



KASKASKIA

IN THE MED

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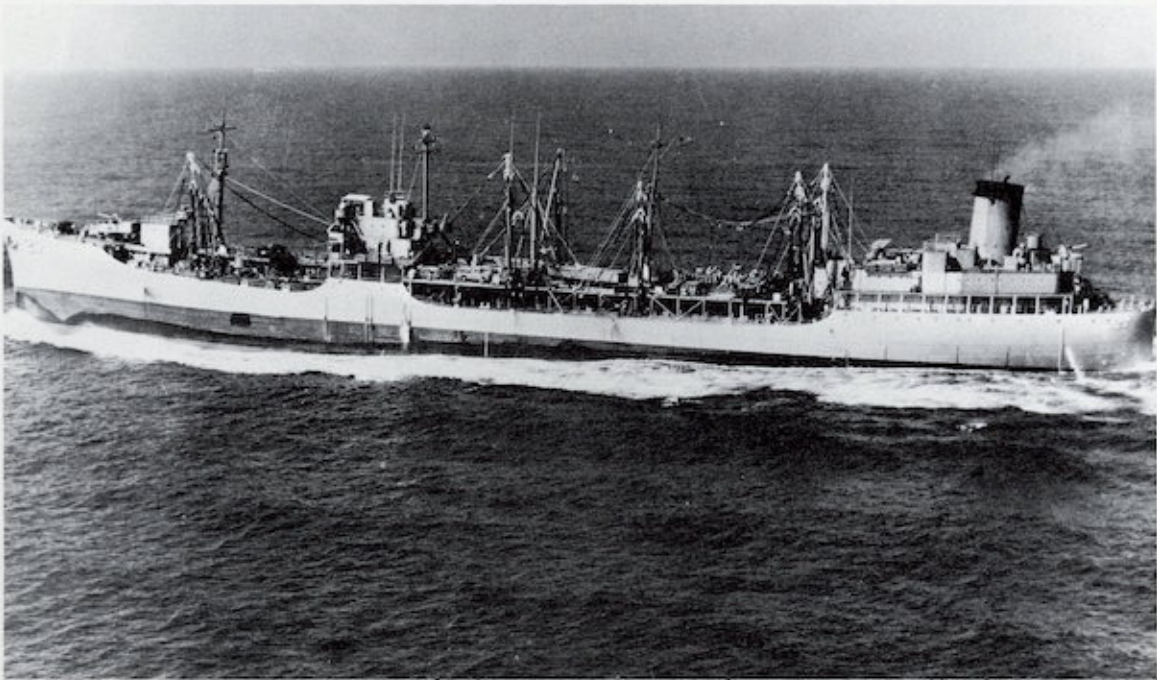
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HISTORY OF A PROUD SHIP

We the ship's company of this fleet oiler are pleased to have an opportunity to show you our ship and explain her functions. Floating oil bases such as KASKASKIA have, since the early days of the second World War, given the U. S. Fleets real mobility and sea keeping qualities. The secret of the "Fleet that came to stay" of the Pacific campaign was the underway replenishment group in which the oiler plays the key role. The practice of replenishing while underway is today a highly developed but altogether routine procedure. Our replenishment force of oilers, ammunition and supply ships, enable our Atlantic and Mediterranean Forces to operate from home ports on the United States East Coast without need for extensive additional bases.

KASKASKIA carries some 1 million 600 thousand gallons of aviation fuel for the Naval Aircraft of our fast carriers as well as 3 million 400 thousand gallons of "Black Oil" for surface vessel main propulsion. This liquid cargo would fuel some 90 tank cars or some 1460 jet tanker aircraft.



USS KASKASKIA (AO-27), which was originally the SS Richmond I, was launched on 29 September 1939. USS KASKASKIA has an overall length of 553 feet and is 75 feet in width. Her draft when fully loaded is 32 feet 4 1/2 inches and she displaces 25,500 tons. Her peacetime crew consists of 13 officers and 215 enlisted men. She was commissioned as a fleet oiler on 29 October 1940 and named after the Kaskaskia River which flows through Illinois.

The year 1941 saw the beginning of USS KASKASKIA'S active service for the U.S. Navy. Although KASKASKIA operated almost entirely in the Pacific theater, more than once finding herself in the forward area, she never met with heavy enemy action or sustained damage from the enemy. During the first half of 1942 USS KASKASKIA operated in the vicinity of New Caledonia, Auckland, New Zealand, Samoa Islands, and the Fiji Islands. During the spring of 1943 she returned to the South Pacific operating

out of Pearl Harbor. While conducting the routine duty of servicing ship in the Pacific she operated from Pearl Harbor to the Marshall Islands.

As the months of the war drew to a close USS KASKASKIA was operating with the Third Fleet off the coast of Japan, supplying fuel and other supplies to the combatant ships. Upon the surrender of Japan, the ship steamed into Tokyo Bay with the occupation forces and remained there for two months furnishing fuel to the incoming and outgoing ships of the U.S. Navy.

As a result of her war record, USS KASKASKIA received sixteen battle stars, including the Marshall Islands Operation, Gilbert Islands Operation, Marianas Operation, Tinian Capture and Occupation, Leyte Operation, and the Okinawa Gunto Operation.

From 1946 to 1953, USS KASKASKIA made several cruises to the Far East, and took an active part in the Korean hostilities, for which she was awarded the Korean



Service Medal with seven battle stars, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and the United Nations Service Medal.

In 1955 the USS KASKASKIA was placed on reserve/in commission status on 8 April thereafter being transferred to the Military Sea Transport Service with Navy crew on 8 January 1957. She was decommissioned on 21 October 1957 and later turned over to the Maritime Administration on 10 December 1958. On 2 January 1959 USS KASKASKIA was stricken from the Navy list.

For the next two years USS KASKASKIA remained inactive in her mothball haven, the Reserve Fleet, Orange, Texas. In 1961 USS KASKASKIA was reinstated by the Navy and was recommissioned on 29 November 1961 and was soon underway, again living up to her past record of achievements.

After completion of a training cruise in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in January 1962 KASKASKIA moved into the Atlantic and has since made her home in Mayport, Florida,

assigned to Service Squadron Four. KASKASKIA has taken an active part in both the Cuban quarantine in 1962 and the Dominican Crisis in 1965, for which she was commended.

