



MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE - 1963



*France*  
FRENCH ALPS  
CANNES

*Spain*

CARTAGENA

PALERMO

*The  
Mediterranean  
Sea*





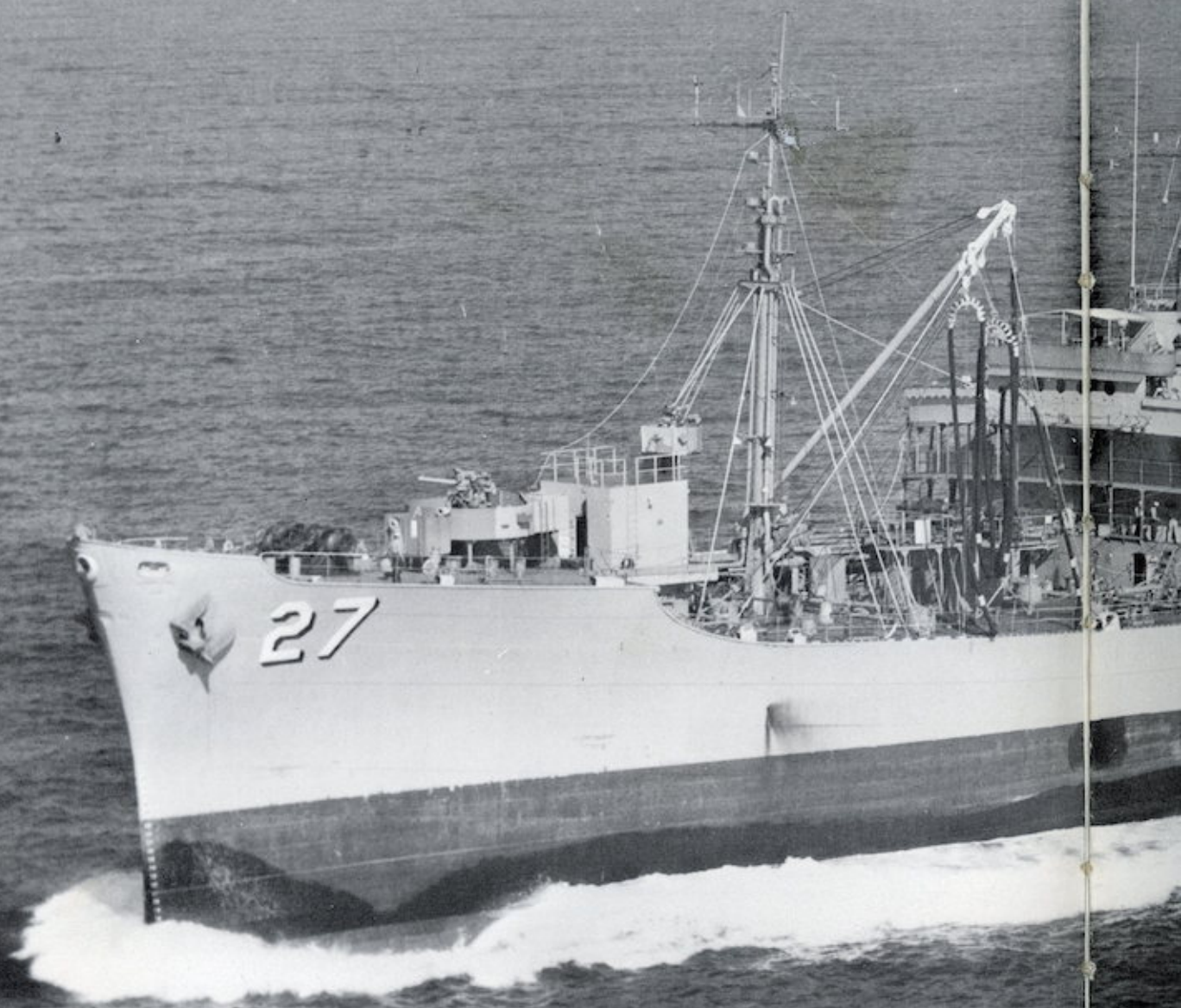
IF

*If you can clean up black oil spilled about the deck,  
And ride upon the roughest storm, never getting sick;  
If you can stay out at sea for many months or years,  
Never to go over for just a few quick beers;  
If you can look real busy when there's not a thing to do,  
Or never do a lick of work while all around you are turned to;  
If you can shine a pair of shoes from seven until ten  
Just to have them stepped on so you can shine again;  
If you will do most anything to be the first in line  
To see a lousy movie that was made before your time;  
If you can stand on chow line until your feet are sore,  
And eat that stuff that they call chow and still go back for more;  
If you can paint over thick rust and still make it look good,  
Or clutter up a quarterdeck with lots of brass and wood.  
If you can stand a lookout watch and not see a thing at all,  
But read the pay list posted on the distant wall;  
If you love this navy life and abhor wearing civies,  
And would gladly trade your wardrobe in for some navy sciivies;  
And if you think this navy life is something really grand,  
And want to spend your waning years at sea instead of land,  
Then - you damned fool -  
You are a SAILOR!!!*

USS Kaskaskia (AO-27), named for the Indian River Kaskaskia in Illinois, was first brought into commission as a fleet oiler in the U.S. Navy on 29 October, 1940. As the name on the ship's Bell indicates, she was originally the SS Esso Richmond I, built by the Newport News, Virginia Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, and launched on September 29, 1939. Principally, Esso Richmond served Gulf ports in four months of merchant service, after which she was sold to the U.S. Maritime Commission for acquisition by the Navy.

Kaskaskia's first year of active service for the Navy was in 1941, during which time the oiler operated between California and Pearl Harbor, with one trip up across the Gulf of Alaska to Kodiak Island.

After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Kaskaskia operated almost entirely in the Pacific Theater of operations, often in the forward areas, where she rendezvoused with destroyers, cruisers, carriers and battleships for refueling operations. Kaskaskia remained in the Pacific, (save a brief two month period on the east coast) visiting such ports as New Caledonia, Noumea, Auckland, New Zealand and Tutuila, The Samoan Islands, and Suva Harbor in the Fiji Islands in 1942, to the Marshall Islands in 1944, and into areas of Okinawa, the coast of Japan and Formosa in 1945.



*After the surrender of Japan, the ship steamed into Tokyo Bay with the occupation forces, remaining to fuel incoming and outgoing naval units. During the period between April 1946 and June 1953, Kaskaskia made several cruises to the Far East, later taking an active part in the Korean Hostilities, and was awarded such decorations as the Korean Service Medal, with seven battle stars; the Korean Presidential Unit Citation; and the United Nations Service Medal.*

*Returning to the United States, Kaskaskia was transferred to the Military Sea Transportation Service in April 1955, and decommissioned on 21 October, 1957.*

*Kaskaskia was reinstated by the Navy on 1 September, 1961, and underwent her reactivation at Brooklyn, New York, and at Hoboken, New Jersey, where she was commissioned on 6 December, 1961. Shortly after, in January, 1962, Kaskaskia proceeded to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for shakedown training. Major operational events for Kaskaskia to date include "Operation Springboard-62", a Naval Exercise in the Caribbean; Project Mercury-Test 66, where Kaskaskia was assigned to a recovery station off the Azores Islands; and an assignment to the northern sections of the Cuban Quarantine in the months of October and November, 1962.*

*Kaskaskia has recently completed a highly successful spring tour of the Mediterranean Sea, as an operational unit of the Sixth Fleet.*



# Commanding Officer



CAPTAIN WELLS R. BILL, JR., U.S. NAVY

*Captain Wells R. BILL, Jr., U.S. Navy was born in Hartford, Connecticut on July 18, 1916. He was raised in Hartford, Connecticut and Schenectady, New York. Upon graduating from Nott Terrace High School in Schenectady he was appointed to the New York State Maritime College. Following graduation in 1938 he served as deck officer in the U.S. Merchant Marine and was also employed in the marine insurance business.*

*On 1 August 1941, he was commissioned an Ensign and assigned duty in the office of Chief of Naval Operations. From January 1942 to April 1943 he served in Army Transports as Naval Communications Officer. While aboard USAT MARIPOSA he participated in the invasion of North Africa. In October 1943 Captain BILL was ordered to the Minesweeper USS STRIVE (AM117) where he served as Department Head and Executive Officer until the end of World War II. The STRIVE saw service in the Mediterranean and Pacific theaters including the invasions of Anzio, Southern France and Okinawa. Following his detachment from STRIVE he served as Commanding Officer, USS PEREGRINE (AM-373), Executive Officer, USS HENEY (DD-763) and Commanding Officer, USS HOBSON (DMS-26). During 1946 he was selected for augmentation in the regular Navy. On relinquishing command of HOBSON in 1948 he was assigned to the Navy five-term program at Columbia University in New York which he completed in 1950.*

