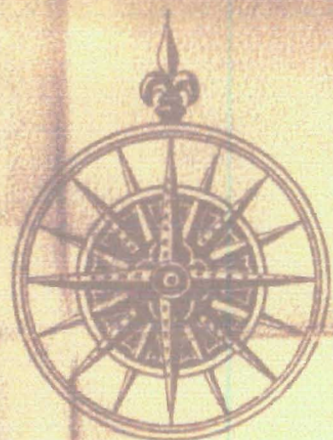


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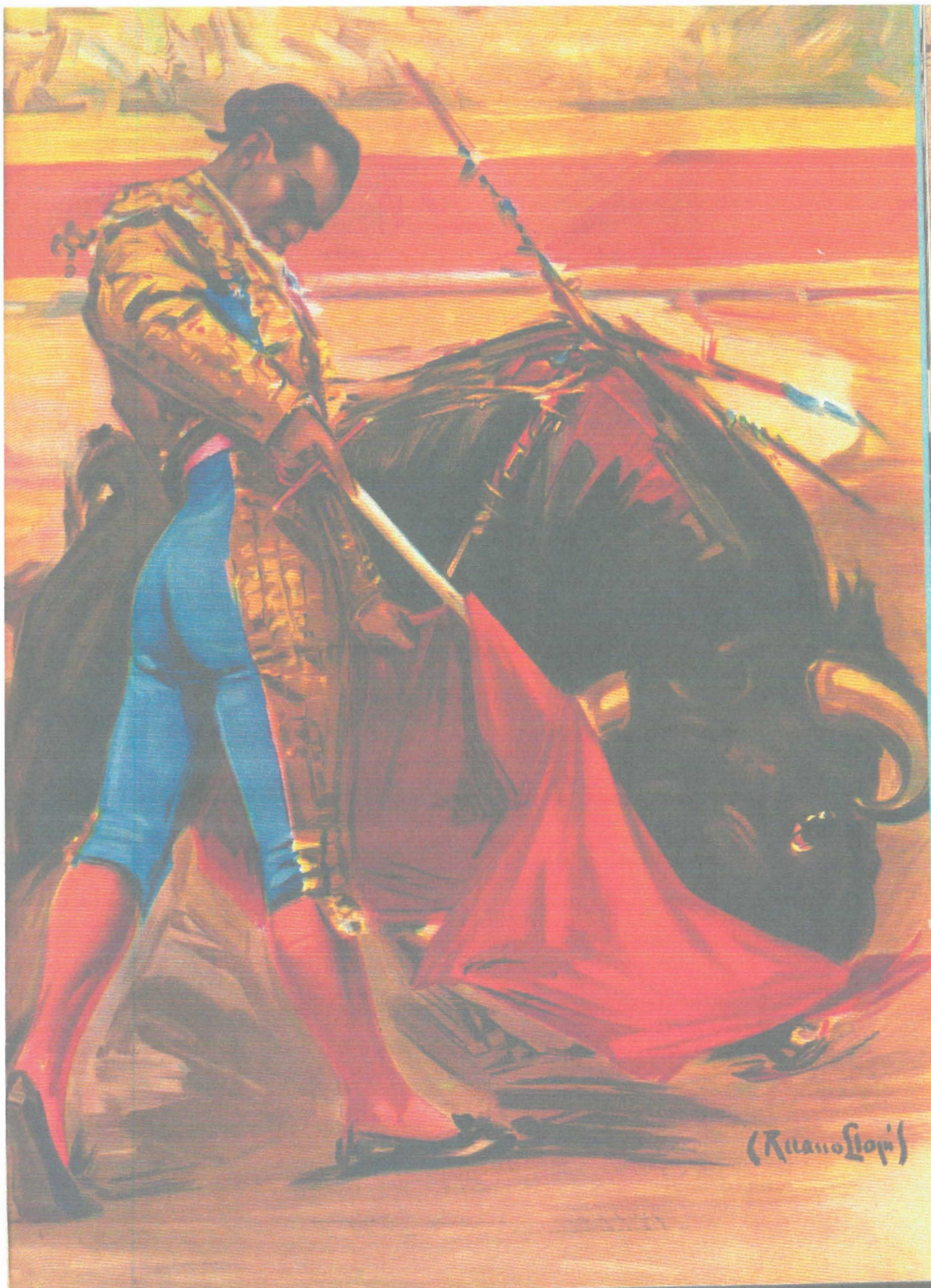
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SUDA BAY





U.S. NAVAL DISPATCH
 FROM: CTF 63
 TO: TF 63
 301615Z
 ROUTINE

TRANSFERS TODAY SMARTLY EXECUTED X WELL DONE TO ALL HANDS X NELSON BT...

U.S. NAVAL DISPATCH
 FROM: USS SALEM
 TO: USS ALTAIR
 COMNAVFORC/12THFLT
 090842
 ROUTINE

SALEM WILL MISS YOUR EXCELLENT SERVICE X GOODBY AND GOODLUCK
 BT...

U.S. NAVAL DISPATCH
 FROM: CTF 60
 TO: TF 63
 CTF 63/COMSIXTHFLT
 221606Z
 ROUTINE

YOUR SUPER MARKETS AND SERVICE STATIONS GIVE OUTSTANDING
 SERVICES EVEN WHEN SURPRISED X THANK YOU X BIERFELDT SENDS
 BT...

U.S. NAVAL DISPATCH
 FROM: USS TALBOT CTF
 TO: USS ALTAIR
 COMNAVFORC/2
 160718Z
 ROUTINE

SINCERELY APPRECIATE THE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THE
 SERVICE RENDERED THIS COMMAND BY YOUR EFFICIENT SUPPLY DEPT
 PERSONNEL BT...

U.S. NAVAL DISPATCH
 FROM: CTF 63
 TO: TF 63
 160718Z
 ROUTINE



U.S.S. ALTAIR

The ALTAIR is a Victory Hull ship, built by the Oregon Ship Building Corporation of Portland, Oregon as the S. S. ABERDEEN VICTORY for the War Shipping Administration. Her keel was laid 20 April 1944 and she was launched 30 May - 41 days later.

During World War II she earned a battle star at the assault and invasion of Okinawa. She continued in merchant service until June of 1948, when she was turned into the Reserve Fleet.

In mid-1951, the ABERDEEN VICTORY, was withdrawn from the Reserve Fleet and assigned to the Maryland Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Baltimore, Maryland, where, on 31 January 1952, she was commissioned as USS ALTAIR (AK 257).

The ALTAIR reported to Commander Service Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet for duty and served in the Atlantic, home port Norfolk, until the fall of 1953. During this time



(AKS-32)

she cruised with the SIXTH Fleet in the Mediterranean, earning the Navy Occupation Medal in Europe.

In late 1953, the ALTAIR again visited the Maryland Drydock Company, and was reconverted to carry general stores for issue. She was recommissioned on 15 December 1953, designated AKS-32.

Assigned to Commander Service Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, ALTAIR was deployed to the Mediterranean Sea as a unit of the Underway Replenishment Group of the SIXTH Fleet. In May of 1955, her home port was changed to Barcelona, Spain. She is now on permanent duty with the SIXTH Fleet.

Since assuming her present identity, the ALTAIR has achieved a truly remarkable reputation for immediate response to ever changing demand. She can always be relied upon for a job well done. It is to the ALTAIR, to her officers and men, that this cruise book is respectfully dedicated.

U. S. NAVAL DISPATCH

FROM COMSIXTHFLT

TO USS ALTAIR

SUBJECT CONSERVANT/CTF 66/CNO/CONSERVFOR/SIXTHFLT

311512Z

YOUR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE COM ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE COM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TASK FORCE WAS MOST GRATIFYING AND INDICATIVE OF A HAPPY NEW LOOK X RELATED SUBJECT X UNDERSTAND YOUR SPONSORSHIP DURING RECENT VISIT OF MR MILLER WAS ABLE ACCOMPLISHED AND WAS MOST PROFITABLE TO ALL CONCERNED X WELL DONE BT...

U. S. NAVAL DISPATCH
FROM COMSIXTHFLT
TO USS ALTAIR
SUBJECT CONSERVANT/CTF 66/CNO/CONSERVFOR/SIXTHFLT
311512Z
PLAIN
ROUTINE

REPLN TODAY WAS VERY WELL CONDUCTED X OBVIOUSLY YOU DIDN'T GET RUSTY OVER THE HOLIDAYS X NELSON BT...

U. S. NAVAL DISPATCH
FROM COMSIXTHFLT
TO USS ALTAIR/ISS AMPHIB
SUBJECT CONSERVANT/CTF 66/CNO/CONSERVFOR/SIXTHFLT
061801Z
PLAIN
DEFERRED

LAST MANUEVER WAS SMARTLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY EXECUTED X WELL DONE BT...

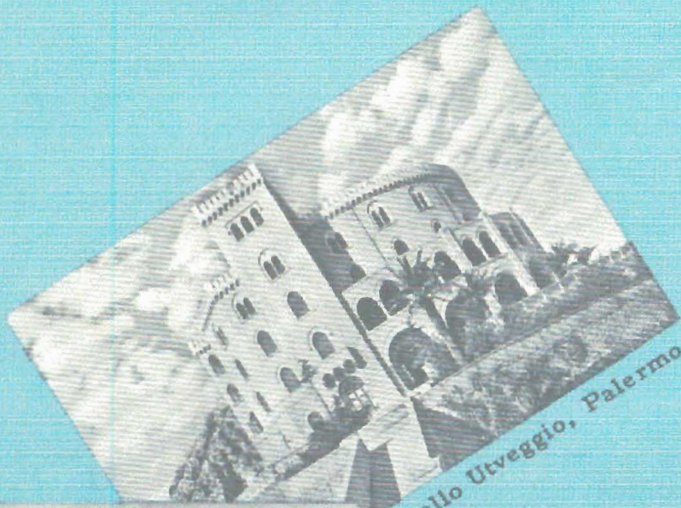
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FROM COMSIXTHFLT
TO USS RIGEL/ISS ALTAIR
SUBJECT CONSERVANT/CTF 66/CNO/CONSERVFOR/SIXTHFLT
221615Z
PLAIN
ROUTINE/DEFERRED

RECD BY FL/W
06 SEPT 57
051804Z

YOUR SPLENDID RESPONSE TO CHANGING AND TAKING SITUATIONS TODAY WAS MOST HEARTWARMING X MY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH AND TO YOUR HARD WORKING CREWS X WELL DONE BT...

U. S. NAVAL DISPATCH
FROM COMSIXTHFLT
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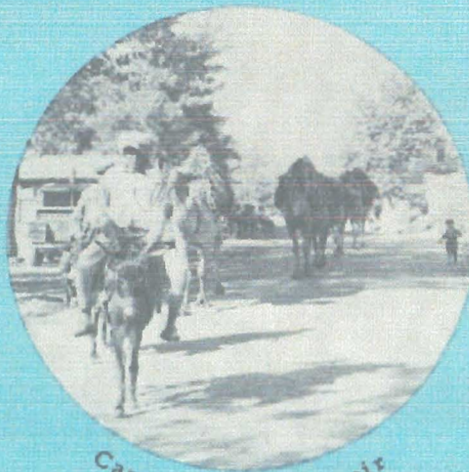
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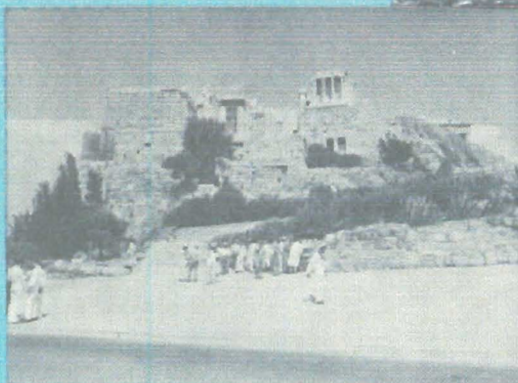
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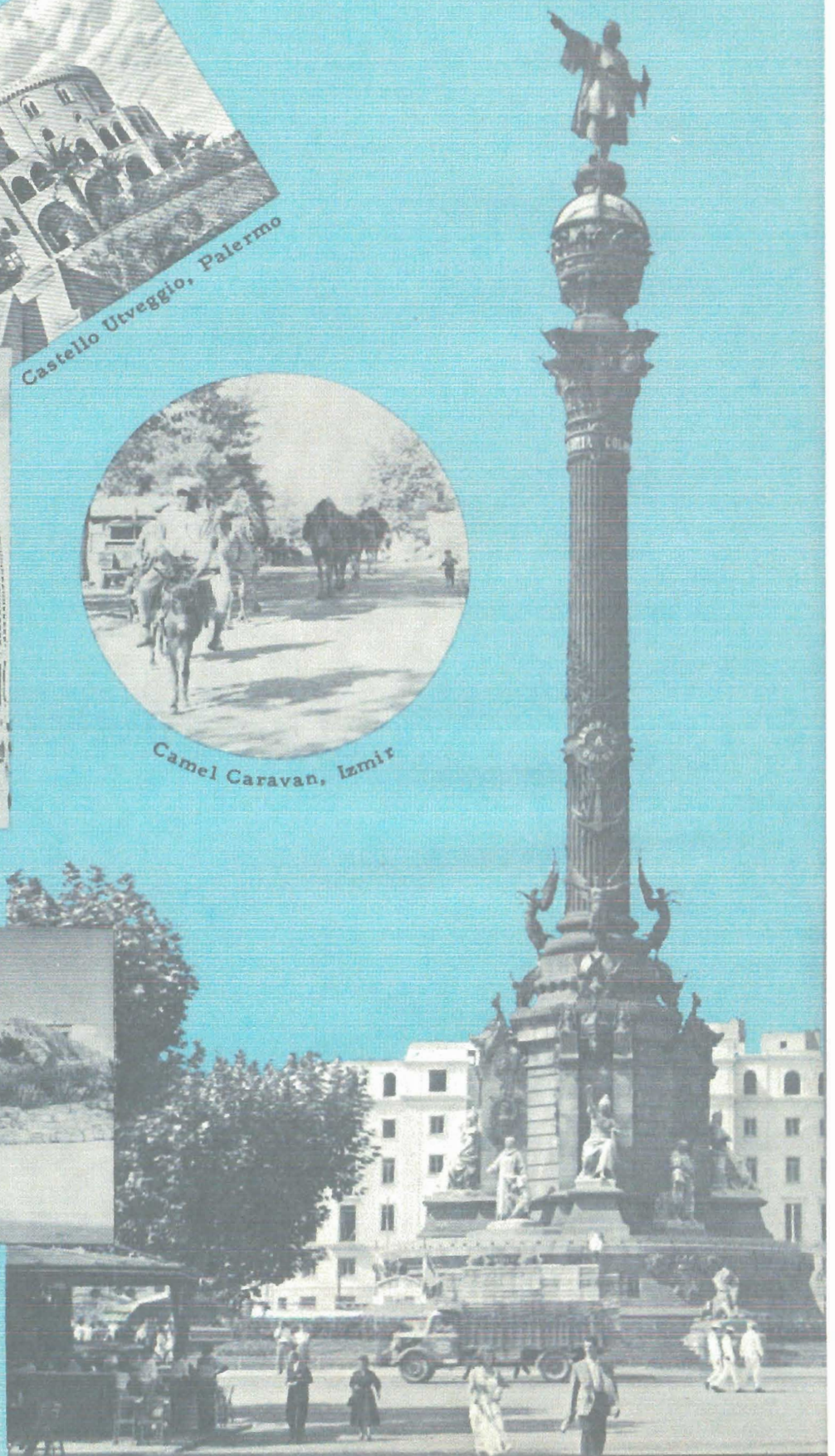
Sagrada Família,
Barcelona

