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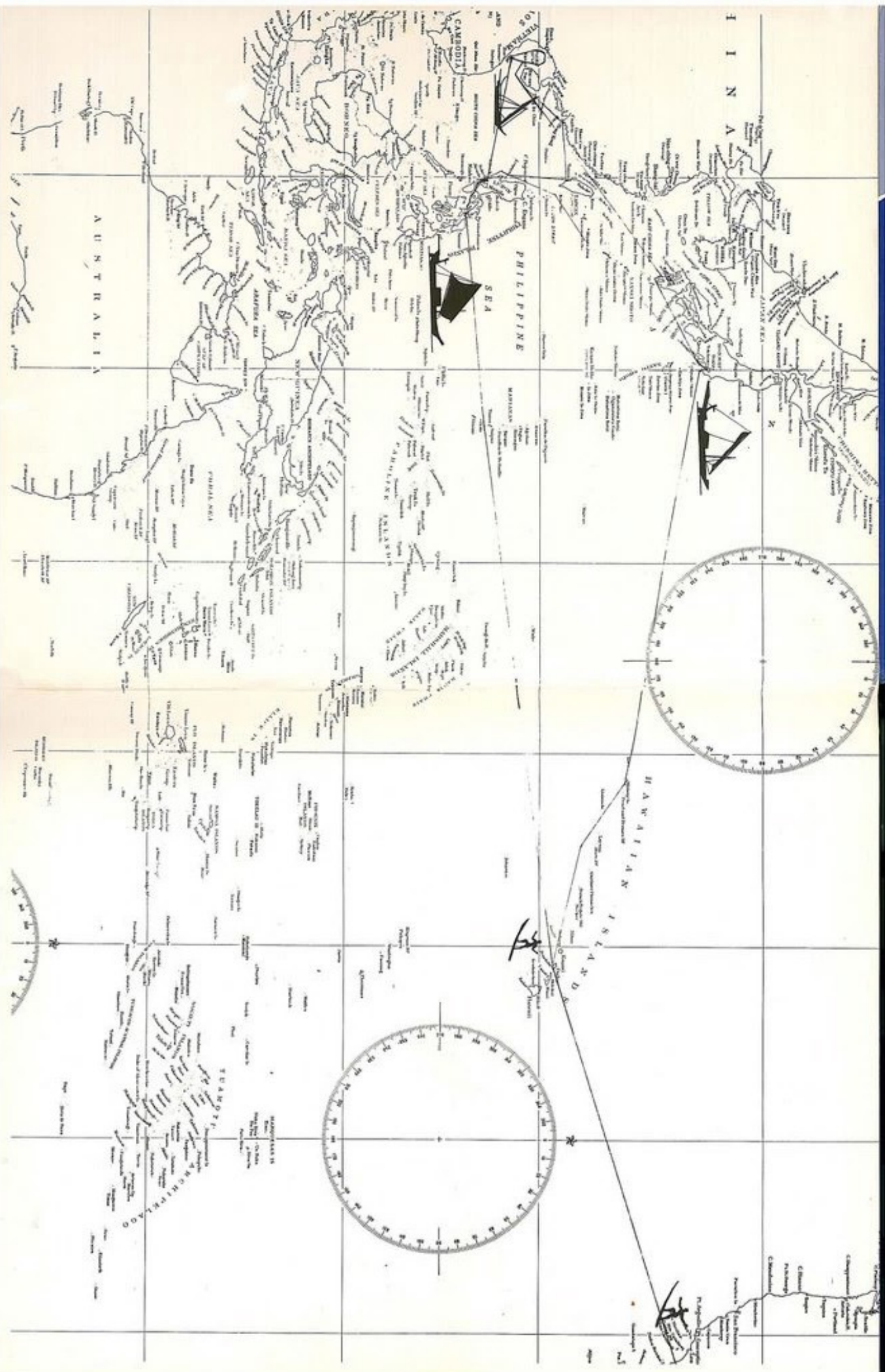


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KING'S ODYSSEY

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KING'S ODYSSEY



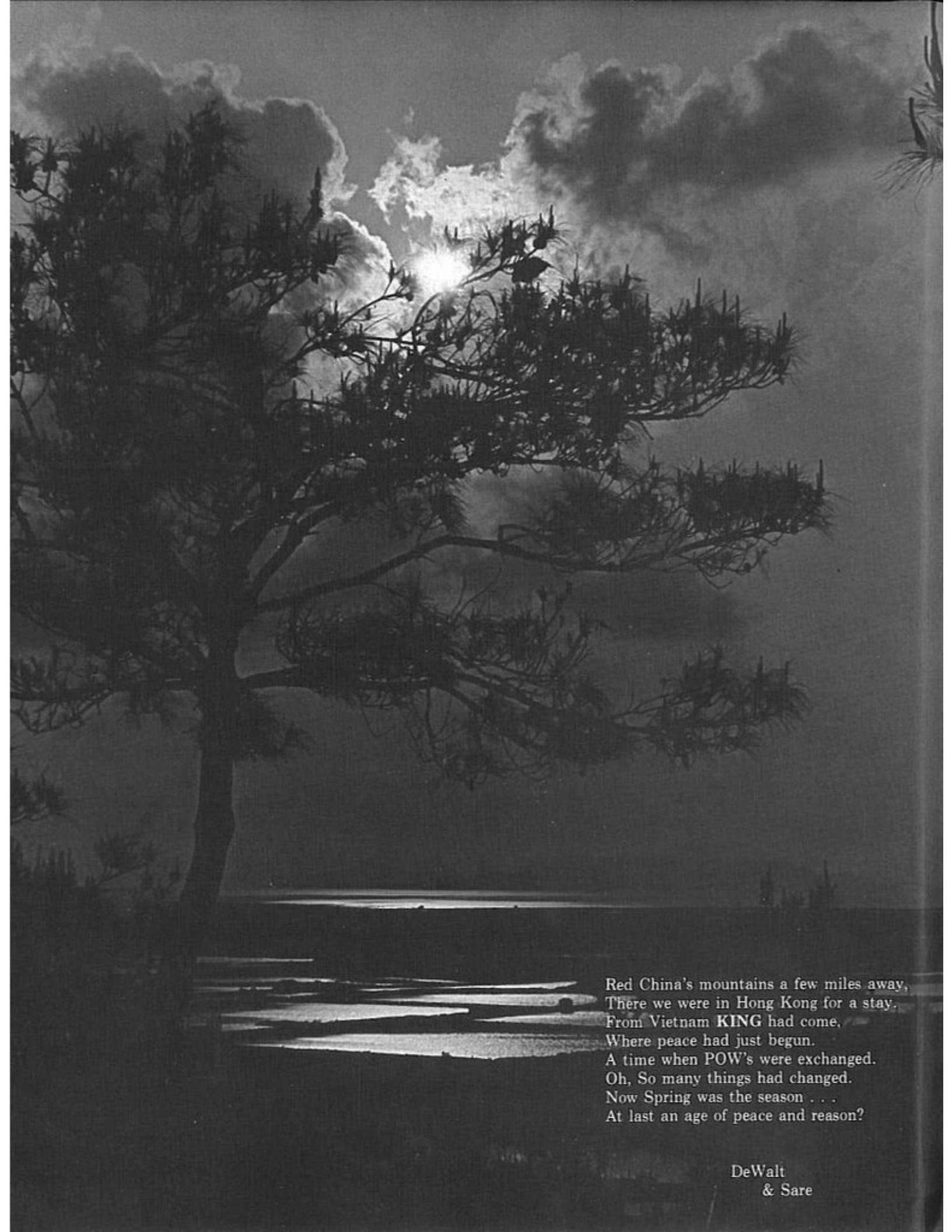
**THE NINTH WESTPAC DEPLOYMENT
OF USS KING (DLG-10)
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Red China's mountains a few miles away,
There we were in Hong Kong for a stay.
From Vietnam KING had come,
Where peace had just begun.
A time when POW's were exchanged.
Oh, So many things had changed.
Now Spring was the season . . .
At last an age of peace and reason?

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& Sare

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FROM THE CAPTAIN

This cruisebook is dedicated to you, the men of **KING**, who steamed her on one of her finest deployments to the Western Pacific. Her ninth cruise into these waters, she was never more active or deeply involved with challenging assignments within the U.S. Seventh Fleet—a fine cruise it was, and a privilege too, to be a part of the end of the long Vietnam War. This book has been prepared to preserve those experiences.

I respect your long hours of dedication and family separation. It was that personal sacrifice and individual unselfish effort that provided the basis for our success. Your teamwork while on the line, paralleled with good fun ashore and hard work during short upkeep periods exemplifies your professionalism. Enjoy reflections of the cruise in this book as you can feel justly proud of a job undertaken with enthusiasm and done well.

Best Regards,
R. R. Tarbuck

COMMANDING OFFICER

COMMANDER
RICHARD R. TARBUCK
USN



Commander Tarbuck was appointed to the Naval Academy from the state of California and graduated with the class of 1956. He served his first tour of duty as Gunnery Officer aboard the Radar Picket Destroyer **DENNIS J. BUCKLEY**. His tour also included three deployments to the Far East, one of which was during the Quemoy Crisis where he also served as an all weather air controller.

Upon completion of his initial tour on **BUCKLEY** in December 1958, CMDR. Tarbuck attended mine warfare orientation school and subsequently served as Executive Officer and Navigator of the Ocean Minesweeper **CONQUEST** in transpacific operations to Thailand and the Orient.

Commander Tarbuck assumed command of the Costal Minesweeper **WARBLER** in October 1960 in the Western Pacific. He assumed additional duty as Commander Mine Division Thirty-Two in May 1962. In February 1963 he was relieved and assigned to the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Officer Distribution Section.

Commander Tarbuck joined the **USS DALE (DLG-19)** in March 1965, in the Tonkin Gulf, where he

assumed duties as Operations Officer. Upon completion of his second Vietnam area cruise (in August 1966) he was detached and reported for duty as Executive Officer, **USS JOSEPH STRAUSS (DDG-16)**, homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. From January to June 1967 he served his third Vietnam deployment and ninth WESTPAC cruise with the U.S. SEVENTH Fleet.

After completion of the course at the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia, Commander Tarbuck was assigned to the Command and Policy Branch of the Strategic Plans and Policy Division (OP-60) in OPNAV. Five months later he was selected to serve as the Administrative Assistant and Aide to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

Upon completion of a tour of duty in-country Vietnam as a Senior Advisor on the staff of COMNAVFORCES, Commander Tarbuck assumed command of **KING** in October 1971 while on PARPRO duties in the Sea of Japan. He and his wife, Roberta, reside in Imperial Beach, California, with their two children, Rob-Ray and Michelle.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LIEUT. CMDR.

NICHOLAS J. STASKO

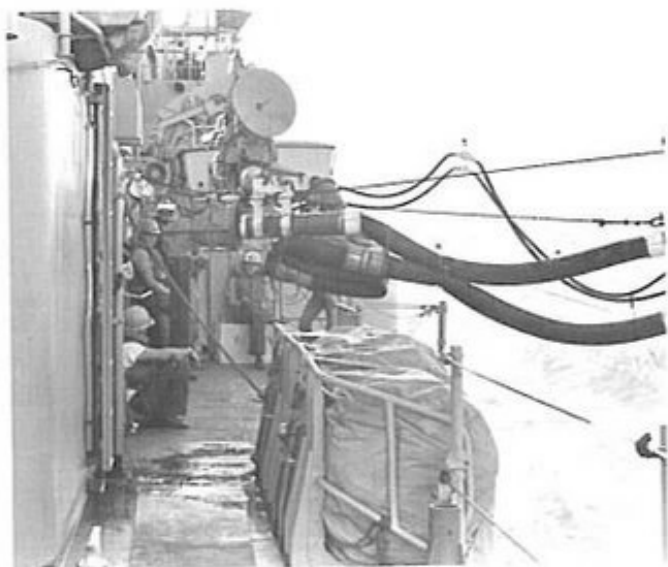
USN



LIEUT. CMDR. STASKO was graduated from the Naval Academy and commissioned as Ensign on 8 June 1960. His first tour of duty was aboard **USS BARRY (DD-933)** as MPA and DCA. His next assignment was to **USS JOHN KING (DDG-3)** as Engineering Officer. While waiting to report as Engineer, he was temporarily assigned as Assistant Operations Officer for Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla **FOUR**.

His first shore tour was in the Bureau of Naval Personnel, in Washington, D.C., Office of Officer Procurement. Back to sea in his next tour, LIEUT. CMDR. STASKO reported as Commanding Officer of the **USS SHAKORI (ATF-162)** operating in the Mediterranean Sea and throughout the Atlantic area. For his second shore tour, he attended the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California for two years, earning an MS in Operations Research. The XO and his wife, Sharon, reside in Chula Vista, California with their two children, Kate and Greg.



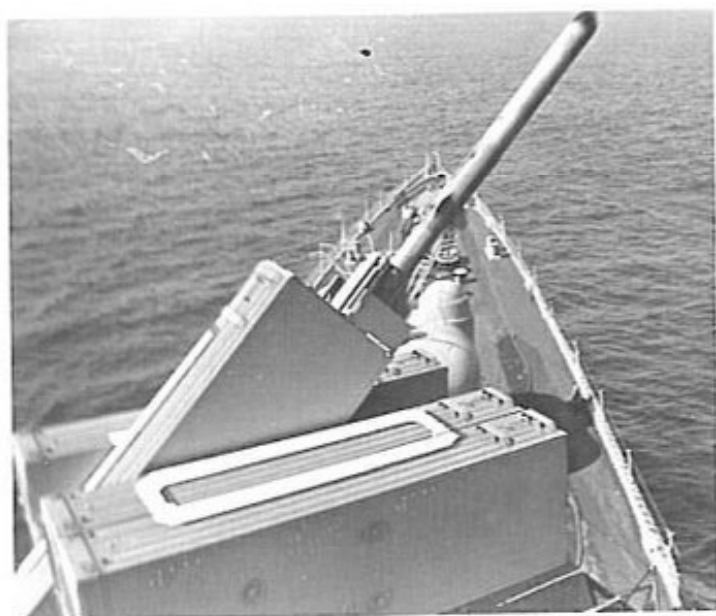


"Was this Thanksgiving, Christmas, ... or New Year?"



If he had a tail hook, I wouldn't be so worried . . . maybe we should speed up a bit. . . .?

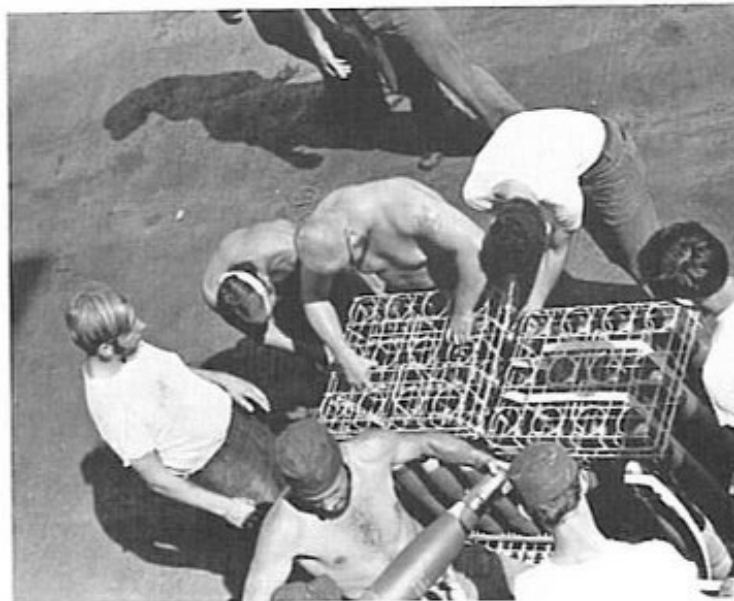
KING IN ACTION



Over 1600 rounds!



We may need these . . . (AND HOW!)



EXECUTIVE NAVIGATION

The personnel of XN Division are more than a mongrel collection of paper pushers, star gazers, witch doctors, and stamp lickers, and although duty demands that most of XN's members work in small offices most of the day; the fact that XN is the proud possessor of the trophy awarded to the best divisional basketball team testifies to XN's prowess away from the job as well as on it.

XN



LTJG Charles E. Mitchell, USNR
NAVIGATOR



ENS. Richard R. McIver, USN
XI Division

Left to right, kneeling: YN1 P. McGee, ET1 J. Trent, HM3 T. Bauer, SN A. Falby, PN1 L. Smith, PN3 T. Campoli. Standing: LTJG C. Mitchell, ENC R. Pederson, PNSN B. Palmer, QM3 R. Stratton,

QMSN E. Morrisey, YN3 T. Forsyth, QM3 T. Barrett, YN3 J. Waldron, QMSN D. Wicks, PNSN D. Sherman, SA B. Zachery, PC3 L. Harris, QM1 R. Ilosky, PC3 M. Timinski, BMC T. Sanders, HMC R. Krupa.





"Gimme back my rib, man!"



"Wait until the Captain reads this . . ."

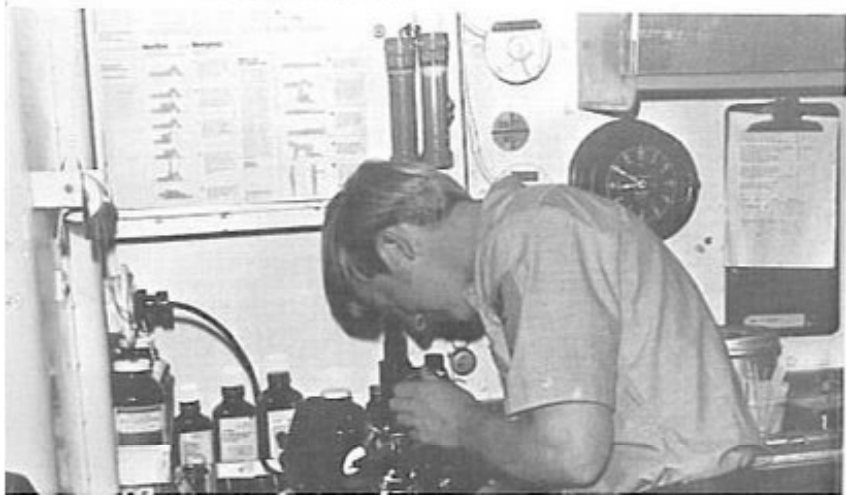


"No, we don't redeem S&H Green Stamps."



"Twinkle, Twinkle little star ... How I wonder where we are."

