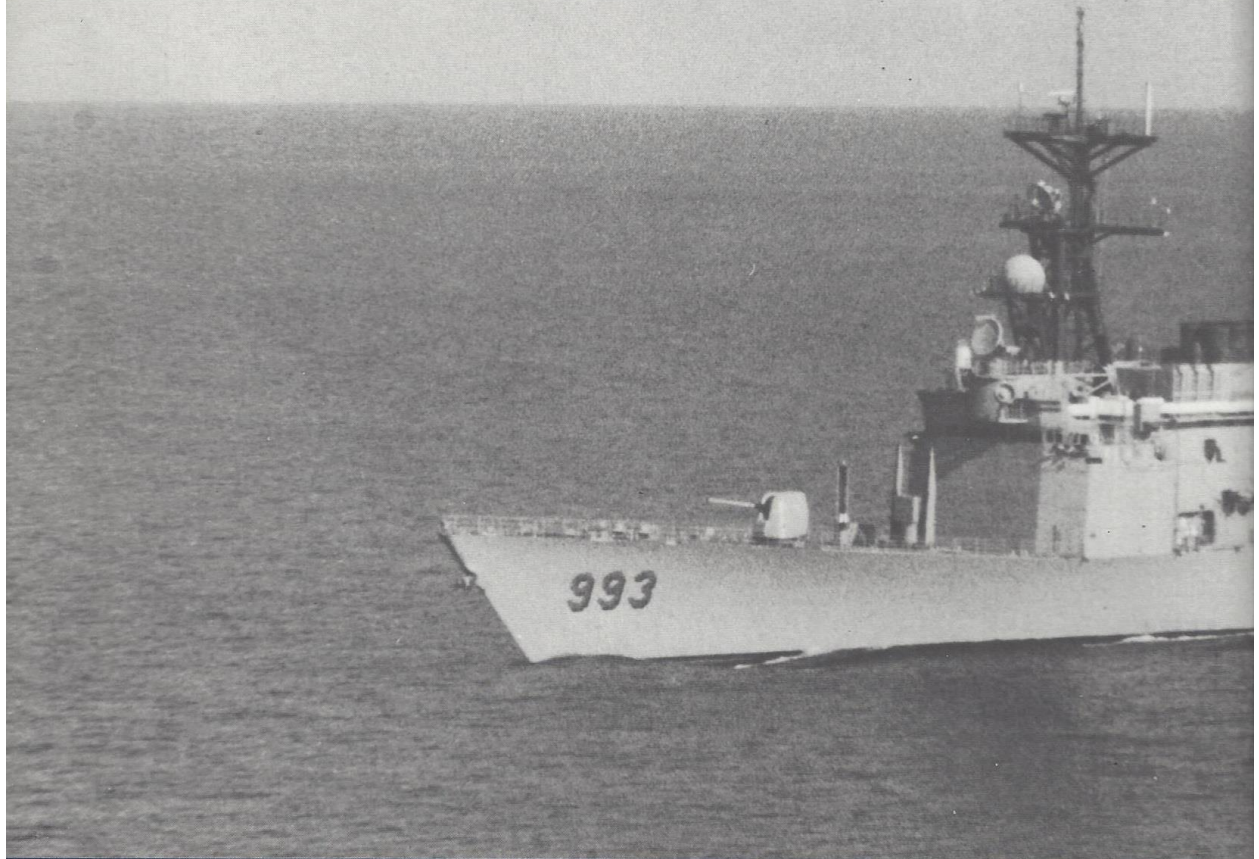
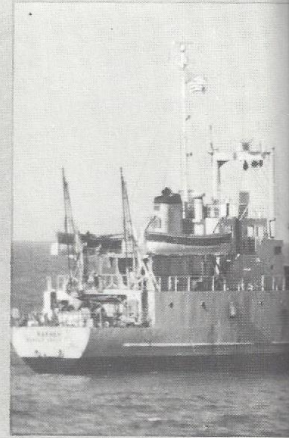
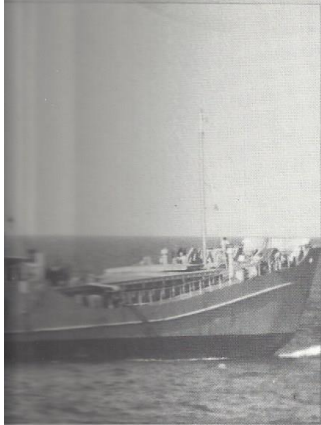


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ESCORT SERVICE**



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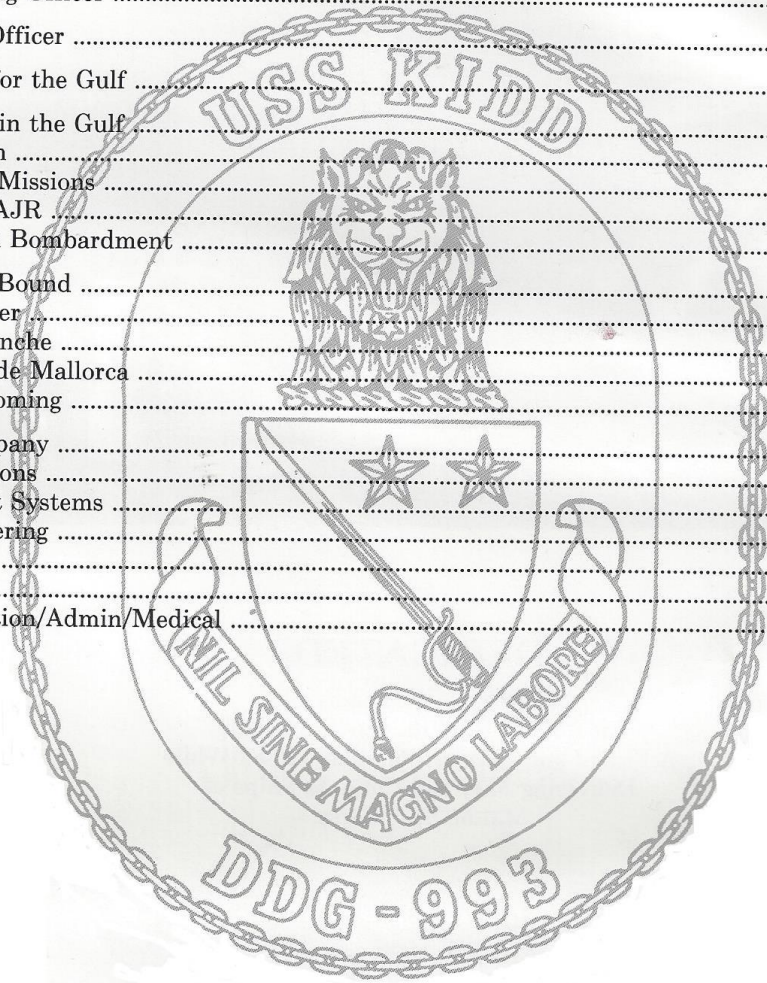
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To the Fond Memory of
Lieutenant Bill "Rambo" Ramsburg
A Friend and Former Shipmate Killed While
Delivering Mail and Cargo to Ships of
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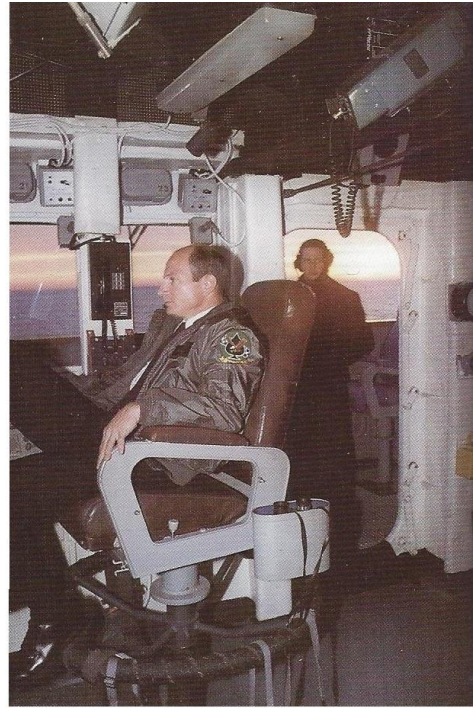
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COMMANDER DANIEL J. MURPHY JR., USN



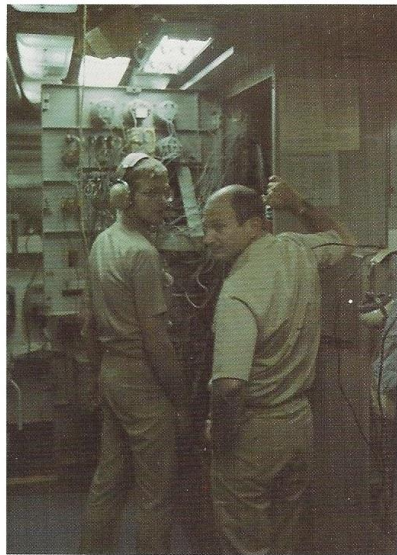
1. On the bridge entering Villefronche. 2. Reenlisting FC2 Green. 3. In the Helo Hangar. 4. On the bridge with Betty Francis of WTKT Channel 3 from Norfolk. 5. Looking at number two switchboard with EMC Roberts. 6. Presenting EW1 Keith his ESWS. 7. Giving a tour to the press team before we left the Gulf.



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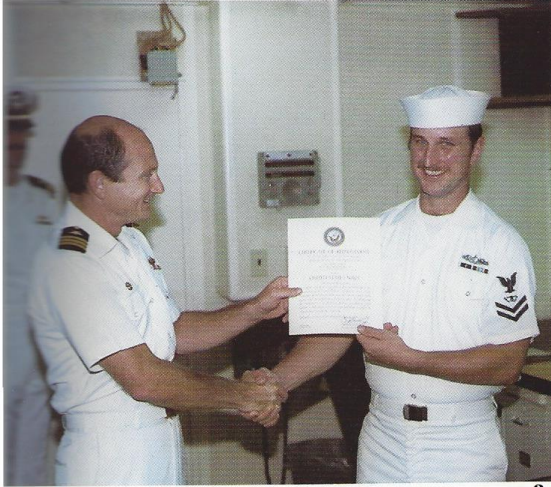
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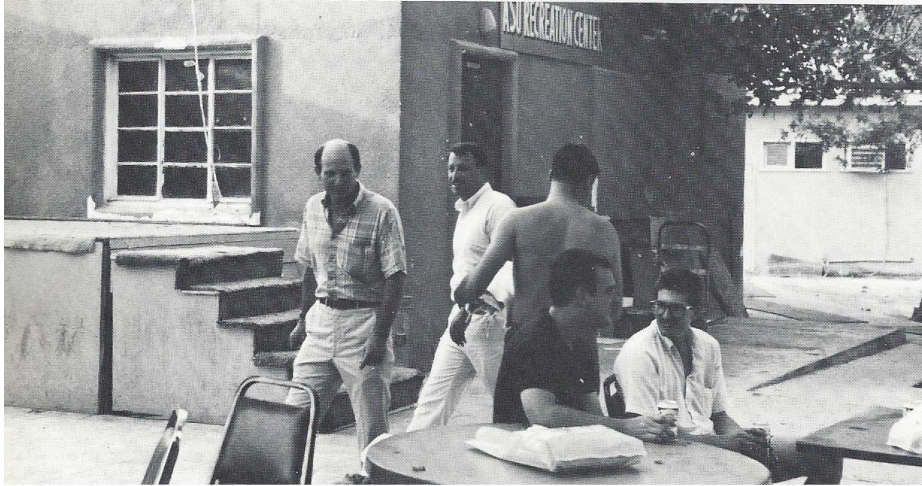


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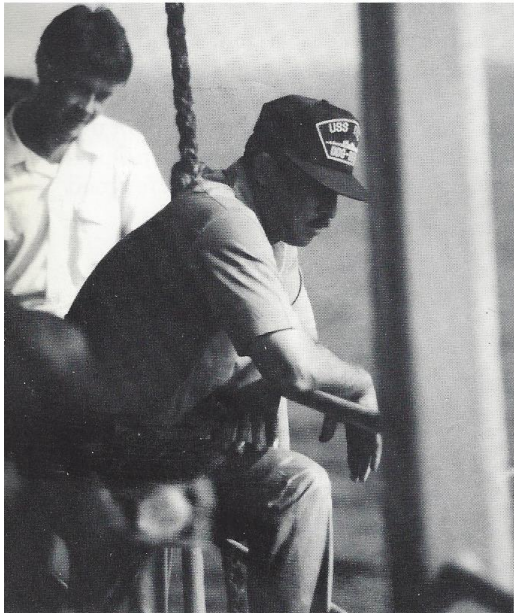
We deployed to the Persian Gulf on short notice to fill a mission that was not as yet defined. . We sailed with Commander Destroyer Squadron Fourteen embarked and began our training. In the Persian Gulf we were assigned to escort duty for the first nine missions. This meant **KIDD** personnel would be responsible for the development and implementation of the tactics and techniques to be used by escort forces for the remainder of our stay and until the escort missions end. As the escort missions became more routine, and a direct attack by outside forces appeared to be unlikely, our assignment changed to long periods of assignment to patrol stations in the vicinity of the Iranian controlled Abu Musa Island. In this assignment **KIDD** maintained a watch on all air activity in the Southern Persian Gulf including hundreds of commercial aircraft, Iranian patrol and fighter aircraft and Iraqi attack bombers. In addition we trailed several Iranian frigates as the harassed foreign tankers in the shipping channels. We were called away from our patrol station twice to participate in major operations. First came the scuttling of an **IRAN AJR**, an Iranian Landing Craft captured while laying mines in the Central Persian Gulf. the Second came when we retaliated for a Silkworm Missile hit on the **SEA ISLE City** while she was refueling in Kuwait. We shelled the Rashadat 2 command and control platform in the Rostam Oil field. With this as a parting shot we left the gulf and stopped for nine days of well-deserved port visits in the Mediterranean and finally home again, but not until we had successfully

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LCDR JOHN C. MARTIN, USN



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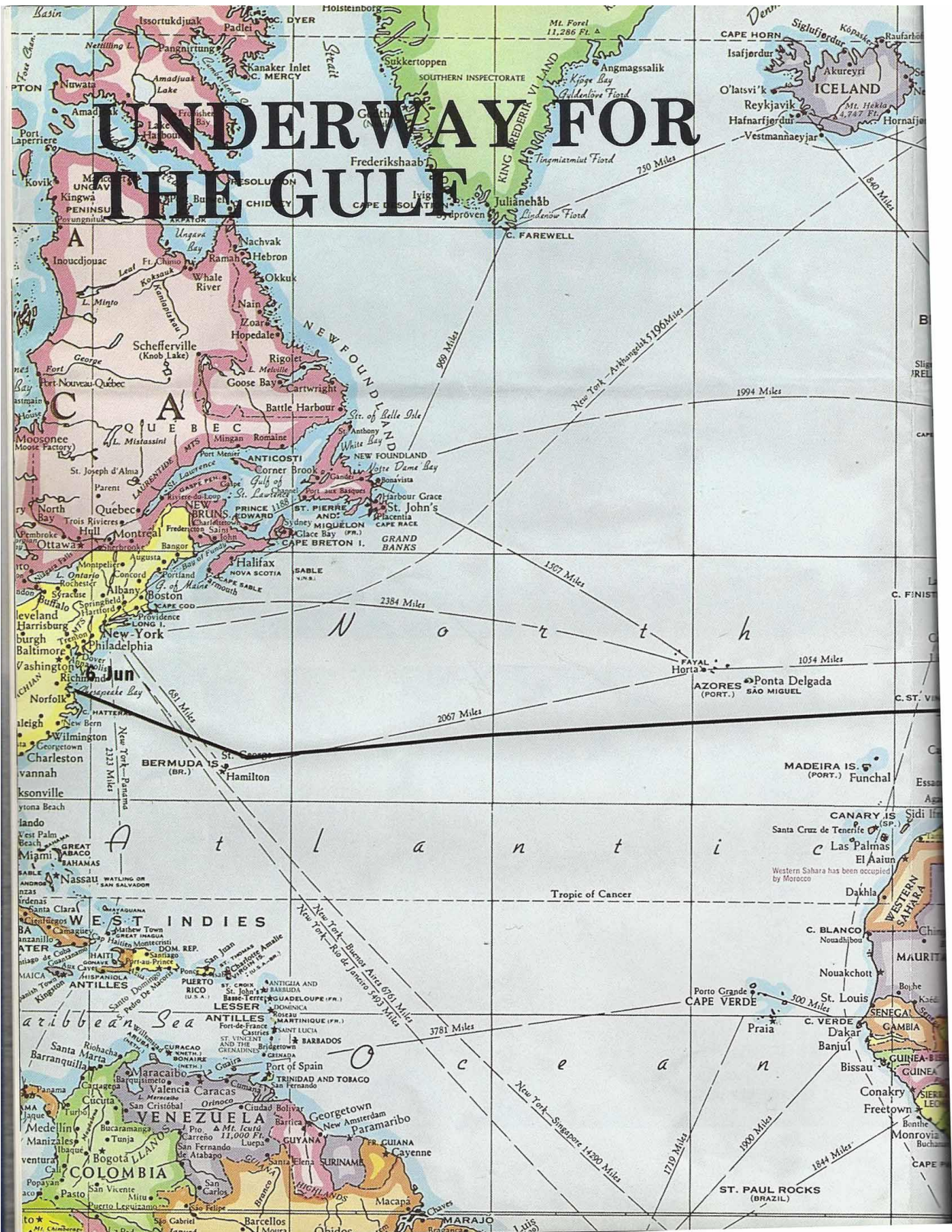
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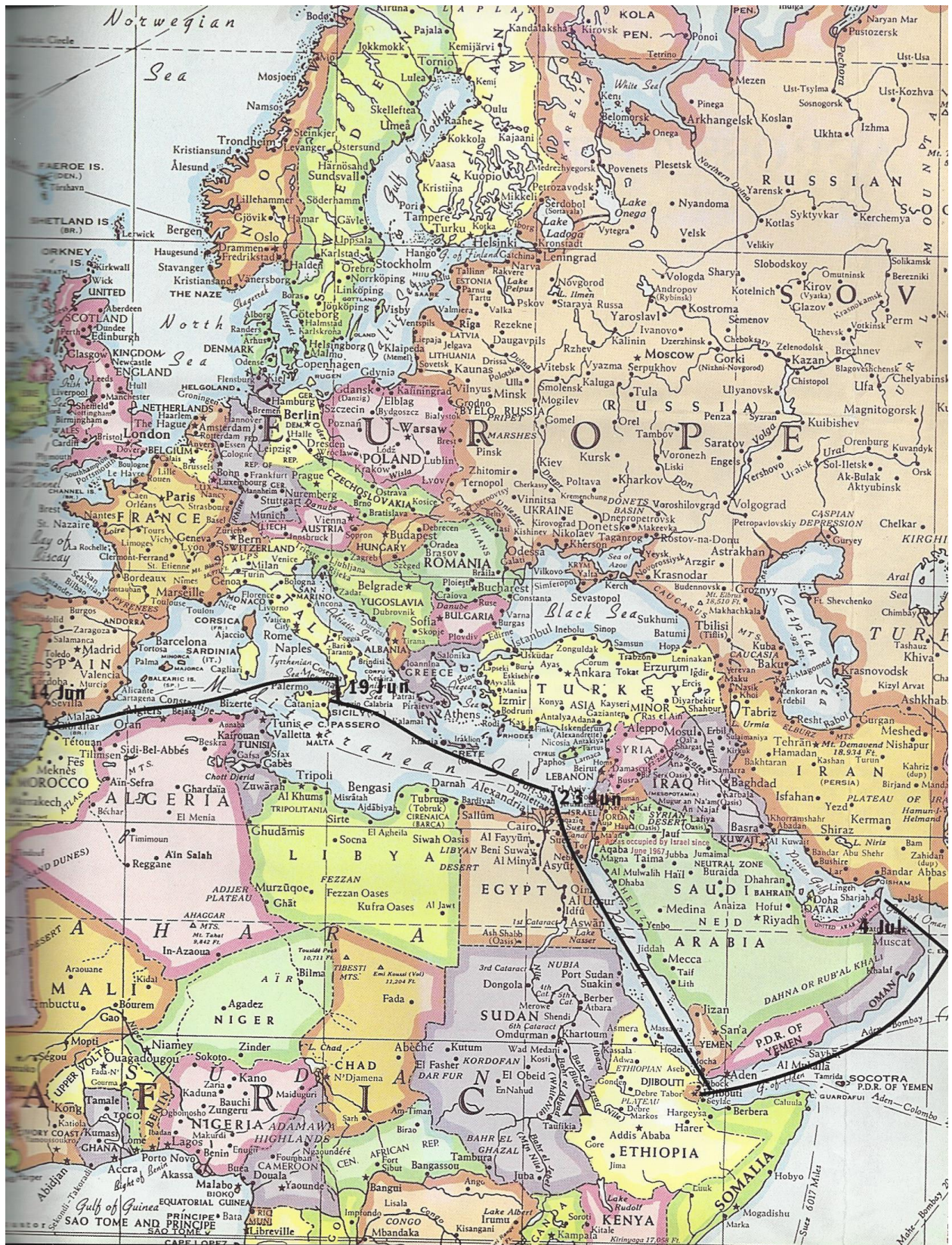


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1. LCDR Martin arrives during our first visit to Bahrain. 2. Photo from the 25 July KUWAITI TIMES. 3. Waiting for the press at flight quarters. 4. Watching swim call in the Gulf of Oman. 5. Interview with Betty Francis in Villefranche. 6. On the bridge for yet another escort Mission. 7. Preparing for Liberty call in Bahrain.





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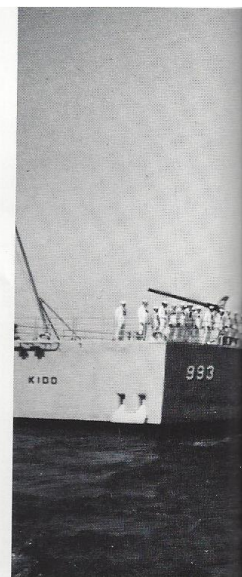


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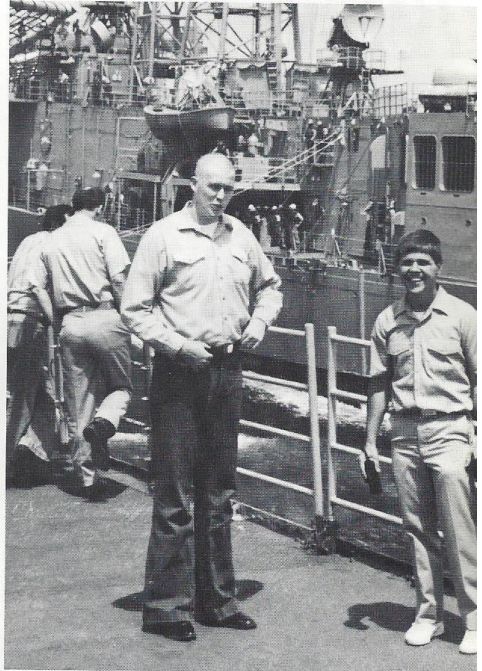
KIDD got underway from Norfolk on 6 June at 0900 for the Atlantic transit with Commander Destroyer Squadron Fourteen, commodore Yonkers and his staff. Off the coast of the United states we rendezvoused with the rest of the Saratoga Battle Group. Admiral Boorda was in command of the Group, but we were detached along with KLAKRING and FLATLEY. Commodore Yonkers took charge of us to begin our training for the Persian Gulf



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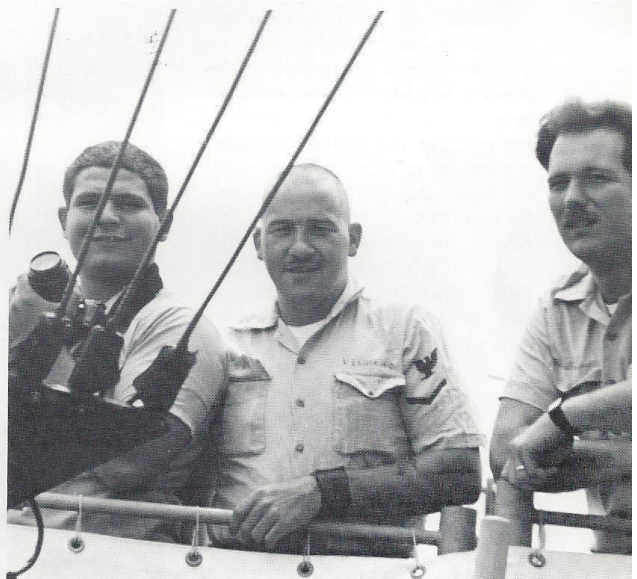
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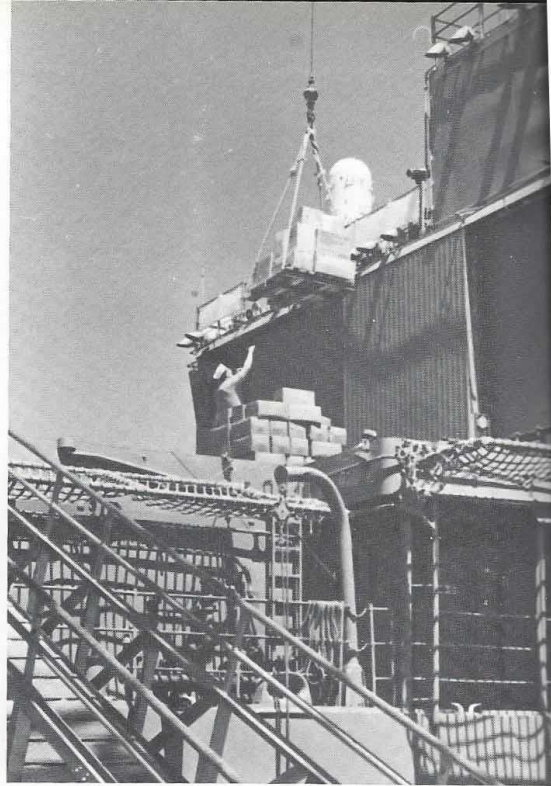


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ROTA, SPAIN



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Our stop in Rota was a short one, but very busy. We took on fuel and a large cargo of food and supplies. A few people got away to call home or visit the exchange, but we were underway again the same day for our trip through the Straits of Gibraltar and along the Coast of Algeria on our way to Augusta Bay, Sicily.



