





USS WALDRON proudly bears the name of LCDR John C. Waldron, Commanding Officer of Torpedo Squadron EIGHT. He was reported missing in action on 4 June 1942 while engaged in flight operations during the Battle of Midway.

After commissioning on 8 June 1944 WALDRON was assigned to the Pacific Fleet, becoming a part of Vice Admiral Mitcher's famed Task Force 58 and receiving her baptism by fire in the initial strikes against the island of Formosa in January 1945. Later, moving into the Tokyo Bay area, WALDRON rammed and sank a Japanese picket boat. In August of the same year the ship steamed alongside USS MISSOURI into Tokyo Bay to accept the unconditional surrender of Japan.

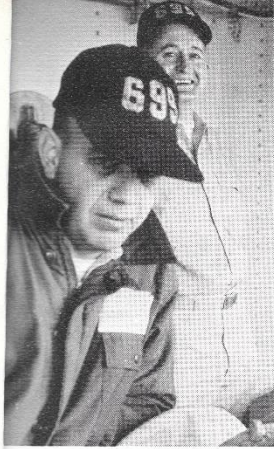
After the Korean war, in 1953, she cruised around the world, later finding herself at the scene of the Suez and Cyprus crises.

In June 1962 WALDRON entered Norfolk Naval Shipyard for her FRAM II modernization covering all shipboard systems. Upon com-

pletion, she returned to the Atlantic Fleet and in August, 1965 served as a unit of the GEMINI 5 Recovery team where she was second ship on the scene of the splashdown. In December she again worked with the Manned Spacecraft Forces during the GEMINI 6/7 mission.

July 1966 found the WALDRON beginning a seven-month deployment to the Far East and Vietnam. While there she was active in gunfire support, plane guard duty, and amphibious landings. Eight months after returning from WestPac WALDRON deployed to the Mediterranean, participating in support of fast carrier task groups and amphibious operations, returning to Norfolk in January 1969. After a change of command she returned to the Mediterranean to repeat these duties on 8 Sept 1969 and after many miles steamed and many long hours she made up at berth 232, D&S Piers, US Naval Station, Norfolk on 28 March 1970.

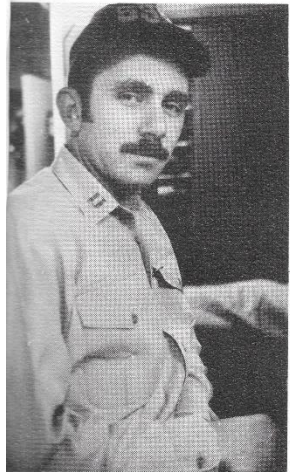
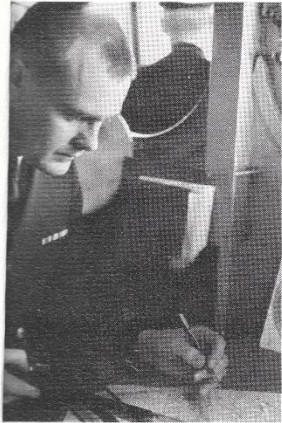
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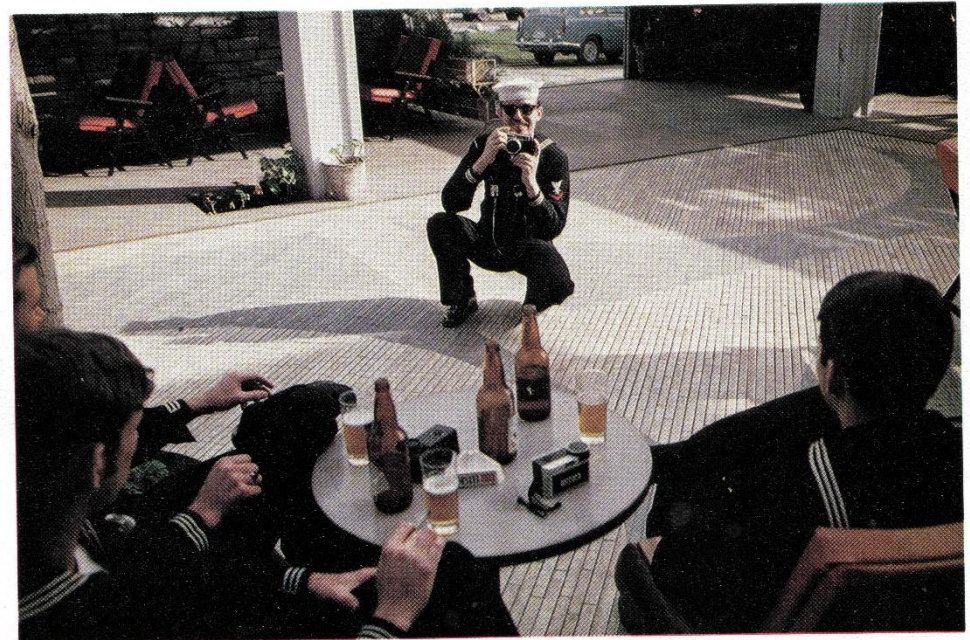
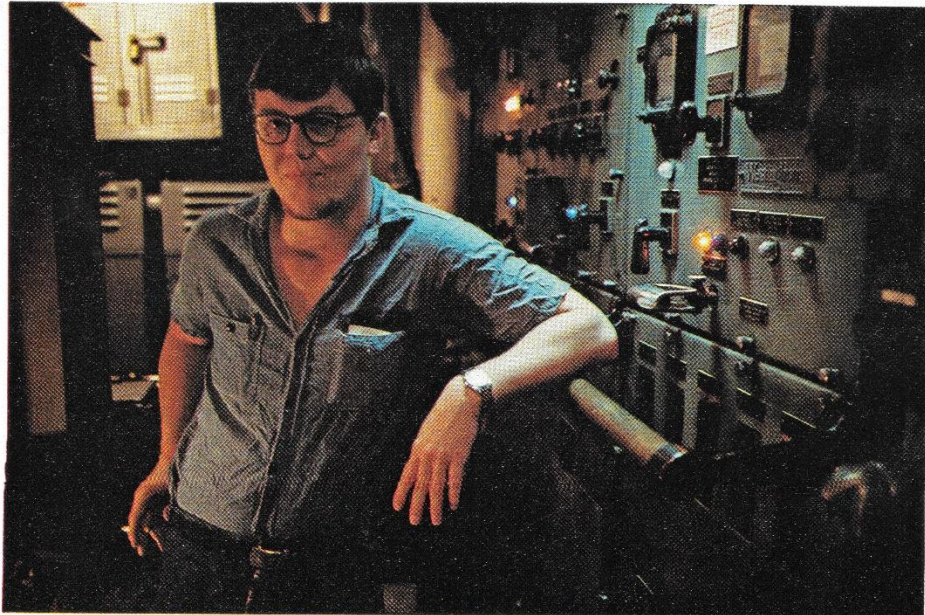
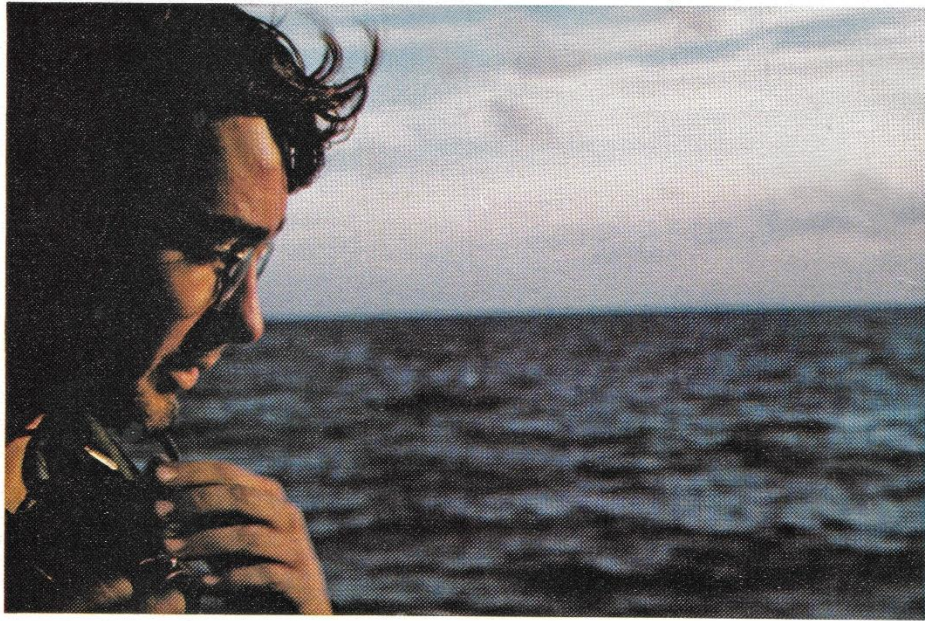


