

U.S.S. DAVIDSON FF-1045



12 MARCH
1945



W. H. S. J. A. C. 82-23



COMMANDING OFFICER
CDR. FRANK C. FERDON



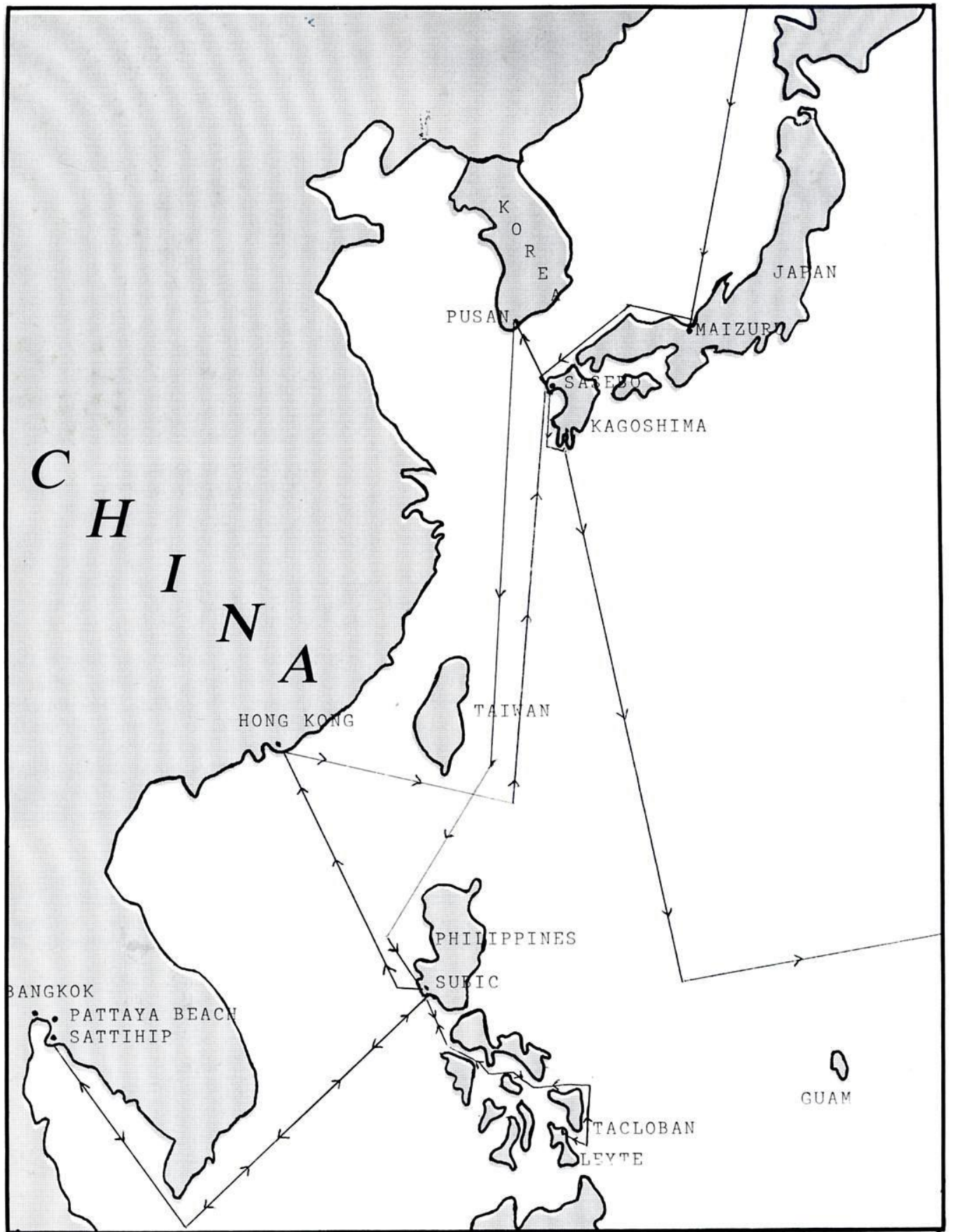
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CDR. JAMES D. BROTHERTON

COMMAND HISTORY

USS DAVIDSON (FF-1045), the first ship in the United States Navy to bear the name, is the fifth in the GARCIA class of frigates and the third to be built by Avondale Shipyard Inc. Westwego, Louisiana. Her keel was laid 30 September 1963 and she was christened 2 October 1964 by her sponsor, Mrs. Lyal A. Davidson, the widow of the ship's namesake. DAVIDSON arrived in Hawaii on 13 April 1966 to join Destroyer Flotilla FIVE. She sailed on her first Western Pacific Tour (WESTPAC) on 18 April 1967 and saw her first Vietnamese gunline action 12 September 1967. DAVIDSON saw continuous employment as naval gunfire support ship during her following deployments until 17 October 1969. She recorded high marks for accuracy and amounts of ammunition expended; a record on May 1972 for shooting over 1200 rounds in one all-night bombardment. She was nicknamed "The Biggest Little Destroyer in WESTPAC".

DAVIDSON earned Battle Efficiency "E" Awards in 1971 and 1972. DAVIDSON's gun mounts display permanent gold "E"s earned by being the most efficient gunnery division for five years straight. DAVIDSON also displays the following awards: Combat Action Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Cross of Gallantry) and the Vietnam Service Medal.





82-83

CRUISE ITINERARY

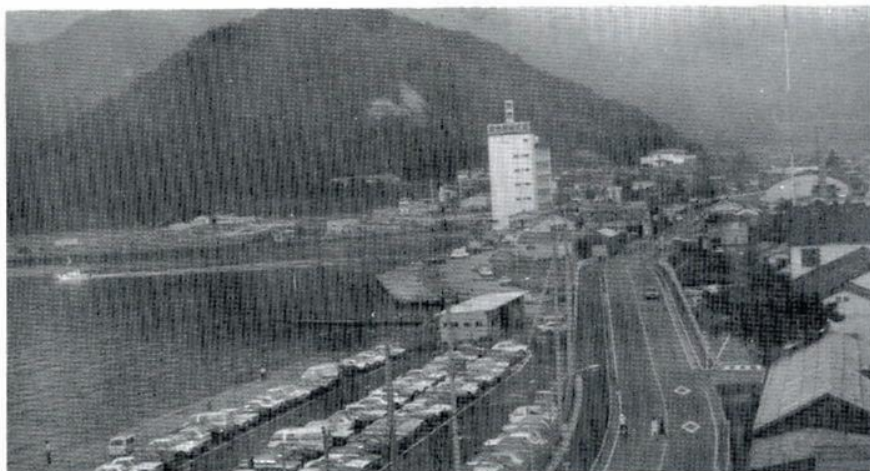
<i>23 JUL</i>	<i>DEPARTED HAWAII</i>
<i>18-19 AUG</i>	<i>MAIZURU, JAPAN</i>
<i>27 AUG</i>	<i>MAIZURU, JAPAN</i>
<i>30 AUG-30 SEPT</i>	<i>SASEBO, JAPAN</i>
<i>2-7 OCT</i>	<i>PUSAN, KOREA</i>
<i>12-17 OCT</i>	<i>SUBIC BAY, PI.</i>
<i>19-24 OCT</i>	<i>TACLOBAN, PI.</i>
<i>30 OCT-4 NOV</i>	<i>SATTIHIP, THAILAND</i>
<i>10-24 NOV</i>	<i>SUBIC BAY, PI.</i>
<i>29 NOV-3 DEC</i>	<i>HONG KONG</i>
<i>10 DEC-9 JAN '83</i>	<i>SASEBO, JAPAN</i>
<i>13-15 JAN '83</i>	<i>KAGOSHIMA, JAPAN</i>
<i>28 JAN '83</i>	<i>ARRIVED HAWAII</i>

MAIZURU

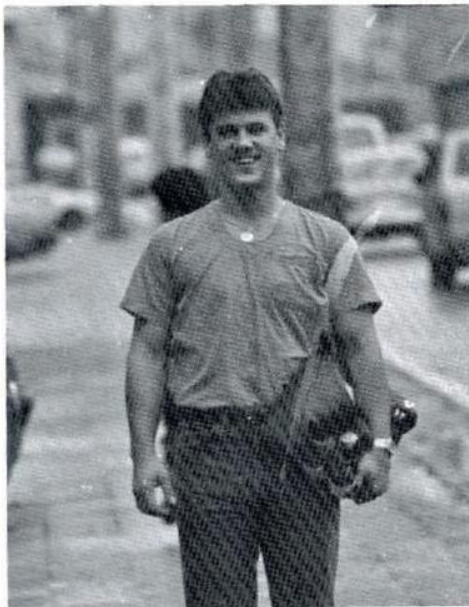
Maizuru bites the dust after one night of liberty by the arrival of the Battle Group; USS DAVIDSON, USS STEIN and USS GEORGE PHILIPS on 18 Aug. 1982. This night will long be remembered.



Maizuru?



THE FIRST STOP

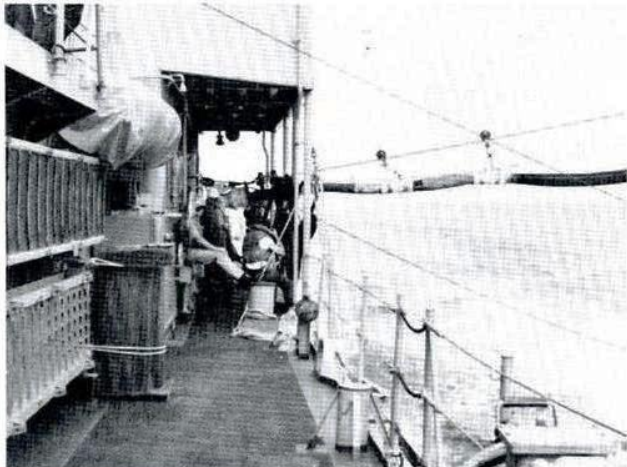
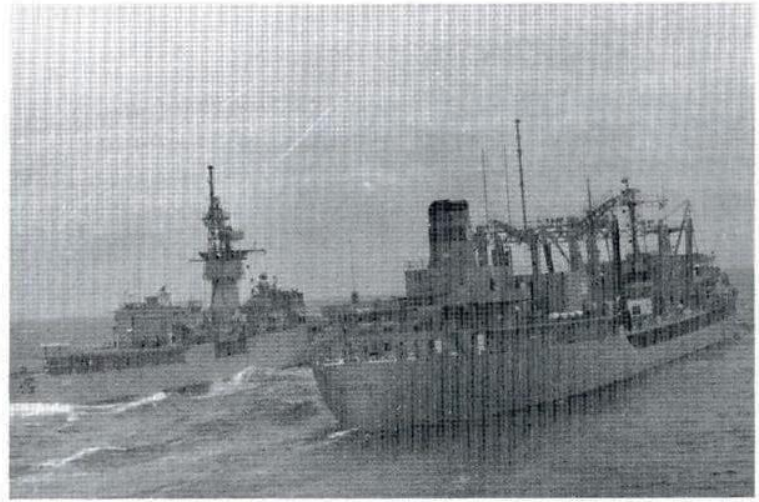


MEANWHILE, UNREPS

*UNREPS. A way of life for DAVIDSON sailors
Not much glory, but alot of hard work
and long hours are required to
bring on the much needed
supplies and fuel*



It is an all hands evolution and every Department gets their chance to participate. It's their chance to get their hands dirty.



