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An aerial, black and white photograph of the USS Conyngham (DDG-17) sailing on the ocean. The ship is viewed from a high angle, showing its complex superstructure with multiple masts, radar domes, and various antennas. The ship's hull number '17' is visible on the bow. The ship is moving through the water, leaving a white wake behind it. The text 'USS CONYNGHAM (DDG-17)' is overlaid in large, bold, black letters at the top of the image.

USS CONYNGHAM (DDG-17)

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BUILT BY NEW YORK SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION IN CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, CONYNNGHAM'S KEEL WAS LAID ON THE WAYS 1 MAY 1961. JUST 383 DAYS LATER, ON 19 MAY 1962, MRS. MARY ALBERT, WIFE OF CONGRESSMAN ALBERT OF OKLAHOMA, CHRISTENED HER AND SHE SLID DOWN THE WAYS INTO THE ELEMENT IN WHICH SHE WAS DESTINED TO MAKE HER NAME.

CONYNNGHAM (DDG-17) IS THE THIRD SHIP TO BEAR THIS PROUD NAME. FIRST WAS THE DD-58, A FOUR STACK DESTROYER WHICH SERVED WITH THE BRITISH FORCES ON CONVOY AND ANTISUBMARINE DUTY DURING WORLD WAR I. THE SECOND SHIP WAS THE DD-371, WHICH SERVED WITH DISTINCTION IN THE PACIFIC THEATER DURING WORLD WAR II AND LATER WAS A PART OF THE TARGET FLEET USED IN THE BIKINI ATOLL ATOM BOMB TESTS IN 1948. THE THIRD, AND PRESENT SHIP, IS A SLEEK PROUD BEAUTY, 437 FEET LONG WITH A 4500 TON DISPLACEMENT.

CONYNNGHAM WAS COMMISSIONED 13 JULY 1963 AT U.S. NAVAL SHIPYARD, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA. COMMANDER EDWIN P. SMITH JR., ASSUMING COMMAND. GUEST SPEAKER FOR THIS OCCASION WAS ADMIRAL J. L. HOLLOWAY, USN (RETIRED), GOVERNOR OF THE NAVAL HOME. THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONIES WERE ATTENDED BY MANY VISITING DIGNITARIES, AS WELL AS THE SHIP'S SPONSOR, MRS. MARY ALBERT.

LATE AUGUST SAW COMPLETION OF FITTING OUT ON SCHEDULE AND CONYNNGHAM DEPARTED FOR YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA TO LOAD AMMUNITION, MISSILES, TORPEDOES AND THEN PROCEED TO HER HOMEPORT OF NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

ON THE 26TH OF SEPTEMBER, CONYNNGHAM UNDERWENT HER FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE INSPECTION, RECEIVING A GRADE OF OUTSTANDING, THE FIRST EVER GIVEN IN DESTROYER SQUADRON TWENTY-SIX.

EARLY OCTOBER BROUGHT DEPLOYMENT TO THE JACKSONVILLE-MAYPORT AREA FOR COMPLETION OF THE SHIP'S QUALIFICATION TRIALS. MID-OCTOBER AND DEPLOYMENT TO THE CARIBBEAN AREA TO COMMENCE UNDERWAY TRAINING AT GUANTANAMO BAY WAS NEXT ON THE AGENDA. THOUGH THE TRAINING PERIOD WAS ABBREVIATED, PREVIOUS PREPARATIONS DURING PRECOMMISSIONING AND FITTING OUT PAID BIG DIVIDENDS AS THE SHIP ATTAINED THE HIGHEST SCORE OF THE YEAR ON THE FINAL OPERATIONAL READINESS INSPECTION FOR A GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYER.

EARLY JANUARY 1964 SAW CONYNNGHAM UNDERWAY TO YORKTOWN TO OFFLOAD ORDNANCE PRIOR TO ENTERING THE PHILADELPHIA NAVAL SHIPYARD. WITH THE POST SHAKEDOWN AVAILABILITY COMPLETED, CONYNNGHAM WAS AGAIN UNDERWAY IN EARLY MARCH. FIRST STOP WAS YORKTOWN TO LOAD ORDNANCE, THEN IT WAS OFF TO THE CARIBBEAN FOR OPERATION SPRINGBOARD AND FLEET EXERCISES UNTIL LATE MARCH. ON HER RETURN TO NORFOLK, CONYNNGHAM CONTINUED OPERATIONS WITH THE U.S. SECOND FLEET AND CONDUCTED VARIOUS EXERCISES DURING THE ANNUAL BATTLE EFFICIENCY COMPETITION. AS A RESULT OF THE COORDINATED EFFORT DISPLAYED BY ALL HANDS IN CONYNNGHAM, SHE WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE SQUADRON COMMANDER FOR THE BATTLE EFFICIENCY AWARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 1964 AND EACH OF HER DEPARTMENTS WAS THE LEADING CANDIDATE WITHIN THE SQUADRON FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL 'E'. ALL FIVE 'E' PLAQUES WERE AWARDED TO CONYNNGHAM.

RETURNING TO PORT, SHE MADE PREPARATIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING DEPLOYMENT TO THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE UPCOMING POM CHECK. IN ADDITION, THE SQUADRON COMMANDER DIRECTED THAT THE SHIP RECEIVE AN ADMINISTRATIVE INSPECTION AT THE SAME TIME AS THE POM CHECK. AGAIN, AS IN THE PRECEDING YEAR, THE GRADE ASSIGNED WAS OUTSTANDING.

ON 3 AUGUST, CONYNNGHAM SET HER COURSE TOWARD NEW ADVENTURES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. AFTER PASSING THROUGH THE STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR, CONYNNGHAM BECAME A MEMBER OF THE

UNITED STATES NAVY'S POWERFUL SIXTH FLEET. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, SHE RECEIVED A LETTER OF COMMENDATION FROM COMMANDER TASK GROUP 60.1 FOR THE NIGHT TIME RESCUE OF ONE OF THE FORRESTAL'S PILOTS. IN NAPLES CDR E. P. SMITH, JR., WHO HAD BEEN WITH CONYNGHAM SINCE HER PRECOMMISSIONING DAYS, WAS RELIEVED AS COMMANDING OFFICER ON 15 SEPTEMBER BY CDR GEORGE B. LINDGREN. FROM THE LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER UNTIL THE 6TH OF OCTOBER, CONYNGHAM PARTICIPATED IN A NATO EXERCISE, AND ONCE MORE ACTED AS PLANE GUARD FOR FORRESTAL.

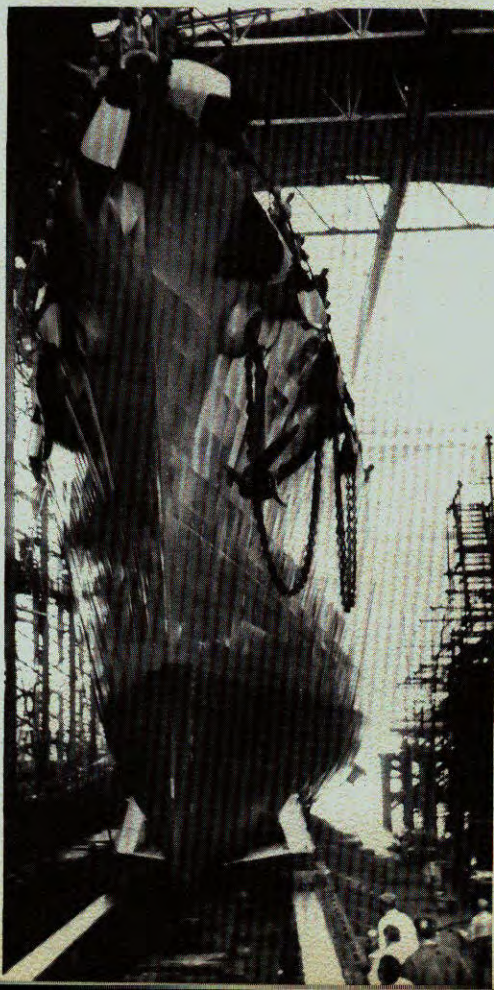
IN NOVEMBER, CONYNGHAM PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION POOPDECK, ONE OF THE LARGEST EXERCISES IN THE MED IN 1964, AND ALSO CONTINUED TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS IN SUCH PLACES AS RHODES, GREECE; LASPEZIA, ITALY; AND BARCELONA, SPAIN. UPON COMPLETION OF A MAJOR UNDERWAY NIGHT REPLENISHMENT IN EARLY DECEMBER, CONYNGHAM ARRIVED AGAIN IN NAPLES WHERE SHE PLAYED HOST TO CONGRESSMAN PIRNIE (R) FROM THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN NEW YORK.

