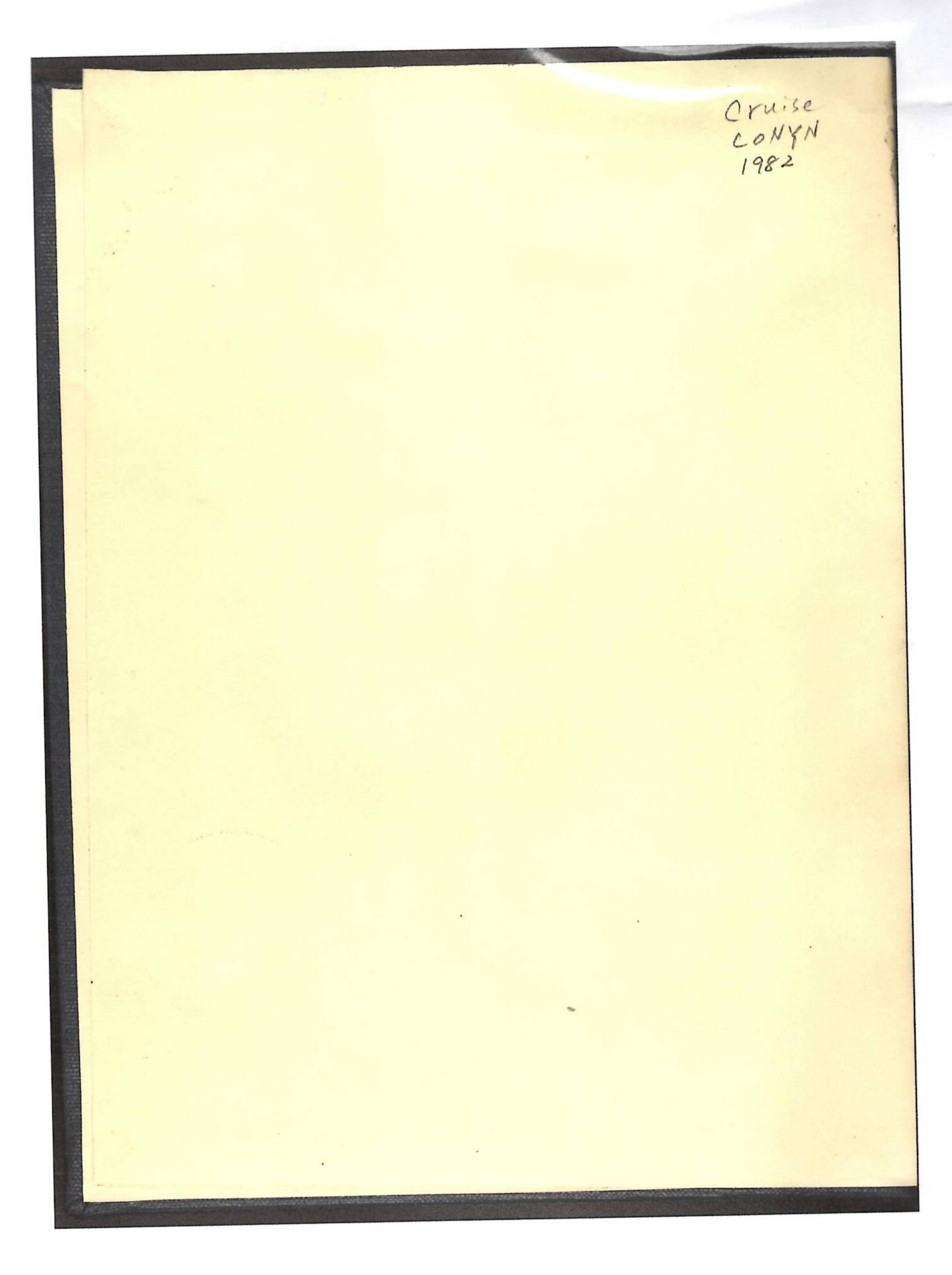


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CUTTER SURPRISE

CUTTER REVENGE

DD-58 1915-1922

DD-371 1934-1946

DDG-17 1963-

GUSTAVUS CONYNGHAM, namesake of the USS CONYNGHAM (DDG-17), was born in County Donegal, Ireland in 1744. He immigrated to the United States (Colonies) with his father a few years before the Revoluntionary War and resided in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

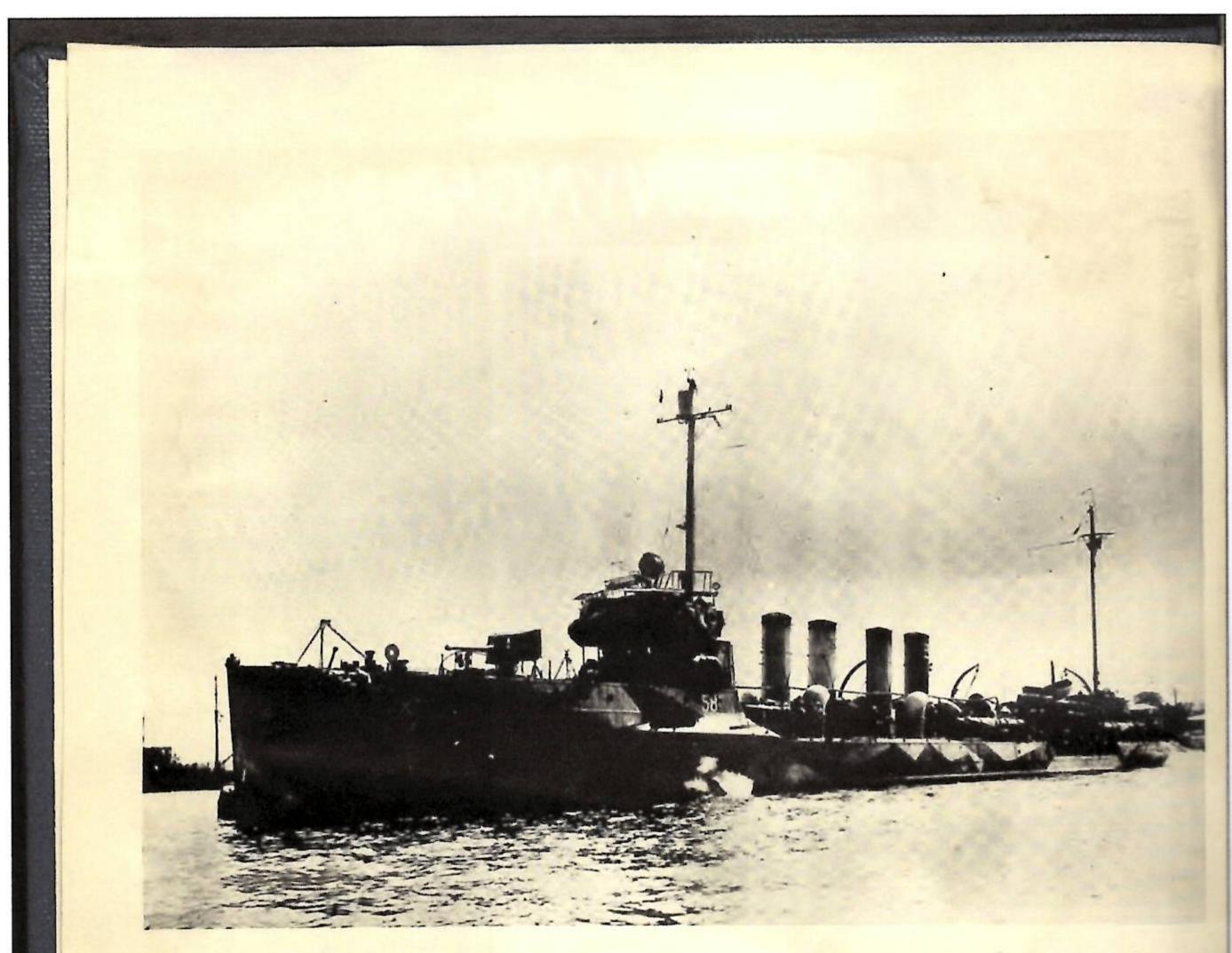
In 1777, the merchant ship he commanded was seized and interned in Europe. He then sought and obtained a captain's commission in the Continental Navy. Operating primarily in British waters, Captain Conyngham proved to be one of the most successful and audacious naval officers in the American Revolution.

His first command was the 100 ton CUTTER SURPRISE whose mission was attacking British shipping in the English Channel. After taking numerous prizes he was given command of the CUTTER REVENGE, which was larger and faster than Surprise. He continued to harass British shipping, taking more than 60 prizes in 18 months. Each ship captured was sent into a friendly port and the cargo disposed of in the interest of the revolutionary cause. Historians indicate that the proceeds from these prizes contributed materially to the operations of Benjamin Franklin and his American mission in France.

British influence finally forced the closure of French and Spanish ports to him, so he set sail for the West Indies where he convoyed American shipping in addition to continuing his task of capturing enemy merchant ships.

In 1779, Captain Conyngham returned to Philadelphia, but on his next cruise he was captured and taken prisoner as a privateer. He was interned first in New York and then in London, from which he escaped and was in France, preparing to cruise against the British, when the war ended.

Captain Conyngham returned to the merchant service and commanded the armed brig Maria, during the Quasi-War with France. Later, as a member of the Common Council of Philadelphia, he assisted in the defense of the city during the War of 1812. Captain Conyngham died on 27 November, 1819 is buried in St. Peter's Churchyard in Philadelphia.



USS CONYNGHAM (DD-58) THE FIRST CONYNGHAM

THE FIRST CONYNGHAM (DD-58- WAS LAUNCHED 8 July 1915 BY WILLIAM CRAMP AND SONS, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLAVANIA AND COMMISSIONED 21 JANUARY 1916, LCDR A.W. JOHNSON IN COMMAND. CONYNGHAM (DD-58) HAD A DISPLACEMENT OF 1090 TONS; LENGTH OVERALL 315 FEET 3 INCHES; EXTREME BEAM 30 FEET 7 INCHES; DRAFT 9 FEET 5 INCHES SPEED OF 29.5 KNOTS; COMPLEMENT OF 99 OFFICERS AND MEN; AND ARMAMENT OF FOUR 4-INCH GUNS, AND EIGHT 21-INCH TORPEDO TUBES. ON 24 APRIL 1917, CONYNGHAM SAILED FROM BOSTON WITH HER DIVISION FOR QUEENSTOWN, IRELAND, THE FIRST DESTROYERS TO JOIN ENGLISH FORCES FOR DUTY AFTER THE ENTRY OF THE UNITED STATES INTO WORLD WAR I. THIS FORCE PATROLLED OFF THE IRISH COAST — AN AREA WHERE GERMAN SUBMARINES ATTACKED IN FORCE. WHEN THE BRITISH SHIP KARIANA WAS TORPEDOED AND SUNK 17 AUGUST 1917. CONYNGHAM SPED TO HER ASSISTANCE AND RESCUED 39 SURVIVORS. A SIMILAR DISTRESS CALL FROM THE BRITISH SHIP HARTLAND ON 29 NOVEMBER RESULTED IN THE RESCUE OF HER 30 MAN CREW BY CONYNGHAM. WHEN THE BRITISH SHIP ORMA WAS TORPEDOED CONYNGHAM MADE A DEPTH CHARGE ATTACK WHICH BROUGHT DEBRIS TO THE SURFACE. HER COMMANDING OFFICER WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE ACTION.

AFTER THE WAR SHE REMAINED AT BOSTON IN RESERVE UNTIL 1921. SHE WAS DECOMMISSIONED AT PHILADEL-PHIA NAVY YARD IN 1922. TRANSFERRED TO THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT IN 1924 FOR USE BY THE COAST GUARD, CONYNGHAM WAS RETURNED TO THE NAVY IN 1933 BUT REMAINED IN NON-COMMISSIONED STATUS UNTIL SOLD FOR SCRAP IN 1934 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LONDON TREATY.



USS CONYNGHAM (DD-371) THE SECOND CONYNGHAM

The second Conyngham (DD-371) was launched 14 September 1934 by the Boston Navy Yard and commissioned 4 November 1936, CDR G.C. Hoover in command.

Conyngham (DD-371) had a displacement of 1500 tons; length overall 341 feet 4 inches; extreme beam, 35 feet; draft 9 feet 10 inches speed of 36.5 knots; complement, 158 officers and men; and armament of five 5-inch guns and twelve 21-inch torpedo tubes.

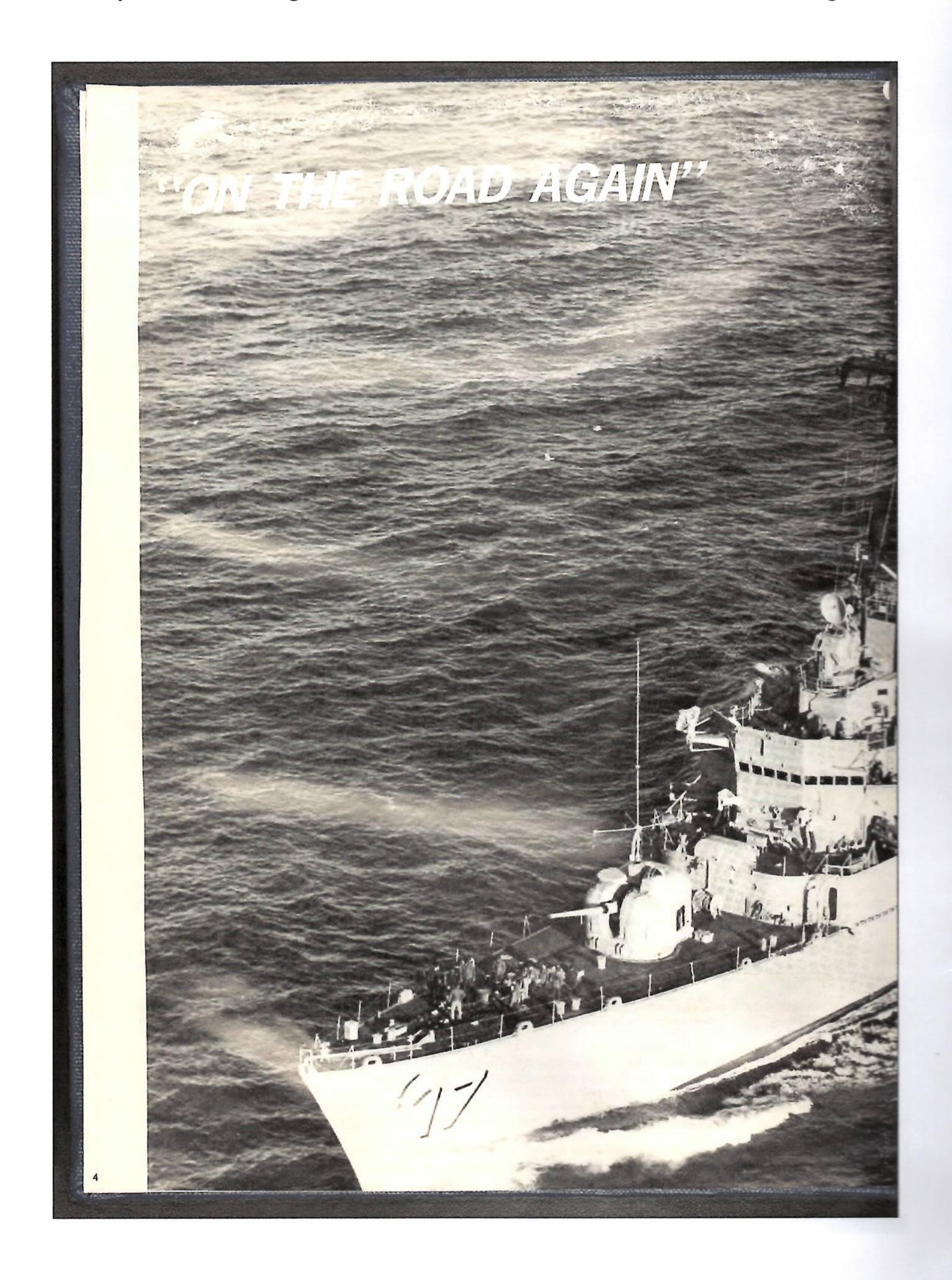
After her commissioning, she conducted training exercises and operations along the west coast, in the Hawaiian islands and the Caribbean. These continued until she sailed from San Diego CA for Pearl Harbor and duty with the security patrol in 1940.

On 7 December 1941, during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, she joined in splashing several enemy aircraft. Her early wartime activity consisted of escort duty. With all available forces organized for action as the Japanese threatened Midway — the turning point in the war of the Pacific and a decisive victory for the United States. During the ensuring war years CONYNGHAM participated in a host of Pacific engagements including the Battle of Santa Cruz, the Invasions of New Guinea, New Britian, Siapan, Luzon, Borneo, Marianas and Leyte Guif Operations.

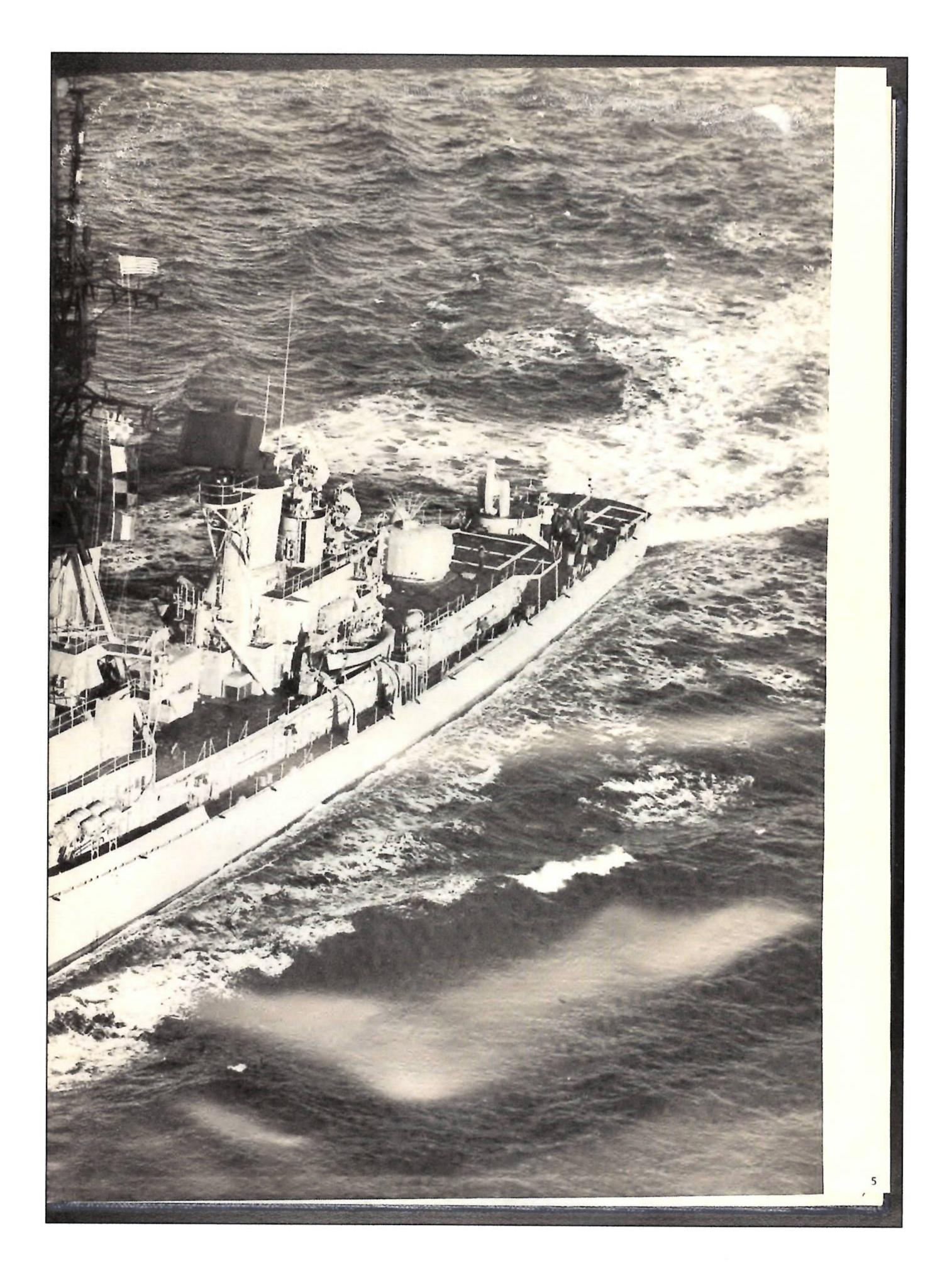
She was at Subic Bay, Philippines for overhaul when the war ended. CONYNGHAM was decommissioned 20 December 1946 and was utilized in atomic weapons tests in Bikini. She was destroyed by sinking, 2 July, 1948.

CONYNGHAM received 14 Battle Stars for World War II service.

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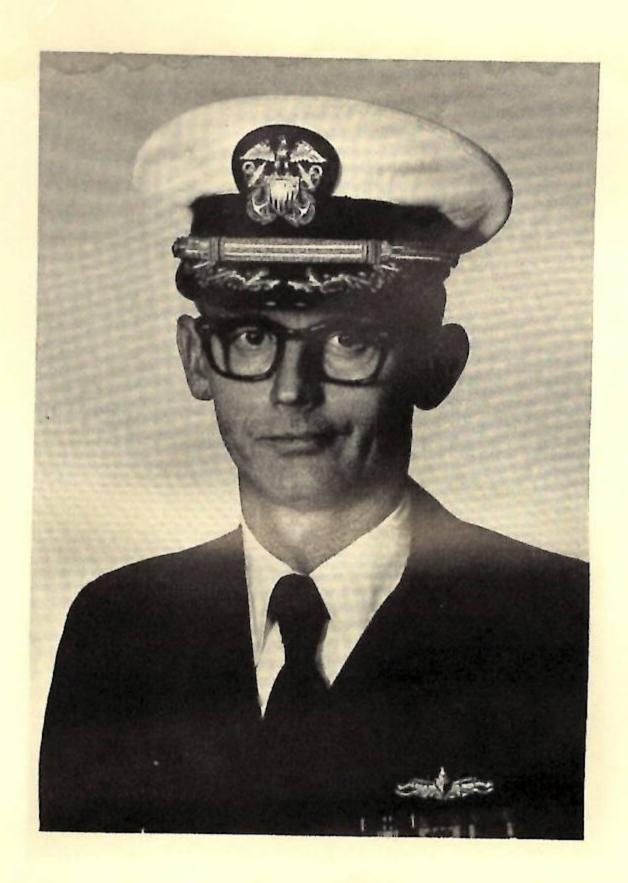


COMMANDER GARY W. ZWIRSCHITZ

CDR Zwirschitz; prior to assuming command of the USS CONYNGHAM (DDG-17), served as Deputy Fleet Comptroller on the staff of the Commander in Chief U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Assignments have included Executive Officer, USS Elmer Montgomery (FF-1082); SCN Program Analyst on staff of the Chief of Naval Material; and Commanding Officer, USS Observor (MSO-461). Originally commissioned in 1964 on graduation from the University of Wisconsin (B.S.) he later attained an M.B.A. Degree from George Washington University and graduated with distinction from the Naval War College.

Other duty stations include; USS Serrano (AGS-24) in Operations/Oceanographic Office, COMNAVBASE SUBIC PR as Aide/Flag LT, USS Stickell (DD-888) as Operations Officer.

CDR Zwirschitz, his wife Joyce and his two sons, Brad and John reside in Virginia Beach, Va.



COMMANDER RAYMOND A. HELBIG

Commander Raymond A. Helbig entered the Navy in February 1962 after graduation from Lehigh University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering. Commander Helbig received his commission in June 1962 upon completion of Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island.

Commander Helbig's previous assignments have included tours as Communications Officer of the USS John R. Craig (DD-885), Weapons Officer of the USS Agerholm (DD-826), Assistant Senior Advisor, River Patrol Command in the Republic of Vietnam, Executive Officer and later Commanding Officer of USS Noa (DD-841), Executive Officer of USS Biddle (CG-34). Commander Helbig attended Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, obtaining a Master of Science degree in Engineering Acoustics. He also attended the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia and taught physics at the U.S. Naval Academy for three years. School Commander Helbig served as CONYNGHAM's Commanding Officer from August 10, 1979 to October 20, 1981.



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER CONSTANTINE L. XEFTERIS

LCDR Xefteris was born in Portsmouth, Virginia. He graduated from Marquette University with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and a commission as an Ensign of the U.S. Navy.

Following commissioning, he served on the USS John F. Kennedy (CVA-67) as Electronics Material Officer, he attended the Naval Postgraduate School and received a Masters Degree in Electronics Engineering, served on COMDESRON 26 staff. Also, LCDR Xefteris served as Weapons Officer on the USS Ainsworth (FF-1090) and he also served on the staff of COMSIXTHFLT.

In December 1981, LCDR Xefteris relieved CDR Marfiak as Executive Officer of USS CONYNGHAM.

LCDR Xefteris and his wife, Pixie, reside in Virginia Beach, Va.



THOMAS F. MARFIAK, EXECUTIVE OFFICER JULY 14, 1980-DECEMBER 3, 1981)

Commander Thomas Marfiak is a native of Torrington, Connecticut, he entered the U.S. Naval Academy in 1962.

Following his graduation in 1966, Commander Marfiak served as Main Propulsion Assistant and Damage Control Assistant aboard the USS Brumby (DE-1044). In 1968 he embarked in the USS Camp (DER-251) as Engineer Officer and saw service with the U.S. Seventh Fleet. In 1970 he assumed the duties of Executive Officer of USS Camp. Following his assignment to the Bureau of Naval Personnel in 1971 where he served as an Officer Detailer in the Officer Assignment Branch, he assumed duties as Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy in 1972. From 1973 to 1975, as an Olmsted Scholar, he successfully pursued the Diploma (M.A.) of the Institute of Political Studies, Paris, France. Further studies at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy led to the Master of Arts and Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy degrees. Commander Marfiak completed requirements for and was admitted to candidacy for Ph.D. in January 1977. Upon completion of the Destroyer Department Head Course in October 1977, he was assigned to the USS Biddle (CG-34) as Engineer Officer until his assignment to the USS CONYNGHAM in 1980.

Commander Marfiak served as Officer-in-Charge of the USS CONYNGHAM Training Detachment, Norfolk, VA from March 3, 1980 to July 14, 1980 after which he served as Executive Officer of CONYNGHAM until December 3, 1981.

Commander Marfiak was relieved by LCDR Xefteris in Marseille, France. Commander Marfiak is currently assigned to the Pentagon.



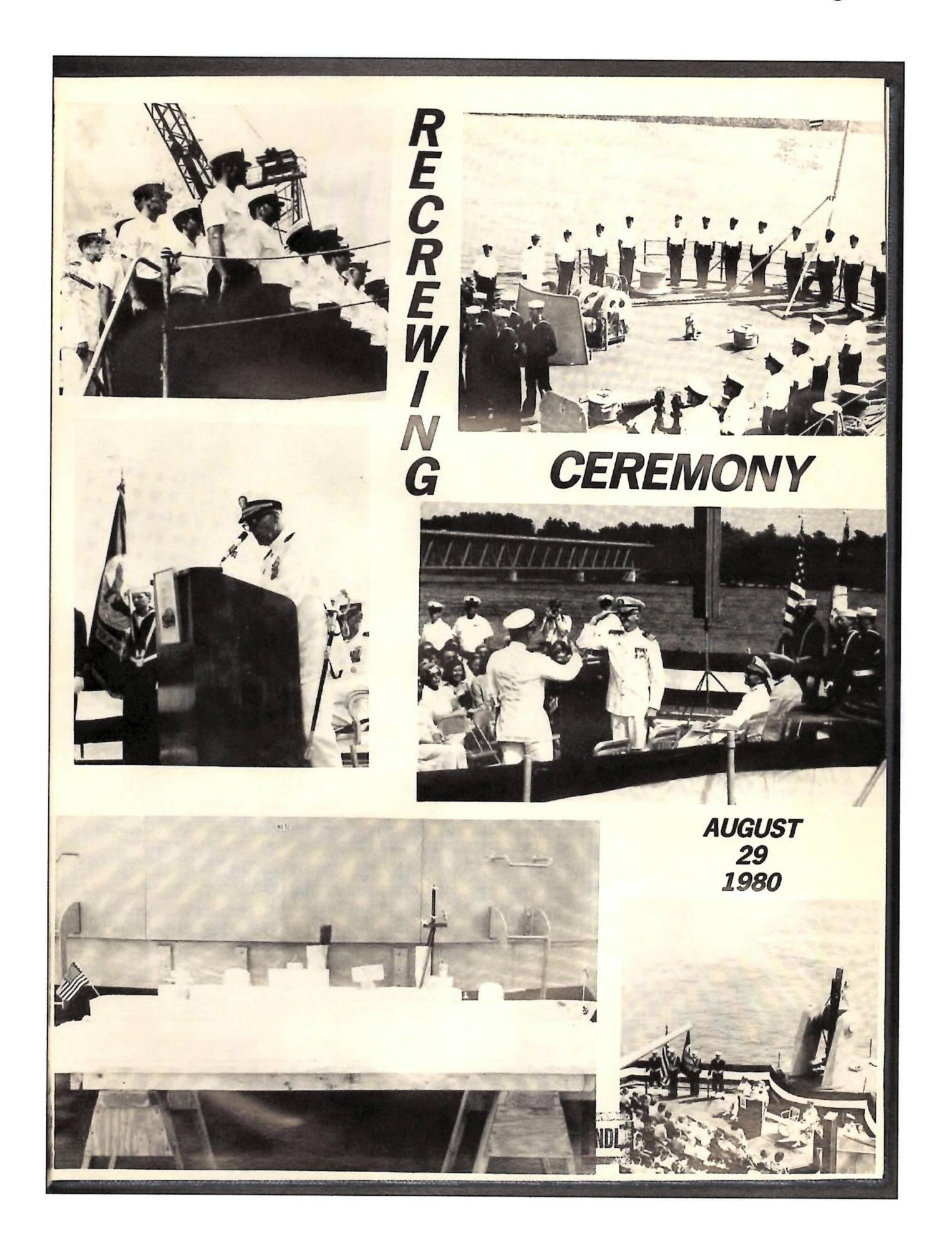
CAPTAIN JOHN A. NARCISO

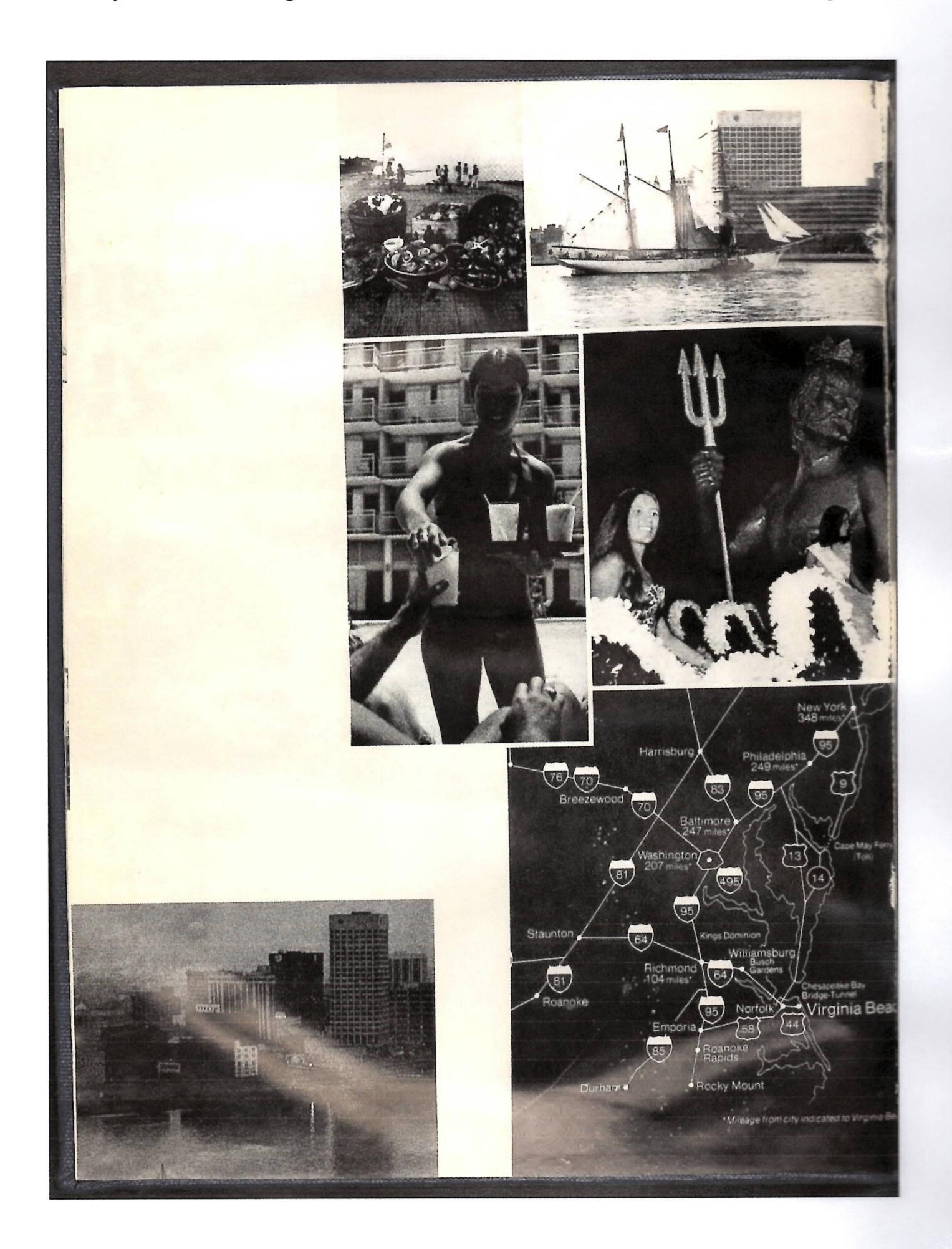
Captain John A. Narciso entered the Navy in May 1961 after graduation from Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and George Washington University with a Master of Science degree in Personnel Adminstration. Captain Narciso received his commission in September of 1962.

