

# **USS Waldron DD-699**

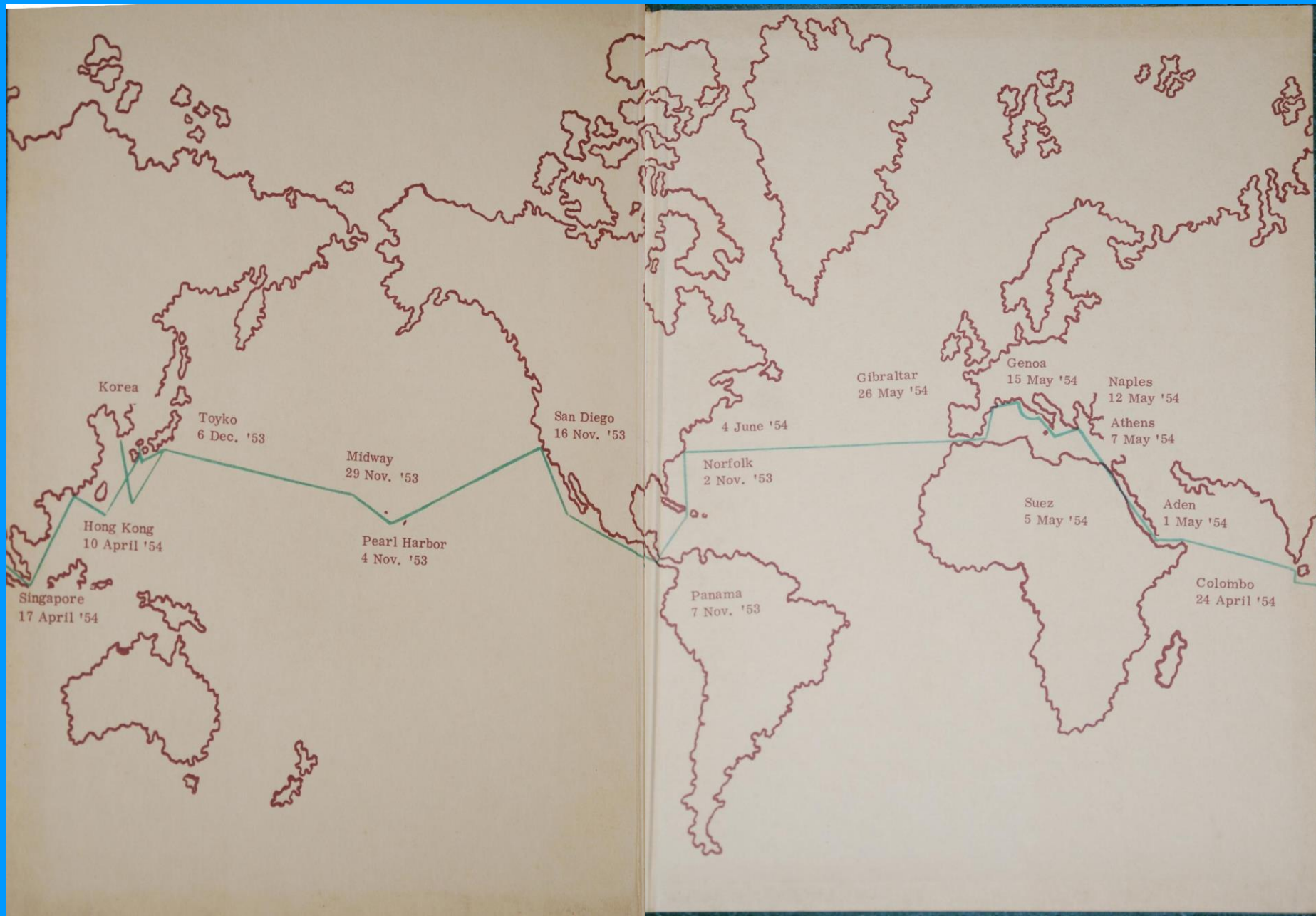
## **World Cruise 53-54**

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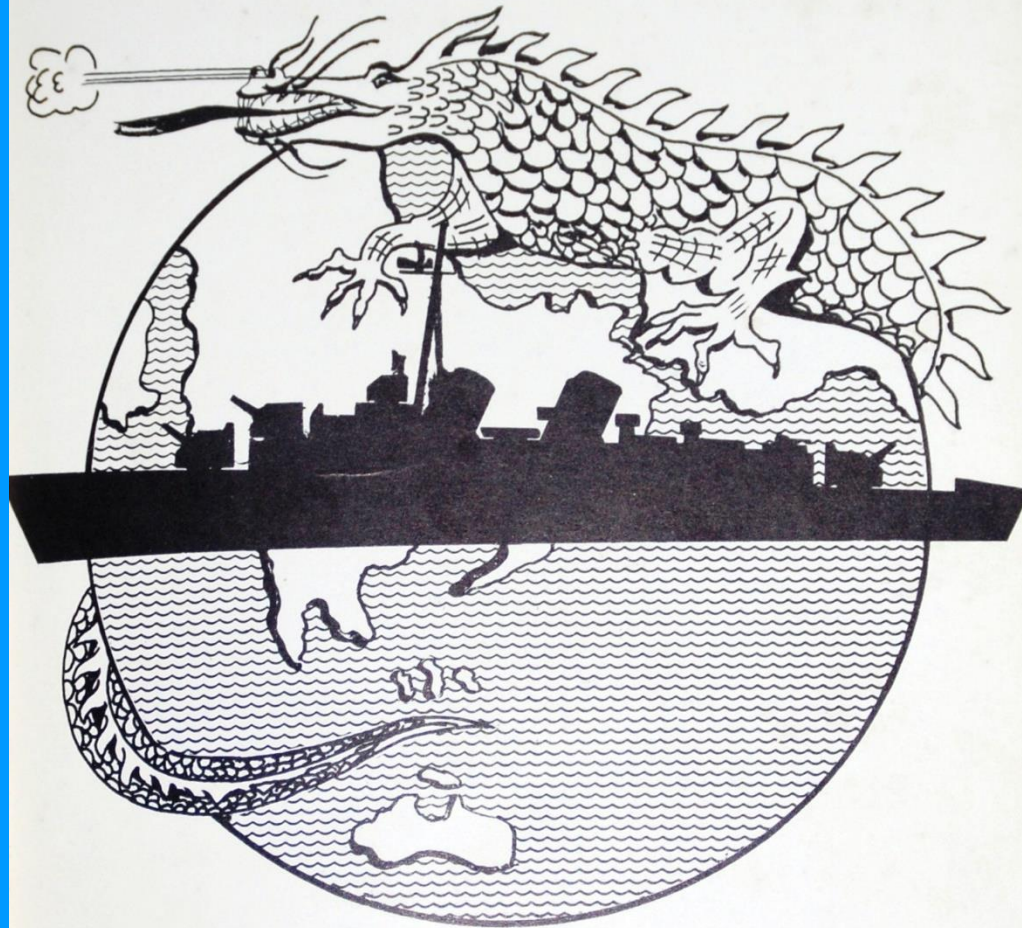
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USS WALDRON



# AROUND THE WORLD



**USS WALDRON DD-699**

On the eighth of June, 1944, the first ship to bear the name of Lieutenant Commander John Charles Waldron, was commissioned at the Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Kearney, New Jersey.

Lieutenant Commander Waldron was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross for valiantly distinguishing himself as Squadron Leader of the ill-fated Torpedo Squadron Eight during the Air Battle of Midway on the fourth of June 1942.

After a brief shakedown cruise to Bermuda, the Waldron steamed to the other side of the world, joined the now historical Task Forces 38-58, and started earning the four battle stars that she so proudly wears. She participated in strikes against Formosa, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa, operating as anti-aircraft support vessel for our downed airmen, and causing the sinking of an enemy patrol vessel.

When Japan laid down her arms, the Waldron was right there in Tokyo Bay, where she stayed for a brief period of occupation duty. She returned in January of 1946 for a long and well-earned rest, after which she was selected to train reservists. With New Orleans as home port, the Waldron trained 2800 men during 23 two week cruises.