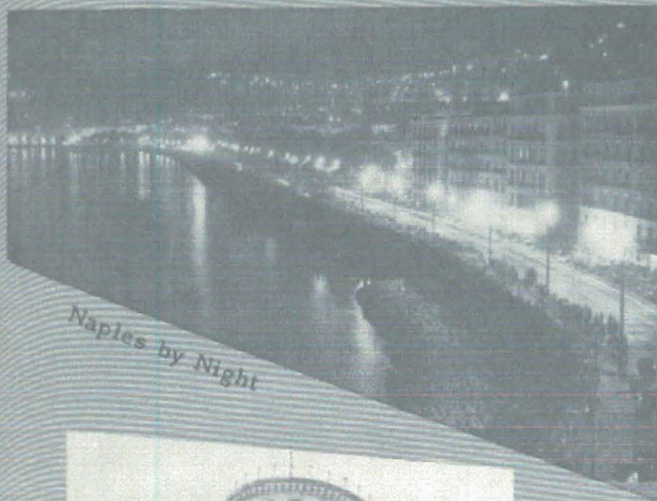


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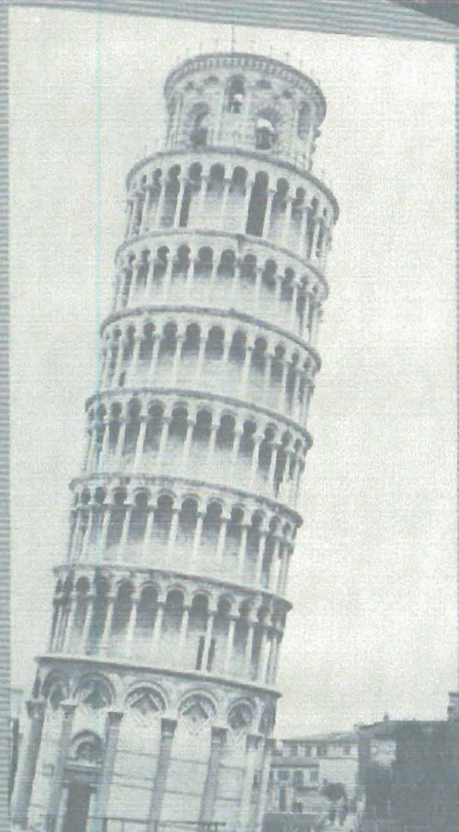


Acropolis, Athens

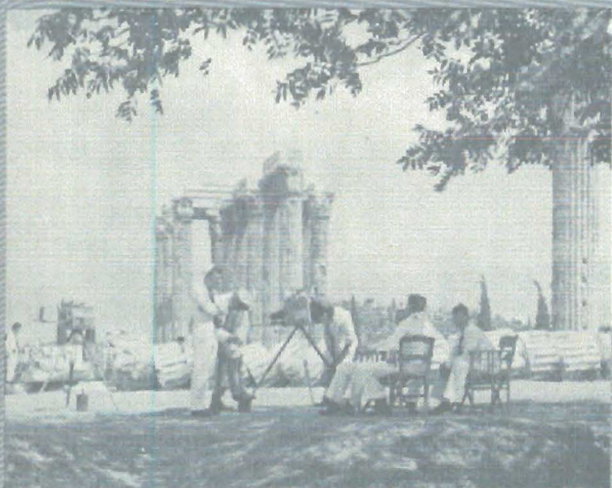




Naples by Night

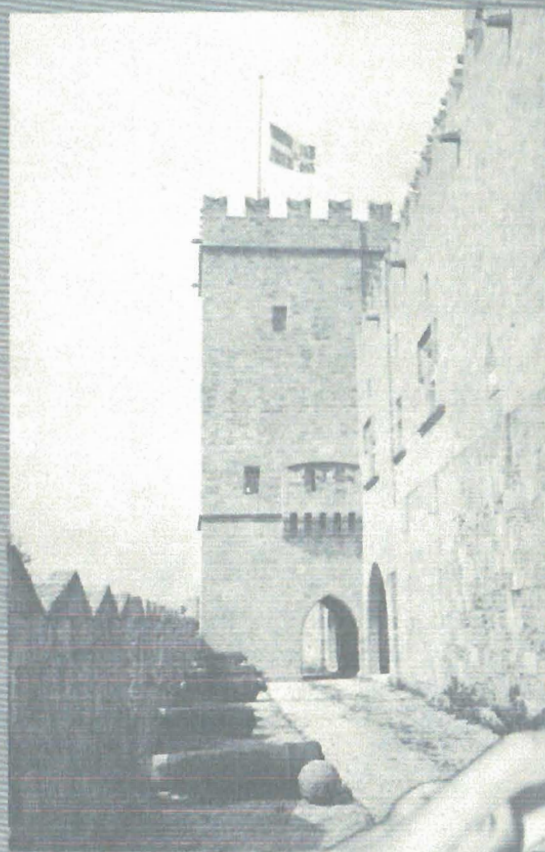


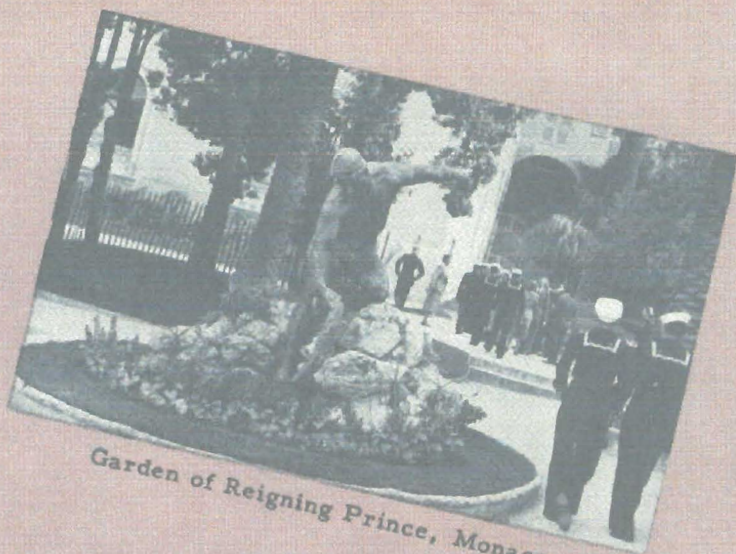
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Temple of Jupiter, Athens

Grand Knight's Castle, Rhodes



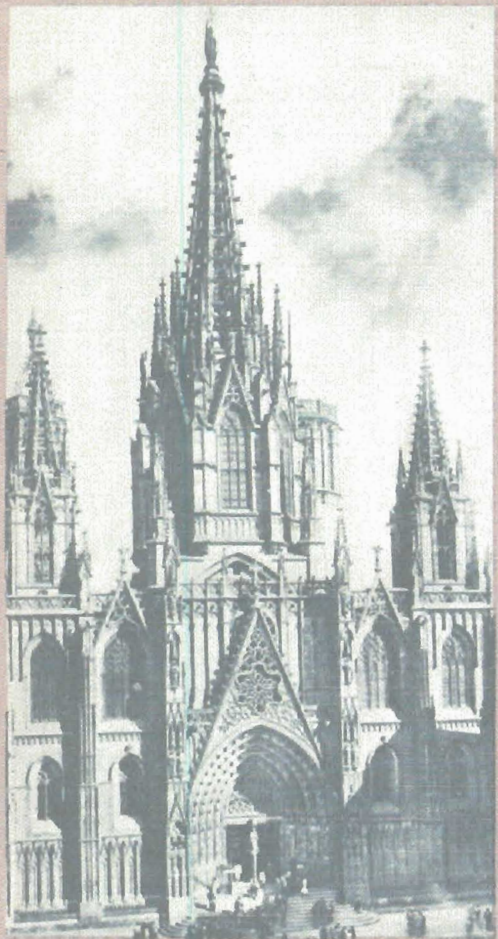


Garden of Reigning Prince, Monaco

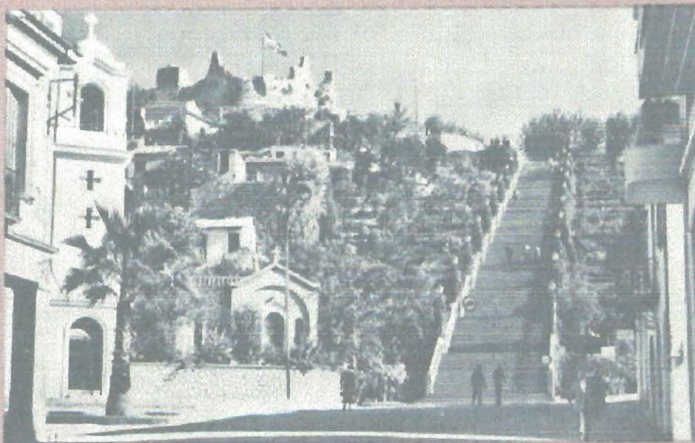


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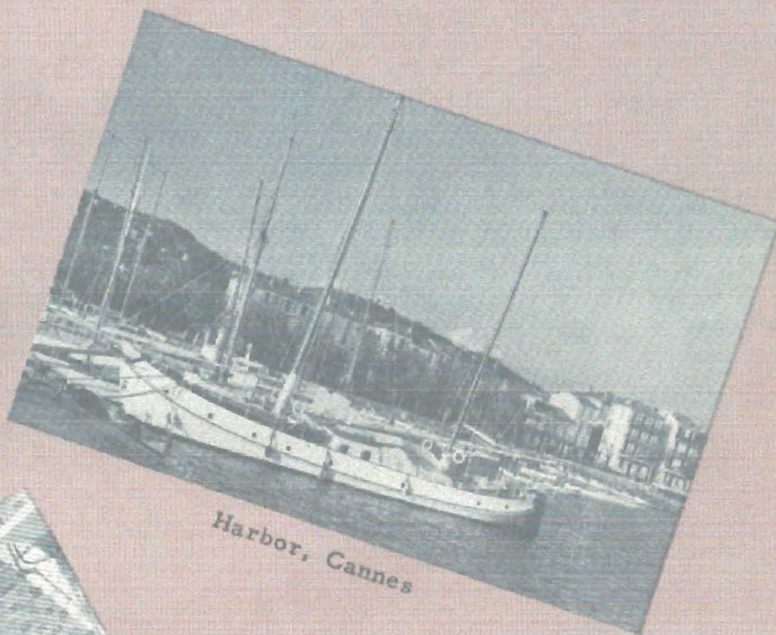