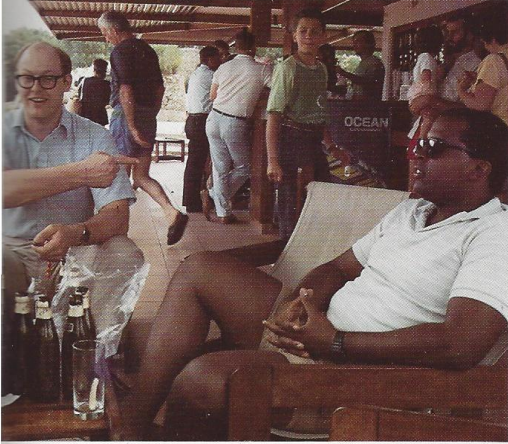
1. Refreshments on the pier. 2. SK1 Cunningham brings on the stores. 3. GSM2 Beckham watches for fuel oil as the tanks are filled.

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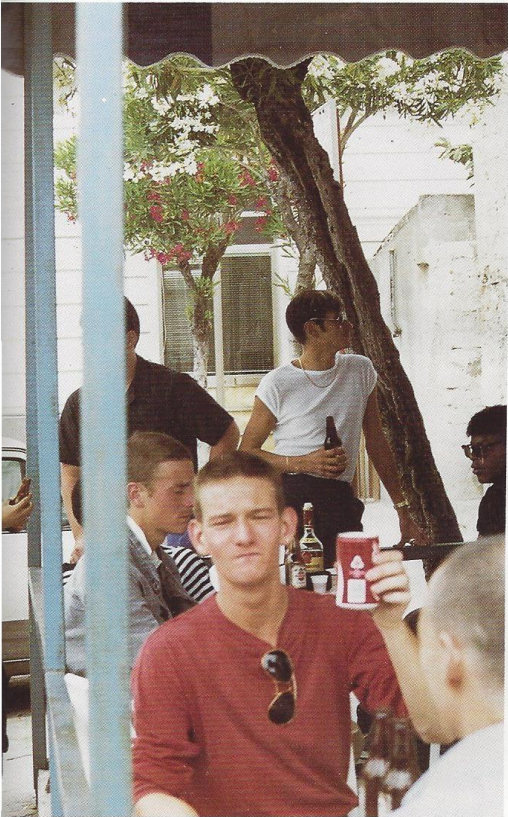
AUGUSTA BAY, SICILY

Like Rota, Augusta Bay was a busy port, but everyone got the chance to get away and see the countryside despite the HSL-34 DET 6 onload and a visit by Mr. Bob Zelnick and ABC News.

1. LT Korh and LT Marshall relax at the Club Med. 2. MR3 Campbell, SN Buttery, and SN Isehoff visiting a street side cafe. 3. A Sicilian Fountain. 4. LTJG Norris, ENS Erskine, LTJG Young, and ENS Boning in the back streets.



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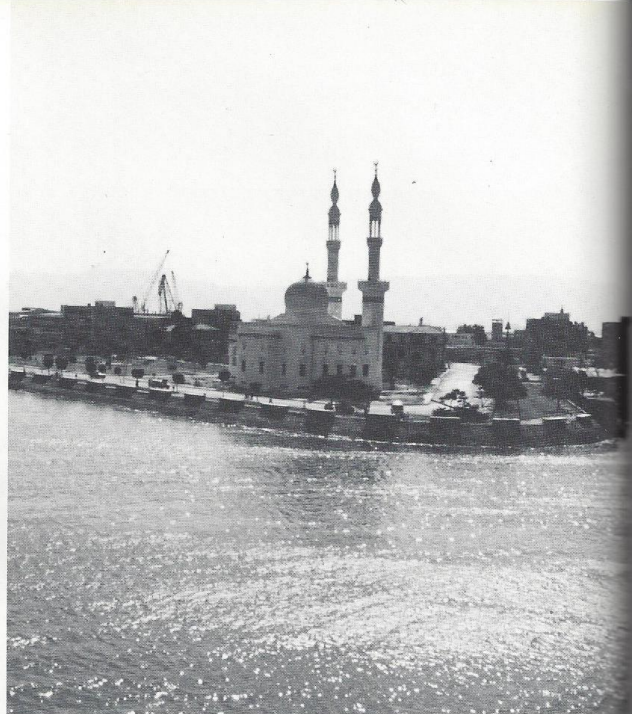
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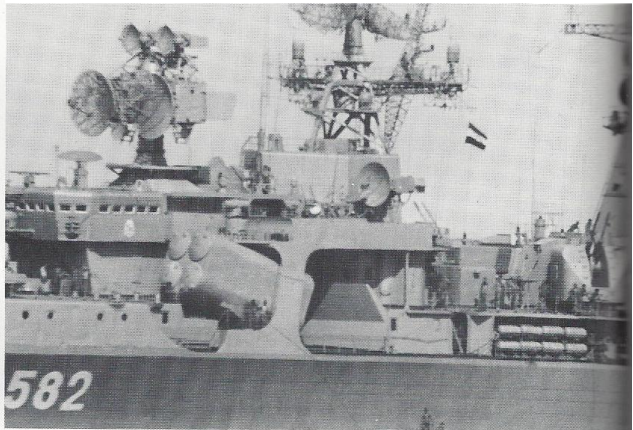
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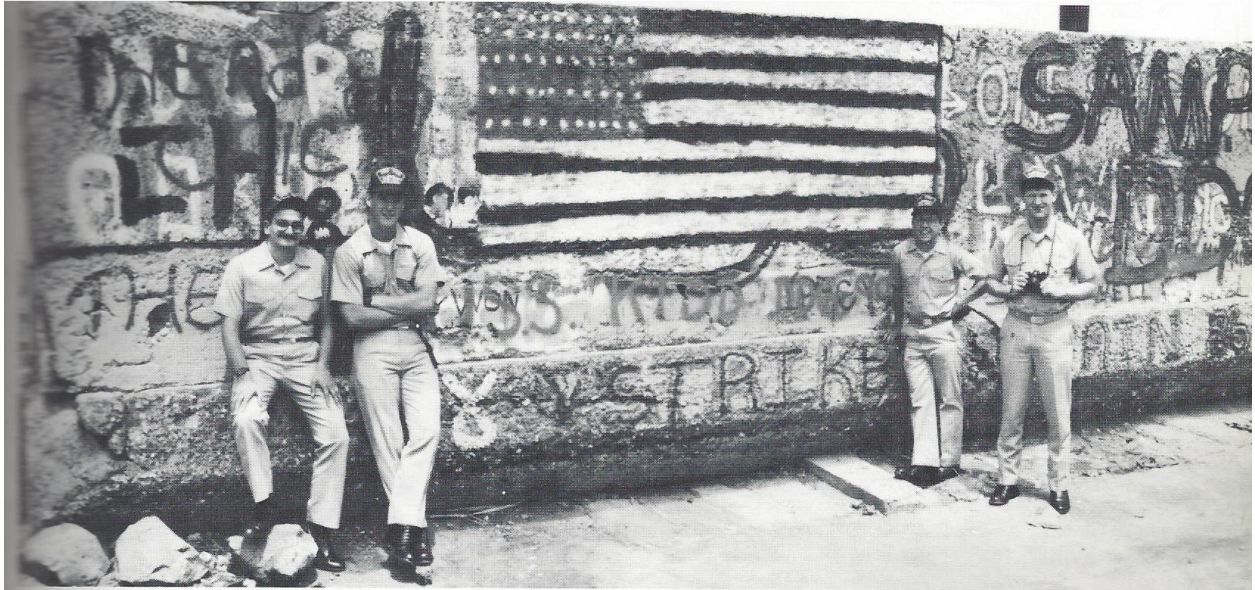
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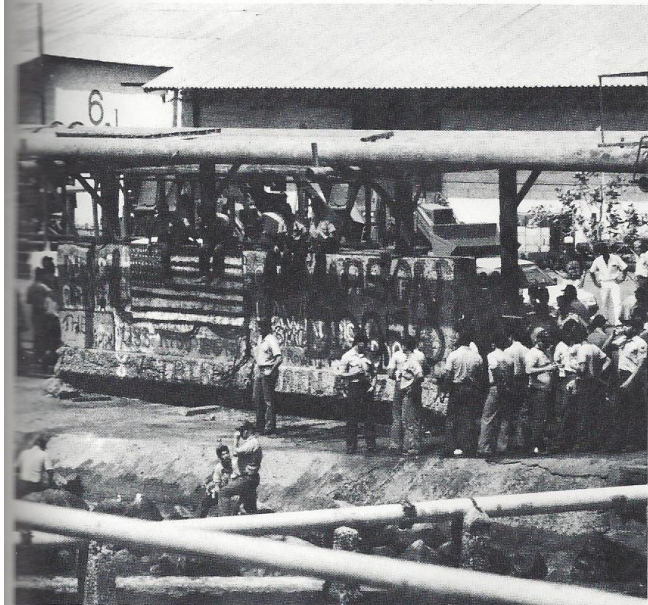
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1. Leaving the Great Bitter Lake southbound. 2. HTC Tittle and LT Paul with Port Said in the background. 3. Soviet **KARA** class cruiser waiting for a trip northbound. 4. LTJG Norris takes in the view. 5. **KIDD** leaves its mark in Djibouti. 6. Party on the dock. 7. OSSN Robb has a private "swim call".

REFUEL IN DJIBOUTI



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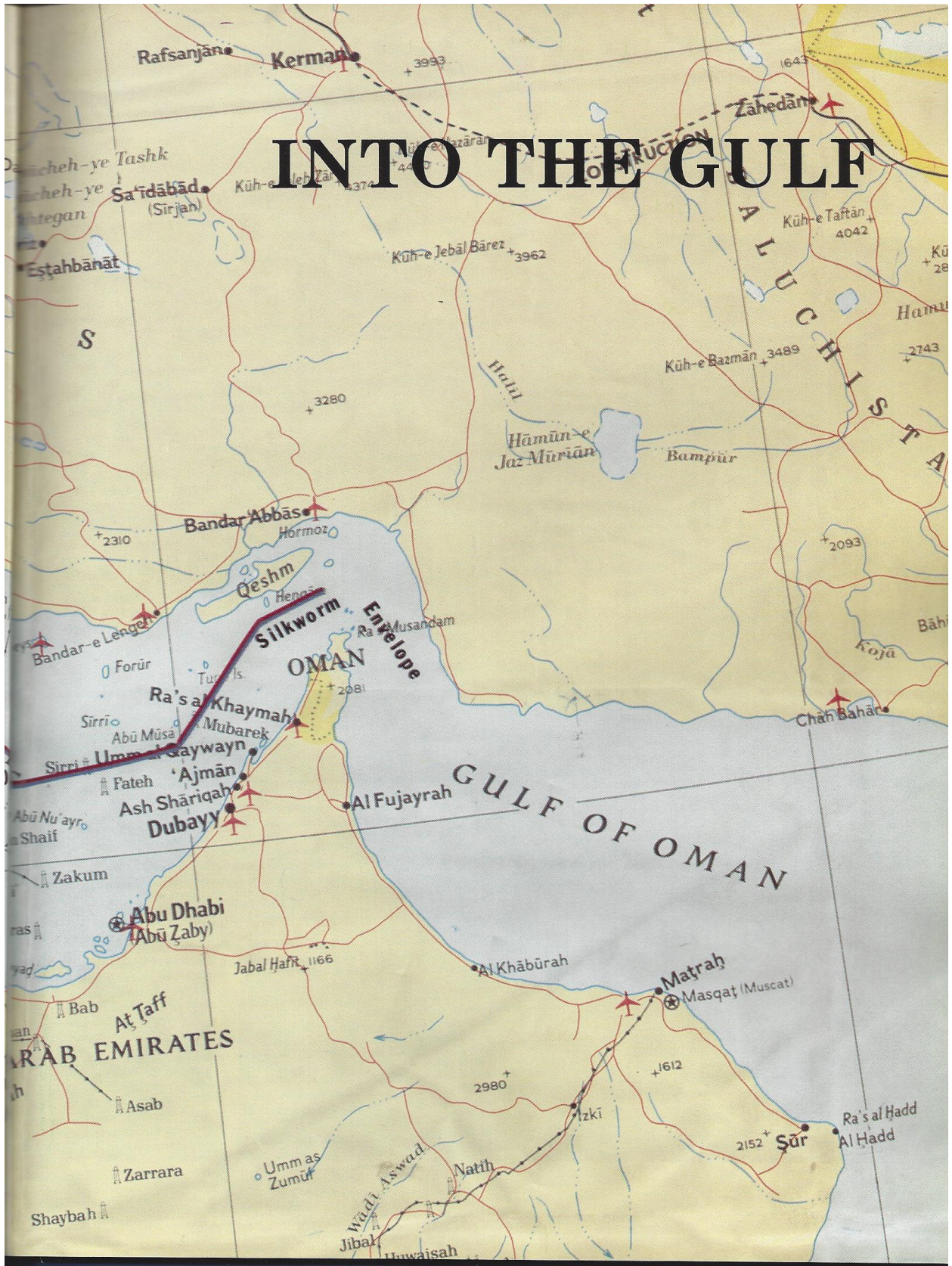


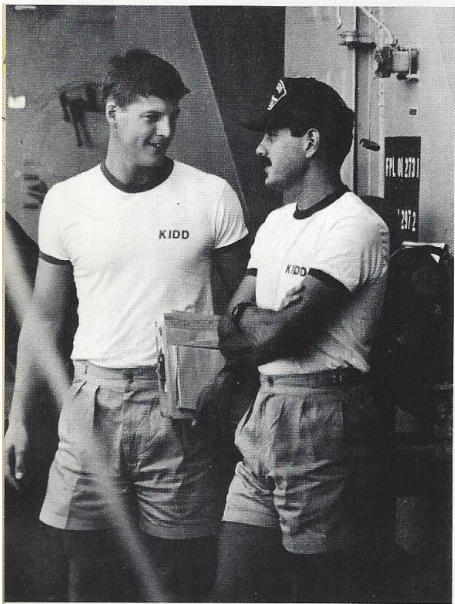
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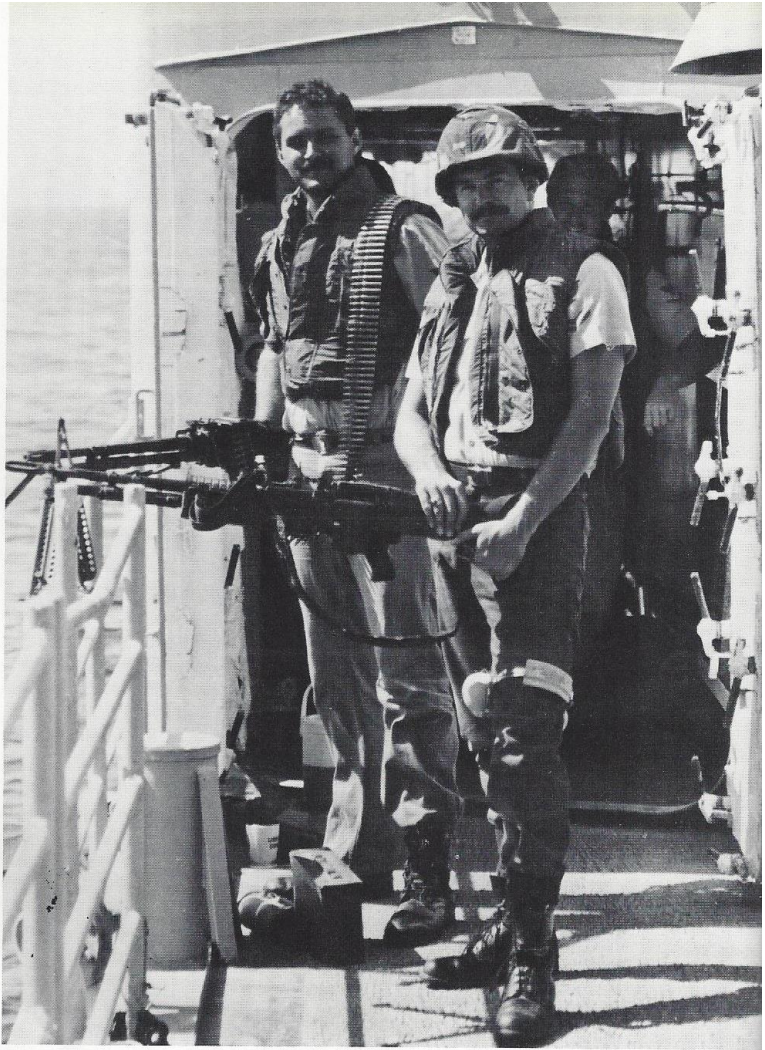
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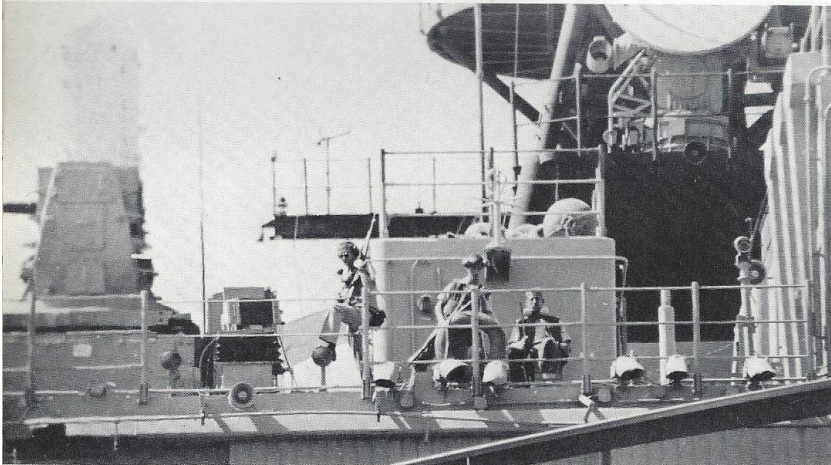




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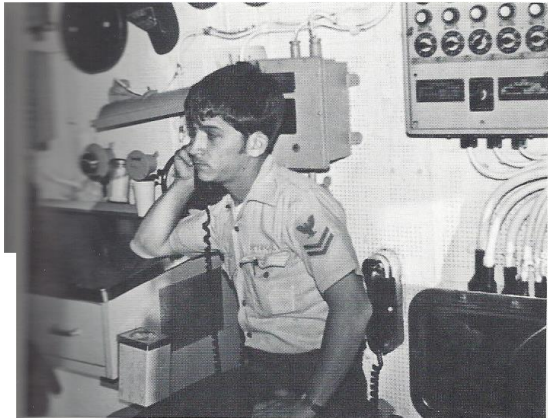
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While the President and Congress debated when and how to commence the escort operations **KIDD** participated in two rehearsals as we learned and practiced the basic tactics to be employed in the first missions. **LASALLE** played the "tanker" role and **COMDESRON 14** the mission commander

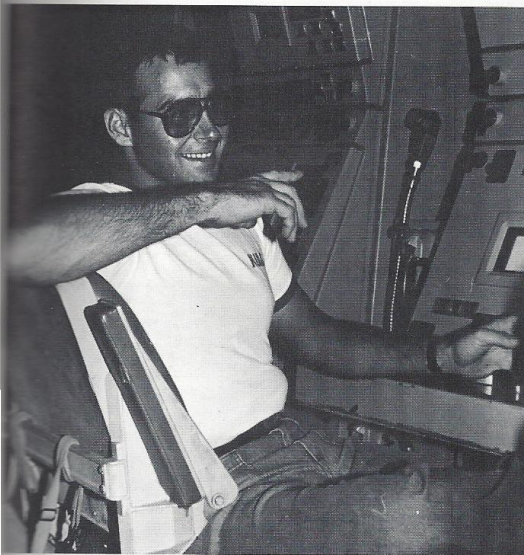
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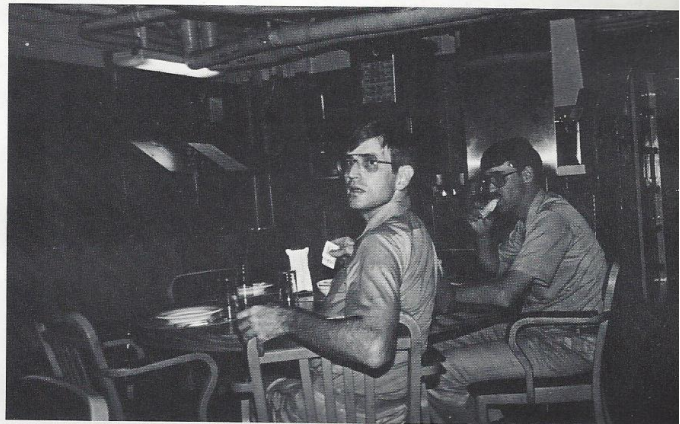
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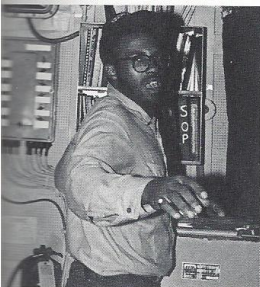
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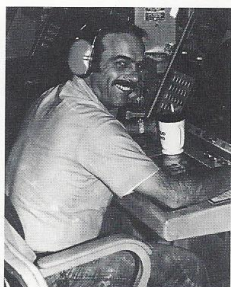
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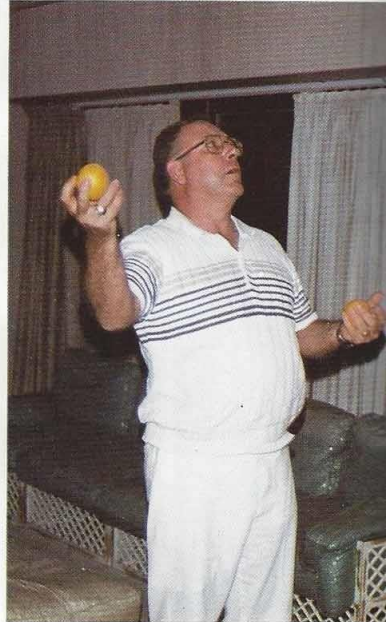
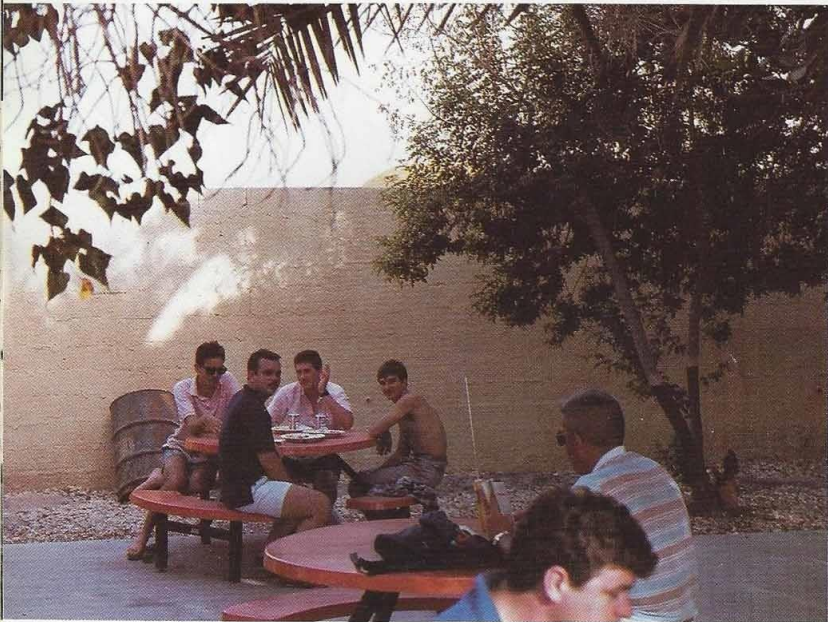
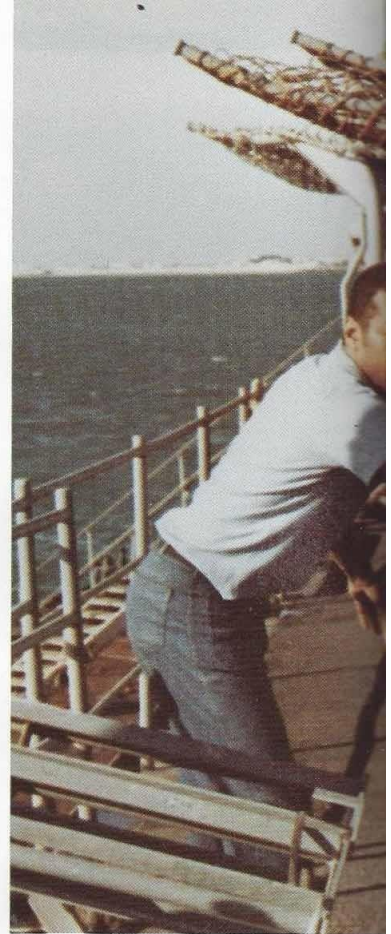
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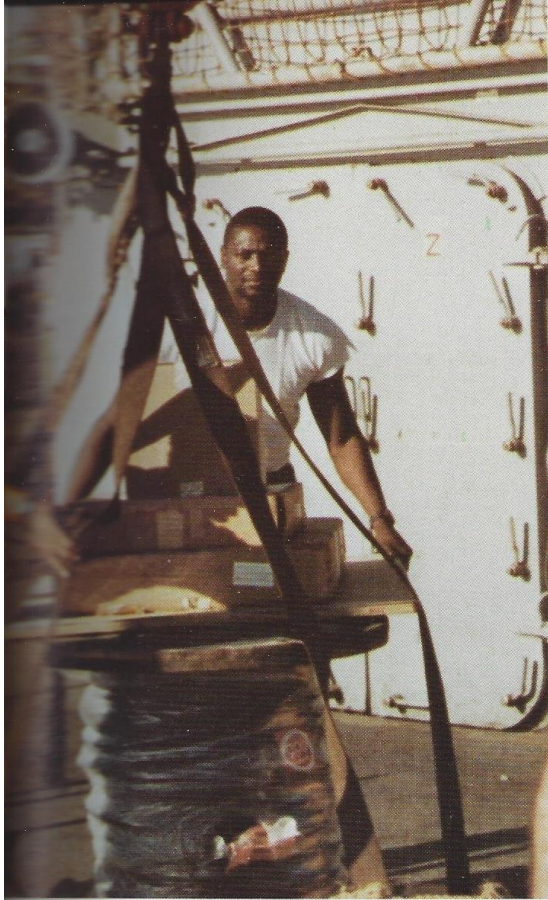