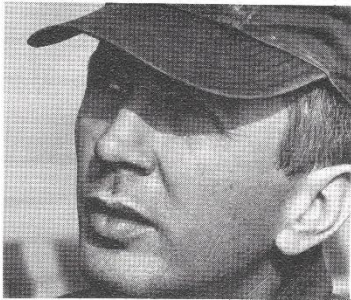
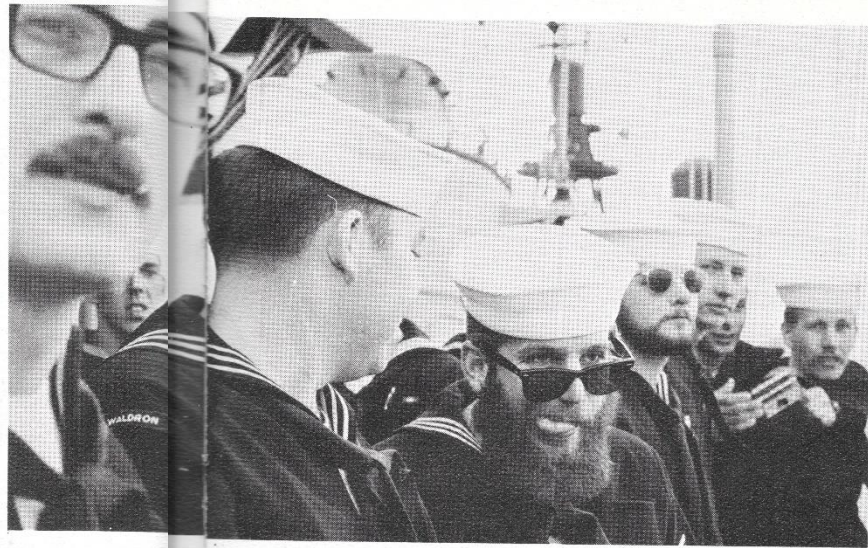
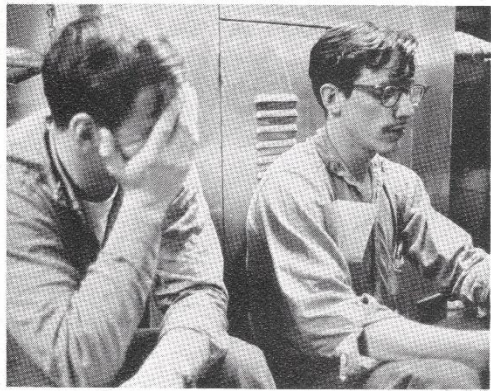
USS WALDRON DD699

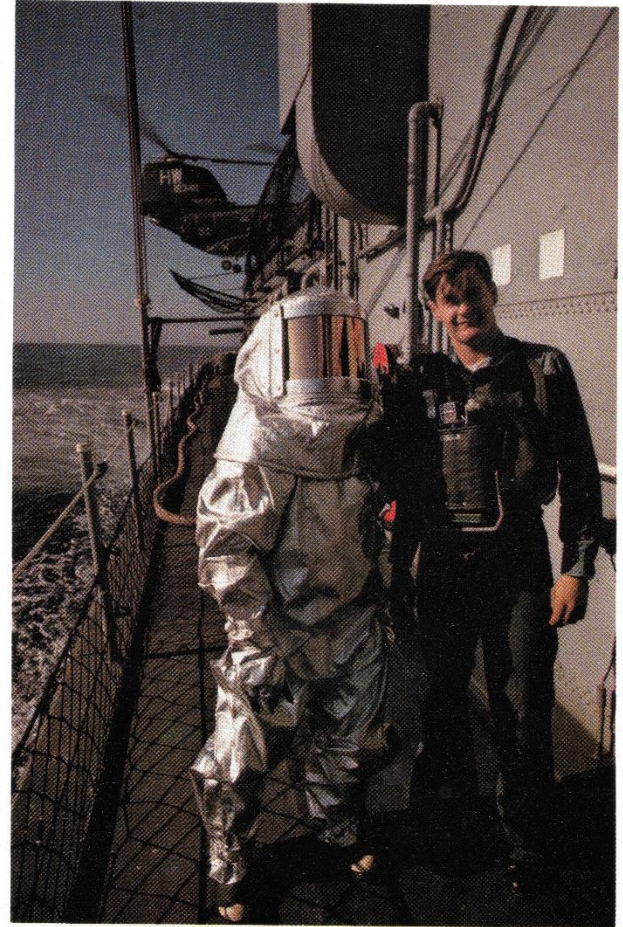
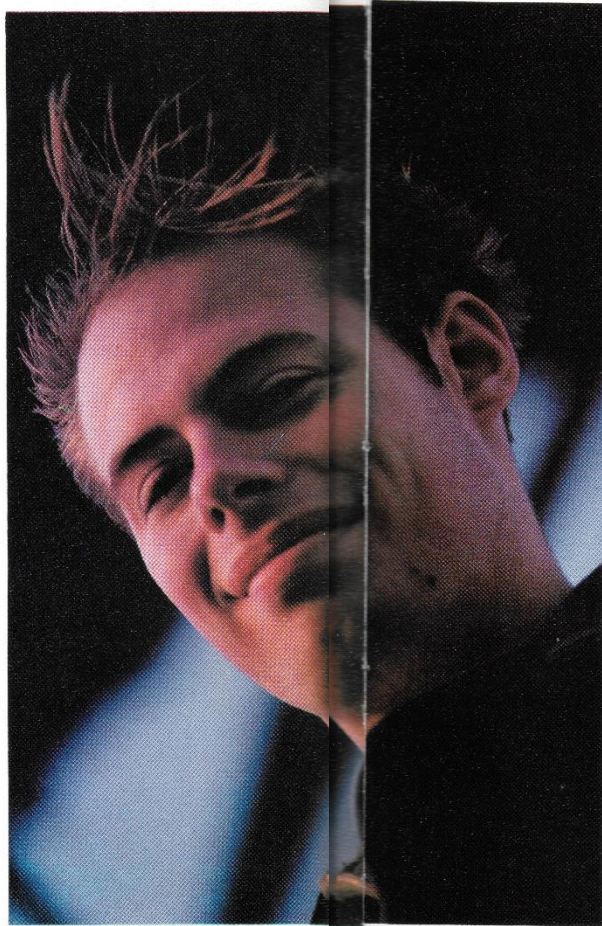
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Valletta, Malta	30 SEP 69 to 15 OCT 69
Palma de Mallorca	25 NOV 69 to 7 DEC 69
Toulon, France	23 DEC 69 to 5 JAN 70
Valletta, Malta	10 JAN 70 to 20 JAN 70
Athens, Greece	7 FEB 70 to 15 FEB 70
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Barcelona, Spain	10 MAR 70 to 16 MAR 70