*In July 1950 he was ordered to Korea as Chief Staff Officer to Commander Mine Squadron THREE. During the early stages of the Korean conflict he participated in the invasions of INCHON and WOUSAN and the redeployment from HUNGNAM. In addition he was assigned as Task Element Commander in command of mine sweeping forces on the East and West coasts of Korea. For his services in Korea, Captain BILL was awarded the Legion of Merit with Combat V. In September 1951 he was transferred to the Staff of Commander in Chief, North Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean as Mine Countermeasures Officer until January 1954 when he was ordered to Indian Head, Maryland, as Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval School, Explosive Ordnance Disposal. Following this tour of shore duty in 1957, he was ordered as Commanding Officer, USS HICKOX (DD-763) and USS WADLEIGH (DD-689). While in command of WADLEIGH, he supported the first amphibious landing at Beirut, Lebanon in July 1958.*

*In June 1959 he reported to Key West, Florida as Executive Officer of the Mine Evaluation Detachment and a short time later as Chief Staff Officer to Commander Key West Test and Evaluation Detachment until July 1961 when he was ordered to Charleston, South Carolina as Chief of Staff to Commander Mine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Upon completion of his tour of duty in October 1962 he was detailed to his present duty as Commanding Officer of KASKASKIA.*

*Captain BILL is married to the former Marjorie Monfort White of Poughkeepsie, New York who is living in Charleston, South Carolina with their two children Wells, III, 16, and Barbara, 13.*

## *Executive Officer*



LCDR G. Tkach, XO



Lt. G. Milliken  
Supply Officer



Lt. J. Lauf  
First Lieutenant



LTJG L. Heacock  
Operations Officer

## *Department Heads*



LTJG C. Walker  
Engineering Officer



# First Division



LTJG L. Austin



W. Lenzian, BM1

C. Holder, BM2

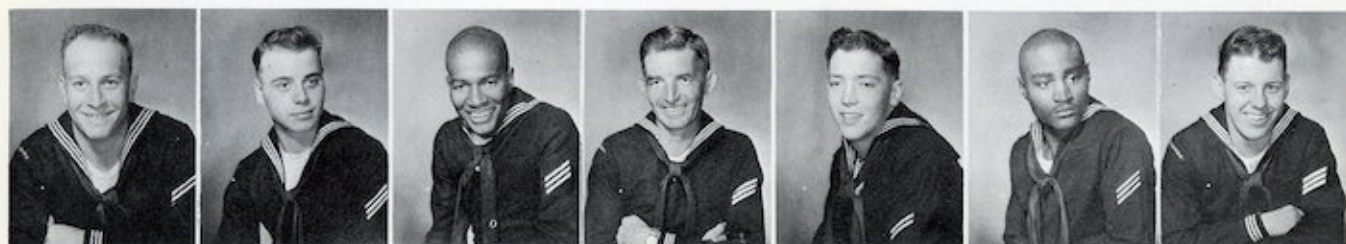
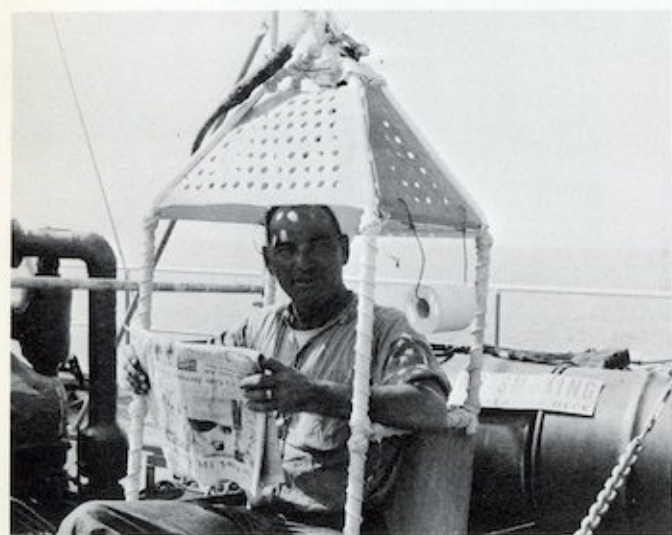
W. Jackson, BM2