THEN



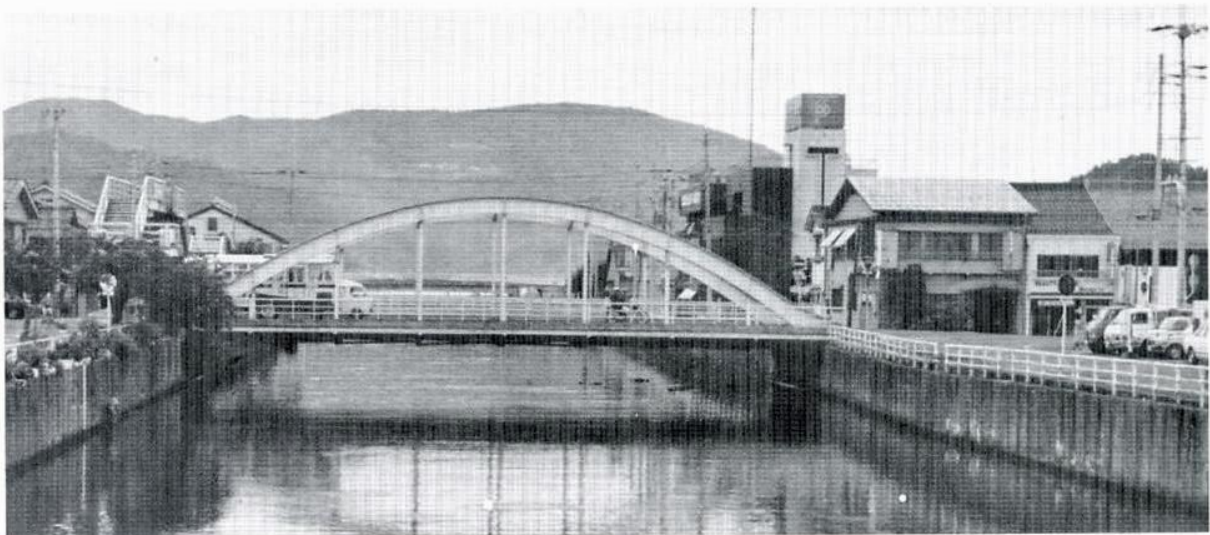
A nice quiet place to be on a warm autumn day. The birds sing and leaves fall gently to the ground.



SASEBO



Sasebo presented the opportunity for many DAVIDSON crew members to go on tours and see the sights that abound in beautiful Japan. From Mt. Aso to Nagasaki, fun was had by all hands



AAAHH!

PUSAN

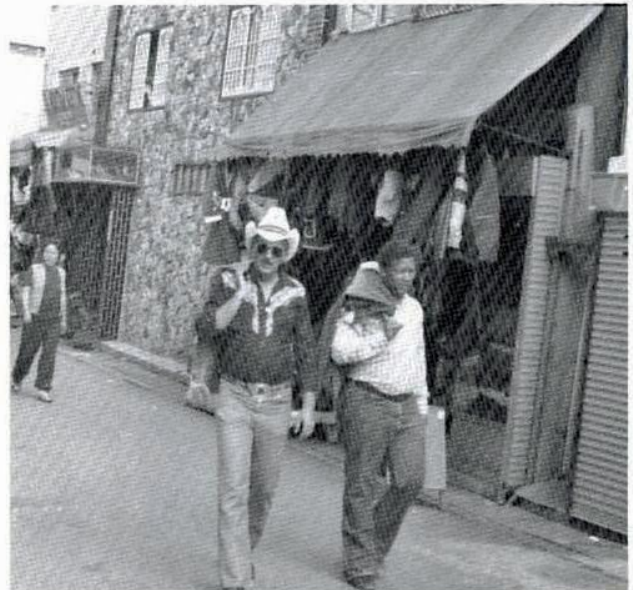


*"Green street" ... "Texas street" ...
What a relief it was!!*





A well deserved rest, amidst a war torn country.



CHANGE OF



CDR HENRY F. DALTON, USN



7 OCTOBER 1982



COMMAND



PUSAN, REPUBLIC OF KOREA



CDR FRANK C. FERDON, USN



BAY

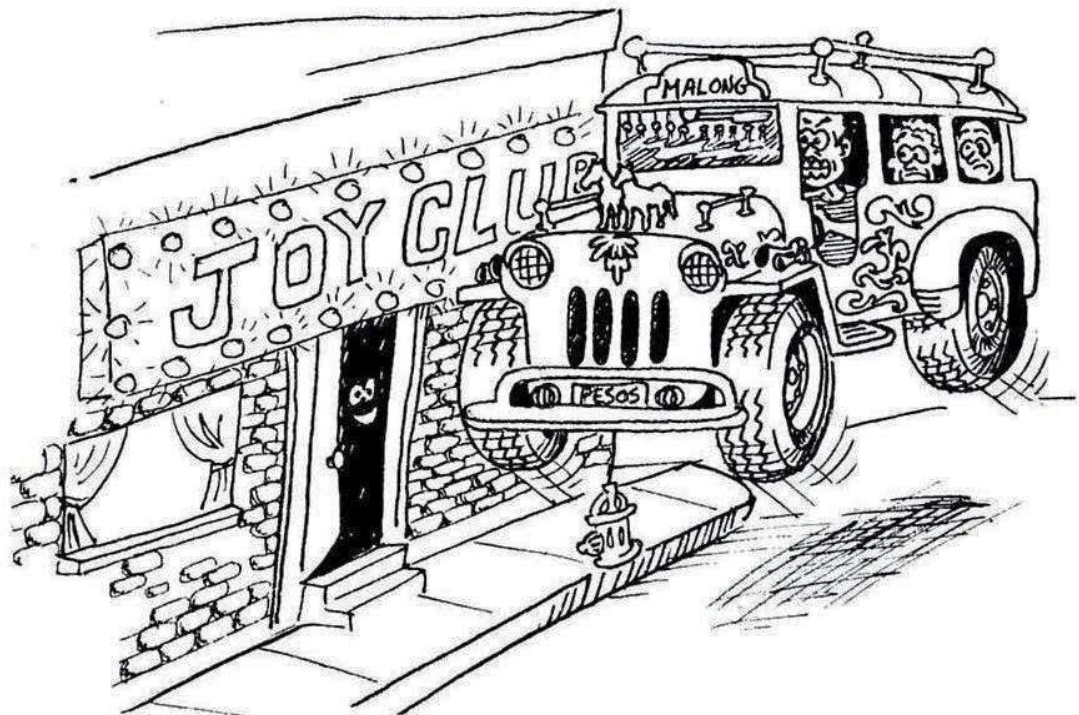
SUBIC



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THE

WAY



TACLOBAN



DAVIDSON was truly honored to attend this annual event on the island of LEYTE, to celebrate the return of GEN Mc Arthur during WORLD WAR II.



FIESTA

The celebration included a dart tournament, tennis matches, a softball and volleyball game, a soccer match, painting a school house and a reception with Mr. and Mrs. Marcos.



CELEBRATION



PHILLIPINE'S PRESIDENT FERDINAND MARCOS

Just looking for a good time.





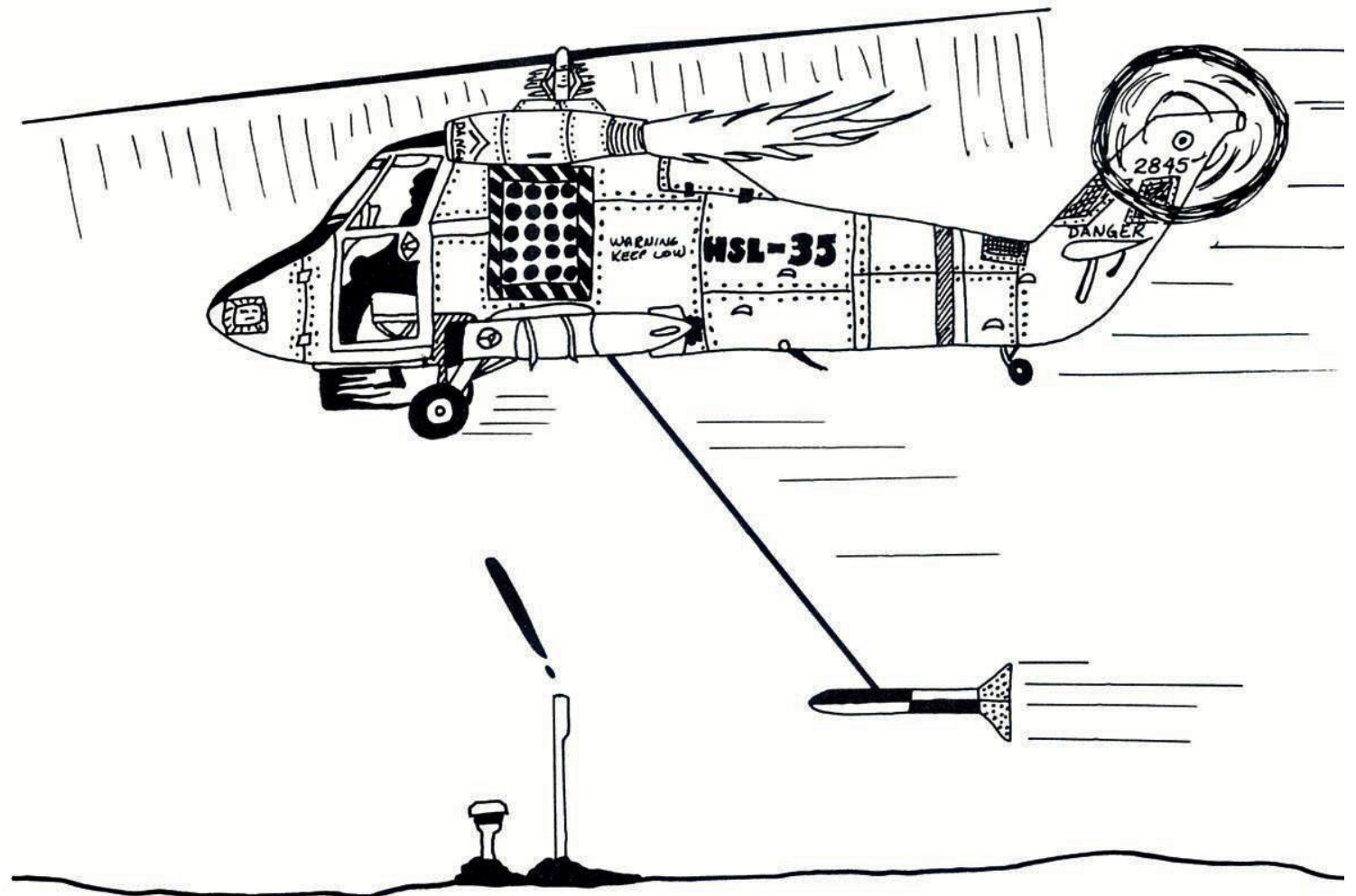
*Huht two ... three ... four
Huht two ... three ... four*



What a fabulous place!