On 2 August 1966 KASKASKIA departed Mayport to again transit the Straits of Gibraltar for her third Mediterranean Deployment, to support units of the Sixth Fleet. During this cruise KASKASKIA delivered 21,501,060 gallons of NSFO, 8,168,160 gallons of JP-5, and 3,000 gallons of aviation fuel to 218 ships of the Sixth Fleet. KASKASKIA visited the ports of Athens, Greece; Rhodes, Greece; Ismir, Turkey; Valletta, Malta; Beirut, Lebanon; Naples, Italy; Istanbul, Turkey; Tranto, Italy; and Toulon, France. Fuel lifts were conducted at Suda Bay, Crete; Augusta Bay, Sicily; Cagliari, Sardinia; Rota, Spain; Geata, Italy; and Naples, Italy. Her mission completed, KASKASKIA departed the Med 17 February 1967 and returned to the States 1 March for a period of upkeep and leave.

COMMANDING OFFICER



Captain William R. Eason

Captain William R. Eason was born September 13, 1921 in Manassas, Georgia, the son of R. E. Eason (deceased) and Mrs. Oka D. Nessmith of Manassas, Georgia.

Captain Eason is a graduate of the University of Mississippi. He began his naval service as an Aviation Cadet in 1942 and was commissioned an Ensign and designated a Naval Aviator in Corpus Christi, Texas in August 1943. Additional naval schools attended include the Photographic School at Naval Air Technical Training Center in Pensacola, Florida in 1946; General Line School in 1953-1954; Naval Air Weapons Systems School, Guided Missiles, Jacksonville, Florida; and the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia in 1956-1957.

Initial operational experience was with Composite Squadron EIGHTY aboard the USS MANILA BAY operating with the Seventh Fleet in support of the Philippine operations in Leyte Gulf, Second Battle of the Philippine Sea, Mindoro, and Lingayen Gulf.

Other assignments include: Naval Air Experimental Station, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; VCN TWO, Key West, Florida: Operations Officer; Composite Squadron SIXTY-TWO and Officer in Charge Composite Squadron SIXTY-TWO; Guided Missile Officer, Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Staff; Executive Officer, Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN; Commanding Officer, Fighter Squadron TWENTY-ONE; Assistant Technical Officer and Shrike Project Officer, Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, California; Commander Attack Carrier Air Wing NINE; Executive Officer, USS CORAL SEA (CVA43).

Prior to receiving orders to command the USS KASKASKIA (AO-27) Captain Eason was assigned to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Weapons Systems Evaluation Group in Washington, D. C.

Awards have included two Distinguished Flying Crosses, four Air medals, and two Navy Unit Commendations.

He is married to the former Betty Lee Rye of Palatka, Florida. They have three children; Midshipman William R. Eason, Jr., USN; Patricia Ann Eason, age 18; and Janet Lee Eason, age 13.

COMMANDING OFFICER OCT '65 - DEC '66



Captain Augustine W. Smith

Captain Augustine (Gus) W. Smith was born in Gloucester, Virginia, on April 8, 1922, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter W. Smith. He attended Gloucester County Public Schools, graduating in June 1939. Prior to entering the U.S. Naval Academy, Captain Smith attended the College of William and Mary (ND) for one year. After graduating from the Naval Academy, he was assigned to the USS SAN FRANCISCO (CA38) in June 1943. During his tour Captain Smith was assigned various duties in the main battery fire control division. After various operations in the Northern, Central, Southwest and Western Pacific, including the Philippine Liberation, China Service, and ten major engagements, he was detached in November 1945 to report for flight training in Corpus Christi, Texas. Squadron duty followed with deployment in several Attack Carriers. After attending the Naval War College in 1955 and a tour of duty in the Aviation Plans Division of CNO, Captain Smith reported to Heavy Attack Squadron Five as Executive Officer and in 1960, as Commanding Officer. In 1961, he reported to USS CONSTELLATION (CVA64) as Nuclear Weapons Coordinator and later as Operations Officer. In 1963, Captain Smith reported to the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, D. C. This course of instruction was followed by another tour in the Aviation Plans Division of CNO. He was detached from this duty in August 1965 to report as Commanding Officer, USS KASKASKIA (AO27).

Captain Smith is married to the former Miss Glendyn Greig of Vallejo, California. They have two children, Sharon Smith, a student at Mary Washington College, and Peter Smith, junior high school student. Captain Smith and his family reside at 1216 South Fairwater Drive, Norfolk, Virginia.

LIST OF FORMER COMMANDING OFFICERS

CDR Joseph W. GREGORY	20 OCT 1940- 9 JAN 1941
CDR Walter L. TAYLOR	9 JUN 1941-28 AUG 1943
CAPT Jasper T. ACUFF	28 AUG 1943-22 MAY 1944
LCDR William F. PATTEN	22 MAY 1944-30 APR 1945
LT Thelbert D. ARTHUR	30 APR 1945-31 DEC 1945
CDR Frederic C. RICE	27 JAN 1946-16 JUN 1946
CAPT George B. STALLINGS	16 JUN 1946- 2 AUG 1947
CAPT Francis C. MANVILLE	2 AUG 1947- 1 AUG 1948
CAPT John F. HENKEL	1 AUG 1948-20 AUG 1948
LCDR Charles E. CONBOY	20 AUG 1948- 2 OCT 1948
CAPT Gordon S. EVERETT	2 OCT 1948-13 SEP 1949
CAPT Thompson F. FOWLER	13 SEP 1949-28 AUG 1951
CDR Albert C. THOMPSON	28 AUG 1951-22 SEP 1952
CAPT Robert A. KEATING, Jr.	22 SEP 1952- 7 NOV 1953
CAPT Authur C. HOUSE, Jr.	7 NOV 1953- 8 APR 1955
	Decommissioned
CDR L. B. ENSEY	8 JAN 1957-21 OCT 1957
	Decommissioned
CAPT John D. HOWELL	6 DEC 1961-28 NOV 1962
CAPT Wells R. BILL, Jr.	28 NOV 1962-30 NOV 1963
CAPT Donald K. ISSITT	30 NOV 1963-10 OCT 1964
CAPT Charles W. WARD	10 OCT 1964-15 OCT 1965
CAPT Augustine W. SMITH	15 OCT 1965-20 DEC 1966
CAPT William R. EASON	20 DEC 1966-