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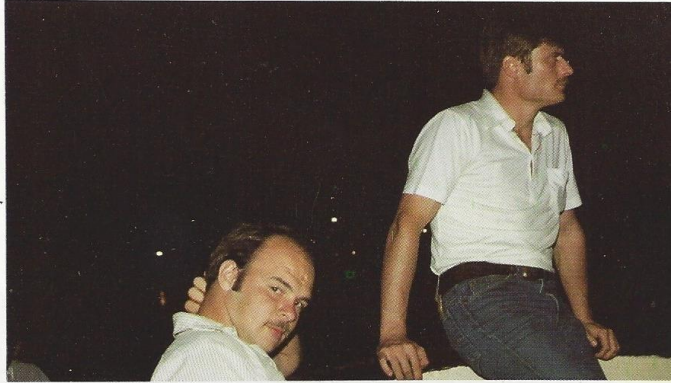
1. LT Young and LT Lilli show the KIDD Persian Gulf summer styles. 2. Ready for anything, STG2 Chappell and MS2 Peters man the Ship's Self Defense Force. 3. STGCS Cafaro, STG3 Clayton, and ET3 Kahl keep a tight topside watch for small boats and low flyers. 4. Boatswain Mate of the Watch, BM2 Spinelli. 5. OS1 Carpenter and OS2 Murphy discuss the DRT. 6. TM1 Delucia in Sonar Control. 7. EMC Roberts and GSEC Johnson take a break for a little KIDD cuisine. 8. RM3 Mosely in Radio. 9. OS2 Cash, TAD from Norfolk, helps out in CIC.

BAHRAIN

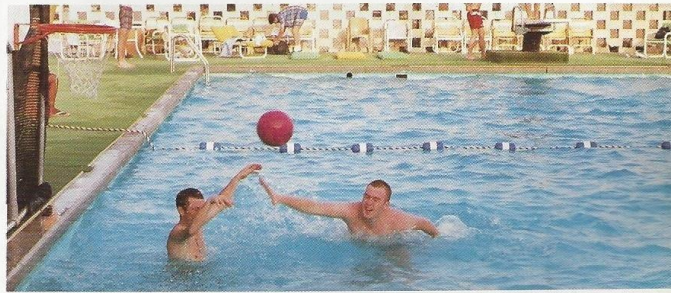




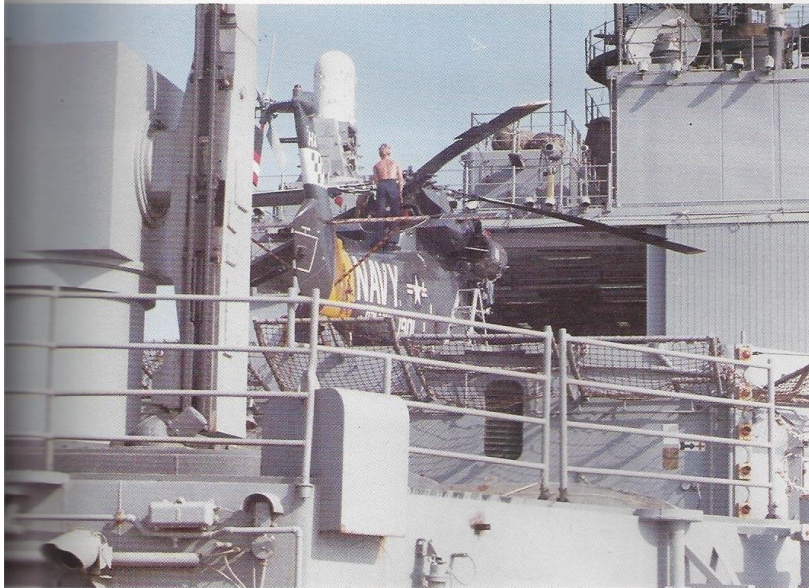
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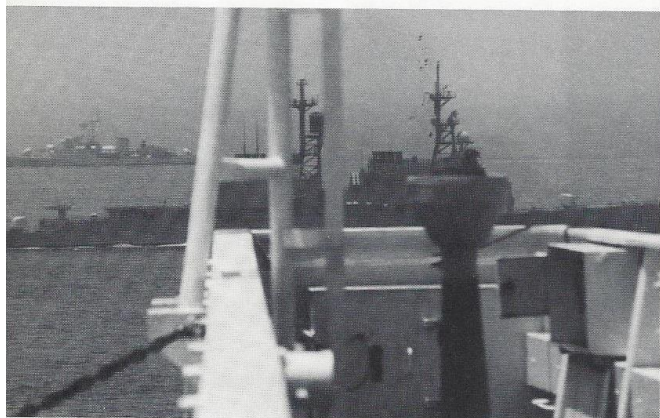
Bahrain became our home base as we operated in the Persian Gulf. Our visits were always too few, too far between and too short. Although the town isn't the hottest liberty port around and the weather made the boat rides almost unbearable, there was always a place to relax, take a swim, get a drink, and of course call home. We could never completely relax though since the open waters of the gulf were only a few miles away and we could not go pier side. The security watches were kept up and Combat was manned.

1. YN1 Craten talks with MS2 Peters during the party at ASU. 2. More supplies are loaded on by SH2 Baxter and SK3 Powell. 3. The *PIRATE* brings BM2 Omalia and BMSN Paige back to *KIDD*. 4. EN2 Nixon and OSSN Slattery partake of a little "Dearhball". 5. STG1 Spear, OS2 Dennis, OS2 Sullivan, and OS3 Peterson at the party. 6. Commodore Yonkers can juggle more than rankers and combatants. 7. Maintenance continues in port.

THE FIRST ESCORT



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The first escort mission began on 22 July with **BRIDGETON** and **GAS PRINCE** the escorted tankers. The media was onboard for the uneventful trip through the straits and up the gulf. All went smoothly until **BRIDGETON** struck a mine on the 24th just south of Kuwait. Nobody was injured and the ship sailed on to finish the mission.



1. Stinger crews are on alert for low flyers. 2. **KIDD** patrols off **BRIDGETON'S** port side. 3. **GREENCHECKER** searches the waterline for mine damage. 4. **OSSN** Robb and **FC1** Hammer keep an eye out for small boats. 5. **LT** Priskey is Tactical Action Officer.



Tanker strikes mine but continues sailing

From the Wire Services

ABOARD THE USS KIDD ← One of two Kuwaiti tankers flying the American flag hit a mine in the Persian Gulf today.

No injuries were reported, but the vessel, the Bridgeton, took on water.

After a brief delay, the Bridgeton — the largest oil tanker in the Arab world — proceeded to Kuwait, its destination.

The explosion occurred on the port, or left, side about 200 feet back from the bow, said Navy Lt. Richard Vogel, who is aboard the Bridgeton.

The blast was so strong aboard the 1,200-foot-long vessel that crew members standing on the bridge, about 1,000 feet from the site of the explosion, were almost knocked off their feet, Vogel said.

The explosion was clearly audible as a loud

"boom" aboard the Kidd, which was one mile to the left and about one-half mile to the rear of the Bridgeton.

Seconds after the boom, Vogel radioed to the bridge of the Kidd, which is the command ship of the U. S. Naval convoy accompanying the Bridgeton and the other tanker, the Gas Prince.

"We've been hit. We've been hit," he told the Kidd.

The Kidd's captain, Cmdr. Dantel J. Murphy Jr., ordered his ship slowed to five knots. It later picked up speed again.

Extra lookouts were posted aboard the Kidd's bow to look for mines. At least nine sailors were on the bow, some armed with M-14 rifles to fire at any suspicious objects in the water.

At the time, all Navy ships were at "general quarters," their highest state of alert, because

they were passing near Farol Island. Iran has launched recent speedboat attacks from that island against Gulf shipping.

Gulf-based shipping sources who were in touch with the Kuwait Oil Tanker Co. said damage was minor.

"The mine blasted an underwater hole in compartment No. 1 on the port side," one shipping source reported. "Only that compartment took on water, which did not constitute major damage."

The sources said the convoy stopped for only a few minutes after the mine exploded. The ships, which had been traveling at about 16 knots, then moved off at half-speed.

The convoy is expected to arrive in al-

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Gulf: Iran threatens Iraq's allies

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Ahmadi after nightfall, local time. It had been scheduled to arrive around midday.

The convoy was about 120 miles southeast of Kuwait's Mina al-Ahmadi oil terminal when the 401,000-ton Bridgeton, formerly al-Rekka, hit the mine.

The convoy ran a gauntlet of Iranian warships, missiles and fighter-bombers without incident until striking the mine.

The origin of the mine was not immediately known, but it is suspected Iran previously sowed mines in the main channel leading to Kuwait.

In Washington, White House spokeswoman Leslye Arshat said President Reagan was awakened at 2 a.m. EDT by national security adviser Frank Carlucci and notified of the explosion. She declined to characterize Reagan's reaction.

Retaliation is possibility

U. S. officials have not said how they would respond to an attack on a vessel flying the Stars and Stripes, but have hinted military retaliation is a possibility.

In Tehran, Iranian Prime Minister Hussein Musavi called the incident an "irreparable blow to America's political and military pres-

tige." He said the mine was planted by "invisible hands."

Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Musavi as saying he hopes "the wise men in the United States have learned a lesson and (will now) put an end to their tension-creating adventures in the Persian Gulf."

The U. S. ambassador to Kuwait, Anthony Quainton, said damage to the Bridgeton will be inspected upon arrival in al-Ahmadi, Kuwait.

"There are no major dry docks here in Kuwait," he said, adding the ship's owner, the Kuwait Oil Tanker Co., will decide whether it will be repaired in Kuwait or moved somewhere else.

"It's a matter of considerable regret that the Bridgeton was hit, but I'm not in a position to speculate on how it will affect future transits," Quainton said.

Iran has concentrated its gulf attacks on Kuwaiti shipping, claiming Kuwait backs Iraq in the nearly 7-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

It generally has attacked Kuwaiti-bound shipping only after Iraqi attacks on Iranian oil terminals or tanker traffic.

U. S., Saudi Arabian and Kuwaiti teams last week reported they had cleared mines in the al-Ahmadi shipping channels, where ships previously have hit mines. The Bridgeton was hit 40 miles south of that area.

Bridgeton and Gas Prince are the first of 11

Kuwaiti tankers to be reflagged under the American flag as part of Kuwait's effort to protect its oil exports from Iranian attacks.

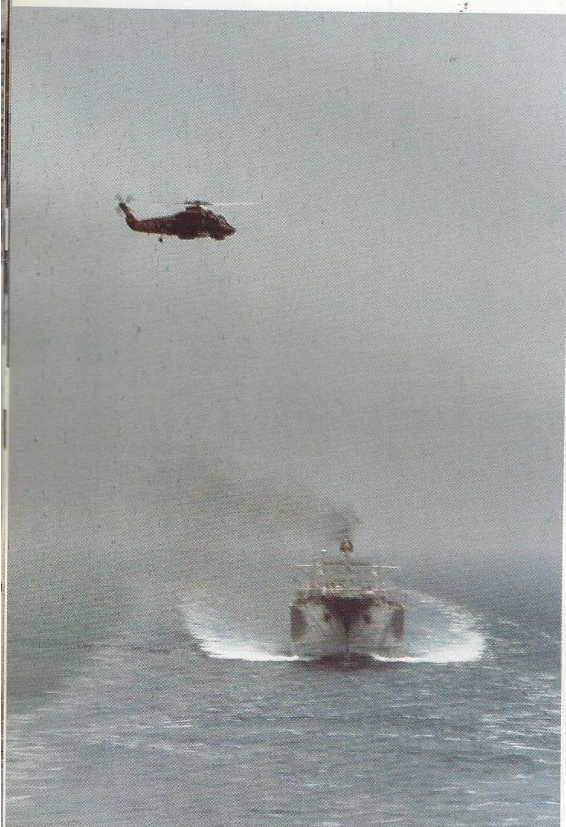
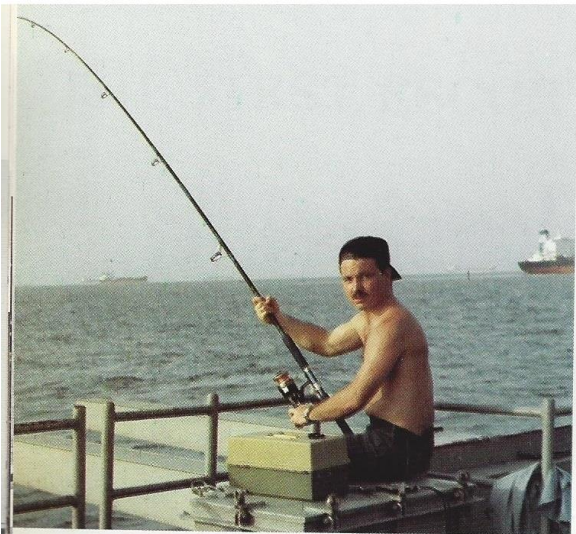
They entered the gulf Wednesday escorted by the destroyer USS Kidd, the guided missile cruiser Fox and the frigate Commell. All are part of a nine-unit U. S. task force in the gulf.

The tankers had been expected to begin the return journey southward through the gulf sometime next week. What effect the mine blast would have on that schedule is not immediately known.

In Tehran today, Hashemi Rafsanjani, Iran's Parliament speaker, threatened strikes against Arab countries in the gulf if Iraq hits Iranian oil installations again, Iran's news agency said.

"If our economic centers and installations are attacked (by Iraq) this time, we will hit back at economic centers belonging to Iraq's allies," the agency quoted Rafsanjani as saying.

Rafsanjani did not name any countries, but Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have been providing financial aid to Iraq and shipping an estimated 300,000 barrels of oil a day on behalf of Iraq, whose ports have been blocked.



1. USS *Allison* takes a break to fish while guarding tankers in the Gulf of Oman. 2. The American flag flies on *SEA ISLE CITY*. 3. *GREENCHECKER* patrolling the convoy. 4. Commodore Yonkers keeps up his signalling with. 5. *JARRETT* follows *HUNTER* and *STRIKER* as they sweep for mines.

CONVOY SAILS SAFELY FOR SUWAIT

By RICHARD PYLE
of The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain

Three Kuwaiti tankers and their U.S. warship escorts sailed up the Persian Gulf today after a secret overnight stop designed to avoid the possibility of an Iranian ambush, shipping sources reported.

"They detected Iranian military activity between Farsi Island and where they were," said one source, who is in regular contact with other ships in the area.

Off Bahrain, a wooden dhow, a private commercial craft, struck a floating mine this morning, other shipping sources said. They said there were no reported casualties, and the ship apparently did not sink. The incident occurred in coastal waters, some distance from the route used by the convoy a day earlier.

Mines have been spotted off the Bahrain coast on previous occasions, and two children were killed earlier this year while examining a mine that had washed up on a beach.

The overnight anchorage off the Arabian coast was in keeping with the Navy's decision to move the convoy through the most hazardous parts of the 550-mile voyage during daylight, when helicopters and ships can scout the waters ahead for mines.

The convoy set sail at daybreak today after the overnight stop, and was expected to arrive late this afternoon at its destination, Kuwait's main offshore loading terminal at Al Ahmadi.

Iran repeatedly has threatened to attack the U.S. warships, and said on Sunday that the gulf would "remain full of mines" as the superpowers stay in the region.

Farsi, a tiny island in the northern gulf, has been used in the past by Iran to launch speedboat-borne commando attacks on ships.

On July 24, one of two reflagged Kuwaiti tankers being escorted near the island was damaged by a mine. Pentagon sources in Washington said Iran planted the explosive that blew a hole in the hull

KIDD continued to participate in every mission for the first nine escorts with the exception of number six when we were in Abu Dhabi for some well deserved liberty. With the Escort Commander, **COM-DESRON 14**, onboard our role in the missions was a big one, even providing the officers to ride the tankers with LT Vogel riding the first three missions and LT Young and ENS O'Donnell on the fourth. Tactics and procedures advanced with the developments made by **KIDD** remaining in use even after our departure from the gulf.

THE ESCORTS CONTINUE

of the supertanker *Bridgeton*.

Shipping sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the convoy, which does not need to use deepwater channels, would steer well clear of Farsi Island.

On Sunday night, the convoy turned out most of its lights as it traveled single-file through the gulf.

Preceding the convoy Sunday was a fourth U.S. warship, the guided missile cruiser *Reeves*, which was "exploring" the waters, shipping sources said. Small utility helicopters, which the warships carry, were dragging sounding devices through the water to try to detect suspicious objects, they said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The convoy was the second to travel up the gulf under a U.S. agreement to re-register 11 Kuwaiti tankers to afford them military protection.

Iran accuses Kuwait of supporting Iraq, its foe in the 7-year-old gulf war. Each nation has attacked ships involved in commerce with the other.

In an interview broadcast Sunday by Tehran radio, Iranian Prime Minister Hussein Musavi issued new threats against foreign intervention in the region.

"As long as the superpowers intend to be present there and as long as they intend to act against countries of the region, the Persian Gulf will remain full of mines and continue to be a dangerous region for ships," he said in the broadcast monitored in Cyprus and London.

The convoy's biggest tanker, the 81,283-ton **SEA ISLE CITY**, has been leading the procession, evidently as a bulwark against floating mines, observers said.

The reflagged vessels are the **SEA ISLE CITY**, an oil products carrier, the 79,999-ton **OCEAN CITY**, another an oil products carrier and the 46,732-ton **GAS KING**, a liquefied gas tanker.

Their escorts were the missile destroyer **KIDD** and missile frigates **CROMMELIN** and **JARRETT**.

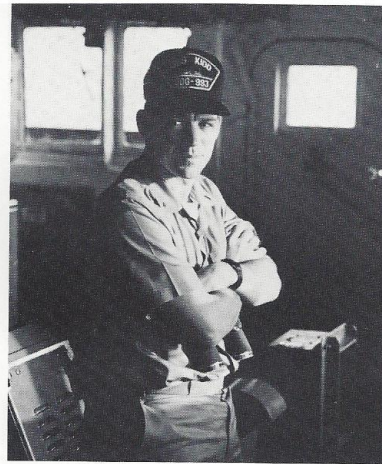


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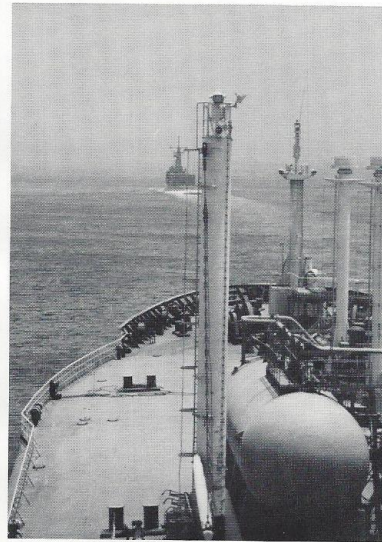
ESCORT MISSION SUMMARY

MISSION	IN/OUT DATE	TANKERS
87001	IN 22-24 JUL	BRIDGETON-GAS PRINCE
87002	OUT 02-03 AUG	GAS PRINCE
87003	IN 05-08 AUG	SEA ISLE CITY
87004	IN 17-21 AUG	OCEAN CITY-GAS KING TOWNSEND-GAS QUEEN GAS PRINCESS
87005	OUT 22-25 AUG	OCEAN CITY-GAS KING SEA ISLE CITY
87006 1	IN 28 AUG-1 SEP	SURF CITY CHESAPEAKE CITY
87007	OUT 02-05 SEP	TOWNSEND-GAS QUEEN GAS PRINCESS
87008	OUT 12-14 SEP	SURF CITY CHESAPEAKE CITY
87009 23	IN 13-15 SEP	BRIDGETON-AL FUNTAS GAS PRINCE
87010 4	OUT 30 SEP-3 OCT	GAS PRINCE
87011 4	IN 11-13 OCT	SEA ISLE CITY-GAS KING OCEAN CITY-GAS PRINCESS
87012 4	OUT 20-22 OCT	OCEAN CITY-GAS PRINCE USS RALEIGH
87013 4	IN 22-24 OCT	COURIER-PATRIOT

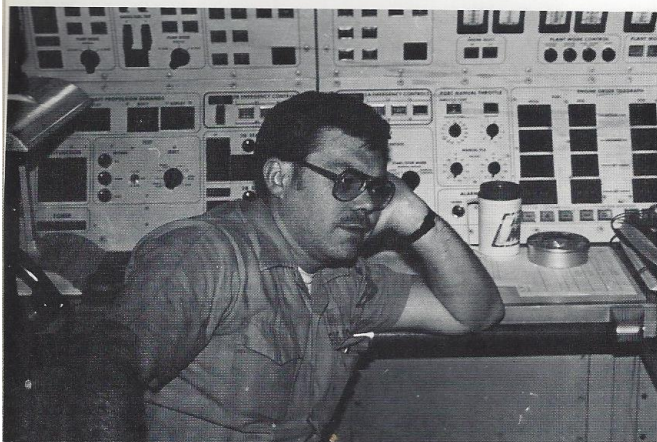
NOTES: 1. **KIDD** inport Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. 2. **BRIDGETON** and **AL FUNTAS** stop in Dubai, U.A.E. for repair and conversion respectively. 3. **AL FUNTAS** to become **MIDDLETON** after conversion. 4. **KIDD** patrolling south of Abu Musa Island.



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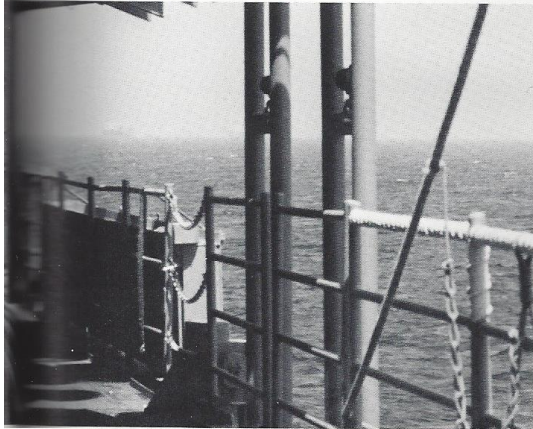


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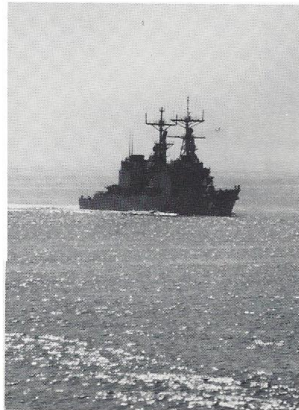
1. **OCEAN CITY** moves up the gulf. 2. **ENS Ring** stands **JOOW** shortly after his arrival. 3. **GAS PRINCE** heads outbound, the first round trip completed. 4. **GSM2** Baughman at **PACC**. 5. **CROMMELIN** with **OCEAN CITY** and **GAS KING** during the second mission. 6. **KIDD** brings up the rear in the fourth mission. 7. In patrol station. 8. American Master of the **SEA ISLE CITY**, Captain John Hunt.



