

USS AYLWIN
(DE-1081)

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1972-1973





COMMANDING OFFICER

WILLIAM B. MARSH
LCDR, USN

LCDR MARSH, the son of Mrs. W.B. MARSH, SR., of Bessemer, Alabama, was born and raised in Bessemer, Alabama. After graduation from Bessemer High School in 1955, LCDR MARSH entered Auburn University under the NROTC Program and graduated in 1959. Immediately upon graduation, LCDR MARSH was commissioned Ensign, U.S. Navy and reported to *USS AGILE (MSO-421)* as Executive Officer and upon completion of this tour in December 1963 received his first assignment ashore as an instructor at Naval Schools, Mine Warfare.

In September 1965, LCDR MARSH proceeded to Naval Destroyer School as a student, graduating in June 1966 with orders to *USS BEALE (DD-471)* as Engineer Officer. Following this tour, LCDR MARSH returned to Naval Destroyer School as an instructor. In February 1970, LCDR MARSH reported to *USS CLAUDE V. RICKETTS (DDG-5)* as Executive Officer. After three years aboard the *USS RICKETTS*, LCDR MARSH was chosen for command at sea and received command of *USS AYLWIN (DE-1081)*, a universal ocean escort which has just joined *DESRON 26* "The Mod Squad".

LCDR MARSH holds the following Medals: Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

LCDR MARSH is married to the former Pat Weaver of Mableton, Georgia. They have two children, William B., III and Leslie. LCDR MARSH and his family are presently residing in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

W.F. STORY
LCDR, USN



W.J. FRIGGE
LT. USN

RELIEVING



We dedicate this page to Chaplain KEARSLEY who helped to ease the loneliness by his unending wit and many tours arranged for us during his stay with AYLWIN.



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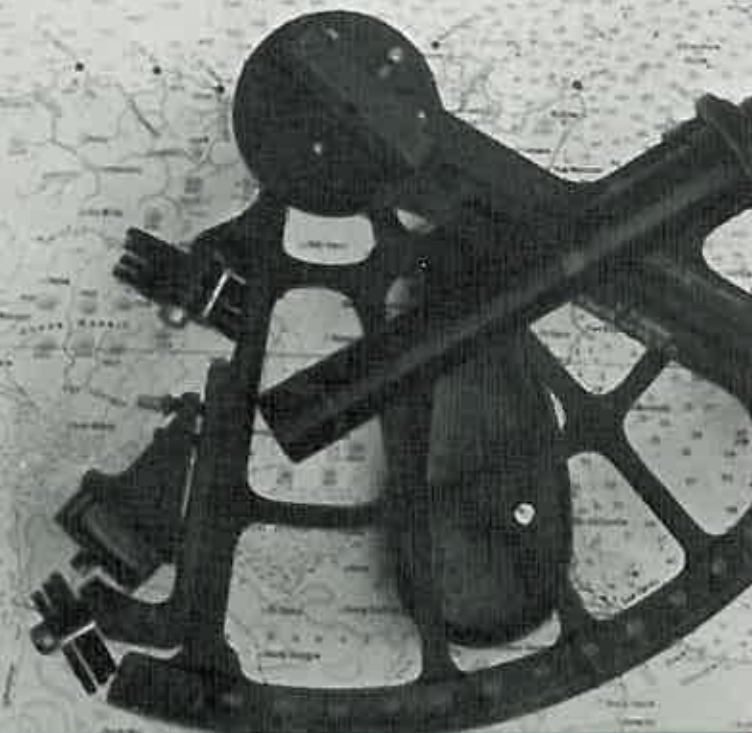
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USS AYLWIN (DE-1081), THE FOURTH UNITED STATES WARSHIP TO BEAR THE NAME, was built by Avondale Shipyards, Inc., of Weswego, La. Her keel laid on 13 November 1969, she was christened and launched on 29 August 1970. The *AYLWIN*'s sponsor is Mrs. Charles D. Duncan, wife of Vice Admiral Charles K. Duncan, formerly Commander in Chief of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

The destroyer escort is named in honor of John Cushing *AYLWIN*, who was the Sailing Master aboard the United States Frigate *CONSTITUTION* during her encounter with *HMS GERRIERE*. Due to his skillful ship handling throughout the battle, he was given much of the credit for the victory.

Commissioning of the present *AYLWIN* was held on 18 September 1971 at Pier One in the Boston Naval Shipyard. Appropriately enough, the *USS CONSTITUTION* was berthed at the adjacent pier.