HSL-35 LAMPS





Flight quarters became an integrated part of the ship's daily routine.

The flight-deck crew stands ready.

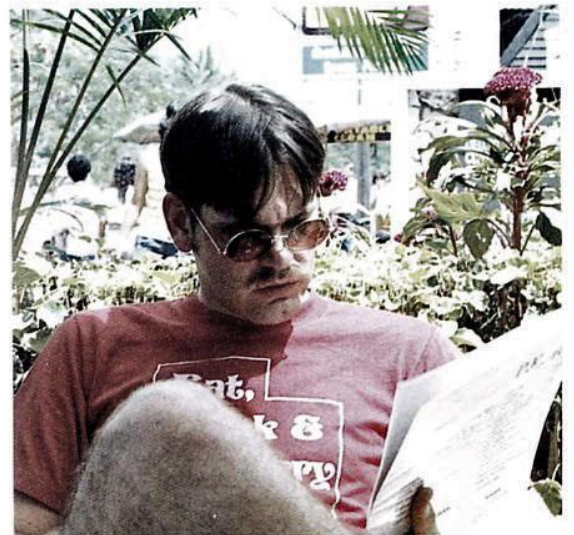


THAILAND

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When the battle group visited Thailand, the red carpet was rolled out. The people were friendly, the women were beautiful, and the beer was warm. White sand, warm sun—what more could you ask for?



PATTAYA



DAVIDSON crew members spent most of their time in PATTAYA BEACH. But, let's not forget the SWAN LAKE HOTEL in Sattihip or the WORLD HOTEL in Bangkok. Both places had special qualities, that we'll never forget.

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LAMPS ...



ALWAYS READY ...



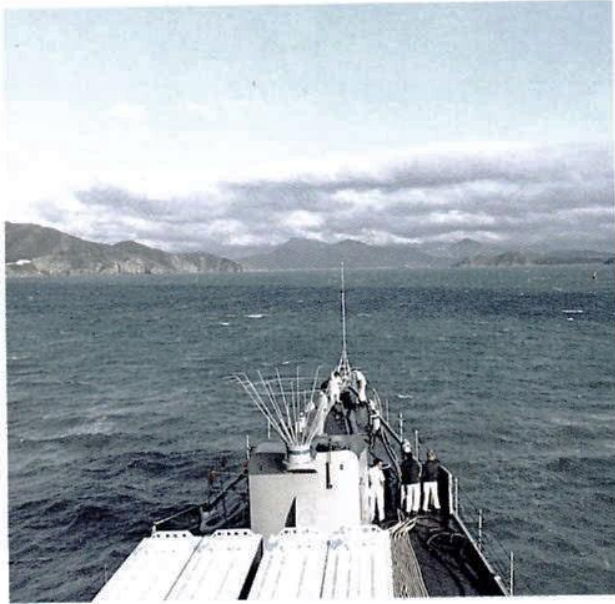
ANYTIME ...



ANYWHERE ...



DAY OR NIGHT.



HONG

Hong Kong has always been a traditional resting place for deployed units, and DAVIDSON was no exception.



KONG

*A perfect match of
Asian and Western
cultures.*



AWARDS





Sailor Of The Quarter

BM3 GRIFFITHS was selected as DAVIDSON'S SAILOR OF THE QUARTER, SQUADRON 25 SAILOR OF THE QUARTER, and NOMINATED for SAILOR OF THE QUARTER of MID-PAC.

Sailor Of The Quarter

RM2 GENNEKEN was selected as DAVIDSON'S second SAILOR OF THE QUARTER ON WESPAC 82-83, and was also SQUADRON 25 SAILOR OF THE QUARTER, and NOMINATED for SAILOR OF THE QUARTER of MID-PAC.



Mooring in Hong Kong harbor ...

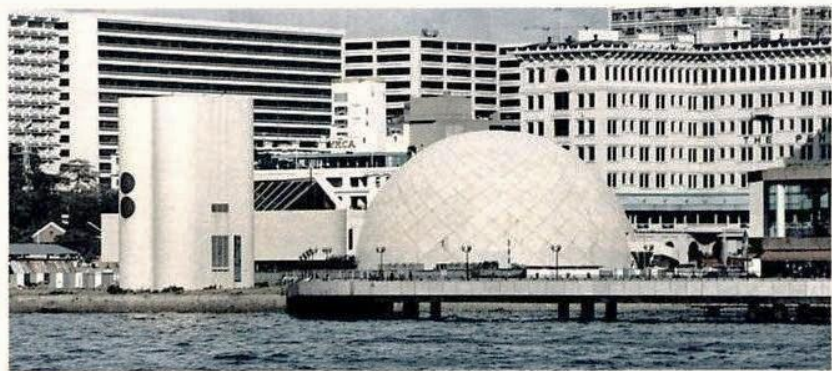


... is like eating soup with a fork!





After the tours, and after the stores we departed with fond memories and merchandise galore.



SPORTS NEWS



FOOTBALL



DARTS



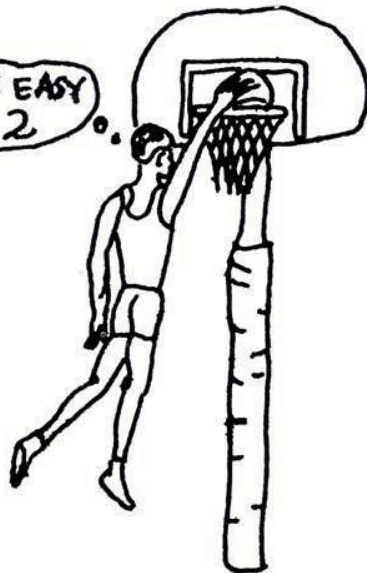
SOFTBALL

SOCCER



RUNNING

AN EASY 2



BASKETBALL

WHERE'S THE FINISH LINE?



SOFTBALL

BACK ROW L TO R: SN JOHNSON, IC3 BAKER, OS3 WALLACE, YN3 BELANDGER, SN MILLER, EM3 VERCHINSKY, YN1 ROBERS (HEAD COACH) FRONT ROW L TO R: EN3 MITCHELL, OSSN TACKETT, ENS PERRY, ETSN HODGKINS, ENS BERGIN



FOOTBALL

BACK ROW L TO R: ENS ROURKE (ASST. COACH), YN2 GIBSON, OSC Mc GOVERN, ET2 ALTEMUS, RMSN BOBBIT, RMSN SILFIES, OS3 WALLACE STGNS DURANT, EW2 COLLICK, BT3 JACKSON, SM3 KEOHO, TMSN WASHBURN MIDDLE ROW L TO R: OS2 ISON, FTG2 BOWLING, LT(JG) MOORE-(HEAD COACH) FRONT ROW L TO R: EW2 BALLOU, SHSN SPIVEY, BM2 GRIFFITH, ET3 JOHNSON, OS3 PIMENTEL



OS2 ISON SHOWS SOME BLAZING SPEED WHILE ON HIS WAY TO ONE OF MANY TOUCHDOWNS DURING THE SEASON.

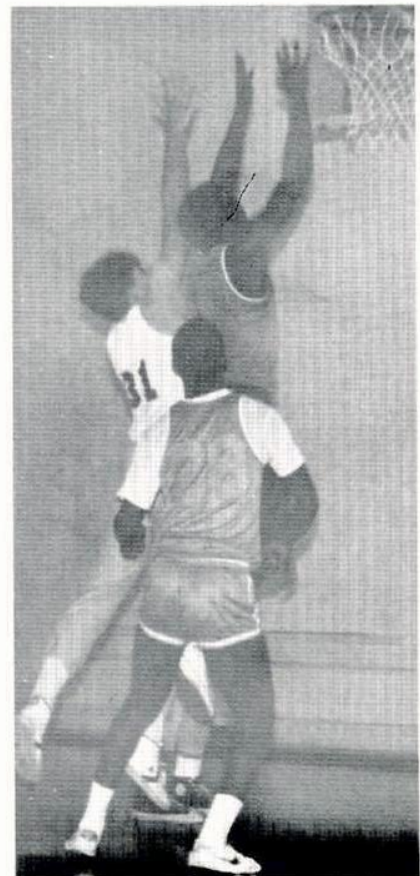


BASKETBALL



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*BACK ROW L TO R: MSSN ROGERS, FTG2 RULA, PC2 Mc CAMP-
BELL, OS3 WALLACE, YN2 GIBSON, YN1 ROGERS (HEAD
COACH), FRONT ROW L TO R: OS2 ISON, ET3 JOHNSON, SHSN
SPIVEY, TMSN WASHBURN, STGSN DURANT*