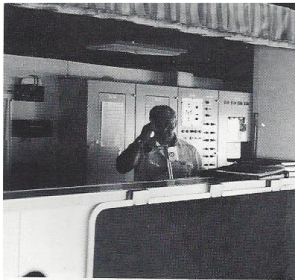
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Tankers approach dangerous strait

By NABILA MEGALLI
of The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain

Four Kuwaiti tankers and their U.S. Navy warship escorts approached the narrow Strait of Hormuz, the last and most dangerous leg of their Persian Gulf journey.

In New York, meanwhile, Iran's deputy foreign minister was scheduled to hold discussions today with U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar on ending the 7-year-old Iran-Iraq war. A State Department official said the United States would also be willing to

talk with the Iranian about a cease-fire.

In the gulf, the mine-damaged *Bridgeton* and two U.S. warships cruised well ahead of the convoy's three smaller U.S.-registered tankers Sunday, but by this morning the trio was catching up, gulf-based shipping sources said.

The U.S. Navy had ordered the 401,382-ton *Bridgeton* to leave its overnight mooring about 12 hours earlier than the other three tankers in an apparent effort to confuse any poten-

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tial attackers, said shipping and salvage experts, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The sources said the four tankers would likely sail today through Hormuz, the gulf's southern gateway, in which Iran has deployed Chinese-made Silkworm anti-ship missiles.

The U.S. Navy, which is guarding the tankers with air and sea cover and mine-sweeping helicopters, has refused to discuss the movements of the four ships since they left Kuwait early Saturday.

Despite frequent threats, Iran has not directly attacked any Kuwaiti tankers under U.S. escort.

Sunday evening, the patched-up supertanker and the destroyer *Kidd* were sailing off the United Arab Emirates behind mine-sweeping helicopters and the USS *Guadalcanal* helicopter carrier, said gulf-based shipping executives and a group of reporters.

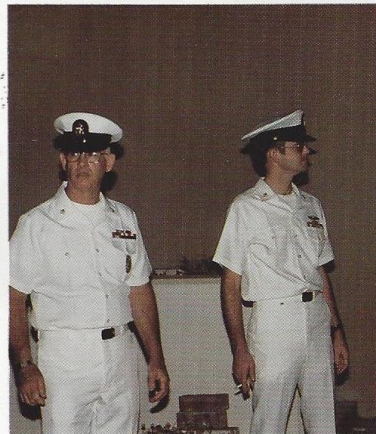
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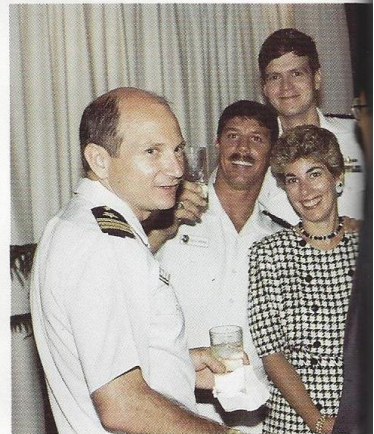
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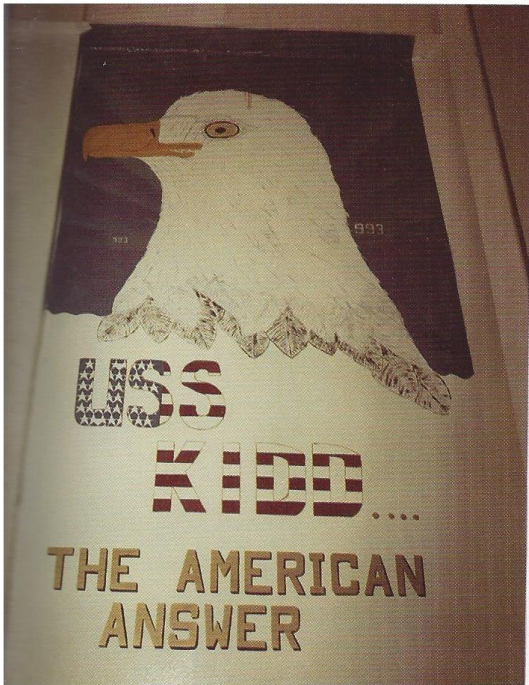
1. The fountain downtown. 2. Commodore Yonkers with the American Ambassador. 3. MAC Vance and EMC Roberts at the embassy reception. 4. CDR Murphy, LT Gordon, and LT Kimberlain are a hit with the staff. 5. LT Brooks mingles well. 6. One big happy family; RMC Dezolia, LCDR Thompson, and LT Lilli.



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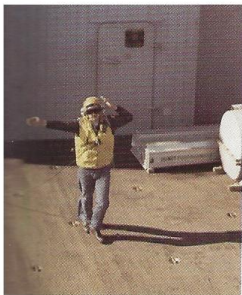


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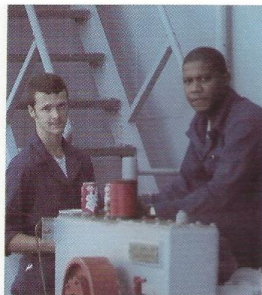


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1. EN3 Warling's Aux 2 artwork. 2. Swim call in the Gulf of Oman. 3. REEVES joins a convoy. 4. "Clear to port" 5. EN3 Megargel and EN3 Holmes take a break from working on the RIB. 6. KIDD in battle dress.



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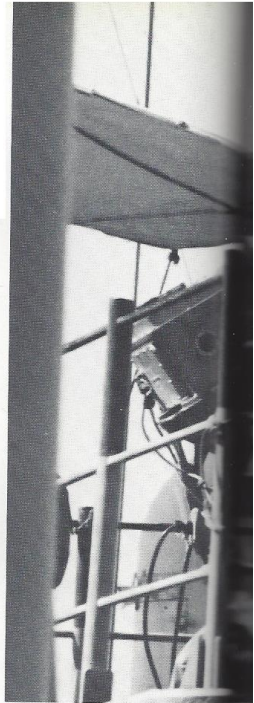
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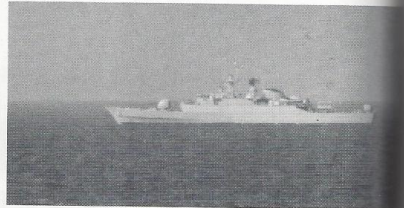


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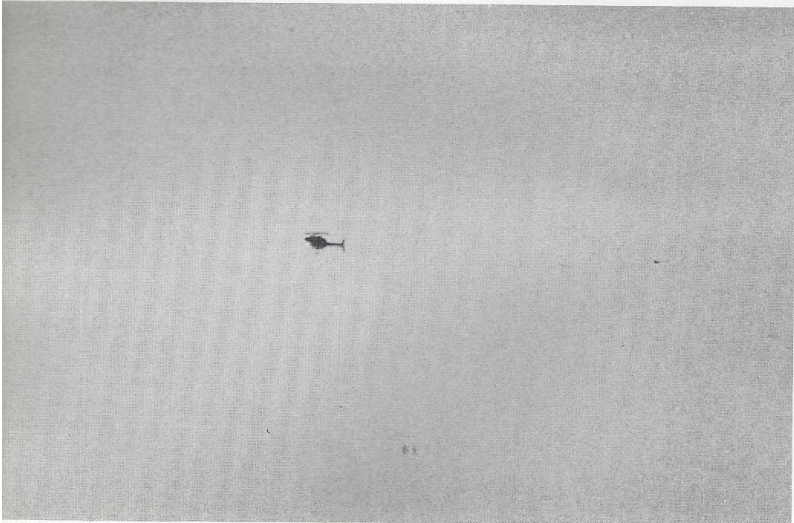


As the escort missions became more routine our assignment changed to the long patrols south of the Iranian island of Abu Musa. Our jobs were diverse as we monitored passing escort missions, kept the air picture straight for the southern gulf, and trailed Iranian frigates as they harassed foreign merchants.

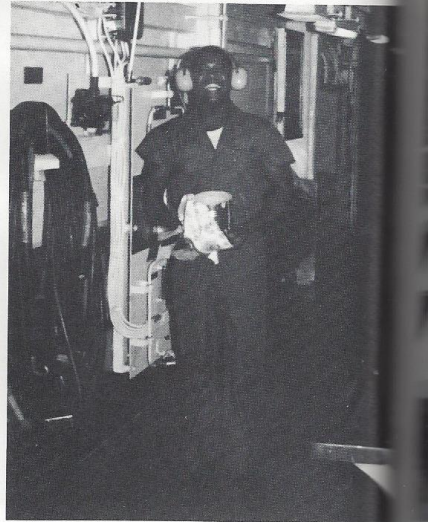
1. AE1 White stands by for GREENCHECKER to return from yet another small boat observation mission. 2. Another tanker passes on its way up the gulf. 3. FC3 Young, FCSN Barnett and FCSN Smith at forward TOT. 4. CIWS team at work on Mount 22. 5. Iranian Frigate SABALAN. 6. The ever present news helo. 7. EN3 Holmes keeps the rust away. 8. 236 on deck in standby. 9. GMM3 Smith and SH2 Barker relaxing on deck. 10. An inside look at GREENCHECKER 236.



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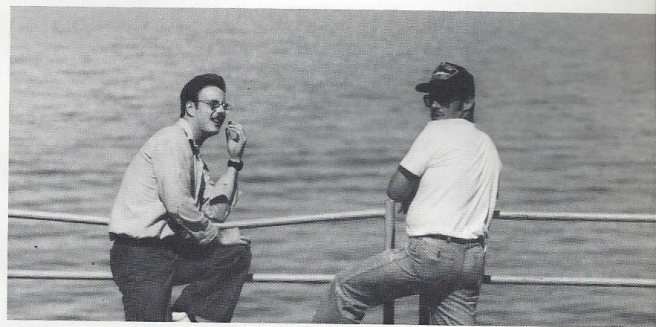
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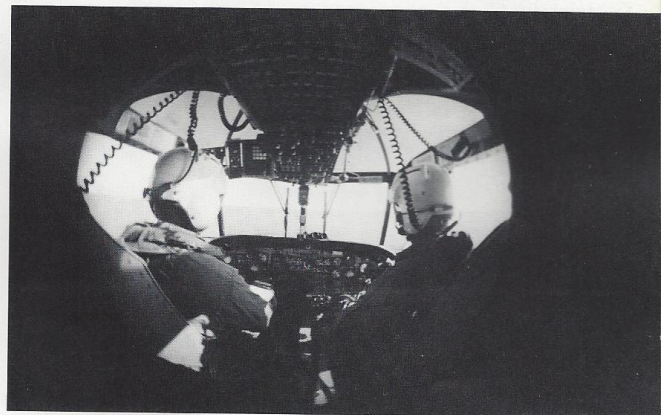
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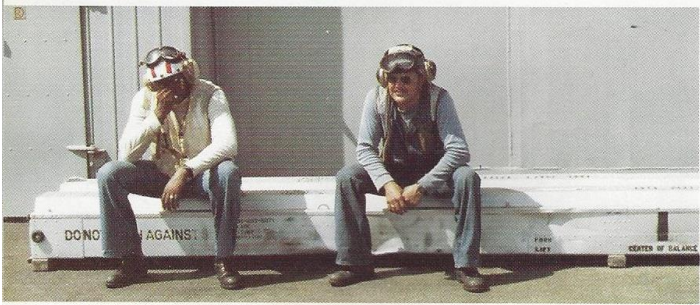
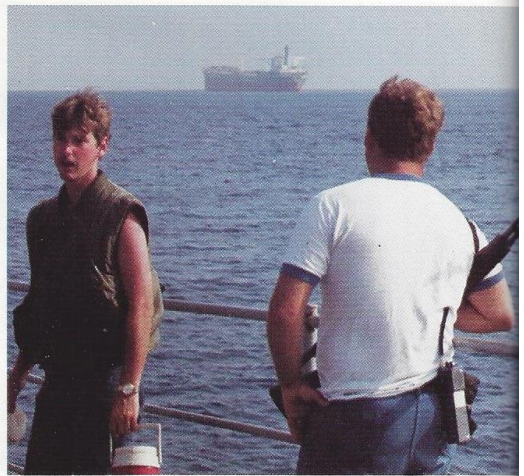
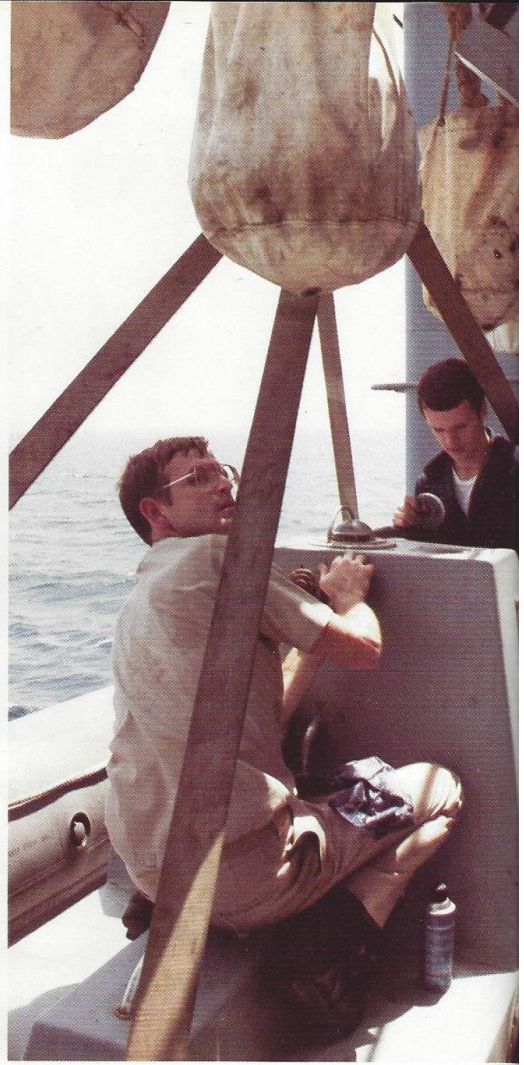
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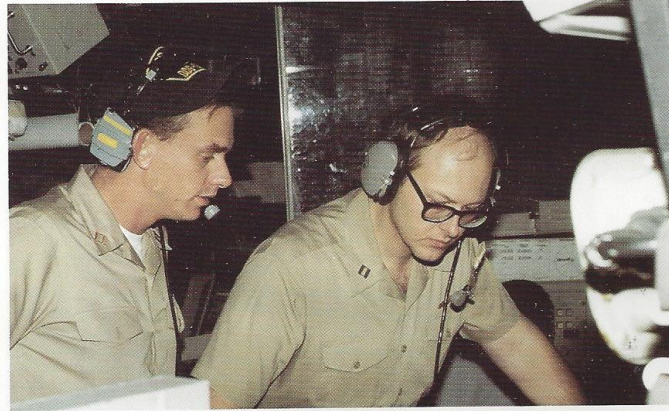


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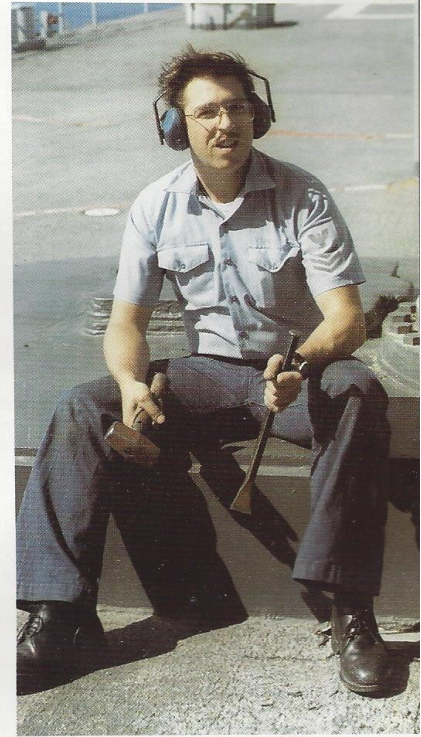




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1. GMM2 Cope working on LS 1. 2. The liberty boat heads ashore in Bahrain. 3. AE1 White and AMS3 Keylon at flight quarters again. 4. EMC Roberts and EN3 Megargel on the RIB. 5. STG3 Goodfellow with a passing tanker. 6. GREEN-CHECKER's designation is changed to attack. 7. LT Prisley and LT Koth check out the surface picture. 8. GMM1 Vosburgh preserving LS 1. 9. Number 3 feed pump is returned.

Navy discovers more mines

By Nabila Megall
The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain

U.S. Navy forces recovered at least three mines in the Persian Gulf, pinpointing their location with information from crewmen of a captured Iranian vessel, U.S. officials and shipping sources said.

The explosives were found by American warships and helicopters during a mine-sweeping operation Wednesday in the central Persian Gulf, where the Iranian ship was attacked by U.S. helicopters this week.

Pentagon sources in Washington said the United States hoped to transport the 26 Iranians detained in the attack to Oman today, to be released to the International Red Crescent Society, the Islamic equivalent of the Red Cross.

Shipping sources said Navy warships were escorting a reflagged Kuwaiti tanker through the gulf today, but Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger denied the convoy had left Kuwait.

Gulf-based shipping executives, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Navy had found eight moored, contact-type mines in the central gulf.

'We might use it for target practice.'

U.S. official on the captured Iranian gunboat *Iran Ajr*

Weinberger, speaking from Washington in a television interview, said three mines had been located Wednesday and the Navy expected to find others.

He said some of the crewmen from the 1,662-ton *Iran Ajr* had provided information that helped American forces locate the mines. U.S. naval vessels often anchor in the area where the devices were found, about 50 miles northeast of Bahrain.

Another Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said charts showing safe, unmined routes through the Persian Gulf had been discovered on the Iranian vessel.

Senior U.S. naval officers have maintained for weeks the Iranians were sowing mines in international waters in the gulf, but they said the U.S. capture of the *Iran Ajr* provided the

first proof. Iran denied the ship was planting mines.

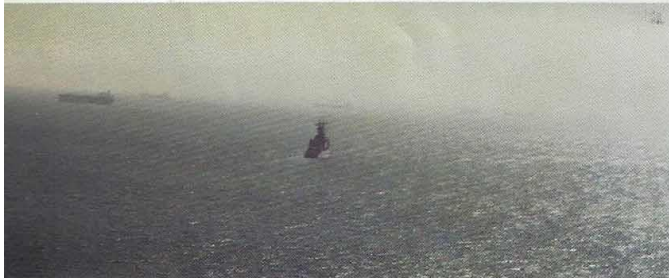
Five Iranians were killed and four wounded when the U.S. helicopters assaulted the ship with machine-gun fire and rockets Monday.

Pentagon sources said it was not yet clear whether the detained Iranians, who were being held on Navy ships, would be transported to Oman by helicopter or flown from air bases in Bahrain.

U.S. officials have not announced what they plan to do with the *Iran Ajr*. "We might use it for target practice," said one source in Washington. "It's definitely not going back to Iran."

Pentagon officials said threats of Iranian reprisal for the ship attack would not prevent Weinberger from leaving as scheduled on a five-day trip to the area. He was to visit Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and U.S. Navy ships in the region.

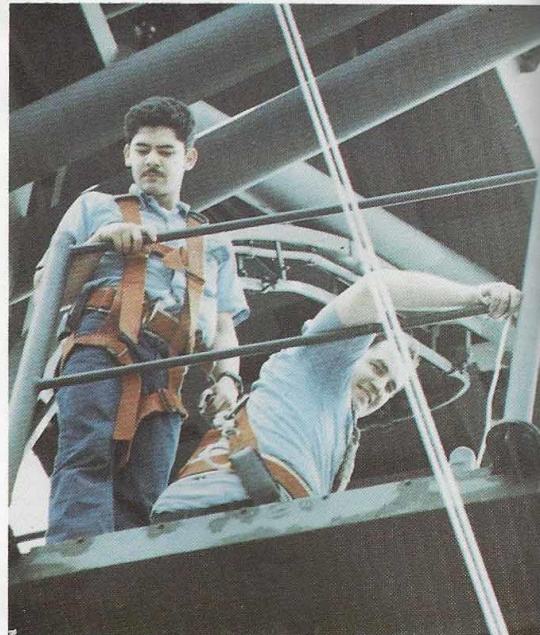
The departure of the 46,723-ton *Gaspar* and Navy escorts from Kuwait would be the 10th convoy since President Reagan's decision to reflagging 11 Kuwaiti tankers. The *Stars and Stripes* went into effect in July.



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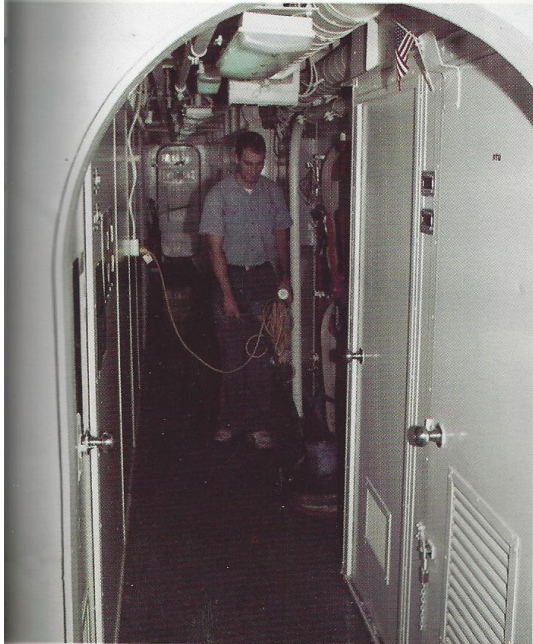
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1. Helo Der artwork. 2. Gulf sunser. 3. Tankers everywhere off Dubai. 4. GMG1 Nash and MAC Vance earn their ESWS. 5. EWSN Schnexsneider and EW3 Haight on the forward mast. 6. SN Packard cleaning up Officer Country. 7. Damage Control Central. 8. GMM2 Beasley.

NAVY TO SCUTTLE VESSEL CAPTURED IN PERSIAN GULF

By Richard Pyle
The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain

U.S. sailors Friday placed explosives aboard an Iranian ship caught laying mines in the Persian Gulf. Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger said the Navy would blow it up and would tolerate no more mining.

"We're hopeful that this one episode will be a sufficient warning so that they will stop it, but we are not going to go on the basis of hopes," Weinberger said during a tour of U.S. warships in the gulf.

Asked whether Iranian officials were advised that the 180-foot, 1,662-ton *Iran Ajr* was being destroyed, he said, "They'll see it when it goes up or down, I should say . . . It certainly will not be handed back so that it can engage in further activities."

The official Iraqi News Agency, monitored the Cyprus, said Iranian artillery kept shelling Basra and killed seven civilians Friday. It said Iraqi warplanes hit a tanker off the Iranian coast and targets deep inside Iran.

INA did not identify the vessel attacked and shipping executives in the region could not confirm the raid.

The agency said other targets included a war plant in Ahvaz, southwestern Iran, and military installations elsewhere.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, also monitored in Cyprus, reported no air raids, but said an Iraqi warplane was shot down over southwestern Iran. Iraq said all its jets returned safely.

IRNA said President Ali Khamenei returned to Iran from the United Nations on Friday and told reporters that Iran's "rigor toward the United States" grew after the Navy attacked and captured *Iran Ajr* on Monday.

Other Iranian officials, vowing vengeance, have said the vessel was carrying non-military cargo and was not sowing mines.

Five Iranians were killed when the ship was captured and 26, including four wounded, were taken into U.S. custody. The survivors are to be repatriated to Iran on Saturday in Oman under the supervision of the Red Crescent, the Moslem equivalent of the Red Cross.

The *Times of London* reported that the Navy commandos stormed the ship after the initial attack and fired at Iranian crewmen to stop them from sliding the rest of the ship's mines into the gulf.

The newspaper said the Navy used new and secret models of a new, ultra-quiet helicopter codenamed Sea Bat that flew just above sea level at 120 mph.

The Navy began in July to escort 11 reflagged Kuwaiti tankers to protect them from Iran, which considers Kuwait an ally of Iraq. Both Iran and Iraq have attacked foreign ships in their seven-year war.

The Regan administration has vowed to keep the Persian Gulf open to navigation. About 20 percent of the non-communist world's oil passes through the gulf.

