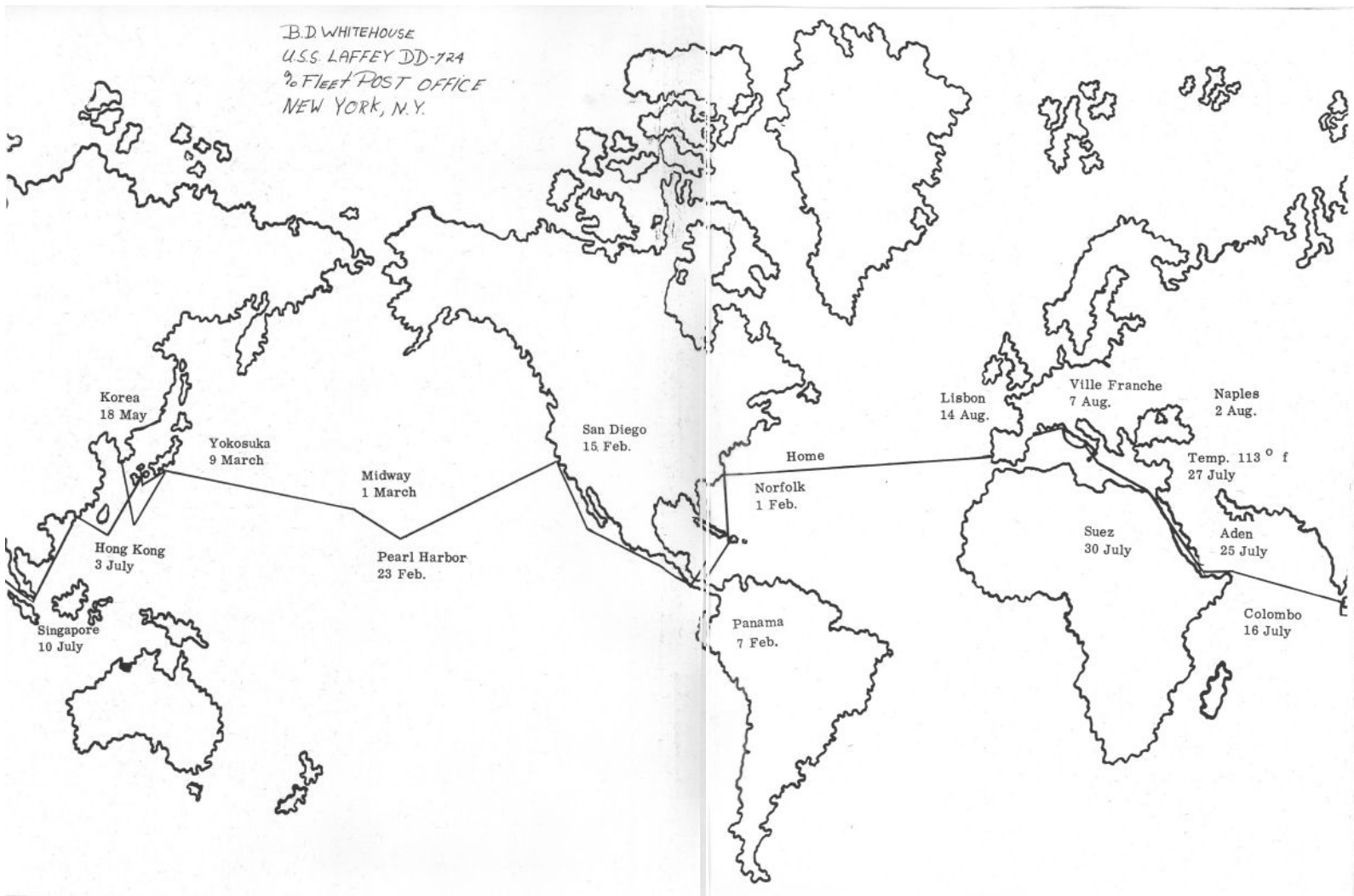
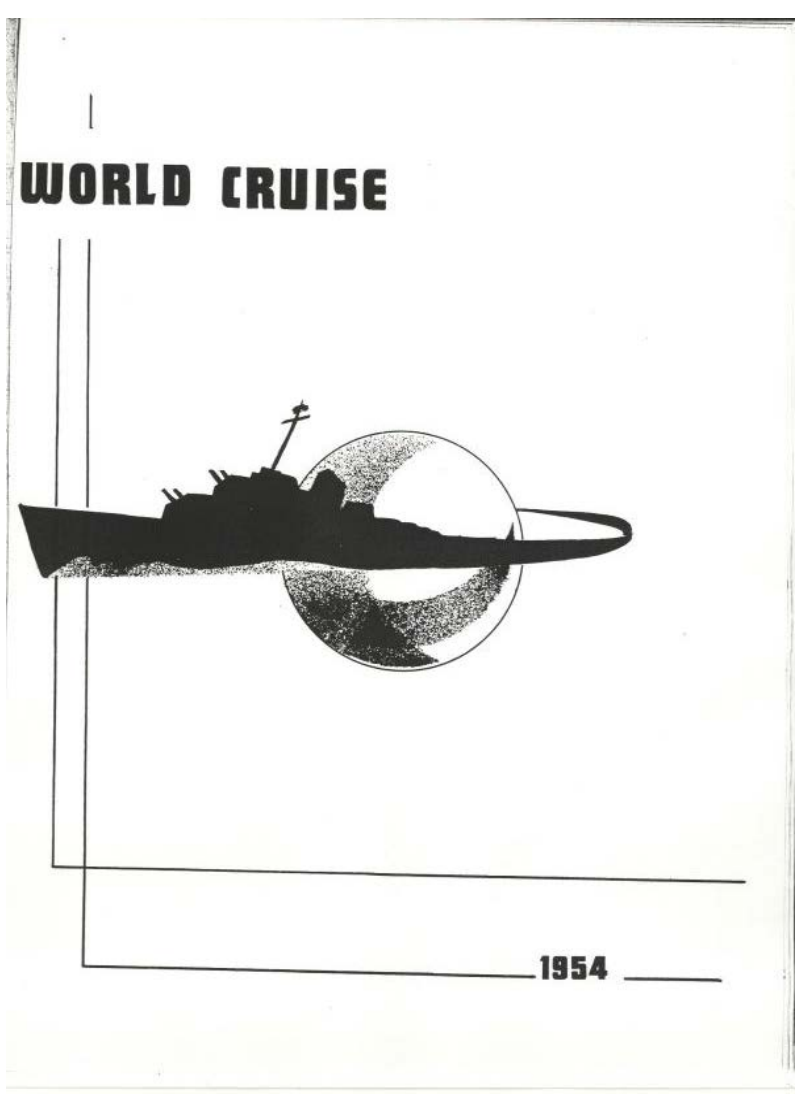


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The USS LAFFEY (DD-724) was commissioned at Boston Navy Yard on 8 February 1944. After a short shakedown cruise, she was sent in a convoy escort group to England in May of 1944, where she participated in the Normandy Invasion on D-Day.