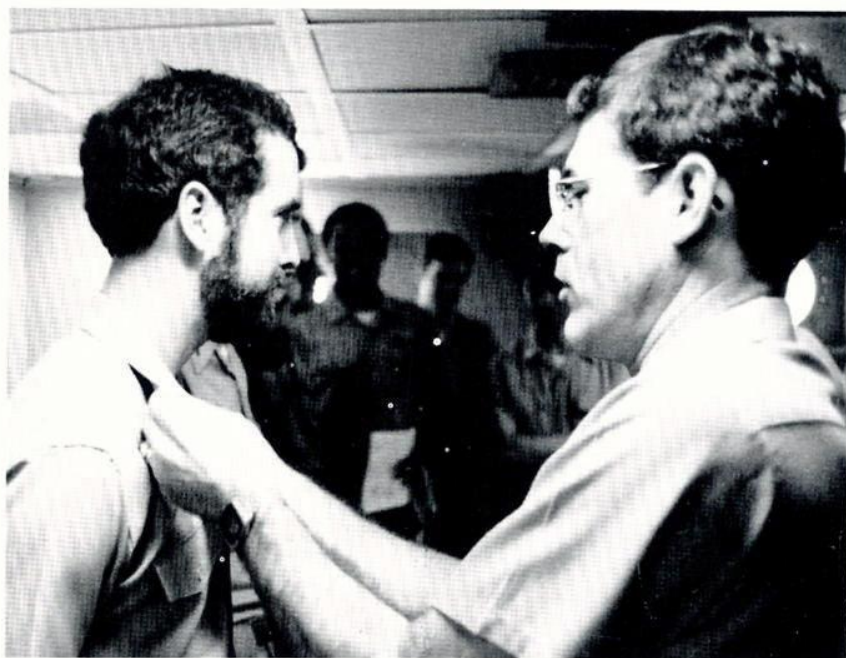


SURFACE LINE



*Gold Turns
To Silver*

LT(JG) PARKHURST



LT(JG) CULLIN

MIGHTY FINE

*For A
Select Few*



LT(JG) BERGIN



LT(JG) KING

ENLISTED



CPO

BTC G. HENKE

OSC W. Mc GOVERN

MSC B. ONTALAN

GMTC B. STALEY



*FIRST
CLASS*

STG1 M. ALPERS

ET1 E. BELT

STG1 GILLETTE

BT1 RAMEY

FROCKING



SECOND CLASS

OS2 J. BALES

EW2 R. BALLOU

FTG2 B. BOWLING

STG2 W. BRANDT

MB2 D. GRIFFITHS

STG2 T. LEED

OS2 T. MOSELEY

BT2 K. REEDER

FTG2 R. RULA

GMG2 M. SITTMAN

BT2 K. SMALLEY

OS2 D. SMILEY

QM2 STILLWELL

BT2 W. THOMAS

BT2 C. WILCOX



THIRD CLASS

RM3 S. BOBBITT

OS3 J. BROEDERS

GMG3 J. COLISTRO

FTG3 M. EMERSON

RM3 D. GONSALVES

OS3 J. JACOBS

SK3 J. MALONG

EN3 J. Mc KINLEY

OS3 J. OLDHAM

BT3 M. ORGAN

OS3 R. PIMENTEL

BM3 M. SHEPHERD

OS3 L. REDIECK

EM3 C. VIRCHINSKI

OS3 E. WALLACE

YN3 G. WENDTE

CPO



I MOST SOLOMLY SWEAR TO BE CRUEL, ROUGH, TOUGH, MEAN, AND ALL THAT OTHER CHIEF STUFF.



CHIEF STALEY PUTS A SPIT SHINE TO ONE OF HIS MOTIVATION STARTERS.

INITIATION



CHIEF HENKE AND CHIEF Mc GOVERN SHOW YOU THERE IS NOTHING TO SHINING BRASS OR TRASH CAN LIDS, BUT DON'T ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU AGAIN.

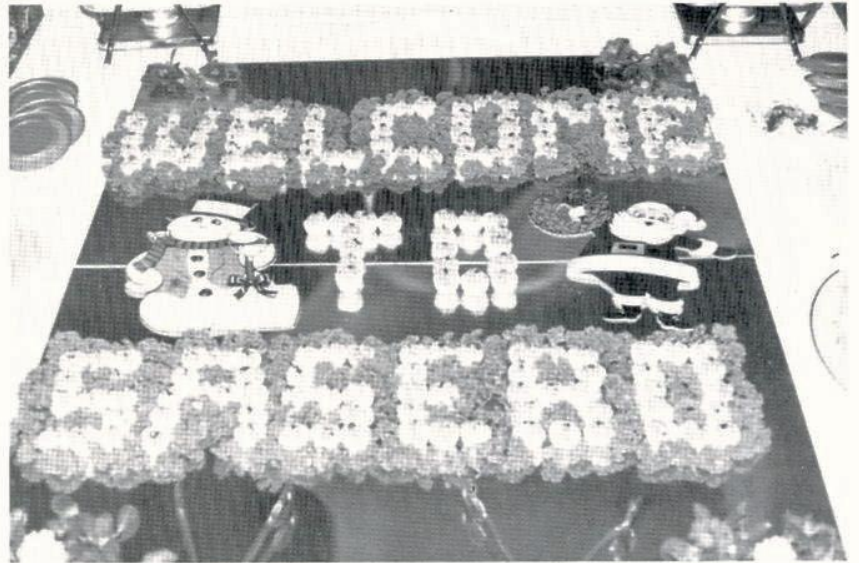


CHIEF ONTALAN HAS NO PROBLEM WITH HIS SPIT SHINE.



IF WE COULD ONLY SING, OR EVEN REMEMBER THE WORDS!

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Live entertainment was also provided.

The HARBOR VIEW club in SASEBO, JAPAN provided food and drinks to celebrate the holiday season.



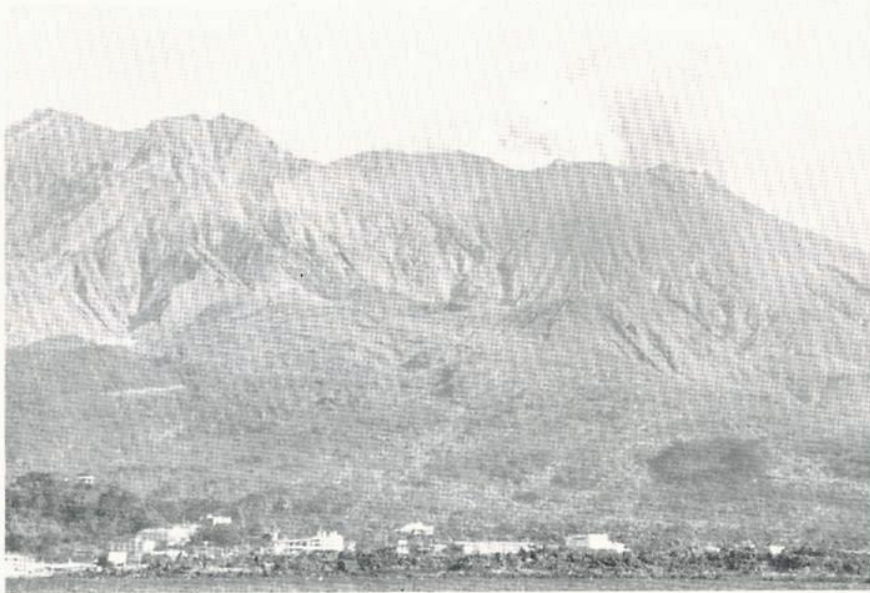
HAPPY NEW YEAR

*The DAVIDSON choir ...
we'll sing no song before
it's time.*



Lounging at the LONG BEACH.

KAGOSHIMA



Kagoshima, Japan is located on the south-east corner of the island of Kyushu. This was the final port call for the DAVIDSON as she departed the WESTERN PACIFIC. Kagoshima is the home of an active volcano, which let her presence be known during our three day visit. DAVIDSON sailors took advantage of the large shopping malls, beautiful weather, and several tours that were offered.

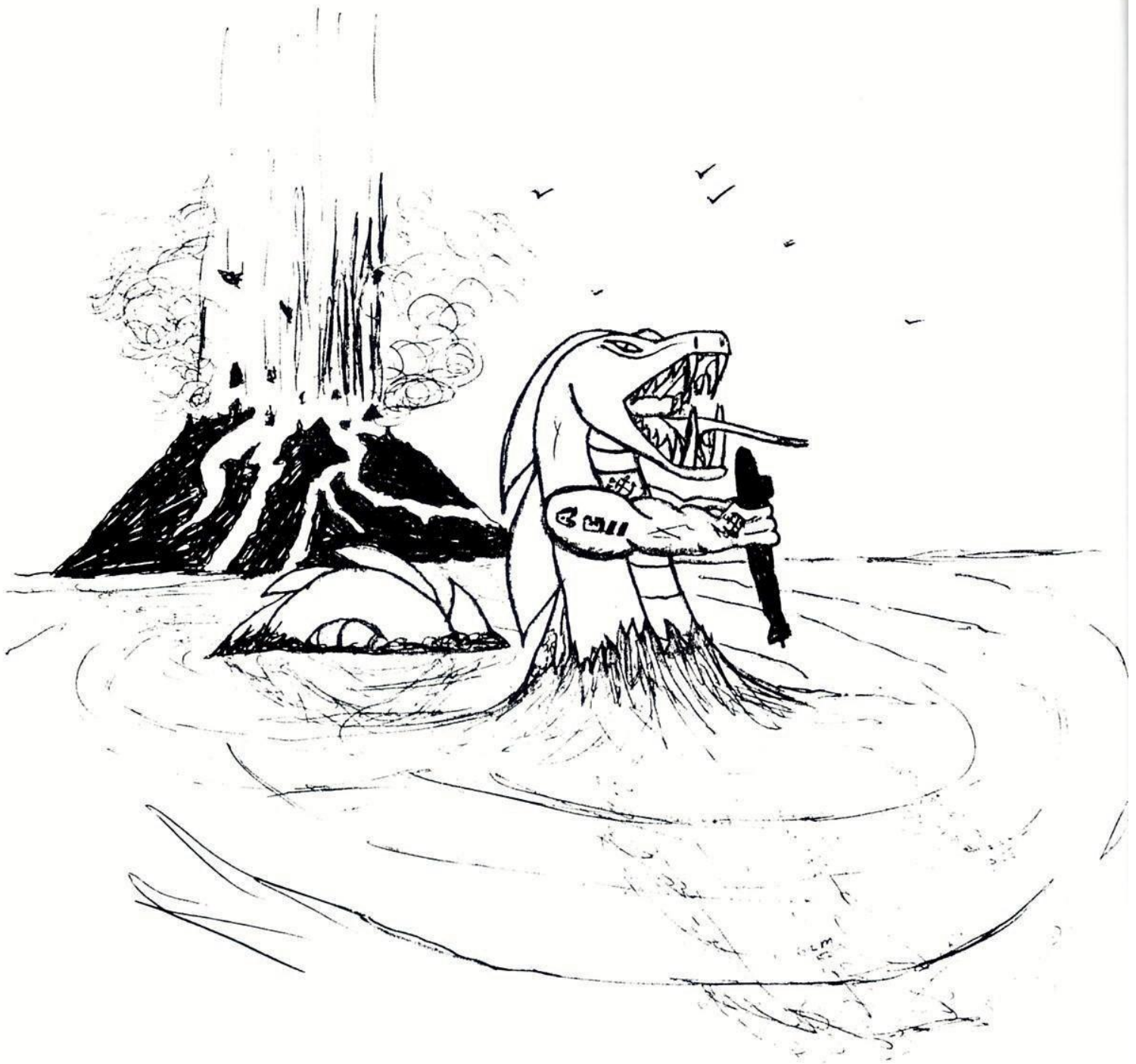
The WEST-PAC cruise was a sailors dream come true and this last port visit ended a near perfect deployment. This cruise will long be remembered.