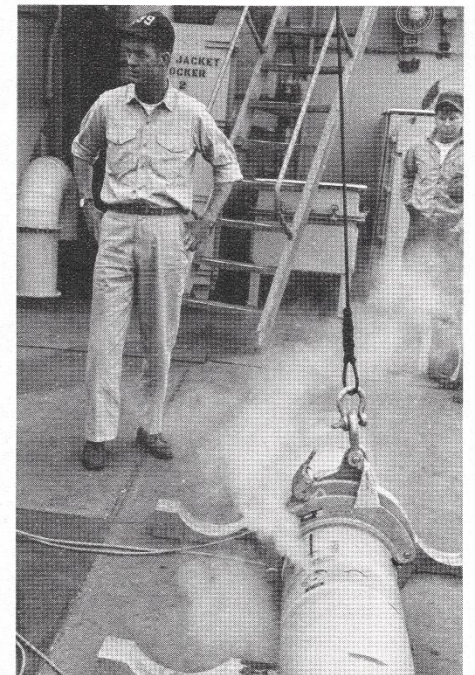
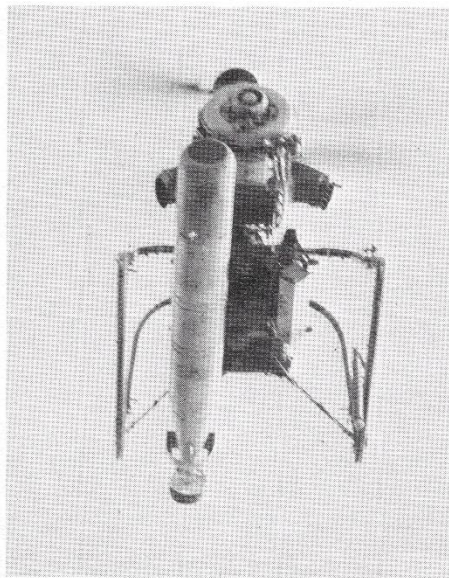
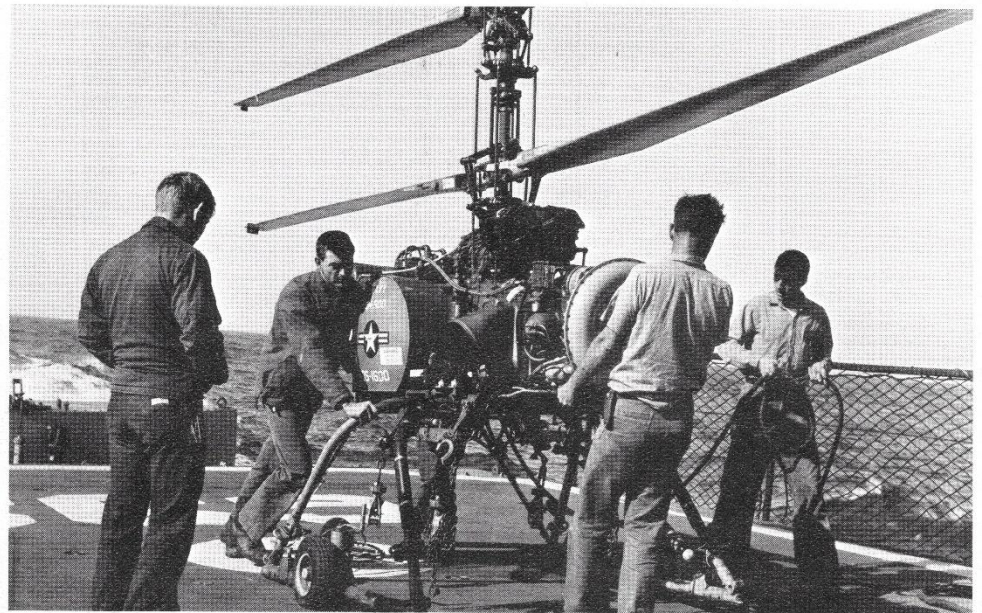


