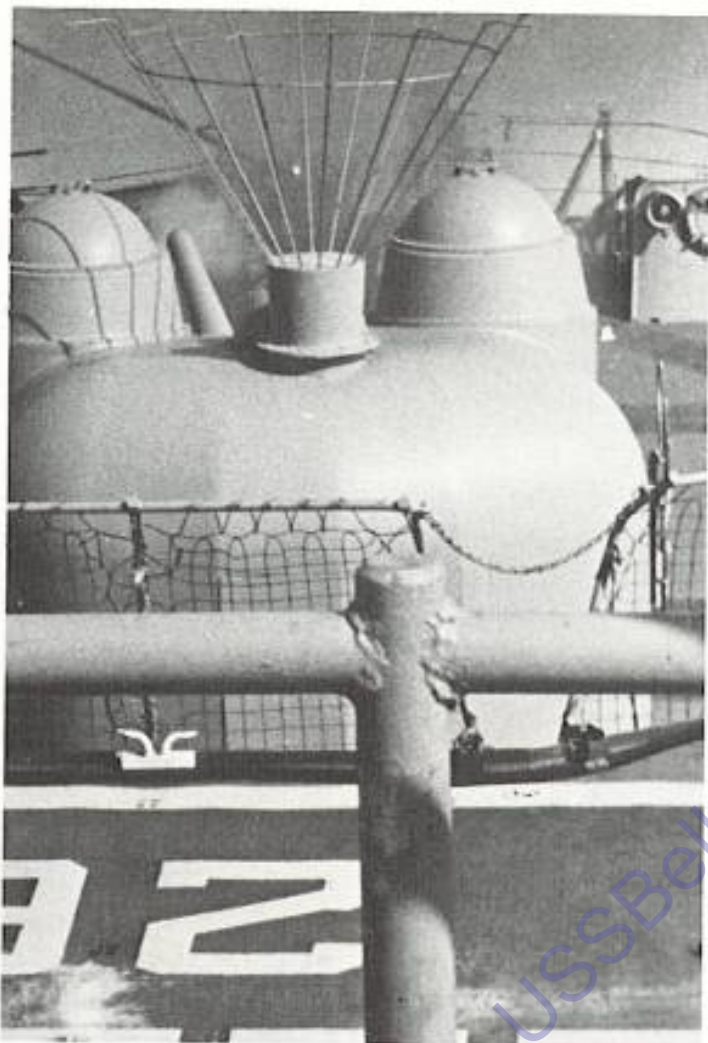




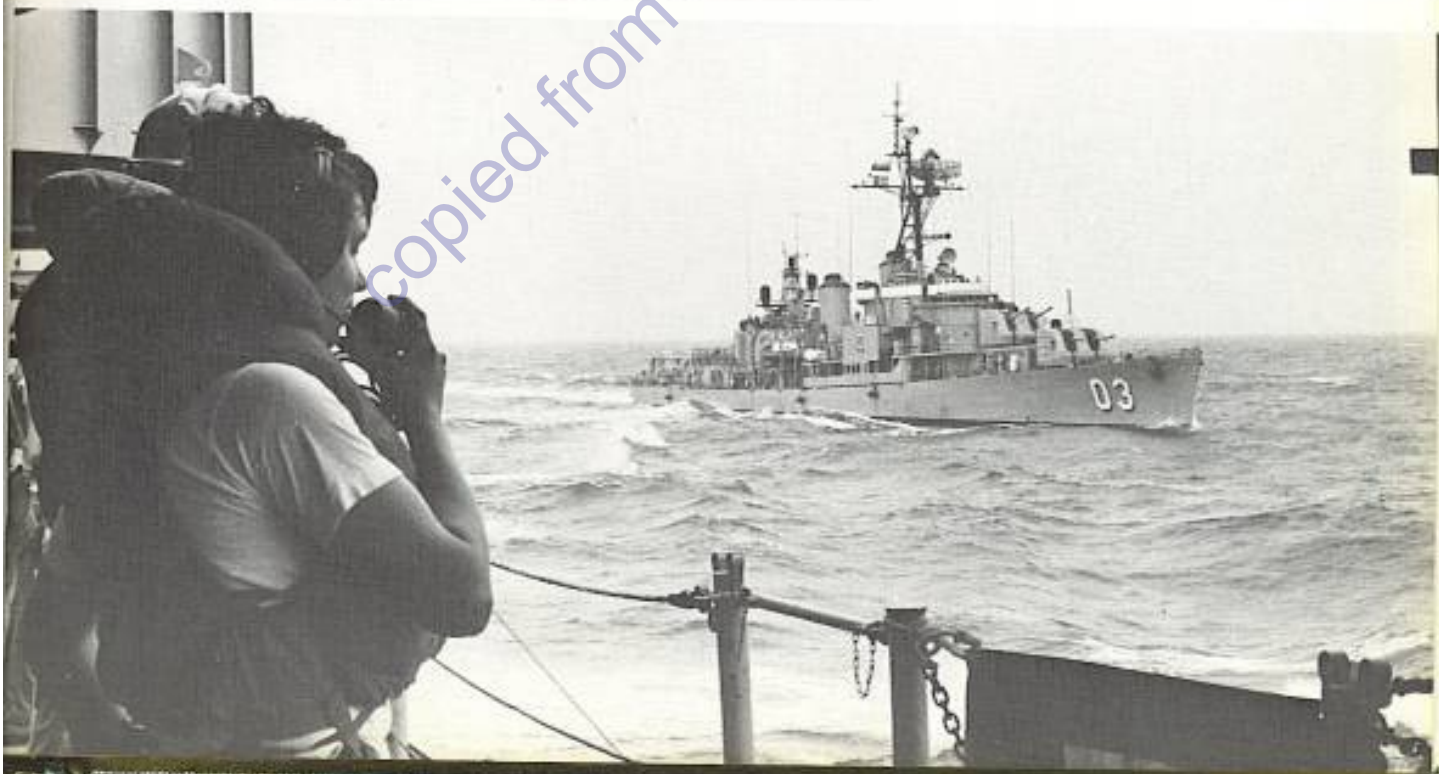


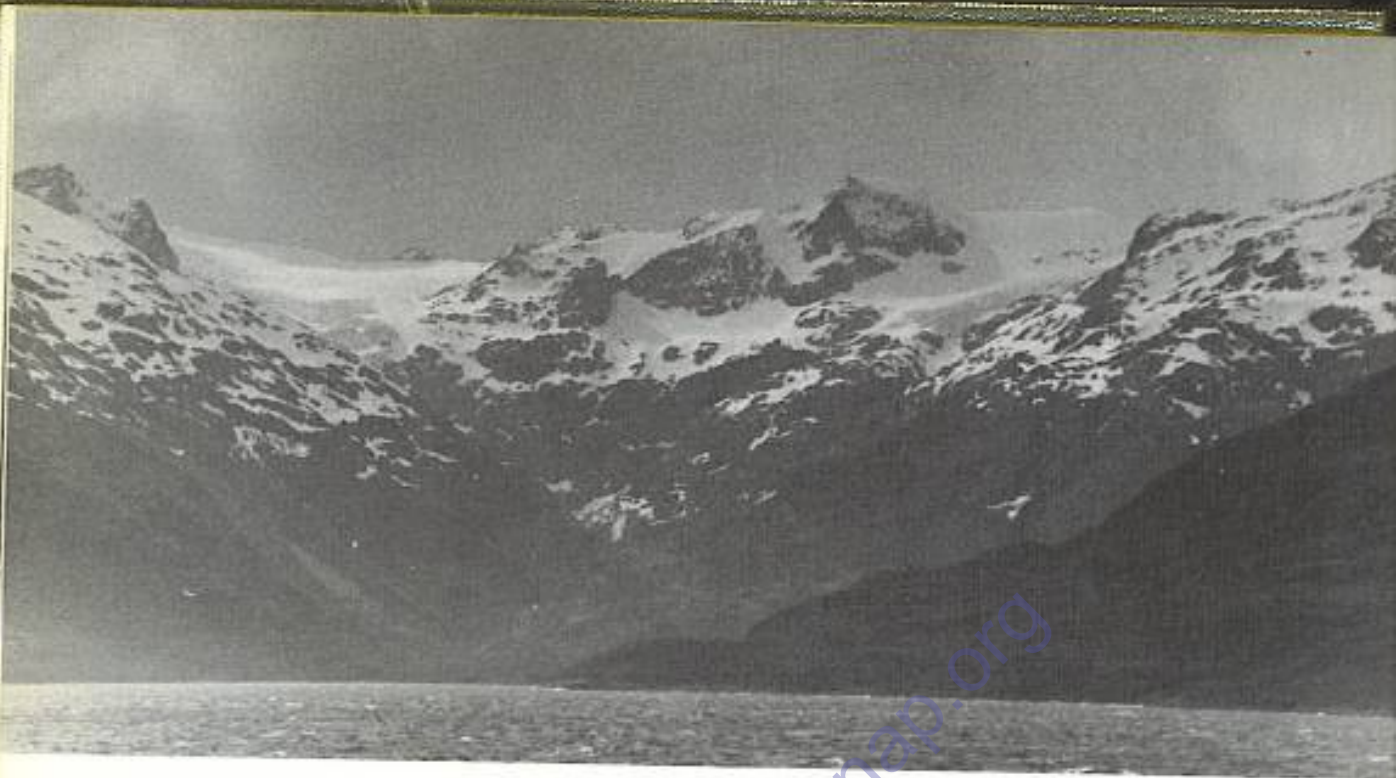
We learned some new steps in Argentina





More operating . . .





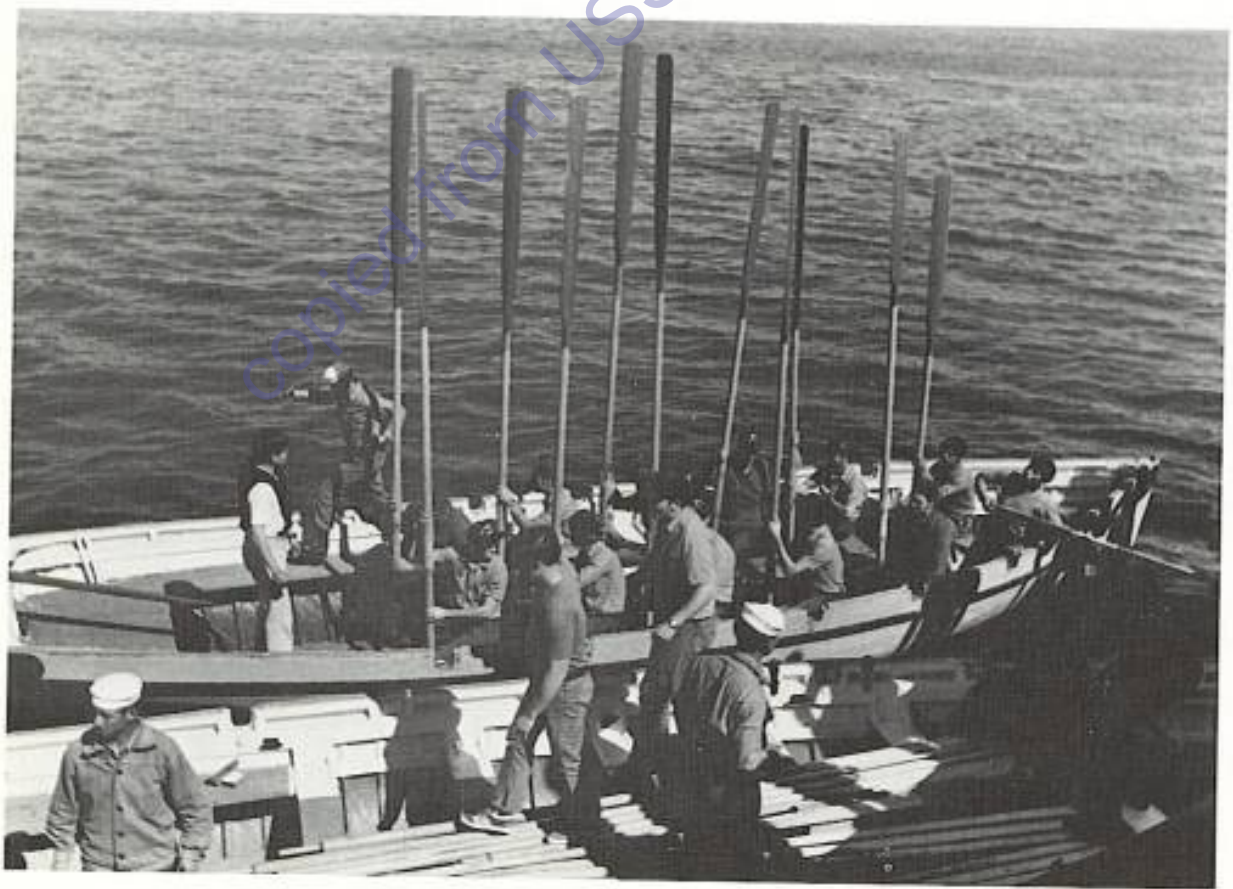
... then through the Straits of Magellan to the Pacific.