CHANGE OF COMMAND

20 DECEMBER 1966



"I RELIEVE YOU SIR"



EXECUTIVE OFFICER



LCDR S. J. Mylander

DEPARTMENT HEADS



LT R. E. Shuford
FIRST LT



LT R. A. Fredette
OPS OFFICER



LT O. N. Morgan
CHIEF ENGINEER



LTJG W. J. Vansickle
SUPPLY OFFICER



LT K. S. Johnson
FIRST LT APR 63-SEPT 66



LTJG M. L. Troutman
SUPPLY OFFICER SEPT 64-OCT 66

DECK DEPARTMENT FIRST DIVISION



J. Brant
BM2



R. Dowell
BM3



G. Rice
BM3



B. McLemore
BM3



G. Barthold
BM3



C. Zehler
SN



T. Williams
SN



E. Wechsler
SN



W. Stewart
SN



M. Slocum
SN



D. Sharp
SN



C. Seib
SN



G. Rowe
SN



B. Richardson
SN



J. Richards
SN



G. Piech
SN



R. Pena
SN



L. Parker
SN

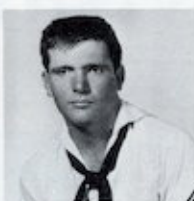




F. Patalone
SA



G. Miyashiro
SA



C. McNurlen
SA



E. Matthews
SA



R. Lacuesta
SA



R. Goodin
SR



E. Gardner
SN



D. Franco
SN



M. Flowers
SN



J. Eacrett
SA



J. Carroll
SA



C. Berry
SA



J. Bigwarfe
SA



R. Baer
SN

SECOND DIVISION



ENS W. Avera
GUNNERY OFFICER



R. McGuffin
GMGC



E. Bakke
BM2



P. Quillen
BM2



I. Williams
BM3



G. Wallace
FTG3



J. Harrison
BM3



H. Webster
BM3



E. Cain
FTGSN



D. Doran
SN



R. Hilfer
SA



D. Howell
SN



H. Luce
SN



M. Browning
BMSN



B. Timmerman
SN



D. Spears
BMSN



L. Searcy
SN



K. Reick
SA



L. Raper
SN





SECOND DIVISION



C. Pullen
SN



B. Pruitt
SHSN



T. Nelson
SN



R. Morgan
SN



W. Melton
SN



W. Lee
SN



V. Jegstrup
SN



J. Higgins
SA



G. Yacks
BM3



D. Dowell
SN



R. Donovan
SN



J. Dill
SN



G. Cribb
SN



R. Carter
SN

J. Carnahan
SA



W. Butler
SN



R. Beck
SN

E. Allmond
SA

"X DIVISION"



L. Potts
YNC



R. Ramos
YN3



J. Luce
YN3



J. Royal
PN3



J. Tabb
PN3



M. Pleskoff
HM2



D. Cyr
SN



OPERATIONS DIVISION



LTJG G. Bates
COM. OFFICER



ENS. E. Rickert
NAVIGATOR



LTJG J. Ursin
COM. OFFICER
Jun '65-Oct '66



LTJG A. Sachleben
NAVIGATOR
Jul '64-Aug '66



C. Crawford
SMC



F. Vogel
SM2



J. Reeves
SM3



W. Farmer
SN



D. McEachern
ETN2



R. Stitt
ETR2



B. Williams
ETNSN



V. Vasquez
PCSN



R. Daniels
SN



W. Horner
SA



R. Brown
RD1



K. Klein
RD2



T. Strickland
RD3



P. Stack
RD3



"There must be something wrong"



L. Baker
QMC



D. Wolfe
QM3



B. Pfister
SN



P. Coleman
SN



H. Halleck
SN



G. Aspinwall
RMCS



A. Shafer
RM2



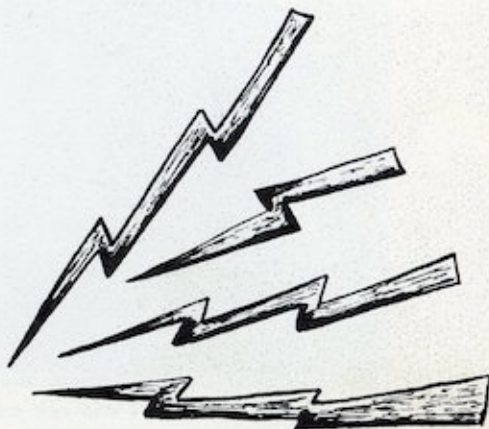
V. Appolloni
RM3



C. Fairbanks
RM3



F. Thrash
SA



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

"THE OL' BLACK HEART"