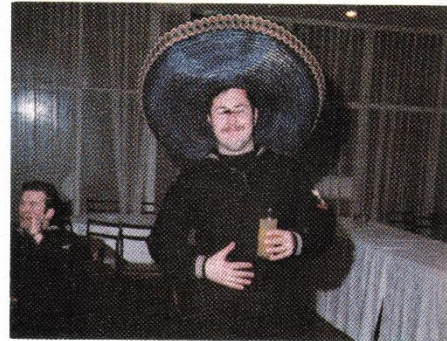


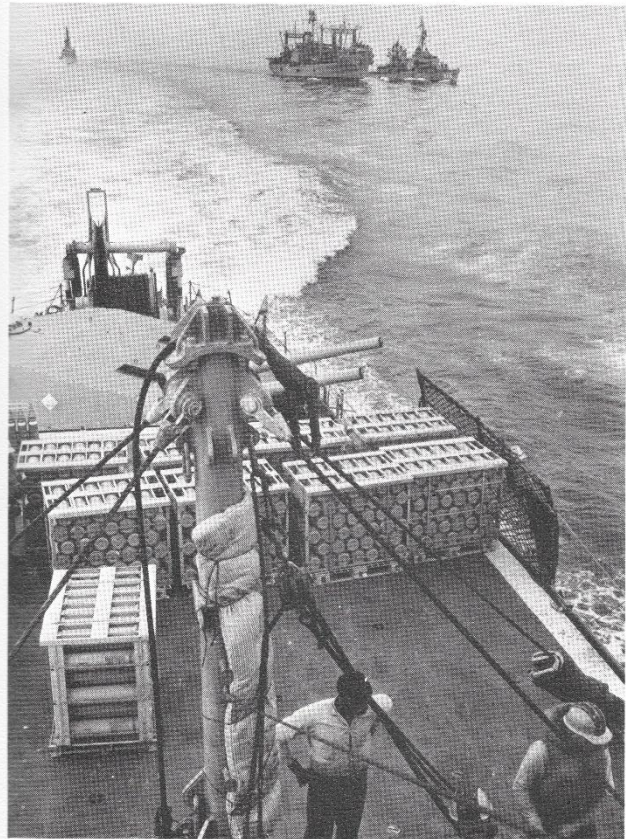


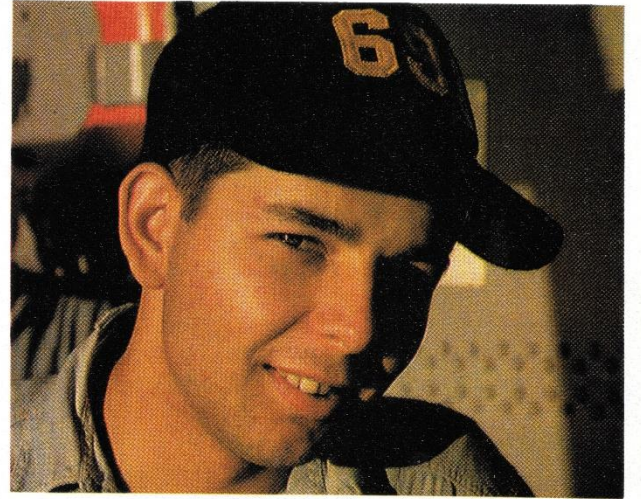
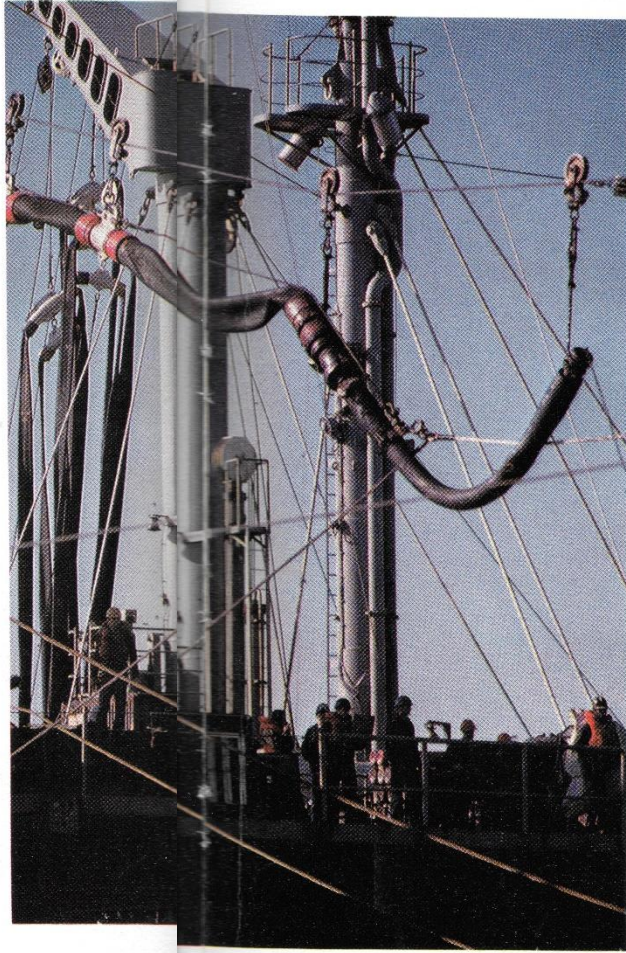
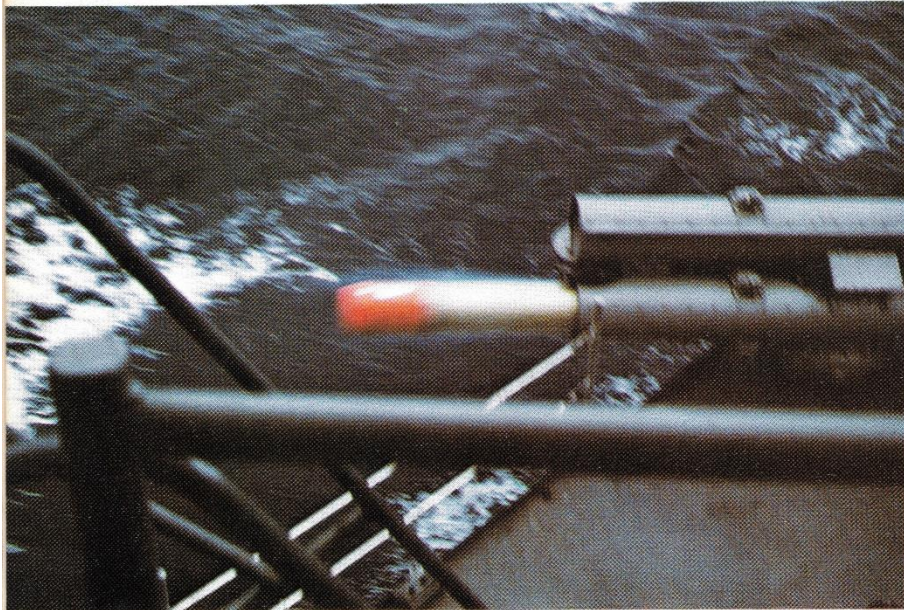
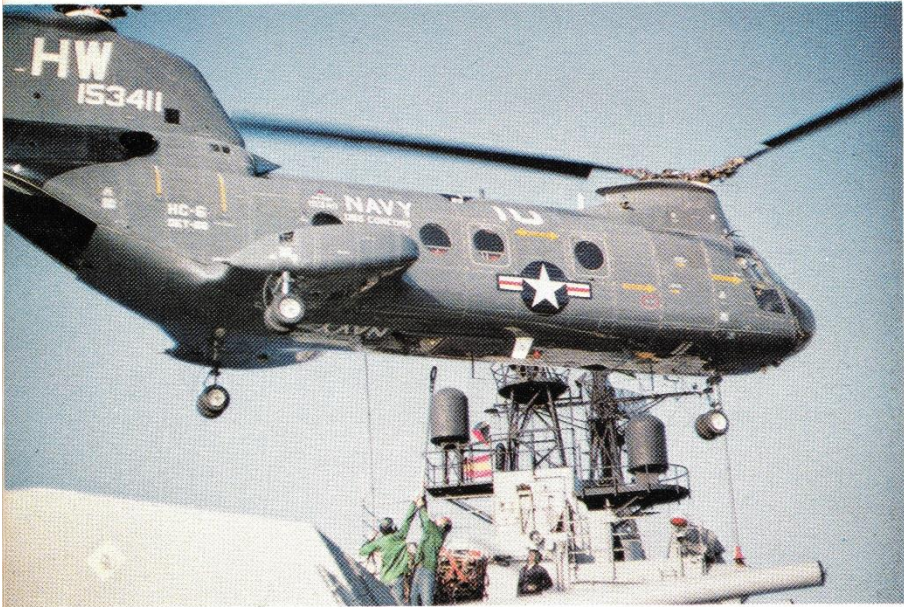


This Skory-class Russian destroyer shadowed many evolutions during the at-sea periods. Here she approaches to within 300 yards as WALDRON and USS FORRESTAL Unrep from USSNEOSHO.











The son of a four-striper, CDR Hugh St. Clare Sease, Jr. served as an enlisted man in World War II, then attended the Naval Academy from which he graduated on 1 June, 1951. He was advanced to the grade of Commander on 1 March, 1966.

Before coming to the WALDRON, he had served as the Commanding Officer of two ships, the USS EPCS

1431 and the USS PCS 1385.

He came to the WALDRON from the staff of the Inspector General of the U. S. Atlantic Fleet.

Commander Sease is married to the former Nancy Fox. They have one son, Hugh S. III, born in August, 1955, and live in Norfolk, Va.



LCDR Harold L. Reichart entered the Navy as an enlisted man, but in a year, he became a Plebe at the Naval Academy from which he graduated in 1957. His first billet was in the Weapons Department, but since that time he has specialized in Operations, especially Communications. He was the staff Comm Officer on the USS ALBANY (CG 10) during the recovery opera-

tion for the bomb which was dropped off the coast of Spain. He came to the WALDRON from his second tour at the Naval Post Graduate School at Monterey, California where he was an instructor in Staff Communications. He is married to the former Ginger Smith of Summit, New Jersey, has five daughters, and lives in Chesapeake, Va.