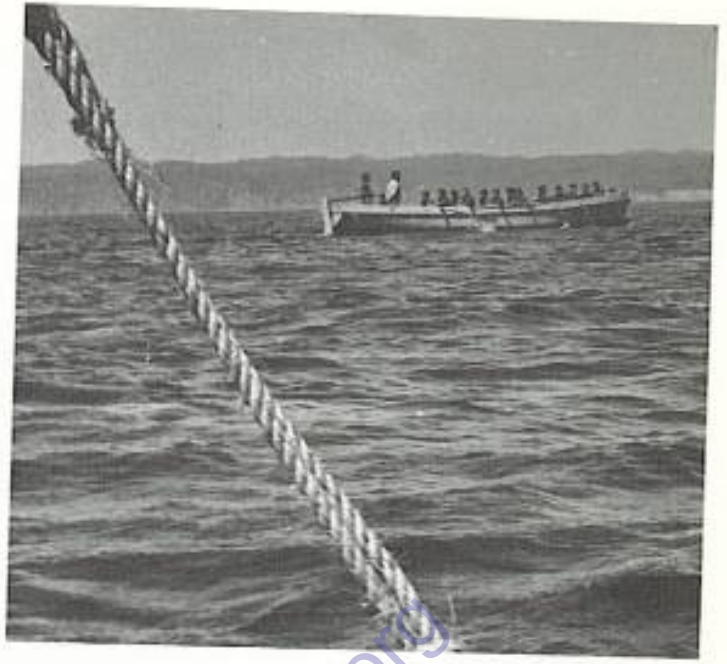




Our first port of call in the Pacific was Talcahuano, Chili . . .

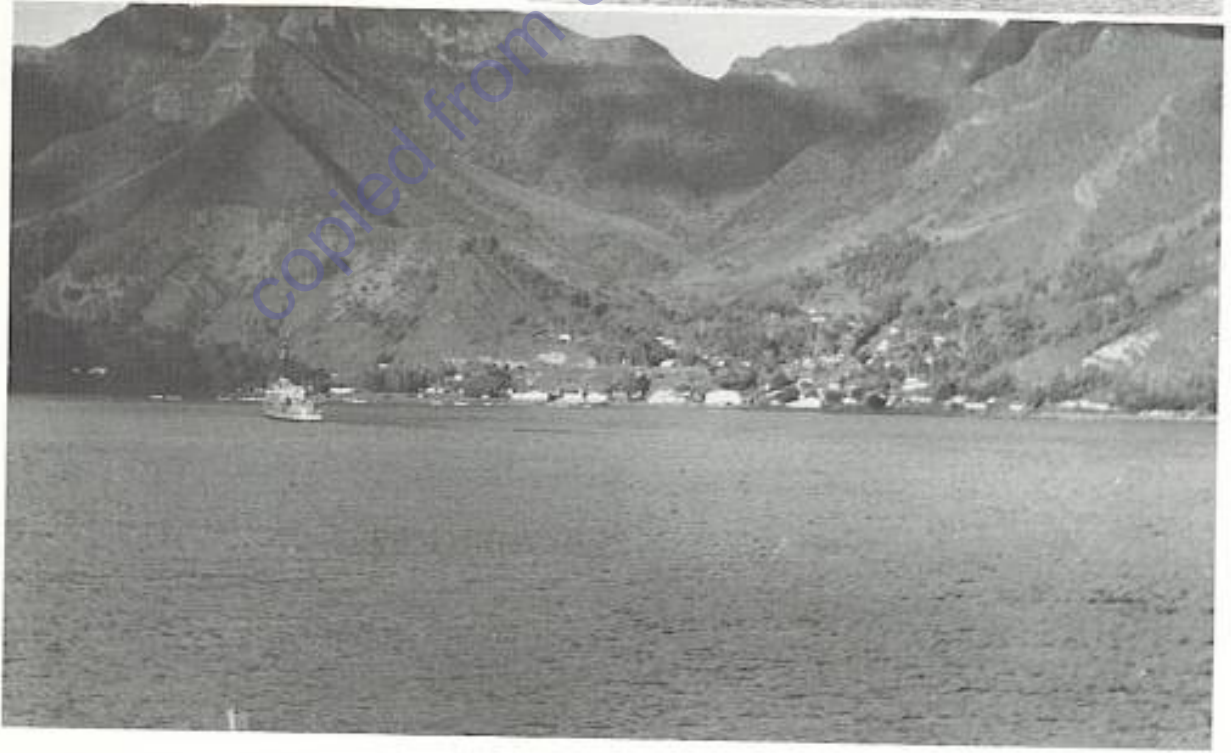








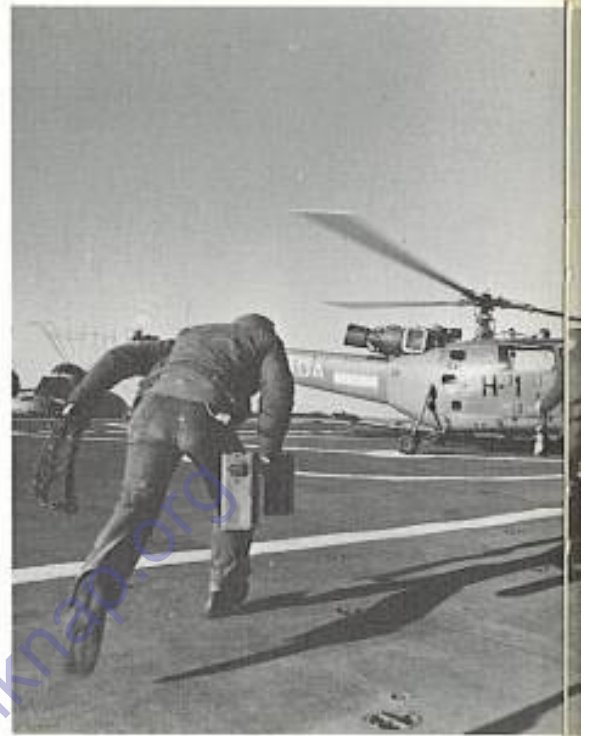
with a visit to Robinson Crusoe Island.





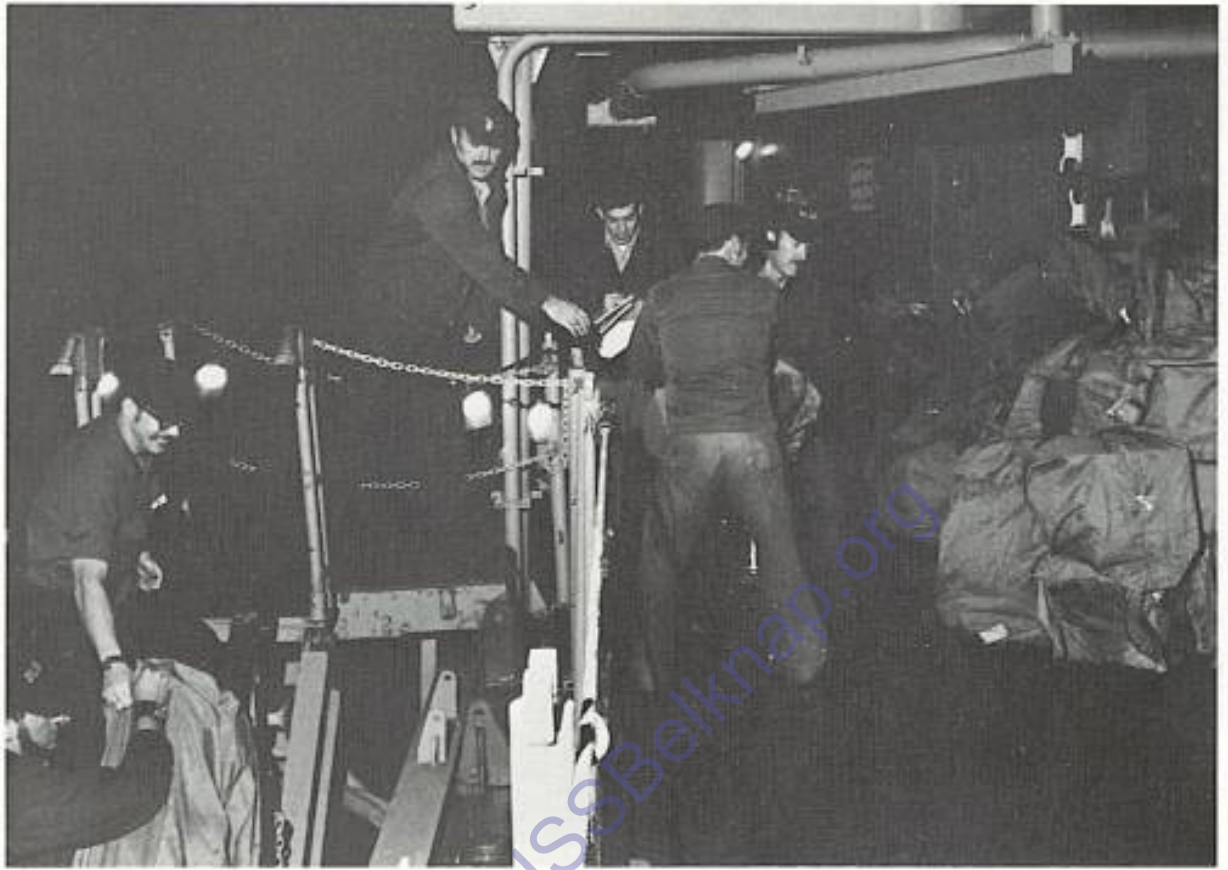
An at sea period brings a change of pace.







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Peru was interesting.







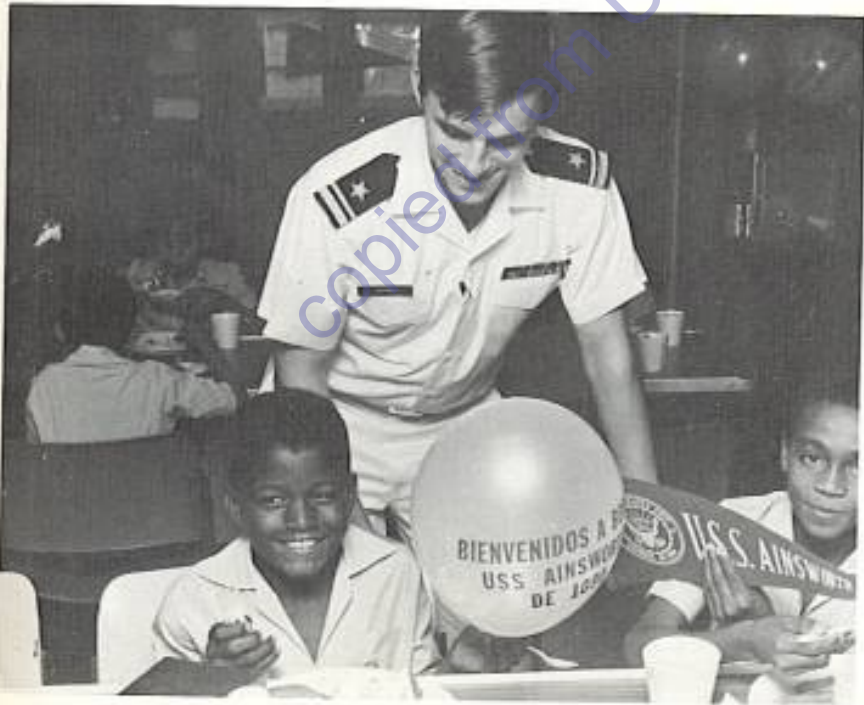


Here are some of the people we met along the way.