September, 1944, found the LAFFEY in the Pacific running convoy escort, and in the following months of that year, she rescued fliers from the sea, picked up downed Japanese pilots, and bombarded beaches prior to invasions.

From 12 to 17 December, 1944, the ship participated in the operations in connection with the landing of troops on Mindoro, serving as fighter director ship throughout this period. In January of 1945, Lingayan Gulf was the target of our forces in the Pacific, and the LAFFEY also saw action in the campaign.

Thirty miles north of Okinawa, on 16 April 1945, the LAFFEY was attacked repeatedly by approximately 50 Jap aircraft. After splashing nine of the Kamikaze aircraft unassisted, the ship sustained severe injuries, including 4 bomb hits, 5 kamikaze hits, and grazing blows by 3 more Nip aircraft. Personnel casualties totaled 103, with 32 killed or missing.

After extensive overhaul and repairs in Seattle, the LAFFEY reported for duty in ComDesPac and later participated in the first Bikini atom bomb tests.

The LAFFEY was de-commissioned at San Diego on 30 June 1947. She was re-commissioned 26 January 1951, and after extensive overhaul in Portsmouth Navy Yard, Norfolk, Virginia, took part in the Atlantic Fleet Manuevers of October 1951.

On 22 January 1952, the LAFFEY departed from Norfolk, Va., via the Panama Canal, on her first around-the-world cruise. Reporting for duty with Task Force 77 on 5 March 1952, the LAFFEY joined in the blockade and bombardment of the Korean coast. Operating in heavily mined Wonsan Harbor for 29 continuous days during April and May of 1952, the LAFFEY fought the longest ship-to-shore artillery duel of the Korean war, suffering no casualties.

Following her return to Norfolk on 19 August 1952, the LAFFEY participated in Operation Springboard in the Caribbean Sea before reporting to Philadelphia Naval Shipyard on 17 June 1953 for complete overhaul and alteration. After a short shakedown cruise in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the LAFFEY was reported ready for sea, and assigned another tour of Far Eastern duty.

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CAPTAIN R. L. MORRIS
COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON 26



HE STILL THINKS THE GIG LOOKS LIKE A _____.

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COMMANDER H. V. SELLERS
COMMANDING OFFICER, USS LAFFEY DD-724



"SQUARE THAT HAT!"

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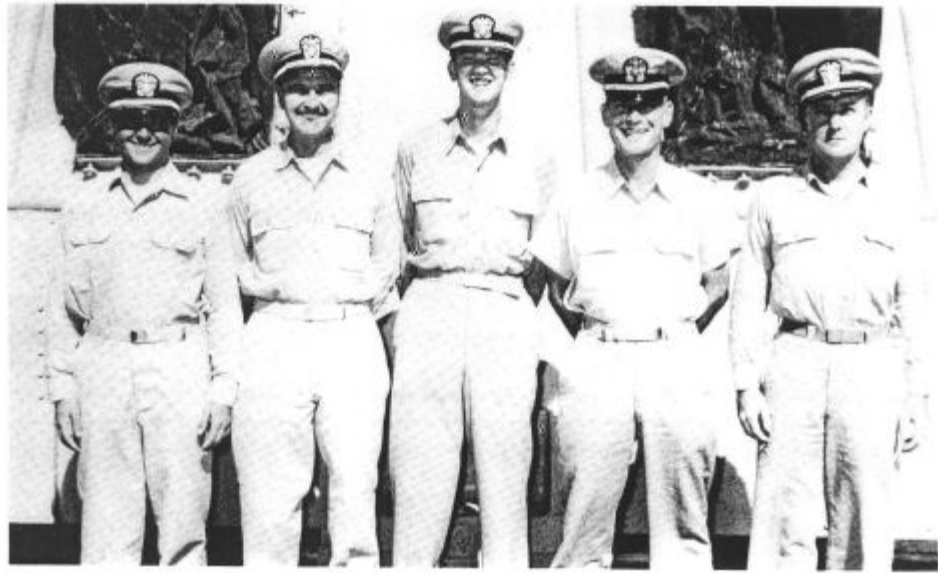


LIEUTENANT T. SAWICK
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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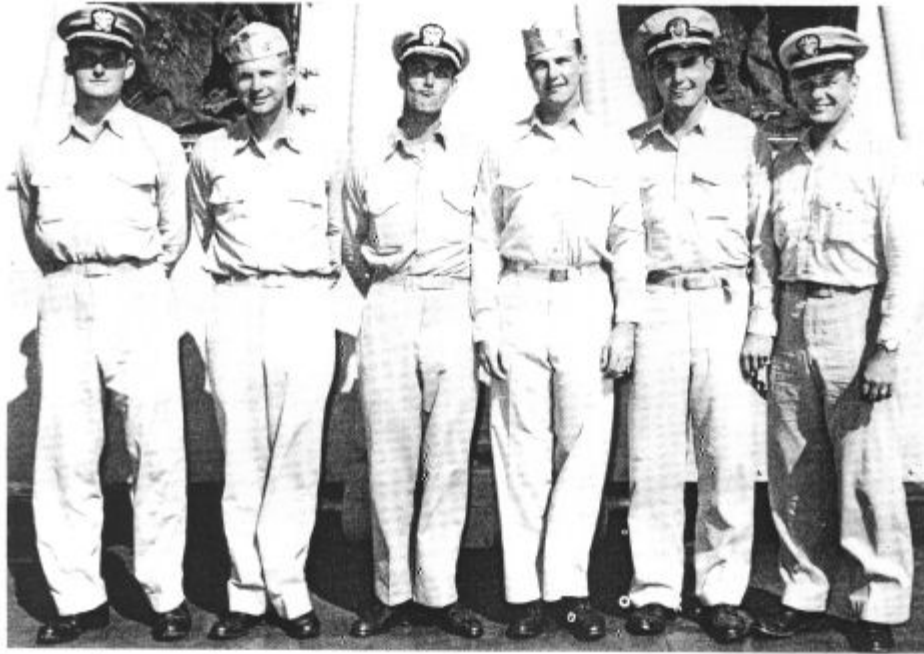
Left to Right: LTJG Behrman, LT Engleman, LTJG Morley, LCDR Morton, LT Dolan

Left to Right: Top Row, Dale, Albright, Fischer, McNery, Bottom Row: Foss, Brindle, Christie



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GUNNERY



Left to Right: ENS Sims, LTJG Moreland, LTJG Hart, LTJG Wright, Department Head; LTJG Crawford, ENS Wood.