Look! Look! it's moving



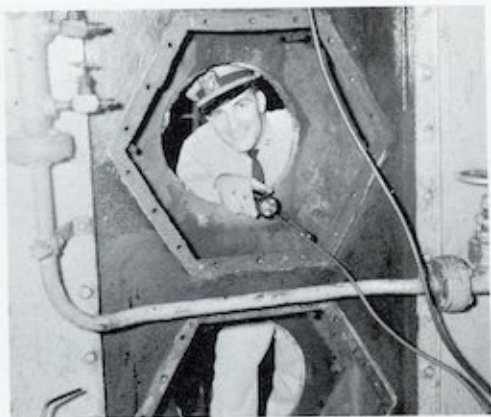
When I say drink, I mean drink



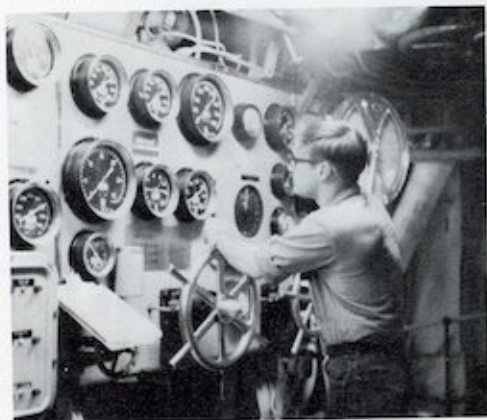
Tonight at 2200, we strike



Just one more drink, and I'll be able to make anything



Come on fellows, I was just joking



I think we're losing vacuum

A DIVISION



J. Porter
MMC



A. Johnson
MMC



T. Powers
MM1



G. Haugh
EN2



R. Wasyln
MM3



R. Rankin
MM3



D. Bodie
MM3



W. Murray
EN3



C. Roach
ENFN



A. Hawn
FN



J. Callaway
ENFN



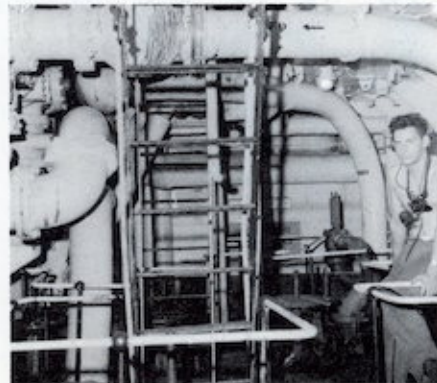
J. Messado
FN



P. Greska
FN



S. Kinzel
MR3



You're right, I'm not happy

B DIVISION



ENS W. Halter
MPA



G. Gilbert
BTCS



J. Carpenter
BT1



J. Broder
BT1



R. Fitz
BT2



W. Adams
BT3



J. Britt
BT3



G. Phelps
FA



J. O'Neal
BTFN



G. Stone
FA



B. Anderson
FA



R. Mahnken
FN



B. Linamen
FA



R. Adkins
FA



J. DeMarco
FN



P. Sheehan
FN



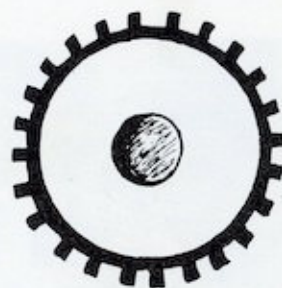
R. Tinsley
FN



D. Beauchaine
FN



ENG



ENG

E DIVISION



LTJG G. Sain
A/E OFFICER



C. Owen
EMC



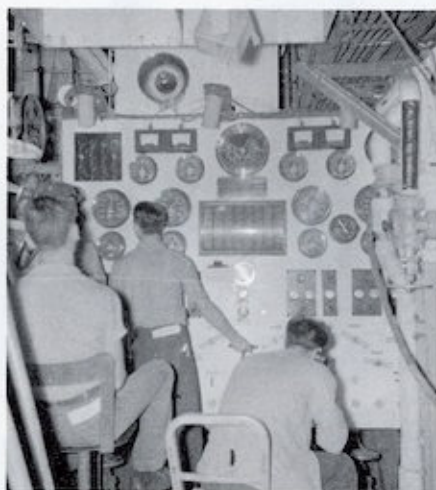
R. Manewal
EM2



M. Scale
EM3



F. Parker
EM3



The Little Old Steam Makers at Work



J. Lunseford
EM3



W. Scott
IC3



K. Eddowes
IC3



R. Heinzl
EMFN

M DIVISION



LTJG P. Cooke
MPA
Jul '64-Aug '66



B. Kersey
SPCM



C. Rush
MM1



R. King
MM2



R. Brown
MM2



J. Tacker
MM2



G. Sawyer
MM2



N. Seymour
MM3



R. Weber
MM3



R. Lance
MM3



R. Brown
MR3



W. Kisielewicz
MM3



D. Gill
MMFA



R. Swiontek
MMFN



J. Nelson
MM3



M. Martinez
FN



M. Helms
MMFN



M. Hill
FN



G. Roddy
SN



L. Dove
FN



R. Tennihan
FN



J. George
MMFA

R DIVISION



Just 2000 miles to the R and R, I wonder



ENS C. Generlich
DCA



J. Salter
DCCS



G. Williams
SFP2



C. Tucker
SFP3



L. McNeill
DC2



T. Buckley
SFM3



V. White
SFP3



D. Gay
FN



G. Macias
SFM3



Boy, I bet this surprises Rice

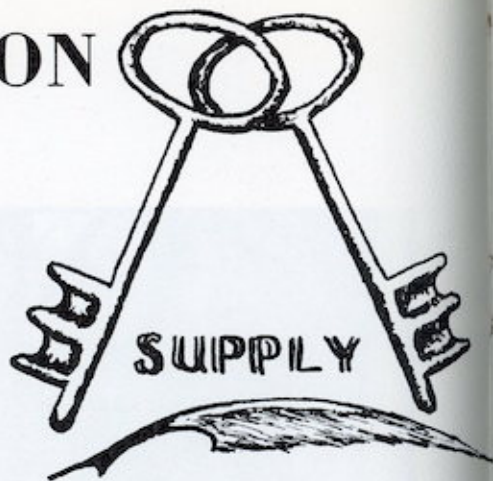


HELP!

SUPPLY DIVISION



LTJG W. Roberts
DISBURSING OFFICER



C. Green
SKC



K. Story
CSC



E. Shirey
SHC



D. Acorda
SD1



B. Welsh
SK2



R. Burnley
SK3



R. Benner
SK3



R. Scott
SK3



D. Birkemeier
CS3



G. Hankey
CS3



J. Molumphy
SN



B. Rosende
SD3



M. Regione
SN



R. Channel
SN



R. Basso
SN



J. Donor
TN



G. Vasquez
TN



L. Armstrong
TN



N. Link
SN

ATHENS



The Acropolis



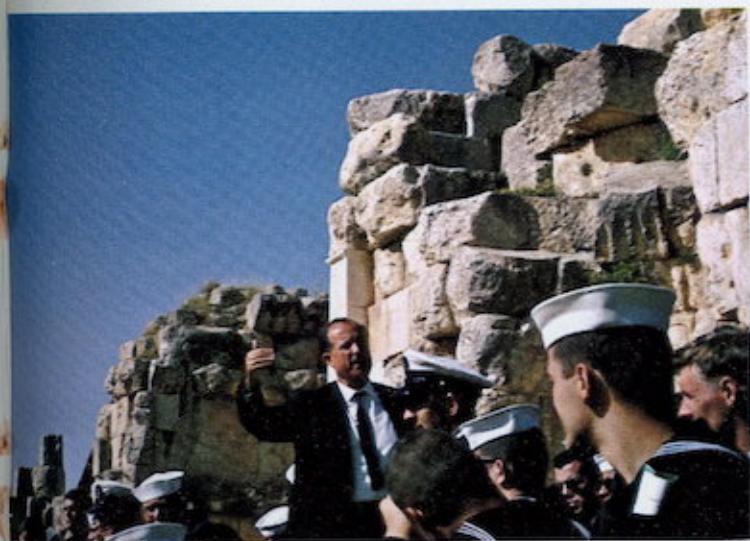
The Parthenon





This is where it all started.

