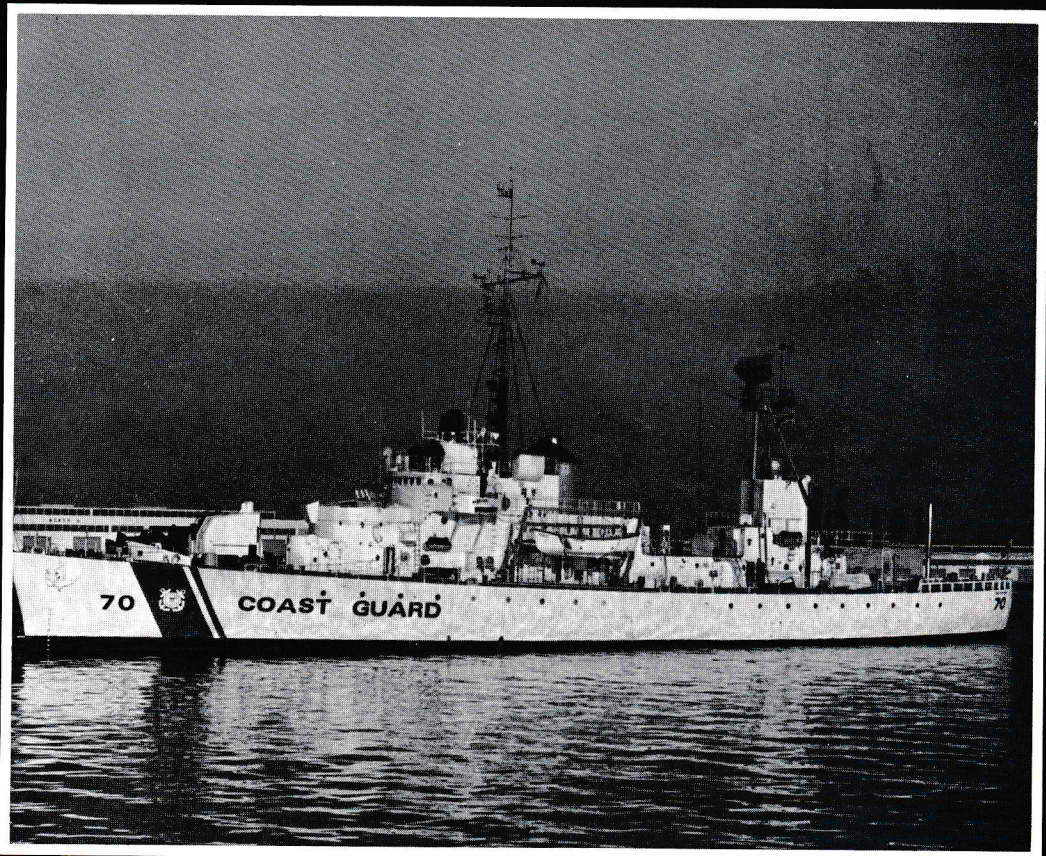
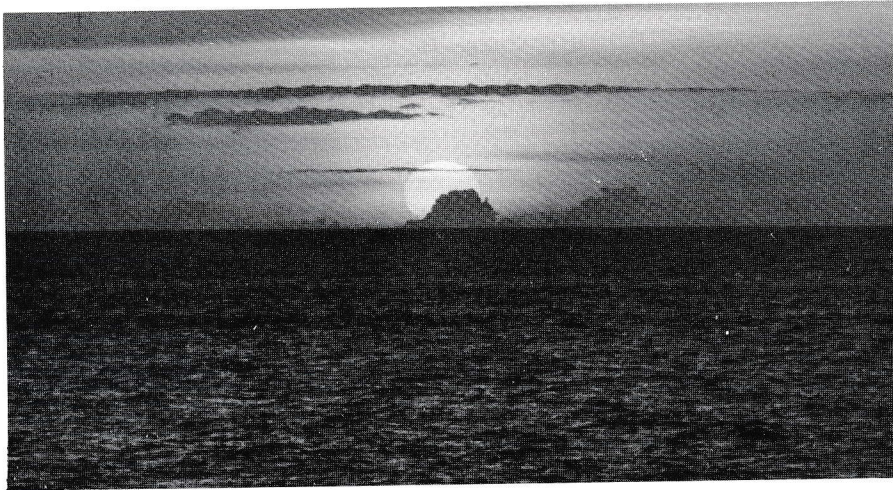


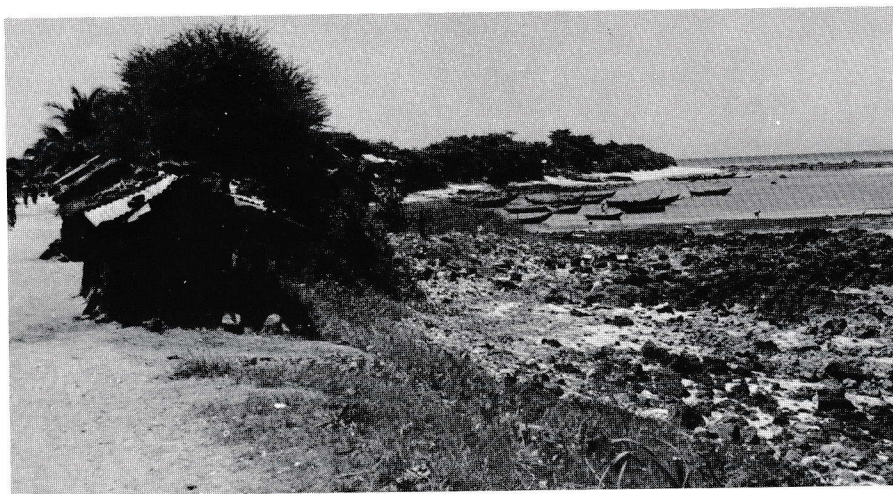
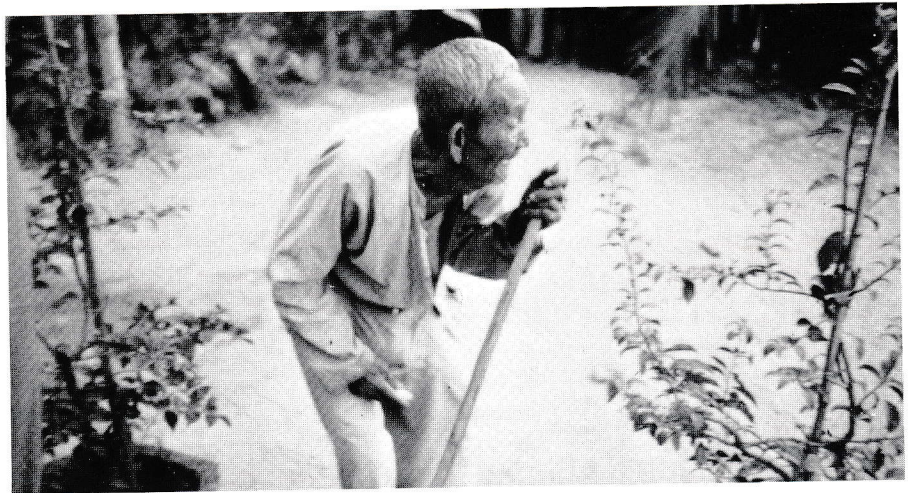
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In this ancient land,
the sun rose and set
for century upon century,
generation upon generation.

The people, of humble
descent, strode toward
each new day with a
calmness so character-
istic of their heritage.



They rose each morning to
work the same land . . .



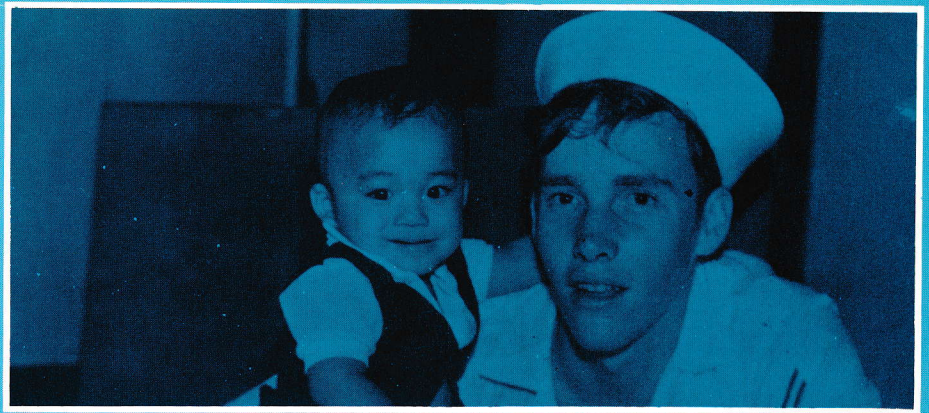
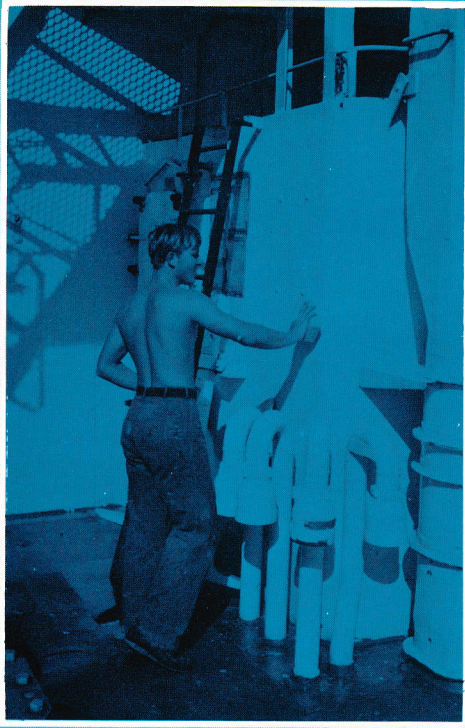
... fish the same waters
that their ancestors found
so bountiful in the eons
of time past.

Then ...



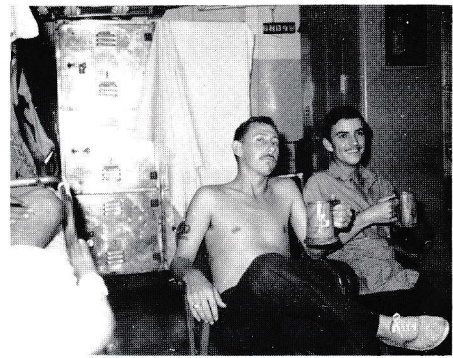
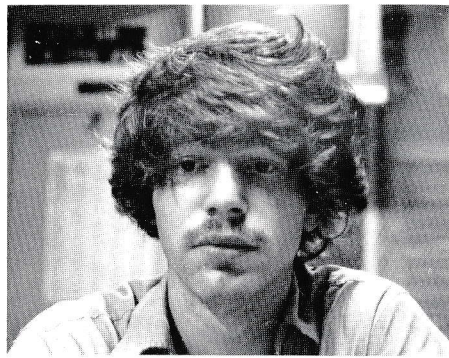
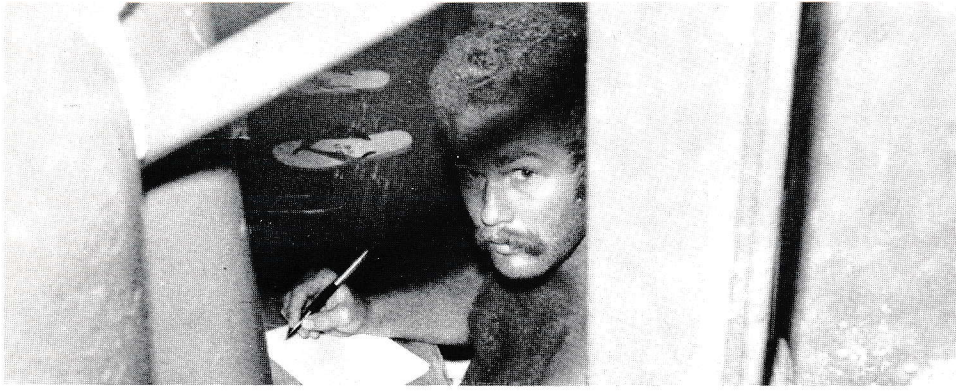


We Came



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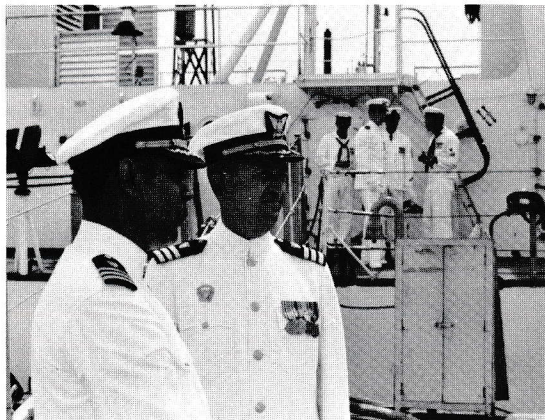
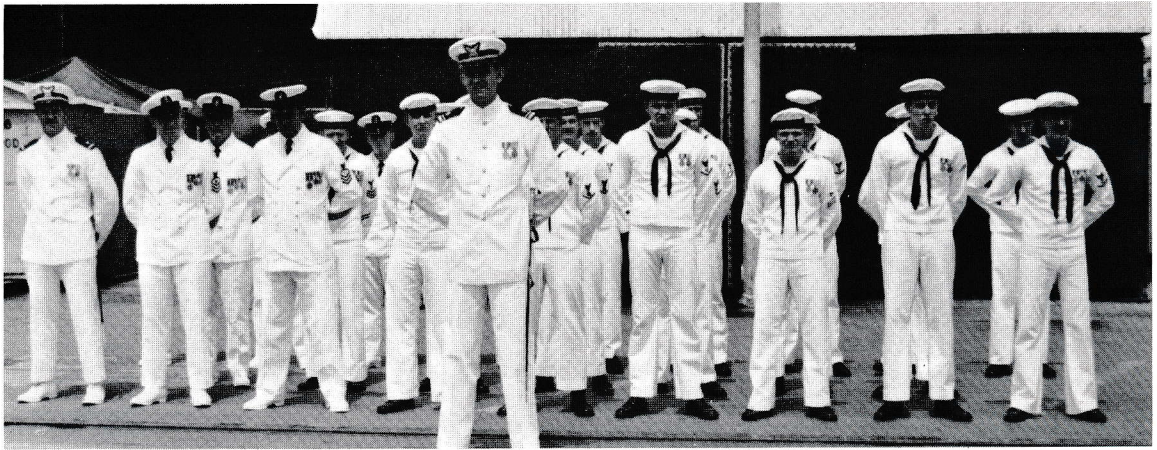




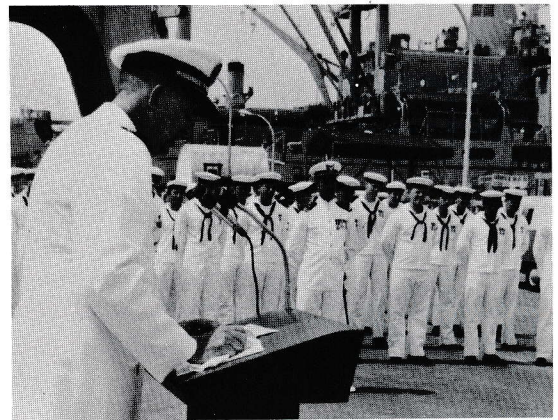
CDR LEROY REINBURG, JR.

Commander LeRoy Reinburg, Jr's career has spanned a total of twenty-two years during which time he has served on both coasts and Hawaii. The Pontch was Commander Reinburg's third command, having been skipper of the MAGNOLIA and the IRONWOOD. He left for Long Beach in his new capacity as Chief of Personnel on August 25, while the rest of us prepared for our next to last patrol.

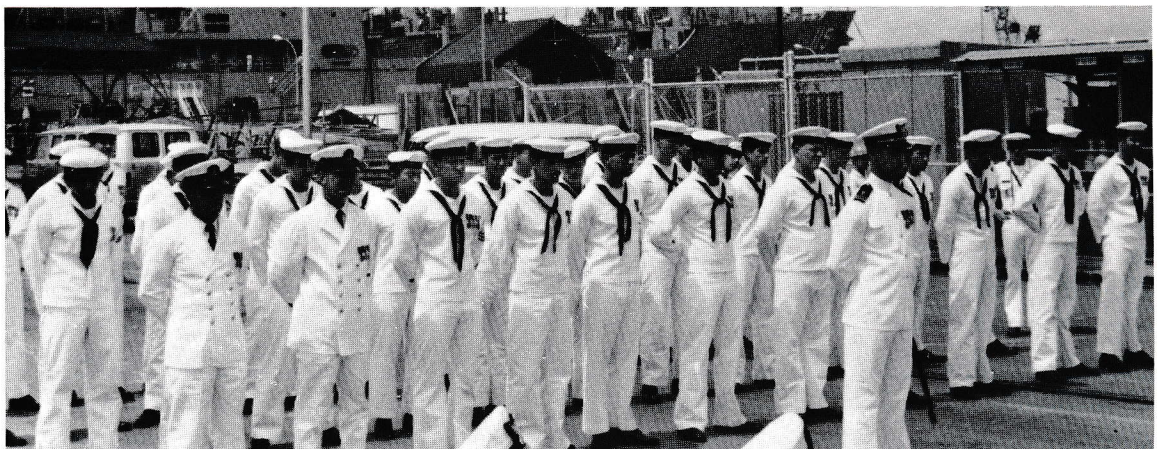




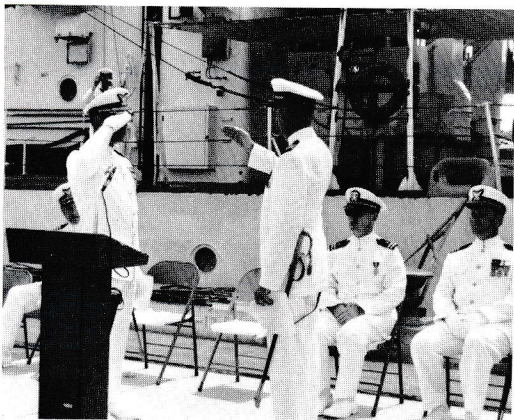
CDR Parker and Captain Reinburg exchange a few last minute thoughts.



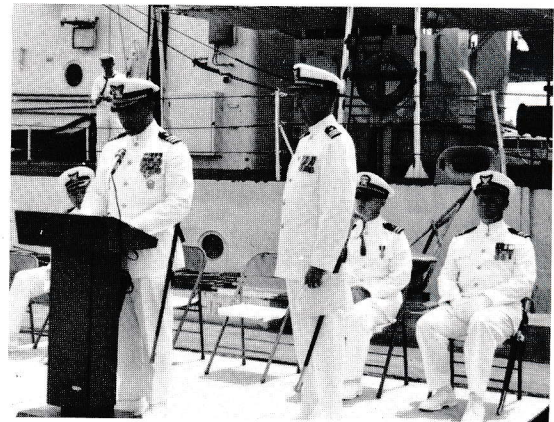
Captain Reinburg delivers his parting comments.



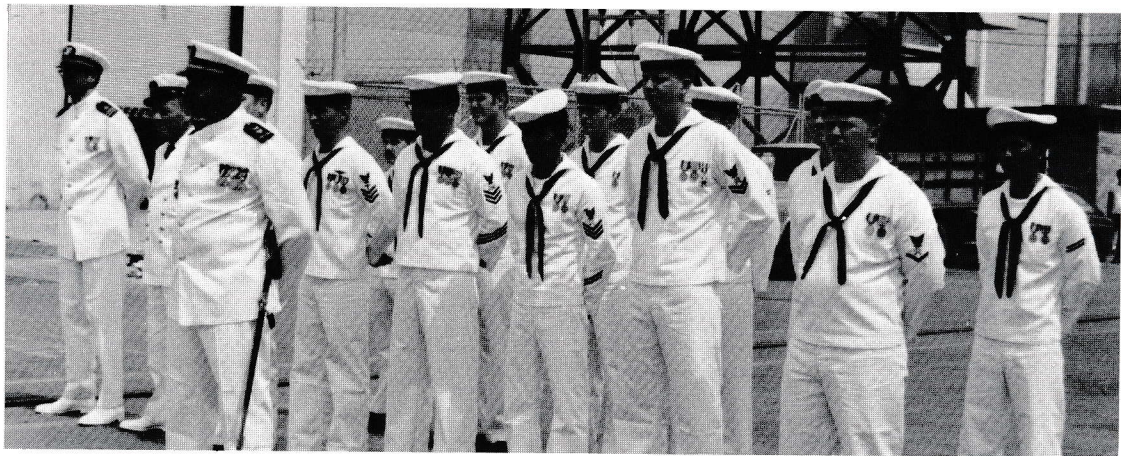
Change of Command



Relief is executed and a new era begins.



Captain Parker makes his first official remarks



August 25, 1970



CDR HAROLD W. PARKER

The PONTCH is Captain Parker's third major at sea command, having been CO of the MISTLETOE out of Portsmouth, Virginia, from 1958-1961, and the HEATHER out of Long Beach from 1965 until 1967. A 1950 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, Captain Parker has served on both coasts including a tour of duty as an RCC Controller in New York City which resulted in his being watch officer during the collision of the Andrea Doria and the Stockholm.