Captain Narciso's previous assignments included tours as Engineering Officer of the USS Jacana (MSC-193), Operations Officer of the USS Charles Berry (DE-1035), Operations Officer of the USS Barney (DDG-6), Commanding Officer of the USS Sturdy (MSO-494) Commanding Officer of the USS Affray (MSO-511), Executive Officer of the USS Dale (CG-19), Commanding Officer of the USS Charles F. Adams and served as CONYNGHAM's Commanding Officer while Commander Zwirschitz was on emergency leave from December 21, 1981 to January 10, 1982. Captain Narciso also was the Physical Training Instructor at the U.S. Naval Acedemy, Naval Advisor to the Naval Advisory Group Vietnam, Personal Aide to the Chief of Naval Education and Training, was a Distinguished Graduate, Command Staff Course at the Naval War College and was Outstanding Leadership Graduate at the Army Airborne School.

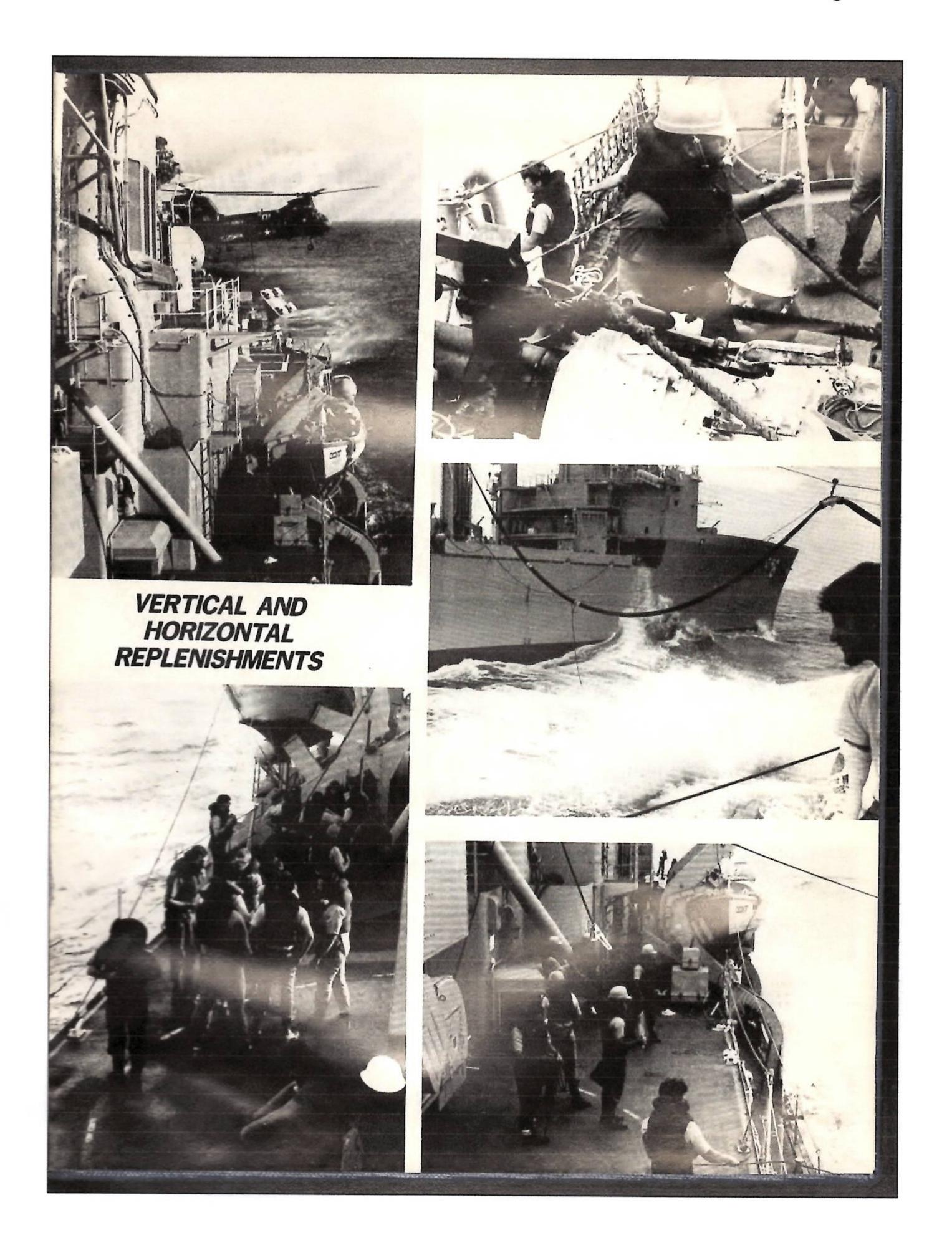


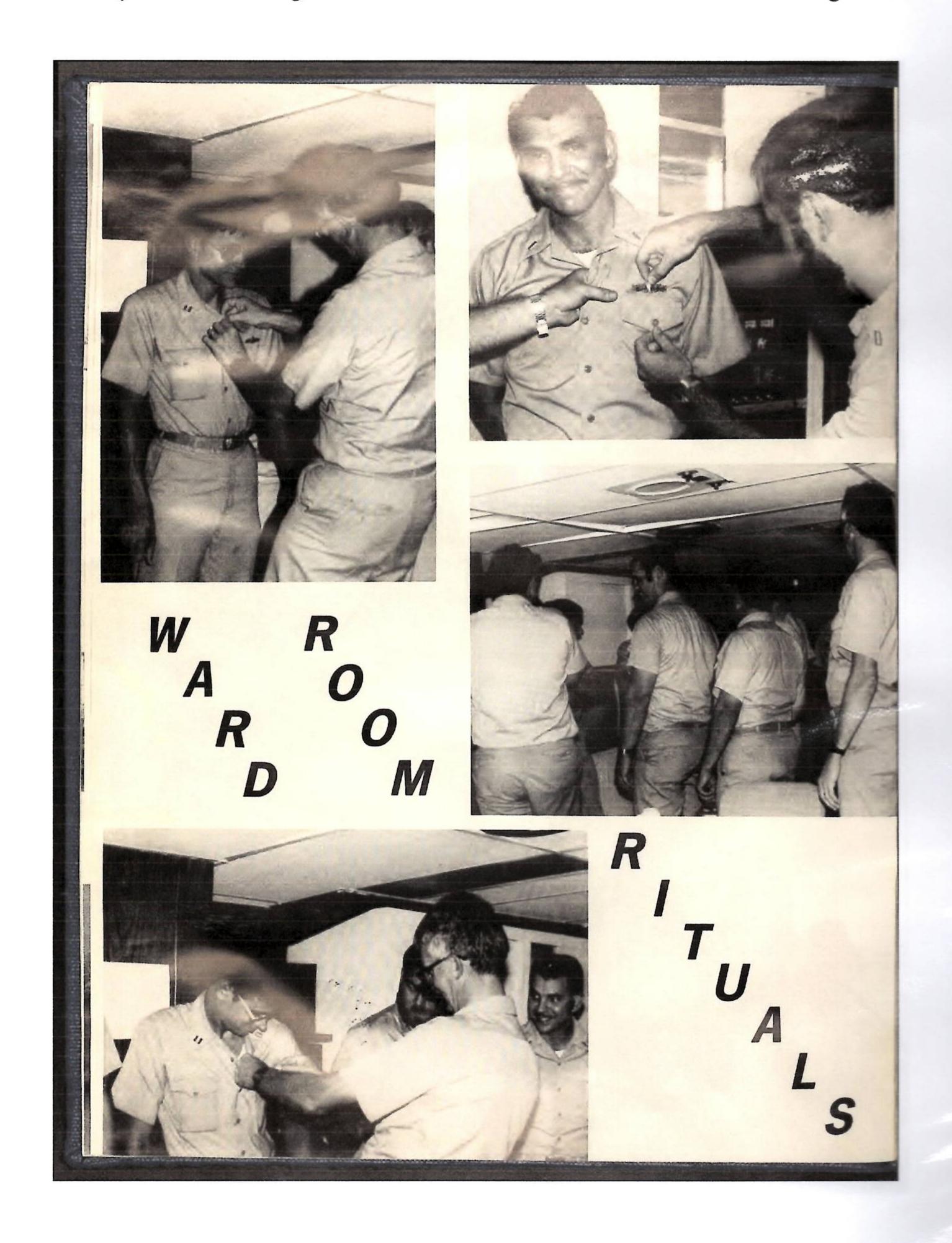


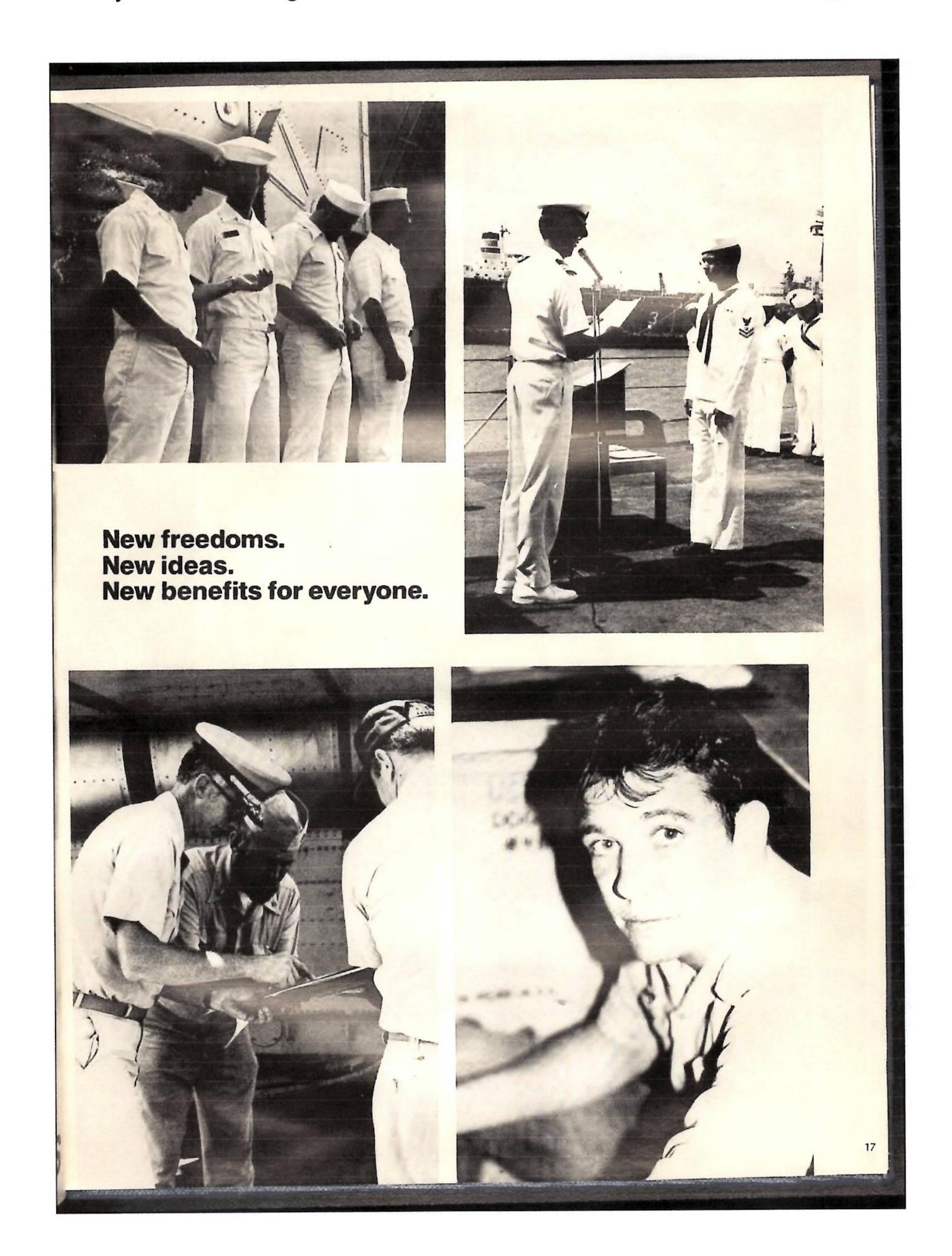




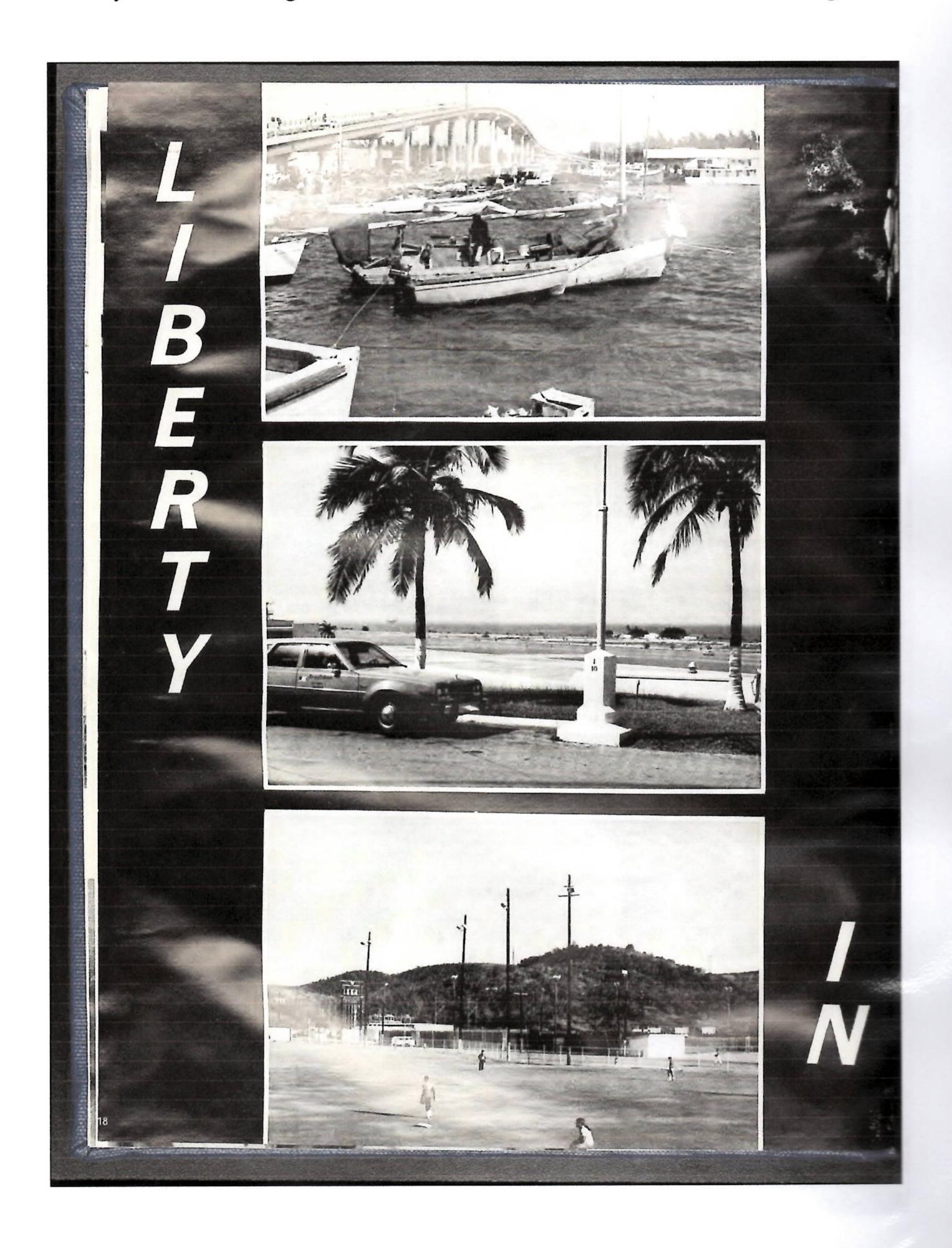
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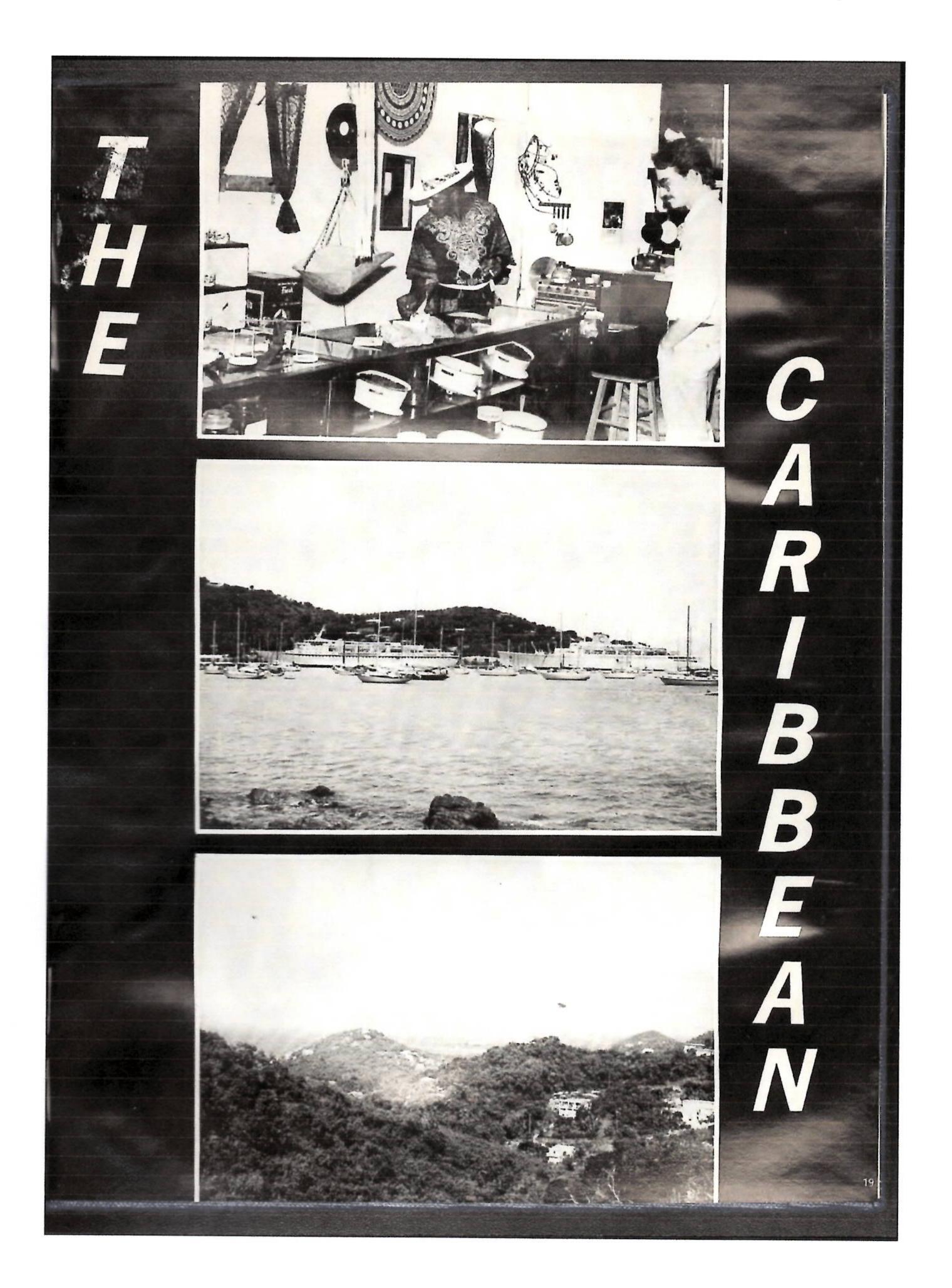






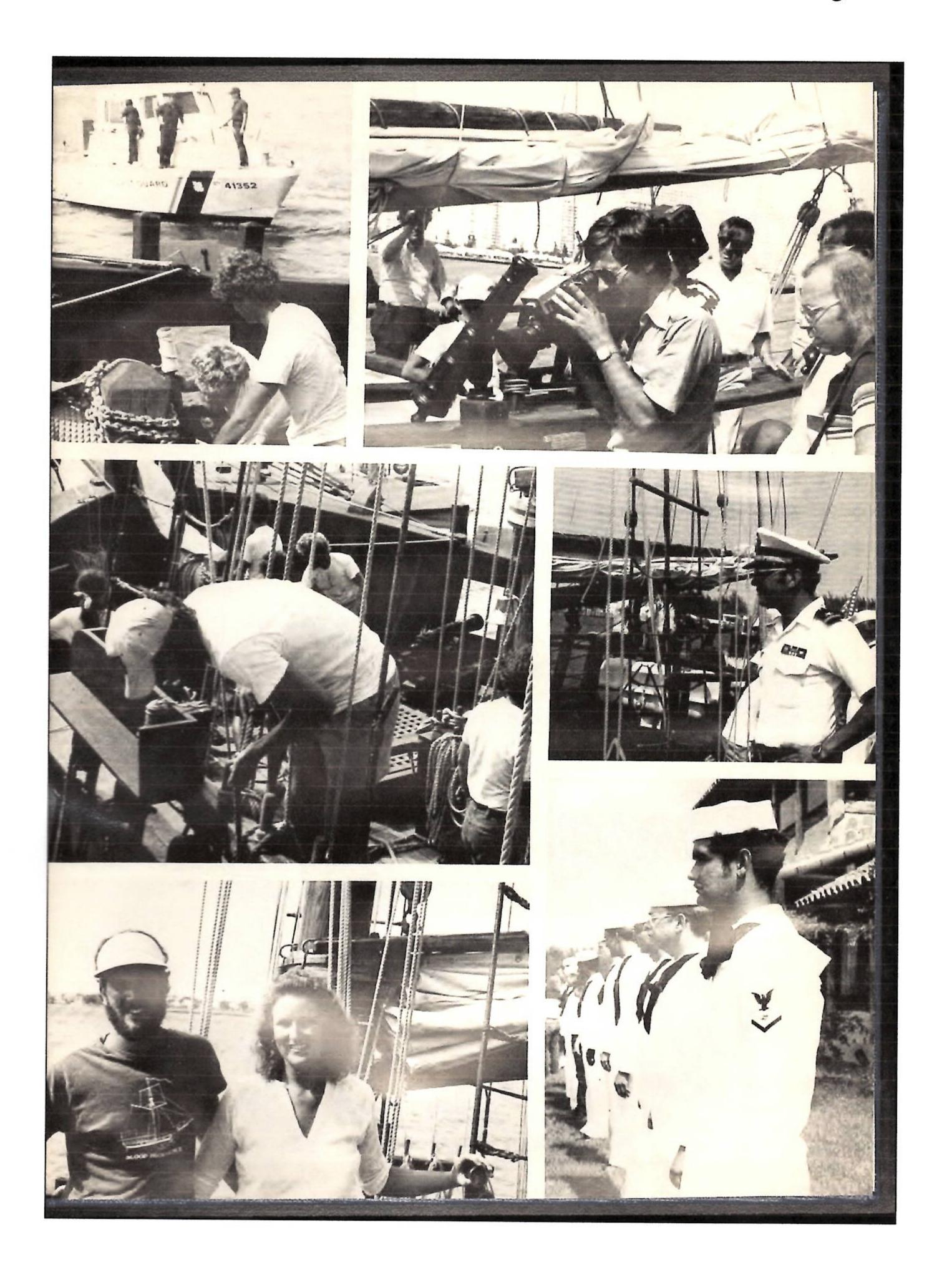
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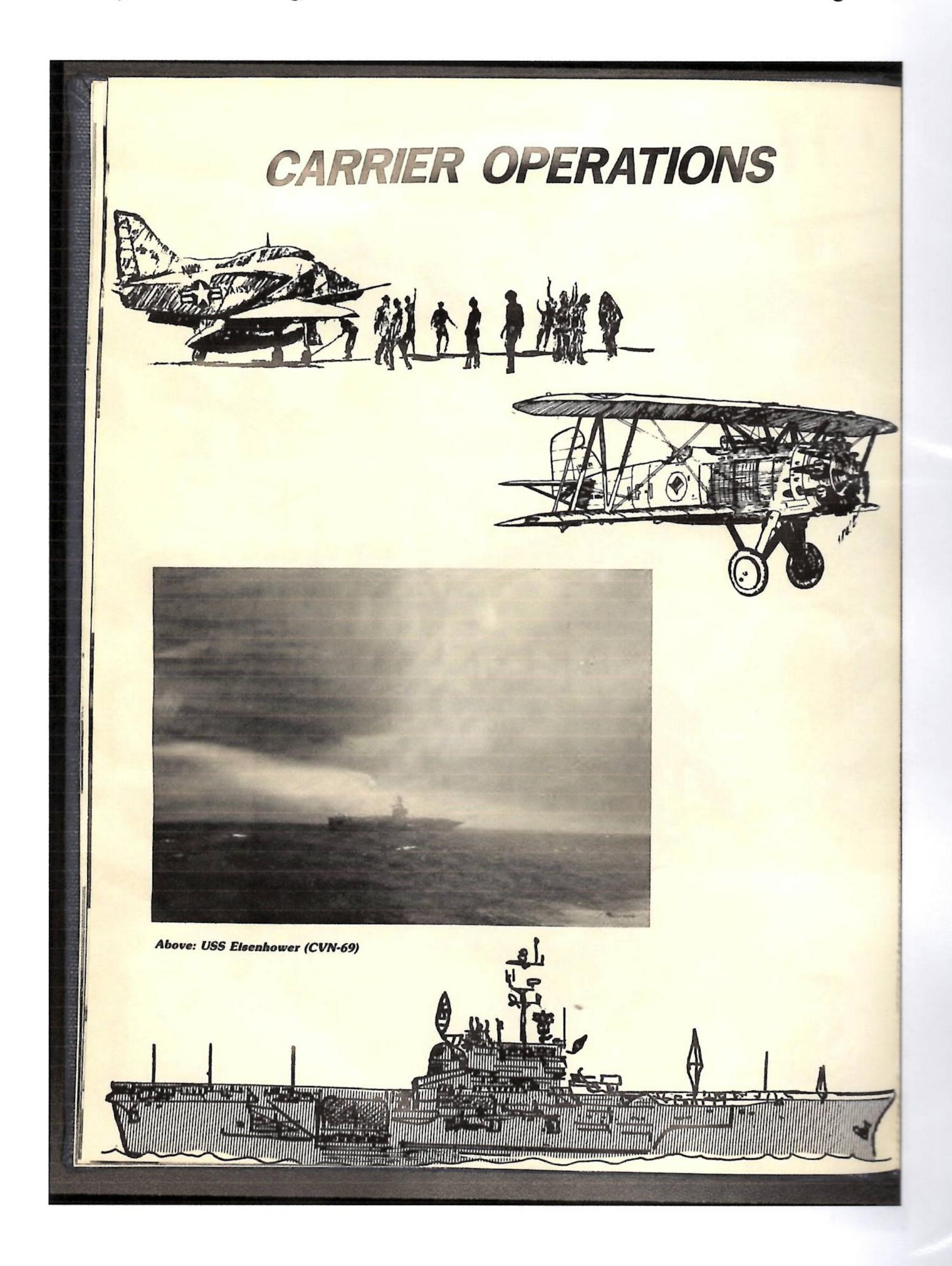