SECOND DIVISION QUARTERS FOR MUSTER

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1st DIVISION



Deck Force: Left to Right, Top to Bottom: Martinez W. , Holoweyko, Mifflin, Cox, Lietschuh, Long J. W. , Loggins, Dunno, Puccini, Whitehurst, McCormack, Jordan, Long R. L. , Carr, Maddox, Jones, Griffith, Mr. Sims, Thomas, Lee A. W. , Matthews, Peterson, Gonzales , Gable, Doll.

Gunnery Mates: Krisanda, Rimes, Quincey, Martinez, Lee O. D. , McLain, Brewer, Golden.



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2nd DIVISION



Deck Force: Left to Right, Top to Bottom: Conway, Calise, Mr. Hart, Brown, Thames, Peterson, Gonzales, Propes, Lane, Mr. Moreland, Harrison, Kinhead, Buysse, Elson, Dunato, Perry, Shaneburger, Dale.
Gunners Mates: Yates, Holcomb, Batten, Carrow, Collins, Word, Acers, Phaneuf, Rivette, Teachey, Cade.



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3rd DIVISION

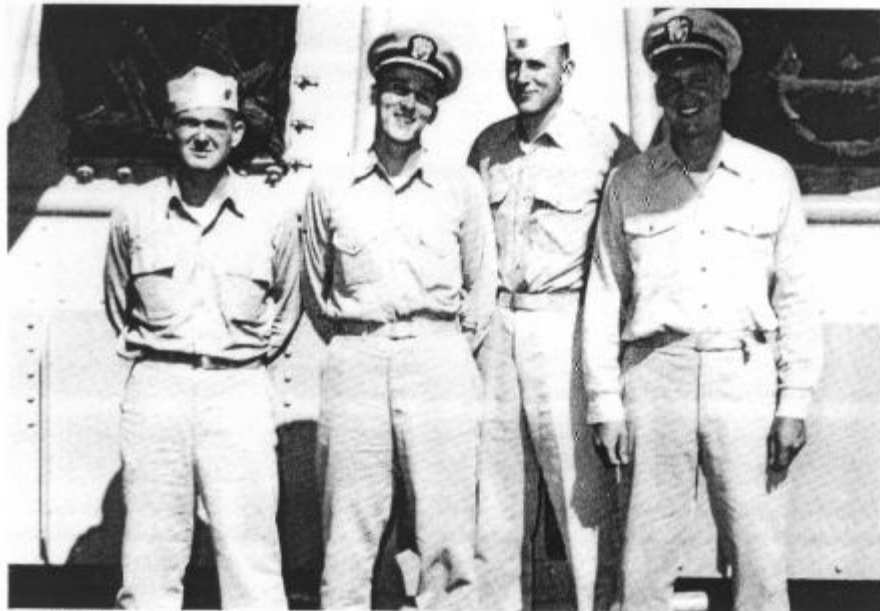


Sonarmen and Torpedomen: Left to Right, Top to Bottom: Mr. Crawford, Haskins, Huey, Hoagland, Lacore, Mr. Wood, Martin, Carlin, Sarver, Ulaskas. Fire Controlmen: Arehart, Riedel, Shannon, Pearce, Bowman, Quarles, Boyce, Smith, Voltz, Thompson.



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OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT



Left to Right: LT Cummins, Department Head; ENS Sykes, LTJG Burns, LTJG Besore.

"C" Division: Left to Right, Top to Bottom: Clark, Mink, Pitts, Maxfield, Beason ,
Turner, McCann, Brannon, Mullins, Keys, Winn, Arellano, Proctor, Burfeindt,
Weiland, Vorgiety, Culpepper, Maloney, Summerton.



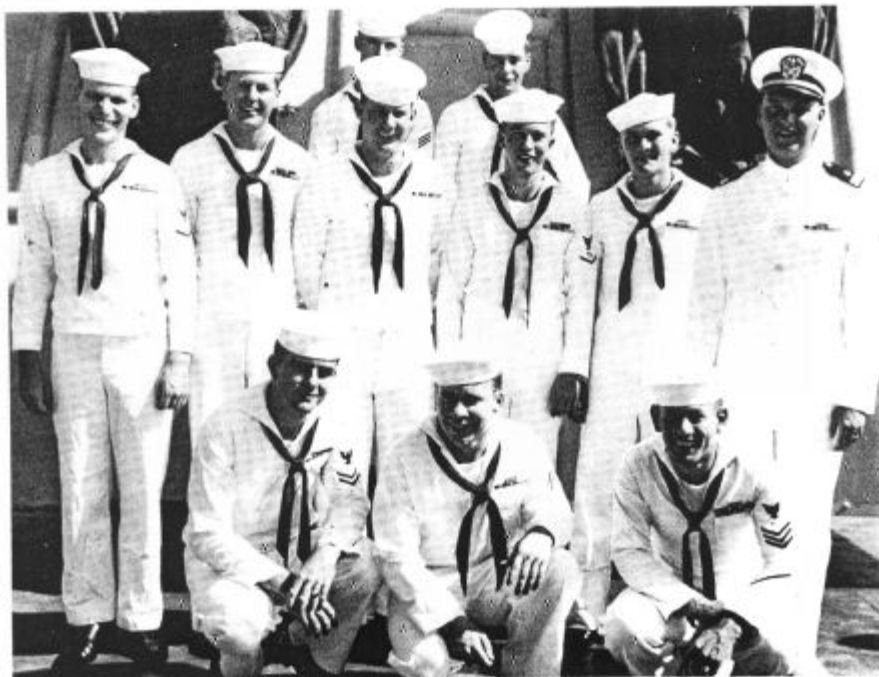
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CO DIVISION



ELECTRONICS TECHNICIANS: Webb, Greene, Knierna, Riesdorf, Alexander, Donahue, Eckard

RADARMEN: Sturdee, Trent, Conelly, Sims, Luzak, Vogt D. E., Danyluk, Mr. Besore, Fox, Rossini, Mac Donald