"Bearing, one six zero ... Range, five thousands yards."



"Why can't he write the logs correctly?"



OPERATIONS

If the OS's could break it, the DS's could fix it. IF the RM's could short it, the ET's could repair it and the SM's could tell the other ships what to do with it. The Operations Department is a volatile mixture of operators and maintainers, led by LCDR. Al "Howard" HUGHES. For seven months in Tonkin, KING's reputation for excellence was built on the fine technical expertise and operational talent of Operations personnel and after winning their fifth "E" in as many years, OPS is justly proud of its fine record. The gold "E" on the bridge wings and quarterdeck tells the tale.



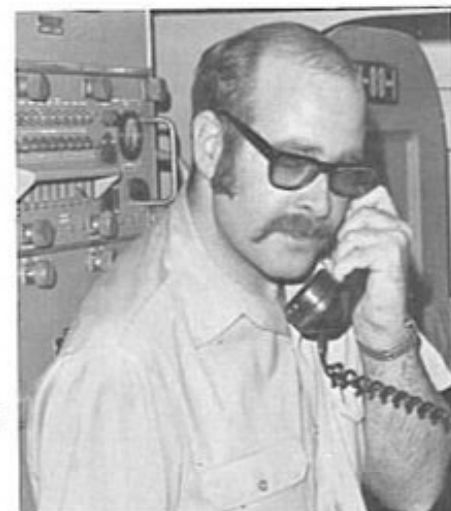
Lieut. Cmdr. Al Hughes, USN
Operations Officer



LTJG Paul Madurski, USN
Communications Officer
LT. Tom Sher, USN
CIC Officer
LTJG. Ron Kent, USNR
EW/Intelligence Officer



ENS. Larry Kester, USN
OI/Intelligence Officer
ENS. Arnold DeWalt, USN
NTDS Officer
WO1 Mike Judd, USN
EMO



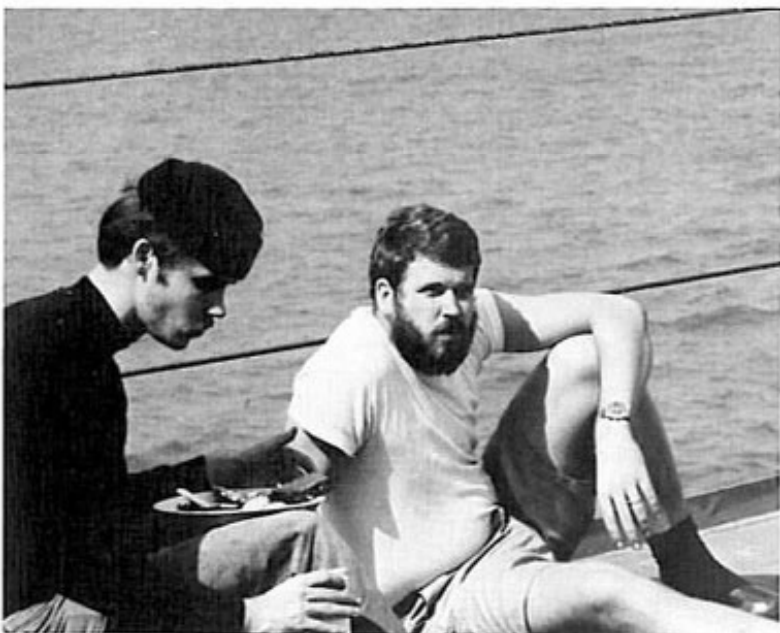
Mr. Steve Rosebrook
"ACE" CETA



My, Big Mother, how you've changed.



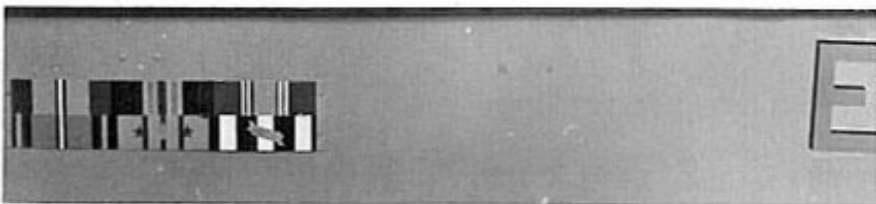
".../---/..."



This concentrated leisure is awfully hard to take.



"No, we're not janitors ... This passageway just happens to be our Operational Specialty



"OPS" can do it best!



"I like to jam up the works now and then."



Left to right, kneeling: R. Deprey, RM1 C. Cropsey, SM2 A. Dunn, SMSN G. Connors. 2nd row: LTJG P. Madurski, RMSA D. Malone, SM1 G. Magoutas, RMSN W. Campros, RM1 G. Whitley,

RMSN B. Spears. 3rd row: RM2 L. Montez, RM3 D. Lawlor, RM2 C. Squire, SMSA R. Tomleonovich, RM3 B. Lovell.

OC



RM's/SM's, two different types doing a job greatly needed by any ship. Communication, the manual type hoisted, blinked and flapped understanding to U.S. warships and Russian freighters alike. SM's were noted for their "Make Love, Not War" and "Homeward bound" flags. The "tech" type manned radio central and racks 24 hours a day, inport, and at sea. They received 3000, and sent more, ops and personal messages a month. RM's, the "tech-know-crat," first in on many sked changes were noted for "knowing" smiles while listening to "butter cutter" rumors. Together they were the very effective ears of a highly operational "KING."



RM1 C. Jones

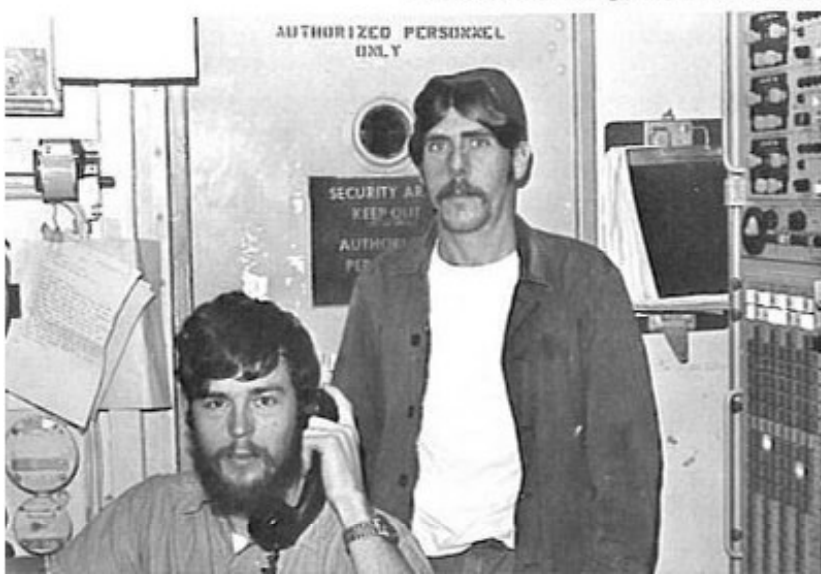


"Mona Magoutas!"

RM2 C. Phillips, RM2 O. Phillips



RM3 J. Pershing, RM3 R. Burel



"Sure be glad when I get rated"



RMCS F. Hudkins and crew.

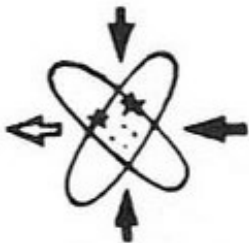




Left to right, standing: ENS. T. Larson, DS1 D. Beck, DS3 W. Cole, DS2 H. Holderfield, DS2 A.

Woolard, DS1 C. Pease. Kneeling: DS2 J. Ring, DS3 J. Driggers, DS2 R. Borcherts.

OD



Snoopy Team
Standing By



Operating from a dank, secluded, dive on the 02 level, the DS's mothered the archaic NTDS conglomerate during her last big fling at the Gulf of Tonkin Midnight Ball. Despite the dark and oft gloomy maze through OS country many a friendly ET found his way to the Miracle Workers' recording studio. From this same "humble" studio also hatched this comic book, the one you're reading, who's many fine pictures are mostly from the miracle workers' bag. Be it a reluctant display console, a difficult picture, a soul lifting sound or a winkin' & blinkin' Christmas tree, DS's provided to KING their full support in the Gulf at a time that may see a lasting peace in SE Asia.



"Guess what SWC just did?"

"WANNA DRAG?"



Flashlight bulbs,
The Captain's Gold Braid,
Some cobwebs,
AND WALA, IT'S CHRISTMAS,
CHARLIE BROWN!



"See MY Hong Kong tour guide."



Left to right, sitting: ETN3 J. Fowler, ETR2 D. Hoyt, ET1 R. Ulmer, ETRSN S. Jolly. Second row: ETN3 J. Wouters, ETN2 R. Tardy, ETNSN L. Huff, ETNSN D. Summers, ETRSN J. Sitton, ETNSN R.

Thielemier. Third row: ETNSN M. Hiller, ETR3 S. Litwin, ETNSN L. Aaberg, ETN3 C. Price, ETN3 J. Rothlisberger, ETR3 G. Johnson.

OE



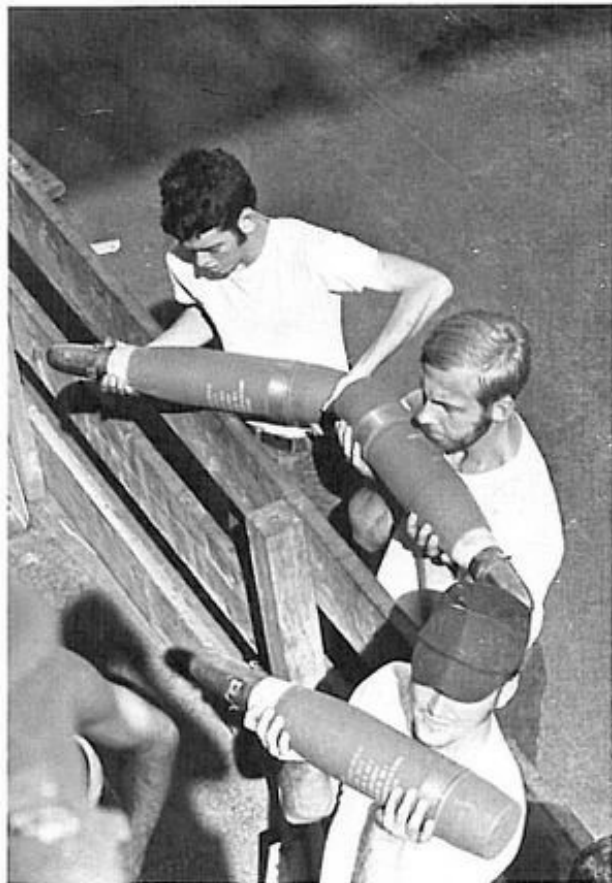
Archie Bunker, USA



There is a little known shop adjacent to DC Central where daily, ET's don their war paint and feathers and go forth to do battle with the great god of electronics. From the canyons of Radio Central and the radar rooms, to the lofty pinnacles of the forward and after masts, these brave men, armed only with scopes and probes, fight the wild hordes lead by the fierce stray electron. These devils lurk in subminiaturized circuits and charging diodes, always ready to wreak havoc on KING's transmitters and radars, but our sturdy ET's seek them out and destroy them. Our Heroes!



ETC Bennett counting calories for weight watchers.



"Sumo, John," the talmud say,
"No more Pizza!"

ETR2 Greg Coffey and wife, Linda.



Work You jest
What would you do?





Left to right, front: OS1 J. Lockwood. 2nd row: OS3 D. Graham, OS2 C. Schafer, OSSN R. Allison, OS3 G. Catinari, OS3 P. Steffan, OS3 R. Patterson, OS3 L. Lofton. 3rd row: OS3 M. Zipf, OS2 C. Chew, OS3 J. Brown, OS3 R. Sickle, OS3 P. Skidmore, OS3 J. Hernandez, OSSN R. Hutchcraft, OS3 G. Braten, OS3 W. Roberts, OS2 M. Sugai, OS3 J. Rushton, EWC B. Linder. 4th row: ENS L. Kester, OSSN L. Burger,

OS3 G. Kristoff, OSSA K. Jones, OSSN S. Hayakawa. 5th row: OS2 D. Potts, OS2 B. Linn, OSSN S. Allen, OS3 J. Smedley, OS2 A. Kaupert, OS1 B. Jones. 6th row: OS2 D. Meadows, EWC C. Bolton, OSSN J. Vessely, OSC T. Sorrell, OS3 D. Grassl, OS3 W. Amole, EW3 R. Wilson, OS3 S. Laux, OS3 J. Harmon. 7th row: OSC R. Howard, OSC J. Newell (Hiding), OS1 R. Kirk.

The OS's of OI Division are 38 of the slowest minds and fastest mouths on record and these Operations Specialists, affectionately known as "RADARMEN," proved to be multipurpose Jacks-of-all-Trades and provided KING with a fine reputation in the GOT through their performance. Their love of sports is well known, in fact one of their favorite physical pastimes when not in an operational environment is skating, which they practice as much as possible.



Another odd breed attached to OI Division are Electronic Warfare Technicians. These are the guys who are paid for listening to weird sounds and watching bright lights—they were also noted for being well read and fed, as anyone passing through lower CIC would attest.



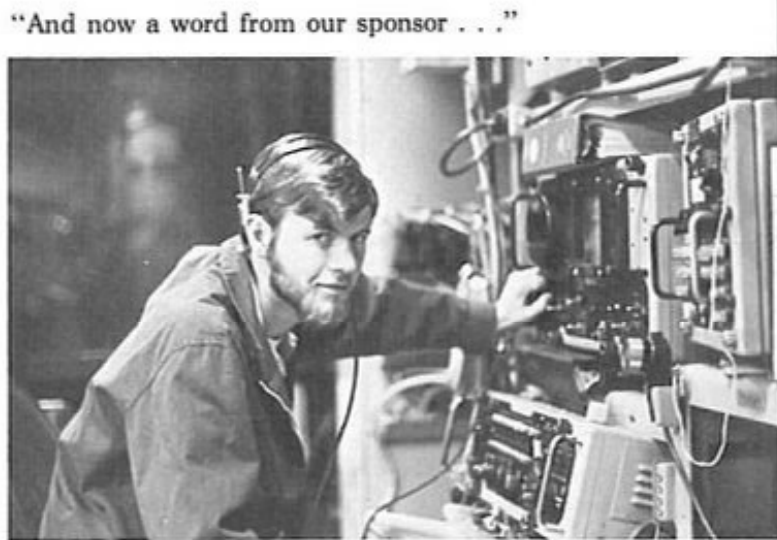
"Guess which hand has the M&M's."



"Please work this time . . ."



"You mean we haven't left the pier yet?"



"And now a word from our sponsor . . ."



"Get a Haircut or I'll smack you again."



"We're waiting, Doctor."

WEAPONS

"Combat Ready" was the watch word of the Weapons Department during the entire deployment. From "Boom-Boom" Summer's team and Chief Crane's "FT" cronies efforts in putting out 1638 rounds of Naval Gunfire Support to Chief Roger's rocket rebels scoring a direct hit on a surface target (with the able assistance of Chief Mauntel's mongrels at the radars) not to mention Sonar's sleeping beauties working with ASROC's adorables scoring two torpedo direct hits. Weapons was ready.



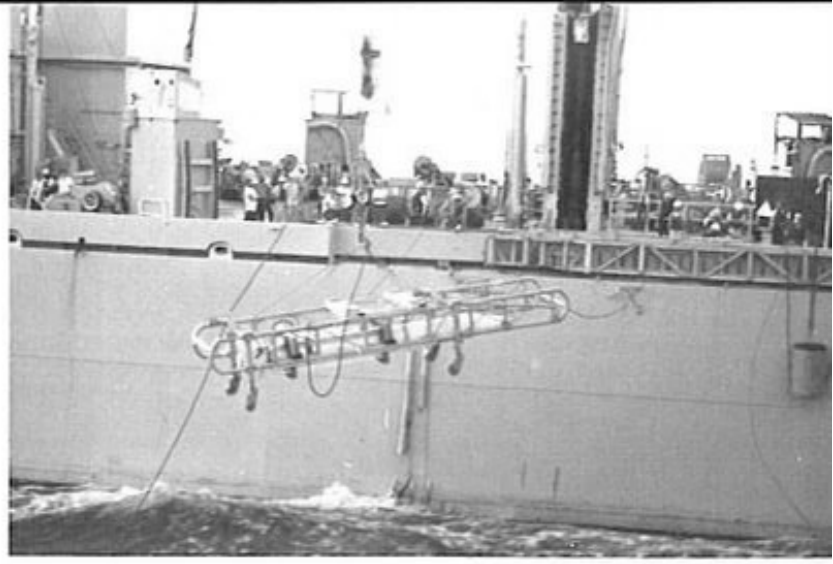
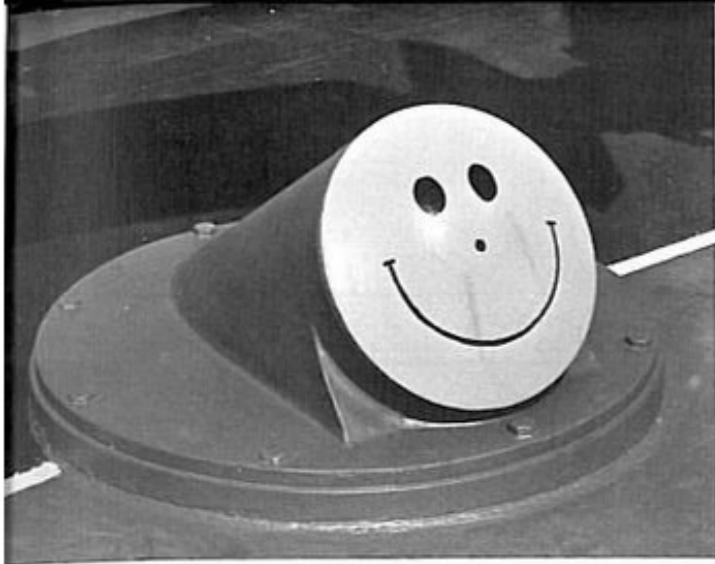
LCDR Hal Segal, USN
Weapons Officer



LT Dick D'Amato, USNR
ASW Officer
LT Bob Bradfield, USN
Missile Officer
LTJG Dave Howe, USN
First Lieutenant



ENS Paul Orr, USN
Fire Control Officer
ENS Tom Larson, USN
Gunnery Assistant
ENS Mike Sare, USN
Missile Ordnance Officer



"Mr. Sare, . . ."
"Yes, Mr. Segal, I'll get it tomorrow."