Weinberger, beginning a five-day tour of the region, visited 3 of the 11 ships assigned to the Middle East Force, the Navy's gulf-based escort squadron.

He viewed nine mines found intact aboard the *Iran Ajr* and said several more mines were located around the area. Navy demolition experts blew up one mine when Weinberger was aboard the nearby USS LASALLE.

Asked if he thought U.S. action would raise tensions in the gulf, Weinberger said, "You've got to bear in mind that the pot's been stirred up pretty thoroughly since 1979, and nothing has happened to give any hope of getting it over."

He said he hoped Iran would heed the multinational military presence in the gulf and the threat of an arms embargo it ignores a U.N. resolution demanding a cease-fire.

"I know the Iraqis feel that way and I would just hope that some degree of sanity would return to the Iranian government so we could get the same result," he said.

Asked how U.S. citizens would react if U.S. forces suffered reversals, Weinberger said, "I would hope that the political will of the United States is as strong as the men out there defending us."

He told the ships' crews that President Reagan thanked them for their efforts, "not only for the United States but for our allies and indeed for all the countries interested in freedom." He called the capture of the *Iran Ajr* "an extraordinarily effective achievement."

Weinberger said Washington was coordinating with other nations with mine sweepers either in the gulf or en route about how to divide up the task of searching for the explosives.

Belgium, Italy and the Netherlands are sending mine sweepers.

U.S. BACKS OFF FROM IRANIAN EMBARGO CALL

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

The United States on Friday backed away from a call for an arms embargo against Iran and instead reaffirmed its willingness to work with the U.N. Security Council to achieve a cease-fire in the Iran-Iraq war.

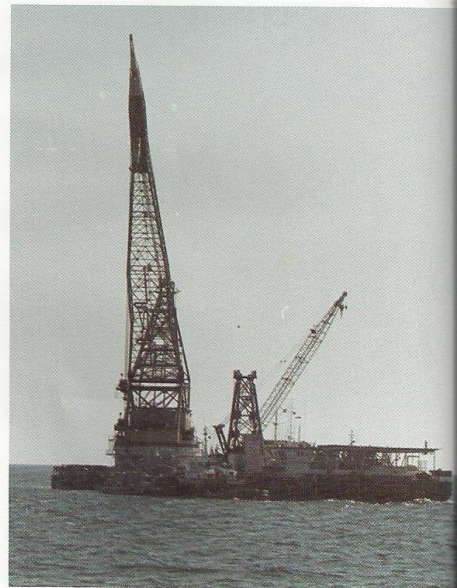
"We're not seeking sanctions, we're seeking that this (U.N. peace) resolution be accepted and that a cease-fire come about," U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz said after a meeting with foreign ministers.

Many diplomats have said that despite vigorous efforts in the past week, the United States clearly had failed to win broad support for its call for an immediate arms embargo against Iran as the most effective and judicious way of bringing about a cease-fire in the 7-year-old war.

Several diplomats said Monday's U.S. helicopter attack on an Iranian vessel didn't persuade

many countries to seek immediate sanctions against Tehran. Shultz said the arms embargo and other sanctions haven't been abandoned.

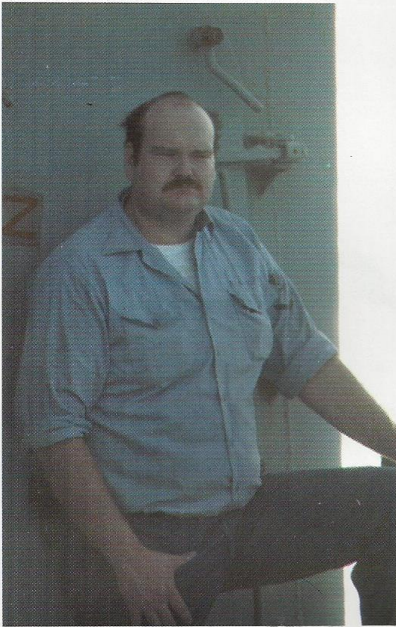
"On the contrary, the distinct possibility, the probability will happen unless there is a satisfactory response (by Iran) there," he told reporters.



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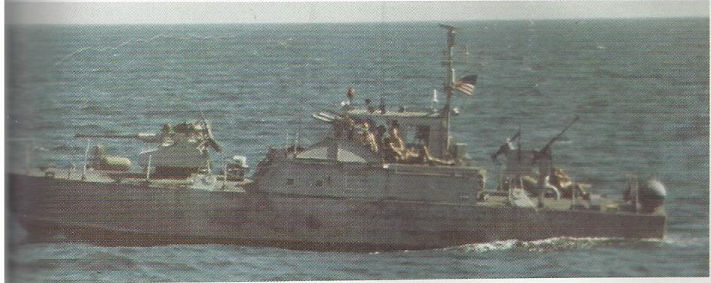


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1. Captured minelayer being towed to scuttling. Note the hole below the boot topping, the U.S. flag and the ramp for laying mines. 2. EN3 Lameroux watching from the main deck. 3. GSM3 Long in Main One. 4. An American operated barge. 5. JARRETT rows the LCU to sea. 6. One of the American Patrol Boats. 7. The IRAN AJR goes down.



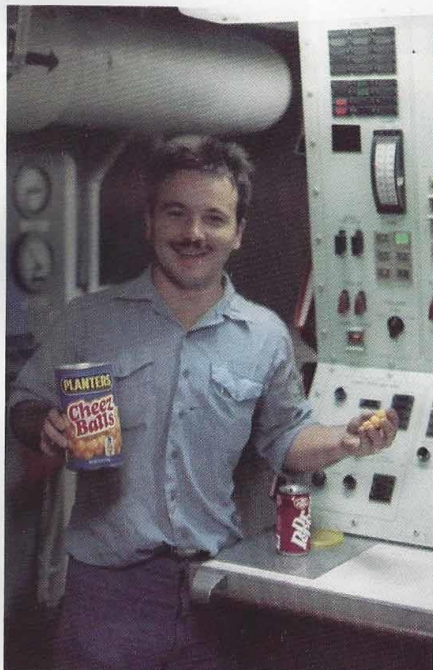
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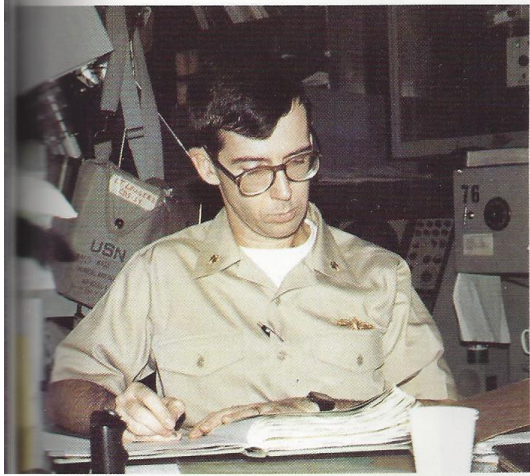


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1. OSC Reid of DESRON 14 on watch. 2. HTC Tittle keeps the Crash Crew trained up. 3. EWSN Spiratos is ready for anything. 4. GSM3 Allison at the PLCC in Main One. 5. GMM2 Sterling maintaining LS 2. 6. OS2 Serina keeps up the Link. 7. SN Shew and ET3 Fickle on the forecastle watch. 8. LCDR Stride of DESRON 14 at the staff watch table. 9. The EWs live in EW One in mine danger areas.



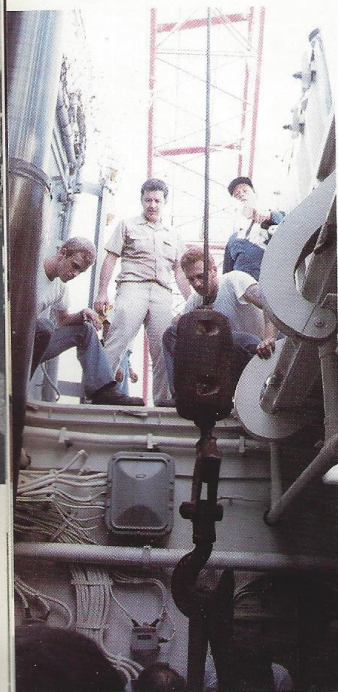
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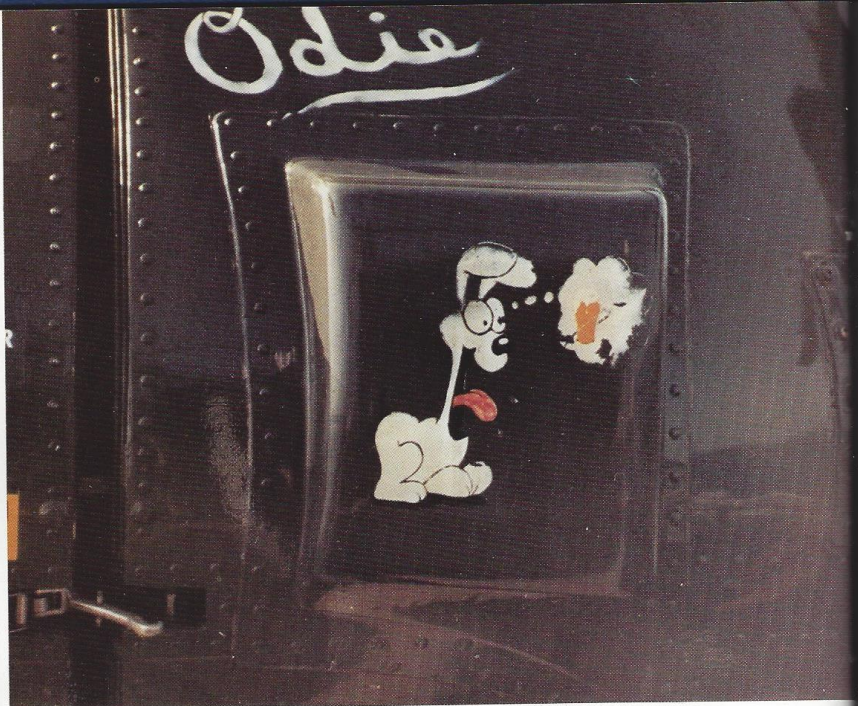
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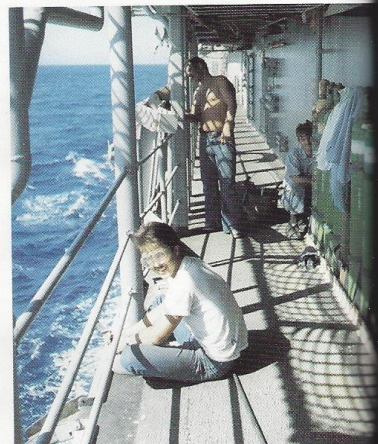
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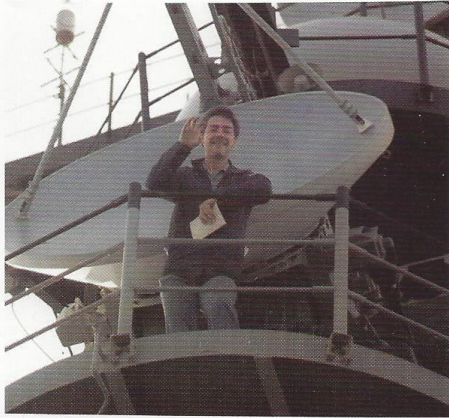


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1. HSL-34 Det 6 Mascot. 2. GSM3 Leese, GSMC Wirre and GSM2 Gerber bring number two Gas Turbine Generator aboard. 3. Forward TDT. 4. STGSN Davidson working on the main deck. 5. FC3 Adams at mount 21. 6. SK1 Cunningham waiting for parts on the flight deck. 7. FC3 Young by the forward SPG-51 missile radar. 8. EMC Roberts rewiring number 2 switchboard. 9. Fantail .50 Caliber. 10 & 11. GSEC Johnson is auctioneer for shoe boxes as the crew bids. 12. GSM2 Gerber, GSMFN Rippstien, FN Downs and FN Cameron prepare the generator engine.



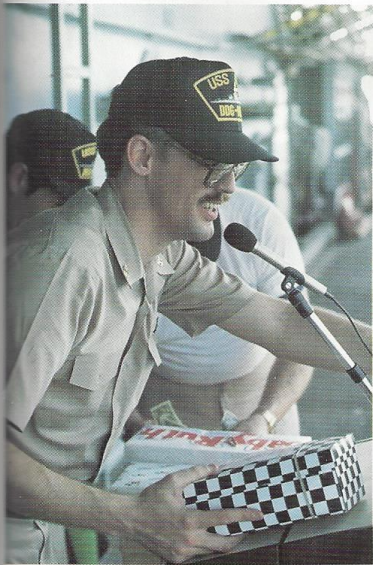
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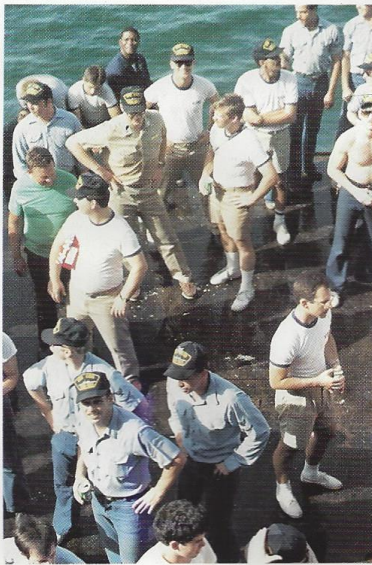
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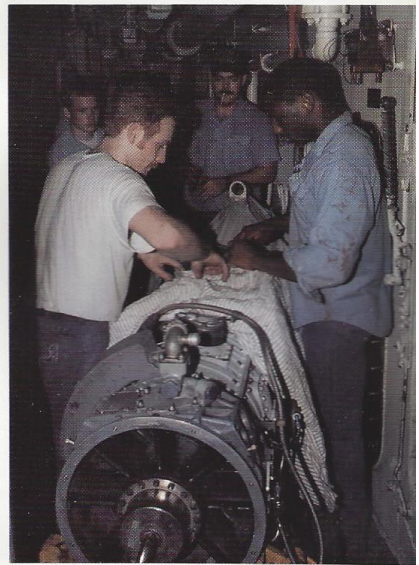
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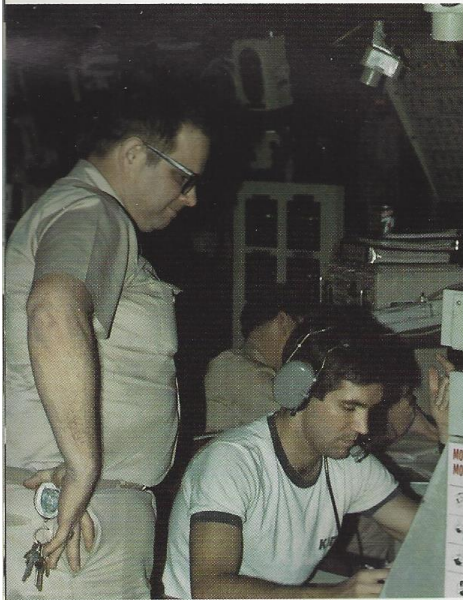


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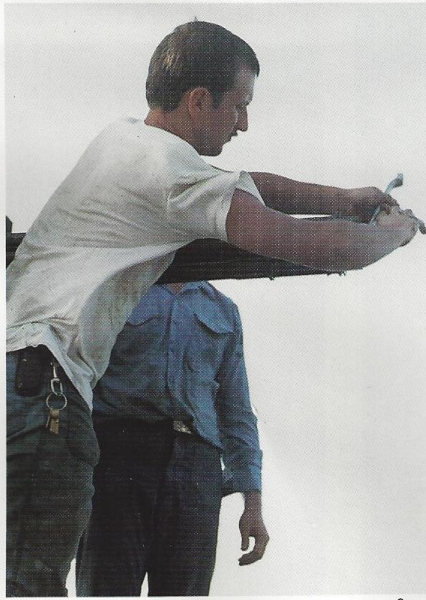


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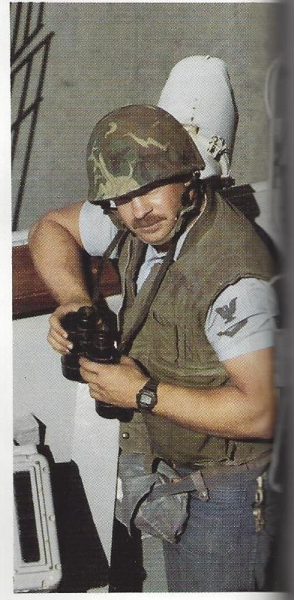
The USS Kidd patrols off the United Arab Emirates port of Dubai on Sunday, while the reflagged supertanker Bridgeton (foreground) is being readied to return to Persian Gulf duty. The ship was in dry dock after repairs caused July 24 by



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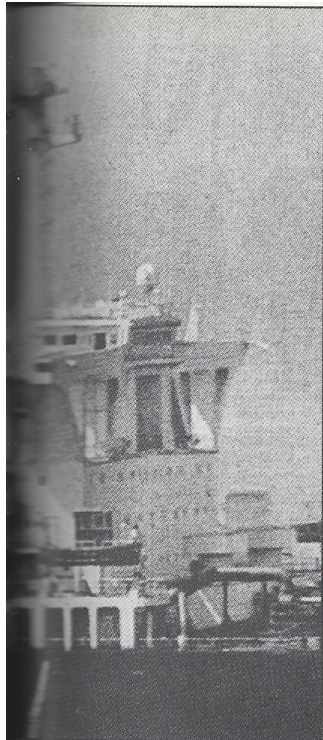


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1. Iranian Frigate receiving close scrutiny from the forecattle watch. 2. DSCM Euhling gets the turn over from LT Paul. 3. FC3 Green keeping MT 22 in working order. 4. STG3 Wilkes on S5DF watch. 5. Time out for Hacki-sack on the flight deck. 6. AW3 Duane mans the M-60 during a mine-hunting mission. 7. The crash crew standing by. 8. EN1 Sprenkle manning the boat deck or flight quarters. 9. OS2 Clark and OSSN Edinger watch the surface picture.

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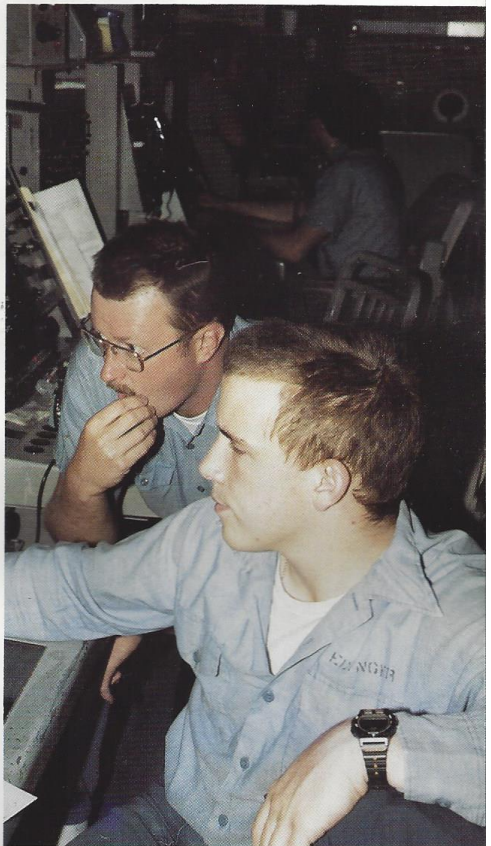
382-ton tanker steamed out of a gaping hole in an oil tank, during the first U.S. gulf escort.



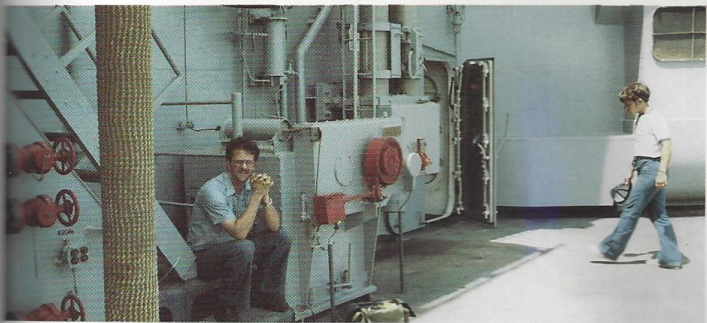
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U.S., KUWAITI EXPLOSIVE EXPERTS EXAMINE TANKER HIT BY MISSILE

By RICHARD PYLE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Manama, Bahrain — U.S. and Kuwaiti explosives experts poked through wreckage on a U.S.-flagged tanker Saturday trying to determine what weapon Iran fired in its boldest strike against the U.S. presence in the Persian Gulf.

U.S. officials have said they believe the projectile was a Chinese-made Silkworm fired from about 50 miles away in Iran-held territory on Iraq's Faw peninsula.

But a U.S. military source said other possibilities are being investigated.

The Friday attack blinded the American captain, John Hunt, and injured 17 others, medical sources in Kuwait said.

The explosion shattered the wheelhouse and crew quarters of the Sea Isle City. A doctor at Kuwait's Addan hospital, Dawoud al-Halabi, was quoted by the English-language *Arab Times* as saying all 10 of those still hospitalized were in stable condition.

The ship's Filipino helmsman, who asked to be identified only as Alex, said the 20-foot-long projectile looked like "an oxygen tank, smoking at the rear" as it skimmed past two other ships and blasted into the **SEA ISLE CITY**.

Kuwait's government has begun a diplomatic campaign among Arab governments to gain sup-

port to condemn Iranian acts of aggression.

Meanwhile, the U.S. delivered to Iranian officials in Oman the four wounded Iranians and the bodies of two others recovered after a clash Oct. 8 in the Persian Gulf. Crowds chanting "Down with the U.S.!" welcomed them to Tehran, Iran's capital, the official Iranian news agency reported.

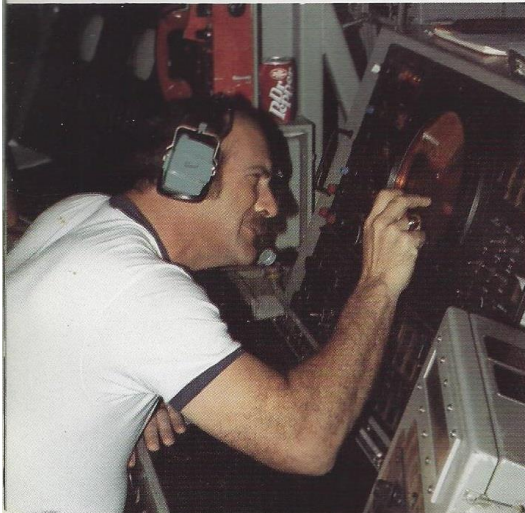
The Iranians were rescued by American forces after U.S. helicopter gunships attacked their speedboats, sinking one and disabling two others.

Iraq, meanwhile, said its warplanes attacked a "large maritime target" — usually meaning a tanker — off Iran's coast Saturday. The attack, reported by the official Iraqi News Agency, could not be independently confirmed.

In another development Saturday, Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency said several civilians were wounded when Iraqi warplanes bombed three villages near a town on the Iran-Iraq border in the Kurdistan region.

It said Iranian anti-aircraft fire shot down one plane and another jet was downed Friday over the southern gulf.

The official Iraqi News Agency denied Iraqi warplanes raided civilian areas. It said one Iraqi jet was shot down and crashed in Iranian territory.

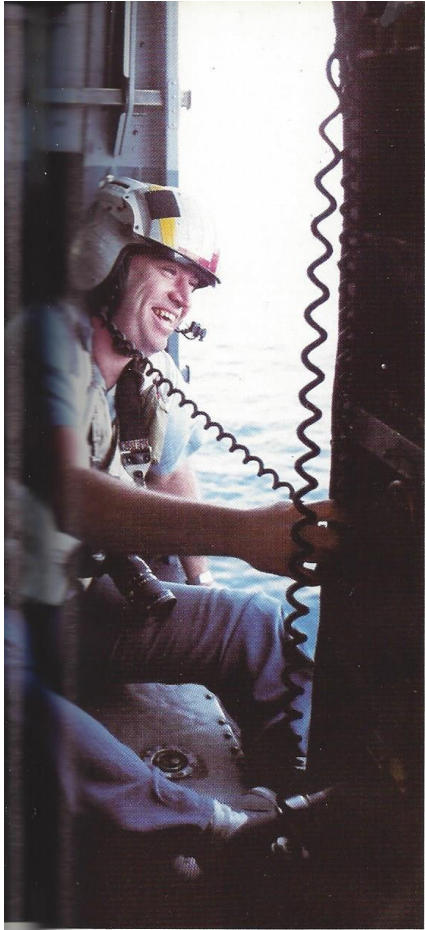


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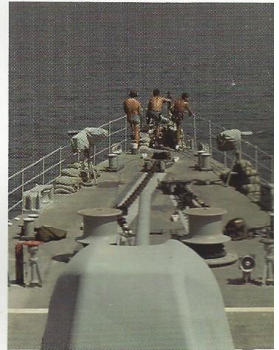
1. FC2 "Pops" Folmsbee conquering his fear of heights. He was not always smiling. 2. SM1 Schwall keeping a sharp eye out for surface contacts. 3. The forecastle. 4. FCC Scott keeps the SPQ-9 on target the hard way. 5. STG3 Ambrose in Sonar Control. 6. LT Marshall at Ship's Weapons Coordinator. 7. SN Buttery and LT Vogel show off their "mine".