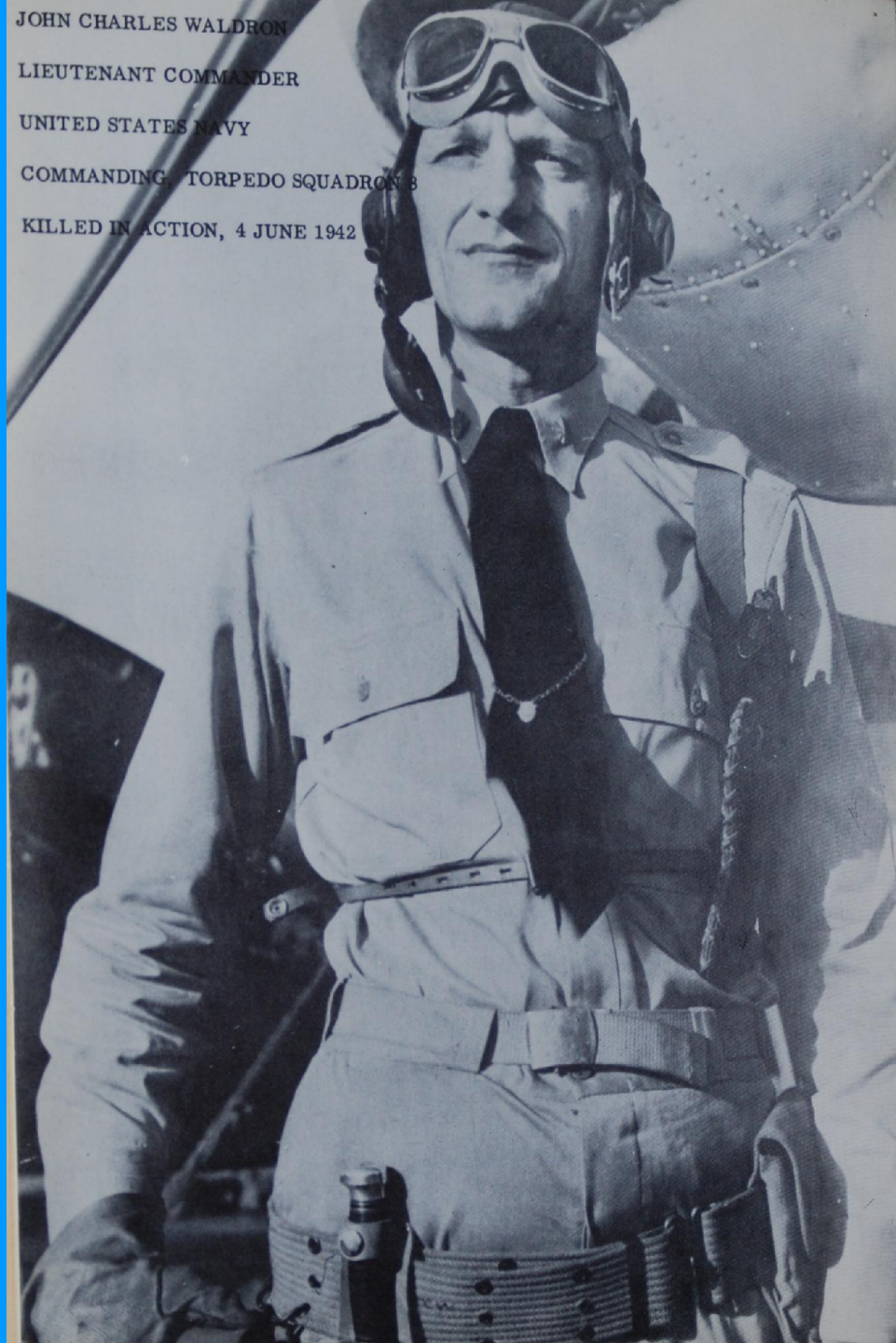
On the sixth of September, 1949, she joined the Sixth Fleet, served occupation duty, made good-will calls to many European and Mediterranean ports until she was released on the 7th of February 1950, when she was readied for the "mothball fleet". The commissioning pennant was hauled down May seventeenth, 1950.

But war clouds gathered again, and on November 20, 1950, the Waldron was again ready for active duty. Since then she has participated in intensive anti-submarine maneuvers, Midshipmen training cruises, and as a good-will ambassador to European and Mediterranean countries.



USS WALDRON DD-699

JOHN CHARLES WALDRON  
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER  
UNITED STATES NAVY  
COMMANDING, TORPEDO SQUADRON 8  
KILLED IN ACTION, 4 JUNE 1942





....to all of those who go down in their ships to the sea.



CARL R. CUNNINGHAM, JR.  
COMMANDER, UNITED STATES NAVY  
Commanding (13 February, 1952-3 April, 1954)

Commander Carl R. Cunningham, Jr., USN, is a native of Atlanta, Georgia, the son of Mrs. Carl R. Cunningham and the late Carl R. Cunningham, Sr. He is a graduate of Georgia School of Technology where he received his commission as Ensign in the Naval Reserve in June 1935. He transferred to the Regular Navy after World War II.

Commander Cunningham's active Naval service extends back prior to World War II. Previous duties include Commanding Officer of U. S. S. YMS 107; Commanding Officer of the U. S. S. FIDELITY (AM-96), later PC 1600; Commanding Officer U. S. S. TRIUMPH (AM-323); Commanding Officer U. S. S. PEREGRINE (AM-373); Commander Service Squadron FIVE, U. S. Atlantic Fleet; Operations Officer, COMINLANT; Executive Officer, U. S. S. NOBLE (APA-218); Operations Officer U. S. S. TOLEDO (CA-133); Inspector Instructor Naval Reserve, Tampa, Florida, which duty he performed just prior to reporting aboard the WALDRON. He has been commanding officer of the U. S. S. WALDRON since 13 February 1952.

Commander Cunningham is a veteran of the Pacific Theatre, having participated in several invasions during the past war, including the recapture of the Philippine Islands.



FAY E. WILSIE  
COMMANDER, UNITED STATES NAVY  
Commanding, (3 April, 1954--)

Commander Fay E. Wilsie, Commanding Officer of the U. S. S. WALDRON (DD-699), is the son of Mrs. Bertha Kumm Wilsie of Spring Valley, Minnesota and the late Giles Hall Wilsie. He attended the Spring Valley High School, Marion Military Institute, Marion, Alabama and the United States Naval Academy.

Upon his commissioning as Ensign U. S. Navy, on 3 June, 1937, he was assigned to U. S. S. COLORADO where he served for fourteen months. He then served aboard U. S. S. PHOENIX, U. S. S. BOSTON and U. S. S. LITTLE ROCK. He participated in many engagements in the Pacific Theatre during the war and received the Bronze Star for valor in combat.

In the Spring of 1946 Commander Wilsie was ordered to the United States Naval Academy where he served as an instructor in the Marine Engineering department for four years. In July of 1950 he became Executive Officer of the U. S. S. HECTOR (AR-9). During his fourteen months tour aboard, the HECTOR was based in Japan, repairing the ships damaged in the Korean conflict. Commander Wilsie next served on the staff of ComTraLant and then the staff of ComDesLant, from which he was ordered to his present duty station. He assumed command of the U. S. S. WALDRON on April 3, 1954.



CHRISTOPHER C. PETROFF

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, UNITED STATES NAVY

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LCDR. C. C. PETROFF was born in Manchester, New Hampshire in 1917. He attended St. Anselm's College and the University of New Hampshire, graduating from St. Anselm's College in 1942. He was employed as a surveyor for a construction company immediately after graduating from college until late 1942. He attended the Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School at Columbia University V-7 program and



received his reserve commission on December 2, 1942 and his Regular Navy commission in 1946. LCDR PETROFF was assigned to the costal anti-submarine forces operating out of Cape May, New Jersey until receiving orders to the U.S.S. IOWA (BB-61) in 1943. During the war he participated in Fast Carrier and Amphibious operations in the Pacific where he earned 4 battle stars. His tours of duty have included Commands of the U.S.S. LSM 337 and U.S.S. E-LSM 446, Executive Officer of the U.S.S. LSM 423 and the U.S.S. KLEINSMITH (APD-134) and Damage Control Officer of the U.S.S. NEWPORT NEWS (CA-148). He reported aboard the WALDRON on August 5, 1952. LCDR PETROFF has attended the General Line, Post Graduate, Damage Control, Diesel Engineering and Sonar Schools.