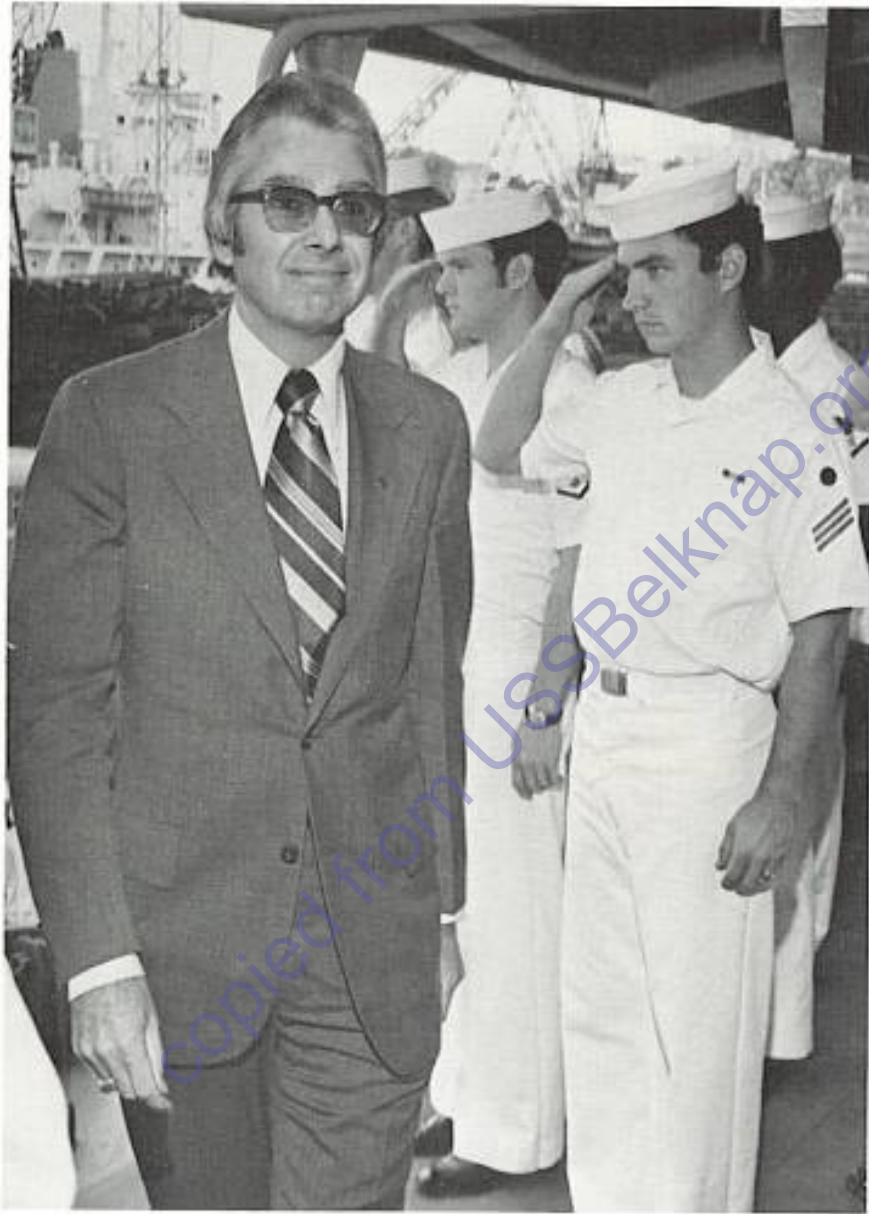






Some of the dignitaries we hosted.



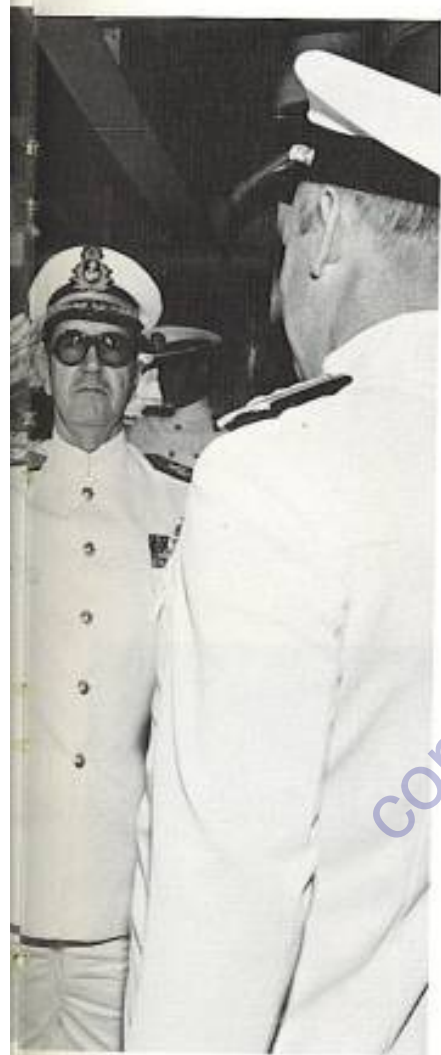






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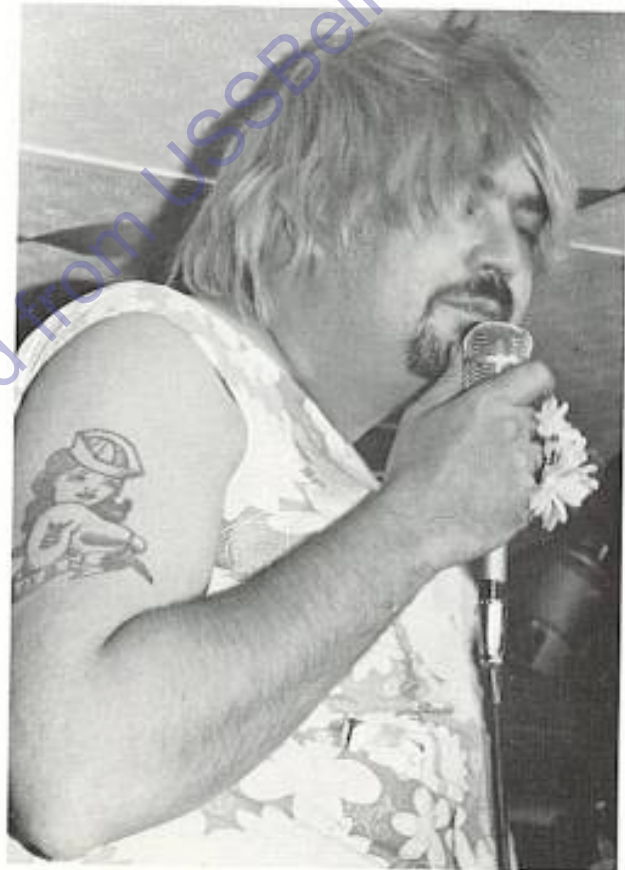


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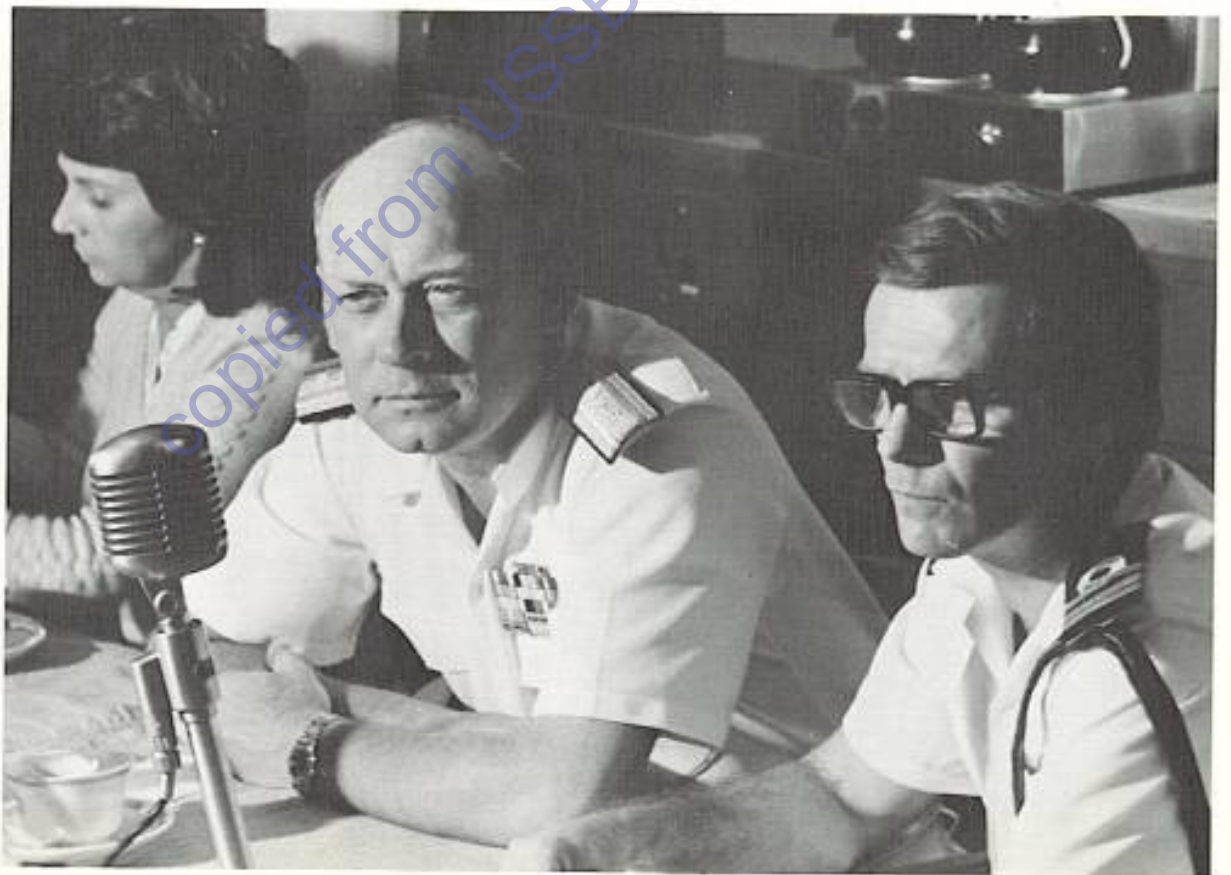
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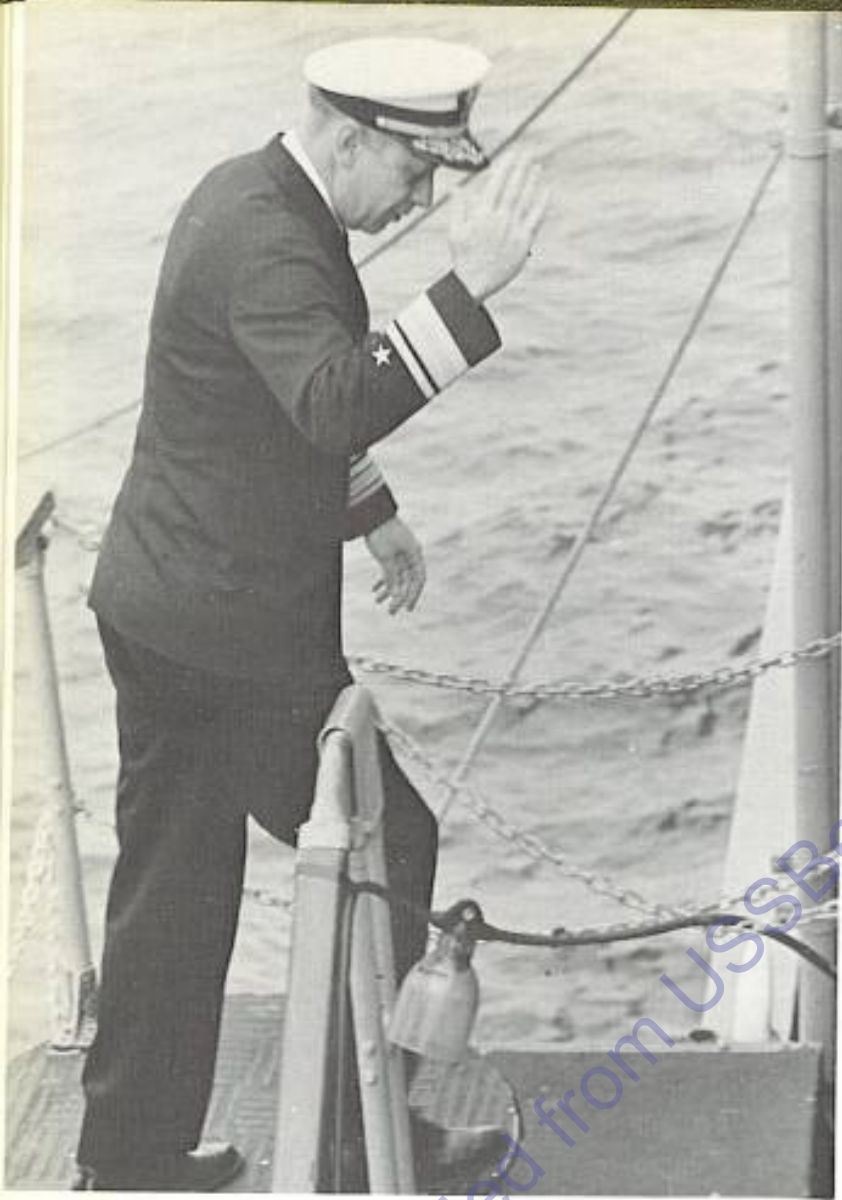




The Admiral and his Staff kept busy too.