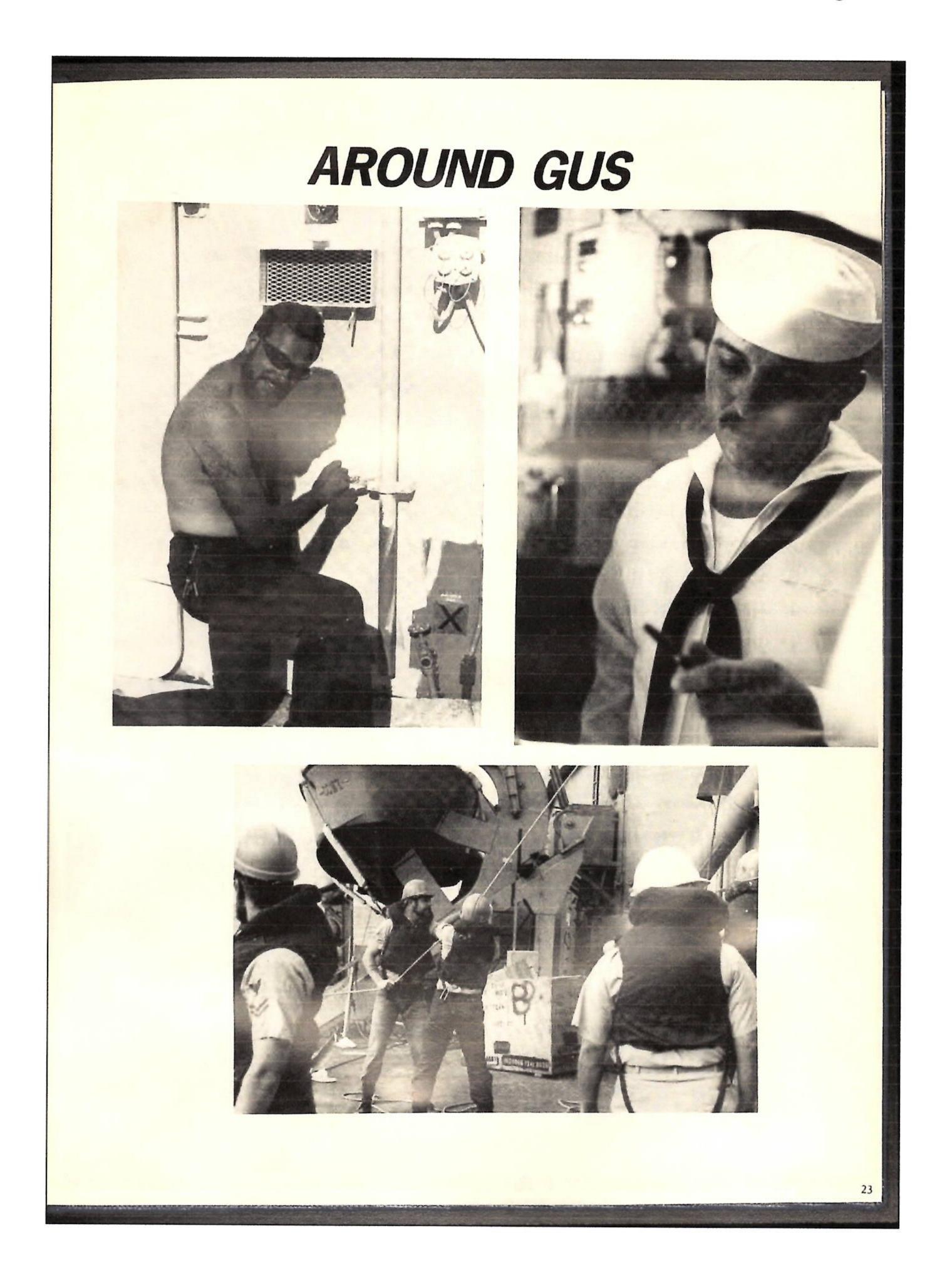
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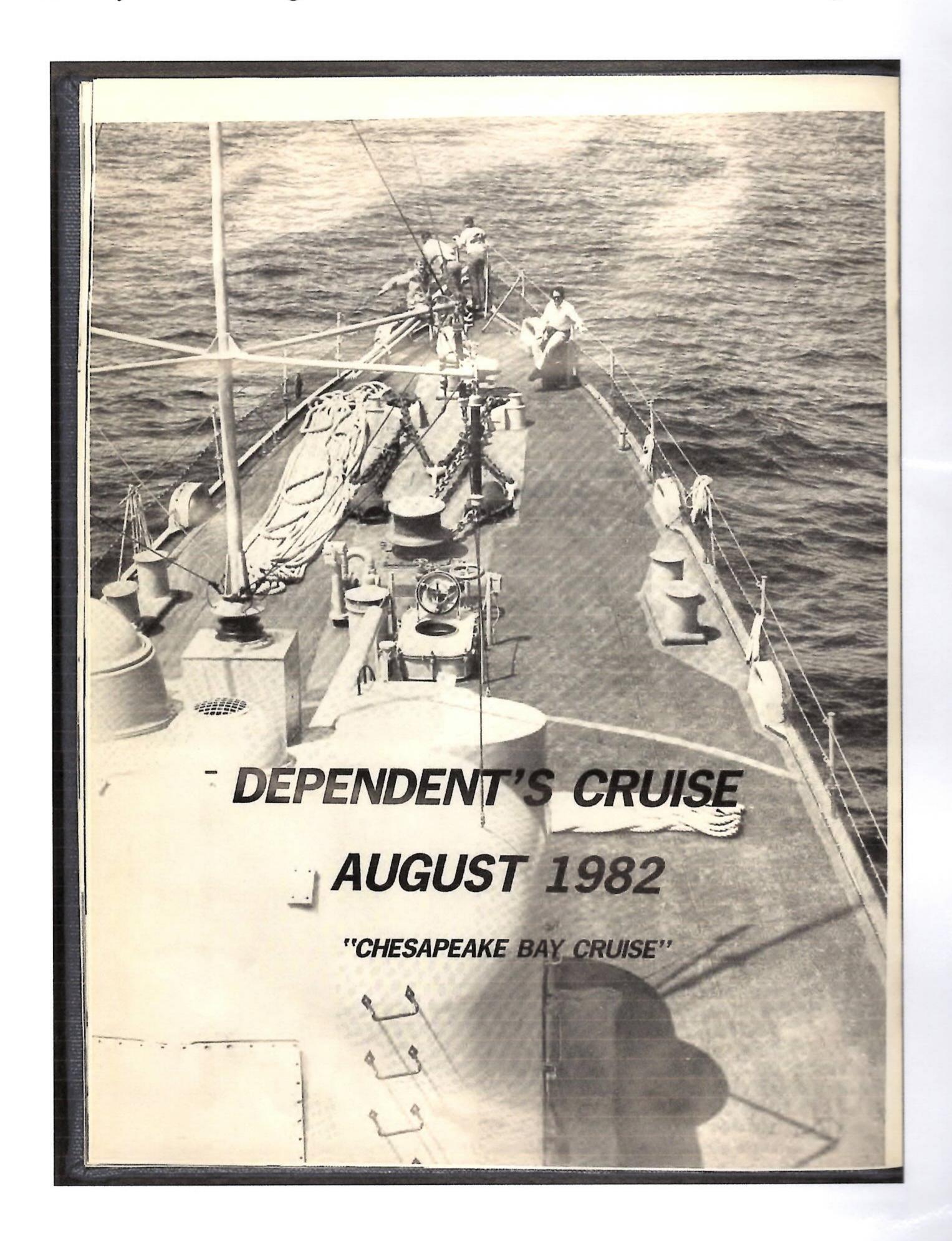




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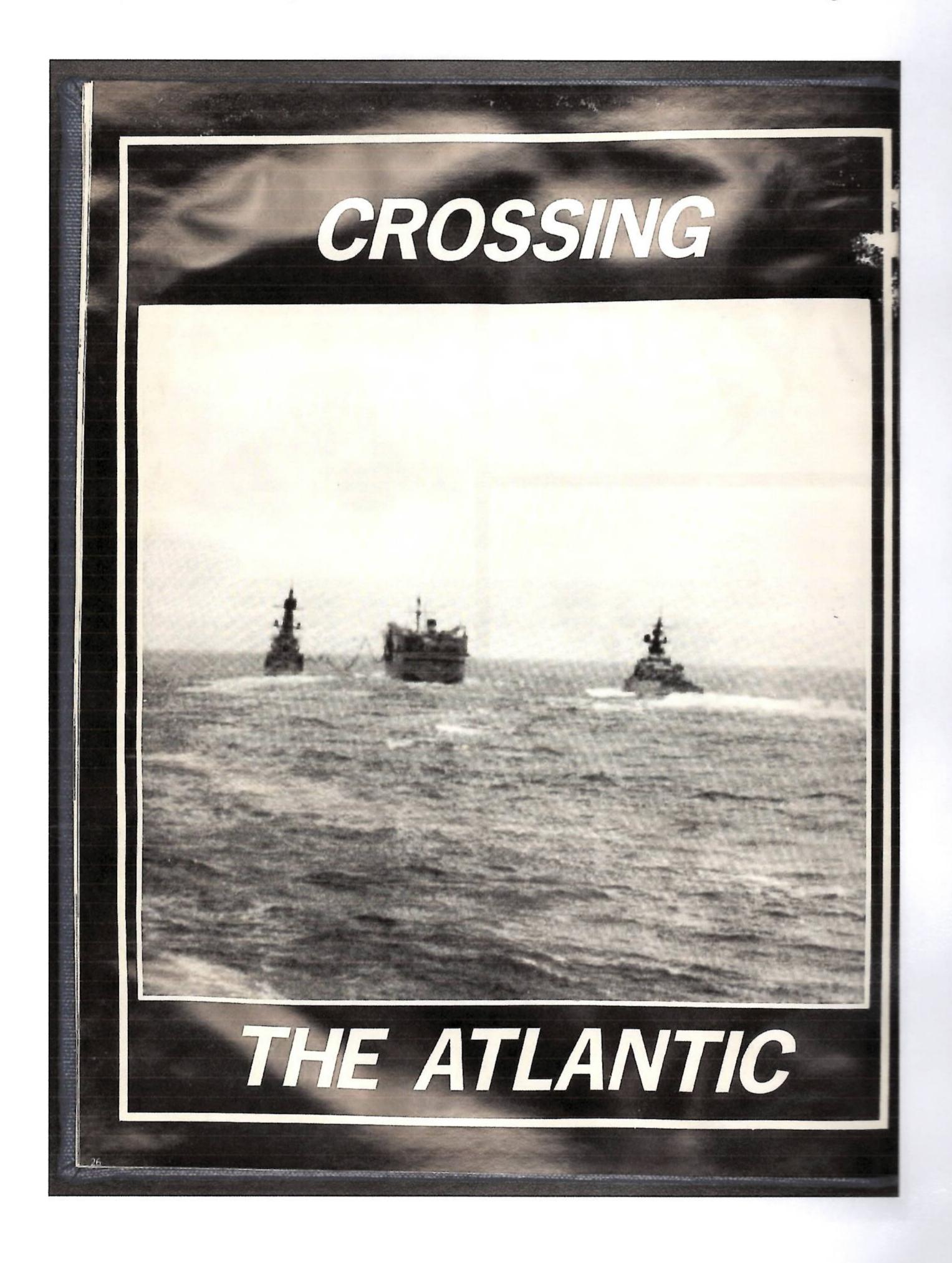




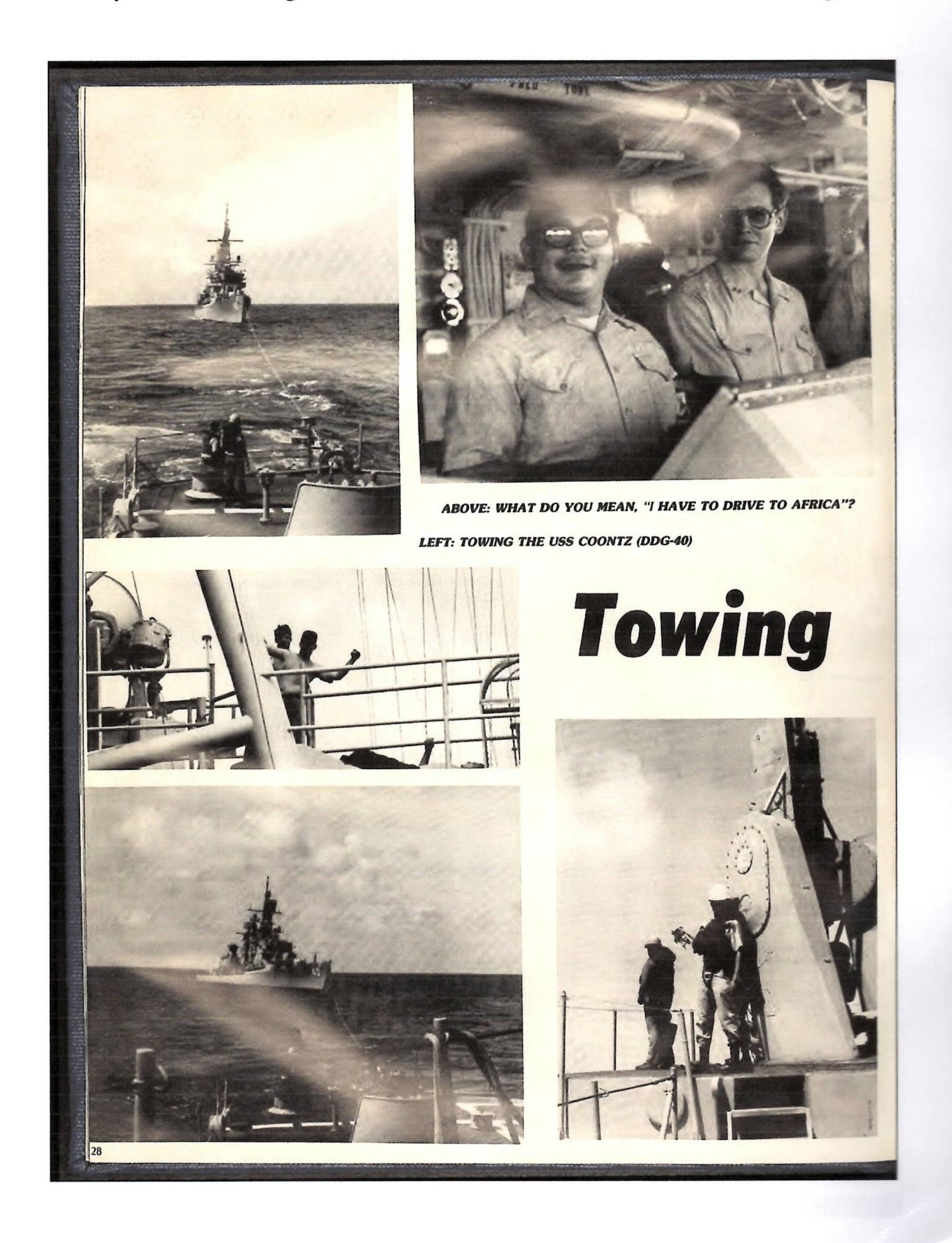


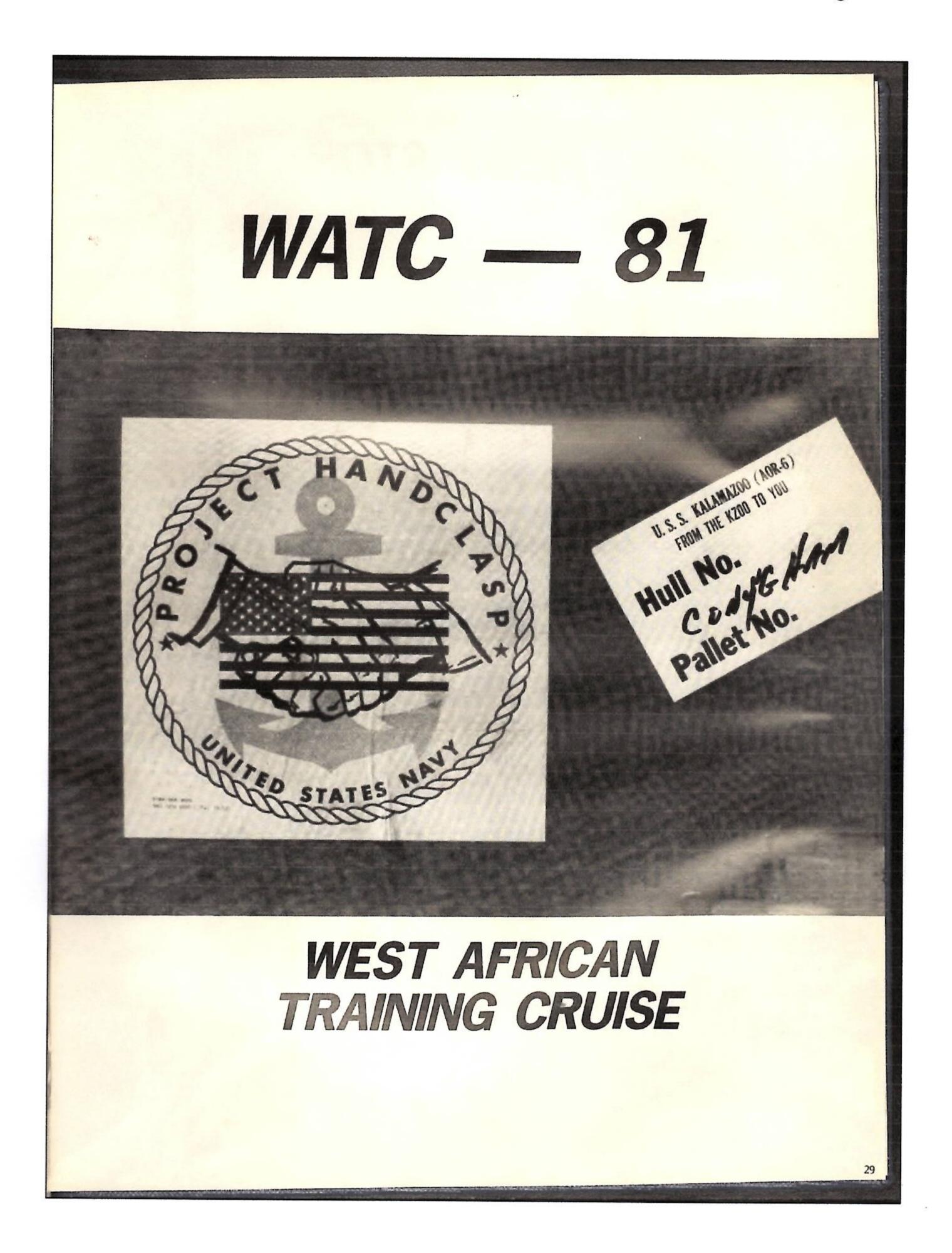


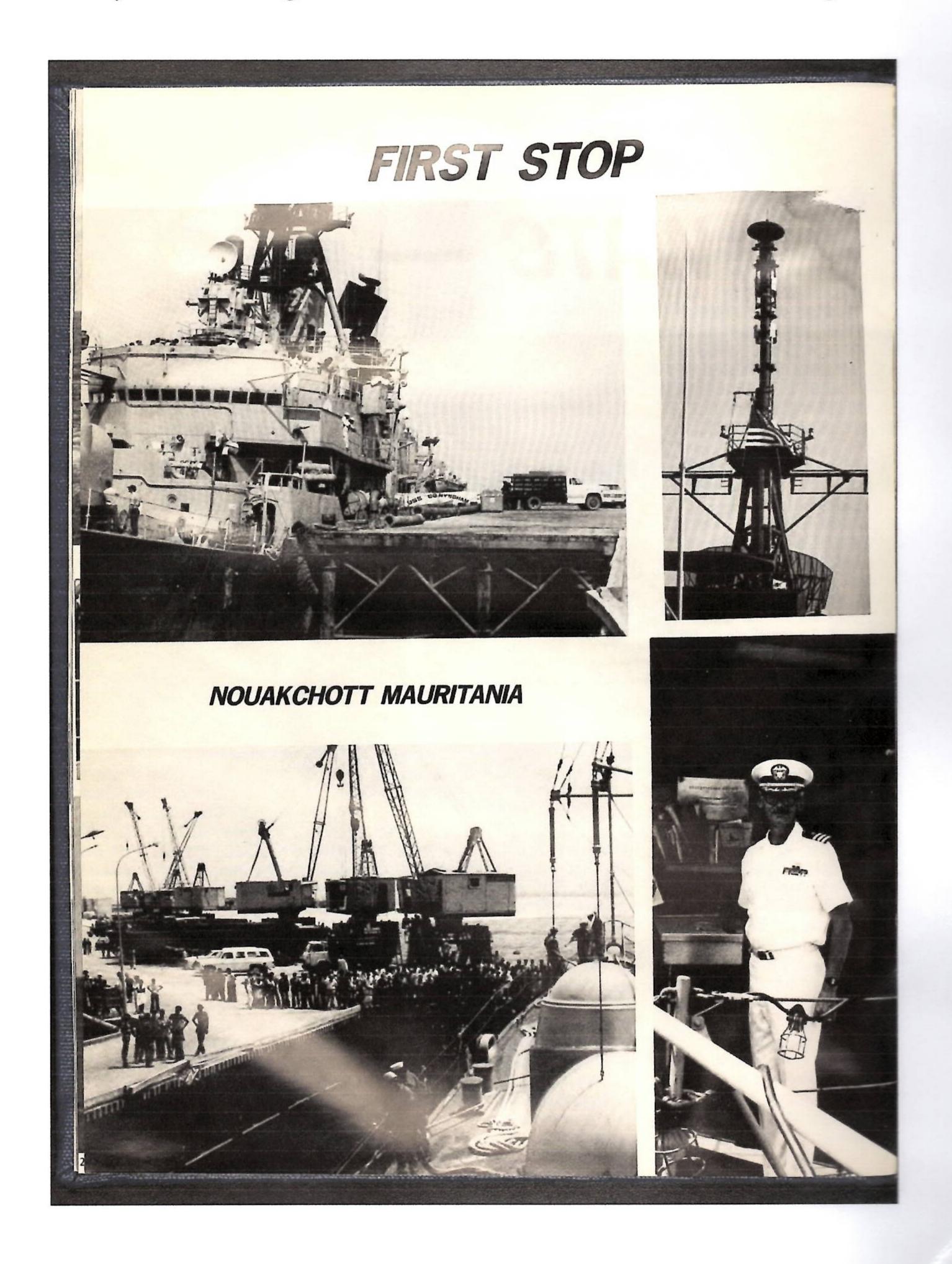
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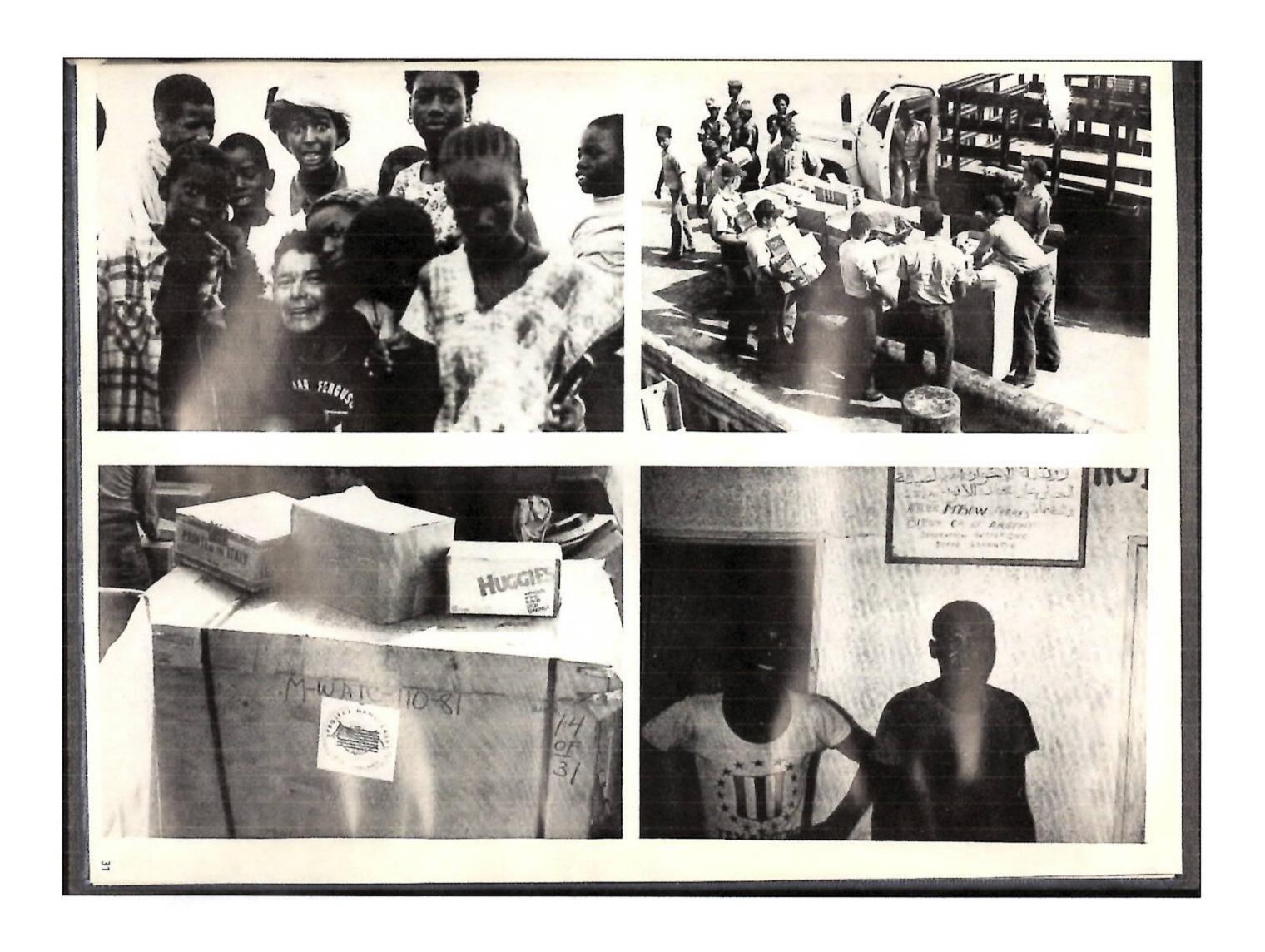


