



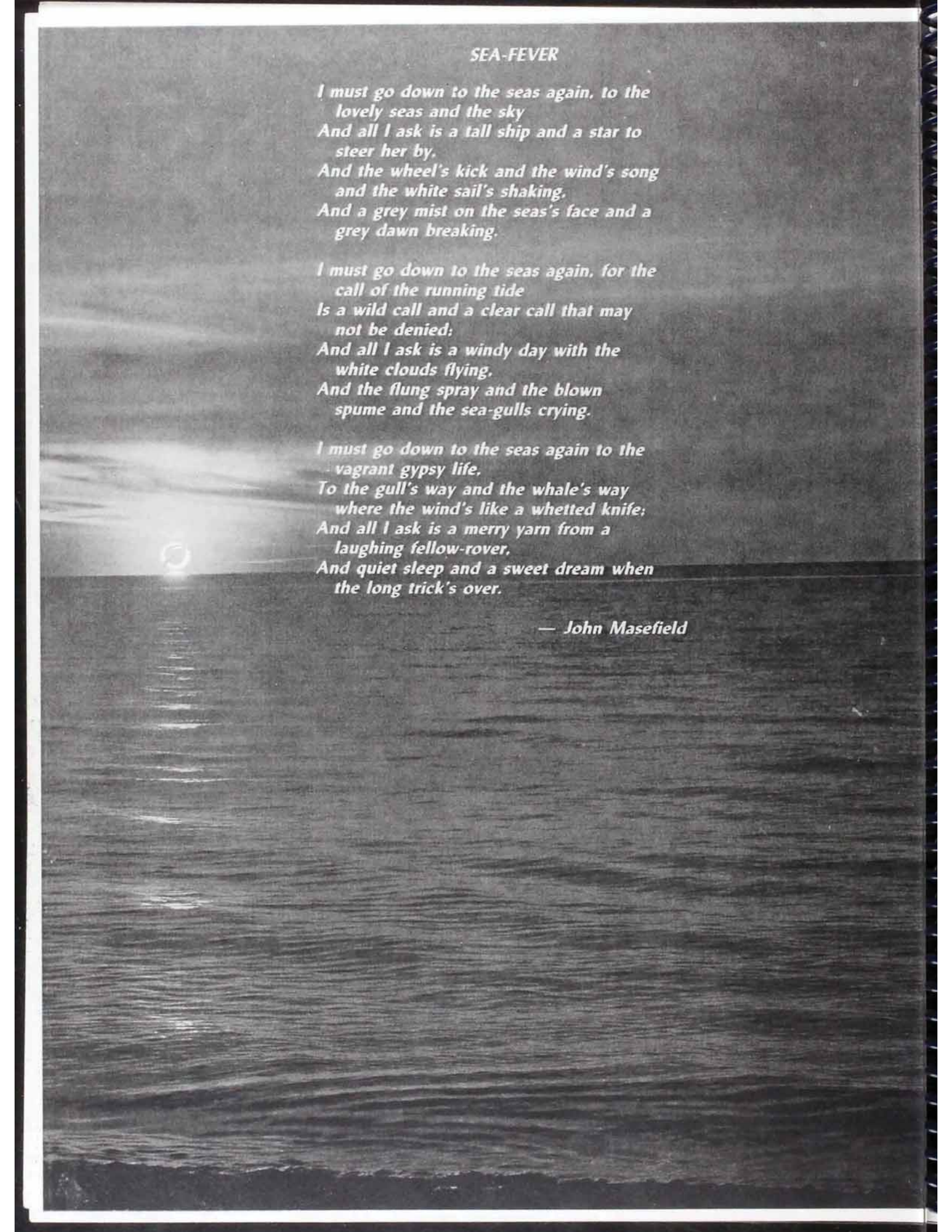
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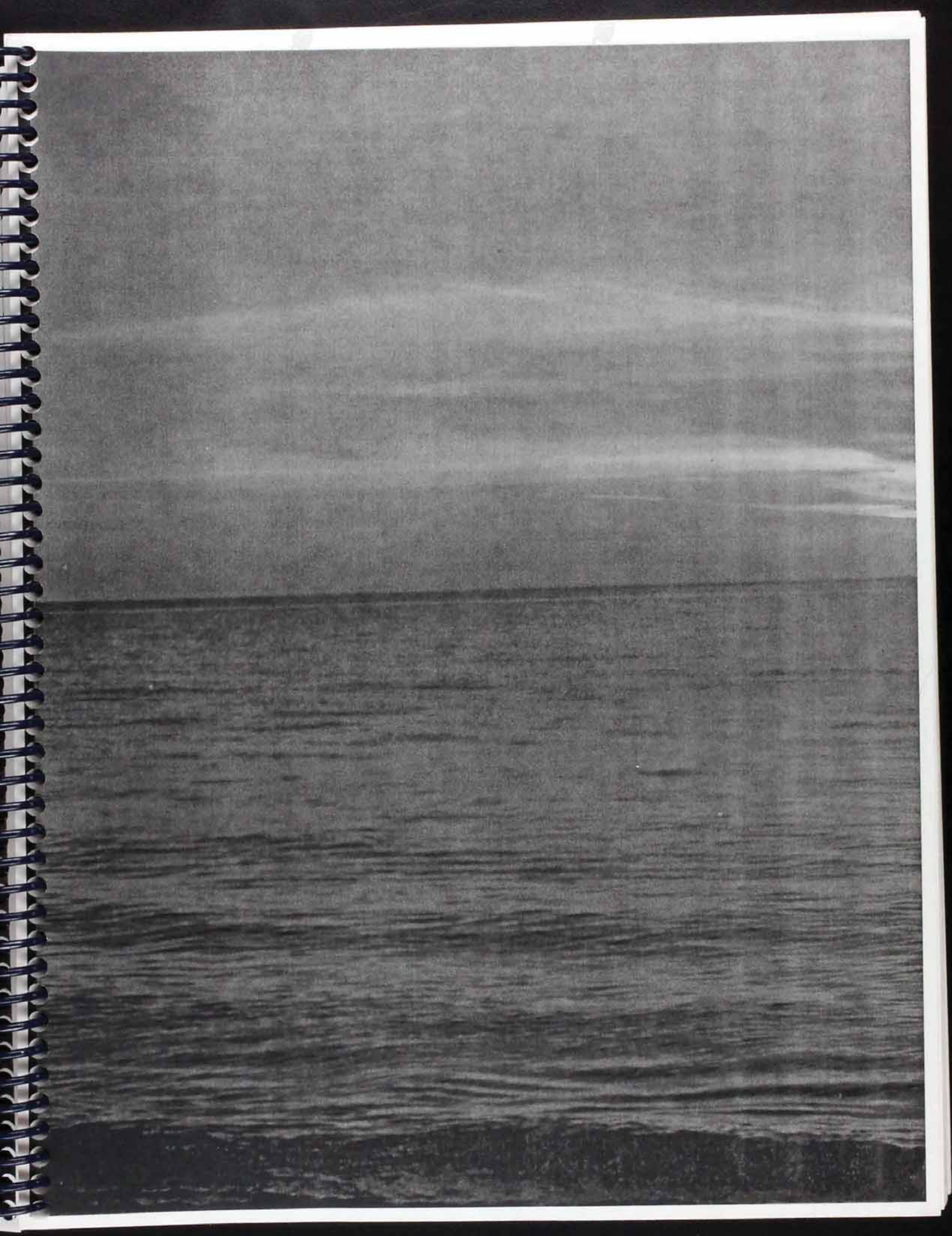
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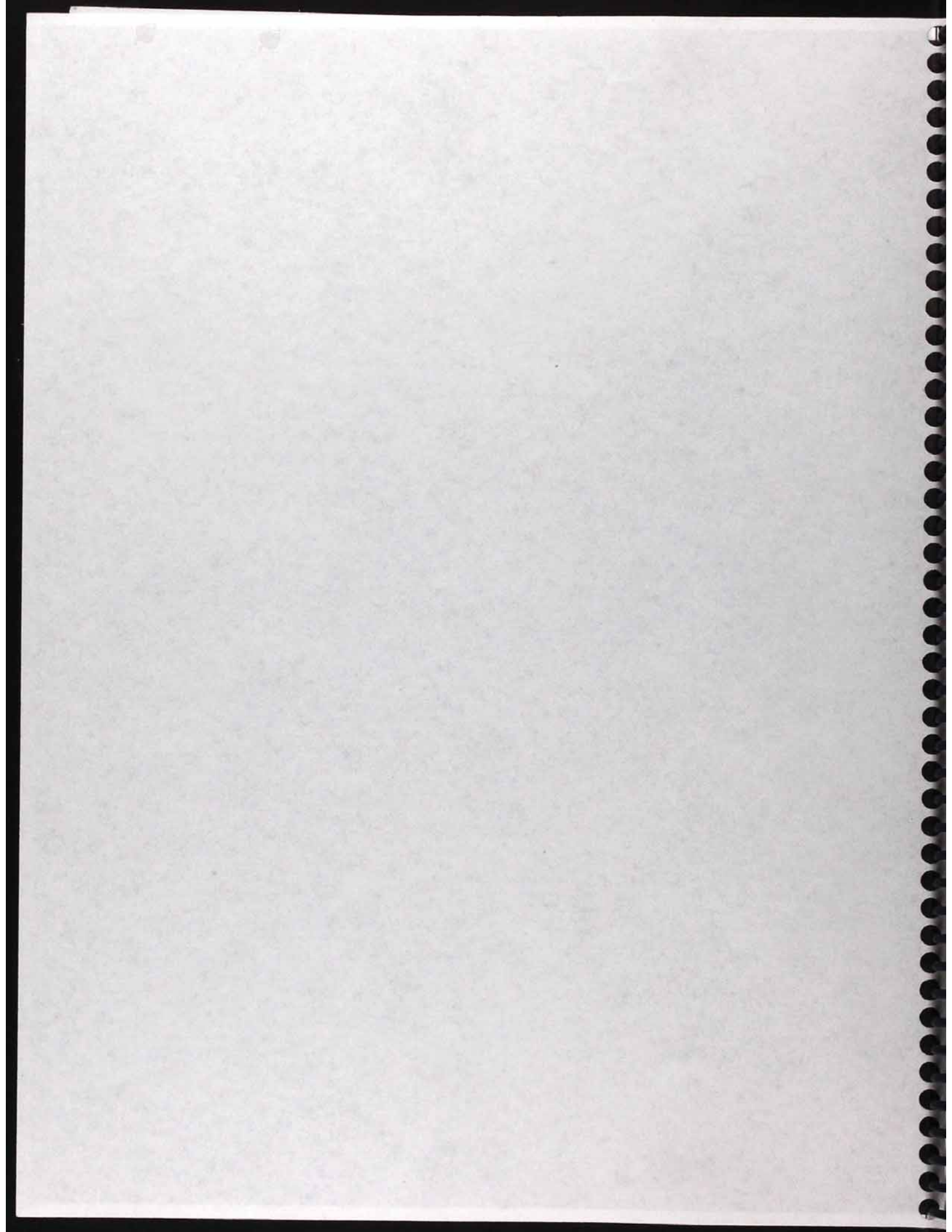
*I must go down to the seas again, to the
lovely seas and the sky
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to
steer her by.
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song
and the white sail's shaking,
And a grey mist on the seas's face and a
grey dawn breaking.*

*I must go down to the seas again, for the
call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may
not be denied;
And all I ask is a windy day with the
white clouds flying,
And the flung spray and the blown
spume and the sea-gulls crying.*

*I must go down to the seas again to the
vagrant gypsy life,
To the gull's way and the whale's way
where the wind's like a whetted knife;
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a
laughing fellow-rover,
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when
the long trick's over.*

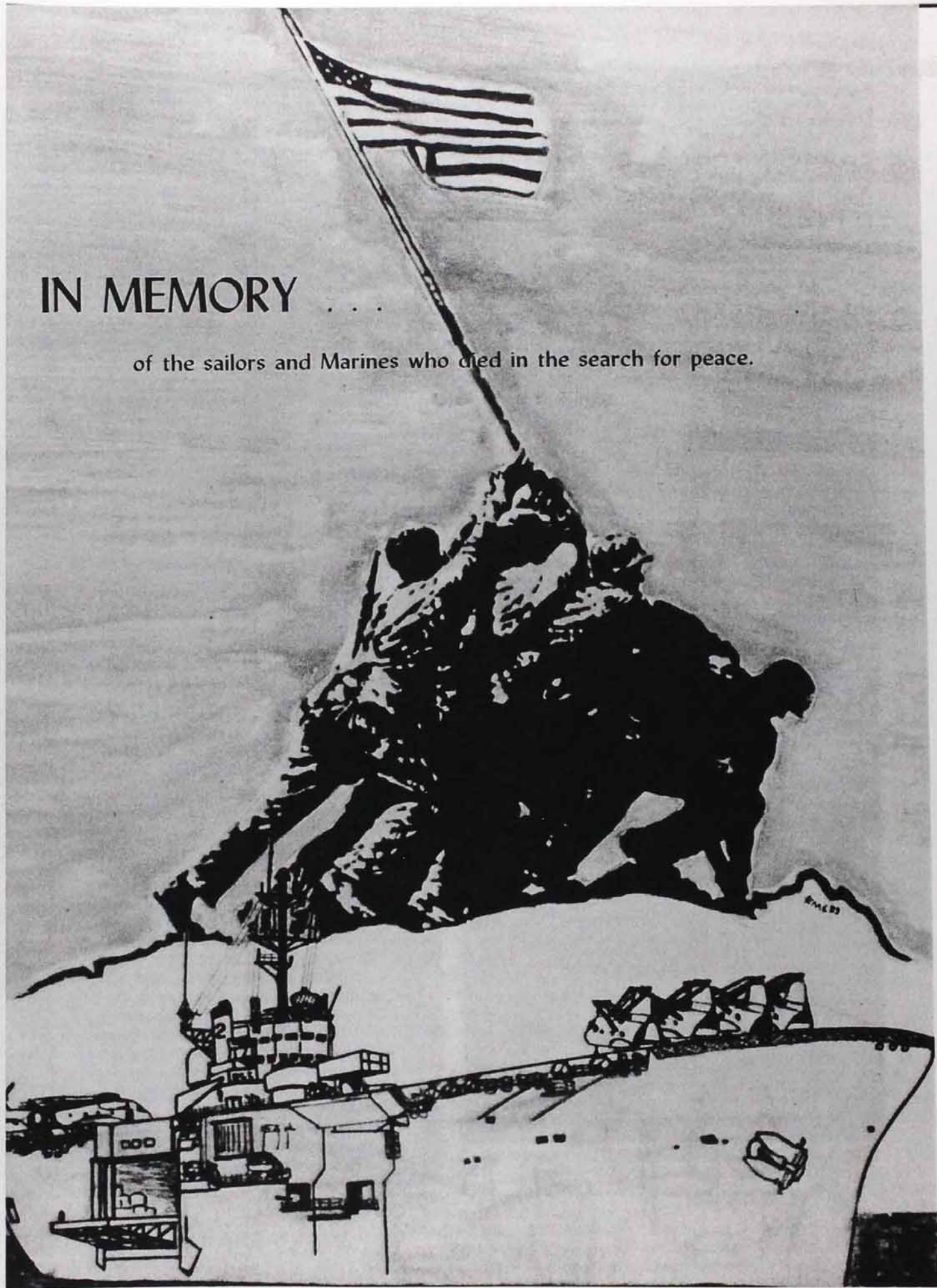
— John Masefield





IN MEMORY

of the sailors and Marines who died in the search for peace.





IWO JIMA on station off the coast of Beirut, Lebanon, 1983.

"22 Years In The Life" of USS IWO JIMA (LPH 2).

The United States Ship IWO JIMA is the first ship of its class and the first ship to be designed from the keel up as an amphibious assault ship. It was launched Sept. 17, 1960, at Bremerton, Wa., and commissioned Aug. 26, 1961. It has an overall length of 602 feet and a breadth of 101 feet. Fully loaded, IWO JIMA displaces more than 18,000 tons and draws more than 26 feet of water.

IWO JIMA's original homeport was San Diego. IWO JIMA made its first deployment to the Western Pacific, one of six the ship would eventually make, in Sept. 1963. During each deployment, IWO JIMA could be found playing an active role in Southeast Asia developments.

One highlight of IWO's West Coast career was its assignment as the prime recovery ship for the Apollo 13 Moon Mission, recovering astronauts Lovell, Swigert and Haise. In addition, IWO JIMA participated in excess of 30 amphibious operations off the coast of Vietnam.

In May, 1972, IWO JIMA departed San Diego for the last time, bound for its new homeport of Norfolk, Va. Six weeks after arriving on the East Coast, IWO departed for its first Mediterranean deployment. Also that year, IWO received the Arleigh Burke Award signifying the most improved ship in the Atlantic Fleet.

Other East Coast highlights include hosting 1,200 official guests at the 1976 Mardi Gras celebration in New Orleans and its participation in the evacuation of civilians from war-torn Beirut, Lebanon. IWO also conducted

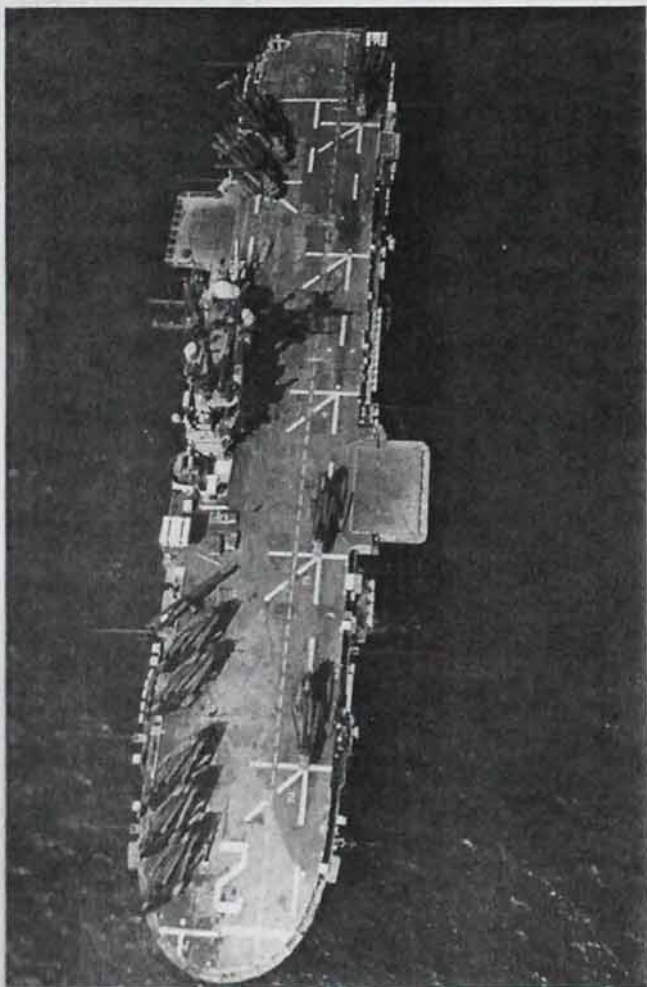
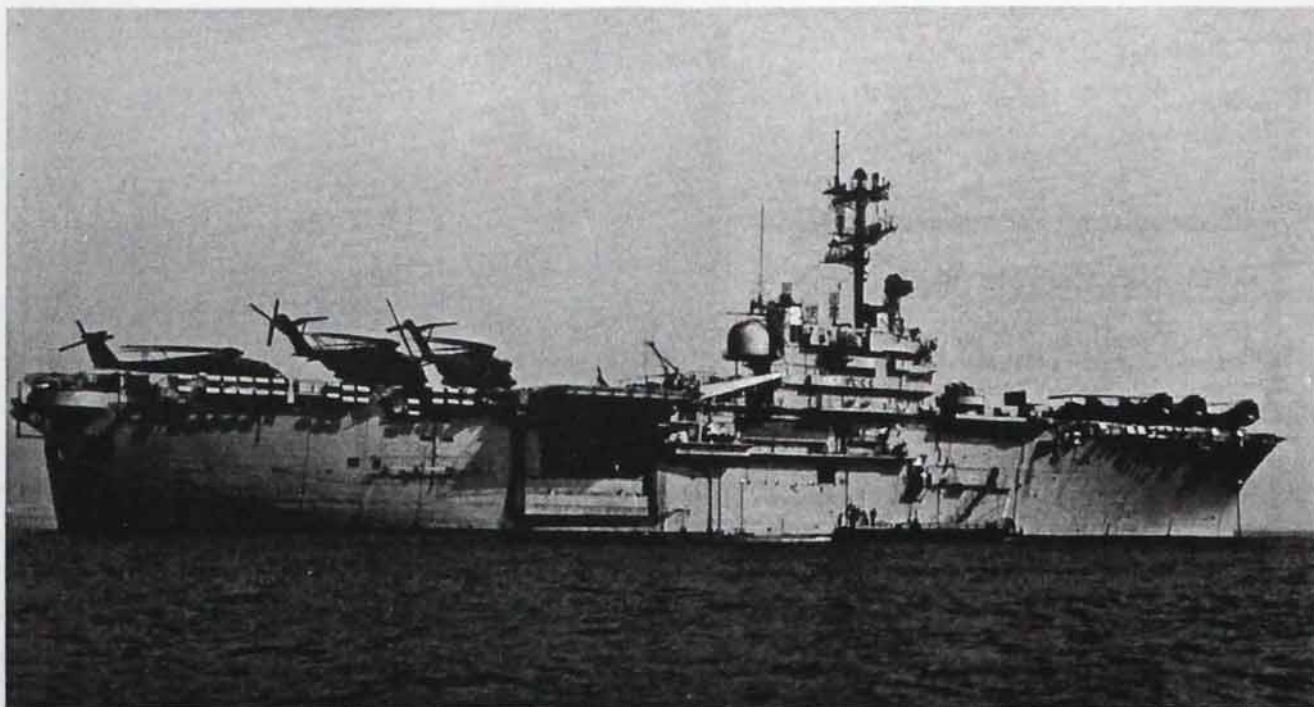
the first shipboard certification trials for the CH-53 Echo "Super Stallion" helicopter, the largest in the free world. In May 1979, IWO was host to such guests as Don Knotts, Diane Carroll, Charo, Henry Kissinger, Mrs. Happy Rockefeller and Bob Hope in New York City for the taping of the "Bob Hope Birthday Special" which aired nationwide.

Upon its seventh deployment to the Mediterranean in January, 1981, IWO JIMA participated in contingency operations off the coast of Lebanon, standing by to evacuate American citizens.

In Aug. 1982, IWO was notified it had again been selected as the Atlantic Fleet Arleigh Burke Award winner.

IWO JIMA's latest deployment was again to strife-ridden Lebanon, where it provided command control and logistics support for the U.S. contingent of the Multinational Peacekeeping Force. That deployment began May 10, 1983 and ended December 8, 1983.

Since its commissioning, IWO JIMA has recorded more than 110,000 accident-free landings and has been awarded the Admiral Flatley Award for aviation safety four times. IWO has also been awarded numerous awards for excellence in battle efficiency, operations, amphibious assault, air communication, engineering, aviation maintenance, damage control, surface-to-air missileery and gunnery.



IWO off the coast of Vietnam,
1967.

Commanding Officer Capt. Arden W. Jones

Capt. A.W. Jones, a native of Nashua, N.H., graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a Bachelor of Science degree. He entered the Navy in Oct. 1957 and reported for flight training at Pensacola, Fla. There, under the Aviation Officer Candidate program, he received his commission as an Ensign in March 1958. He was designated a Naval Aviator in May 1959.

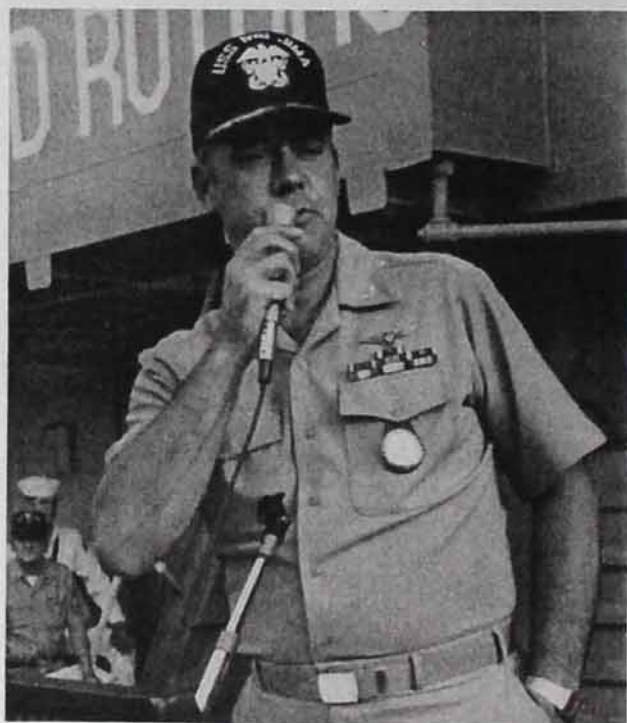
Capt. Jones reported to his first fleet duty with Helicopter Utility Squadron TWO in Lakehurst, N.J. and participated in Operation Deepfreeze. Transferring to Helicopter Utility Squadron FOUR in Aug. 1960, he served as detachment officer in charge, training officer, and, he participated in initial evaluations of VERTREP operations in the Med aboard USS ALTAIR. From Nov. '62 to Nov. '65, Capt. Jones served as officer in charge of the Search and Rescue unit at NAAS Meridian, MS.

Capt. Jones then reported to HELANTISUBRON II, Quonset Point, R.I., as NATOPS and maintenance officer. From May '68 to Dec. '69, he served as the West Coast H-3 NATOPS evaluator as a member of HELANTISUBRON IO, San Diego. In Dec. 1969, he joined COMSERVFOR SIXTHFLT, Naples, Italy, as ops officer. He then received orders to Washington, D.C., to OPNAV 943D as a CNO briefer and Assistant Navy Dept. Duty Captain in the Navy Command Support Center, serving there from Jan. '72 to Dec. '73.

Upon completion of SH-2F refresher training in June 1974 with HELANTISUBRON Light 30, he reported to HELANTISUBRON 32 in Norfolk as Executive Officer, assuming command in July 1975. During his tour, the squadron earned the Arnold Jay Isbell trophy for excellence in Air Anti-Sub Warfare and the COMNAVAIRLANT Battle Efficiency "E".

After command tour, Capt. Jones served with Commander Helicopter Sea Control Wing ONE in Norfolk as Ops/Readiness Officer. He reported to USS TRIPOLI (LPH 10) in San Diego as Executive Officer from Feb. '79 to Oct. '80.

Capt. Jones then attended the senior course at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. In Nov. 1981, Capt. Jones reported to USS IWO JIMA (LPH 2) as C.O.



"... and keep up the good work Gents!"



A Captain . . .

A Captain of the Navy ought to be a man of strong and well connected sense. He must be that of course, but also a great deal more. He should be as well a gentleman of liberal education, refined manners, punctilious courtesy and the nicest sense of personal honor.

John Paul Jones 1747-1792



As summer turned upon us, whites became "in".
 Capt. Jones inspects . . . thoroughly.



Capt. Jones awards medal at Fall Festival held on IWO.



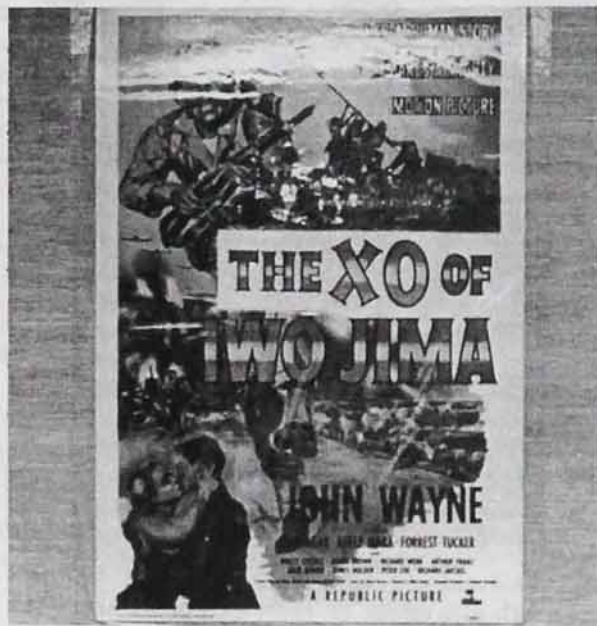
"Hello IWO HUT, do you deliver? You do. Good, I'll take two pizzas with everything on them except anchovies."

Executive Officer Cdr. John S. Meserve

Commander John S. Meserve, a native of Saginaw, Michigan, is a graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy. He entered the Navy in 1963 and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1964.

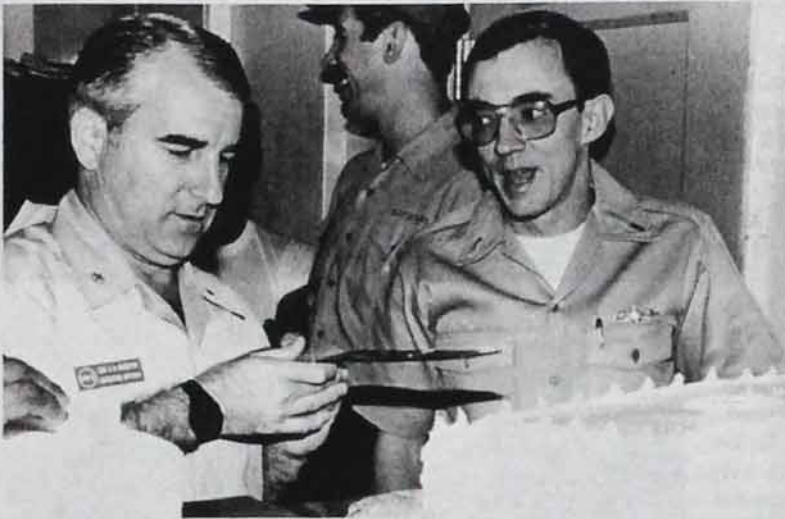
Cdr. Meserve has seen duty with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 11 aboard USS WASP. He also was assigned to Helicopter Anti-Submarine (Light) Squadron 33 aboard USS STERRITT. He also was in command of Helicopter Anti-Submarine (Light) Squadron 37. Other duty stations include USS CLEVELAND, Helicopter Attack (Light) Squadron Three in Vietnam, Air Test and Development Squadron One, Helicopter Training Squadron Eight and Naval Post Graduate School.

Cdr. Meserve reported for duty as Executive Officer of USS IWO JIMA in July, 1983.

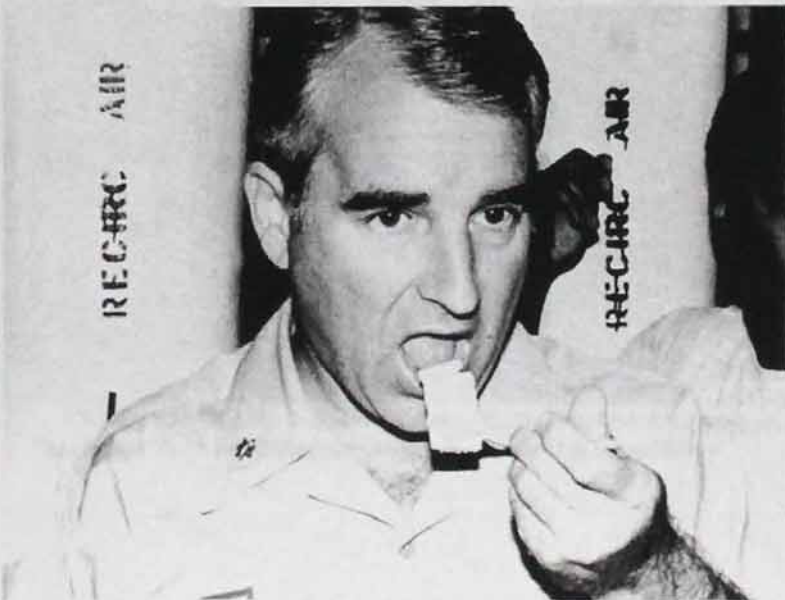




The X.O. inspects the crew just before our Sicily port visit.



"That's right Dave, though I look younger, I'm 39."



X.O. maintaining his physique.



On IWO, this is one guy who can get his cake and eat it too!"

Executive Officer Capt. Robert Howard Feb. 1982-Aug. 1983

Capt. Howard was born in Hopewell, Va., on Sept. 28, 1938. He attended the University of Virginia from which he graduated in June 1960.

After attending Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I., he was commissioned an Ensign in March 1961. Following training in the Pensacola, Fla., and Corpus Christi, Tx., aviation complexes, he was designated a Naval Aviation Officer in March 1962.

Leaving the training command, Capt. Howard reported to Patrol Squadron 56 in Dec. 1962 in Norfolk, flying as a tactical coordinator in the P2V Neptune until March 1965.

In April 1965, Capt. Howard reported to the Naval Aviation Schools Command in Pensacola, serving as an instructor and Personnel Officer. In July 1967, he was assigned as Flag Lieutenant for the Chief of Naval Air Basic Training Command until Aug. 1968.

In Jan. 1969, Capt. Howard reported to the USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT where he served as Assistant Navigator until Jan. 1971.

Capt. Howard's next duty assignment was as a student at the Armed Forces Staff College and then in Jan. 1972, he reported to Patrol Squadron 24 where he served as administrative officer, tactics office and maintenance officer.

In July 1974, he was assigned to the Aviation Officer Distribution Branch, BUPERS, as an aviation detailer. Following this tour, Capt. Howard reported to Patrol Squadron 49 as Executive Officer in July 1976. He assumed command on July 23, 1977 and subsequently deployed to Sigonella, Sicily.

In August 1978, Capt. Howard reported to Commander Patrol Wings, U.S. Pacific Fleet at NAS, Moffett Field, Ca., where he served as the fleet operations officer.

In May 1980, Capt. Howard assumed command of Patrol Squadron 31, the West Coast P-3 Fleet Readiness Squadron.

In August 1981, Capt. Howard commenced pre-Executive Officer training and reported aboard USS IWO JIMA as Executive Officer in February, 1982.

Capt. Howard has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation and the National Defense Service Medal.



When Capt. Howard points, people listen . . . "Hey you!"



Capt. Howard decides to try his hand at line heaving.



Listening intently to a July 3rd guest.



While fulfilling his biggest fantasy, Capt. Howard asks his fellow chef, "Do you think they'll notice the crisp ones?"



"I love it, I love it, I love it!"

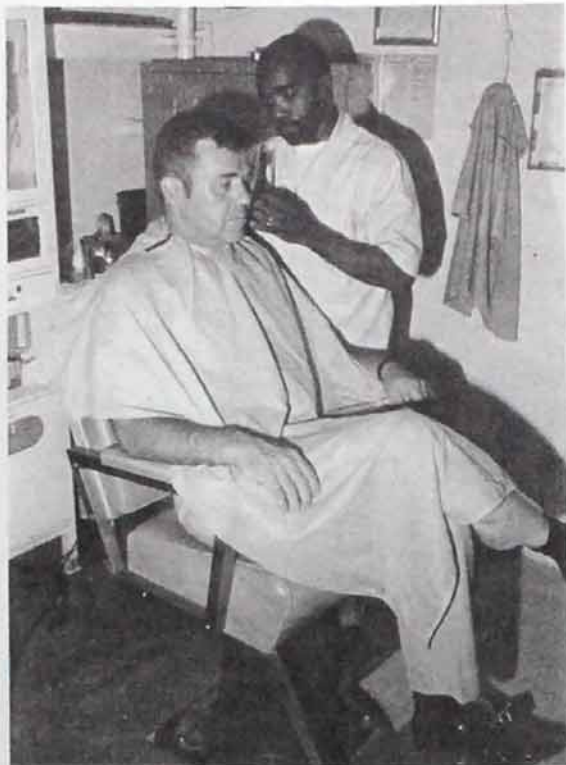
Capt. M.M. France Commander Amphibious Squadron 8

Commander
Amphibious Forces Lebanon

Commander Task Force 61

Capt. Morgan M. France was born Sept. 22, 1935, in Oswego, N.Y. He holds a B.S. Degree from Holy Cross College, Worcester, Ma., and an M.A. Degree from Auburn University. Capt. France entered the Navy through the Holy Cross NROTC program and was commissioned June 12, 1957. After a brief tour of duty aboard JOHN PAUL JONES as assistant engineering officer, he began flight training in the fall of '57. He was designated a naval aviator in Dec. 1958 and served with Air Transport Squadron 22, being designated a MATS Aircraft Commander and Trans-Atlantic Flight Examiner. In June 1961, he was assigned for three years to NROTC Unit, Auburn, AL., as an instructor. In June 1964, he reported to Air Anti-Submarine Squadron 26, participating in tests and evaluations of anti-submarine tactics aboard RANDOLPH. This tour was followed by assignment to VT-9, NAS Meridian as a flight instructor. In November 1967, he reported to VA-42 for training in the A6A, followed by assignment to VA-65 in April 1968. He served as maintenance officer and operations officer completing one combat tour to S.E. Asia aboard KITTY HAWK and a Med cruise aboard INDEPENDENCE. Departing VA-65 in Nov. 1970, he reported to Commander Naval Air Force, Atlantic, as assistant attack training officer and target officer. In Feb. 1973, Capt. France reported to Attack Squadron 75, serving as X.O. and C.O., completing one deployment to the Med aboard SARATOGA. He was next assigned to INDEPENDENCE as ship's navigator. In July, 1977, he was assigned to COMNAVAIRLANT as flag secretary/executive assistant to the Commander. After completing the Senior Ship Material Readiness course, Capt. France took command of EL PASO. In May, 1982, Capt. France became Commander Amphibious Squadron Eight.