AYLWIN's fitting out availability at the Boston Naval Shipyard was successfully completed in early December 1971. Major projects accomplished in the shipyard were the installation of the AN/SOS-35 Independent Variable Depth Sonar and an engineering conversion to Navy Distillate Fuel.

AYLWIN departed Boston upon completion of her

"fitting out" and arrived in her homeport of Norfolk, Virginia on 10 December 1971. After spending the holidays in port, *AYLWIN* departed for Guantanamo Bay for Shakedown Training.

Enroute to Shakedown Training, *AYLWIN* stopped at Andros Island, Bahamas, and the Atlantic Weapons System Range at St. Croix for Weapons Accuracy Trials and Sonar Noise Test's. Successfully completing these evolutions, *AYLWIN* continued her transit to Cuba and arrived in Guantanamo Bay on 24 January 1972 for four weeks of training in all phases of shipboard evolutions and drills. Training was relaxed by a weekend visit to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 11-14 February 1972, *AYLWIN* being the first U.S. Navy ship to visit Santo Domingo since 1968.

Upon completion of Shakedown Training, *AYLWIN* receiving high grades in virtually all training areas, the ship then sailed to Culebra Island where she successfully qualifies for Naval Gunfire Support on 3 March 1972. *AYLWIN* proceeded home to Norfolk, Virginia arriving on 6 March 1972 and began preparations for Final Contract Trials. During Final Contract Trials, *AYLWIN* demonstrated her various electronic equipment and the capabilities of her engineering plant.

On 4 April 1972, *AYLWIN* entered the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia for a Post Shakedown Availability (PSA). During PSA, her Basic Point Defense Missile System was installed, increasing her effectiveness and usefulness to our Modern Fleet. Also, various field changes and modifications were performed on her equipment, updating all systems.

During Post Shakedown Availability, "All Hands" Training was continued with formal schools and on the job training, so that *AYLWIN* could maintain her high state of readiness. The Crew's Lounge was also modernized and was formally opened by RADM GREENE, Commander Cruise-Destroyer Flotilla FOUR on 27 June 1972.

On 6 June 1972, *AYLWIN* received her first flag on board, that of Commander Destroyer Squadron TWENTY SIX, when Commander DAN E. FENN "wore both hats" until relieved by Captain GURNEY on 13 September 1972.

Upon completion of Post Shakedown Availability, *AYLWIN* sailed again for the Caribbean, where she participated in a Systems Qualification Test and

successfully fired her first surface to air missile on the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range. *AYLWIN* then proceeded to Culebra Island to successfully qualify for Naval Gunfire Support on 30 August 1972.

After these successful operations, *AYLWIN* sailed for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and Refresher Training. Throughout Refresher Training, *AYLWIN* set numerous Fleet Training Group records, completing her Training Readiness Evaluation with the lowest total discrepancies on record and scoring excellent grades in all training areas. These daily scores combined with her high state of readiness enables her to depart Refresher Training one week early and sail for home.

Upon return to Norfolk, Virginia, *AYLWIN* began preparations for her first fleet exercise. Change of Command, and Extended Deployment.

AYLWIN is one of the seven ships of Destroyer Squadron 26, which constitutes the Navy's "Mod Squad". The Chief of Naval Operations has directed that ships of this squadron be commanded and staffed by officers one grade junior to those normally assigned these billets in other sister ships of the fleet.

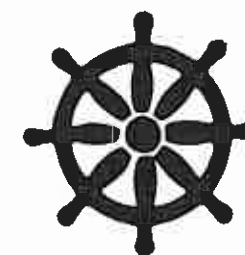
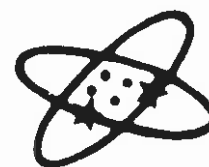