WILLIAM P. FETHEROLF, Jr.  
LT., U.S.N.  
Gunnery Officer



ROBERT A. LEVINE  
LTJG., (S.C.) U.S.N.R.  
Supply Officer (June 1952-March 1954)



PATRICK J. COLLINS  
LTJG, U. S. N. R.  
Operations Officer



WALTER R. HAIDET  
LTJG., (S.C.) U.S.N.R.  
Supply Officer (March 1954--)



JACK MELNICK  
LTJG., U.S.N.R.  
Engineering Officer



EDWARD G. HOUCHIN  
LT., (M.C.) U.S.N.R.  
DesDiv 222 Staff Medical Officer





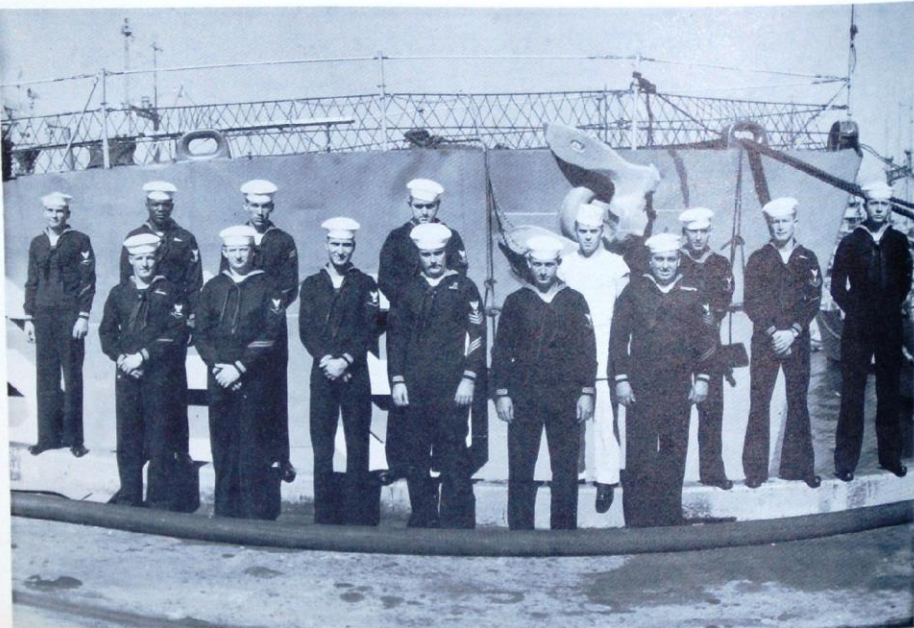
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 CDR F.E. Wilsie, LCDR C.C. Petroff, LT E. G. Houghin (MC), LTJG P.J. Collins, LTJG W.R. Haidet (SC), LTJG H.G. Nelson

Back Row, L to R: LTJG W.T. MacRae, ENS J.N. Williams, ENS Um Yung Bu (ROKN), ENS J.W. Davison, Jr., ENS R.E. Sullivan  
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 (Missed picture, R. Moore)



Front Row, L to R: E.D. Cook EMC, W.H. Hughes, GMC, I. Moran, CSC, T. Shields HMC, A.F. Reichle MMC, C.J. Williamson  
 BMC, (Not in picture; J.A. Cale BTC)

Back Row, L to R: M.B. Bagdriwicz MMC, B.E. Scott FPC, J.M. Mandel QMC, J.F. Boland MMC



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R.E. Rasmussen, W.O. Griffin  
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try, C. Patti, C.E. Tompkins, P.C. Myers, S. Cohen, A.  
Sielucka, A.B. Roberts  
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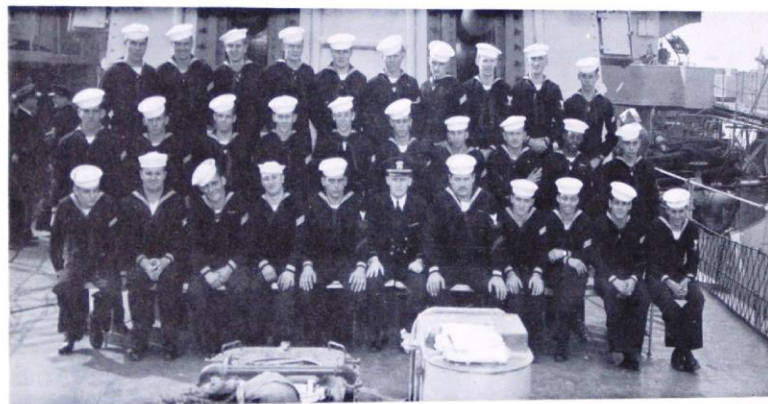
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R.N. Stewart, W.B. Cotner, V.L. Kelly K.T. Brown,  
W.I. Sims,  
Back Row, L to R: J.W. Hurley, O.J. Gormley, P.R. Williamson, L.M.  
Holland, R.L. Ferch, P.E. Law, D.G. Hansford  
(Men not in picture: Drew, Schaefer, Poiombo, Hart,  
Silakowski, Devers,)



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R.D. Campbell, W. Shelton, J.R. Garvin  
Back Row, L to R: T.B. Barnes, R.H. McClain, G.D. Grimm, D.K. Lower,  
H.C. Chamblee, J.M. Brown, R. Souza, D.H. Bundy



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H.M. Dixon, ENS Lipsey, R.R. Ridley, E. Orrico, W.A.  
Lacey, J. Colon, N.M. Albanese  
Second Row, L to R: R.L. Scarpetti, K. Blackmer, R.V. Lemaire, R. Blackmer,  
E. McDonald, M.W. Slover, L.D. Mayo, J.A. Camp, B.A.  
Fiorelli  
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Lucha, M.G. Surls, J.F. Fletcher, W.E. Galyon, C.E.  
Walters, B.H. Elletson, (Not in picture: J.D. Keefer, D.  
L. Krueger, R.E. Parde)



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Sutherland, L.D. Allison, P. Martino, E.E. Wilkes, E.  
E.W. Boulerice, J.M. Clark

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R.A. Warren, D.W. Murphy, H.L. Hammarberg, L. E.  
Towne, B.H. Garvin, F. Gozzo, R.I. Hillier, H. G.  
Wadsworth, T.E. Philby

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R. Hoskins, F. Stevens, R.J. Decourcey, R.W. Mosher



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Nelson, H.J. Cleary, V.E. Amazeen

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man, J.J. Bake, L.S. Flores, R.L. Williams, D. V.  
Ebert, D.W. Mayfield

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B. Forsha

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 Haidet, W. R., LTJG (SC)  
 Houchin, E. G., LT (MC)  
 Levine, R. A. LTJG (SC)  
 Lipsey, E. S., ENS  
 MacRae, W. T., LTJG  
 Melnick, J., LTJG  
 Miller, D. J., ENS  
 Miller, R. D., ENS  
 Nelson, H. G., LTJG  
 Petroff, C. C., LCDR  
 Sullivan, R. E., ENS  
 Williams, J. N., ENS  
 Wilsie, F. E., CDR

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 Anderson, G. E., FA  
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 Armstrong, R. P., SN  
 Arnot, H. J., FN  
 Atchley, R. L., RD3  
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 Bake, J. J., SHSN  
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 Barnes, N. E., SN  
 Bechet, G. D., MMFN  
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 Berry, W. H., PN2  
 Birmingham, J. H., III, EN3  
 Blackmer, K. R., SN  
 Blackmer, F. F., SN  
 Blessing, J. A., SOSN  
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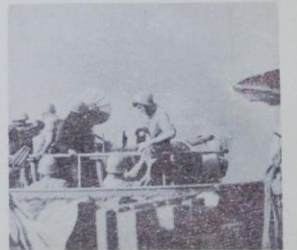
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 Gallo, S. L., SN  
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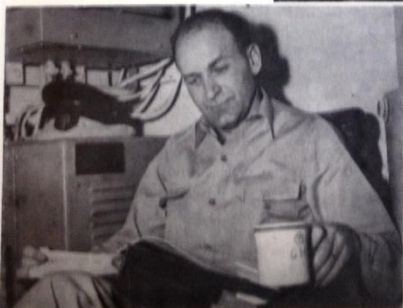
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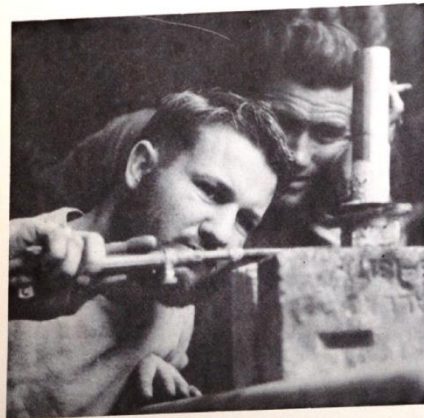
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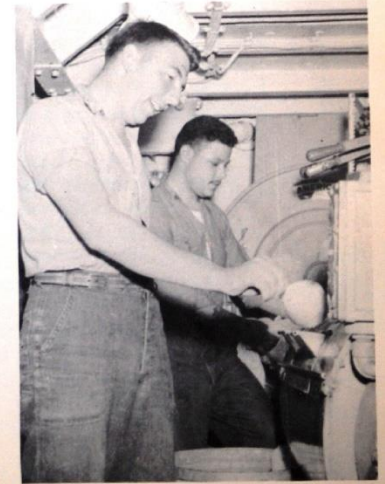
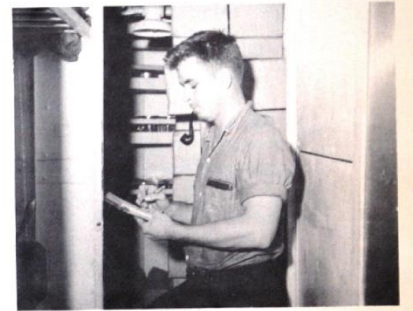
# OPERATIONS



# ENGINEERING



# SUPPLY



# CRUISE HISTORY

It all began when the WALDRON set sail on a cruise that would take her around the world. In early November we cleared the Virginia Capes, to be gone for a long, long while.