IN MID-DECEMBER, CONYNGHAM WAS GIVEN HER FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO SHOOT A TARTAR MISSILE WHILE DEPLOYED WITH THE SIXTH FLEET. THE SUCCESSFUL FIRING TOOK PLACE AT THE FRENCH MISSILE RANGE AT CERES. MEANWHILE, ALL DEPARTMENTS CONTINUED TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED COMPETITIVE EXERCISES, ACHIEVING GRADES AS GOOD IF NOT BETTER THAN THOSE OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR. AS THE CHRISTMAS SEASON ARRIVED, CONYNGHAM WAS IN TOULON, FRANCE ALONGSIDE THE GRAND CANYON FOR HER FIRST AND ONLY TENDER AVAILABILITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. THE CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE FRENCH ALPS ENABLED MANY CREW MEMBERS TO SPEND SEVERAL DAYS SIGHTSEEING AND SKIING.

ARRIVING IN NORFOLK EARLY FEBRUARY, CONYNGHAM WENT ALONGSIDE THE SIERRA FOR A POST DEPLOYMENT TENDER PERIOD. THIS TIME WAS SPENT PREPARING FOR THE UPCOMING OPERATION SPRINGBOARD.

EARLY APRIL FOUND CONYNGHAM ENROUTE TO THE CARIBBEAN TO PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION SPRINGBOARD. DURING THE FOLLOWING THREE WEEKS CONYNGHAM PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL COMPETITIVE EXERCISES. THE WEAPONS DEPARTMENT DISTINGUISHED ITSELF BY SCORING 100'S ON THREE GUN SHOTS. DURING ONE OF THESE, A Z-21-G, CONYNGHAM'S 5"/54'S AVERAGED A RAW SCORE OF 425.5, A CRUISER-DESTROYER FORCE RECORD. SPRINGBOARD OFFERED SIX CHANCES FOR TARTAR MISSILE FIRINGS. RESULTS: FIVE HITS AND ONE DIRECT HIT.

DURING LATE APRIL AND EARLY MAY, CONYNGHAM PARTICIPATED IN A BUREAU OF NAVAL WEAPONS RESEARCH PROJECT FOR FURTHERING THE NAVY'S MISSILE SYSTEMS. AFTER A BRIEF STAY AT THE D&S PIERS, CONYNGHAM SHIFTED TO THE NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD TO BE OUTFITTED FOR YET ANOTHER MISSILE RESEARCH PROJECT. EARLY IN JUNE, PRIOR TO HEADING SOUTH, CONYNGHAM PROCEEDED TO ANNA-POLIS, MARYLAND AND EMBARKED 40 MIDSHIPMEN FOR THEIR ANNUAL TRAINING CRUISE. CONYNGHAM THEN HEADED FOR THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, WHERE SHE FIRED A LARGE NUMBER OF MISSILES AND ONCE AGAIN RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMMENDATIONS ON HER OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT. THIS TRIP ALSO PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT ST CROIX, VIRGIN ISLANDS. CONYNGHAM RETURNED TO NORFOLK IN LATE JUNE. AFTER ANOTHER BRIEF PAUSE IN NORFOLK, THE SHIP HEADED SOUTH IN EARLY AUGUST. DURING THAT MONTH IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT CONYNGHAM HAD WON HER SECOND CONSECUTIVE BATTLE EFFICIENCY AWARD WITH THE WEAPONS AND OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT "E" AWARDS AND FINISHED THE YEAR WITH THE HIGHEST SCORE IN THE CRUISER-DESTROYER FORCE. THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WAS SPENT LARGELY IN NORFOLK AND INCLUDED AN ADMINISTRATIVE INSPECTION WHICH, ONCE AGAIN, WAS SCORED OUTSTANDING, AND A SEMI-ANNUAL NUCLEAR TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY DRILL AND INSPECTION. DURING THIS SAME MONTH CONYNGHAM VISITED CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TO RECEIVE THE FORCE ANTI-AIR WARFARE AWARD FROM THE CHARLESTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. RETURNING TO NORFOLK, CONYNGHAM BEGAN INTENSIVE PREPARATION FOR OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENT AND COMPLETED HER PREDEPLOYMENT INSPECTION.





COMMANDING OFFICER



COMMANDER G.B. LINDGREN

COMMANDER GEORGE B. LINDGREN JOINED THE NAVY IN 1944 AND WAS COMMISSIONED AS ENSIGN FROM THE NAVAL RESERVE OFFICER'S TRAINING CORPS, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AT ANN ARBOR IN JUNE OF 1946. AFTER COMMISSIONING, COMMANDER LINDGREN WAS ORDERED TO HIS FIRST TOUR OF DUTY ON THE USS HOUSTON (CL-81). AFTER A TOUR IN THE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE ON THE USS LST 694 AND A LANDING SHIP FLOTILLA FLAGSHIP, COMMANDER LINDGREN WAS ORDERED TO THE 'MIGHTY MO', USS MISSOURI (BB-63), WHERE HE SERVED AS 'A' DIVISION OFFICER AS WELL AS 'K' DIVISION OFFICER DURING THE KOREAN CAMPAIGN.

UPON RETURN FROM THE FAR EAST, AND AFTER A TOUR OF SEA DUTY, HE WAS ORDERED TO THE U.S. NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL IN MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA, WHERE HE STUDIED THREE YEARS AND MAJORED IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.

FROM MONTEREY,, CDR LINDGREN TRAVELED CROSS-COUNTRY WHERE HE BECAME CHIEF ENGINEER ON THE USS MITSCHER (DL-2). WITH A BROAD ENGINEERING BACKGROUND, HE REMAINED IN NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND WITH THE DESLANT STAFF AS THE MACHINERY AND ELECTRICAL OFFICER AND LATER MOVED TO THE USS WILLIS A. LEE (DL-4) AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

PRIOR TO TAKING COMMAND OF USS CONYNGHAM (DDG-17), CDR LINDGREN STUDIED AT THE AIR WAR COLLEGE WHERE HE RECEIVED A MASTERS DEGREE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY. CONYNGHAM IS HIS FIFTH COMMAND, THE OTHER FOUR BEING THE USS LSFF 790, USS PCS 1378, USS PCS 1426 AND USS DEALEY (DE-1006).

COMMANDER LINDGREN IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER PEGGY I. PERRY OF PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA, AND THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN, GEORGE, JR. AND KARIN. HE TOOK COMMAND OF USS CONYNGHAM 15 SEPTEMBER 1964.



TO THE CREW:

The pleasures that I have enjoyed as Commanding Officer have been many and varied, but the greatest pleasure of all has been my association with the finest ship's company I have ever known - the crew of CONYNGHAM.

Your successes have been many. You have established numerous new Cruiser-Destroyer Force records and as a result, CONYNGHAM has been entitled "The most outstanding ship of the year". I have never known any other ship to receive as many commendations as has CONYNGHAM. The ship's triumphs have been made possible only through your endeavors. You have never accepted "second best" and the grade of "OUTSTANDING" has been your standard.