OPERATIONS

OPERATIONS OFFICER

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LT USN



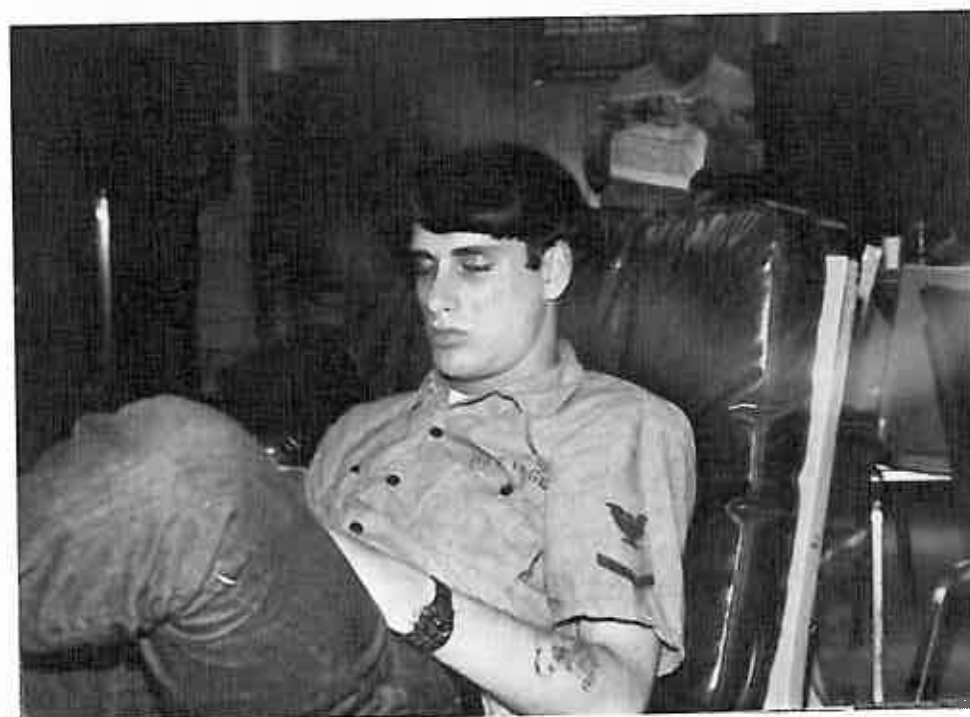
SMC L.V. Jordan



ENS J.B. Denegre
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

OC

RMC G.G. Rollo



RM1 R. Tompkins
RM2 R. Beaulieu
RM2 L. Hutchins

RM2 C. Thompson
RM2 M. Vizi
RM3 B. Day

RM3 T. Murrell
RM3 A. Raffa
RM3 C. Scott

RM3 W. Treesh
SM3 T. Tygh
RM3 B. Woodworth





J.W. Hedegor
LTJG USN
CIC OFFICER



R.B. Johnston
LTJG USN
NAVIGATOR

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All right men!!



OS2 L. Bishop
OS2 G. House, Jr.
OS2 R. Morein

OS2 J. Prest
OS3 C. Bartlett
QM3 W. Carty, Jr.

QM3 M. Jones
OS3 D. Mahoney
OS3 T. Morgan

EW3 C. Morris
PC3 H. Zumpol
WMSN W. Hanley

OSSN D. Rivard
QMSA H. Bolt
QMSA R. Shaw





A.J. Olsen
ENS USN
EMO



ETC C. Davis

OE



BAND-AID KID



TOP ROW
ET1 R. Ward
ETN2 K. Cramer
YN2 P. Hizon, Jr.
YN3 J. Baker
ETN3 R. Gotschall



BOTTOM ROW
ETR3 S. Granger
ETR3 M. Henry
ETR3 T. Stark
YN3 R. Stoppa
ETNSN T. Grapes



Wait till he gets the square needle.

WEAPONS OFFICER

F.T. Williamson
LT USN



STCS. F. White



J.B. Shellem
LTJG USN
ASW OFFICER

STC W. Sutton



A/S



SF1 R. Cooper
STG2 J. Burgette
STG2 J. Clapp
STG2 R. Locke
STG2 D. Logan



STG2 W. Neiman
STG2 R. Tesh
STG2 D. Troutt
STG3 W. Federowicz
STG3 S. Licari, Jr.