Commodore France was always in close contact with high-ranking officials, especially military officials, such as General Ibrahim Tannous, Commander Lebanese Armed Forces.



The Commodore ... relaxing.



A "Happy Birthday" for Commodore France.

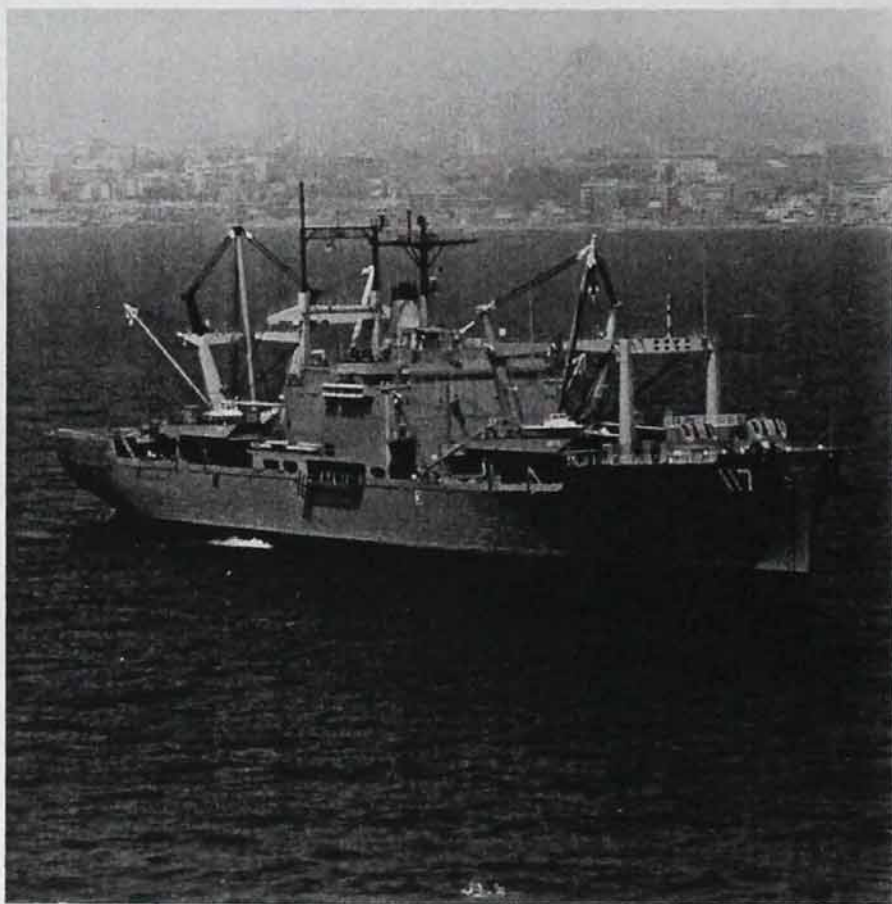


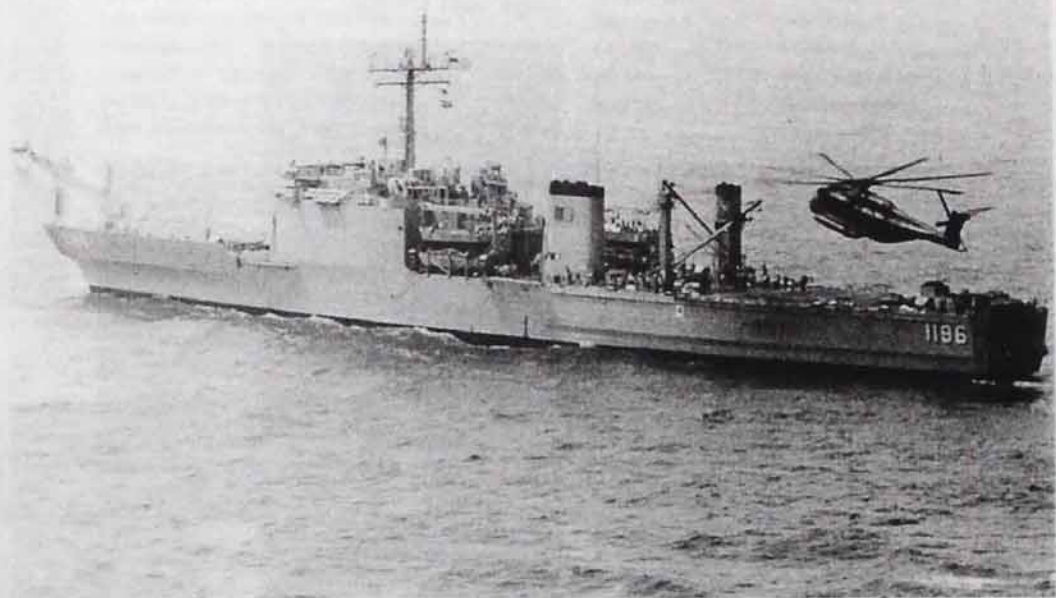
When not traveling by helicopter, Commodore France utilized small boats to move to and from the various ships in the Task Force.



MARG 2 — 83

The deployed ships of Amphibious Squadron Eight were USS IWO JIMA (LPH 2), and USS EL PASO (LKA 117), USS AUSTIN (LPD 4), USS PORTLAND (LSD 37) and USS HARLAN COUNTY (LST 1196). With their variety of equipment, trained men and embarked Navy Marine Corps units, an amphibious ready group is an integral part of the U.S. 2nd and 6th fleets. The ready group ships have a significant capability to conduct amphibious assault ops in an actual combat situation. Plus, because of the versatility in ship design and personnel training, the ready group and Marine force can conduct humanitarian ops such as disaster relief and evacuation of civilians from hostile areas. For its service in Lebanon, MARG 2 — 83 received much deserved praise from high-ranking dignitaries throughout the deployment.





Comphibron 8

Chief Staff Officer



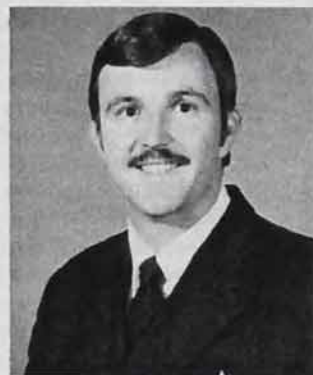
LCdr. D. Davis
Ops Officer



LCdr. J. Foote
Intel Officer



Lt. M. Carl
Ship to Shore



Lt. D. Morris
Support Arms Coord.



Lt. J. Muñoz
Communications Off.



CWO2 L. Duran
Admin. Officer

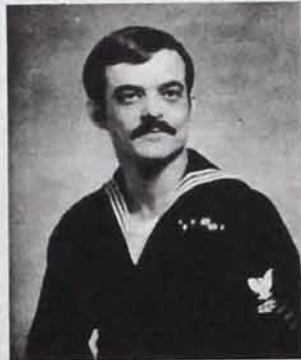
Comphribron 8

Amphibious Squadron Eight is one of four amphib squadrons in the Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. The squadron staff functions for the commander in management of the total squadron resources to assure proper training and material and personnel readiness of each ship. The squadron staff is capable of planning

and executing an amphibious assault at the Marine Amphibious level with augmenting detachments from a Tactical Air Control Squadron, the Naval Beach Group and Naval Special Warfare Group. The commander and his staff plan and execute amphib operations and deployments.



RMCS H. Faircloth
Command Senior Chief



RMI J. Stokes
Phibron LPO



MSI F. Fernandez
Phibron Supply



YNI D. Sterling
Phibron Admin.



RM2 J. Hartman
Staff Radio



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Phibron Admin.



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Phibron Admin.



YN2 J. Somner
Phibron Admin.

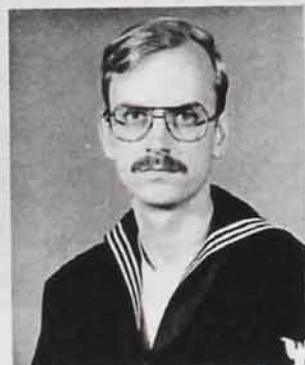


CT3 J. MacNicol
Intel

MSSA J. Jones
Phibron Supply

MSSA B. Reeder
Phibron Supply

RMI J. Caldwell
Staff Radio





(L to R) LCdr. A. Ables; RM3 W. Laramore; LCdr. T. Watt; YNSA
K. Johnson, YNC J. Lee



The Four minute mile?

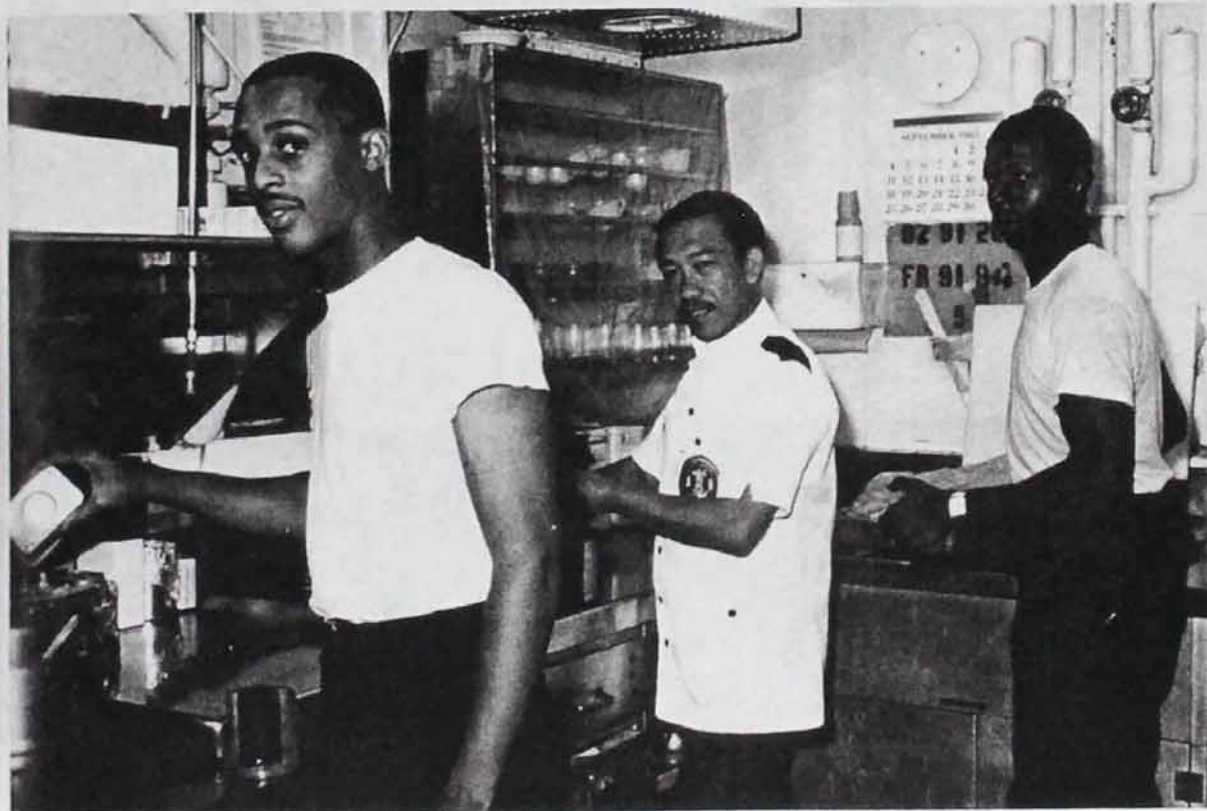


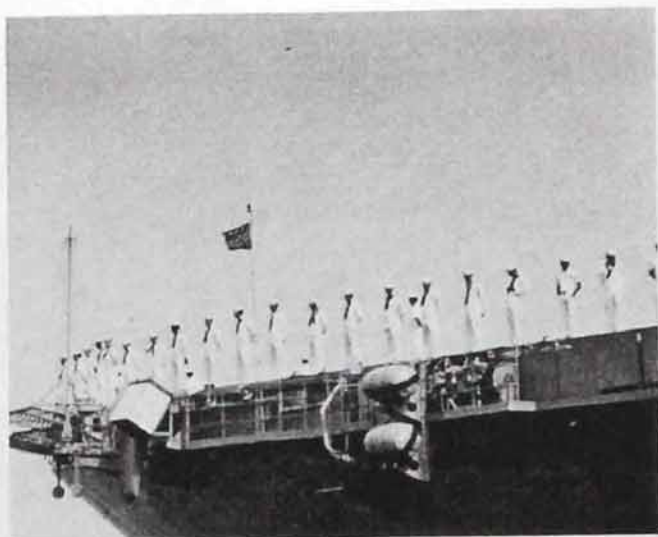
YNI Sterling gets pinned!



Just below the Navigational Bridge, the Flag Bridge handles most communications.

Phibron 8

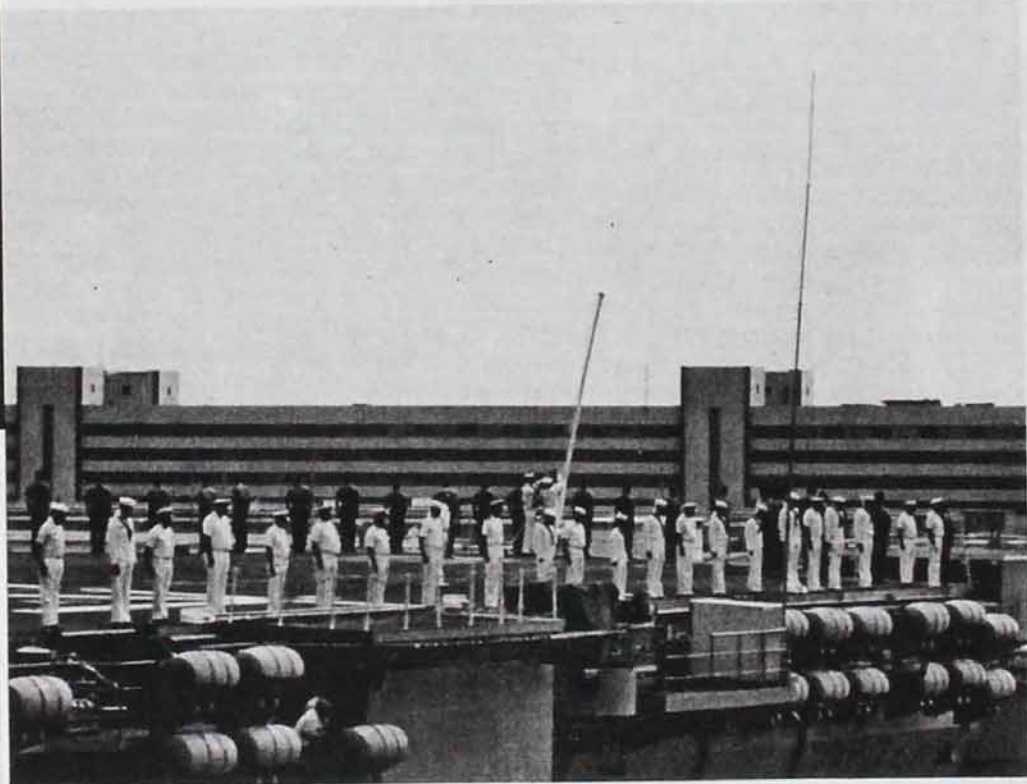


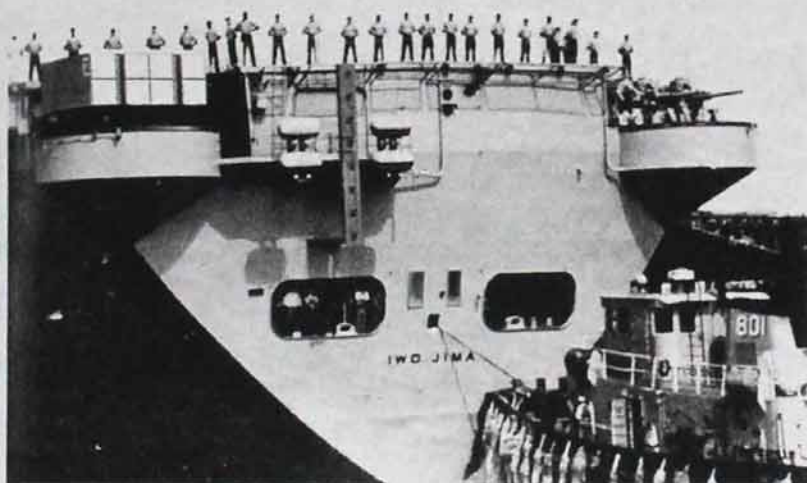
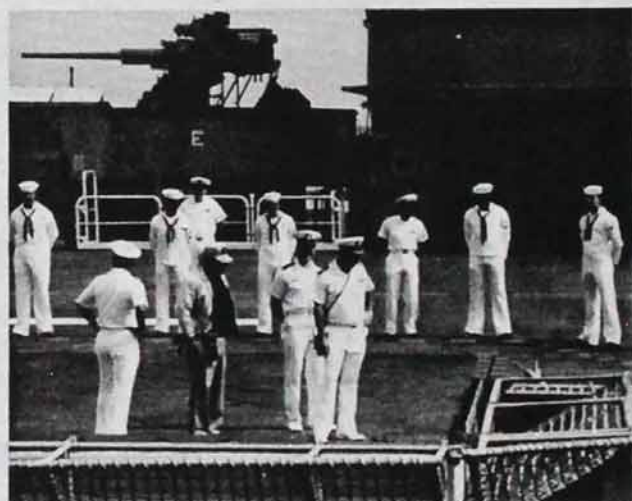
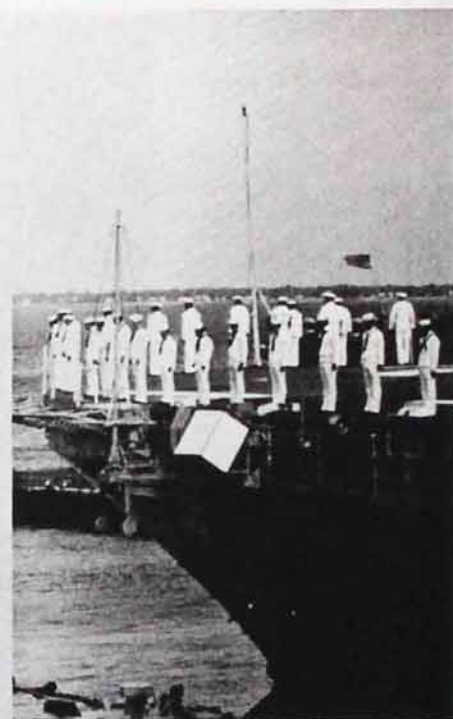


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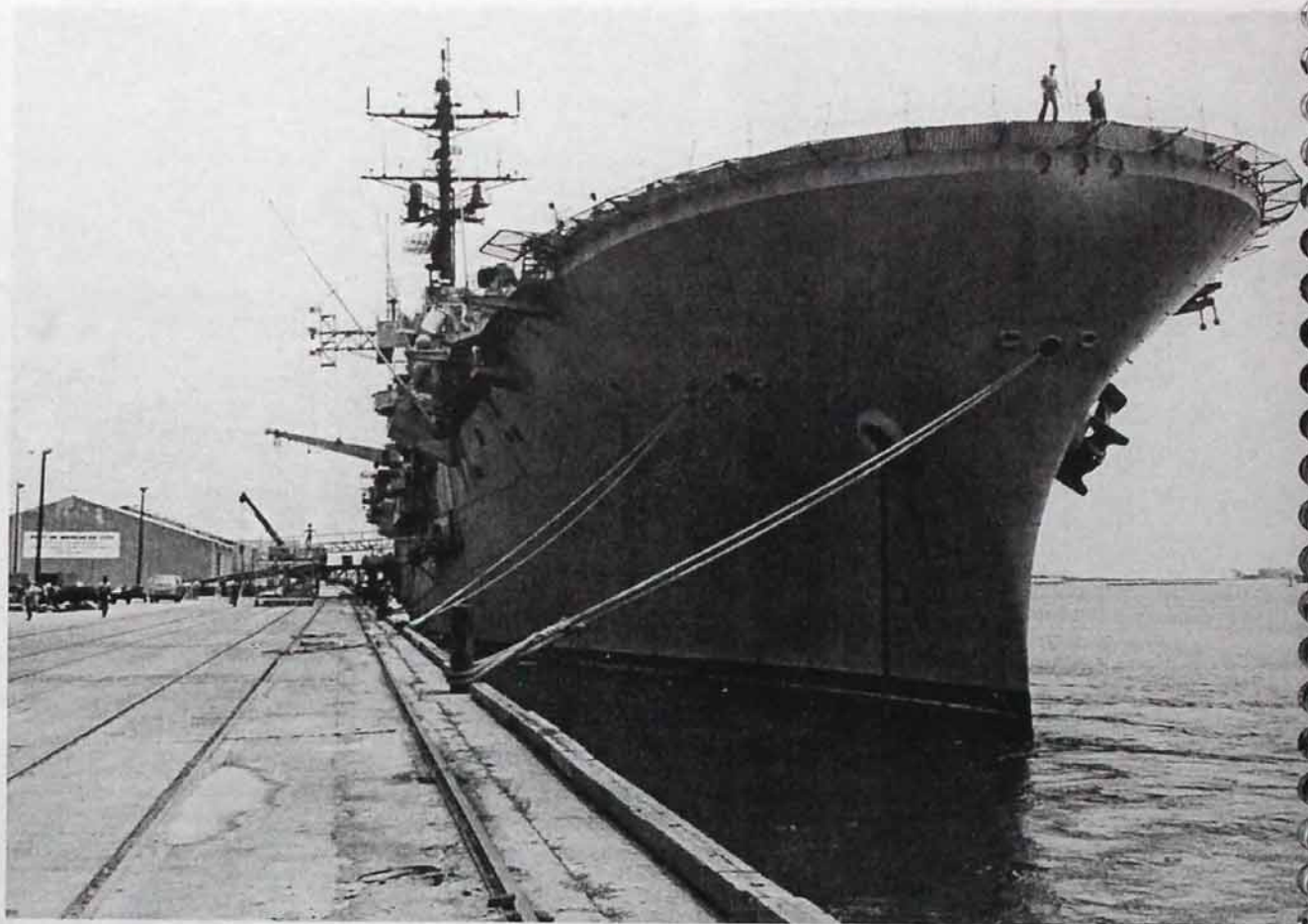
Time To Depart.

For each man, faced with the reality of being away for seven months, it was different. Emotions flowed; emotions were stifled. It's very hard to describe the thoughts charging through each man, but if the ship could talk . . . At 9:58 a.m., two minutes ahead of schedule, IWO JIMA cast off, leaving teary-eyed friends and families on the pier, waving goodbye. "We love you."





Onward To Beirut!

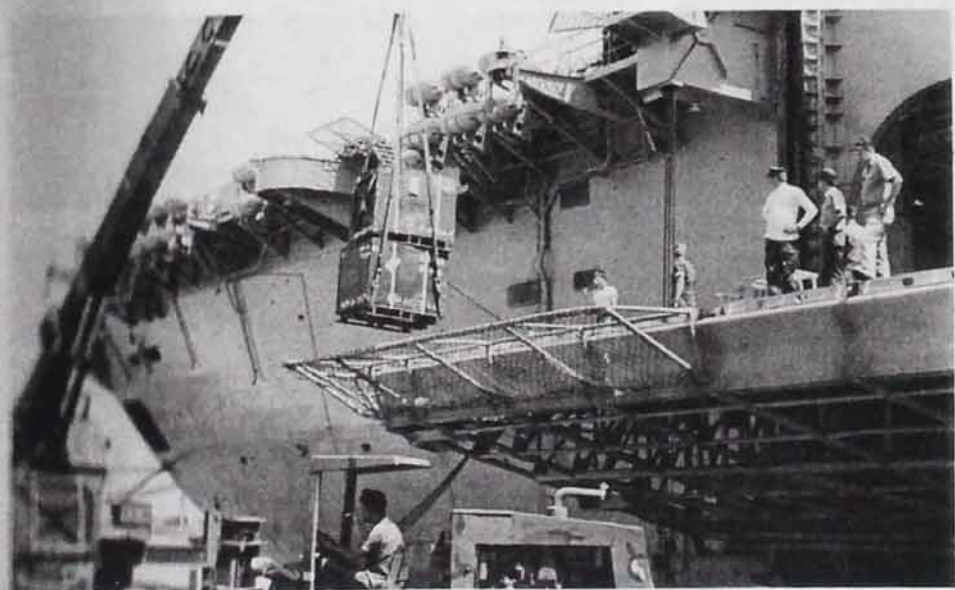


Marine Onload — Morehead City, N.C.





Chuck says, "one roll only!"



24th Marine Amphibious Unit

When the approximately 700 Marines of the 24th MAU came aboard, each brought with him 150 pounds of gear, totalling 105,000 pounds. Plus, 11 vehicles and 22 helos came on board. The total evolution lasted seven hours. Then, just after sunset, IWO and its crew of "peacekeepers" were underway for Lebanon.

Administrative Department

Department Head



Cdr. J.S. Meserve
Executive Officer



LCdr. J.A. Webb
Chaplain



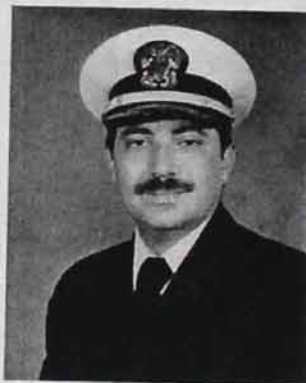
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Educational Services



Lt (j.g.) J.J. Maraldo
Legal Officer



Ens. D.G. Clay
Ship's Secretary



Ens. B.R. Muha
Public Affairs Officer



MMCM L.W. Davis
Command Master Chief

Administrative Department



ETCM C.M. Taylor
3-M Coordinator



MACS A.L. Hardy
Chief Master-At-Arms



YNC D.W. Frazier
Admin. Officer



NCC G.L. Brown
Command Career
Counselor



PNC M.A. Bueno
Personnel Officer



PCI H.A. Jones
X Divison LPO



RPI N. Saxon
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Master-At-Arms



MAI J.T. Phifer
Master-At-Arms



PNI D.E. McAden
Asst. Personnel Officer

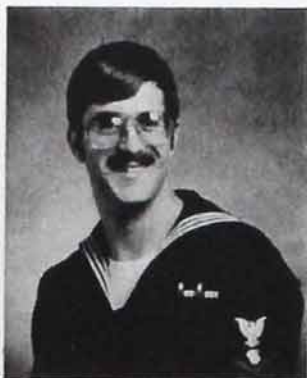


MAI A.G. Ballestamon
Master-At-Arms

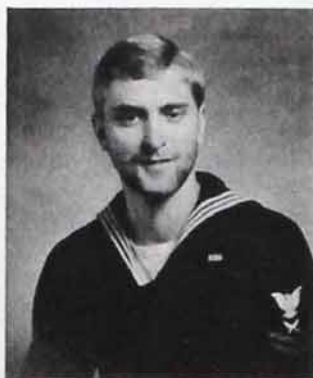


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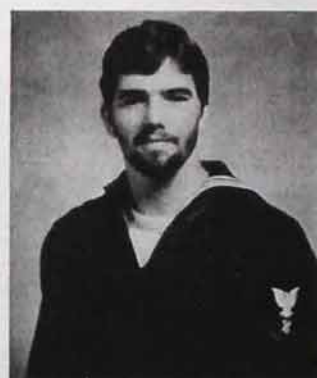
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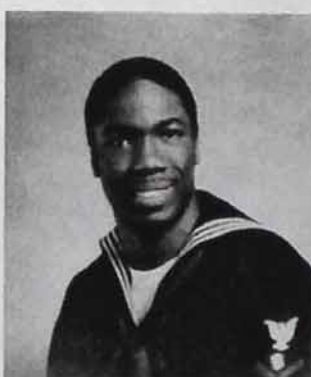
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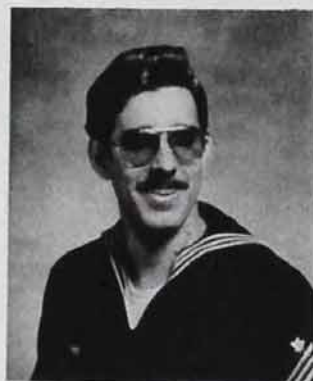
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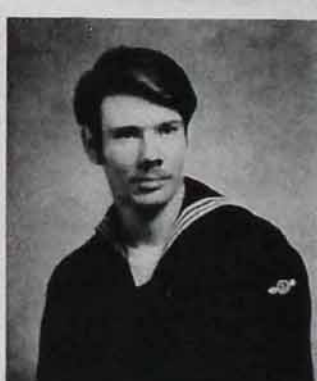
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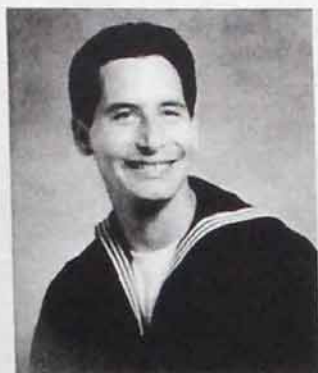


RPSN K.A. Hasecuster
Chaplain's Office



PNSN G.C. Bogie
Personnel Office

The rest of Admin and newcomers.



YNSN J. Morales
Admin. Office



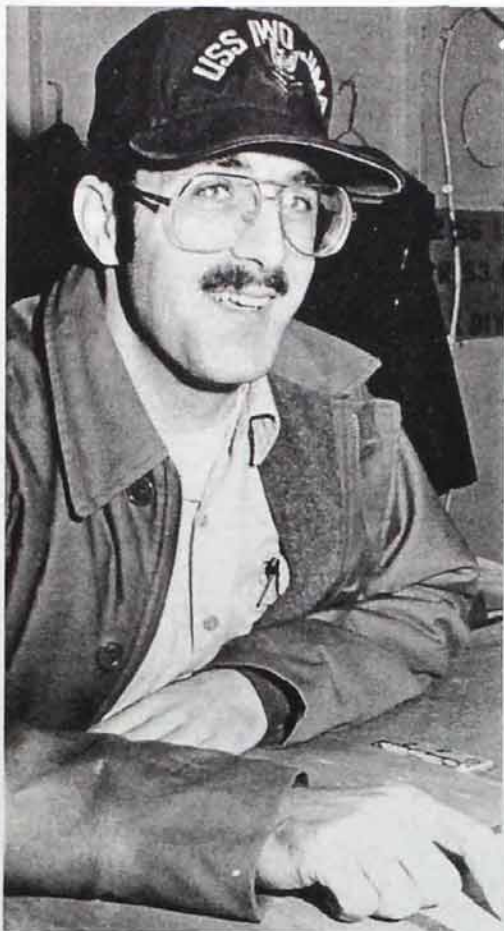
PN3 Brian Rudolph, better known as Rudy, came to Admin July 27. "Hey Rudy, dog me with a smile!"



Ed Maynard, above the starboard quarterdeck, paints a tribute to the sailors and Marines killed in Beirut.



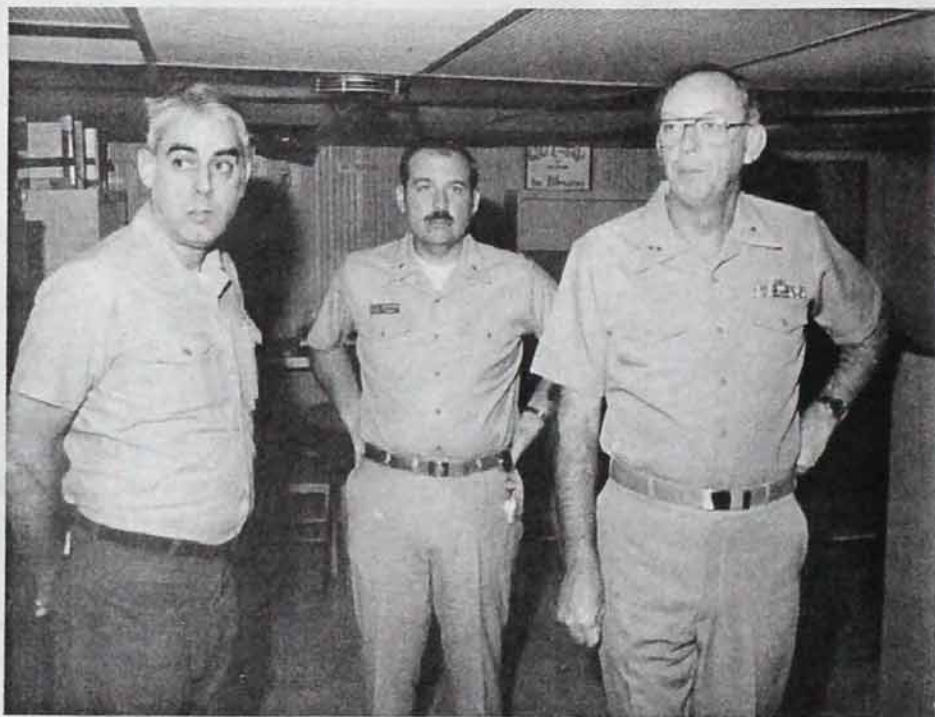
Robert Bona replaced YN2 Masker in the Admin Office. It was immediately noticed that Bob is hyperactive ... notice the smoke at his fingertips.



The 'Riz' says "sign here."

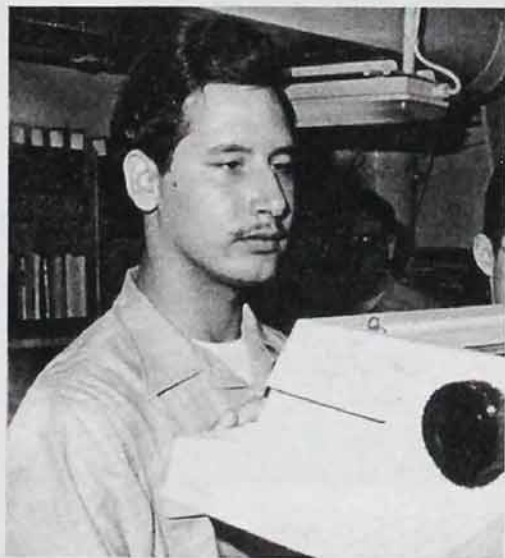


PNC Bueno and PN2 Pete "what's an iron?" Burrell make things happen!



RPI Saxon and Chap. Webb with RAdm. Neil Stephenson, Chief Of Chaplains.

"Oh what the heck X.O., let's just keel haul him."



"Julio" ... Mr. Charisma





IWO's F. Lee Bailey consults (or consoles?) a customer.

"You want a swap to the space shuttle? Wrong."



PNSN Bogie ... settled down for a day of hard work.



IC2 Hampton (below) engulfed in a Xerox copier.