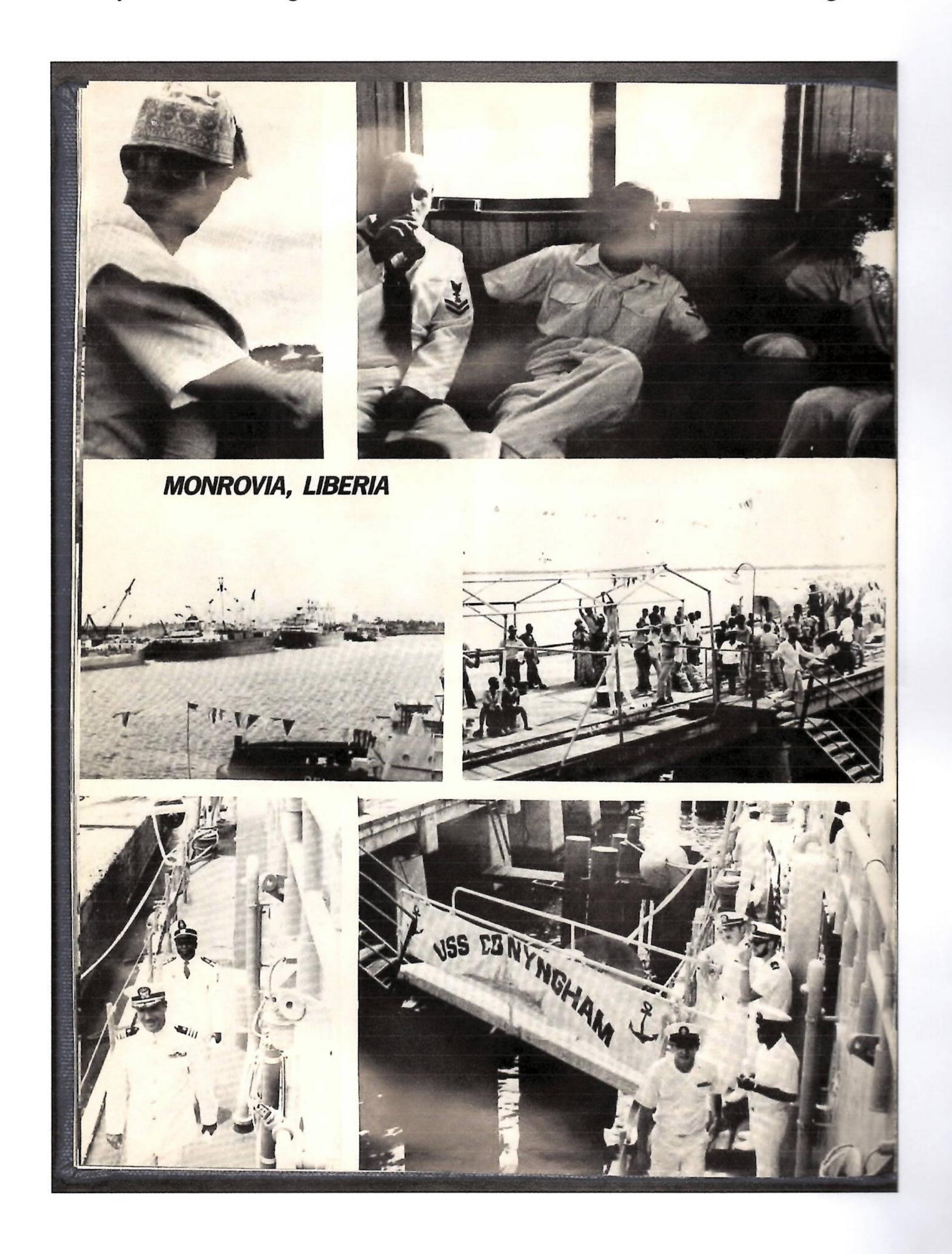


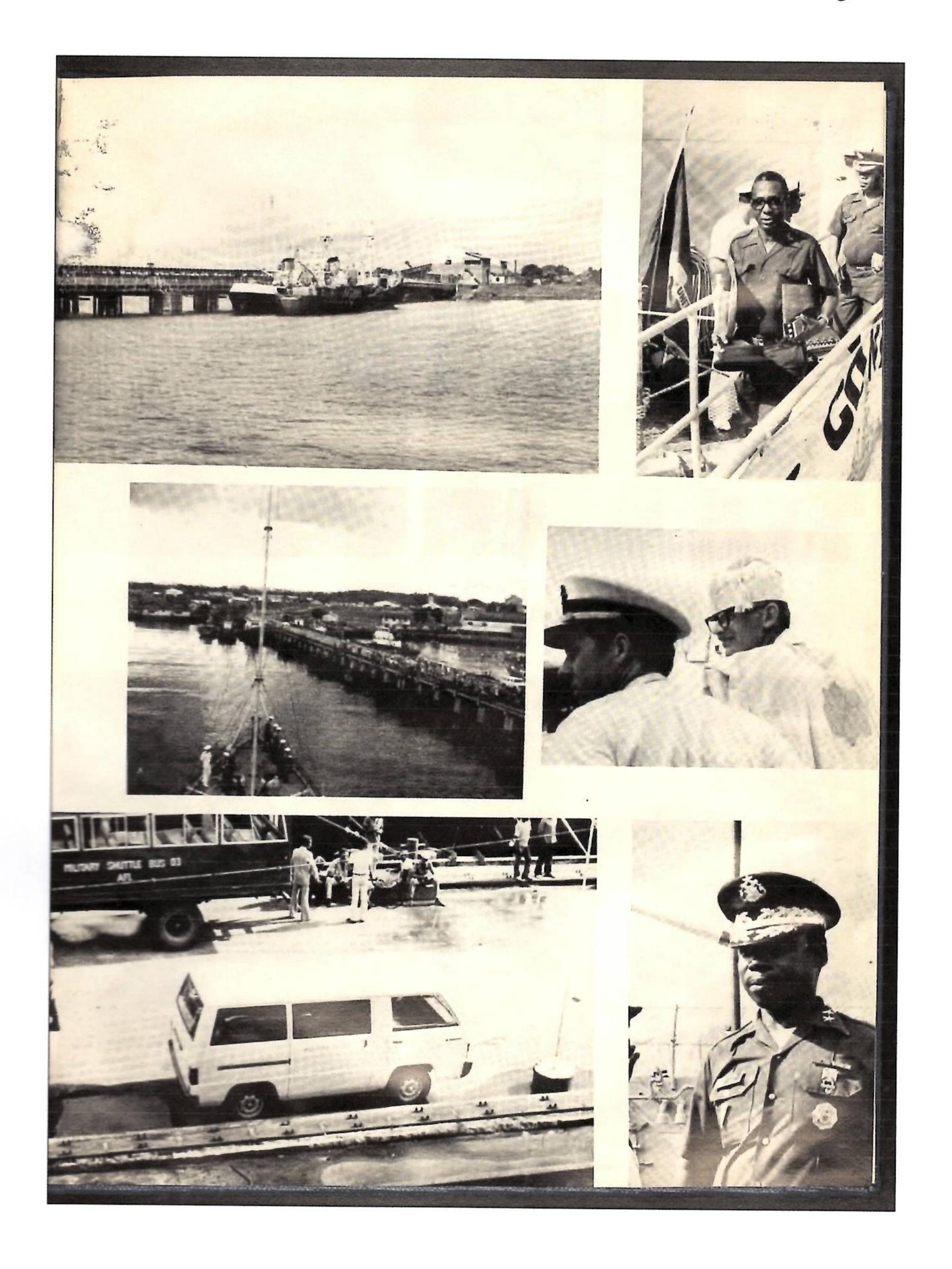




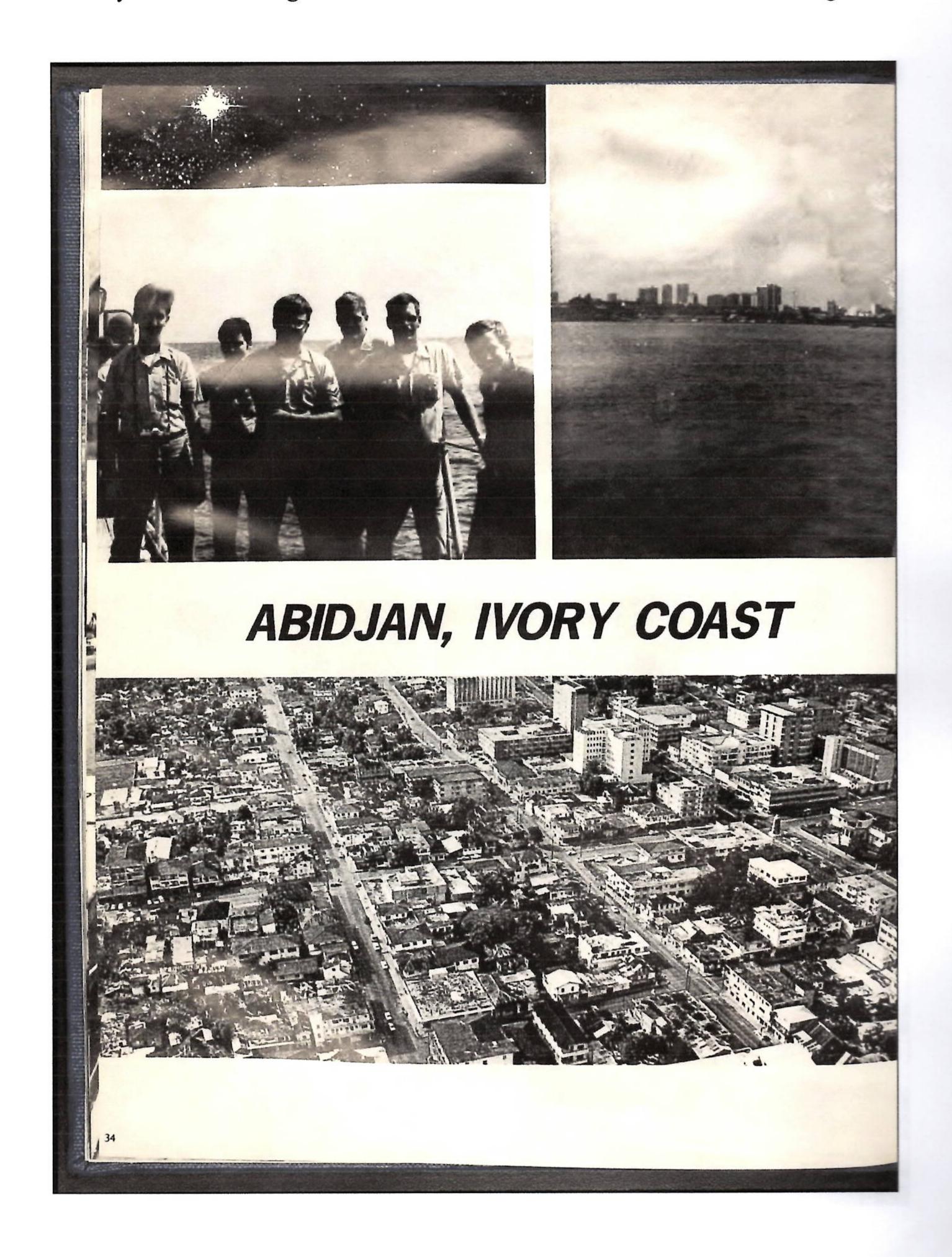




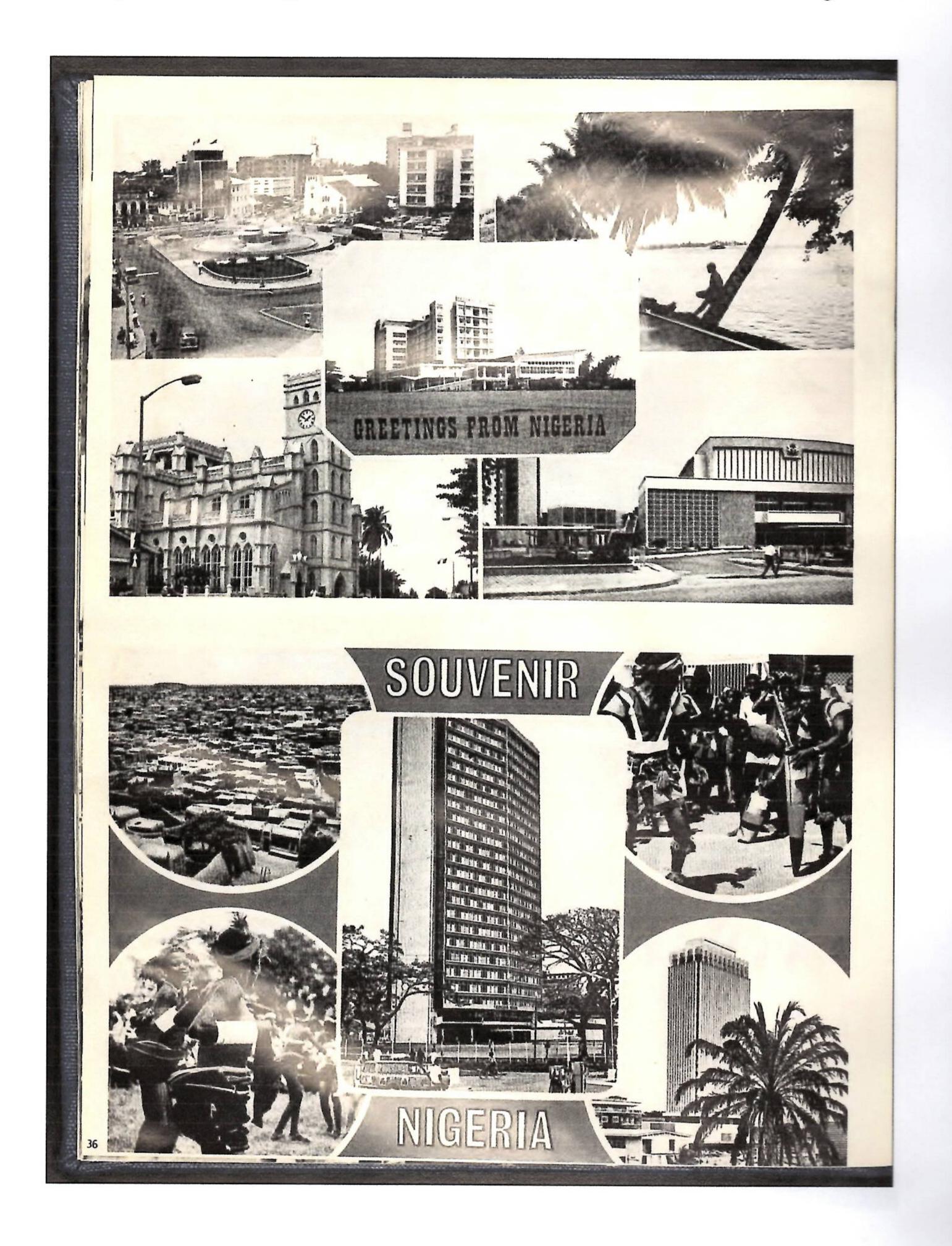




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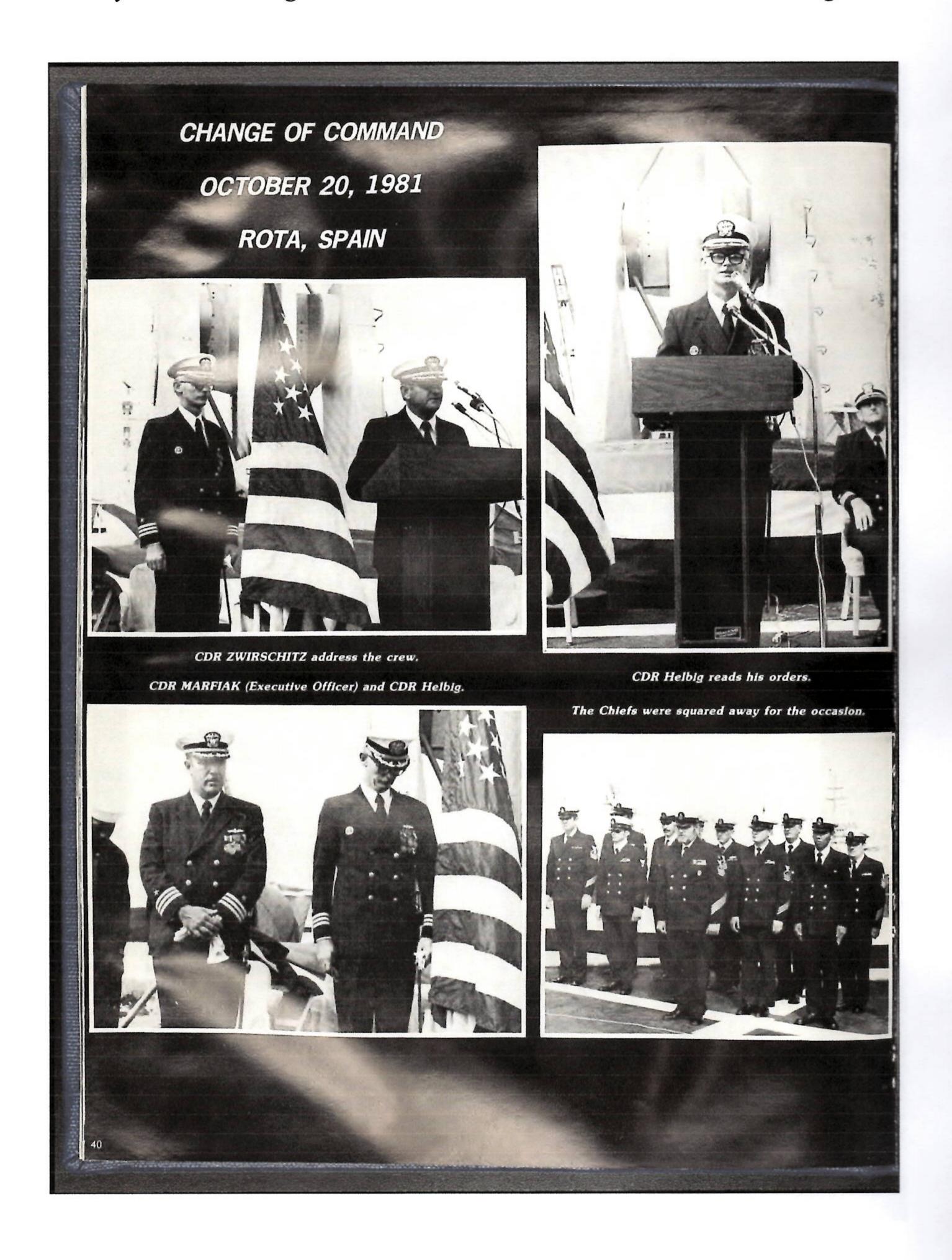


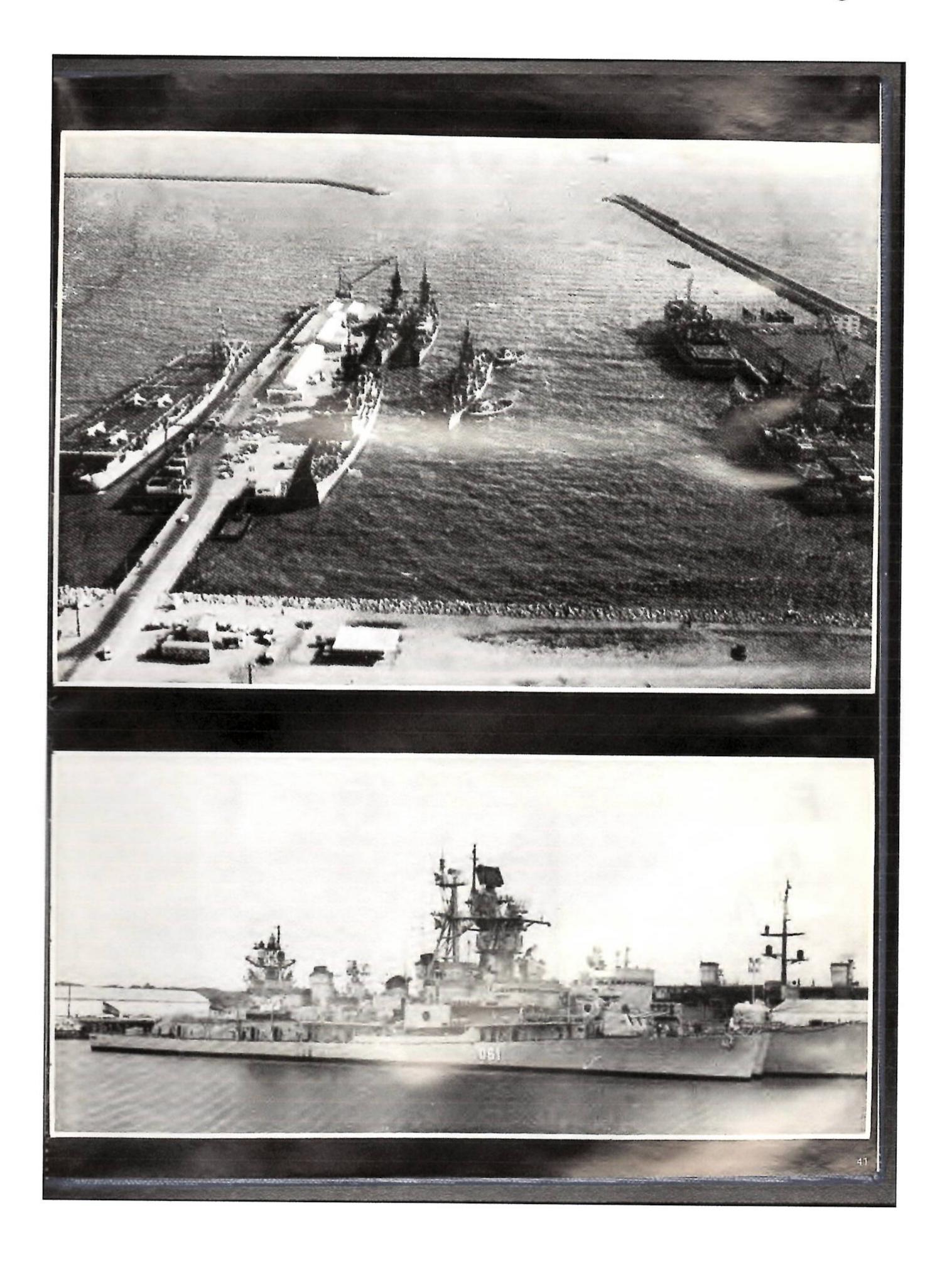
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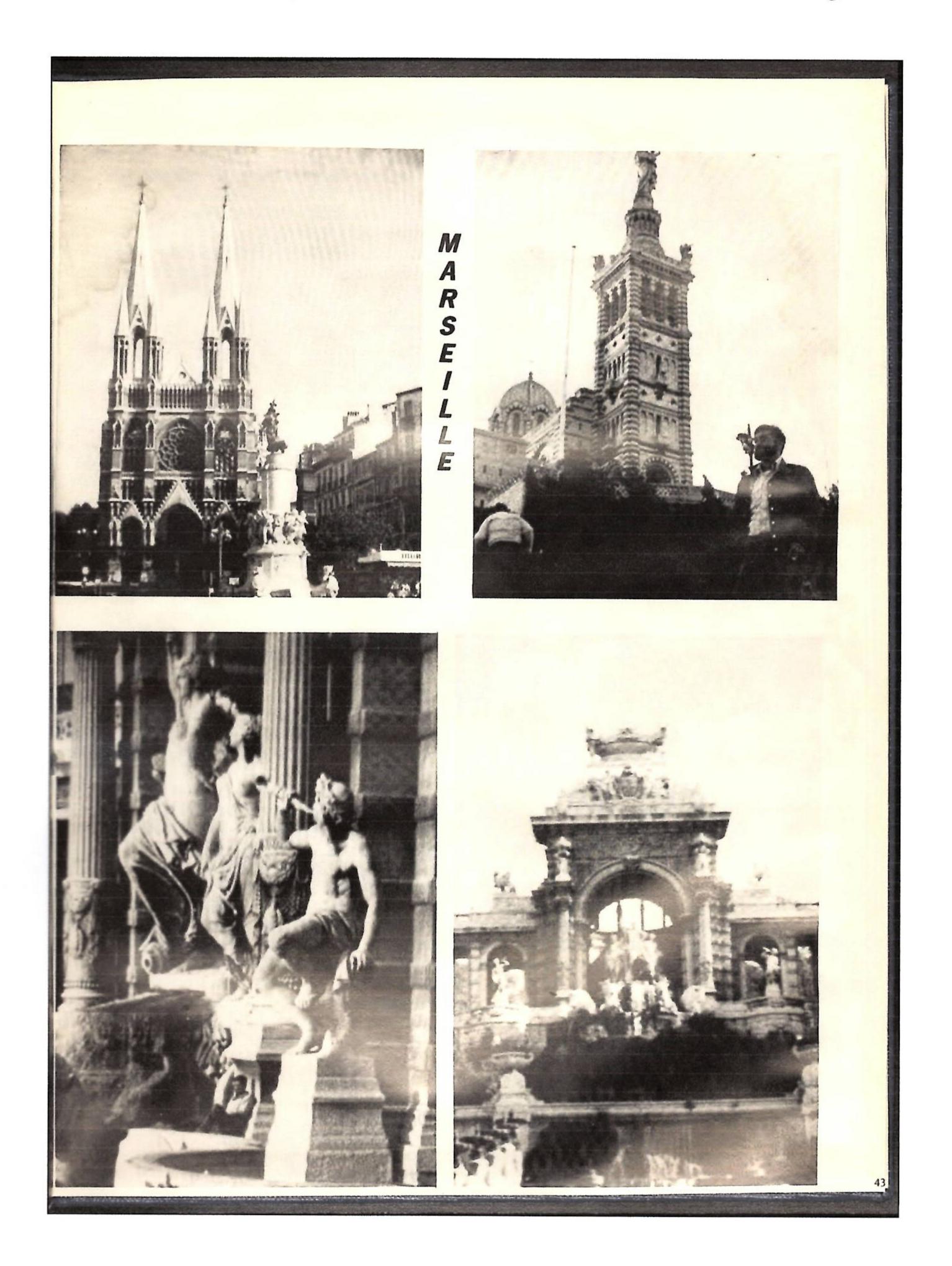
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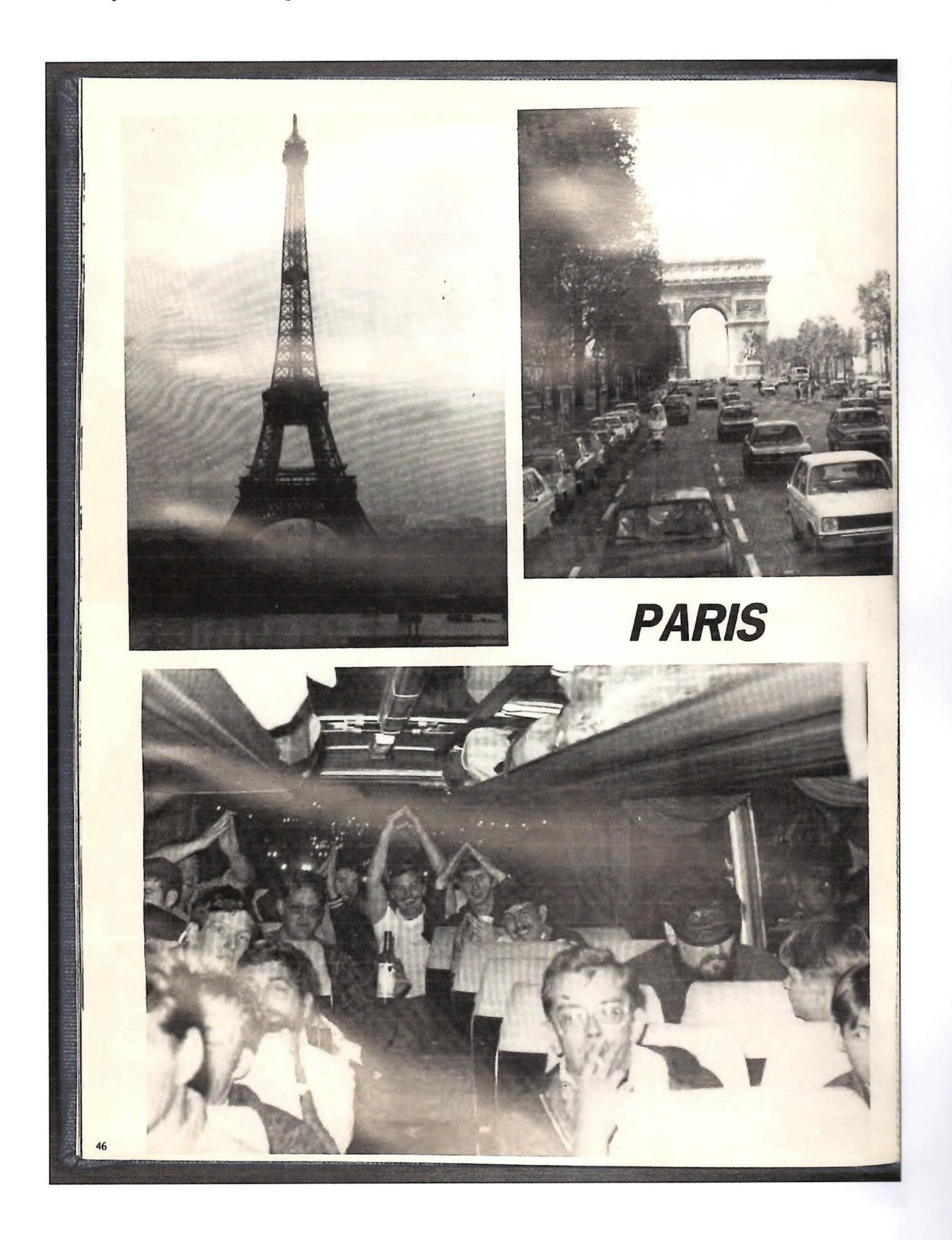


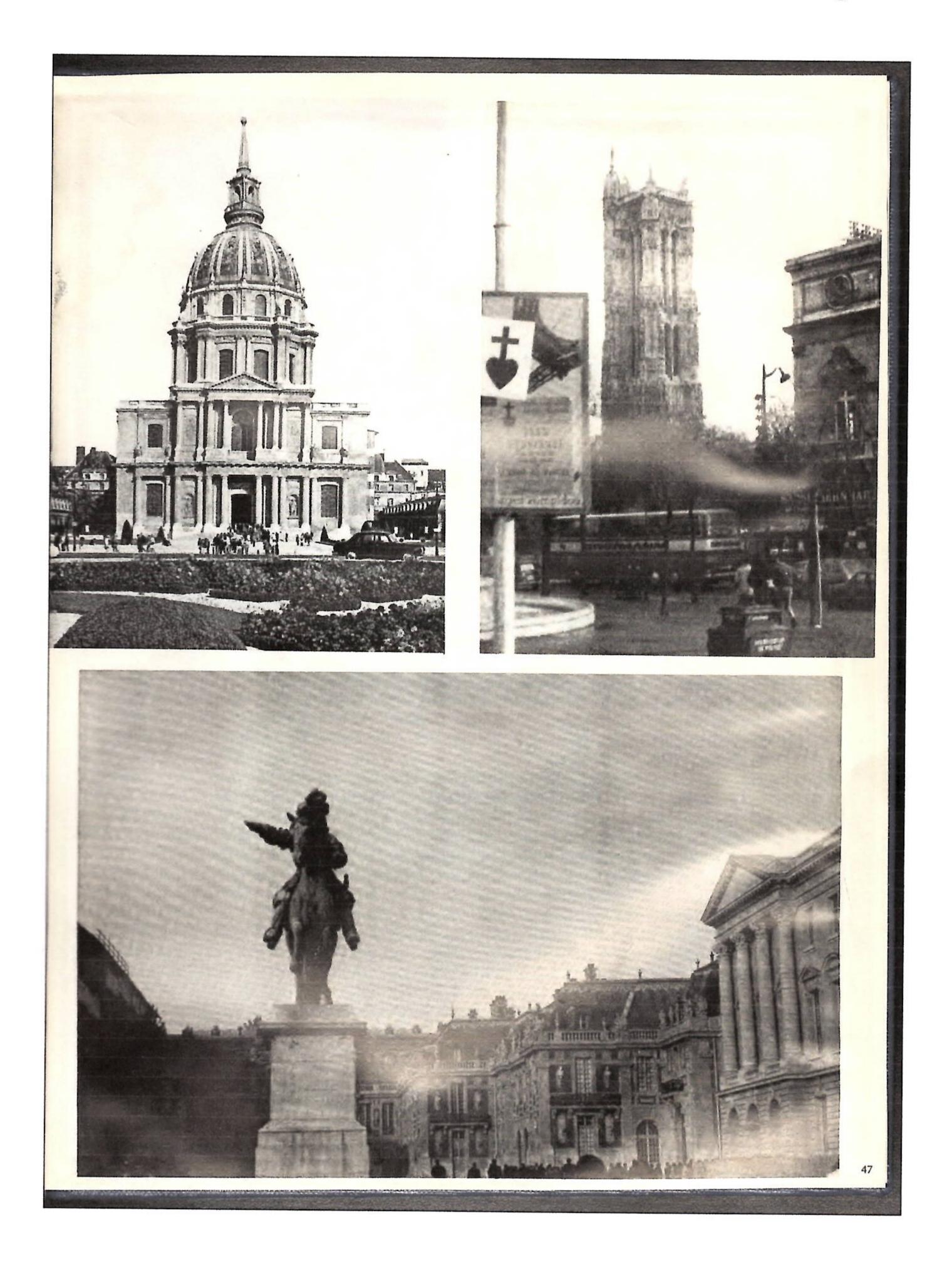
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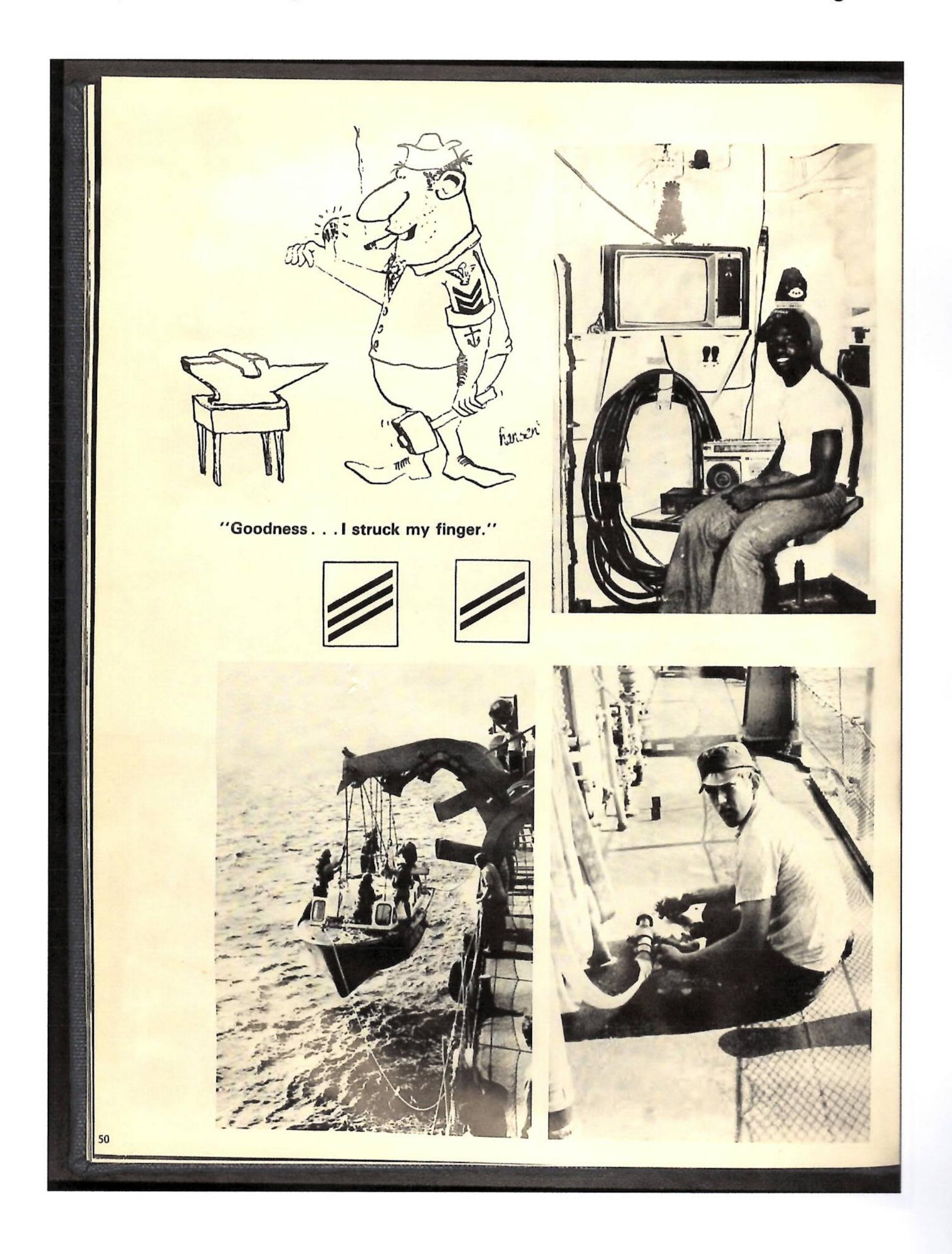