LCDR Floyd A. Rice
Executive Officer



LCDR Charles H. King
Engineering Officer



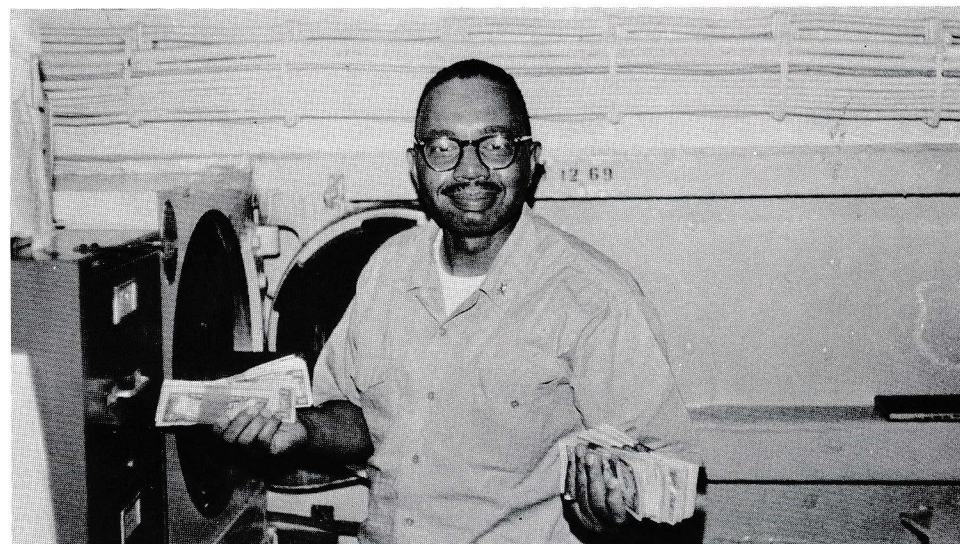
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Operations Officer



LT Howard A. Thornton, USPHS
SENIOR ASSISTANT SURGEON

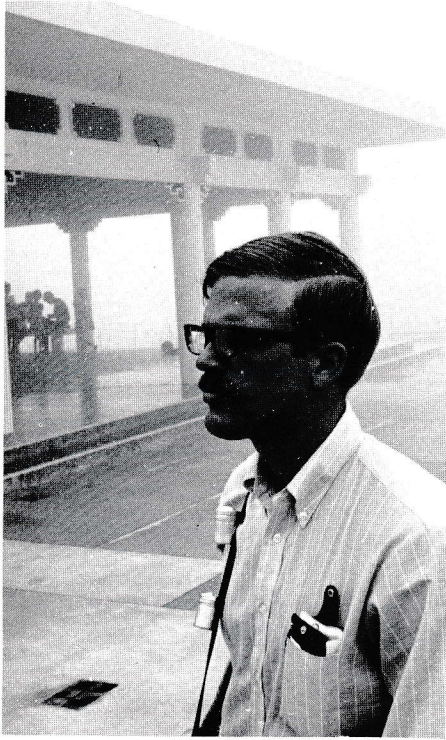


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ELECTRONICS MATERIEL OFFICER

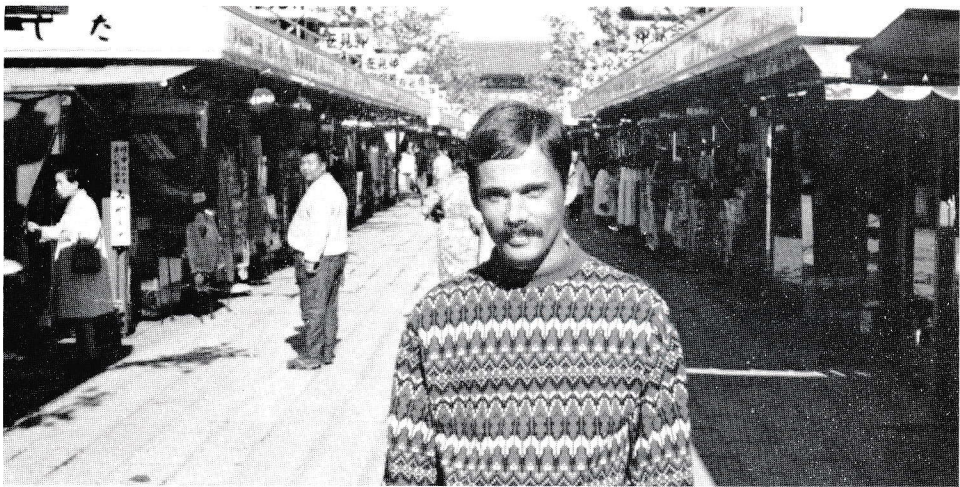


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SUPPLY OFFICER

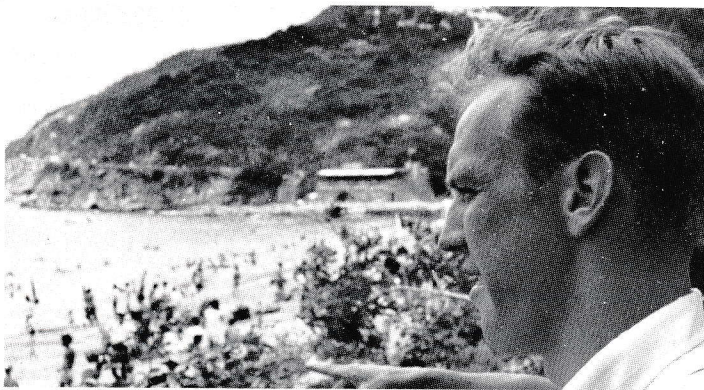
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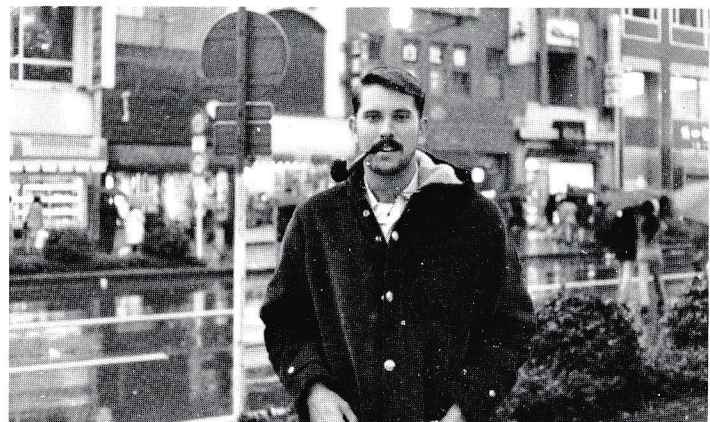
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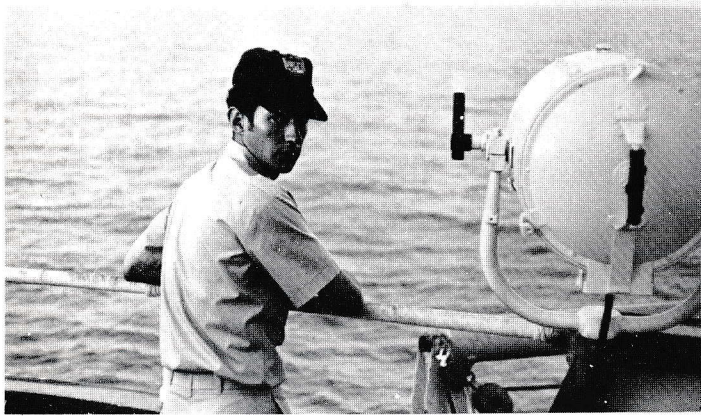
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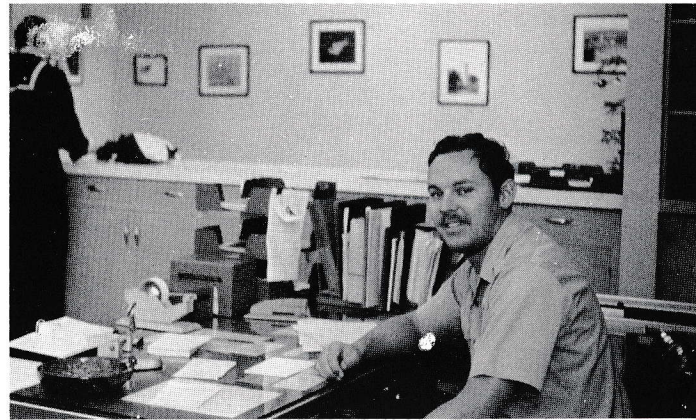
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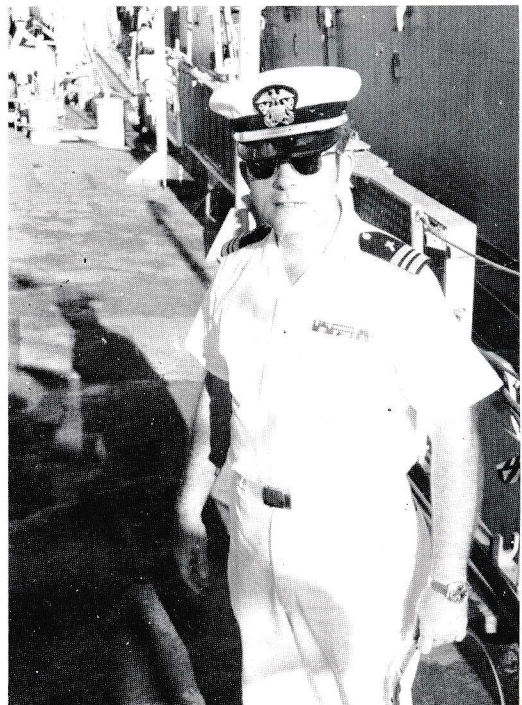
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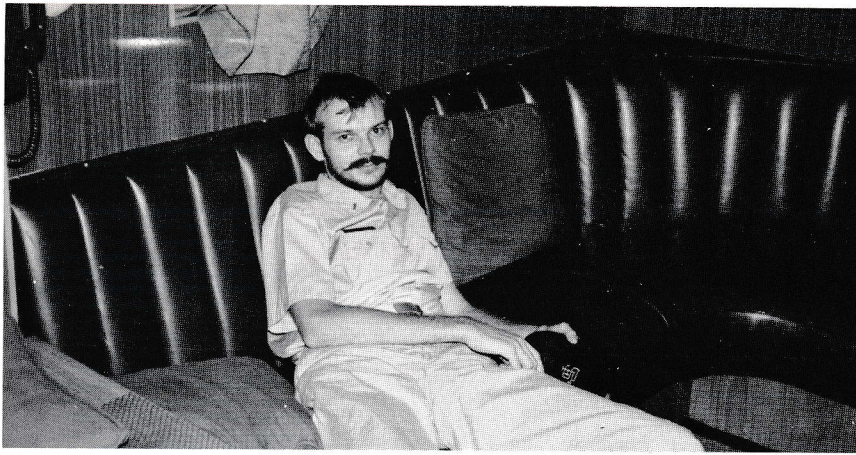
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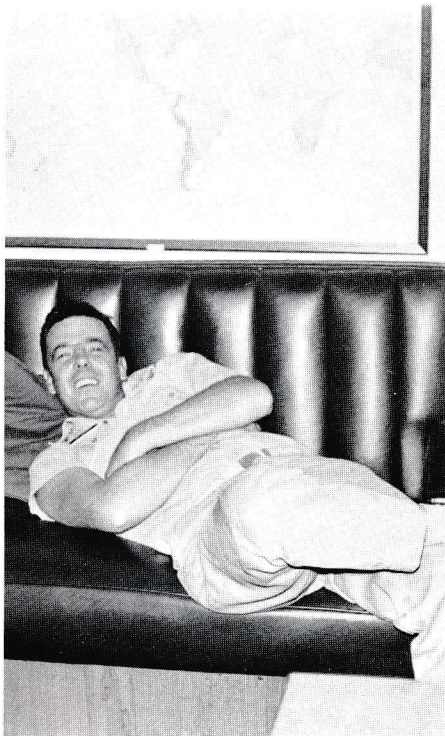
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Chaplain



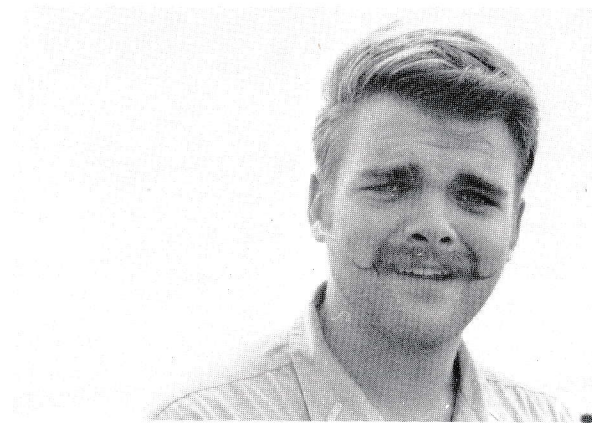
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LTJG Mark Present



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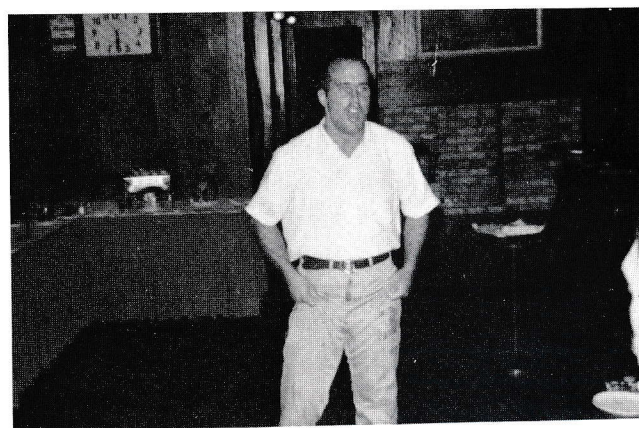


ENS Tom Purtell

Those Who Have Gone Before



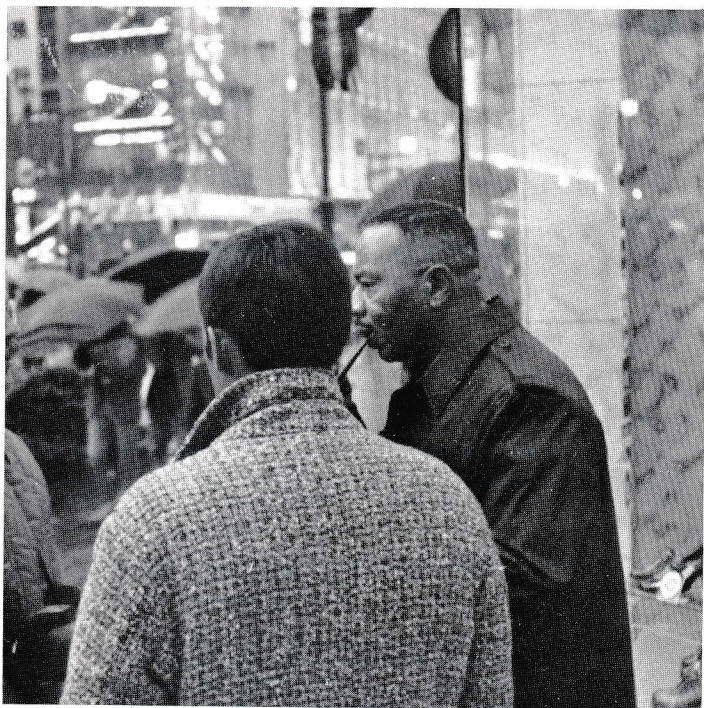
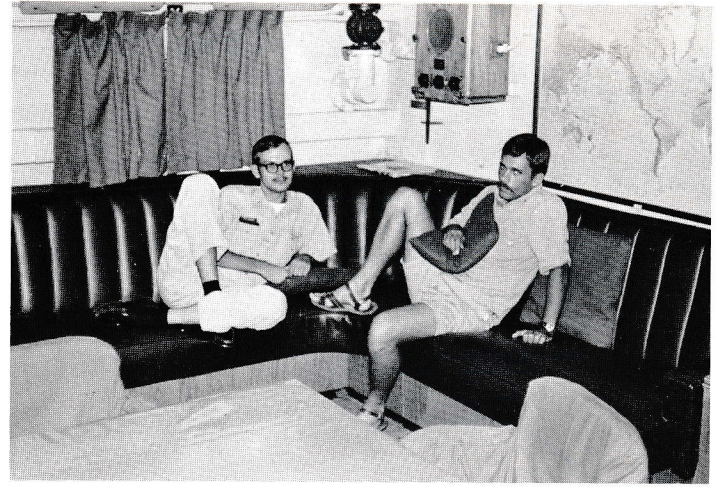
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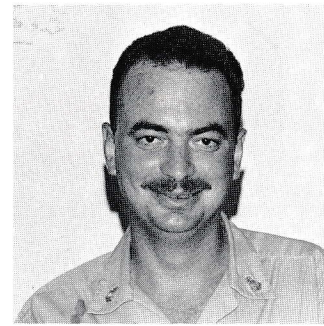
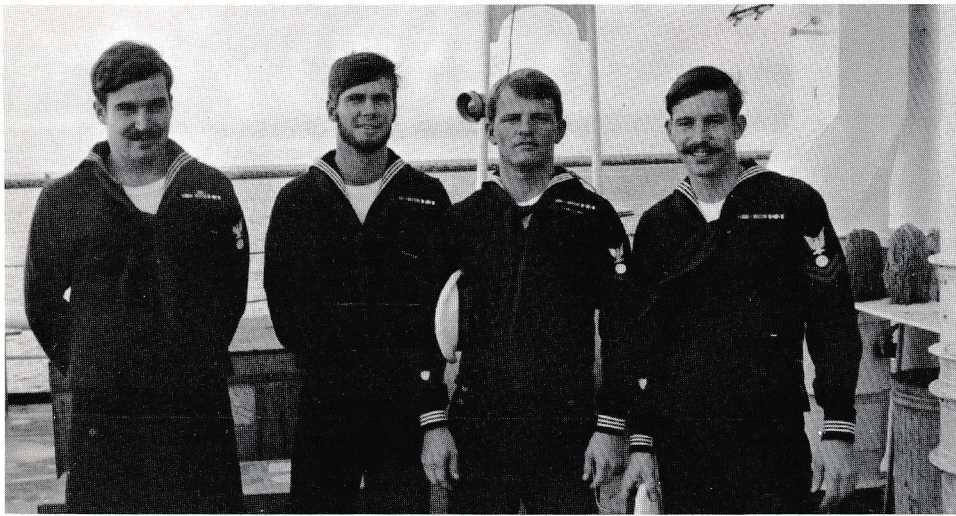


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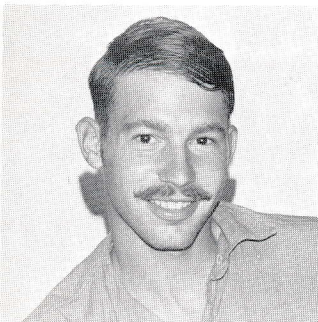
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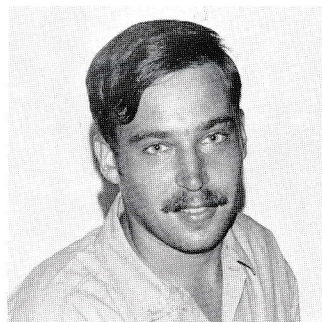


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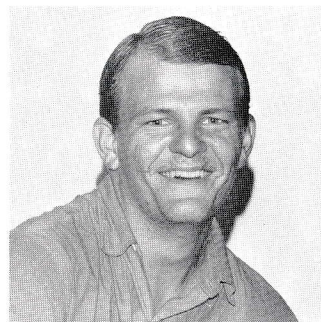
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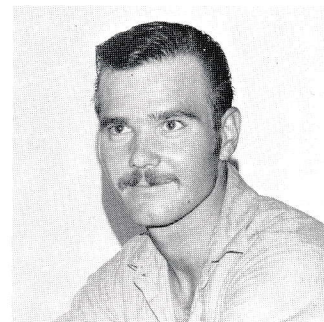
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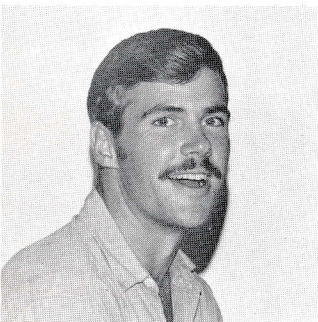
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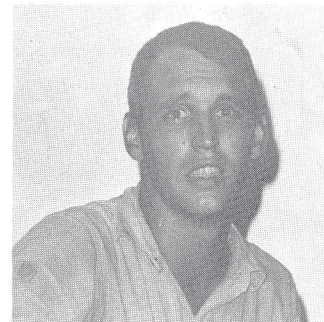
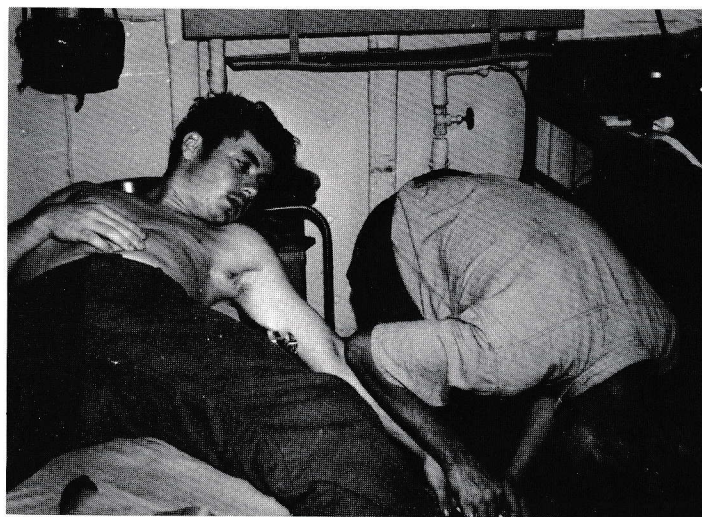
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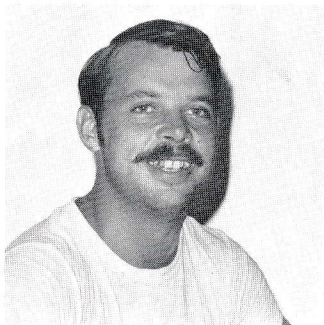
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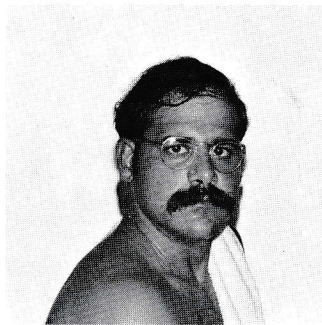
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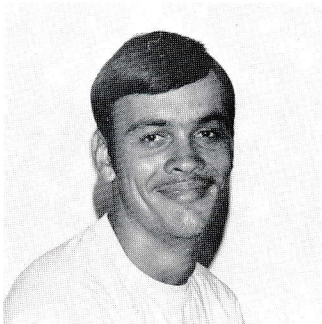
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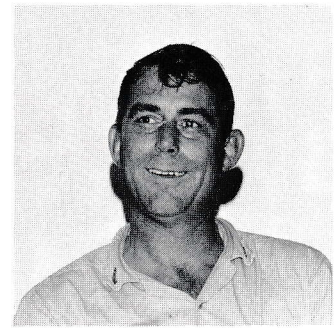
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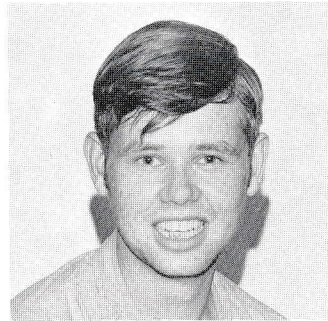


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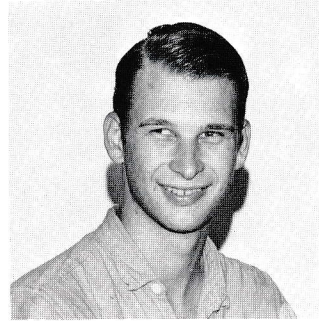
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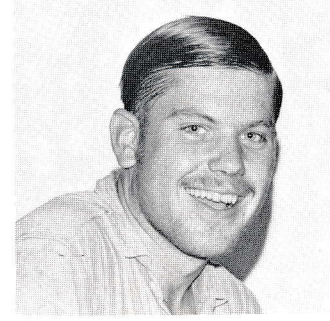
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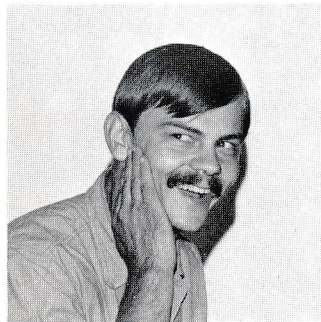
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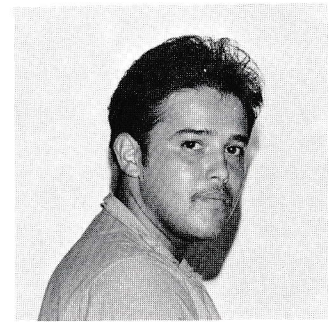
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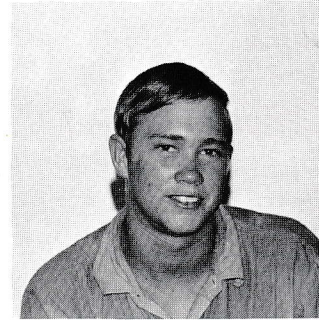
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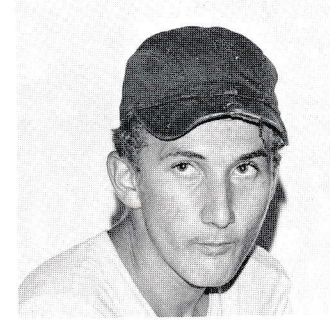
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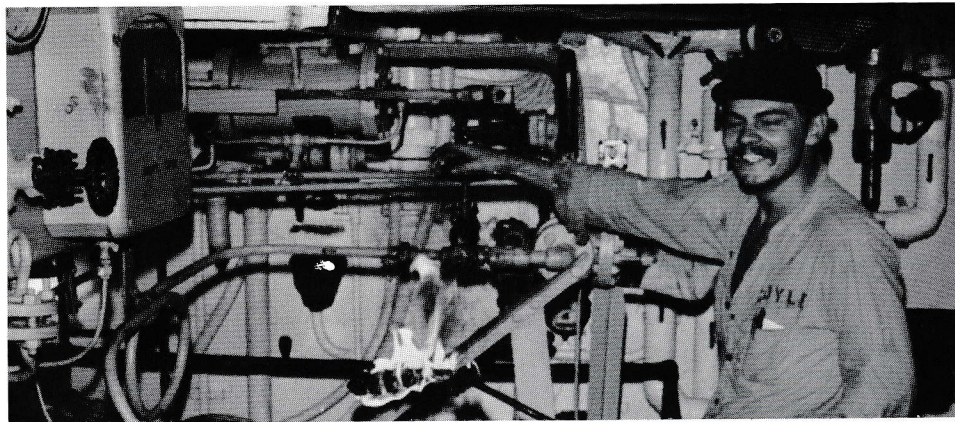
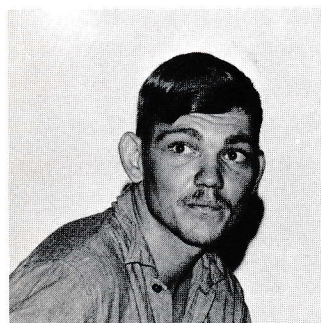