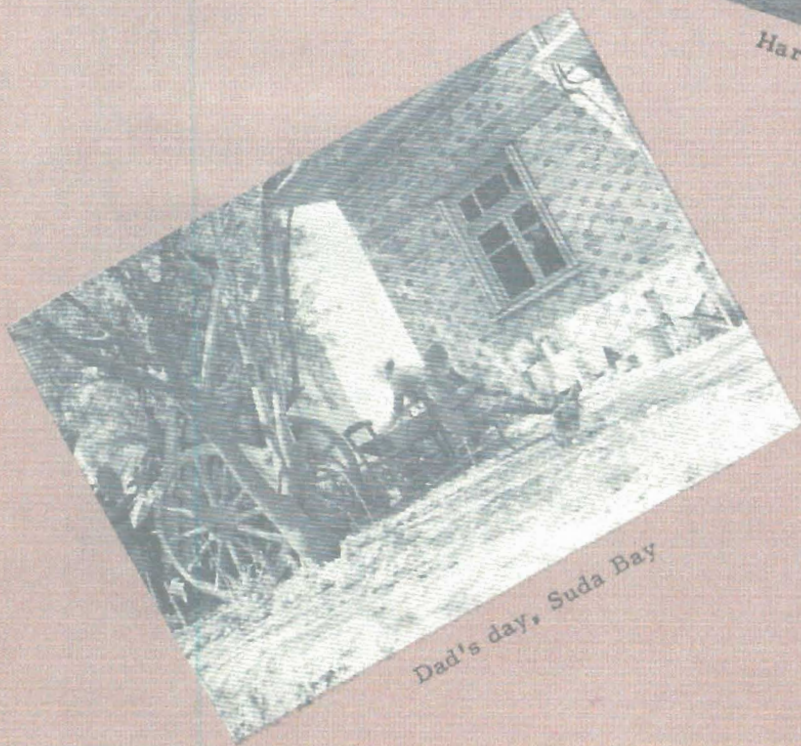
Cathedral of St. James, Barcelona



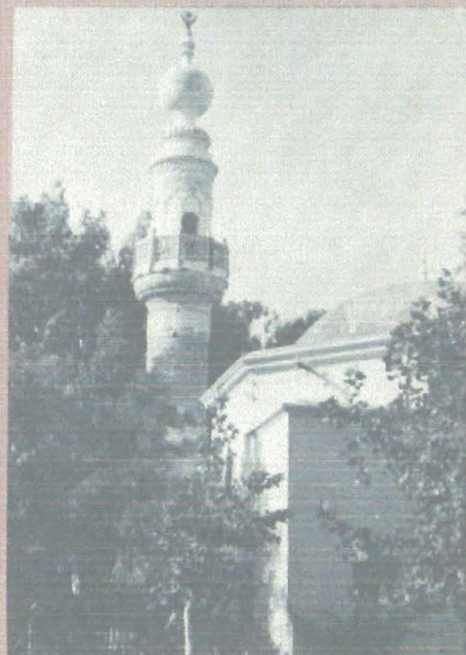
The Scalariformstrasse, Patras



Harbor, Cannes



Dad's day, Suda Bay



Mosque, Rhodes

U. S. S. ALTAIR (AKS-32)
Care of Fleet Post Office
New York, New York

From: Commanding Officer
To: All Hands

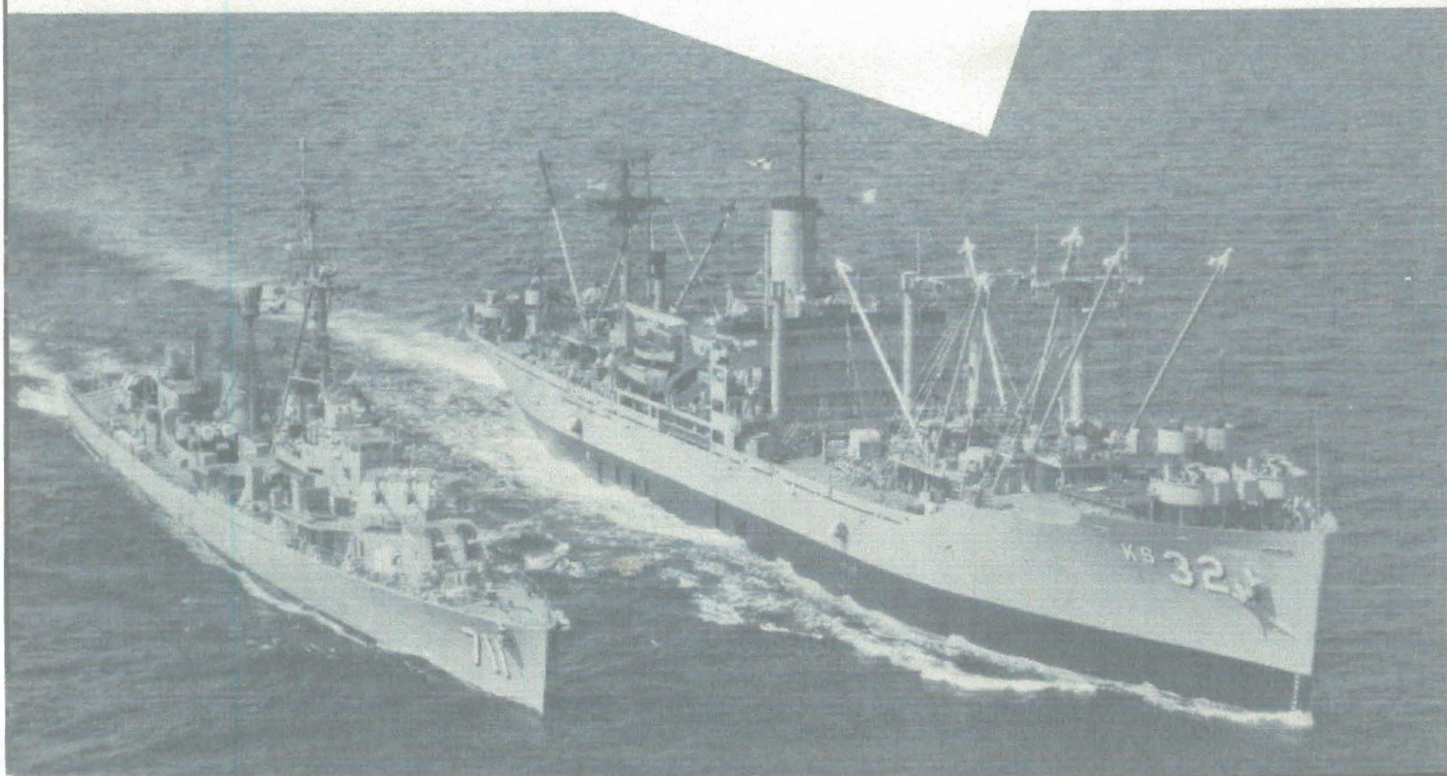
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AKS 32: DGF:cc
24 February 1958

The tour of the ALTAIR with the SIXTH Fleet for the past two years is one which all of us can recall with great satisfaction. The unique pleasure of being homeported overseas has given each of us a real adventure in developing lasting acquaintances among our Spanish friends and the promotion of international goodwill.

During our tour international tensions were high enough to cause disruption to our normal operating schedule and to cause us to be away from Barcelona for extended periods. However I am confident that the role of the ALTAIR contributed materially to the strength of the Fleet and the lessening of tension in the Middle East.

In the coming months many of us will leave our ship, whether for other duty or to return to civilian life. Regardless of where we go or what we do in the future, all of us can look back with pride to our service aboard the ALTAIR, and in particular to our contribution to the maintenance of peace in a most critical period.

E. S. Powell, Jr.
E. S. POWELL, JR.



Commanding Officer

Edgar S. Powell, Jr.
CAPTAIN, USN

A graduate of the Naval Academy, Class of 1934, Captain POWELL has enjoyed a varied and distinguished naval career. Prior to World War II Capt. POWELL served aboard the USS MARYLAND and the USS AUGUSTA, the latter on tour on the China Station for two and one half years. At the outset of WWII he was aboard the destroyer USS HUGHES. The HUGHES participated in the North Atlantic patrol before sailing to join the battle in the Pacific. Later he took command of the USS BALDWIN (DD 624) which operated in the Atlantic and took part in the invasion of Normandy.

In the fall of 1949 Capt. POWELL attended the Armed Forces Staff College. In June of 1951 he received a Masters degree in public administration from Ohio State University. Returning to sea duty he assumed command of Destroyer Division 162. The next tour found Capt. POWELL in the Bureau of Naval Personnel as head of the Enlisted Distribution Branch. It was under his guidance that the SEAVEY-SHORVEY system was developed.

Capt. POWELL holds the Silver Star Medal and French Croix de Guerre with silver star for combat action during the Normandy Invasion. He also holds numerous other campaign ribbons with engagement stars for service throughout World War II.

Captain POWELL assumed command of the USS ALTAIR (AKS 32) on 6 July 1957.



Cdr. Benjamin F. Bailey, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER
March 1955 - July 1956



Capt. W. C. Hughes
COMMANDING OFFICER
July 1956 - June 1957

Executive Officer

Stoddard Page Hancock
COMMANDER, USNR

Commander Hancock, a native of Brooklyn, New York, graduated from the University of North Carolina (AB in Journalism) in 1938. After stints with the New York Worlds Fair and as a junior engineer in Pittsburgh, he enlisted in the Navy V-5 program in July 1941. After a short period of elimination flight training, he was transferred to the V-7 OCS and was recalled to active duty in January 1942.

Commissioned an Ensign in May 1942, Commander Hancock served 18 months as boat captain of PT 74 operating in the Aleutian chain. He then took command of the LCI (X) 787, a light freight carrier for 18 months in the Pacific. He also saw duty as Staff operations officer and first Lieutenant of the DD788 for a brief period before being released to inactive duty in December 1946.

In October 1950, Commander Hancock was recalled to active duty and assigned to Operations Department in the Office of Chief of Naval Operations. From there he went as assistant Plans and Operations Officer at CSCN/CHSA (now Naval Activities Naples, Italy) for two years, after which he was assigned to ALTAIR.

Commander Hancock holds the American Defense Medal, American and Pacific Theater Medals, Philippine Occupation Medal, WWII Medal, Naval Reserve Medal (10 Years) and the National Defense Medal.



Lt. Willis L. Scoggins
ADMINISTRATIVE ASST.



Richard W. Leighton
COMMANDER (SC) USN
SUPPLY OFFICER



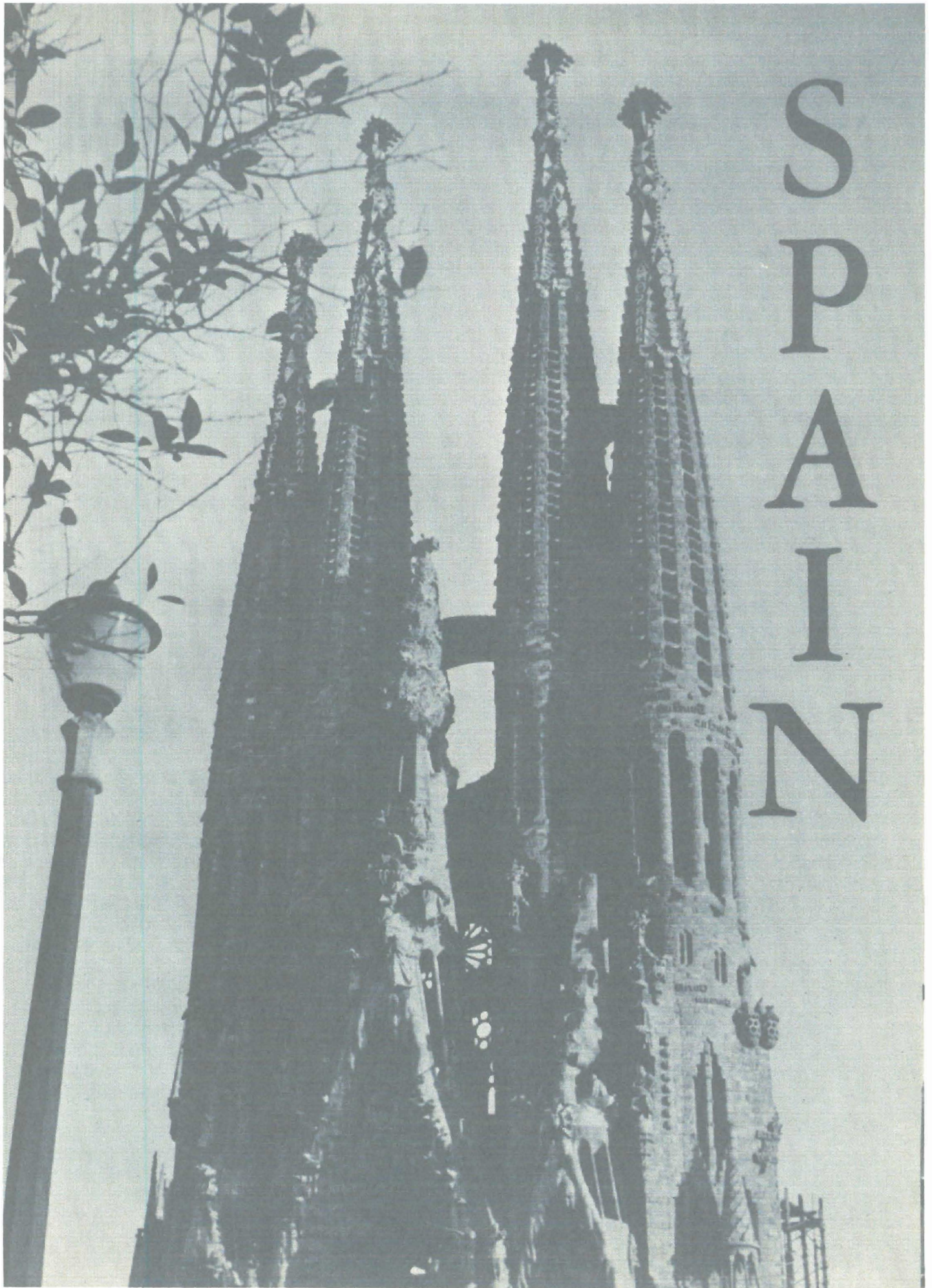
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ENGINEERING OFFICER