We have just completed a most successful deployment with the SIXTH Fleet in the Mediterranean, and now regretfully my remaining days as Commanding Officer are few in number. I know that wherever I may go and whatever may befall me in the future, I shall never be able to listen to the tune, "The Wearing of the Green", without recalling this marvelous crew and your wonderful families.

Well Done and God bless you all.

George B. Lindgren
George B. LINDGREN
Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LCDR S. J. HOSTETTTLER

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER STEPHEN J. HOSTETTTLER WAS BORN IN EVANSVILLE, INDIANA. HE SPENT HIS CHILDHOOD IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND INDIANA AND CONSIDERS BEDFORD, INDIANA HIS HOMETOWN.

LCDR HOSTETTTLER IS A GRADUATE OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY CLASS OF 1953. HIS ASSIGNMENTS SINCE COMMISSIONING HAVE BEEN AS FIRST LIEUTENANT IN USS EVERSOLE (DD-789) FROM 1953-1954; GUNNERY OFFICER, USS JAMES E. KYES (DD-787) FROM 1954-1955; EXECUTIVE OFFICER, USS ST. CLAIR COUNTY (LST-1096) FROM 1955-1956; OPERATIONS OFFICER AT AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONAL TRAINING UNIT, PACIFIC 1956-1957; WEAPONS OFFICER, USS LAWRENCE (DDG-4) 1961-1962 AND ASSISTANT ORDNANCE OFFICER FOR GUIDED MISSILE, STAFF COMMANDER CRUISER DESTROYER FORCE, U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET FROM 1963-1965.

HE ATTENDED THE U.S. NAVY POST GRADUATE SCHOOL AT MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA FROM 1958 THROUGH 1960 WHERE HE WAS AWARDED THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING. HE ATTENDED THE U.S. ARMED FORCES STAFF COLLEGE IN 1965 PRIOR TO HIS ASSIGNMENT AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN CONYNGHAM IN JULY 1965.

LCDR HOSTETTTLER IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER LUCY ANN INGALLS OF BEDFORD, INDIANA. THE HOSTETTTLER'S HAVE A DAUGHTER KATHRYN AND A SON STEPHEN.



LT S. O. NUNN
OPERATIONS OFFICER



LT C. E. DAVIS
ENGINEERING OFFICER

DEPARTMENT HEADS



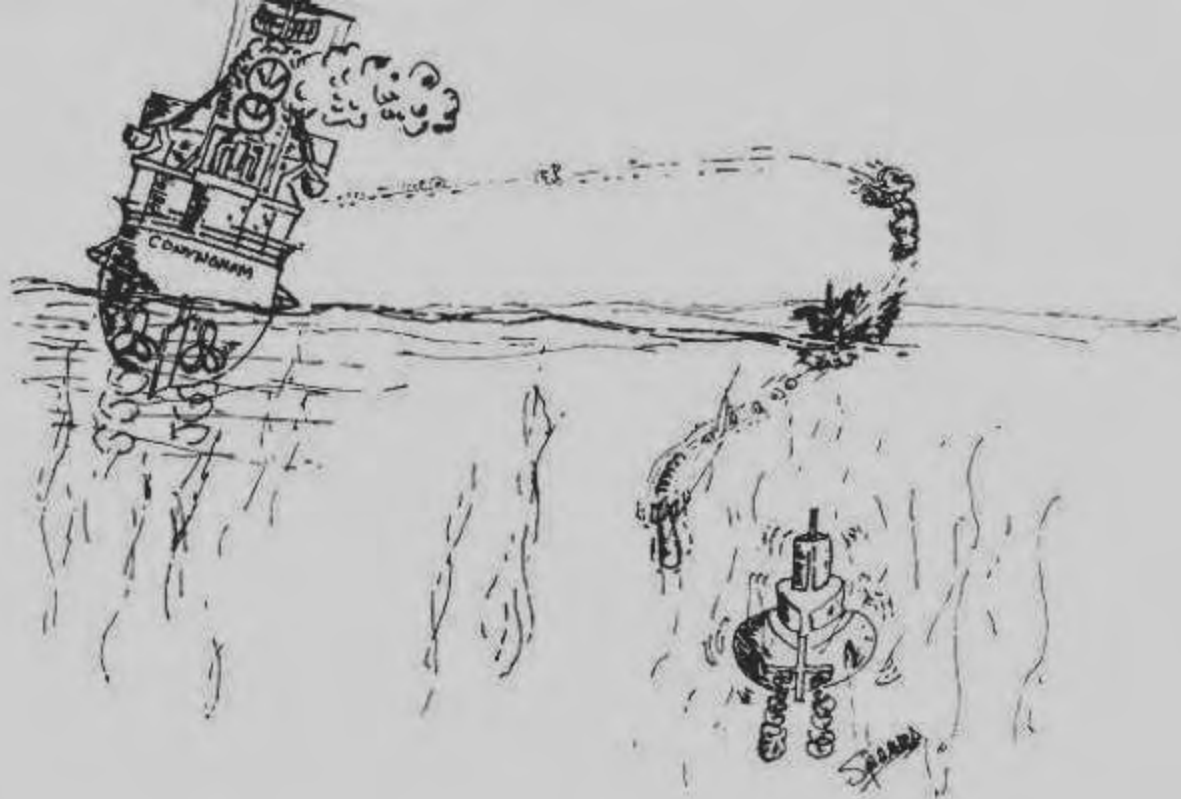
LT T.G. WALLER
SUPPLY OFFICER



LT R. T. BUNNELL
WEAPONS OFFICER



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LTJG W. F. SHAUGHNESSY
ASW OFFICER