JAPAN



WEAPONS





LCDR S.W. EDWARDS



LT(JG) B.P. CULLIN



ENS W.G. HOMAN



LT(JG) J.T. MOORE

FIRST DIVISION



BACK ROW L TO R. SN LANNING, SN MERCHANT, SN MILLER, BMSN JOST, SN CON-
ACHER, SN LOPEZ, SN MORRIS, SN MORGAN, SN GRIJALVA, SN BROSONSKI, BM3
SHEPARD, SN GERACI, SN PRICE, SN ZUCK. FRONT ROW L TO R. BMC CABREIRA, SN
RUSSELL, SN COWAN, BM3 BURIC, BMSN HOSKINS, SN KEMP, BM2 GRIFFITHS, SN
CRAWFORD, BM2 REININGER, SN DEPHUE, SN MASON, MBI SANTIAGO, LT(JG) CULLIN
NOT PICTURED: SN KILBRIDE, SN HAMMOND, SN JOHNSON, SN PERALTA, SN WILSON,
SN WESTBAY



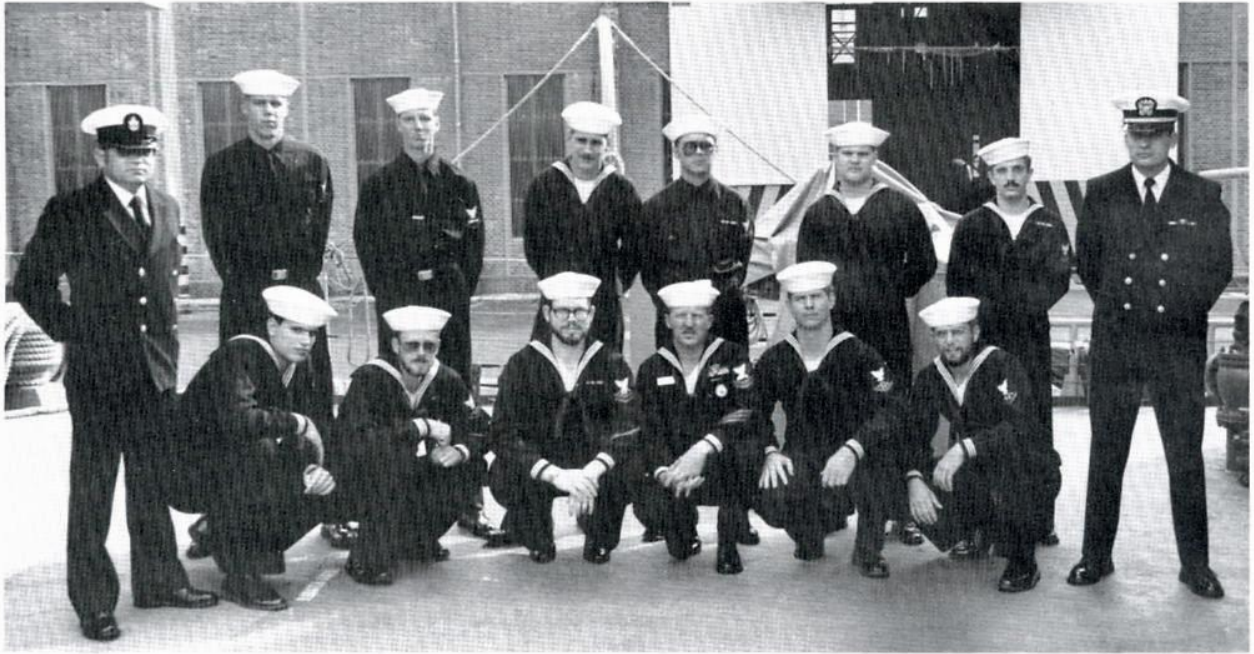
SECOND DIVISION



BACK ROW L TO R: LT KUNBERGER, GMG3 RADEMACHER, GMGSN YOHO, FTGSN POLLITTE, GMG1 CLARK, FTG1 GWINN, FTG2 RULA, SN COLISTRO, GMG1 JOHNSON, GMGCS JENKINS. FRONT ROW L TO R: FTG3 BOWLING, FTG2 BUTLER, FTG3 WILLIAMS, FTGSN EMERSON, FTGSN JOHNSON, GMG3 SITTMAN. NOT PICTURED: GMTSN FUTO, GMG1 SPITZOCK



THIRD DIVISION



BACK ROW L TO R: GMTC MARTIN STG3 HEATH, TM3 ORRELL, STGSA HRBACEK, STG2 MAASKE, GMTSN KOSKOVICH, STG2 ALPERS, LT(JG) MOORE. FRONT ROW L TO R: STGSN DURANT, STG3 ZERRENNER, STG2 SAUNDERS, TM2 JOLLEY, STG3 BRANDT, STG3 LEED. NOT PICTURED: STG3 BARRETT, STG2 GILLETTE, GMTC STALEY, STGC TALBOT, STG2 GRAFFUNDER, TMSN WASHBURN, STG2 PIASKOWSKI, GMT3 SWALBACH, STGSN TINDER, STG1 CICHOWSKI.



Third Division likes to follow OLD NAVY TRADITION, with a burial at sea for Bob Saunder's guitar.



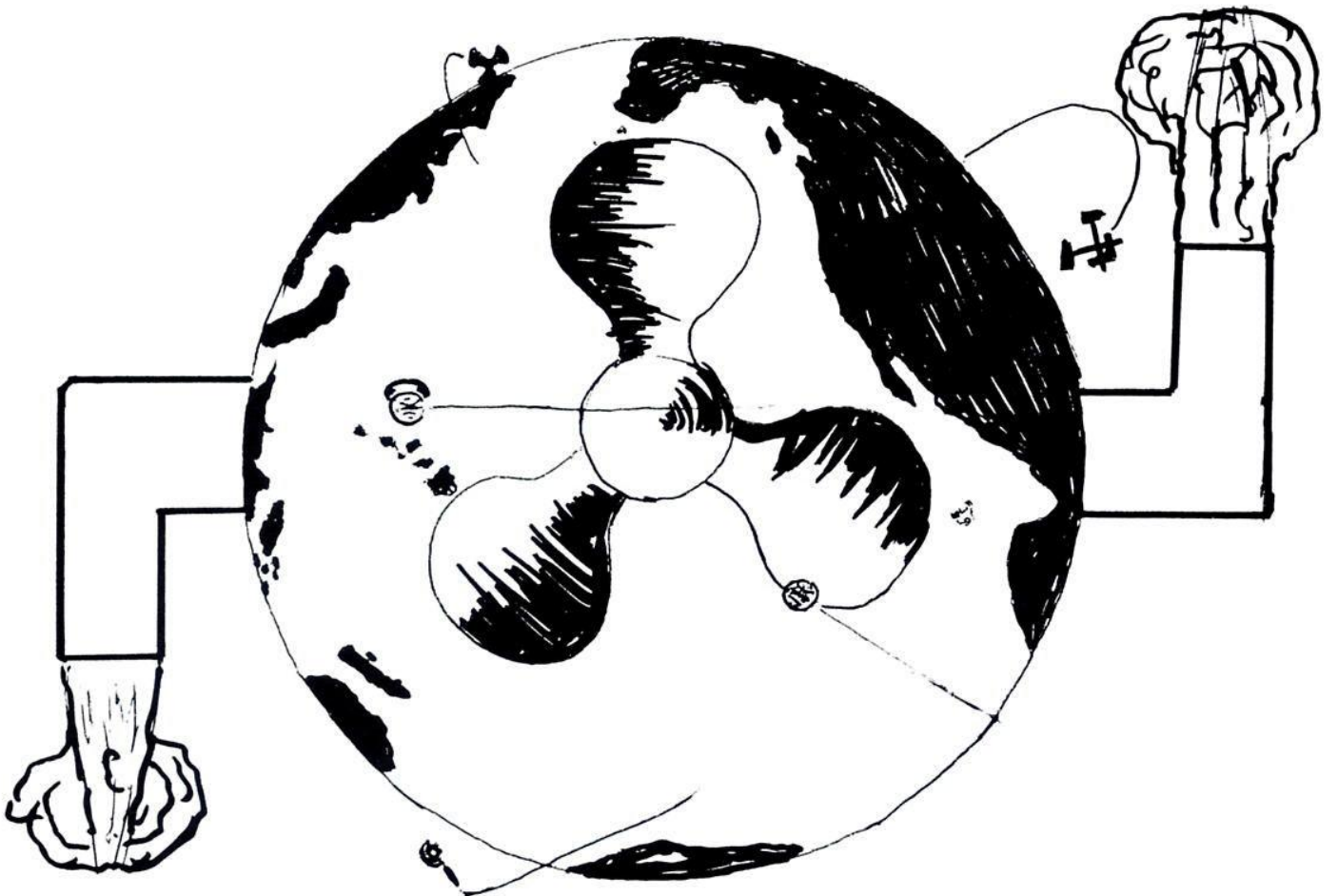
STG3 Heath keeps a watchful eye on the torpedo handlers