What
You
Mean,
"I
can't
have
it?"



Project Liason Officer
CIWS



"And we'll paint a happy
face this big."



"Hey, my contact lense ... I think it
rolled under"



WA



WA Division, a jolly ensemble of sonarmen, gunnersmates, and a torpedoman, had a busy deployment, responsible for not only the normal ASW weapons—ASROC's and torpedoes—but also for close-in weapons suited to the Gulf of Tonkin—.50 caliber machine guns and the redevye guided missile system. The division's high morale could be seen in teamwork on the ship, looking around the clock in the Gulf for high speed surface contacts; and could also be witnessed on the beach, usually making high speed runs on the exchange. Lower sonar became a packed world of stereo gear, Philippine monkeypod, Bagio City silver, guitars and china (but, alas, no San Miguel). The WA team takes pride in the fact that none of its systems had any significant down-time during the entire deployment. Work hard, Play hard—theme of WA!

Left to right, **TOP:** GMGC R. Momon, STC T. Saunders, STG3 L. Moore, TM2 R. Stinnett, STGSN T. Conrad, LT. C.R. D'Amato, STGSN F. Schuster, STG2 N. Selby, ST1 R. Howes. **BOTTOM:** STG3 R.

Miller, STG3 B. V. Vanbuskirk, STG2 R. Outland, GMT2 M. Anderson, STG3 R. Welling, SN T. Campos, STGSN K. Wilson.





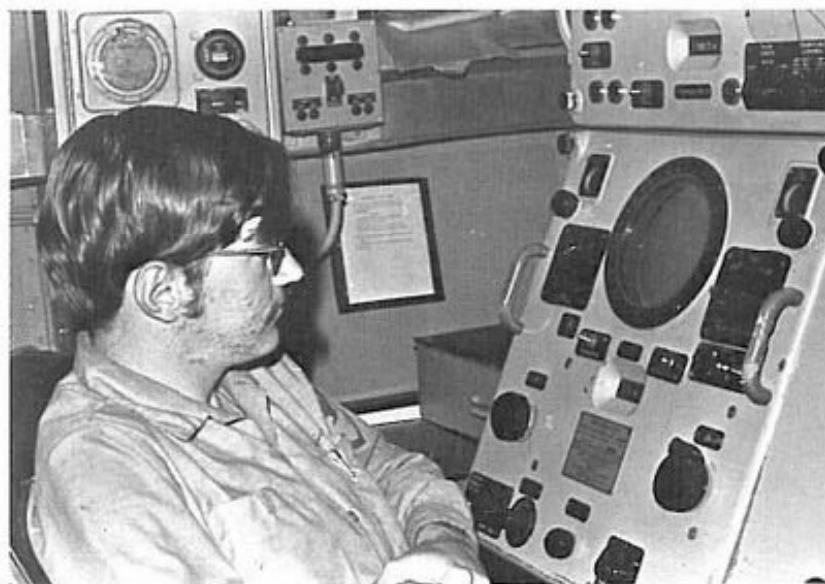
"Sonar watch"



"Eternal vigilance is the price of safety"



"Hmmm . . . wonder if I could pawn this junk T.V."



"I made 2nd, no more unreps."



Check the size of the lures on Stinnetts deep sea fishing rig.



WD



The sea dogs and cruise lovers of First Division expertly executed underway replenishments, 100% safe helo deck evolutions and artistically applied 8,000 lbs. of glorious gray paint. From standing (sleeping) condition III watches on the bridge to manning their GQ stations on gun mounts and in magazines, WD Division proved their worth to the successful, if paint laden, accomplishment of the ship's arduous assignments.



Left to right, 1st row: SN D. Arcega, SA M. Burt, SA R. Diaz, SN A. Lerma, SA E. McGuire, SA J. Roy, BMC R. Beahm. 2nd row: BMSN R. Goodall, SA K. Nelson, SR D. Peterson, BMSN F. Villigran, SA U. Anderson, BM3 L. Knoerzer. 3rd row: BM1 P. Welch,

SA S. Aubuchon, BMSN S. Amo. 4th row: SN D. Neirson, SA S. Robinson, SA E. Foster, SA C. O'Sullivan, SA S. Shelton, BM2 A. Fitzpatrick. 5th row: LTJG Howe, LTJG Kent.

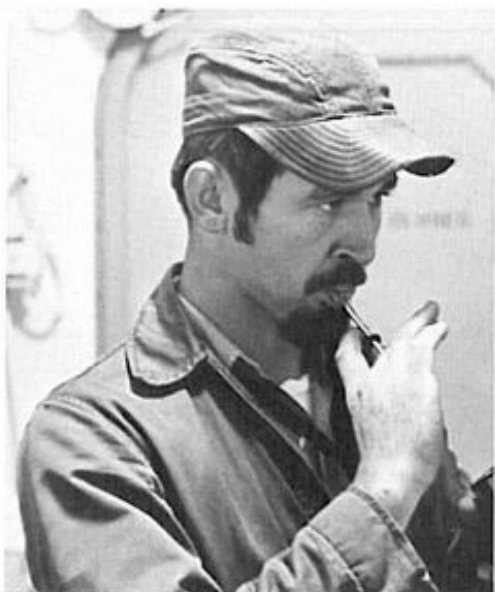




"Add two turns; drop two turns ... Why don't they make up their minds?"



"Look for a B-one-R... what?"



"Mr. Segal, two-one-four!"



Laugh-In in the sail locker.

"Little do they know . . ."



"Steady on course!" ... I hope.



"Cards, Sir?" "What cards?"



WF

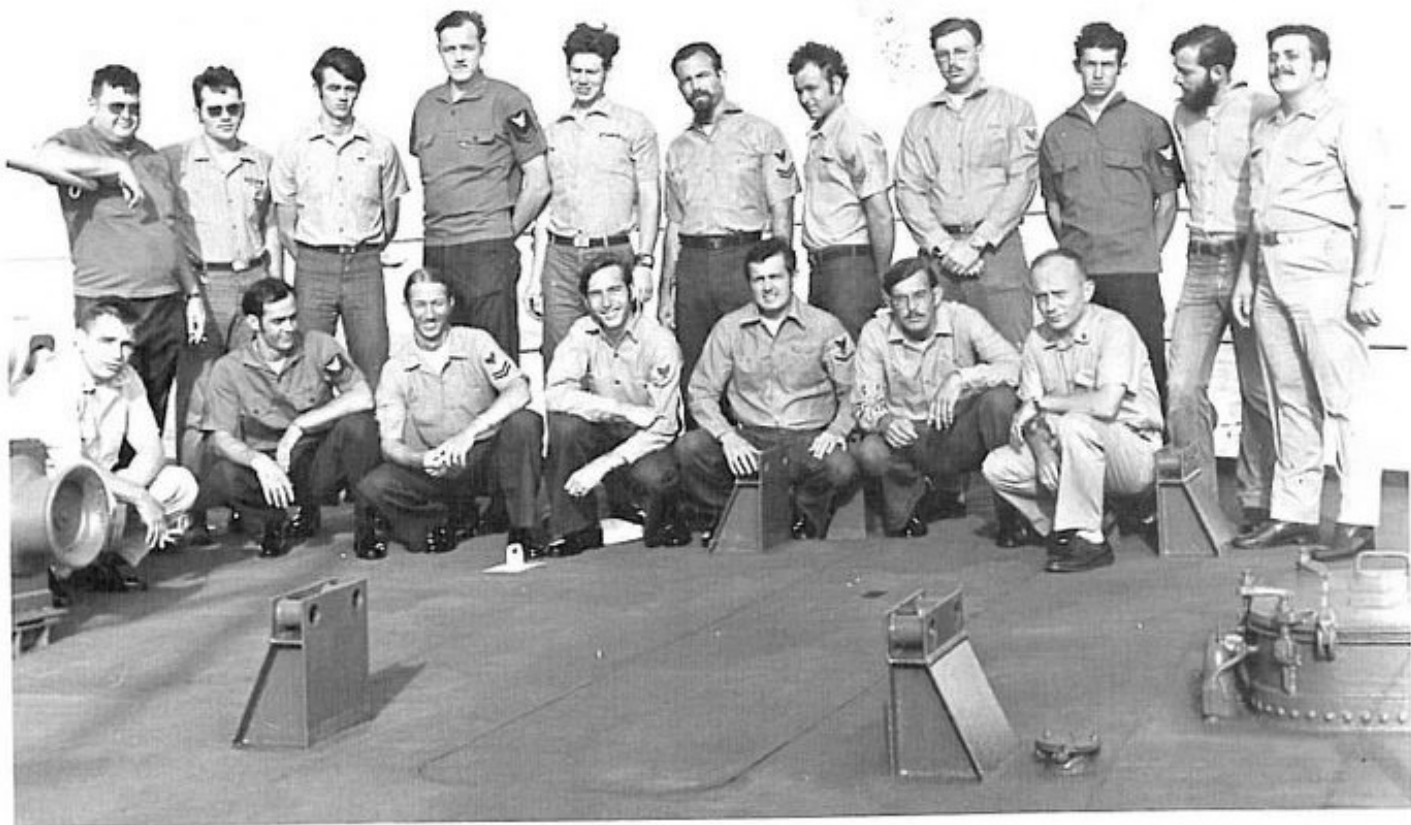


WF Division, all FTM's, the dauntless defenders of freedom and Mom's Apple pie, have in the tradition of John Wayne stood ready to point the "Fickle Finger of Fate," better known as the Terrier Missile System, at the bodacious Tonkin Gulf Phantom, fishing boats, clouds, and an occasional airliner. Standing ever ready watches in Weapons Control, Missile Plot and Missile Radar, successfully combating boredom, fatigue, tedium, and the urge to drink and make LOVE (not WAR), the Fantastic Tactical Masterminds keep the awesome overpowering enemies of freedom from disturbing the resting hapless masses.



Left to right, kneeling: FTMC R. Mauntel, FTM2 D. Paulk II, FTM2 S. Zaramskas Jr., FTM3 H. Christie, FTM3 R. Kerley, FTM2 D. Martin, FTCS E. Riggle. 2nd row: FTM1 J. Chipman, FTM3 G.

Scothern, FTM3 L. Smith, FTM2 F. Rasmussen, FTMSN D. Stixrud, FTM2 D. Edwards, FTM2 F. Zurawski, FTM3 K. Oviatt, FTM2 G. Humphrey, FTMSN R. Norgrove, ENS P. Orr.

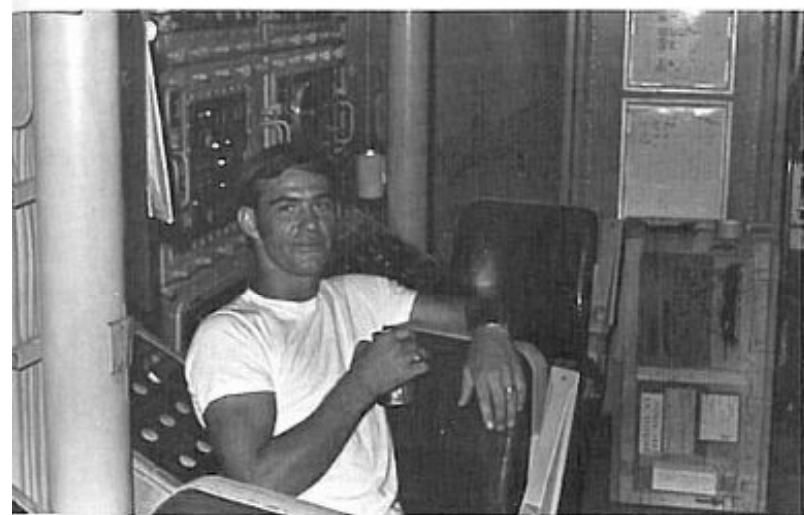




Shasta: breakfast of champions



"That's 'ACE,' to you buddy"



"Swanee, How I love ya, how I . . ."



"You're kidding ... my picture ... in the cruise book
...."

WG



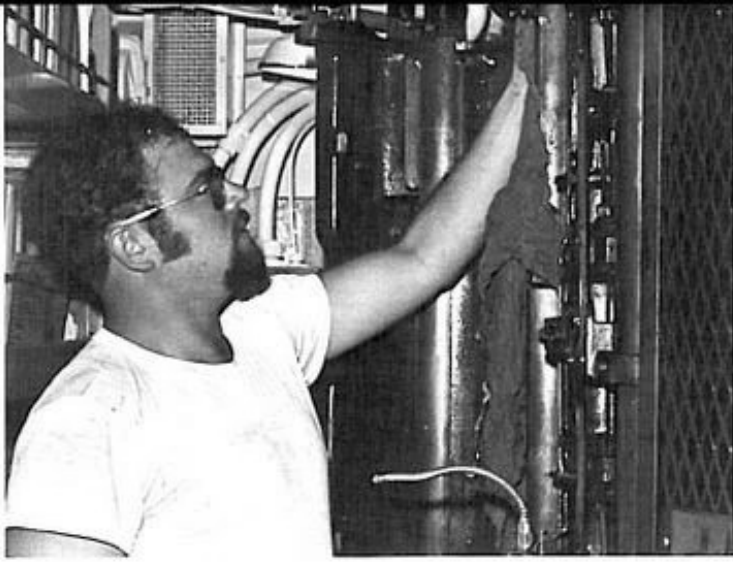
With one handful of cannon-cockers and the other of FT-twiggetts, WG Division put together one of KING's most effective divisions. Led by ENS Barnes, ENS Larson, FTGC Crane, and GMG1 (Boom-Boom) Summers, the division was responsible for the ships guns and equipment to control and direct them. From San Clemente to the DMZ, the gunnery team fired first and asked questions later. In particular KING's accurate and sustained NGFS while on the gunline (1638 rounds) was the result of much hard work and long hours by the men of WG.



Left to right, kneeling: FTGC D. Crane, GMG1 Summers, SN D. Drentlaw, SN C. Zimmerman, FTGSN J. Harrell, SN J. Guiterrez, FTG3 J. Farrell, GMGSN W. Helland, ENS L. Barnes. Standing:

T. Larson, FTG3 D. Sheffer, FTG2 J. Caronia, YN3 T. Forsyth, FTG3 E. Sennett, FTG3 N. Inabnit, GMG2 W. Foster, GMG2 J. Domier, FTG2 M. Schaffer, FTG2 S. Watanabe.





"Now where'd that bullet go?"



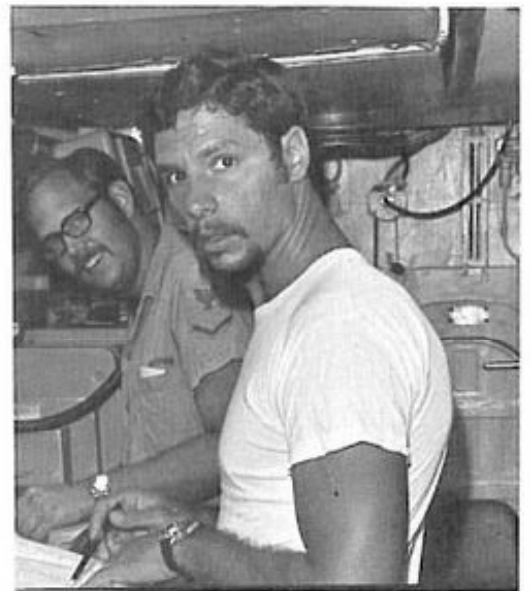
Handle with care!



SN J. Guitierrez
GMGSN D. Thompson



Time out.



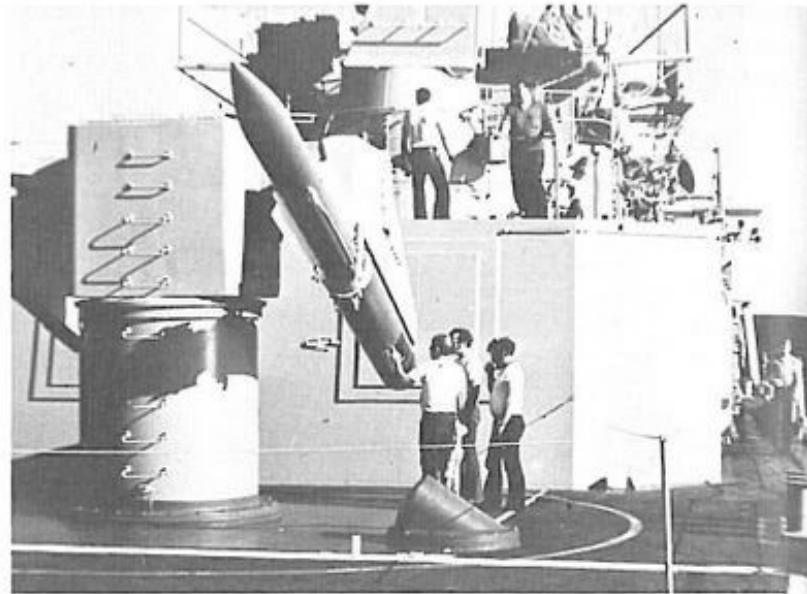
"A high speed what, from where?"



WM

KING's long range punch: the MK 10 Terrier Guided Missile system is effectively operated and repaired by the men of WM Division. The house team directly contributed to a devastating direct nick on a Komar configured target boat, in mid-October.

With luck and the GMM's (SARE's BEARS) on our side it was off to WESTPAC! Once on the line the BEARS maintained a constant vigil, standing swing shift hammock and panel watches, ever ready to destroy an enemy threat; MIGS, Sanpans or high speed clouds.