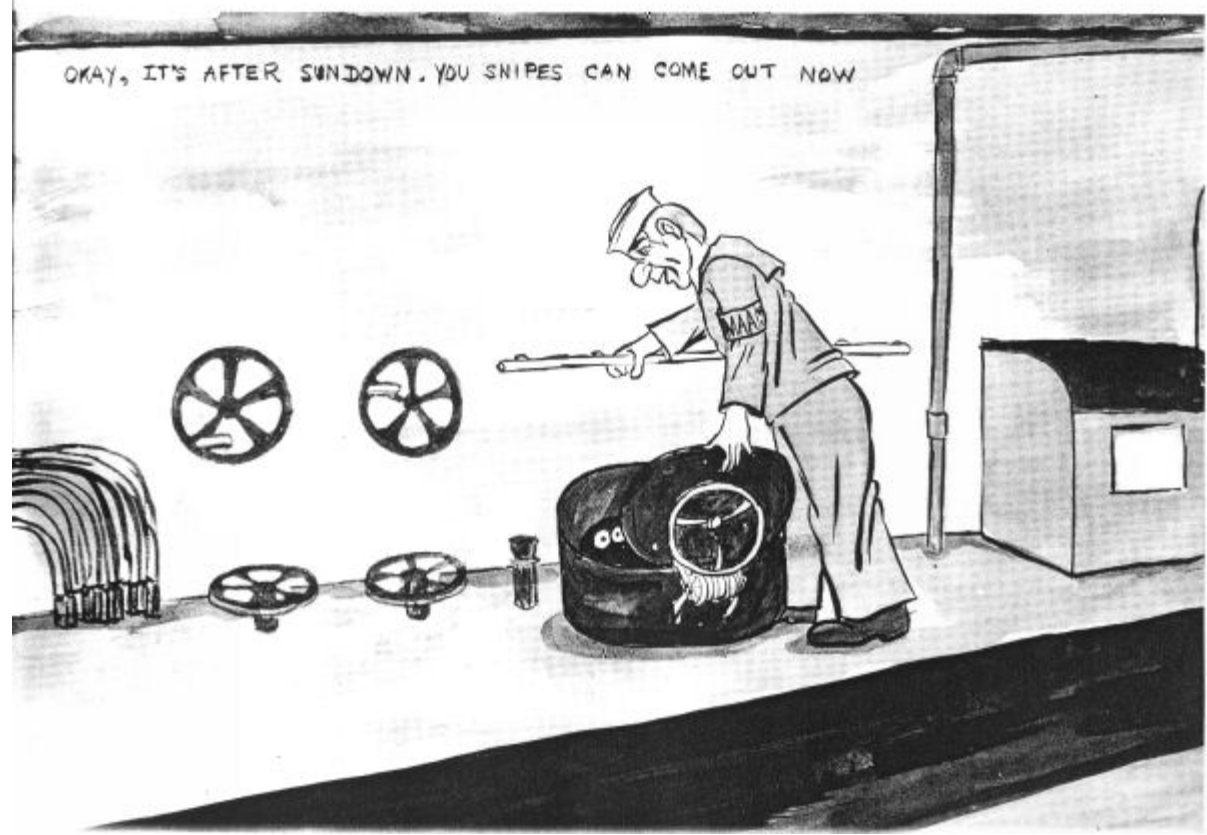


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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



LTJG Pierce, LTJG Hawkins, Department Head; ENS Stead



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"B" DIVISION



FORWARD FIREROOM: Derbyshire, Culey, Leach, Fischer, Belcher, Jones, Martz, Den-
nison, Erickson, Potter.

AFTER FIREROOM: McDonald, Gress, Thomas, Lee, Craig, Ellis, Winkler, Mathews,
Davidson, Maring, Sweeney, Huffman.



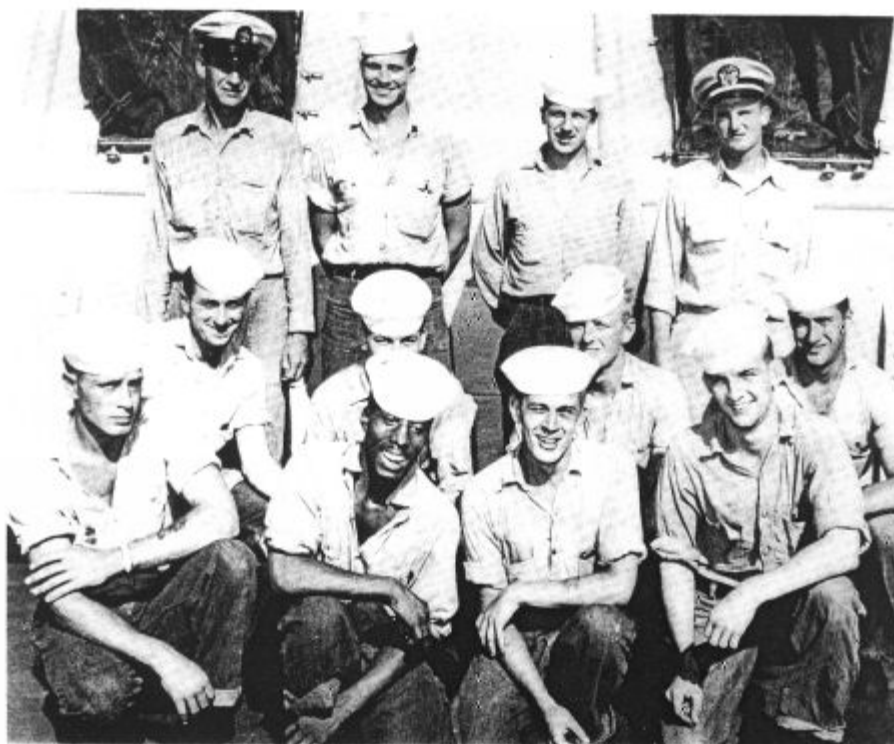
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"M" DIVISION



FORWARD ENGINEROOM: Ellis, Blymiller, Nettleton , Laycock, Mr. Hawkins, McKee ,
Curth, Cude, Davies, Jagielski, Rund, Gibson, Gray, Partin,
Winchester.

AFTER ENGINEROOM: Braswell, Rice, Feddock, Mr. Hawkins, Truskowski, Varney,
Johnson, Stone, Chandler, Brown, Zander, Bolin.