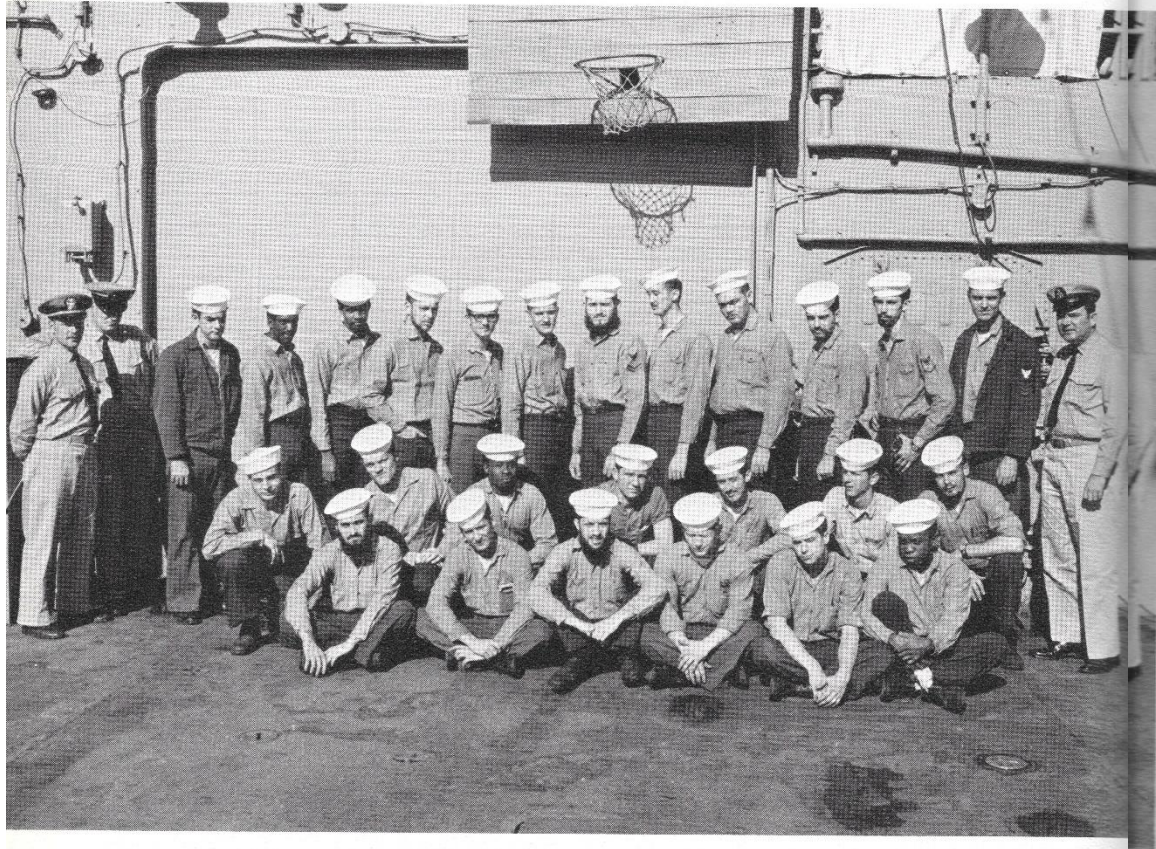




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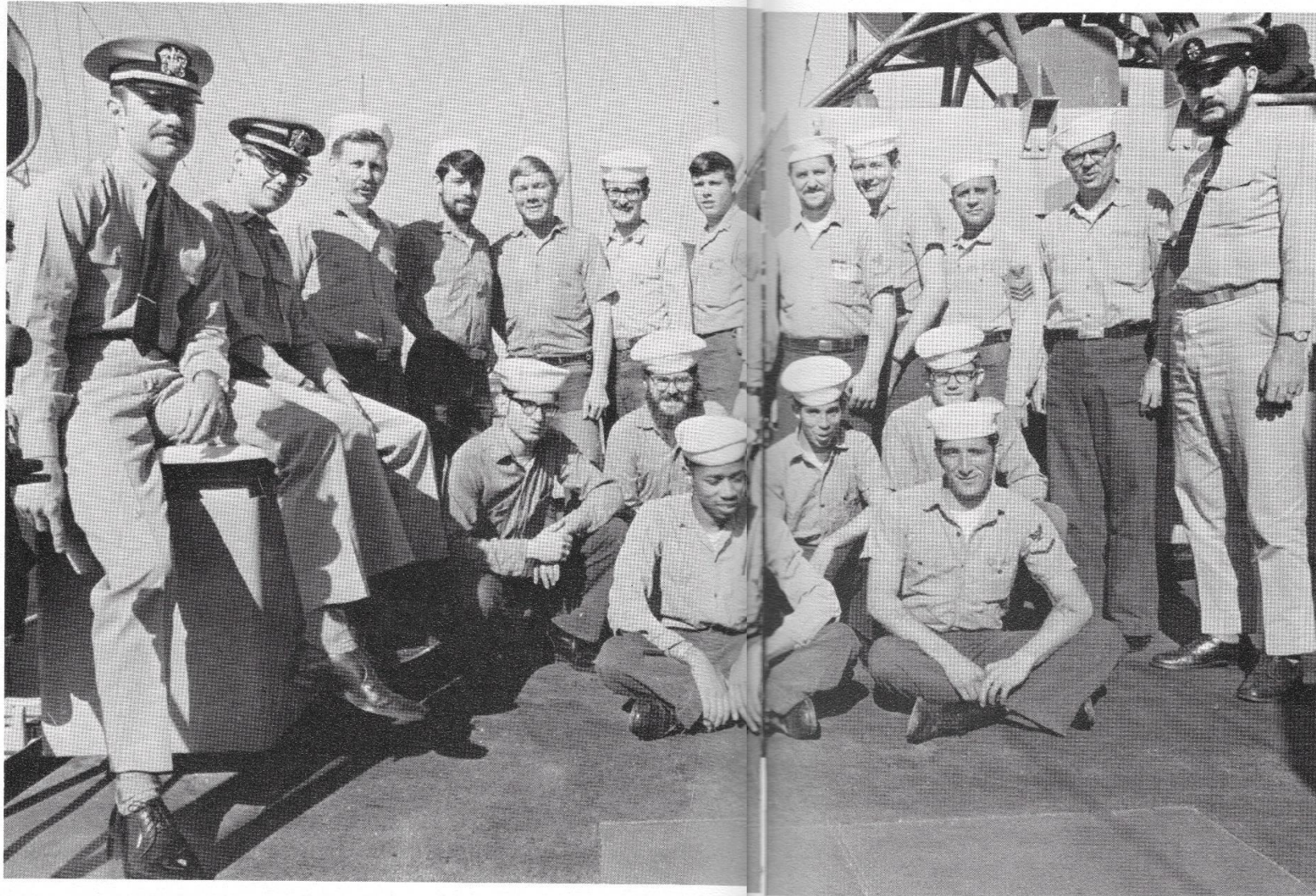
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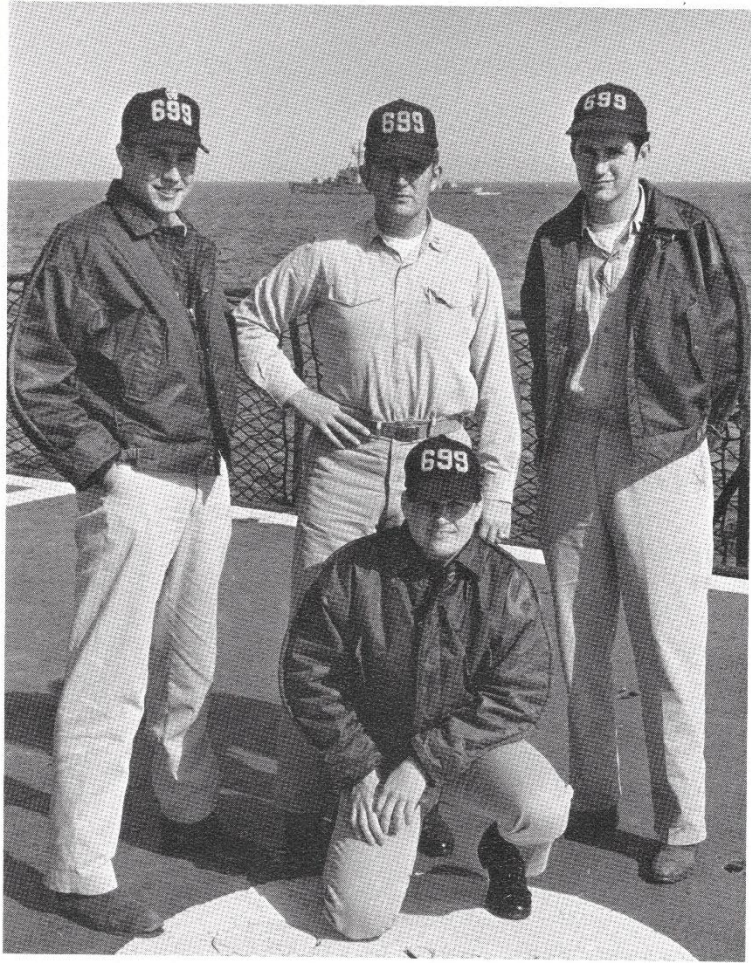