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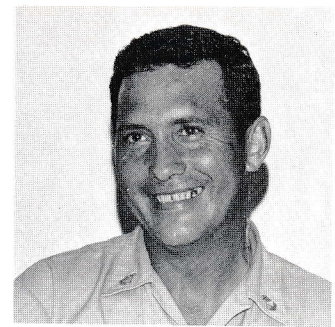
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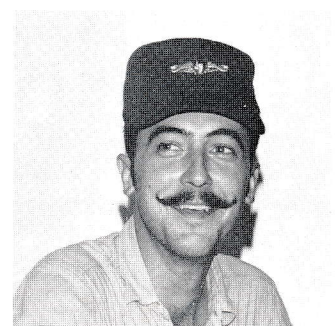
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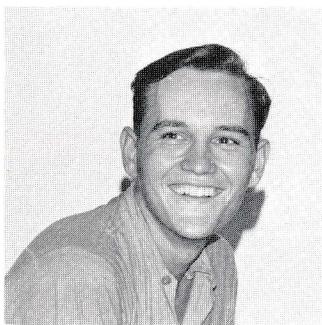
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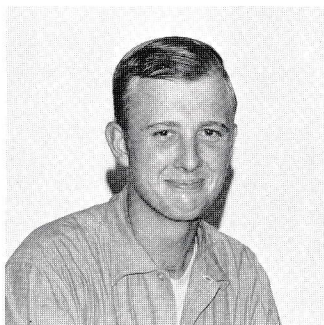
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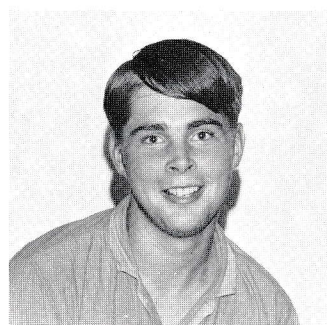
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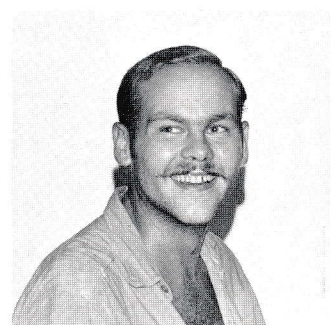
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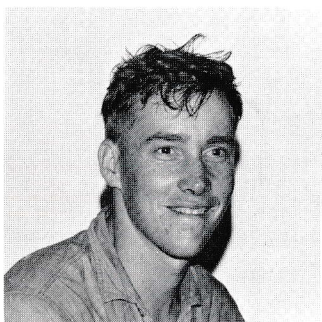
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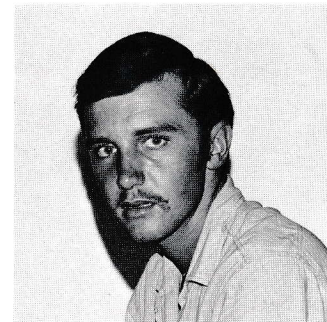
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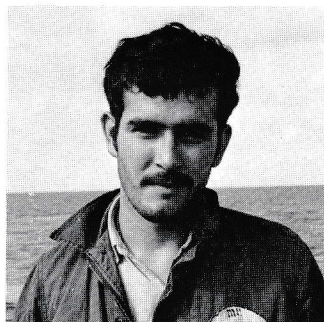
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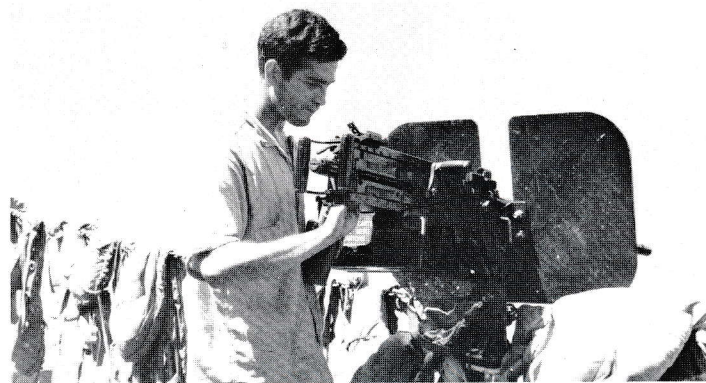
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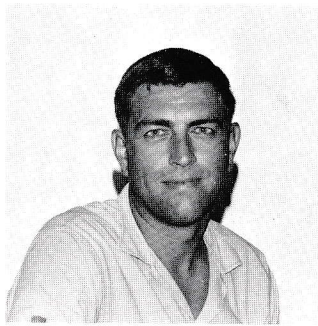
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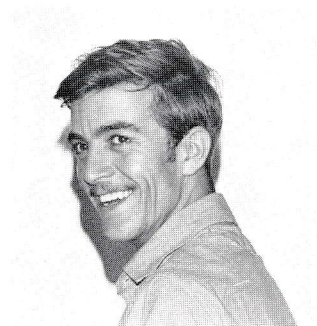
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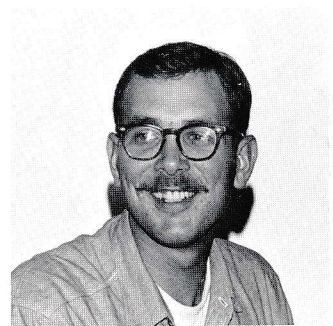
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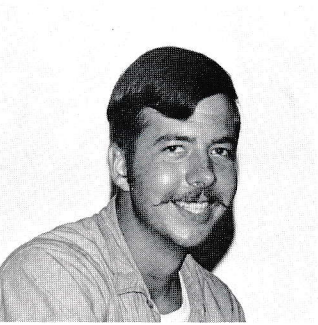
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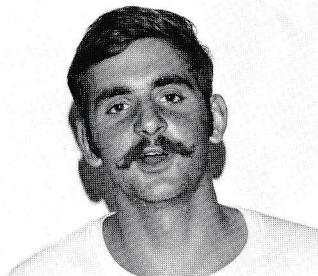
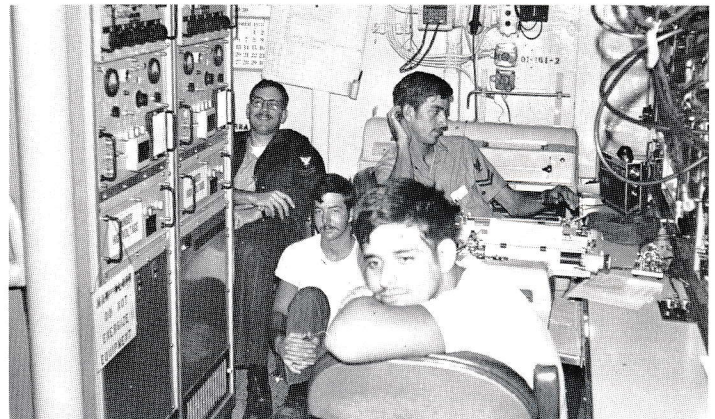
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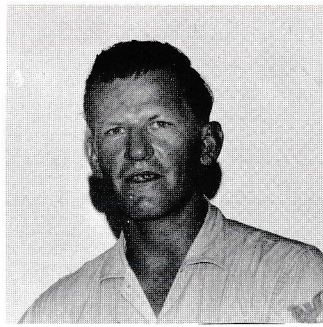
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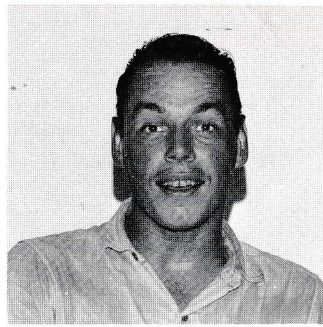
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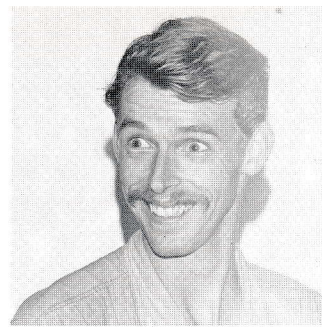
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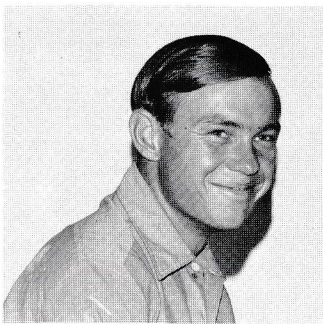
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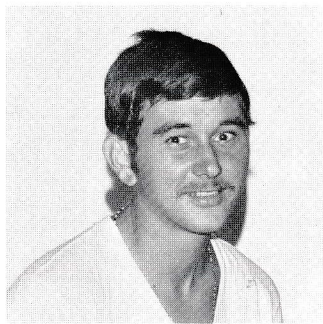
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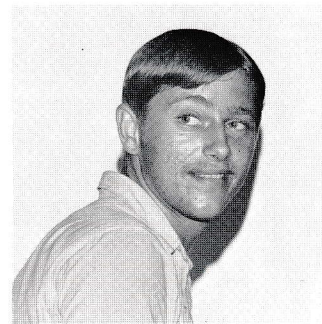
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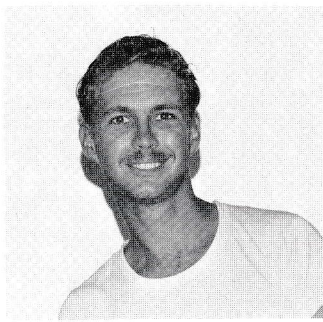


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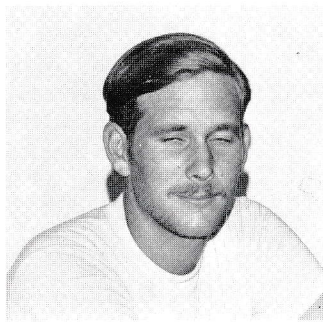
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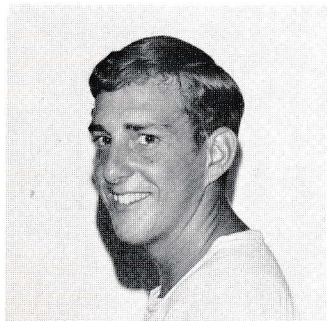
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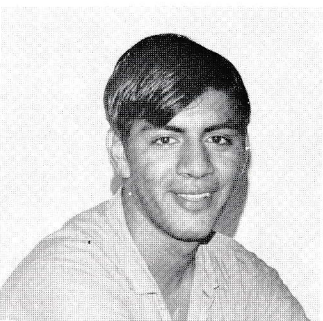
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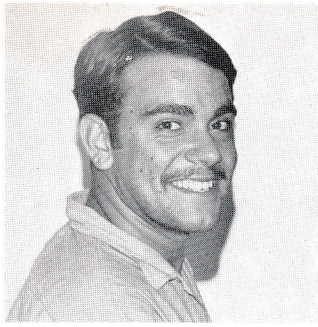


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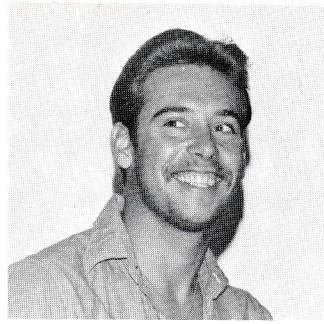


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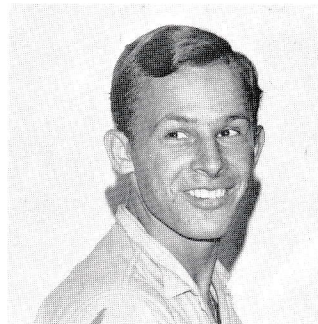




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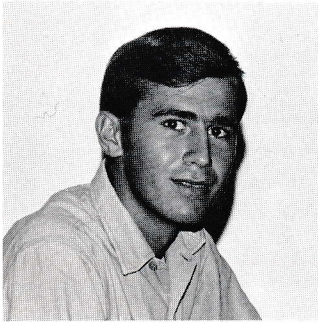
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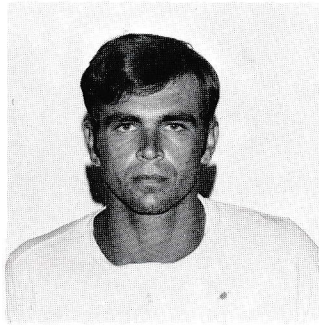
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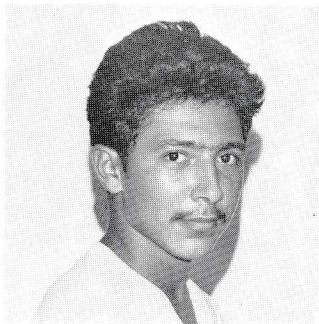


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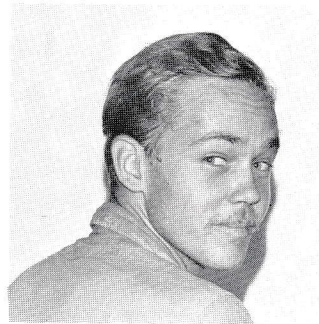


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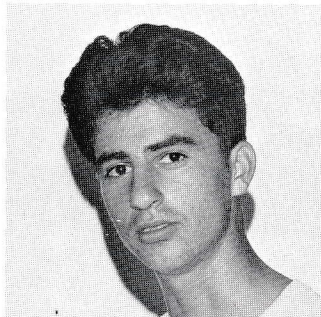
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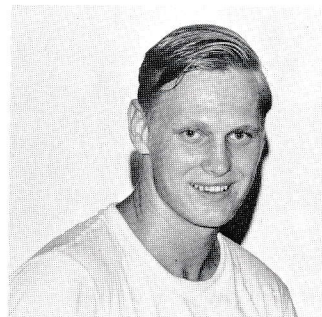
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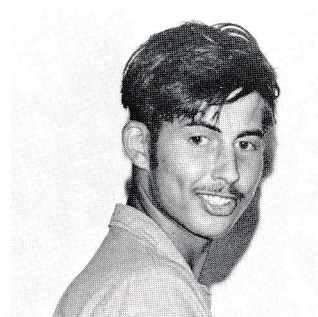
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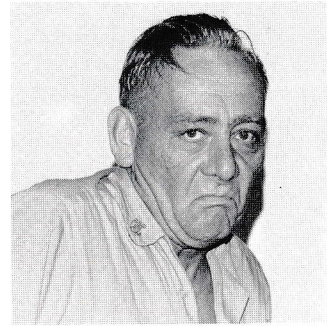
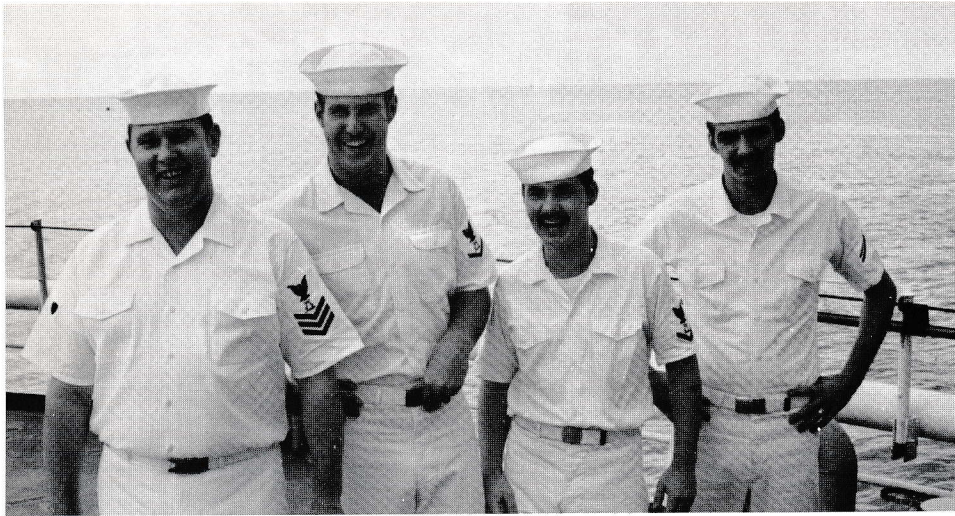


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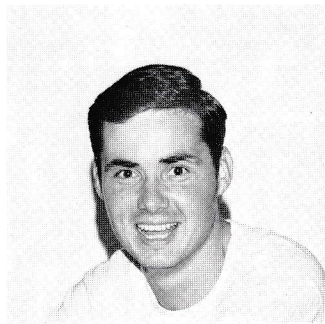


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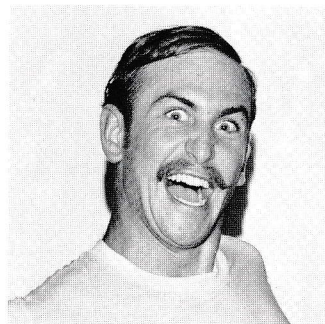
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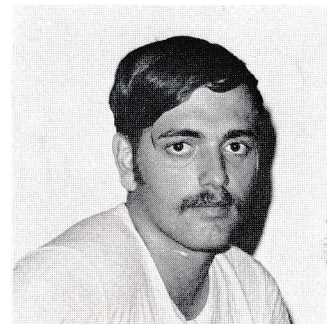
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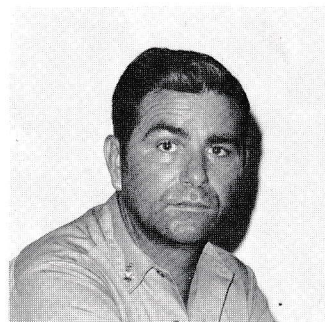


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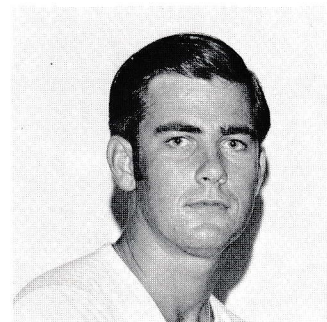


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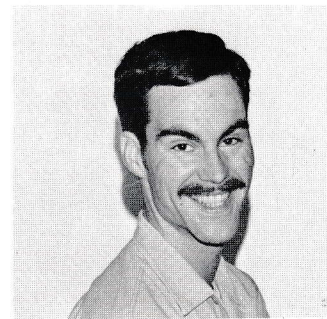
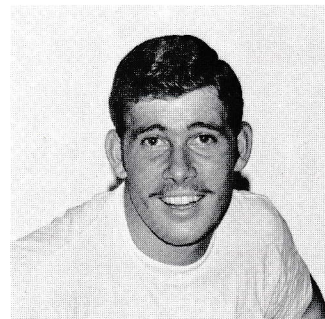
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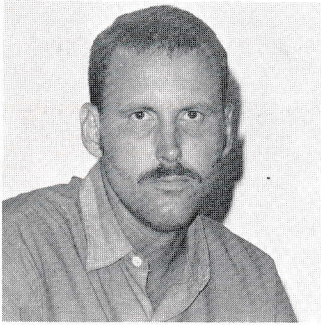


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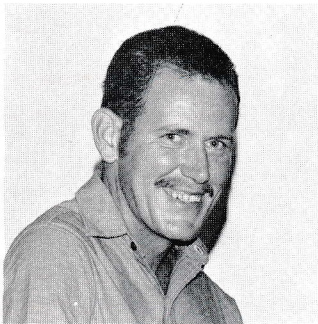




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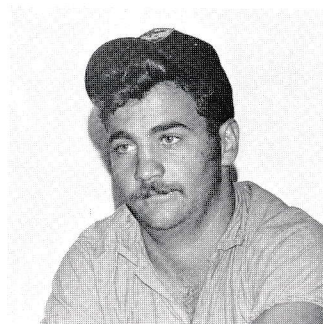
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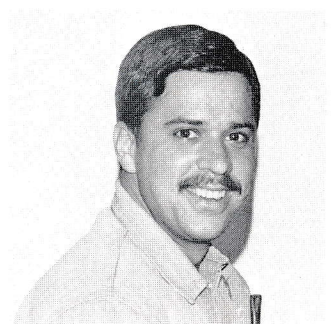
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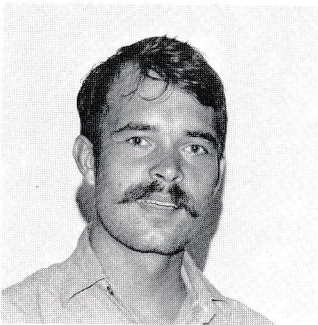
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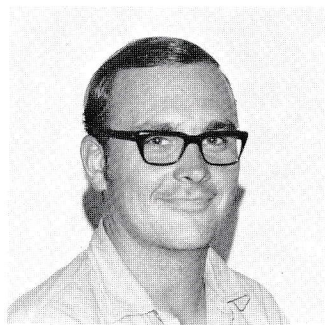
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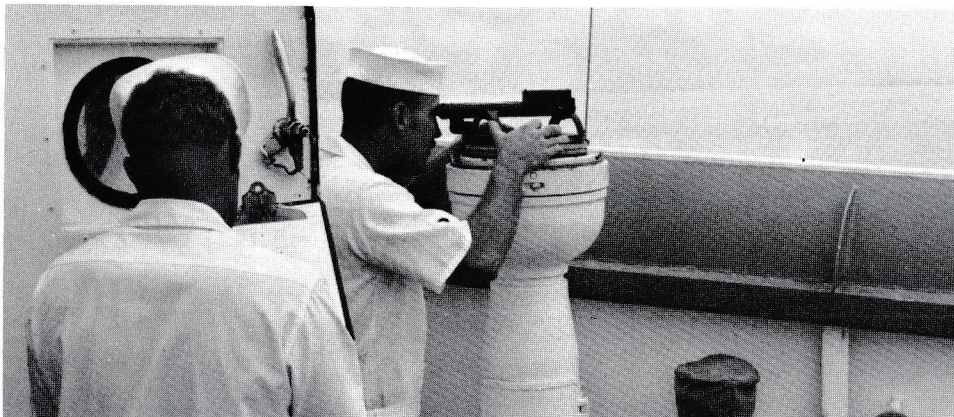
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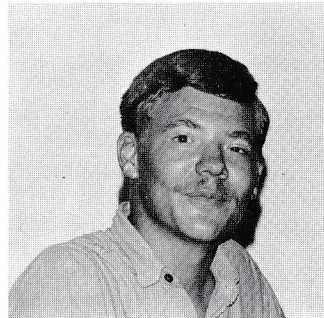