A/S DIVISION



J. Sebutz, GMG1



H. Ballard, ST1



J. Jurkiewicz, TM1



D. Douglas, STG2



H. Craig, STG3



J. Scott, STG3



S. Morris, STG3



J. Toney, STS3



W. Floyd, TMSN



J. Dewey, STGSN



B. Rollstone, GMSN



D. Kelley, TMSN



W. Lacy, STGSN



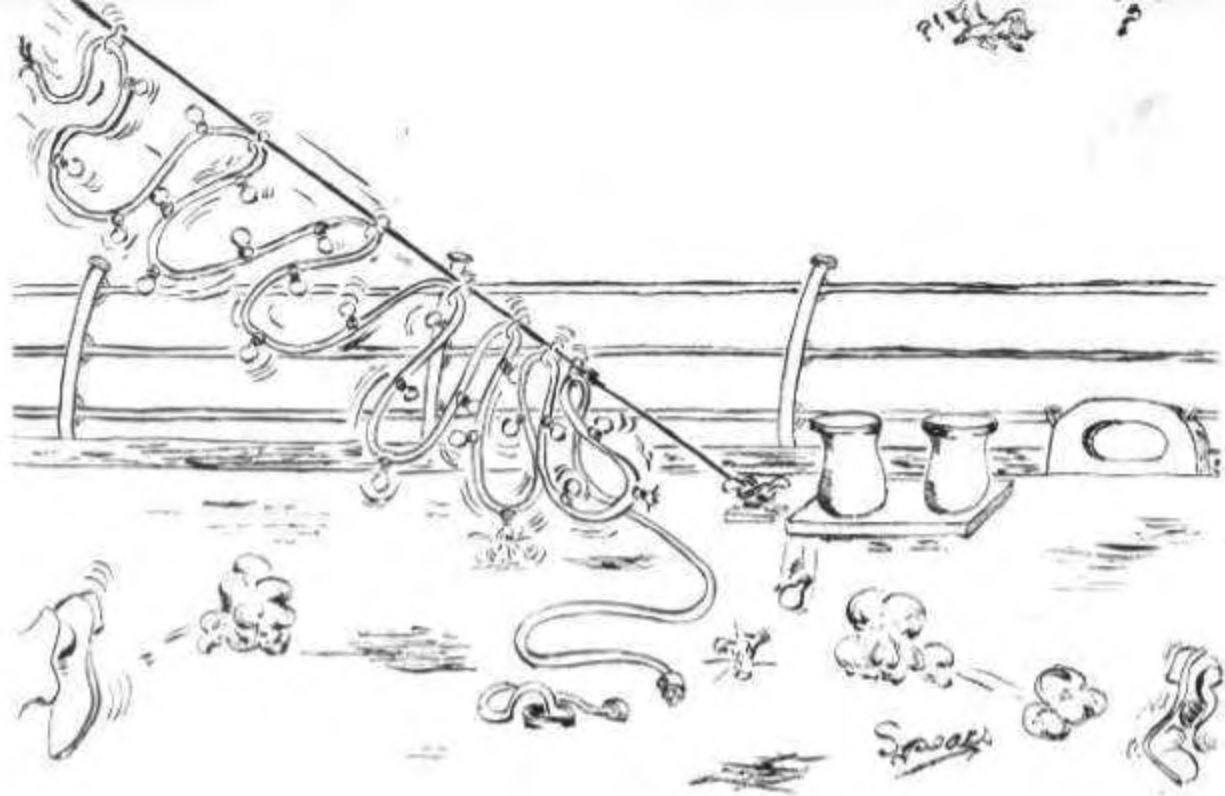
R. Rainwater, STGSA



R. Whitfield, STG3



L. Honeycutt, STGSN



E & R DIVISION



LTJG J.S. WOODS
DCA



ENS J.R. FULLER
ELECTRICAL OFFICER



C. Maxwell, EMC



C. Hoke, SPC





W. Light, MMC



H. Miller, DC1



J. Tkacsik, EN1



W. Lucas, EM1



R. Lyons, EM1



R. Lee, LSFP2



J. Lisa, SEP2



J. Bailey, SEP2



R. Greene, EM2



H. Kaspazak, MM3



F. Darlea, EN3



M. Glass, DC3



N. Wright, EN3



L. Harris, MR3



N. Beatty, EM3



D. Schneider, EM3



A. Bascom, IC3



J. Verbine, EM3



G. Schoon, EM3



T. Charron, SFP3



G. Freeman, FN



H. Stevens, FN



L. Wyatt, FN



L. Anderson, ENFN



J. Priebe, MMFN



S. Carpenter, FN



S. Brooks, FA



R. Fetterman, EMFN



J. McFarland, FA



P. Seaton, FA



J. Johnson, ICEN



C. Houston, FN



C. Hawn, ICFN



T. Woods, EMFN



F. Felker, EMFN



A. Shiroke, ICFN



W. VanAusdall, ICFN



D. Briggs, FN



FIRST DIVISION



LTJG W.E. TEALE
FIRST LIEUTENANT



M. Frye, BMI



S. Chavous, BMI



R. Gleason, BMI



A. Thome, BMJ



L. Fogg, BMJ



E. Dash, BMJ



T. Johnson, BMSN



W. Jones, SN



T. Glower, SN



R. Stewart, SN



H. Miller, SN



N. Wortham, SN



D. Smith, SN



A. Lee, SN



H. Sidor, SN



T. Ballard, SN



G. Harris, SN



R. Hess, SN



R. Suckow, SA



E. Shields, SN



M. Swallow, BMSN



B. Hessel, SN



V. Pantini, SN



R. Sny, SN



D. Daerer, SN



R. Whitsitt, SN



M. McDonough, SN



D. Edgar, SN



D. Walker, SN



C. Robb, SN



J. Marshall, SN



T. Smith, SN



G. Slocum, SN



J. Sendejas, SA



C. Qualls, SN



P. Bailey, SN