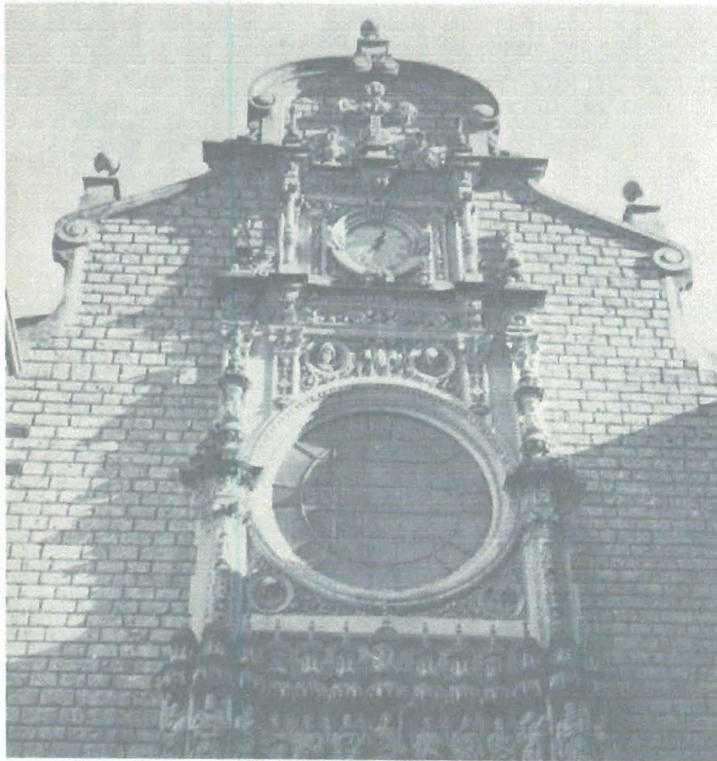
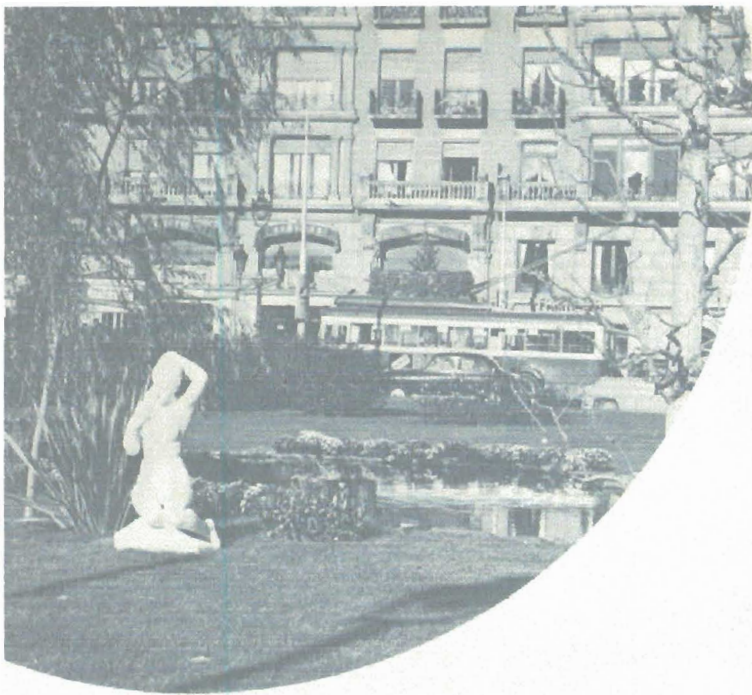
Lt. John Baranski
OPERATIONS OFFICER

Lt. JG Herbert T. Smith
DECK and GUNNERY OFFICER



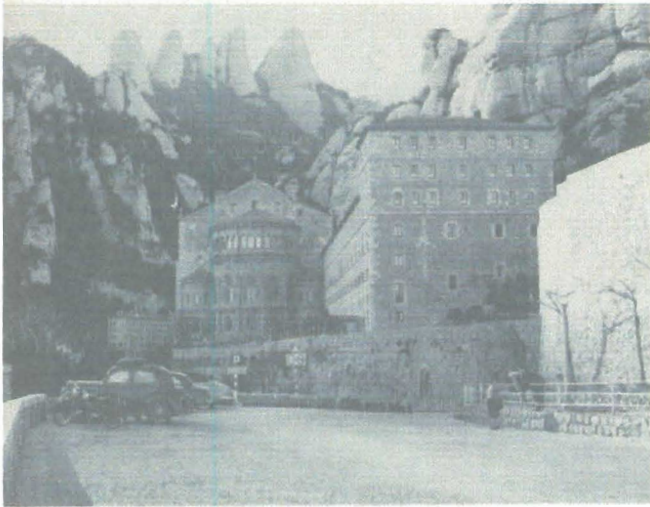
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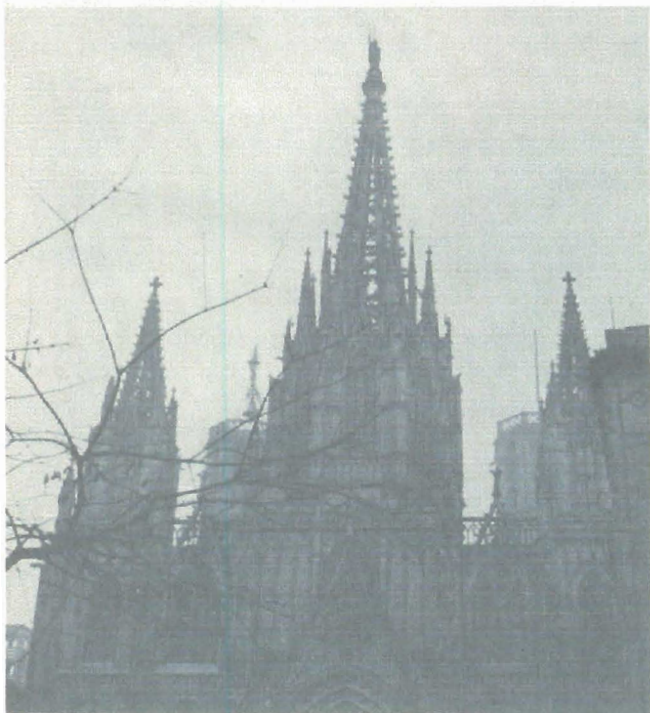
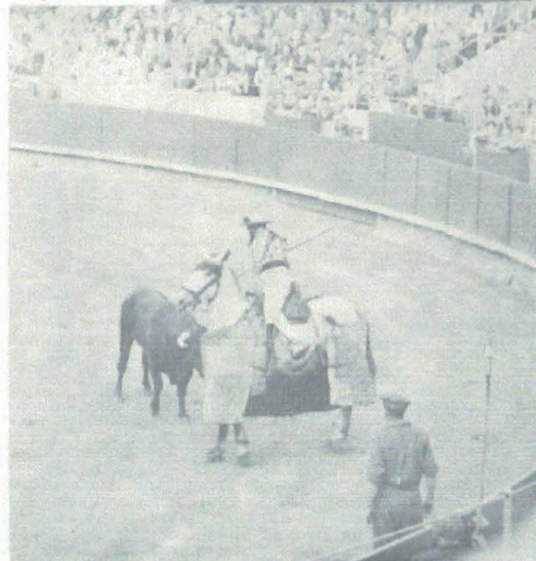


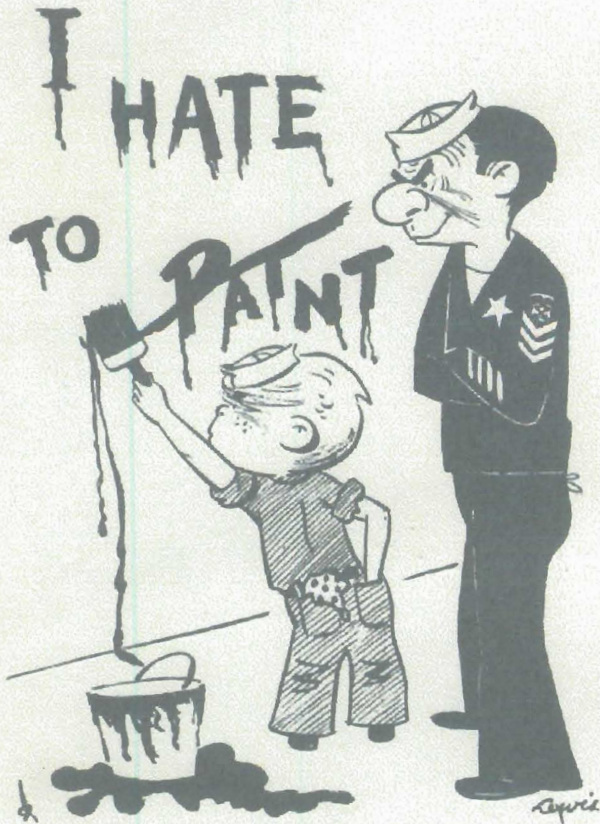
BARCELONA





Our home port, the commercial center of Spain. Situated 100 miles from the Pyrenees, in a beautiful green valley which lies between two great mountain ranges. Here is found that rare combination of beautiful women, fine wine, and a warm hospitality, which blend together to make her our European paradise.....





DECK



Herbert T. Smith
LT JG



Wakefield Walker
CWO



William Lindner
BMC



Lawrence Duke
BM1



Joseph Martin
BM1



O. Ridle
BM1



R. E. Sullivan
FT1



Robert Anders
BM2

Not Pictured

William Ferris
SN

Harry Kelley
SN

Raymond Provost
SN

William Greer
SN

Nickolas Kondich
SN

Weldon Russell
BM2

Phillip Ivy
FT3

Robert Oatzes
SN

Jan Taylor
SN

Richard Jager
SN

Robert Paletta
SN

Roma Young
SN



Charles Swett
BM2



Alvie McKamie
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Eugene Stevens
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Henry Deptula
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Robert Boyle
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Raymond Peterson
GM3

Robert Payton
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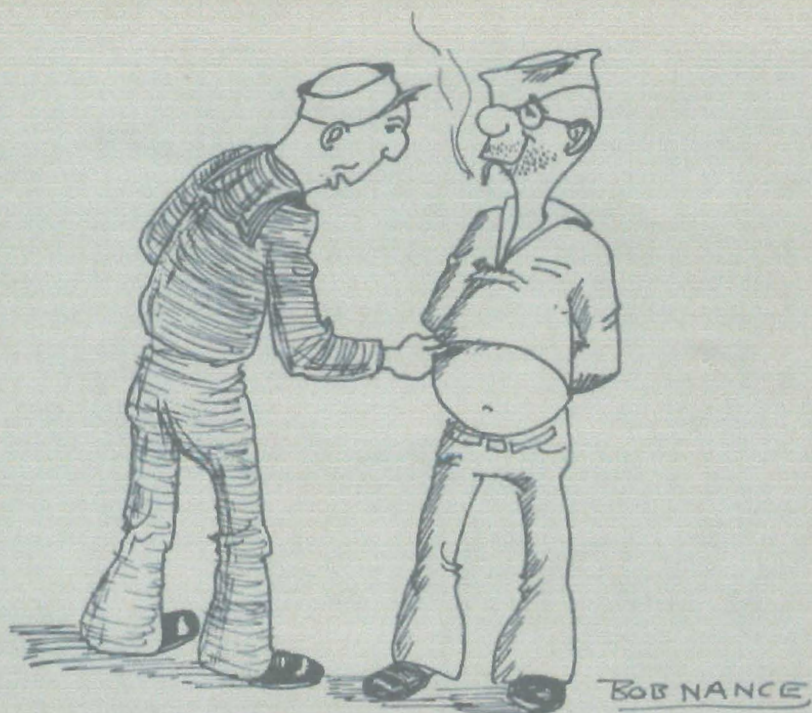
Newman Dodd
SN

Donald Brantner
SN



Richard Burrige
SN

Edward Sherris
SN



"Hunert percent cashmere? Man, 'at's okay, Oz"



Santos Garcia, Jr.
SN

Charles Tully
SN

Nelson Soto
SN



Thomas Fortney
SA



John Smith
SN



John Dubuque
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James Morrison
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Harry Buffington
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Joseph Davis
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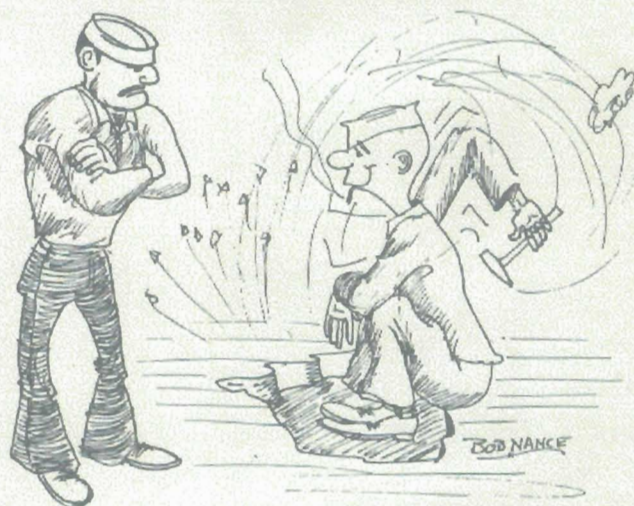
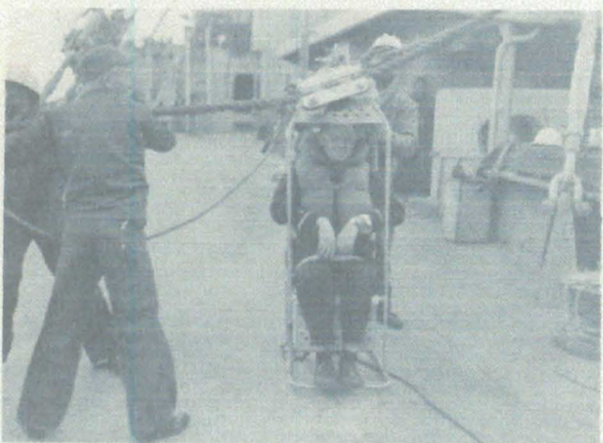
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Jerry Cavaliere
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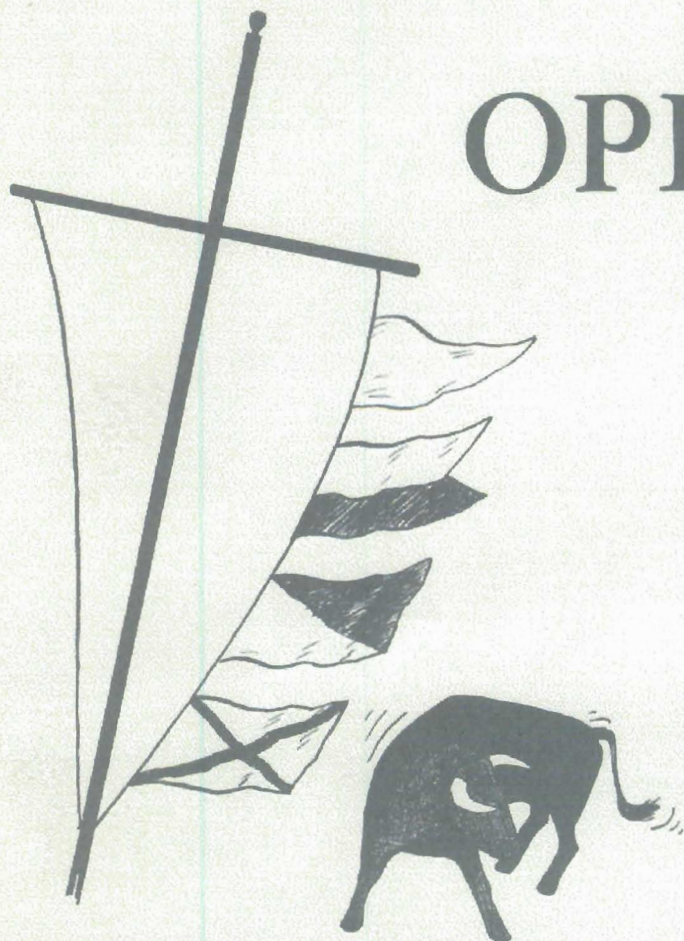
Robert Park
SA



"OSWALD! How many times have
you been told not to concentrate in
one spot???"