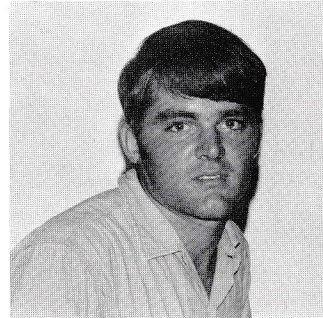
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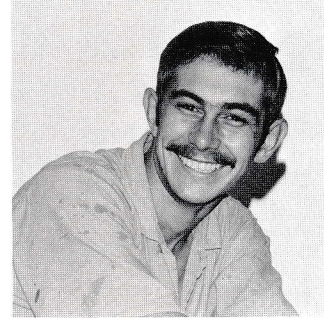
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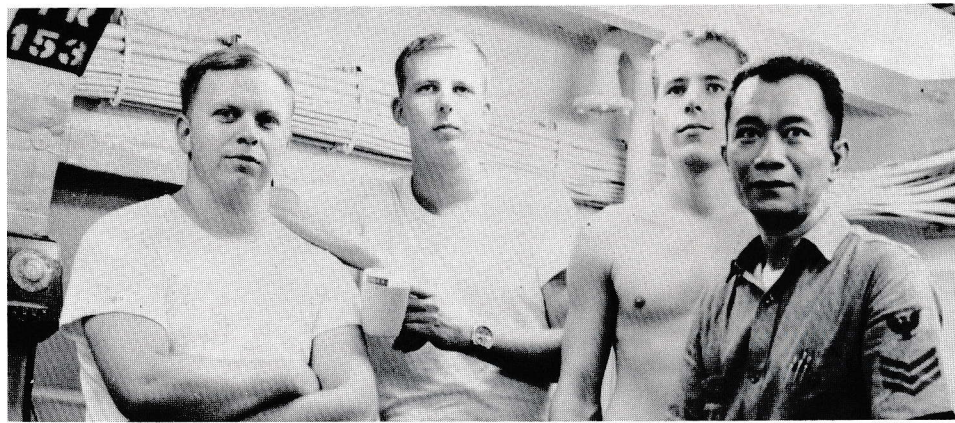
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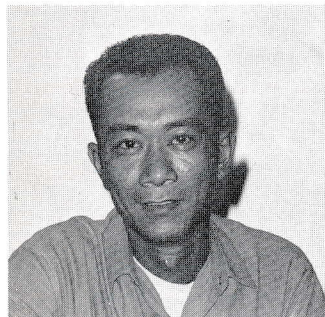
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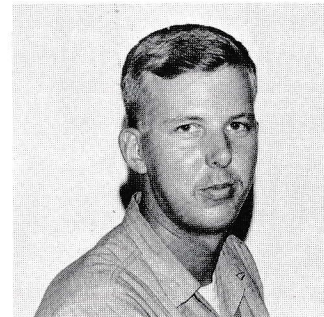
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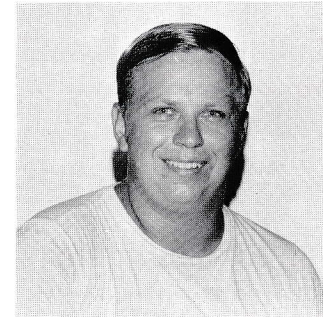
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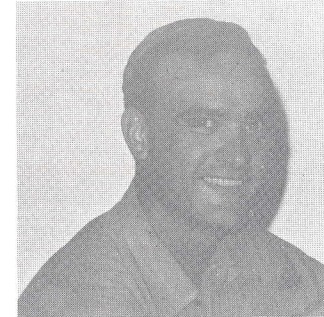
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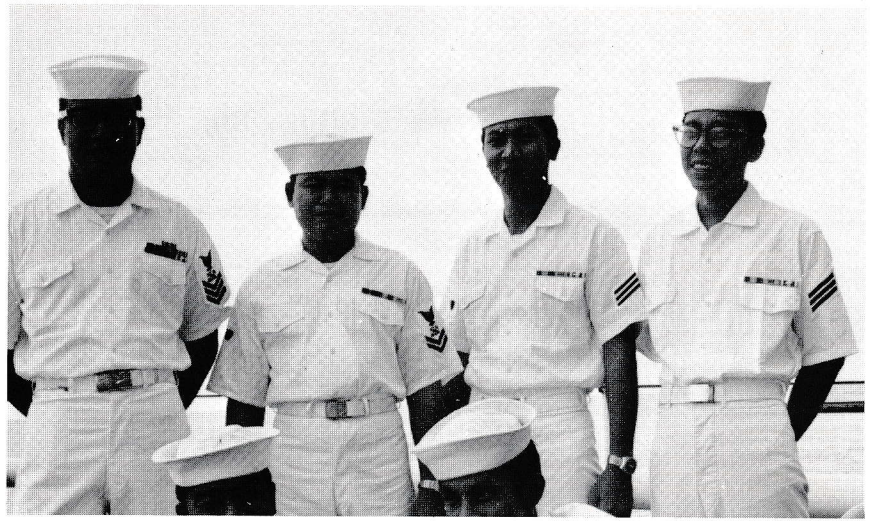
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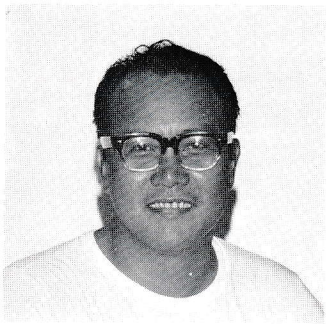
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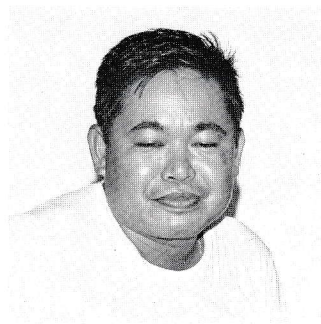
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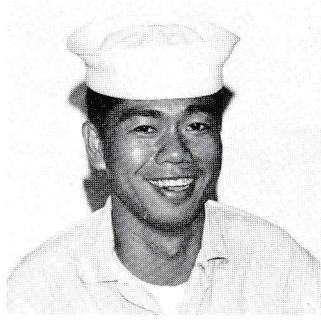
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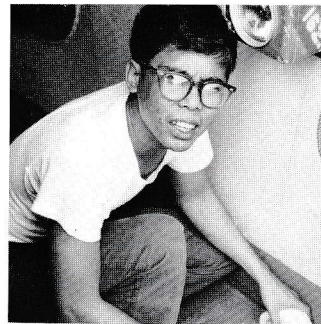
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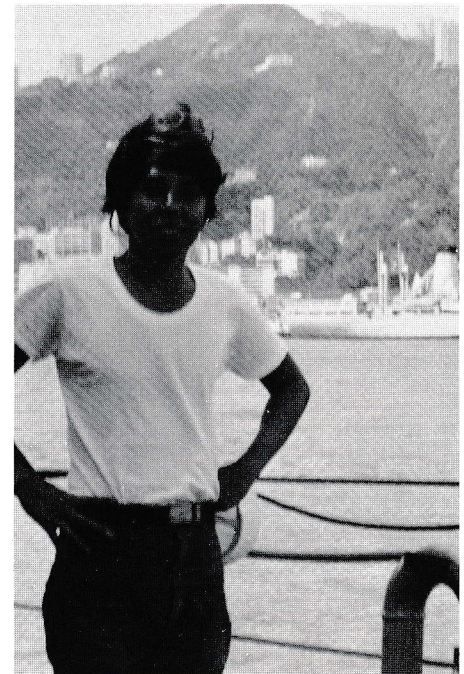
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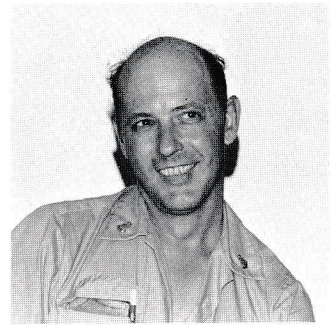


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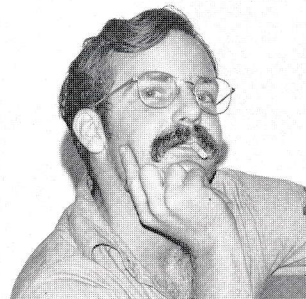
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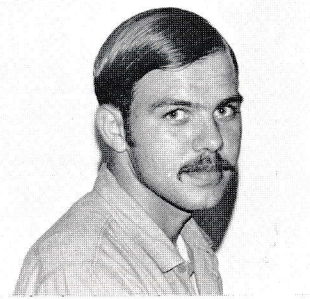
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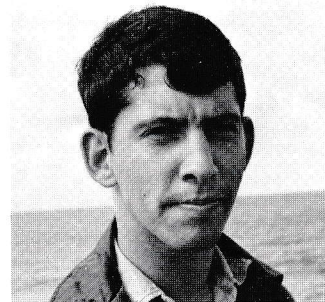
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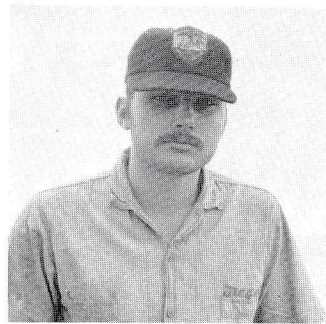
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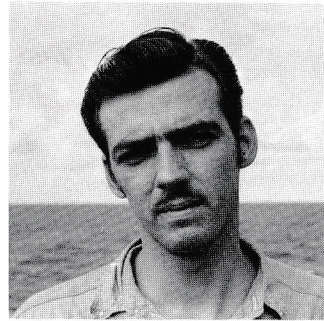
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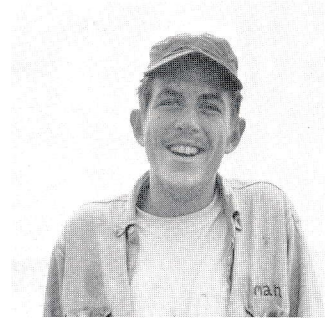
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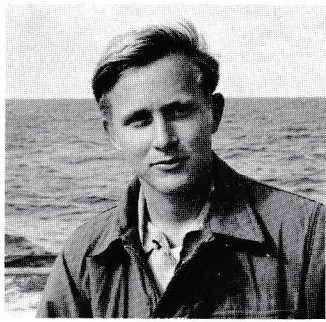
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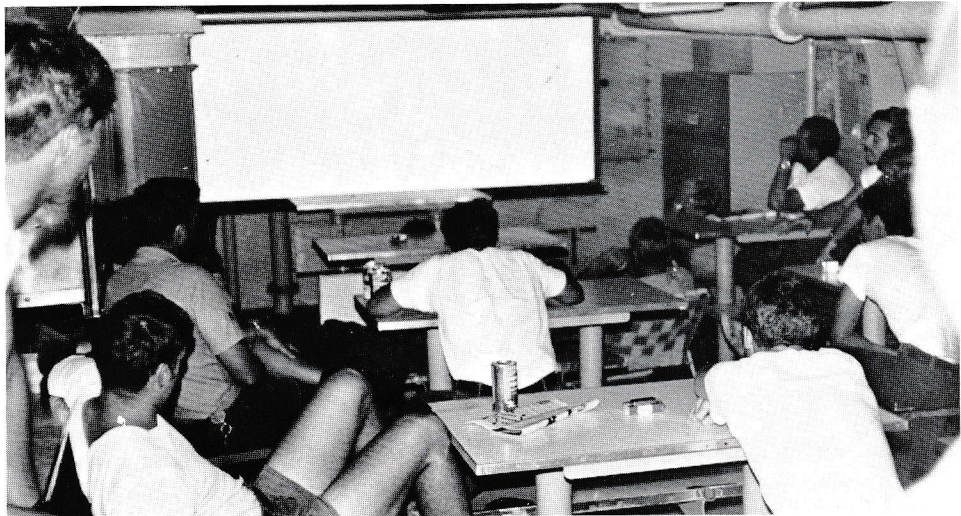
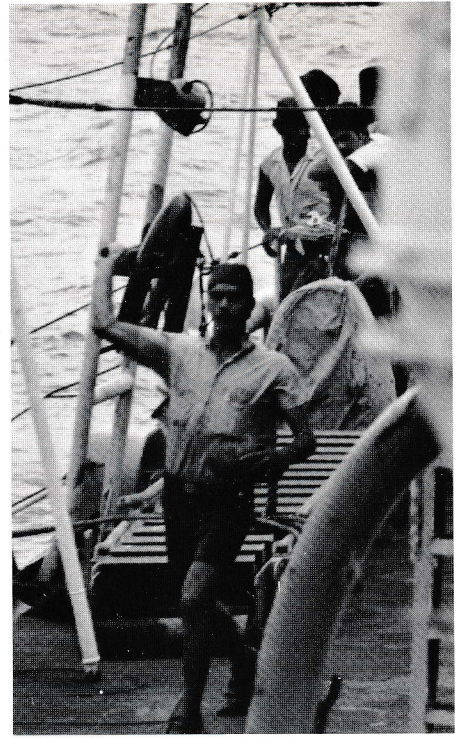
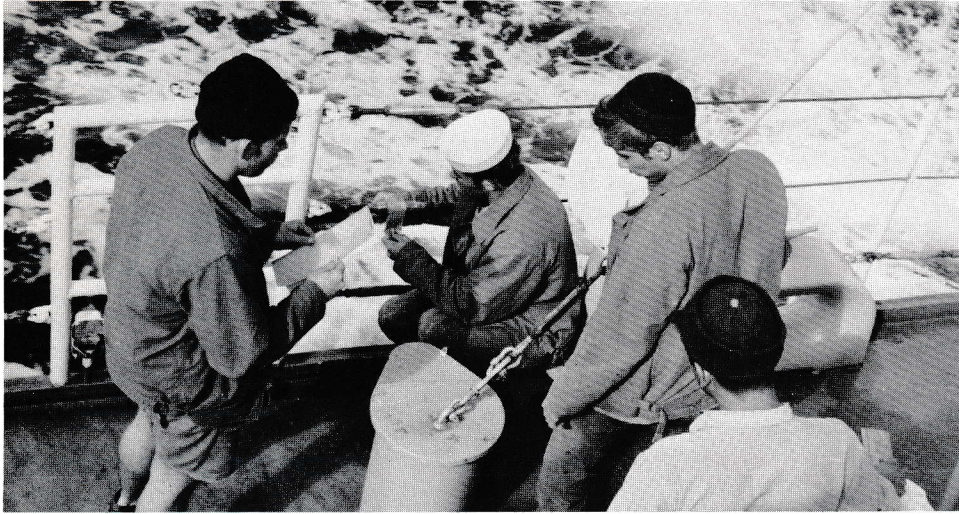


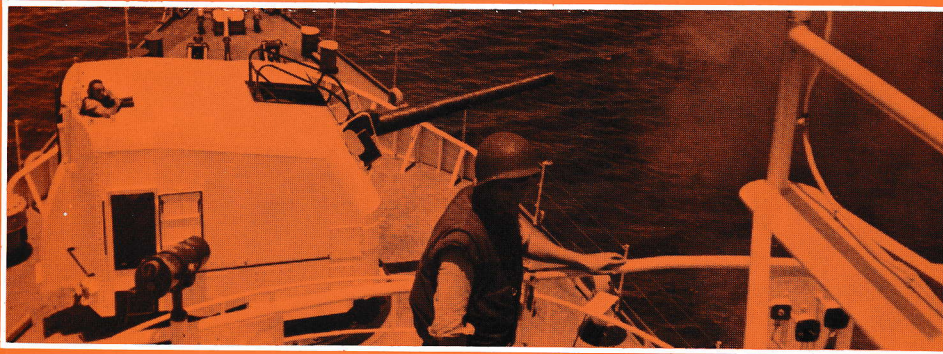
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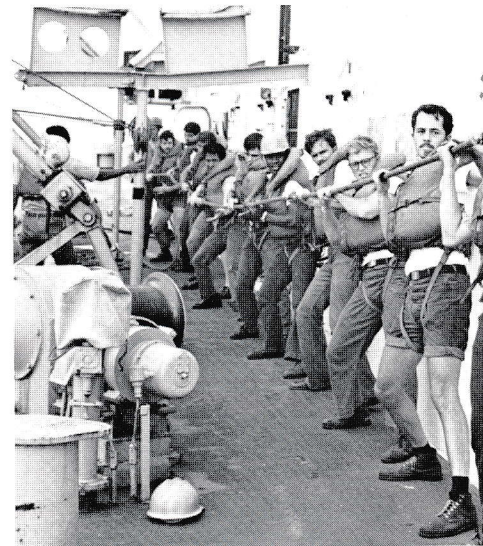
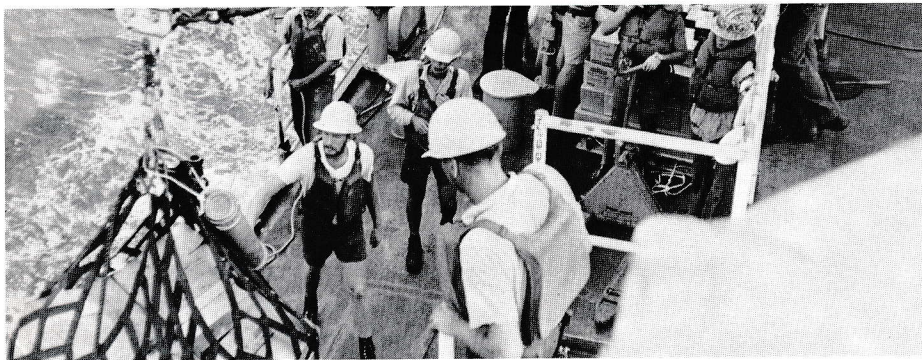
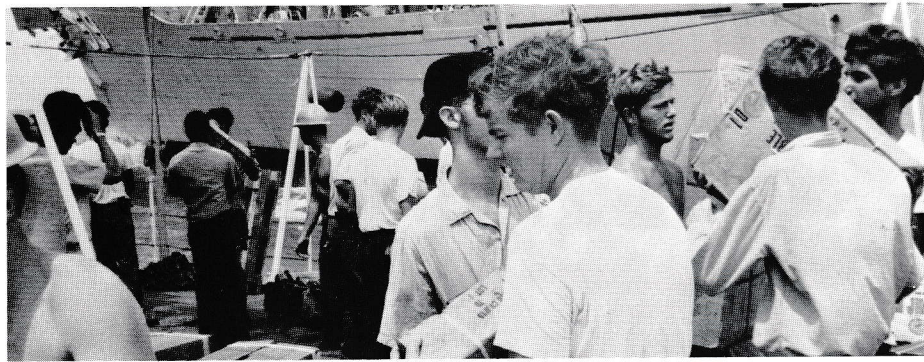
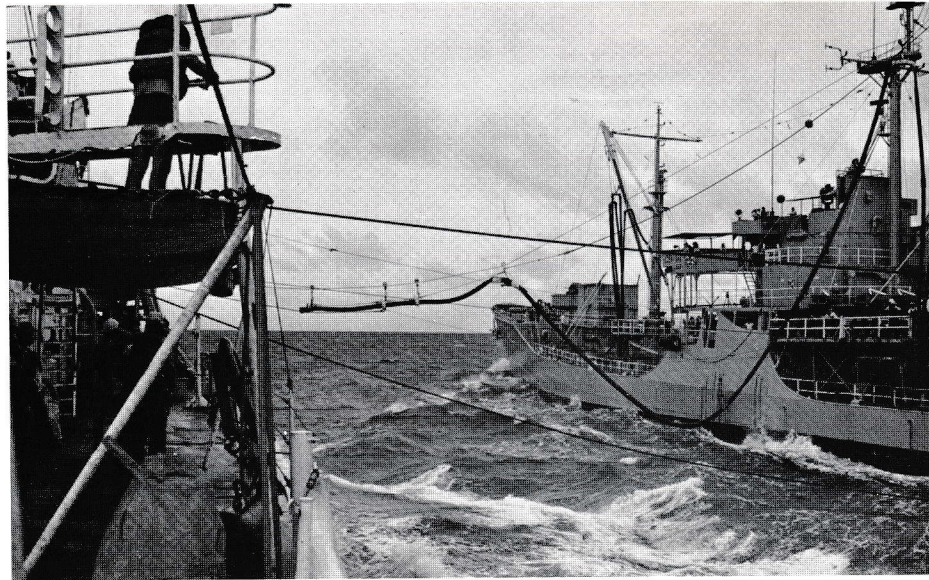
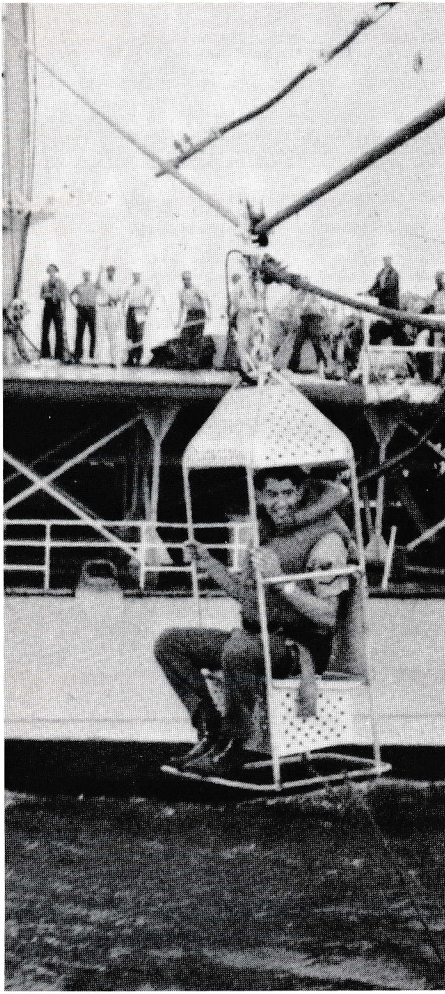
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*What Did You Do
in the War, Daddy?*

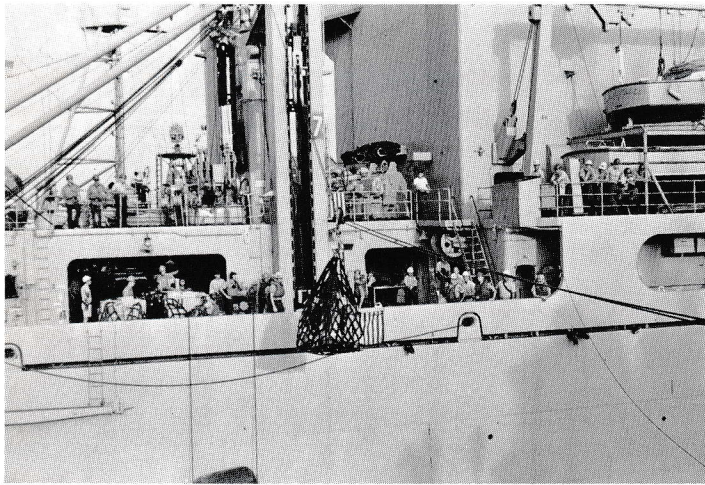


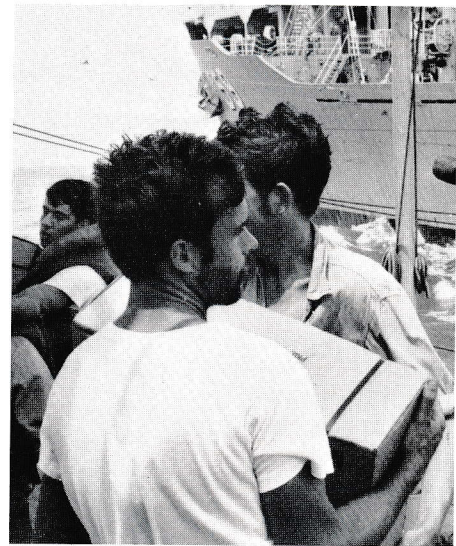
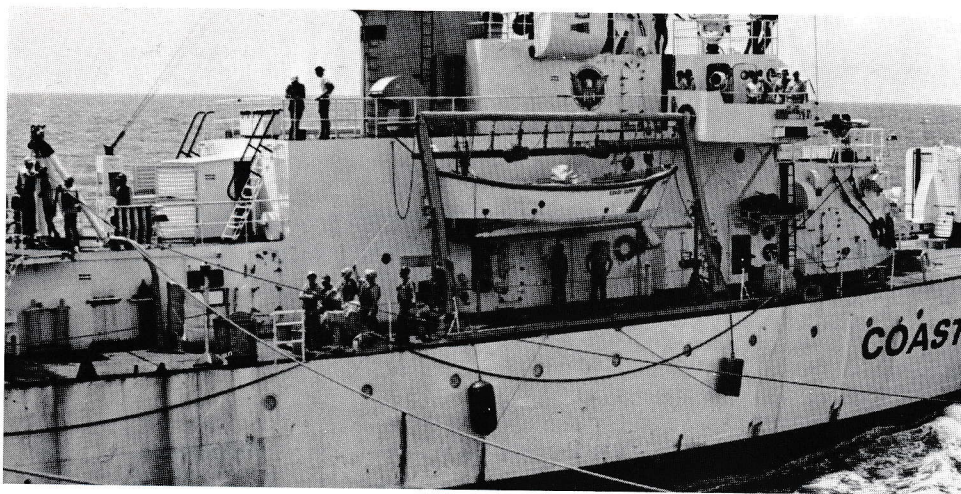
Underway *Replenishment*



Unreps came in all shapes and sizes, day and night, rainy or sunny, by highline and helicopter. We were dependent on the Navy for everything from mail and fuel to ammo and butter. Fleet oilers were our post offices and ice cream parlors. The stores ships, like the Niagara Falls and the White Plains, were the local department store. They were supposed to have everything including the kitchen sink, everything except what we asked for.