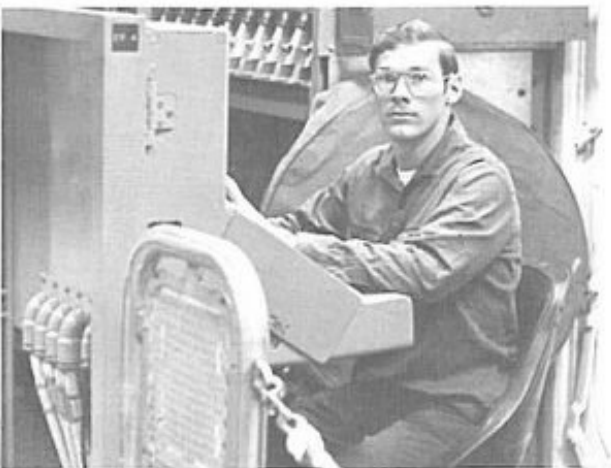
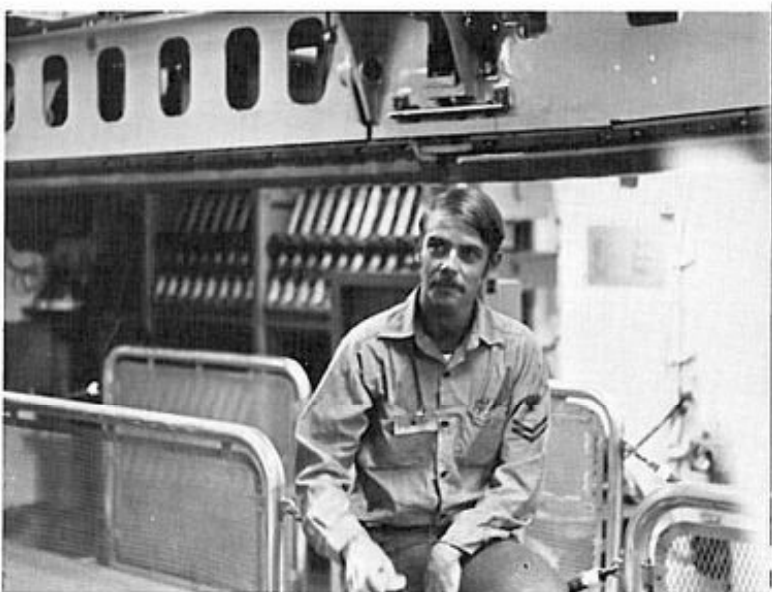
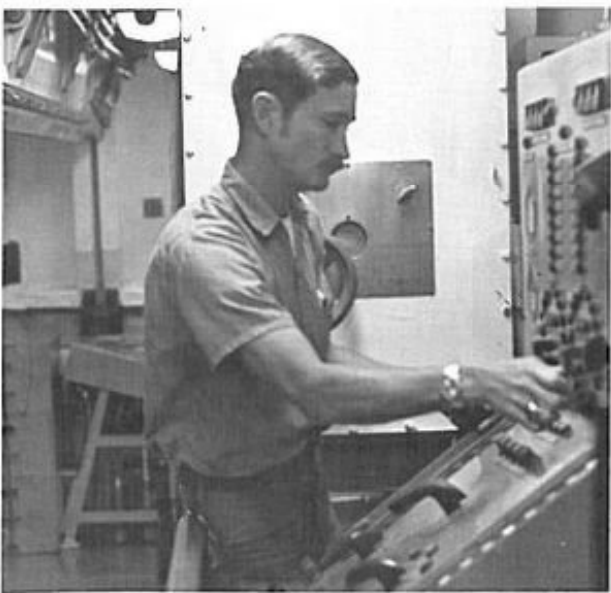
Left to right, kneeling: GMMC J. Rogers, GMM3 W. Owen, GMMSN K. Tharp, GMM1 D. Stearsman, GMM3 J. Horrigan, ENS M. Sare. Standing: GMM3

W. Lord, GMM2 G. Medcalf, GMM2 W. Elliot, GMM2 L. Nichols, GMM2 G. Spanel, GMM3 A. Beechner.





"Hey man, this is where the fire comes out!"



"Blast . . . which button for cream and sugar!"

ENGINEERING

The engineering department is comprised of highly trained technicians who continually put in long arduous hours to ensure that propulsion, electrical, internal communication and service systems are performing properly, safely and efficiently. Operation, maintenance and repair done on around the clock basis enabling other **KINGSMEN** to live, work and fight the "KING OF FRIGATES."



LIEUT. CMDR. Ted Martin, USN
Chief Engineer



WO1 Dave McGlothlin, USN
MPA

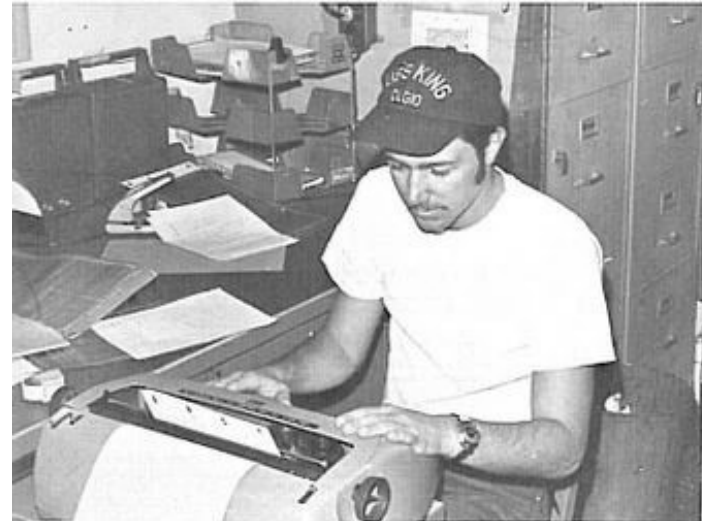


LTJG. Dave Hesser, USNR
DCA

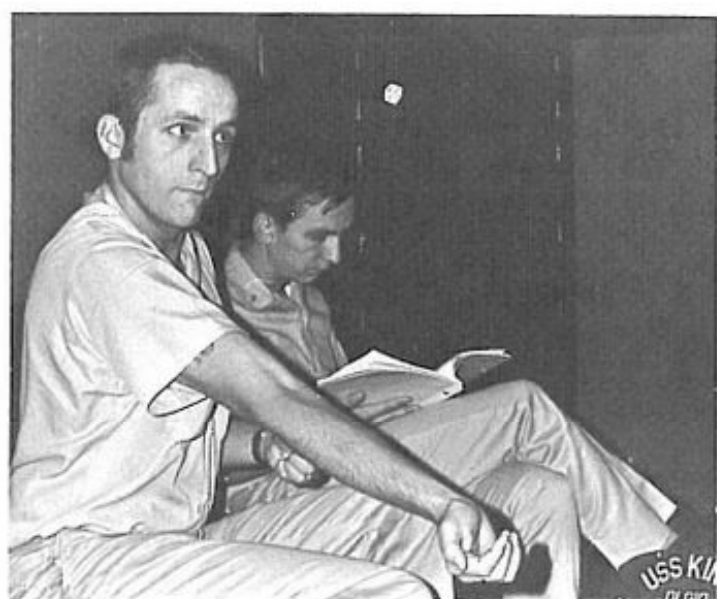


ENS. Les Barnes, USN
Electrical





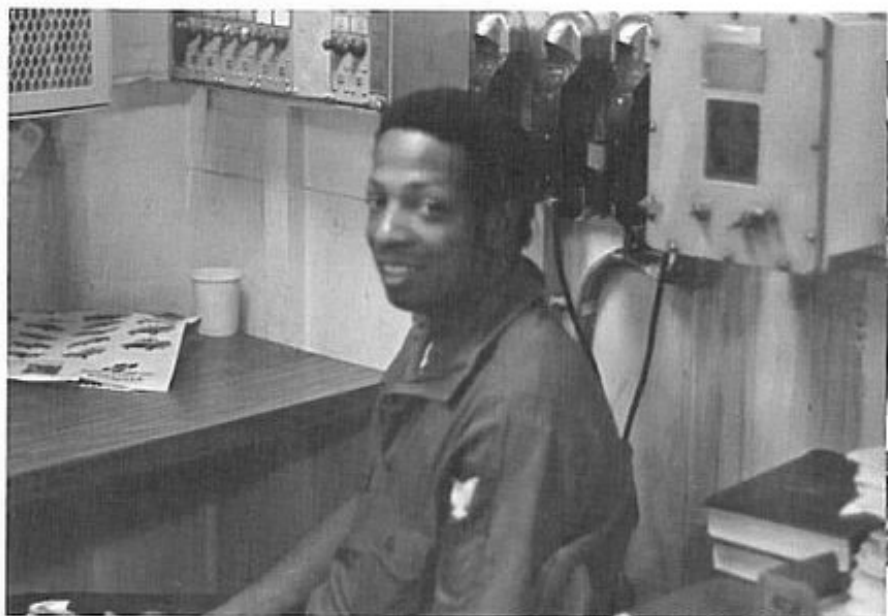
YN3 D. Kraus
Engineering Yeoman



"It's all Greek to me." Nine, the hard way . . .

"Has anybody here seen Kelly?"

"Nifty hideout, Huh!"





Left to right, front: BT1 D. May, BTFA D. Crawford, BTFN D. Lalande, FN C. Brown, FA R. Lemstrom, BT2 D. DeTemple, BTFN W. Hutchins.

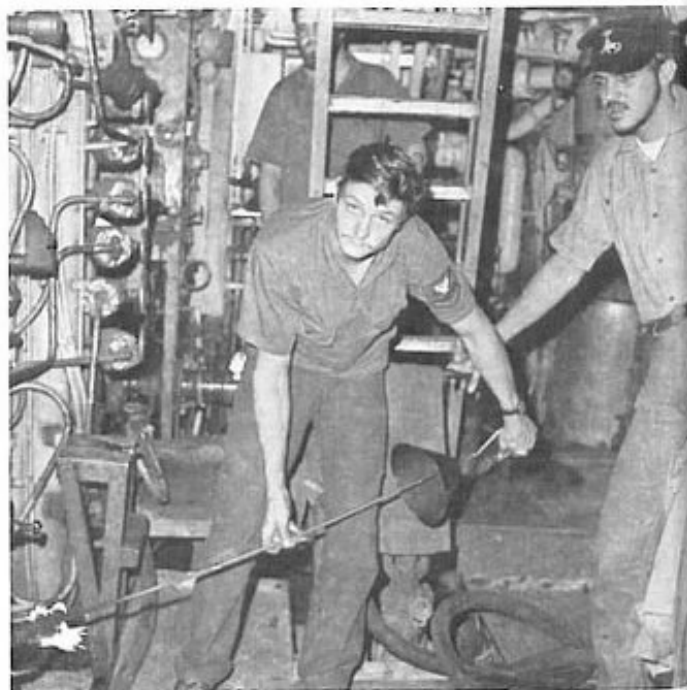
Standing: BTFA J. VanDyke, FN C. Andre, BT2 E. Fahrni, BTFN M. Darling, BT3 W. Jones, BTFA L. Kelly, BT3 M. Connors, BTFN M. Quinn.

EB



FORWARD FIRE ROOM

Generally a snipe, a grease monkey extraordinaire; in particular, a hard working technician with a distinct shortage of essentials like people, liberty and sleep. Awesome is the job—to operate, maintain, repair and pamper 4 massive boilers and related gear. Their many accomplishments have gained them the respect due only to the Boiler Tech's.

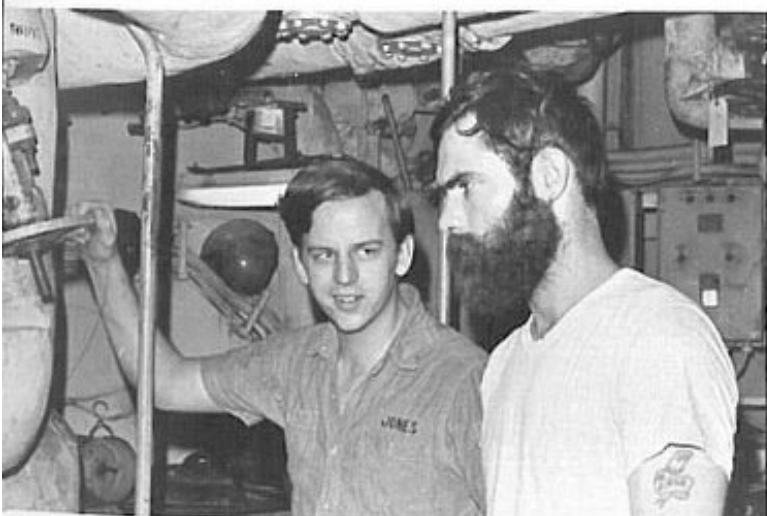




Left to right, 1st row: FN E. Harris, BTFA T. Steeber, BTFN M. Nulf, FA G. Drasic, BTFA R. Roberts, FN R. Courtney. 2nd row: BT3 J. Crute,

BTFA J. Hicks, FN D. Aigner, FA A. Phelps, BTFN J. Stefanakis, BTFN R. Korth. 3rd row: WO1 D. McGlothlin, BTCM V. Little.

AFTER FIRE ROOM



BT3 J. Jones and FN P. Pargen



BT1 H. Stallard



Left to right, front: MM3 D. Flores, MM2 J. Touchet, MM1 A. Cabrito. 2nd row: MMFN N. Leflore, FN W. Stoughton, MMFA D. Smith. 3rd row: MMFN J. Mulbach, MMFN R. Rinard. 4th row: MM2 D. Dalke, MM3 M. Hutton, MM3 R. Hanson, MMFN G. Shelton.

EM AFTER ENGINE ROOM

They convert the BT's steam into spinning propellers, electrical power for our tooth brushes, power to make fresh water to raise our gold fish in and feed water to keep our boilers bubbling. Power conversion equipment and the evaporators are the Machinist Mate's marvels. THANK YOU for a job WELL DONE and LIMITED WATER HOURS.



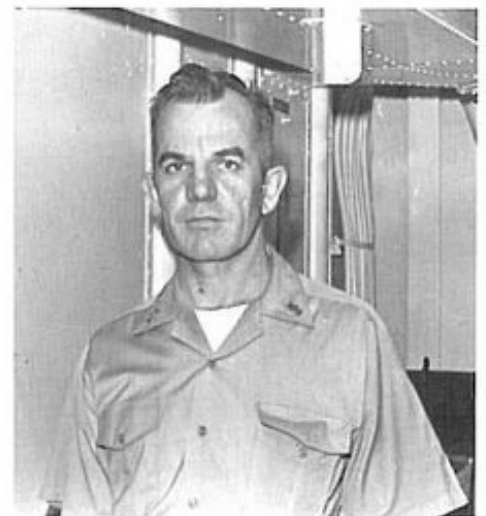
MMC J. Thorpe



Left to right, front: MM3 W. Sanders, MM2 F. Taeger, MMFN J. Poore. 2nd row: MM3 R. Gillette, MMFN C. Morgan, MM3 R. Curtis, FN R. Rissman.

3rd row: FN D. Szalkowski, MM3 F. Brown, MM3 T. Guerrero, MM3 K. Saunders, MM3 W. Austin.

FORWARD ENGINE ROOM



MMCM D. Green



Left to right, sitting: HT2 R. Zeller, HT3 D. Havekost, HT3 R. Gwaltney, HT3 K. Shafer, HT2 L. Cobb, HTFN J. O'Donnell. Standing: HTC D.

Bennett, HT2 P. Schmidt, HT3 R. Butler, HTFN P. Davis, HTFN S. Lota, HT2 A. Luthy, LTJG. D. Hesser



ER

Roasting Hot Dogs with a welder's torch. Making blow guns out of your drain pipe. Playing croquet with Repair 3's sledge hammer. Who are these men? They're the Hull Tech's, a group comprised of the old ratings of Shipfitters and DC men. As welders, plumbers and damage control experts in the modern Navy they enable the **KING**, should damage occur through accident or act of war, to contain it at a minimum and help us recover quickly and efficiently.





Left to right, kneeling: EN2 G. Koller, EN1 R. Wilkin. Standing: MM2 F. Wright, MR2 W. Reed,

MM3 R. Jones, MM3 D. Haynes, MMFN C. Schauffle, LTJG. D. Hesser, MMC O'Brien.



ENC R. Pedersen, 3M Coordinator



MMC S. Hayes

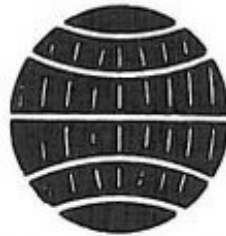


Left to right, front: IC3 B. Barclay, EM2 B. Kellner. Back: EM1 D. Lee, EMFN D. Court, EM3 G.

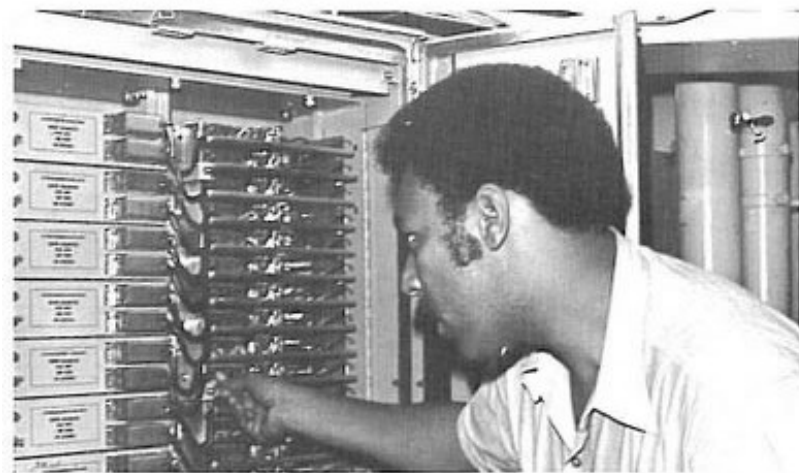
Eveland, IC3 R. Massey, EM3 T. Kink, IC2 C. Strovers, EM2 Powers.



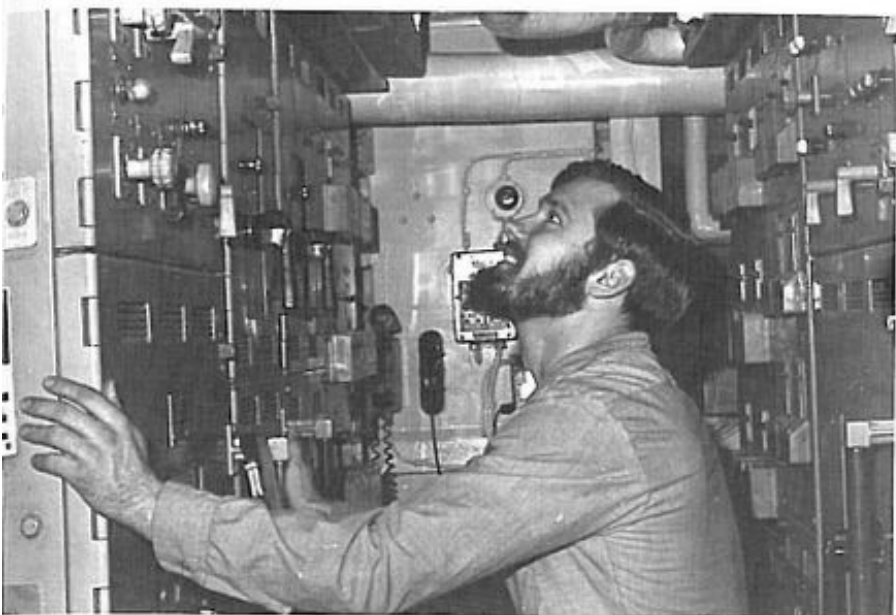
IC3 B. Harper



IC3 B. Barclay
IC3 J. Clark



MORE ENGINEERING CANDIDS



BTFN W. Teply

EM3 G. Lee

EUREKA, it works!