OPERATIONS



John Baranski
LT USNR



Howard Brown
ENS USNR



John Woodson
ENS USNR



Lloyd Held, Jr.
ET2



James Martin
RD3



Karl Peters
RD3



Wilbur Gardner
RD3



Barry Guyan
RD3



Ronald Kalbfleisch
SN



Brooke Rohrbaugh
QMC



Harry Hull
QM2



Edward Randell
QM3



Harvard Winters
SM3



Richard Kernen
SN



James Deck
SN



Richard Yurchis
SN



Ernest Smith
SN



Frank Tinuzzo
YN1



Robert Platt
YN3



Joseph Pierro
YN3



Carlos Chavez
PNSN



Robert Deptula
SN



Warren Maurice
SN



Paul Collins
SN

Not Pictured

Guyan Barry
RD3

Thomas Mislán
YNC

Edward Wilbur
QM3

James Freiburger
SA



James Rigsby
RDC



Leon Dean
RD2



Joseph Kozak
RD2



Ray Pfrogner
ET2



Bert Astleford
RD2



James Buscher
SN



George Spaits
SN



James Hollimon
SN



David Fyfe
SN



Don Smith
SN



ENGINEERS



M. S. Young
LT, USNR



Eugene Haskew
ENS USNR



Ira H. Hood
CHMACH



Frank Nelson
EMC



Paul D. Welker
EM2



Ronald Rozyczka
EM3



Larry Miller
EM3



Michael Grisham
EM3



Jerry Clemans
IC3



Lyle Sharpe
FN



James Lucas
FN



Andrew Jones
FN



Edward Traasdahl
MMC



David Poland
MM1



Richard Stader
MM2



Clifton Hoke
MM2



Ophless Whitehead
MM3



Robert Heidt
MM3



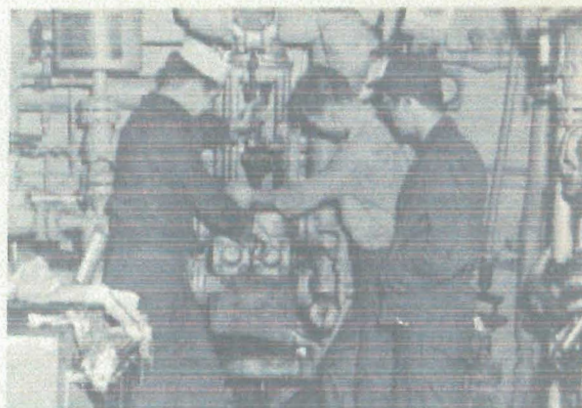
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MM3



Dana Dunnick
MM3



Kenneth VanLoo
MM3



Edward Naclerio
MMFN



Lee Bradley
MMFN



Charles Becker
MMFN



James Anderson
FN



James Shimp
FN



William Horodeski
FN



James Turney
DC1

Gerald Normand
ME1

Wellington Holmes
ME3

Frederick Cook
DC3



LeRoy Fry
FN

Elwood Hauke
FN

Paul Wheeler
FN

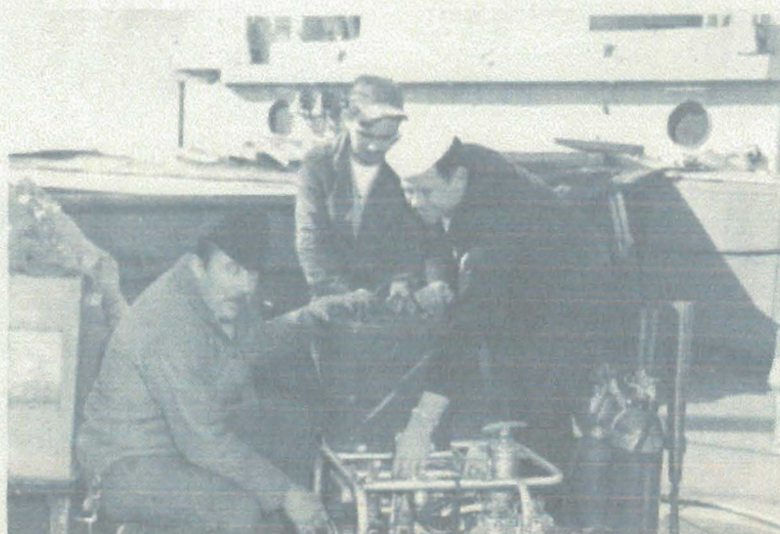


James McGarrity
FN

Edward Schultz
FN



David Woodall
FN





William Carnahan
BTC



Virgil Little
BT2



David Leopard
BT2



Clifton Lee
BT3



Jack Schofer
BT3



Lionel LaCasse
BT3



Robert McDonald
FN



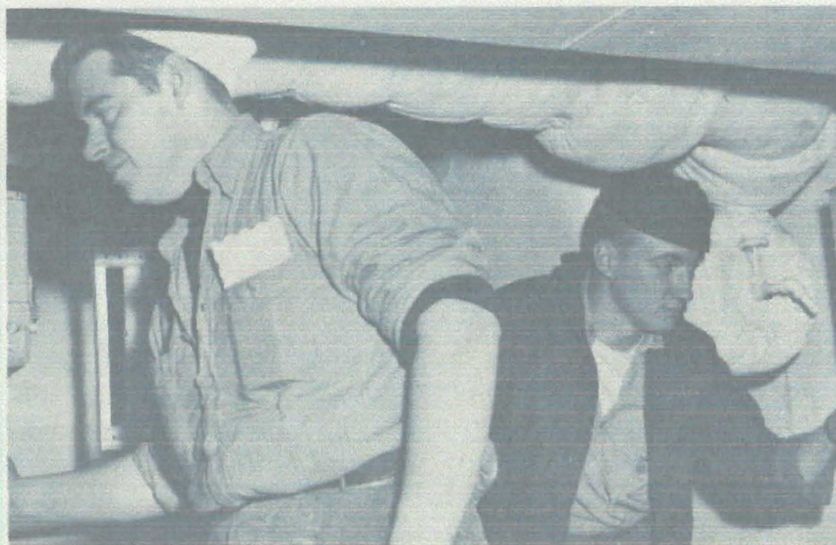
Dorvis Richburg
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Stanley Waggone
FN



Robert Haslip
FN





Richard Conrad
EN3

Frank Lepisko
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Ronald Gadberry
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FN

Gene Lockwood
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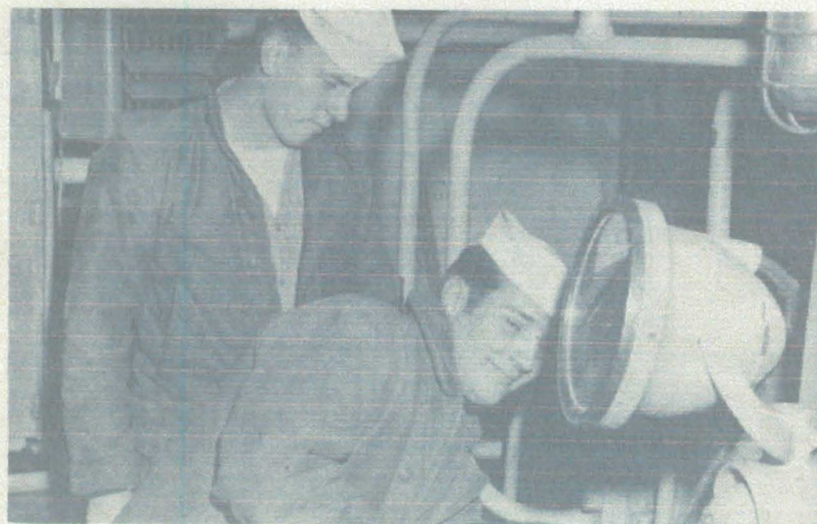
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Danny Rozzelle
FN

Joseph Gordin
FA



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William Adams
EM1

William B. Knowles
MM1

Richard M. Barbour
BT3

Leonard F. Logan
BT3

William R. Barlow, Jr.
BT1

Vaughn A. McBride
YN3

R. B. Bilbrey
MM3

George T. Mileski
EMFN

Jerry L. Carlson
FN

Harold D. Pierce
FN

David L. Hahn
FN

Paul B. Robbins
MM3

James A. Harkcom
MM3

Marvin Roberson
BTFN

Morris R. Keiser
EN1

Jerome B. Thompson
EM3

W. J. Volz
FN

John B. Wood
ICFN

Clarence R. Woodall
FPFN

SUPPLY



Those *!?!* "Brown Baggers"!



Richard W. Leighton
CDR (SC) USN



Vernon D. Thomason
LT (SC) USN



Donald G. Farra
LTJG (SC) USNR



Jaques L. Wiener, Jr.
LTJG (SC) USNR



Victor Colvard
CHSUPCLK USN



Raymond E. Glatz
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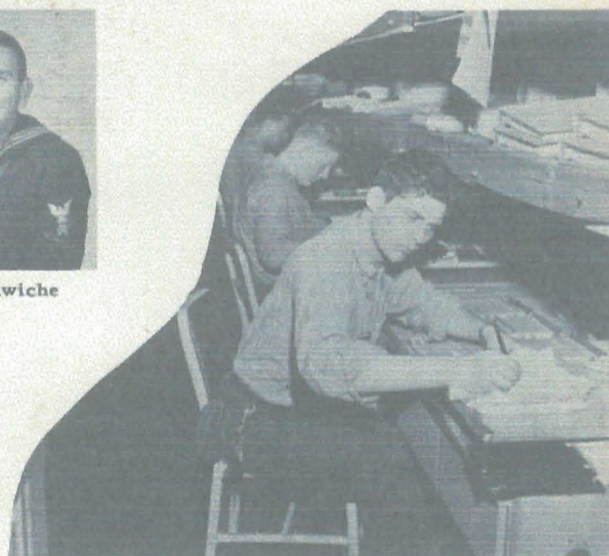
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Benjamin Courtney SK3 Arnold Larsen SK3 Paul Demchar III SKSN





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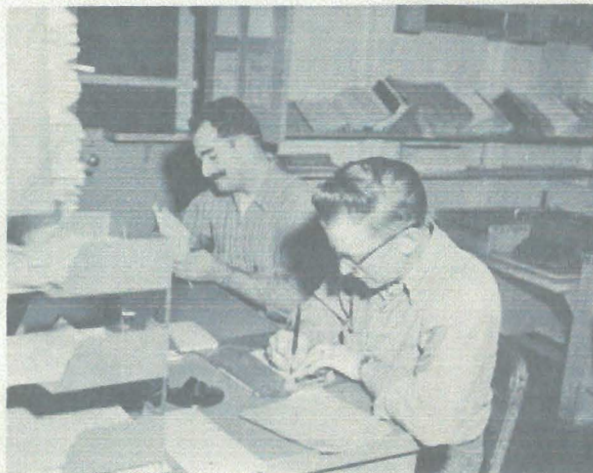
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Don Foppe
SK3



Frank McCrystal
SK3



George Thomas
SK3



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Francis Zielinski
SK3



Billy Jordan
SK3



Charles Reed
SK3



Derl Maurer
SK3



Jose Chaco
SK3





Juan Cruz
SDC



Henry McNair
SDI



Freddie Pasag
SD3



Zosimo Javier
SD3



Isidro Acenas
SD3



Bobby Fife
SN



Eddy Shears
SH3



Tunstall McCrory
SN



William Beavers
SN



Ralph Hardy
SKSN



David Rachel
SN



Wilfred Bousquet
SN



Orell Mitchell
SK3



Donald Moyer, Jr.
SK3



Benito Fernandez
SK3



Dennis Sanborn
SA



Richard Schmidt
SK3

Marvin Cunningham
CS1

Frank Cardinal
CS1

Harry Constein
SK2

Jack Wright
CS3



Russell Gott
CSSN

Joseph Appel
SN

James Welsh
SN

Harold Deskins
SN



Not Pictured

Joe Maddalena
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Dewey D. McCarty
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Eugene N. duTreil
SK1

Leroy Pratt, Jr.
SK3

George R. Foster
CS3

Wagner L. Pucay
TN

Marion L. Hendrick
SKC

Robert M. Ramsey
SK2

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BM2

MEDICAL



Jacob Diehm
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Lloyd Wilson
HM1