AIMD

Department Head



Lt. A. Touchon



LCdr. R.C. Lasky
Former Dept. Head



AMCS J.L. Newman
AIMD LCPO



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AIMD Division Officer



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IMRL Manager

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AMSI R.E. Barber
Work Center 020



ADI L. George
Work Center 410



AEI E.L. Smith
Work Center 620



ASMI J. Ramkowsky
Work Center 900



ADI S.P. Lomp
Work Center 100



ADI D.E. Mack
Work Center 410



ATI B. Bogardus
Work Center 610



ASMI D. Traver
Work Center 900



ADI E. Talford
Work Center 410



AZI R.A. Schee
Work Center 040



AT2 L.A. Douglass
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Work Center 020



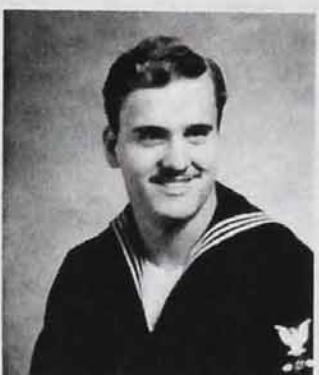
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AD3 W. Perkins
Work Center 410



AMS3 S.G. Rand
Work Center 900



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Work Center 670



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Work Center 510



AMS3 S.L. Grady
Work Center 510

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AE3 R.E. Belanger
Work Center 620



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AD3 G. Kover
Work Center 100



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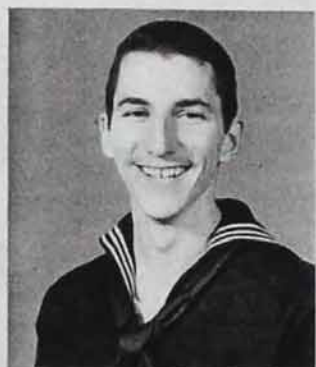
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AN J.L. Kindler
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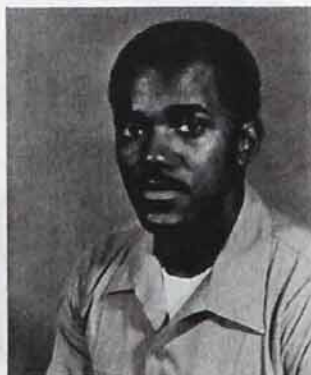


ET3 R.D. Massingill
Work Center 670

Marines attached to AIMD



SSgt V.E. Kent



SSgt C.S. Johnson



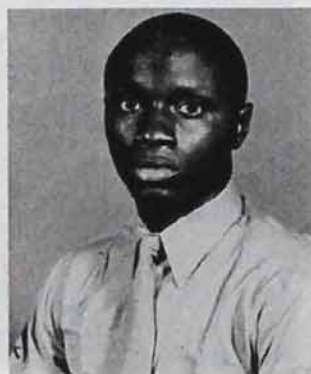
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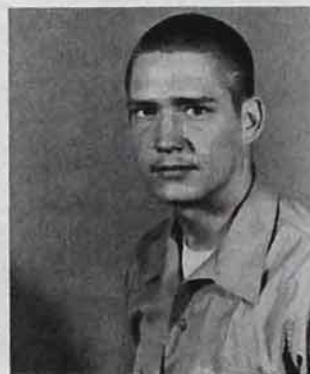
Cpl B.K. Blashka



Cpl D.A. Logan



Cpl W.E. McCoy



Cpl T.E. Janosco



Cpl J.R. Ward



LCpl R.F. Kaufmann



LCpl R.P. Kirlin



LCpl J.M. Tipton



LCpl J.S. Jenkins

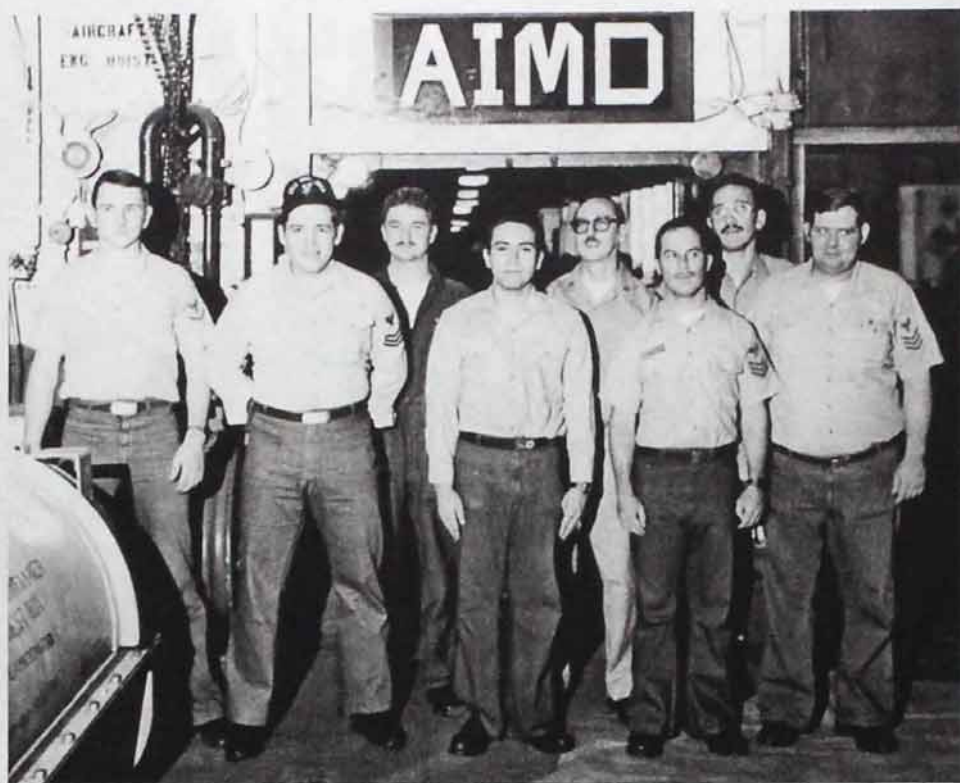
More Marines And Newcomers To AIMD



PFC K.H. Fisher



PFC S. Brown



AZ3 Scott, ATI McIntyre, AD3 Loudermilk, AMHAN Rosas, Lt. Touchon (current department head), ATI Quinn, ASI Safino, ADI Hawkins



"Gator's
Four
Musketeers."

AMS3 Scott, alias "stencil man".



There's only one major *flaw* here ... this machine doesn't work.



The workings of AIMD

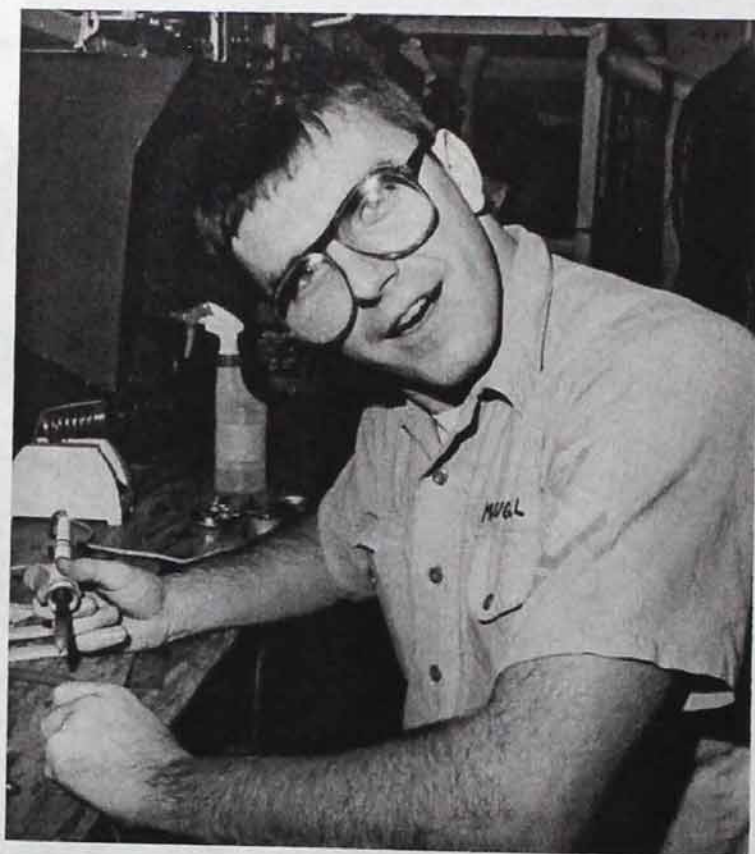
The Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department consists of Navy and Marine personnel responsible for supporting aircraft deployed on board IWO. AIMD provides the necessary skill, manpower and equipment to repair, replace or even manufacture almost any aircraft component, 24 hrs. a day. The current department head is Lt. Touchon, who is in charge of the 90 mechanics, technicians and administrators. CWO3 Yasenchak, division officer, ensures production level is high and maintenance is top rate. *Powerplant's* jet mechanics performed everything from corrosion control and periodic maintenance to major repairs of jet engines. *Airframes* handled all structural metalwork including welding, fabrication, repair and manufacturing of aircraft structural components. *NDI (Non Destructive Inspections)* performed a variety of exotic inspections on aircraft and their components. *Aviation Hydraulics* was responsible for the repair, testing and overhaul of aircraft hydraulic systems *Paraloft*, or aircrew survival equipment shop, furnished to aircrewmembers and repaired equipment necessary to survive in any terrain or climate. *NOAP (Naval Oil Analysis Program)* lab analyzed different aircraft fluids to check for signs of internal engine wear. *Workcenter 100* serviced, maintained and manned "Gator 00", IWO's UH-1N Huey helo. Gator



In support of yellow gear ...



"Honest, I was standing in the hangar bay minding my own business and a helo engine fell on my head!"



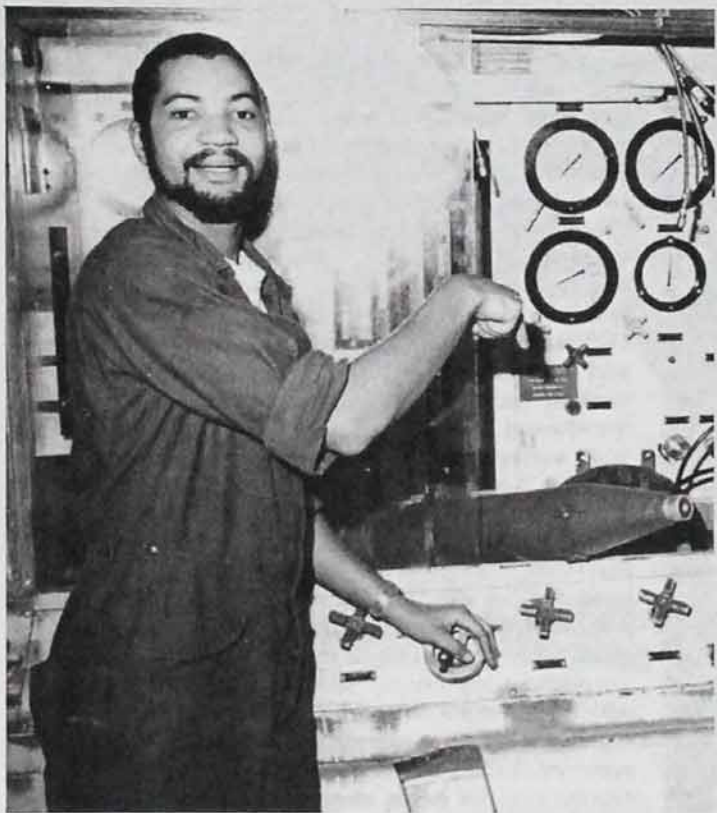
"... and if you don't move that camera, I'll stick it in your ear."



provided search and rescue services in case deployed aircraft crashed. *Aviation Electrical Instruments* included troubleshooting, repair and overhaul of aircraft flight controls, instruments, computers, generators, compasses and storage batteries. *Aviation Electronics* had to troubleshoot and repair aircraft radios and radars as well as related systems. *Avionics Calibration Program* calibrated precision electronic measuring equipment and ensured sophisticated test benches were in top working order. *Ground Support Equipment* maintained tow tractors, crash trucks, forklifts and a wide variety of support equipment including the smallest workstand to "Tilley", our flight deck crane. *Quality Assurance Division* ensured maintenance was done "by-the-book". Tool control, safety, divisional damage control and maintaining the 20,000 book technical publications library was Q.A.'s primary responsibility. *Production Control* kept tabs on all administrative and departmental work. Throughout the cruise, AIMD supported HMM 162, which flew more than 8,700 hrs. while recording the highest state of readiness ever on an LPH. AIMD repaired 2,298 parts and maintained 95% readiness setting records never thought possible for an LPH.



SSgt Kent reviews maintenance procedures.



"See that? Just a few turns on this here wheel and I'll have that thingamabobby back in this contraption."



One of IWO's certified star gazers.



"See Mom, I can sew!" IWO's Paraloft

Petty Officer's Lee and Thomas pretending to work.



When it's time to relax, it's game time!

Air Department

Department Head



Cdr. M.J. Polsenski
Air Boss



LCdr. R.T. Hilfer
Asst. Air Officer



LCdr. J.M. Kranz
Aircraft Handling Off.



LCdr. D.R. Obrien
Flight Deck Officer



ABCM C.E. Sissel
Air LCPO



Lt. M.R. Mazzoleni
Aviation Fuels Officer



ABHC J.M. Carroll
Flight Deck Chief



ABFC C.E. Stevens

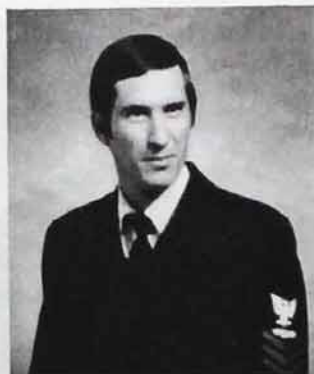
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ABHI D.F. Scott
Flight Deck LPO



ABHI J.H. Shelton
Air Safety LPO



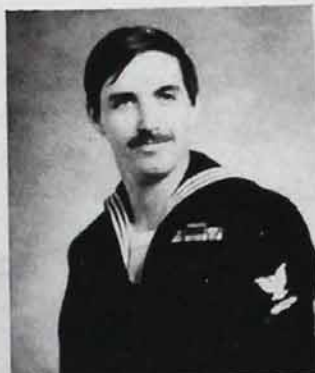
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AV/Fuels LPO



ABHI G.D. Auguste
Crash/Salvage LPO



ABFI A.M. Faircloth
AV/Fuels Below Deck Sup.



ABH2 R.L. Mann
Safety P.O.



ABH2 J.E. Schleede
V-3 Division



ABH2 O. Alford
V-1 Division



ABH2 W.F. Burnell
V-1 Division



ABF2 M. Toscano, Jr.
V-4 Division



ABF2 D.Z. Hines
V-4 Division



ABF2 L. Wright, Jr.
V-4 Division

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ABH2 J.P. Farris
V-1 Division



ABF2 S. Huffine
V-4 Division



ABH2 R.E. Mcleod
V-1 Division



ABH3 H. Blackwell, Jr.
V-1 Division



ABH3 L.L. Fant
V-1 Division



ABF3 R.C. Muller
V-4 Division



ABH3 E.C. Gifford
V-3 Division



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ABF3 I.L. Bowser
V-4 Division



ABH3 M.D. Kinslow
V-3 Division

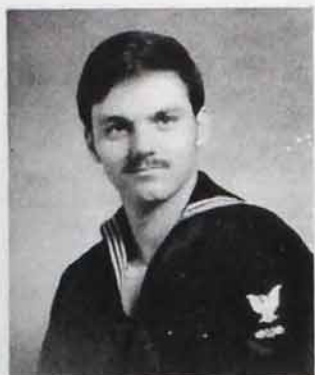


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V-4 Division



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V-1 Division

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V-1 Division



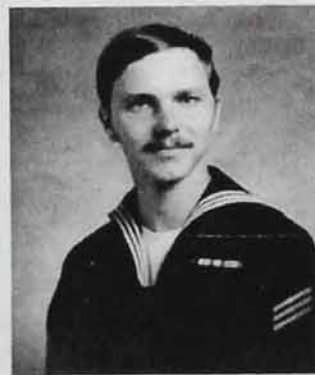
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ABH3 J.P. Jacoby
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ABHAN K.J. Wiater
V-1 Division



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V-1 Division



ABHAN R.H. Balough
V-1 Division



ABFAN T.F. Burch
V-4 Division



ABFAN R.W. Moon
V-4 Division



ABHAN S.L. Fricke
V-3 Division



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AN J.T. Davis
V-3 Division

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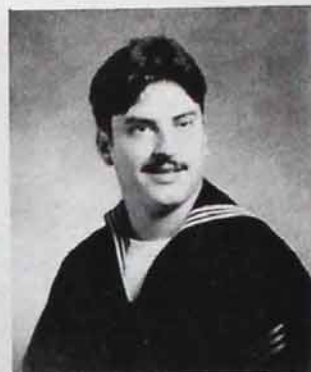
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AN A.I. Needleman
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AN P.M. Couture
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ABFAN T.M. Curtis
V-4 Division



AN T.S. Linares
V-1 Division



AN J.S. Laird
V-1 Division



AN J.D. Valentin
V-1 Division



AN M.W. Muirhead
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AA E.G. Smith
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AA S.A. Verderame
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AA G.E. Lucas
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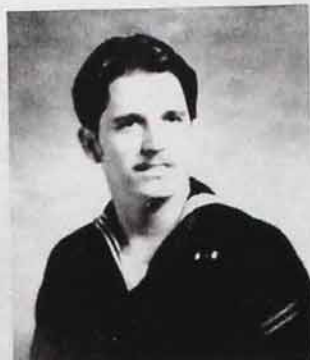
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V-I Division



ABFAA G.F. Gable
V-4 Division



AA B.D. Hall
V-I Division



AA J.R. Morehead
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AA L.C. Webber
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AA J.R. Bulpin
V-I Division



ABHAA S.A. Clayton
V-I Division



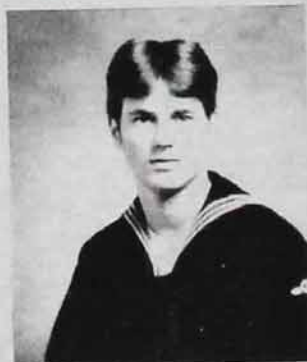
AN B.R. Yeager
V-4 Division



AA J.E. Freese
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AR R. Swinney
V-I Division



AR R.C. Seybold
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AR P.J. Close
V-4 Division

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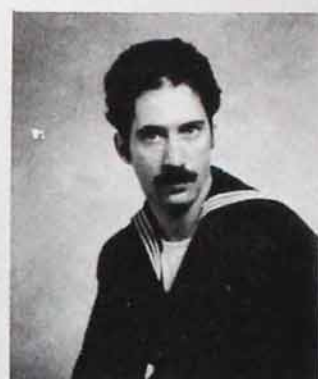
AR D.W. Moser
V-1 Division



AR T.R. Thompson
V-3 Division



AR J.L. Patterson
V-3 Division



AR D.J. Cumbo
V-3 Division



AR E.M. Vandewall
V-3 Division



AR G.R. Schuster
V-3 Division



AR J.J. Escobar
V-1 Division



AR R.E. Spraggins
V-3 Division



AR J.J. Rush
V-1 Division



(Left to right) ABFAA J.F. Collins (V-4), AN R.G. Sweet (V-3), AR D.K. Hayes (V-4), AA A.B. Jackson (V-1), AA D.A. Gilson (V-4), ABF3 J. Rush (V-4), ABFAR G.D. Dixon (V-4), ABFAN G.F. Gable (V-4), ABFAA R. Dennis (V-4)



"... and someday son, this will be all yours."



Funny lookin' Copl A typical street scene on IWO.



Fowler inspecting the right lens of his goggles.



"... three lights down, hang a right."



"Four burgers, to go."





Don' drink this grape juice!

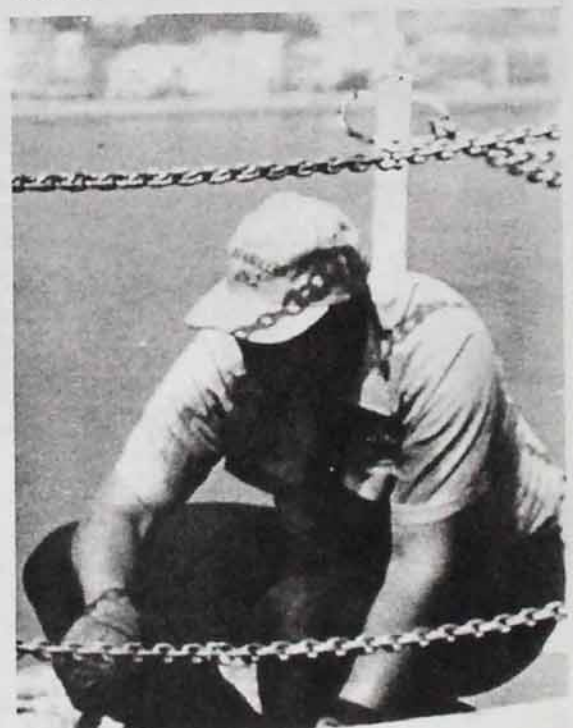
Afternoon flight ops.



Air's "double-headed snake" handler.



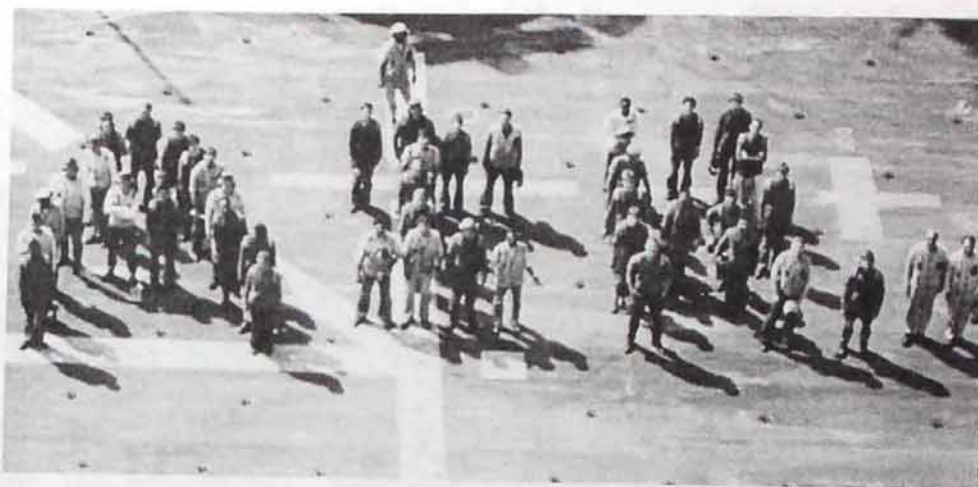
"Sorry Bud, you'll have to park in the rear."



The Hill Crew

During flight operations on the flight deck, V-1 personnel launch and recover aircraft and position them on the flight deck. In V-1, there are three distinct groups — Crash and Salvage, Landing Signal Enlisted and the Blue Shirts. During the cruise IWO logged more than 7,000 landings, a tribute to the devotion of the aircraft "movers." V-3 is responsible for the movement of aircraft on and in IWO JIMA. V-3 also performs maintenance and upkeep of the hangar bay. V-4 provides safe handling storage and distribution of the aviation fuel.

Missile Inspector



110,000 accident — free landings since commissioning.





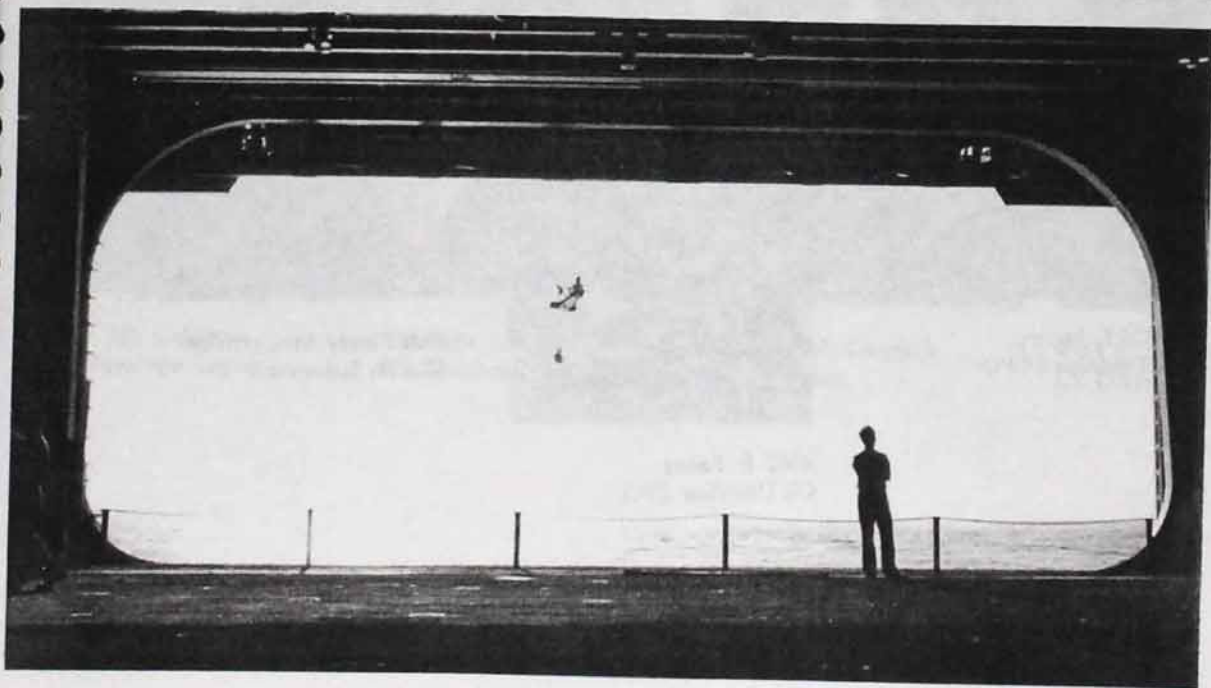
IWO International Airport



"Buddies!"



V-4 pumped 1,000,000 + this cruise, tops for LPH's.



Communications Dept.

Department Head



Lt. J. Ferguson



CW04 J. Williams
CR Div. Officer



ENS. P. Mchale
CS Div. Officer



RMCS J. Neatrou
CR Division LCPO



SMCS F. Henry
CS Division LCPO



RMC E. Fauss
CR Division CPO



RMI Sandy McCormick
Watch Supervisor

Communications Department



RM2 G. Brockman
CR Division



SM2 S. Porter
CS Division LPO



RM2 J. Stevenson
CR Div. Supply P.O.



SM3 R.O. Dupre
CS Div. Supervisor



RM2 R. Dolan
CR Division



RM3 R. Browa
CR Division



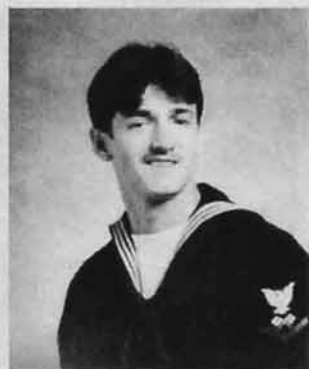
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CS Div. Supervisor



RM3 M. Helken
CR Division



RM3 J.P. Callahan
CR Teletype Repair



SM3 J.N. Norman
CS Division DCPO



SM3 D. McCormick
CS Division

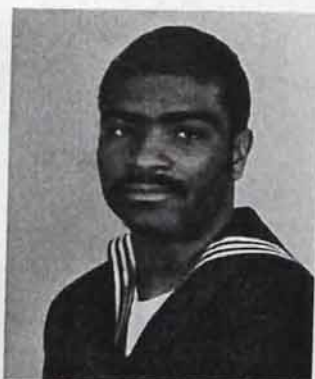


RM3 R. Olds
CR Division

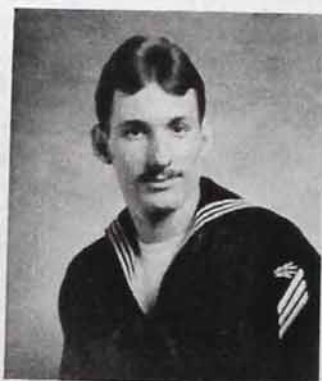
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RMSN D. Bulger
CR Division



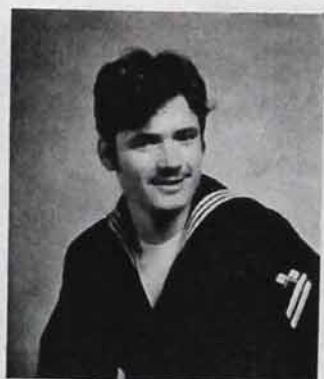
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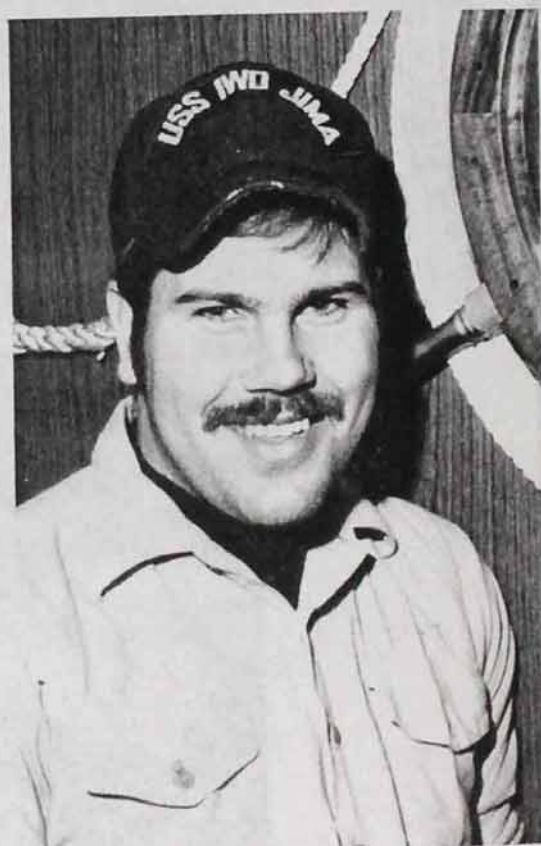
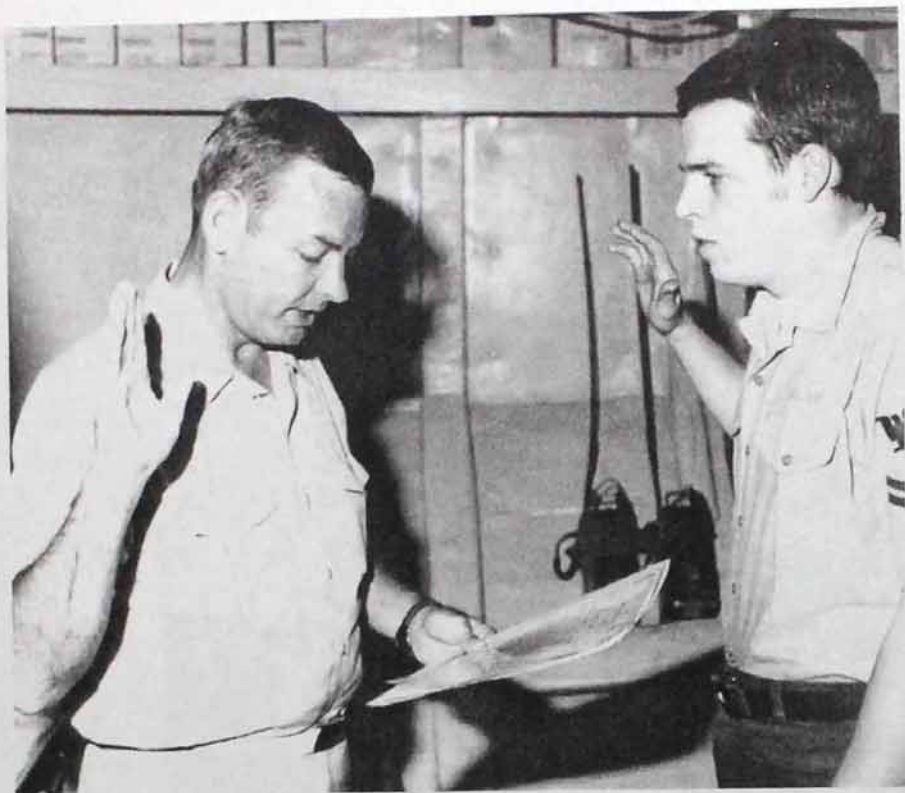
RMSR R. Fretwell
CR Division



Comm's Newcomers — SMSA J. Clift, RMSA Latshaw,
SMSA Gibson and SMI Tuncsecz

Keeping the avenues of communication open with the outside world is the responsibility of CR Division. CR operates complex electronic communication equipment and is tasked with sending, receiving, handling, and distributing all messages received aboard ship. In addition, their control of secure transmission gear and material is essential in maintaining security. It is without a doubt the highest workcenter on the ship. It is the signalbridge where the most expert "lookouts" are located. CS is tasked with a variety of duties, including all aspects of visual communications: flashing lights, semaphore (both are used for transmitting simple messages), and the flag hoist is used for maneuvering and tactical information. Also, CS Division is responsible for detecting and identifying all surface, air, and sub-surface contacts in the area and determining if each is friend or foe. The signal bridge also renders honors to passing vessels which warrant special acknowledgement.







Deck Department

Department Head



Lt.j.g. M. McGuire
Deck Div. Officer



CW02 W.C. Brieske
Ship's Bos'n



Lt W. Law
Deck Div. Officer



BMC W.M. Fortier
Deck LCPO

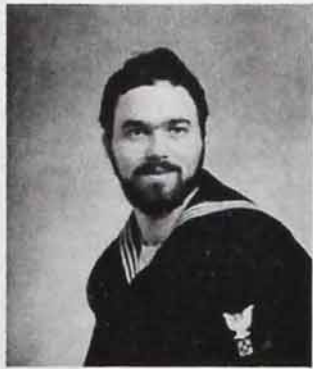


ENS F.L. Porter
Weapons Officer



BM2 C.E. Stokes
Deck Department

Deck Department



BM3 J.L. Ainslie
Deck Department



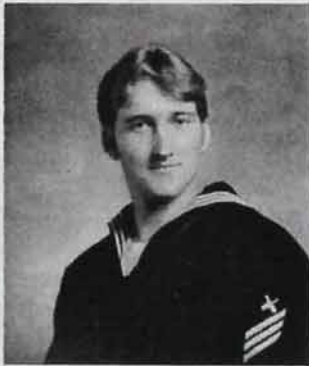
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Fox Division



FTM3 J. Bellou
Fox Division



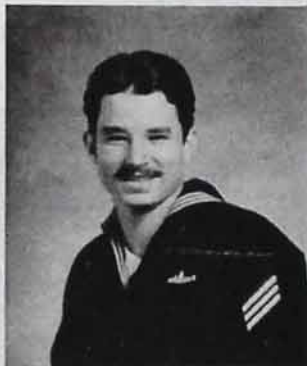
BM3 A. Stewart
Deck Department



GMGSN J. Hickson
Fox Division



AOAN M. Barocsi
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SN F. Smith
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Fox Division



SN S. Rounkles
Deck Department

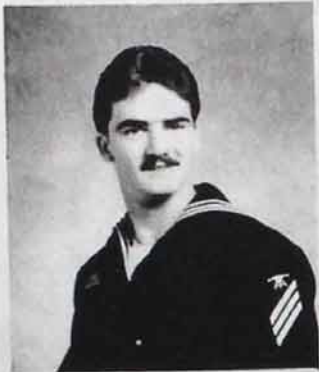


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Deck Department

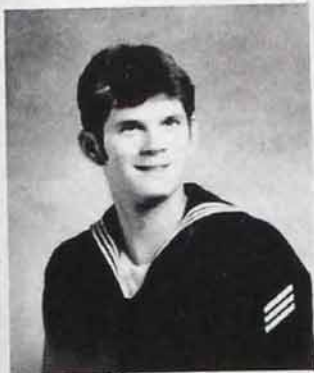


GMGSN D. Rotunda
Fox Division

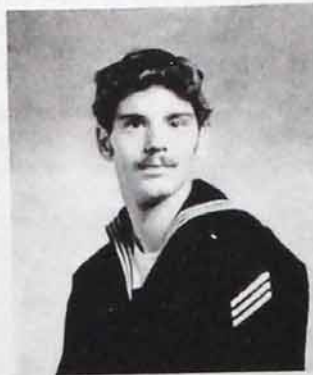
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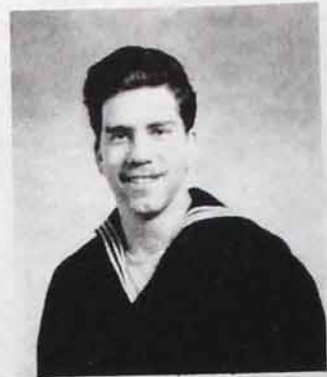
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Fox Division



GMGSA S. Duke
Fox Division



FTMSA R. Heath
Fox Division



GMGSN W. Griffin
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Deck Department



SN N. Zervas
Deck Department



SN R. Grimmette
Deck Department



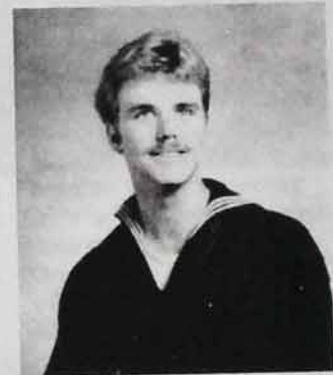
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Deck Department



SN M. Hahn
Deck Department



SA J. Hornung
Deck Department



SA G. Crane
Deck Department

Deck Department



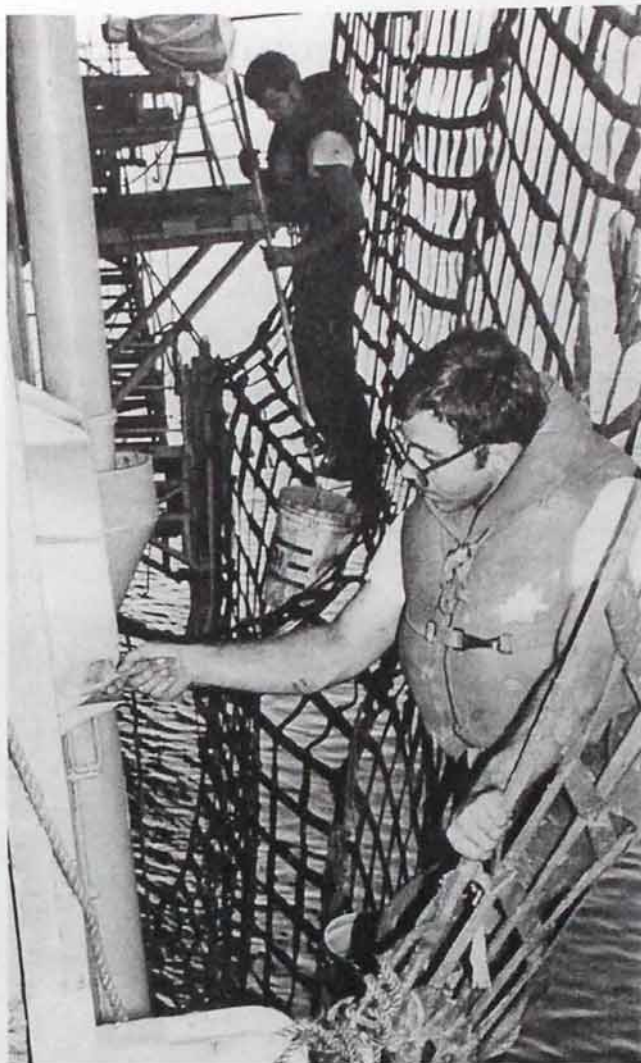
SA R. Wade
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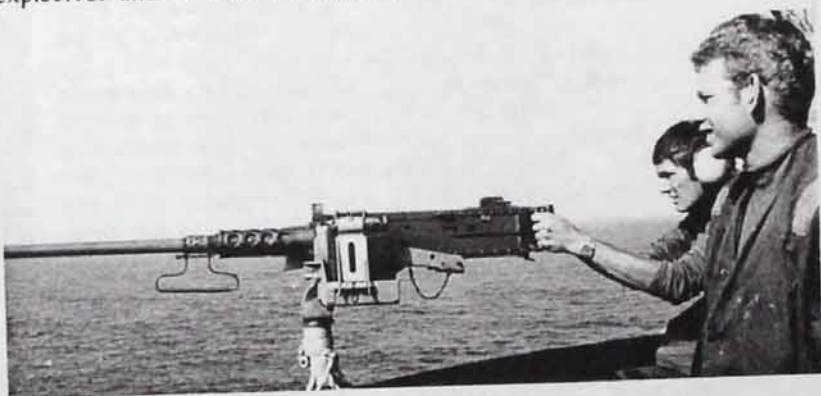
SR J. Smith
Deck Department



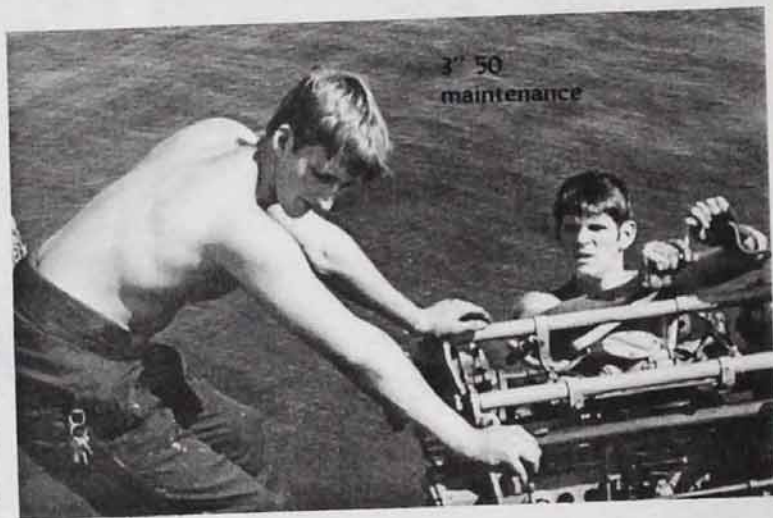
The responsibilities of First Division are maintaining the ship's sides, providing watch standers on the bridge and manning an unrepp station and the anchor detail. First Division also maintains the many gallons of paint and the cleaning gear for the ship. Throughout the cruise, many hours were spent manning the accom ladder for the transfer of cargo, and personnel, anchoring, unrepping and miscellaneous duties. The men gained valuable experience while demonstrating exemplarous pride and professionalism throughout the deployment.