We took many tours . . .



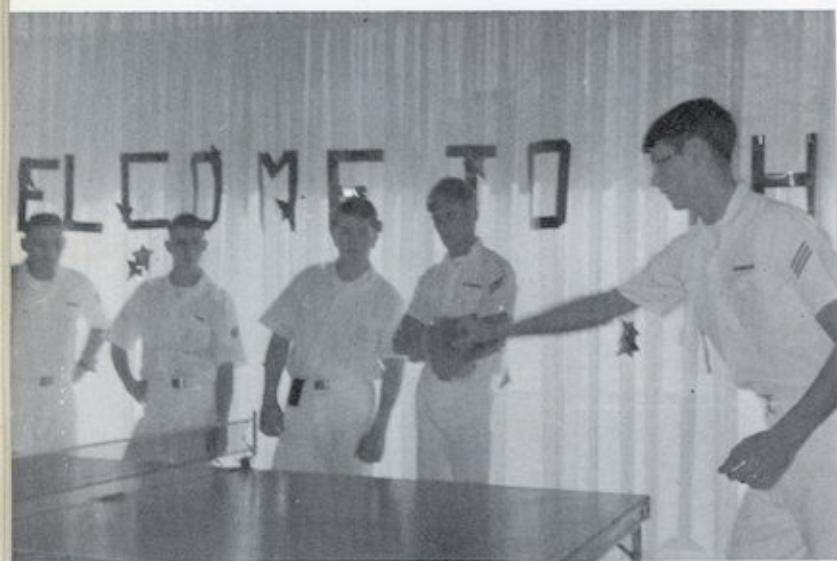
. . . We saw memorable sights.



THE ANCIENT LAND OF GREECE

The palace stays well protected.

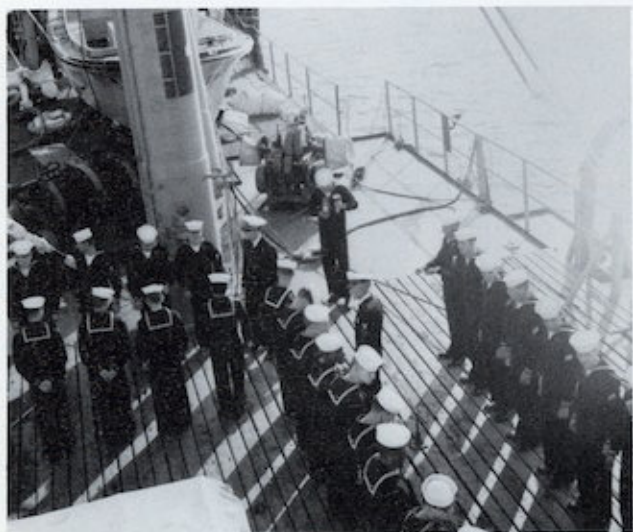


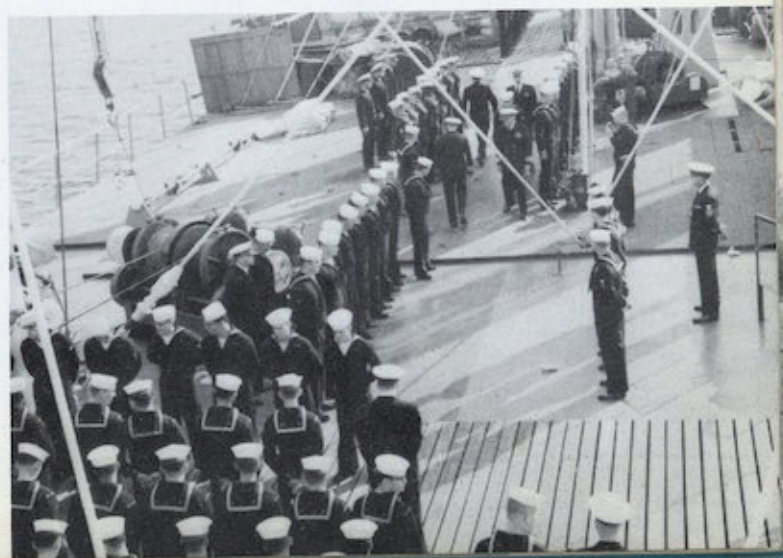
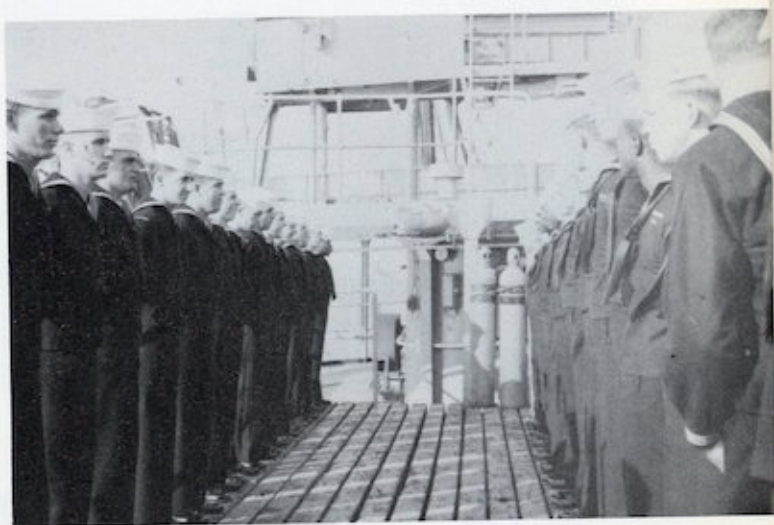
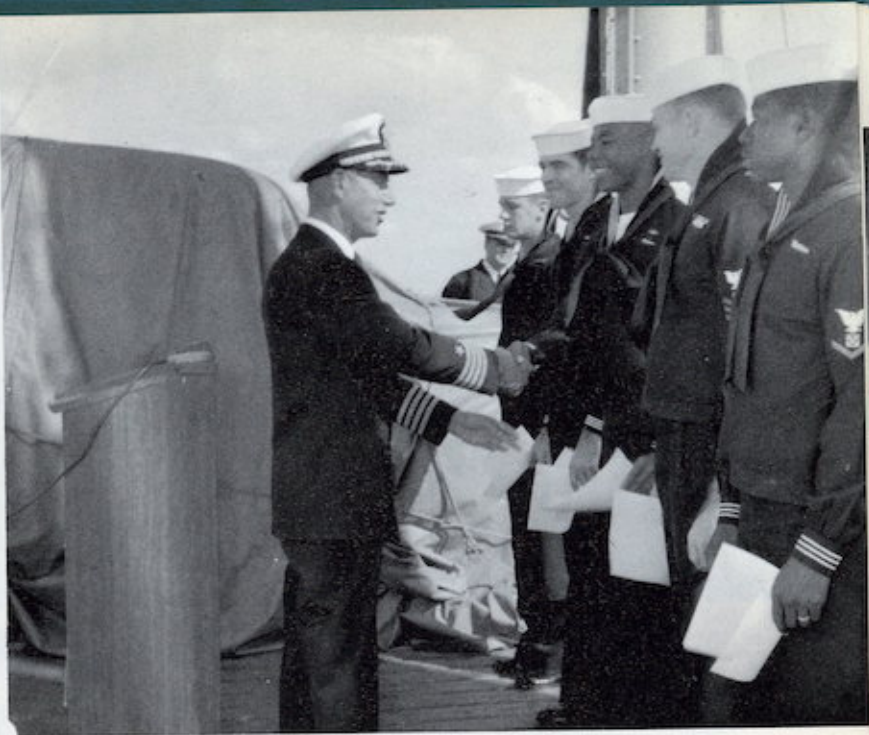