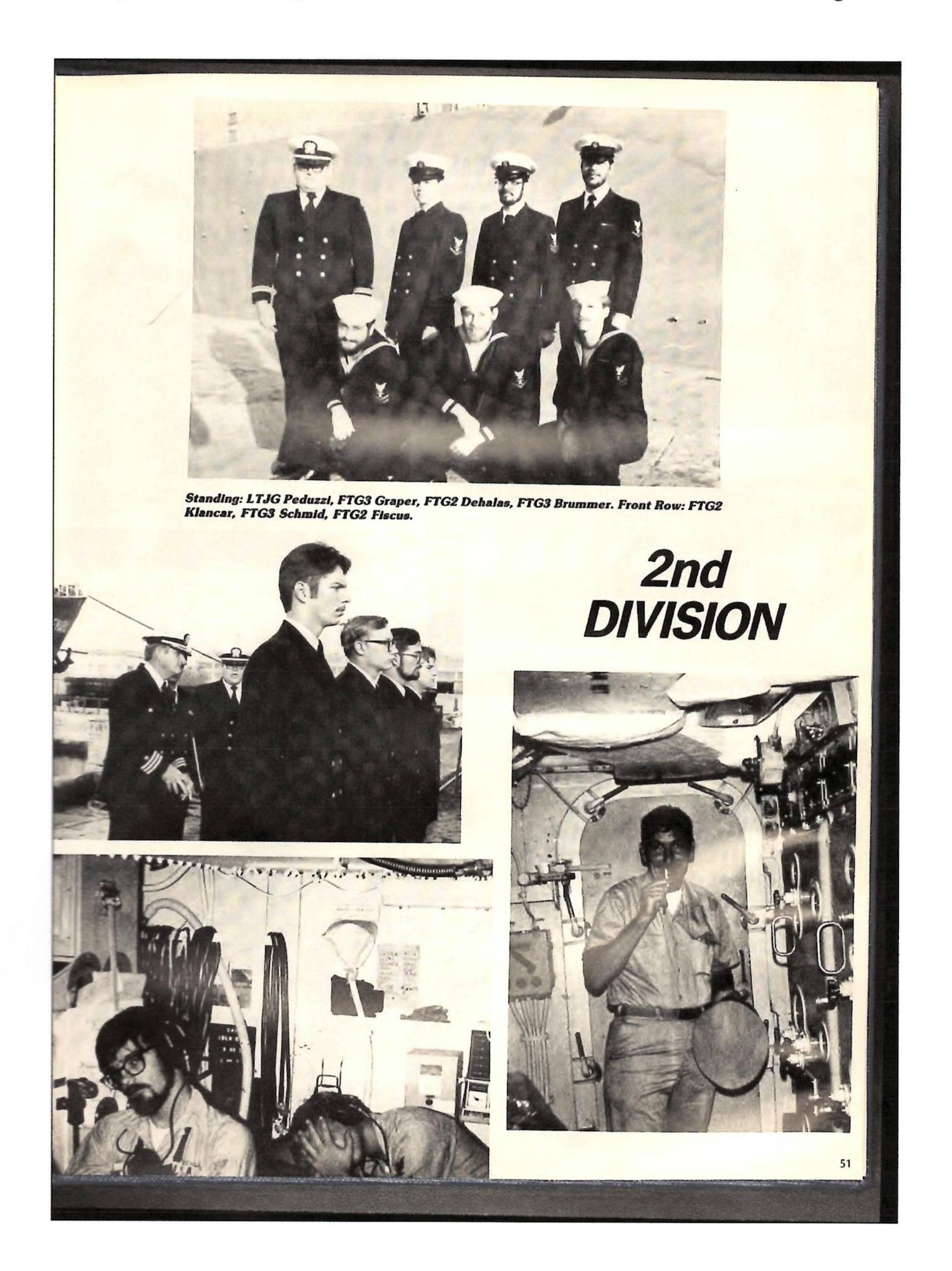


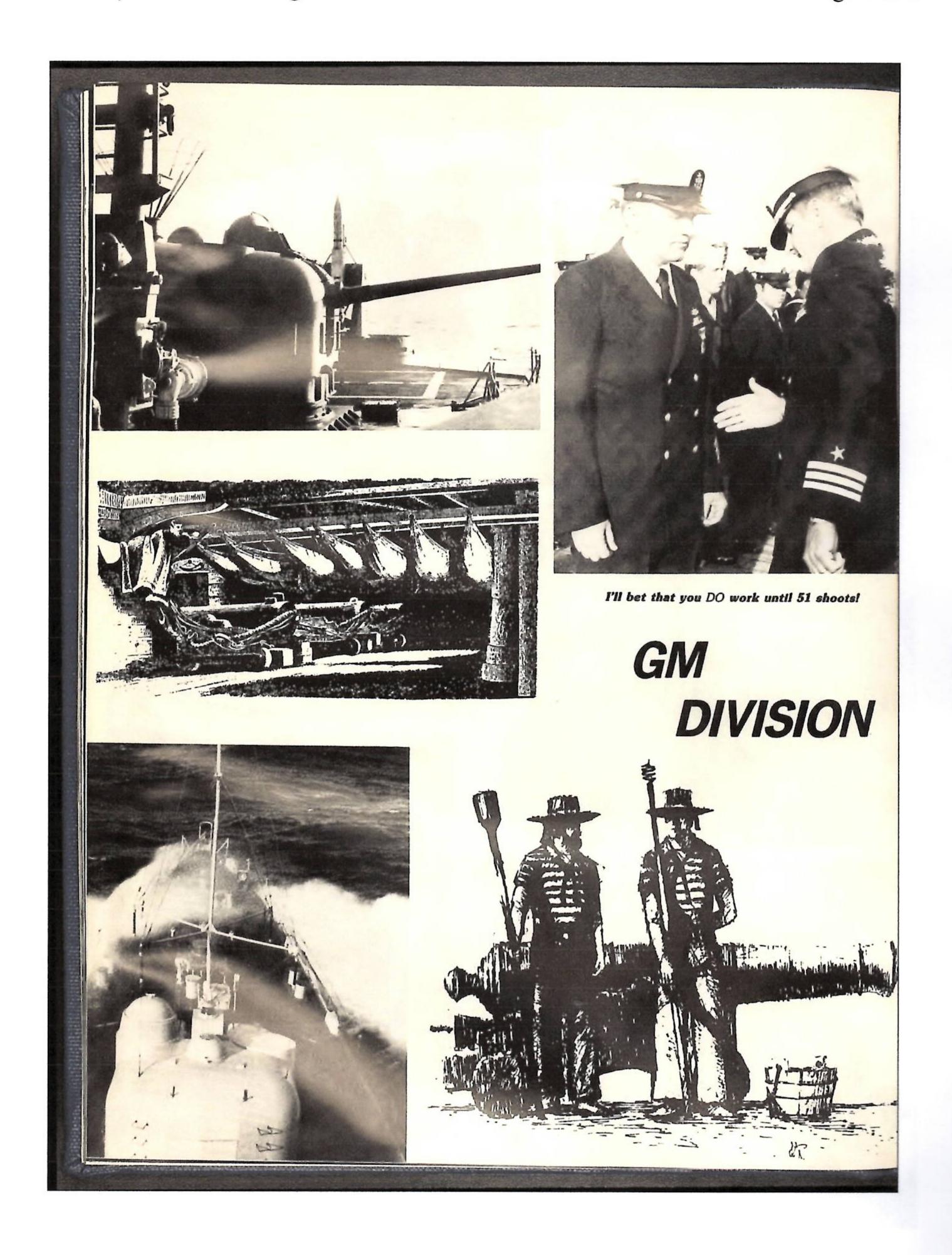
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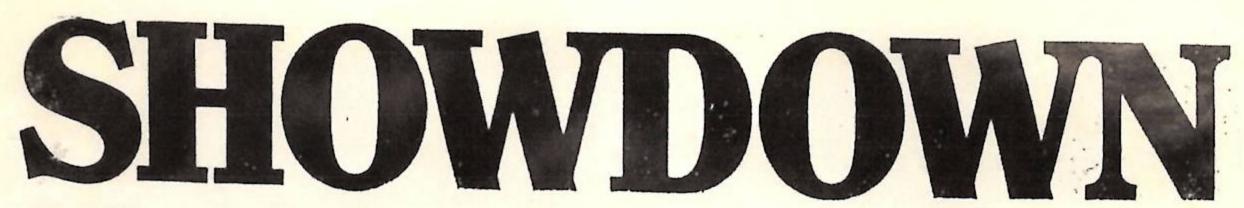








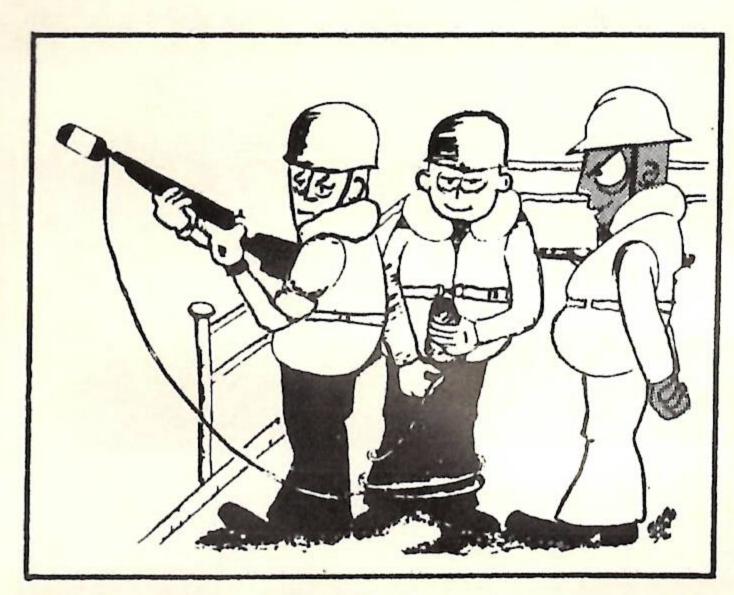






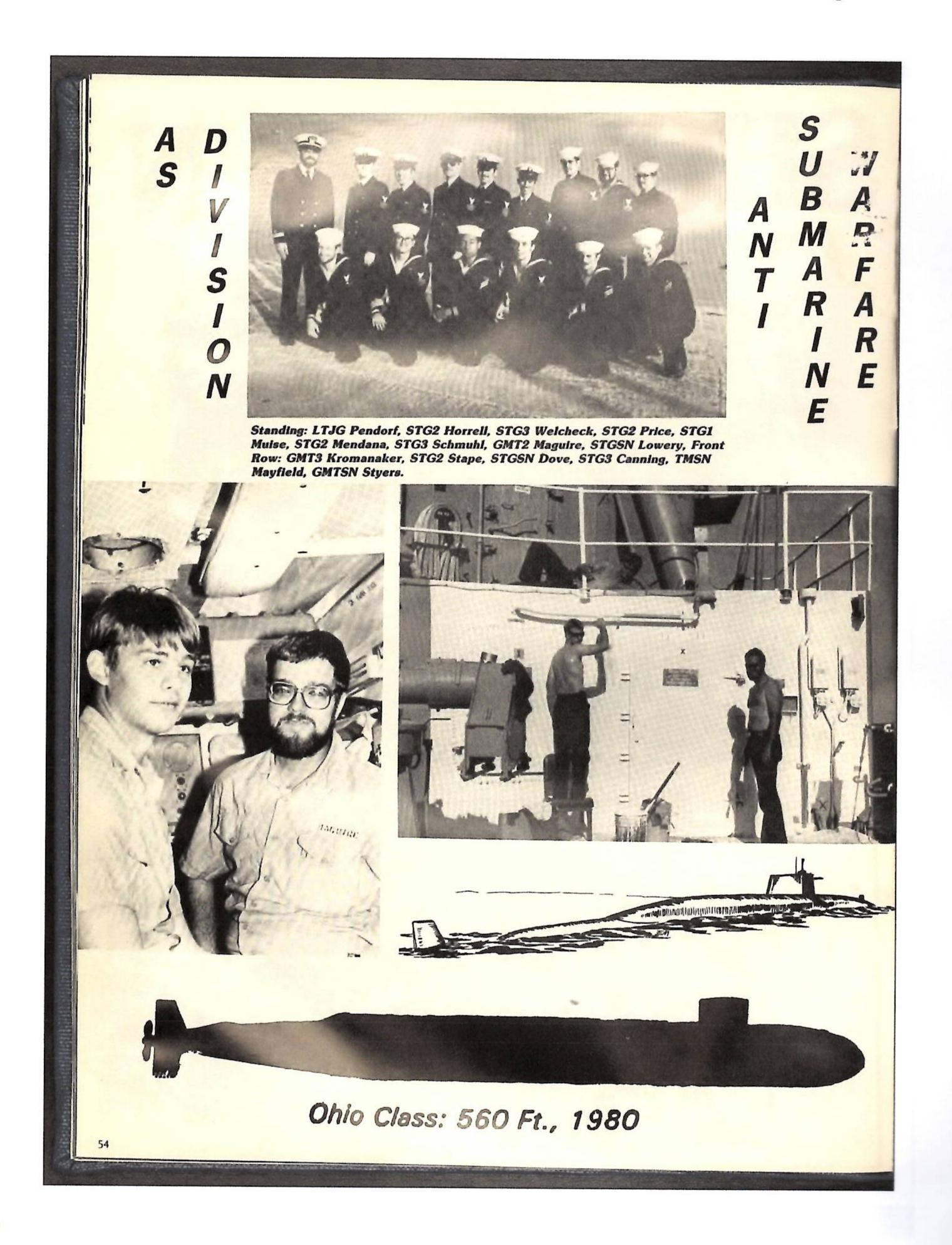
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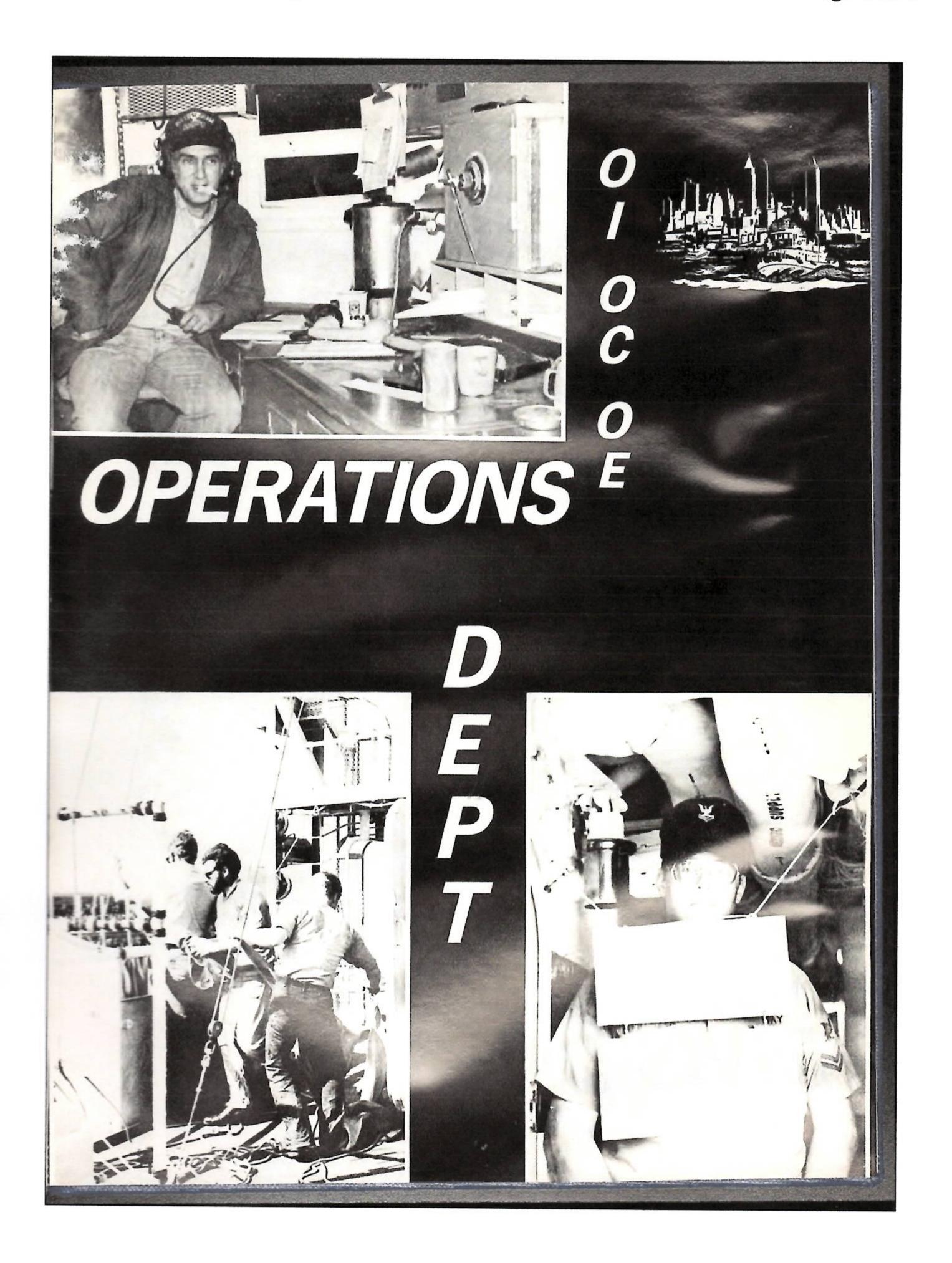


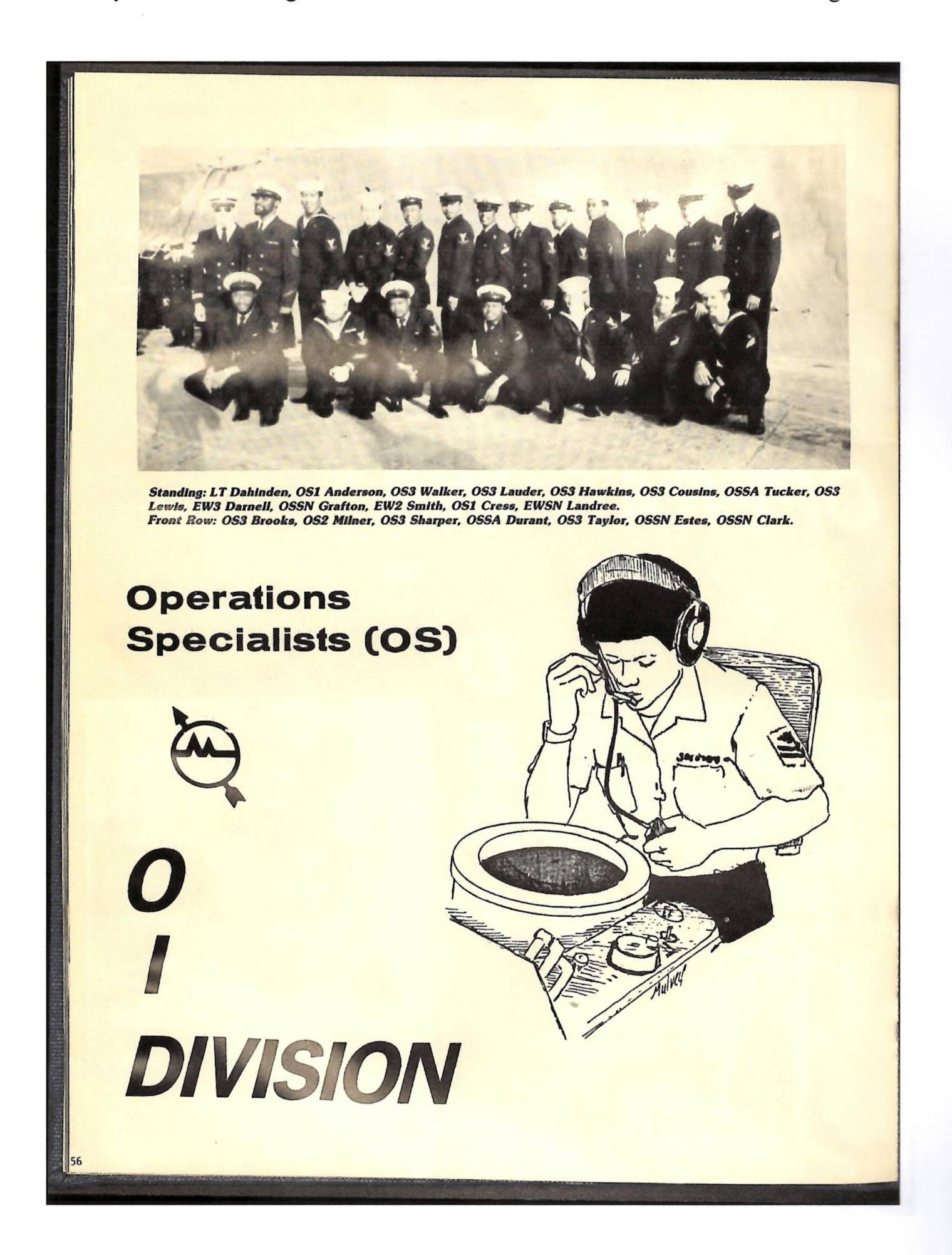


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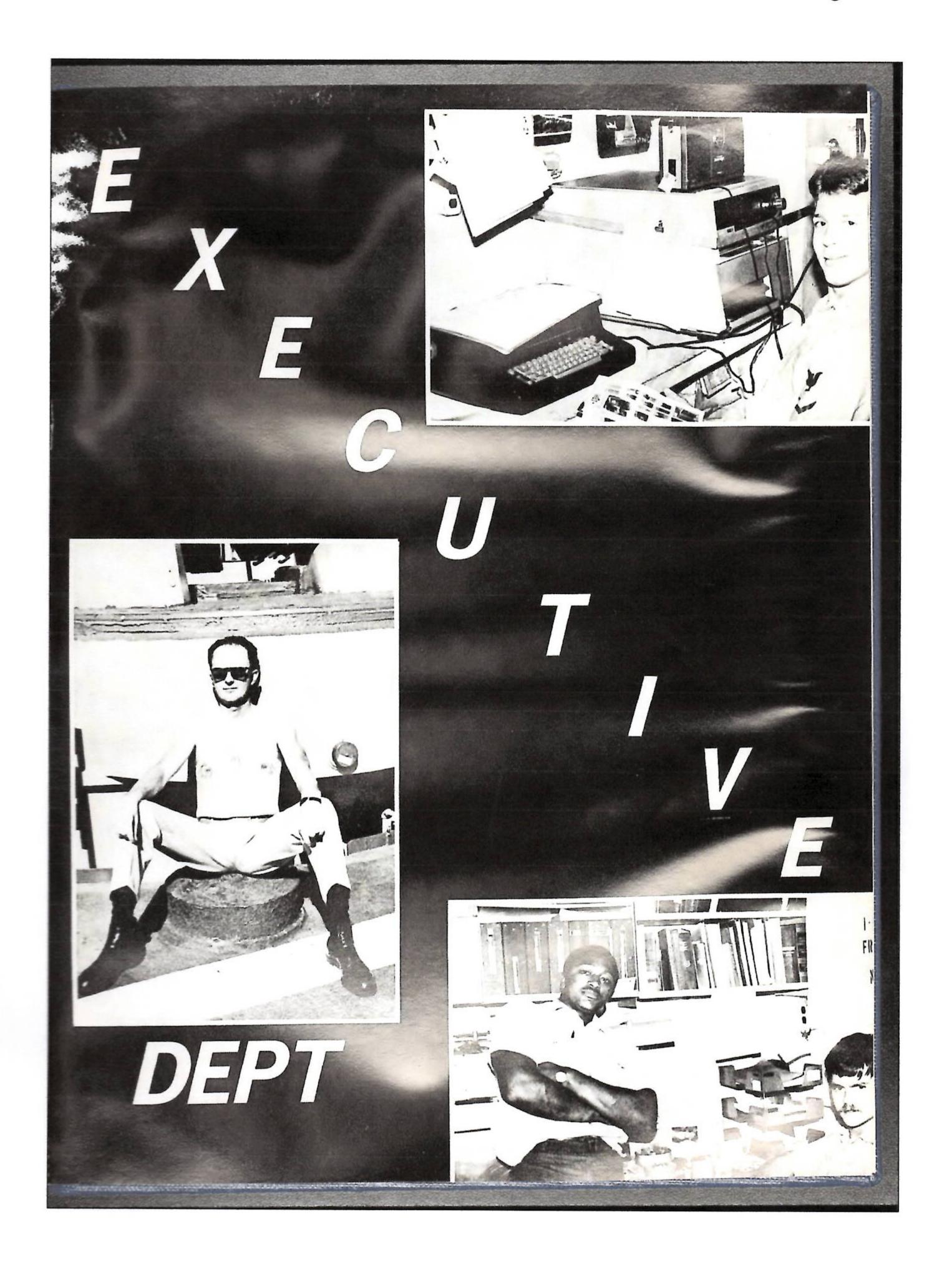