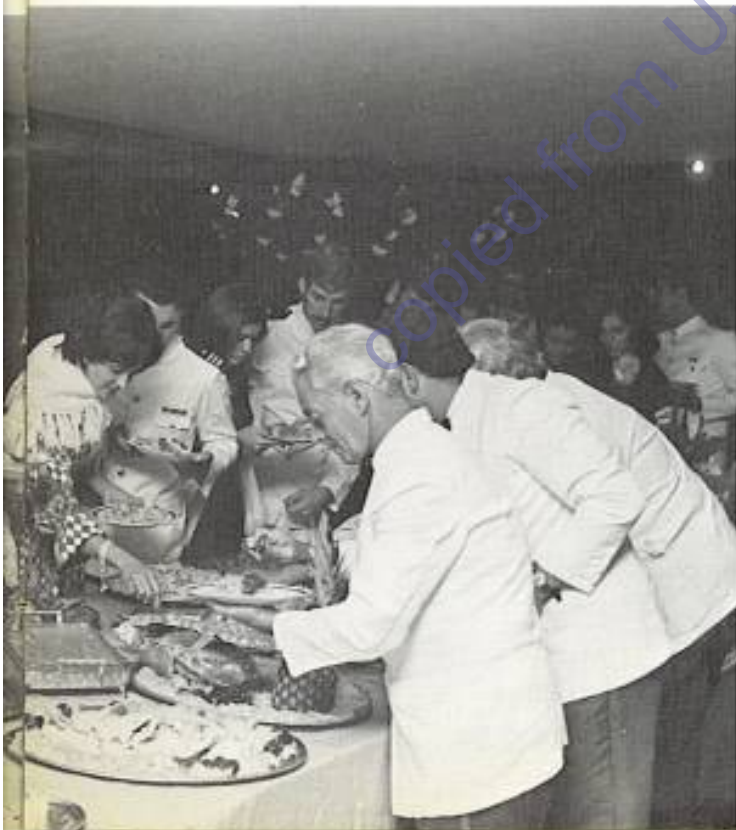




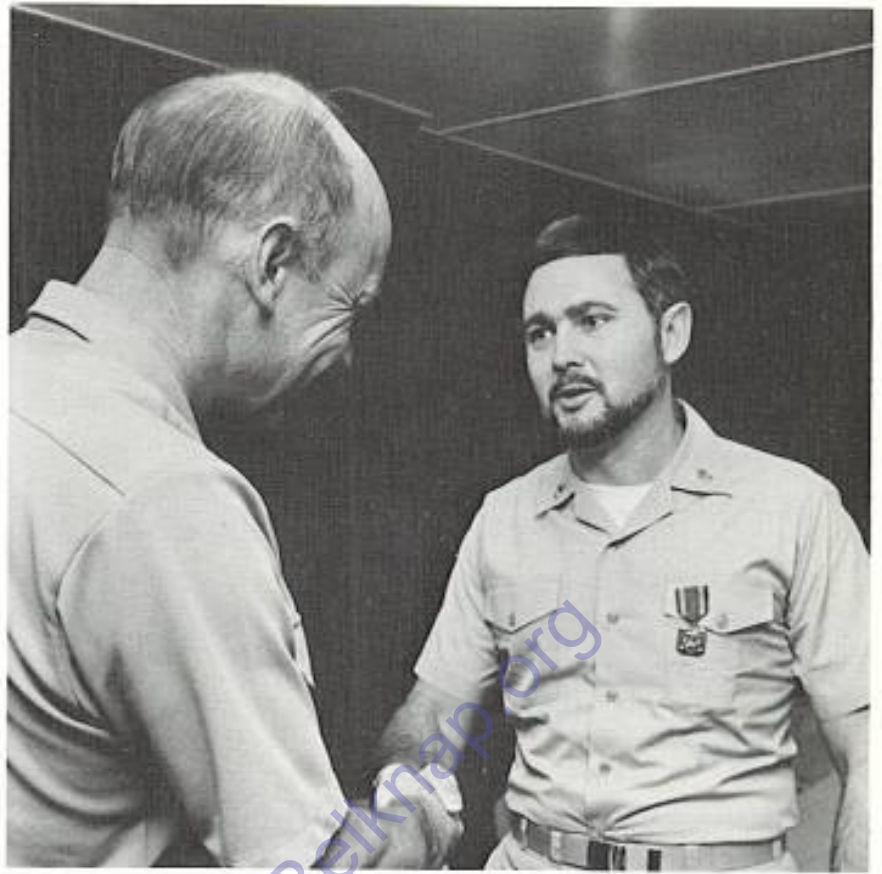


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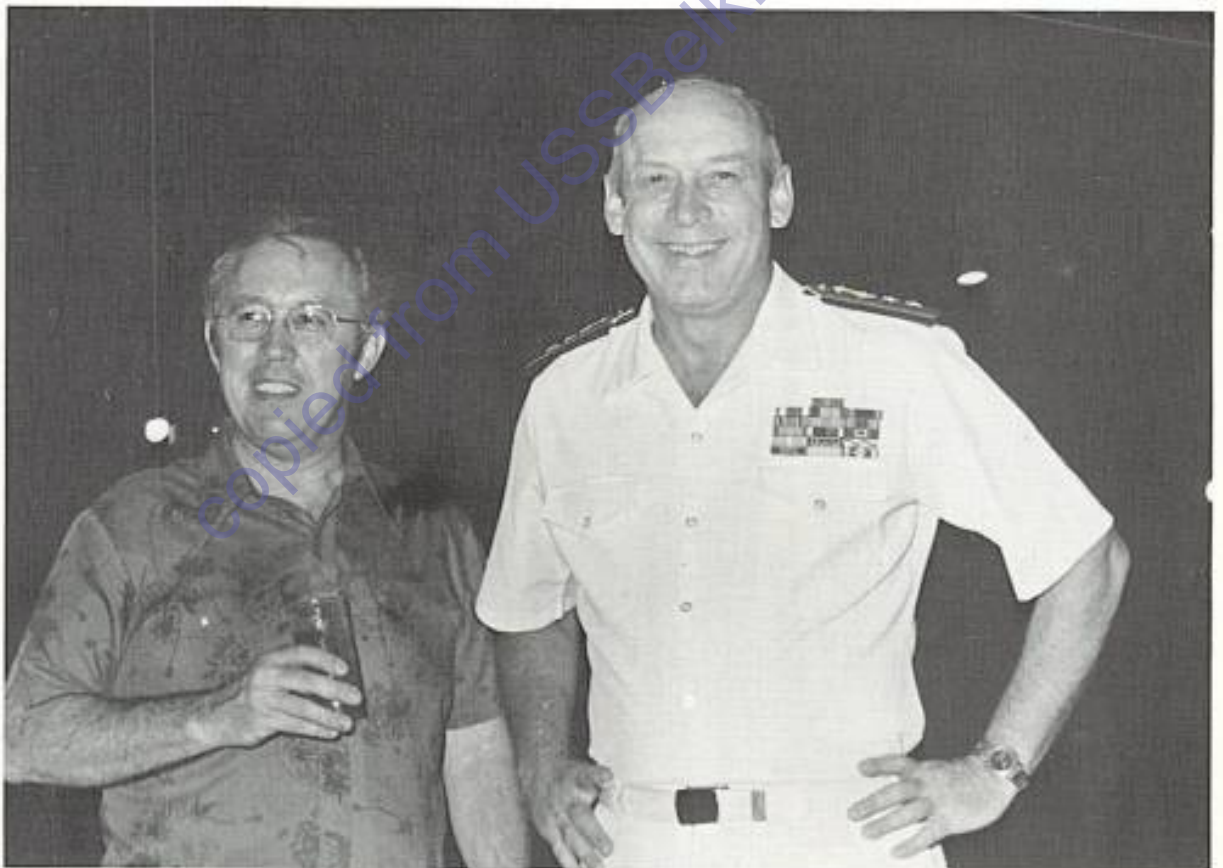
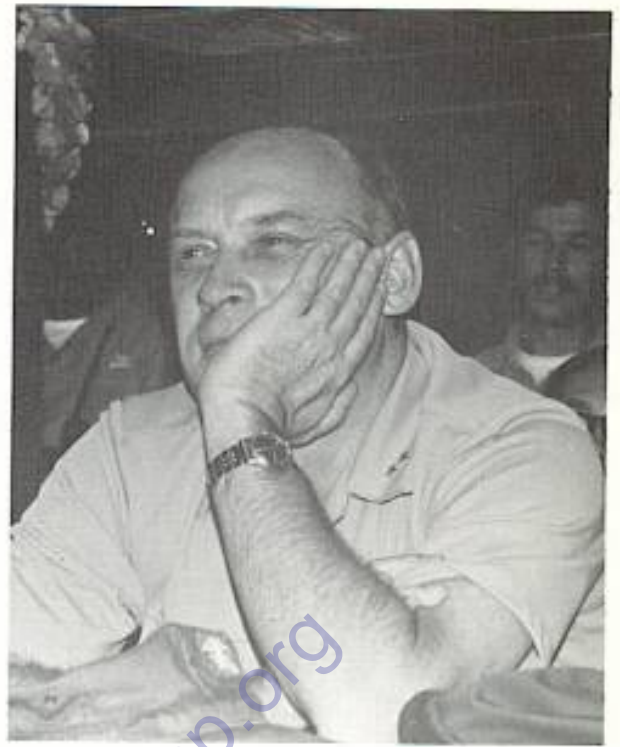


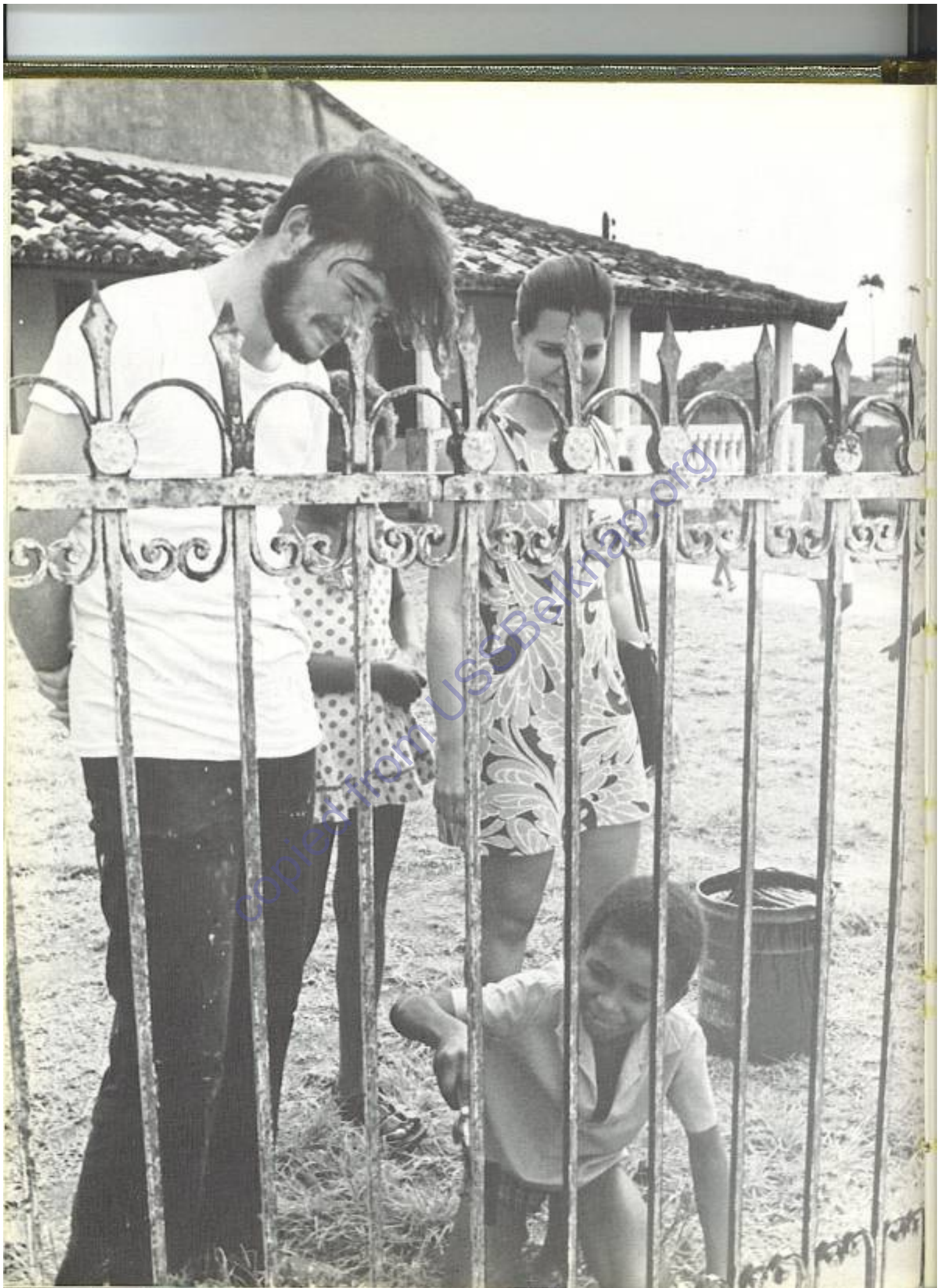


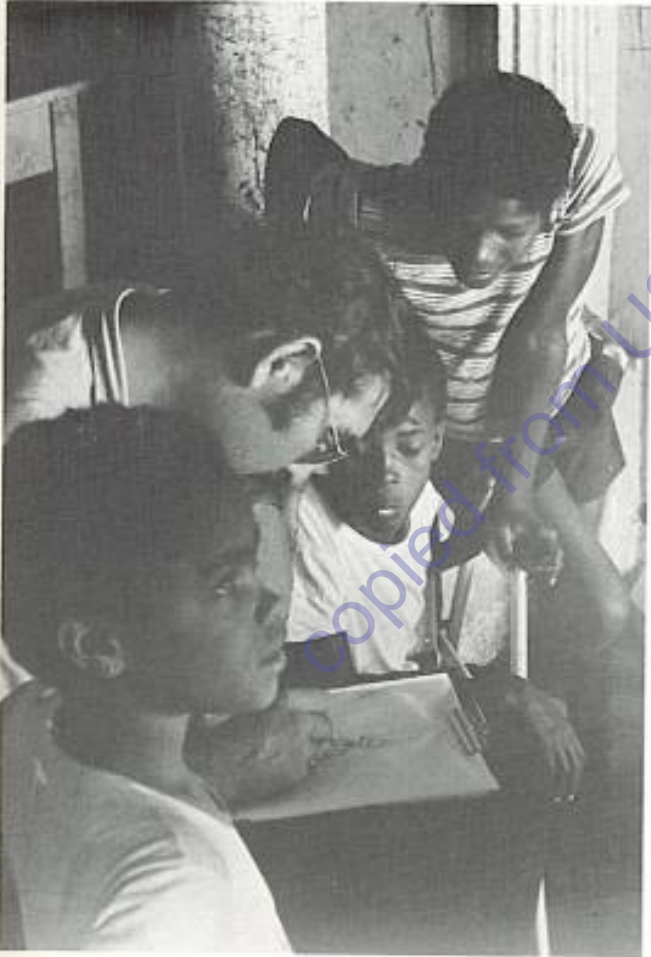












Helping hands.