USO-Athens

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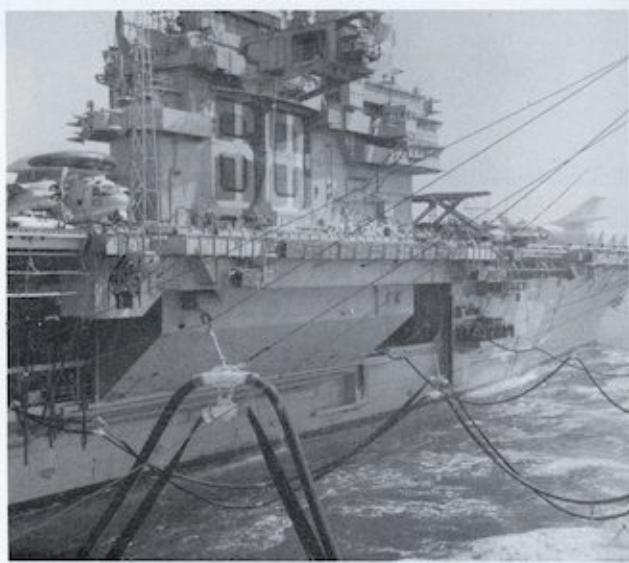






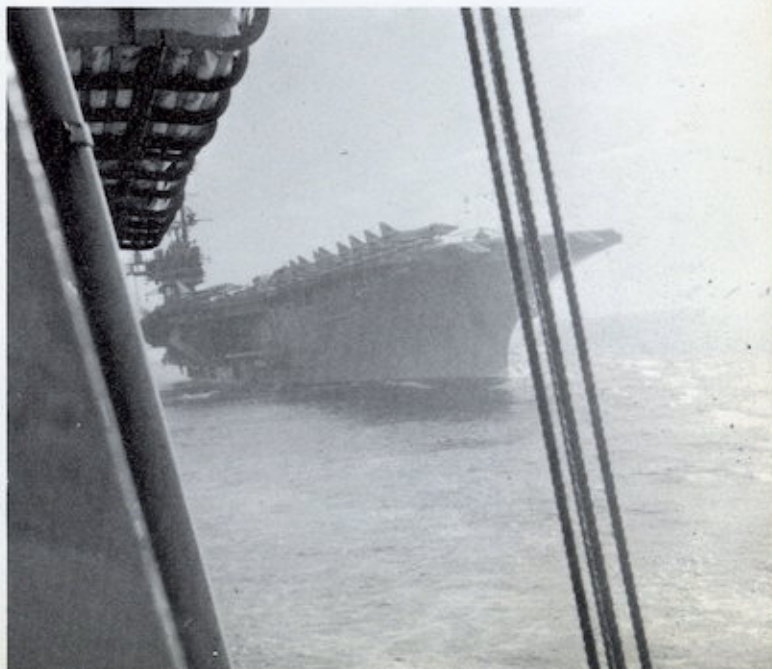


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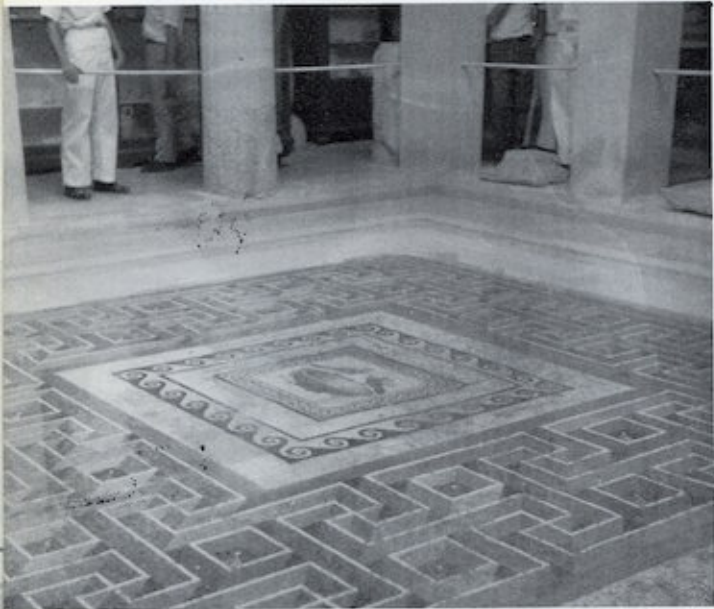