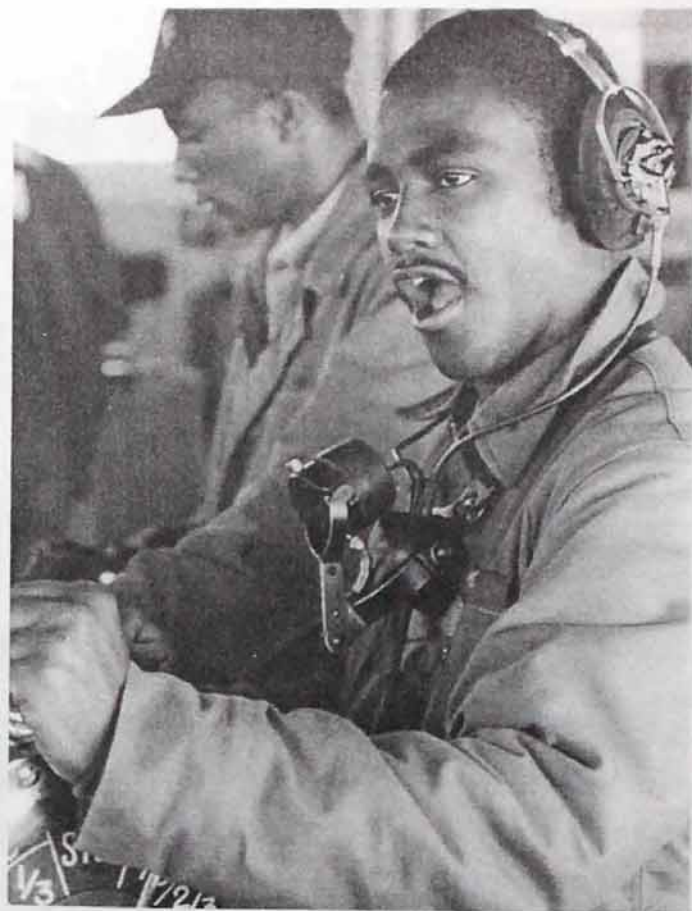
The men of Fox Division are responsible for all missiles, guns and ammunition aboard ship, including all firearms and small arms, plus the two gun mounts and missile launchers. Also, they are in control of all ammunition and ordnance magazines and the fire control equipment. Their work is of utmost importance in the control of the explosives and munitions aboard USS IWO JIMA.



... and hit that flea on his left ear.



Second Division also maintains the ship's sides, provides watch standers on the bridge plus the division provides coxswains for the boat they maintain too. Second Division also mans an unrep station. From the shrill call of the Bos'n pipe securing the special sea and anchor detail, Second Division had a challenge in preparing the ship's boats for the extensive use while on station. With very little experience and not many qualified coxswains, Second Division was faced with a big task in training more coxswains. Many long hours were spent in picket boats while at anchor, providing on-hands experience for boat coxswains. With that extra picket boat experience, the coxswains won the July 4 boat regatta. In all, it was a memorable time.



"I really don't know what this wheel does."





"It's not a 'crow's nest', but Land Ho anyway!"



Mr. Rope Trick, "Pappy" Cauchola.



The Wonderful World of

Underway Replenishment.



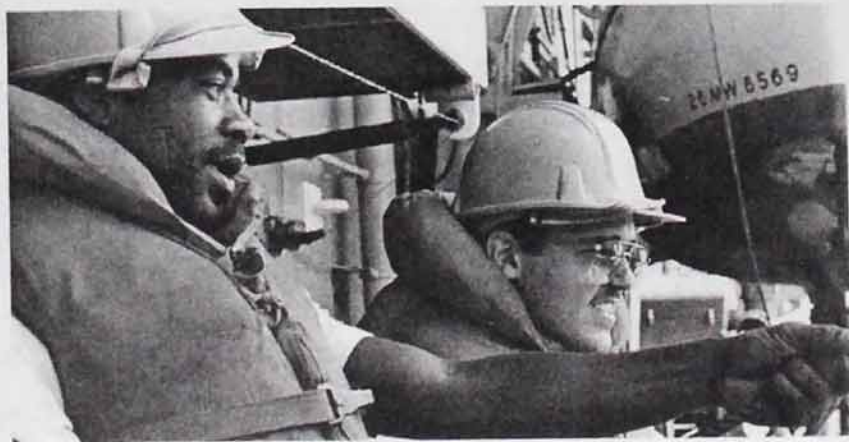
"Well, it's nice, but do you have something in plaid, with a wider lapel and a bit more up front?" Though IWO is the finest amphibious vessel in the Fleet, we still needed fuel to steam the thousands of miles we did. Unreps fulfilled the need by filling IWO with JP5 (aircraft fuel) and DFM (ship's fuel). An average Unrep left IWO with 244,000 gals of JP5 and 829,000 gals of DFM.

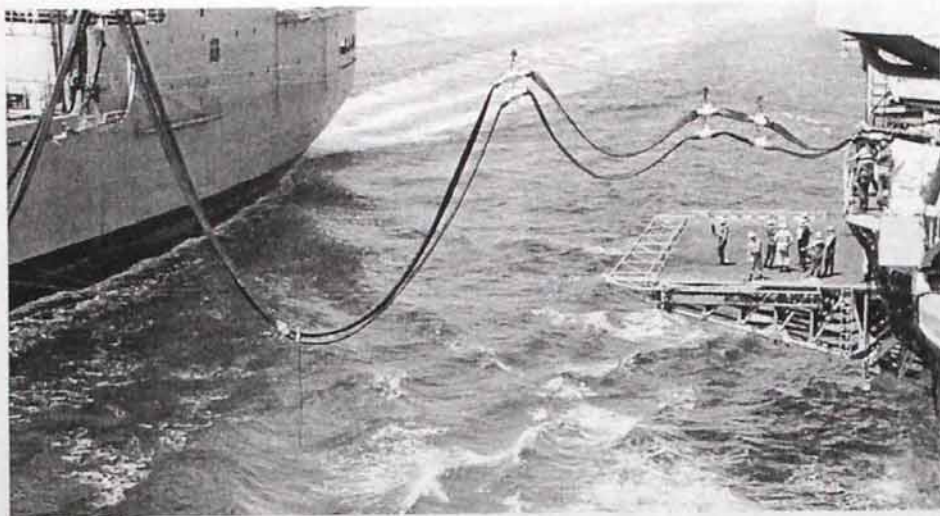
Occasionally supplies were moved by highlining them from one ship to another, as is the case here.



"I'm just a lineman for the IWO ... "

"... and I just can't remember when I've had so much fun."

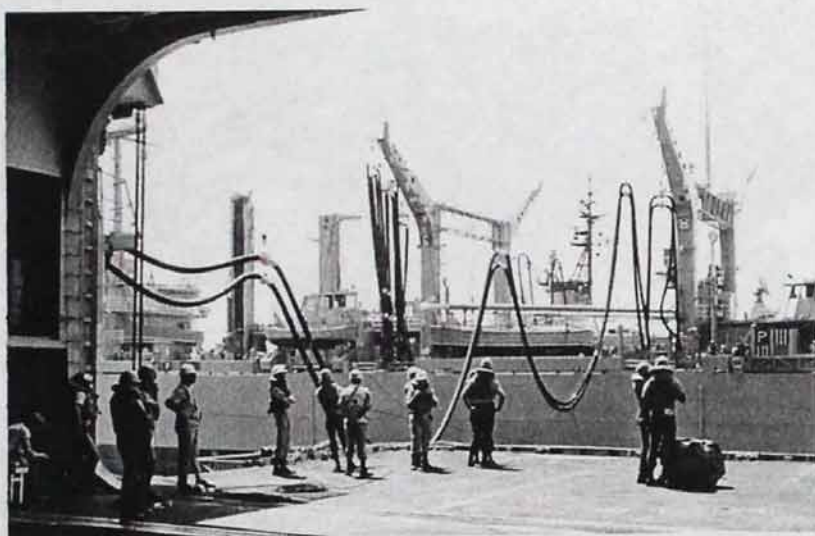




A view from the starboard bridge wing shows Unrep crew and line locations.

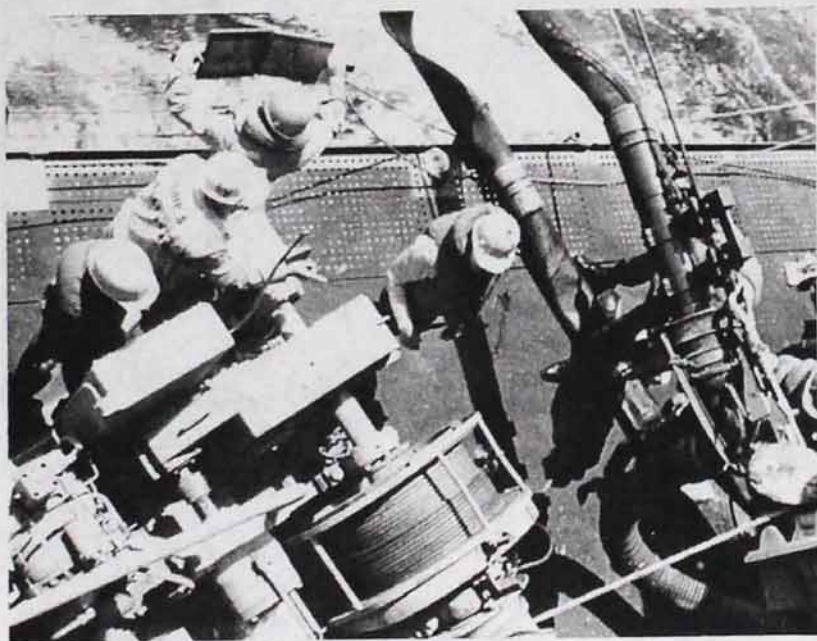


"... and then there was this cute blond I dated back in '55."



"AAAY!" The King of Unreps, Bosn' Brieske.

I knew the Bosn' was filled with hot air, but this is ridiculous.



Unrep station 3 takes on DFM and JP5.

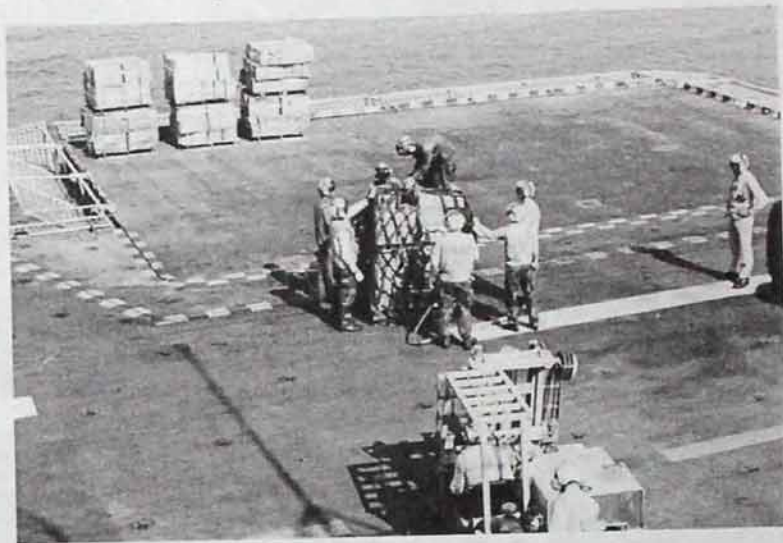




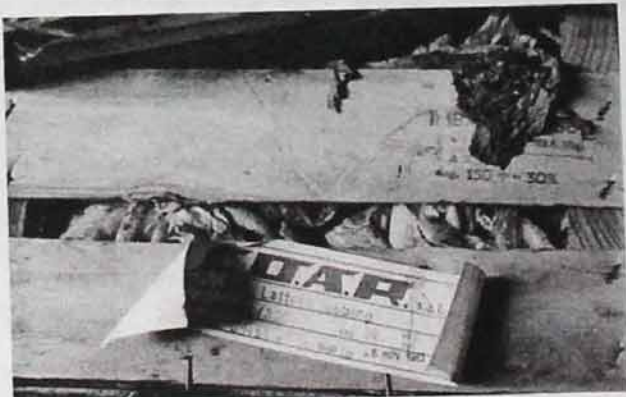
To eat as we did and to get needed supplies, we

Vertically Replenished

A Vertrep involved all facets of the crew. First, the Airedales directed Vertrep helos to and from IWO, each dept. provided men for working parties and supply dept. coordinated storage. Ultimately, the supplies were consumed by all onboard IWO. Average Vertreps involved 200,000 lbs. of cargo.



One of our replenishment ships, USS CONCORD (AFS 5).

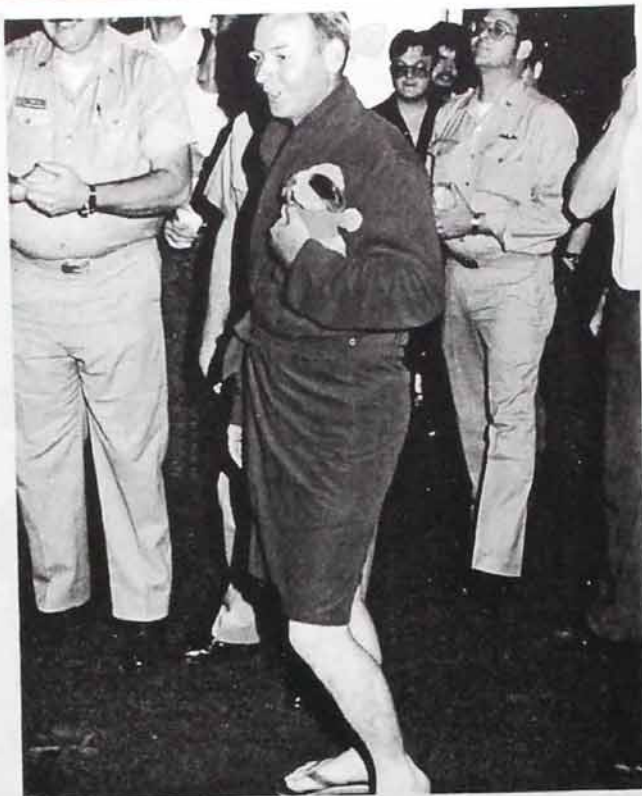


A bath at sea in Beirut.

a Chief Warrant Officer's dream.

A bath at sea is unheard of in today's Navy. Showers, Navy showers, are the norm — usually. On IWO, anything can happen. The brains behind the clean scheme were ADC King, HTC Poirer and CMC Davis.

It's purpose? To fund the cruise book, but more importantly, to break the daily routine. A helo engine container was halved, filled with water and suds and Wah-Lal A bathtub. CWO2 Williams won the raffle — the X.O. had the honor of scrub-a-dub-dubbing.



"Oh gosh! Gee Butchie, I hope the water is warm."

"Hey watch it, you big ape!"

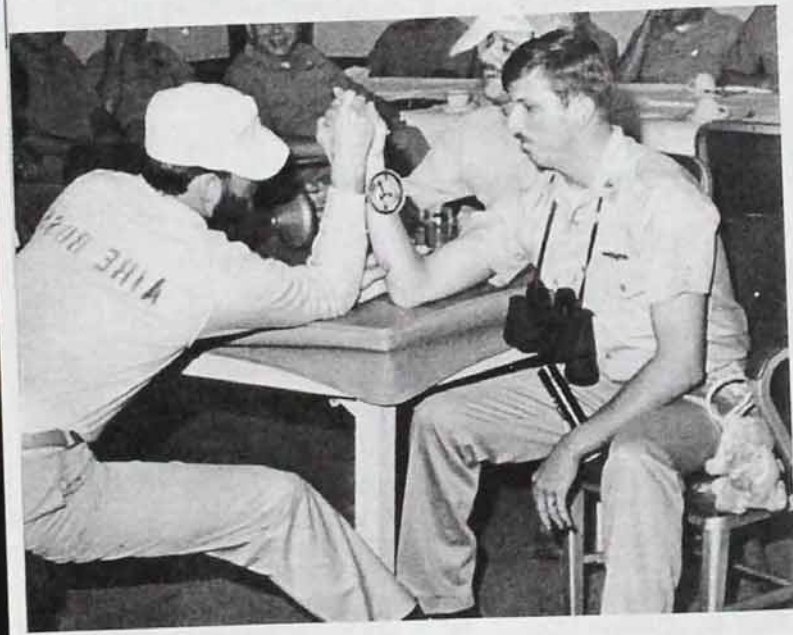
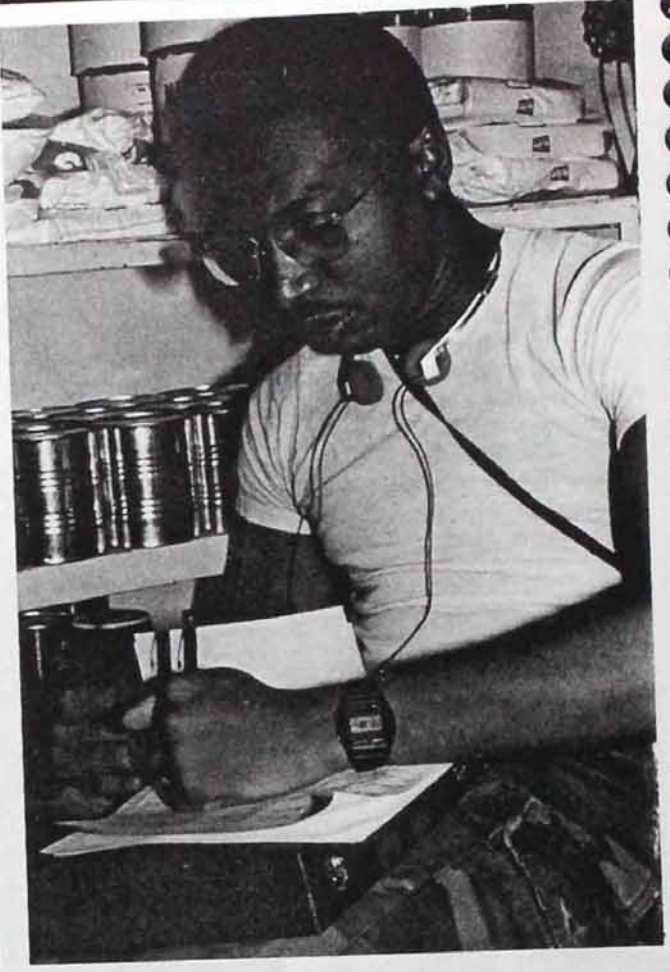


"OOh, Almost as good as my wife."





Our fearless leaders and the games they play.



A downed Lebanese pilot comes aboard IWO.



Dear Mom . . .



Larry W. Davis Command Master Chief

Larry Wayne Davis was born Jan. 18, 1943 in Treece, Kansas. He attended grammar school in Treece and High School in Baxter Springs, Kn., graduating in May 1960. In Aug. 1960, CMC Davis joined the Navy in Joplin, Mo. After completing recruit training in San Diego, CMC Davis was assigned consecutively to the following commands: USS SHIELDS (DD596); MM "A" School, Great Lakes, II.; USS ESSEX (CVS 9); USS MCDONOUGH (DLS 8); USS BOATY (DD 756); USS STICKELL (DD 888); USS CADMUS (AR 14); USS SYLVANIA (AFS 2); USS LITTLE ROCK (CLG 4); N.T.C. Orlando, Fla., as Company Commander; USS LITTLE ROCK (CG 4); USS AYLWIN (FF 1081); USS GARCIA (FF 1040); U.S. Naval AirStation, Corpus Christi, Tx., and USS IWO JIMA (LPH 2). CMC Davis became a Chief Machinist Mate in 1970 while stationed in Orlando. He became Senior Chief Davis while stationed aboard LITTLE ROCK in Aug. 1974. In 1979, he became Master Chief Davis, a highlight of his Texas tour. On Dec. 18, 1982, Master Chief Davis assumed his role as Command Master Chief on IWO JIMA.

In an effort to raise additional money for the cruisebook, CMC Davis sudses a snipe.



Saturday night Bingo, organized and implemented by Master Chief Davis, helped many crewmembers escape the routine. More than \$7,000 was given out in prize money throughout the cruise.



"Mom". A name acquired because of a sewing fetish.

Welcome To Turkey

As other MARG ships slipped away from Beirut for their share of R&R, IWO sailors, when possible, joined in. (Pics clockwise right) (1) Hilltop view of fleet landing in Antalya. (2) BT2 Vecchio becomes a friend to some Turks. (3) Many of these type statues are found throughout Antalya. (4) The water is actually five feet deep! (5) A proud grandfather and a grandson.



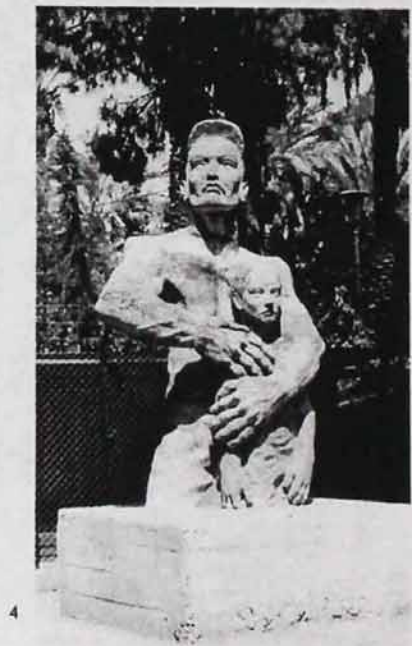
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(Pics clockwise top) (1) The old architecture still stands out along the streets of Antalya. (2) Turkish children enjoy a day in the park. (3) Main Street, Antalya. (4) Taxi anyone? (5) Heading toward the mountains. (6) Engineers enjoy the Turkish night life.



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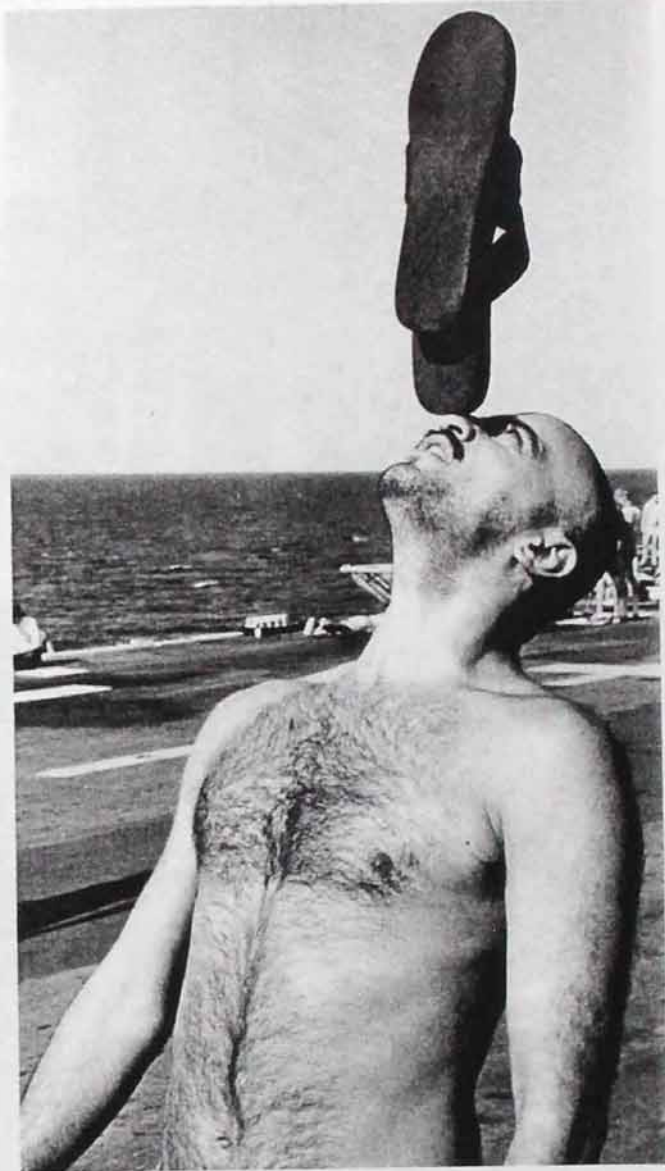
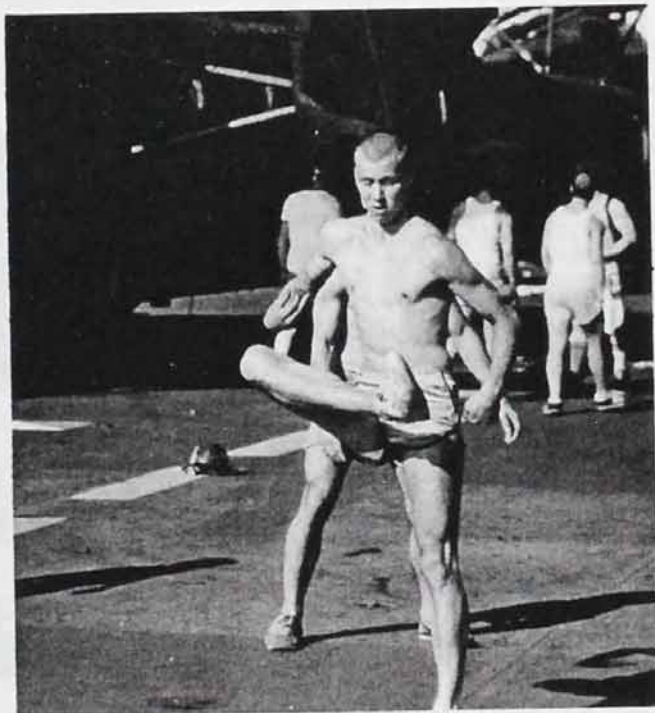
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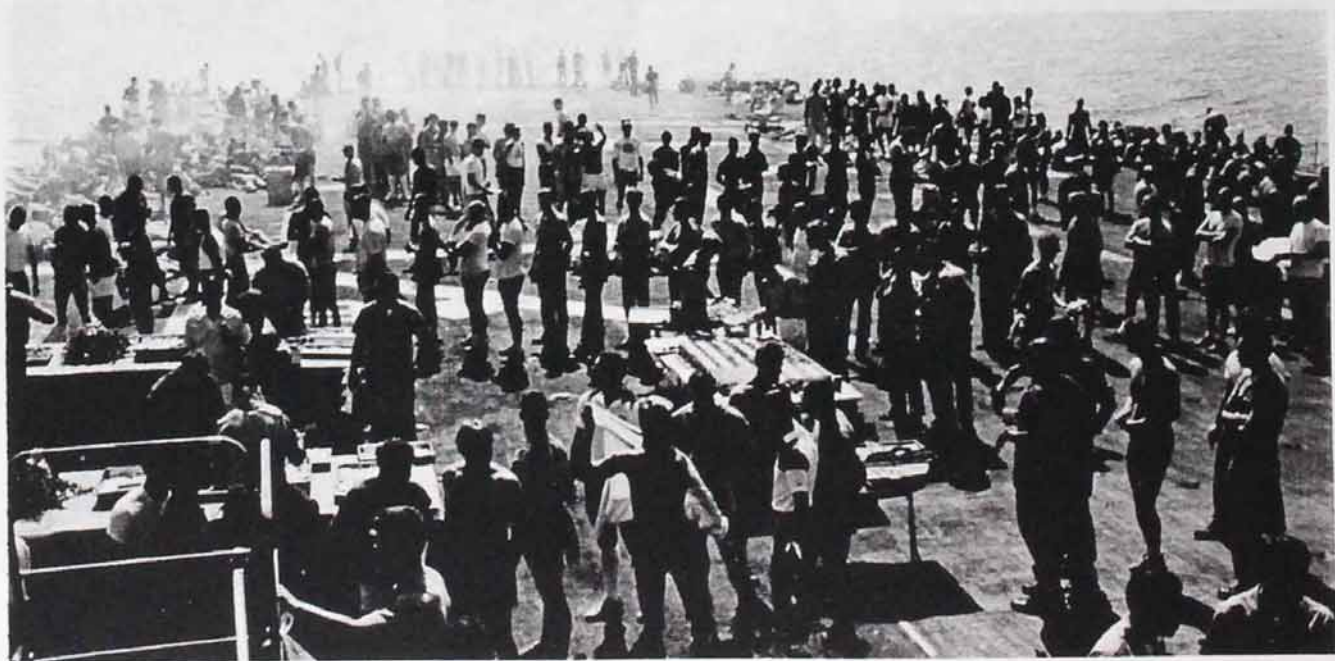
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A Day At The Beach

On Sunday, May 22, IWO experienced what could possibly have been its last "Steel Beach" routine for many months. A cookout and an overall relaxing time were the highlights. (r) Maybe "Steel Beach" should have been renamed "Seal Beach". AN Campanile has that special knack ... or as he says, "Everything from lawn chairs to pails to two-by-fours." (below) After two weeks of inactivity, a Marine unwinds.



With a little sand and lots of bikinis, this "Steel Beach" could be a real beach!





"Steel Beach"

Partiers!

(Pics clockwise from u. left) (1) Many crewmembers, such as IC2 Hampton participated in gunning clay pigeons. (2) A Damage Control Olympics and Seamanship contest were also conducted. (3) Just because the DCA, CWO2 Andersen and HT2 Speicher are, doesn't mean all in R Division are ... all wet that is! (4) While most were outsided enjoying the sun, some crewmen relaxed inside. (5) Guitars were out in force and so was the cake.



The cake's creators, MS2 Greene and MS2 Sherman, flank the C.O.





Taormina, Sicily

(Pics clockwise from top) Perched atop a mountain, Taormina was easy to see from IWO's anchorage. The roads leading to the heart of the city were steep and winding, which did nothing to slow down the taxidrivers!

IWO was highly visible from not only the hilltop city, but also many of the beaches in Taormina. This beach was a favorite for many, largely due to the proximity to hotels.

A typical Sicilian streetscene.

A typical Sicilian home.

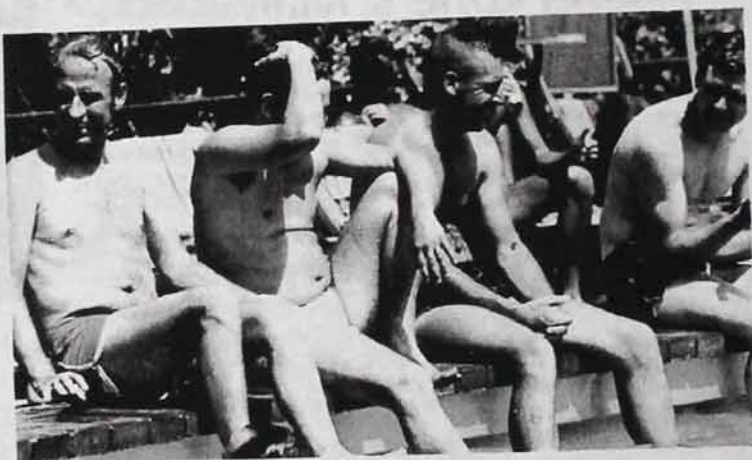
One of the many statues in Catania, south of Taormina.

From IWO, Naxos, at the bottom of Taormina's mountain, was a beautiful sight at night. During our stay, a celebration honoring the island's fishermen was ongoing, thus the brilliant lights. Mt. Etna, Europe's largest active volcano is in the background.





After spending more than 80 consecutive days at sea, IWO's crew had many ideas as to how each was going to spend his days ashore and to that was said ... *To Each His Own.*



And
Then
Some.





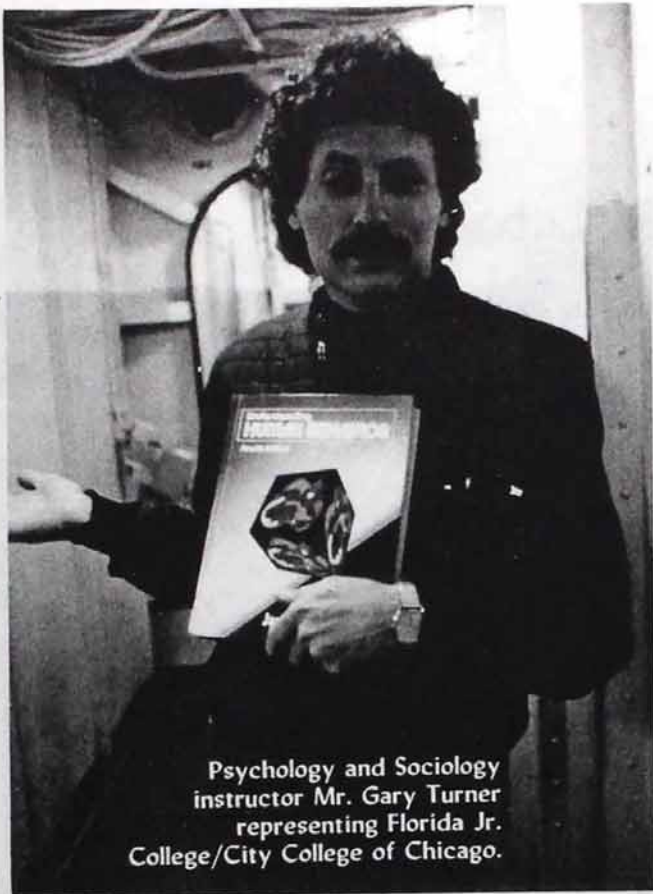
The "P.C.'s" and their mail handling party.

PCSN Husband re-addresses a misguided letter.

"Everyone's Mail ... !"

During the seven-month deployment, PCI Jones, PC3 Lyle and PCSN Husband handled mail for every U.S. Naval ship in the Eastern Med. Hundreds of tons of mail kept the "P.C.'s" very busy.



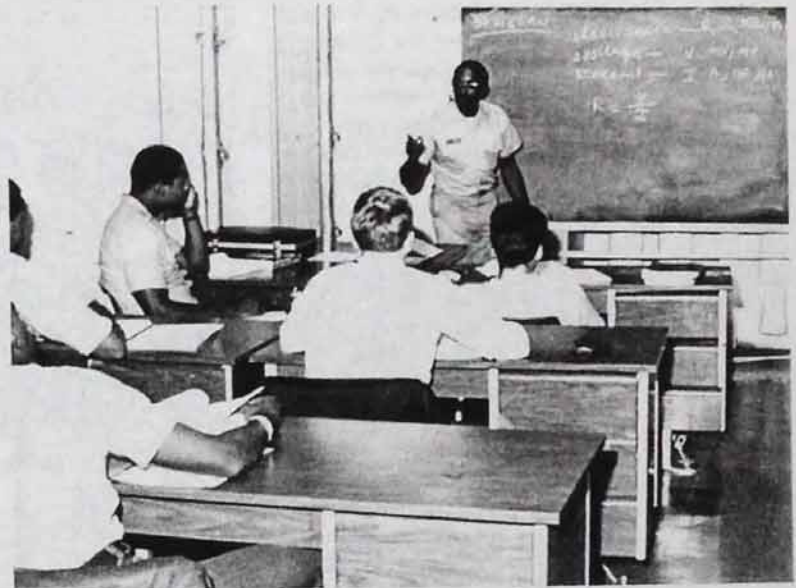


Psychology and Sociology instructor Mr. Gary Turner representing Florida Jr. College/City College of Chicago.