STG3 M. Nolan
STG3 D. Stewart
TM3 J. Earls
TM3 D. Hall
TMSA J. Miner



M.W. Lummen
LTJG USN
ASST. GUNNERY OFFICER



GMGC J. Peebles





R.B. Shields
ENS USN
FIRST LIEUTENANT

1 ST

BM1 C. Morton



FTG1 J. Janney
FTG2 J. Richardson
FTG2 E. Williams



FTG2 L. Olsson
GMG2 J. SeeForth
GMG3 R. Mastera



GMG3 J. Yoshida
FTM3 M. Hoyt
FTMSN D. Johnson





BM2 E. Moore
YN3 J. Lott
BM3 P. Scotto
BM3 C. Swasey

SN A. Alongi
SN G. Butts
SN J. Fetzner
SN T. Frazier
SN R. Garcia



SN D. Glenn
SN R. Lowrey
SN V. Mann
SN S. McLendon
SN R. Hooper

SN P. Moreau
SN J. Pool
SN L. Ray
SN G. Rogers
SN W. Schexnayor



SN J. Walsh
SA H. Herron
SA L. Reis
SA G. Ross

SA B. Spilde
SA C. Wayne
SA H. Williams
SR L. Hickey
SR A. Scott



SUPPLY OFFICER

J.H. Griffin
LTJG SC. USN



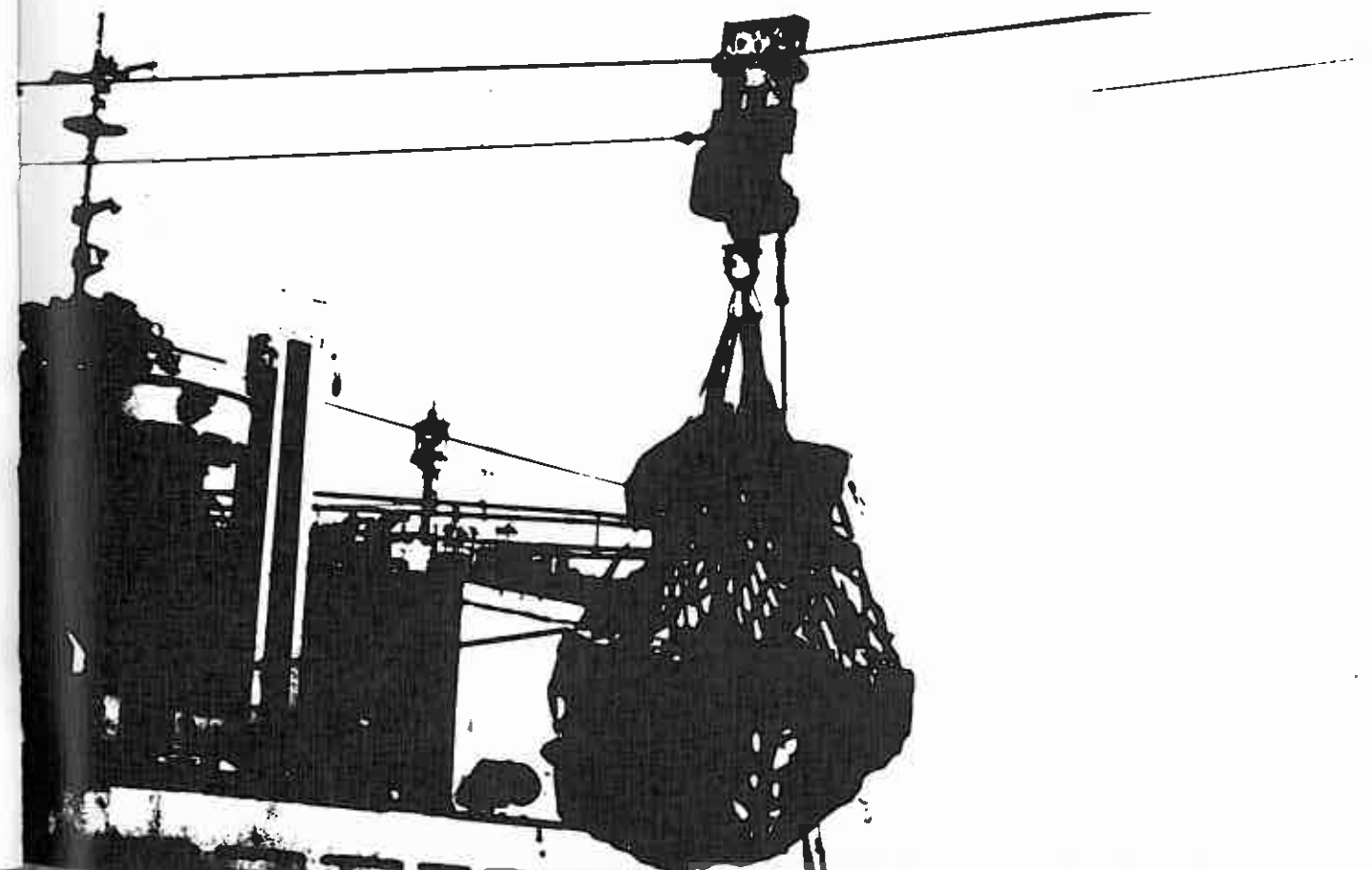
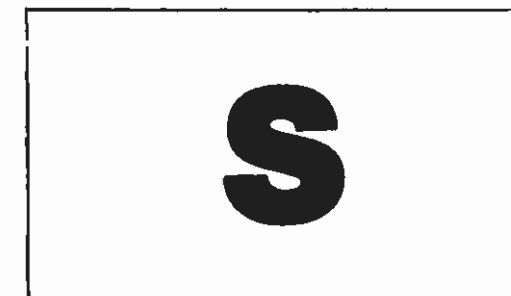
SKC C. Dicipulo



CSC J. Sharpe



R.P. Lidd
ENS USN
DISBURSING OFFICER





SD1 A. Cruz
DK1 J. Thomas
SK1 B. Turner
SK1 E. Walker

SK2 P. Aguino
CS2 T. Drury
SH2 P. Grossman
SH2 J. McFarland
SD2 J. Trias



CS3 B. Benson
SD3 R. Dacpano
SK3 V. Ditommaso
SD3 L. Estepa
CS3 L. Hill

CS3 F. Langan
CS3 D. Laymon
DK3 R. Thomas
SH3 R. Waugh
SKSN C. Clarke, Jr.