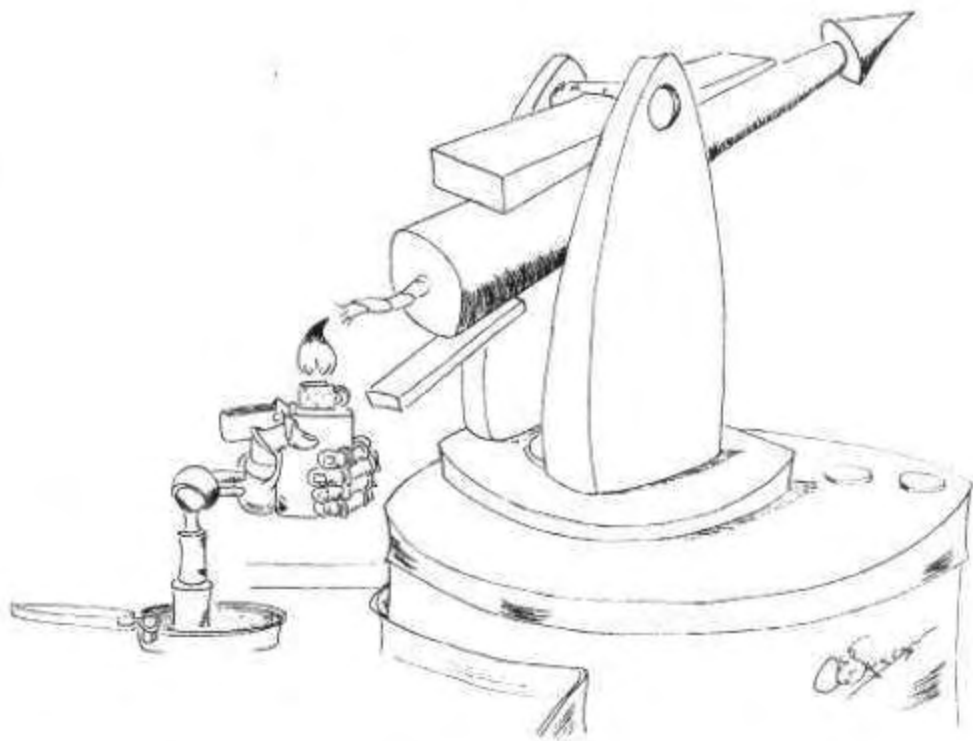
D. Lacy, SN



D. Leonard, SA



C. Ishmael, SN



G DIVISION



ENS D.B. DUNLAP
FIRE CONTROL OFFICER



ENS D.W. ROBINSON
MISSILE OFFICER



L. Konrad, FTC



D. Blair, FTC



R. Bates, GMM1



K. Jennings, GMM1



G. Hake, GMM2



R. Lawuill, GMM2



E. Henderson, GMM2



R. Murphy, FTM2



J. Gantee, FTM2



B. Abram, FTM3



D. Pasola, GMM2



C. Spears, FTM2



E. Hœppner, GMM2



T. Mulmquist, FTG3



J. Cochran, FTM3



E. Grounstreet, FTM2



H. Strathers, FTM3



E. Levine, FTG3



G. Watson, FT M3



R. Spangler, FT M3



C. Gill, FT G3



B. Rittle, FT M3



J. Fitzpatrick, FT M3



H. Walsh, FT M3



C. Brunick, GMM 3



C. Benner, FT G3



M. Burch, FT G3



T. Smith, FT MSN



J. Sharpe, FT GSN



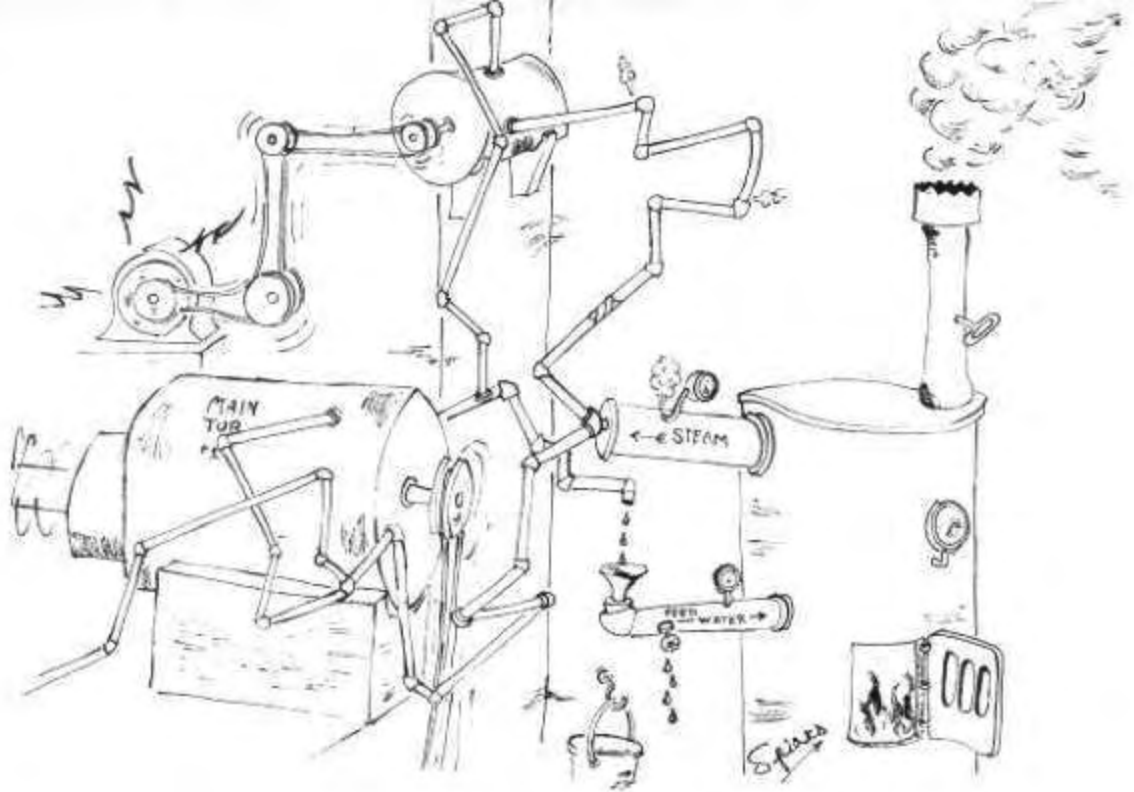
D. Burton, MTSN



E. Kneeland, FT MSN



D. Nichols, FT MSN



M & B DIVISION



LTJG P.O. LANK
MPA



E. Stephenson, BTCS



R. Price, MMC



K. Hall, BT1



E. Daugberty, BT1



R. Lantz, BT1



L. Thompson, MM1



F. Sherwood, MM2



G. Bradford, BT2



R. Hoopes, MM3



I. Wright, MM3



J. Thompson, MM3



F. Peters, MM3



D. Kleiner, MM3



F. Nyerges, MM3



R. King, BT3



R. McDonald, BT3



W. Hollowell, BT3



D. Juelich, BT3



R. Hytinen, BT3



B. Springer, BT3



W. Stamats, FN



D. Barrell, MMFN



H. Warras, MMFN



J. Morrisette, FN



W. Caffareli, MMFA



H. Cain, FN



D. Suckow, MM3



R. Snyder, MMFN



L. Miller, MMFN



J. Heuer, MMFN



B. Clingen, FN



T. Crowe, MMFN



M. Biehl, FA



J. Cannuli, FN



M. Hacker, FA



D. Montowski, BT3



G. Lee, BT3



L. Foster, FN



E. Ballard, FN



T. Wells, BT3



M. Rauch, BTFN



G. Jackson, BTPN



L. King, FA



R. Gerber, FN



D. Case, FA



J. Beddo, BT3



A. Covill, FN



D. Shimer, FN



E. Bourgeois, FN



D. Rhoads, FN



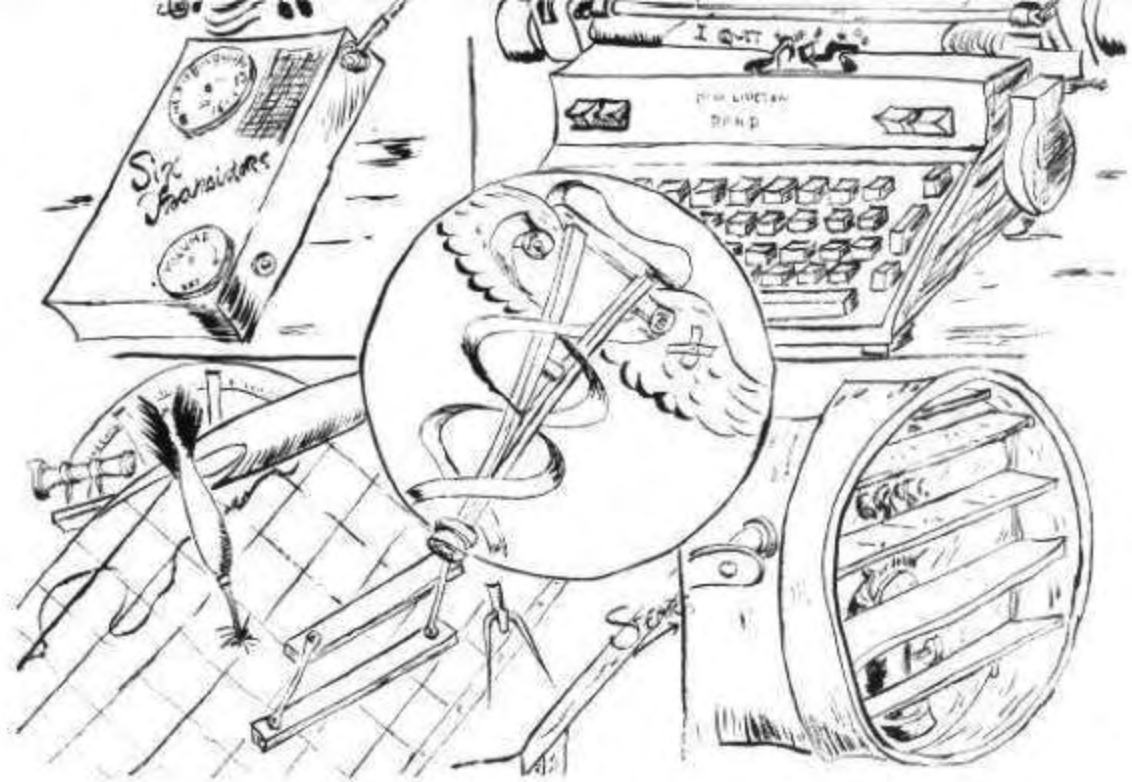