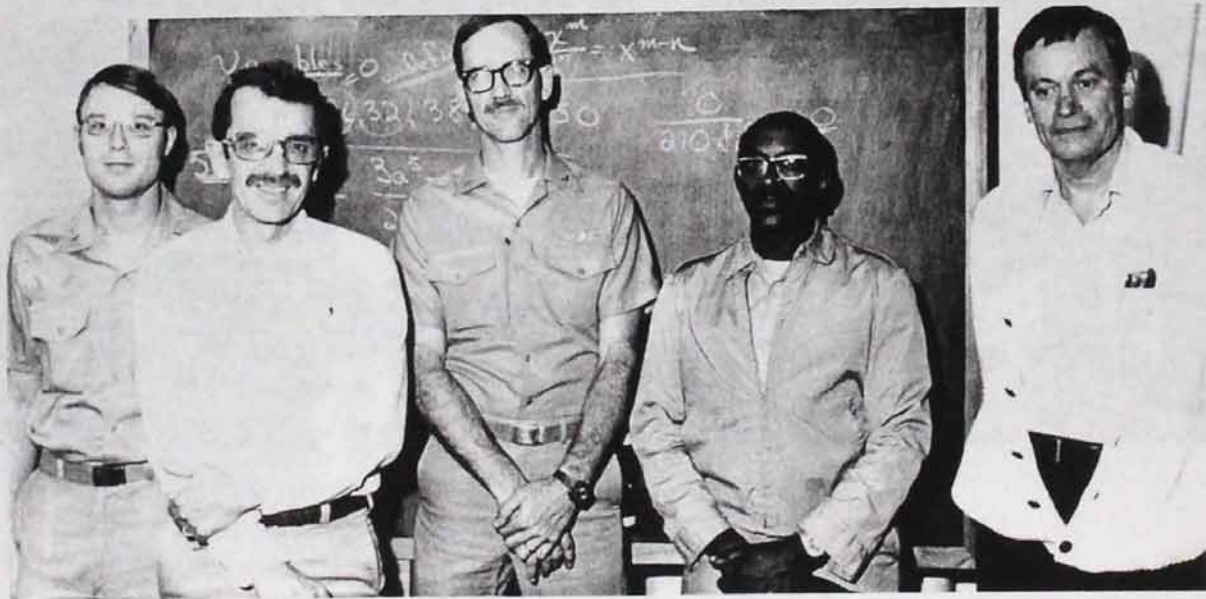
The afloat educational program provided an opportunity for IWO JIMA and squadron personnel to continue their education despite our remote location. All combined, 43 sections of 17 different courses were offered in the popular program. Vocational and academic PACE, and Functional Skills developmental courses provided a great opportunity for self-improvement. With Lt (j.g.) Staver as administrator, the program progressed thru four "semesters" lasting the entire deployment. CWO2 Andersen, MMCM Davis and ETCM Taylor served as vocational instructors. Eight civilian instructors arrived and departed at various times in the cruise. Offerings ranged from college Algebra and English Composition, to Air Conditioning and Refrigeration to Personal Financial Planning.

P
A
C
E Education
On
IWO JIMA

ETCM Taylor instructs students in Basic Electronics in the "PACE classroom" — converted Marine berthing.



Instructors included Lt (j.g.) Staver, Dr. Neale Blackwood, CWO2 Andersen, ETCM Taylor and Mr. Eugene Jenkins.



American Independence . . . celebrated with a touch of Lebanon.

The "Fourth of July" was celebrated July 3 by the amphibious forces of the Multinational Peacekeeping Force. A big reason being it allowed the media the opportunity to get the stories to the U.S. to air July 4. Many guests, American and Lebanese dignitaries and their families and other citizens of Lebanon enjoyed the hospitality of IWO JIMA. A highpoint of the celebration, which marked 55 consecutive days at sea, was the performance by Lebanon's only Folkloric Touristic Group.

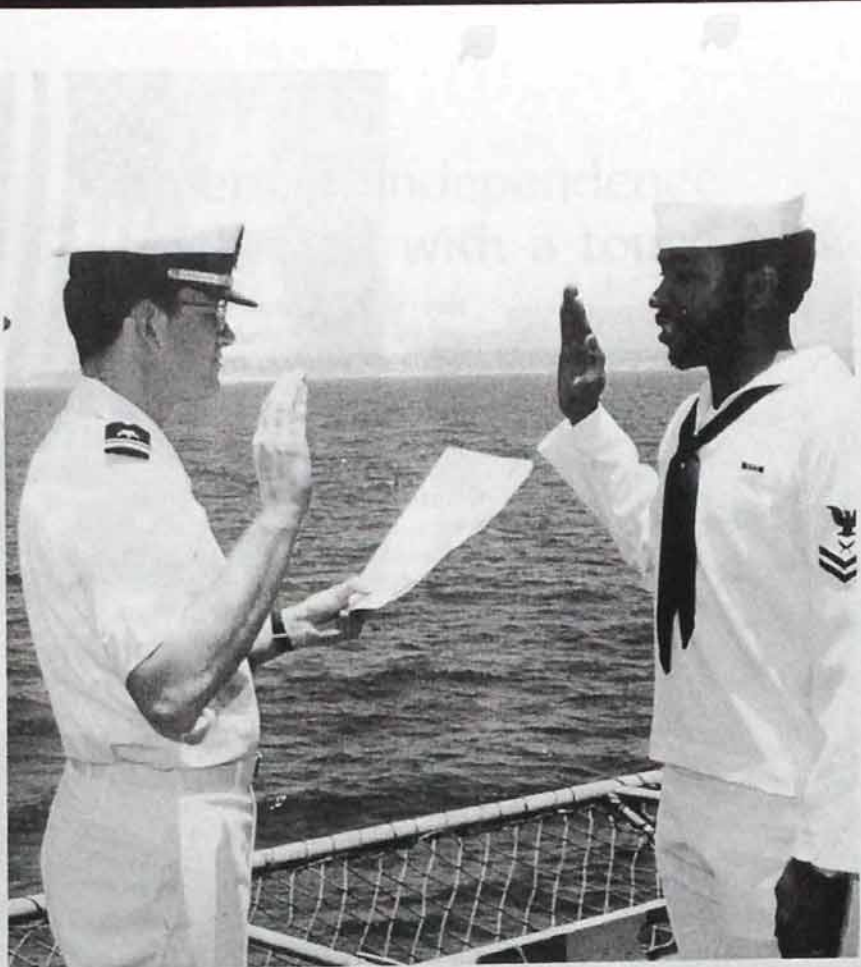
Many of the countries songs and traditions were acted out. In addition, Gen. Ibrahim Tannous, Commander of Lebanon's army, thanked us for "keeping the peace."



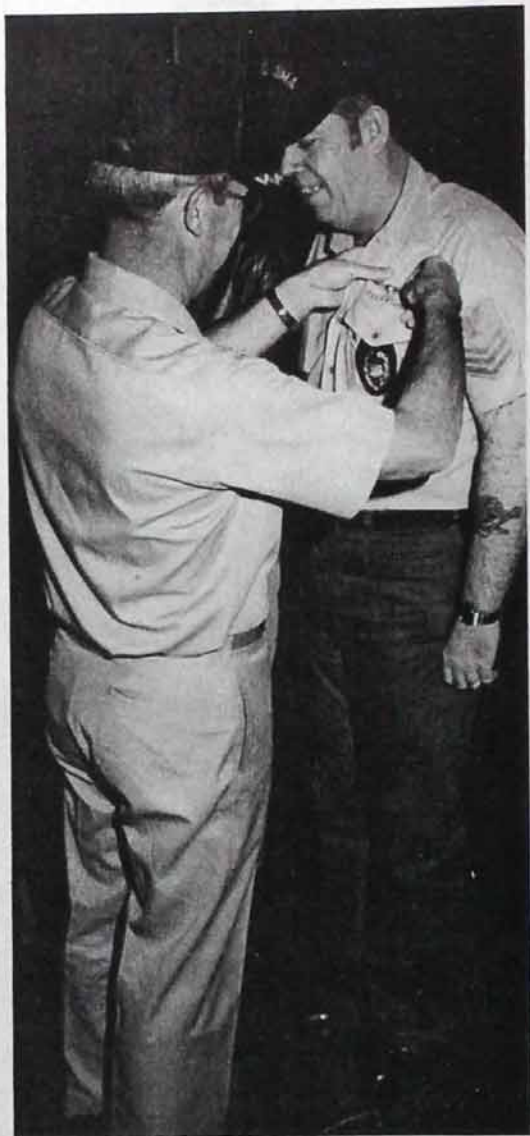


"And Now For My Next Joke ..."





"You Are Hereby Commended"





Congratulations!



Dental Department

Former Dept. Head



Lt. R. Lessmann



DT2 P. Dziadon
Dental LPO



DT2 G. Gordon
Dental DCPO



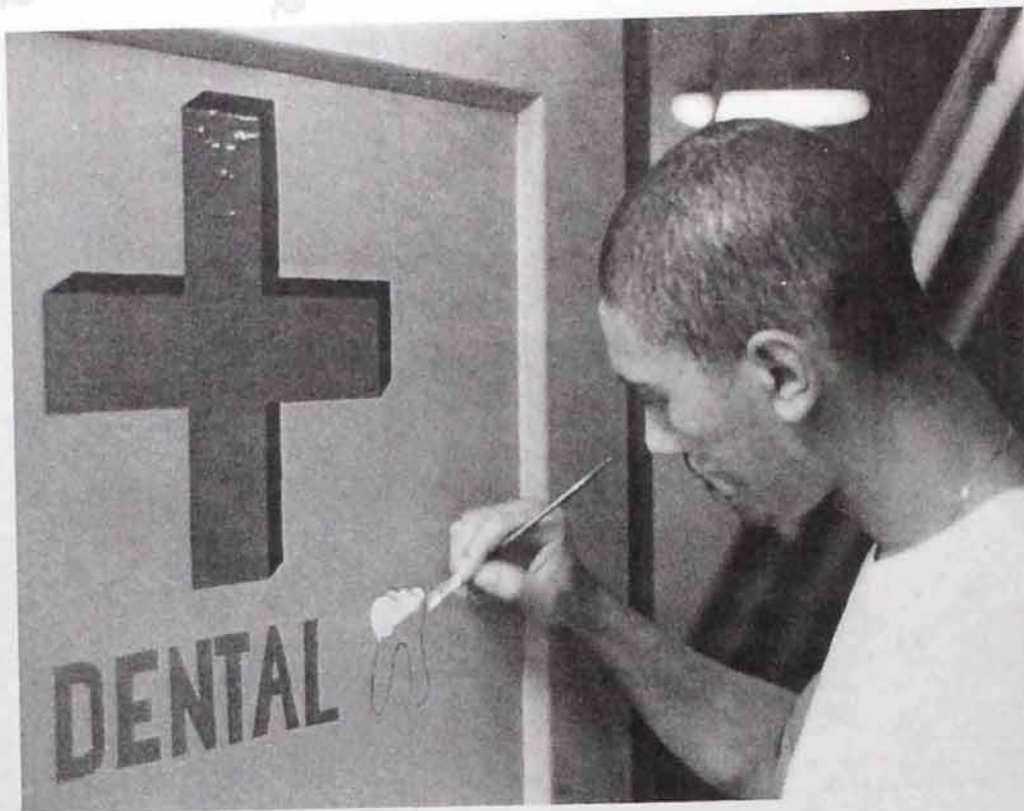
SN S. Blanchard
Dental Department



Dept. Head Lt. Baengarten,
DT2 E. Brownlee — Newcomers.

They're Not Limited To
Pulling Teeth!

Though a small department, the dental department is one of significance. The men of the dental department are responsible for all aspects of dental medicine, both preventive and corrective for the ship's company as well as all the ships in the MARG and embarked Marines. The dental department aided in Triage and mass casualties. Though simply stated, it is by no means an easy task to perform. The skills and dedication to Dentistry and Medicine of this small body of men plays a large role in the health and comfort of every man aboard ship.



The Flying Witch Doctor?



"Just a little wider, Mr. Salts. I need to get an 8" grinding wheel in there."

In
difficult situations,
Dental Department

"Pulls
Together!"



First Class Mess . . .



So this is where the supervisors hang out!



Many social events were conducted in the Chief's Mess. ETCM Taylor presents appreciation plaques to 24th MAU.

Chief's Mess . . .



Engineering Department

Department Head



Lcdr. W. Brown



Lt. R. Shema
Main Propulsion Asst.



Lt. B. Padavani
A Division Officer



LTJG J. Murphy
M/B Division Officer



CWO2 L. Hines
Electrical Officer



CWO2 G. Strothman
R. Division Officer



CWO2 F. Andersen
Damage Control Asst.

Engineering Department



LTJG M. Smith
Eng. 3M Coord.



Ens. G. Golden
Repair Officer



EMCM Canocica
Engineering LCPO



BTC D. Bergsnev
B Division LCPO



MMCS J. Schroyer
M Division LCPO



HTC Poirer
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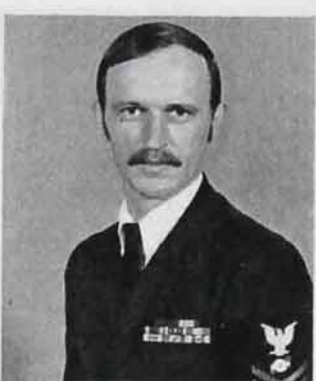
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R Division LCPO



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B Division



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E Division LPO

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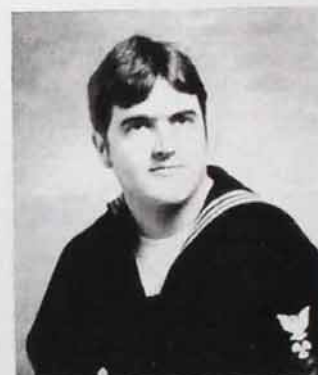
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1st Class Mess Sup.



MM2 F. Manuel
M Division



MM2 R. Inskeep
DC Division



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A Division



EM2 Striffolino
E Division



EM2 Marshal
E Division



EM2 R. Smith
E Division



IC2 M. Crum
E Division



HT2 G. Speicher
R Division



HT2 E. Evans
R Division



BT2 A. Vecchio
B Division



EN2 J. Johnston
A Division

Engineering Department



MM3 Solis
M Division



MM3 H. Grimes
M Division



MM3 Brink
M Division



MM3 J. Huffman
M Division



MM3 S. Thompson
A Division



MM3 B. Horn
A Division



MM3 M. Quaizon
A Division



MM3 M. Vooyo
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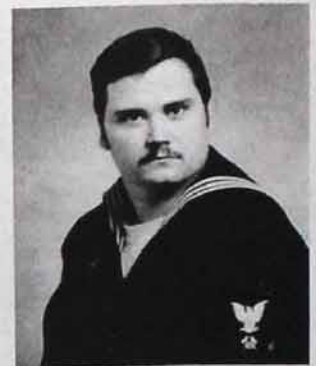
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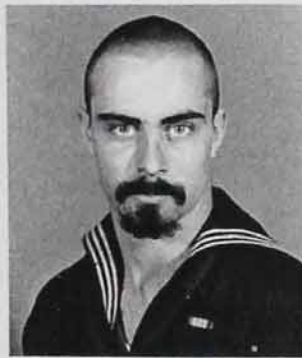
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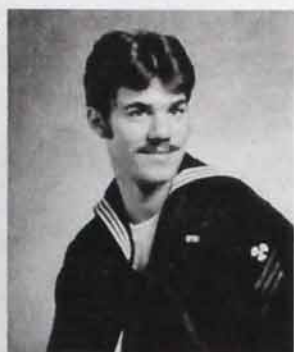


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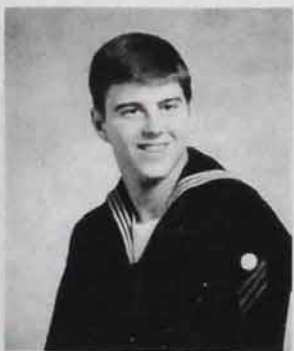
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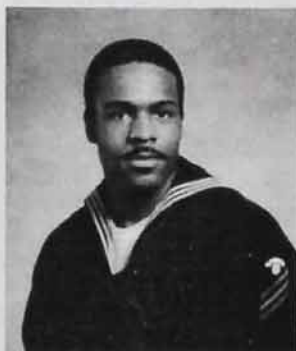
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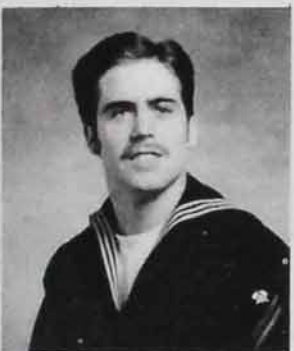
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E Division



ICFN J. Blakes
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R Division



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DC Division

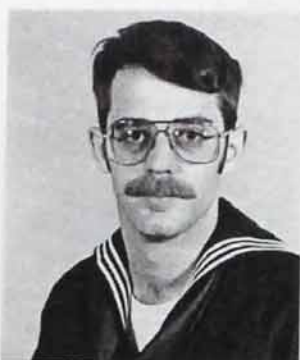


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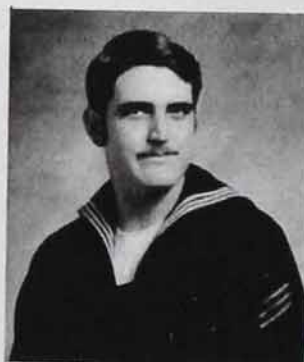
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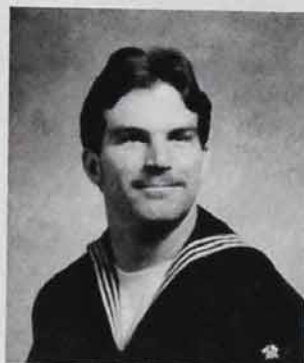
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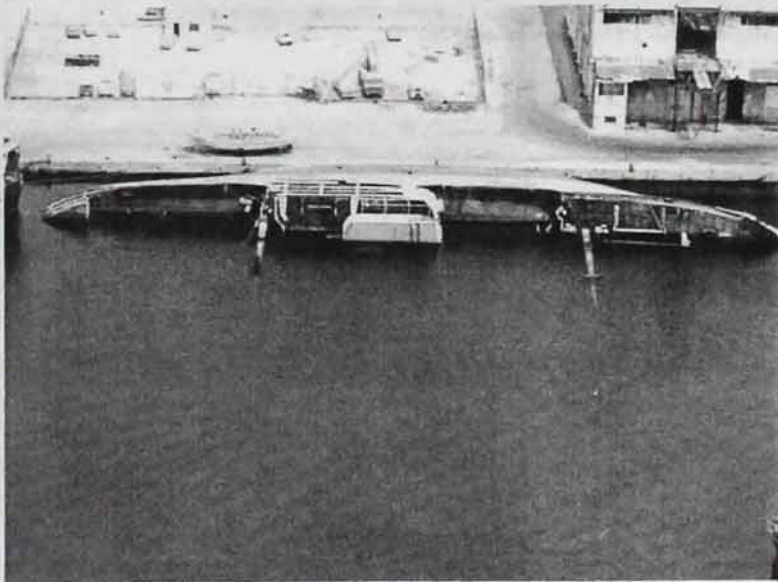
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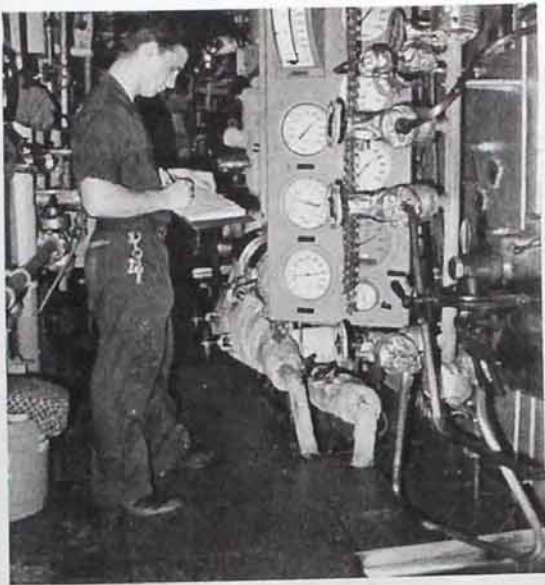
"Gee that engine room
was impressive, huh
Martha?"

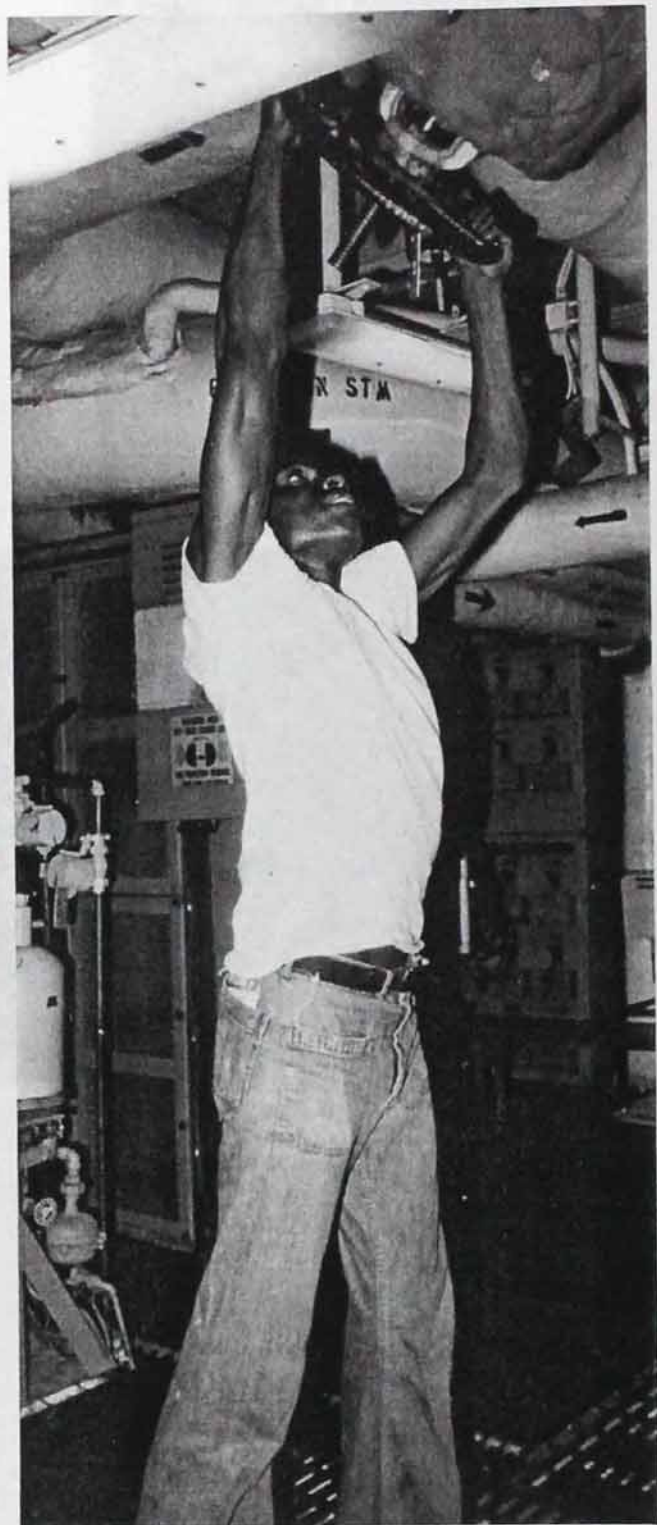
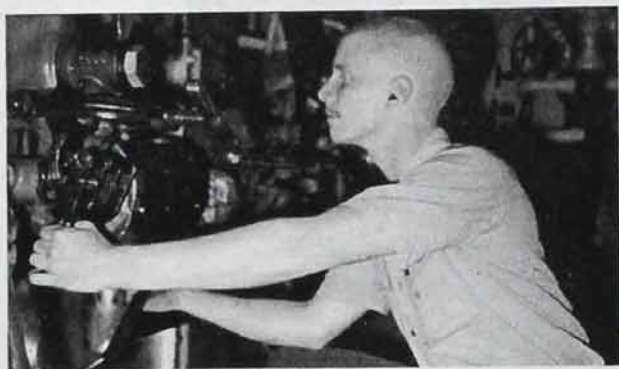
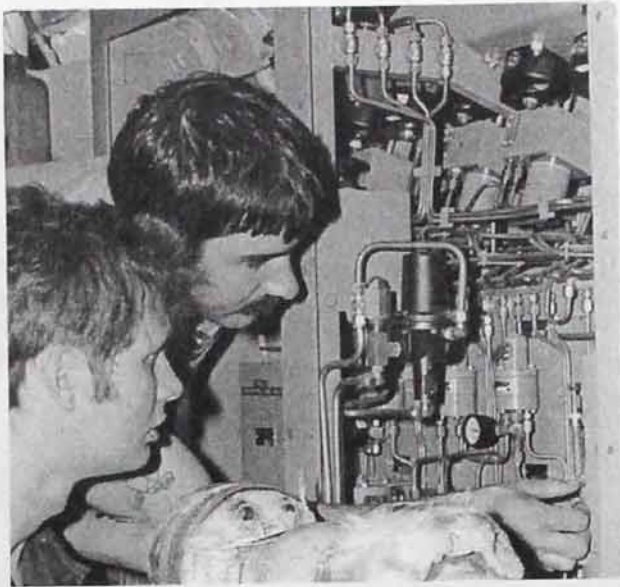
"Just a little
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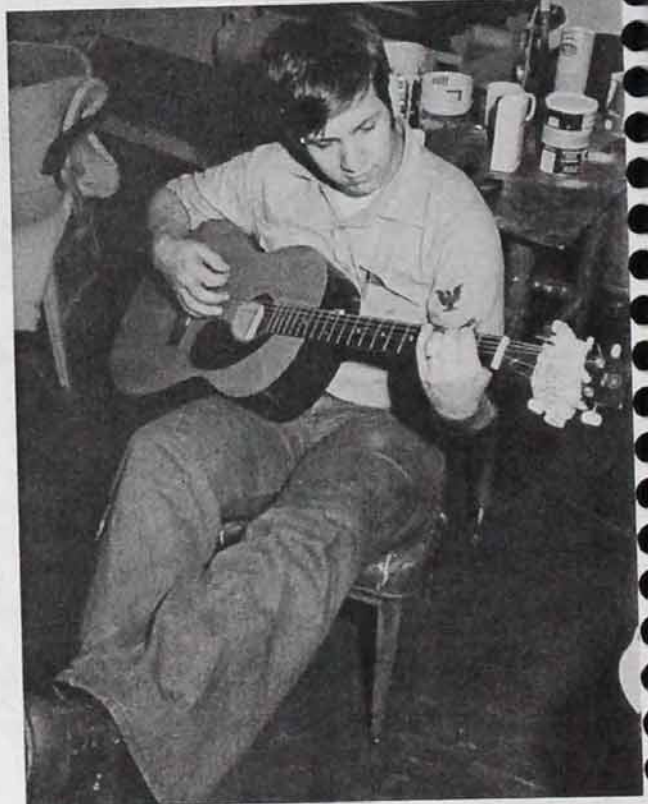
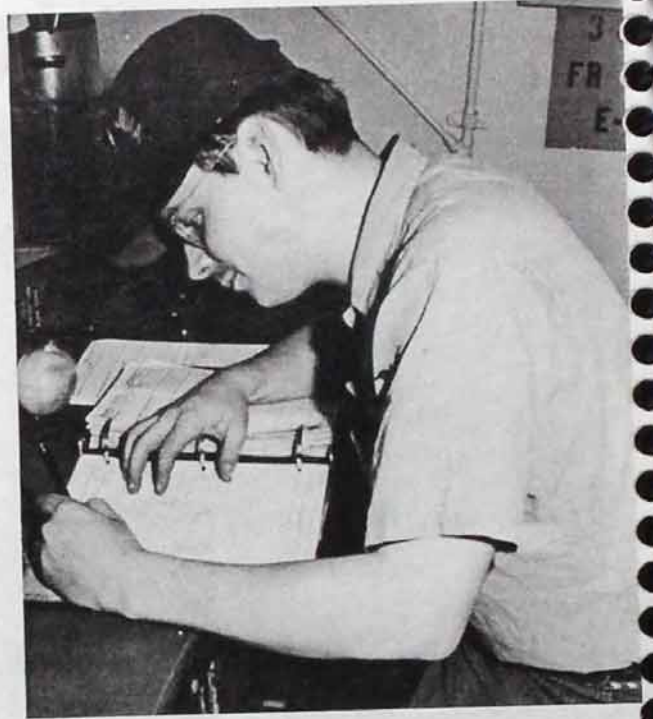
"That's the third
SSTG Engineer
has ordered this
month!"











"Oh Lord, stuck in Beirut again . . . "



WIWO's

"Wanna Bet Keenan"

"Yesterday's Sports Today Callahan"



"Have A Pleasant Evening McIntire"

"That's The Real Deal Houston"

Musical Sportscasters

Medical Department

Department Head



Lt. F.C. Henderson
Medical Officer



Lt. P.J. Vessely
Former Med. Officer



HMCS R.L. Peckham
Former Div. Officer

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Medical LPO



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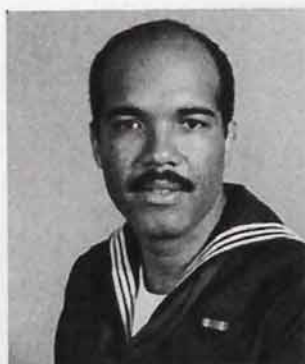
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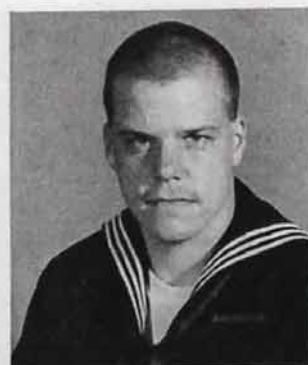
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HM2 D.A. Treherne
Preventative Med. Tech.



HM2 J. Walters
Operating Room Tech.



HM3 A.T. Bonner



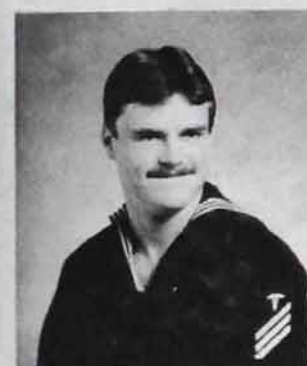
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HM3 N. Lopez
X-Ray Technician



HM3 J.M. Shry



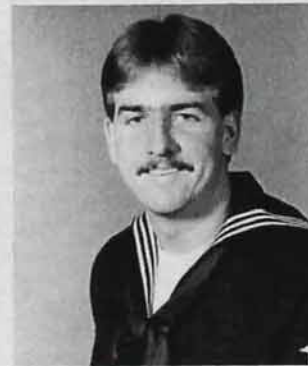
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DCPO



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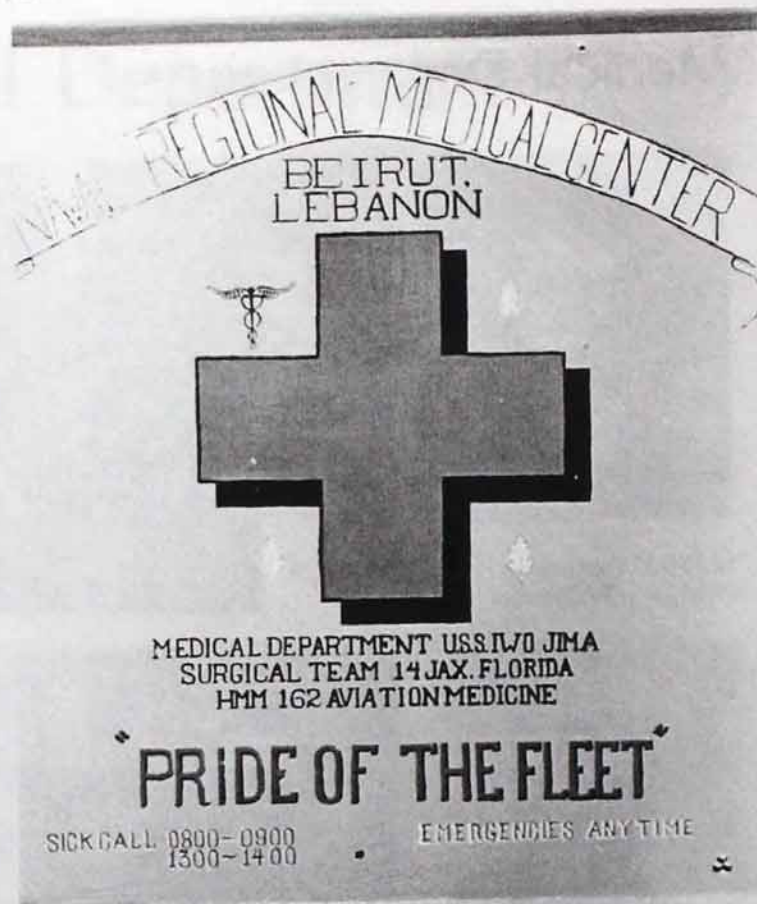


SN E.A. Behrens

Inside the

Bowels Of Medical

The door reads "NRMCM Beirut", and there are no plans to change that. It is well earned. The USS IWO JIMA is the first naval vessel since 'Nam to take on combat casualties — 105 of them. The members of ship's medical, Surgical Team 14 and medical of HMM 162 are proud of their contribution in Beirut as part of the Multinational Peacekeeping Force. Their greatest challenge was on Oct. 23, following the terrorist bombing of the BLT in Beirut. But if you ask the corpsmen, they'll tell you it was an "all hands evolution", wherein as many messcooks could be found helping the wounded as corpsmen, and where volunteers seemed to come from everywhere. When not confronted with casualties however, the department settled back to treating sick and injured sailors and Marines. Always harassing the rest of the crew for audiograms, flu shots, physical exams and stretcher bearers, the men of the medical department were ready to serve and standing proud.



A justified sign of the extensiveness of IWO's Medical Dept.



"Doc" Henderson, HMCS Krueger and HM3 "P.J." Brown.



"Just step into the office. It won't hurt ... much."



If I stare long enough, this sample may go away!

"You're sick," HM2 Treherne tactfully tells a Marine.



Doc Henderson is the only Doctor in Naval history who can examine tonsils while looking into a camera.

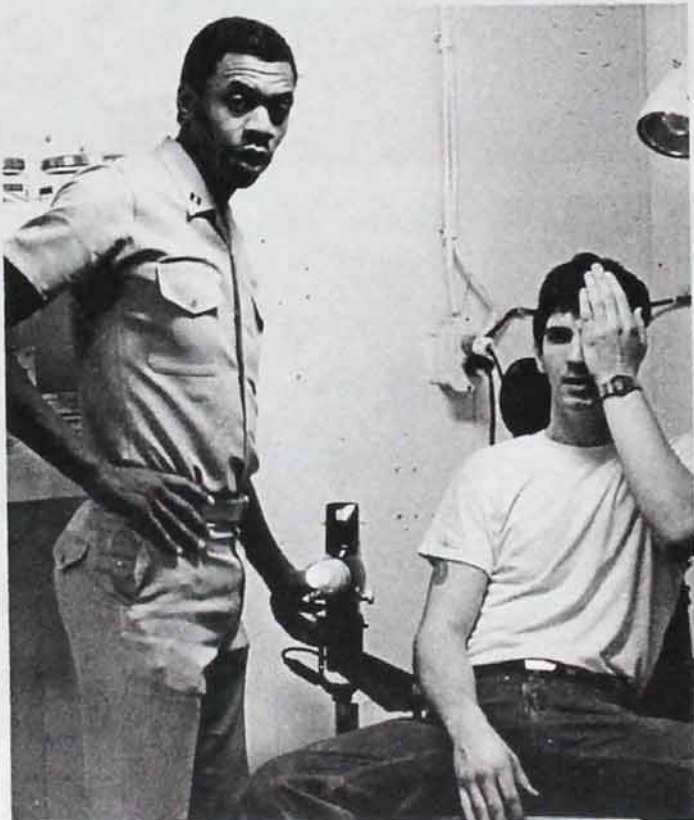
"Doc Bones" looking very tired.