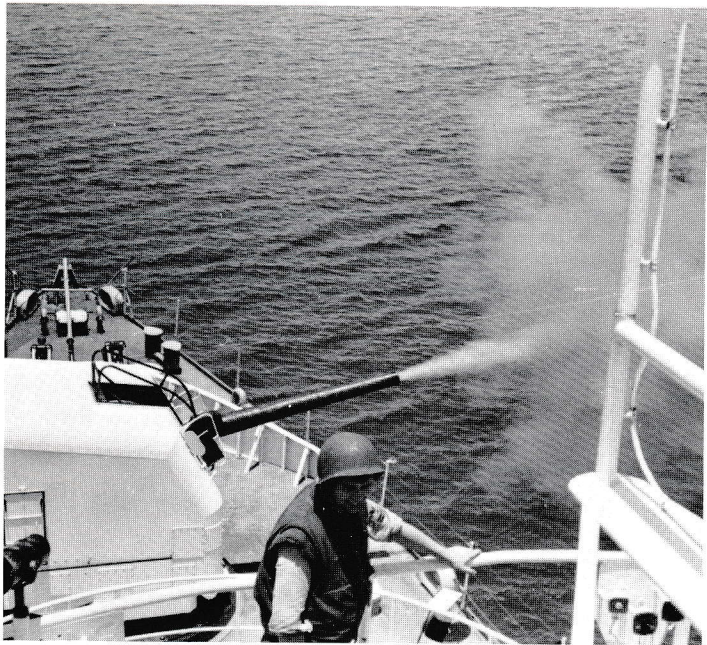




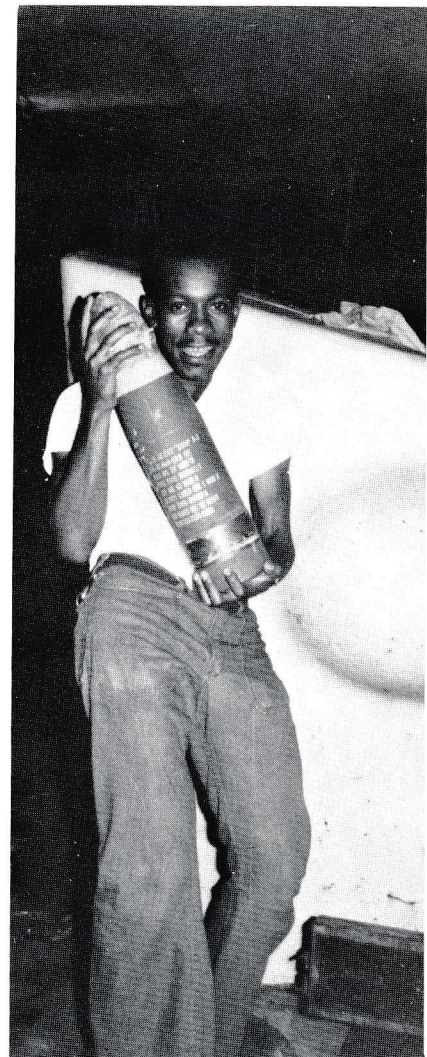




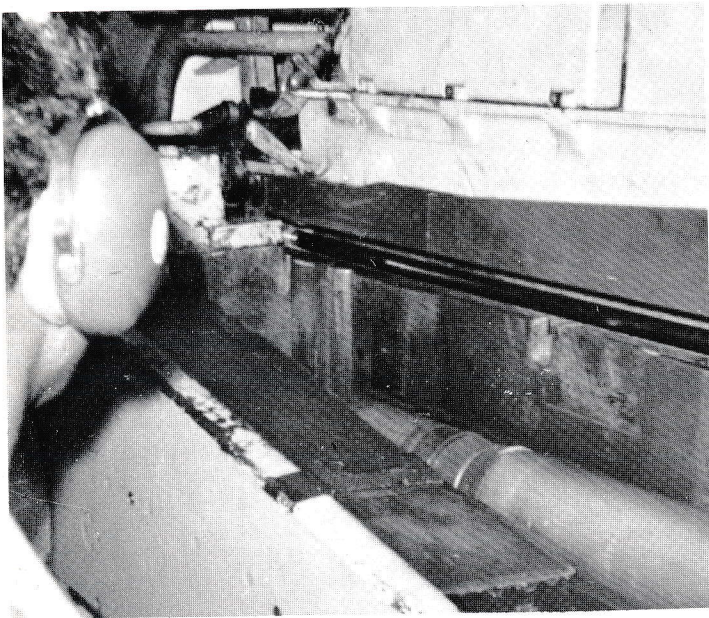
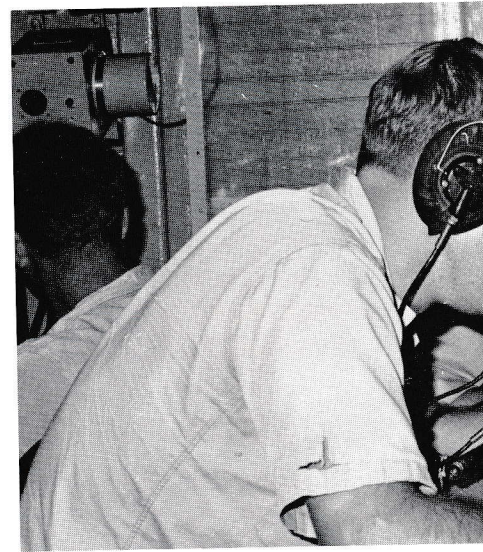
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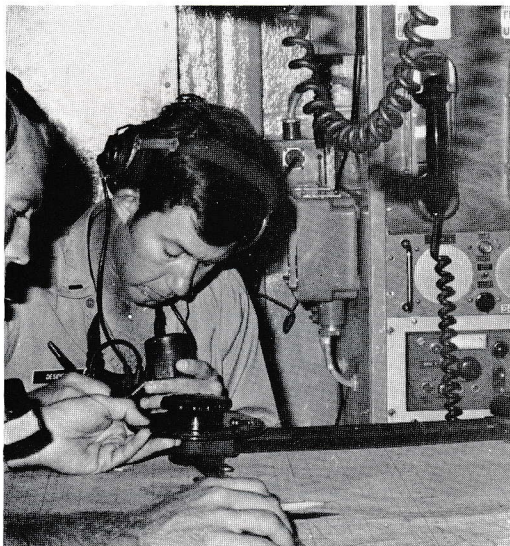
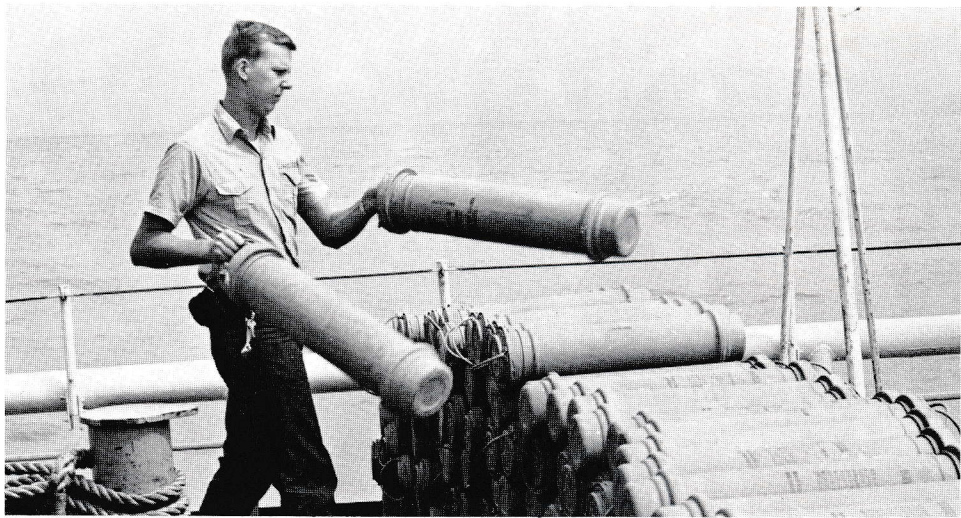


The time it takes for one five inch projectile to travel five miles is twenty five seconds. The man-hours involved and the logistics involved to get it from manufacture to its final explosion are incalculable. These pictures describe the human effort involved to fire one such projectile from our gun. From UNREP ship to gun, the human chain is endless, and we did this for 4048 rounds.



When we fired,
it took a sharp eye on
the director, confidence
and concentration
in CIC, quick hands
in the magazine, and
when we had a misfire,
a cool head and a lot of
nerve in the mount.



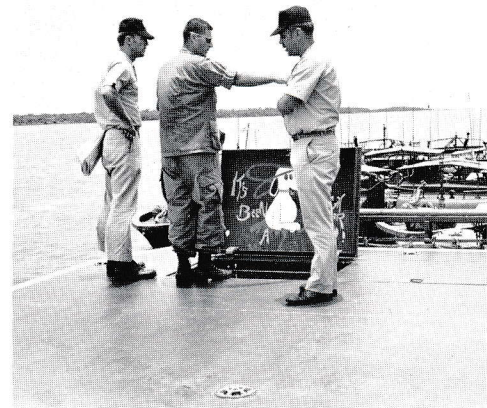




***A Place
Called
Song Ong Doc***



The place, Song Ong Doc, was a typical Vietnamese hamlet, shops with American black market items, an occasional TV set, and lots of kids. But this village was unique in that it was the only Vietnamese controlled area in territory otherwise considered enemy controlled. So significant, in fact, that a gunfire support ship was stationed at anchor just 6000 yards from shore, ready to provide assistance at a moment's notice.

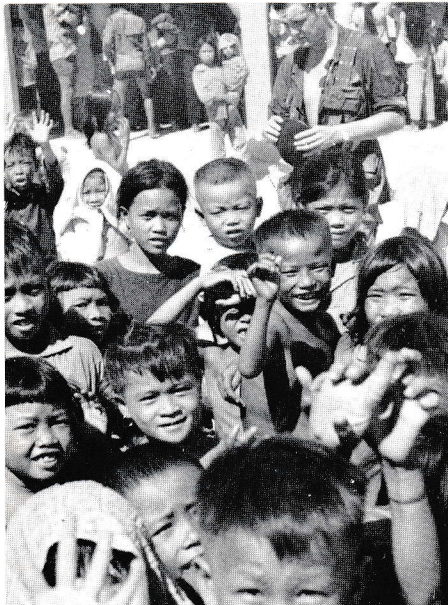
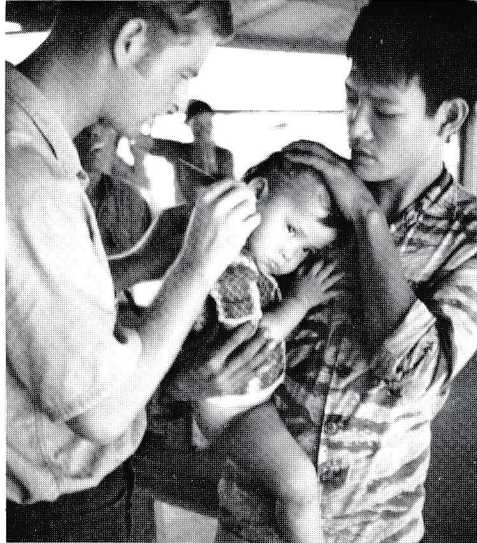


On four separate patrols, the PONTCH was assigned the task of providing support to the village and the American forces camp near by. Despite what would have seemed adequate security measures, the village and camp were overrun just one month after these pictures were taken.



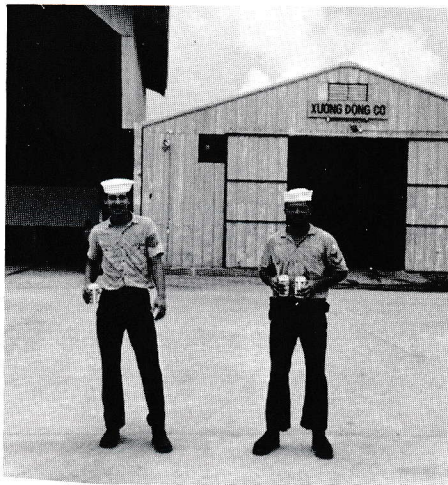
Medcap

MEDCAP (Medical Civil Action Program) was our most constructive effort while on patrol in Vietnam. The gesture of goodwill and help was worth far more than the limited facilities we had to offer to the local people. By far, the most prevalent disease we encountered was old age, but there wasn't a cure we could prescribe to help ease their pain.

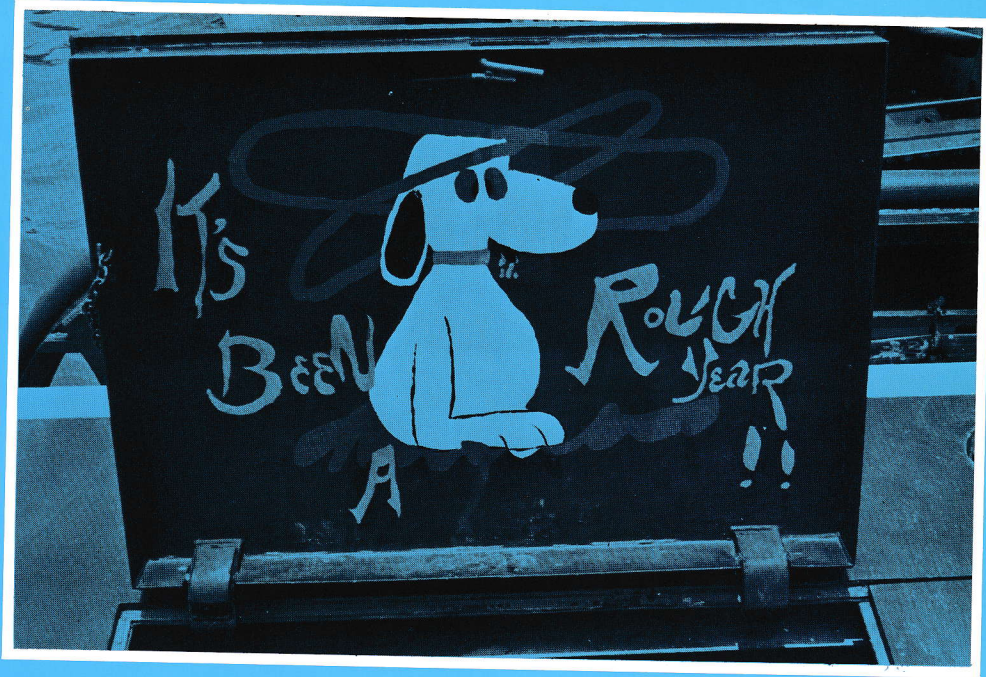


The Pontch Moves “In-Country”

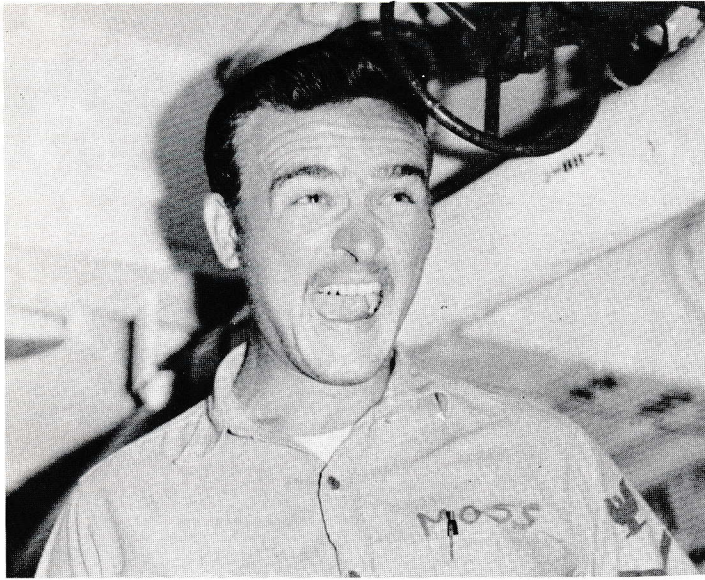
Whether a deserted beach on Con Son Island or “downtown” on Cu Lao Re, the crew moved in and around the local people. Even in a remote hamlet, you could always find an empty chair and a can of cold brew.







Reflections



Of the Way Life Used To Be

Where do you begin? With a sweet voice, gently calling in your ear, signalling the start of a new day . . .



Or is it the patter of little feet as the family sits down at the breakfast table . . .

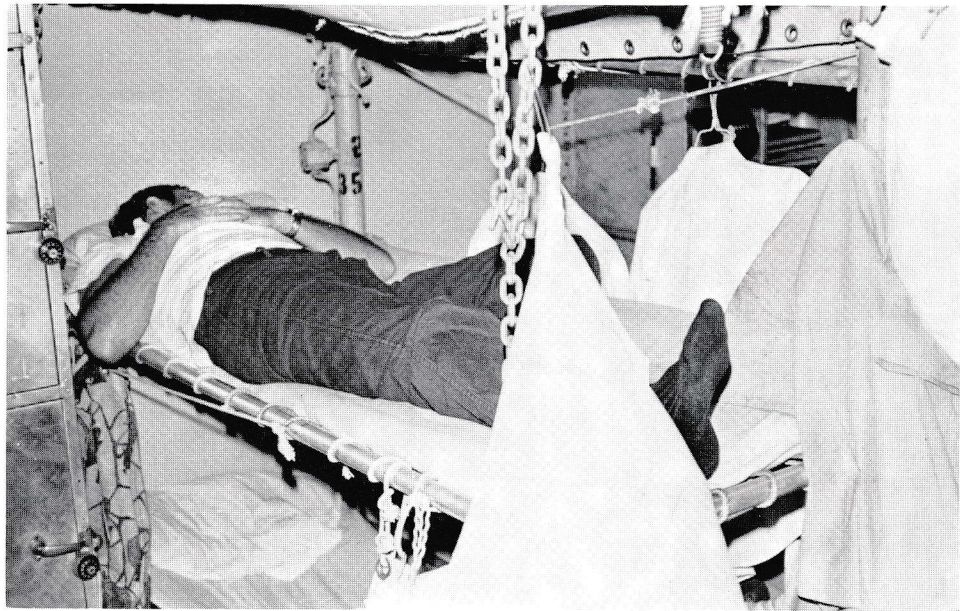


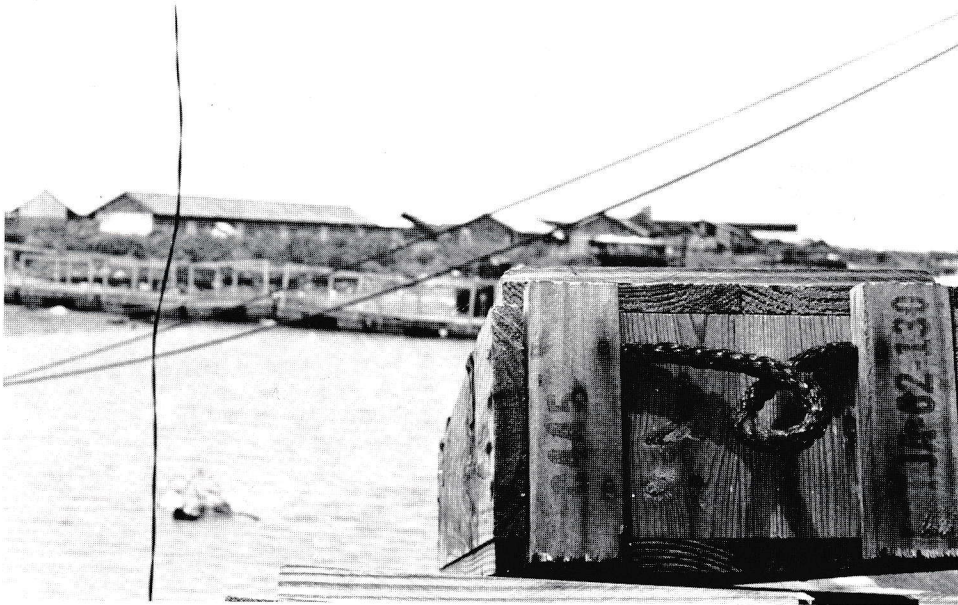
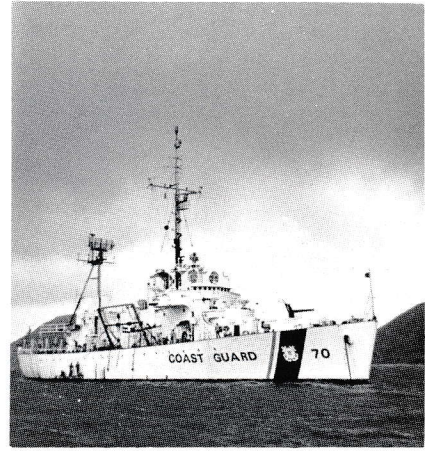
Or some distant thought, taking you thousands of miles away, away from your chamber of life you called the Pontch.