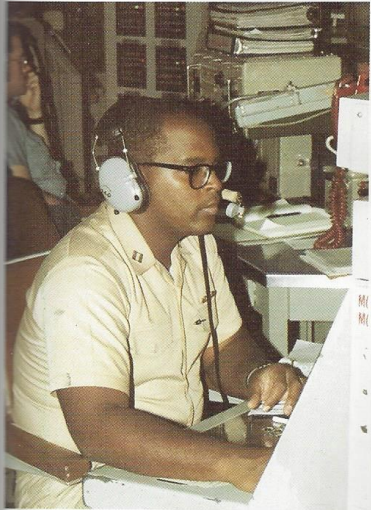
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NAVY ARMADA FIRED 1,065 SHELLS

Iranians on tower got 20 minutes' warning to leave

COMPILED FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON — As soon as President Reagan chose the target Saturday night, the Navy assembled a small but powerful armada and prepared to train its weapons on an armed Iranian oil platform in the Persian Gulf.

Monday, four destroyers pounded the twin-towered platform with 1,065 rounds of 5-inch shells.

Officials said Reagan selected the platform, sitting in international waters, from a list of targets presented to him by the Pentagon.

The platform — equipped with radars, 25mm anti-aircraft guns and 50-caliber machine guns — was “not on the front page” of the list, officials said, but Reagan chose it to send Iran “a message.”

Apparently to emphasize that Iranian weapons — and not Iranians — were marked for retribution, the U.S. force warned people seen on the derrick 20 minutes before the attack to get away.

The Navy broadcast on distress frequencies, hailing the rig by name: “Rashadat, Rashadat, this is the U.S. Navy. We will com-

mence firing on your position at 1400 hours (2 p.m. in the area). You have 20 minutes to evacuate the platform.”

Pentagon officials said three Navy destroyers — the **HOEL**, **LEFTWICH** and the **YOUNG** — were moved Sunday to join the destroyer Kidd in firing position, about 6 miles away from the rig.

Officials said the four American destroyers were together by 2 a.m. EDT Monday to the southeast of the platform, about 90 miles northeast of the Qatar coast on the western shore of the gulf.

The four ships then moved toward Rashadat and arrived at the rig about a half hour before the 85-minute bombardment began at 7 a.m. EDT.

The **KIDD**, **LEFTWICH** and **YOUNG**, equipped with the Navy's newest 5-inch guns, blasted up to 20 rounds per minute per ship as six sailors in each vessel's loading room restocked the 22-ton guns' ammunition drums.

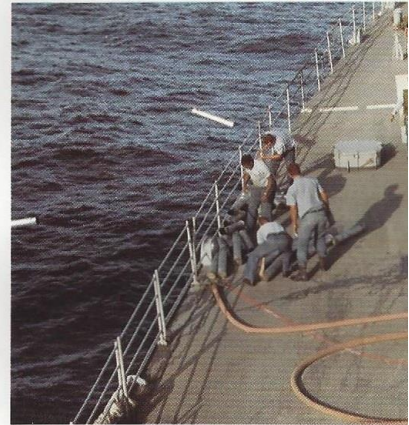
The **HOEL**, equipped with an older 5-inch model weighing 64 tons, also had 13-man crews reloading 141-pound rounds into the ammo drums, defense officials said.

“It was like the scene in *Bonnie and*





1 & 2. Rashodar 2 Oil Platform burns as mount 51 pounds away. 3 & 4. Before and After. 5. The cleanup.



Clyde when Faye Dunaway gets it," one Navy officer said unofficially, detailing the use of more than 1,000 of the \$1,154 shells.

"If we could have done the job with 10, we'd have used 10," another Navy official said. "We needed 1,000, so we used 1,000."

One tower was destroyed; about 90 percent of the other fell to the pounding.

The platform's two towers were all that were left from a November 1986 Iraqi bomber attack. The center tower was destroyed in that bombing, leaving two towers side by side.

After Monday's bombardment, the Navy mopped up, sending out search-and-rescue helicopters to see if any Iranians on the platforms had survived.

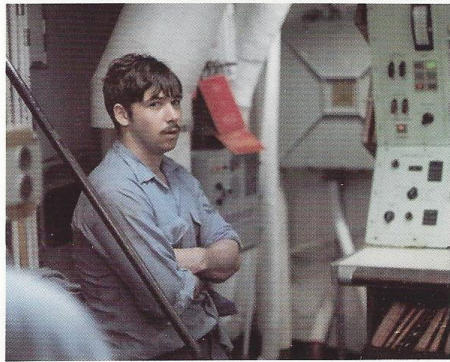
None were found, although Pentagon officials said it was believed not all of the estimated 20 to 30 men on the towers had heeded the Navy's warning.

Officials said some Iranians might have stayed on the platforms and there might have been casualties.

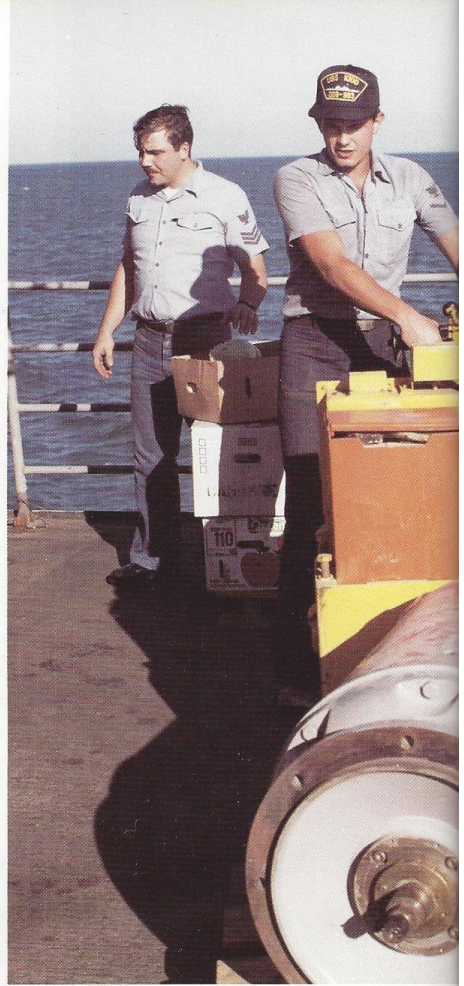
The four destroyers were accompanied by the missile cruiser **STANLEY** and the frigate **THACH**, which provided protection from Iranian aircraft, officials said.

Only one Iranian F-4 Phantom fighter, purchased from the United States by the shah of Iran in the 1970s, was seen taking off from an airfield near the coast, the officials said. But it flew away from the action, they said.

In a separate action, the Navy boarded a similar platform at the northern edge of the same oil field, 5 miles to the north of the attack, after Iranian personnel abandoned it during the bombardment. The Americans destroyed the radar and communications gear on this platform.



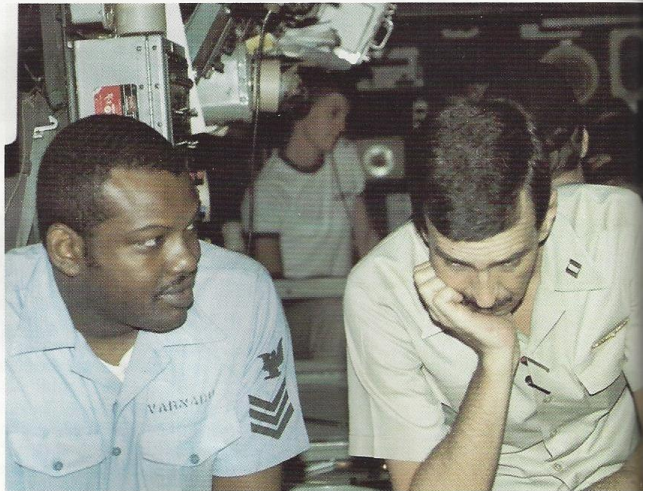
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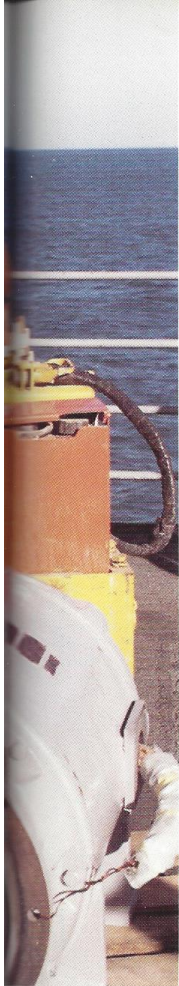
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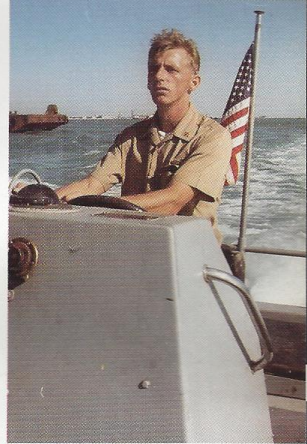


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1. GSM2 Becker shows the wear of port and starboard watches. 2. GMG3 Belt wrestles number one air conditioner motor aboard. 3. AX3 Craft and AD2 Kueppers at flight quarters. 4. Another oil field. 5. OS1 Varando and LT Evans sort out the navigation picture. 6. On Abu Musa patrol one last time. 7. The media comes onboard to get our side of the oil platform shelling. 8. ENC Harris brings the RIB back after overhaul in Bahrain. 9. A final on load in Bahrain. 10. LT Blake in the right seat.



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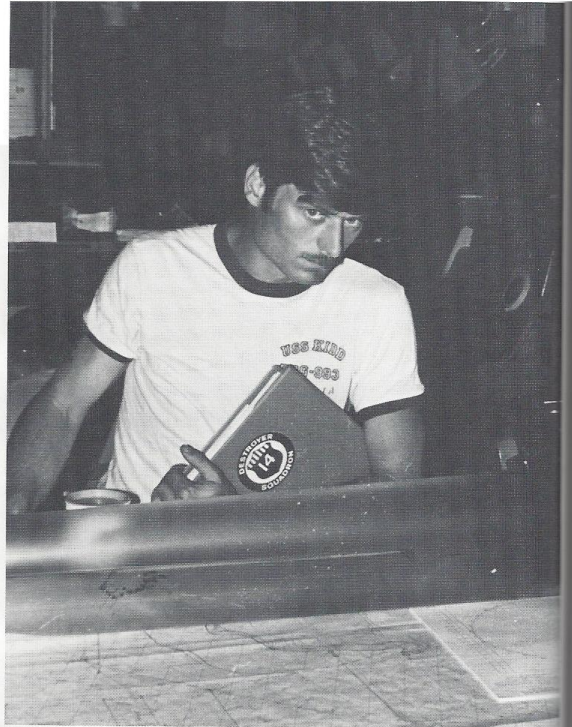
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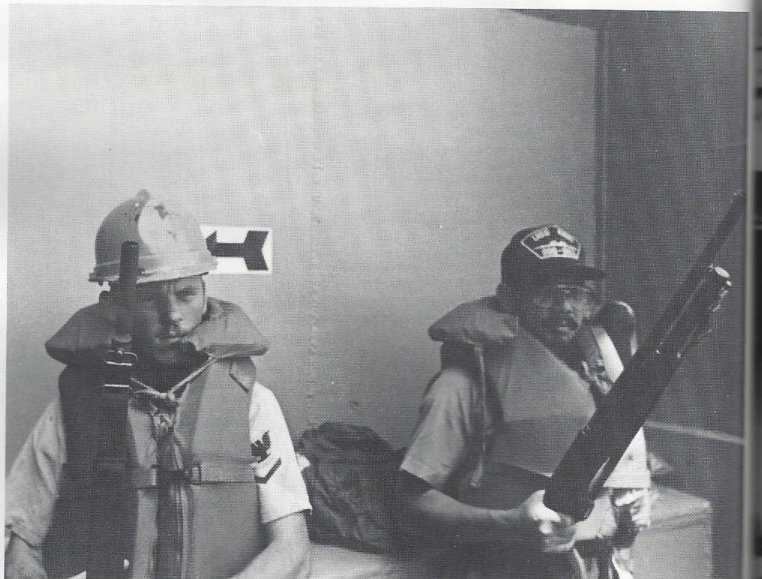
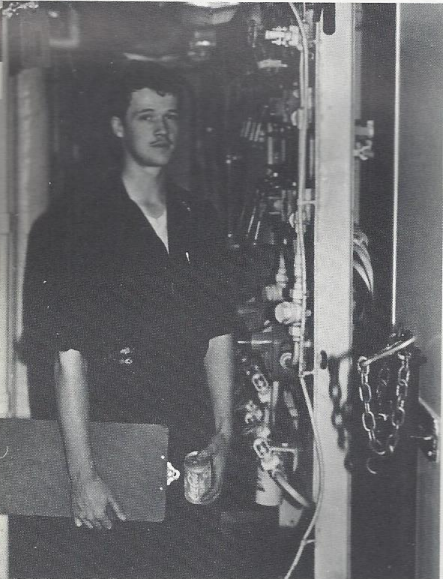
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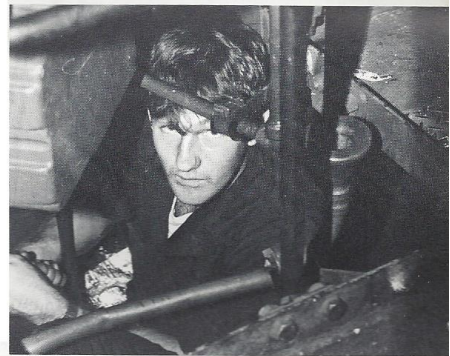




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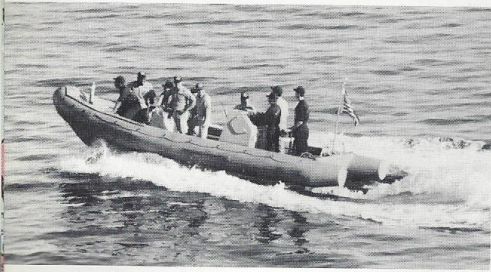


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MS3 Adams watches a refueling from PATRIOT. 2. BM2 Omalia Studying ESWS in Combat. 3. EN3 Megargel on engineering rounds. 4. EN2 Nixon and SKC Dano Stand by during General Quarters for a small boat attack. 5. SN Clark on aft lookout. 6. Refueling at Jebel Ali in the Persian Gulf. 7. EN3 Warling in the bilges of Aux 2. 8. EW2 Hirstius listens and waits for any unusual radar signals. 9. Bm1 Roberts at Boatswain Mate of the Watch.



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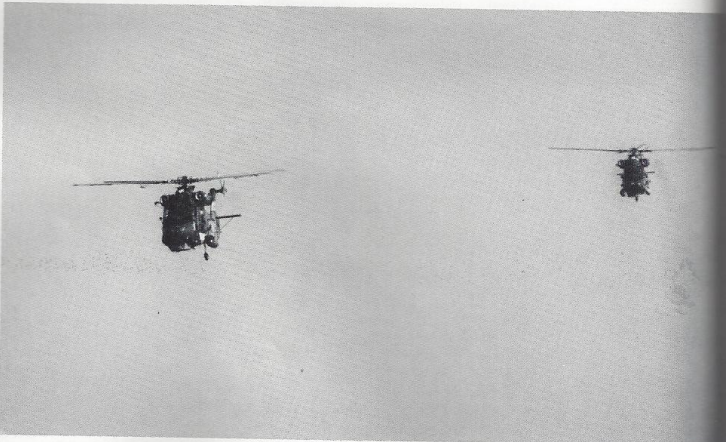
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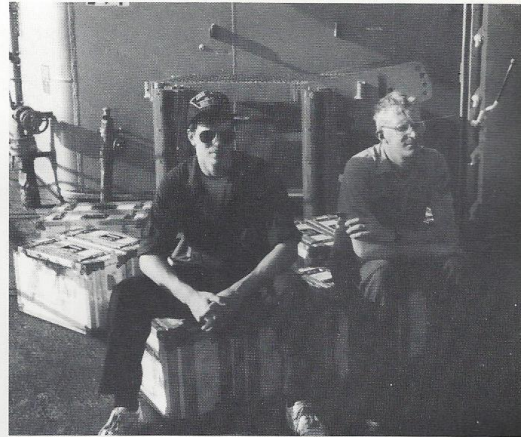


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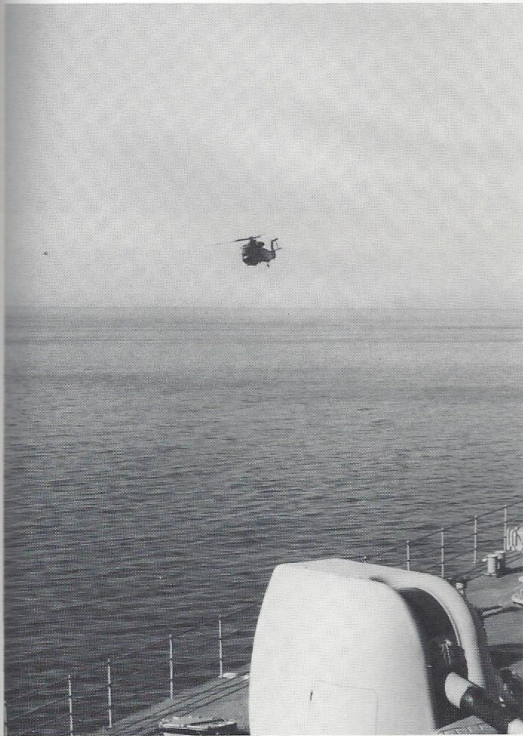
1. The RIB makes the first run to **RICHMOND K. TURNER**. 2. **RICHMOND K. TURNER** standing by. 3. LTJG Braccio has the deck. 4. **GREENCHECKER** shows his relief around. 5. "AWAY THE GIG." 6. EN3 Schnetzler and EN2 Feldman waiting to transfer equipment to the boats. 7. The boats circle to wait for unloading. 8. **236** comes in for another load of cargo. 9. BM2 Koslowski and SN Packard keep us on course.



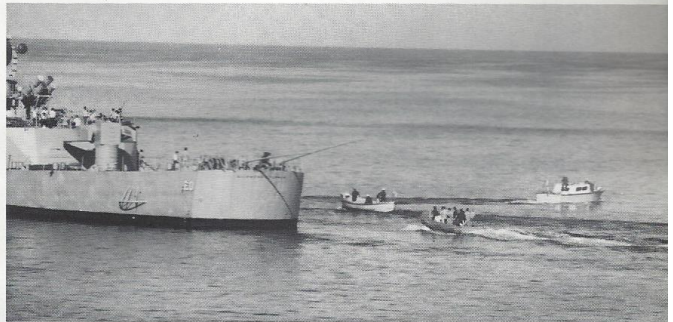
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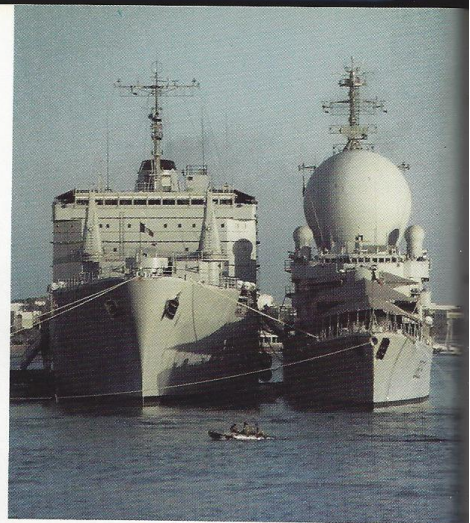


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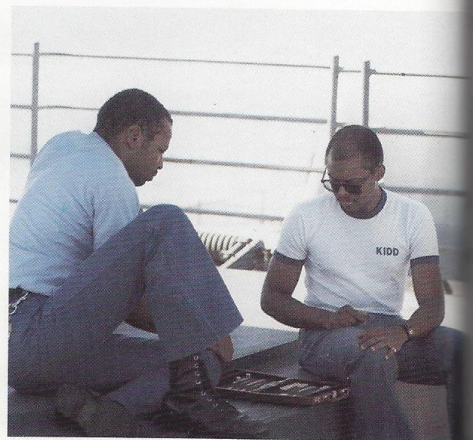
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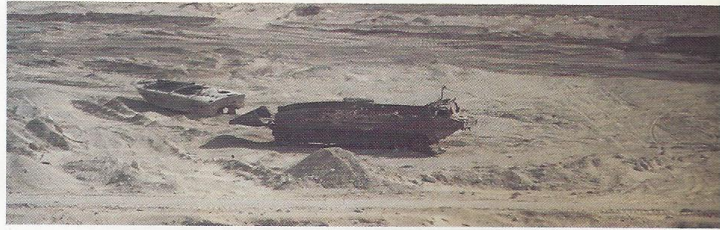


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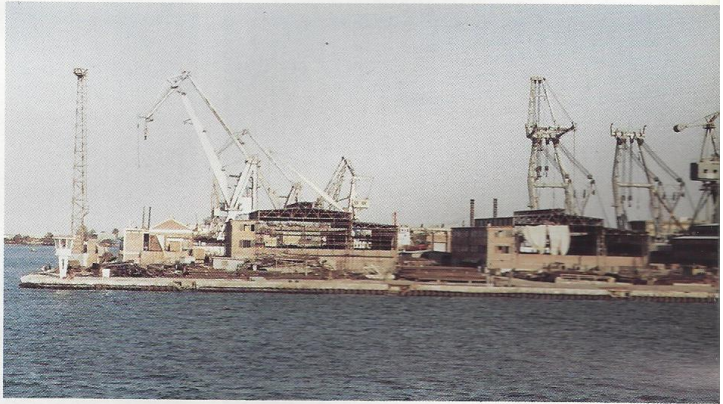
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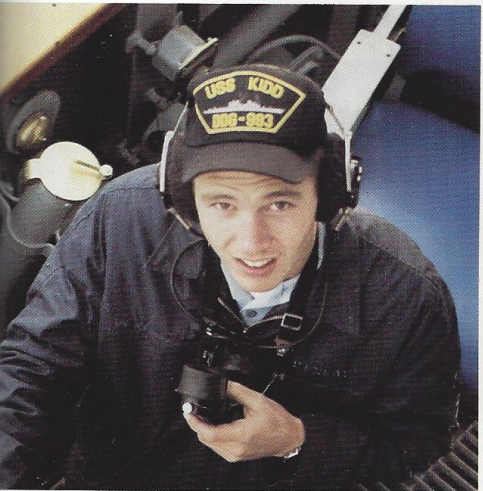
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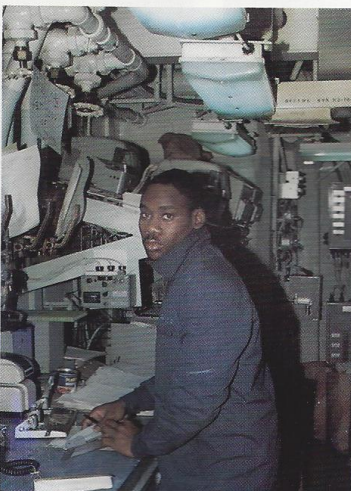
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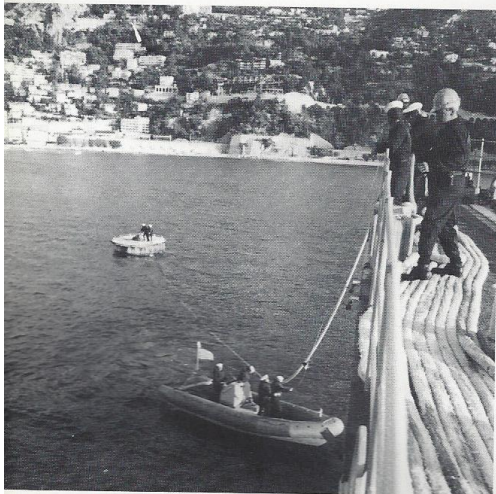
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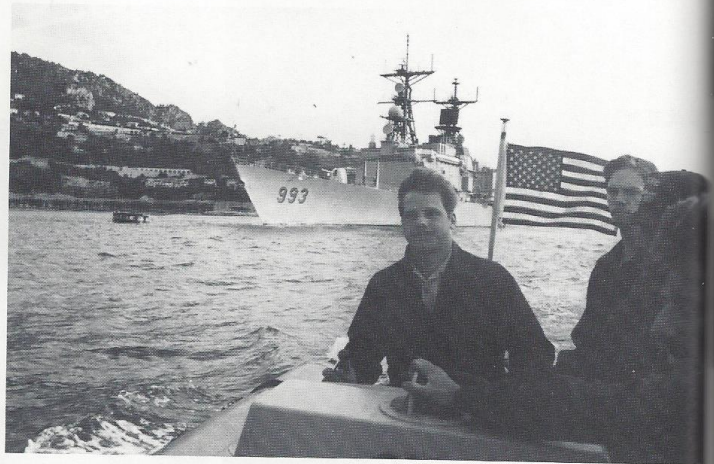
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1. French ships in port. 2. Halloween in the wardroom. 3. SH2 Webster and DK2 Baxter take in some Backgammon on the fantail. 4. KIDD pier side. 5. French carrier CLEMENCEAU. 6. SN Packard with a desert backdrop. 7. War wreckage from Arab-Israeli Wars. 8. Sailboats in the Great Bitter Lake. 9. The entrance, Port Suez. 10. QMSN Finlay is bearing taker. 11. RMSN Moffitt in Radio.