After passing Cuba and the Antilles, we started through the Panama Canal. Of course, practically all hands were topside to see the passage through the great locks and to join the fresh water hose-down of topsides and personnel, in Gatun Lake, reservoir for the locks. Some ten hours after our entry at Christobal, we tied up at Balboa, on the Pacific side, for a two day stay.

Underway again, for a week of steady steaming, we met a slight storm in the Gulf of Tehuantepec, on the way to San Diego, to spend our last days on native soil. A point of interest was Tiajuana, Mexico, where a gay time was had by many.

Leaving the coast of California behind us, we pointed our bows West and were soon greeted by the sight of the magnificent Hawaiian landmark, Diamond Head. Even before all lines were doubled up, we were treated to a typical Hawaiian welcome of ukeleles, leis, and hula girls. For two days we enjoyed the sights and sounds of Honolulu and Waikiki.

After the Thanksgiving Day banquet we were again underway. Stopping briefly at Midway Island, home of the "goony bird", for fuel and water, we sailed on into the domain of the Golden Dragon, where we crossed the International Date Line, and lost the first of December.

At last the voyage out was completed, and in early December we moored alongside BRYCE CANYON in the harbor of Yokosuka, Japan, for voyage repairs. After several days spent getting acquainted with the Yokosuka-Yokohama-Tokyo area, WALDRON steamed south to the advance base at Sasebo and Task Force 77.

After spending part of Christmas, and New Year's, in port, we went to work, first with Seventy-seven, with HukPac, then back to Seventy-seven. This came to an end when we went alongside HECTOR in Sasebo for a much needed upkeep. It wasn't to last long, however, for soon we were out again, with Task Force 95, patrolling the coast of Korea. After touching such strange spots as Sokcho Hang, Pohang, Yongil Man, and Ulsan Wan (where we received a real surprise inspection), we were relieved in Pusan harbor by MURRAY, and we left Korea for a last tour with Seventy-seven. After "sinking" WISCONSIN, during Fleet Exercises, we went into Yokosuka for two weeks of "rest" and recuperation.

Once more we traveled to White Beach, Okinawa on one last Huk then back to Sasebo and change of command. In early April we started the long journey home, followed by a "well done" from COMNAVFE.

Arriving in Hong Kong, city of spices and spies, we saw a city teeming with refugees from war torn Red China, only a few miles to the North. We were intrigued by Tiger Balm Gardens, real Chinese meals, and hand-tailored suits and shoes.

Easter and Passover were celebrated in Singapore, then down to the Equator we steamed, where the scurvy polloywog became a loyal subject of King Neptune and a trusty shellback.

Our next stop was Colombo, Ceylon, for a two day visit. There we toured the tea plantations, bought "gems", and rode elephants. One sailor was heard to remark that staying on the back of a pachyderm was similar to riding a bench on the mess decks in rough weather.

After a hot trip across the Indian Ocean and up the Red Sea, stopping for fuel in Aden, we transited the other "big ditch", the Suez Canal, and fueled again in Port Said. Then on we sailed into the Mediterranean.

We tied up at Pireaeus, Greece, the port city of Athens, where we had an opportunity to see the remains of the glory that was Greece.

Now we were really moving along, as we came through the Straits of Messina and up the coast of Italy to Naples, where we stopped for a brief visit.

After visiting Capri, Pompeii, and Sorrento, with a side trip to Rome, we made the overnight trip to Genoa. There the rains came... and stayed, hampering sight-seeing and photography outings. But fun is where you find it, and fun was found, even if rather damp.

Leaving Genoa, we made Villefranche the same morning. Although too cool for the wide, white beaches, the days were sunny, the scenery colorful, and the trip to the Riviera well worth while.

Barcelona! Deemed by many the best port of the cruise. For four gay days, the Spaniards were our warm and friendly hosts at bullfight, cantina, museum, and midnight supper and basketball game.

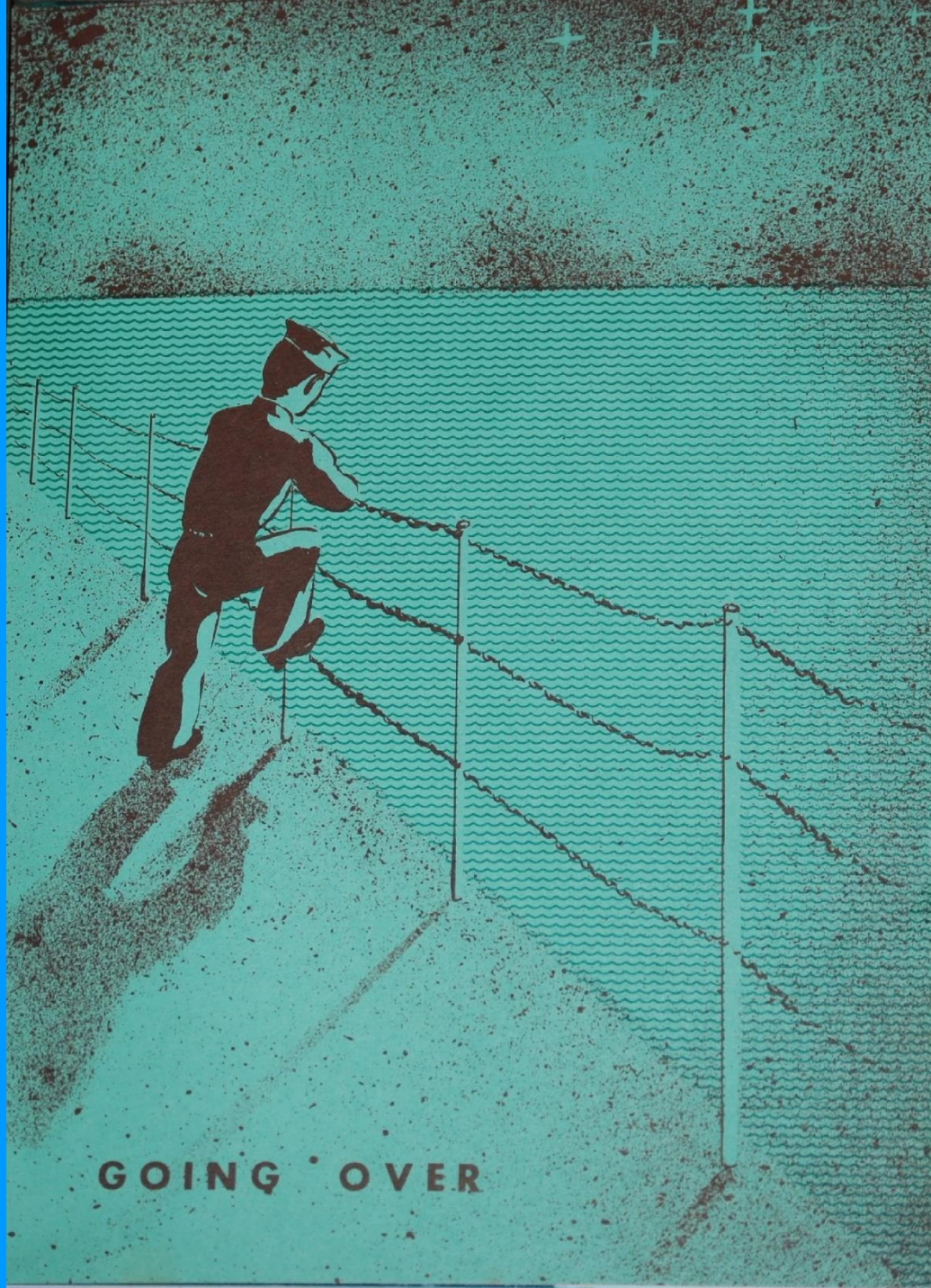
But all good things must end and give way to better, and so we cleared for Gibraltar and fuel, then westward still, nonstop to Norfolk. Seven months and two days after starting, we backed into a berth at Pier 2, and came to rest... once more at home.