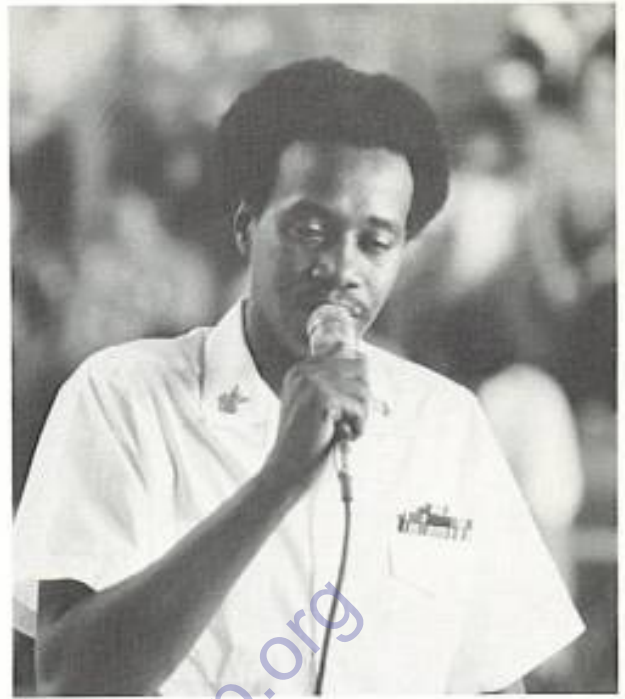


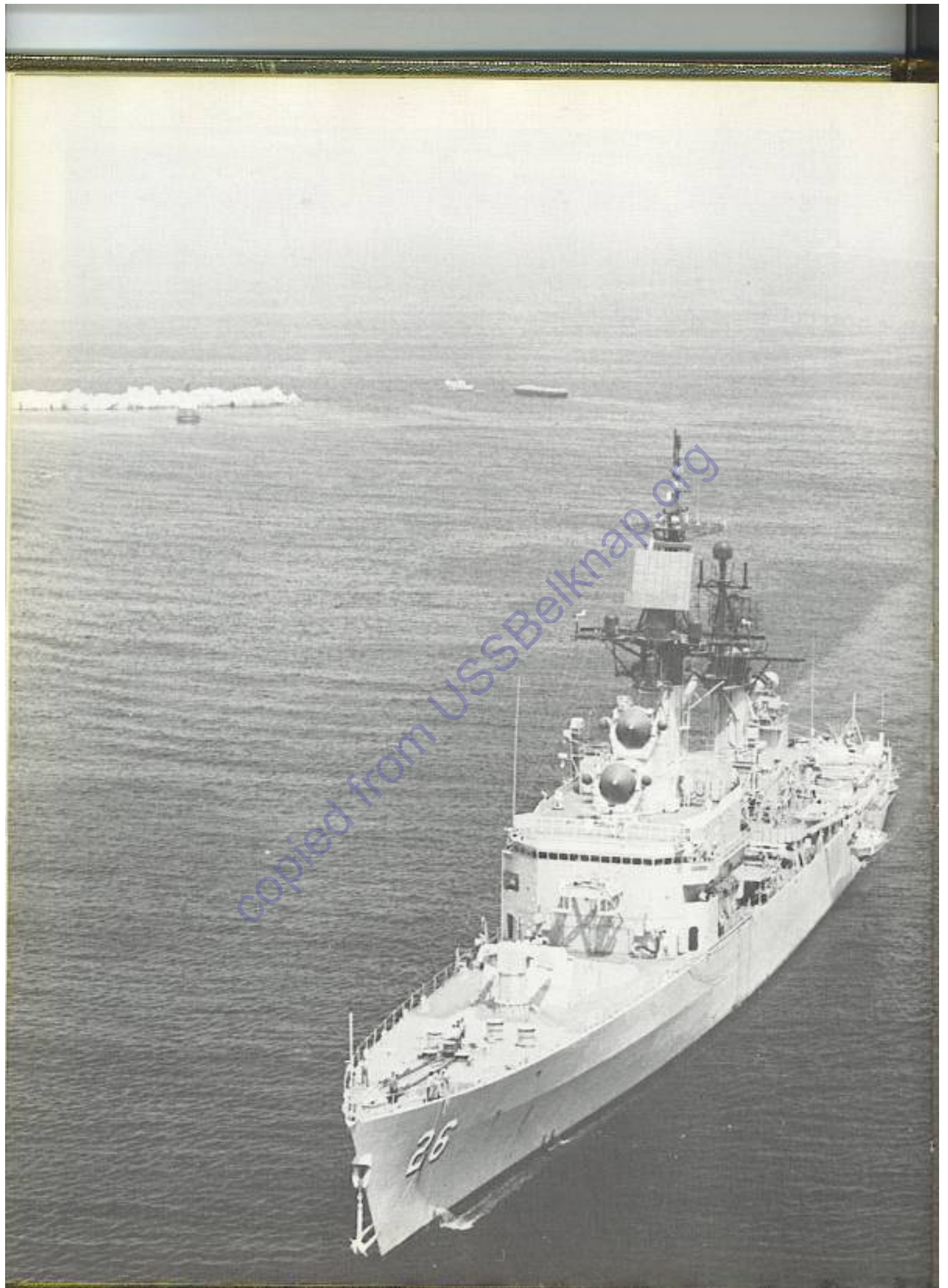
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And through it all, the band played on.









USS BELKNAP is the first of an advanced class of nine guided missile frigates and the second ship of the United States fleet to bear the BELKNAP name. Named for Rear Admiral George Eugene BELKNAP, U.S. Navy (1832 - 1903) and his son, Rear Admiral Reginald Rowan BELKNAP, U.S. Navy (1871 - 1959), her keel was laid on 3 February 1962 at the Bath Iron Works Corporation, Bath, Maine. She was launched into the Kennebec River on 20 July 1963, the traditional bottle of champagne being smashed across her bow by Mrs. A.C.J. Sabalot, the granddaughter and daughter of the Rear Admirals BELKNAP. BELKNAP was commissioned on 7 November 1964 at the Boston Naval Shipyard with Captain John T. Law, U.S. Navy, assuming command.

Since her commissioning in 1964 it has been the desire of the officers and crew of BELKNAP to maintain her at the highest state of readiness possible. Only through their constant preparation can she meet her goal of defense of the free world and control of the seas. BELKNAP's history has reflected the desires of her men and proven her capable of taking a vital role in the defense of the United States and her allies.

As with any ship, BELKNAP's first assignment was to train the men who would sail and fight her. A great deal of this training was accomplished at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, beginning in February 1966. At the completion of her training period BELKNAP joined the United States SECOND Fleet.

BELKNAP had completed her formal training period, however, training never really stopped. Each exercise the ship conducted was designed to train the crew and improve the readiness of the ship. Her history shows an unending cycle of guided missile, anti-submarine warfare and gunnery exercises designed to train, test and improve her capabilities.

BELKNAP's history has not been all preparation. Twice she has served in the combat environment of the Tonkin Gulf. It was during the fall and winter of 1967 and 1969 that BELKNAP was involved in operations with the SEVENTH Fleet in the Western Pacific.

BELKNAP has also been called on in the Mediterranean Sea to meet the crises of the Jordanian Civil War. Her deployment to the Mediterranean in September of 1970 was an emergency for which she had no advance notice. During the Middle East Crisis of October 1973 BELKNAP was once again involved in special operations with the U.S. SIXTH Fleet. By being always prepared she was able to meet her commitments.

BELKNAP's future can not be foreseen but without a doubt her life as a fighting ship will follow the pattern set by all of the destroyers to go before her. That is, constant preparation of her men and the tools and weapons at their disposal in order that she may defend her country, its interests abroad and the freedom of the seas for all the nations of the world.



Commanding Officer

CAPTAIN WALTER R. SHAFER, USN

Captain Walter R. Shafer, USN, is a native of Troy, Ohio. He received his commission upon graduation as a Regular NROTC Student at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio in June 1950.

During the Korean Conflict he saw action on board USS PHILIP (DDE-498) where he served in the Operations, Weapons and Engineering Departments. His subsequent sea duty has been: Commissioning Detail and Weapons Department, USS MITSCHER (DL-2); Establishing Detail and Operations Officer, the Staff of Commander Escort Squadron SEVEN, the surface portion of the Pacific Barrier; Commanding Officer, USS POLK COUNTY (MST-1084); Commanding Officer, USS ADROIT (MSO-509); Commissioning Detail and Executive Officer, USS BELKNAP (DLG-26); and Commanding Officer, USS CONYNGHAM (DDG-17).

Ashore, Captain Shafer has served as Assistant Professor of Naval Science at the University of Michigan; as a student in Ordnance Engineering at the U.S. Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, California; and as Advanced Weapons Officer of the U.S. Navy Section, Military Assistance Advisory Group, working with the Italian Navy in Rome, Italy. He returns to BELKNAP from a tour as Point Defense Weapon Systems Manager at the Naval Ordnance Systems Command Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

Captain Shafer is married to the former Joanne DuBois of Highland, Indiana. They have three sons, Richard, John and Robert; and, one daughter, Elizabeth Ann.





Executive Officer

COMMANDER WALTER T. DZIEDZIC, USN

Commander Walter T. Dziejdzic, USN, is a native of Long Beach, California. He received his commission upon graduation from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland in June 1959.

His initial tour of sea duty was on board USS COGSWELL (DD-651) where he served in the Operations Department. His subsequent sea duty has been: Executive Officer, USS PERSISTENT (MSO-491) and later Commanding Officer of PERSISTENT; and Executive Officer, USS HIGBEE (DD-806).

Ashore Commander Dziejdzic has served as a Bloc Naval Analyst at CINCUSNAVEUR, London, England, and as an analyst at the Naval Ocean Surveillance Information Center, Suitland, Maryland. He reported to BELKNAP following a tour as Head of the Commonwealth Branch, Foreign Disclosure Section of OPNAV.

Commander Dziejdzic is married to the former Rose Denison of Phelps, New York. They have two sons, Walter and James, and one daughter, Karen.