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"R" DIVISION: Forehand, Meadors, Martin, Thilken, Cannada, Mr. Stead, Riordan, Malfitano, Robbins, Klimish, Fassbach, Dognazzi, Albanese, Tabor, Gedusky, Johnson, McDonald

"A" GANG: Gowen, Whitehouse, Seney, Hansen, White, Powell, Parks, Phillips, Spangler, Mr. Stead, Kessler, Dutra, Chan, DeLaVina



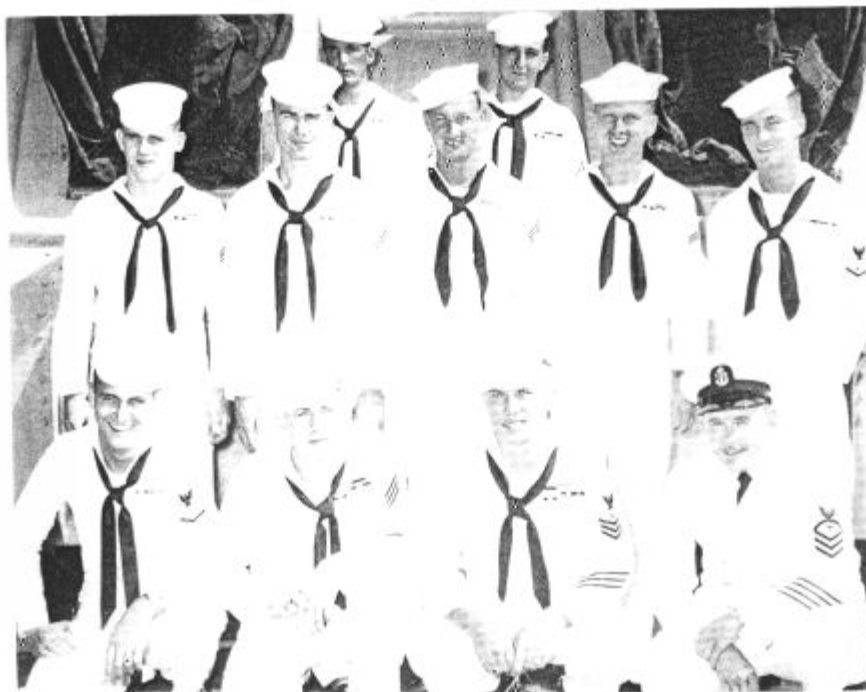
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SUPPLY



SUPPLY: Englestad, Drummond, Barron, Cox, Albright, Dupont, Silcox, Sherman, Glover, Mr. Drake, Binkey, Fajayan

Creekmore, Stratfull, Hosier, Clark, Grindstaff, Kish, Leary, Good, Marin, Lowrimore, Walters



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PANAMA

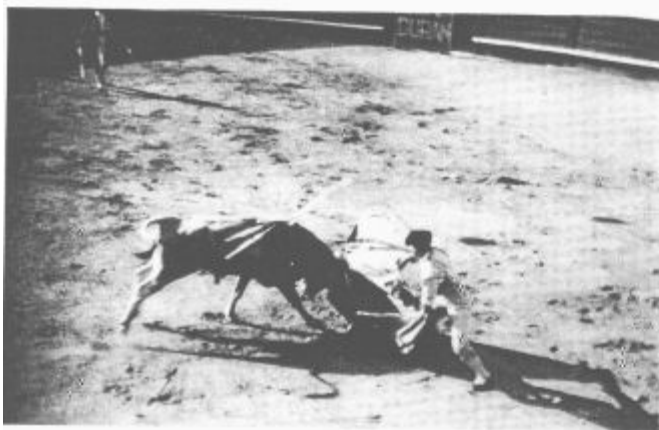


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We're not chasing her ! Just relaxing at the El Panama Hotel. We needed it 'cause.....

Swim call in the Panama Canal's fresh water lake tired us out.



Then, on Sunday, The Bull Fights. Ole"

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SAN DIEGO

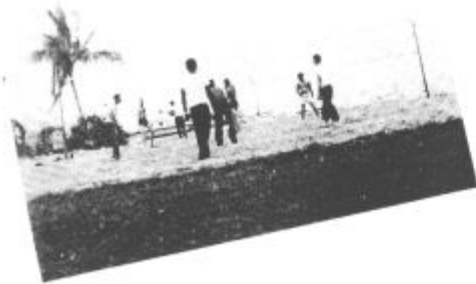
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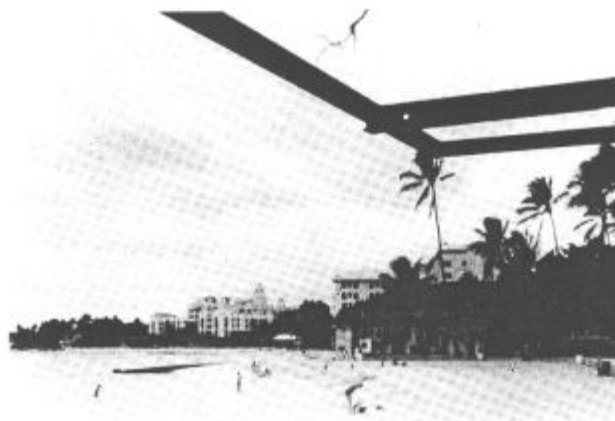
Gateway to the Land of
the Enchanted.

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PEARL HARBOR



Then... beautiful Hawaii, with a ship's party, swaying palms...



... and sunshine and lovely Wahines on the beach at Waikiki.

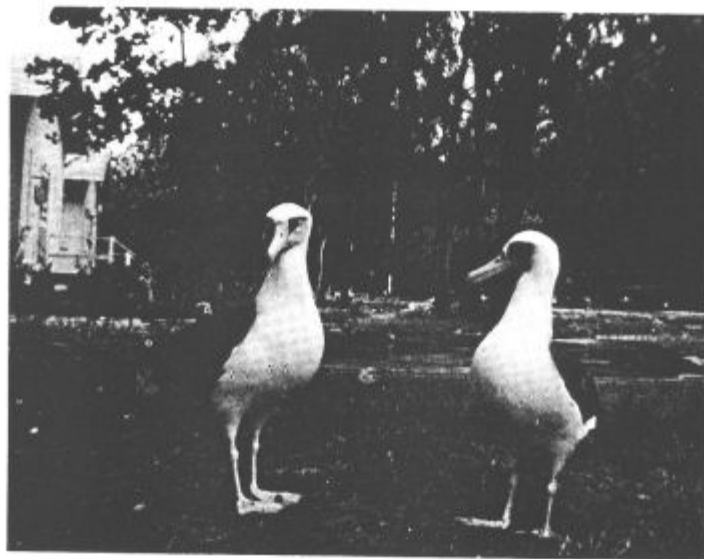
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M I D W A Y

We had a short fueling stop at Midway, home of the famed "Gooney Birds". Old Timers there say the duty isn't too bad. For the first six months, you watch the Gooney Birds; the next six months, they watch you!