In that time we travelled nearly fifty thousand miles, consumed over 2,500,000 gallons of fuel oil, saw eighteen countries, crossed three oceans and eleven seas, touched five continents and three major island groups, and had temperature extremes from three to one-hundred five degrees. We'd been around and we'd seen a lot. Still, it's good to be home.



The editor would like to take this opportunity to thank all those whose efforts made this book possible. Their names are too many to be included here, but they know who they are. We greatly appreciate the help.

Further, we would like to apologize to those whose work contributed to our operation, on the one hand, and enjoyment on the other, but who were omitted in the makeup. In particular, the boys in NanTEX, the ET's and radar-men, the basketball team--you may have been left out, but you were not forgotten.



GOING OVER

# ITINERARY

## ARRIVED

7 November 1953

16 November 1953

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2 April 1954

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20 April 1954

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1 May 1954

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7 May 1954

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4 June 1954

Norfolk, Virginia  
Transit Panama Canal  
Balboa, C. Z.  
San Diego, California  
Pearl Harbor, T. H.  
Midway Island  
International Dateline  
(Lose one day)  
Yokosuka, Japan  
Operations in Far East  
Task Force 77  
Task Force 95  
HukPac (Okinawa)  
Sasebo, Japan  
Hong Kong, China, B. C. C.  
Singapore, Malaya, B. C. C.  
Equator, Long. 103°-59'E  
Entered Domain of Neptunus Rex  
Colombo, Ceylon  
Aden, Arabia, B. C. C.  
Suez, Egypt  
Transit Suez Canal  
Port Said, Egypt  
Piraeus, Greece  
Naples, Italy  
Genoa, Italy  
Villefranche, France  
Barcelona, Spain  
Gibraltar, B. C. C.  
Norfolk, Virginia

## DEPARTED

2 November 1953

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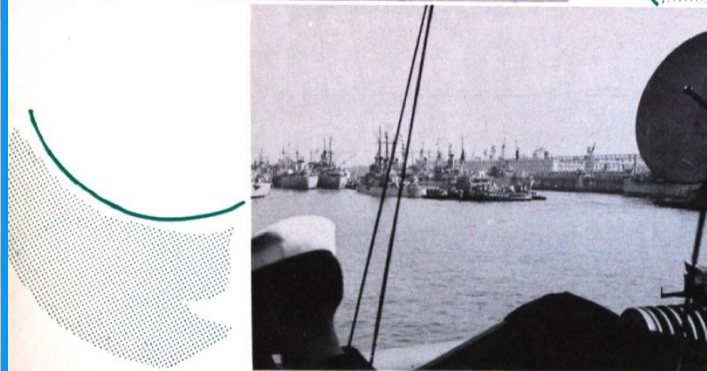
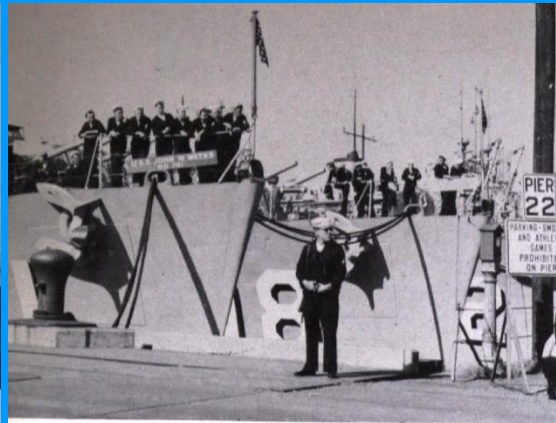


# DEPARTED NORFOLK...

NOVEMBER 2, 1953

FOR

PANAMA CANAL  
SAN DIEGO  
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THE KOREAN COAST

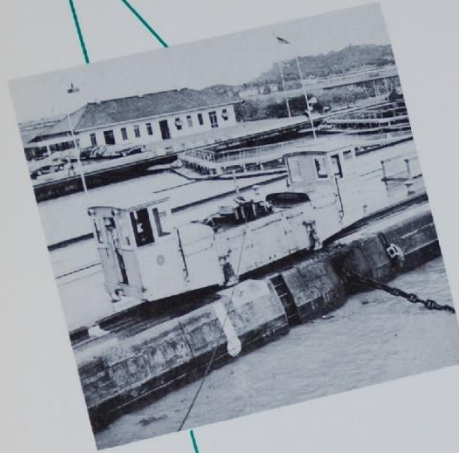


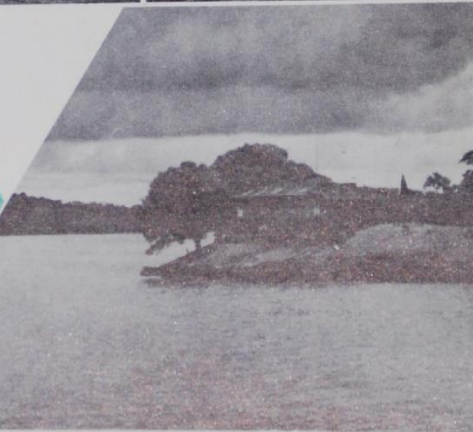
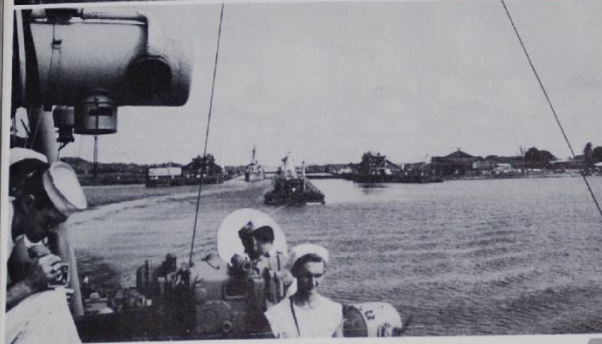
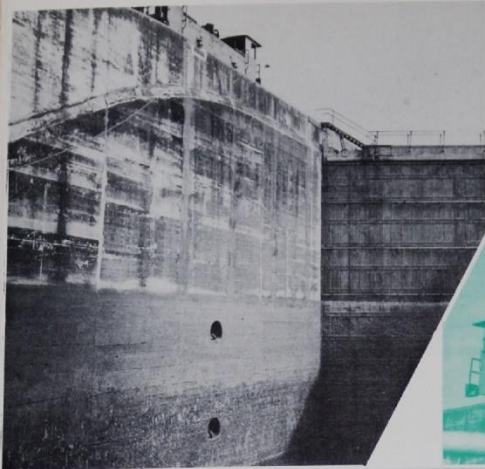
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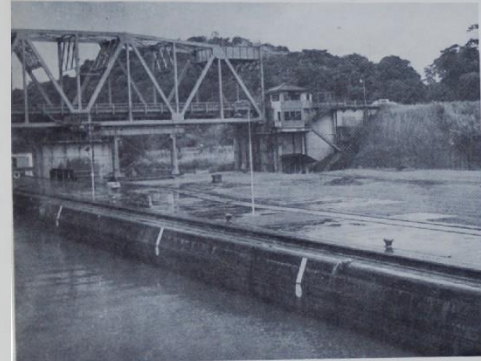
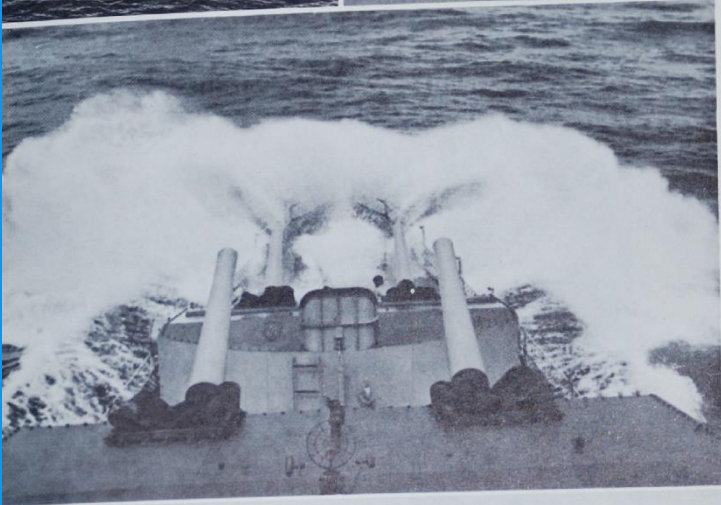
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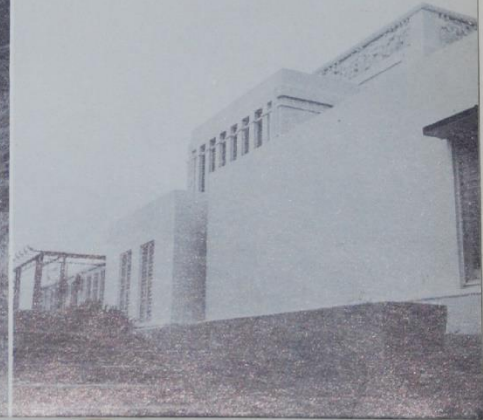
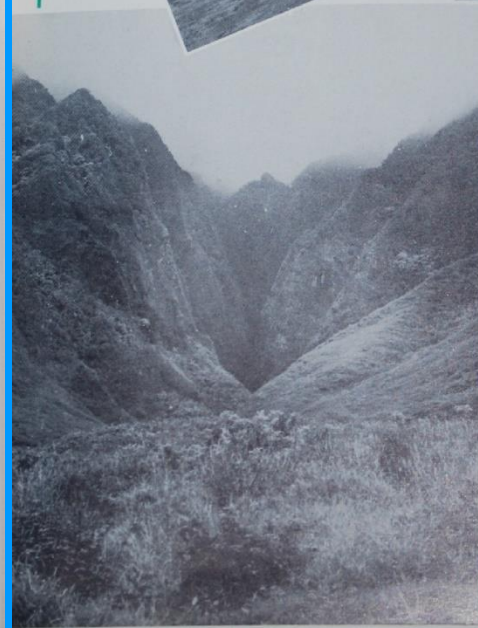