REPLENISHMENT



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VALLETTA, MALTA







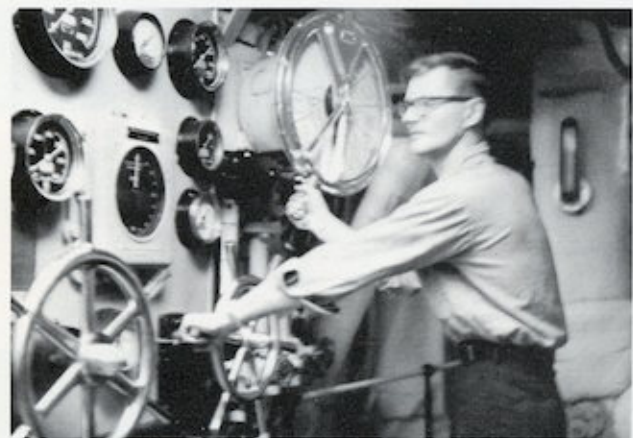
SNIPES & COMPANY



No sir, this isn't #1 pump room



Look, look, it's moving again



Boy, did I get a gear on that one



Get the Chief a salt tablet quick!



Good news, you only have to stay down there eight more hours



We'll have you out in a minute Chief

Ha, Ha, and to think all I do is test water here



I hate to fix a feed pump with a hangover



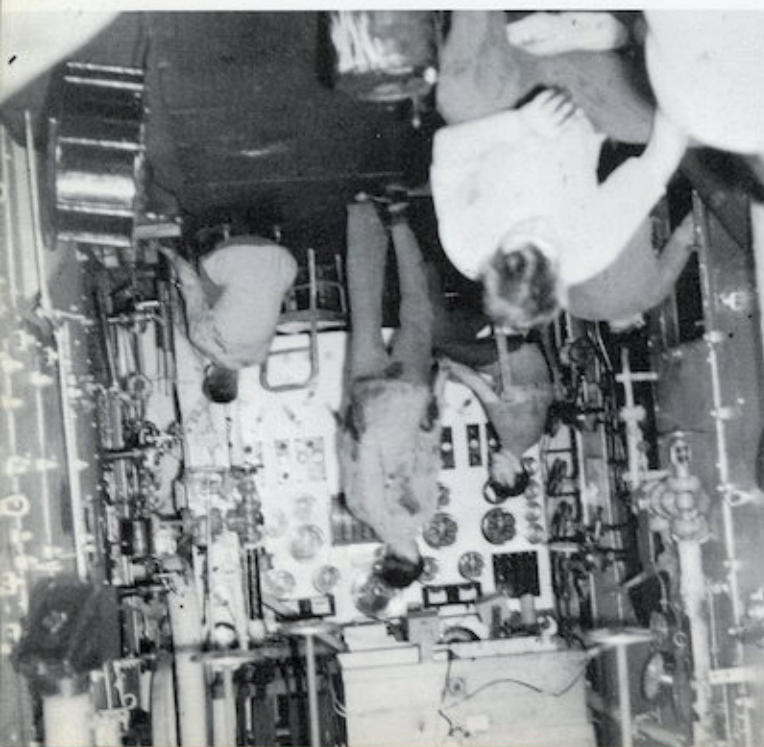
I'll fix the boiler once and for all



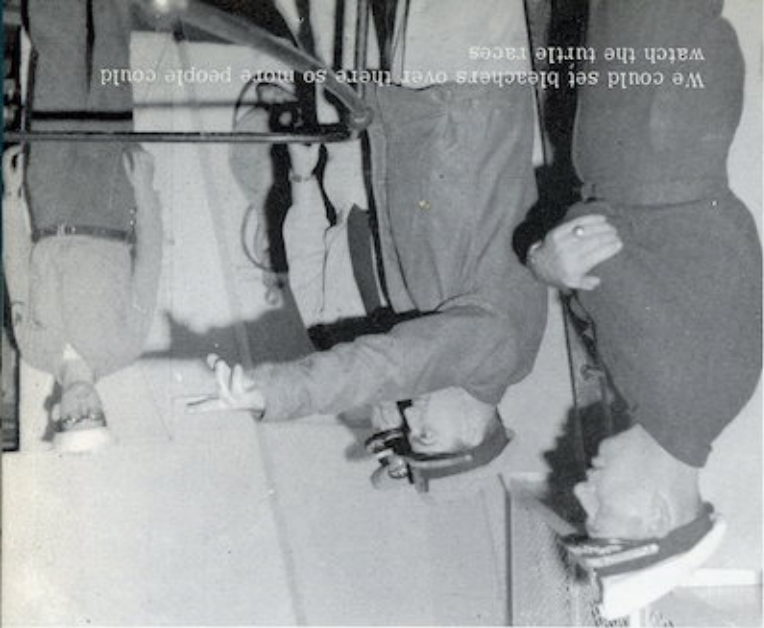
Happiness is a check valve that works



A Fire Room party



We could set bleachers over there so more people could watch the turtle races



MESS DECKS HOOTENANNY



SPORTS AND RECREATION



....Chief our ID's and liberty....



Beer call



Well we tried, but Bud won out



Stand by to charge



But I don't want to play

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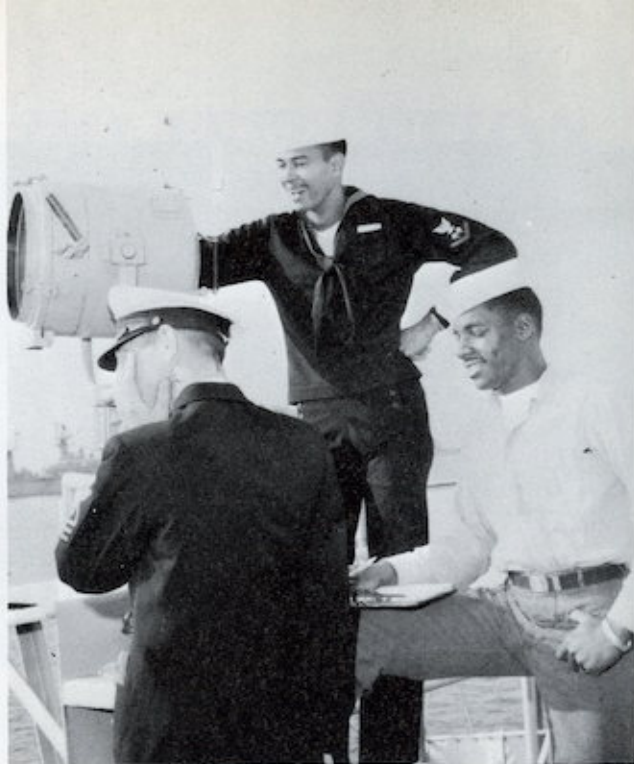