TN R. Iwanski
TN D. Tunnell
CSSA W. Flake
SA J. Rose
CSSA J. Swanger



ENGINEERING OFFICER

S.J. Hall
LT USN



R.W. Dawson
LTJG USN
MPA

MMC R. Hart



M





MM1 J. Boley
MM1 G. Allen
MM2 D. Kramer
MM2 J. Marcum
MM2 W. Markowski

MM2 G. McGehee
MM2 A. Stocks
MM2 C. Sundstrom
MM2 J. Sweet
MM2 C. Tripp



MM3 J. French
MM3 G. Lizotte
MM3 D. McCaug
MM3 G. Walker
FN A. Durso



MMFN P. Maciel
FN B. Marshall
MMFN M. Query
FA J. Persutti



BTM R. Kelly



BT1 H. Freeman, Sr.





BT2 J. Malone
BT2 J. Candelaria
BT3 R. Sparks
BT3 K. Luebke
BT3 N. Levasseur

BT3 W. Lewis
BT3 B. Bates
BT3 S. Russell
BT3 J. Acuna
FN R. Barnes



BTEN H. DeWeese
FN M. Sullivan
BTEN T. Gracza
BTFA M. Pohlman
BTFA G. Gile



EMC R. Cupp

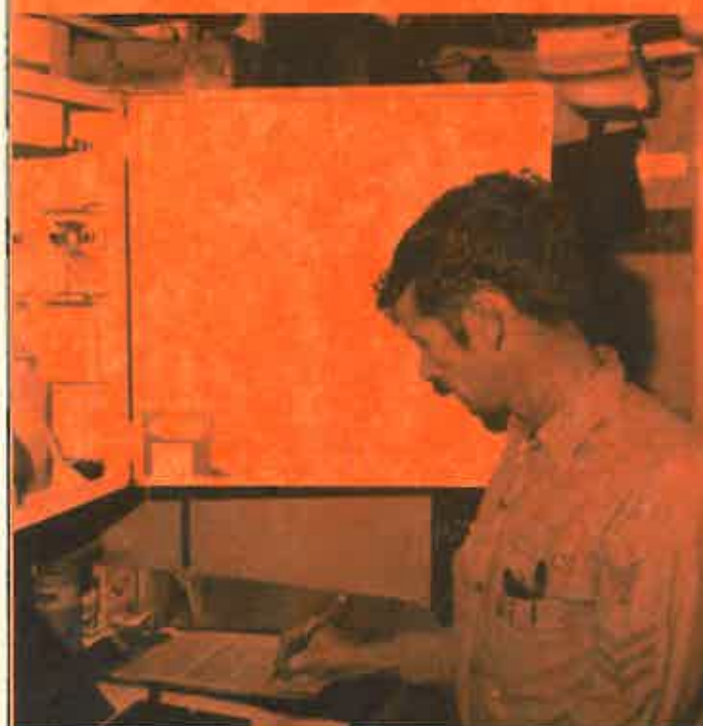


G.S. Scherer
ENS USN
DCA



ICC L. Foley

R





MM1 R. Salayi
MM2 J. Szvdo
EN2 W. Bird
EN2 R. Caudle
EN2 L. Stockton

EM2 S. Gawlik
EM2 R. Gayda
IC2 C. Gurby
EM2 C. Kugelmann
EM2 T. Pawlak

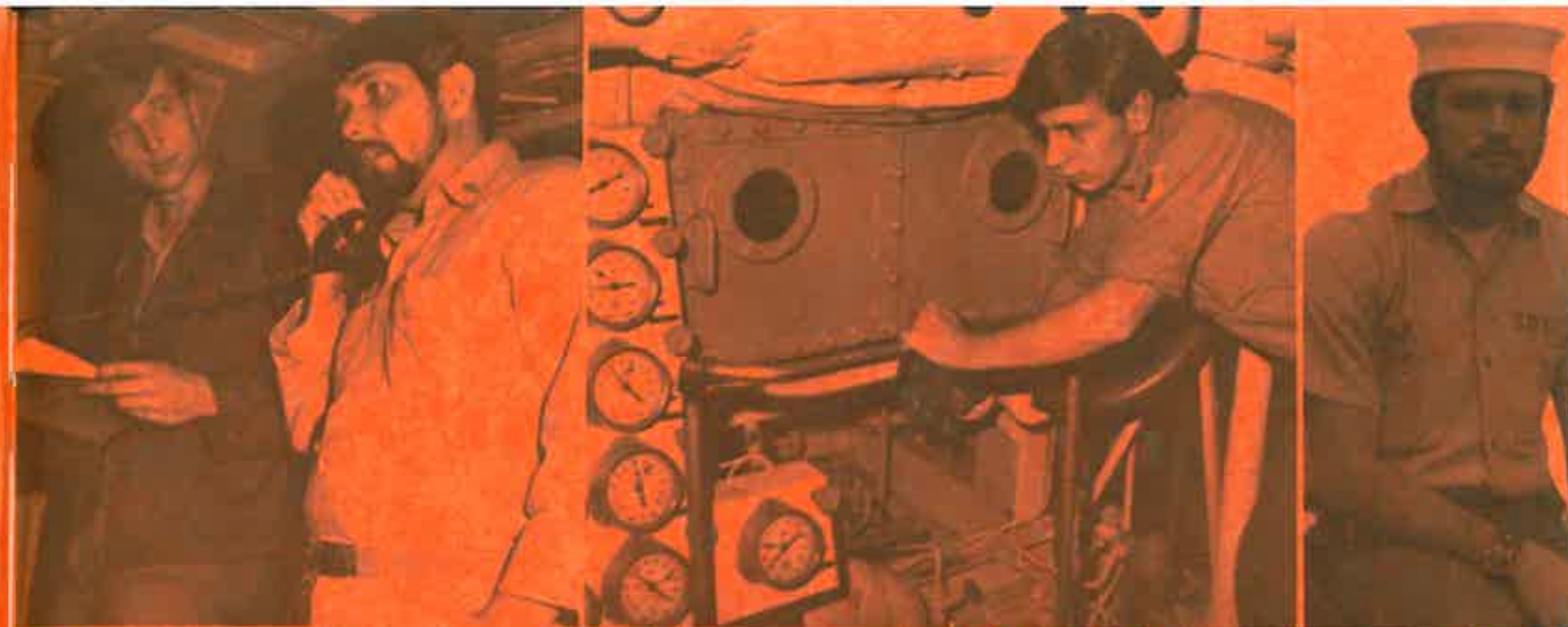


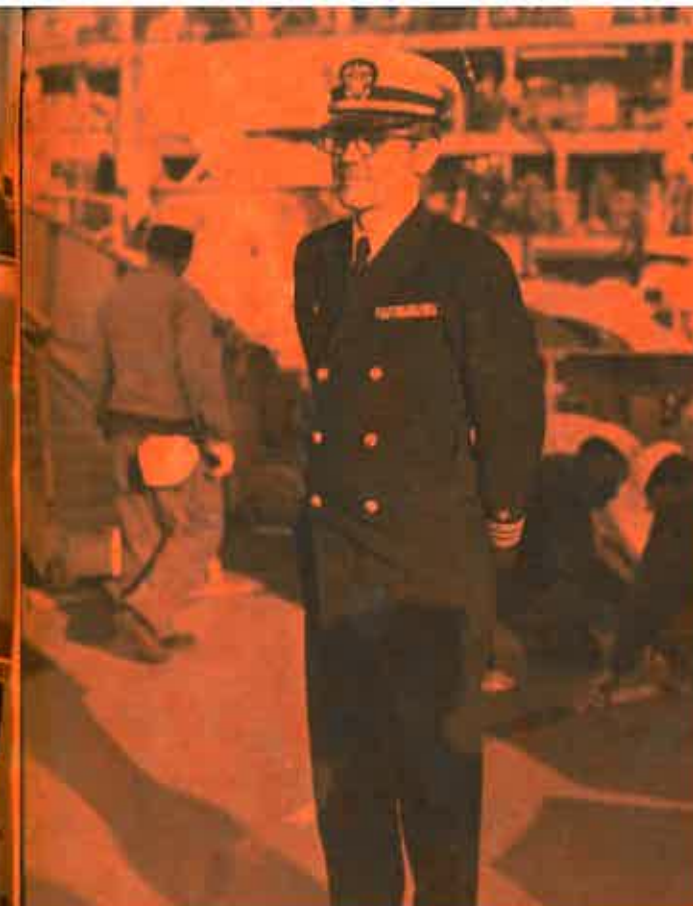
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EN3 T. Wagoner