J. Petty, BM3

W. Baker, HN

J. Brant, SN

A. Broderick, SN



L. Dessin, SN

B. Garceau, SN

en, SN

F. Holsomback, BMSN

W. Johnson, SN

V. King, SN

C. McClelland, SN



J. McGurn, SN



D. Mills, RDSN



H. Mottley, SN



W. Nowak, SN



W. O'Brien, SN



E. Rautenberg, SN



D. Rich, BMSN



W. Richardson, SN



H. Robinson, SN



B. Sargeant, SN



I. Williams, SN



D. Wiese, SN



J. Baumgardner, SA



C. Cockran, SA



E. Dinkins, SA



R. Dowell, SA



G. Gill, SA



F. McKenzie, SA



C. Stapp, SA

# Second Division



Ens. J. Stone



G. Bostic, GMG1



R. Mercer, BM1



H. Frazier, BM3



J. Anchors, BM2



H. Maddox, FTG2



G. O'Connor, GMG2



G. Cote, GMG3



J. Edmister, GM3



E. Giddings, GMG3



G. Jett, BM3



R. Jones, BM3



J. Logsdon, GMG3



S. Bozinta, SN



M. Brown, FTGSN



R. Brown, SN



D. Croxdale, SN



E. Decker, SN



N. Feiga, SN



D. Gose, SN



'ley, GMC



A. Liebau, SN



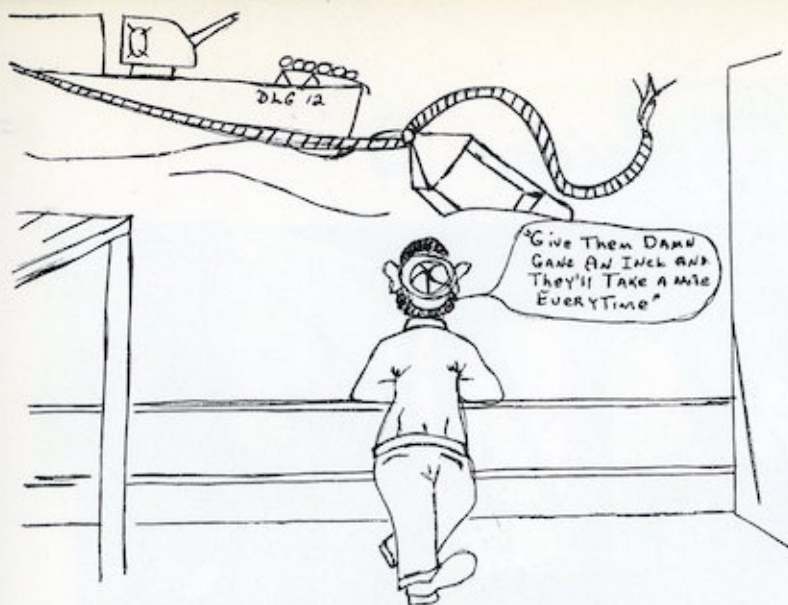
J. Loveland, SN



R. Lowe, FTGSN



R. Marshall, SN



J. Martin, SN

B. Morris, SN

A. Nathan, SN



V. Rivera, SN

R. Rost, SN

E. Schwab, SN



A. Smetak, SN

A. Valentino, SN

J. Whitlock, SN



P. Wright, SN

L. Ange, SA

W. Hiatt, SA



R. Maheux, SA

R. Matz, SA

H. McNeal, SA

R. Reber, SA

C. Sachs, SA

W. Wilder, SA

R. Mahaffey, SR

# A Division



Ens. D. Reed



C. Kellbach, MM1



D. Mathis, EN3



W. Kahle, FN



R. Dye, MMFA



J. Yocom, MM1



W. Stout, MM2



P. Lepage, MM3



G. Pearsall, EN3



A. Wilke, EN3



C. Bell, FN



N. Sill, FN



J. Solomon, FN



R. Vannoy, MMFN



R. Grooms, MMFA



B

Division



H. Prater, CWO2



L. Baldwin, BT1



W. Bonnett, BT1



H. Thompson, BT1



M. Thomas, BT2



B. Balty, BT3



P. Borowski, BT3



S. Pendleton, BT3



W. Pope, BT3



B. White, BT3



H. Brantley, FN



W. Burke, FN



D. Clay, FN



T. Cote, FN



F. Craven, FN



H. Hill, FN



H. Lane, FN



B. Mates, FN



G. Reynolds, BTFN



S. Turner, FN



Ens. E. Silva



G. Stephens, EMCS



R. Crosbie, EM2

# E Division



D. Martin, EM2



J. Moore, IC2



G. Hays, EM3



A. Hemond, IC3



R. Manewal, EM3



J. Sheets, EM3



T. Burton, FN



T. Crawford, EMFN



A. Christensen, FN



G. Goodlin, FN



L. Kish, SMFN



R. Murray, FN



W. Burgher, EMFA



# M Division



A. Knisbell, MMC



G. Hansen, MM1



R. Burton, MM3



R. Pawelchak, MM2



B. Burnette, MM3



D. Frew, MR3



J. Roundtree, MM3



W. Honor, MM3



R. Miller, MM3



J. Rowley, MM3



W. Jones, FN



C. Williams, MM3



C. Gosney, FN



B. Hall, FN



S. McCrary, MMFN



M. Pratte, SA



H. Moore, FN



F. Pickrel, FN



R. Rehfus, MMFA



# R Division



Ens. J. Risser



F. Farrell, SFC



M. Luhm, SFM2



E. Puckett, SFP2



F. Todd, DC2



J. Auter, SFP3



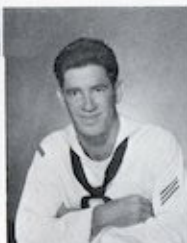
R. Matthews, SFM3



D. Merritt, SFM3



G. Christman, FN



F. Earley, FN



D. Shackle, FN



R. Sherman, FN



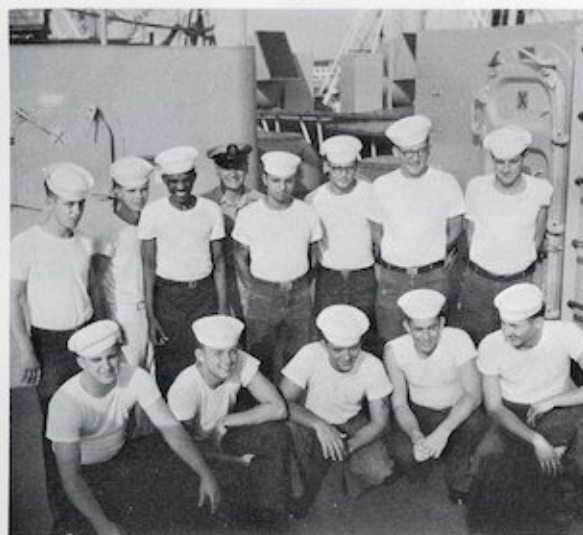
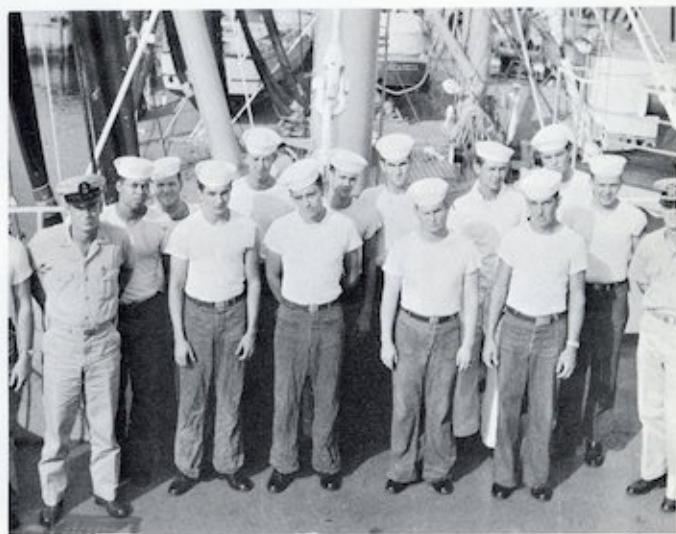
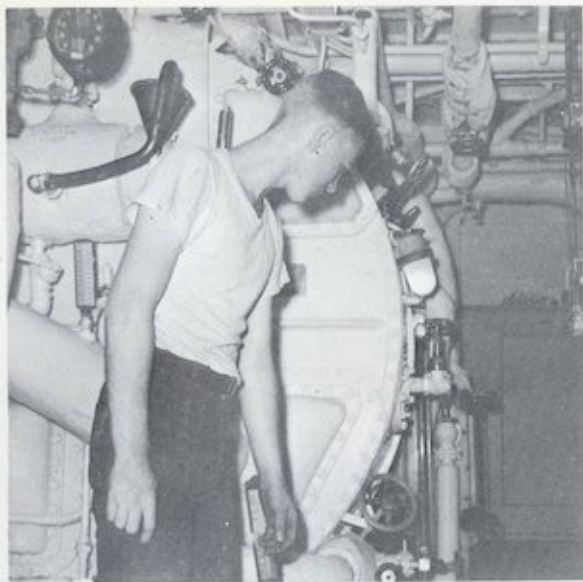
D. Wackerling, FN



R. Watts, FN



# Engineering Department





LTJG D. Darden



Ens. R. McCarthy



Ens. E. Coppinger

# Operations Division



C. Crawford, SMC



R. Zegers, TE(RM)C



L. Baker, QM1



J. Grindstaff, YN1



T. Hicks, RD1



H. Davis, YN2



A. Johnson, RM2



H. Vollmer, ET2



K. Berube, ET3



T. Birkle, PN3



R. Detalio, RD3



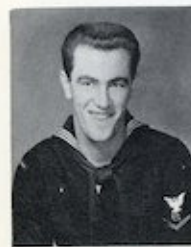
P. Duke, PC3



J. Michel, RM3



M. Gallagher, QM3



W. Glenn, RD3



R. Mawby, RD3



T. McKenzie, RD3



S. Newgent, RM3



D. Thompson, RM3



M. Wallace, RM3



W. Ward, SM3



D. Brunton, SN



G. Easterling, SN



D. Eleyet, SN



J. Ezell, RMSN



L. Keenan, SN



H. Lawrence, YNSN



R. Loar, SN



S. Mazva, SN



F. Nowak, RDSN



K. Nowak, SN



A. Reinhart, SN



T. Shannon, SN



W. Greer, SA



C. Mattis, SA



B. Sprauer, SA



LTJG W. Hansen

# S Division



L. Clark, CSC

O. Tisdale, HMC

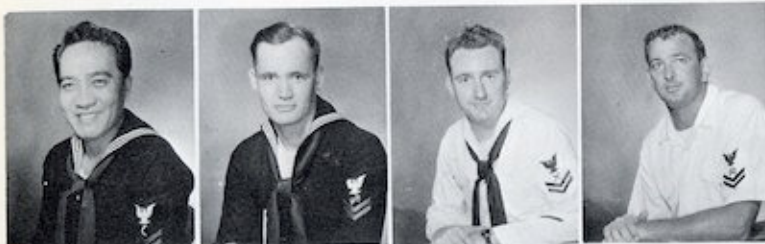
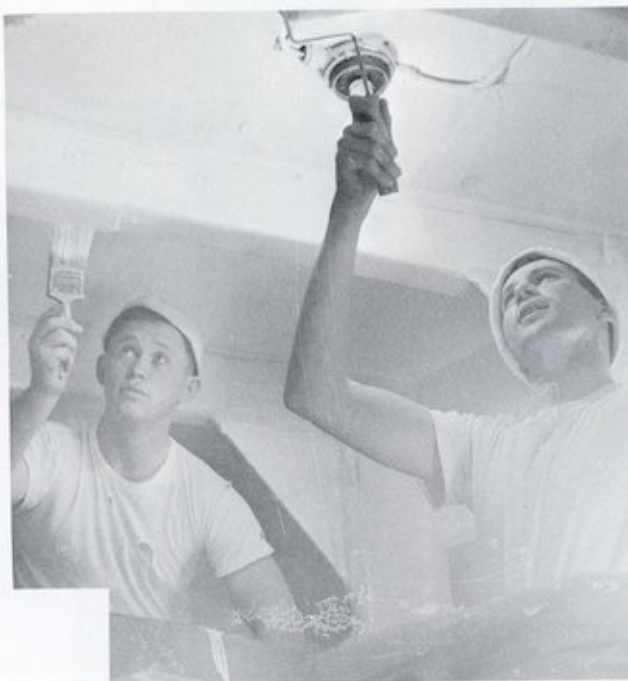
T. Davis, SK1

H. McNair, SD1

E. Shirey, SH1



YA, COMRADE, NOW WE KNOW  
THE CALL SIGN FOR THE FORRESTAL  
IS "HELLO, MR. HANSEN SPEAKING"