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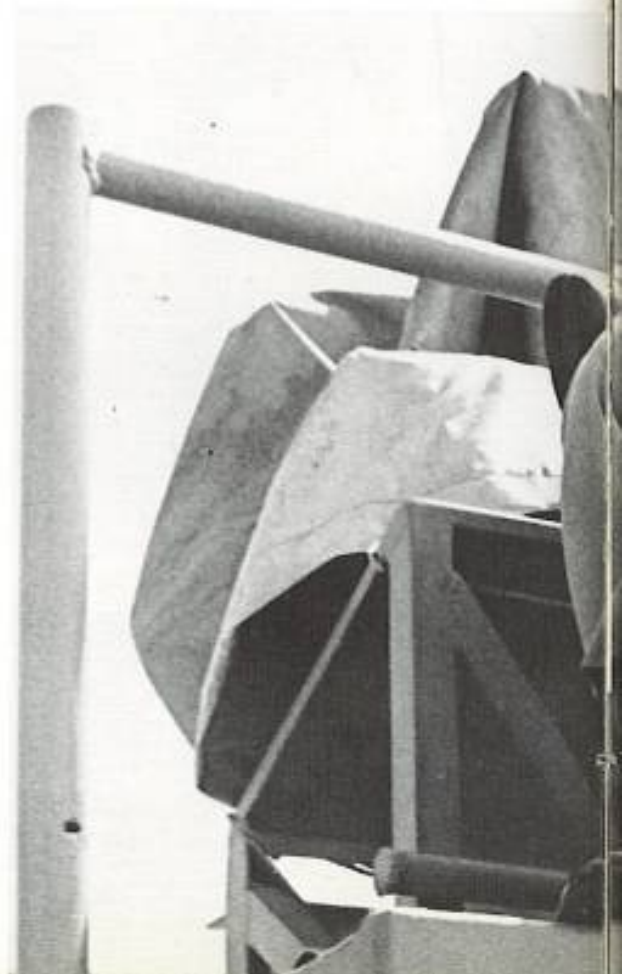