GUESTS



HOSTS

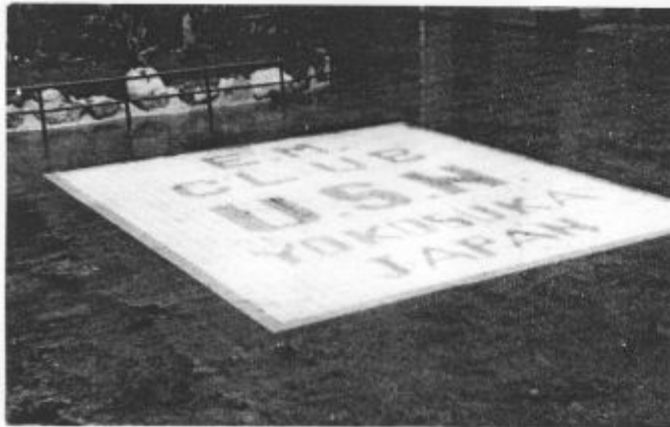
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JAPAN

At length we arrived in Japan, fascinating country of the Orient. This was to be our base of operations for four months, so, with the expert and eager aid of the world travellers among us, departure time found us all experts on the mysterious East. We spoke pidgin-Japanese, mastered the kimono, unshod our feet prior to crossing the thresholds of houses, whistled China Night, and waded through the innumerable mud puddles with which Japan abounds.



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Come! Fill the cup and in
the fire of spring
Your winter garment of
repentance fling.
For the Bird of time has
but a little way to flutter,
And the Bird is on the wing!

A real Oriental bazaar on the
fantail, yet! Shoeshine, paj-
amas, jewelry, paintings, any-
thing you heart desires.



And here as elsewhere
the American sailor is
a full-fledged diplomat,
winning friends where-
ever he goes.



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Mt. Fujiyama
Majestic, Ne?



The whole country abounds
with arches like these.



But there's only one Kama Kuri
Buddah.



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TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE 94 (WHICH INCLUDES TASK FORCE 93) PLUS AGGRESSOR AND UMPIRE FORCES X THE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT ON IWO JIMA REQUIRED THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF 40,000 NAVY

16,000 MARINES AND 500 ARMY X IT EMPLOYED 100 SHIPS INCLUDING 3 FROM THE BRITISH NAVY X IT USED 200 AIRCRAFT X ITS COMPLETE SUCCESS CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO HARD WORK CHEERFUL COOPERATION AND OUTSTANDING TEAMWORK

ON THE PART OF ALL HANDS X PROCEDURES AND TECHNIQUES, TESTED MISTAKES MADE AND LESSONS ALL ADD UP TO BETTER TRAINED SHIPS AND PERSONNEL BETTER ABLE TO CARRY OUT ANY ASSIGNED MISSION X YOUR REWARD IS A SENSE OF PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND THE SATISFACTION OF A JOB WELL DONE X

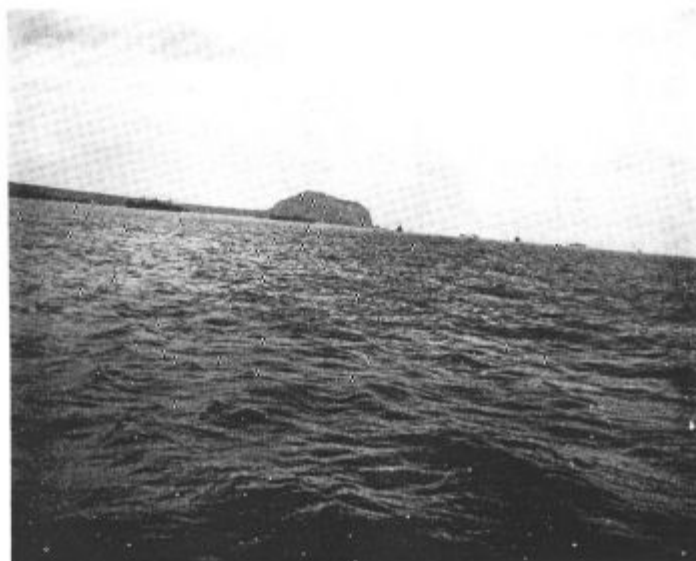
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IWO JIMA, March 22 - (AP) - American Marines today "recaptured" the historic Mt. Suribachi as air, sea, and land forces practiced the United States Pacific Sunday punch.



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Now standby to receive the helicopter on the fantail.

Fire One! and a tin fish streaks off to "sink" the LOWRY.



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More life and liberty
in Japan.....