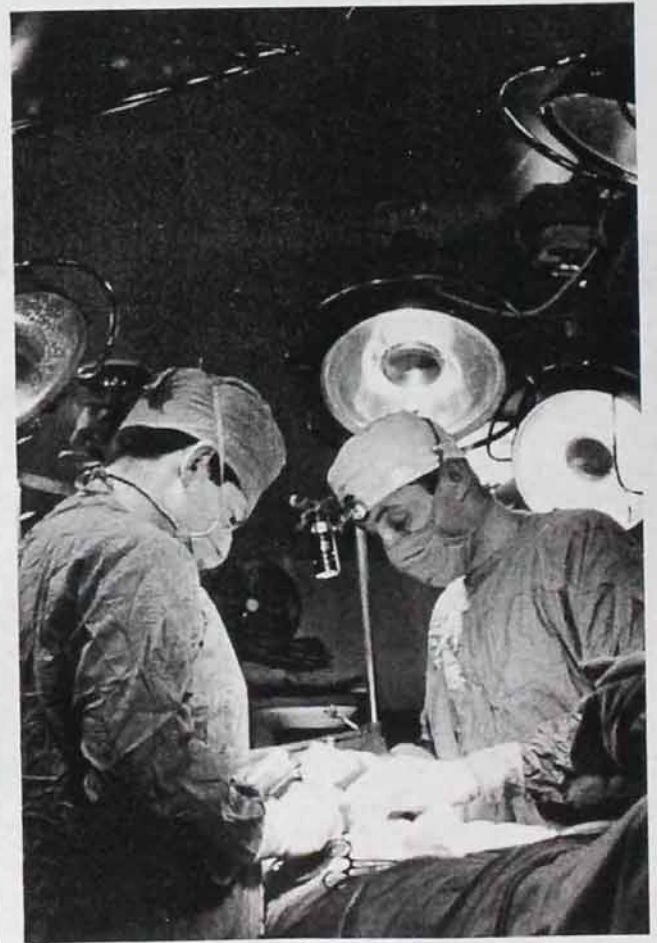
Dr. Vessely discusses medical procedures with Assistant Secretary of the Navy Chapman Cox.



Blind in one eye, can't see out of the other.



"I told you not to move!" HM2 Walters checks B.P.



One of many surgeries performed by the the Doctors.



The high fliers of

HMM 162.



Commanded by Lt. Col. L.R. Medlin, HMM-162 consisted of 12 CH-46E, four CH-53E, four AH-1T "Cobras" and two UH-1N "Huey" helos. The 250 men squadron provided a very valuable service to not only the Marines ashore, but also to the sailors in MARG 2-83. Mail and supplies were high on the list of things transported by HMM-162. Diplomatic efforts were also high priority for the squadron. Numerous times HMM-162 was called upon to transport U.S. mediators to various cities in the area. HMM-162 also set a flight-time record while deploying on IWO, earning the praise received from many high-ranking officials.

Lt. Col. Medlin and Lt. Col. Hoff present "wings" to a French member of the peacekeeping force.





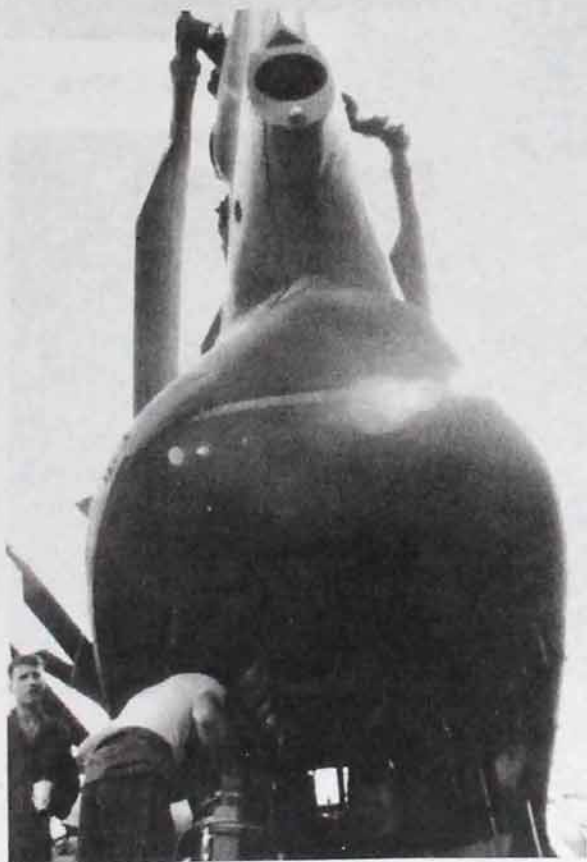
Too bad they won't give him a gun.



Sgt. Dwyer gives a "hog" a bath.

"Hey Boss, where'd we park Gator?"

"Pre-home" washdown for hogs, frogs, Cobras and Hueys.



Navigation Department

Department Head



LCdr. M.R. Hill
Navigator



QMC R.W. Hogg
Navigation LCPO



QMI R.L. Duchene
Navigation LPO



QM2 F.A. Jurado



QM3 C.T. Reasner



QM3 B.M. Geib



QMSN E.P. Robinson

Navigation Department



QMSN R.K. McGhan



QMSN W.D. Robertson

Navigation, once considered an art, has become a science and a technology. The word is a combination of the Latin "Navis", a ship, and Agere, to drive. Navigation, in short, has to do with the whole of a journey from start to finish and is concerned with four basics — finding the way, avoiding collision, fuel consumption and timekeeping. These responsibilities were assumed by the ship's navigator, LCdr. Martin R. Hill, who also performed as staff navigator for PHIBRON 8. LCdr. Hill was instrumental in directing the movements of task force ships. This being a demanding position to fill, the navigator was assisted by members of the Quartermaster rating, with QMC Hogg designated as assistant navigator. Throughout the cruise, IWO's navigation team went through numerous charts and covered thousands of miles, which required a good deal of self-discipline and training. For Navigation, it was a successful mission for which the "drivers" can be extremely proud.



In the
Words of
Navigation . . .

Albany, Ga. Getting out
 Healthy, Wealthy and Wise
 Pro Bowler "Palma, Please!"
 Lo Que Serea, Sera
 Rebel — Indy 500 Australia, someday



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Department Head



Cdr. P.F. Erny



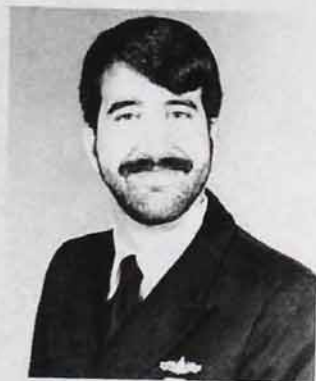
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Helo Direction Center



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Helo Direction Center



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C.I.C. Officer



Lt. R. Salts
Weather Officer



Lt. K.K. Frank
Intelligence Officer

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Lt (j.g.) D. Dubois
PMC Coordinator



Lt (j.g.) G. Hendrickson
Ship/Phibron EW Officer



1stLt M. Price
Combat Cargo Officer



Lt. (j.g.) J. Roberti
OE Division Officer



Ens. J. Hampton
Ops Admin Officer



CWO3 R. Cooper
Electronics Material Off.



ETCS G. Forbes
OE LCPO



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EWC A. Adkins
PMCC Assistant



OSC R. Gmitter
OI LPO



GySgt. G. Weeks
Combat Cargo Assistant

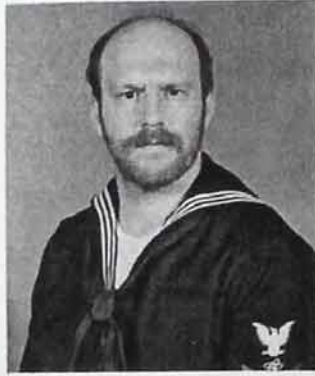


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OA LPO

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ACI T. Sulpher
OC Division



ETI J. Frawley
OE LPO



OSI S. Coleman
OI Division



PHI T. White
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PHI H. Mathis
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ETI R. McIntire
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ETI F. Ace
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OS2 J. Cogdill
OI Division



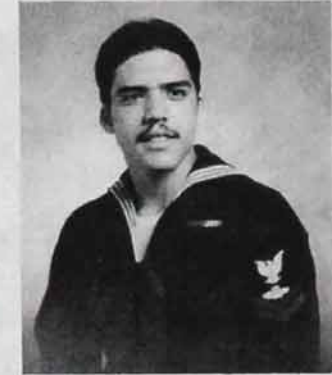
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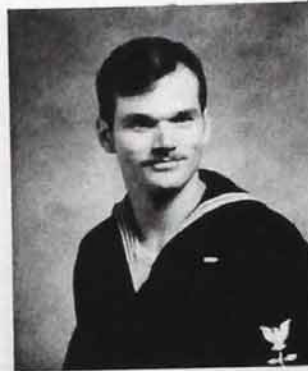
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OS2 C. Cantrel
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AG2 M. Barrett
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AG2 G. Benner
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OI Division



OS2 C. Imwold
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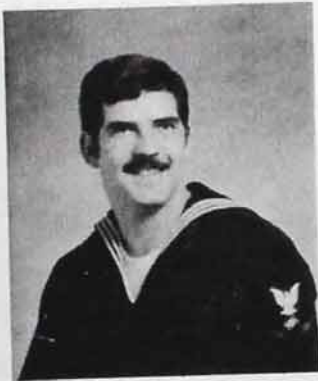


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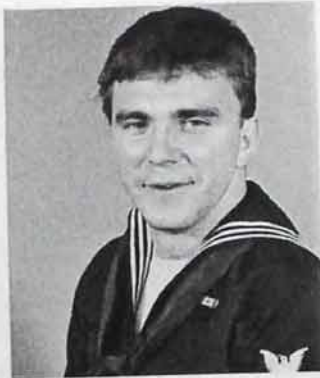


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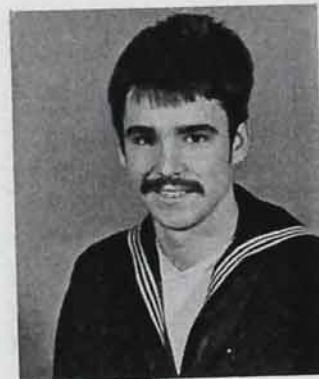
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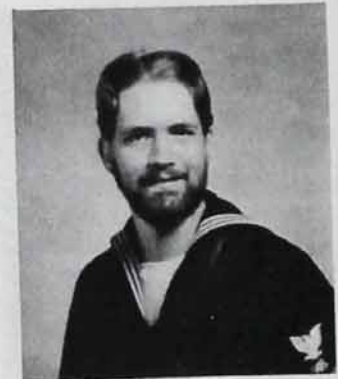
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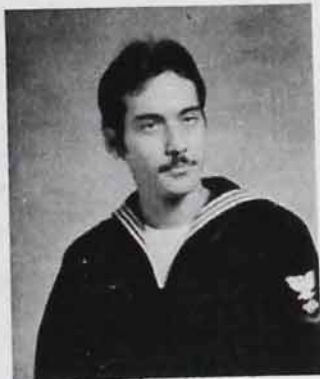
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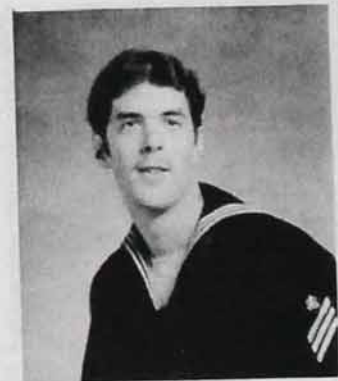
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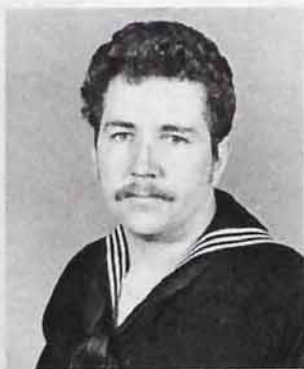


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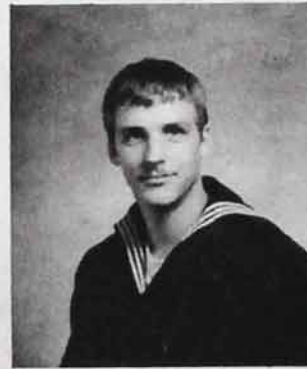
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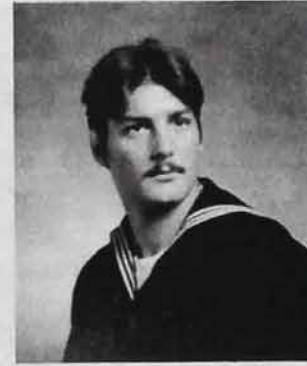
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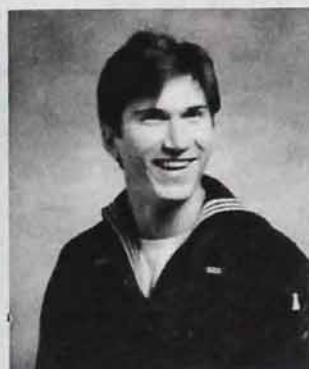
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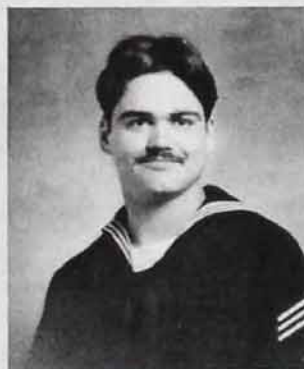
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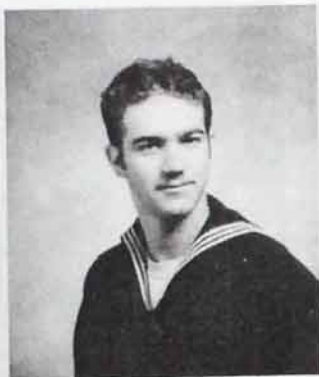


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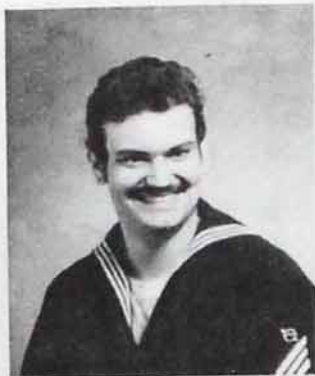


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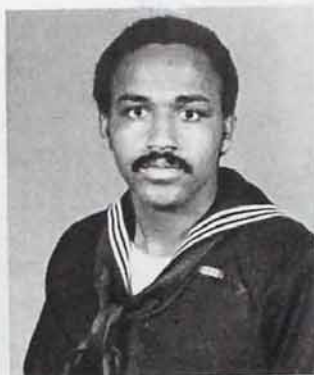
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OSSN R. Jackson
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AGAN J. Eastwood
OA Division



ETSN V. Rebrovich
OE Division



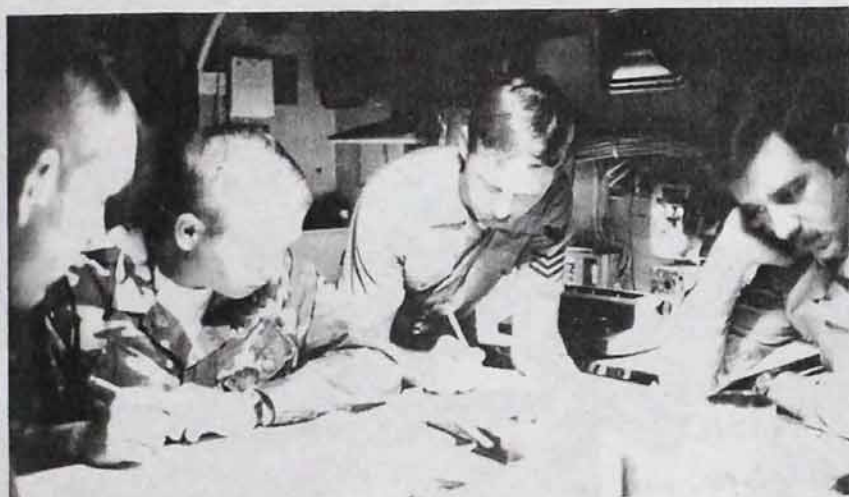
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Operations Office

Newcomers (l to r) OSSN
R. Brooks, OSSN D.
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ET3 S. Carr, OSSN B.
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OSSN T. Cluff.

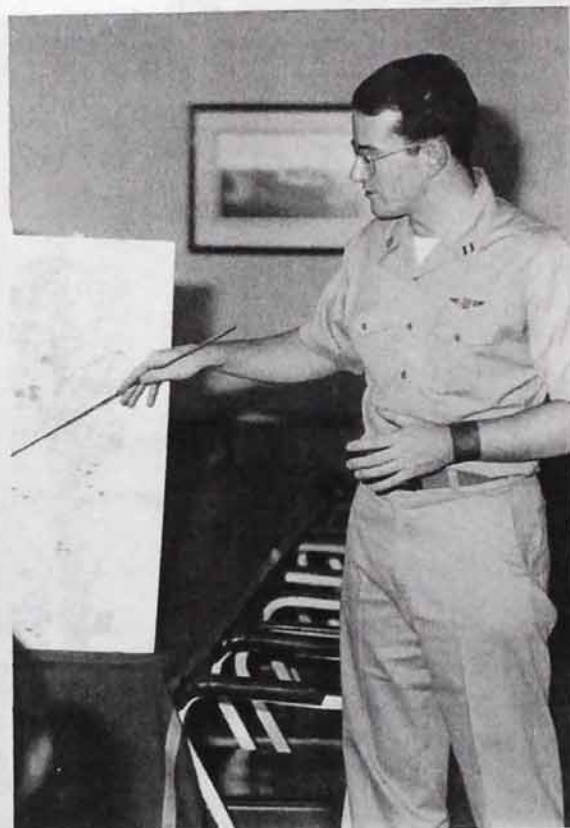
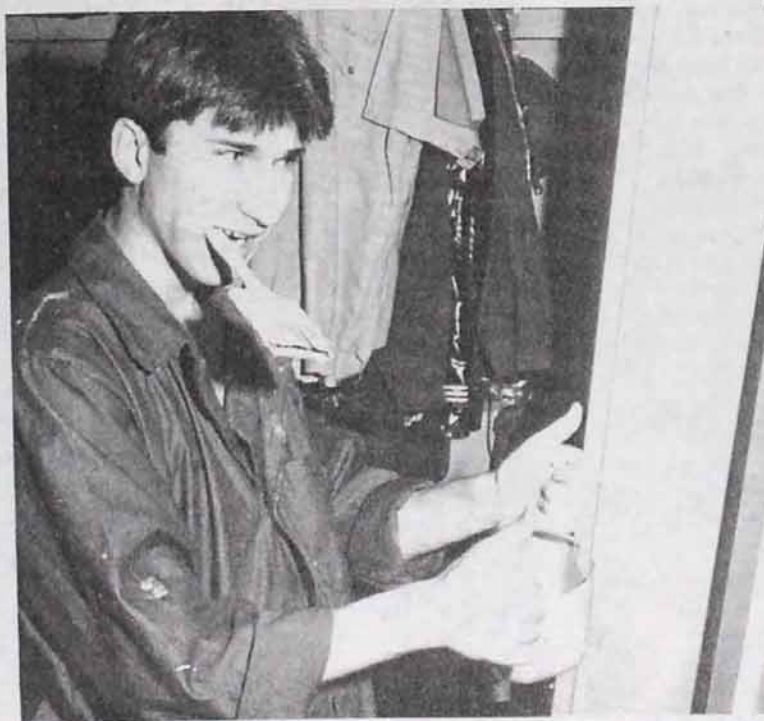




Lt. Frank, one of IWO's many "Ambassadors of Good Will", escorts Maronite Priests from Lebanon through various points of interest on IWO.



"Lemme see, that's four hamburgers, three fries and eight aspirins, right?"



Lt. Frank, Intelligence Officer gave daily intel briefs on Lebanon.

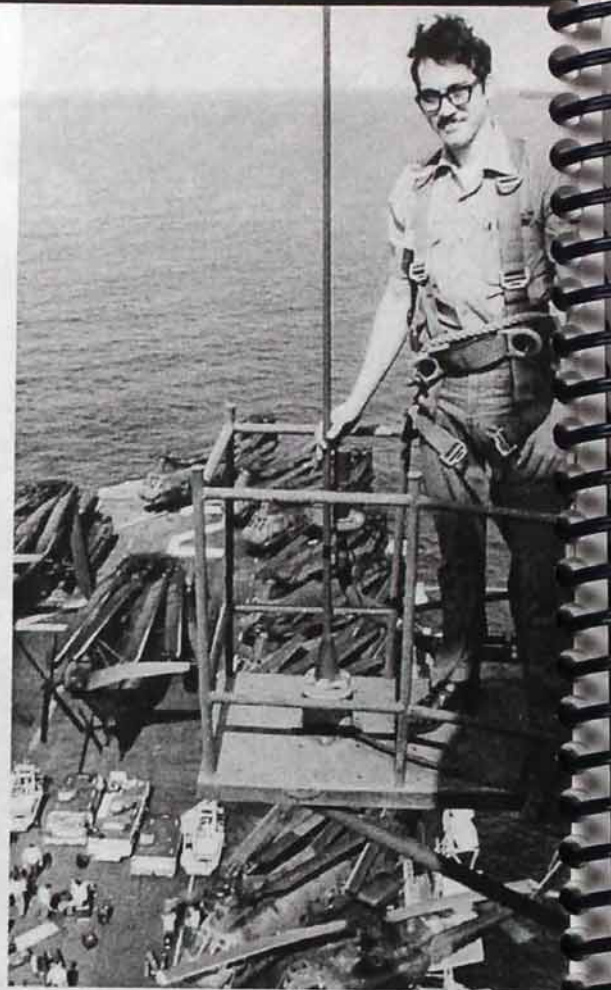
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OA Division consisted of the "weather guessers", as AG's are sometimes called. AG's gathered weather data pertaining to weather conditions in and around Beirut and the Med and compiled and distributed that data in a daily weather sheet. IWO's AG's proved *not* to be weather guessers!

OC Division, Air Controllers working mainly in the Helicopter Direction Center (HDC), controlled the movement of helos not only between ships but also during their many flights to the beach. In fact, some IWO air controllers were stationed at Beirut International Airport to direct U.S. helos in and out. OC filed flight plans, manifested passengers, kept pilots informed of weather conditions, guiding helos in to the ship during darkness or inclement weather by means of "instrument approaches".

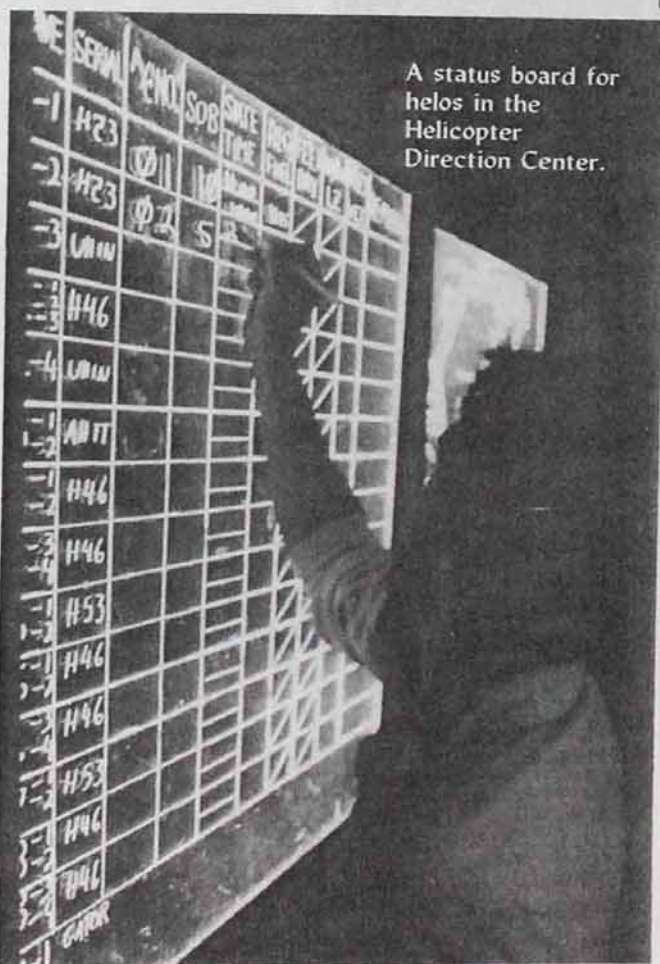


PHI Mathis focuses in on a Blue/Green peacekeepers flag.



Operations Other Divisions

The high climbers of OE Division ensured IWO was not without radar, which proved very beneficial near the end of the cruise, when terrorist aircraft seemed a threat. Radar is the "eyes" of any ship and without it IWO's stellar performance in Lebanon may have been less than superb. OI Division utilizes OE's radar to collect and process tactical info to keep the bridge aware of activity around the ship. The men of C.I.C. are prepared to supply the necessary info at all times, enabling the ship to defend itself during an air, surface or sub-surface attack. A combined division, OW/OP consists of intelligence and photography. In its intelligence role, information and signals sent by other, possibly hostile forces, in gathered and sent to the C.I.C. watch officer and the OOD to assist them in making tactical decisions. IWO's photographers used more than 500 rolls of film on V.I.P.'s and intel photos.



A status board for helos in the Helicopter Direction Center.

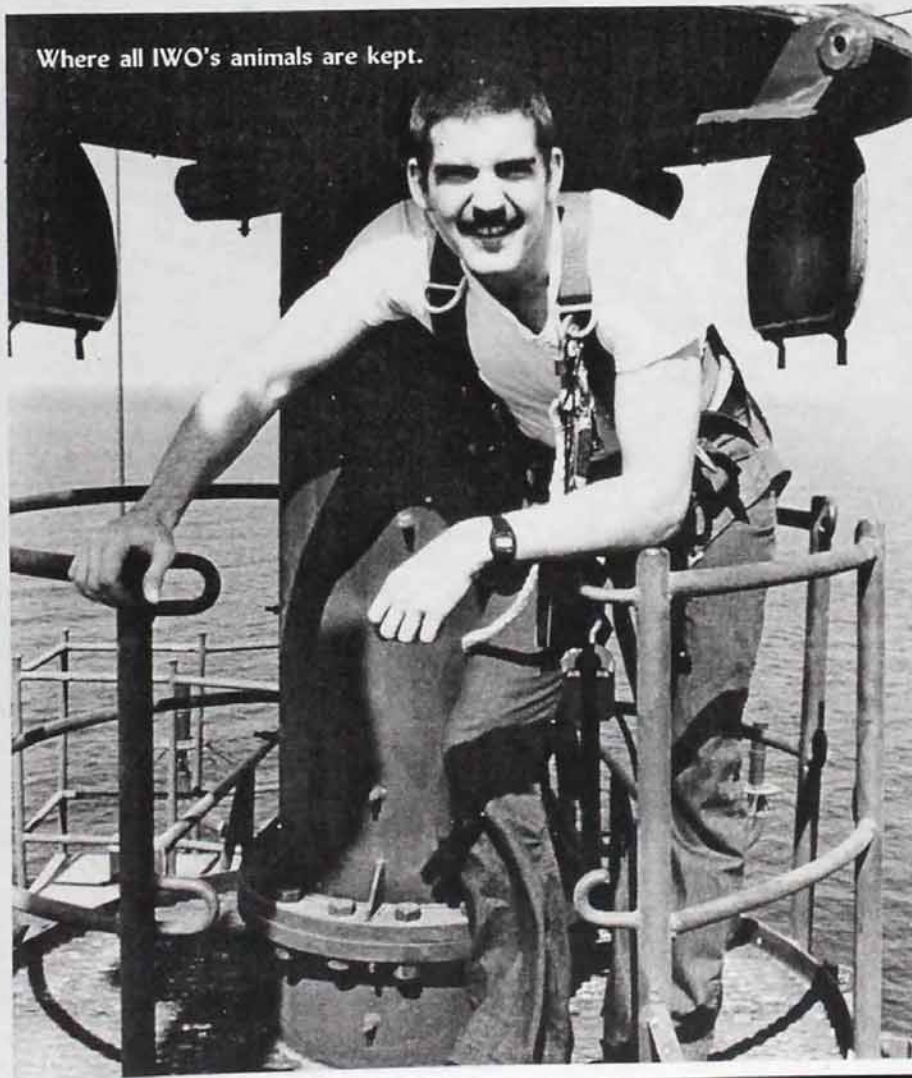




"... and meet my dummie, AG2 Benner."



Gucci.



Earth to Bailey ...

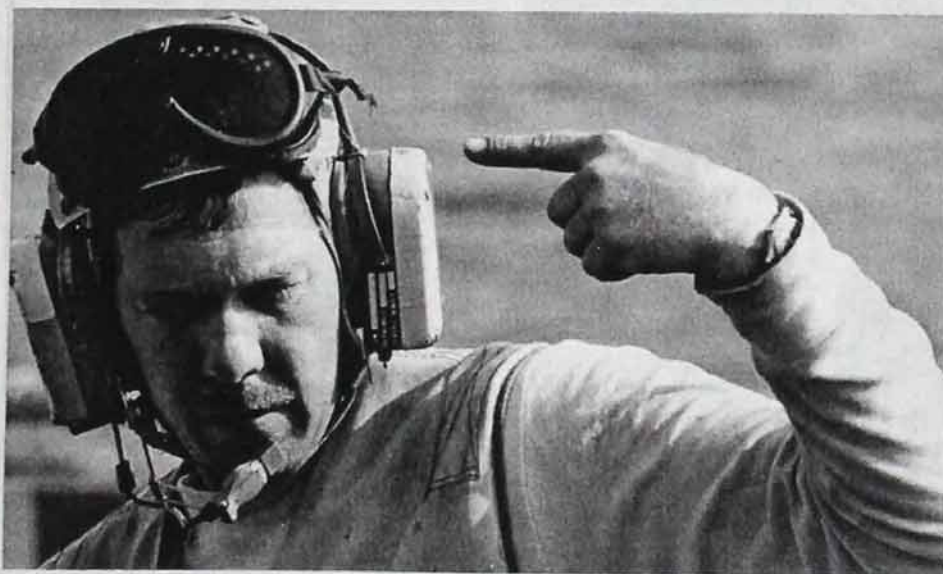




1st Lt. Price,
Mr. Smiley, at
happier times.



Lucky Sgt. Ellis doesn't have a gun.



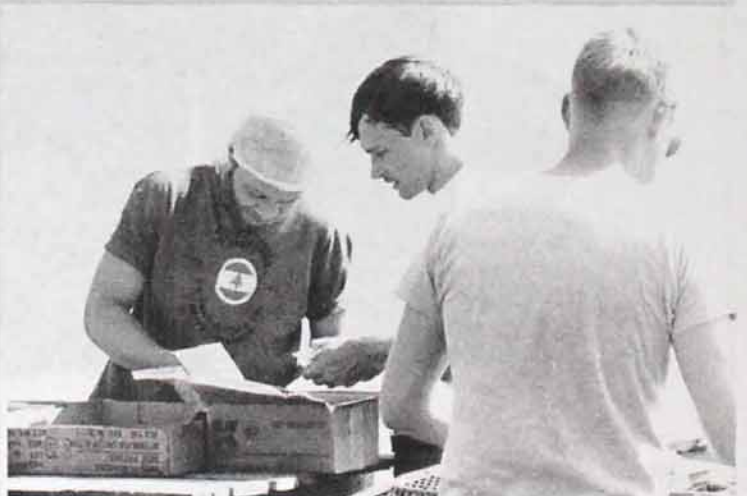
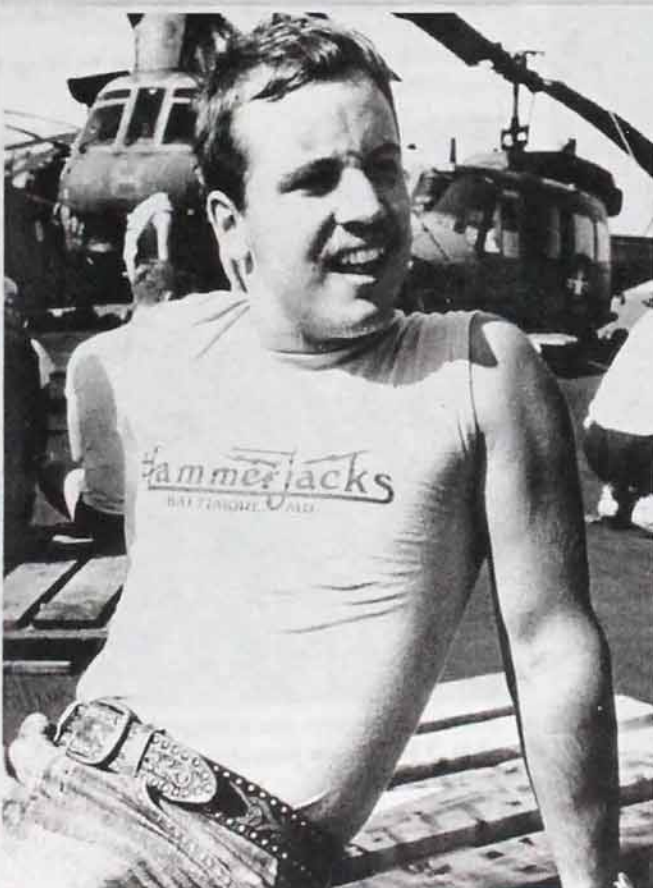
Combat Cargo was responsible for loading and unloading helos of any passengers, mail or cargo, including the tons of supplies traveling each week to the Marines ashore. Combat Cargo was greatly affiliated with PMCC (passenger, mail, cargo coordination). Throughout the cruise, the pace was exhausting. The men of Combat Cargo and PMCC worked an average 18-20 hour day. More than 2,066,000 tons of cargo were moved in seven months. The Marines of the Combat Cargo team rotated throughout the cruise, keeping them fresh. Much, therefore, must be said of the Blue side of the team, for they were not relieved but labored on through the cruise.

"Mert's Movers"





IWO Takes A Break ...



"This is a drill, this is a drill,

Fire, Fire, Fire,

There's a class Alpha fire in compartment 3-42-O-L ... " There were not many actual incidents' this cruise, but had there been, the various repair lockers, in coordination with Damage Control Central and the Bridge, would have combatted the fires. There were seven repair lockers on IWO. Each is situated in the more dangerous and vital areas of the ship. Repair lockers in engineering spaces generally are manned by engineers; lockers near the flight deck are manned by airdales. DC Central is the nerve center of the complete DC team. From there, recommendations are made to repair lockers concerning fighting fires or damage inflicted by hostile forces. It's a complex yet effective organization, one no ship can do without.

Jiminez takes a breather form his hoseman position.



Teamwork is essential, especially in fighting fires.



Number 2 hoseteam provides personnel protection.



Donning the OBA (Oxygen Breathing Apparatus). Feeding hoses to the scene of the fire.



While the investigators are searching for fire or damage, members of Repair 3 stand by for further instructions.



Corpsmen are valuable members of any team. Their treatment of firefighters could mean the difference between life and death of a ship.

Happy Birthday IWO JIMA And U.S. Navy!

When IWO JIMA turned 22 glorious years old in August, there were two high-ranking individuals on board to offer the well wishes. Those two were the honorable John F. Lehman, Secretary of the Navy and VAdm Edward H. Martin, Commander Sixth Fleet. At right, VAdm Martin congratulates MS2 Tijerina and MS2 Sherman for baking the cake which depicts a sea service ribbon. Looking on are Secretary Lehman and Capt. Jones.



It is Navy tradition to have a ship's youngest and oldest crewmembers in attendance during the Navy's birthday. SA Paul Schweiker, 18, and MACS Aubrey Hardy, a veteran of 33 years naval service, in the presence of Capt. Jones and Capt. France, have the honors of cutting the cake, marking the Navy's 208th Birthday.

Another birthday celebrated with the Navy's was that of ABHI Ray Mann.