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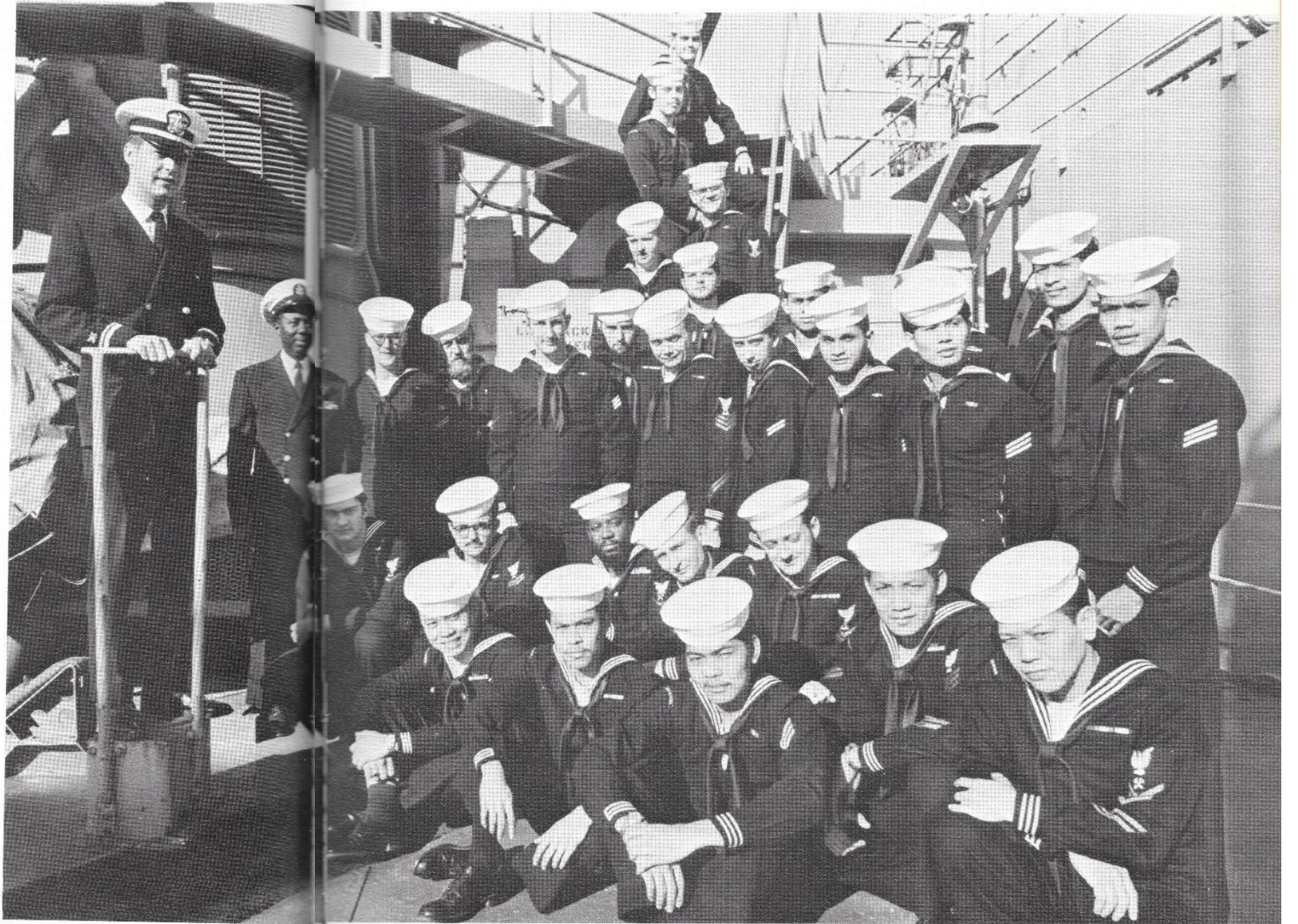


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Stragglers are now being photographed on the Flight Deck.



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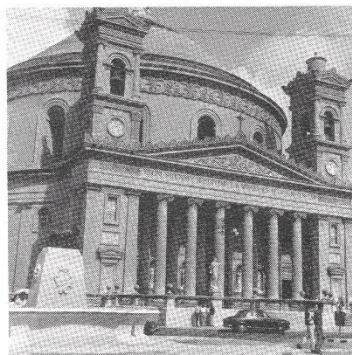
NAPLES

While in Naples, WALDRON was visited by Secretary of the Navy.

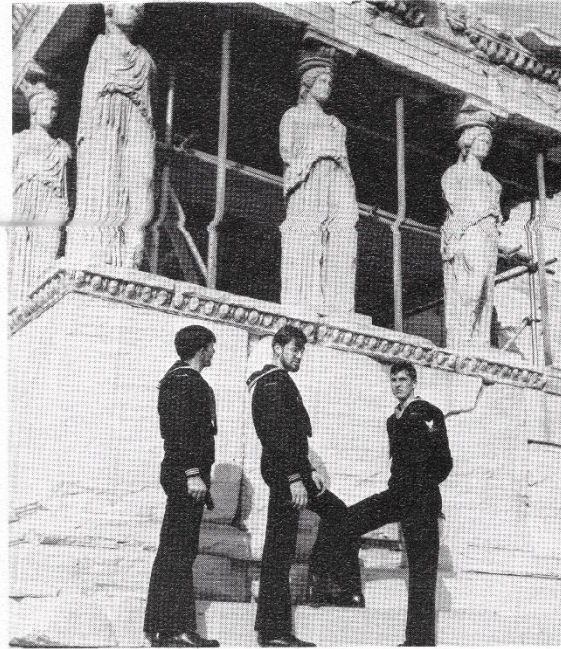




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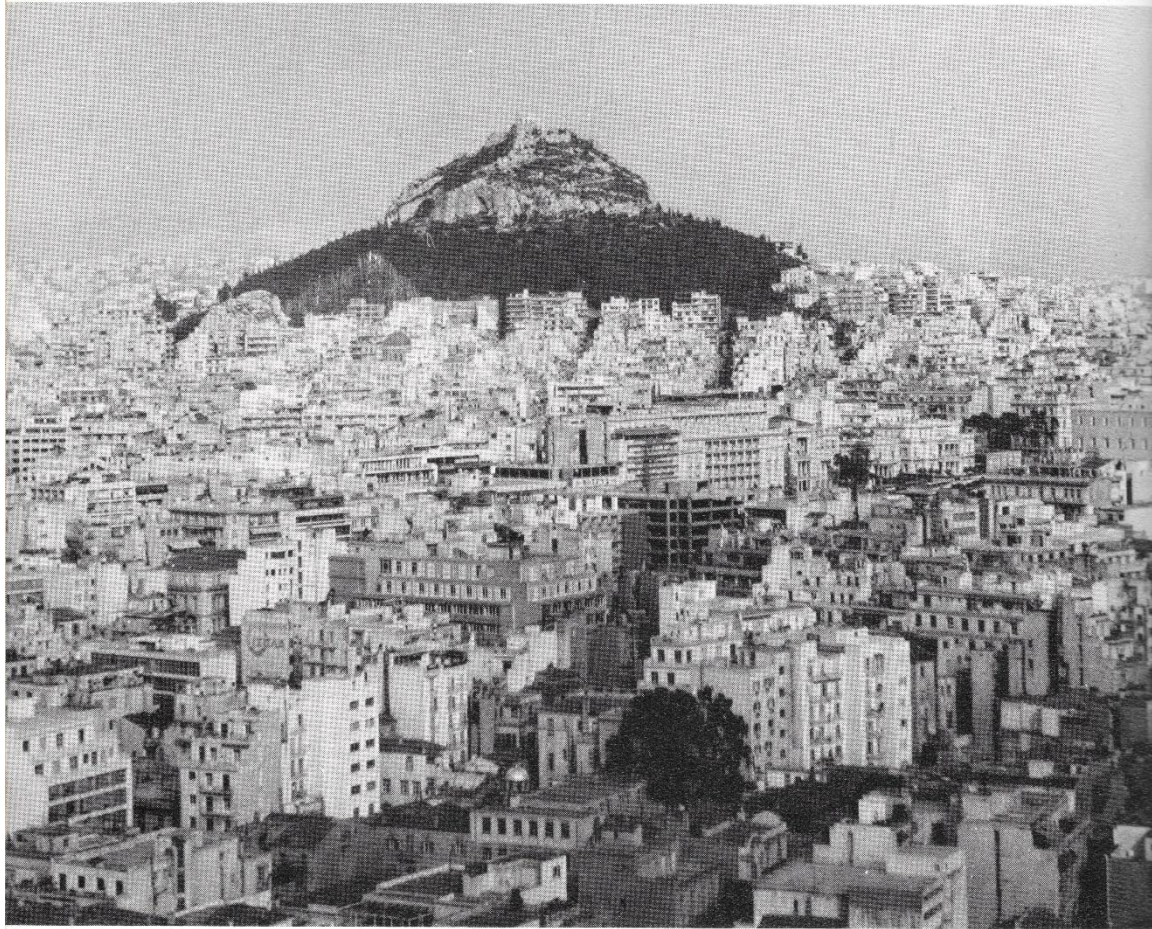