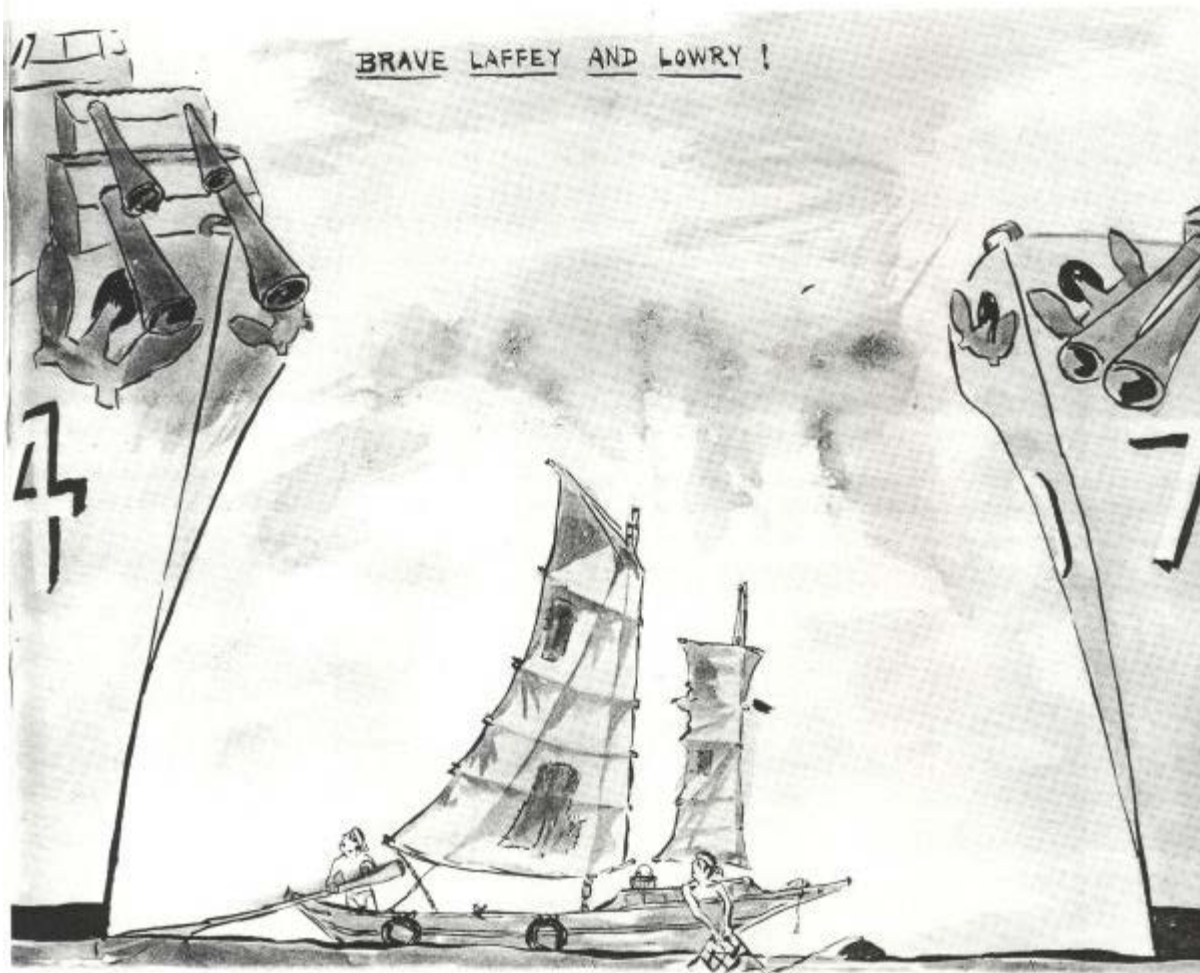
Featuring "Jane Russell
Mountain," in Sasebo.



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KOREA

To recuperate from the good times in Japan, we accepted a gracious invitation to blockade the Korean coast. Aided by the USS FOX and some of our Canadian friends, we spent our days in such pastimes as painting the sides and swimming; and our nights prowling the Korean coast seeking whom we might devour, making certain that we didn't go north of the Demarkation Line. We didn't find any rum-runners or the like, and we were glad to get back to the Hibachi pots and Hot Saki.



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While we blocaded, life went on as usual with haircuts...

Holiday Routine ...



... and fueling at sea.

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general quarters



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Buddies



Away the gig, away.....
Are we going to have swim call?

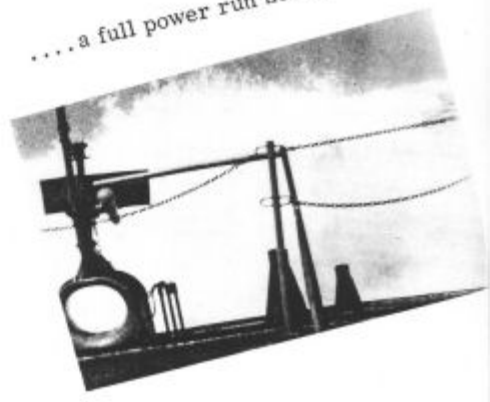
Affirmative! (It was cold.)



Refueled again, then...



.... a full power run home.



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TAKE SHOE'S OFF HOTEL
 田舎ホテル
 徳島県吉野川町一丁目
 (客室 公用社)

HOTEL MAYA ANIER
 SHIMANE (JAPAN) 51-100 CITY
 山形県 山形市
 後世に中島地町三丁目
 ミチ子



**JAPAN
 AGAIN**

Just like California, Ne?

Mama-San and Baby-San

A touch of home.



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SHIP'S PARTY SASEBO



IS EV-erybody Happy??



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Southern
Gentleman



and
Friends



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Preparations for the return trip: All Hands Working Party.



Where are the snipes?



And the IC men ?

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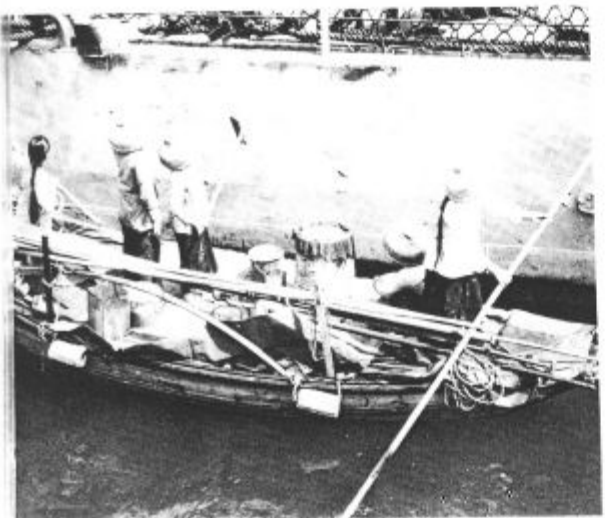
HONG KONG



Tiger Balm



Side Cleaners



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SINGAPORE



CE Piers?



East meets West.



More Tiger Balm.



New meets Old.



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COLOMBO

The tide was strong.



Trip to Kandy.



Female snakes are the deadliest.



No Comment.

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SUEZ CANAL

We arrived at the Canal as history was being made; the British had agreed to withdraw their troops. We missed the celebration, tho, because we passed through at night .



By this stage of our trip we had become proficient in the most difficult of Navy mooring--the Mediterranean Moor. We didn't know what to expect next.....



"Bridge - Fo'c'sule...but we only have two anchors !"

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NAPLES

Naples' famous bay stays filled with craft of all type, from the most modest fishing punt to the fabulous Andrea Doria to naval vessels of all sizes from countries all over the world. Tourists and sailor flock to the glass-domed Arcade, where dozens of ornate shops open onto mosaic flooring, and to the many public buildings guarded by bronzed heroes of the past.