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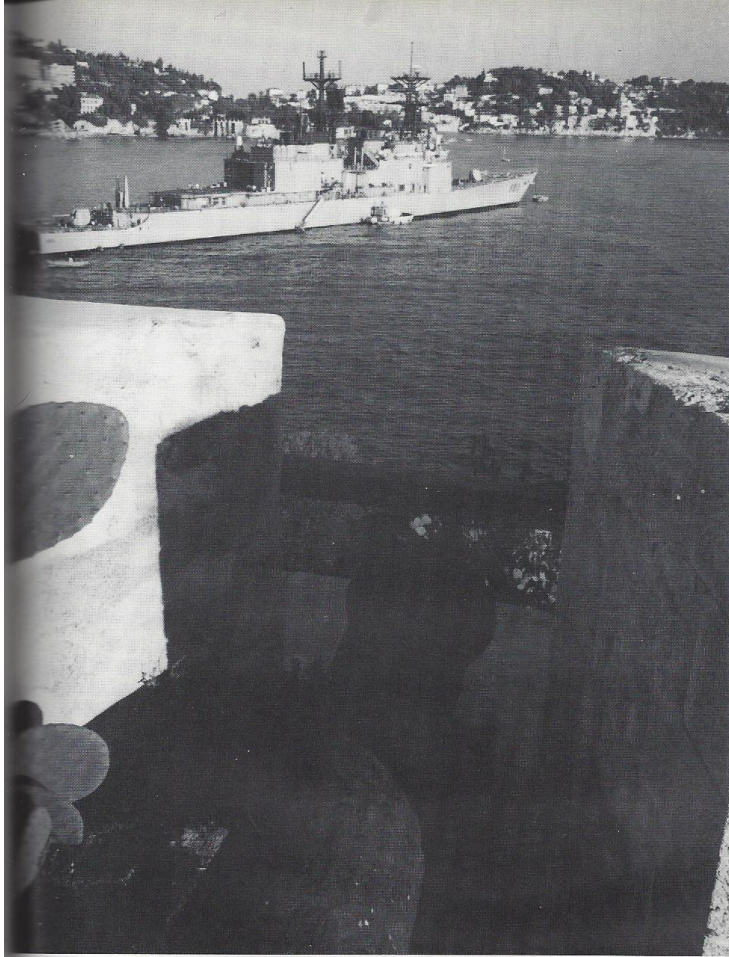


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1. SN Hupp takes the RIB for a tour. 2. Mooring to the buoy. 3. Souvenir hunting. 4. Engineers relax in town. 5. Deck says farewell to LCDR Thompson. 6. KIDD from the fort. 7. GMM2 Sterling and his camera again. 8. Americans Welcome. 9. VADM McCauley, Commander Naval Surface Forces Atlantic, visits. 10. Reporter Betty Francis interviews "Max Sweat." 11. OSSN Casey and OSSN Edinger relax in town.

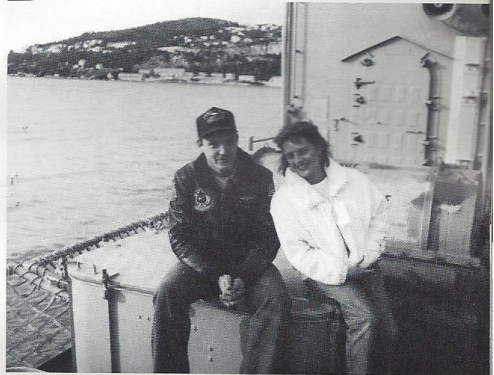




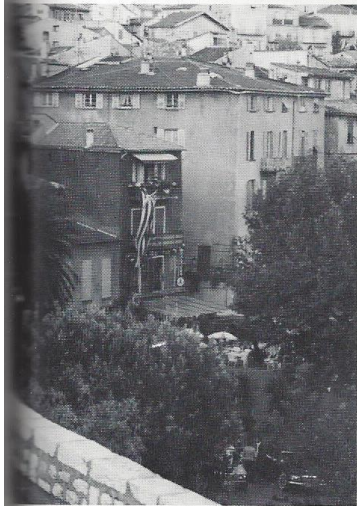
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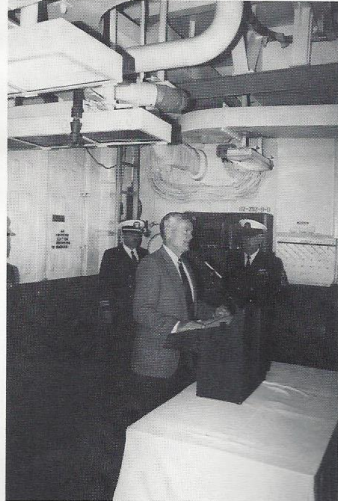
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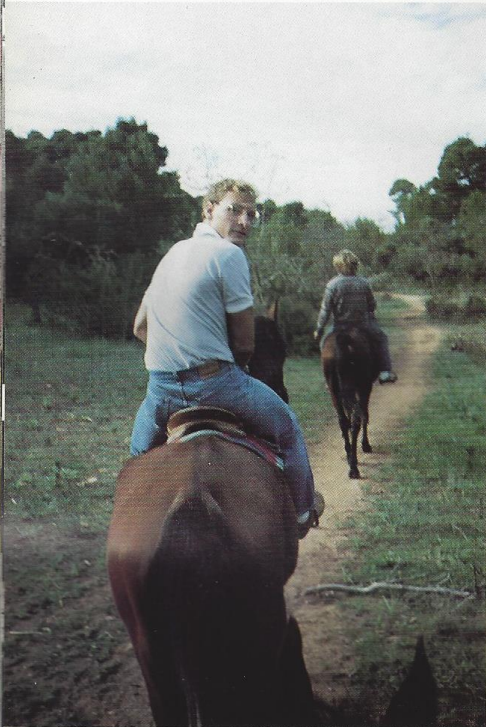
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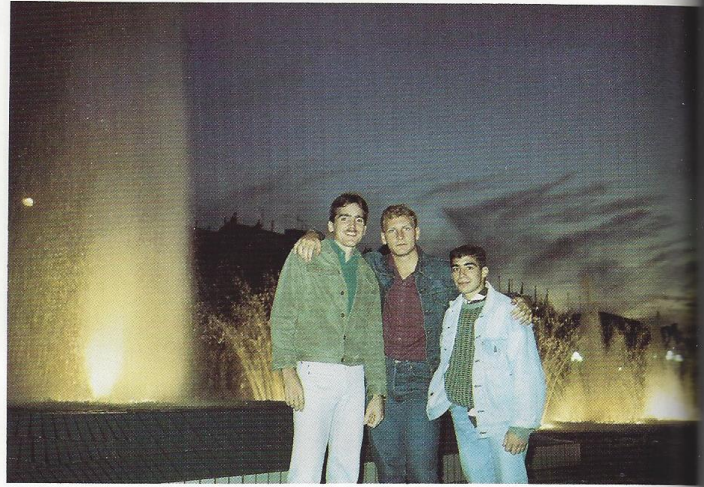
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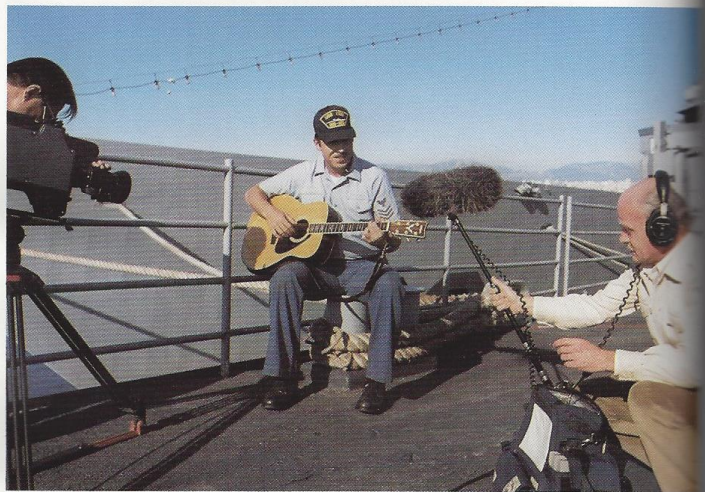
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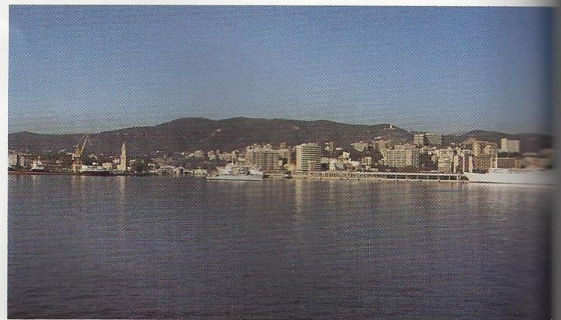
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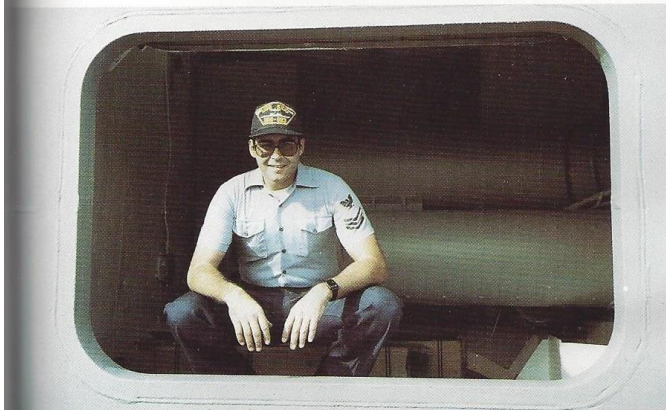
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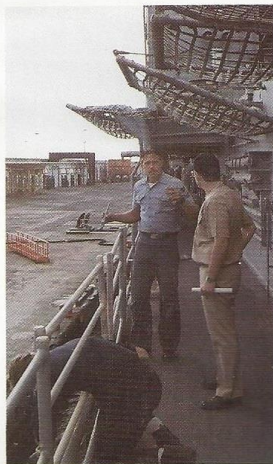


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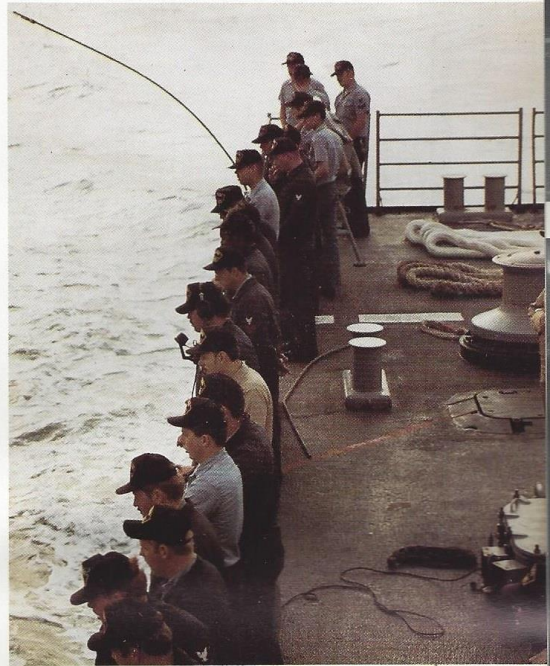


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1. STG1 Spear, STG2 Sand and EWSN Spiratos downtown. 2. STG2 Sand on the horseback tour. 3. GMM1 Vosburg is recorded for "Nightline". 4. The Green Knight's Court at the Medieval Times Restaurant. 5. Palma De Mallorca. 6. FCSN Smith and HM3 Cidames on the fantail entering Rota. 7. TM1 Delucia showing off his torpedo tubes again. 8. Fantail linehandlers in the Azores. 9. STG2 Dubus and ENS Boning discuss topside appearance in the Azores. 10. Farewell to the Azores and to Europe.



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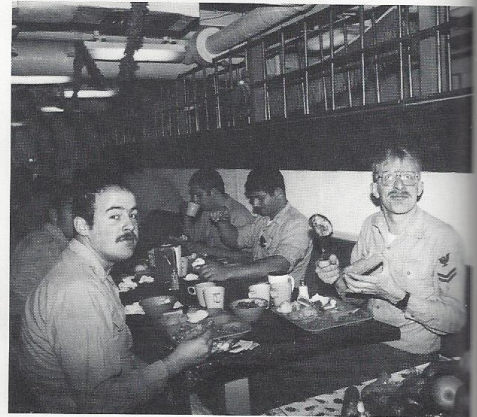
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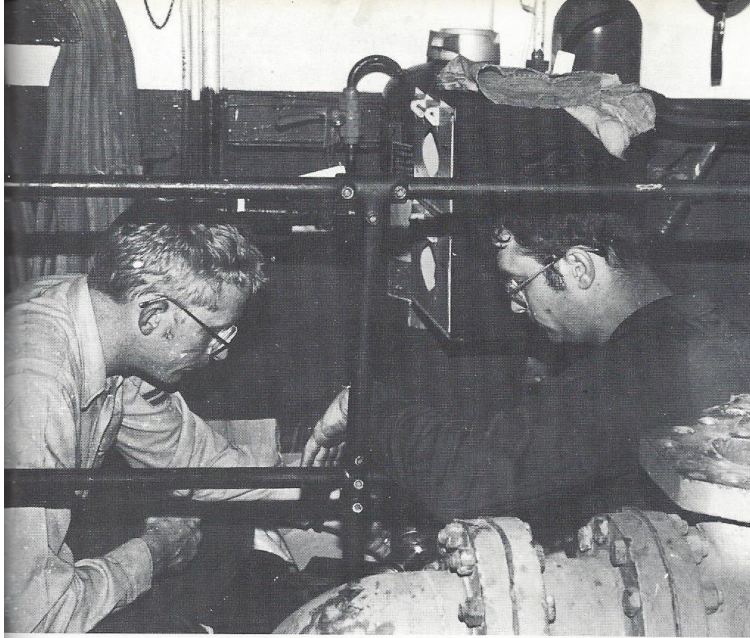


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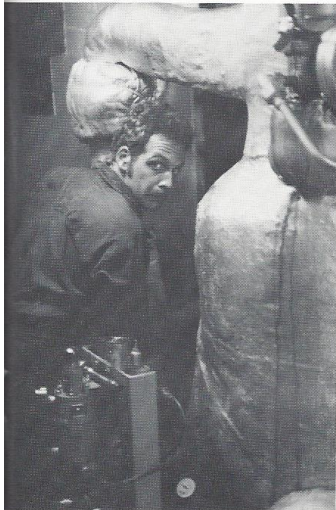


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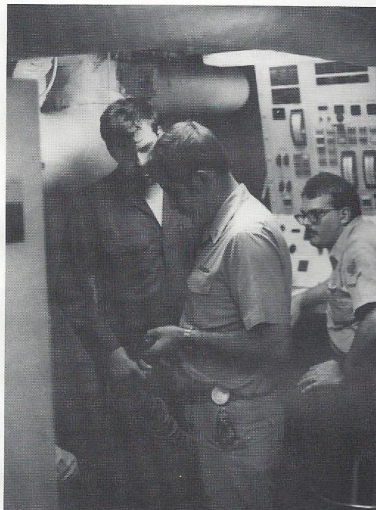
1-3. Thanksgiving Dinner. 4. Homeport duty section target practice. 5. Signs are prepared. 6. EN2 Feldman and EM1 Sprenkle work on drainage in AUX Two. 7. GSM2 Gerber working on number one waist heat boiler. 8. GSMC Witte and GSE2 Lovell in Main Two. 9. LTJG Miernicki studies EOOW. 10. GSM3 Harrison preparing Main Two. 11. MR3 Carmena and DC2 James review Damage Control.



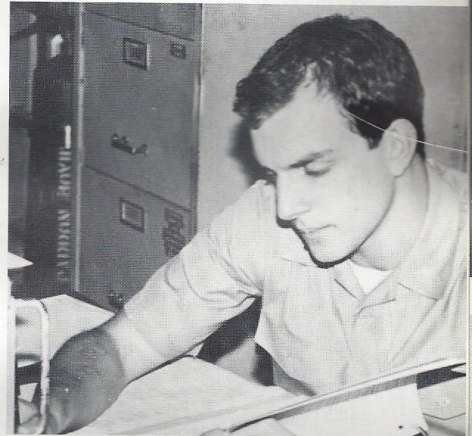
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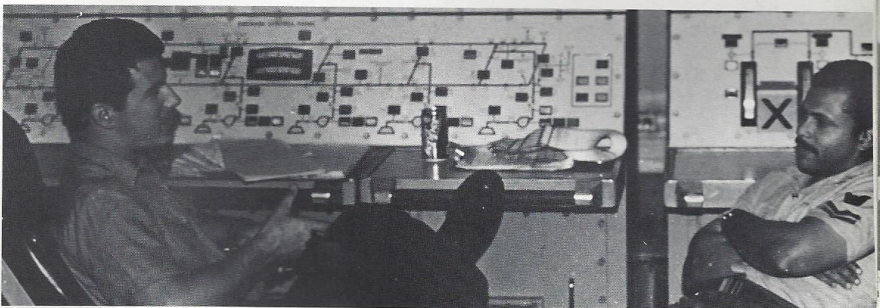
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The remainder of the trip had little opportunity to drag on or get boring as the entire crew worked to make **KIDD** sparkle and the engineers prepared for the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination. Everyone was successful as we came home looking great and with a successful OPPE under our belts.

HOMECOMING



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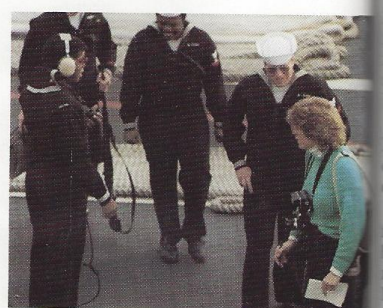
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Tears, cheers welcome sailors

Friends, families turn out

By MELISSA WALL
Staff Writer

NORFOLK — Ervin Campbell was one of the last in the line of 15 sobbing family members on board the destroyer USS Kidd Friday to hug his son Mark. He grabbed the thin young man and squeezed, then had to turn away and wipe his eyes with a handkerchief.

The tears hadn't dried on Mark's mother's face as she and her three daughters explained how Mark, 22, a machinist repairman, had been the family baby since the Dec. 24 they brought him home from the hospital. Along with more than 300 other Kidd sailors, he once again would be home for Christmas.

"This is our Thanksgiving Day," his mother said. "It's one of the most wonderful days of our lives."

Friends and strangers from all over the country have prayed for the ship to return safely from the Persian Gulf, the Campbells said. They knew the perils of the cruise last June when the Kidd left to join the Sixth Fleet in escorting reflagged tankers in the midst of the



Tim Smith wipes away a tear after greeting his wife Lisa.

Staff photo by SCOTT DeMUESY

Iran-Iraq war.

The Kidd not only came through the constant dangers, but made a name for itself as it escorted tankers, fired on Iranian oil platforms and provided support to mine-sweeping helicopters.

Knowing these men had lived up to their Top Gun rating, hundreds of onlookers at the dock cheered and waved banners. A man dressed in a Super Kidd outfit scampered across the pier. Some held helium balloons that read, "I love you."

The Campbell clan of Newport News arrived at the Norfolk Naval pier at 8 a.m. Friday to find a prime spot to wait for Mark. The youngest child and only son of Eunice

and Ervin Campbell, he would be treated to dinner at a restaurant of his choice and then to what he'd been longing for — a bathtub.

Minutes before the destroyer docked, Lt. Richard Vogel stood on deck snapping pictures of the plane flying overhead in the pink dawn sky. Trailing behind the aircraft, a sign read: "Super Job Super Kidd."

"This is amazing," the public affairs officer said of the homecoming. Unlike the morning the supertanker Bridgeton struck a mine, this time the world didn't hear him. His words flew in the wind like the spray from tugboats welcoming the Kidd.

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In the early morning of July 24, Vogel was the Navy officer assigned escort duty on the bridge of the reflagged supertanker Bridgeton. Breakfast was about to be brought up as he waited out his 20-hour shift.

"Nobody heard the boom, there was so much equipment flying around. We weren't sure if we were hit. The ship buckled."

The Bridgeton had struck a mine.

In media accounts, it's Vogel who yells, "We've been hit. We've been hit."

The sailors saw a trail of oil from the ship and a bulge in the wake from the explosion. "We slowed down to 10 knots.

"It was no real biggie," Vogel said, recalling the incident. "Just 20 real tense seconds."

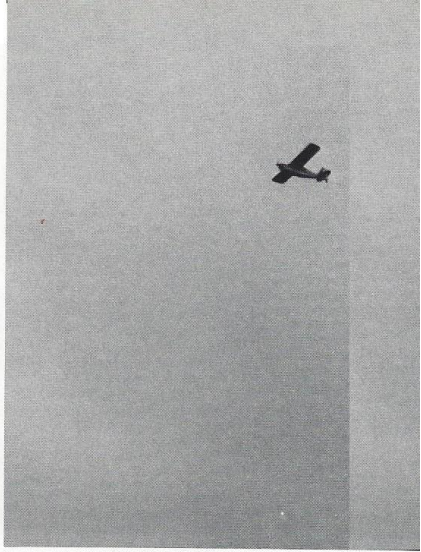
There was more tension Friday as the ship entered Hampton Roads, but these stomach quivers came from excitement. Chief engineman Brent Harris hadn't slept the night before. Fire Control Officer Mark Stanczyk had started smoking again.

Sailors stood at attention along the deck but still joked about eating at the base McDonalds, about how their wives would keep them warm even in this chill.

The Kidd had come home.



1. SN Shew on the forecastle. 2. GREENCHECKER 236 goes home. 3. RM3 Vogel has on even bigger smile than usual. 4. News teams roam the ship. 5. The Fantail. 6. RMC Ward waits patiently. 7. The forecastle falls into ranks. 8. Tugs meet us.



1. The first aboard, Mrs. Murphy and Commodore Goodwin. 2. Homecoming Banner. 3. Mrs. Lilli is ready to come aboard. 4. Air Det Welcoming Committee. 5. RMSN Bishop watches the pilot come aboard. 6. The natives are friendly. 7. RM3 Grodek's family. 8. The crowd. 9 & 11. Photos from the "Daily Press." 10. Double up all lines.

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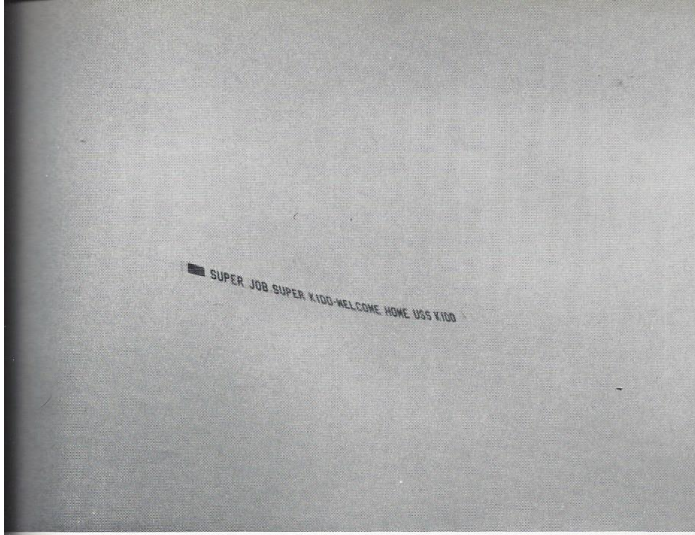


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The crowd waves banners, snaps pictures and lets out a collective cheer as they get their first good look at the USS Kidd near Pearl Harbor.