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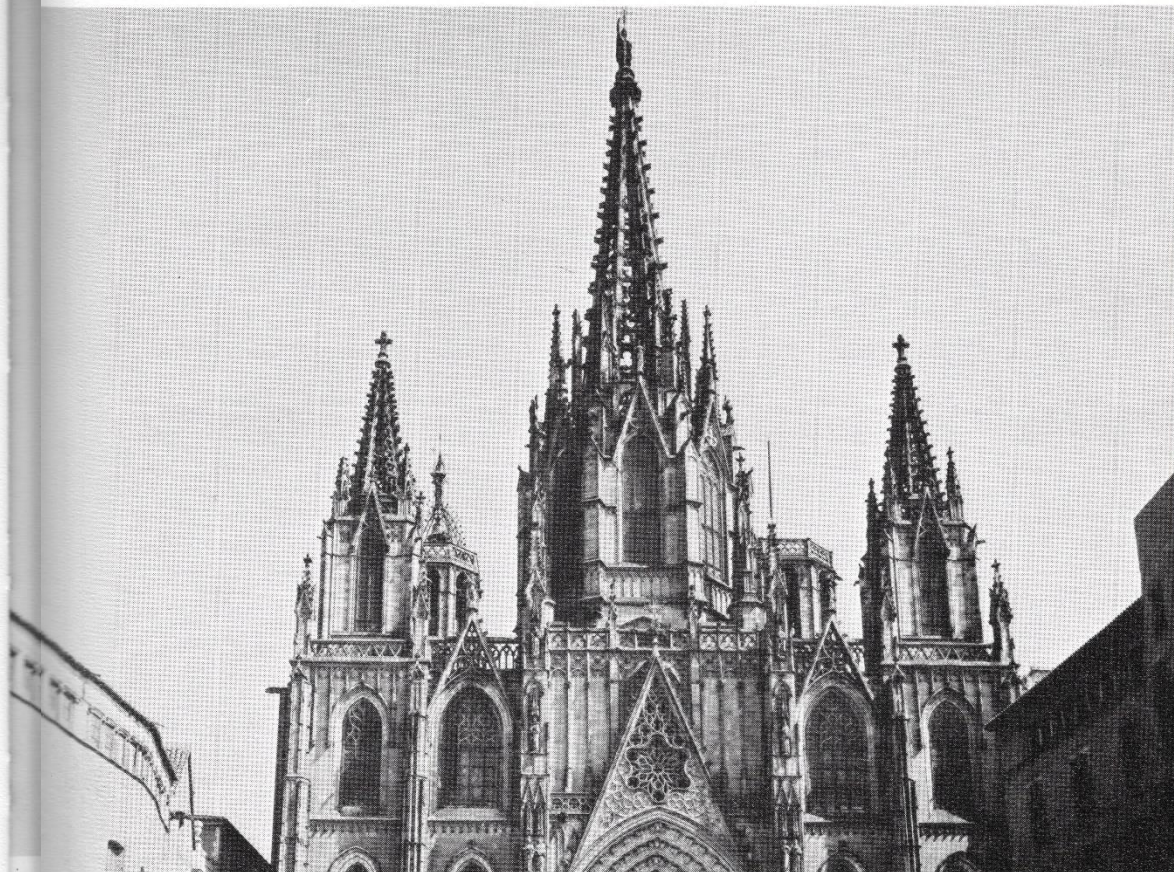