HAPPY HOLIDAYS



GUNNERS MATE



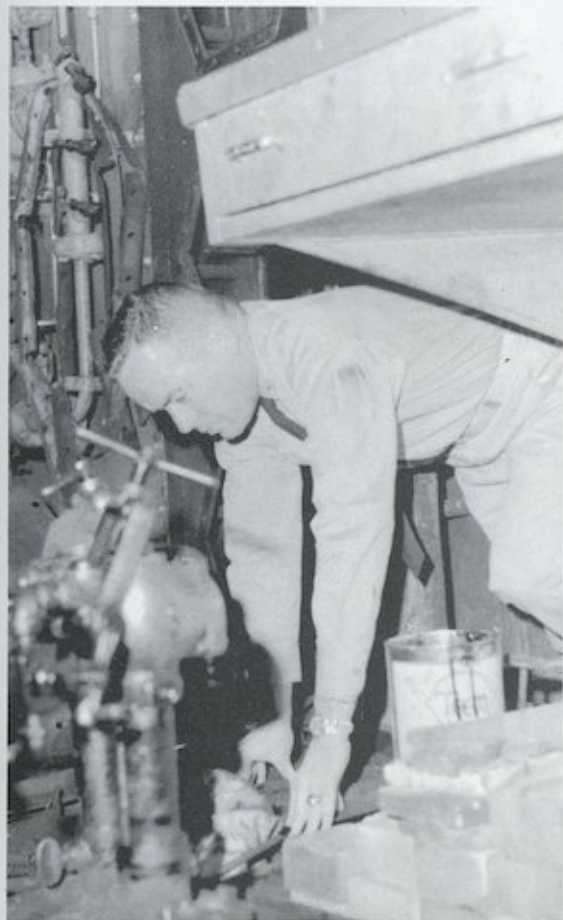
Pittsburg was never like this!



The dynamic duo



This thing sure looks like a compass



Captain, you won't believe this but we're aground, Ha, Ha, Ugh!



Attention to Quarters!



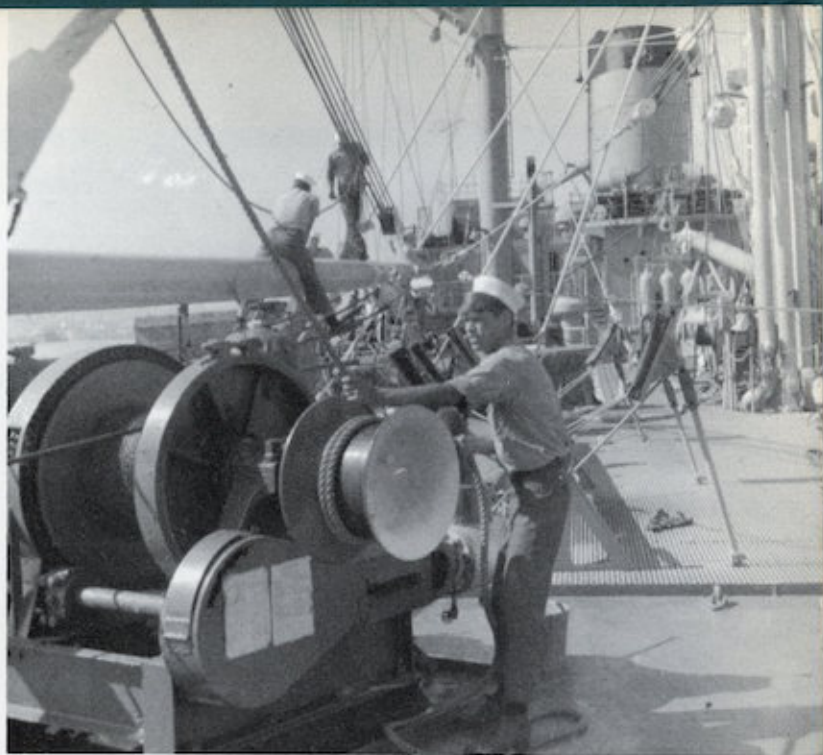
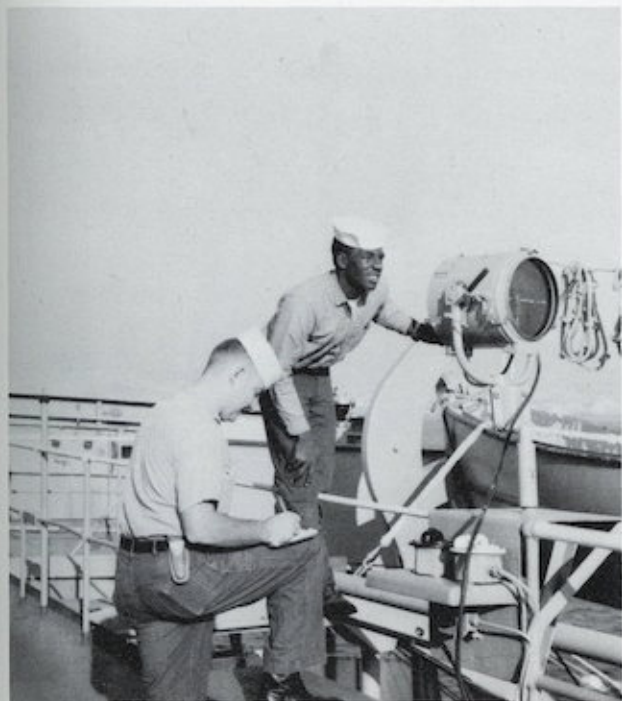
You mean we don't know where our rudder is?



But Chief, I can't find the semaphore flags.



But we can't be in Boston!





They must be joking--I was made for destroyers