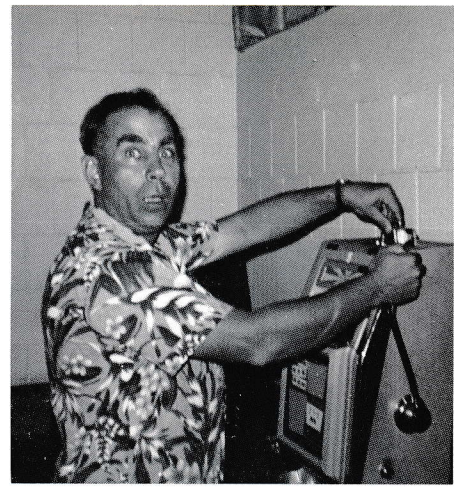
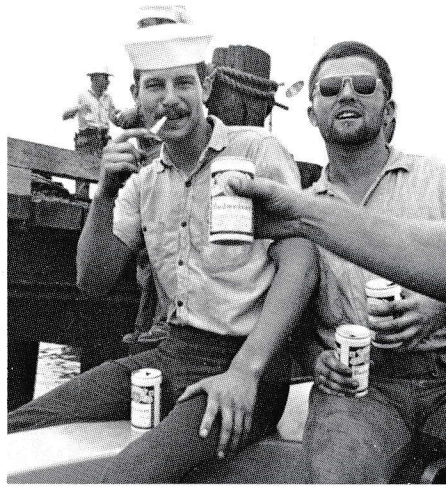
*For the
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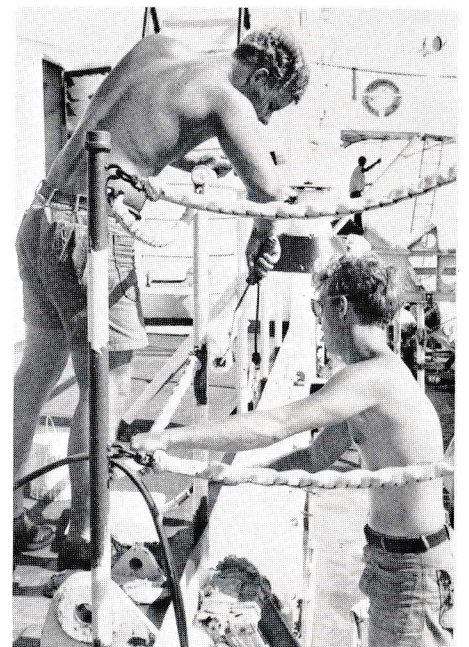
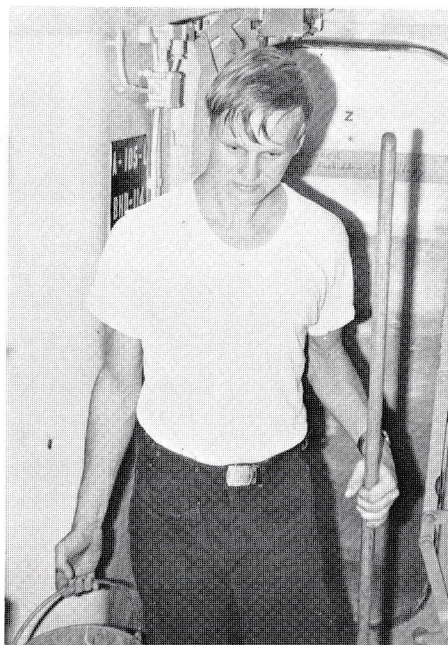
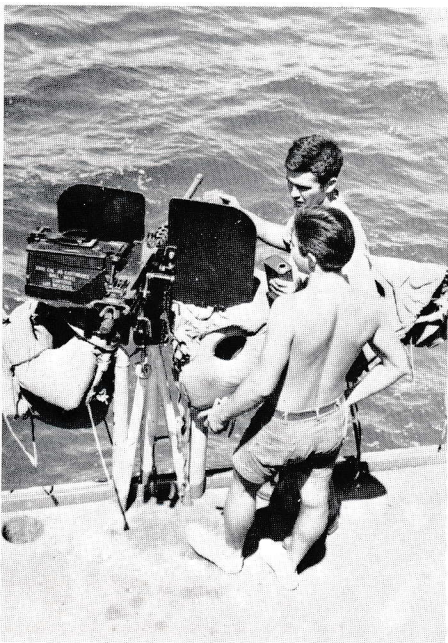
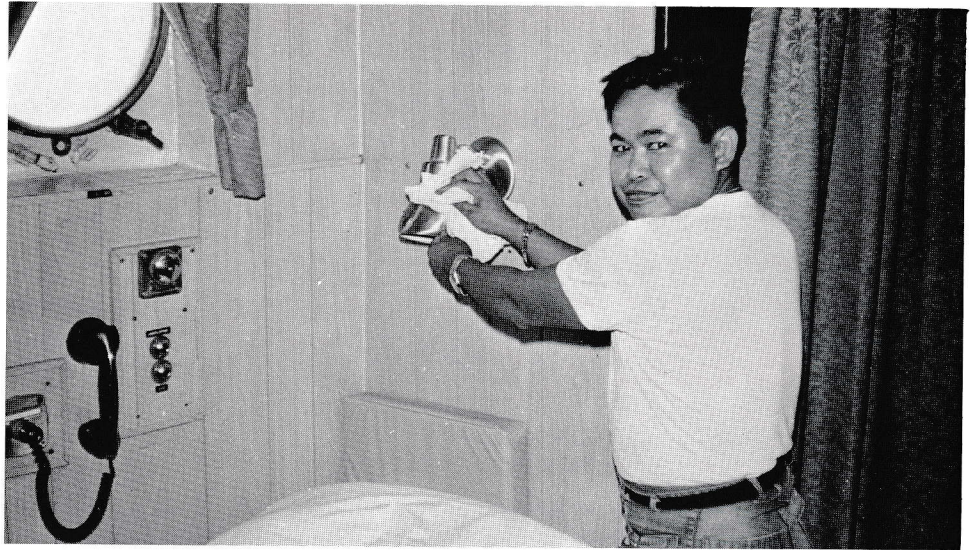
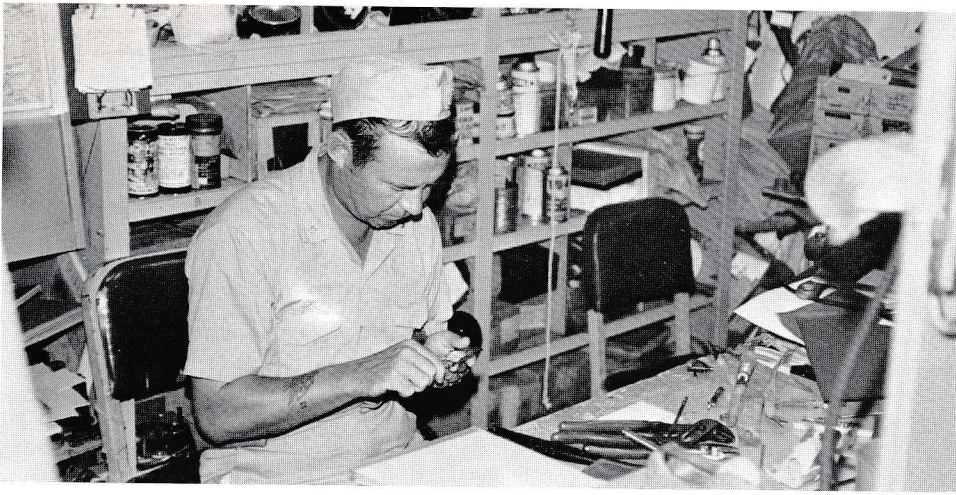


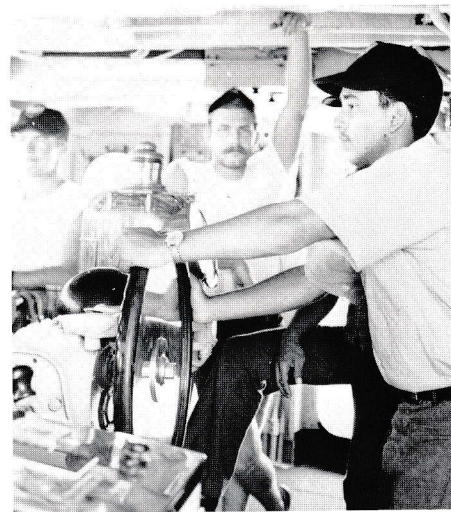
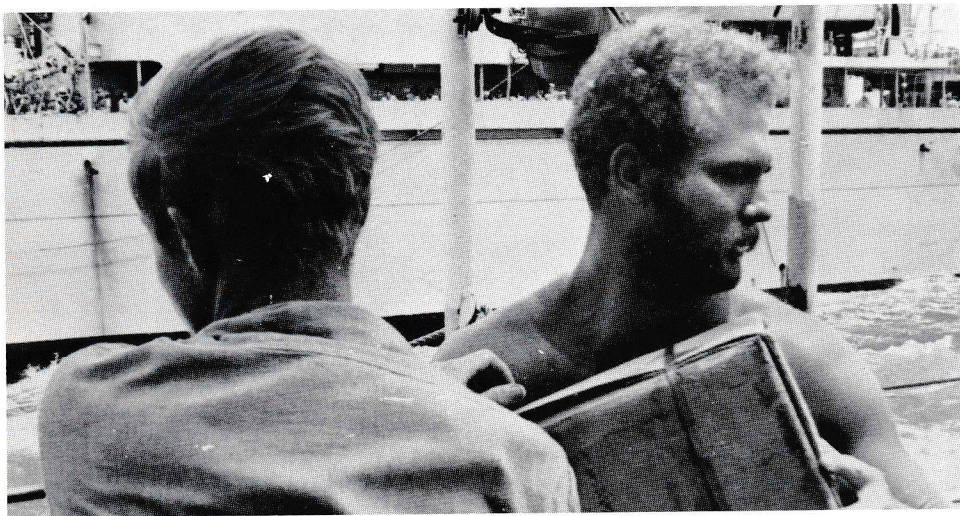


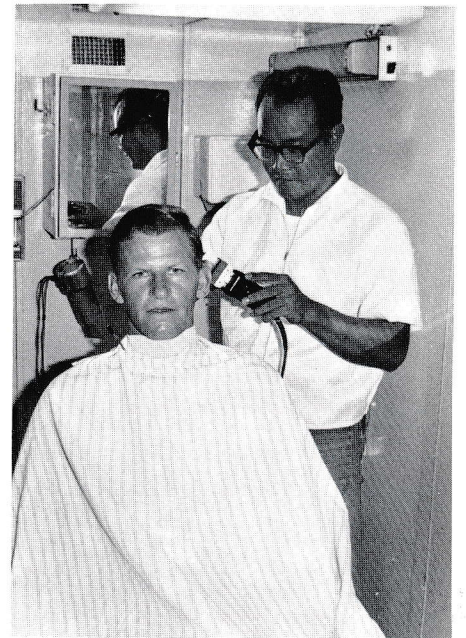
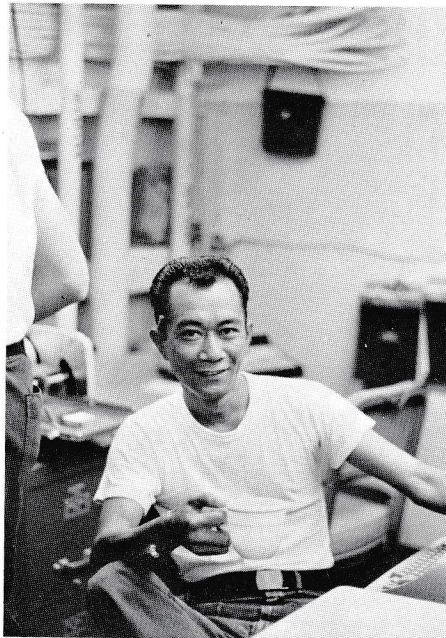
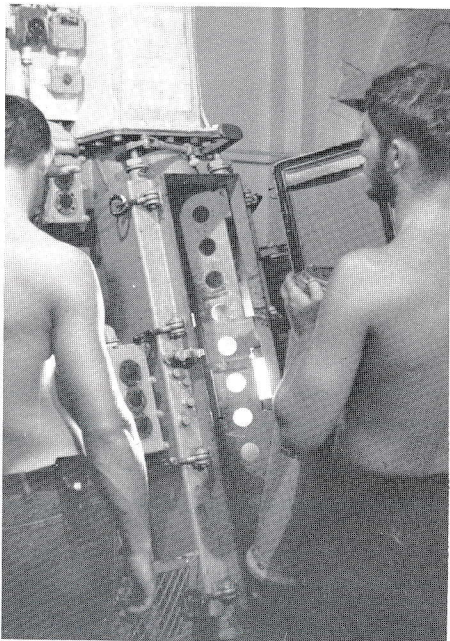
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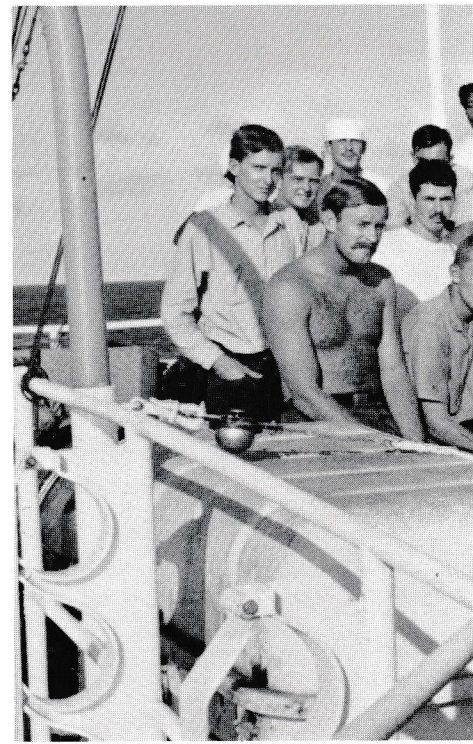
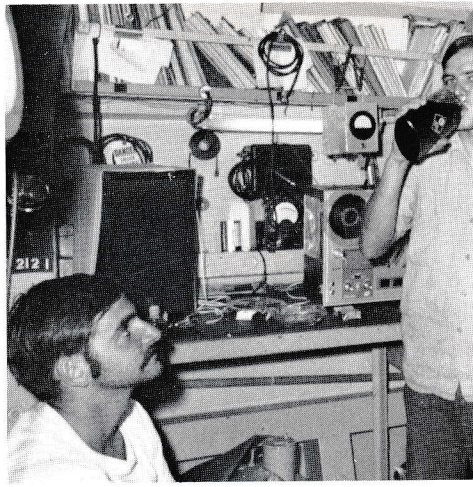
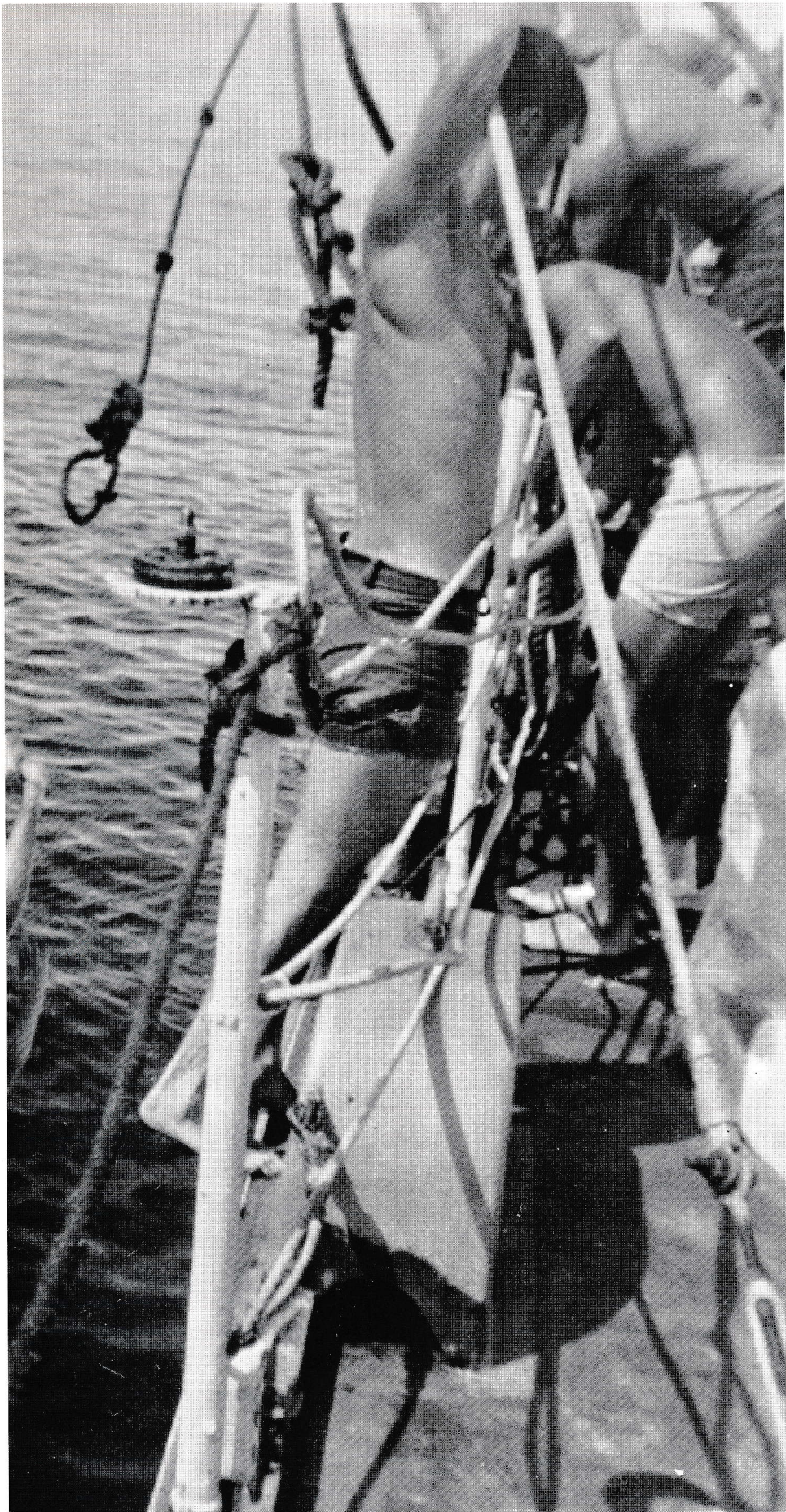
Ten months of time . . .
to work, sleep or, just
whatever seemed to make
sense at the time. Just
let it be.

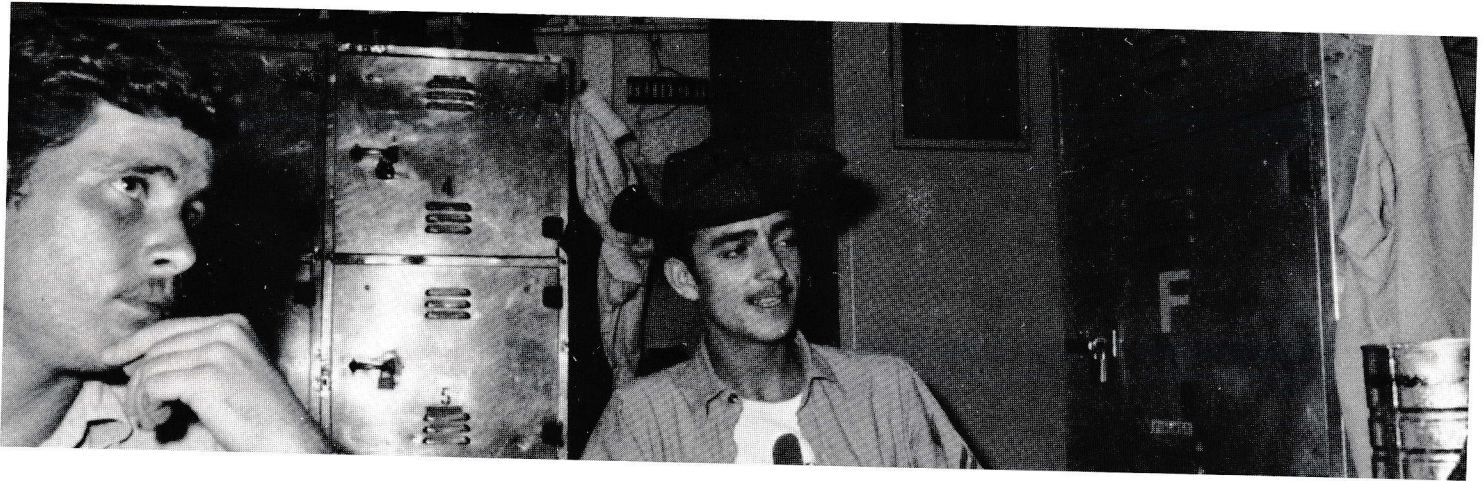
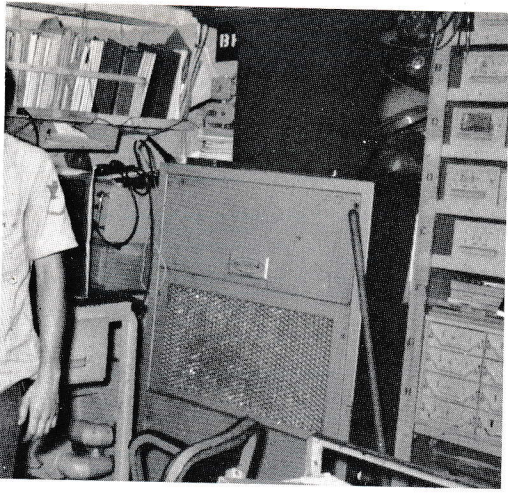










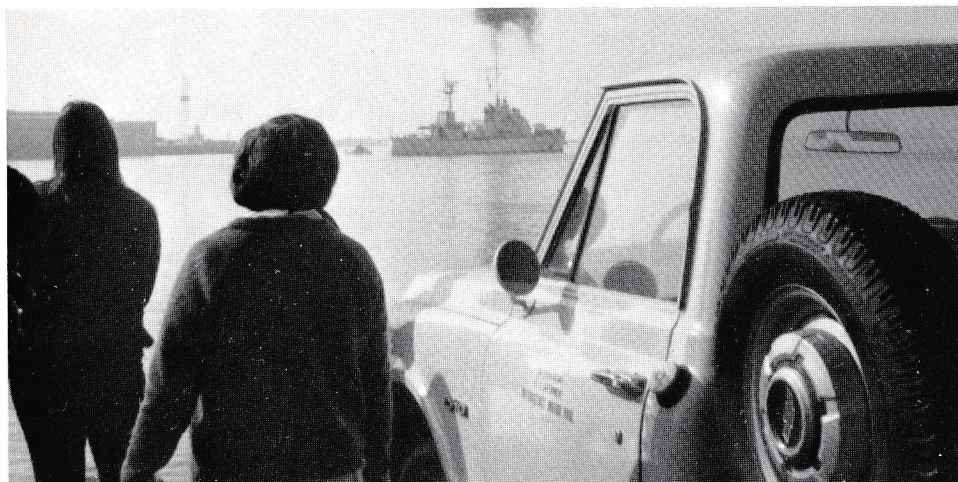


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USCGC Pontchartrain + 10W Wed Feb 4
From/Long Beach Enroute Pearl Harbor Remarks



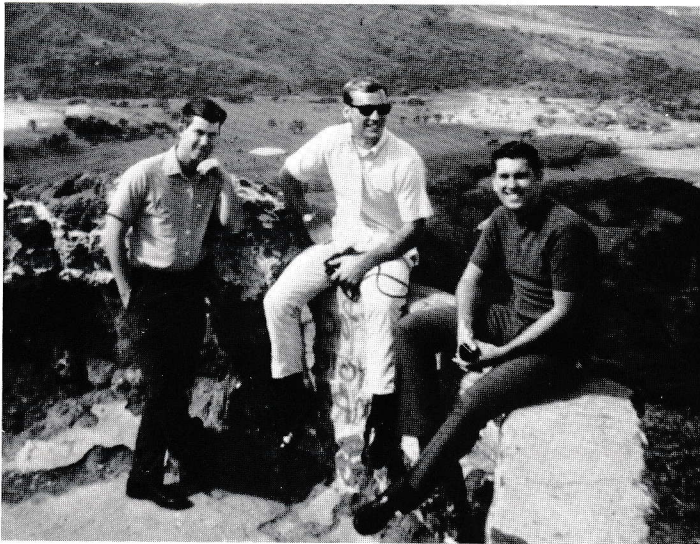
It was a day we all would remember for quite a while. Mixed emotions of sadness, of emptiness, and to many, a feeling of relief that the time was finally here and we were on our way. Our final salute to Long Beach, a large column of black smoke, seemed appropriate as the symbol of a dismal day.