HT3 R. Dawkins
HT3 R. Dean
HT3 T. Waitkus
ENEN J. Dawson, Jr.
HTEN D. McDermott



EN H. Oglesby
ENFA J. Dawson, Jr.
ENFA A. Iordanoy
ICFA T. Mason
EMFA R. Torrance





THE OLD MAN



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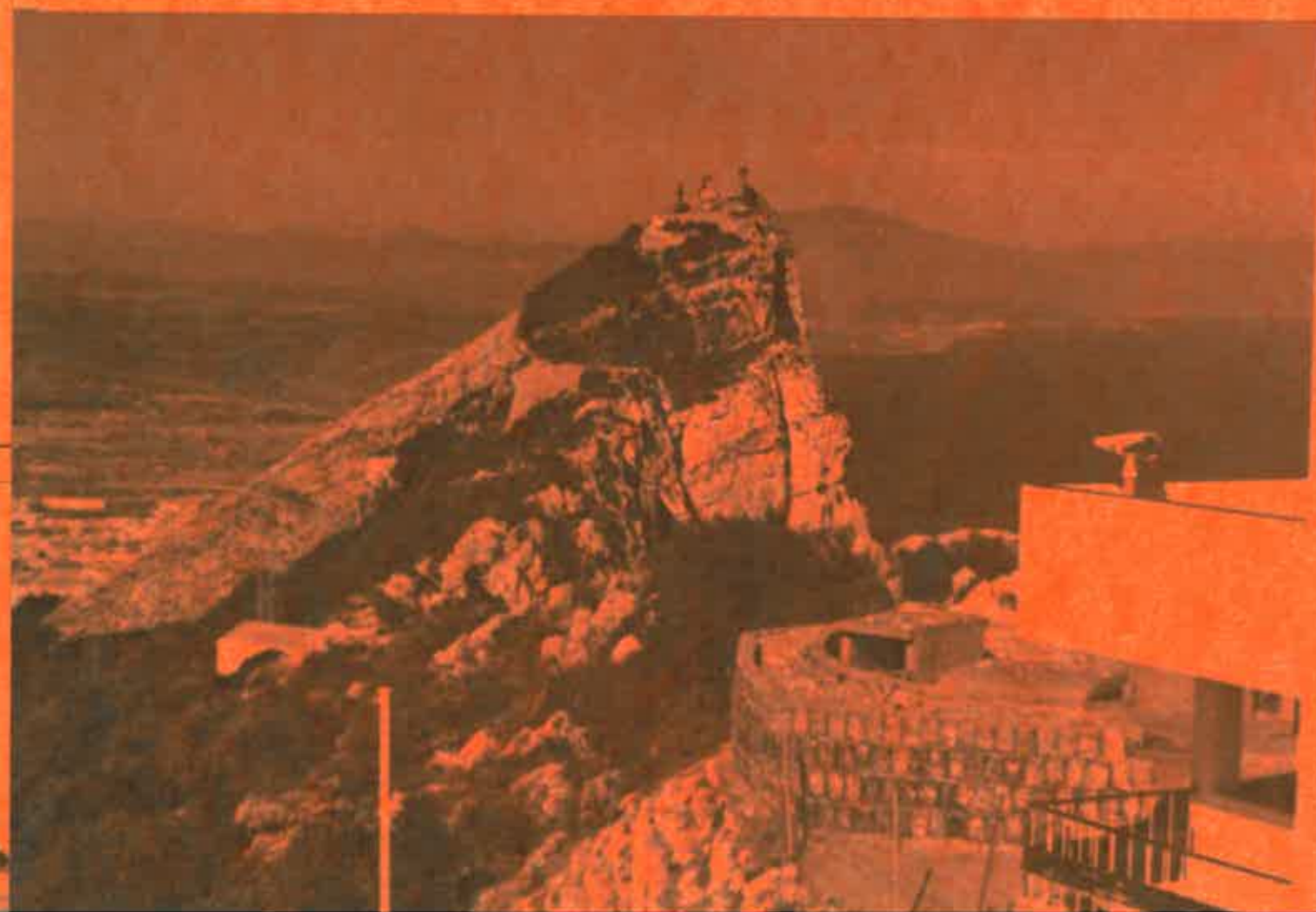