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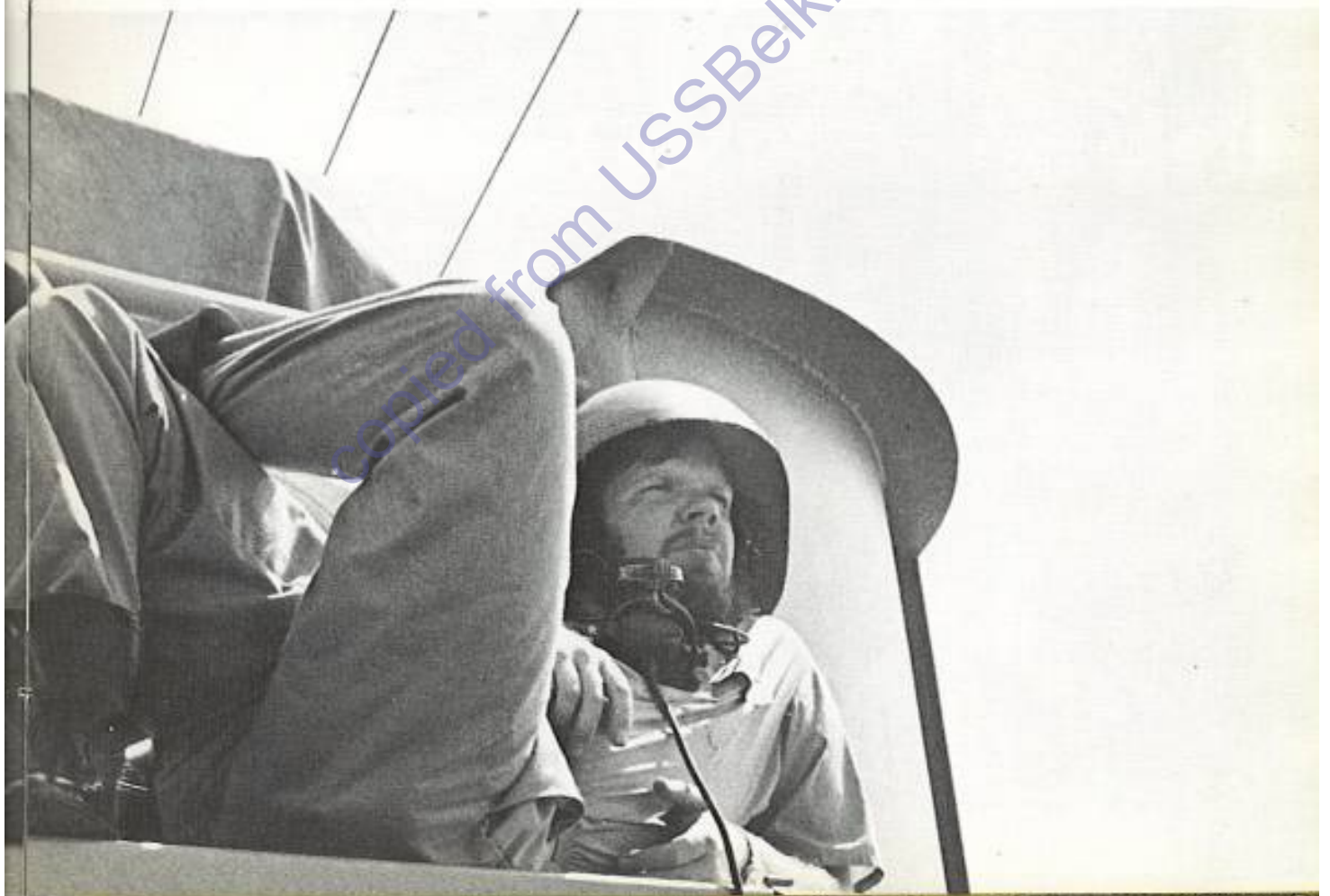
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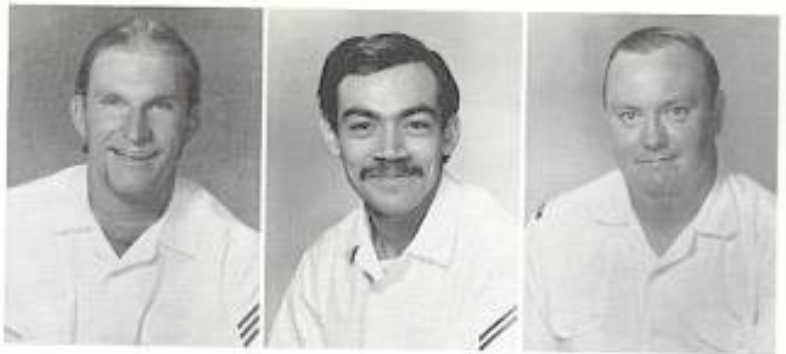
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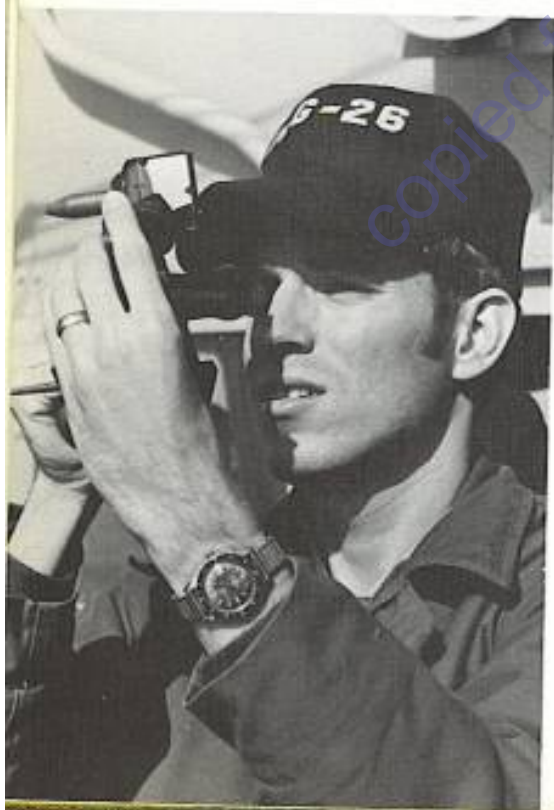
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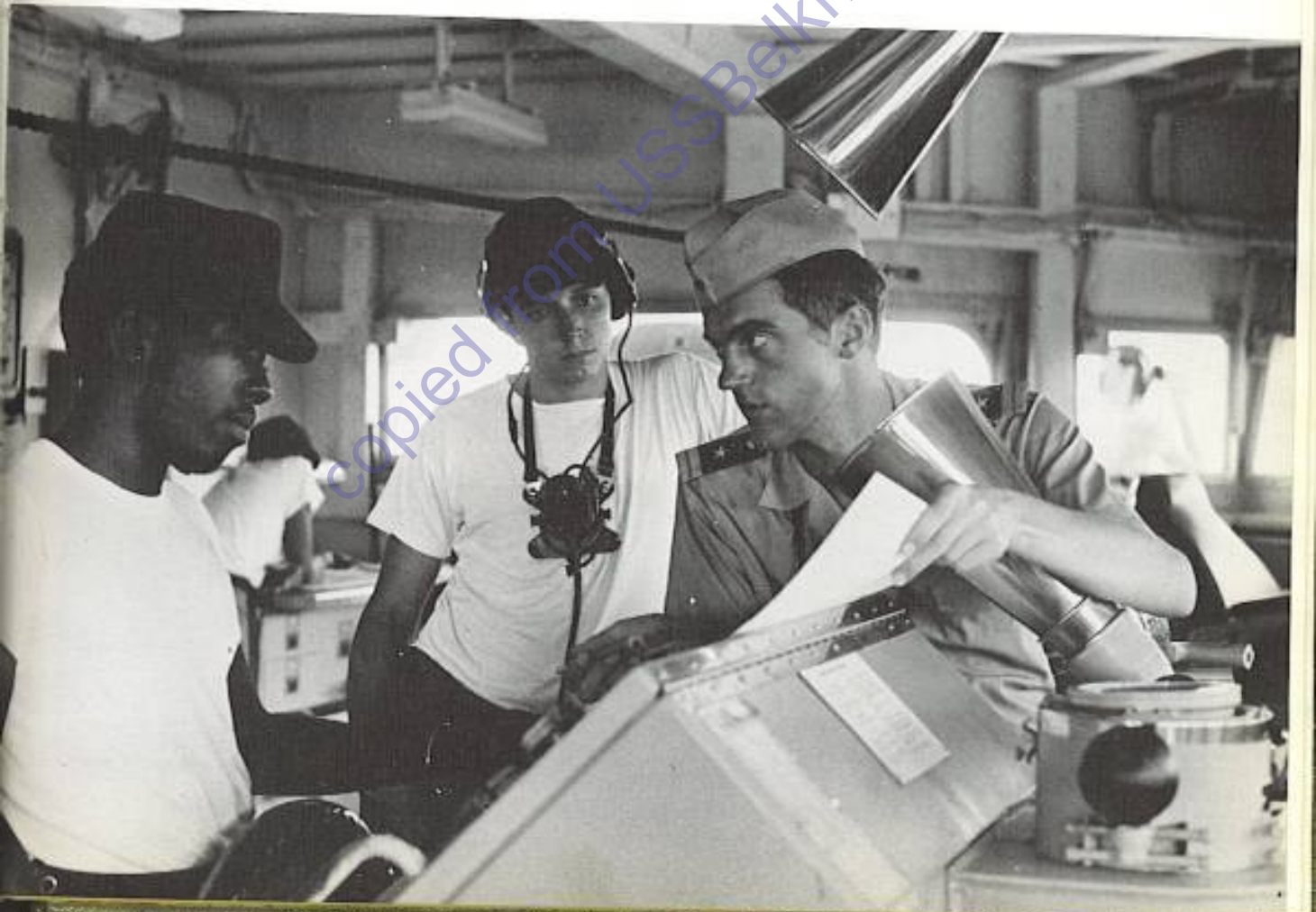
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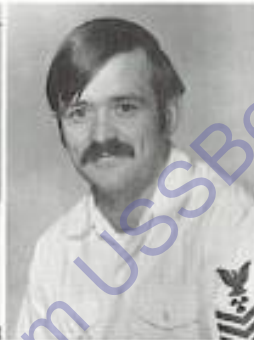
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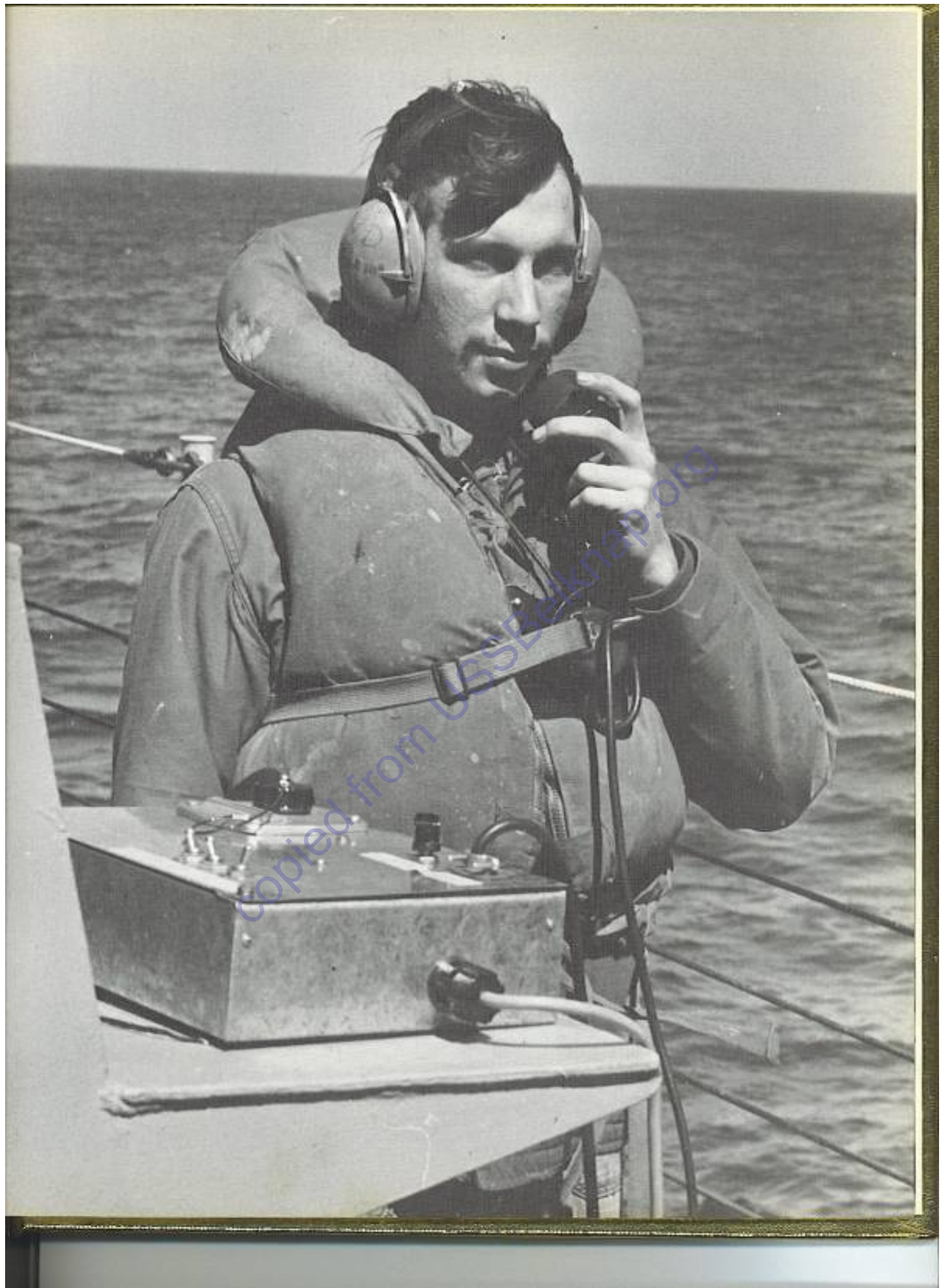
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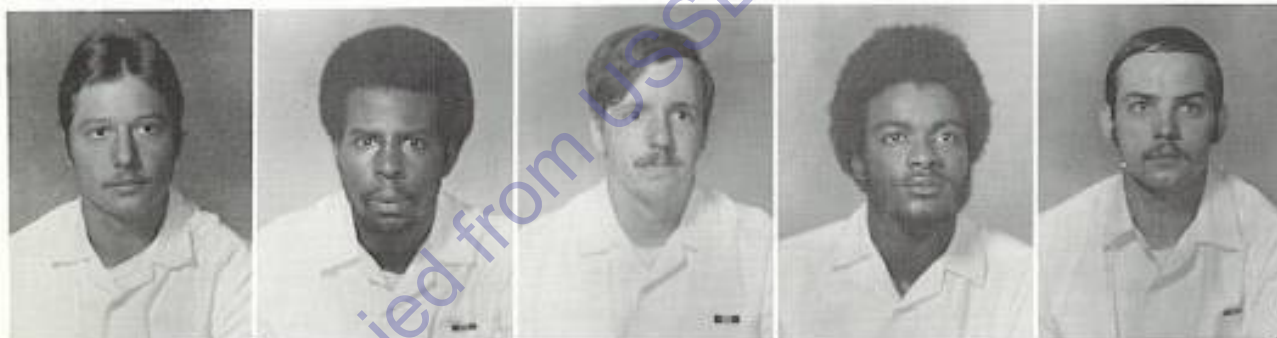
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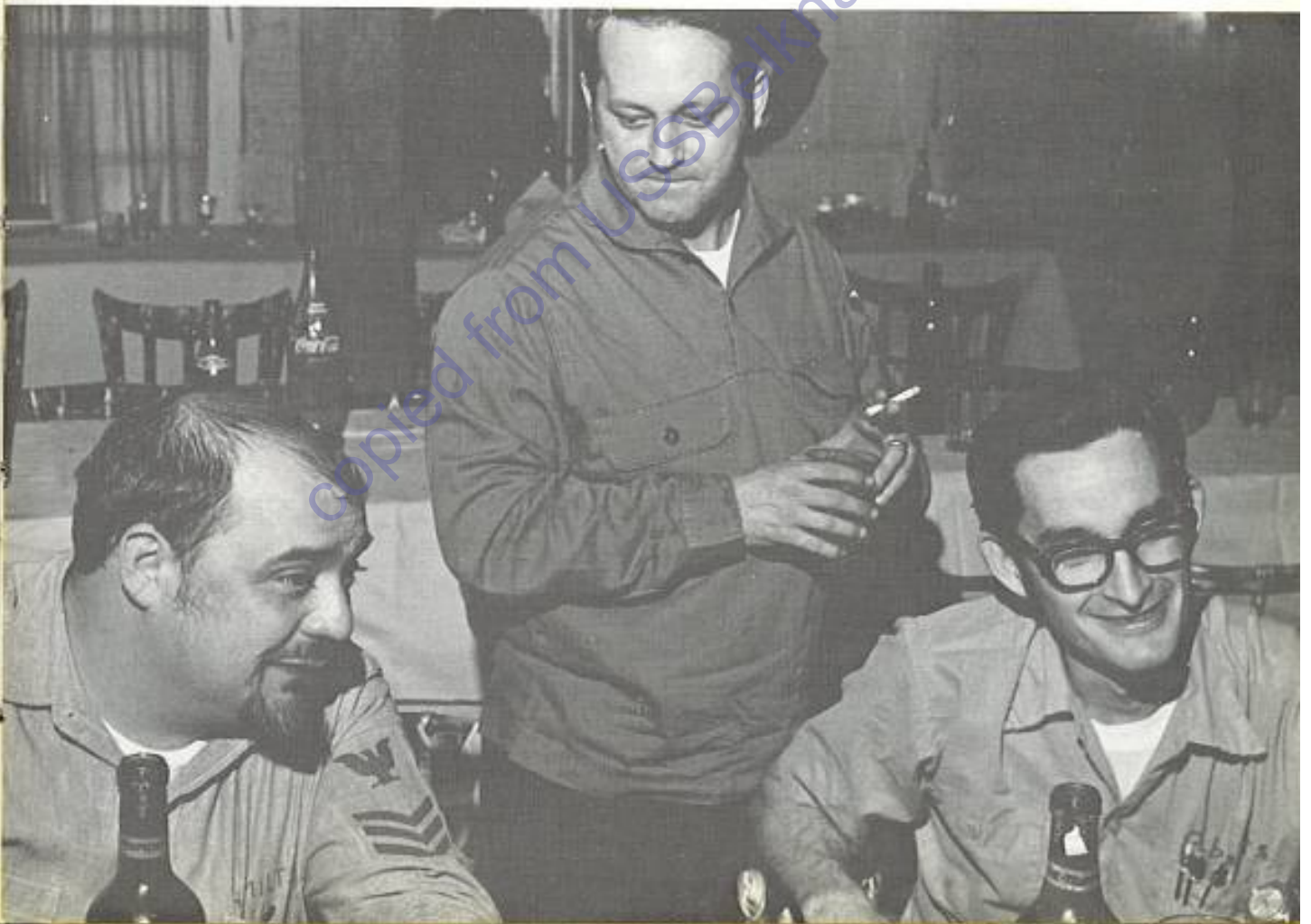
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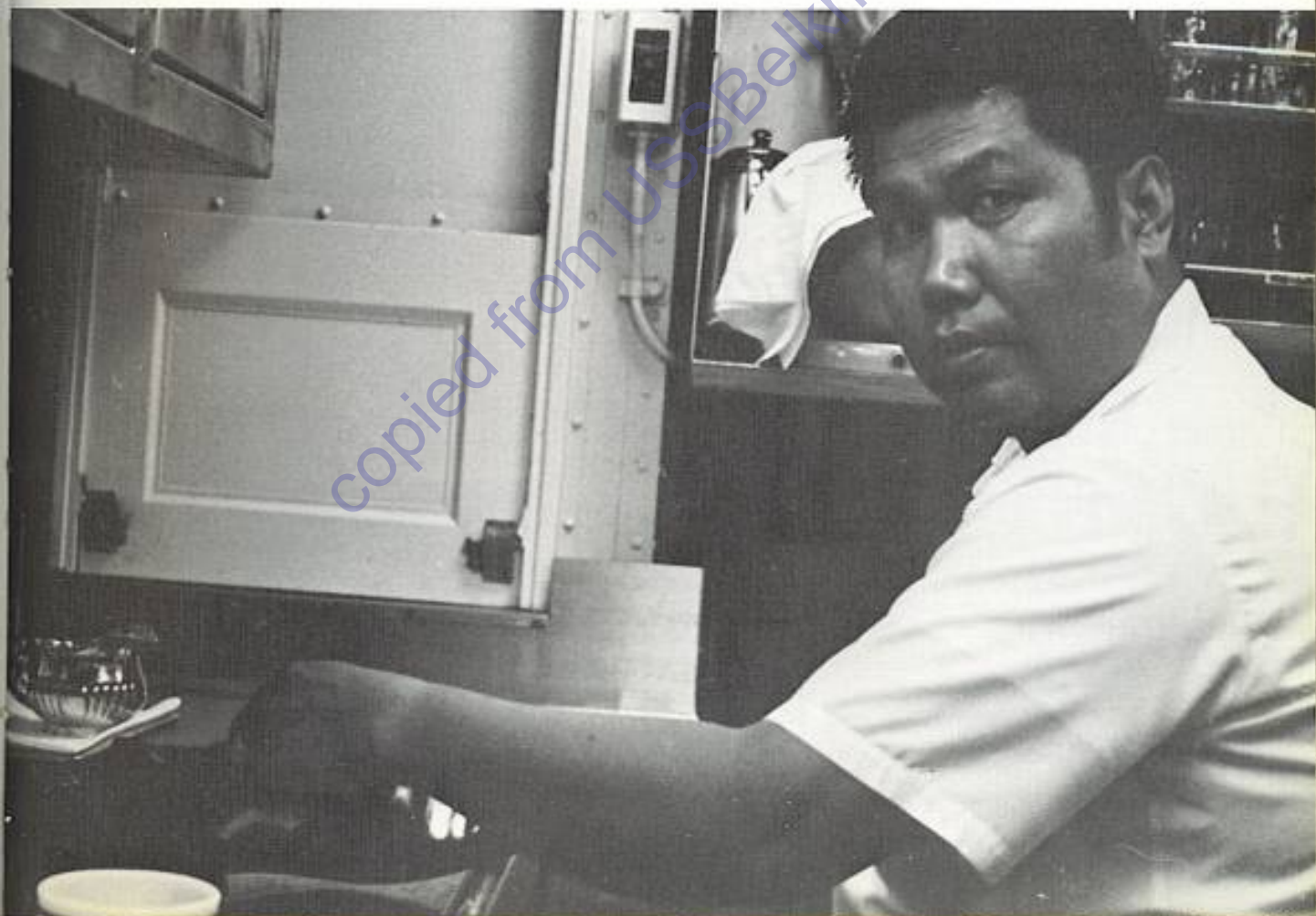
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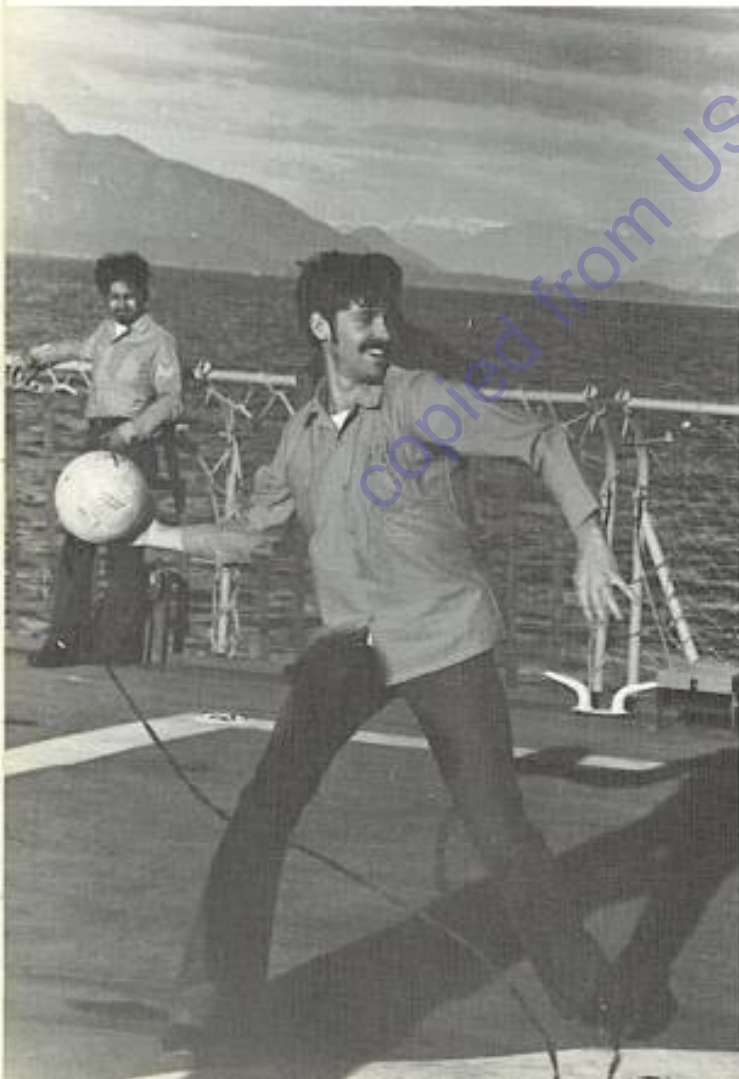
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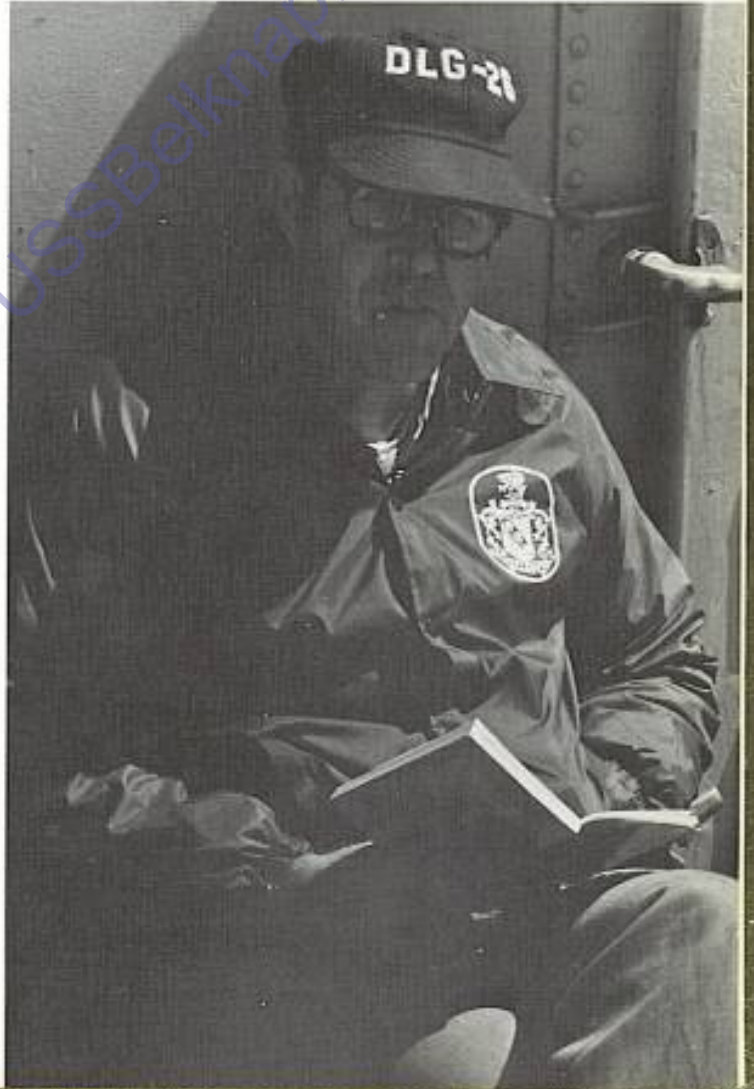
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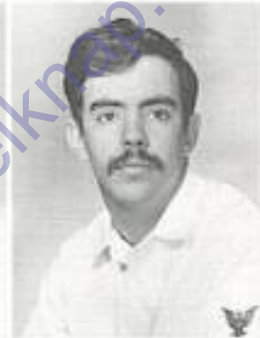
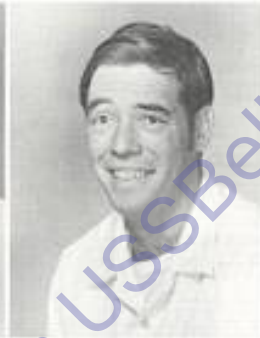