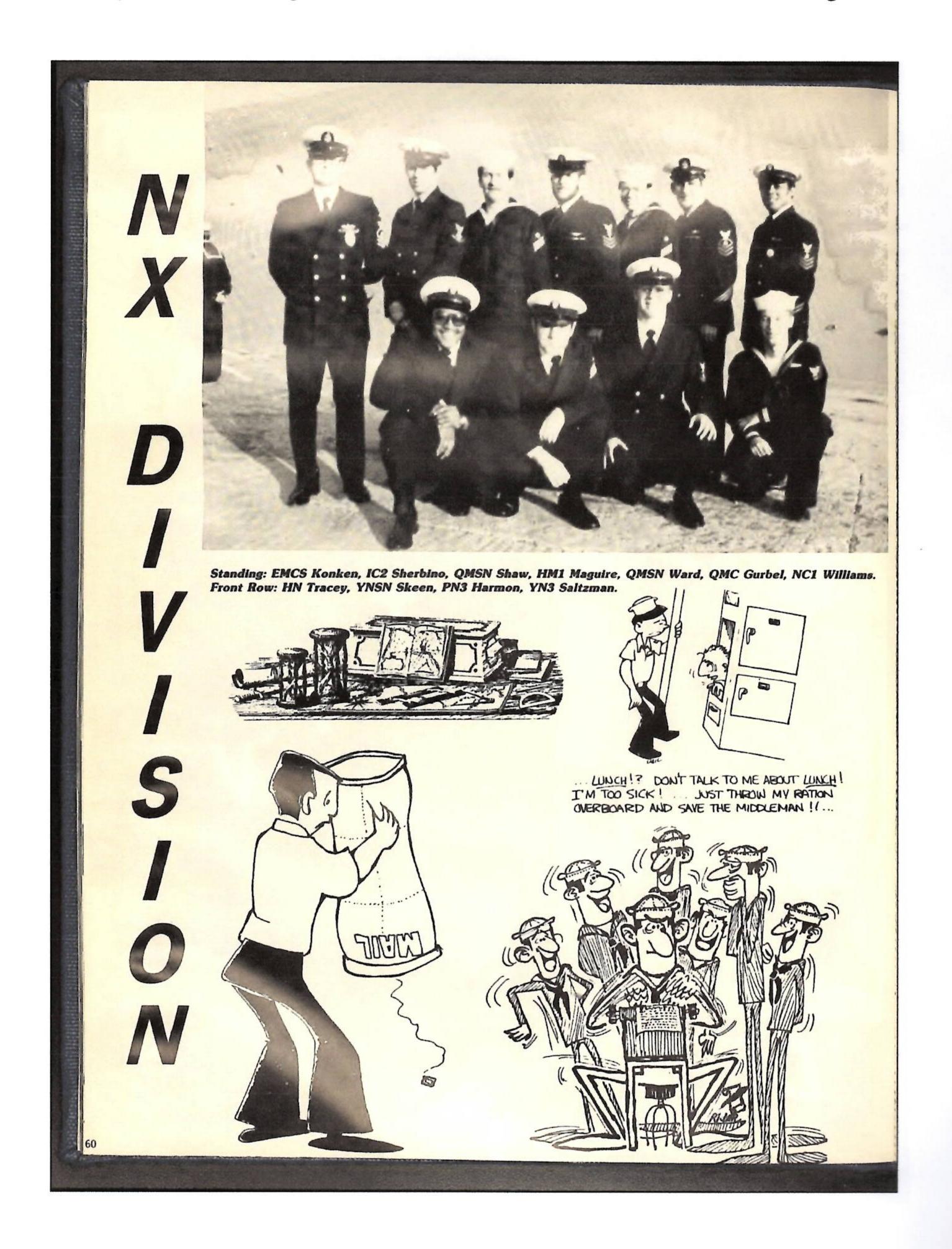


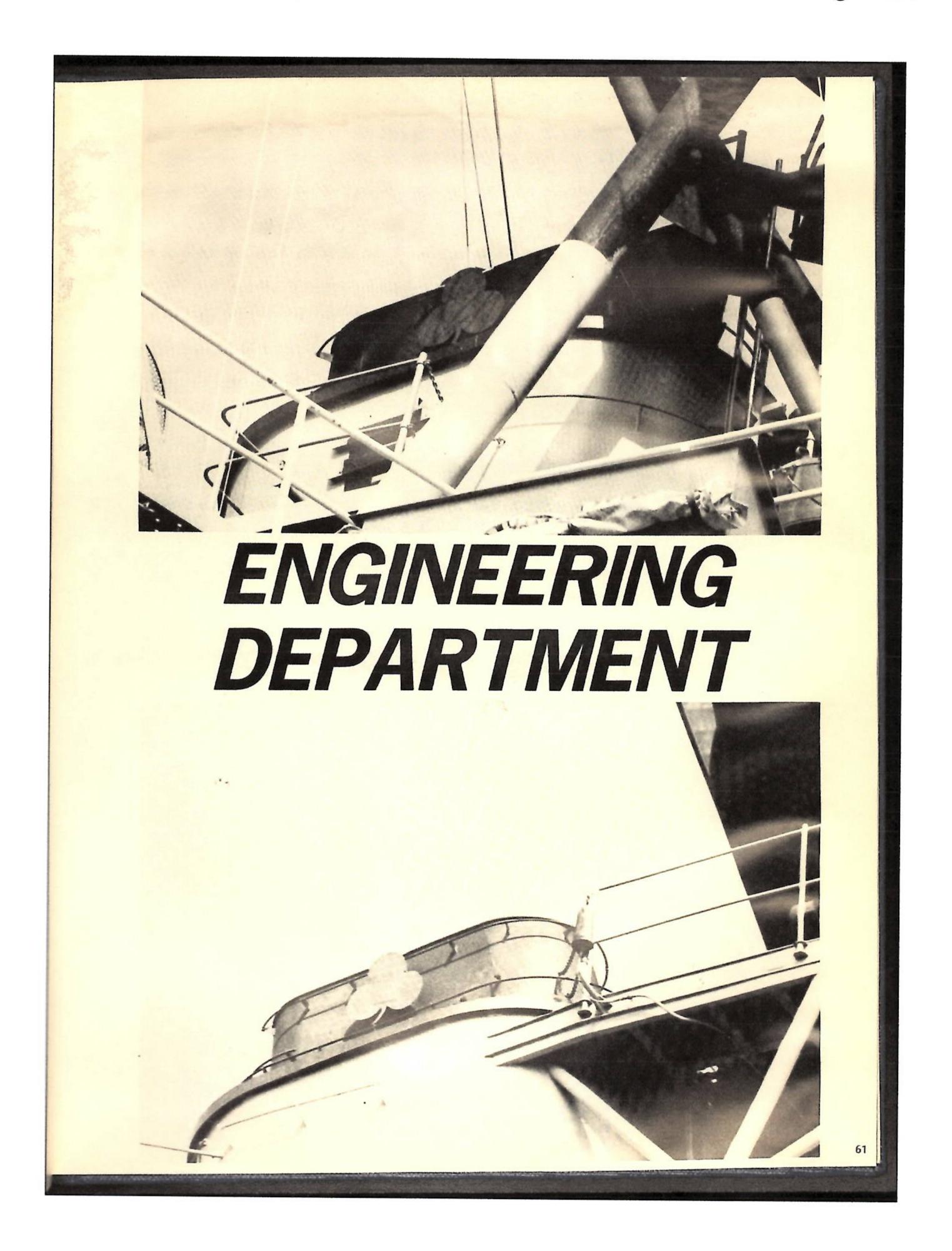




















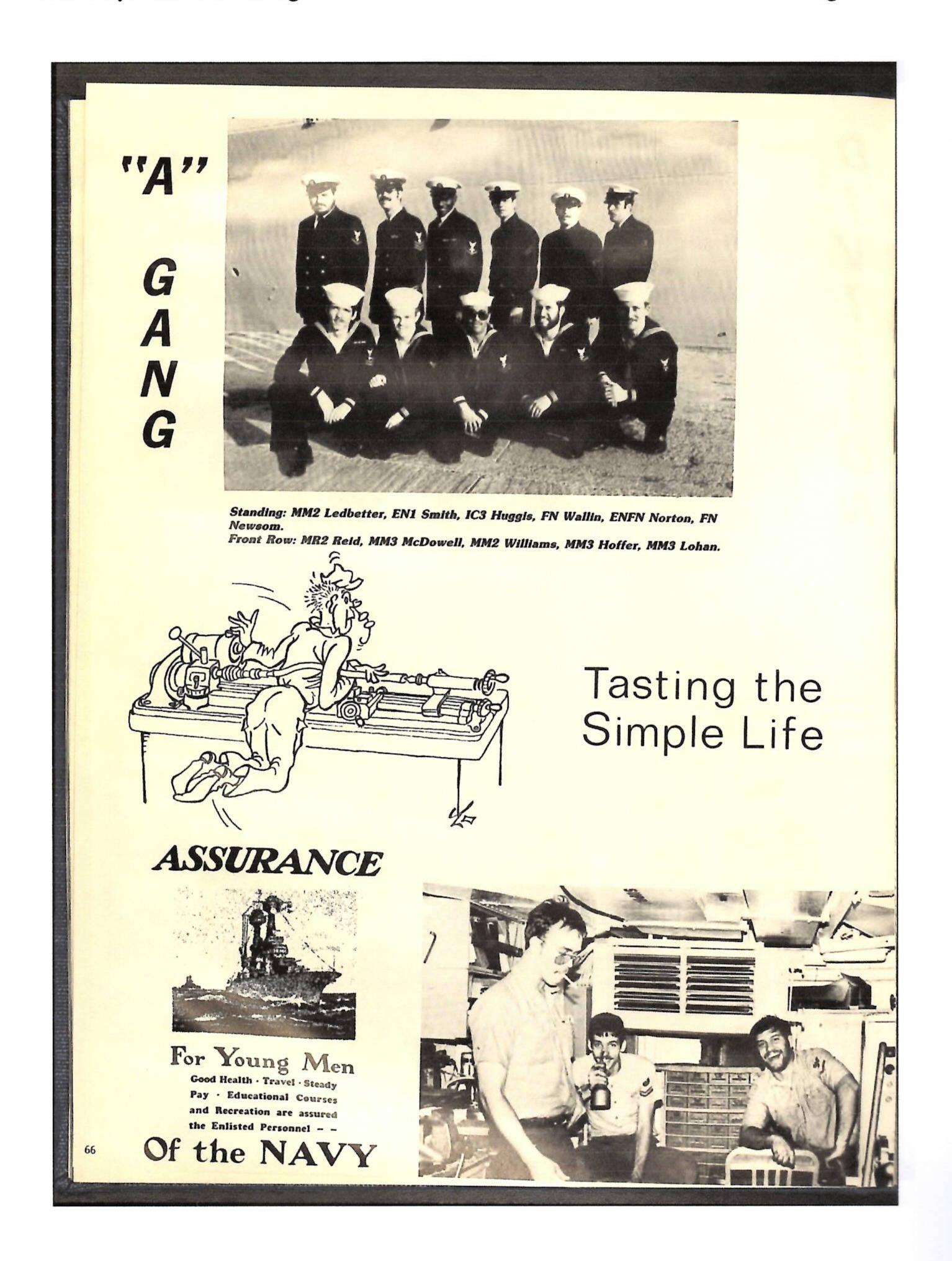


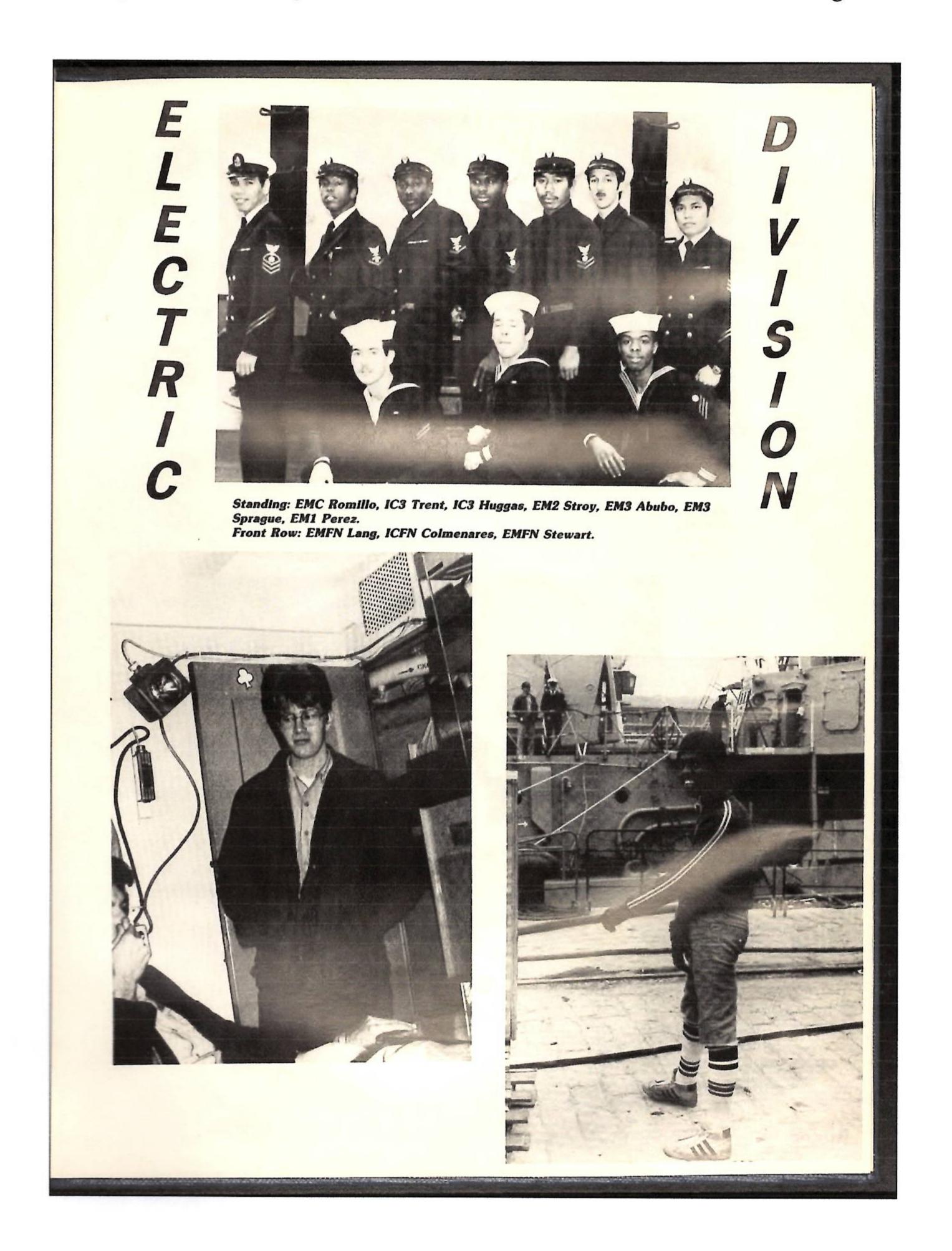
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Standing: BTC Housdan, BTCS Hammons, BTFN Stevens, BTFN Ostrander, FR Lewis, BT1 (Bear) Kilgore, BTFN Jenkins, BTC Kwiakowski.

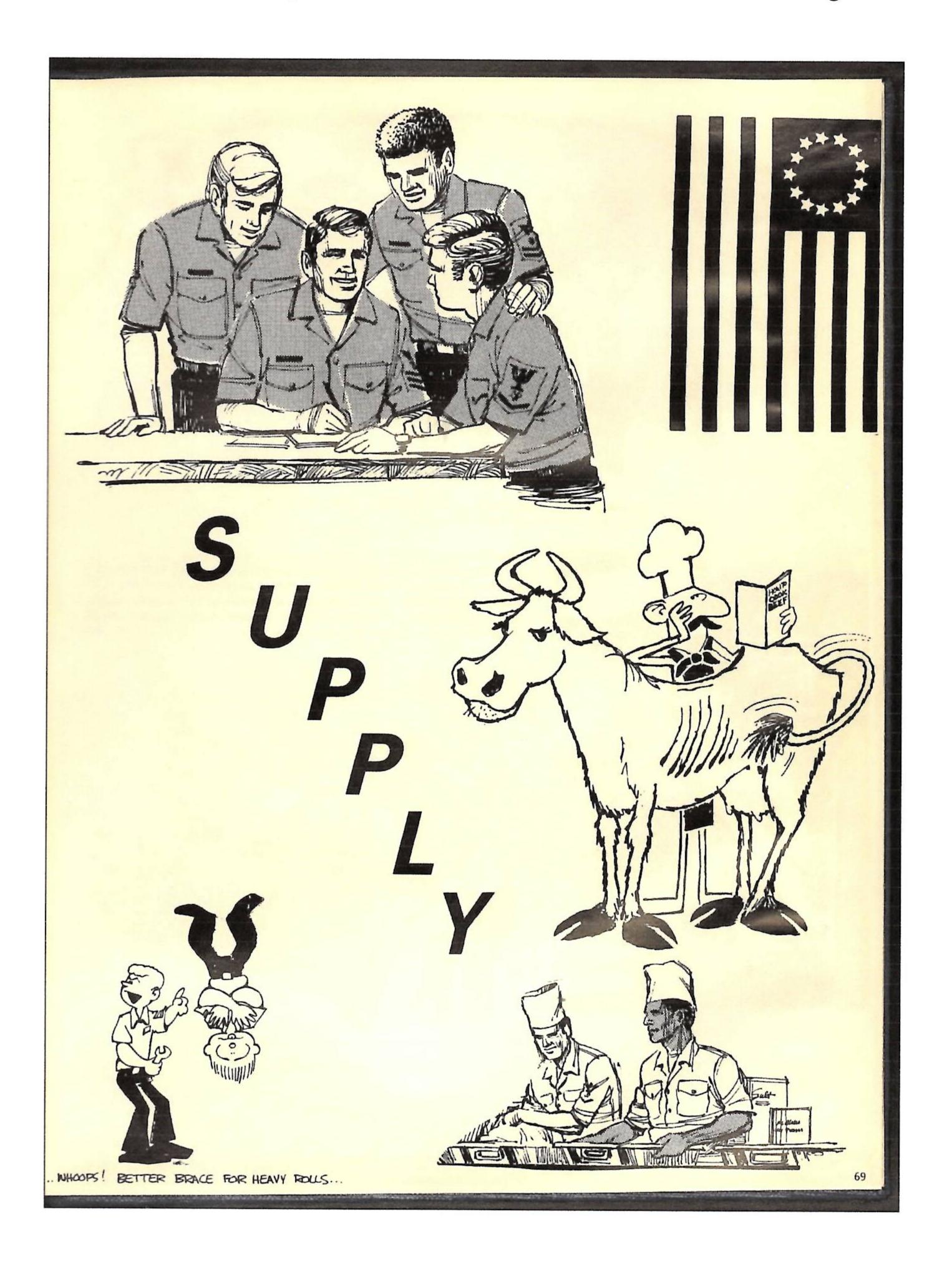
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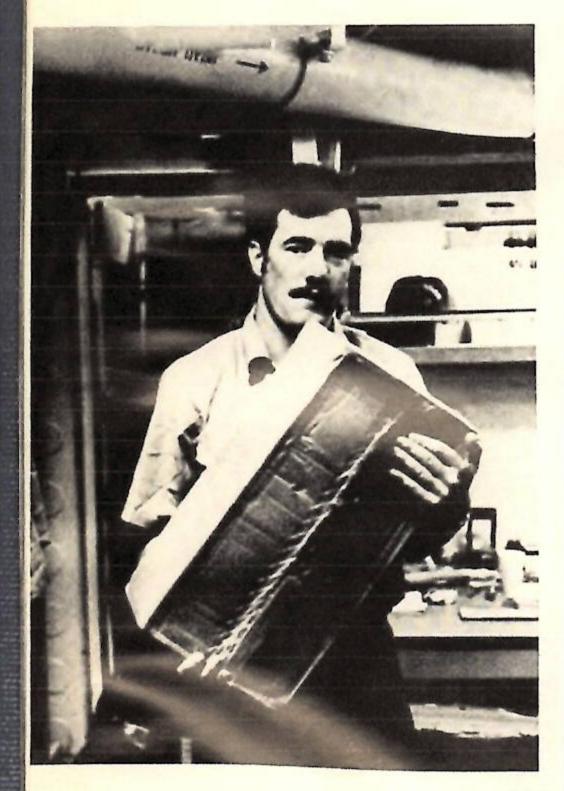




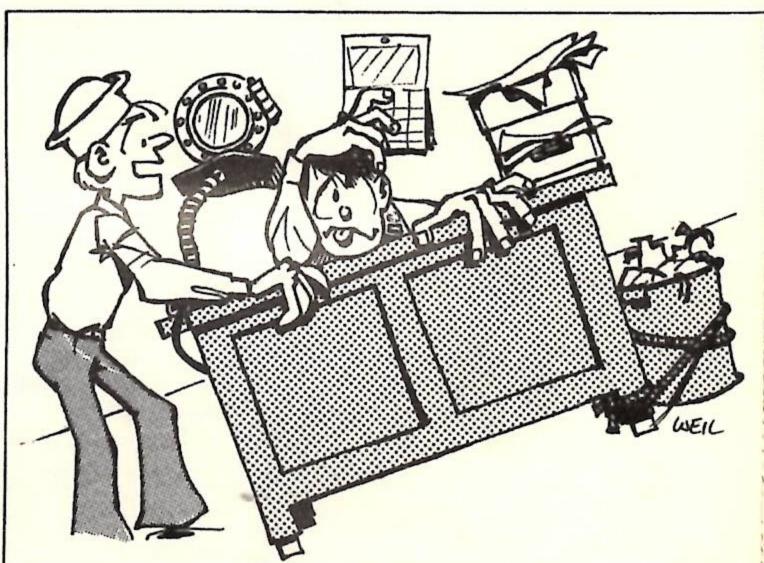


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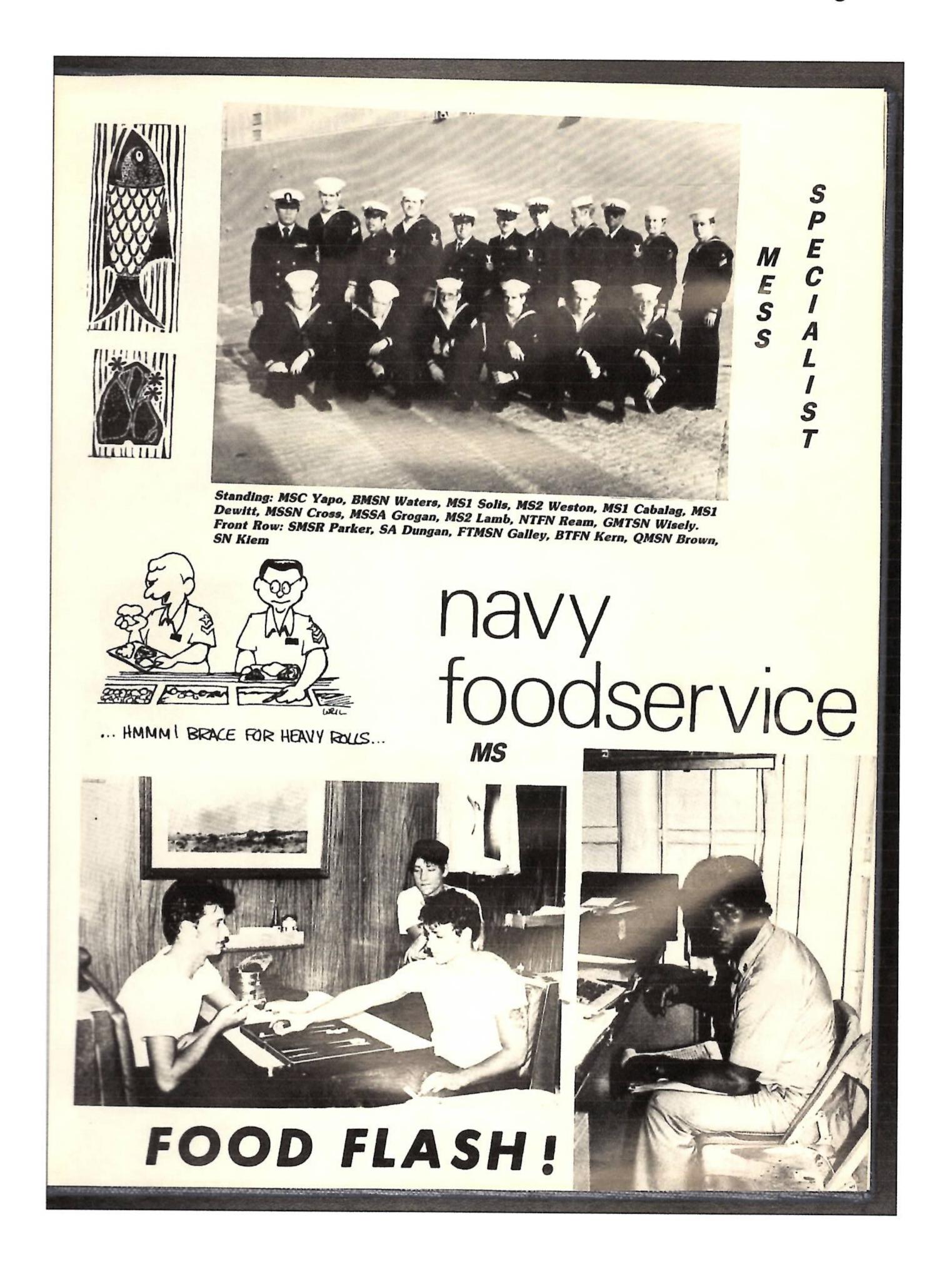


Storekeeper: SKs are the Navy's supply clerks. They see that needed supplies are available — everything from clothing and machine parts to forms and food. SKs have duties as civilian warehousemen, purchasing agents, stock clerks and supervisors, retail sales clerks, store managers, inventory clerks, buyers parts clerks, bookkeepers and even fork lift operators.



"It'll get much worse after we leave the harbor, sir."

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SERVICEMEN

Standing: ENS Dudolevitch, DK1 Roco, SHSN Williams, SHSN Darnold Front Row: SHSN Creel, DK3 Pretty, SR Wilson.

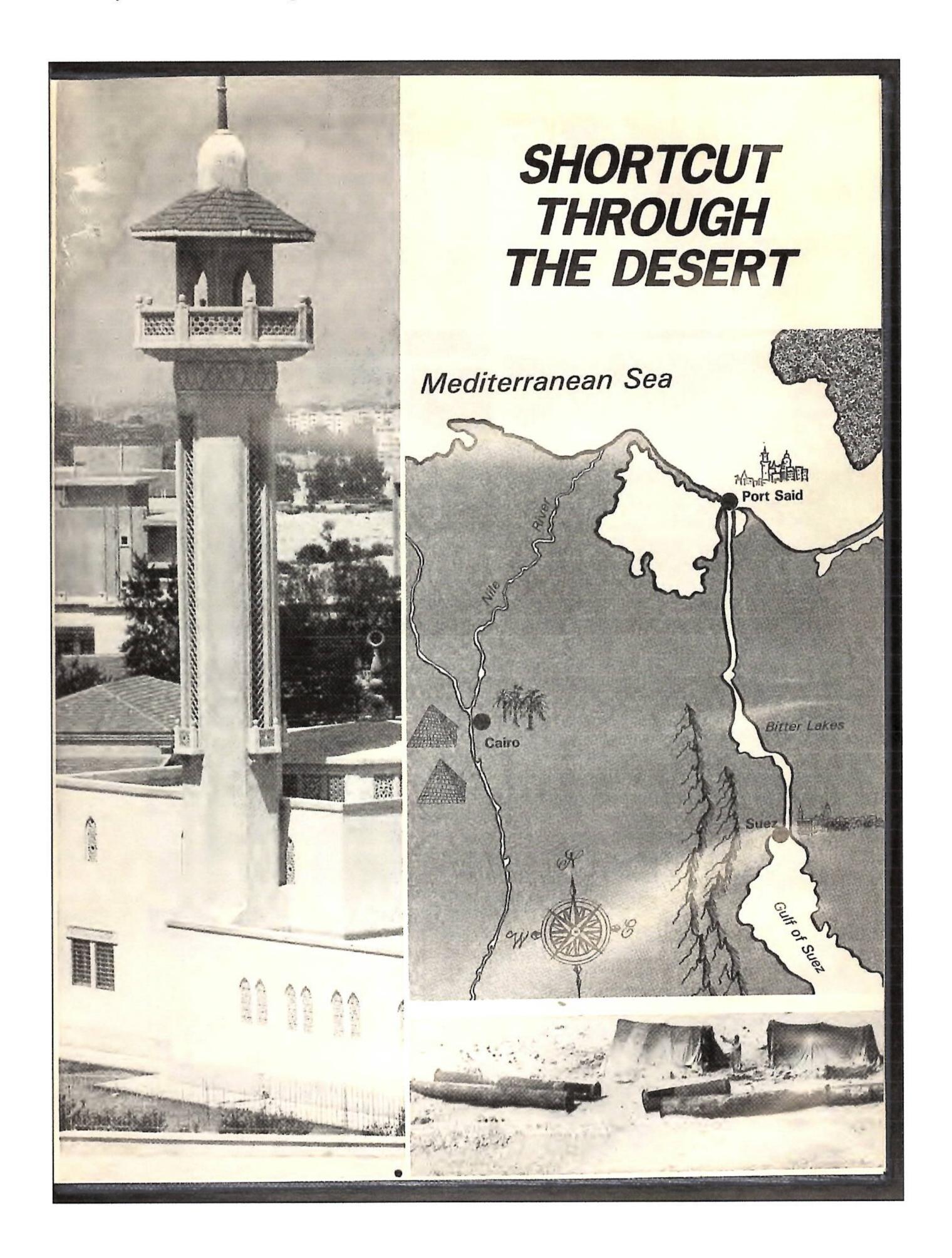


Disbursing Clerk: DKs maintain the financial records of Navy personnel. They prepare payrolls, determine transportation entitlements, compute travel allowances and process claims for reimbursement of travel expenses. DKs also process vouchers for receiving and spending public money, and they make sure accounting data are accurate. They maintain fiscal records and prepare financial reports and returns.

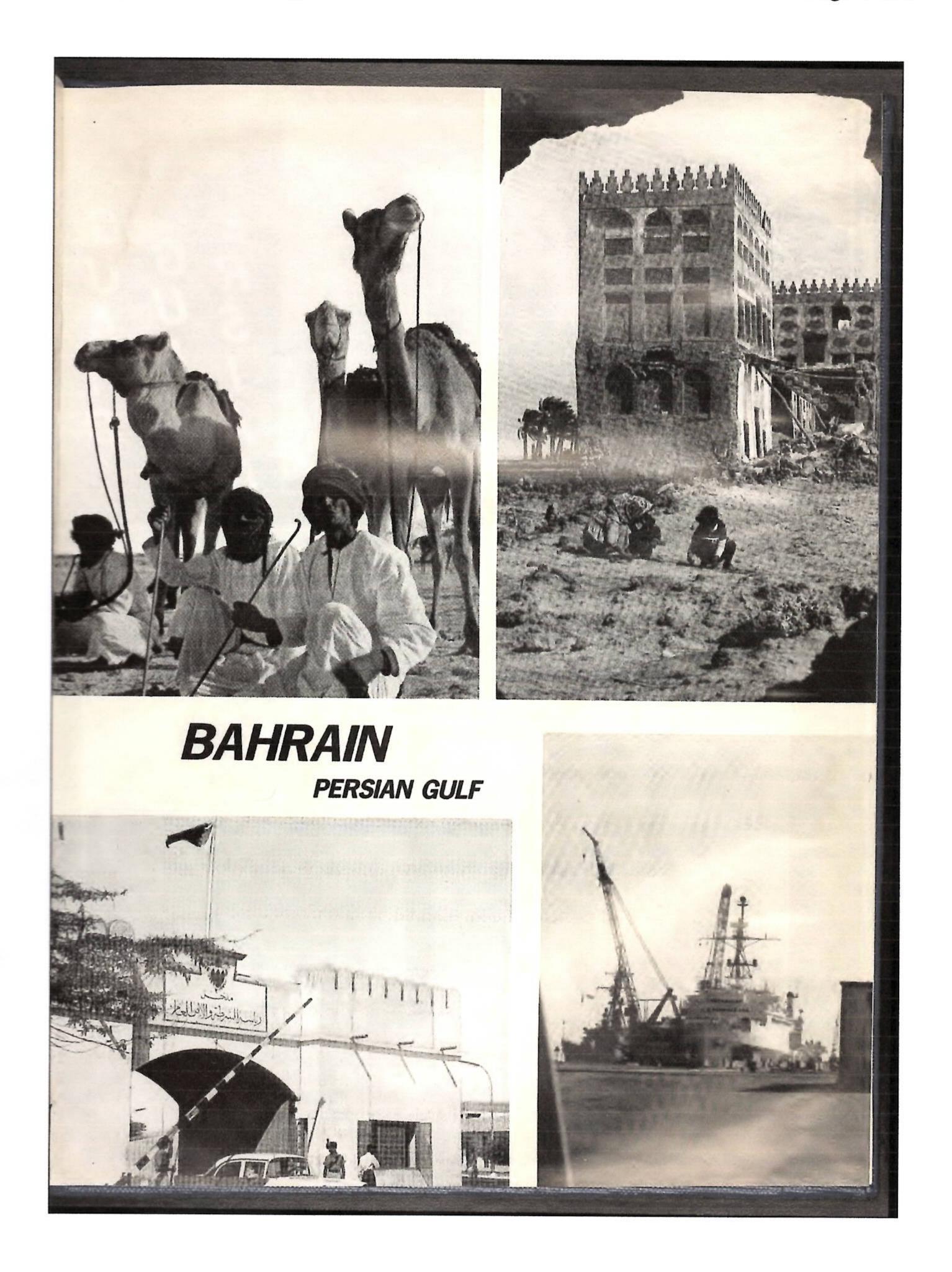


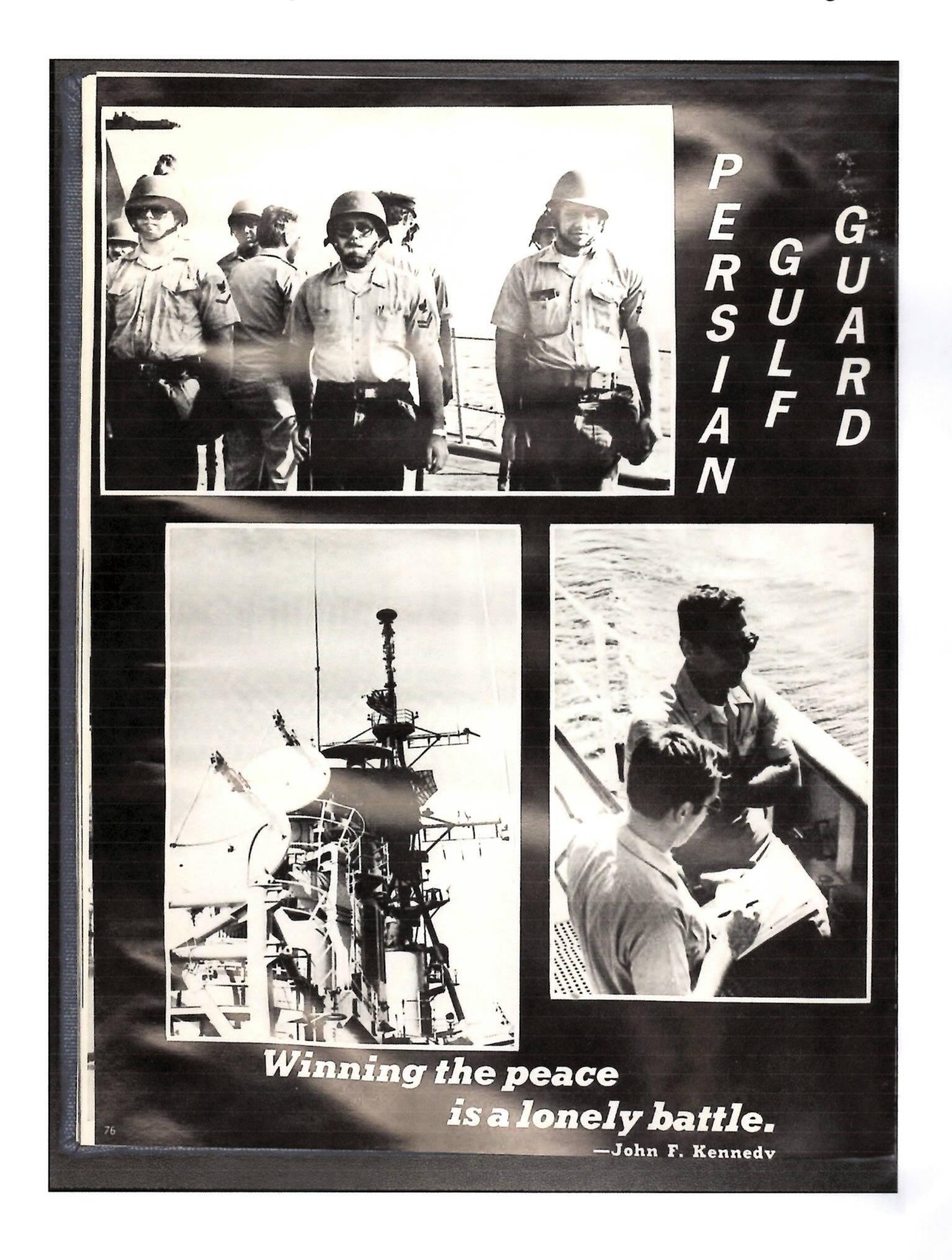
Ship's Serviceman: Both ashore and afloat, SHs manage barber shops, tailor shops, ship's uniform stores, laundries, dry-cleaning plants and cobbler shops. They serve as clerks in exchanges, soda fountains, gas stations, warehouses and commissary stores. Some SHs function as Navy club managers.