TM2 Jolley toasts to a NEW YEAR for the DAVIDSON



ENGINEERING



CONTINUOUS
POWER



LCDR B.A. STARK



LT(JG) M.J. HEALD

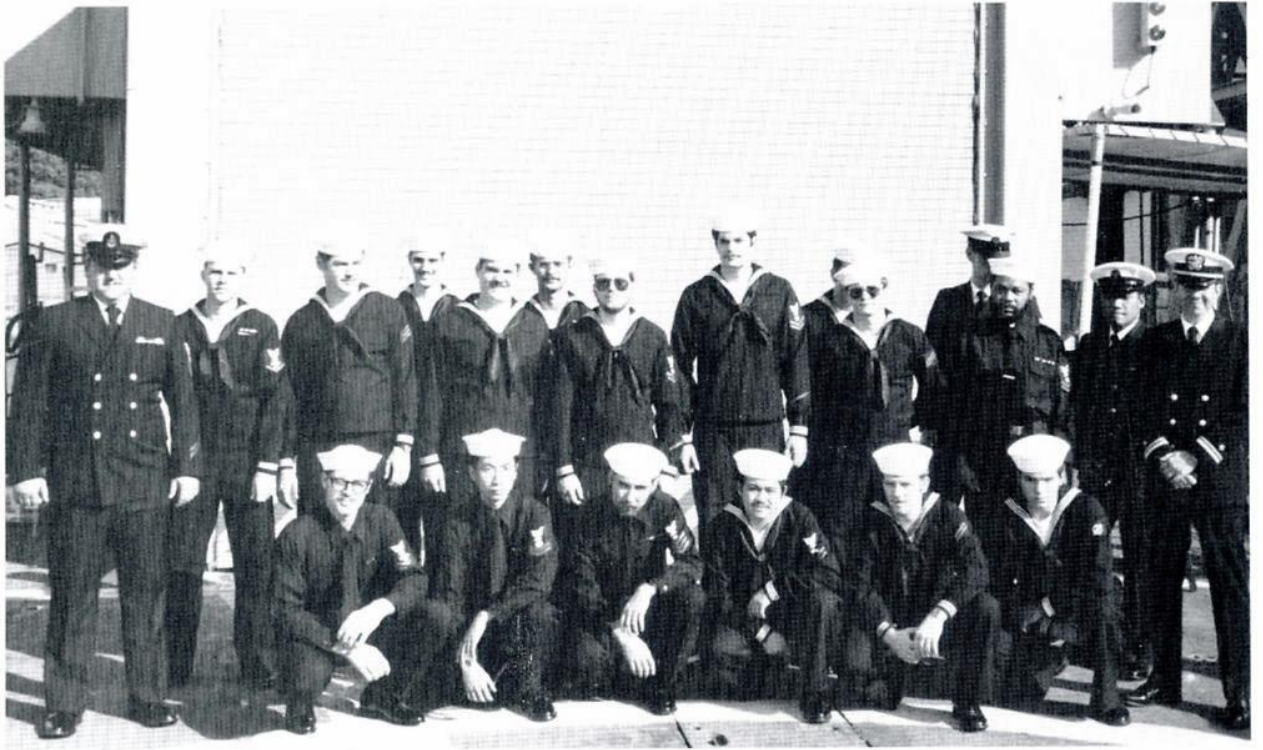


ENS C.A. ROURKE

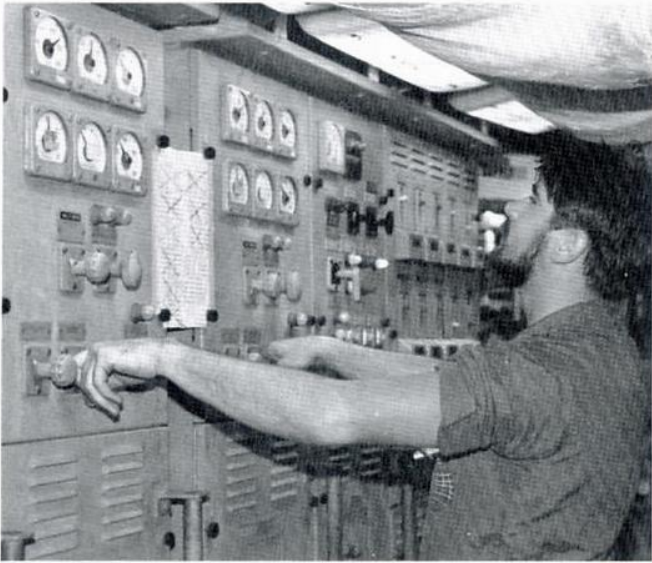


LT(JG) D.J. BERGIN

E/R DIVISION



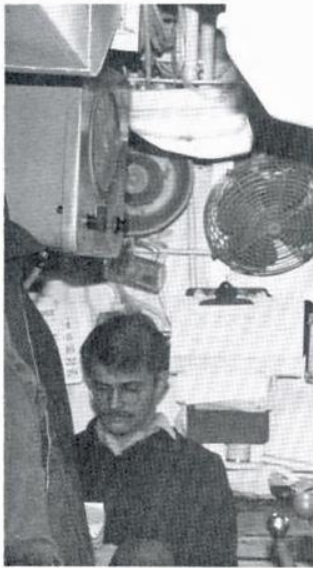
BACK ROW L TO R: HTC TOURVILLE, IC3 MONROE, ICFN BULLARD, EMFN LEFEBVRE, EM3 GATES, HTFN MOORE, HT2 ROETHLISBERGER, HT2 MURRAY, EM2 IGNALINO, FN BATIR, ICI HOLLER, HT2 SANDERS, EM1 RONGCAL, LT(JG) HEALD. FRONT ROW L TO R: IC2 DEMOTTE, EM2 LAU, HT1 HOLMES, MR2 ONG, FN FORSYTH, FA LUKIC. NOT PICTURED: EMFN VIRCHINSKI, IC3 BAKER, ICFA KRUSE, HT3 RETZLAFF, HT3 CRISMAN.



SPEAK TO ME!!!



OOH, NOT AGAIN!



B DIVISION

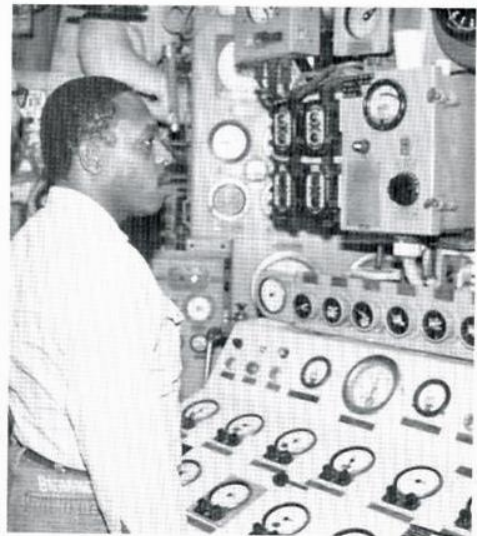


BACK ROW L TO R: BT3 FOWLER, BT2 SMALLEY, FN JIMISON, BT1 BERGMAN, BT3 KISER, FN DAVIS, FN WADLEY, MIDDLE ROW L TO R: BTC HENKE, BT3 WILCOX, FN PORTER, BT3 ORGAN, BT3 REEDER, BT3 THOMAS, FN HENDRICKS, BTC CLARK, FRONT ROW L TO R: FN FRANK, FN TENAGLIA, BT3 SAWYER, BT3 KENNEDY, BT2 LETARTE, NOT PICTURED: BT1 RAMEY, BT1 BLAKNEY, BT1 COSTALES, BT2 CAREY, BT2 MERRIWEATHER, FN JOHNSON, FN JOHNSTON, FN EVANS, BT2 HALEY.



HEY CHIEF! WE FOUND THAT MISSING WRENCH.

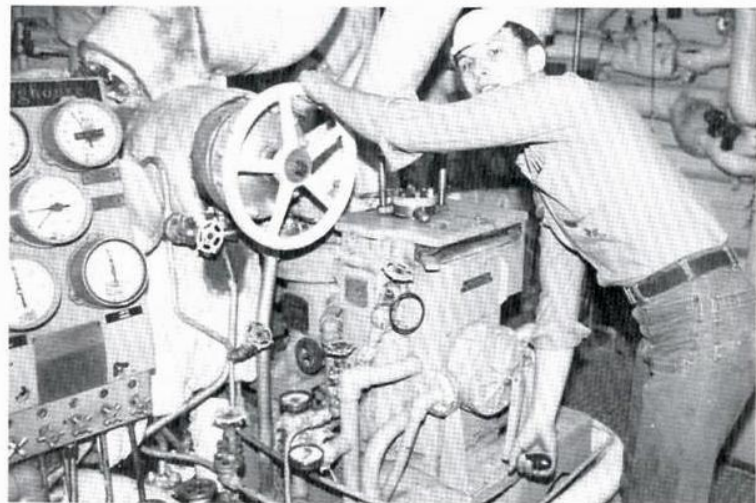
WHERE'S THE ON BUTTON?!