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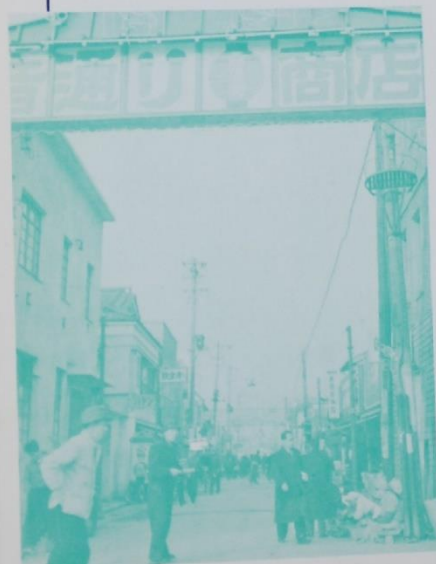
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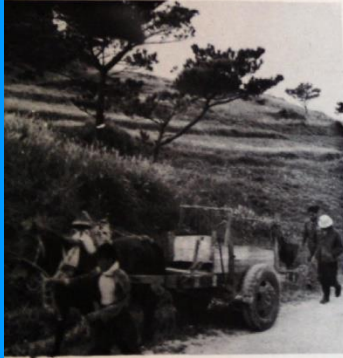
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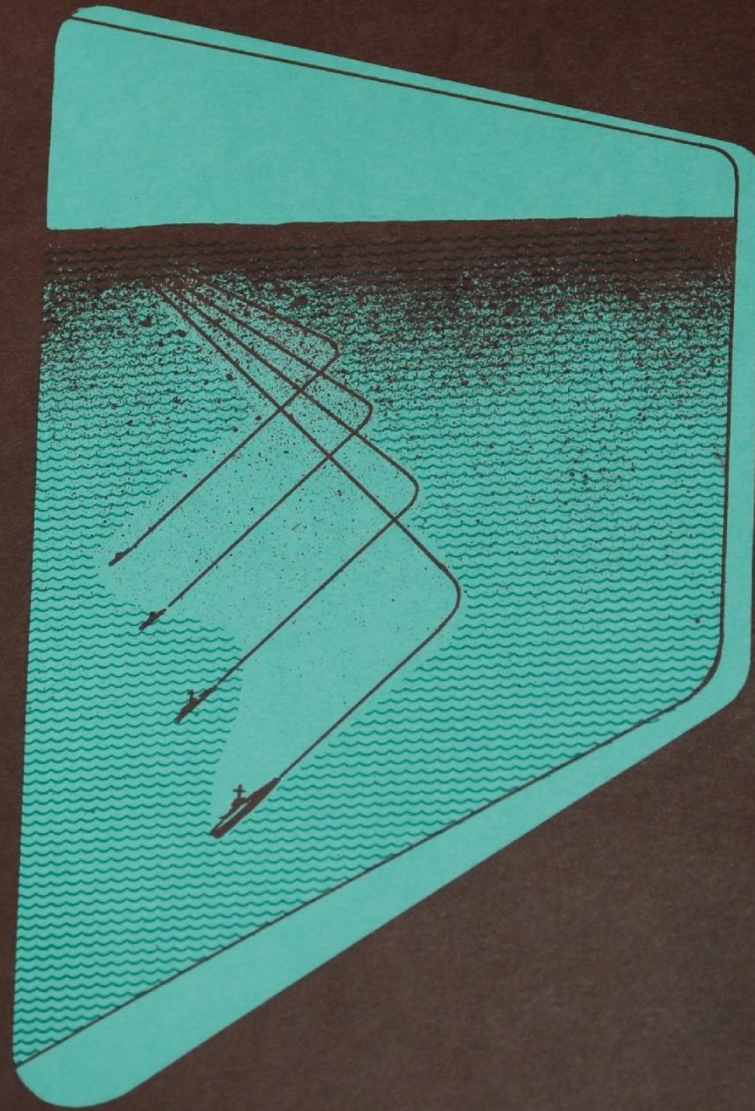






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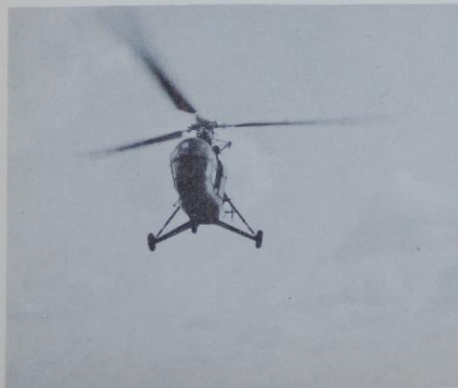
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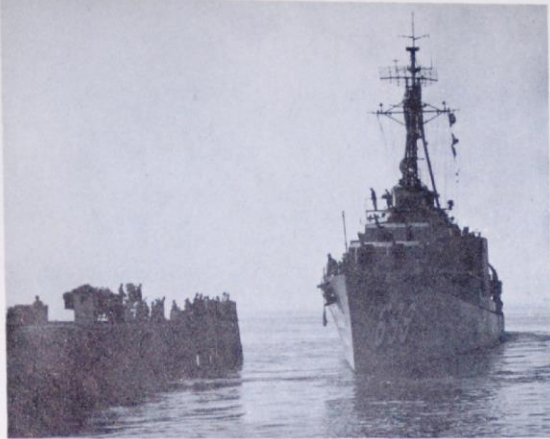


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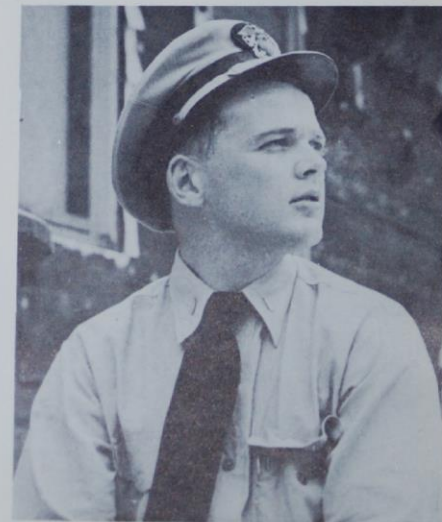
## OPERATION ACTIVITY



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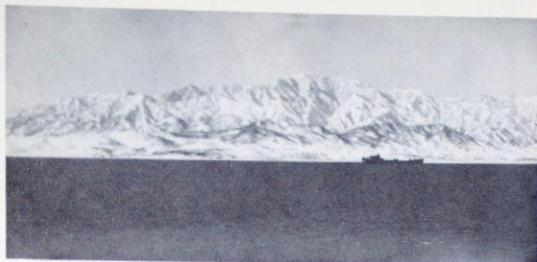
## AT SEA



A difficult business under good conditions, replenishment underway in winter, in a heavy sea, can become down-right messy (especially if the hose carries away). Here is a glimpse of how we looked as we played this fascinating game.