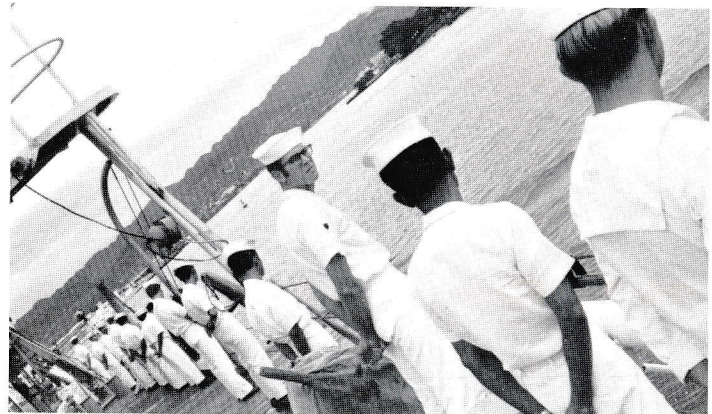
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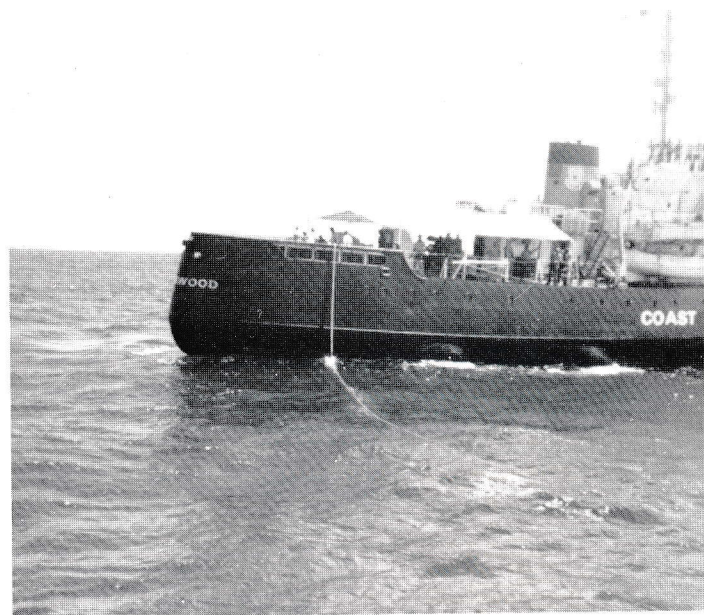
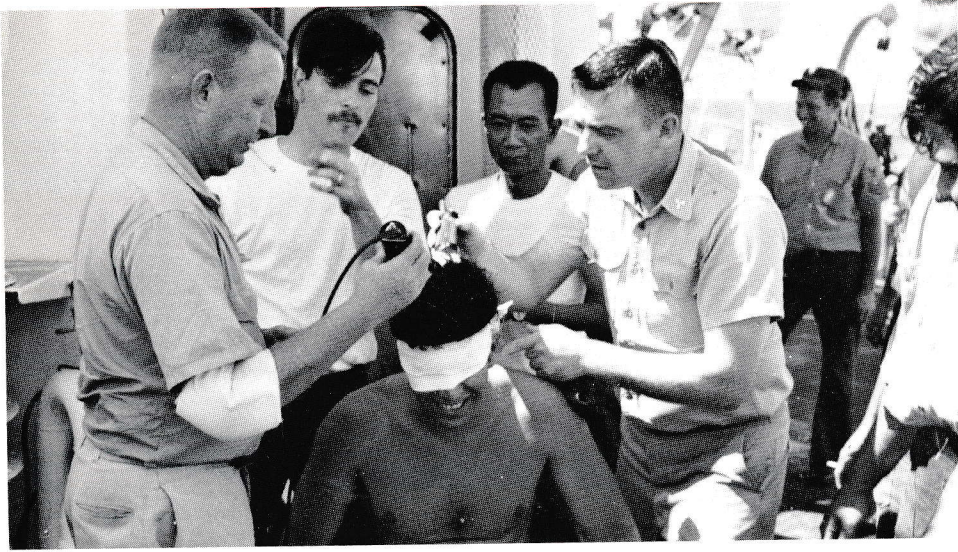
***USCGC Pontchartrain + 10W
At/Pearl Harbor Hawaii***

***Wed Feb 11- Tue Feb 17
Remarks***



After a grueling six days at sea, we were treated to five days of sun and fun in the gateway to WestPac. The beaches were great, the liberty was fair and the beer on Waikiki expensive. A little wiser and a lot more broke, we left Hawaii bound for a quick stop in Guam.





USCG Log-Remarks Sheet

USCGC Pontchartrain - 8H

At Subic Bay Naval Base

Republic of the Philippines

Fri Mar 27 - Tue Mar 31

Tue May 12 - Tue May 19

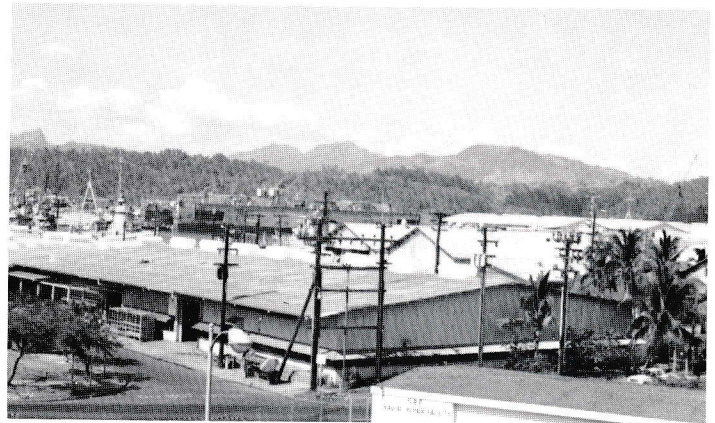
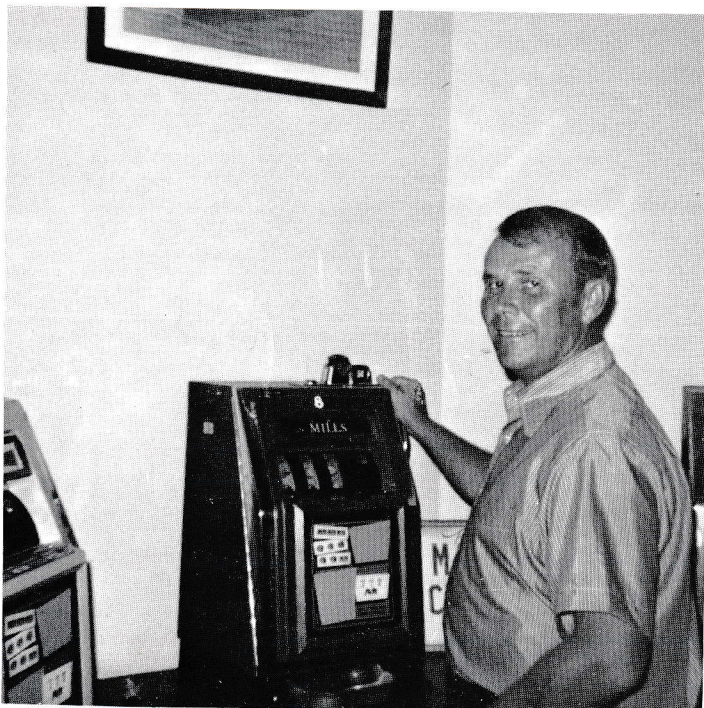
Tue Aug 18 - Wed Aug 26

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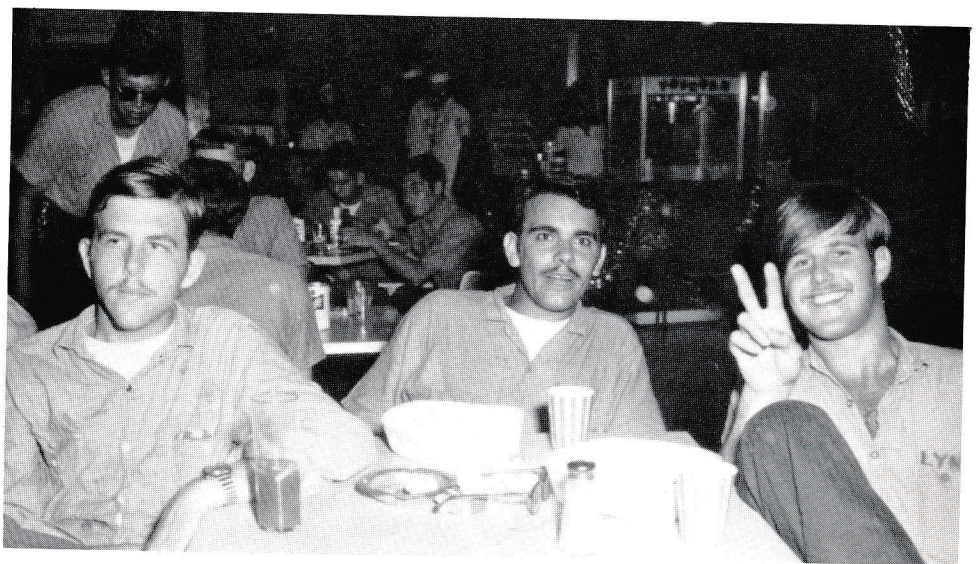
Remarks



Beautiful Subic Bay Naval Base, our home away from home. Subic was many things to many people . . . a slot machine that never worked, a mount without a gun, and a ship without water. And, of course, there was Olongapo, a city without equal, anywhere. Subic was an upkeep port, and there was always another bulkhead to chip, another boiler to clean, or another motor to fix. But it was still home, sort of.







During Vietnam '70 We...



Steamed 49,377 miles



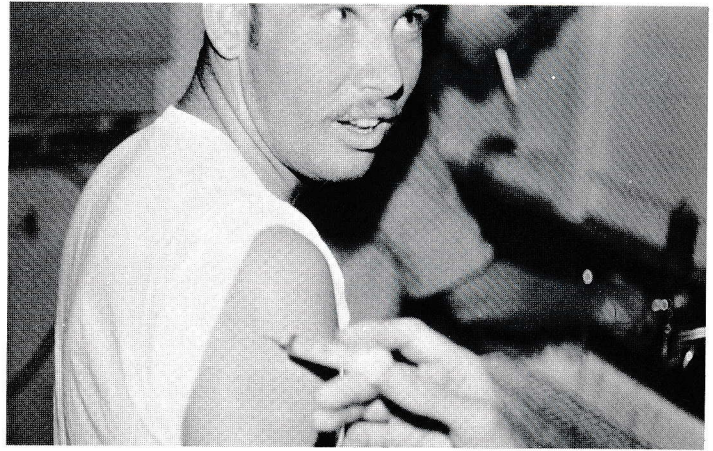
Fired 4,048 rounds



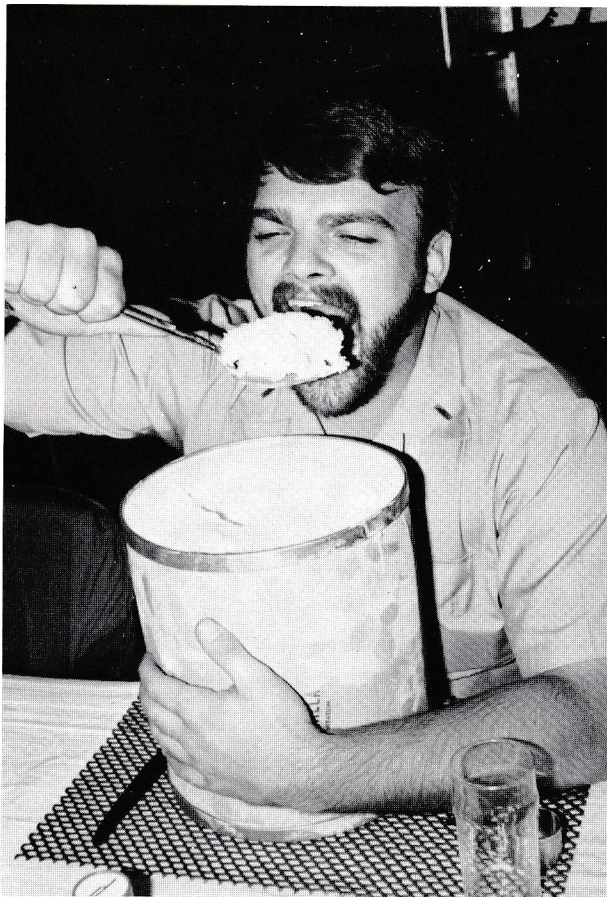
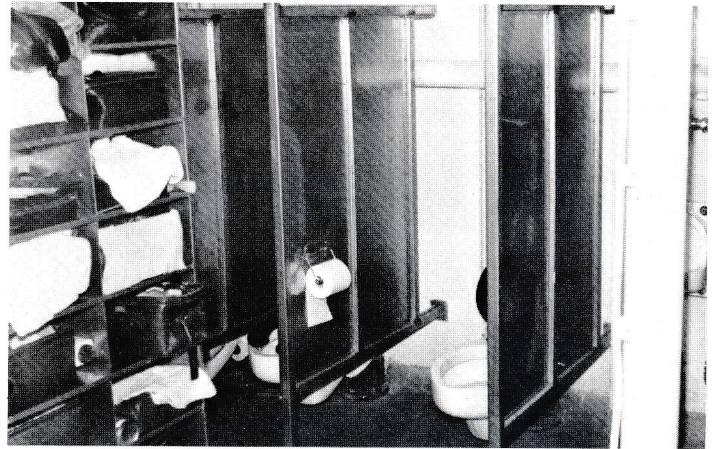
Received 991,882 gallons of fuel during UNREPS.

Not to Mention . . .

Entirely too many shots



Over one ton of toilet paper

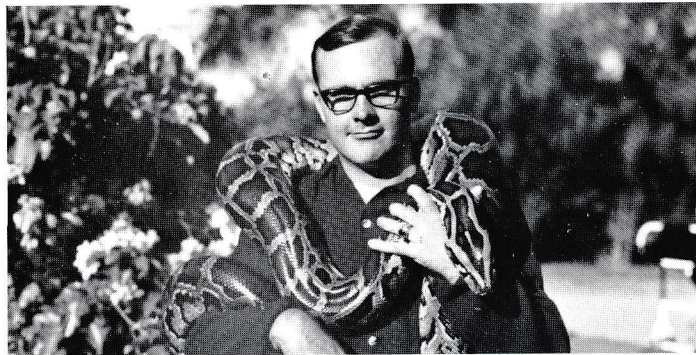
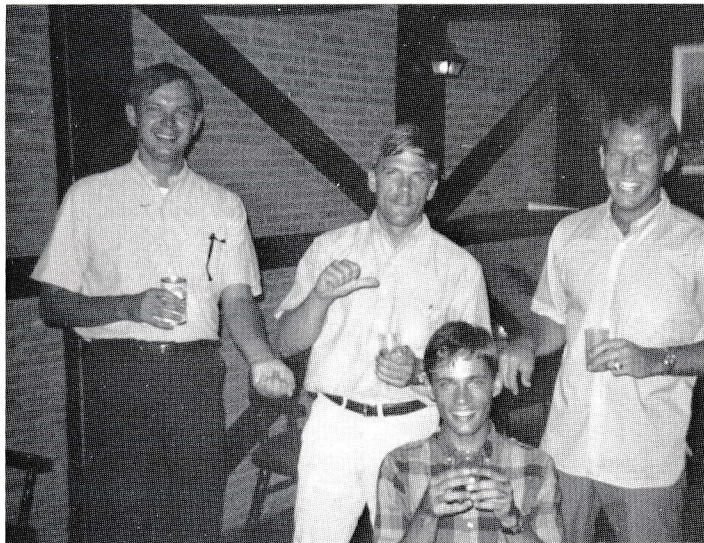


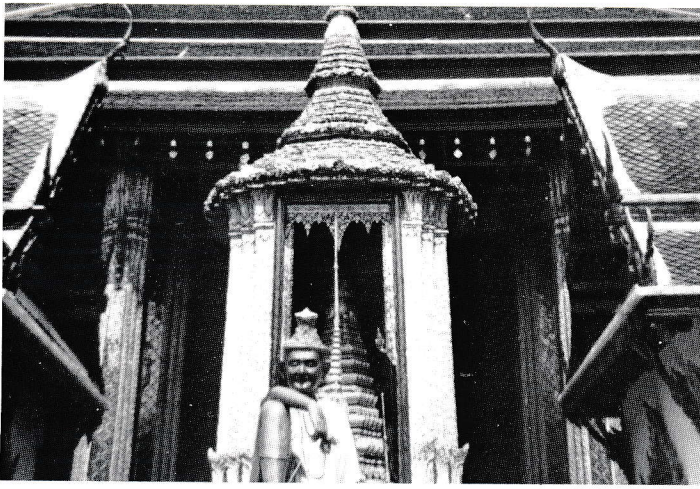
And 1600 gallons of ice cream.

USCG Log Remarks Sheet
USCGC Pontchartrain - 7G Fri Apr 10 - Wed Apr 15
At/Bangkok, Thailand

Remarks

Bangkok was our first Asian liberty port. We parked about a million miles from the city and it seemed to take forever to get to town from the ship. We learned that the only way to buy was to bargain and it took a while to get the right price. But everywhere we went, someone had a special number one U.S. American deal for a lucky sailor. And on we went to our first full patrol.





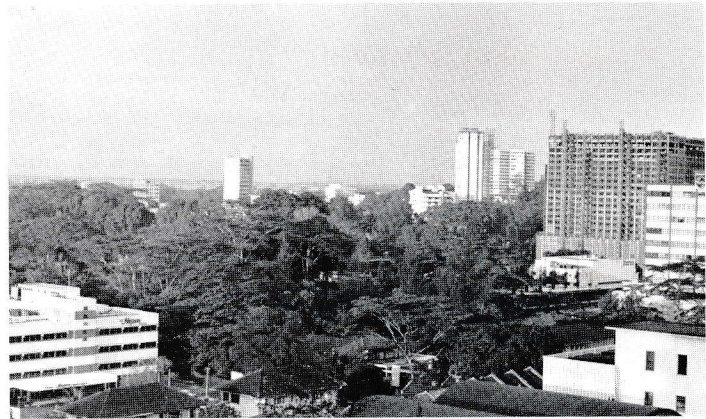
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**USCGC Pontchartrain - 7½
at/Singapore**

**Sat June 13 - Fri June 19
Remarks**



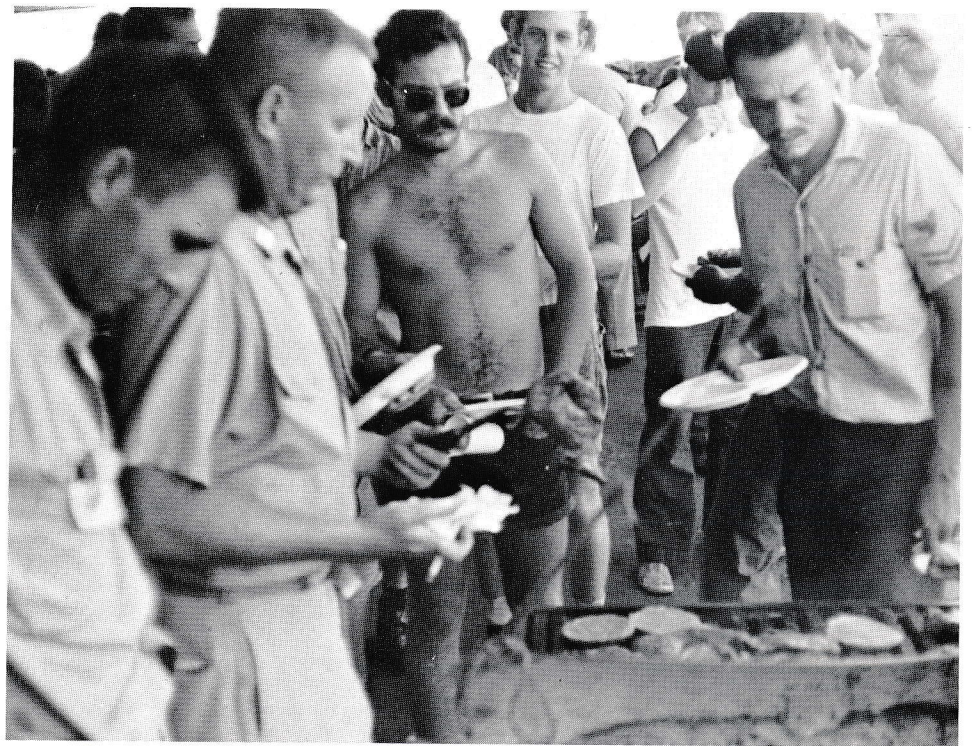
We arrived in Singapore on the Queen's birthday, which prompted the crew to swarm into town and celebrate right along with the British. Nothing like a cold brew to break the ice with the locals. It was another shopper's haven, and if you didn't want to go all the way into town to shop, you could step off the gangway into a portable roadside business, or for the real lazy, a trip to the port rec deck. Our next stop was area two and a few visits to Danang, a new physical fitness program and a July 4 "Super Hump Day".



July 4, 1970



*Super
Hump
Day*



USCG Log Remarks Sheet

USCGC Pontchartrain - 91

Fri Jul 17 - Tue Jul 21

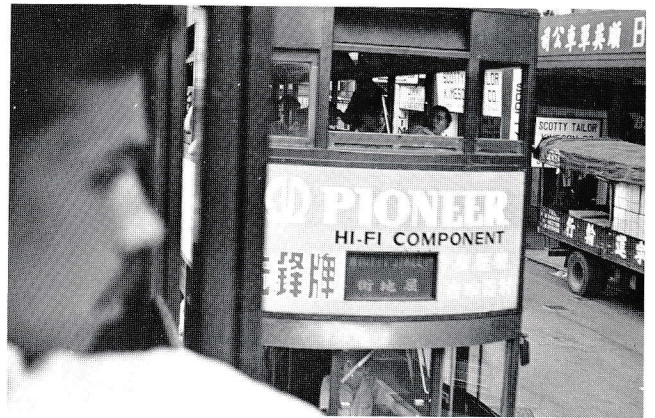
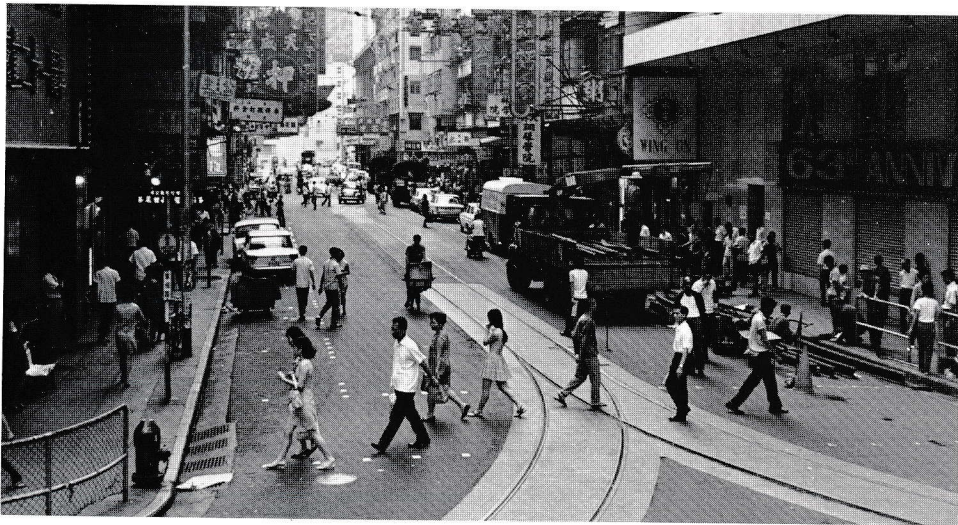
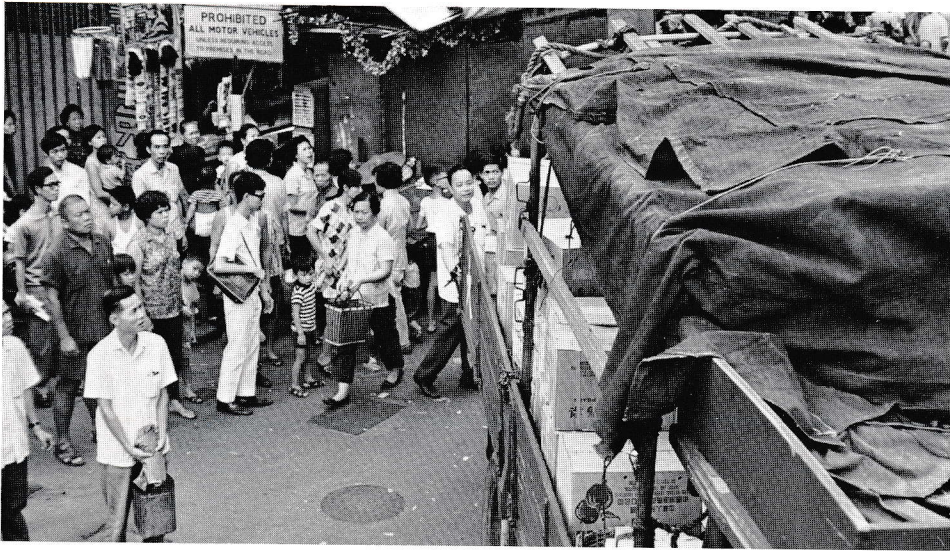
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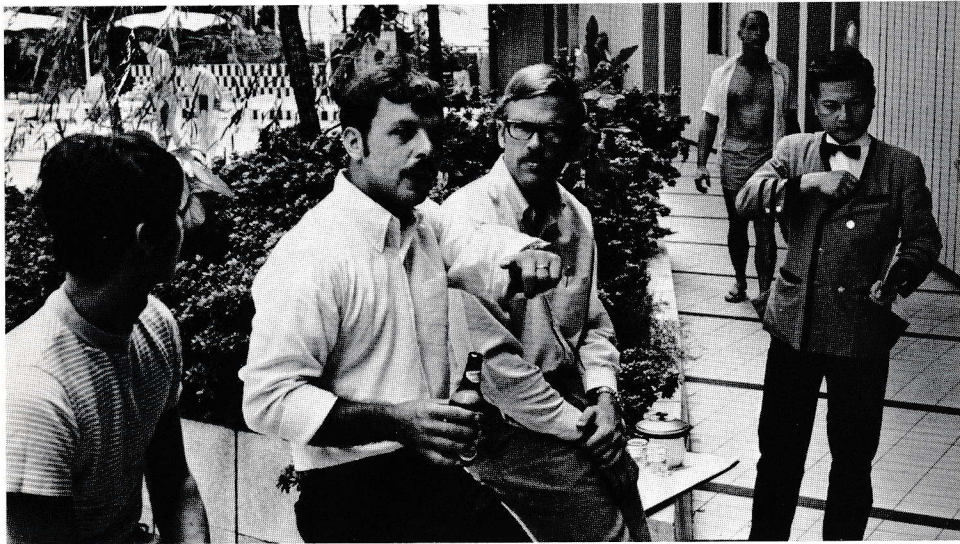
At Hong Kong B. C. C.