Now, the Plumbers
singing, "Hot Pipes."



"Will this put hair on my chest?"

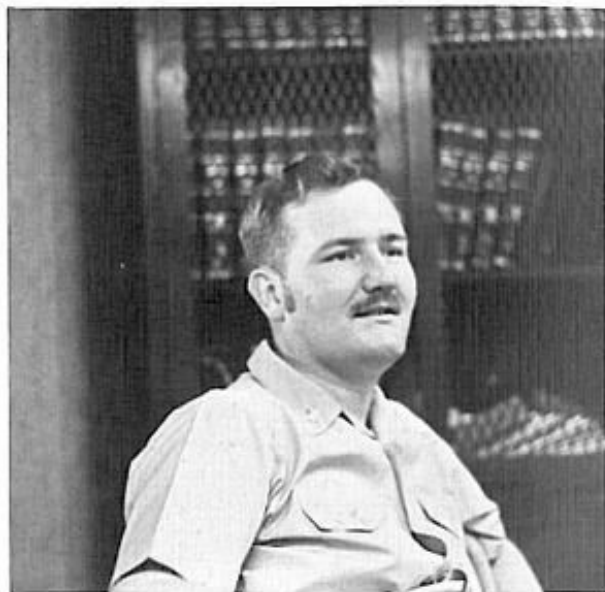


On the outside looking in . . .



SUPPLY

Money, material, meals, and morale and the men of Supply, our logistics experts, proved again they believe in their motto of supply support "by all means." The Boss is LCDR Gary Ganz who is closely backed up by LTJG. "mini-chops" Bottger and ENS. "Zeke" Michalczyk, who with a crew of unusual types sometimes have to go to unusual lengths to meet KING's needs. Whether it was direct support at their weapons and D. C. Stations, backup support with a repair part or tending to the off duty needs of the crew, KING's Supply Department assisted in meeting all of the assignments given the 'Utility infielder of the Seventh Fleet.'



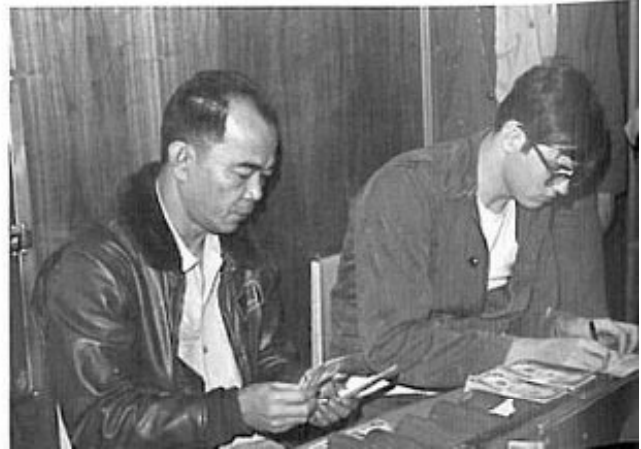
Lieut. Cmdr. Gary Ganz, USN
Supply Officer



LTJG. Ron Bottger, USNR
Disbursing Officer



ENS. Mike Michalczyk, USN
Disbursing Officer





DKC B. Perez, ENS M. Michalczuk, DKS N. R. Young, DK3 R. Haun.



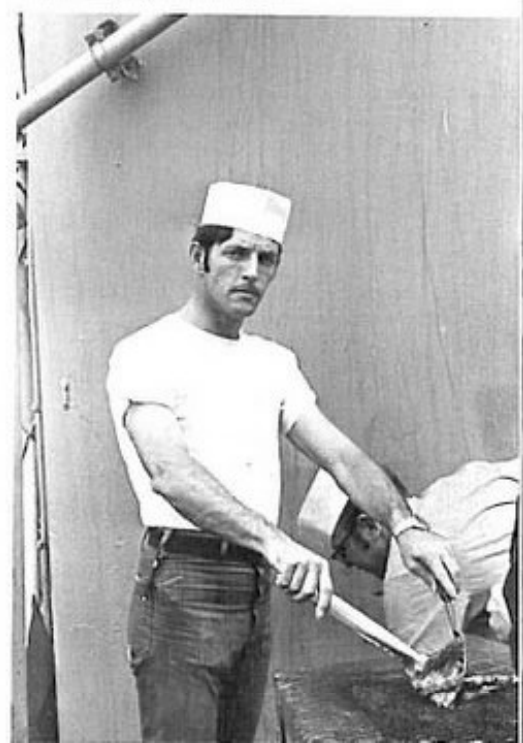
SN G. Grevice with LCDR Ganz



Left to right, seated: SA J. Pearson, FN R. Rinard, SN N. Lunsford, QMSN D. Wicks. Standing: ST1 R. Levee, SN R. Freeman, SN K. Schmick, SN D. Stixrud, SN D. Payne, FN D. Szalkowski, ETNSN L. Huff.



"Your ribs, Monsieur."



SK



Inspired, the storekeepers had to be to keep us in business. Working quietly in the background, under the excellent leadership of SKCS Milner, replacement parts were conjured up from the ocean and everyday necessities appeared as if from a magic wand. Being the heart of the operation meant stocking over 35,000 different repair parts and allocating \$270,000 of OPTAR funds. With "remain flexible" the rule and supply support remote, the SK's proved to be masters of the unusual directly contributing to putting KING on the "FIRST TEAM."



Left to right, front: SK1 E. Soria, SK3 V. Mosby, SKCS E. Milner, SN D. Paterson. Middle: SKSN M. Ireland, SK2 A. Schlievert, SKSN T. Gregory. Back:

SK2 M. Smith, LCDR. G. Ganz, SK2 T. Winters, SKSN J. Good, SKSN R. Atzen.

SH



During this year's WESTPAC cruise, the shipservicemen led by SH1 Grayson provided the ship with free haircuts (military of course), laundry (always clean and usually the same color), a ship's store with all the comforts of home (oops, sorry we did not carry COORS), and coke machines which sold the guys over 110,000 cans of Pepsi, Coke, Orange, Black-cherry, Root-beer, and who knows what. We appreciated your business, especially during the end of cruise inventory reduction sales.



SH3 R. Pride



Front: SHSN G. Clay. **Left to right, middle:** SDSN V. Bersemina, SHSA T. Peterson, SH3 G. Ray-

mond. Back: SHSN J. Dance, SH3 L. Gregory, SK2 T. Winters, SH1 C. Grayson.

SD



Being creative and congenial of attitude is only half of being a steward on the **KING**. All the rest is just plain hard work. The atmosphere of harmony is generated under the positive leadership of SD1 Marinas. Many were the times VIP's and visiting officers enjoyed a good meal and a nights lodging. And while for most **KINGSMEN** a visit to the Phillipines is a stop in another overseas port for the stewards it's a stop at their homeland.



SDSN M. Phillips



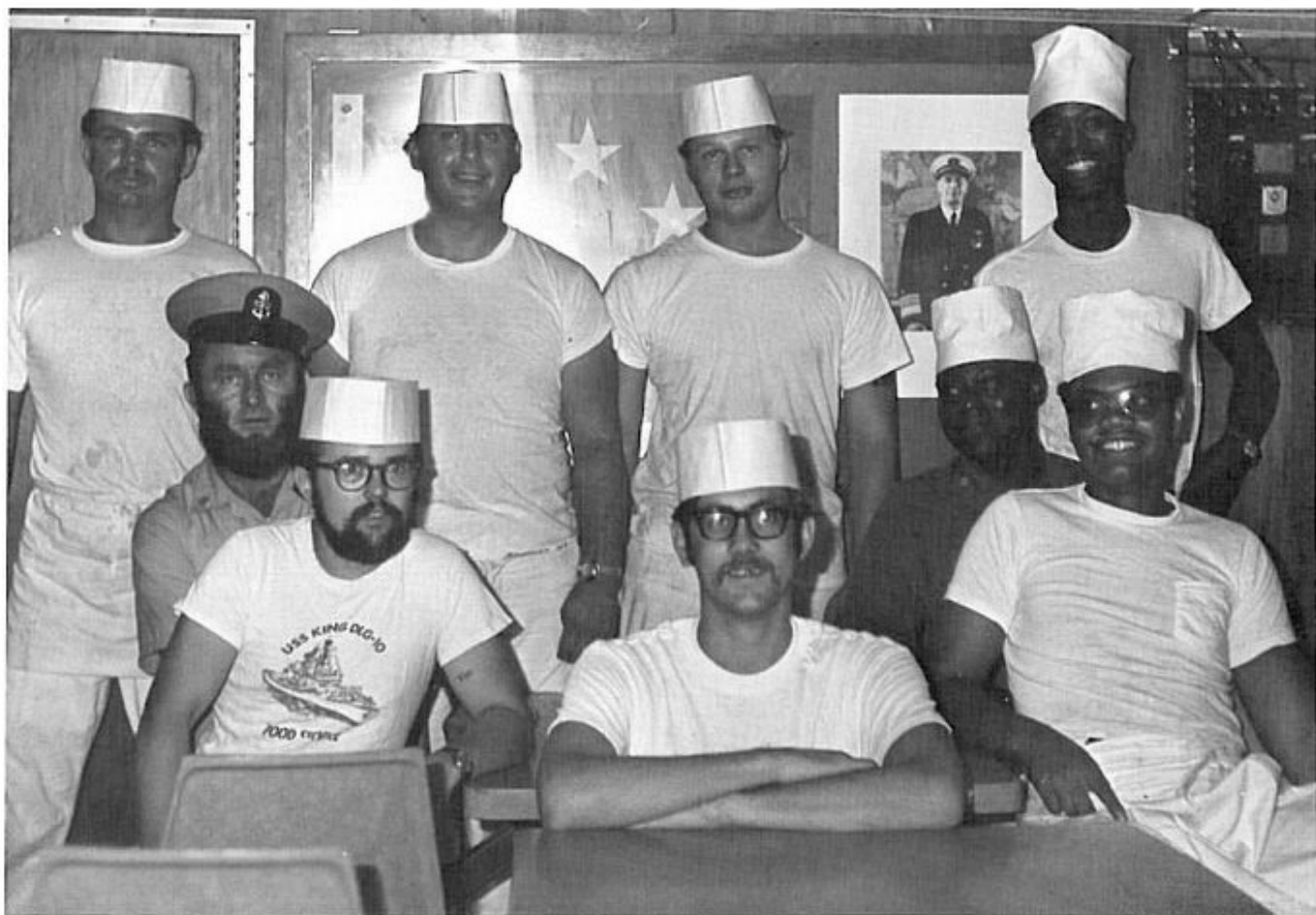
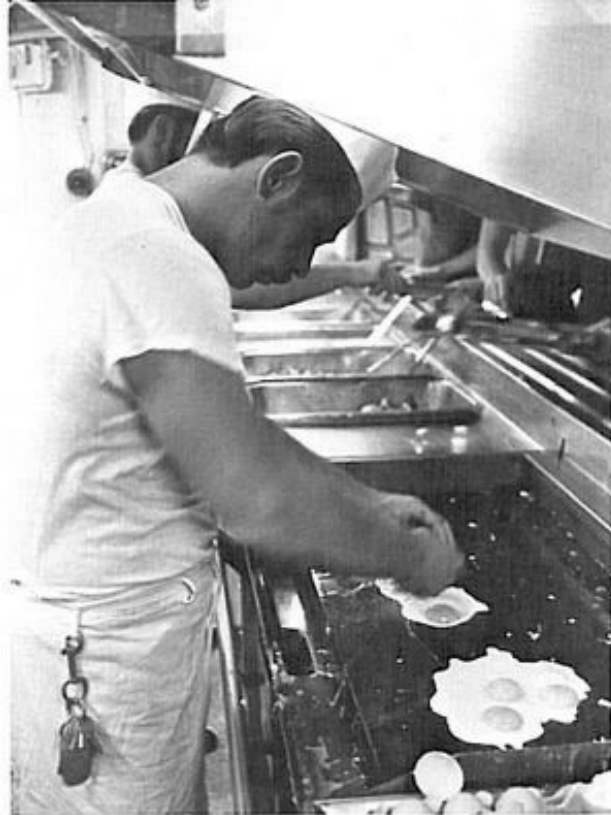
Left to right, seated: SD2 D. Tulagan, SDSN M. Oropesa, SD1 L. Marinas. Standing: SDSN E.

Gasmin, SDSN D. Garcia, SD3 L. Gonzales, SDSN F. Maynigo, SDSN G. Reyes.

CS

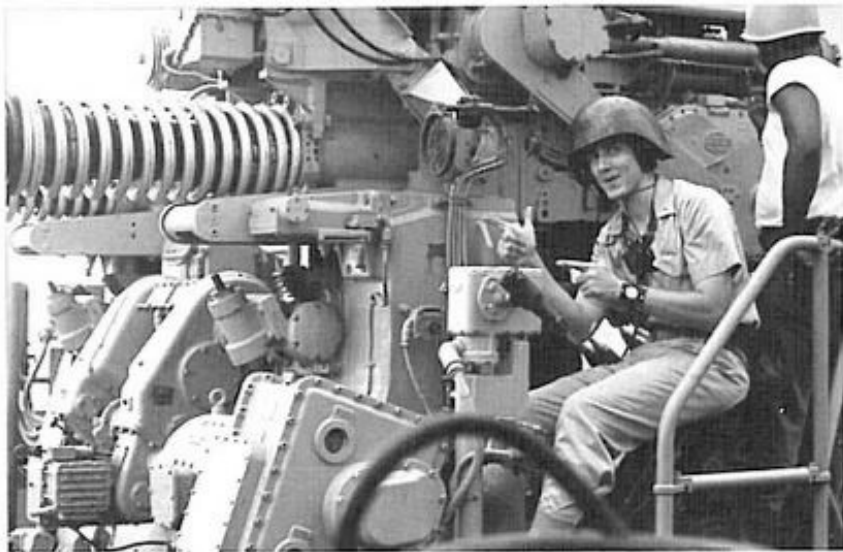


KING's food service branch under the guiding hand of CSC Womack covers many areas, especially food preparation and presentation. With \$120,000 worth of food preparing 275,000 meals this deployment, the cooks were busy with their pots and grills while many a messcook developed dishpan hands. Underway 100 loaves of fresh bread were baked daily. Each of the 5 ship's Bar-B-Q's consumed 200# of steak and 180# of spareribs. The hard work of these culinary technicians was appreciated by everyone but the "weight-watchers."



Left to right, front: CS3 M. Flieshman, CSSN R. Lincoln, SA C. Calhoun. Middle: CSC J. Womack,

CS1 J. Parris. Standing: CSSN P. Merlin, CS2 R. Machovsky, SR D. Claybough, CSSN M. Burns.



"Mt. 31 has another malfunction, Mr. Segal."



"A Foxhole?... "On the bridge, Captain?"

WARDROOM



"Me JOOD? It'll never happen. I'm Supply . . ."



Mr. Segal with CIWS



"One dozen doughnuts, to go!"

"Oh boy!" Hollywood showers!"

The blazin' 50 of the LPO!





"Wonder if I can get the RAMS game . . ."



Mushroom Gardens get-together, Sasebo, Japan.



"Today's reading is taken from . . ."



"We're short by my watch too, Tony!"



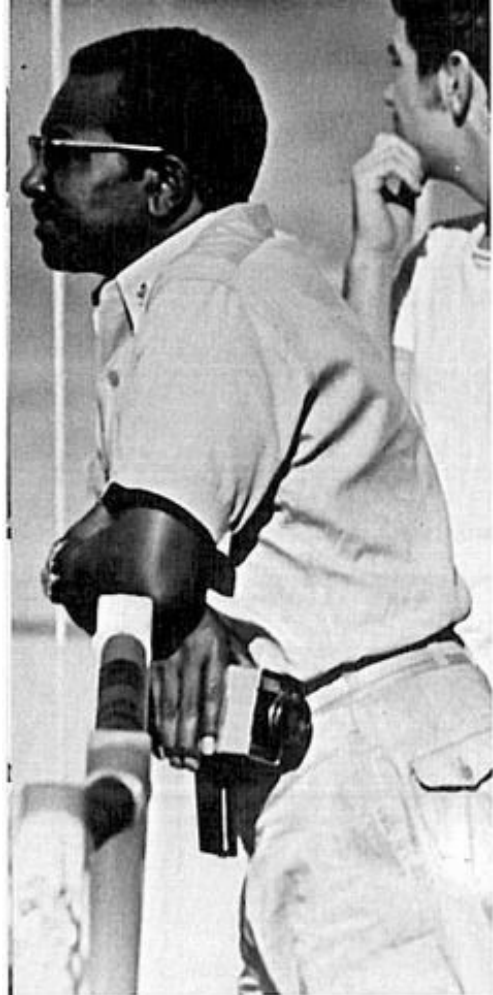
"Blowout Port, KEEP OFF."



"See Pumpkin-man? Says right here we're famous."



"Hey such a deal . . ."



Casrep my 500 lb. Washer.



"I'm gettin' tired of these damn housecalls!"

CHIEFS

Initiation day



Who bought the magic store buzzer

? ? ?



"Damn Mickey Mouse outfit!"



"Another week-SOT, Mr. Segal?"



"That was port-side-to, Chief!"



"Geeez! I owe Rogers 147 standbys!"



"... that coke sure looks good ..."