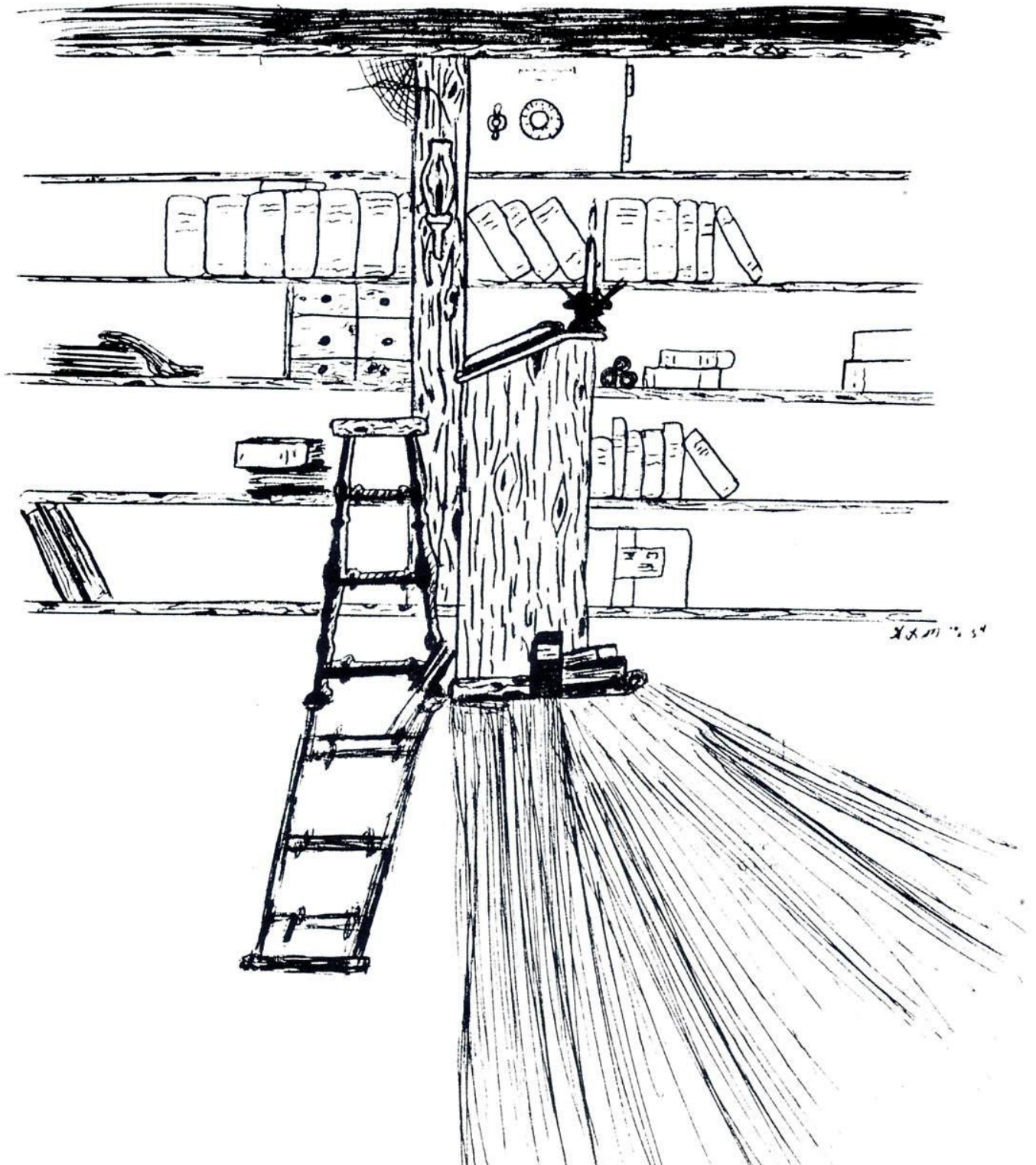
A/M DIVISION



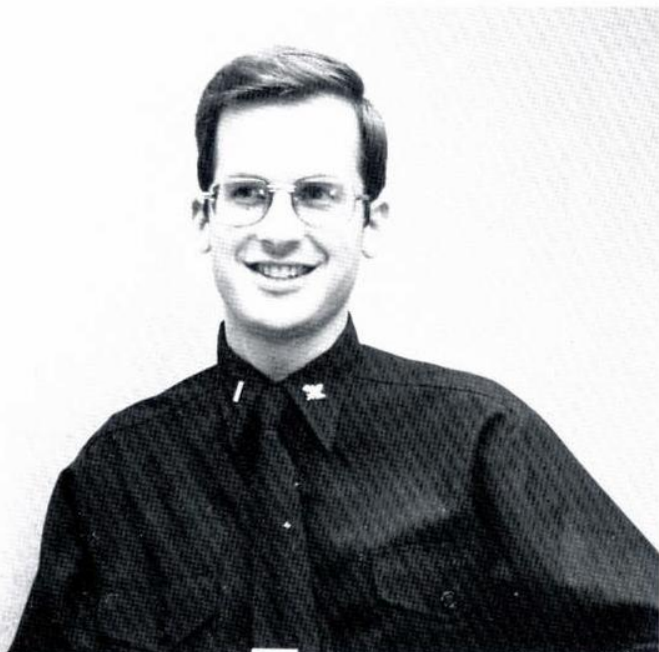
BACK ROW L TO R: MM3 ALLEN, MMFN MARTIN, MM3 CURTIS, ENFN LEWIS, MM2 ALGEE, MM2 TROTTER, MIDDLE ROW L TO R: ENC WEATHERS, MM1 MACALINO, EN3 MITCHELL, MM3 ANDERSON, EN2 GORDON, MMFN KEMP, MM2 GARZA, MMC Mc LANE, FRONT ROW L TO R: MM3 KWAWCIANY, MM3 BRUCKER, MM3 HOLT, MM1 ESPINO, MM2 LAZO, MMFA SETH, NOT PICTURED: MM2 TOWNSLEY, MM3 BAILEY, MM3 BONNER, MMFN DEGUZMAN, ENFN Mc KINLEY, FN CHIKALLA.



SUPPLY



*LT(JG) C. MOORE
SUPPLY OFFICER*



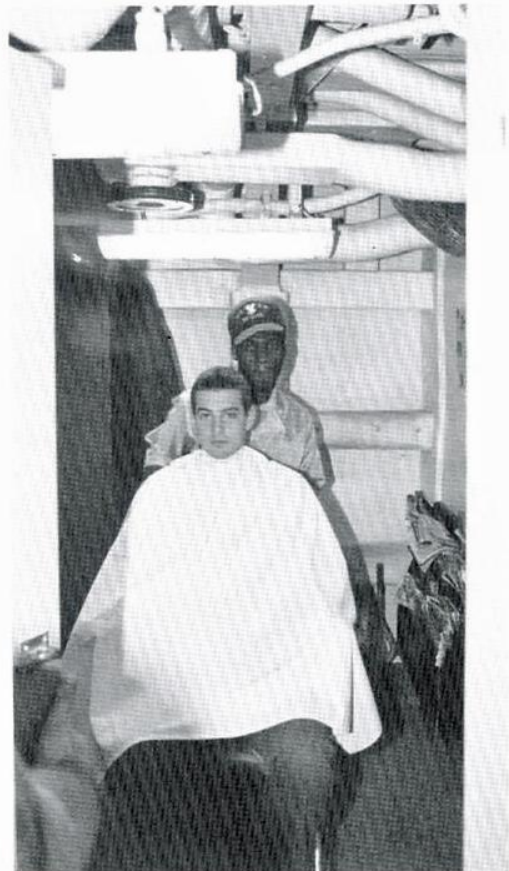
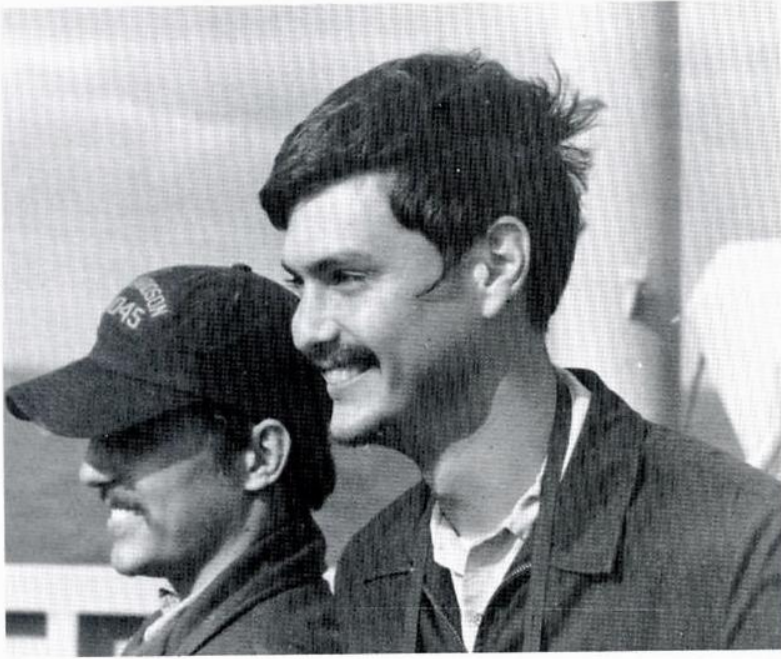
*LT(JG) D.G. PARKHURST
DISBURSING OFFICER*



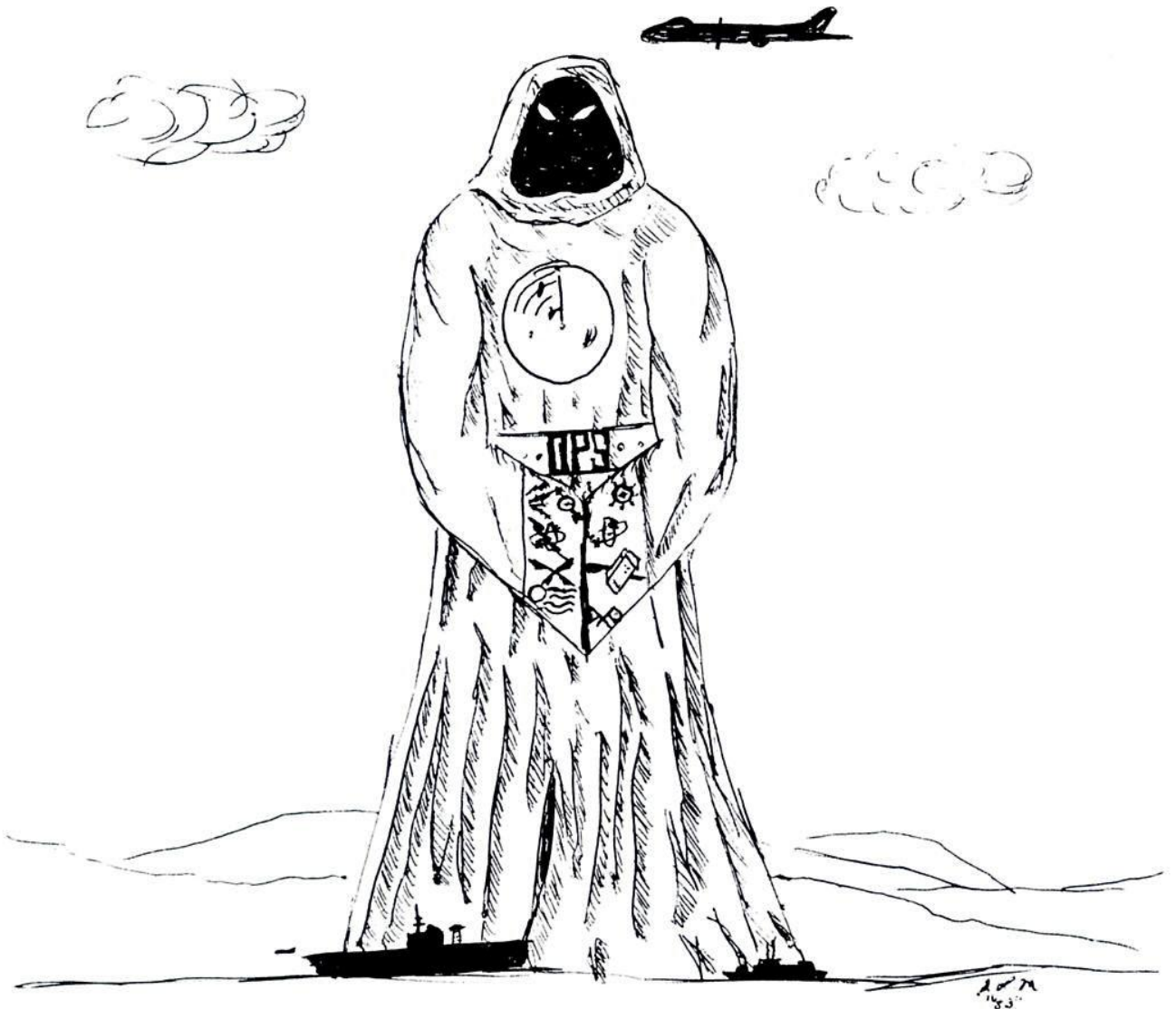
SUPPLY



FROM L TO R: FN JOHNSTON, SKC PAYTON, SHI IGNACIO, MS3 BOOZER, SHSN SPIVEY, SH2 DAVIS, SHSN BETTE, SKSN PRIETO, STGSN TINDER, DK2 FANTANA, DKSJN WITTICK, MS1 LUCIANO, SN YOHO, SK3 MALONG, SN KILBRIDE, SKSN TURNER, SMSN COOLEY, OSSN COFFMAN, MS1 BAYBAYAN, TMSN WASHBURN, FN RUCKER, MS1 GONZALES, BTFN EVANS, FN JOHNSON, SKC NELSON, MSC BRASHER, NOT PICTURED: MSC ONTALAN, SKC BALUYOT, SK1 BUSTRIA, MS1 FERRER, MS2 BERG, MS2 STEGMAN, MSSN JOHNSON, MSSN MORGAN, MSSN RODGERS.