Remarks

Hong Kong was the highlight of the deployment. If you couldn't find it anywhere else, you could in Hong Kong. The crew was all over the city sporting new threads ranging from Mod clothes and leathers to more conservative suits and sport clothes. Although delayed by Typhoon Ruby for two days, Hong Kong still rates as the best of the WestPac ports.







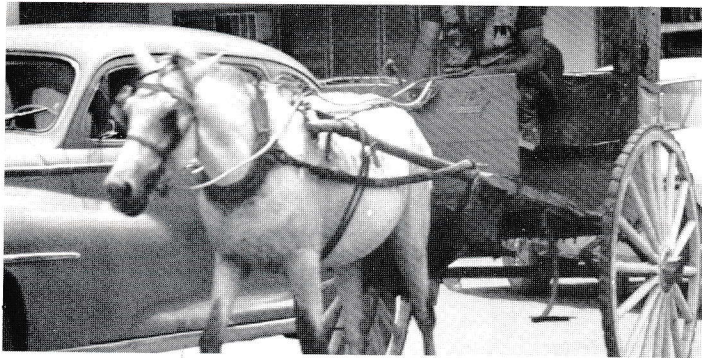
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USCGC Pontchartrain - 8H

Wed Oct 28 - Sat Oct 31

At Zamboanga, Republic of the Philippines Wed Oct 28 - Sat Oct 31

Remarks



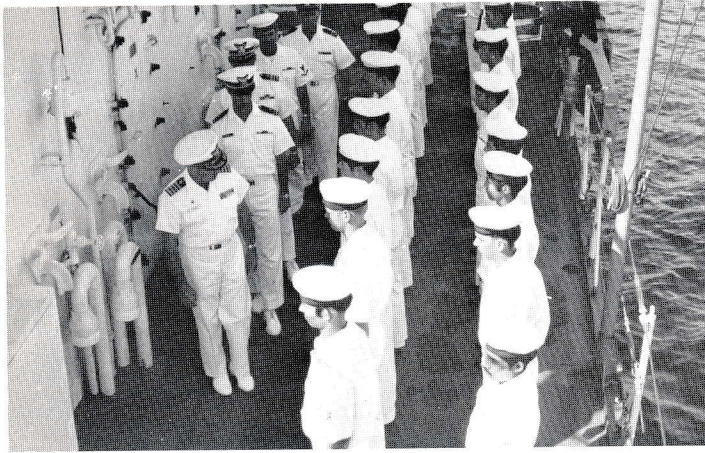
Zamboanga was a quick stop on our way home. We came to show the flag and we did just that. Two days of open house and four basketball games with local teams brought more personal contact with the local people than in any other port to date. Although we only broke even in the basketball games, we scored two impressive victories in the ship's parties. All that remained now was the trip home.



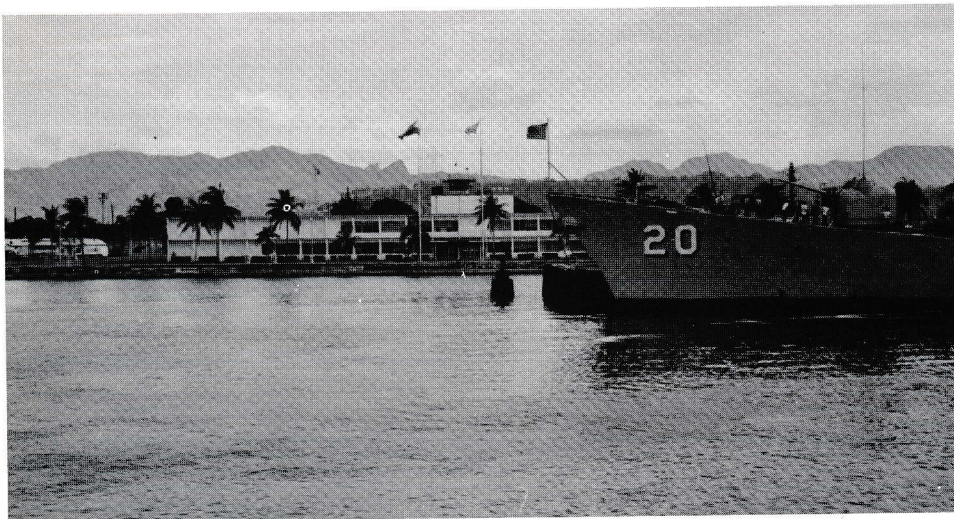
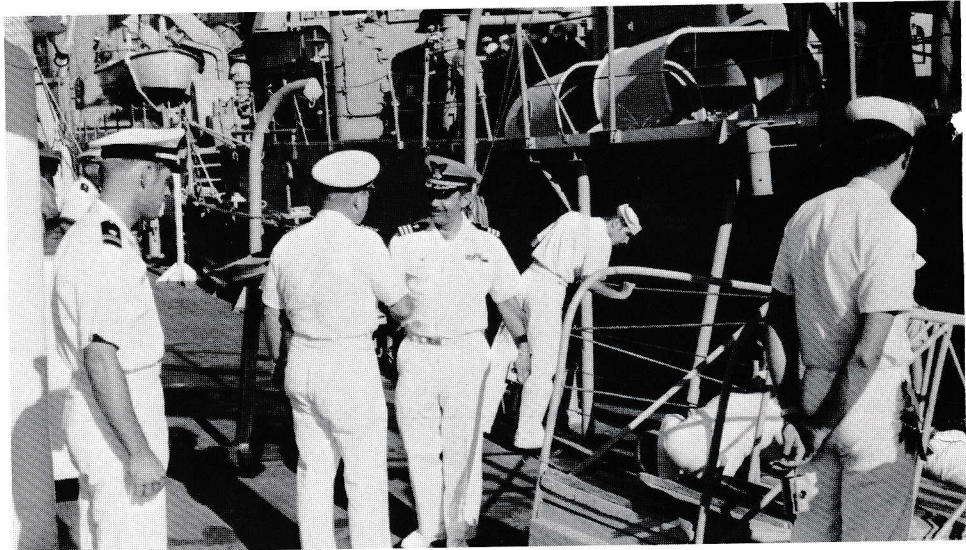
USCGC Log Remarks Sheet

*USCGC Pontchartrain - 8H
At Subic Bay*

*Mon Nov 2 - Mon Nov 9
Remarks*



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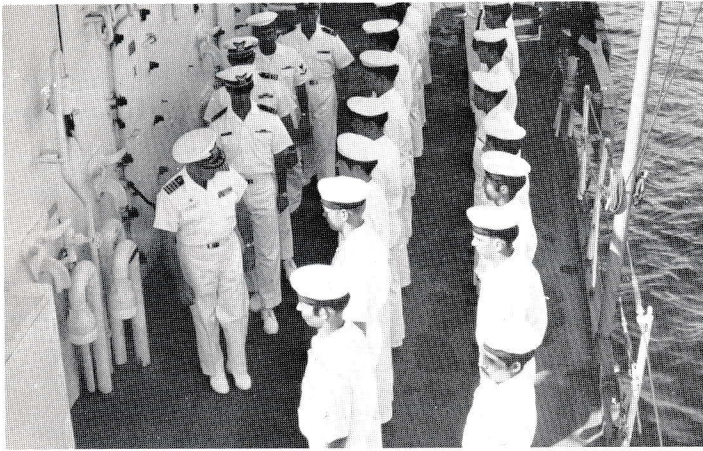


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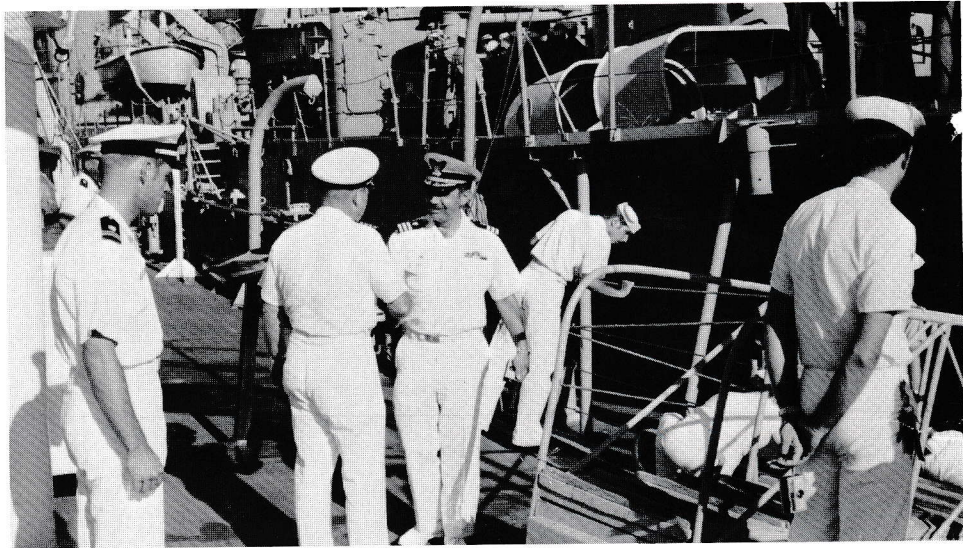
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USCG Log-Remarks Sheet

USCGC Pontchartrain - 91
At Yokosuka, Japan

Sat Nov 14 - Tue Nov 17
Remarks

Japan was cold, and rainy, and the last chance to buy stereos, china, and personally engraved coffee mugs (For The Guard seemed to be the most popular engraving.) For those who managed to make it into Tokyo, expensive was the most widely used adjective. And the real world was just around the corner. We thought.

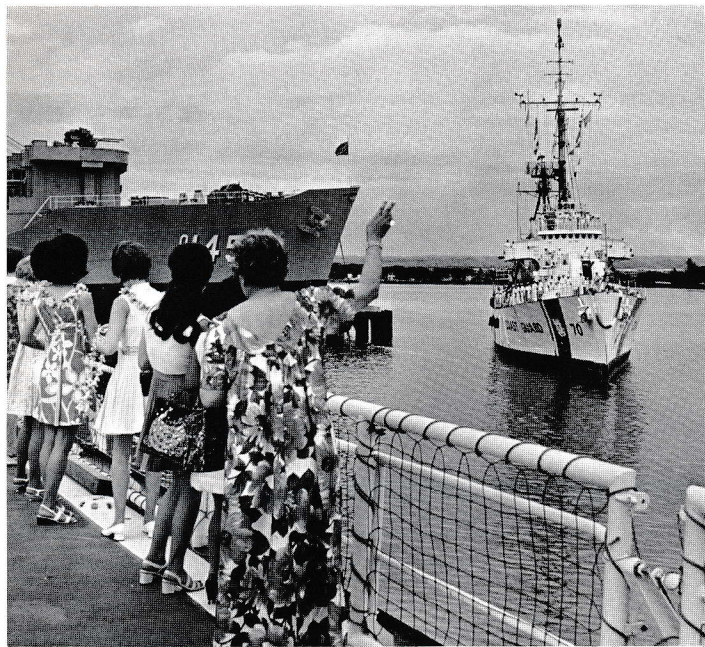


USCG Log-Remarks Sheet

USCGC Pontchartrain + 10W Thur Nov 26 - Tue Dec 1 At Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

Remarks

Back in the real world, sort of. It was great seeing Diamond Head again, but for those of us who didn't have someone waiting on the flight deck of the Morganthau, the end was still half an ocean away. There was time, in between rain showers, to give the hull a coat of paint. But the finishing touches would have to wait for awhile.



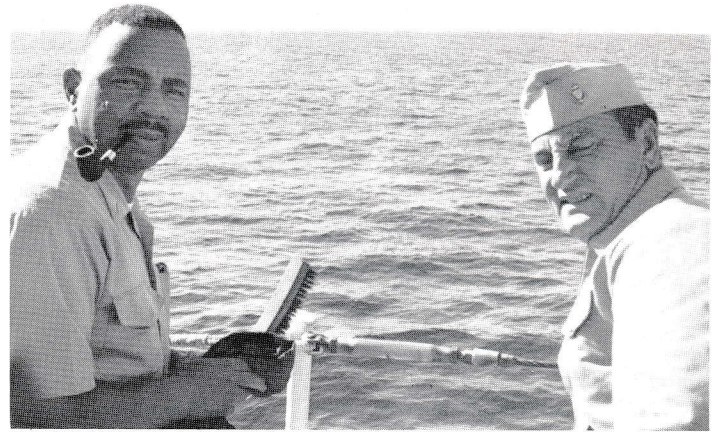
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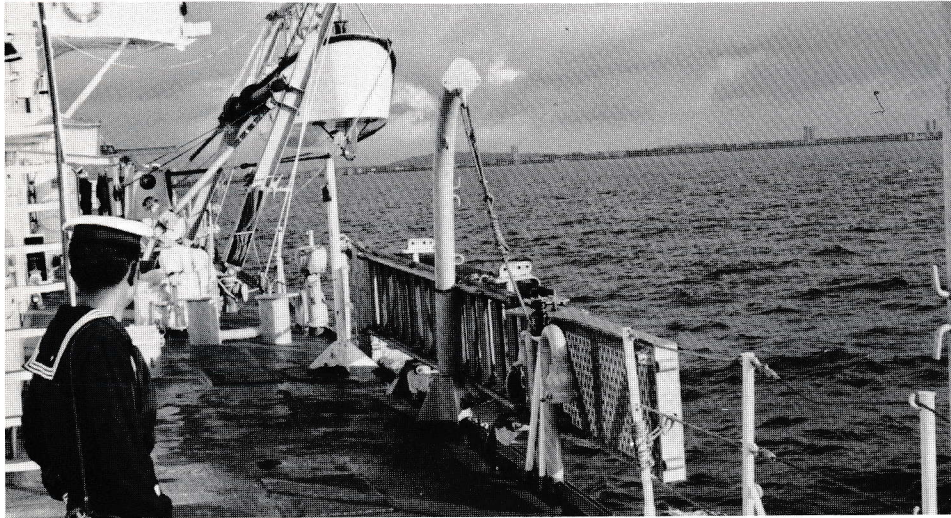
*USCGC Pontchartrain + 8U
At Long Beach, California*

*Wed Dec 9, 1970
Remarks*



Everyone chipped in to get the ship ready for Long Beach. When the boiler broke down just thirty-six hours after we left Hawaii, the silence throughout the ship was deafening. Some tough work by the BT's got us going again. And it was a pleasure to watch the mooring lines being dragged out on deck for the last time.





After delays that caused our arrival date to change from December 4, to December 7, then finally to December 9, we could see the smog of Los Angeles on the horizon on the 8th.



And, as the dock grew closer and closer with each passing second, the memories that made the past ten months began to fade into some distant corner of your mind.



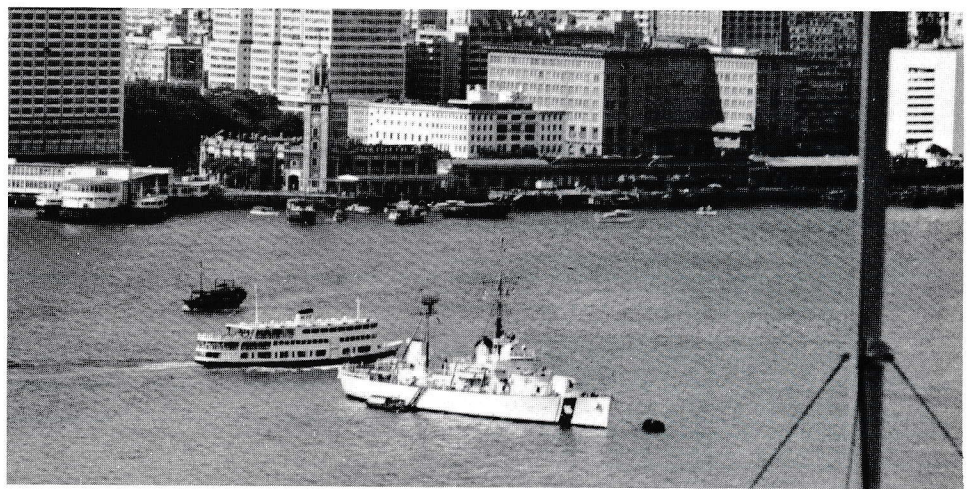
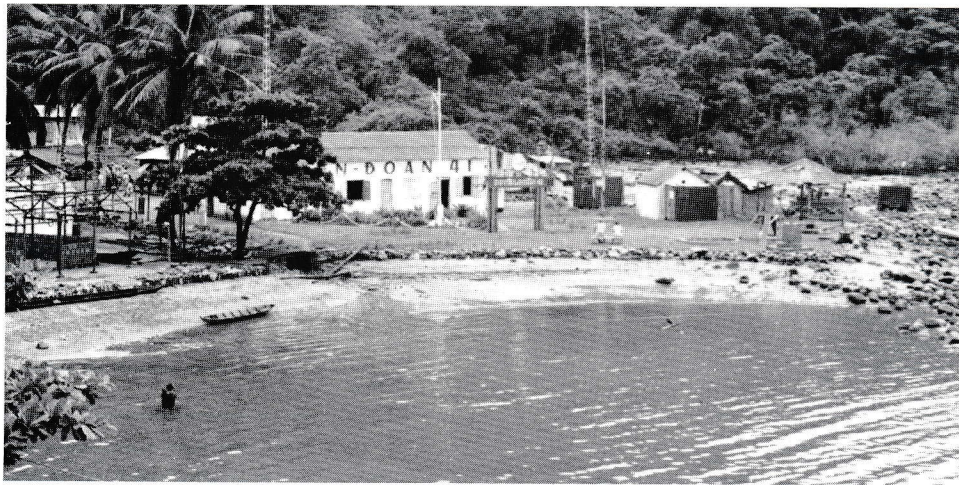
Thoughts raced to the future, and the reflections of the year that was '70 became just a group of photographs . . .



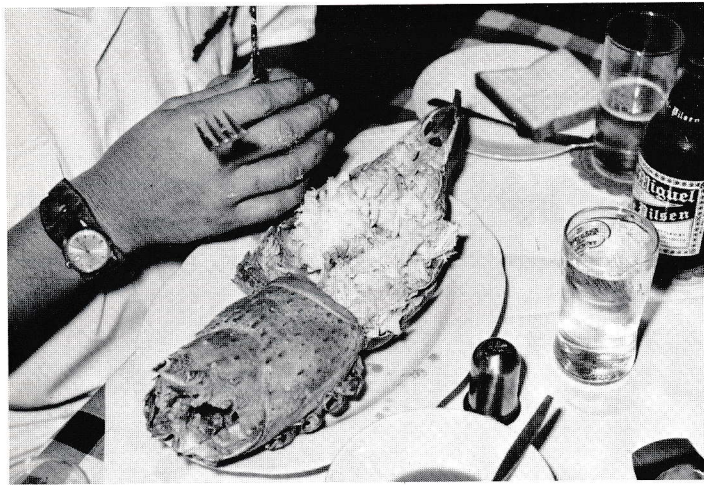
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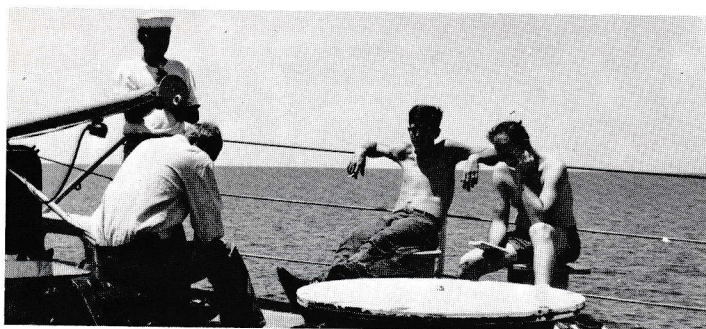
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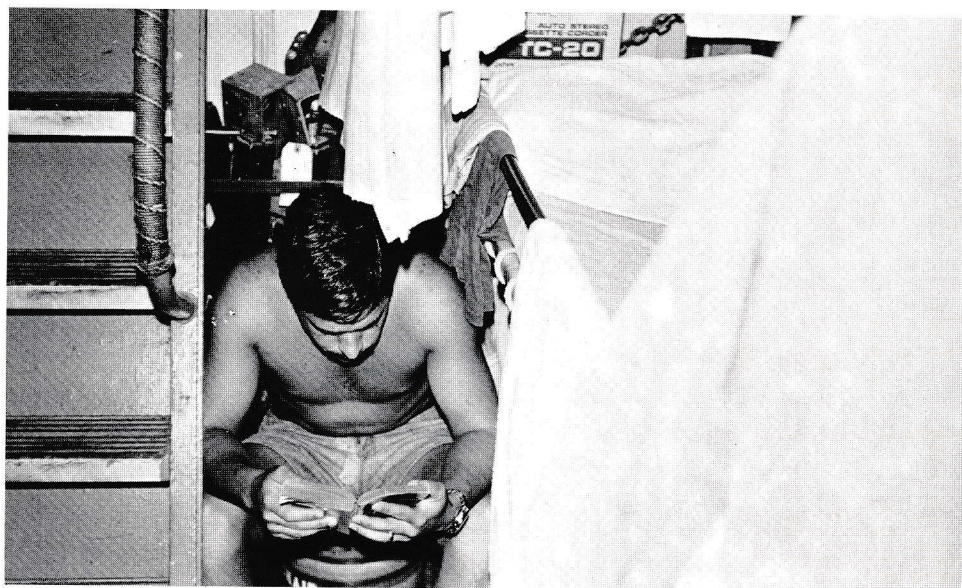
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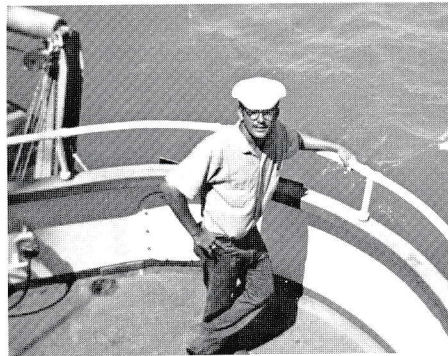


*... of the Numerous Sunrises
and Sunsets*



*and the Uncountable
Lonely Moments*









When you knew that it was over,
in the Autumn of good-byes . . .
For a moment you could not
recall the color of her eyes.