S. Burk, FN



H. Jennings, FA



D. Rex, FN



OC DIVISION



LTJG D.W. NELSON
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER



ENS R.J. MALOIT
ASS'T COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER



B. Ambrose, HMC



E. Kerr, QMC



J. Crockett, SM1



D. Aikens, RM1



L. Anderson, RM1



R. Rich, PN1



C. Pierson, PC2



R. Hines, SM2



R. Folds, RM2



T. Wynkoop, RM3



R. Brecheen, RM3



D. Thomas, SM3



S. Dickey, SM3



F. Hughes, SN



T. Kupres, RM3



G. Todd, YN3



A. Cavada, RM3



R. Otlowshi, RM3



S. Mitchell, PC3



W. Charest, SN



H. Hall, RMSN



G. Houston, SN



S. Hughes, PN3



G. Boron, SN



J. Parsittio, SN



D. Ellison, JOSN



J. June, SN



G. Manger, SN



H. Mallory, RMSN



M. Loomis, RMSN



S. Gillian, SN



D. Frantz, SN



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LTJG L.P. SHANK
EMO



J. Bartlett, ET1



R. Svarduk, ET1



W. Sellers, ETN2



L. Weir, ETN2



W. Field, ETR3



R. Turman, ET3



D. Edens, ETR3



R. Nowakowski, SN



M. Ivin, ETRSN



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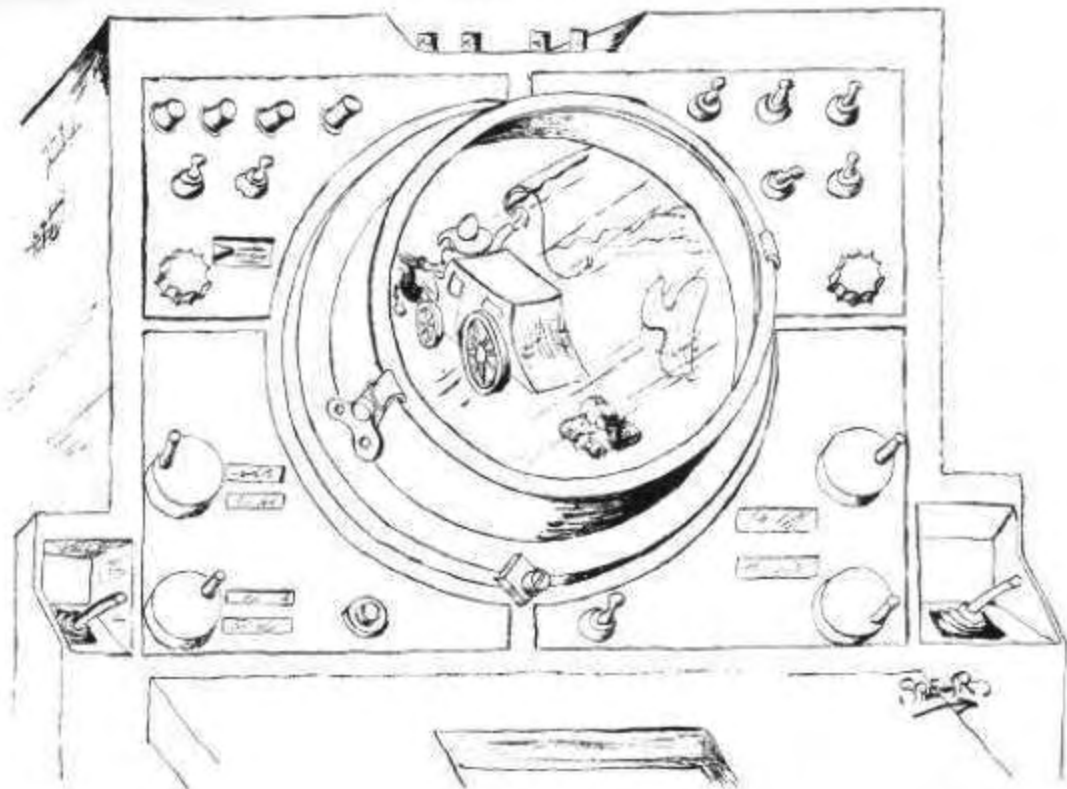
M. Kruckenberg, ETSN



D. Gray, SN



J. Oliver, ETRSN



01 DIVISION



LTJG D.J. MUNDHENKE
CIC OFFICER



H. Waxburn, RDC



W. Graham, RD2



N. Yettman, RD2



R. Hamilton, RD2



J. Fels, RD3



J. Shappy, RD3



H. Salzmann, RD3



G. Risko, RD3



J. Messick, RDSN



R. Mentor, RDSA



R. Thomas, RDSN



M. Zrouka, RDSN



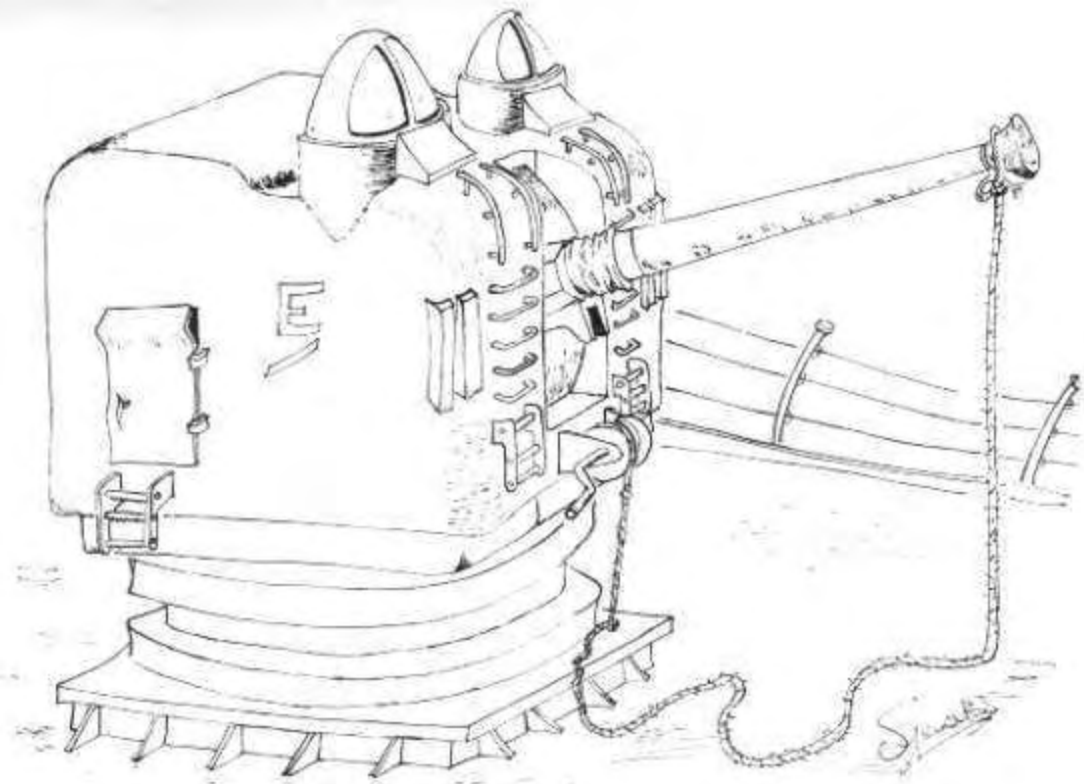
R. Couch, RDSN



J. Walburn, RDSN



R. Madison, RD3



SECOND DIVISION



LTJG C.F. SELL
GUNNERY ASSISTANT



R. Bolick, GMGI



K. Bouck, GMG2



H. Mooney, GMG2



W. Dusterhoff, GMG3



J. Dunaway, GMG3



R. Reformat, GMG3



M. Yost, GMG3



D. Mills, GMG3



H. Hester, SN



P. Aljoe, SA



J. Acton, GMGSN

HE DROPPED ONE OF
THEM ITALIAN ROLLS"