Arthur Mallinson
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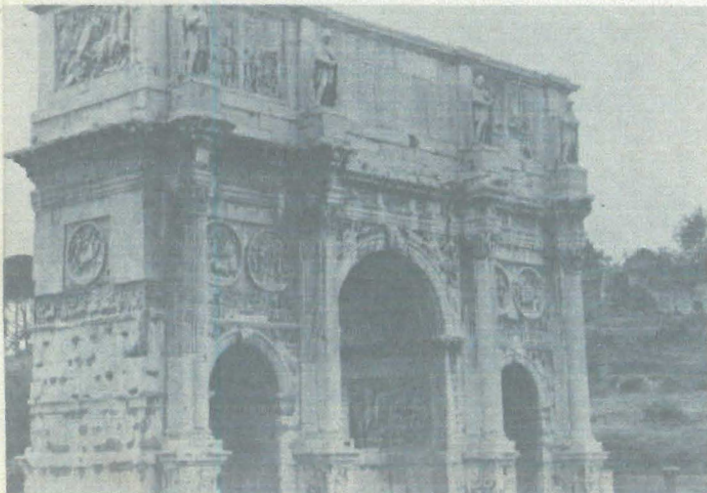
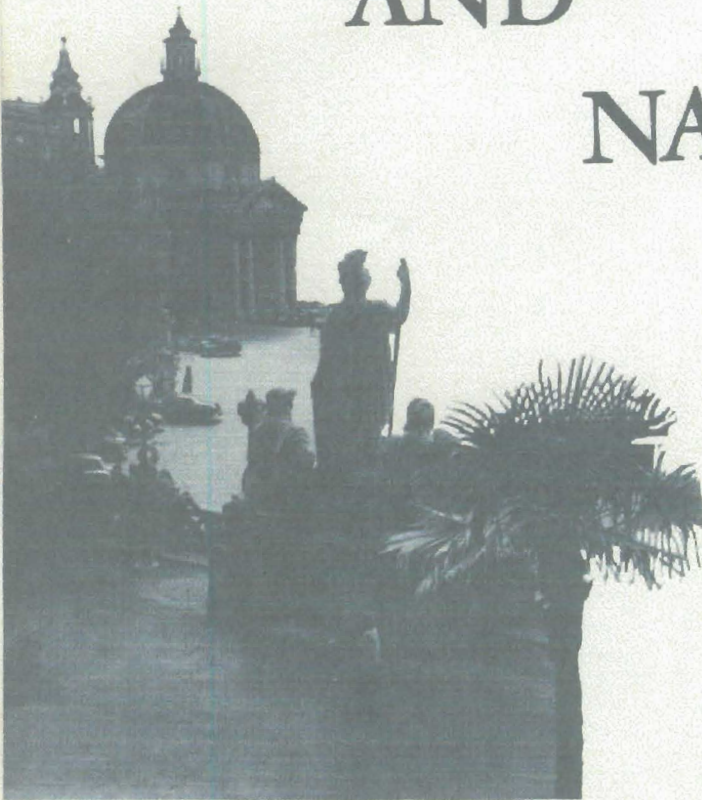
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Monte Shanks
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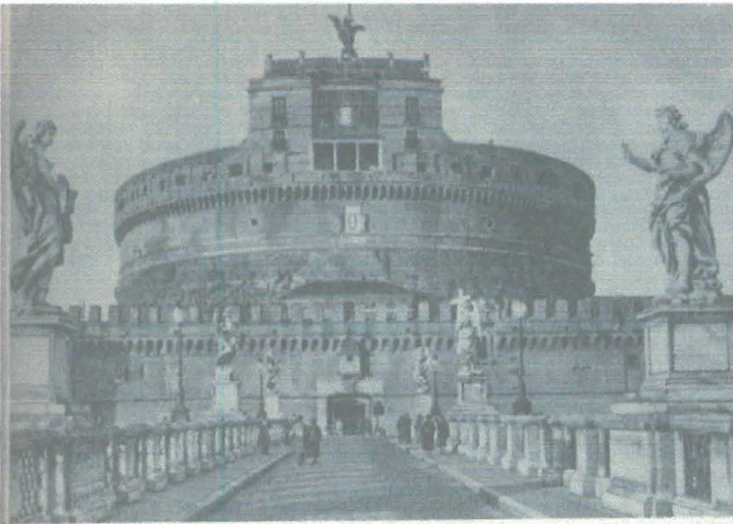




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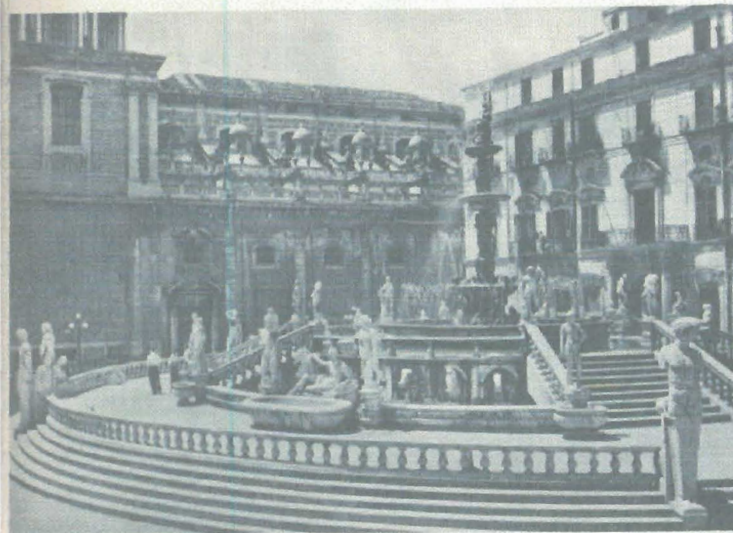
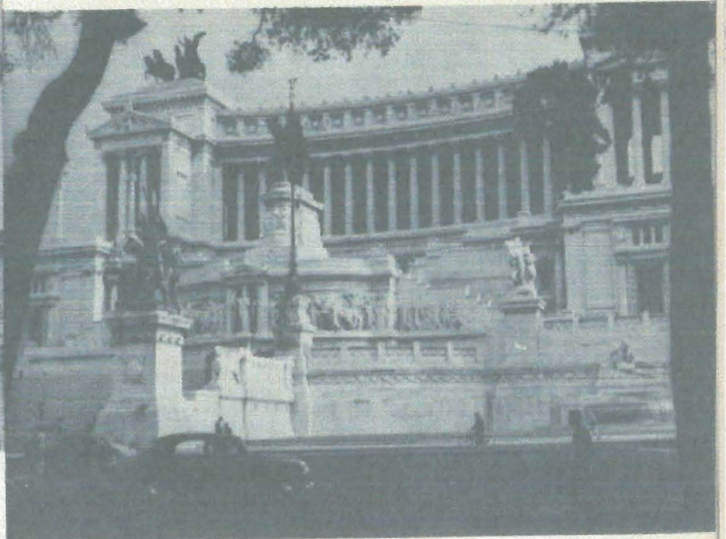


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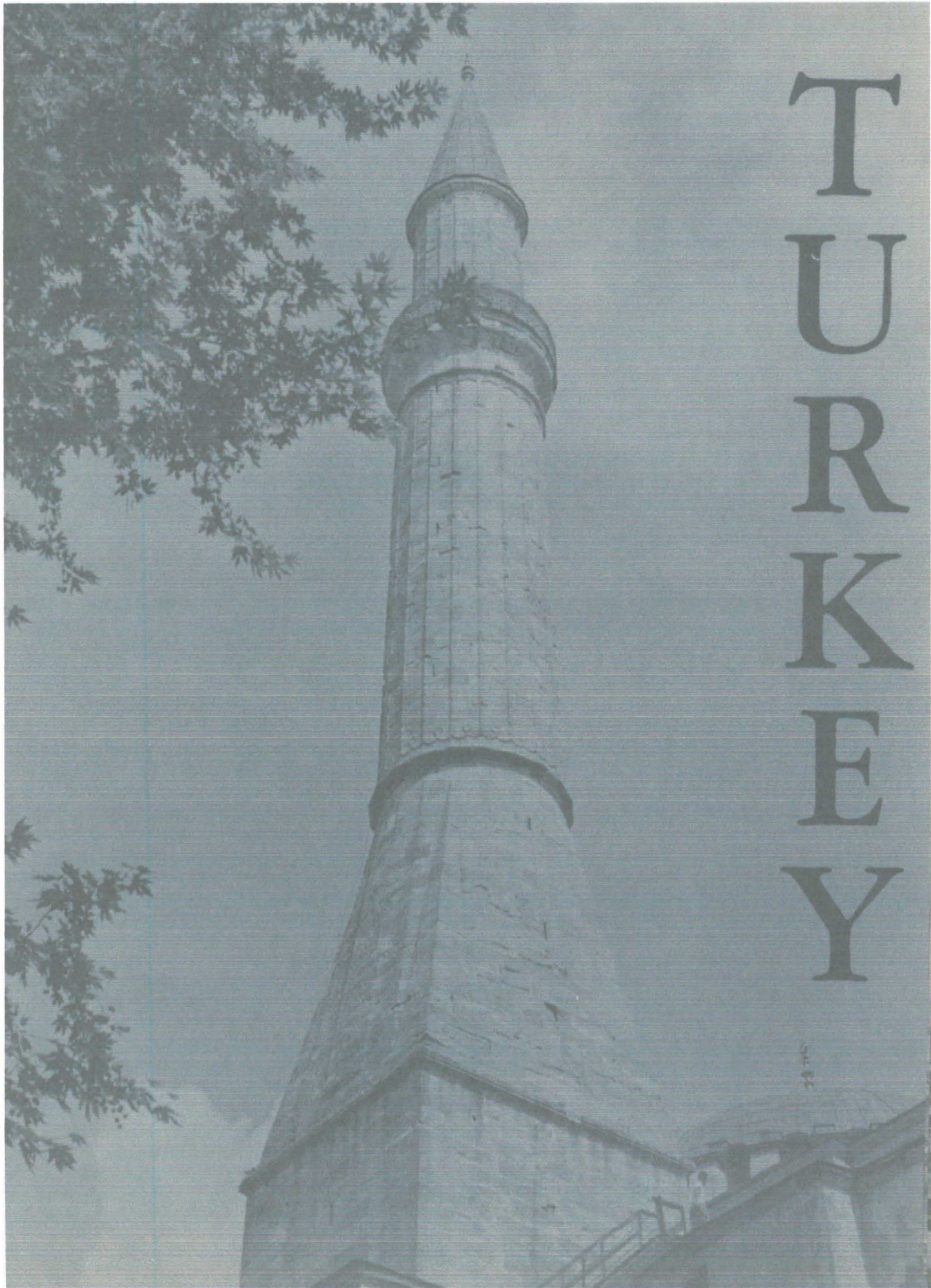
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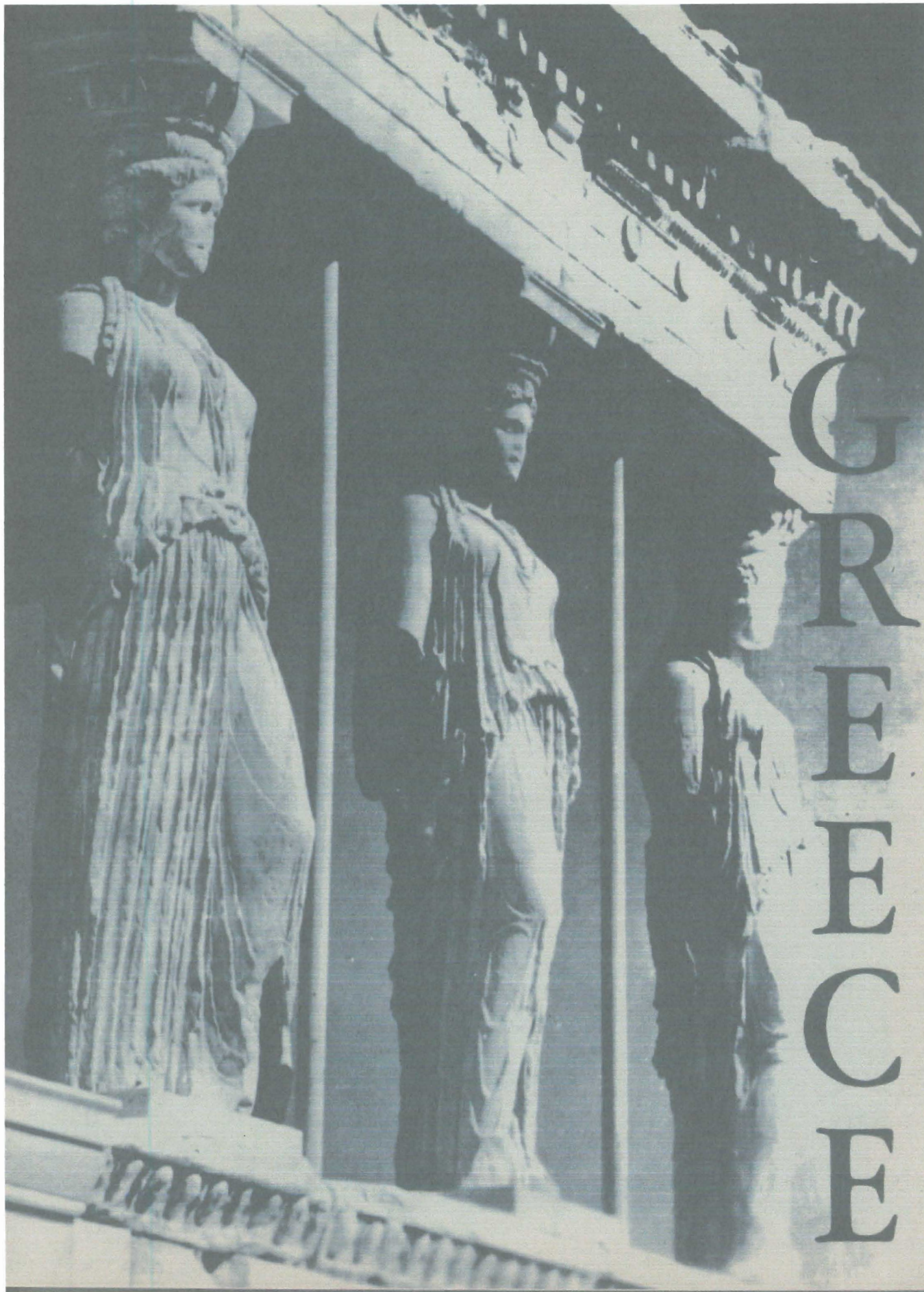