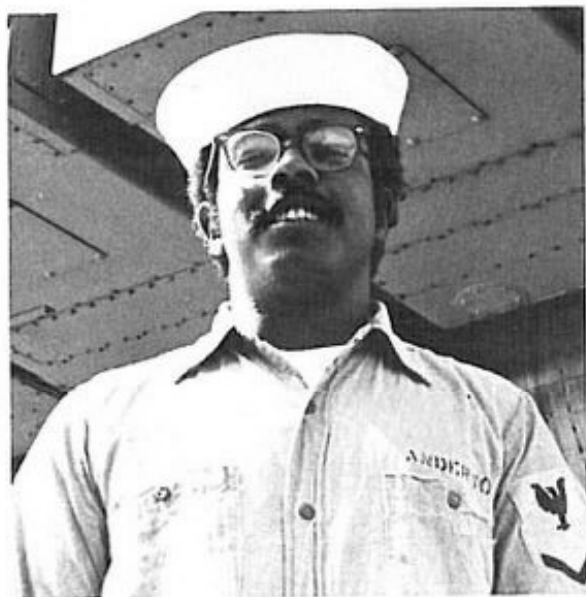
"Someone been needle-ing you?"



KINGSMEN OF

The tradition of KINGSMAN of the Month began in September of 1972 to give recognition to those members of the crew who have done an outstanding job toward promoting the effectiveness of KING as a fighting ship. These individuals were selected for their devotion to duty, professional expertise, and exemplary

militarism. These men were chosen during KING's 1972/73 deployment that demanded all that the men could give and then some to keep KING at the peak of readiness and flexibility that she displayed during the whole deployment in WestPac. To all these men a BRAVO ZULU.



GMT3 Marvin A. Anderson
September

"Your work was consistently outstanding and effective as testified by the fully operational condition of the launcher and associated electrical systems without any down time. The successful ASROC firing this month further attested to the success of your hard work and dedication"

QM2 James R. Stastny
October

"You remained up late at night 'shooting stars' when the moon made it possible and rose early to shoot morning stars when you were not required to do so . . . Your excellent professional knowledge of your rate has been effectively utilized in instructing junior officers performing a day's work in Navigation and new Quartermasters."



THE MONTH



MM2 Frederick D. Taeger
November

"Although still a relatively new second class petty officer, you took charge of Main Control and superbly carried out the duties of a more senior petty Officer billet. Your leadership and performance were continually outstanding during the month as you maintained Main Control in a high state of readiness."



HT2 Larry D. Cobb
December

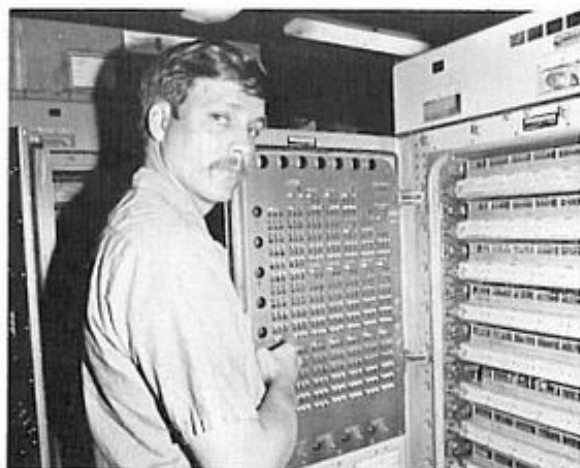
"As the Helo Fire Party Scene Leader, your enthusiasm and devotion helped maintain a high degree of readiness and morale . . . Your willingness to accept the added duties and responsibilities of a First Class Petty Officer billet is further proof of your high degree of professionalism."

". . . You consistently worked long hours . . . in excess of 40 hours, producing operations summaries that enabled KING to contribute significantly to the Navy effort in the Gulf of Tonkin . . . summaries delivered to evaluators included everything from Log Helo schedules to MIGCAP assignments . . ."



OS3 Warren R. Amole
January

"Your performance was superb as you spent many hours of your own free time on the NTDS; revitalizing your cleaning station, and contributing numerous hours to KING's photo team. The high standards you have set is an inspiration to your shipmates."



DS3 Johnny C. Driggers
February



Early in the fall of 1972 the **USS KING** got underway for her 9th Deployment to WestPac. A separate entity from earth, sky or water. Many aboard were new, raw, untrained and untested; some salty as they come, standing by to form the raw, the old and the machinery into one self contained fighting unit.

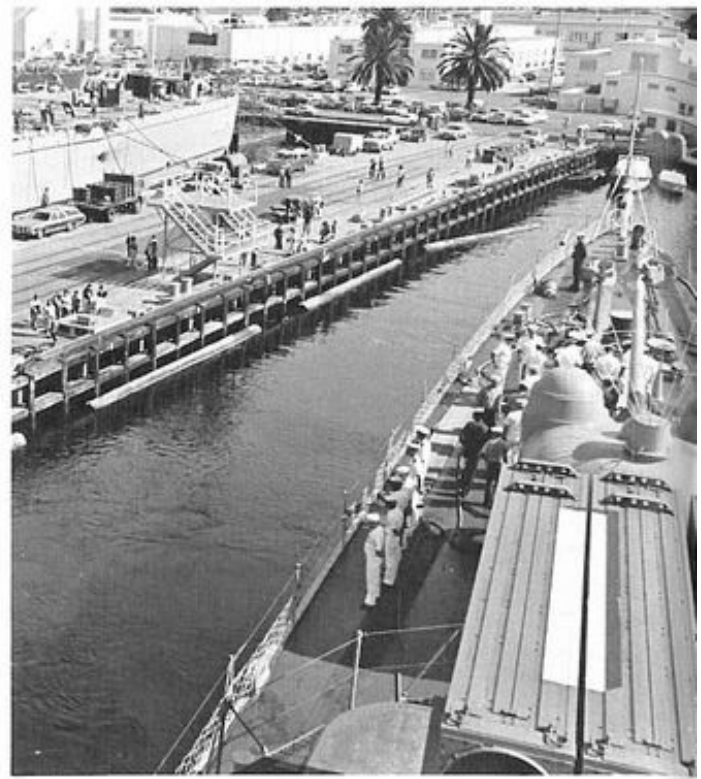
Behind were Sunday football games, the family—the reason we started. Ahead, the unknown, a challenge to be met and a job to be done.

The pictures and words that follow tell the story of the men, the job, and the machinery. We hope that you appreciate the sacrifice of these men and of others like them now that we have at last come to a peace in Vietnam, the place. May there be more understanding and kindness between men of all nations. And may there be no more places.

Myke Zipf

THE CRUISE

On 2 October 1972 **KING** left behind San Diego and spent several months deployed on her ninth visit to WestPac. On the day of departure she announced rather loudly that her 5"/54 was ready. At Hawaii she proved her missiles and ASROC's were all GO, as well as her conventional torpedoes and 3"/50's. Leaving Subic Bay on 29 September, her first mission in WestPac was playing big brother to a Minesweeper doing her thing off the coast of Vietnam. **KING** then went on to perform at South SAR and give a helping hand at PIRAZ as helo port. Shortly thereafter we tailed a carrier around, always ready to fish a soggy pilot from the dark seas should it become necessary. On 16 November **KING** proved that the 5"/54 still worked as well as it did when we left the states and prove it we did—providing Naval Gunfire Support in several places with a degree of intensity far exceeding that of any other DLG in the Gulf. At one place **KING** came under hostile fire from shore batteries and effectively replied with counter-battery fire. Performing in her more common missile firgate duties at Christmas, **KING** was visited by John Warner, Secretary of the Navy and Admiral B. A. Clearey, CINCPACFLT on Christmas Eve. After a few air strikes on 27 January 1973 the word came that all had waited for—some for many years—the Cease Fire was signed. **KING** was then to take the task of shadowing Soviet units and providing the defensive support for the Minesweepers cleaning up the harbor of Haiphong. As a grand finale **KING** took over the duties of North SAR giving her the distinction of handling every AAW Pickett/SAR station in the Gulf this deployment.



LEAVING SAN DIEGO



We're on our way.





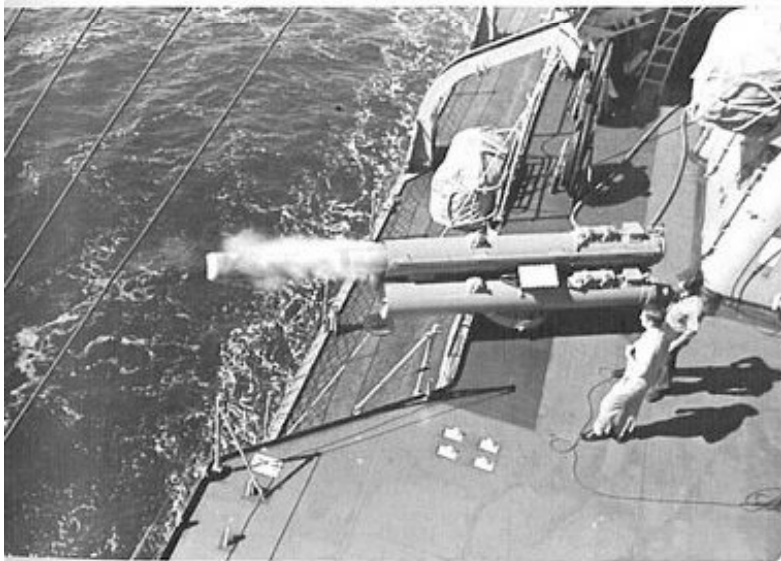
Our hitchhi**KING** Osprey.



Volleyball - WESTPAC style

HAWAII and PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE

KING demonstrates her ASW might



USS ARIZONA
Memorial
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii



A light filled Hawaiian night.

A direct hit!





Our first unrep with USNS TALUGA.



... with many more to follow ...

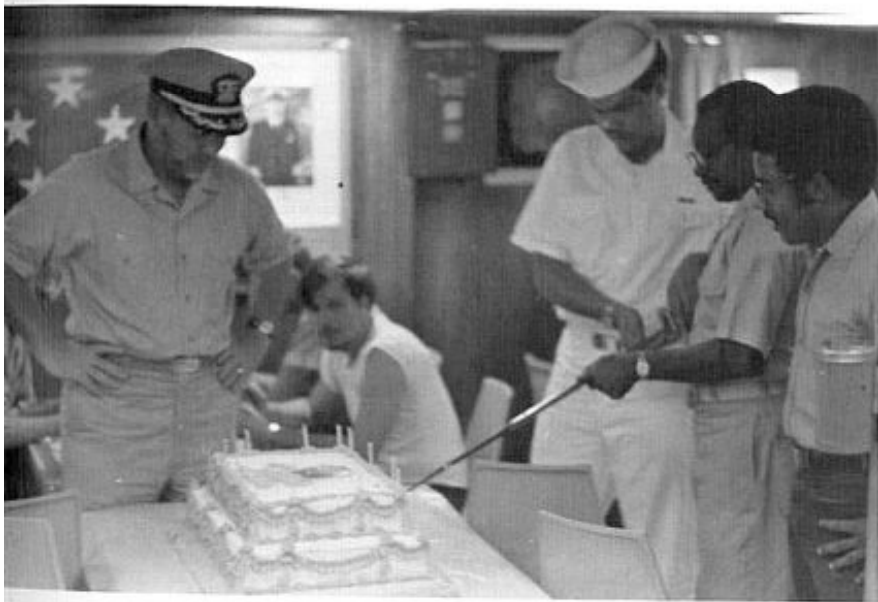
ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY OPS with USS INFLICT

"Skunk G has a CPA of close aboard
to port, Sir!"



PIRAZ STATION

KING was there . . . with **USS LONG BEACH**, 3 November 1972



NOVEMBER 11, 1972 **KING's BIRTHDAY**

Once again Chief Milner does the honors. **KING** is now 12 years old.



On station
always ready.



PLANE GUARDING with USS AMERICA (CVA-66).



Final Approach



F-4 in the groove

Sunset steamin'





KING's EVALUATOR: Cool, steady, nerves of steel.



Our vectored sting

MIDSAR

KING'S STATION DURING THE "HOT WAR".

"Do you see that?"



The Evaluator, WLO, and SWC Combat team.

SAR ALERT! SAR ALERT!



NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT

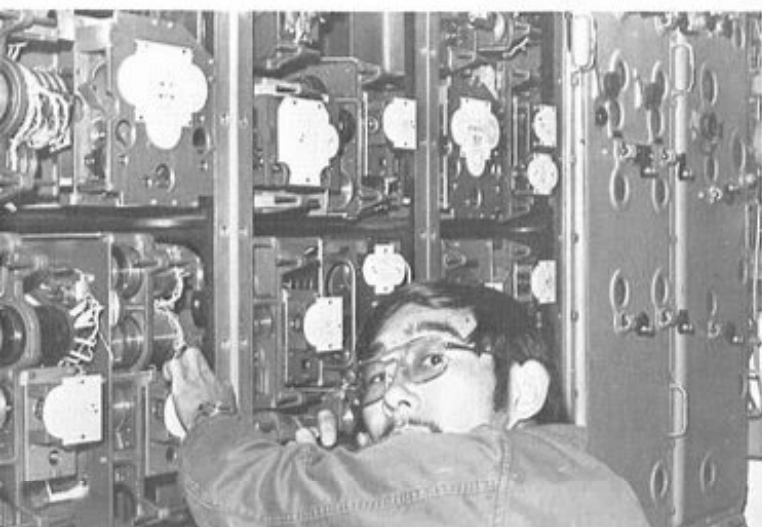


"Three inch counter battery!!"



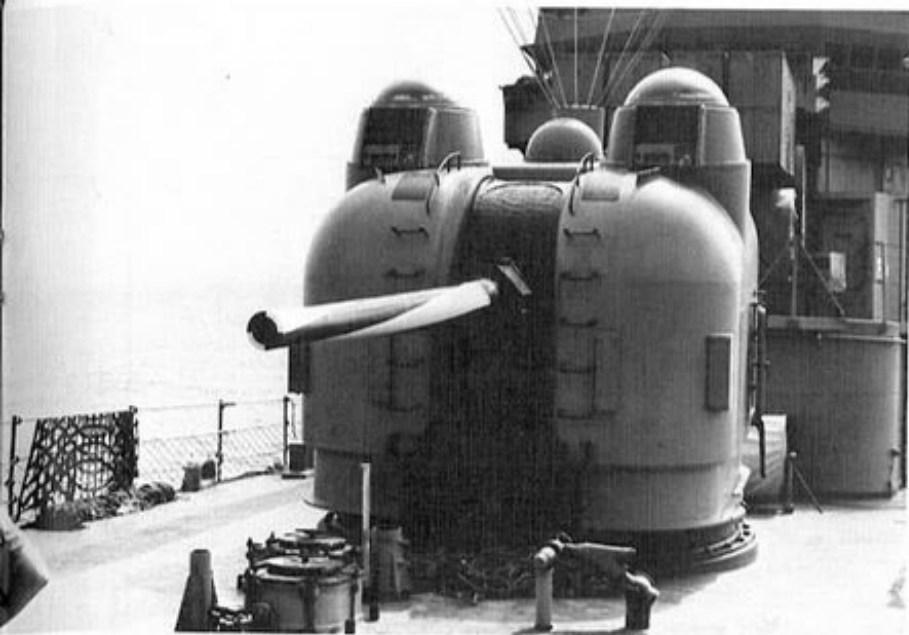
"When's our turn?"

Peaking and Tweaking



"Pay up, Mr. Segal . . . It will shoot thru the bullnose"





"He wants to paint the barrel what?"



Wardroom Christmas tree

MERRY (MIDSAR) CHRISTMAS

War is Hell!



“T’WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS”

“Twas the night before Christmas
And all through the KING
Every work space was silent
You couldn’t hear a thing.

Half the crew was on watch
And the others in their beds
While thoughts of their loved ones
Danced through their heads.

When then out of Combat
There arose such a chatter
The Captain woke up & yelled
“Now what’s the matter?”

The evaluator
With firmly clenched lip
said, “There’s something on radar,
Approaching the ship.”

“We can’t make it out
We’ve not seen it before
There’s five, maybe six,
Maybe seven or more.”

Now the Captain’s in Combat
It did not take him long
The night was going well
But now something was wrong.

All over the ship
You could hear the loud wail
“General quarters! General quarters!
Put some birds on the rail!”

The tension was growing
And a chill hit the spine
All the dots on the radar
Had amounted to nine.

There was no IFF
Or a radio call
Systems 4 & 5 tracking
And now 1 made them all.

So we called Alfa Whiskey,
“They are coming at me.
For the sake of the crew
I’m requesting birds free!”

We sat there just waiting
And the night was so black
When at the last moment
All the systems dropped track.

The whole crew was frantic
They were working on fear
5 minutes had passed
They should almost be here.

Evasion was ordered
We started our turn
When all of a sudden
There was noise on the stern

We ran out of Combat
With never a pause
And there stood 8 reindeer
With old Santa Claus

He stayed quite a while
As he wished us good cheer
For a nice Christmas Day
And a Happy New Year.

As he drove out of sight
The ship was still humming
“Maybe next time dear Captain
You’ll know that I’m coming!”

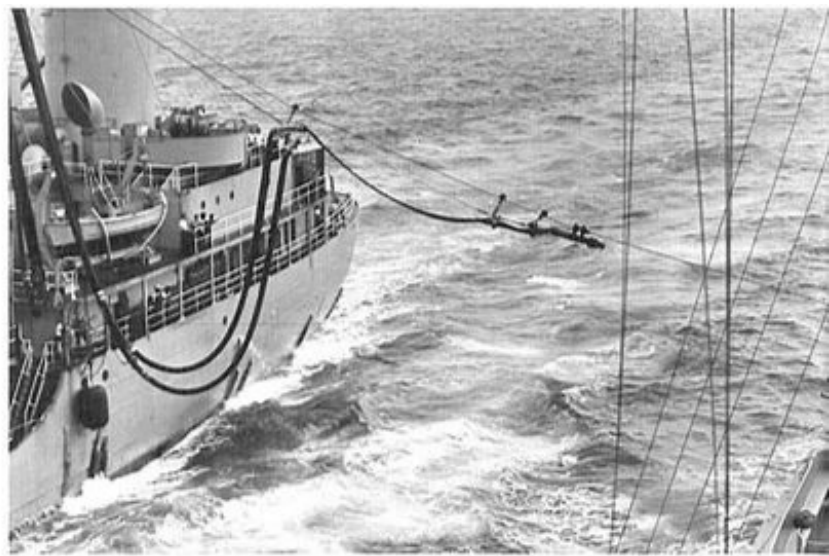
Elvie Kester

Lawrence Verne Kester

Deck Log

00-04 Were underway in order to meet
Requirements of Comseventh Fleet
Whose operating schedule, third quarter, fiscal year
Nineteen seventy three, says we must be here.
SOPA and OTC are the same
CDR. R. R. Tarbuck, USN, is his name
Captain of the **KING (DLG-10)**,
Skipper to a crew of the finest men.
All four generators are on the line
The load is parallel and doing fine
1B, 2B boilers are lit
For obvious reasons the plant is split
Material condition YOKE is set.
Requirements of condition III are met.
Mount 51 is ready to go.
Smoothly into action it could flow.
Our position in the Gulf is known as MID SAR
in the 10 mile circle we can't go far,
but steaming independently is rarely a bore
When you're TU 77.0.4.
106° 30' E, 18° 40' N
Around the point we steam back and forth
We're at darken ship, all lights are out,
There's no visual indication when we come about
A well trained crew is ready at hand
If our ship's SAR Helo must take off and land.
Big Mother Six Zero is the Helo's name.
Rescue and assistance is the name of her game.
0000, Listen did you hear?
The sounds of the coming of a brand New Year.
0115, Received an injury report.
Being cautious was not this young man's forte.
HTFN P. W. Davis, USNR is alive,
Service number 326-48-7095.
"I was running through a hatch and hit my head."
Diagnosis: One inch laceration to his forehead.
Treatment: Cleaned and sutured, issued pills for the pain
DISPOSITION: Returned to Duty (On the Bounding Main).
0206 Changed the course of our track,
Came to 220°, nothing special (double back).