D. Acorda, SD2

J. Jeffares, DK2

J. Leach, SH2

J. Lee, SK2

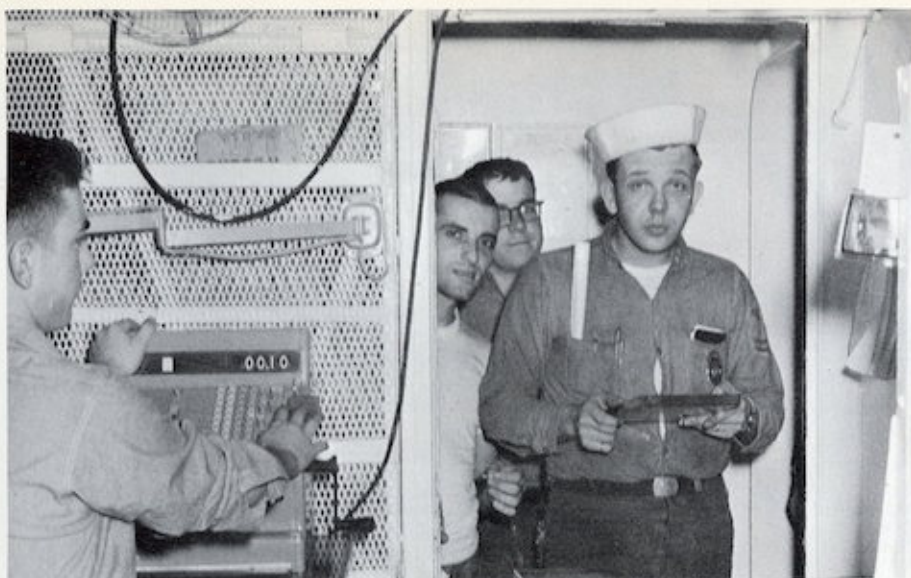


J. Toves, SH2

E. Vanderleest, SK2

D. Best, CS3

E. Corbley, HM3



M. Eoff, CS3

B. Hawkins, CS2

BUT MR. MILLIKEN, THE SUCCESS OF OUR CHRISTMAS-SKIT DEPENDS ON YOUR PLAYING THE PART OF EBENEZER SCROOGE.



L. Holloman, SD3

A. Hydrick, SD3

E. Ingram, LI3



R. Tuscano, CS3

S. Angelito, TN



R. Bangs, CSSN

R. Briggs, SN

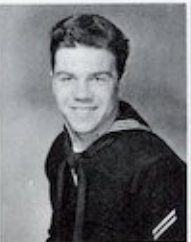
F. Dimella, SKSN

S. Deza, TN

E. Evangelista, TN

O. Keppler, SN

J. Marinaro, SN



V. Mitchell, SN

T. Nemic, SN

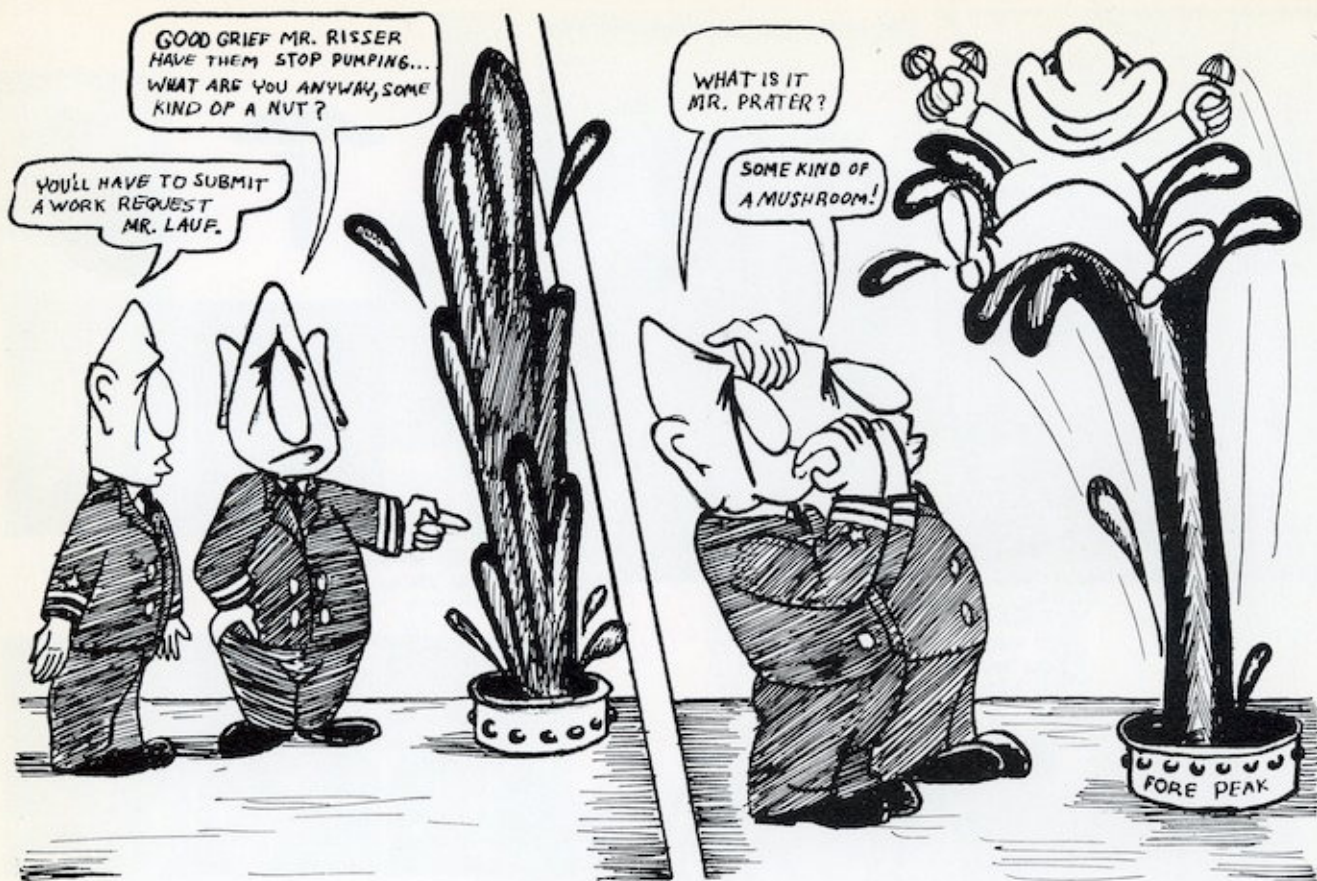
J. Tamburo, SN

M. Parcell, SA

A. Wagher, SA

R. Woodward, SA

D. Jossart, SKSR



## Refueling



I AM KASKASKIA

They tell me I have oil and I believe them;  
 For I have seen it splattered all over my deck.  
 They tell me I have much oil and I answer,  
 "Yes, I have tasted it in my drinking water."  
 And having answered, I say, "Come aboard to port,  
 And show me your empty stomachs  
 And accept my  
 Oil  
 JP-5  
 AVGAS

And a little rust thrown in."

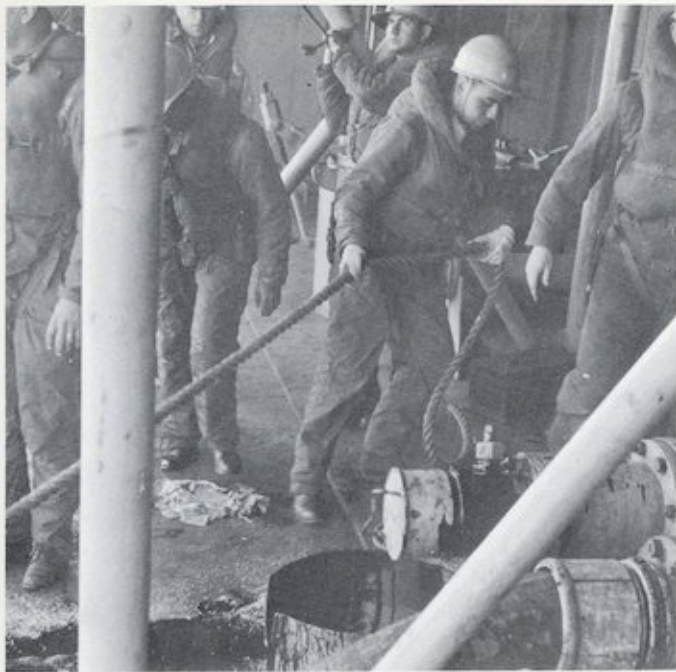
Rub, scrub, scour, scrape,  
 Chip, abrade, sand,

You Fools!

I AM KASKASKIA.