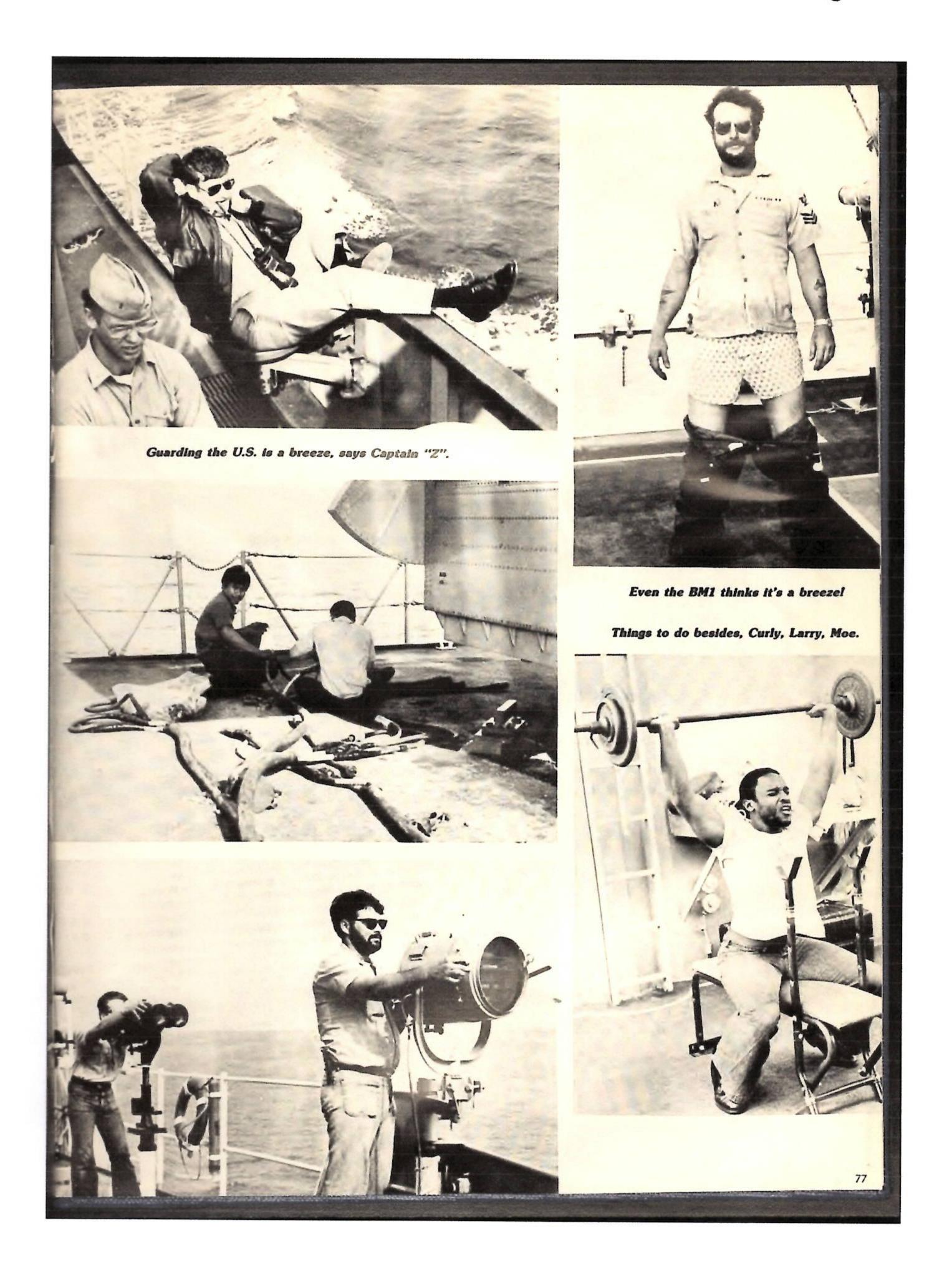
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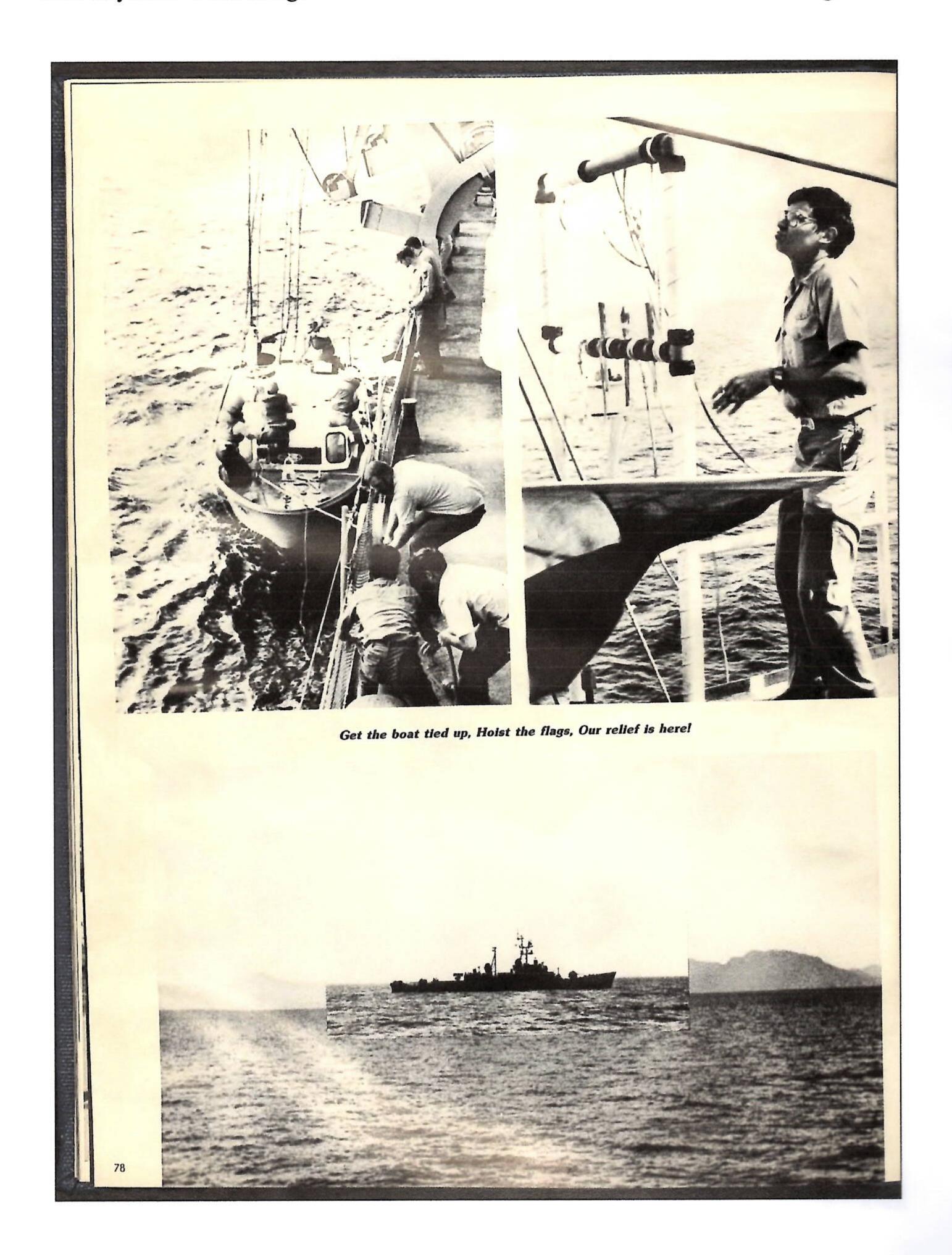




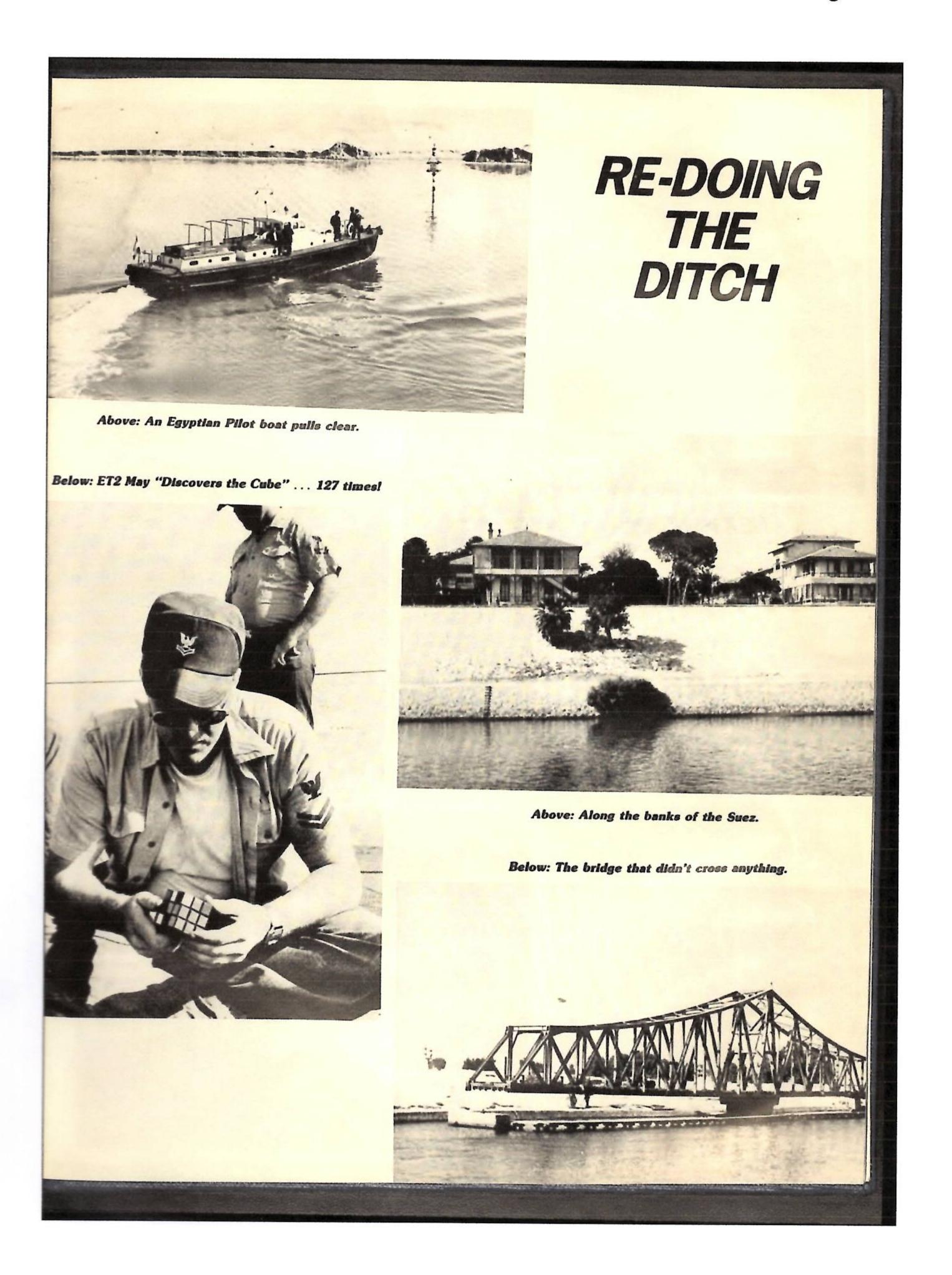


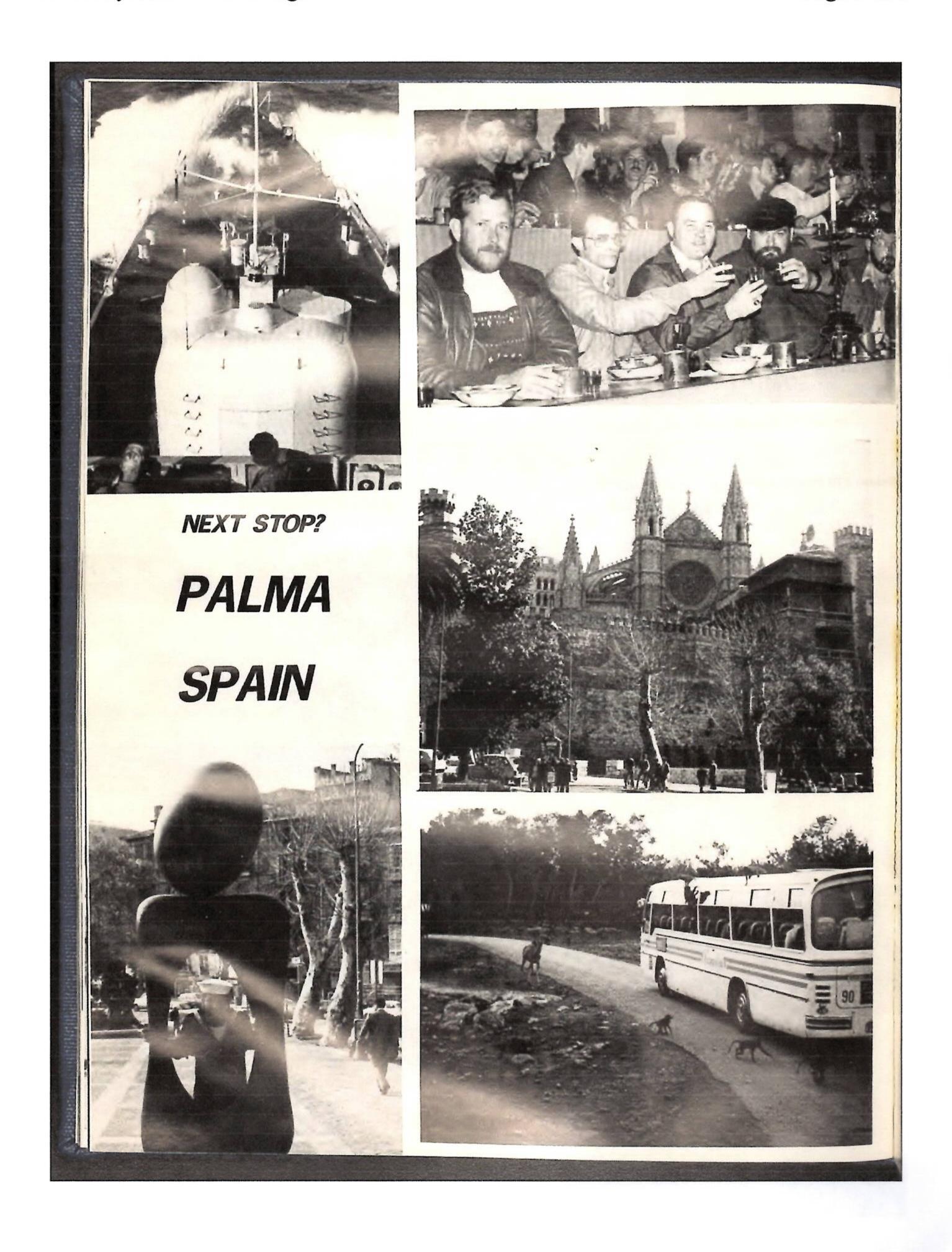


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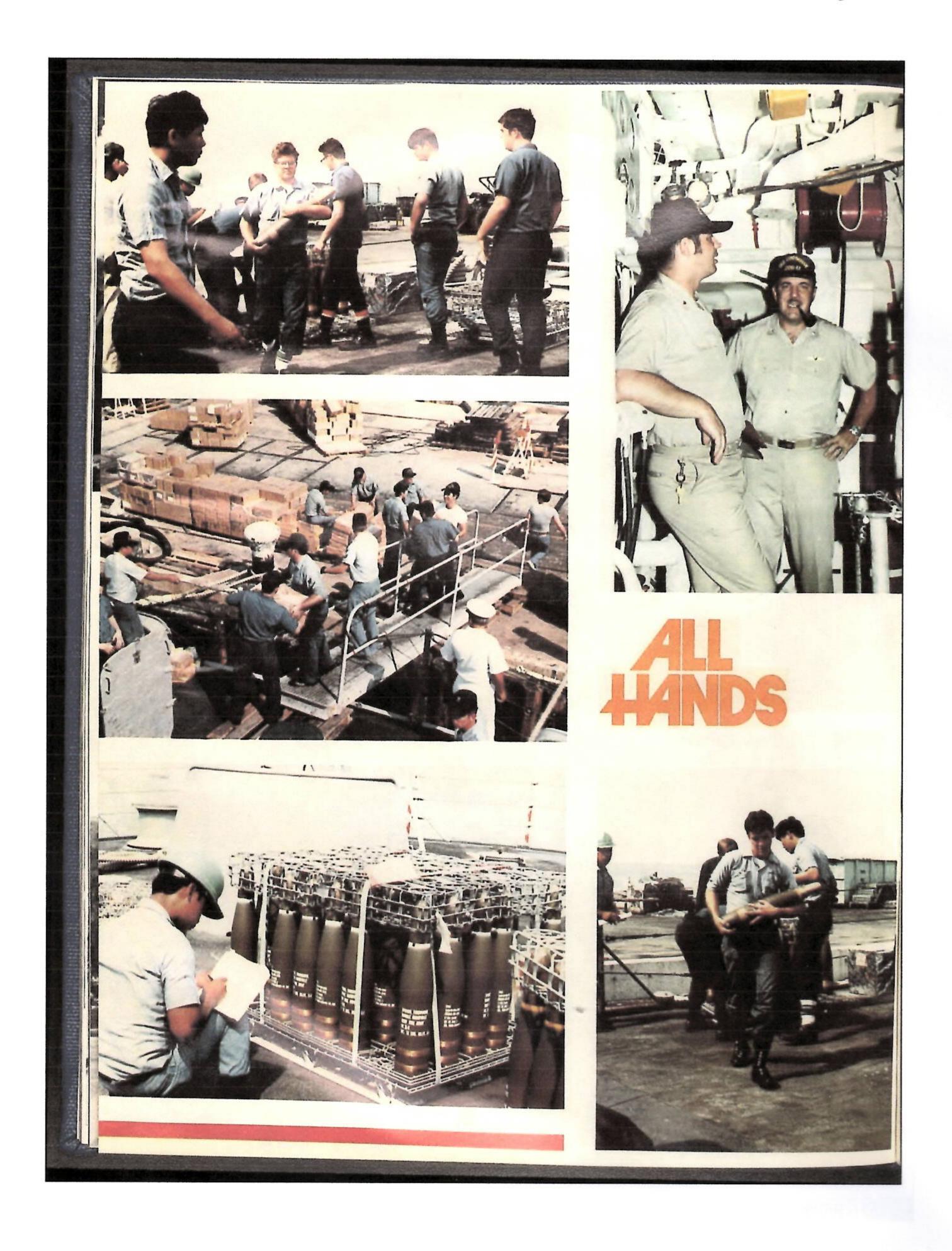
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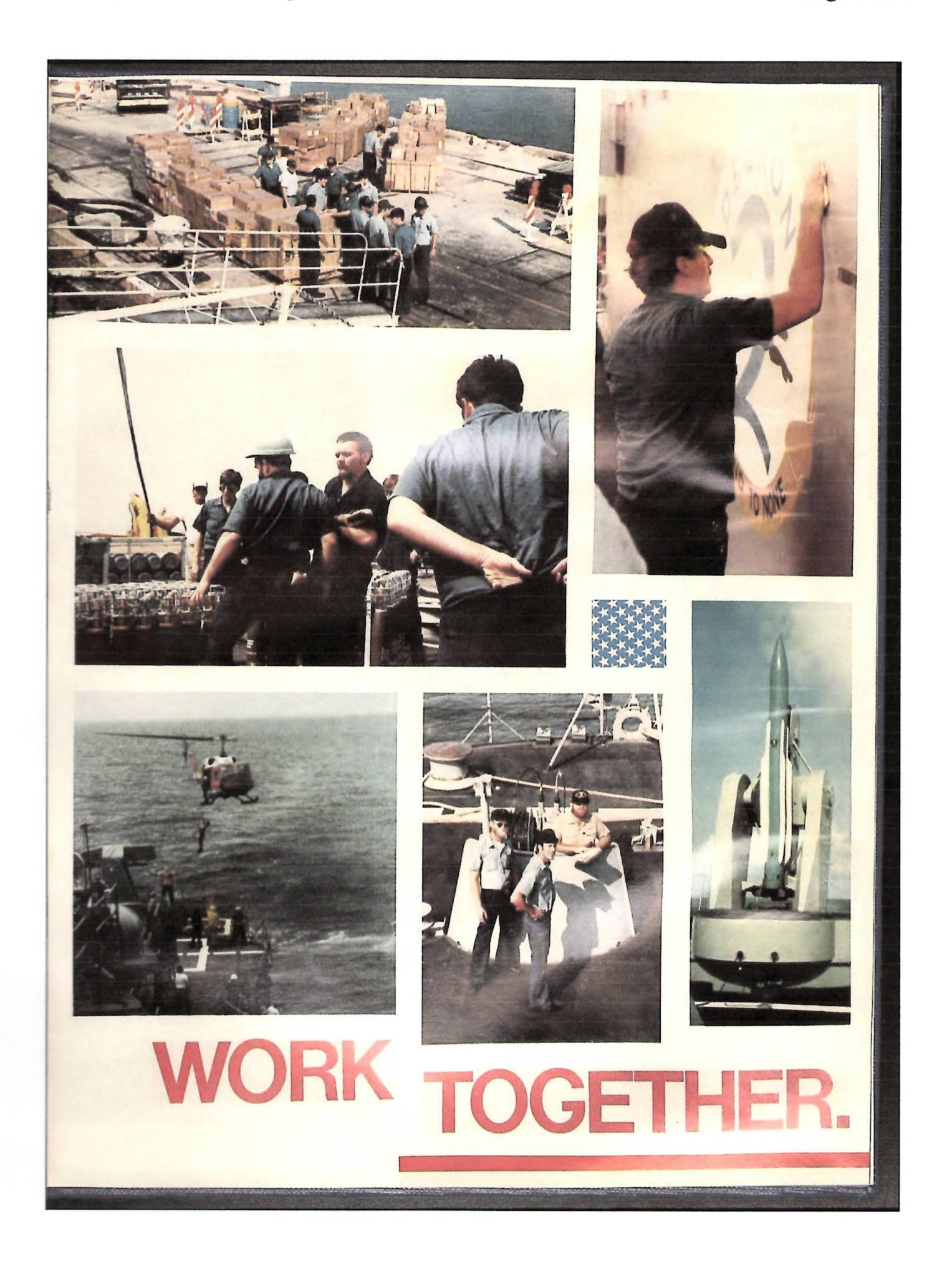