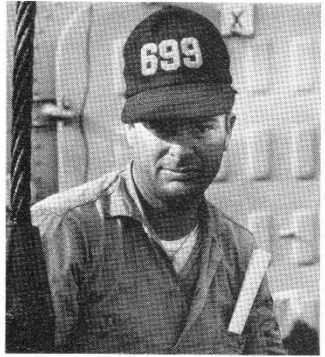


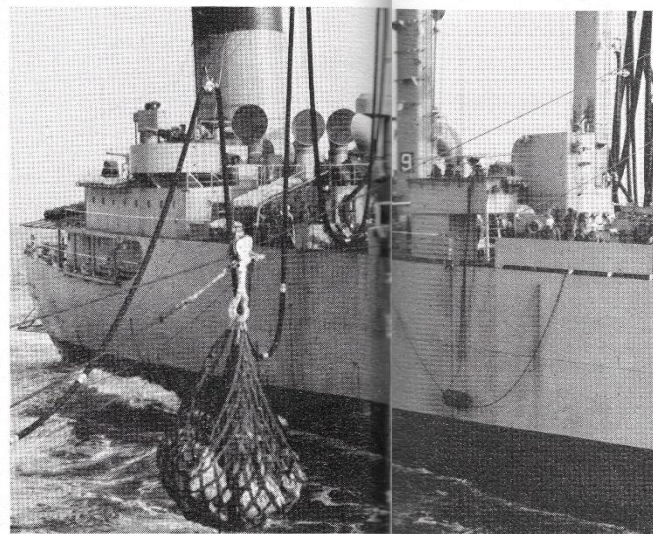
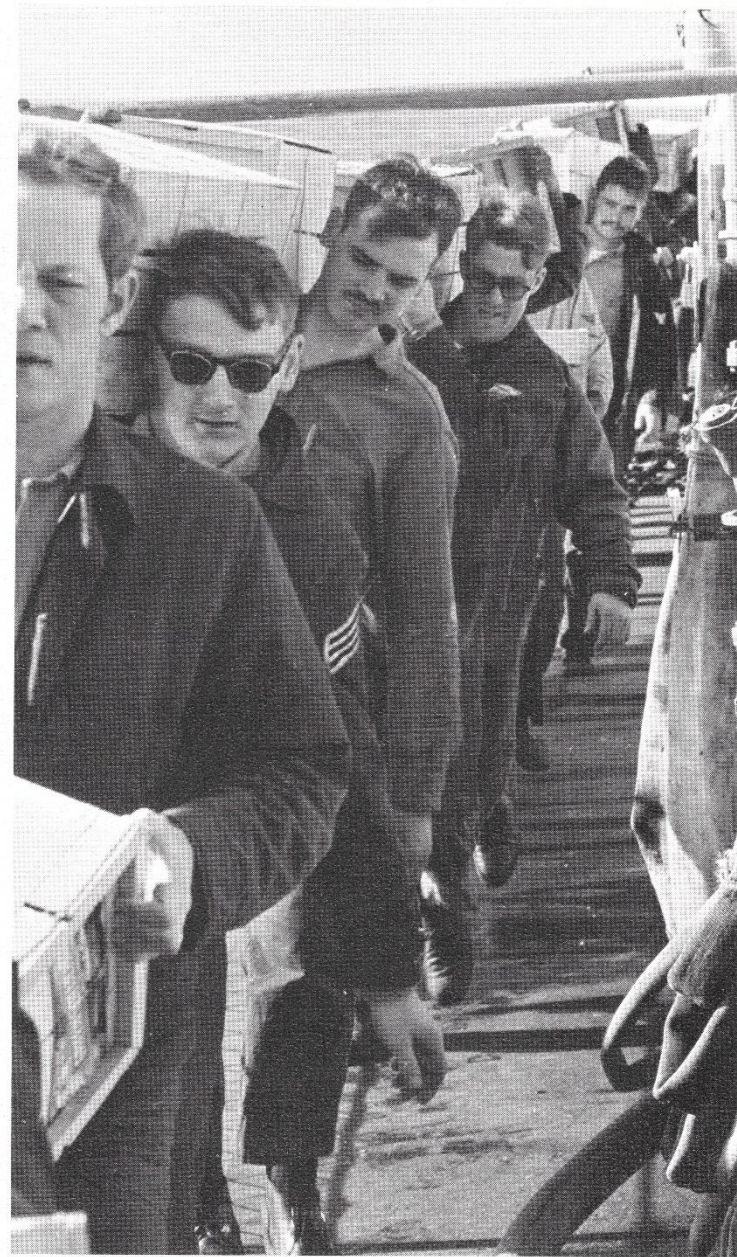
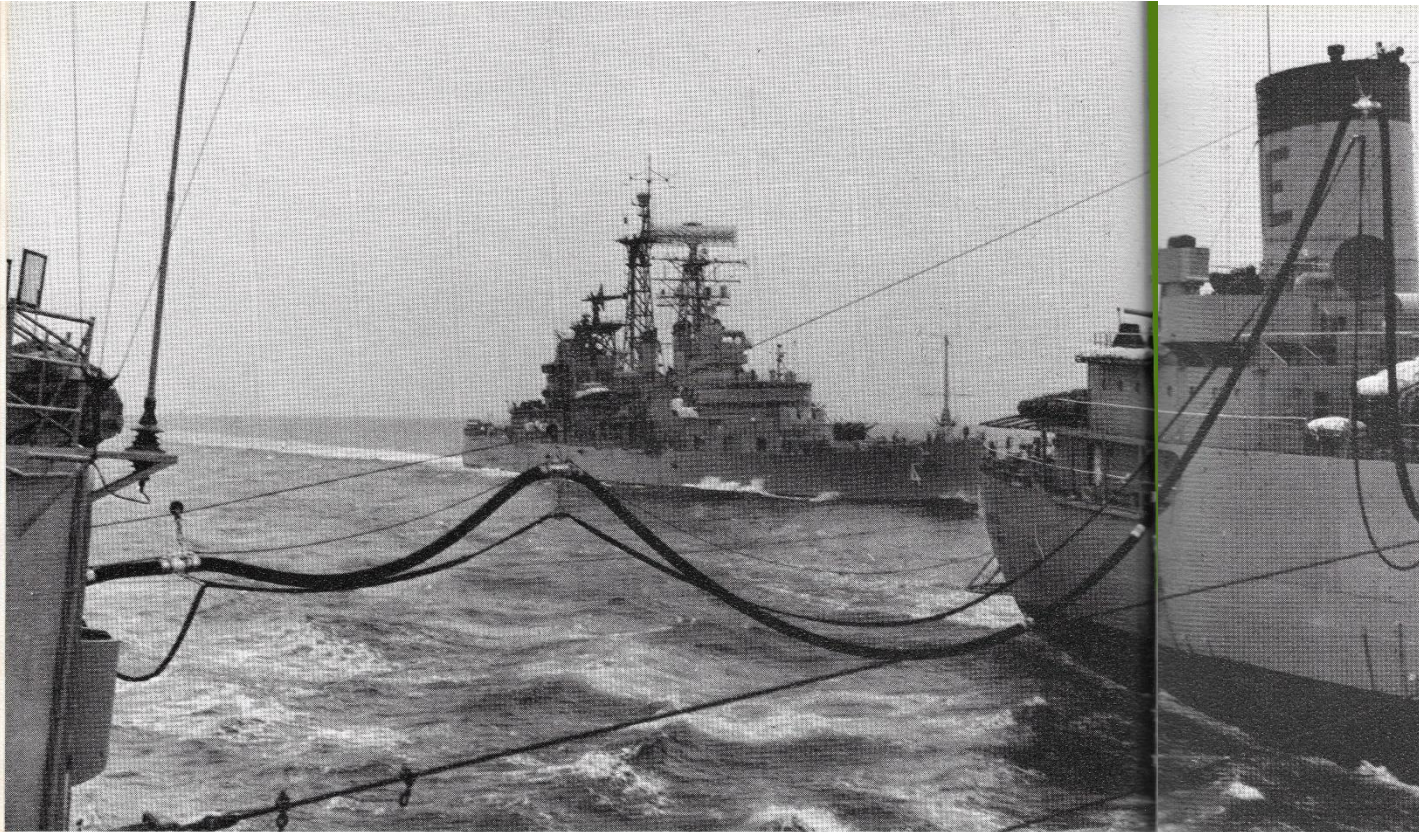
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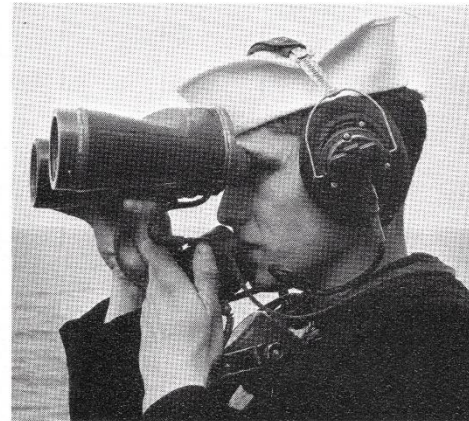
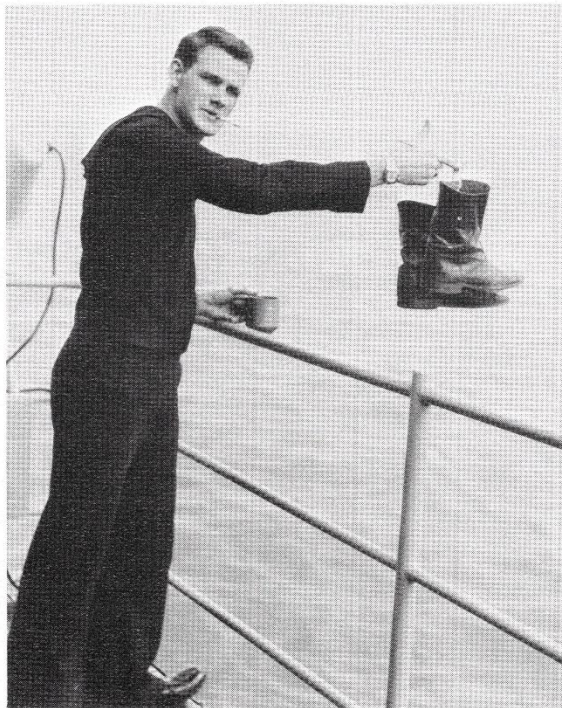
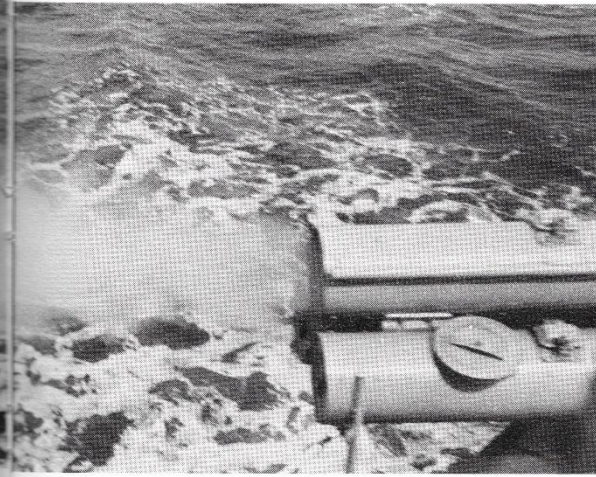
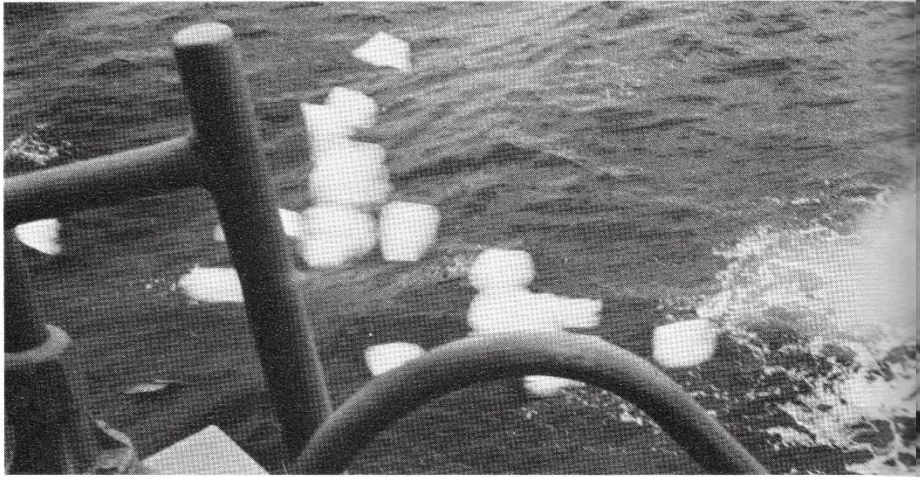


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