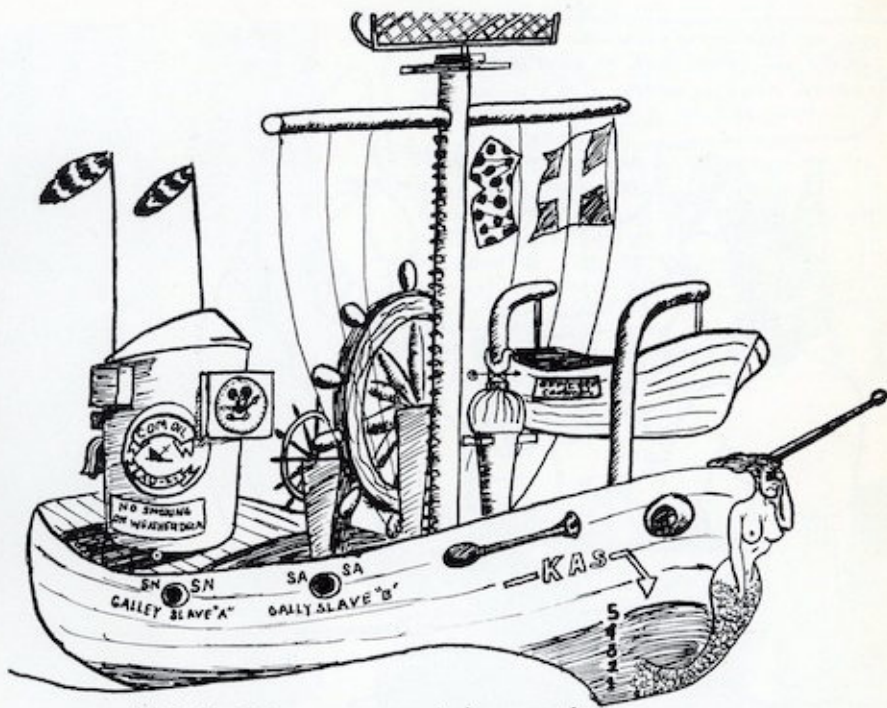
Proud to be oiler to the world, swordless  
 Fighter, supplier of carriers, carrier of  
 Black gold, the world's finest cruiser.





SONNET "64 ROMBO"

*Sweet lover, when life's spring we knew,  
 From shadow's night after day expired,  
 Thou wouldst beckon me to our rendezvous;  
 And I, haste me from my berth yet tired—  
 OP IMEDIATE! A zealous pilgrimage I'd make to Thee.  
 Then thigh'd by thigh'd those swift moments sweet,  
 Alone two lovers on the green Mediterranean,  
 Mass reputed cupid and campaspe of the fleet.  
 Oh gnarish lover, false and untrue to me,  
 Perfidious betrayer, heart of mine distressed;  
 To you whom I made gift of my virginity,  
 Thou hast incestuously taken another mistress—  
 My sister. Fie upon you both I scream,  
 On you Saratoga, and my sister, Sabine.*



"IN MUNDO OPTIMUM DINGHIMUS"







#### THE WASTELAND

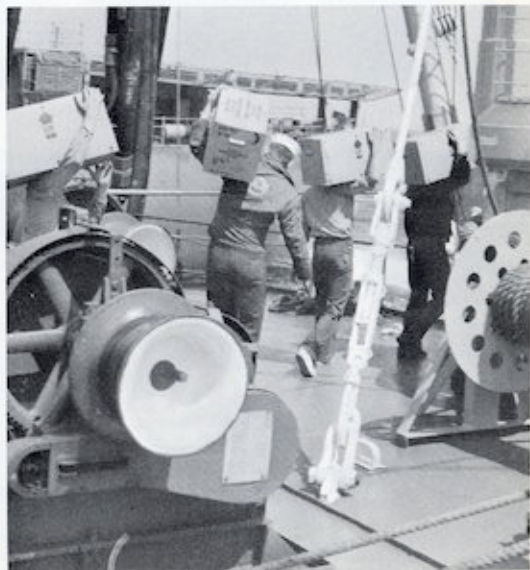
We are the holler men,  
 We are the stuffed men,  
 Headpieces filled with small stuff.  
 Leaning together  
 We holler for early liberty.  
 We stuff ourselves with gedunks.  
 We fill our heads with expectations  
 And scrape our feet down to the brow  
 Like rat's claws over broken glass.  
 We race for the amber fluid  
 In this town's wet cellars.

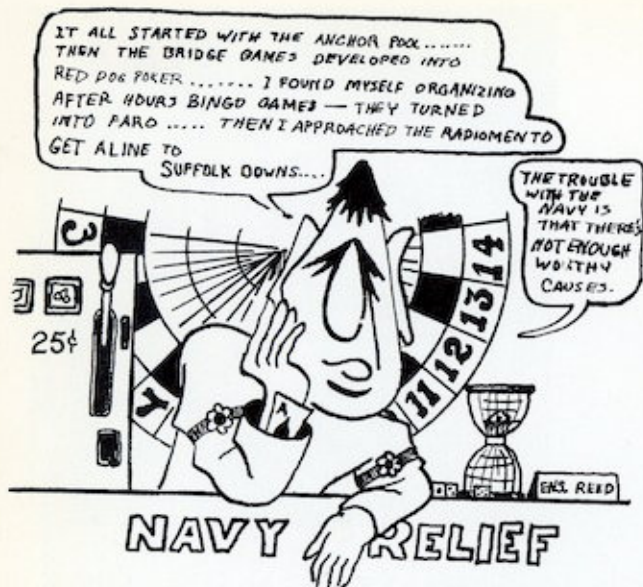




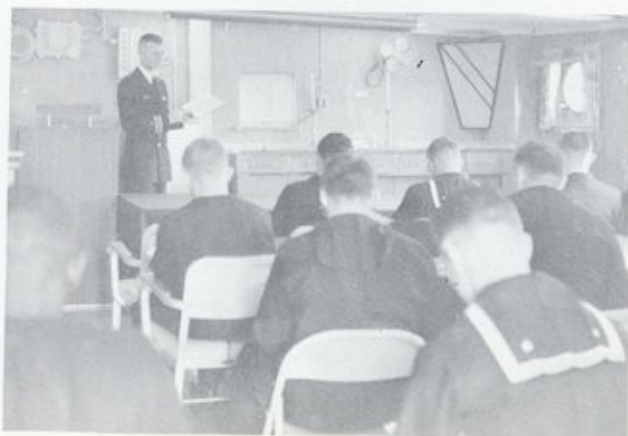
#### ODE ON A GRECIAN OILER

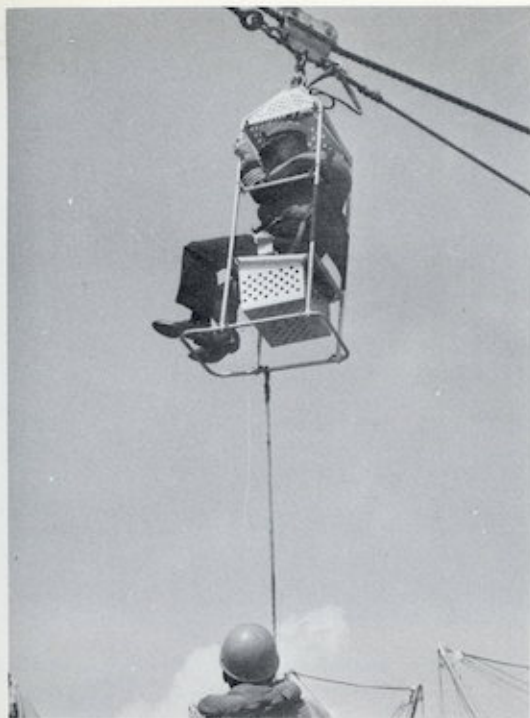
Thou all too ravished bride of rustiness  
 Thou foster child of lost DR's and slow time  
 Aquine historian, who can'st thus express  
 A saline tale more sweetly than our rhyme:  
 What barnacle-fringed legend haunts about thy shape—  
 Of admirals or mortals, or both?  
 In Hoboken or the dales of Norfolk?  
 Oh attic shape! Fair erosion! with brede  
 Of wooden men and marks little over aught,  
 With cancerous booms and rusty decks,  
 Thou silent form, dost tease us out of thought  
 As doth eternity. Cold wreck!  
 When old age shall our generation waste,  
 Thou shalt remain, in midst of other woe  
 Than ours, a friend to shipyards, to whom thou say'st,  
 "Chippeth!"  
 Beauty is red lead, red lead is beauty - that is all  
 Ye know on the Kaskaskia, and all ye need to know.





Lost — Cigarette lighter bearing inscription "This lighter was stolen from Allan Reinbart." Vicinity of AVGAS tank. J. Boucher.





Visitors



More visitors



Sung to the tune of "Ghost Riders In The Sky"

The good ship K went steaming out one dark and windy day,  
And passed her sister Sabine coming in along the way.  
She sent a message to her saying, "Go in and have a ball.  
We're off to do our duty, and to fuel the Forrestal."

Chorus:

Yippeeie gungho, yippeeie gungho, to fuel the Forrestal.  
We were several hours from her when the spit it hit the fan.  
We went to fueling stations, each last and every man.  
We'd do this fueling right at last and keep our honor clean;  
No more black oil in the jet fuel, and the gaskets were neoprene.