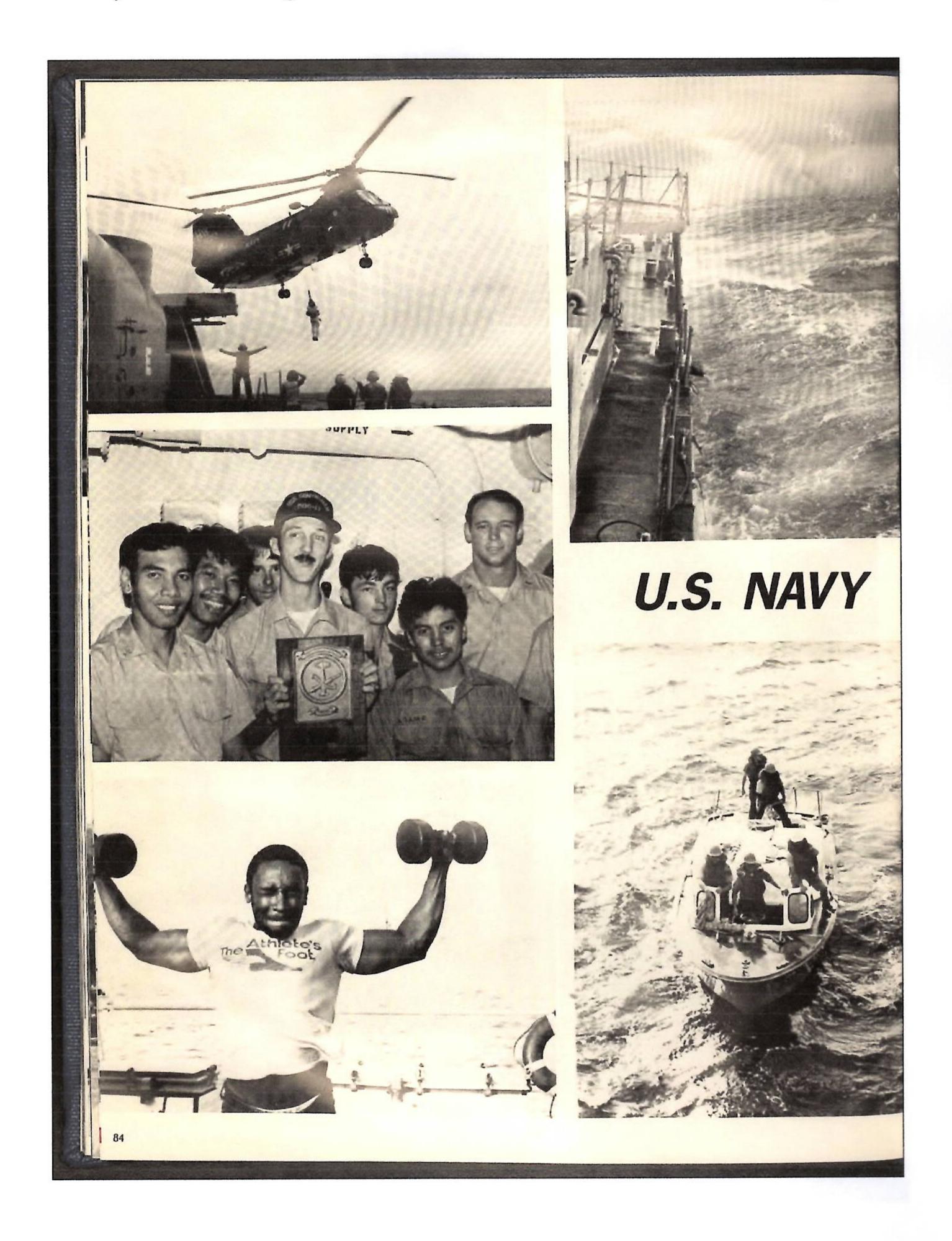


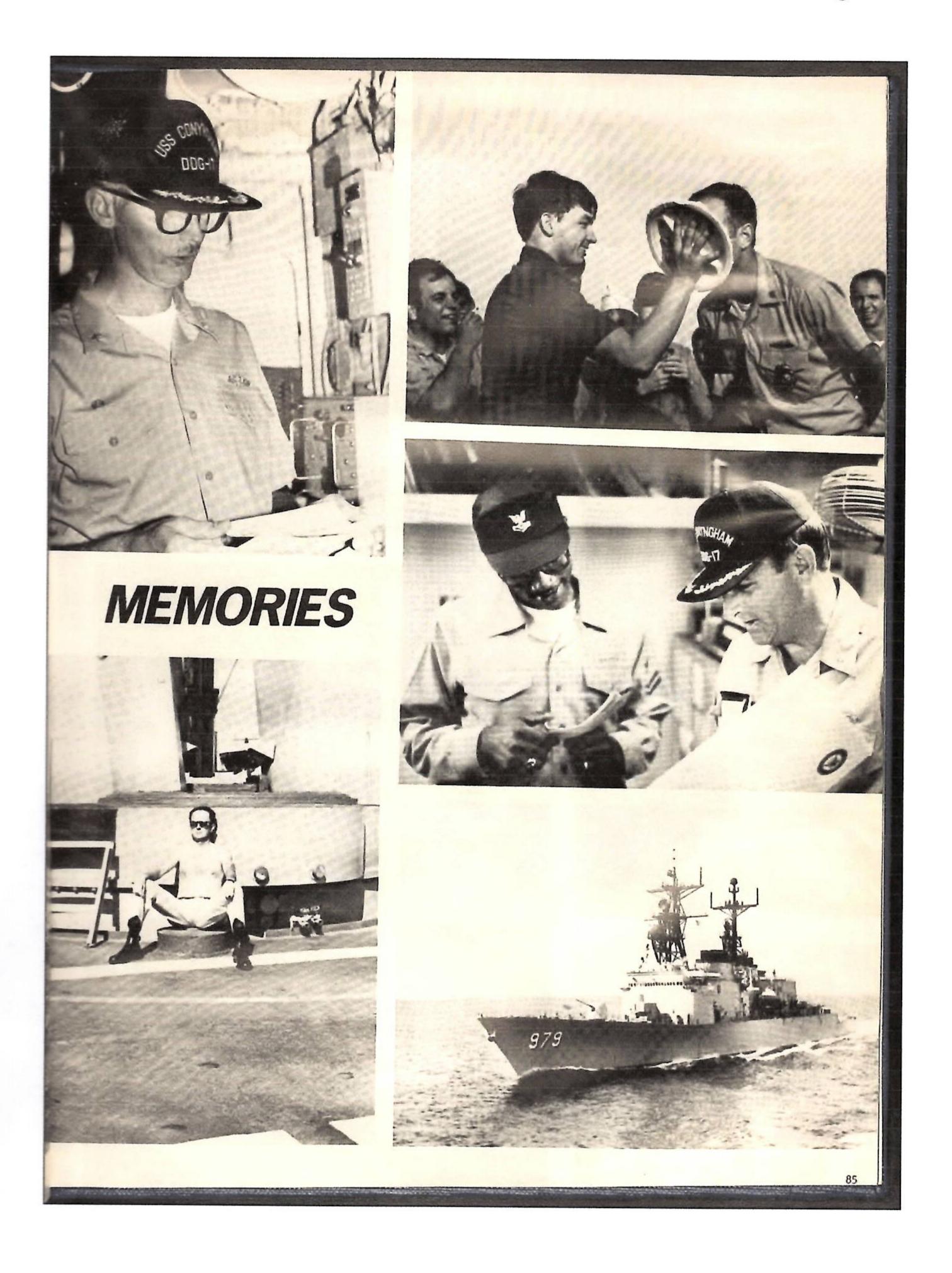


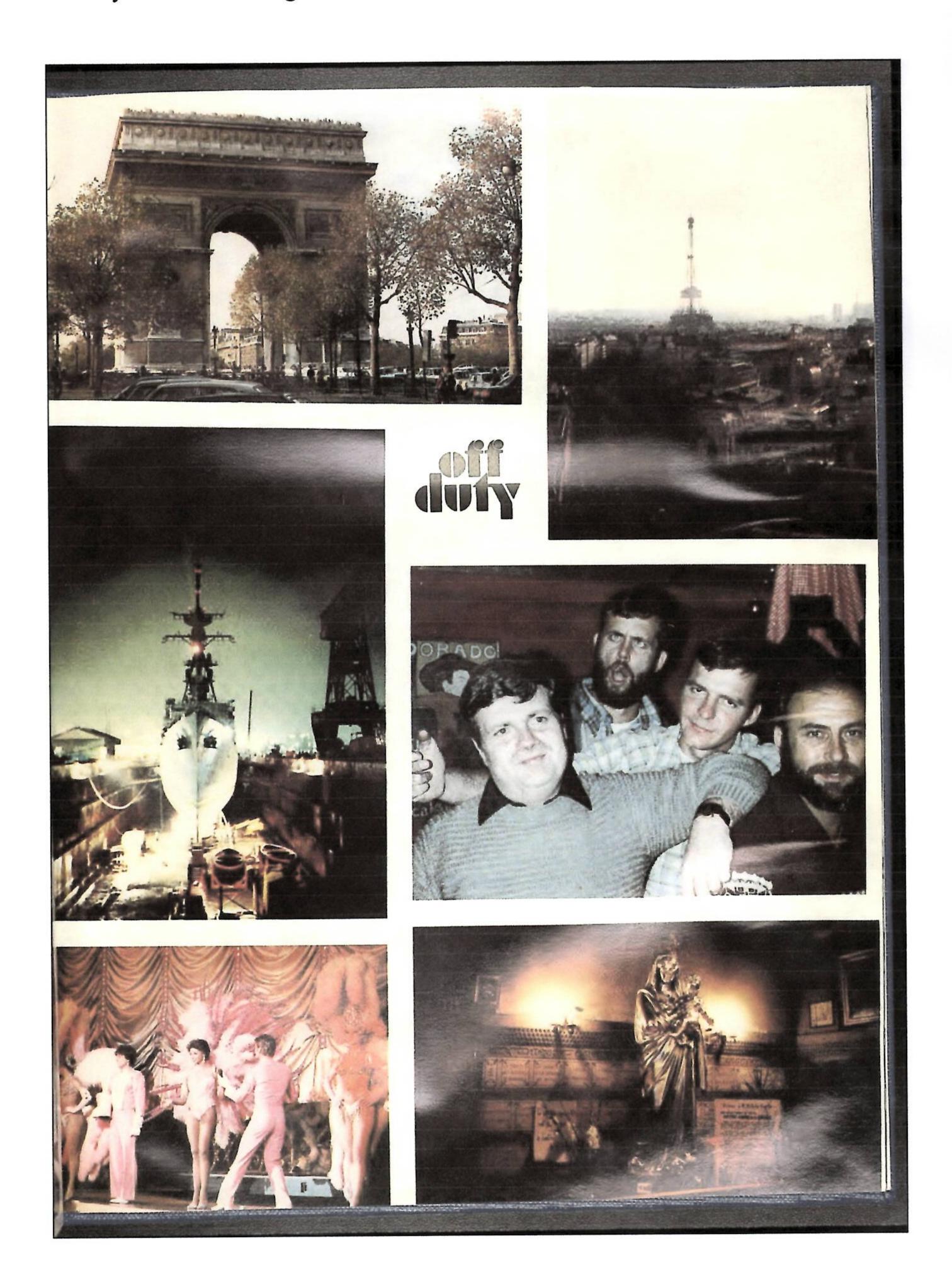
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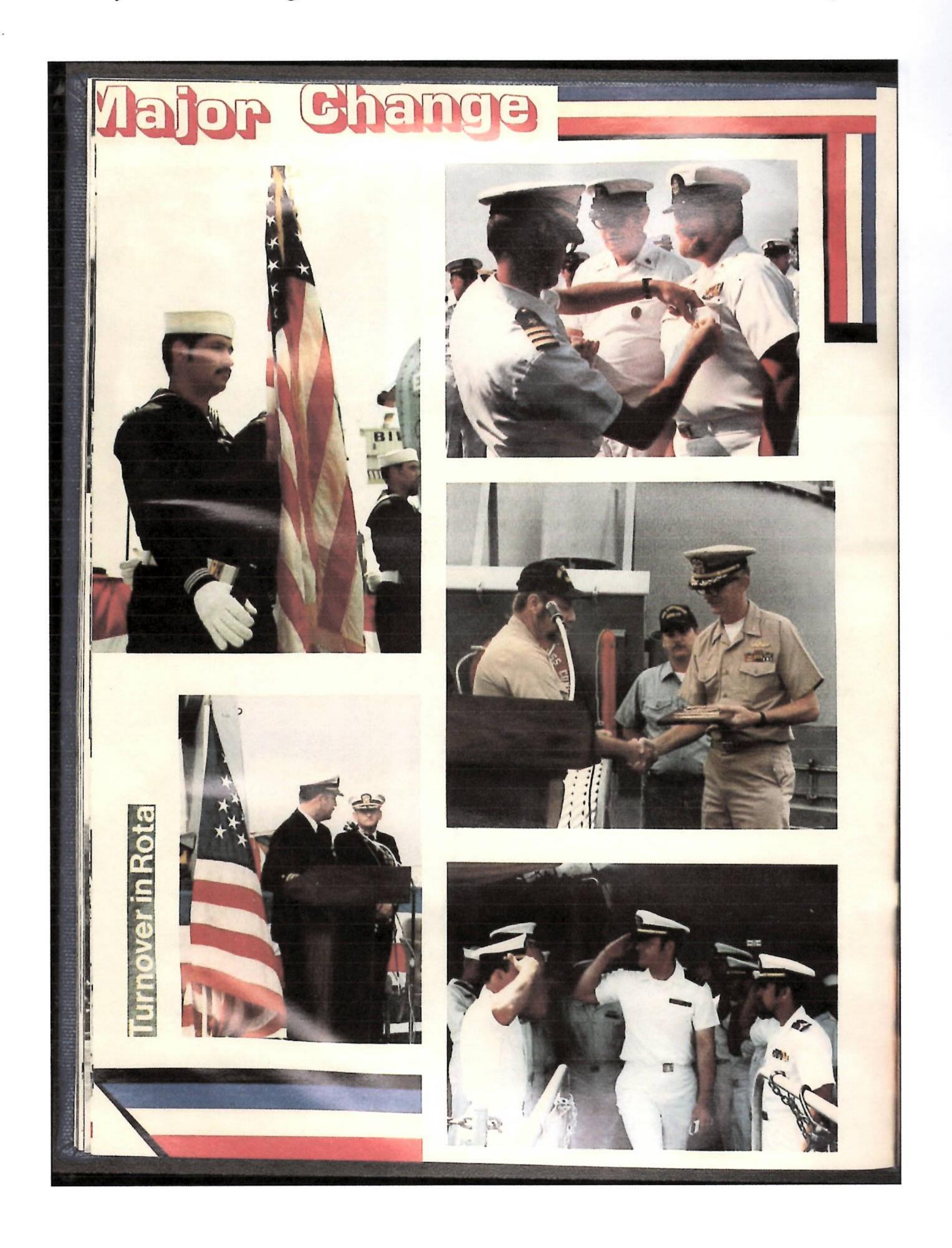


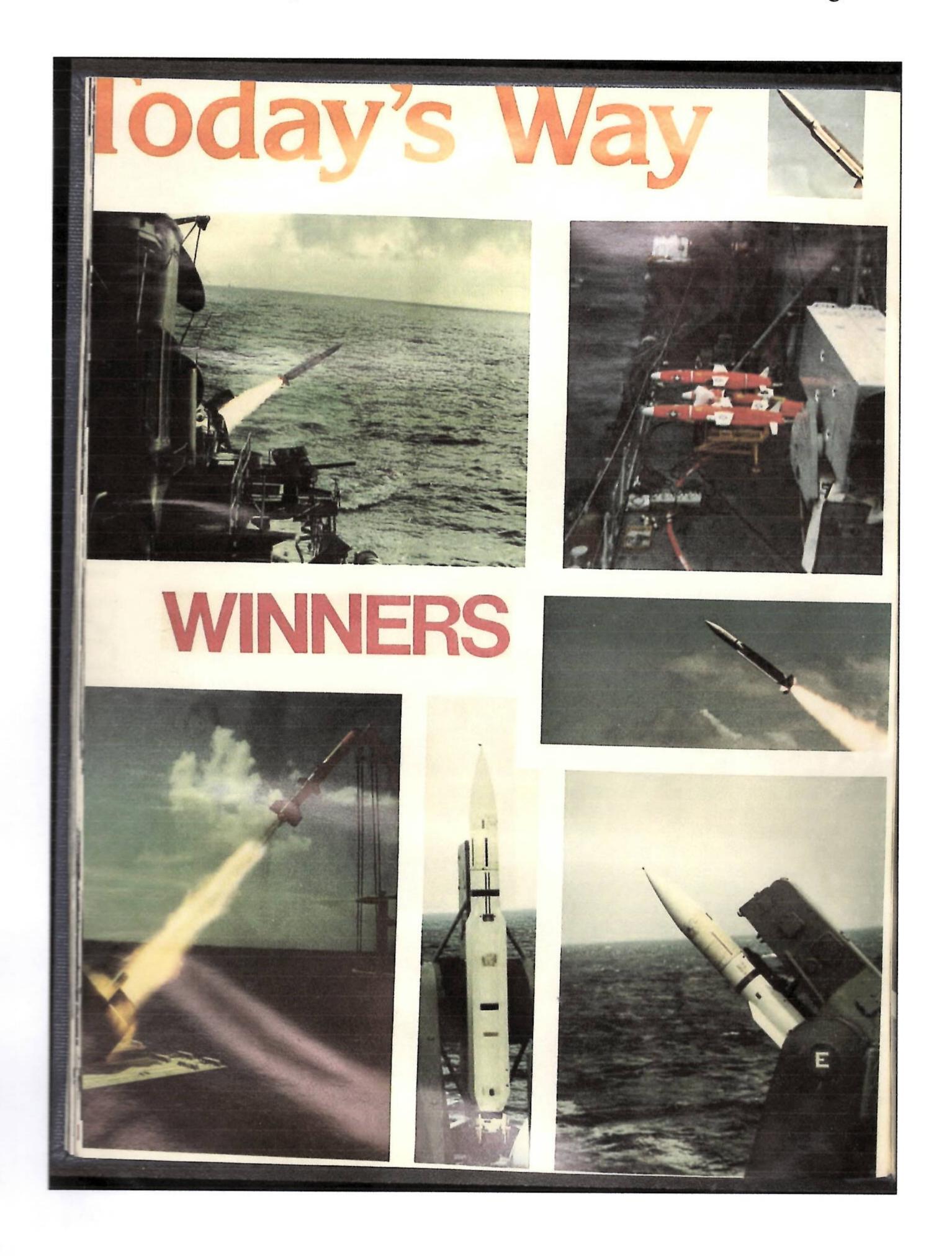


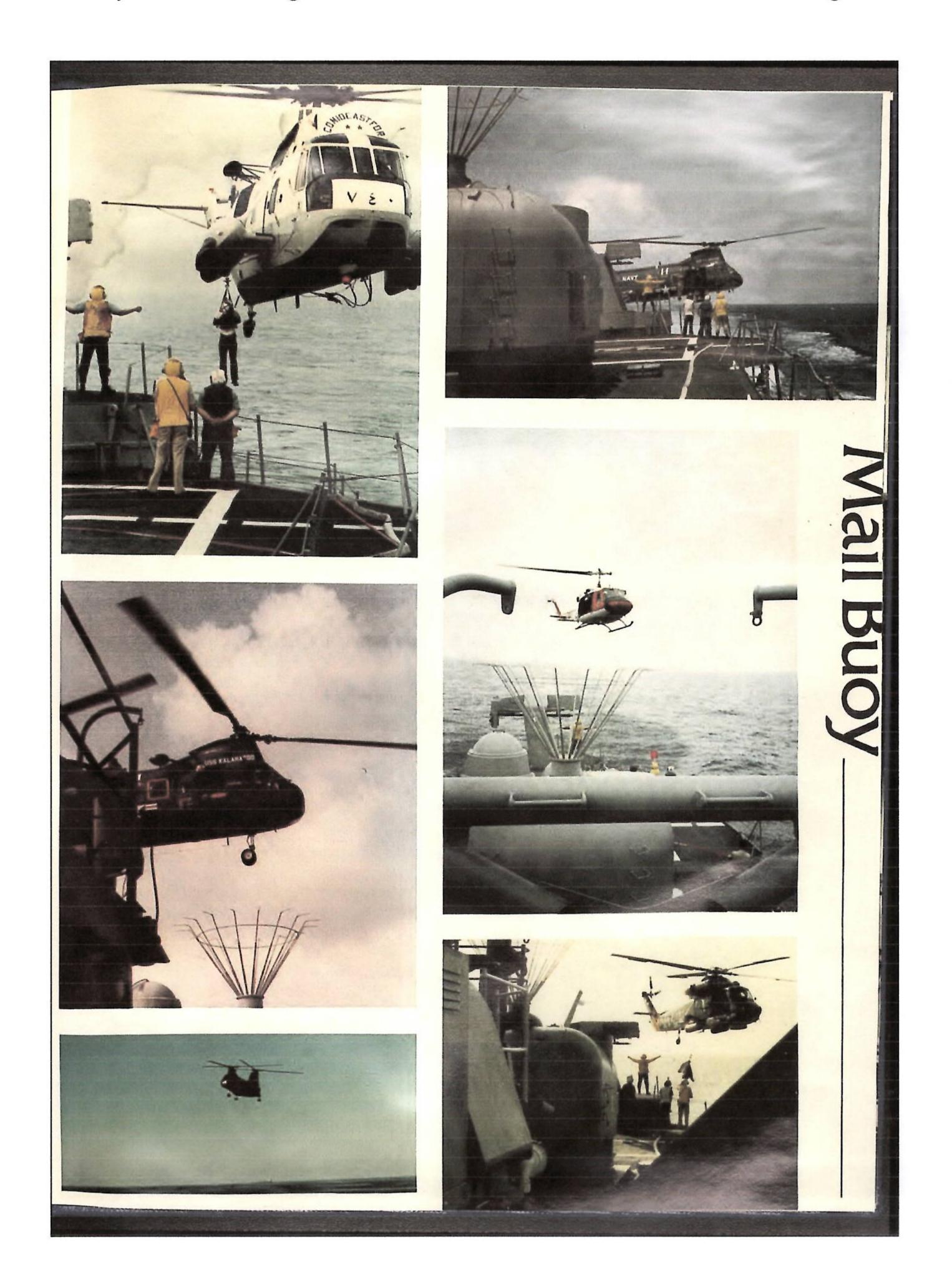
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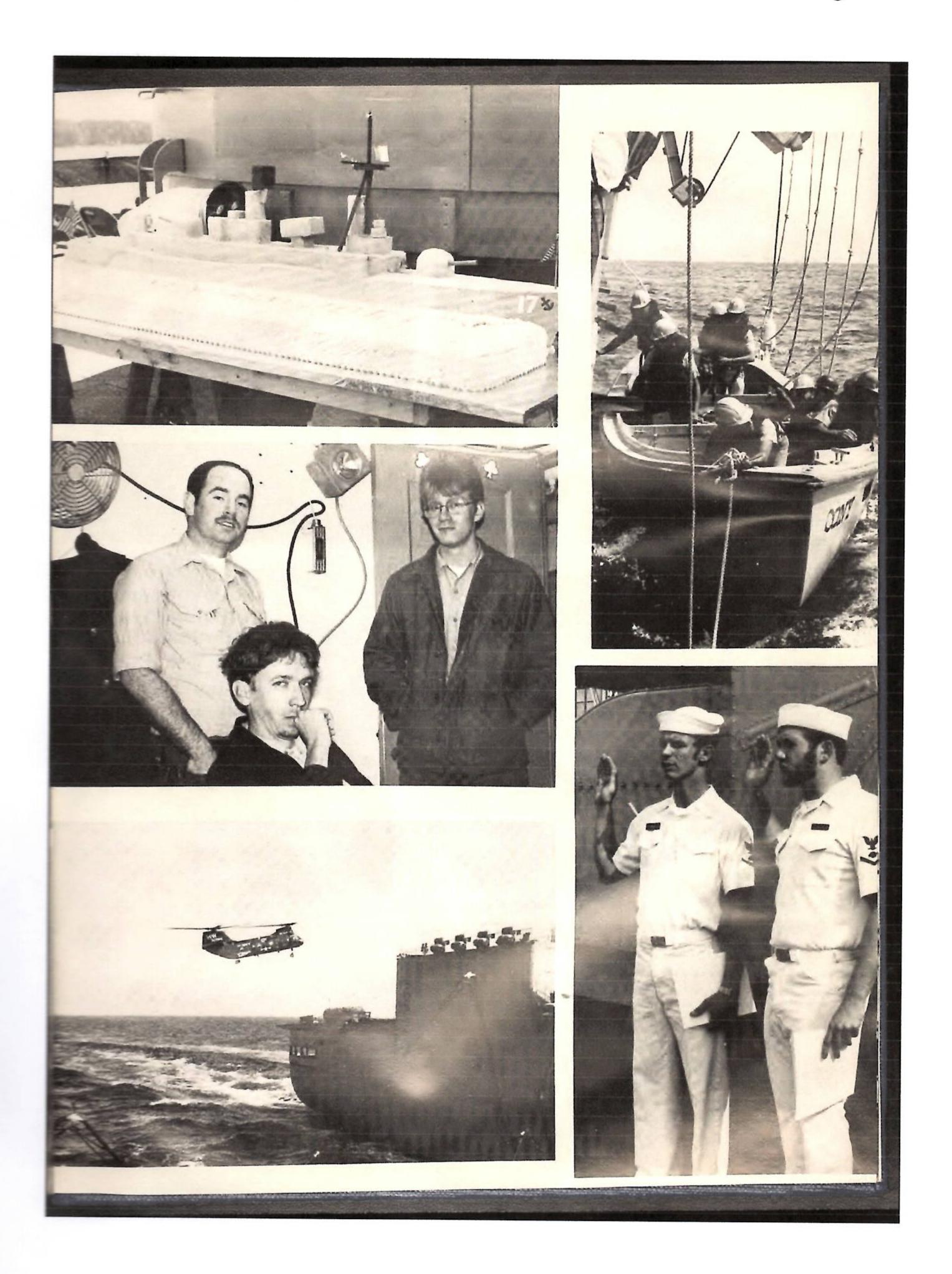


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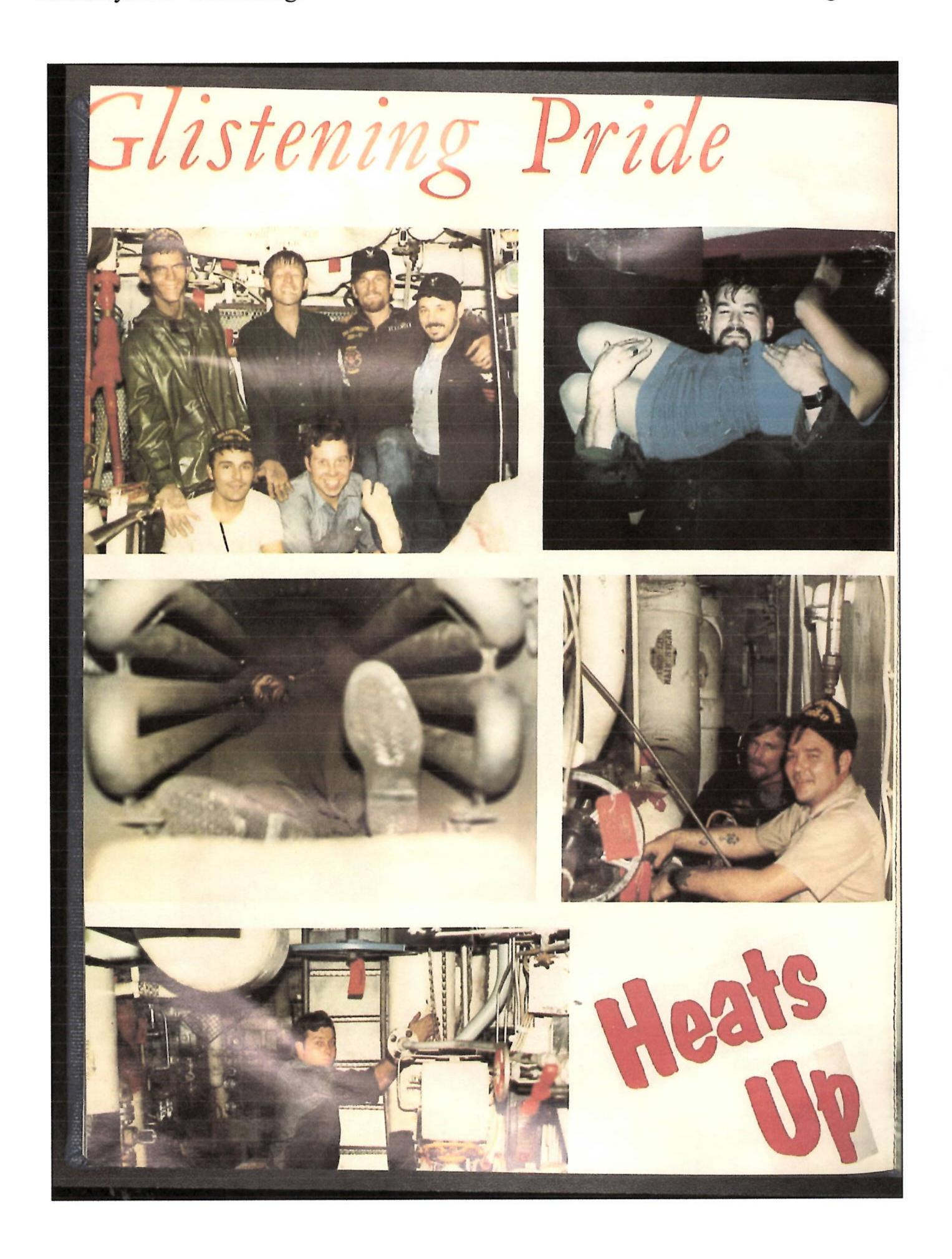


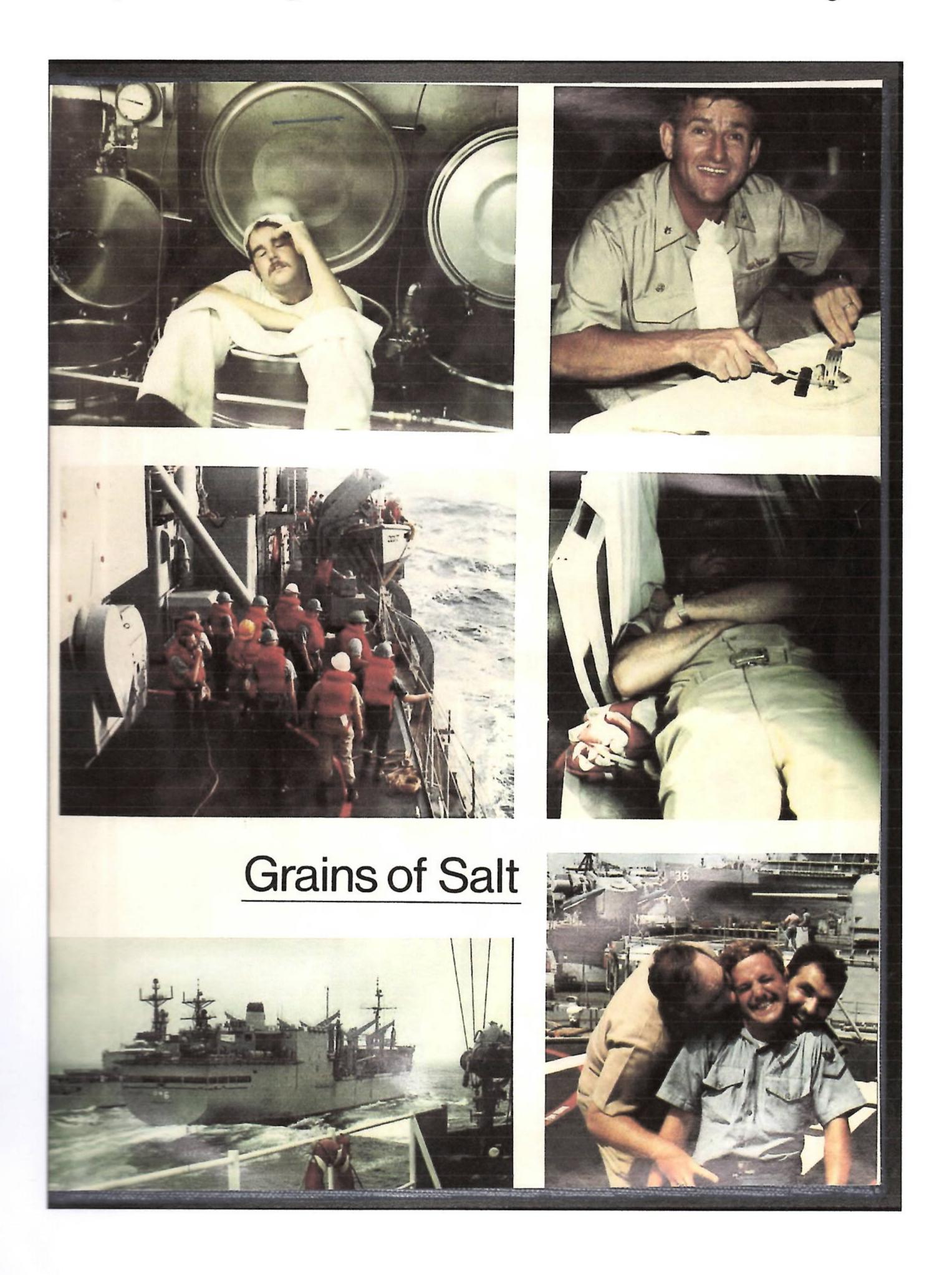
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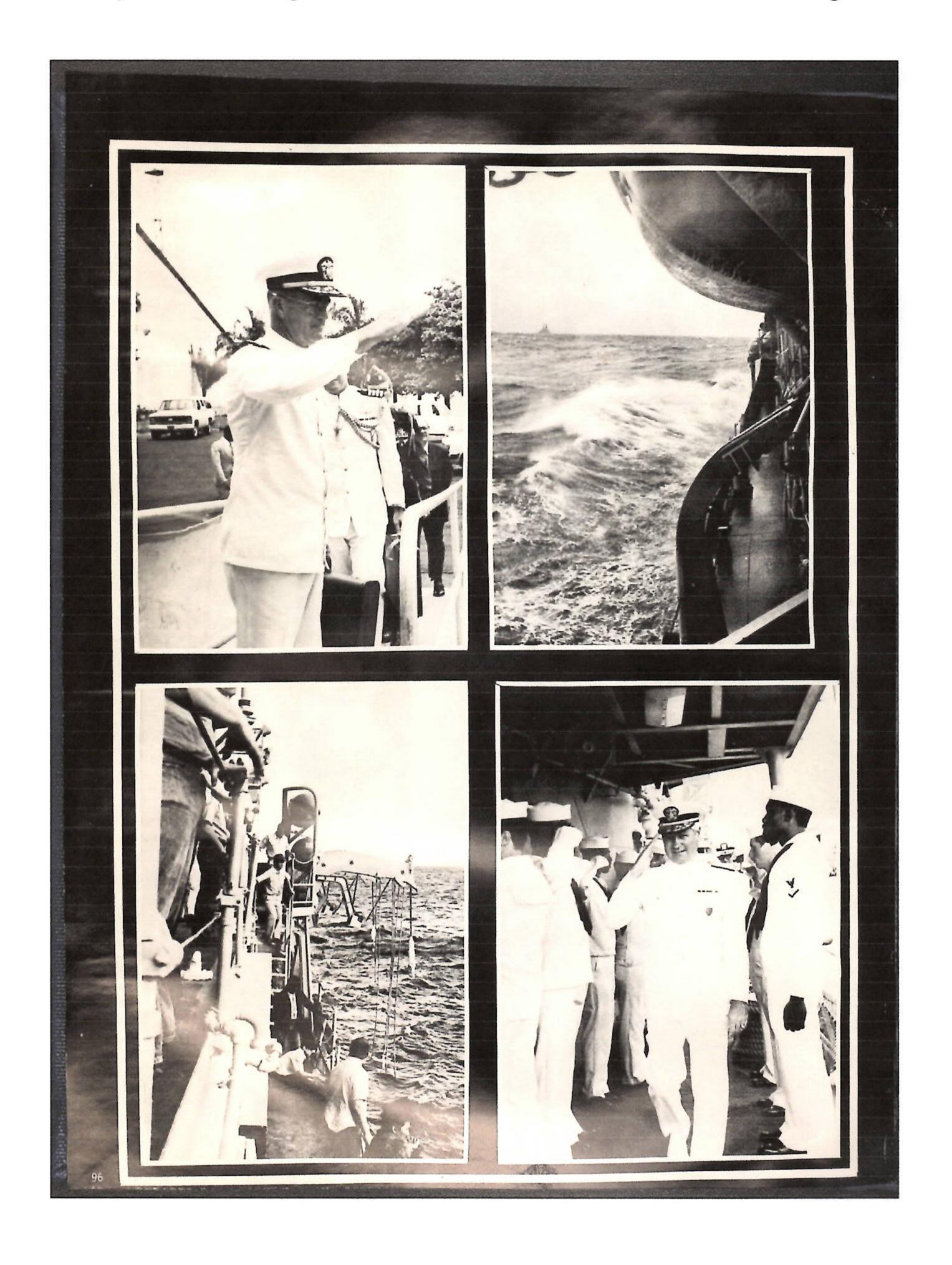




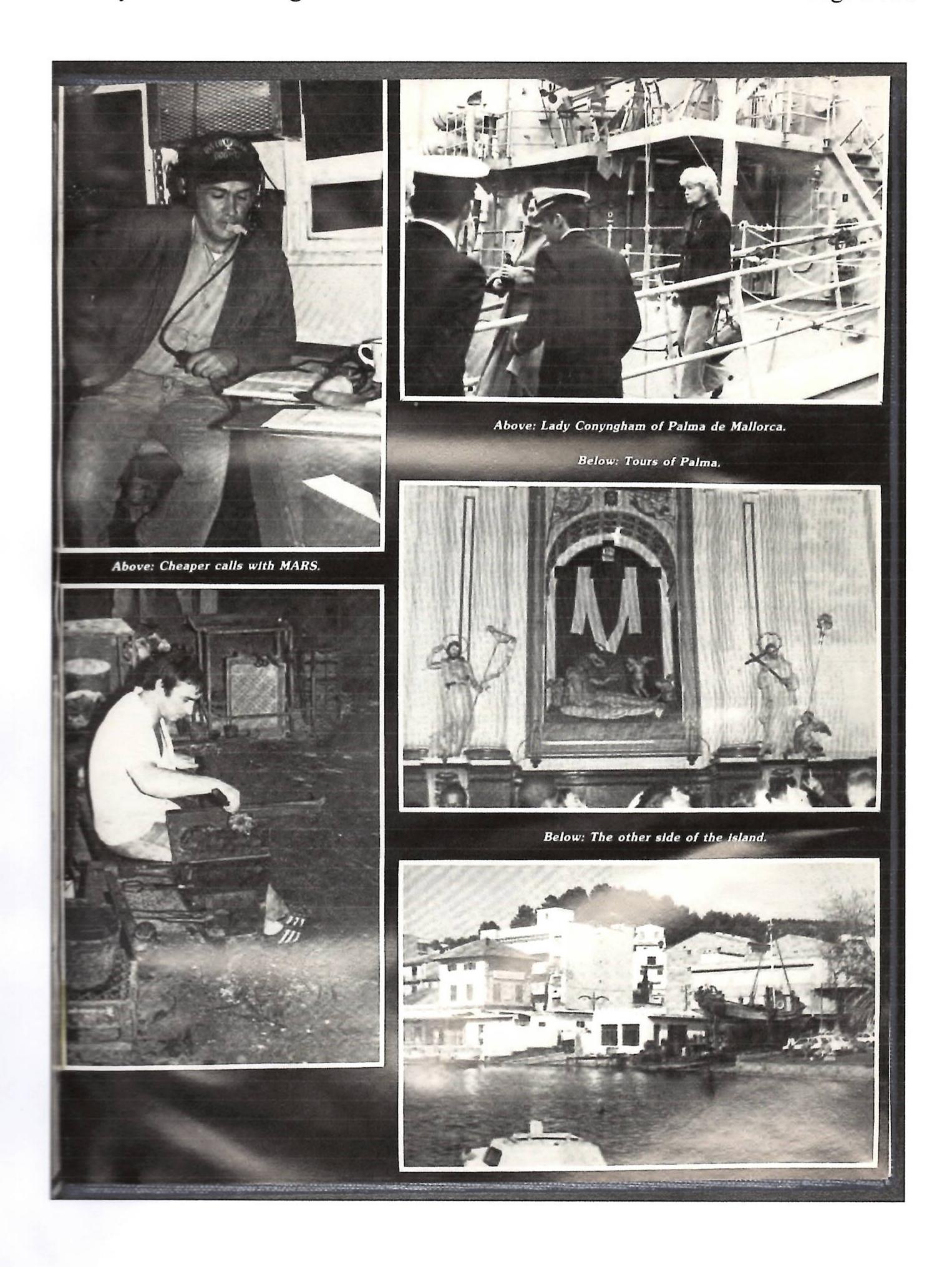
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