Supply Department

Department Head



Lt. E.N. Hering
Asst. Supply Officer

LCdr. J.J. Hund



Lt (j.g.) J.J. Ledvina
S-IF & S-7 Div. Officer



Ens. C.G. Oldaker
S-IM Division Officer



Ens. T.A. Hleba
Food Service Officer



Ens. R.J. Seidel
Sales Officer



Ens. R.J. Pytel
S-4 Division Officer

Supply Department



SKC W.L. Davenport
S-IM LCPO (no photo)



MSCS P.T. Buraga
S-2 LCPO



SHC T.H. Carter
S-3 LCPO

DKI E.O. Odango
S-4 LPO



MSC G.F. Belmonte
S-5 LCPO



ADC R.R. Sumalpong
S-6 LCPO



DPI S.D. Morris
S-7 LPO



MSI R.D. Abulencia
S-5 Division



MSI A.V. Caasi
S-5 Division



MSI H.B. Batnag
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MSI B.M. Estalilla
S-2 Division

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SHI J.L. Brown
S-3 Division



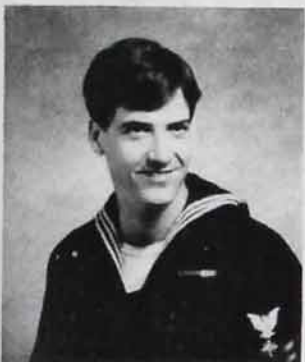
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S-6 Division



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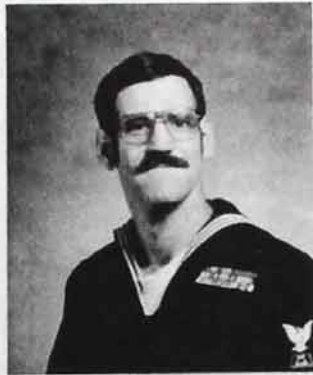


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MS2 M.E. Sherman
S-2 Division

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SH2 L. Sherrod
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S-3 Division



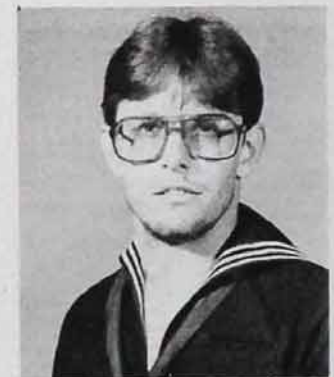
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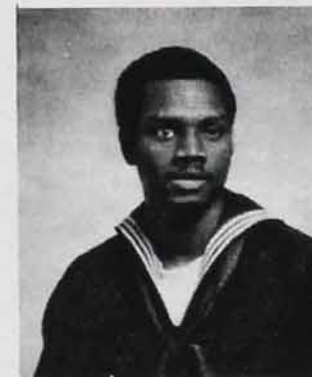
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S-7 Division

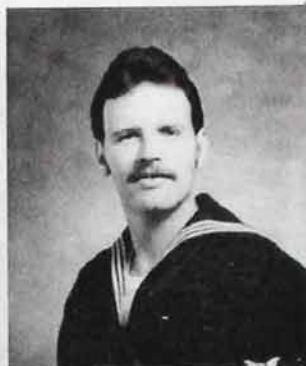
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MS3 J.A. Stevens
S-5 Division



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S-3 Division



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MSSN D. Sutton
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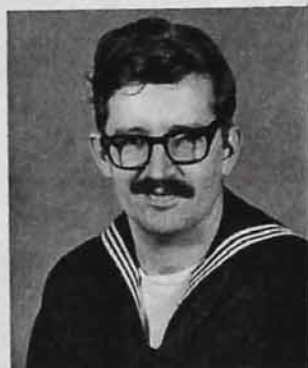
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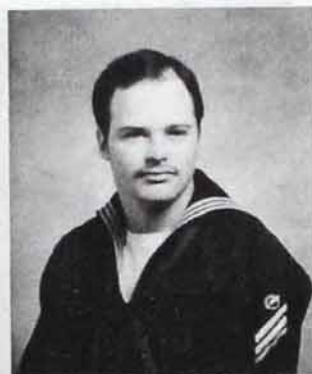
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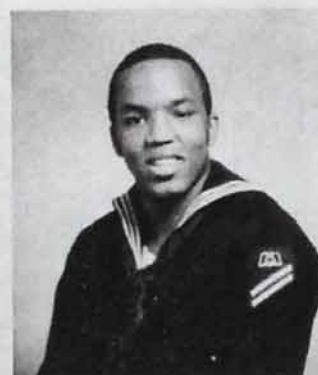
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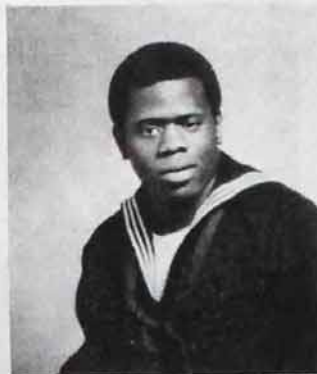
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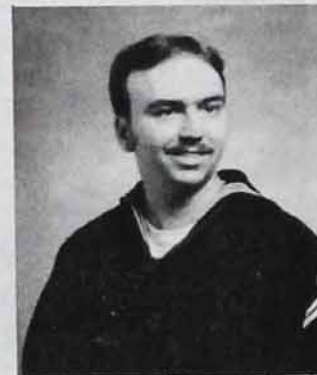
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S-3 Division



MSSN L. Benson
S-2 Division



SHSN L.T. Flanary
S-3 Division



DPSA W.E. Shaw
S-7 Division



Newcomers to Supply include: The motley crew pictured above.



Walk softly and carry a *BIG* knife!

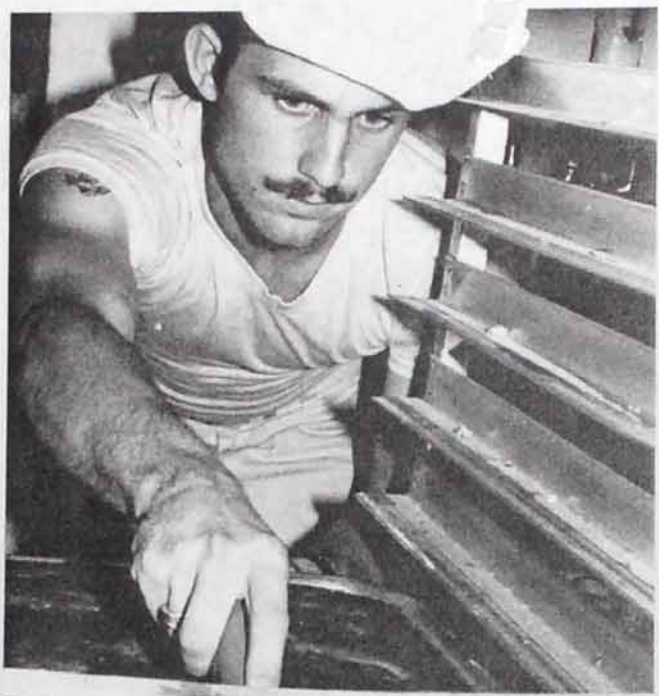
"Huh?" Too many long nights . . .



MS2 Tijerina, MS2 Greene, MS2 Sherman, MSI Abulencia and their creation.

IWO's 'Sears and Roebuck' division. commanded by SKC Davenport.





MS3 Songer carves dessert.

"I've been on hold three hours!"



The "sorry, only four ounces" gang behind the line.

IWO's Supply Department — so much more than just a name. Commanded with the professional expertise of LCDR J.J. Hund and Lt. E.N. Hering, IWO's supply department faced many challenges as part of MARGZ-83, and accepted them with great zeal. Composed of several diverse divisions, IWO's supply department proved to be a team worthy of praise. Those divisions and a brief overview of their functions during the deployment are as follows: S-1F, S-1M and S-1B Divisions worked, received, stocked, inventoried and distributed several hundred tons of equipment and supplies essential to continued operation of IWO during the deployment. S-2 prepared and served more than a half-million meals. They provided bakery items to the Marines, and S-2 maintained an impressive appearance. S-3 Division operated and maintained IWO's laundry, dry cleaning, barber shops, vending and ship's store with great finesse. The ship's store sold more than a quarter-million candy bars alone. S-4 Division handled what probably was one of the more important aspects of supply. S-4 supplied each man with his paycheck. S-5 operated the wardroom in enviable fashion, catering to hundreds of V.I.P.s. S-7 effected everyone with processing reports for every department, plus they printed everyone's paycheck.

"Is that Ens. Seidel dancing on the table?"





"It's not moving now!"



"Shortchanged? We wouldn't do such a thing!"



"Help!" Next best thing to K-Mart.

Would you buy a used computer tape from this bunch?





V.I.P.s





Normally, 10 or less V.I.P.s are the norm, IWO exceeded.

NAVY:

John F. Lehman, SECNAV; Chapman B. Cox, ASST. SECNAV; Adm. James D. Watkins, CNO; VAdm. M.S. Holcomb, Dep. CINCUSNAVEUR; VAdm. E.S. Briggs, COMNAVSURFLANT; VAdm. J. Martin, COMSIXTHFLT; RAdm. Rowden, COMSIXTHFLT; RAdm. Chang, COMCRUDESGRU TWO; RAdm. J.O. Tuttle, CTF-60; RAdm. Stevenson, CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS; RAdm. McKean, NAVMEDCOM I6; Como. J. Cassels, MEDOFF. H Q M C .

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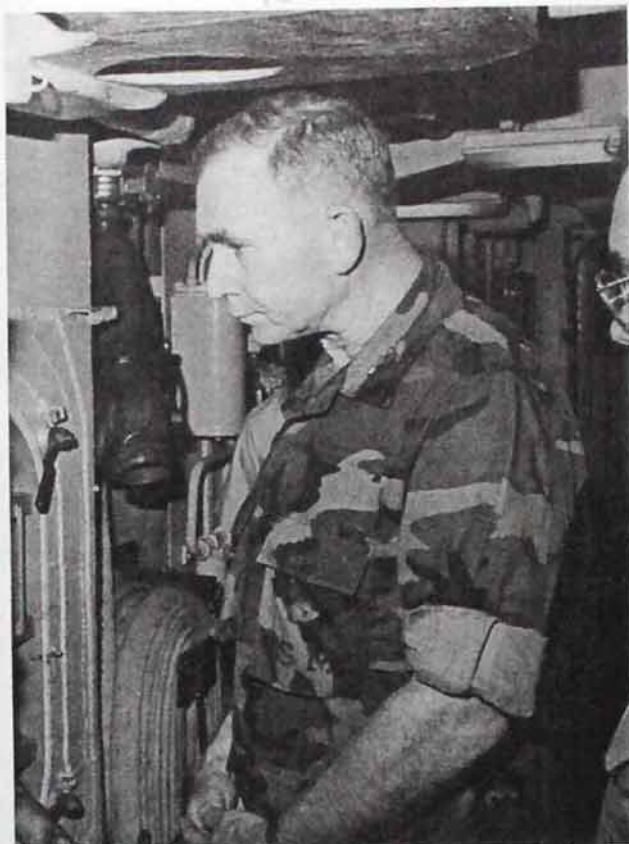
Gen. Paul X. Kelley, CMC; Gen. R.H. Barrow; BGen. E.T. Cook, Dep. USCINCEUR; MGen. A.M. Gray; BGen. J. Mead; MGen. Smith; Lt. Gen. J.H. Miller; BGen. Wingles; BGen. J.R. Joy.

ARMY:

Gen. John W. Vessey, Chairman, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF; BGen. A. Cooley; BGen. Stiner.

AIR FORCE:

BGen. E.J. Heinz, USCINCEUR; Gen. R. Lawson, Dep. CINCEUR. OTHERS who came aboard IWO JIMA include Special Middle East Envoy Robert McFarlane, Ambassador to Lebanon, the Honorable Mr. Bartholomew and Mr. George Bush, Vice President of the United States.



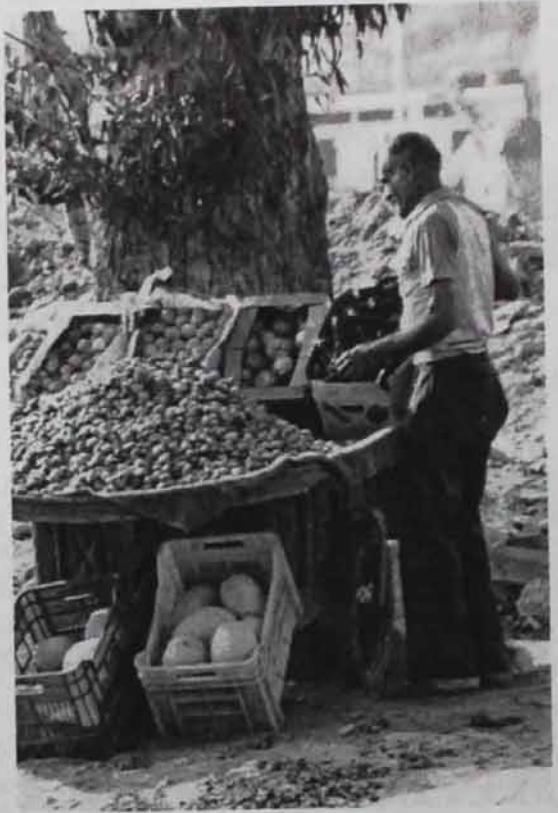
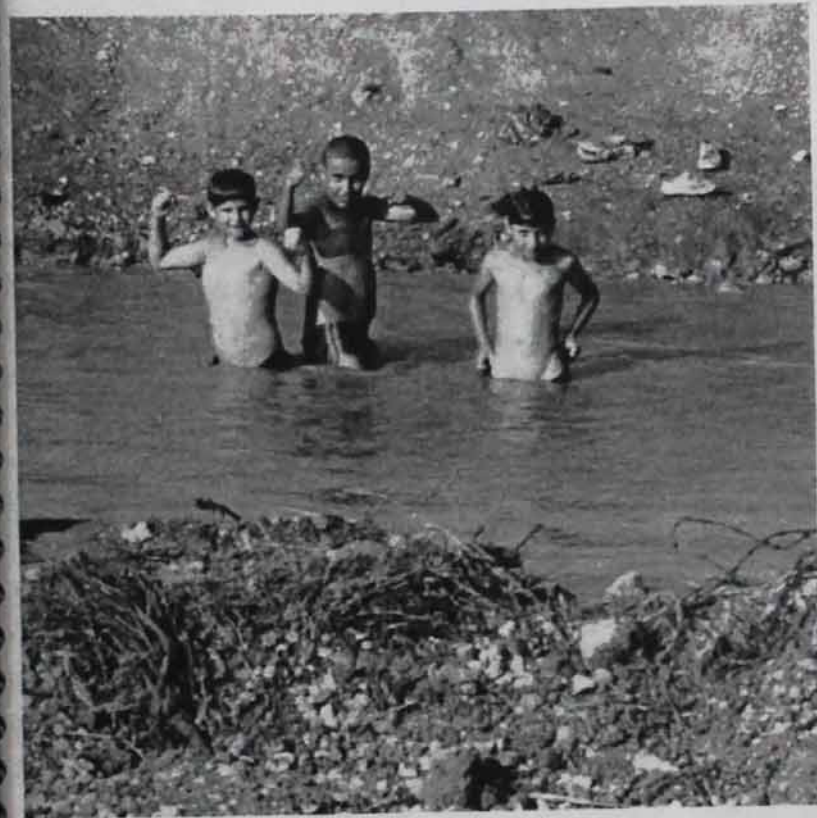
FOREIGN FORCES who came aboard during the cruise include: **ITALIAN** — BGen. Franco Angioni. **FRENCH** — BGen. Jean-Claude Coullon; RAdm. Klotz, Commander French Battle Group. **BRITISH** — Lt. Col. Cochrane, Commander British Forces; MGen. Langley, British Forces Cyprus; Sir David Roberts, British Ambassador. **LEBANESE** — Gen. Ibrahim Tannous, Commander Lebanese Army.



Home for some, *Hell for others*

Beirut.

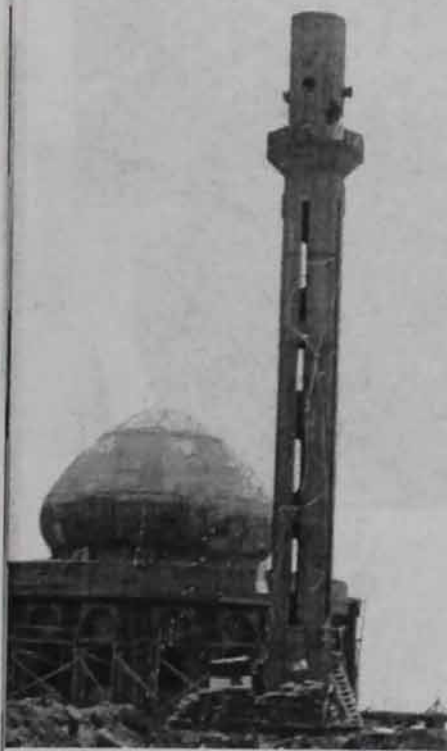




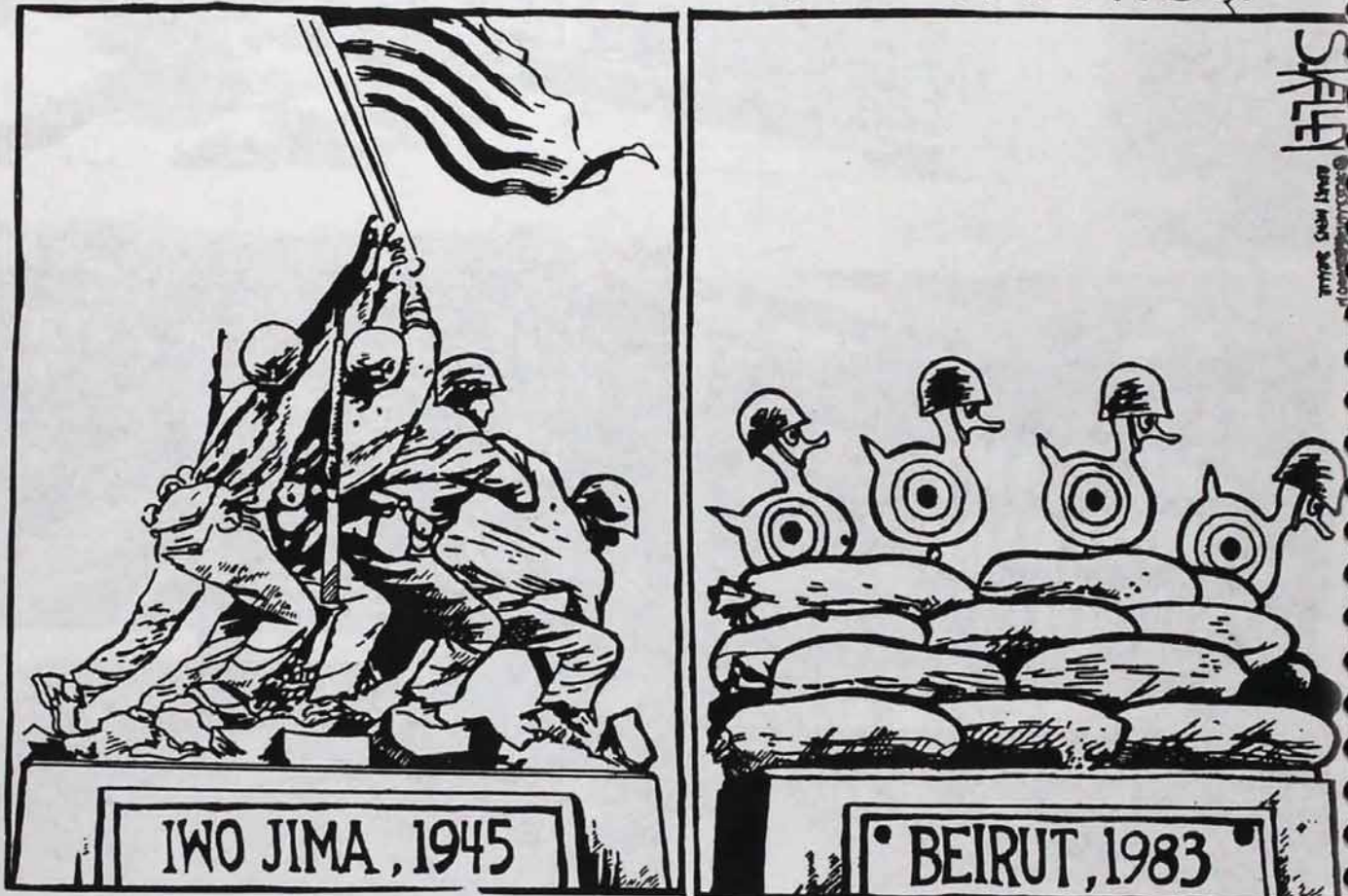
Life in the city



Landmarks
in the city
of Beirut.



U.S. MARINE CORPS MONUMENTS...



The feelings of many were portrayed by editorial cartoons such as this one.

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For 5½ months, IWO was on

Center Stage Of The World.

Boston Globe

NBC TV

Dallas Morning News

AP
ABC Radio

UPI

New York Times

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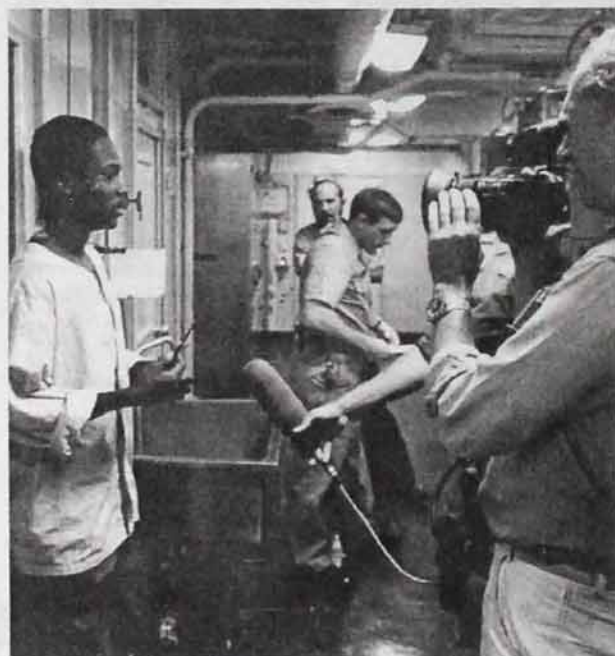
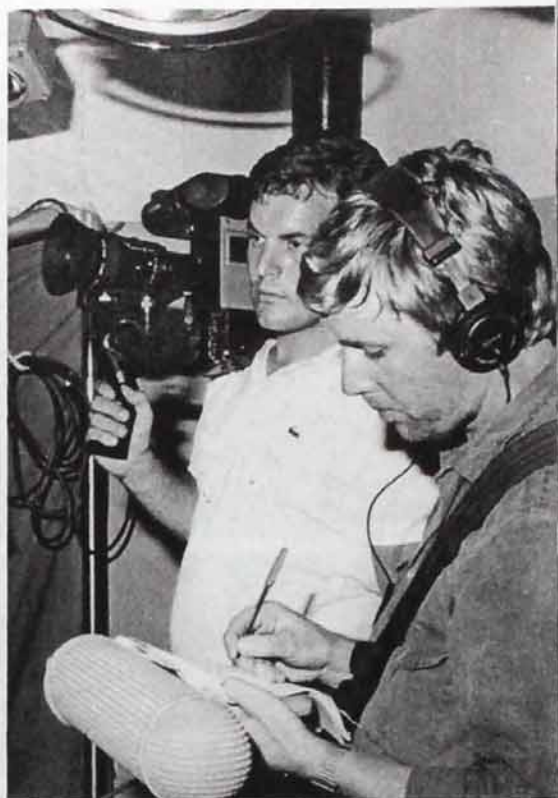
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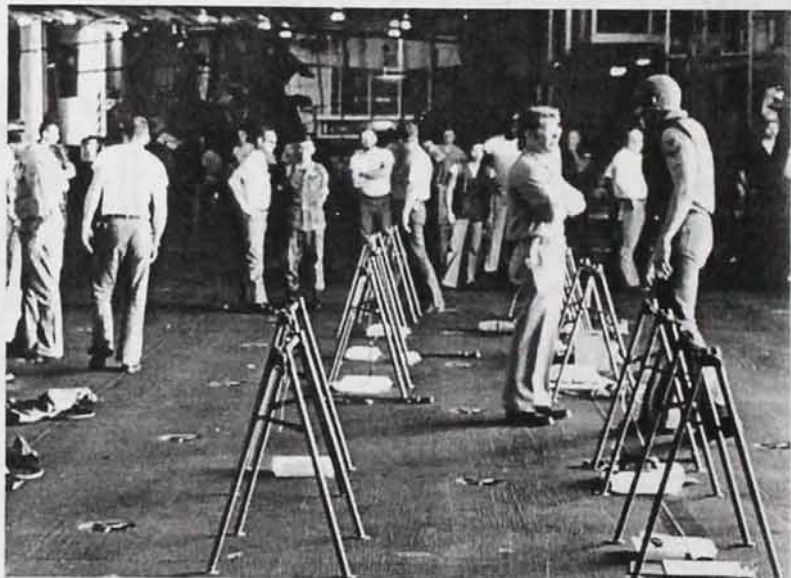
And IWO JIMA
Performed Superbly!



The Battalion Landing Team Headquarters, before and after.

It was to be another "Holiday Routine" that Sunday morning. A day when most sailors and Marines would sleep-in, write letters and relax. *That* day was shattered violently for nearly 400 Marines by a terrorist. *That* day began early for IWO sailors as "mass casualties, mass casualties" echoed throughout the quiet passageways and spaces. IWO had heard the words before and again, preparations were made to receive the wounded. It wasn't until the initial report of what actually occurred was heard that people realized the sheer truth of those words "mass casualties." (Pics clockwise right)

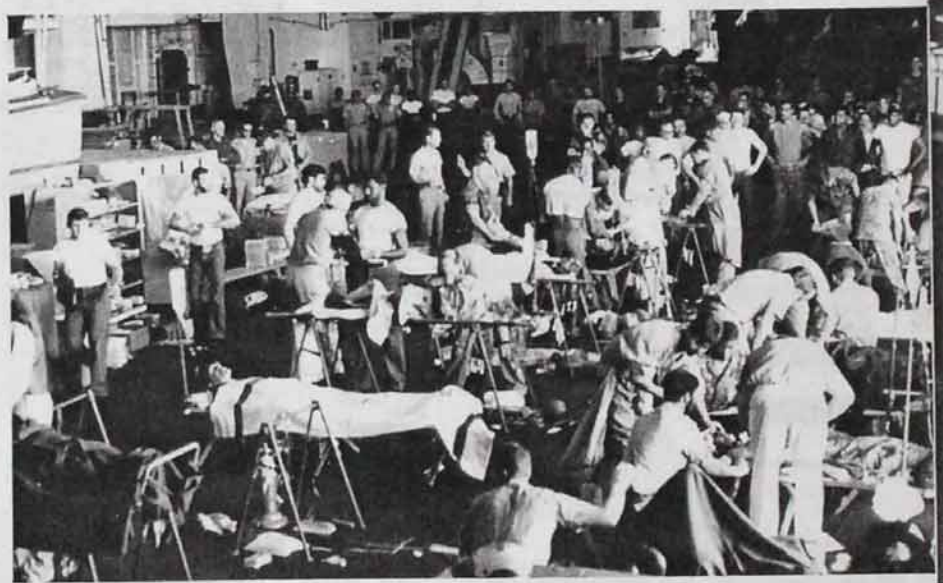
- (1) A triage is set up in the hangar bay.
- (2) A triage team is sent ashore to augment a medical team which was nearly wiped out in the blast. (3) An injured Marine comes aboard.



(Pics clockwise left) (1) Combat Cargo personnel transport an injured Marine across the flight deck to #2 elevator. (2) Commodore France casts a somber look at the scene developing on the hangar bay. (3) The first of the injured Marines arrive on the hangar bay. (4) Several injured Marines await transfer from the flight deck to the hangar bay triage area.







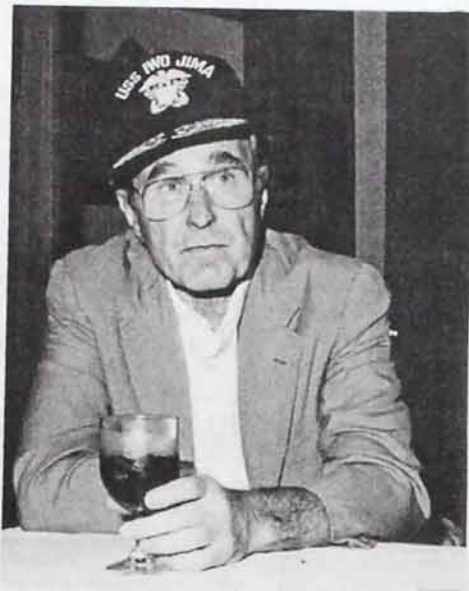
(Pictures — opposite page — clockwise upper left) (1) It was an all hands effort to transport the injured Marines. (2) Doctors huddle around an injured Marine, trying to determine his injuries. (3) Though it appears to be mass confusion, it was not.

From the Chaplain to the stretcher bearers, everyone knew his job. (4) Lt.

Baumgarten, IWO's dentist, assists a surgical team doctor in treating a more severely injured Marine. (5) Dr. Henderson confers with a surgical team doctor. (Clockwise from above) (1)

Senator G. Humphrie, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Preparedness Subcommittee, was awaiting transfer ashore to observe the Marines "first hand". There were no flights for him until much later in the afternoon. (2) "More supplies ..."

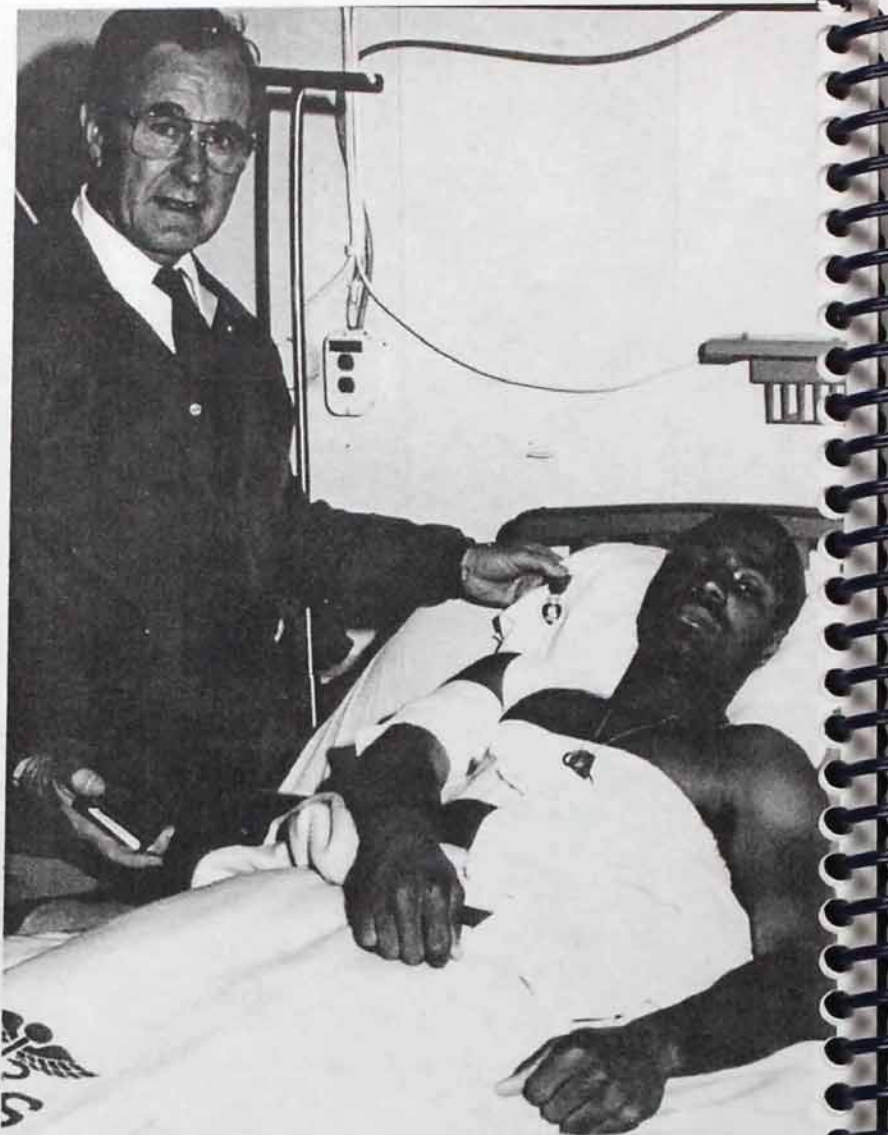
(3) Hangar bay triage (4) Semper Fidelis.



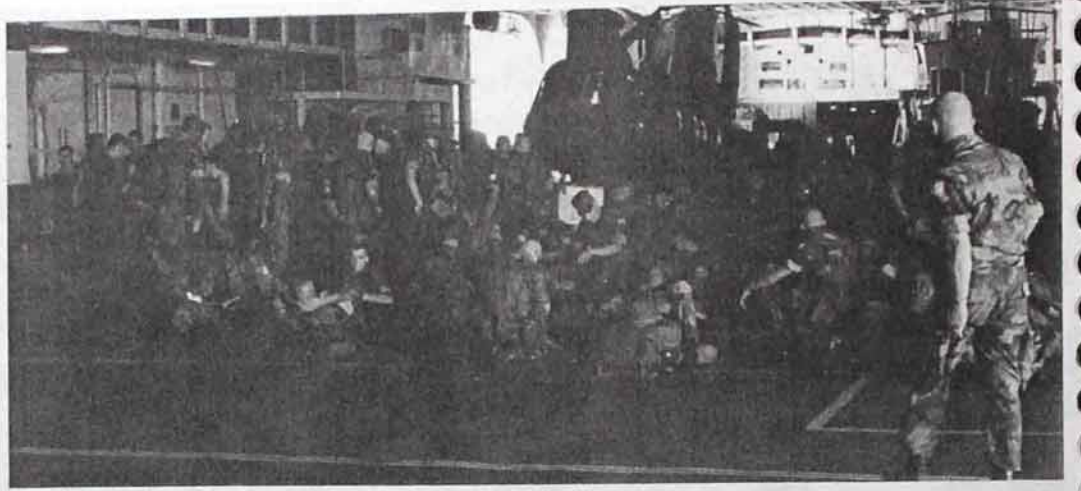
"United States, Arriving."

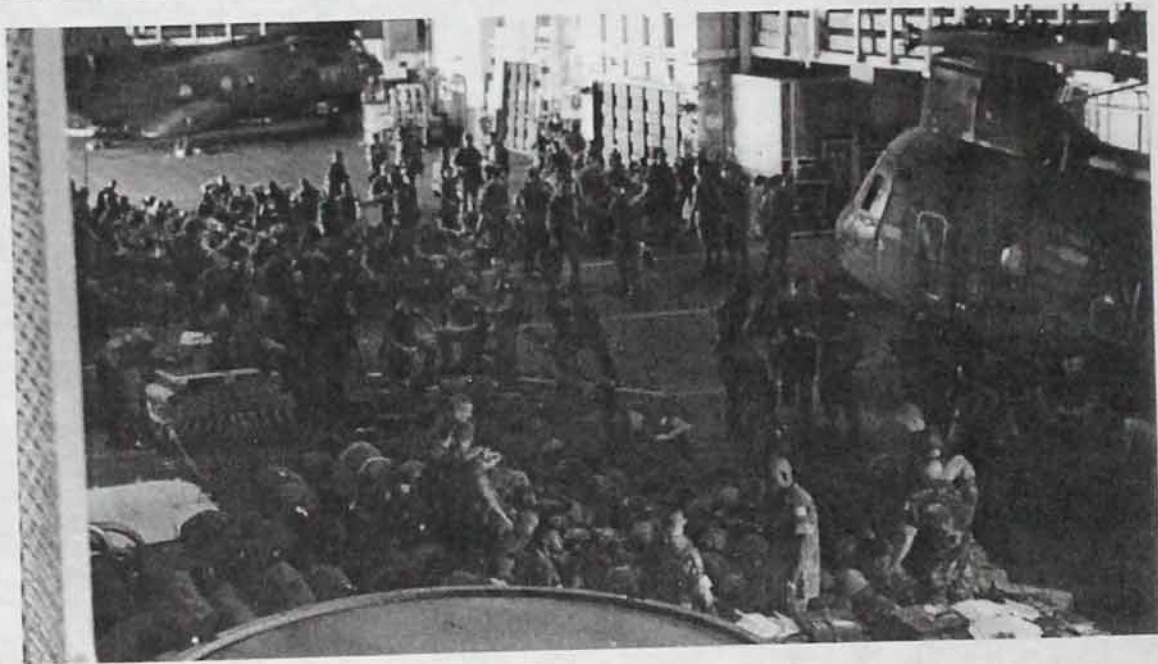
Shortly after the terrorist bombing, Vice President George Bush arrived aboard IWO for a briefing on the attack. He also pinned purple hearts on two Marines.

Amb. Bartholomew talks of the gains and tragedies of MARG 2-83.



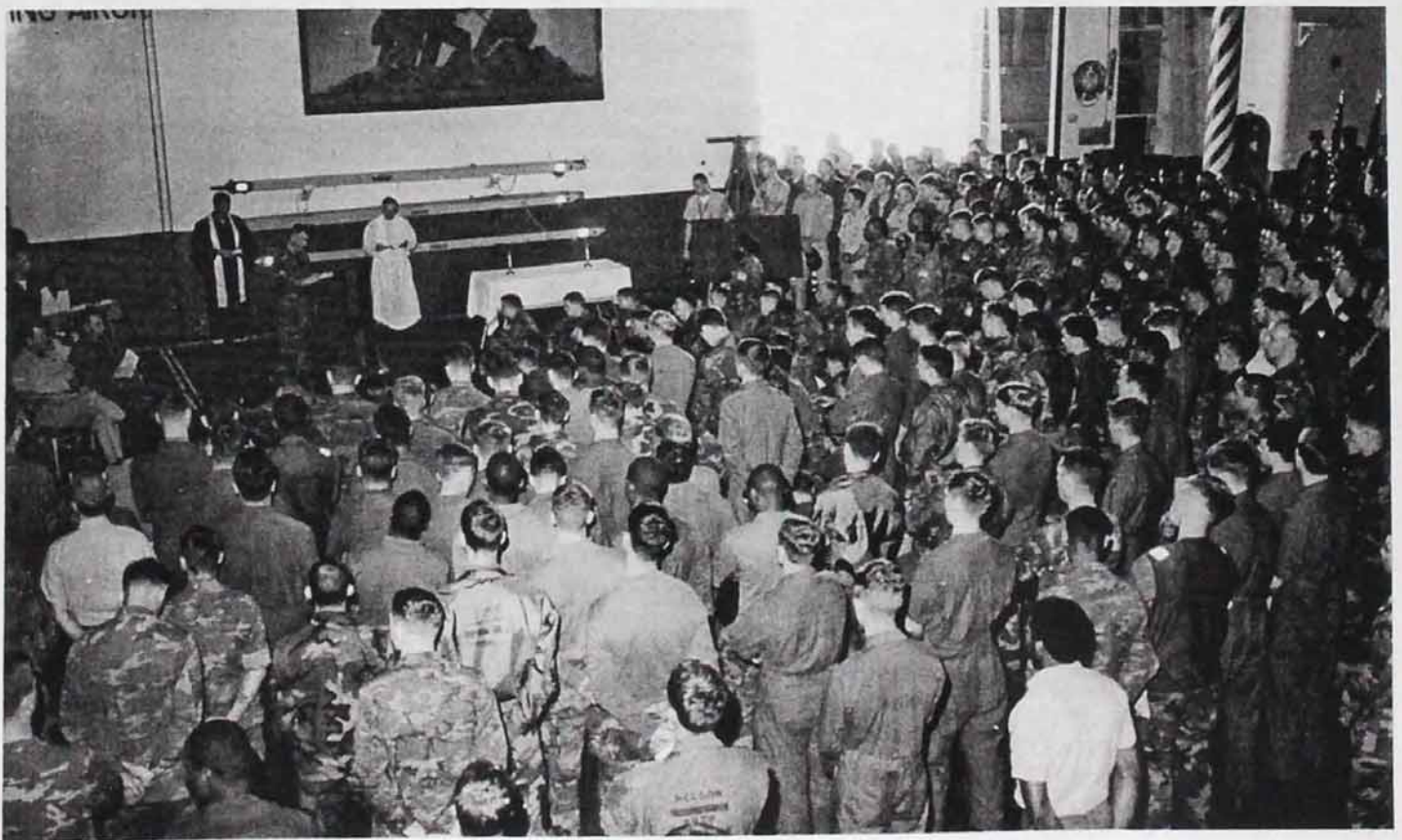






A Memorial Service

for the sailors and Marines killed
in Beirut was held during the
transit back to the United States.