Chorus

The C.O. wished to give the flag the best he'd ever had,  
But as the fates would have it, it was doomed to be quite sad.  
For it was early in the morning she came steaming into sight,  
And before we got the hoses rigged, 'twas the middle of the night.

Chorus

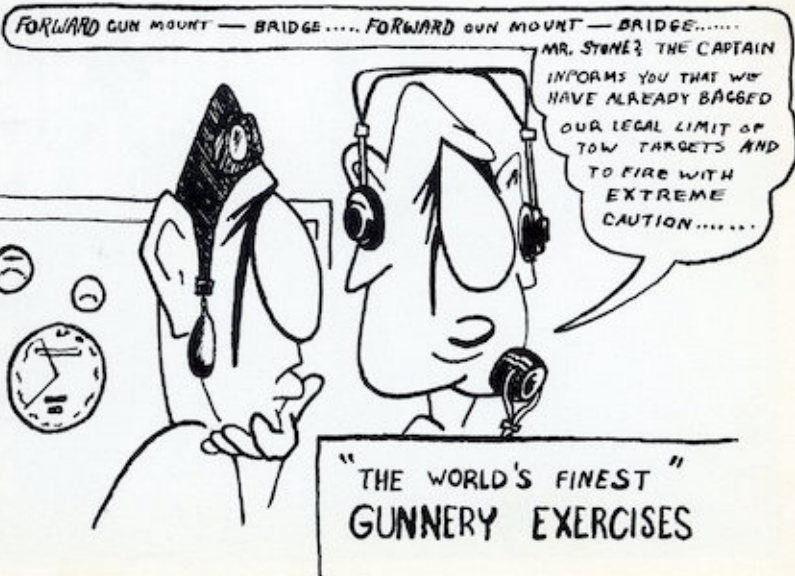
We pumped for several hours at a pretty wicked clip.  
For every gallon in her tanks, we spilled ten on her decks.  
The crew stood laughing at the farce, at last they'd tied the score  
With that God forsaken birdfarm, and that botthead CARDIV FOUR.

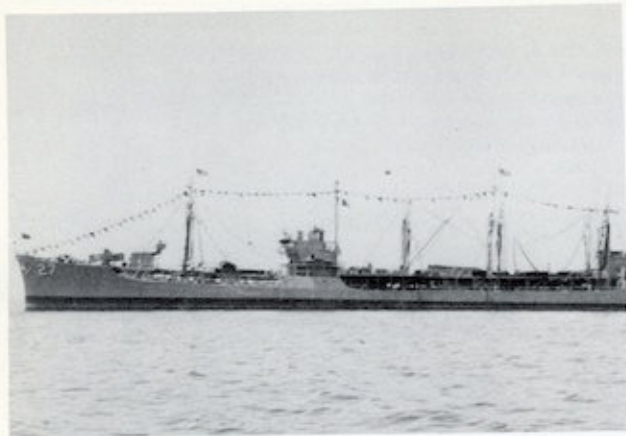
Chorus

If you go steaming out to sea some dark and windy day,  
And see a rusty oiler as you go along your way.  
That's the K still out there fueling, she can't come into port  
Until she finally fuels one right - she'll be out forever more.

Chorus

FINIS





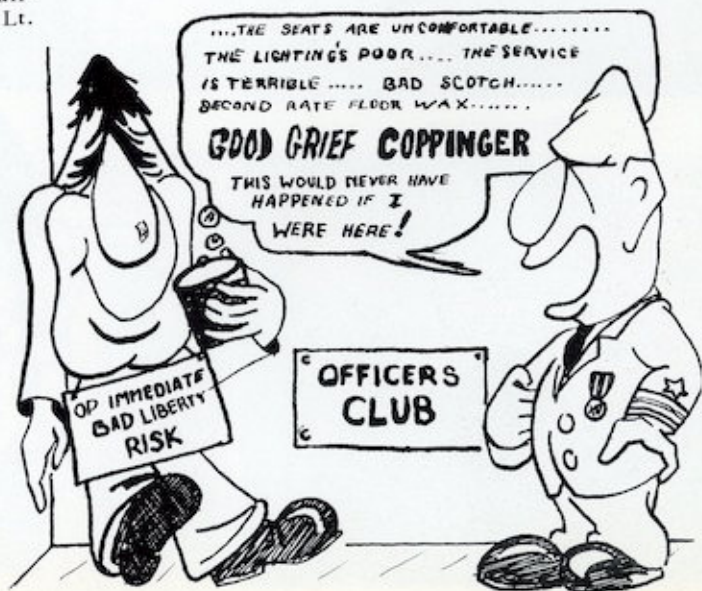
Found - Lady's undergarment, size 38C. Also 1/2 loaf of bread and partially filled jug of wine. Vicinity of bunting locker. Owner please claim. Contact XO.



Lost - One jar of peanut butter. Contact Lt. Milliken.



Lost - One ensign, answers to name of Mr. Silva. California Breed. Vicinity of fantail. Reward. Contact Lt. Morris.



For sale - Morocco bound autographed copy of "How to Skate Without Really Trying". See Moore, IC2.



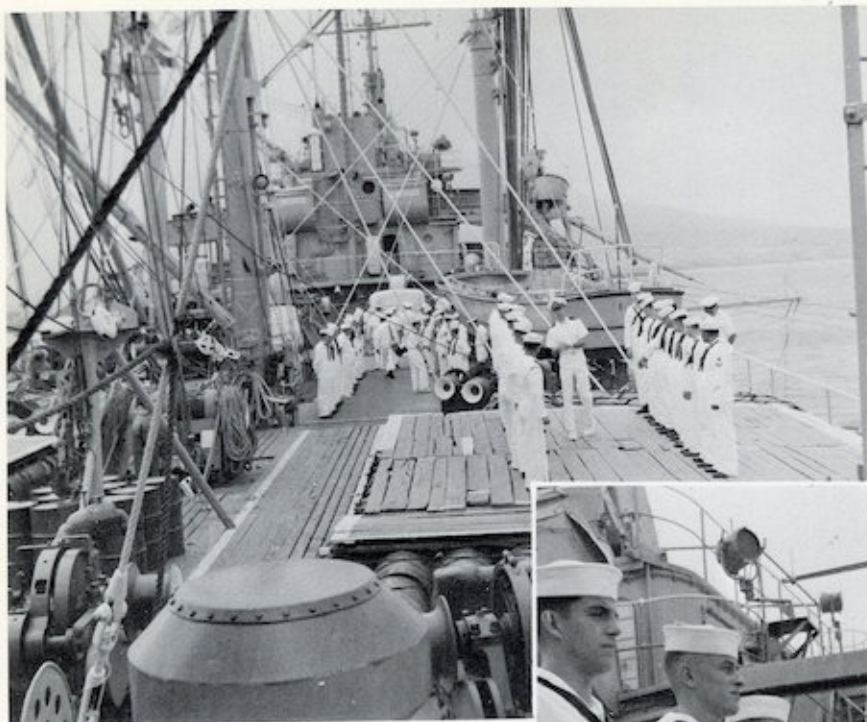
For sale - Two volumes of "Art of Public Speaking" and "From the Horse's Mouth". See Schultz, BMSN.

Wanted - Female. Must be marriage minded. Age, nationality no barrier. Contact R. Haakinson.



Wanted - Personal injury insurance. Am going home for weekend. Contact Thompson, RM3.





Lost – One EM crow. W. Burgher.

Wanted – One quiet retiring DCA. Contact XO.

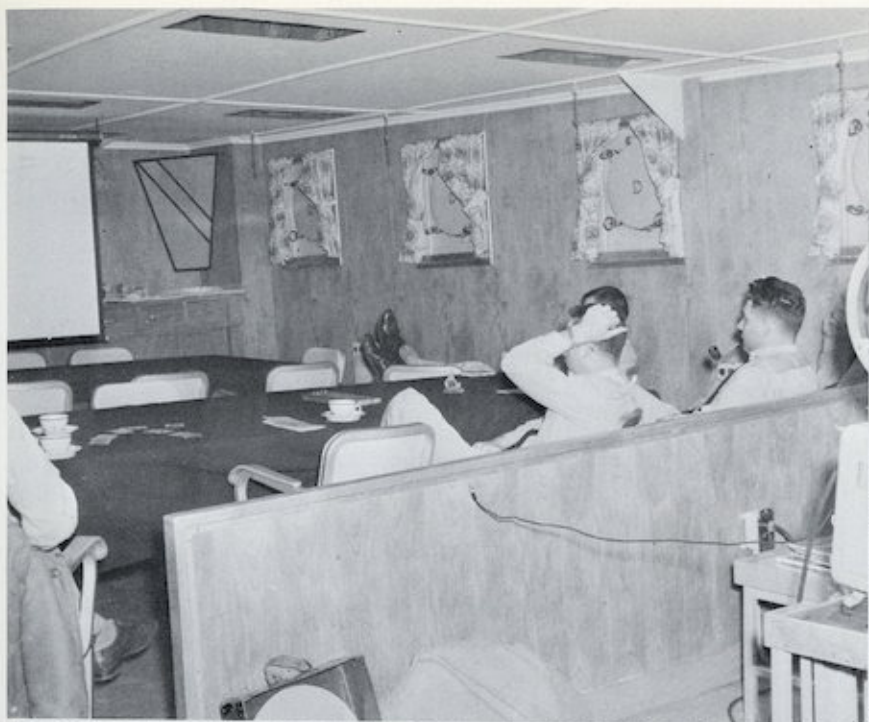
Wanted – Tutor for seaman exam.  
See Mattis, SA.