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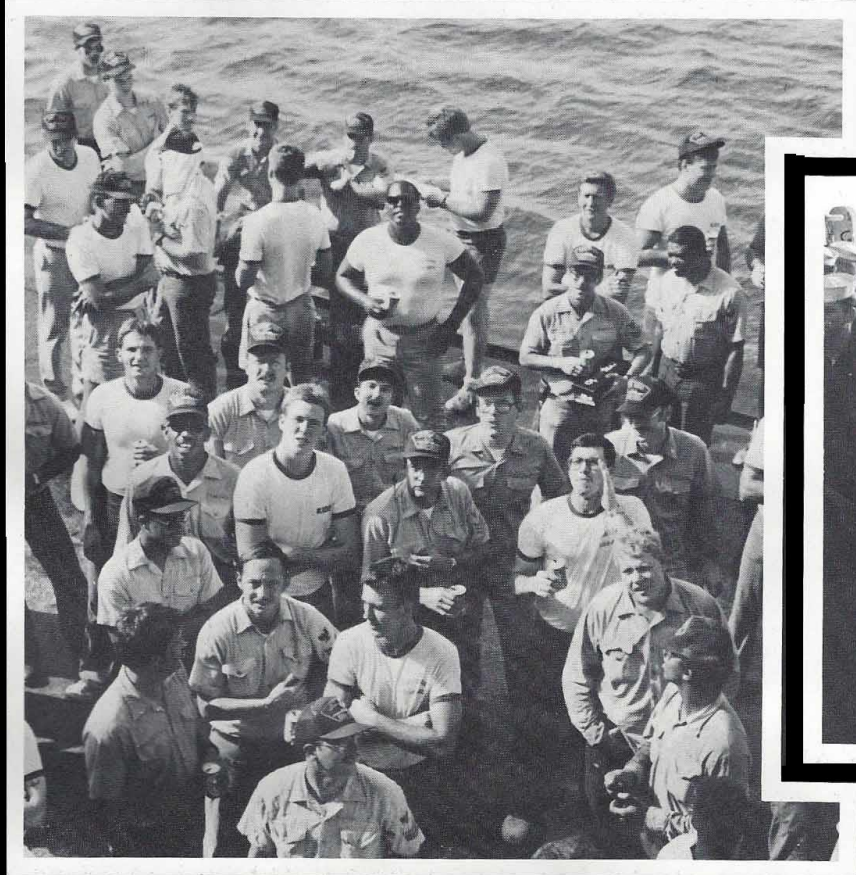
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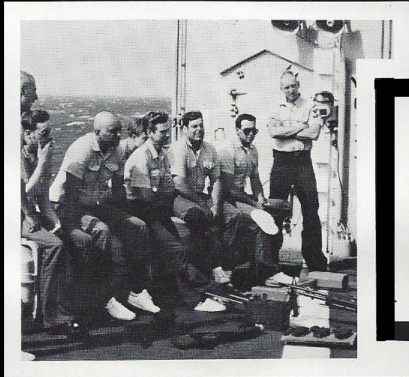
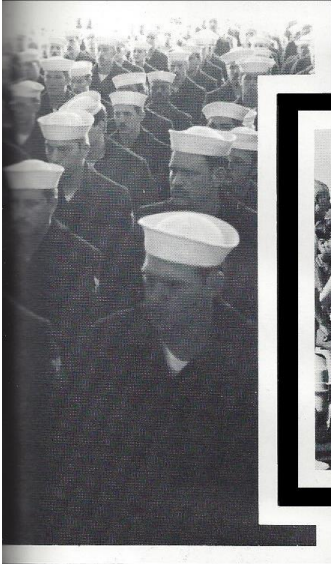


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Donna Stanczyk greets her husband Mark on the deck of the Kidd with a

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THE CREW





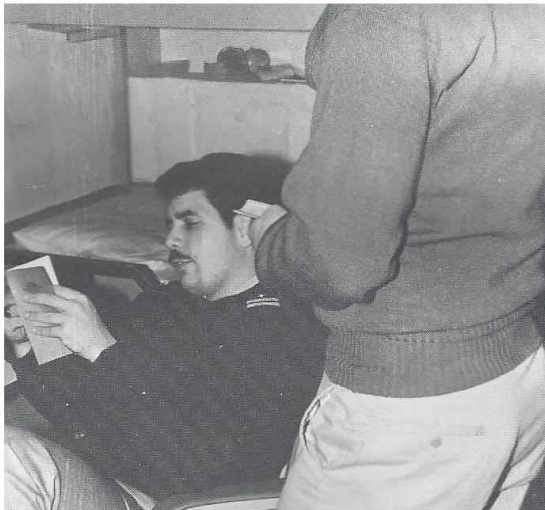
OPERATIONS



LCDR Dan Thompson
Operations Officer
Through 24 November



LT Howard Koth
CIC Officer



LT Vince Dekime
Operations Officer
After 24 November

OE DIVISION



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O1 DIVISION



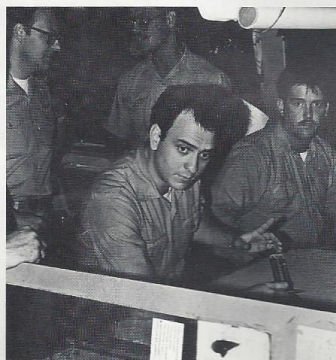
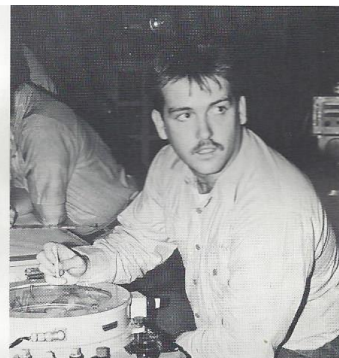
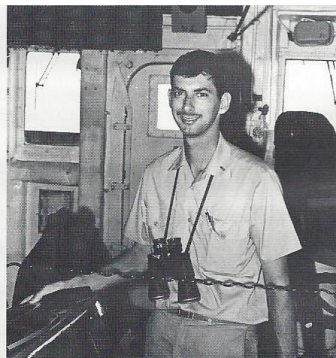
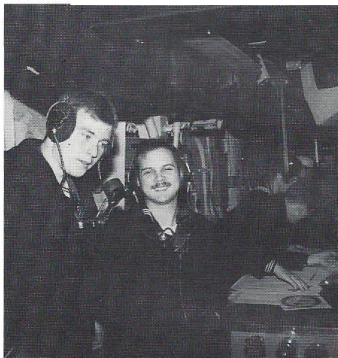
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OS3 Indolfo Sanchez, OS1 Mike Mahone, OS2 Darryl Rogers, OSSN Carlos Cortez



Front Row; OS2 Murphy, OS3 Dean Robb, OS2 Bob Patterson, OS3 Dwight Jones, OS3 Troy Edinger: Back Row; OS2(SW) Larry Dennis, OS2(SW) Robert Wolfinger, OS2(SW) Joe Serina, OS2 John Stevens, OS2 Harry Martin



OC DIVISION



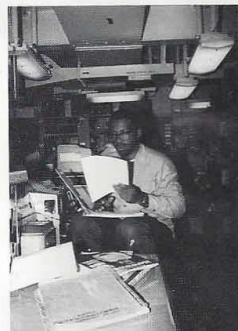
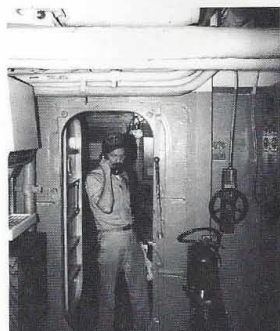
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Front Row; SMSN Calvin Cobb, SM2 Robert Blackburn; Back Row; SMSN Kelvin Koehler, SM3 Barry Warner, SM1(SW) Richard Schwall



OD DIVISION



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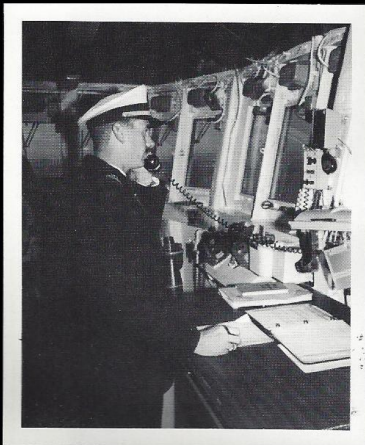
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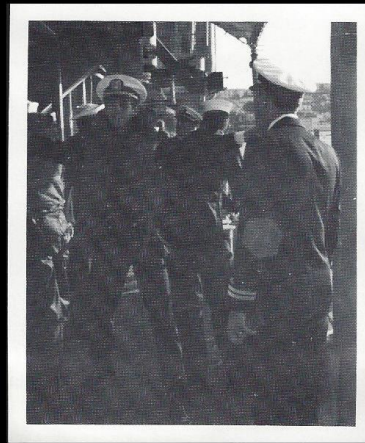
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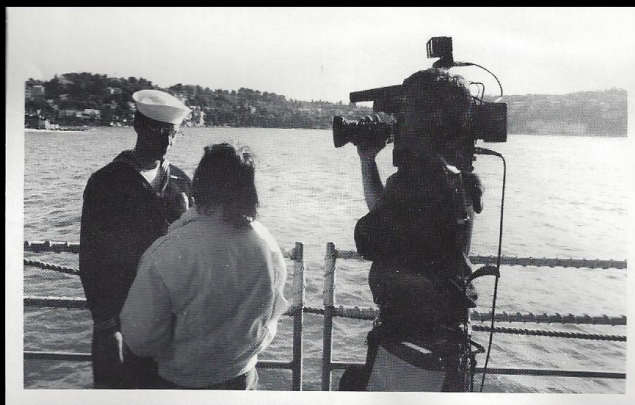
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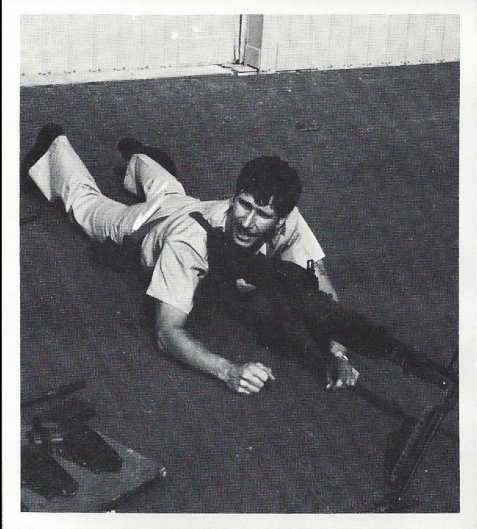


LT Fred Prisley
Combar Systems Officer



LTJG Dave Hess





CE DIVISION



Front Row; ET2 Bernardo Vrgas, ET3 Donald Bower, ET2 Chris Schwall, ET2 Joseph Fickle, ET1 Doug Steidl; Back Row; ET2 Mark Arneson, ET3 Pete Kohl, DSC(SW) Sam Williams, ETSN Carl Bradshaw, ET1 Bill Ulen, ET3 Jeffrey Schweer



Front Row; DS3 Timothy Barnes, DS3 Vincent Riley, DS2 Richard Krueger; Back Row; DSC(SW) Sam Williams, DS2 James Calvin, DS1(SW) Doug Gilbert

CA DIVISION



STG3 Trent Essary, STG3 Robert Anderson, STGSN Jonathon divack, STG3 William Davidson: Back Row; STGSN Reuben Harvey, STG2 Thatcher Clayton, STG3 Arthur Ambrose, STG3 David Barnett, TM1(SW) Hael Delucia, STG2 Michael Chappell, STG2 Dennis Dubus, ENS Brent Boning

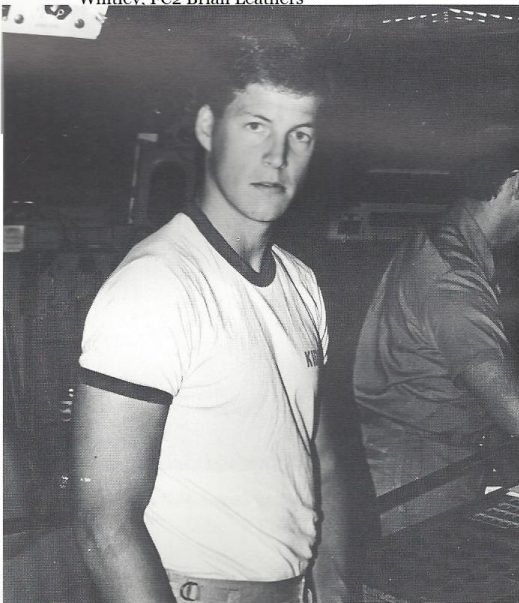


Front Row; STG3 Michael Wilkes, TMSA Richard Lowder: Back Row; STGC(SW) Greg Whitney, STG1(SW) Tony Ziegler, STG2(SW) Robert Lee, STG1(SW) Philip Spear, STGSN John Tuggle, STG2 Kim Sand, STGSN George Loera

CF DIVISION



Front Row; FC3 John Frasier, FC2 Jeff Kenemuth, FC2 Jack Littlefield, FC2 Mark Stanczyk, FC3 Harold Stanfield, FC3 Chris Young, FC3 Mark Roberts, FC2 David Martin, FC1(SW) David Hammer: Back Row; FC2 Bob Fomsbee, FC3 Gary Hanchett, FC3 Michael Adams, FC3 Tony Barnett, FC3 Jim Smith, FC2 John Singleton, FC2 Chip Means, FCC*SW) Chip Aviles, FCC*SW) Dave Holmes, FCC Gary Scott, FC3 Ken LaFleur, FC2 John Bennett, FC1 Larry Whitley, FC2 Brian Leathers



CG DIVISION



GMM1 Walt Vosburgh, GMMC(SW) Frank Tumbull, GMM2(SW) Aaron Sterling, GMM2(SW) Ross Beasley; Back Row; GMM3 David Smith, GMM1(SW) Gary Blair, GMM3 Mitch Sabater, GMM1 Quincy Nash, ENs Paul Ring



Front Row; GMG3 Reginald Dillard, GMG2 Bob Elmer, GMG2 Dan Caperton, GMGC(SW) Dave Tomasetti; Back Row; GMGSN Tom McCullough, GMG3 Brett Cook, ENS Paul Ring, GMG2 Scott Piper, GMG3(SW) Bell Belt, GMG1 Dick Spencer

ENGINEERING



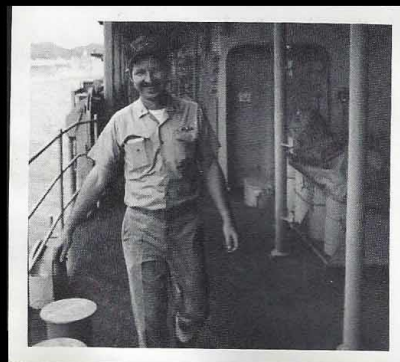
LT Dan Kimberlain
Chief Engineer
Through 23 October



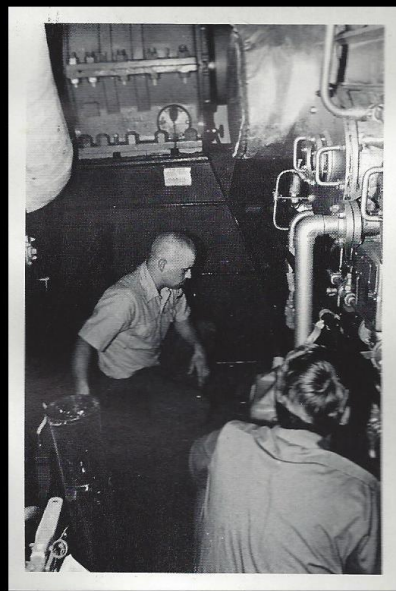
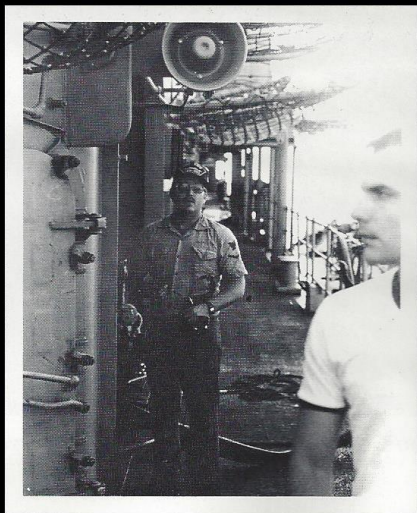
LTJG Andy Norris
Main Propulsion Assistant



LT Andy Vinson
Chief Engineer
After 23 October



GMCM Frank Paxton



A DIVISION



Front row; LT Rich Vogel, EN3 Mike Schnetzler, EN3 Tibran Holmes, EN2*(SW) Danny vickers, EN3 Lawrence Adams; Back Row; EN2 Kenneth Watson, EN3 Eric Megargel, EN3 Bill Lamoreaux, EN2(SW) Jerry Nixon



Front Row; EN1 Steve Sprenkle, EN2 Paul Yarger, EN2 Bill Sterck; Back Row; EN2 Larry Feldman, EN3 Joe Warling, EN3 Jim rogers, ENC(SW) Brent Harris

MP DIVISION



Front Row; GSE2 Terrence Fross, GSM2 Rusty Pennington, GSM3 Eric Shriver, GSE3 Arthur Murphy, LTJG Steve Miernecki; Back Row; GSE2 Neil Newhall, GSM2 John Pelfrey, GSM3 Daniel Harrison

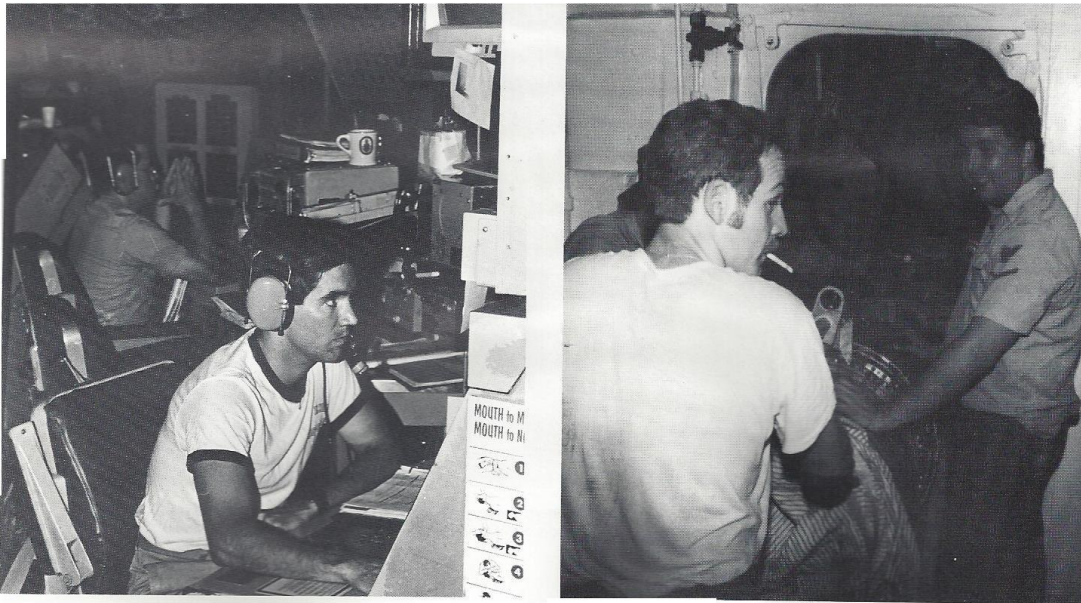


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R DIVISION



Front row; MR3 mark Campbell, HT3 Charles Sweeney, DC2 Michael James, FN Michael Martin, HTC(SW) Daniel Tittle; Back Row; MR3 Dan Carmena, FN Brad Ajello, HT3 Lee Hidde, HTFN Marion Gibson, HT3 Joe Rimmel, HT2 Larry Brown



E DIVISION



Front Row; ENS Eric Cunningham, IC3 Steve Kormaromy, IC3 Robert Weaver, IC1(SW) Doc Holloway; Back Row; IC3 Robert Davoli, IC2 Blane Vadeboncoeur, IC3 Bruce Pinkerton, IC3 Rodney Taylor

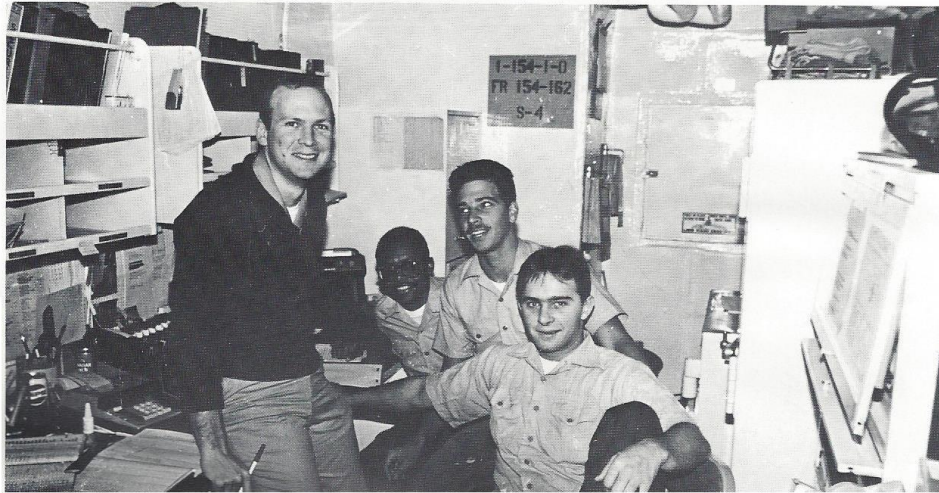


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SUPPLY



LT Charlie Lilli
Supply Officer



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Front Row: LT Terry Evans, QM1 Joe Seal, QM2 Duke Morrow; Back Row: QMSN Chris Bishop, QMSA Steve Taylor, QM2 Jeff Sands, QM3 Brad Finlay, QMSA Paul Beuhner



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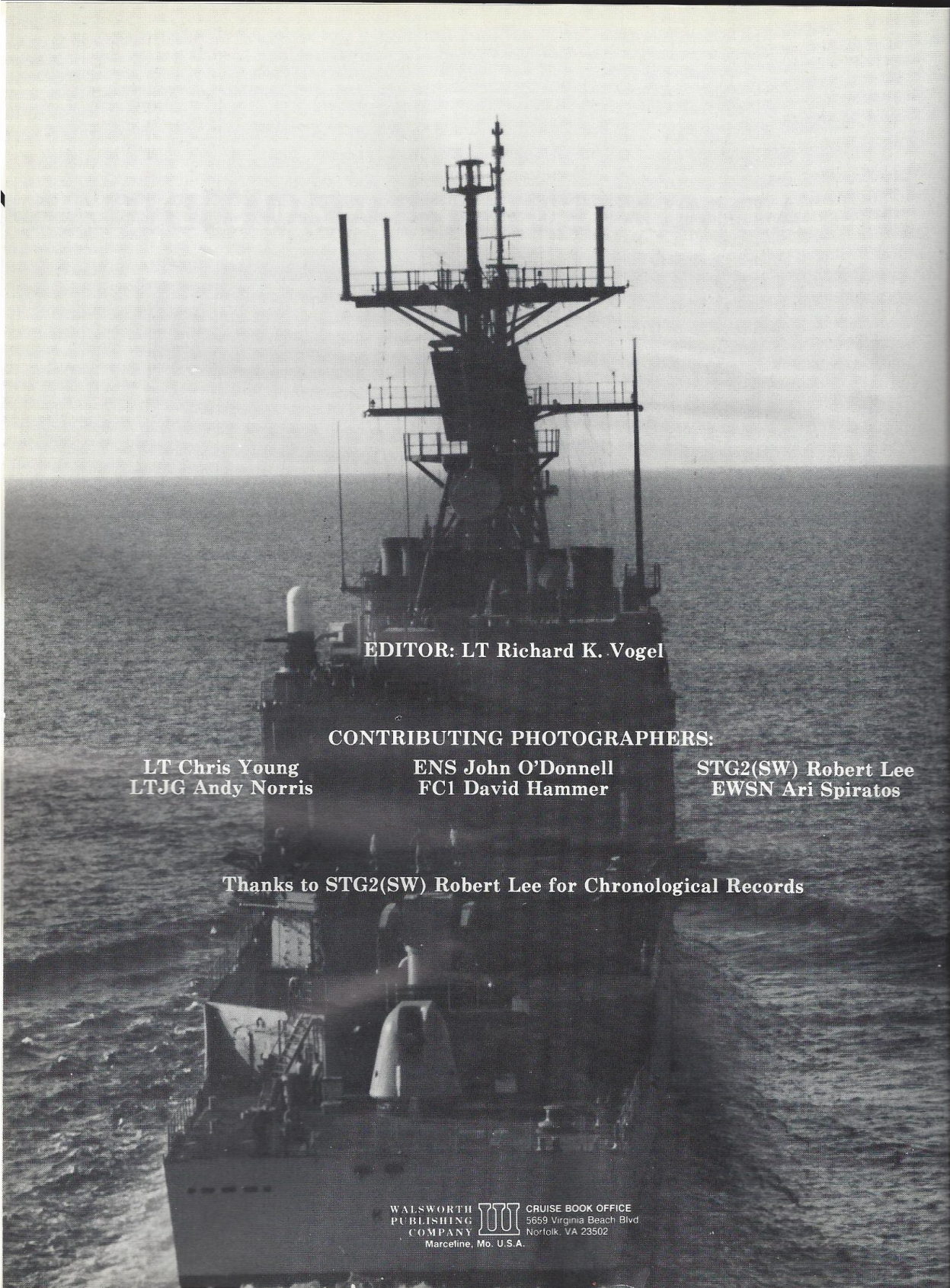
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