SUPPLY DEPARTMENT



LT W.E. JONES
FORMER SUPPLY OFFICER



LTJG F.J. MONAHAN
DISBURSING OFFICER



V. Mercado, SKC



B. Smith, SKC



C. Collins, SH1



M. Coley, CS1



J. Tierney, DK1



W. Sutton, SD1



B. Barber, SH2



D. Kimble, SD3



C. Hancock, CS2



W. Hughes, SK2



H. Clark, CS2



R. Andrada, SK2



J. McLaughlin, SK3



L. Smith, CS3



G. Gay, CS3



G. Winters, SK3



F. Paul, SKS3



J. Mahoney, SH3



E. Fassott, SD3



R. Dell, CS3



T. Totman, CS2



G. Astburs, SN



C. Speer, SN



C. Wiseman, SHSN



R. Lapsley, SN



D. Oyster, SN



L. Williams, TN



T. Pedro, TN



J. Hulett, SKSN



A. McCrary, SN



E. Eruspiker, SN



J. MacDonald, SN



C. Camper, SN



T. Heron, SH3



R. Aquino, TN



J. Matter, CSSN



P. Stelly, FA



M. Ward, SKSN

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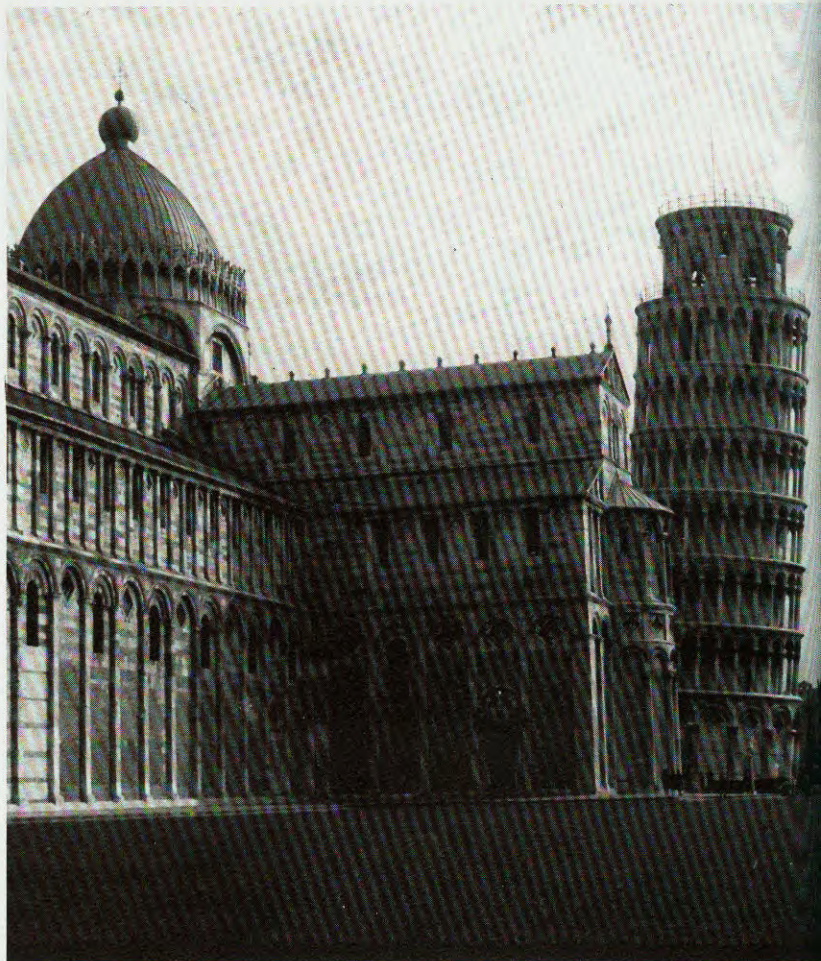
LIVORNO, ITALY.....29 OCTOBER - 2 NOVEMBER
PALMA DE MALLORCA.....12 NOVEMBER - 20 NOVEMBER
VALLETTA, MALTA.....4 DECEMBER - 13 DECEMBER
BEIRUT, LEBANON.....20 DECEMBER - 27 DECEMBER
NAPLES, ITALY.....30 DECEMBER - 11 JANUARY
TARANTO, ITALY.....16 JANUARY - 24 JANUARY
LASPEZIA, ITALY.....5 FEBRUARY - 12 FEBRUARY
BARCELONA, SPAIN.....15 FEBRUARY - 23 FEBRUARY



LIVORNO

OUR FIRST PORT OF CALL WAS LIVORNO, ITALY, A TYPICAL COMMERCIAL PORT HAVING A POPULATION OF 157,744. MED-MOORED WITH THE USS JOHN KING, WE WERE NEAR THE CENTER OF TOWN. THE POST EXCHANGE AT CAMP DARBY, A U.S. ARMY BASE NEARBY, AFFORDED THE CREW WITH THE FIRST CHANCE AT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING FOR FOREIGN GOODS.

THE LEANING TOWER OF PISA WAS ONLY A FEW MILES AWAY AND PROVIDED A VERY PICTURESQUE SETTING FOR OUR FIRST LIBERTY PORT.





PALMA

WE NEXT VENTURED TO PALMA, WHICH IS SITUATED ON THE SOUTHERN COAST OF THE ISLAND OF MALLORCA, 130 MILES FROM BARCELONA. MOORED PORT SIDE TO THE SEAWALL, WE WERE A SHORT, BUT EXPENSIVE TAXI RIDE AWAY FROM THE TOWN, WHERE NIGHT CLUBS, RESTAURANTS, AND SHOPPING AREAS WERE PLENTIFUL. LOCAL DRINKS SUCH AS SAN MIGUEL BEER, BRANDY OR FUNDADOR WERE INEXPENSIVE AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.



MALTA

4 DECEMBER FOUND US MOORED BETWEEN BUOYS IN GRAND HARBOR, VALETTA, MALTA, ONE OF THE MOST HOSPITABLE PORTS IN THE MEDITERRANIAN.

MALTA, A SMALL ISLAND 58 MILES SOUTH OF SICILY, PROUDLY BEARS A GLORIOUS HISTORY WHICH INCLUDES THE GREAT SEIGE OF 1565 AND, BEING THE WORLD'S MOST HEAVILY BOMBED AREA, UNDERGOING MORE THAN 1,200 AIR RAIDS IN WORLD WAR II.

AN EXCELLENT TOUR OF THE ISLAND WAS AFFORDED BY MICHAEL VELLA.





BEIRUT

BEIRUT WAS WHERE WE HUNG OUR CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS. THE CAPITOL OF LEBANON, BEIRUT IS A COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND FINANCIAL CENTER AND IT IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS THE GATEWAY TO ASIA.

LARGE OFFICE BUILDINGS AND NEW SHOPS LIE NEXT TO COLORFULLY HAPHAZARD BAZAARS AND THE NARROW STREETS ARE ILL SUITED FOR THE HUNDREDS OF NEW AMERICAN CARS WHICH VIE WITH DONKEYS, GOATS, CARTS AND PEDESTRIANS FOR THE RIGHT OF WAY.

THE "NEW TOWN SINGERS" MADE THEIR DEBUT AT THE FLEET CANTEEN, ONE OF MOST POPULAR LIBERTY SPOTS.

EXCELLENT TOURS WERE AVAILABLE TO THE CEDARS IN THE LEBANON MOUNTAINS, THE TEMPLES OF BAALBEK, JERUSALEM AND BETHLAHEM.





NAPLES





NEW YEARS EVE WAS CELEBRATED IN NAPLES, THE THIRD LARGEST CITY IN ITALY WITH A POPULATION OF 1,169,939. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF OUR STAY WAS TO UNDERGO OUR ONLY TENDER PERIOD OF THE CRUISE, BUT WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO VISIT NEARBY POMPEII, MOUNT VESUVIUS, SORRENTO, SALERNO AND THE ISLAND OF CAPRI. A THREE DAY TOUR OF ROME WAS ALSO AVAILABLE AND ALL THOSE WHO WENT, SAID IT WAS THE BEST IN THE MED.





TARANTO

AFTER PARTICIPATING IN A SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION NEAR GREECE, WE MOORED TO A BUOY IN TARANTO, ONE OF THE FOUR MAJOR NAVAL BASES IN ITALY AND HEAD-QUARTERS FOR THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ITALIAN NAVAL FORCES.

TARANTO DID NOT HAVE THE AIR OF A BIG CITY AND AMUSEMENTS WERE FEW, BUT IT DID GIVE US ANOTHER CHANCE TO SEE THE "NEW TOWN SINGERS" AT THE FLEET CANTEEN.





LA SPEZIA

AFTER RENDERING PASSING HONORS TO THE NAVAL GUARD DETACHMENT ON SANTA MARIA POINT, WE MED-MOORED AT LA SPEZIA, ONCE THE LARGEST ITALIAN NAVAL OPERATING BASE.

LA SPEZIA IS BUILT UP THROUGH TWO VALLEYS AND IS SPLIT IN THE CENTER BY A RIDGE ALMOST TO THE WATERFRONT. THE SHIP'S BASKETBALL TEAM DISTINGUISHED ITSELF BY DEFEATING THE CITY CHAMPIONS. PISA AND FLORENCE WERE ONLY A FEW HOURS AWAY BY BUS, SO MANY OF US WERE ABLE TO AGAIN SEE THE LEANING TOWER AND THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF FLORENCE.