Wanted – All non-rated men interested in forming a union with eventual affiliation with teamsters. Shorter work week and shorter working hours. Contact V. King, SN.

Wanted – One good lawyer. Contact Mazva.



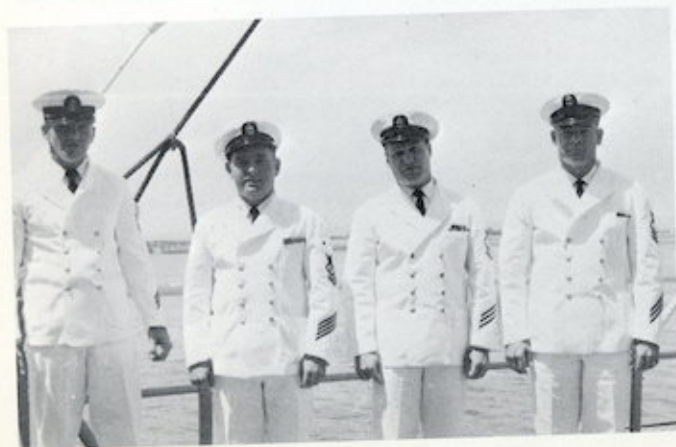


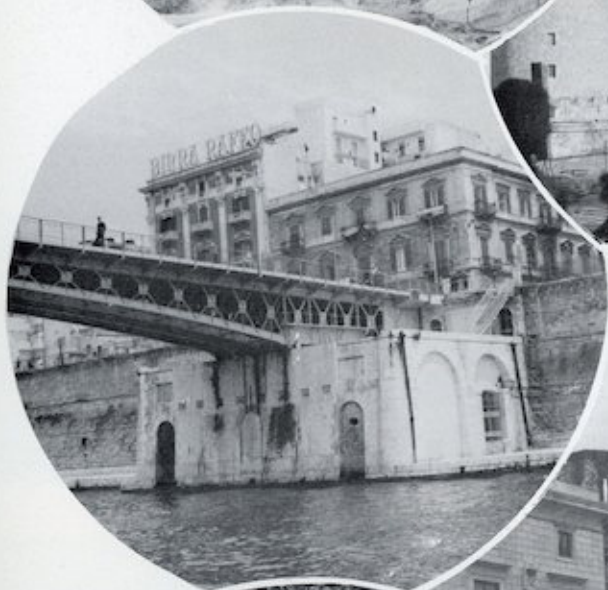


# C.P.O. Mess



CPO Mess



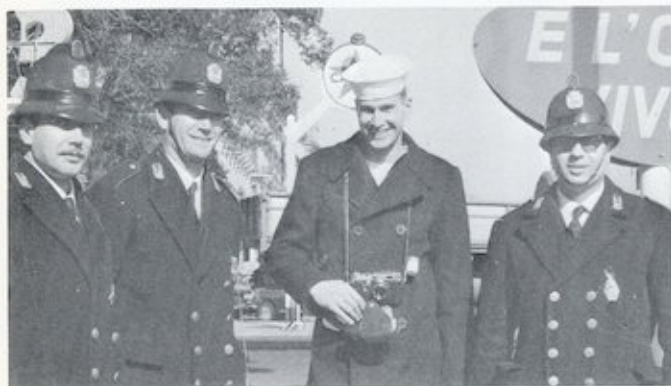


*The Cruise*

# Naples



Fire in the garbage barge!!



Heroes of the Fiat charge.



The new look.



The old land mark.



Honeymooners in Sorrento.



Pompeii.



Calouga Arch-Pompeii



How long before the next boat??



Cameos are made this way.



# Rome



Fontana di Trevi



Tour of Rome



Hogie Vender.



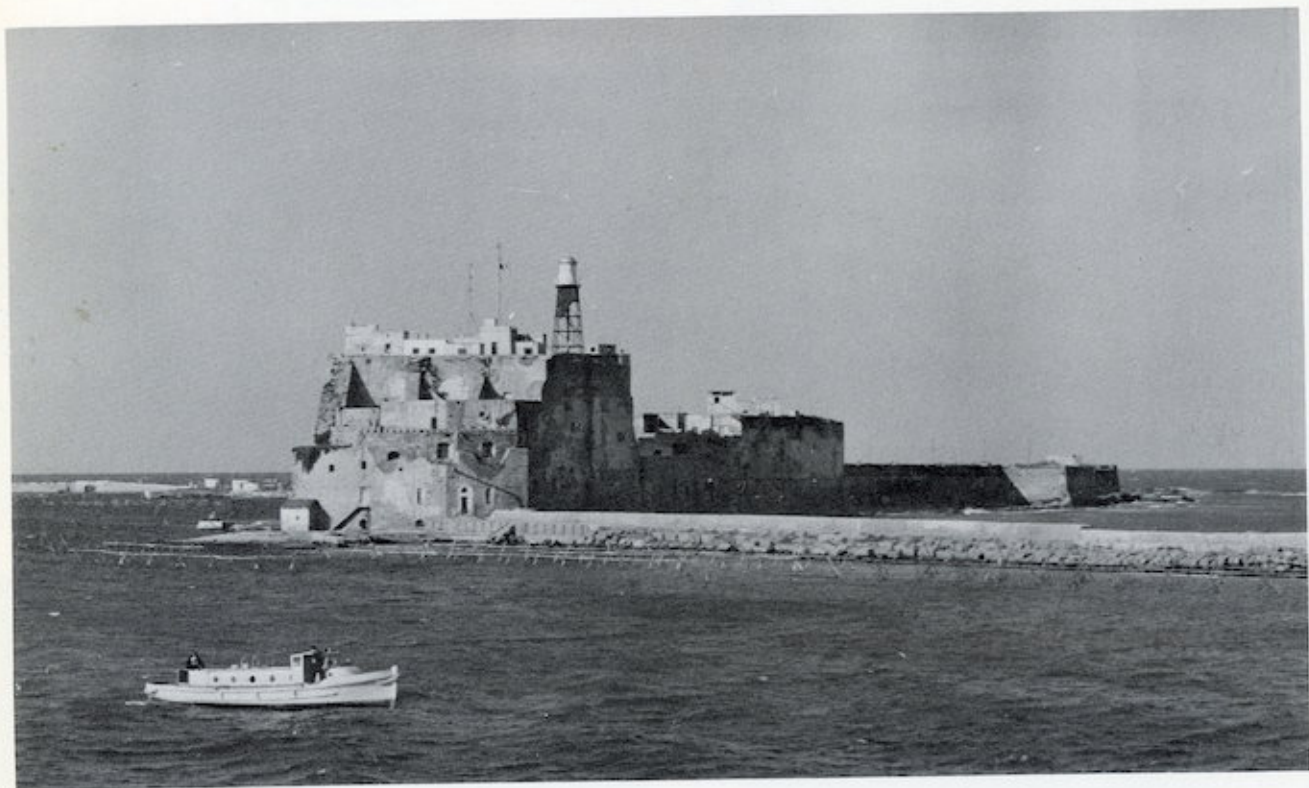
Civilizations past.



St. Peter's Square



# Brindisi



Harbor entrance.



Lunch stop.



White City.



Brindisi to Bari.





Winding road to Palermo.



## Palermo



Taxi??



Temple at Sequesta



Eleventh century castle.



Fountain of the four corners.



Sicilian sheep herder.





## Riviera



St. Joseph



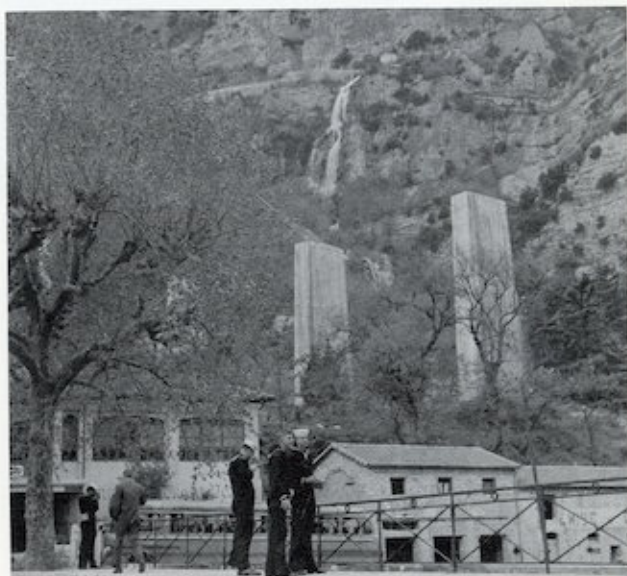
Memorial to World War I



Attention to port.