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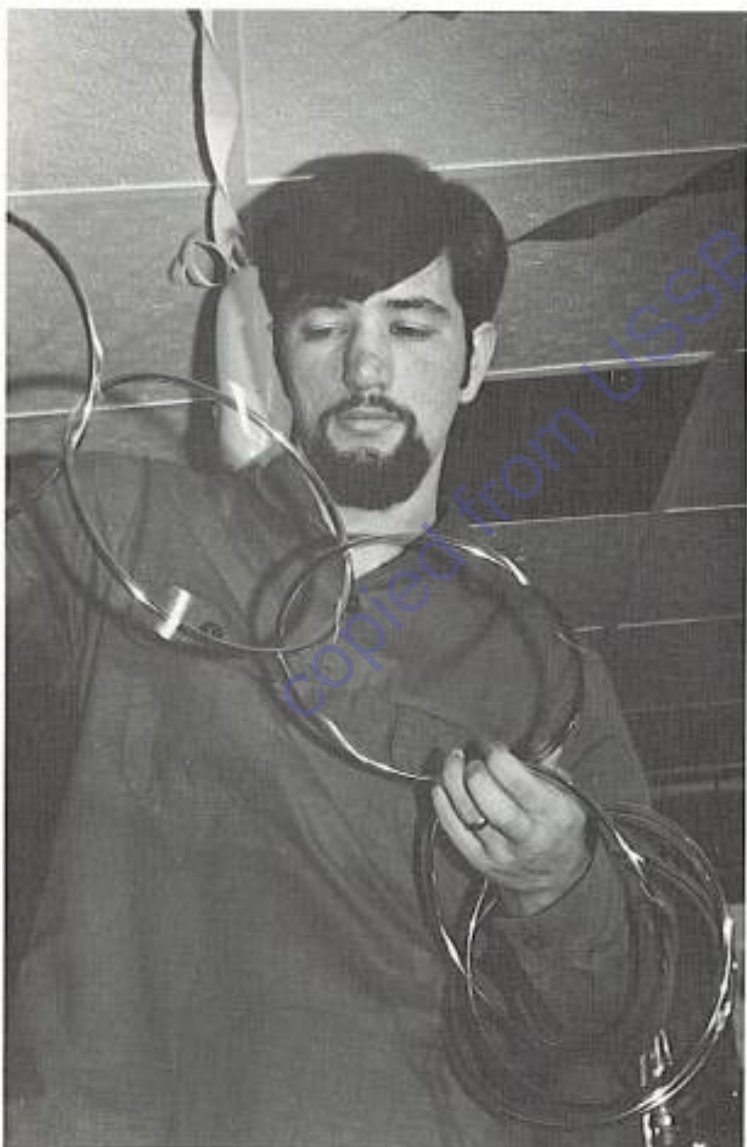
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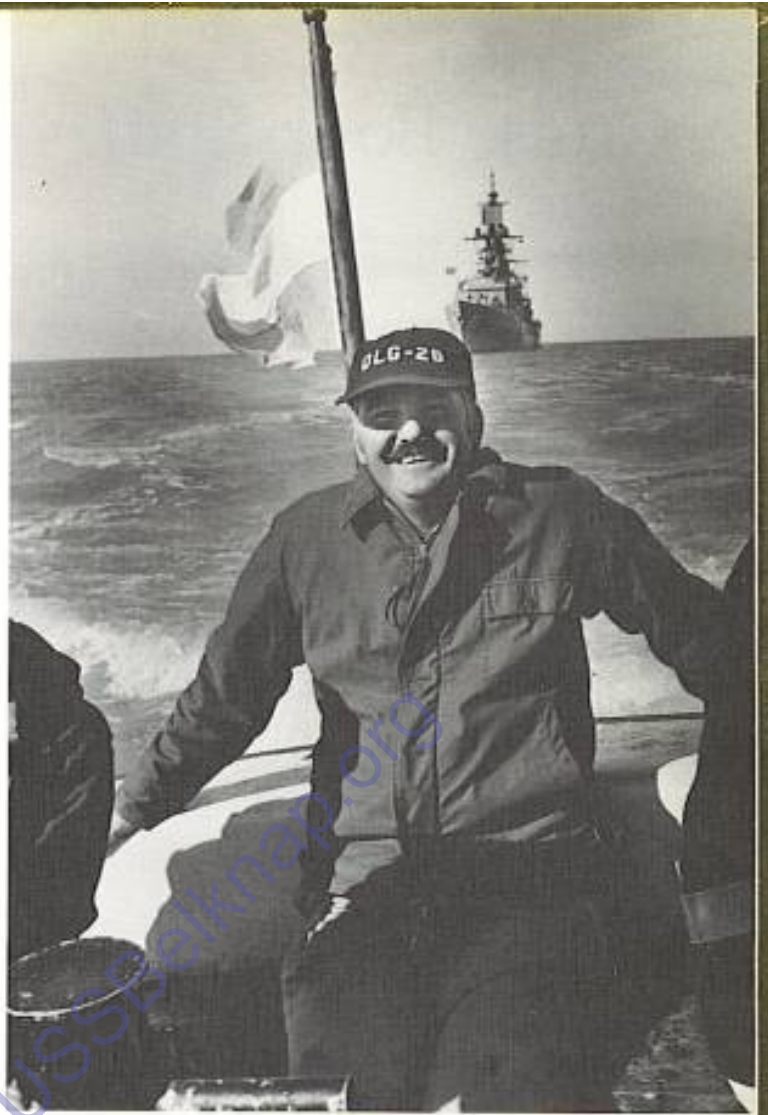


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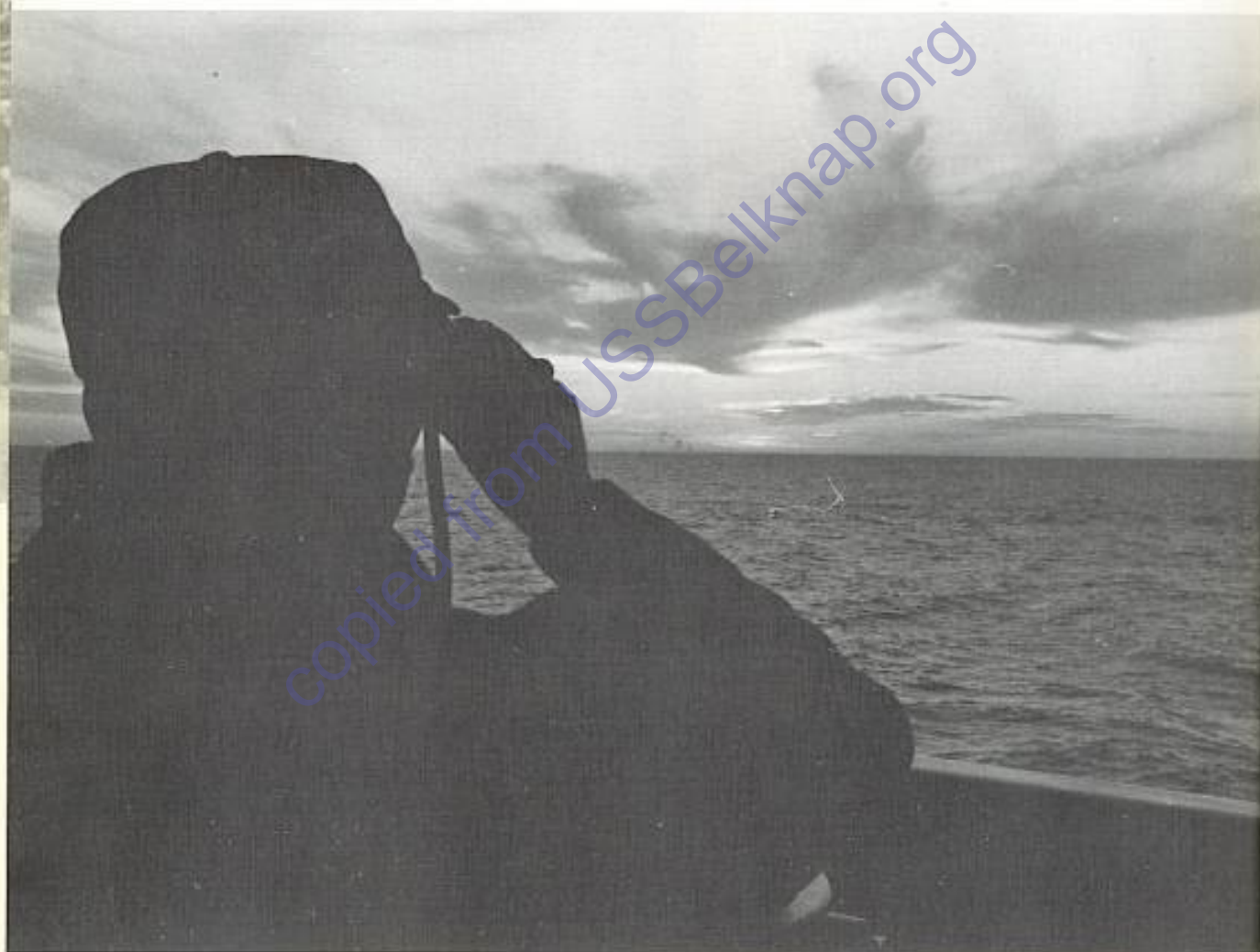
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