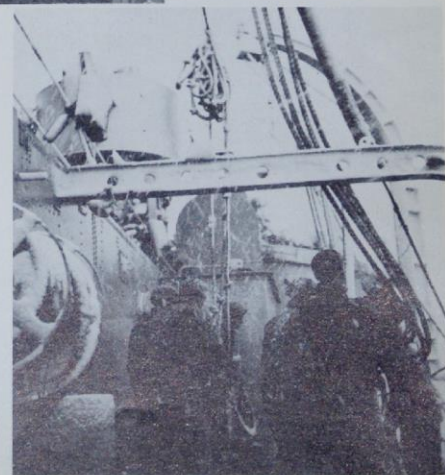
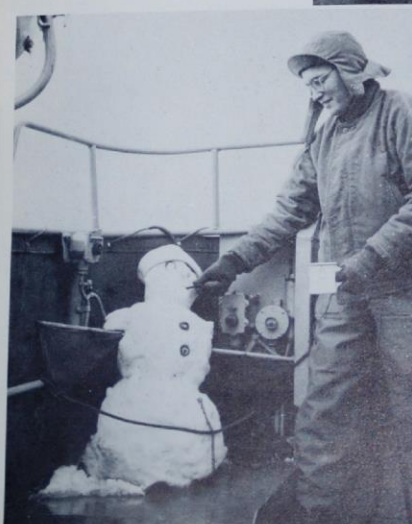




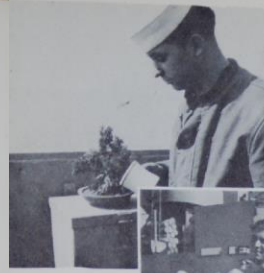
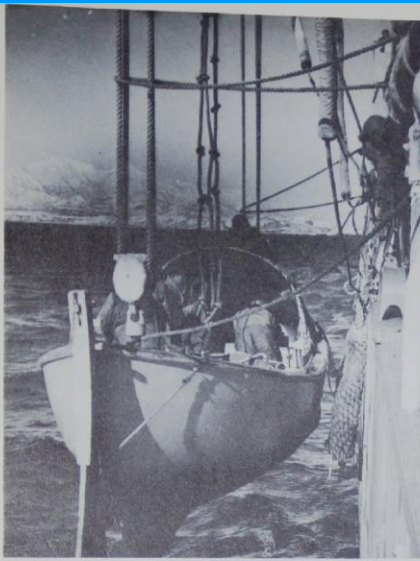
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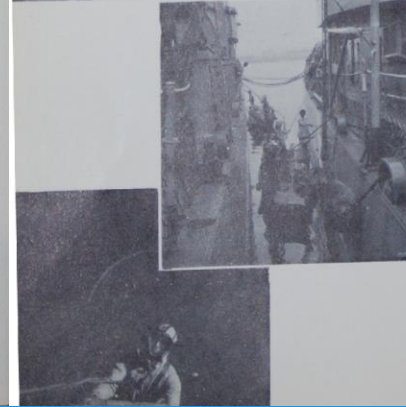
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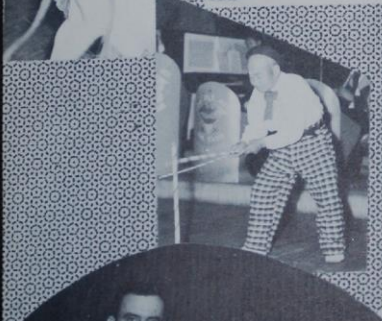


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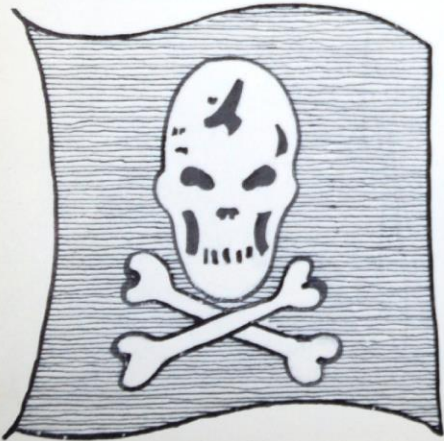
## PARTYING

## CHANGE OF COMMAND

On 3 April, 1954, after two years aboard, Commander Carl R. Cunningham, Jr., USN, was relieved as commanding officer of WALDRON by Commander Fay E. Wilsie, USN. Captain Cunningham will be remembered as the man who led us through many operations including all of those during our winter in the Far East. Now Captain Wilsie was to bring us home again.



# CROSSING THE LINE





## THE R-R-ROYAL



## WORKS!!

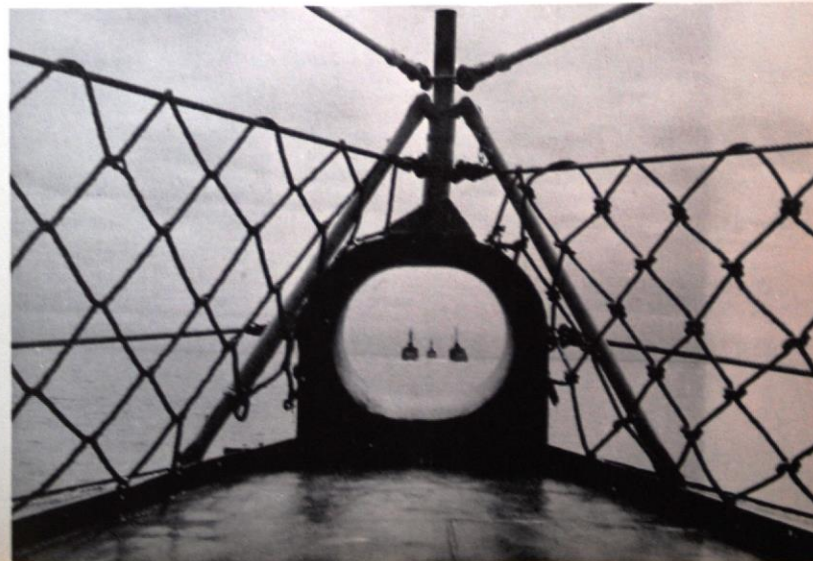




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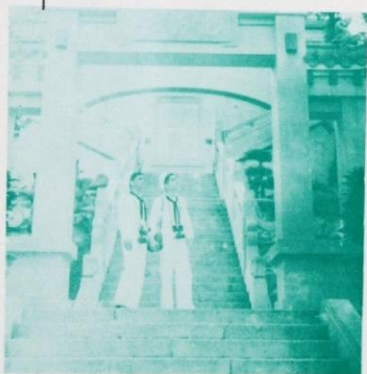
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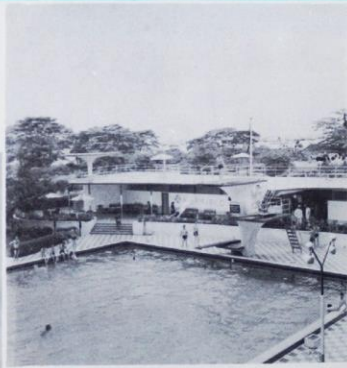


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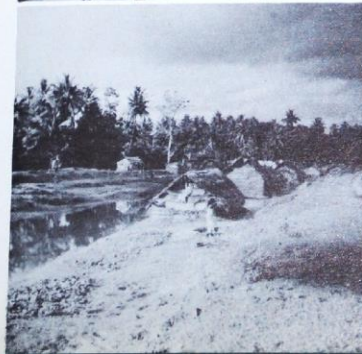