M. R. Judd, WO1



PROBE

UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT "HOLIDAY ROUTINE . . ."



. . . Trailers for sale or . . .



Amidships rig and crew.

Passing the chuck.

A case of mistake-n-identity.





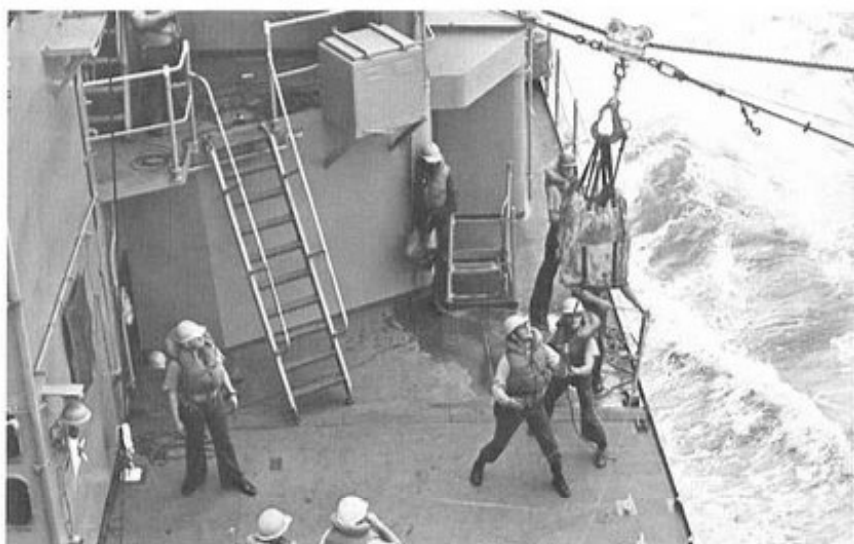
All of us, for 2 letters . . . SHEESH!!!



A "SEAGULL" takes charge.



IT'S in the BAG.





Nice Kitty



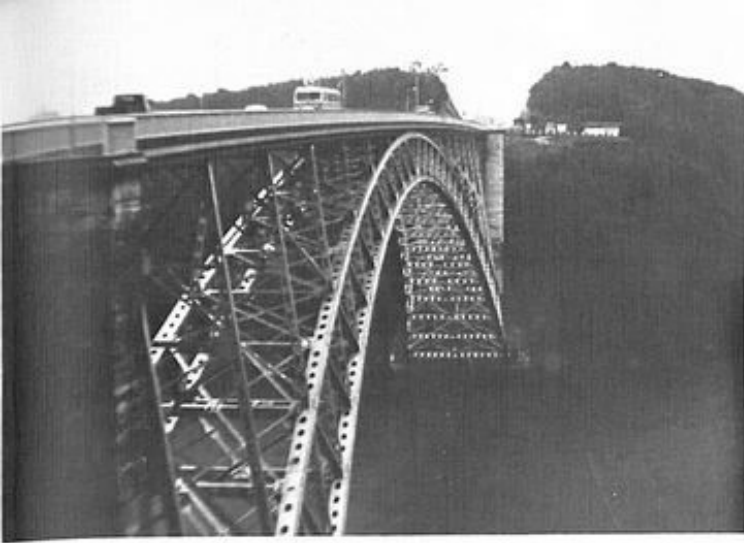
SASEBO, JAPAN



Castle at Karatsu

Things go better with . . .





SAKAI Bridge



Japan Ice Cream



SASEBO Shopping Mall

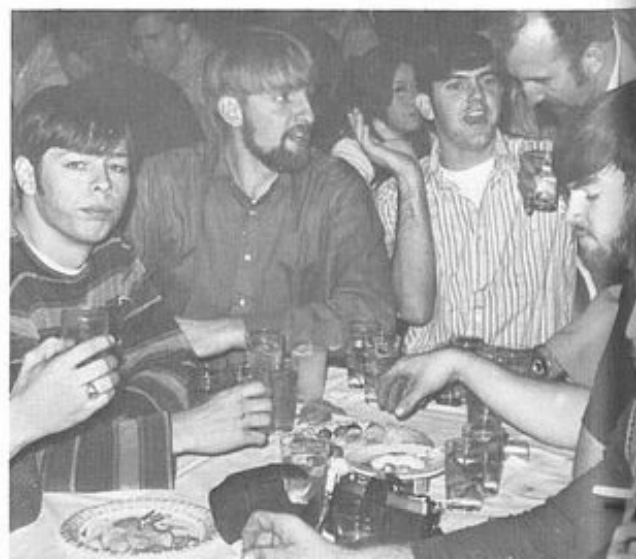
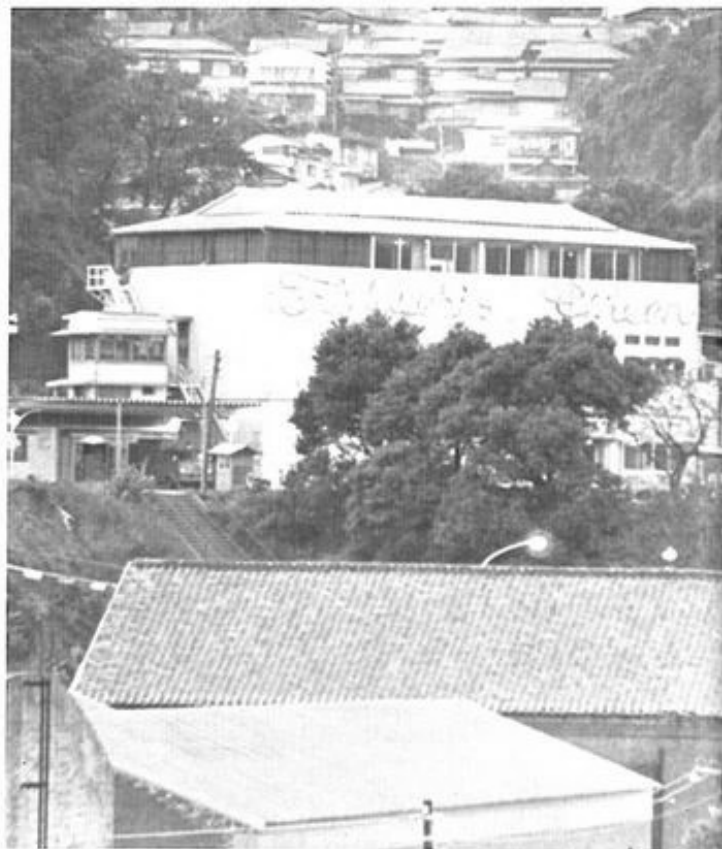
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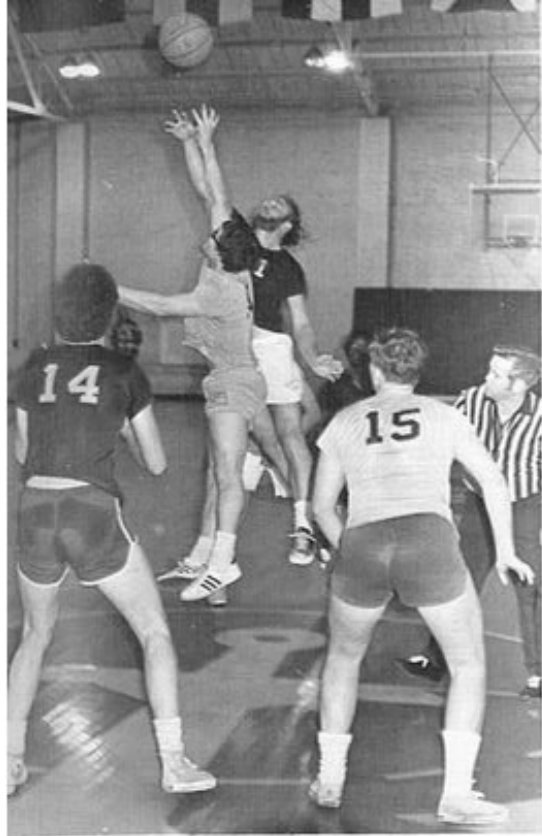




Everything From
beer to a magician conjured
bride . . . add a boisterous
crew . . . simmer for two days
and PARTY TIME!!

Sasebo's superb EM Club, **The Fiddler's Green**, was the
sight of the ship's party.





STTRREEECH!



Ha! Karate!

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Trophys

to winners

A Ball

to the Captain

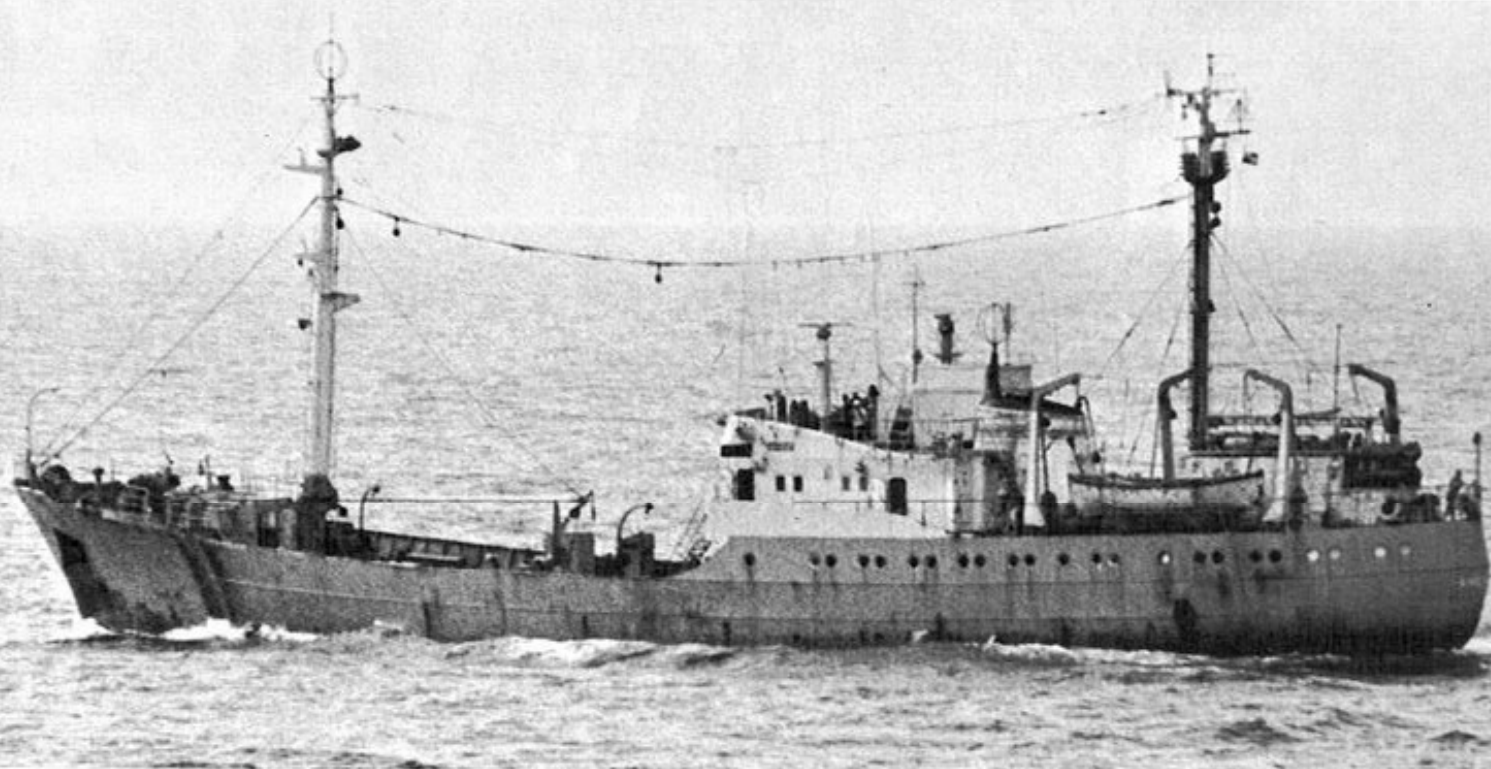
And Smiles

all around

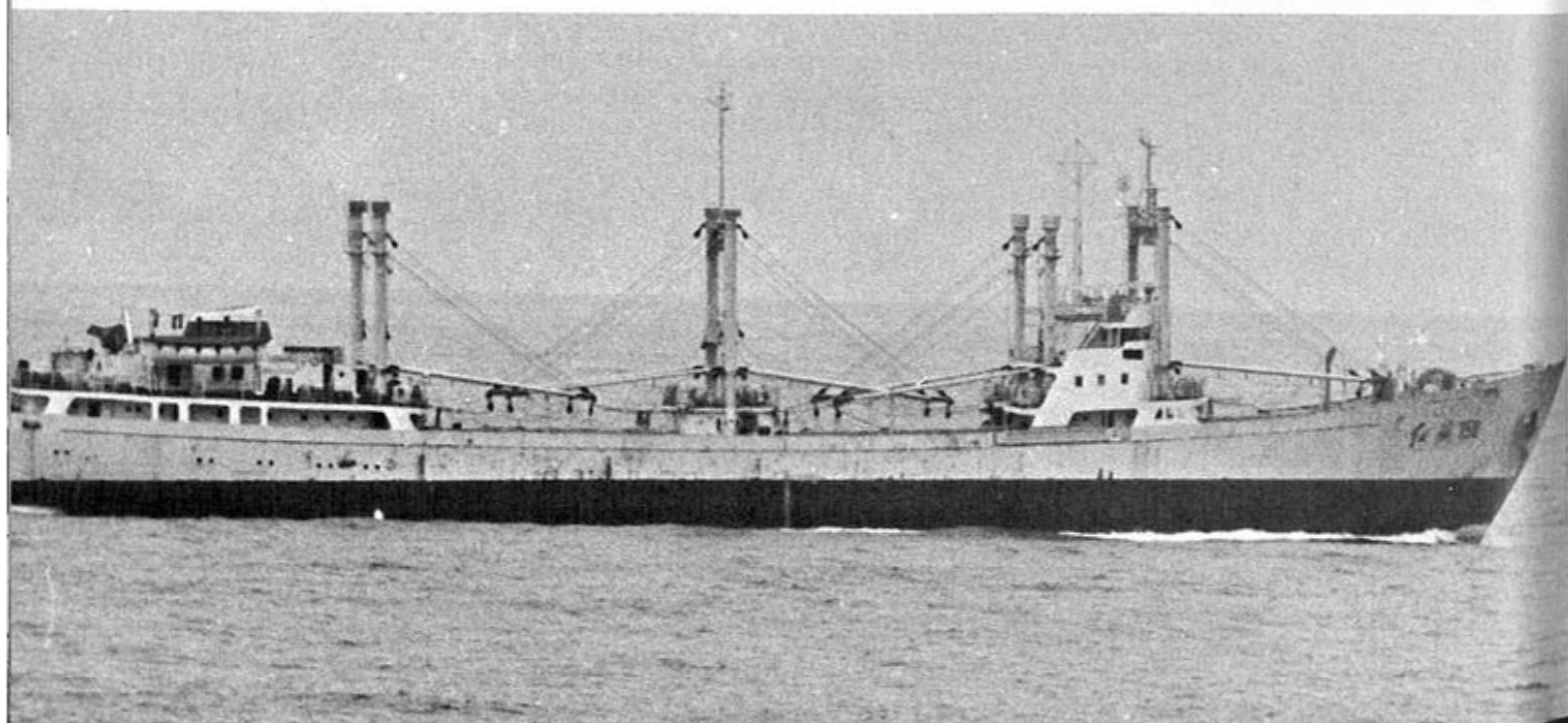
SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS

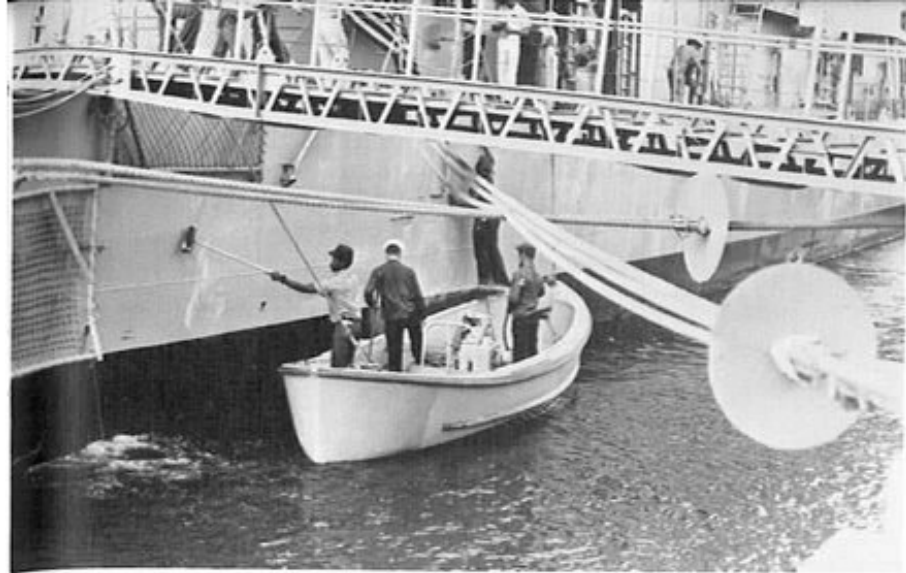
KEEPING TABS ON THE SOVIETS
WHO KEEP TABS ON US

Soviet AGI



Chinese Communist Merchant





"Mary Sue it ain't!"