Monaco Casino.



Paradise Falls in Loupe

# French Alps





Welcome.

## *Marmaris*



Retreat.



Invasion.



Advance.

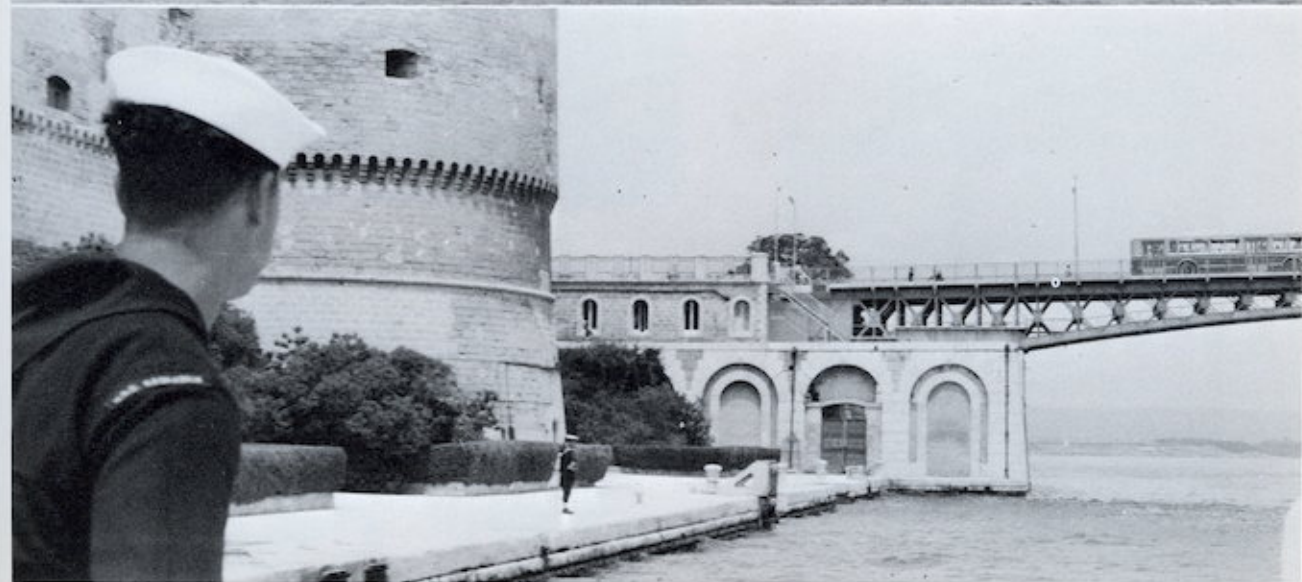


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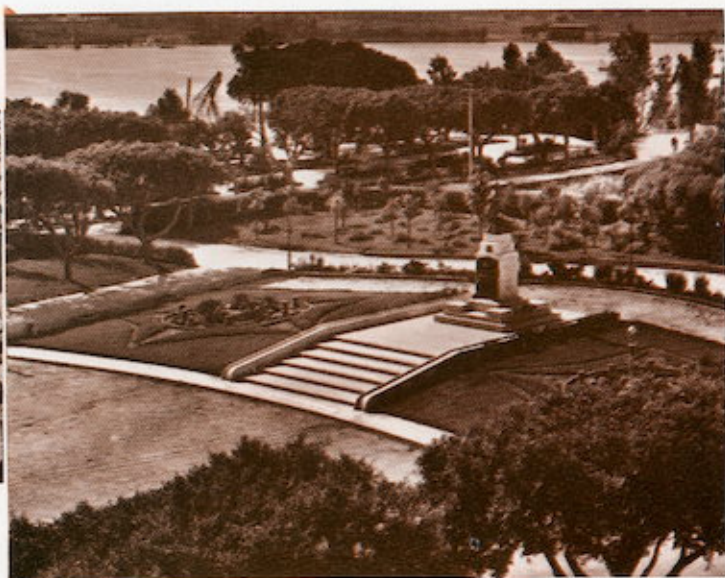
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# Augusta Bay



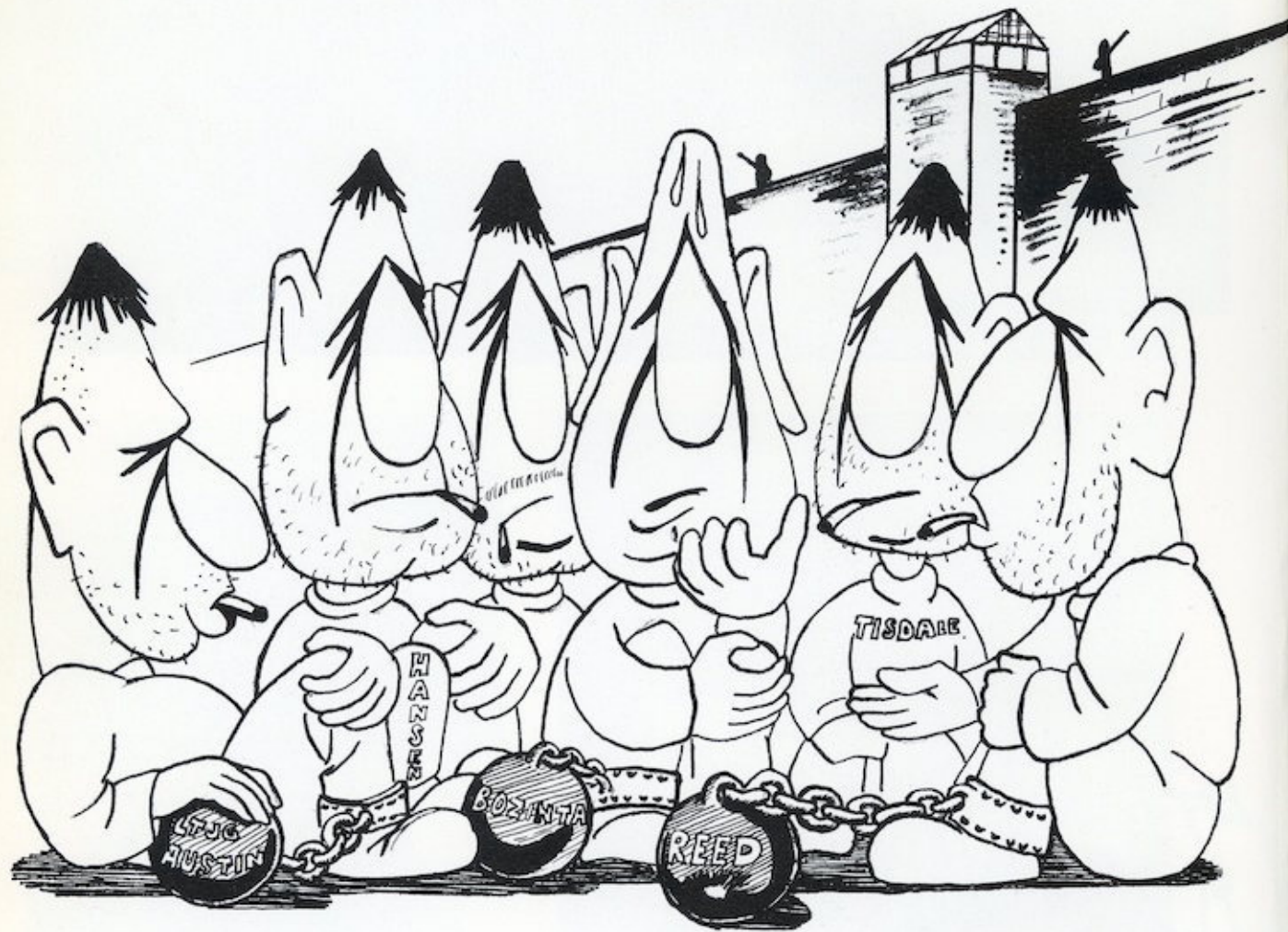
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HOME..... FROM THE TRANQUIL SEA.....

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

Taken three days after this edition went to press, this photograph captures the carefree, relaxed mood of our poet, metaphysician, cartoonist, photographers, and part-time sailors. They have been persuaded (Sec. Nav. Inst. No. 43579) to concentrate on rock breaking, and may be reached c/o Brig, Camp Bliss, Guam.



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