BARCELONA

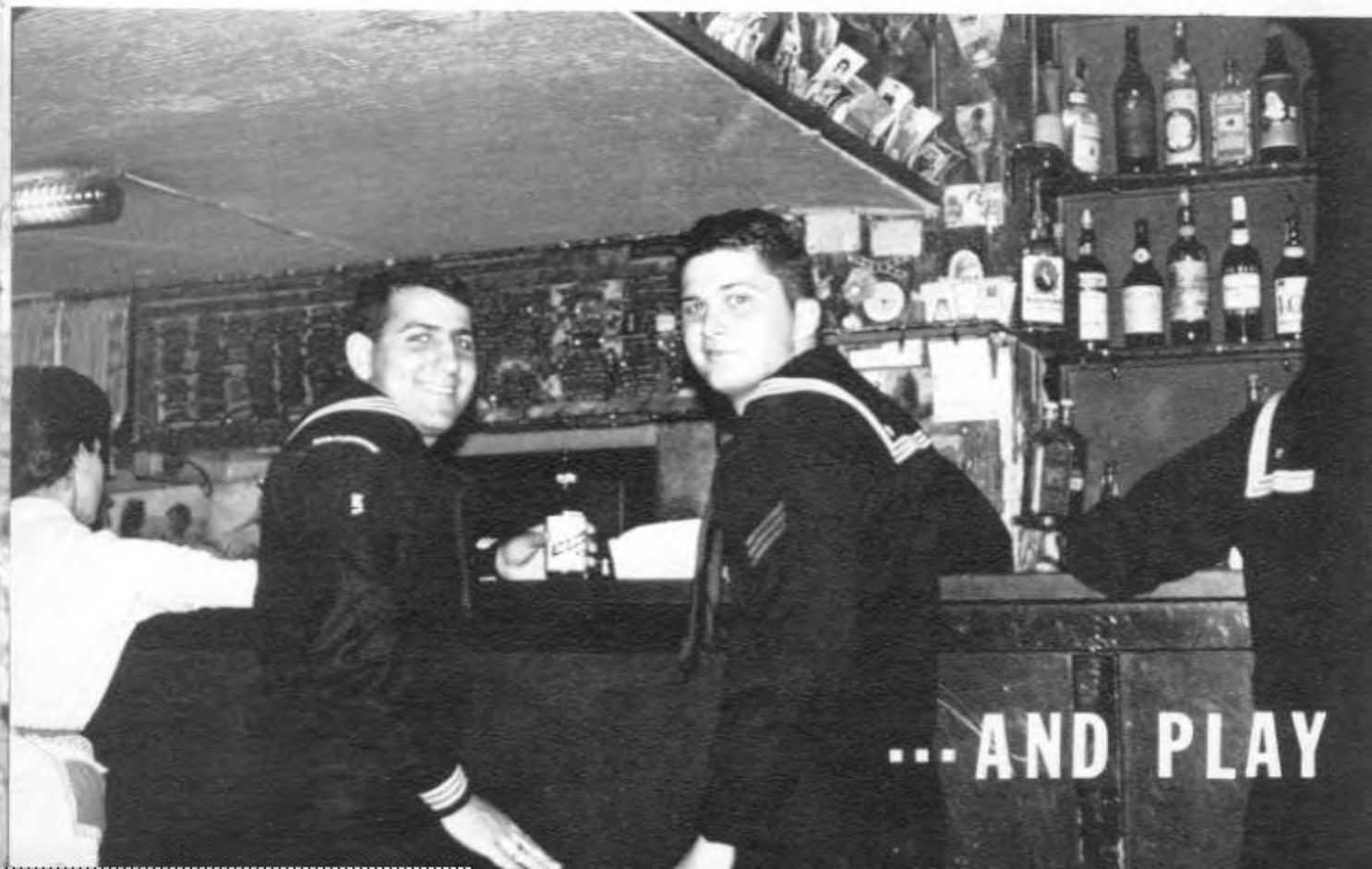
OUR LAST PORT BEFORE TURNOVER AT PALMA WAS BARCELONA; THE BEST BEING SAVED FOR LAST.

BARCELONA, WITH A POPULATION OF 1,700,000 IS THE CHIEF INDUSTRIAL CITY OF SPAIN AND IS TYPICALLY EUROPEAN WITH NARROW, WINDING STREETS IN THE OLD QUARTER, AND HANDSOME BOULEVARDS IN THE MODERN SECTION.

ALTHOUGH WE DIDN'T GET TO SEE A BULL FIGHT, NO ONE SEEMED TO GRUMBLE ABOUT THE LIBERTY AS WE HAD OUR LAST BLAST BEFORE HEADING FOR HOME.

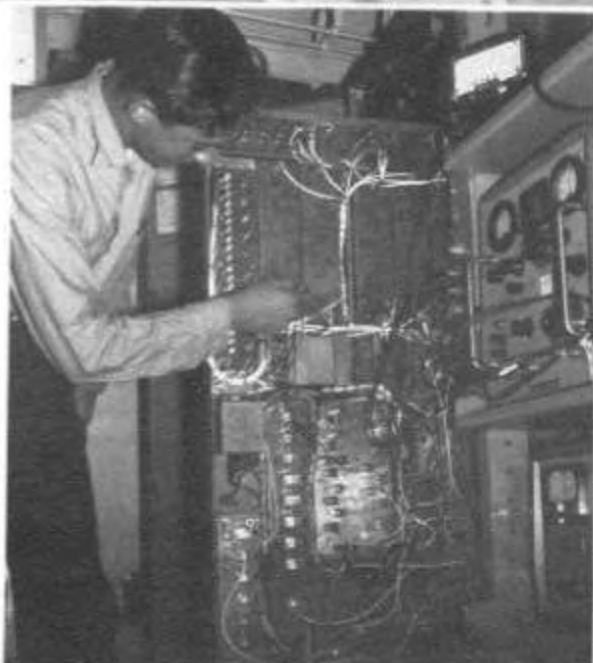


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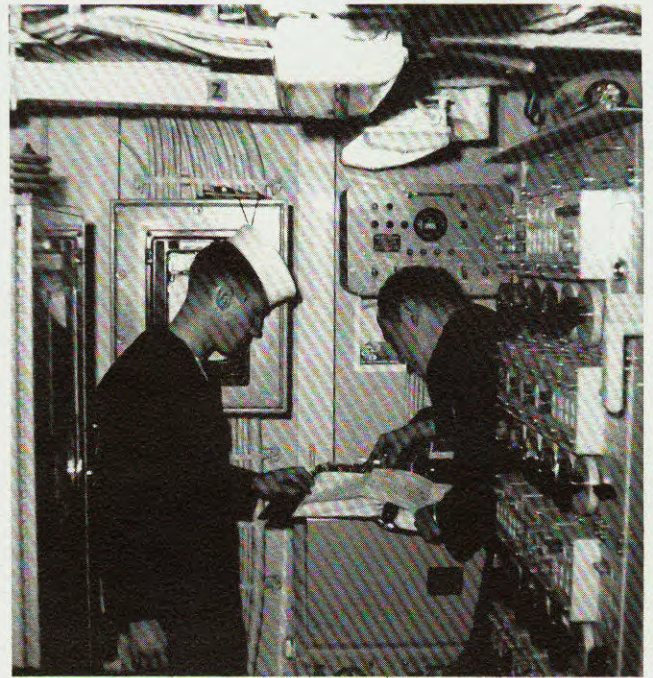




















Homeward Bound



AT 1326, 26 FEBRUARY 1966, UNDER CLEAR SKIES AND UPON SMOOTH SEAS, WE PASSED THROUGH THE STRAITS OF GIBRALTERHOMEWARD BOUND!

MILES STEAMED.....	34,970.2
FUEL CONSUMED.....	2,028,551 GALLONS
PORTS VISITED.....	7
TIMES REFUELED AT SEA.....	28
COFFEE CONSUMED.....	108,750 CUPS
HAIRCUTS.....	3,900
RADIO MESSAGES RECEIVED.....	4,300
SHIPS STORE BUSINESS.....	\$30,608.80
COKES SOLD.....	62,129



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