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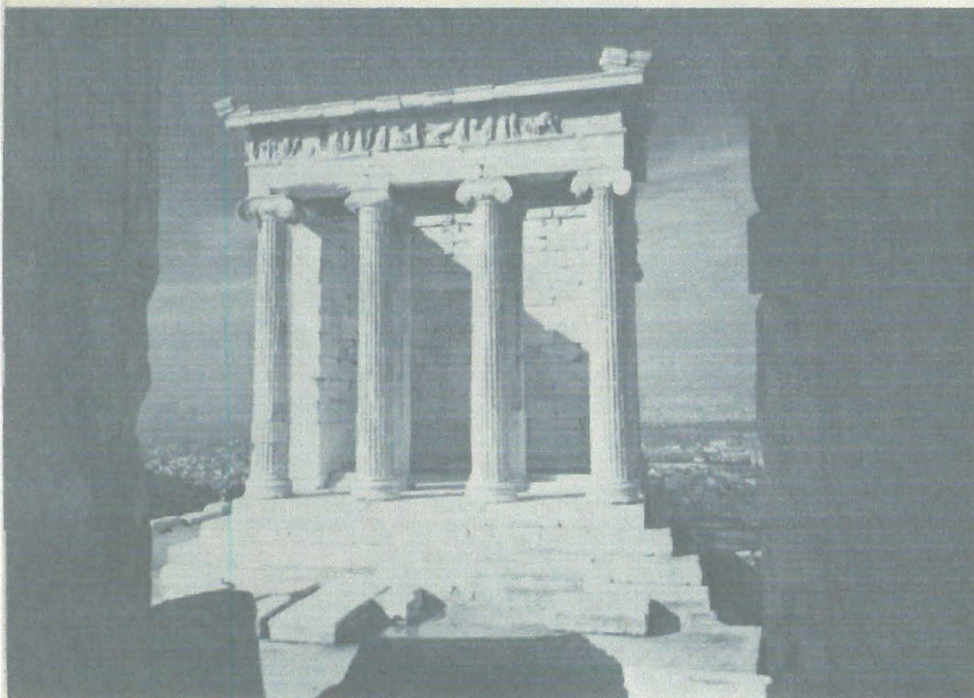


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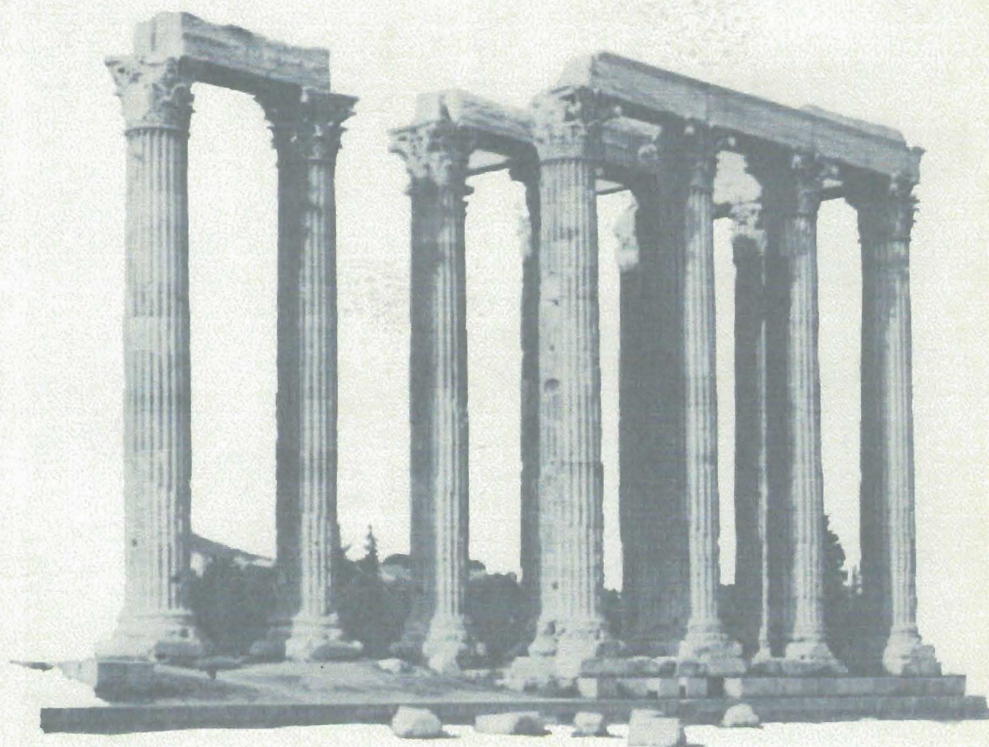
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ATHENS



Patron Saint
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Temple of Jupiter, Athens



View of Athens



Athens, The Caryatides



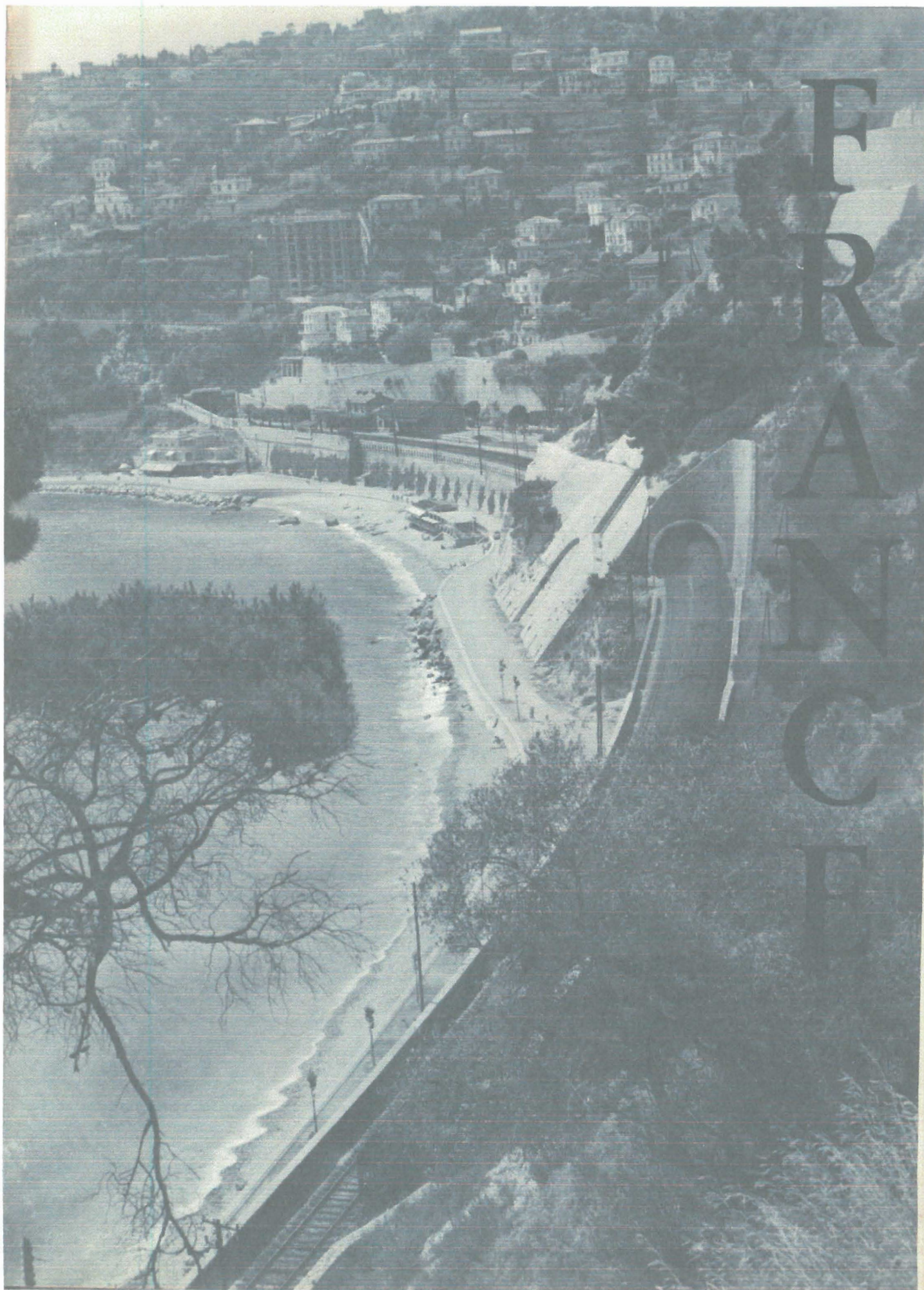
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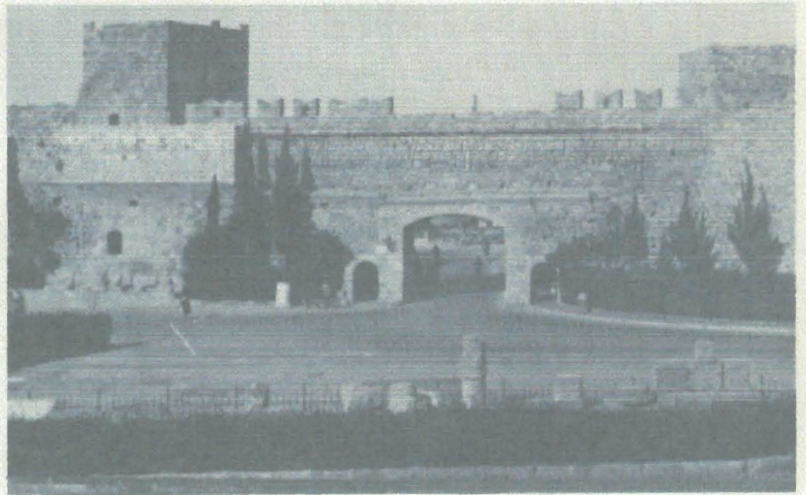
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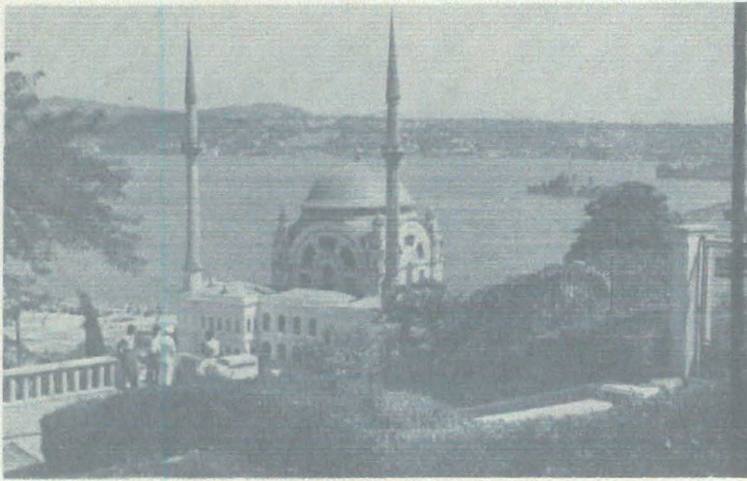