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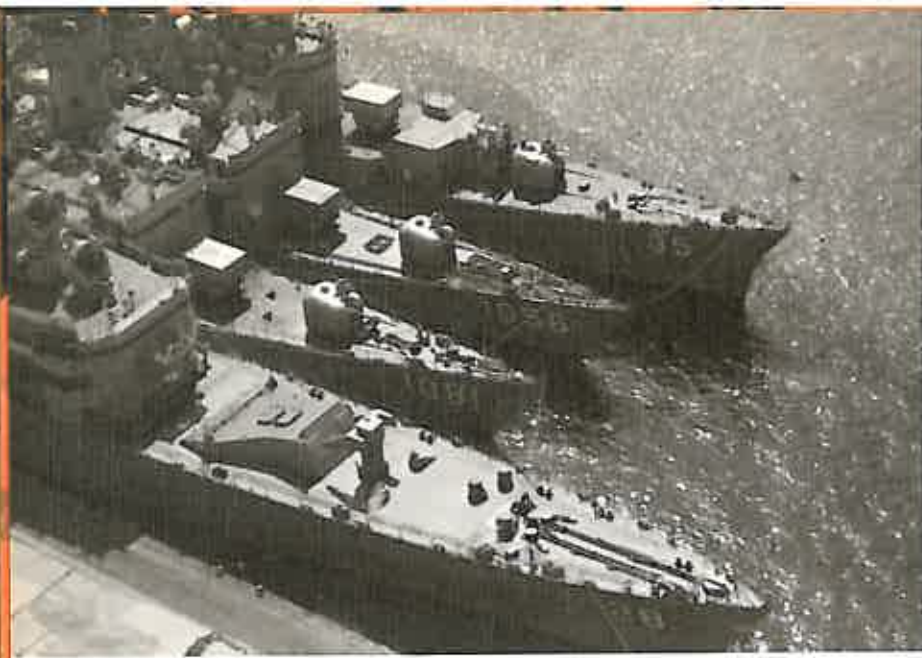
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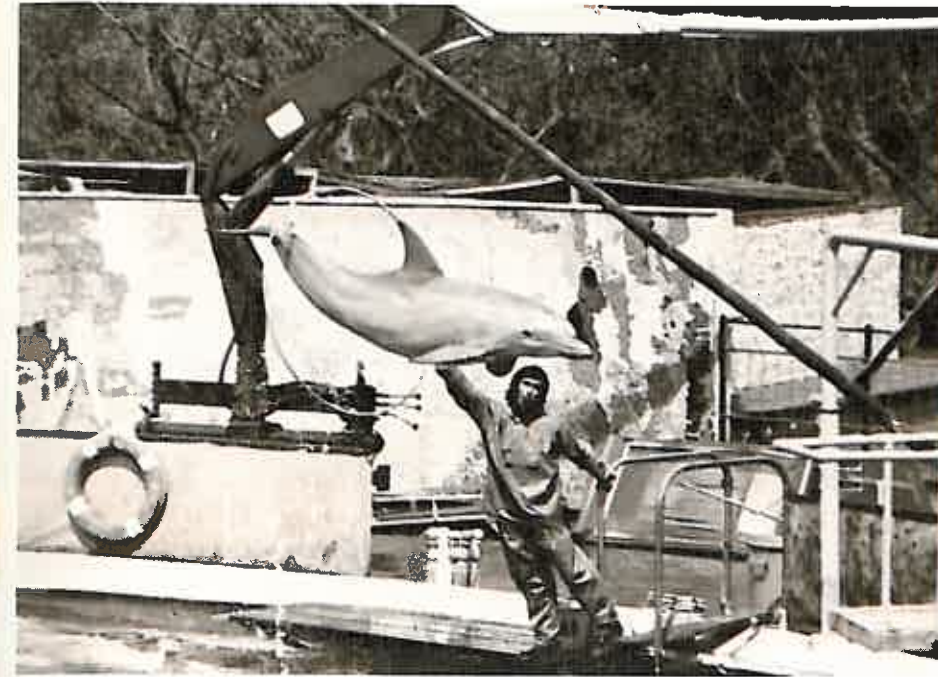
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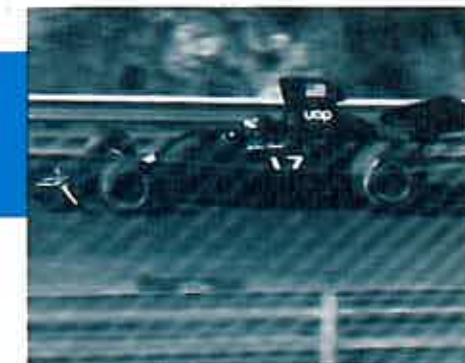


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