SUBIC STOP-OVER:

A TIME TO
REST,
RE-GUN, AND
RUN THE BASES



A NEW SNOOT for the Mount



STEERIKE!!





"Peace . . . Now get it off my foot, Please!!"

FLIGHT QUARTERS! FLIGHT QUARTERS!

"Fill it up, Hi-Test!"



Chief Beahm doing his thing.





"Away the Utility Boat!"



The "Little King"



"MAIL CALL!" (At Last)

MINE COUNTERMEASURES OPERATIONS

Haiphong was just over the horizon. The job . . . Mine Counter Measures. We were watchdog and helo port combined. Those ghost contacts on radar were just small minesweepers, awaiting word to commence 'The Job.' The task was large and the reasons mostly unknown but our POW's were just a little closer to home each day we were there.

I'd made 3 cruises
So I had one last date
To be at Haiphong
With Task Force 78

With broom in hand
We went to sea
It seems 78's job
Was to sweep it free

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F**

As miles of ocean were cleared
We all had reasons for joy
Our men were returned
From their captivity in Hanoi

**7
8**

Now 78's job was finished
No end, except to the war
Join me in watching 78 make way
To making friends on that shore

Myke Zipf





"What are you using for bait?"
"Mess decks Kobe steak cubes."
"Catchin' anything?"
"Nope . . ."



Some with make shift poles . . .

FISH CALLS . . .

From wheelbook to reel-book.



. . . some with no poles at all.



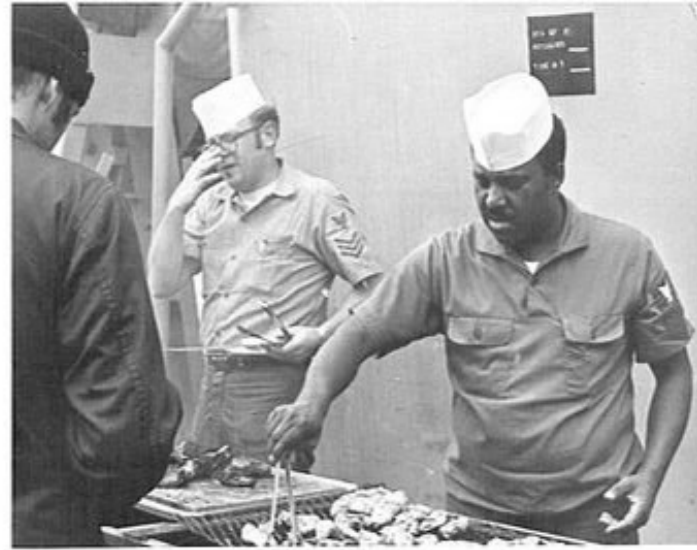
. . . AND PICNICS.

"Trade you my fish for your Coke?"





"Next?!"



"Aw c'mon, Cropsey, my cooking isn't that bad."



"Monkey meat??!!!"



MM2 Reed
Manager
Bar-B-Que Complaint Dept.

"A long line for the payoff."





Confucius Temple



Little Kids

KAOHSIUNG TAIWAN

Captain's Personnel
Inspection, Kaohsiung





"Well, we had to make this U-turn to Buoy 2 smack in the middle of 147 ferries ..."

HONG KONG, BRITISH CROWN COLONY



Moored at Buoy 2





TAI-PAK floating restaurant, New Territories



FISHCALL



JOY . . . is being with friends



Hong Kong school girls tour KING

MORE HONG KONG

Red Cross blood donors: "Easy Mr. Bradfield, it's only about a pint."





Tiger Baum Gardens

Night view from Victoria Peak



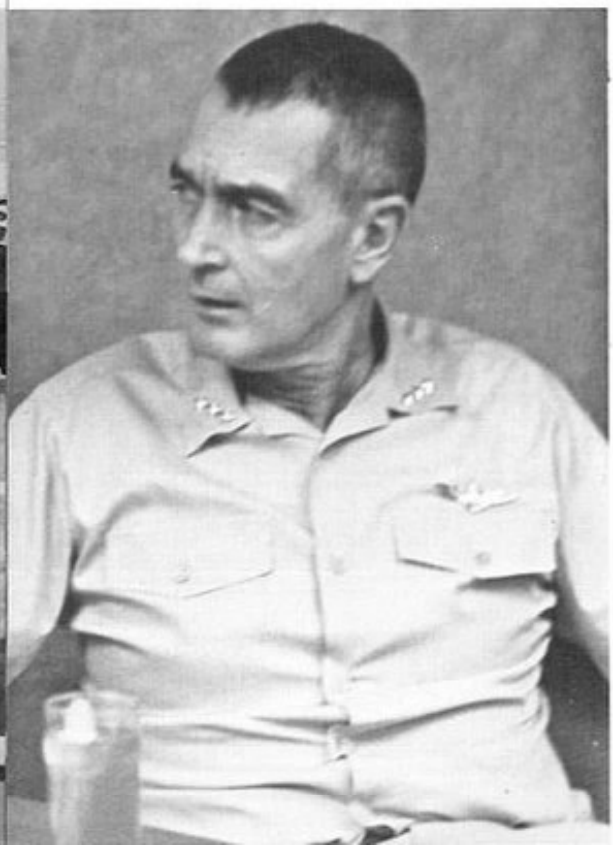


John Warner, Secretary of the Navy and Admiral Clarey, CINCPACFLT.



VIP'S

RADM Read and CMDR. R. R. Tarbuck





Helo Squadron Commander



CTF 78 welcomed aboard

AND THE KUDO'S STARTED ROLLING IN . . .

WELCOME HOME

AS YOU COMPLETE A SUCCESSFUL 6 MONTH CRUISE YOU MAY LOOK BACK WITH PRIDE ON YOUR ROLE...YOUR PERFORMANCE IN SITUATIONS RANGING FROM SAR OPERATIONS AND GUNFIRE SUPPORT TO CARRIER ESCORT WAS OUTSTANDING IN ALL RESPECTS....WELL DONE. RADM WOODS, COMCRUDESPAC.

WELL DONE

YOU CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE WAR EFFORT IN SEASIA DURING YOUR RECENT DEPLOYMENT. WELL DONE AND CONTINUED GOOD SAILING. ADMIRAL GAYLOR, COMMANDER IN CHIEF PACIFIC.

WELCOME HOME

YOUR OFFICERS AND MEN SHOULD DERIVE GREAT SATISFACTION FOR A JOB WELL DONE IN A MOST DEMANDING ENVIRONMENT. YOUR SUSTAINED PERFORMANCE IS INDICATIVE OF YOUR PROFESSIONALISM AND SPIRIT. RADM ST. GEORGE, COMCRUDESFLT ELEVEN.

SAYONARA

AS YOU DEPART SEVENTH FLEET AND RETURN HOME TAKE WITH YOU THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MISSION OF SEVENTH FLEET MATERIALLY ASSISTED IN BRINGING THE LONG WAR TO A CLOSE. KING SERVED AT A TIME OF INTENSE COMBAT ACTIVITY IN THE GULF OF TONKIN AND YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ALL TASKS WAS OUTSTANDING. YOUR PERFORMANCE MARKS YOU AS PROFESSIONALS. VADM HOLLOWAY, COMSEVENTHFLT.

FAREWELL

WE'RE PROUD OF YOU AND YOUR SUPERB PERFORMANCE DURING A LONG AND DEMANDING DEPLOYMENT. EACH OFFICER AND MAN IN KING CAN TAKE PRIDE IN A JOB WELL DONE. SMOOTH SAILING. RADM READ, CTF SEVEN FIVE.

WELL DONE

AS YOU STEAM HOMEMARD FOLLOWING A LONG AND ARDUOUS COMBAT DEPLOYMENT YOU CAN BE JUSTIFIABLY PROUD OF YOUR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION.... YOUR PERFORMANCE OF VARIED AND DIFFICULT TASKS, DURING LONG LINE PERIODS IS EVIDENCE OF YOUR TEAMWORK, VERSATILITY AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE. YOU TAKE WITH YOU MY APPRECIATION FOR A JOB WELL DONE AND MY SINCERE BEST WISHES....ADM CLAREY, CINCPACFLT.

HAIPHONG EMERGENCY SORTIE

I WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH THE OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL RESPONSE AND PERFORMANCE OF ALL HANDS TODAY...WELL DONE. RADM McCAULEY, CTF 78

WELL DONE

THE MANNER IN WHICH KINGS 5th/54 BATTERY HAS BEEN MAINTAINED.... ATTESTS TO THE QUALITY OF PMS MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE WEAPONS DEPARTMENT AND IS IN CONSONANCE WITH KINGS OVERALL PERFORMANCE THROUGHOUT THIS DEPLOYMENT. WELL DONE. RADM KERN, CTF 75.

SCOPE PHOTOS

FEEDBACK INFO ON JAMEXS SUCH AS YOU FURNISHED IS OF GREAT VALUE FOR POST MISSION ANALYSIS AND IMPROVEMENT OF ECM OPERATOR TECHNIQUES. YOUR EFFORTS GREATLY APPRECIATED. COMMANDING GENERAL FIRST MARINE AIR WING.

PROPOSED ANTI-KOMAR/DLG AAWEX

YOUR EXERCISE PROPOSAL PROVIDES AN INNOVATIVE TRAINING TEST OF ASCM READINESS....YOUR INITIATIVE APPRECIATED. CTF 75.

DEPARTURE

KINGS....PERFORMANCE ON THE GUNLINE WAS INDICATIVE OF A WELL TRAINED AND EFFICIENT CREW AS INDICATED BY THE OUTSTANDING GOA. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GOOD SHOOTING. CTF 75.9 GUNLINE COMMANDER.

YOUR ALL AROUND PERFORMANCE IN MANY TASKS MOST IMPRESSIVE. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. RADM KERN, CTF 75.

LOG HELD ASSISTANCE

THANKS AND WELL DONE FOR YOUR EXPEDITIOUS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE TO RUGBY 003 DURING HIS LOW FUEL EMERGENCY. YOUR PROMPT RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION IS TYPICAL OF WHAT WE HAVE COME TO EXPECT....CTG 77.0 YANKEE STATION COMMANDER

VERTREP

YOUR TROOPS DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB CLEARING THE FLIGHT DECK, BEST OF LUCK. CO USS SAN JOSE.

IT IS GOOD TO START OFF NEW YEAR WITH SUCH A SHARP LOOKING SHIP. CO USS SAN JOSE.

CEASE FIRE

LAST NIGHT OUR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ANNOUNCED A CEASE FIRE OF THE LONGEST WAR IN THE HISTORY OF OUR NATION...MANY OF OUR NAVYMEN AND WOMEN HAVE PASSED THE HALFWAY POINT IN THEIR CAREERS SINCE OUR ADVISORY ROLE IN VIETNAM BEGAN. MANY OF YOU WHOM ARE AT SEA TODAY HAVE ENDURED LONG AND FREQUENT SEPARATIONS FROM YOUR FAMILIES... YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR BEST AND YOUR BEST WAS EVERY BIT AS GOOD AS OUR COUNTRYMEN HAVE COME TO EXPECT...YOU HAVE DONE YOUR DUTY WELL AND AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE RETURN OF OUR COMRADES WHO HAVE SPENT SO MUCH TIME AS PRISONERS, YOU CAN STAND TALL IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT NO ONE STANDS TALLER THAN YOU. WELL DONE. E.R. ZUMWALT, JR., ADMIRAL, UNITED STATES NAVY

CEASE FIRE

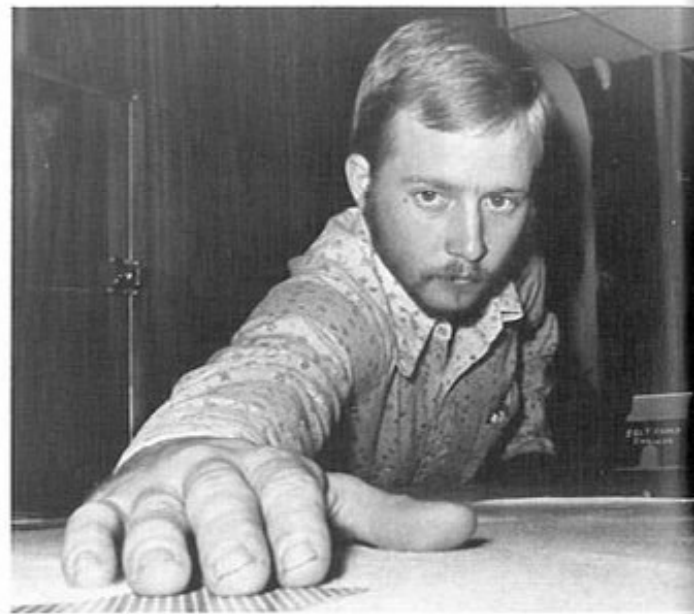
UPON THE OCCASION OF THE SIGNING OF THE VIETNAM CEASE FIRE IN PARIS, I WISH TO COMMENT THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE U. S. SEVENTH FLEET... YOUR PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN TRULY MAGNIFICENT. PARTICULARLY SINCE THE NVN INVASION THROUGH THE DMZ LAST SPRING. THE SEVENTH FLEET HAS BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF COMBAT ACTION. YOUR RESOLUTE RESPONSE AND UNWAVERING DEVOTION TO DUTY CONTRIBUTED TO AN HONORABLE PEACE... THE COST IN HUMAN LIFE AND FAMILY SEPARATION BY OUR PERSONNEL HAS BEEN VERY GREAT...THE SUPERB PERFORMANCE AND PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE OF THE THOUSANDS OF NAVYMEN AND MARINES WHO SERVED WITH SEVENTH FLEET THROUGHOUT THIS WAR HAVE SET A STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR THOSE WHO FOLLOW...WELL DONE. VADM J. L. HOLLOWAY III, USN.

CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES

YOU FOUGHT LONG. YOU FOUGHT HARD. YOU FOUGHT WELL. YOU ALL SHARE IN THE DISTINCTION OF HAVING ADDED AN ILLUSTRIOUS CHAPTER TO THE U.S. NAVY'S LONG HISTORY OF BATTLING FOR FREEDOM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. IT IS WITH GREAT PRIDE THAT WE SAY VERY WELL DONE. VADM COOPER, TF 77.

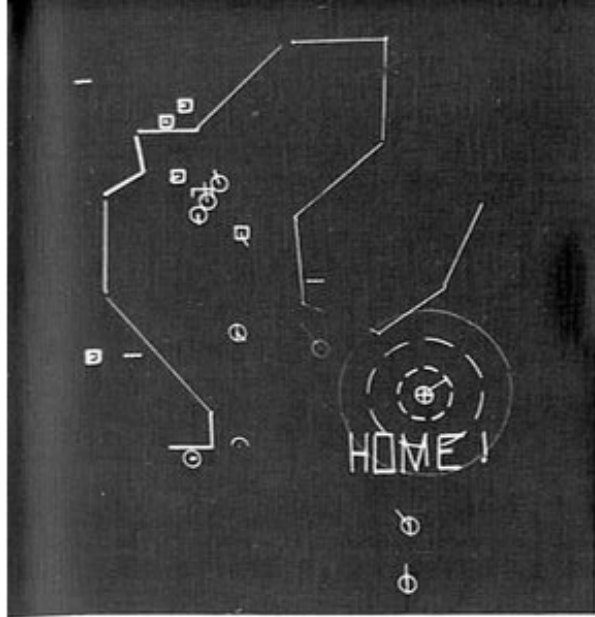


CASINO NIGHT

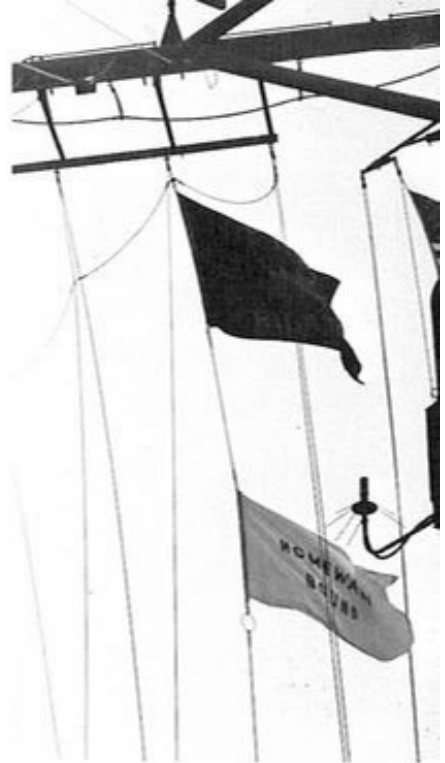


"House has 19, pay 20."





No caption necessary!



MIDWAY:

The beginning of
The Long Trek Home



"Mine, All mine!"



STRIKE!

Gooney Bird . . .

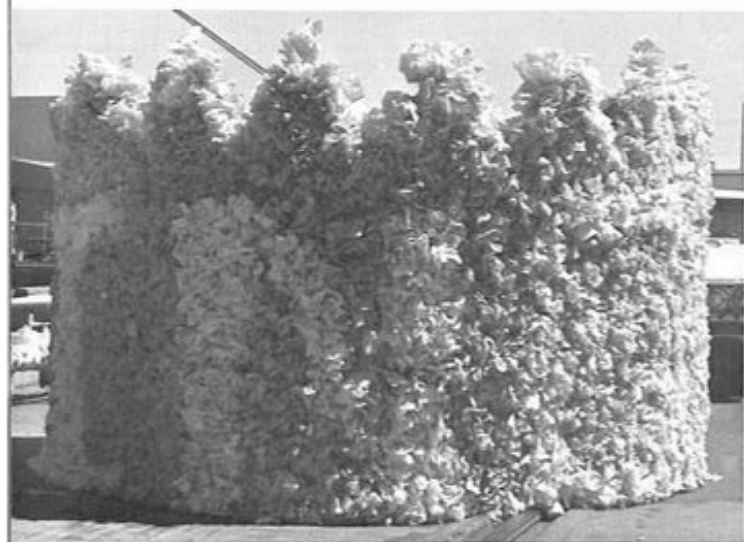




The bow lei is brought aboard.

ARRIVAL, SAN DIEGO

Easter Rabbit



KING's Crown



The waiting throng





... and displayed



And on they come . . .

... And they keep on coming!



... and come . . .



WestPac goodies off load time.

"All that on your custom form, Carter?"



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