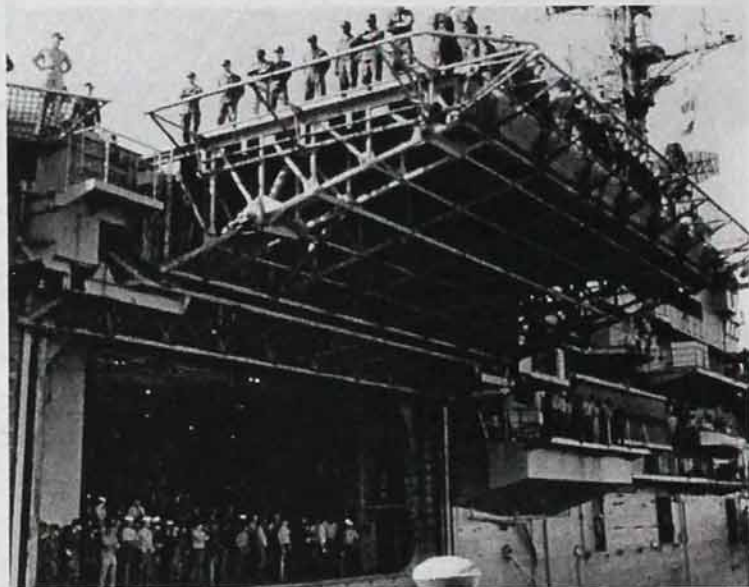




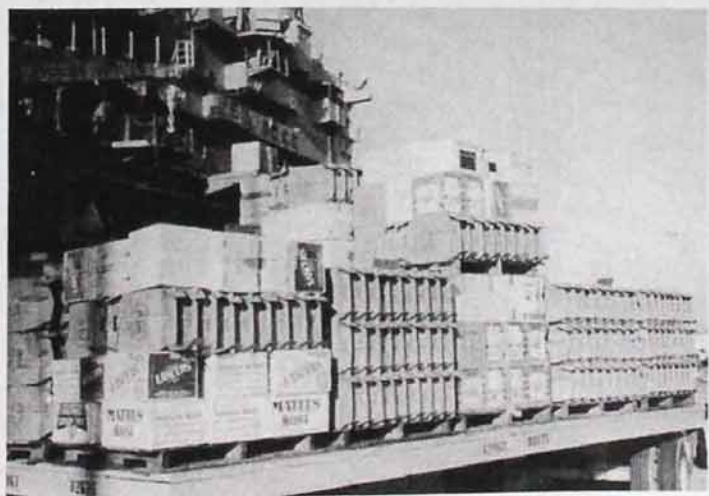
Rota, Spain

After 109 days at sea,
IWO heard "Liberty Call."
The people of Rota
showed appreciation by
raising \$8,000 for our
recreation.

"Gee, I wish Mom was here."



For the Homecoming celebration!



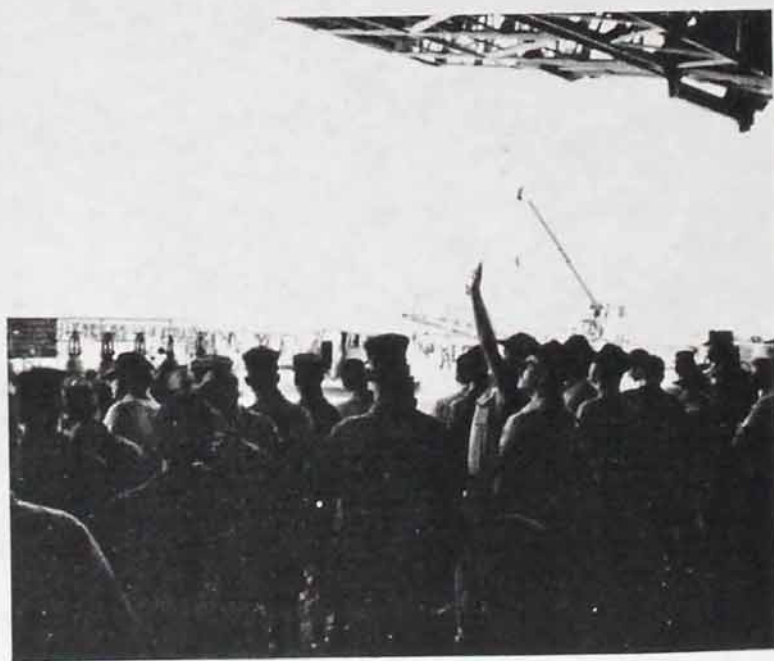


Nine days of mail awaited us in Rota.

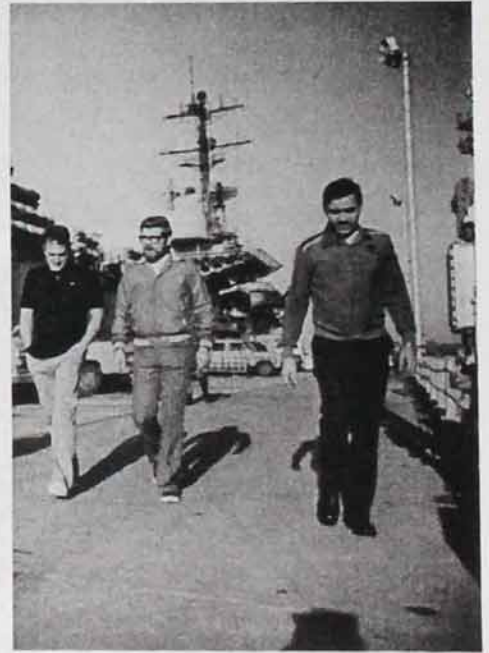
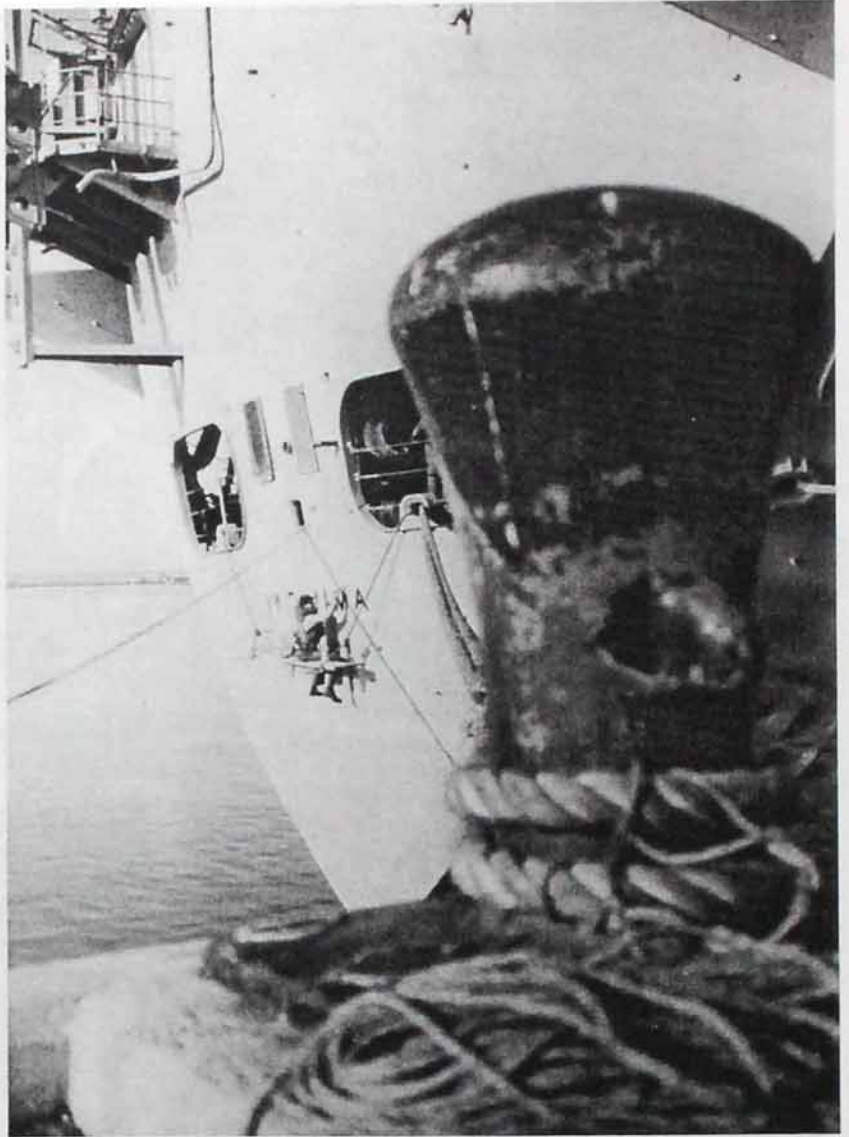


A Marine observes *Rota's* peace.

Friends awaited IWO crewmembers also.



Rota was termed a working port, but many enjoyed liberty. SeaBees enjoy a little American hospitality at the enlistd club where free food and drinks were abundant.

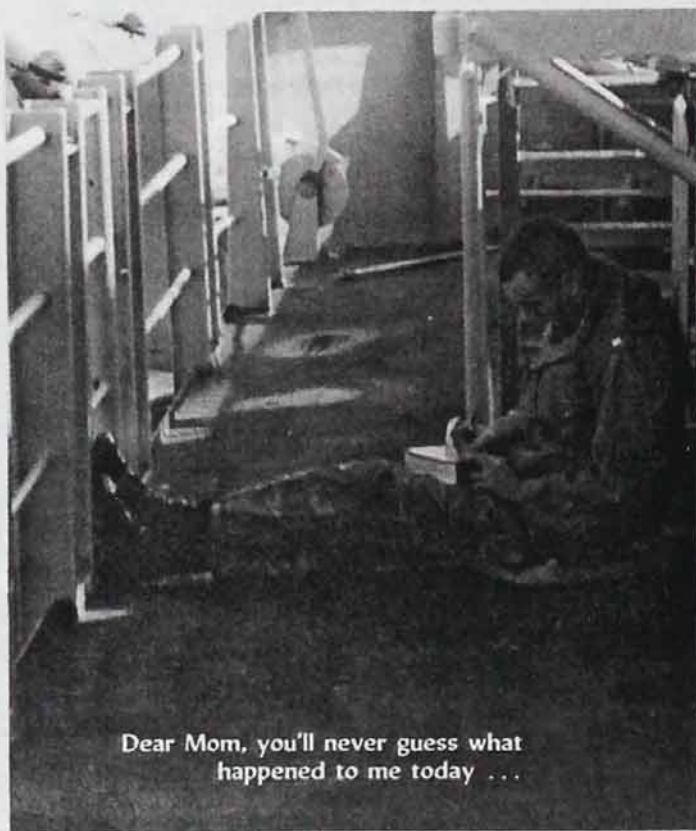




"Saaiiiiiinnng ... I wish I were a saaiiloor."



"Hi Mom!"



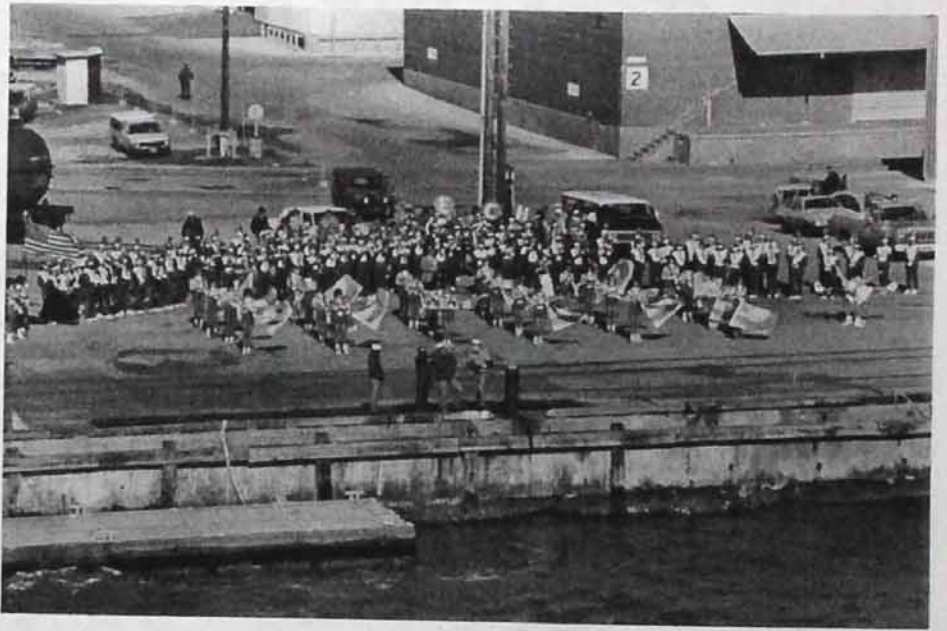
Dear Mom, you'll never guess what happened to me today ...



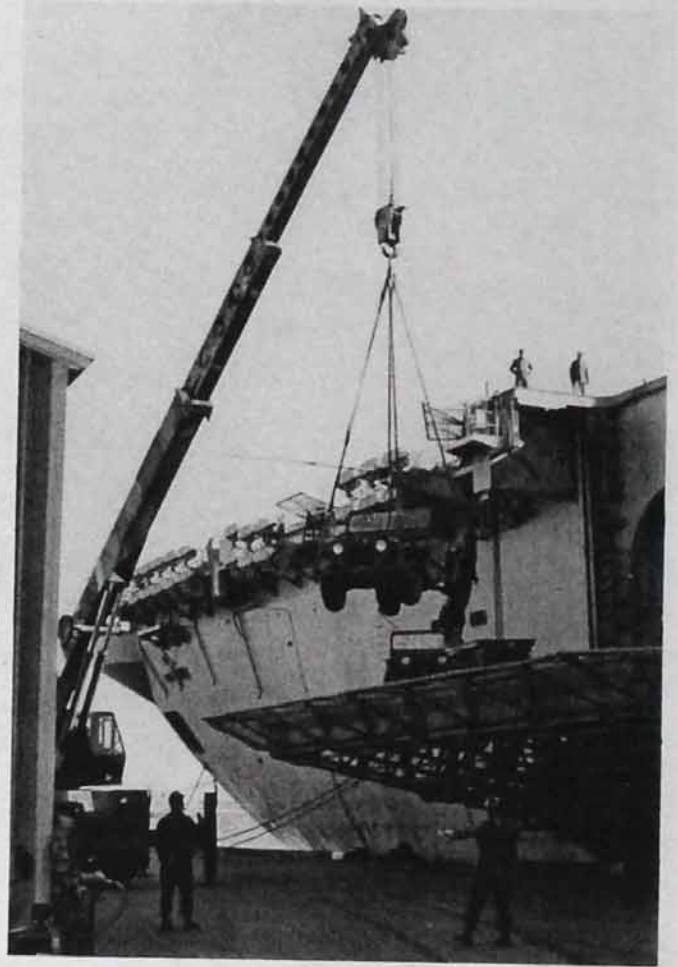
The 24th MAU comes

Home!

On December 7, exactly 214 days after leaving Morehead City, N.C., the Marines, bedraggled and tired, return. Greeting them were numerous high school bands, families and several state dignitaries. It was a joyous occasion for these Marines, these *men of pride*, who endured life and death in a distant land.

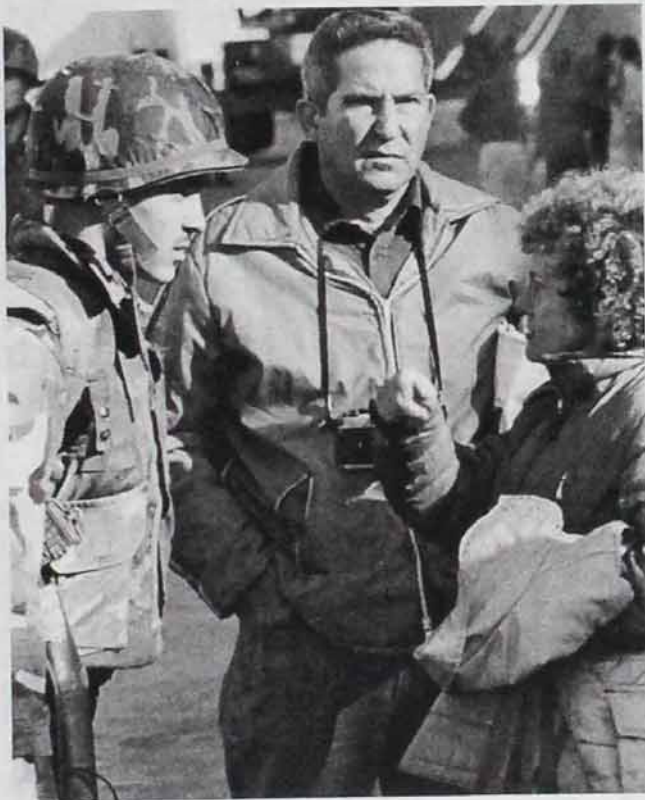


Pounds of gear suddenly are lighter on this day.





The steady stream of Marines off the ship marks the end.



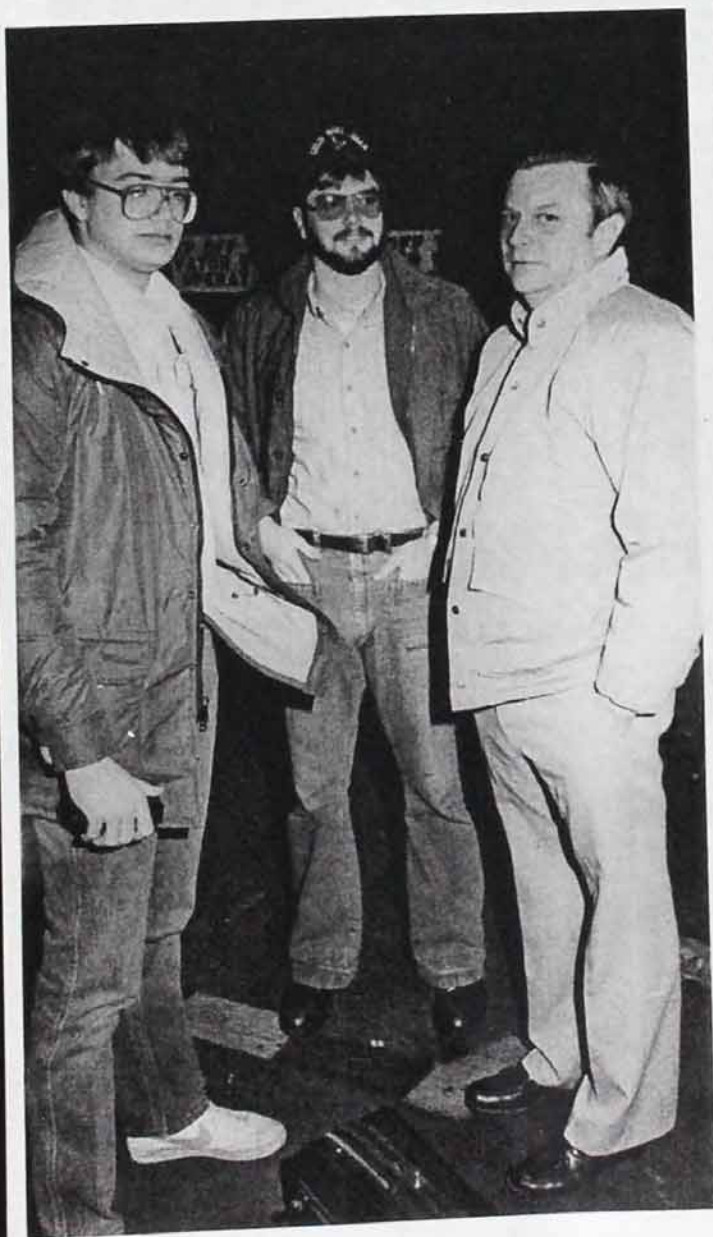
The homecoming was highlighted by many family reunions.



Welcome Tigers!

For some, the most precious cargo to come aboard during this Med cruise came at the end.

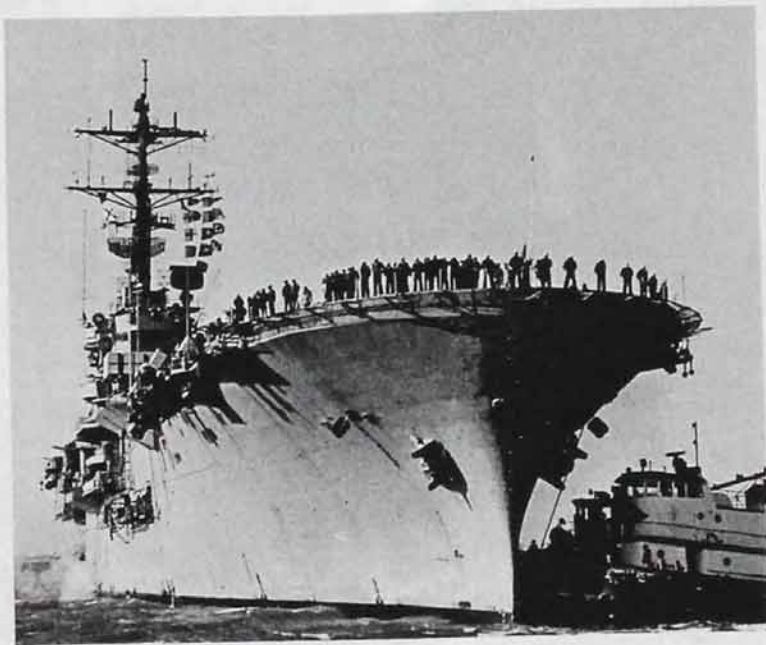
Tigers, male dependents of crewmembers, came aboard upon our return to the U.S. The overnight cruise enabled the Tigers to experience life aboard a Navel vessel. The cruise gives insight into just what a Son, Dad or brother does at sea. Aside from Tigers coming aboard in Morehead City, some crewmembers, who took leave upon arrival to the U.S. or those who had duty on arrival to Norfolk, debarked the ship in Morehead City. Some were met by wives and other relatives.

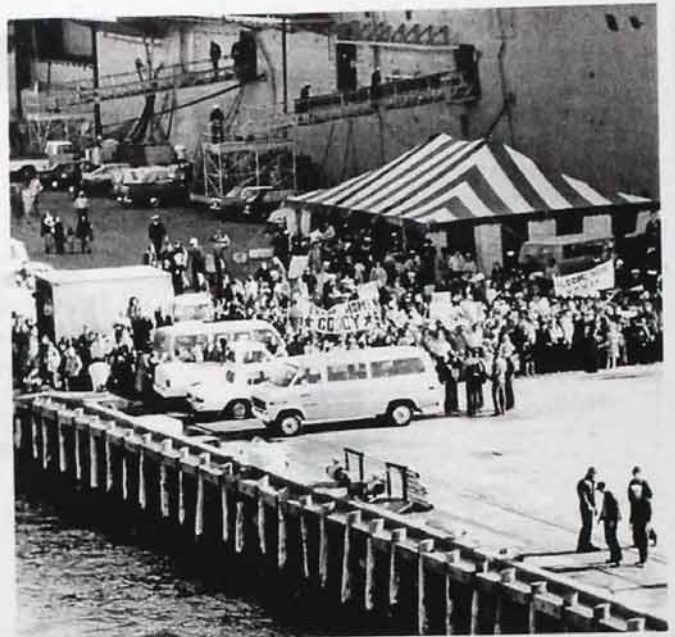
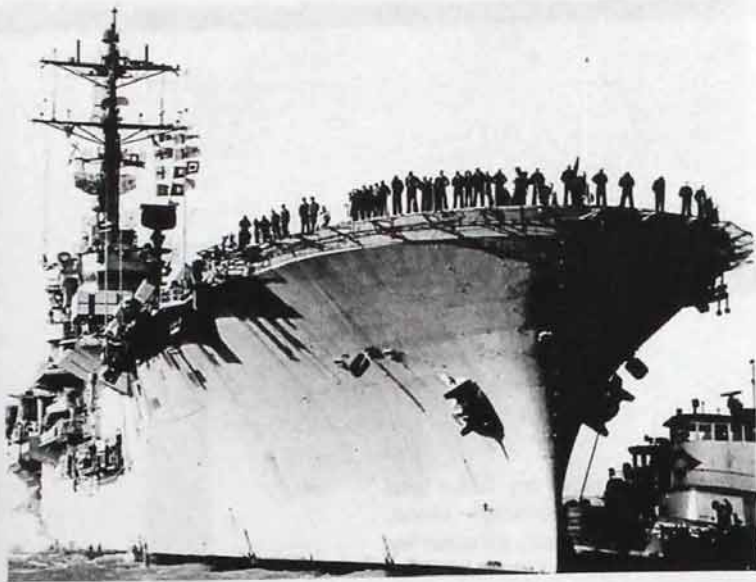


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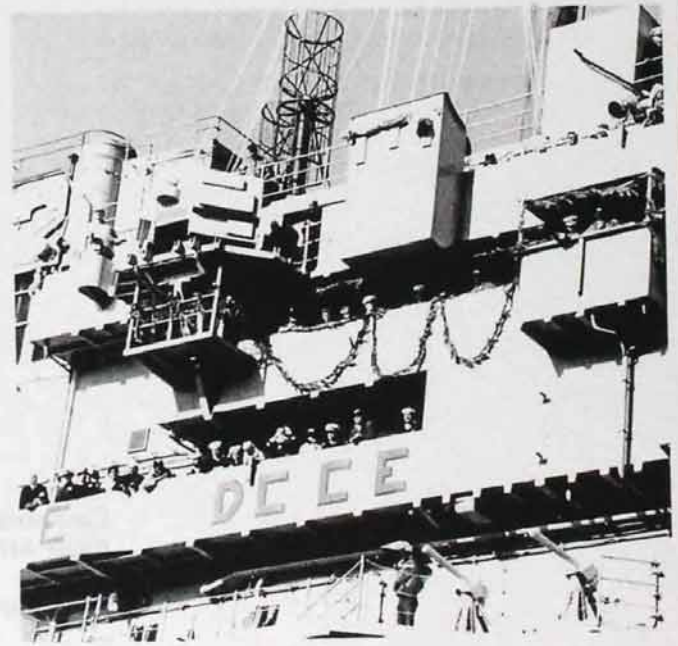
The Homecoming





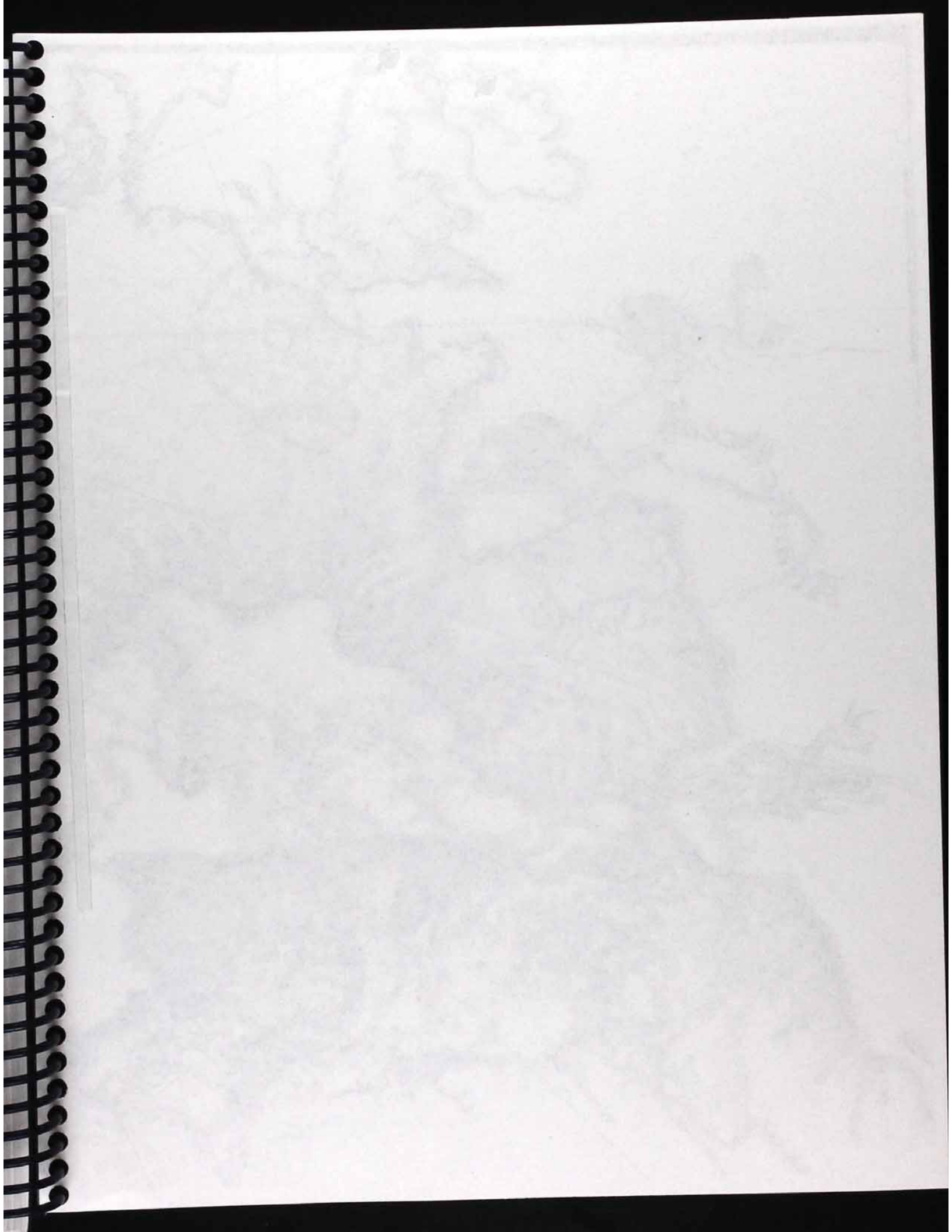


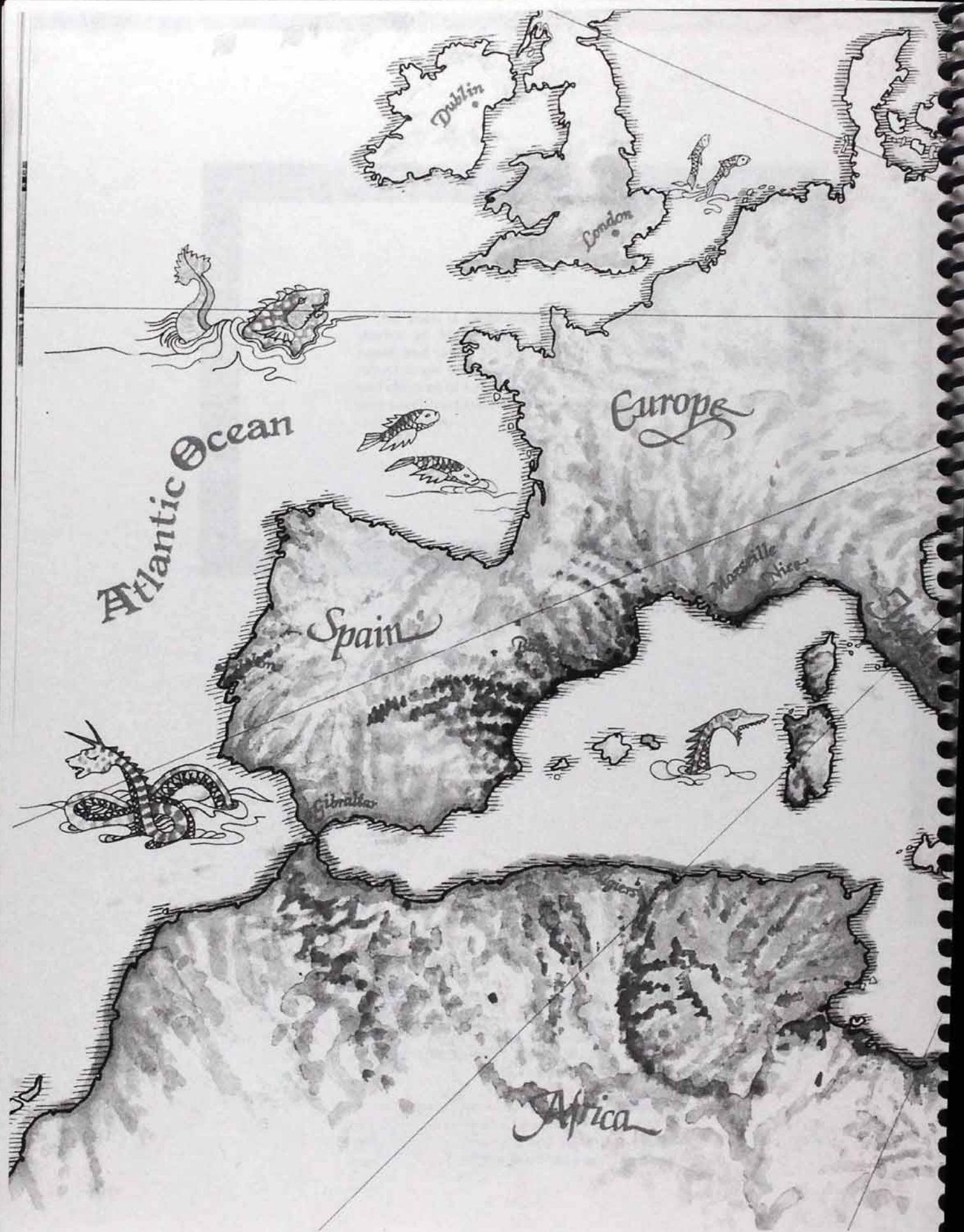
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Like Home

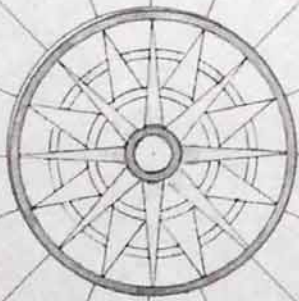


This book is dedicated to every Sailor and Marine of MARG 2-83 who, through blood, sweat and tears, brought a brief, glimmering ray of hope for freedom to the men, women and children of Lebanon. May those Americans who sacrificed their lives as part of that hope rest in peace.

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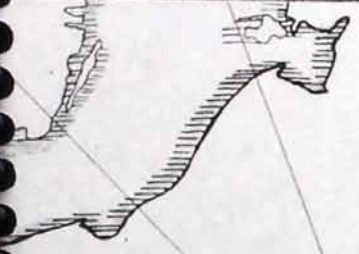
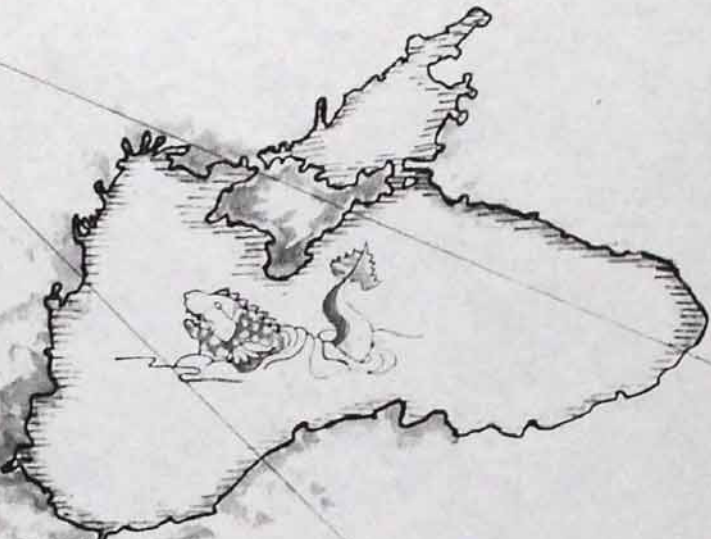
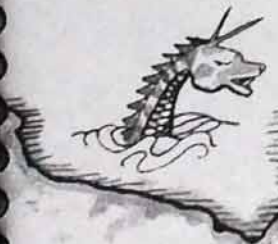
Mediterranean Sea



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