Entrance to the Old City, Rhodes

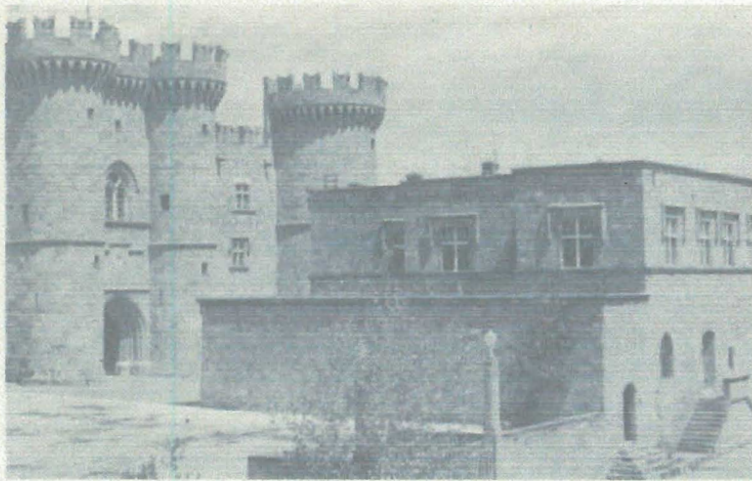
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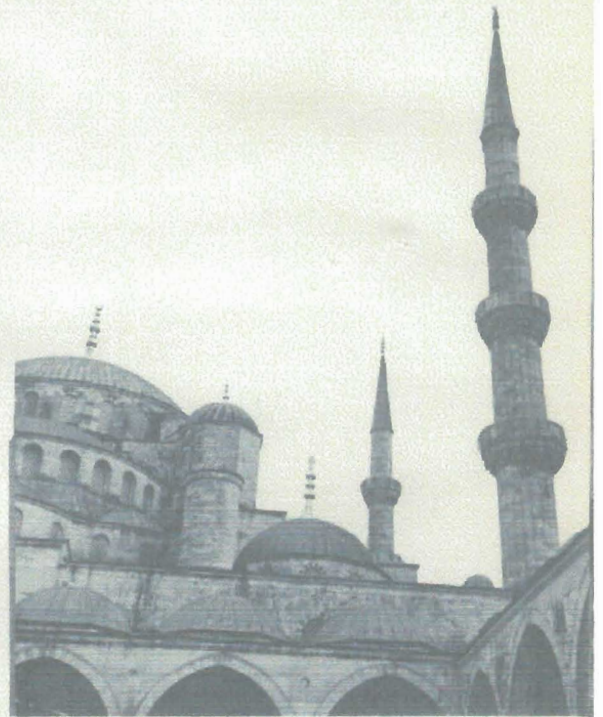
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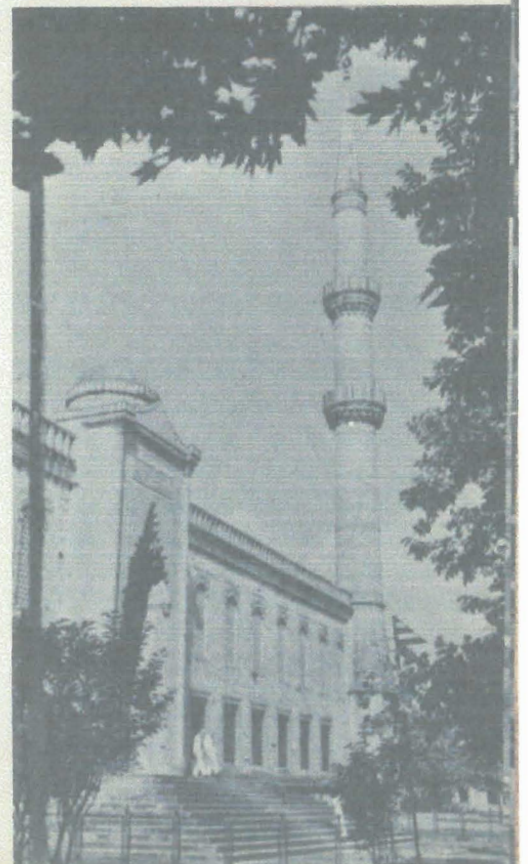


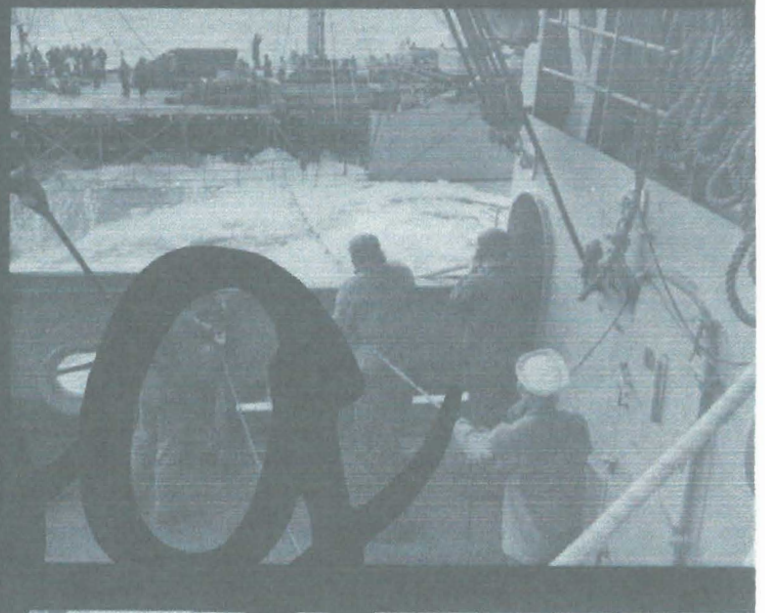
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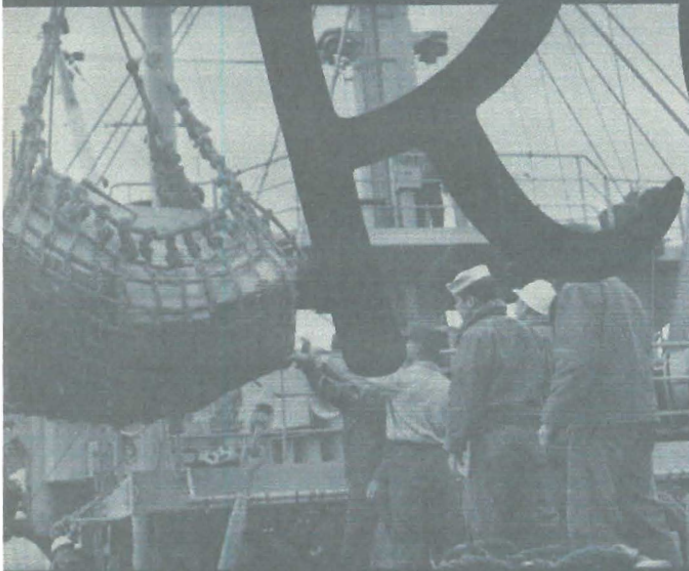
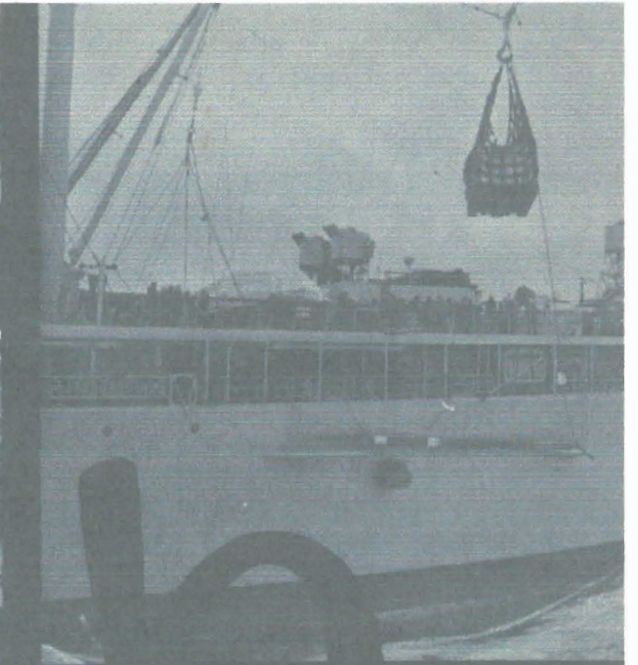


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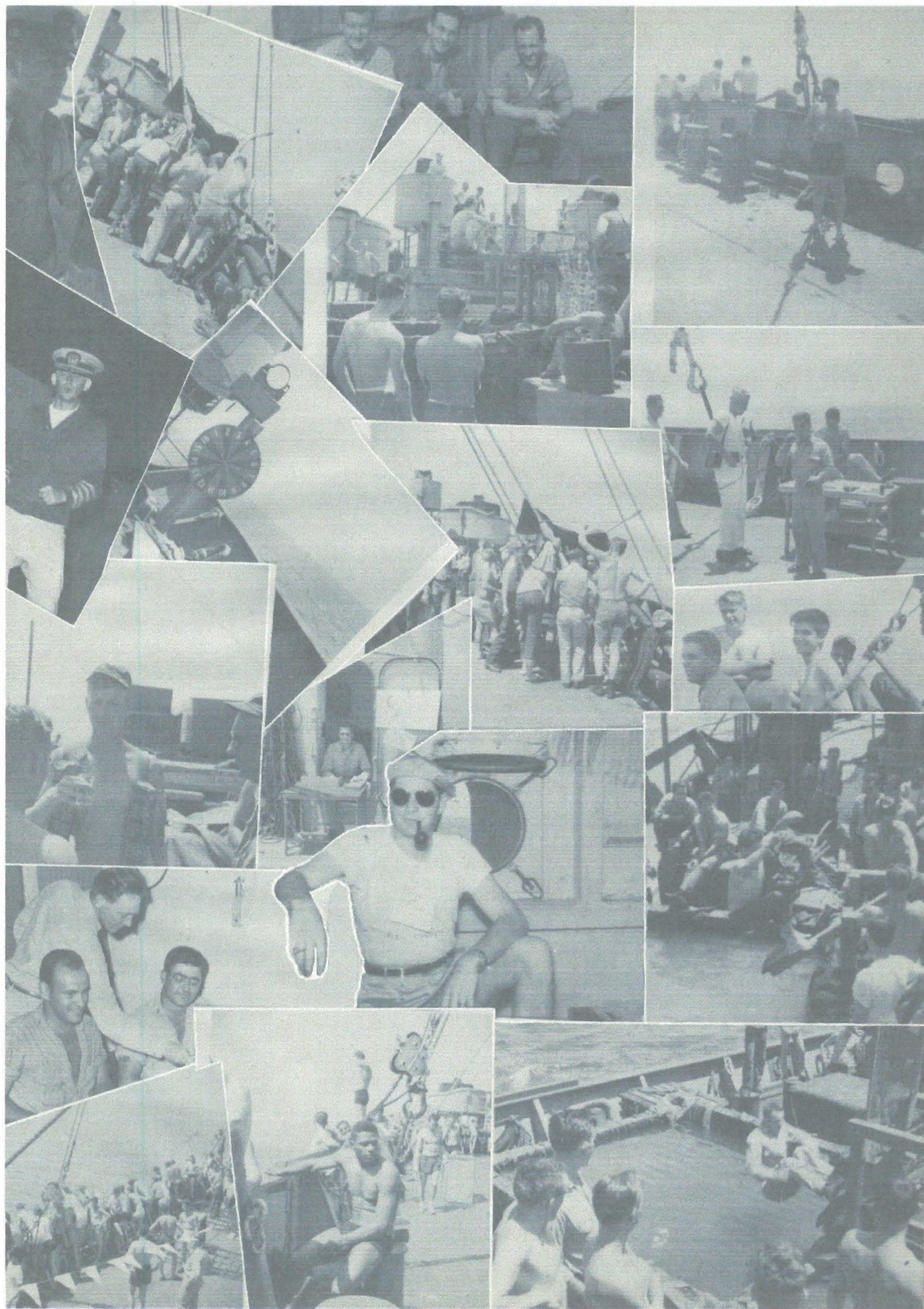
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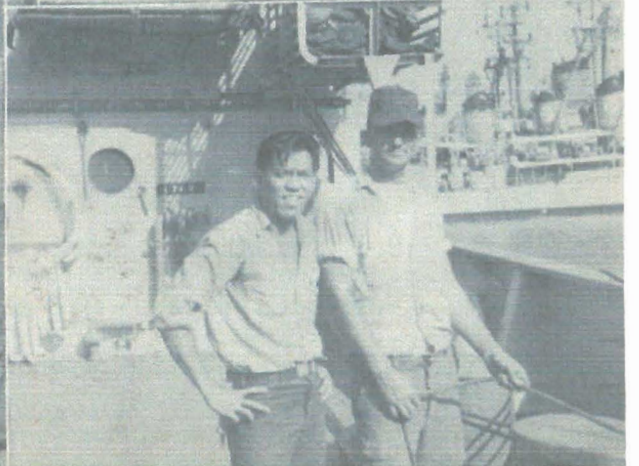
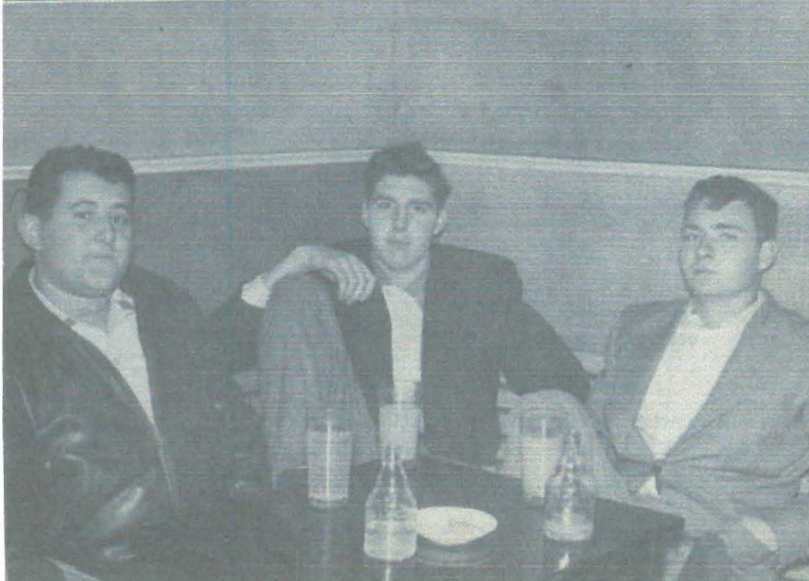














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ALTAIR LEAVES HOME FOR THE U S AND ADDS UP THE TOTE CMM AFTER TWENTY MONTHS WITH THE FINEST FLEET AFLOAT CMM ROVING THE MED WE HAVE BEEN THE

STORE FOR CANDY AND HARDWARE AND GOODS GALORE CMM THE GOING HAS BEEN CALM CMM THEN AGAIN IT HAS BEEN ROUGH CMM BUT OUR CREW HAS WORKED

HARDEST WHEN THINGS HAVE BEEN TOUGH X THANKS TO ALL FOR IDEAS LIKE FASTLANT AND BIG TWENTY CMM WITHOUT THEM THERE WOULD BE PROBLEMS A PLENTY

X THE MERCURY IS HERE TO TAKE OVER FOR A SPELL IN A JOB SHE HAS DONE AND CAN DO SO WELL X WE BID OUR FAMILIES ADIEU AND ENTRUST THEM TO YOUR CARE

CMM TO THE MEN AND SHIPS OF THE FLEET BEYOND COMPARE X OUR SUPERMARKET WILL BE RENOVATED ERE FALL SO UNTIL WE SAIL HOME AGAIN CMM ADIOS TO ALL BT...

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