OPERATIONS





*LT J.A. DORRANCE
COMMS OFFICER*



*LT(JG) C.S. KLEINT
NAVIGATOR*



*LT D.B. LAHREN
OPS OFFICER*

*LT(JG) J.A. KING
CIC OFFICER*



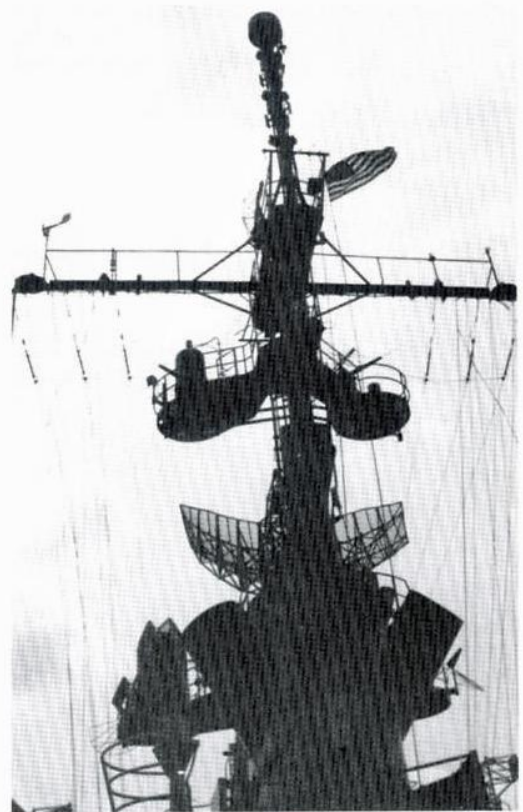
*ENS R.F. PERRY
ELEC. MAINT. OFF.*



OC DIVISION



BACK ROW L TO R: LT DORRANCE, RMC PARRY, RM1 KELLUM, MIDDLE ROW L TO R: RMSN BAKER, RMSN SILFIES, SM3 KEOHO, SM3 BOWIE, RMSN BOBBIT, SMSN BUSTOS, FRONT ROW L TO R: RMSN GONSALVES, SM2 PARROTT, RM2 GENNEKEN, RM3 HILL, SMSN WEST, NOT PICTURED: SM1 ALA, RM1 FISHER, SMSN COOLEY.



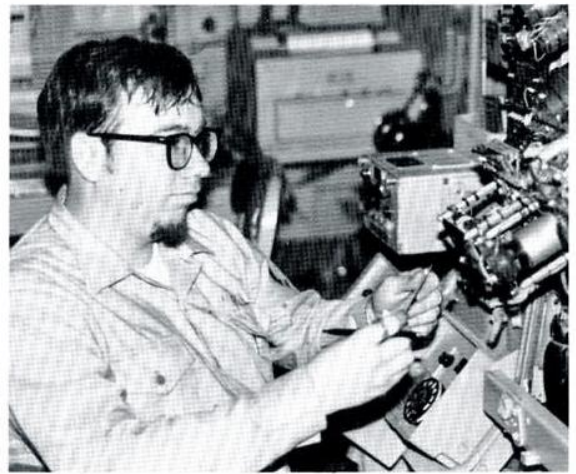
OE DIVISION



*BACK ROW L TO R: ETC GLOECKLER, ET3 ROBBINS, ET3 STANRIDGE, ET1
BELT, ET2 ALTEMUS, FRONT ROW L TO R: ET3 BEIER, ET3 RELPH, ET3 HODG-
KINS, ETSN JOHNSON, ET1 MAHOE.*



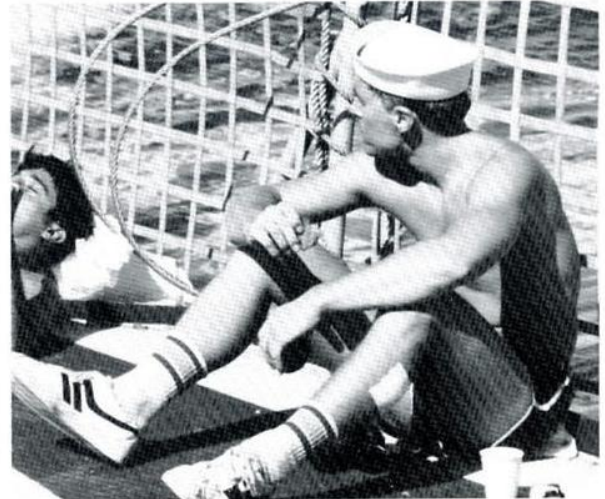
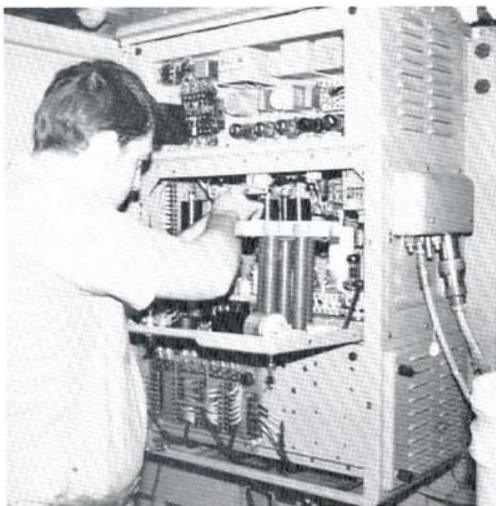
They want this fixed by when?



I have the answer . . . scrap it!!



One final adjustment . . . after another.



OI DIVISION



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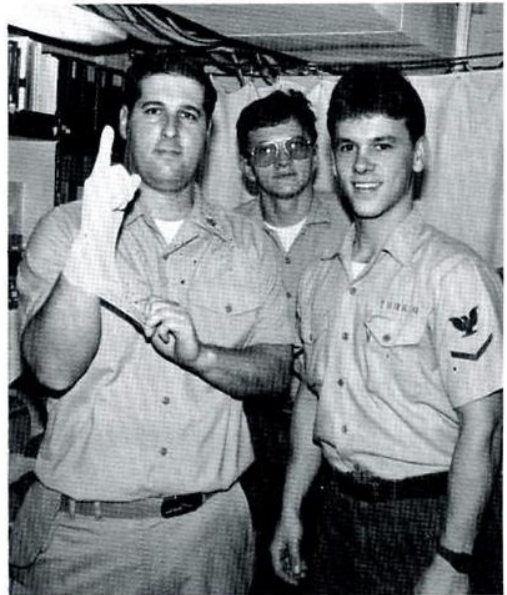
*HAS ANYONE, BY CHANCE, SEEN MY
HELO? IT WAS HERE A MINUTE AGO.*



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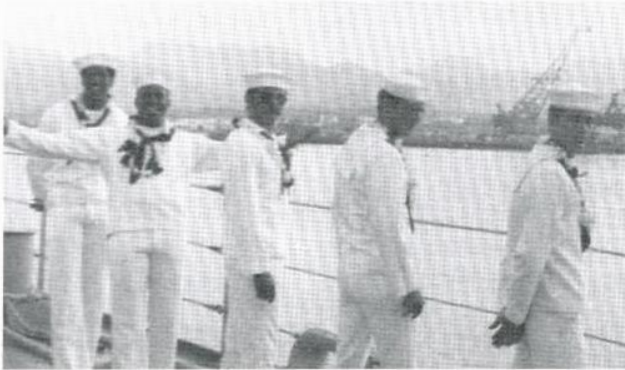


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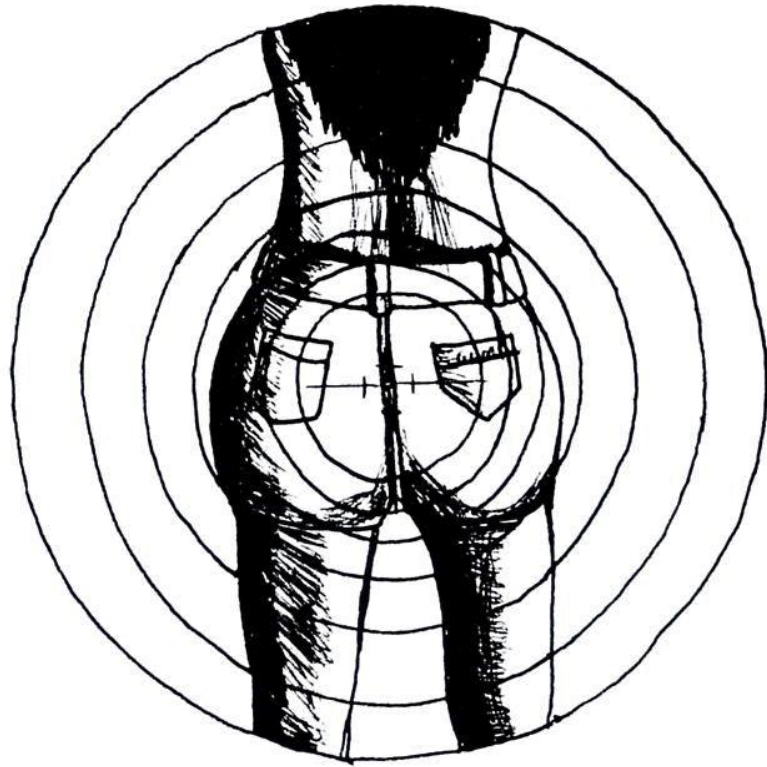
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COME ON SIR, SMILE!

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