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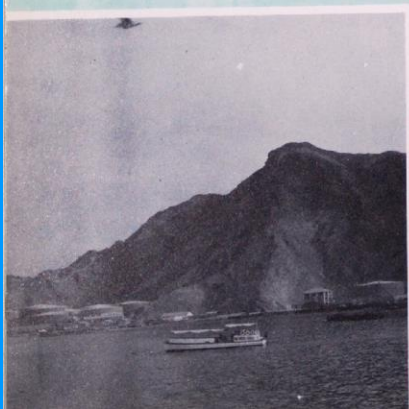
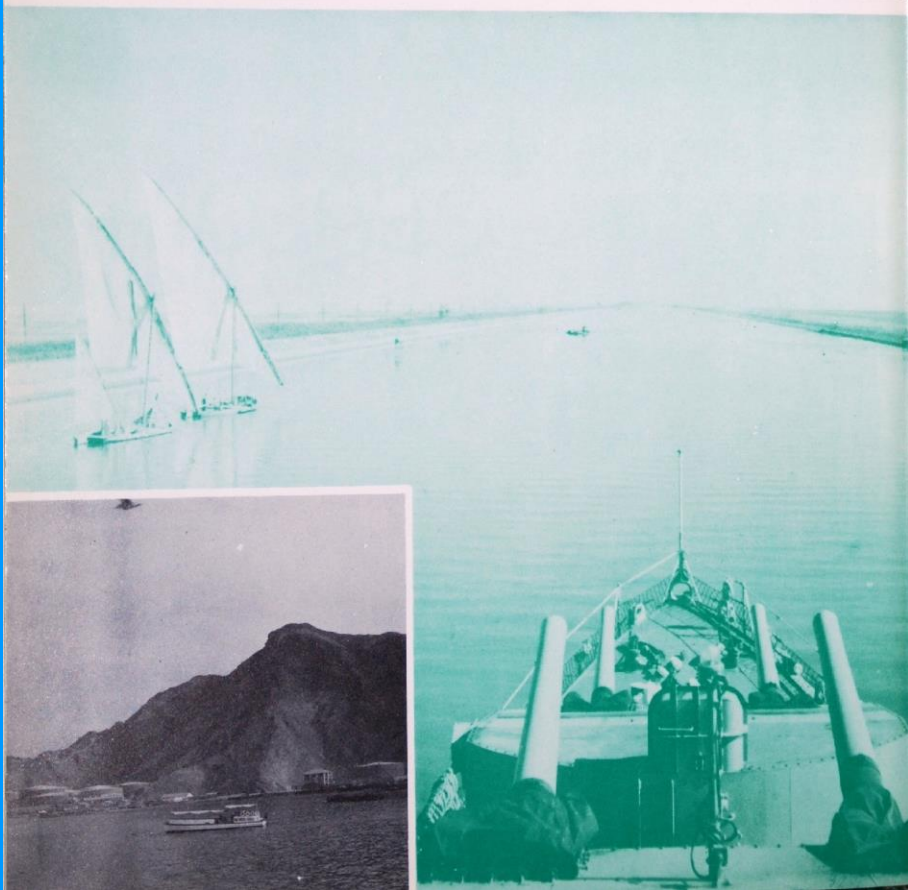


COLOMBO

CEYLON



# Suez Canal

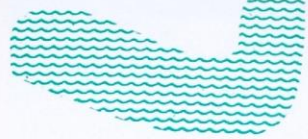




**ATHENS**



**GREECE**





France...

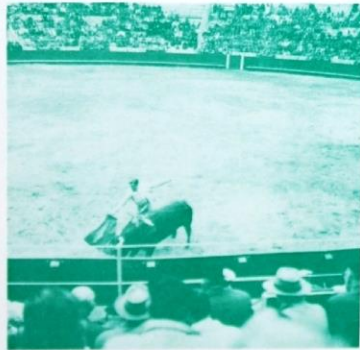


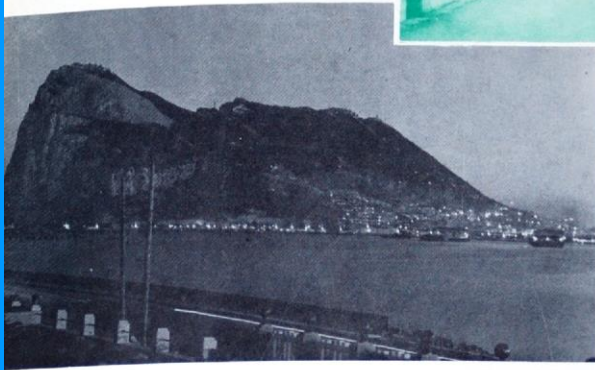
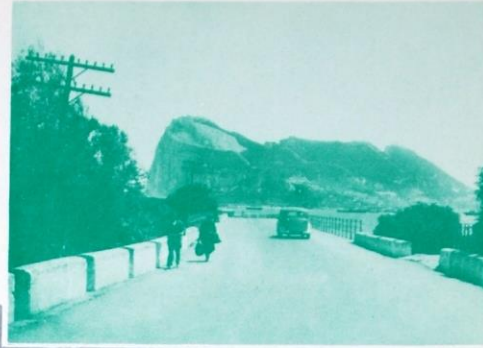
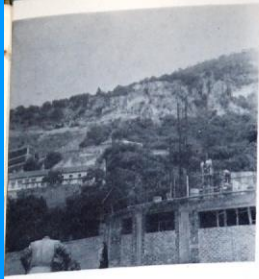
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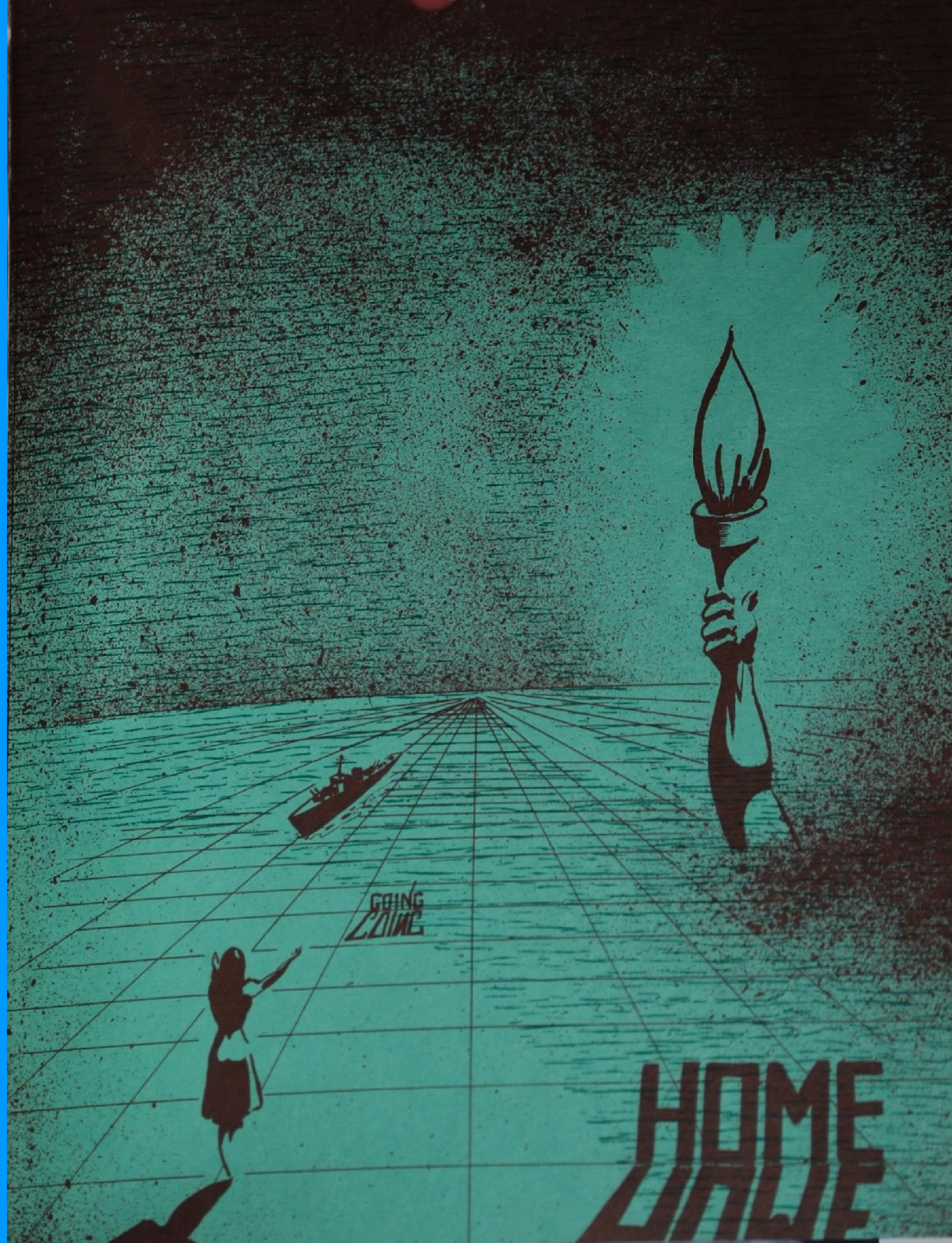




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HOME  
LIFE