MORE SALESMEN THAN CITIZENS



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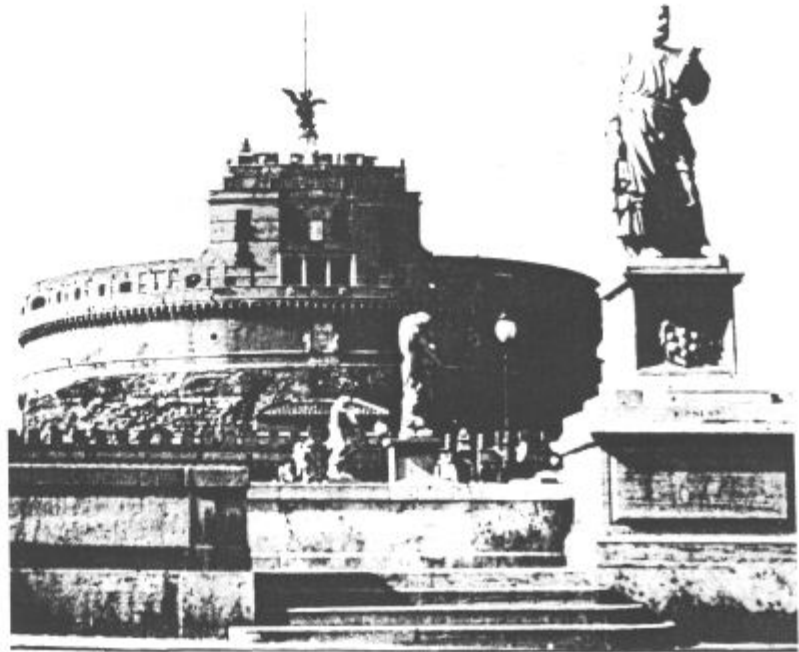


ROME

Rome, the eternal city. Caesar's Rome, and the Rome of Raphael, Michaelangelo, and Mussolini. Here is the three dimensional city of the past, present and future. And here we found the cultural climax of our cruise.

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Castle of St. Angelo



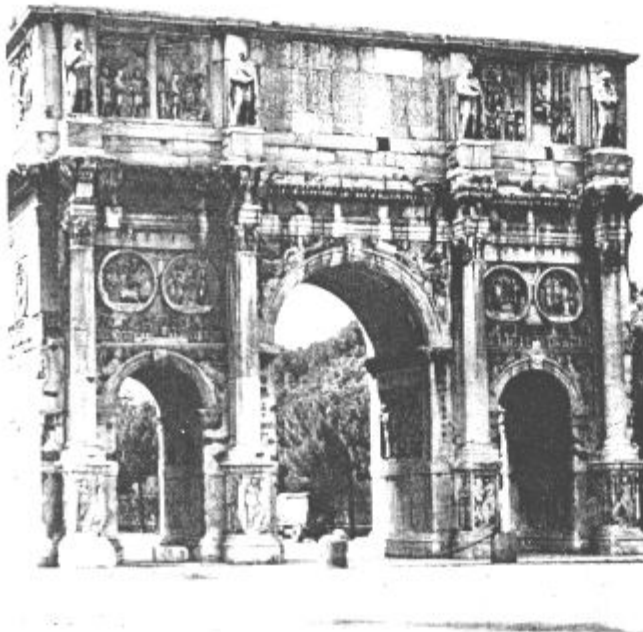
The Memorial to King Victor Emmaneul II



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Caesar's Forum

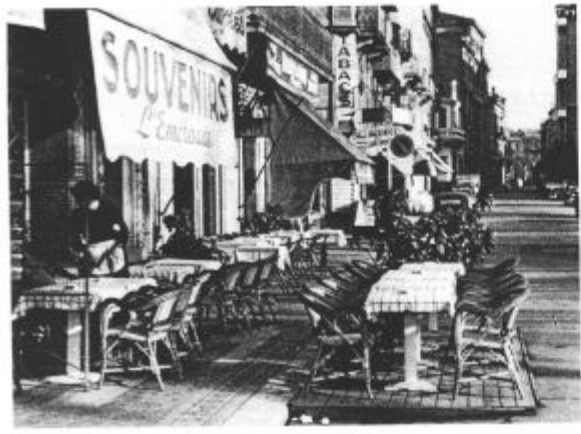


The Arch of Constantine

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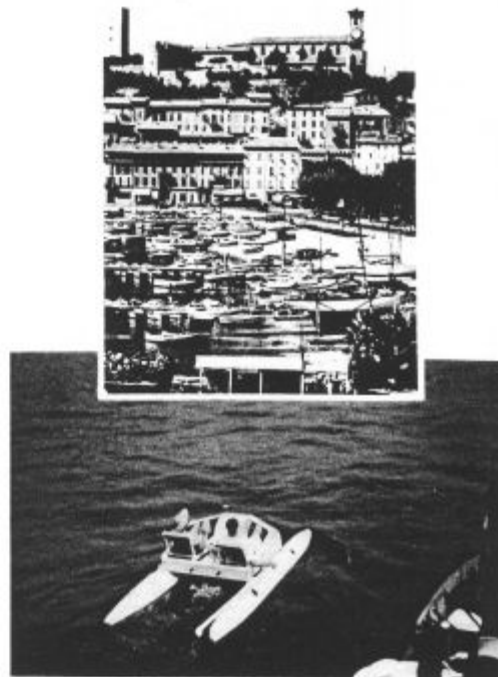
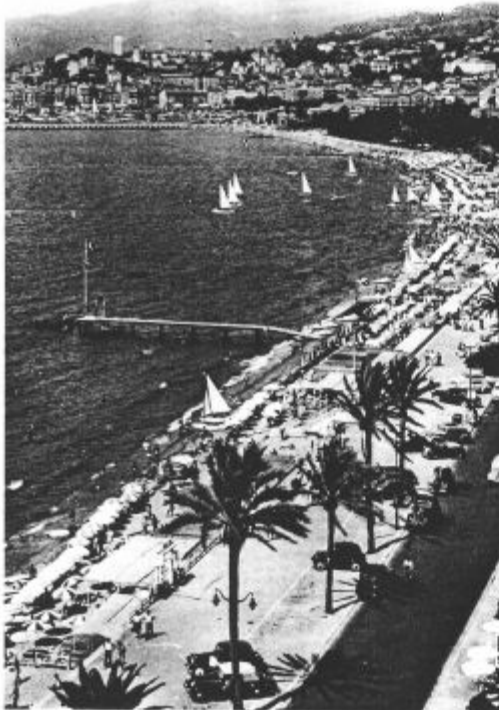
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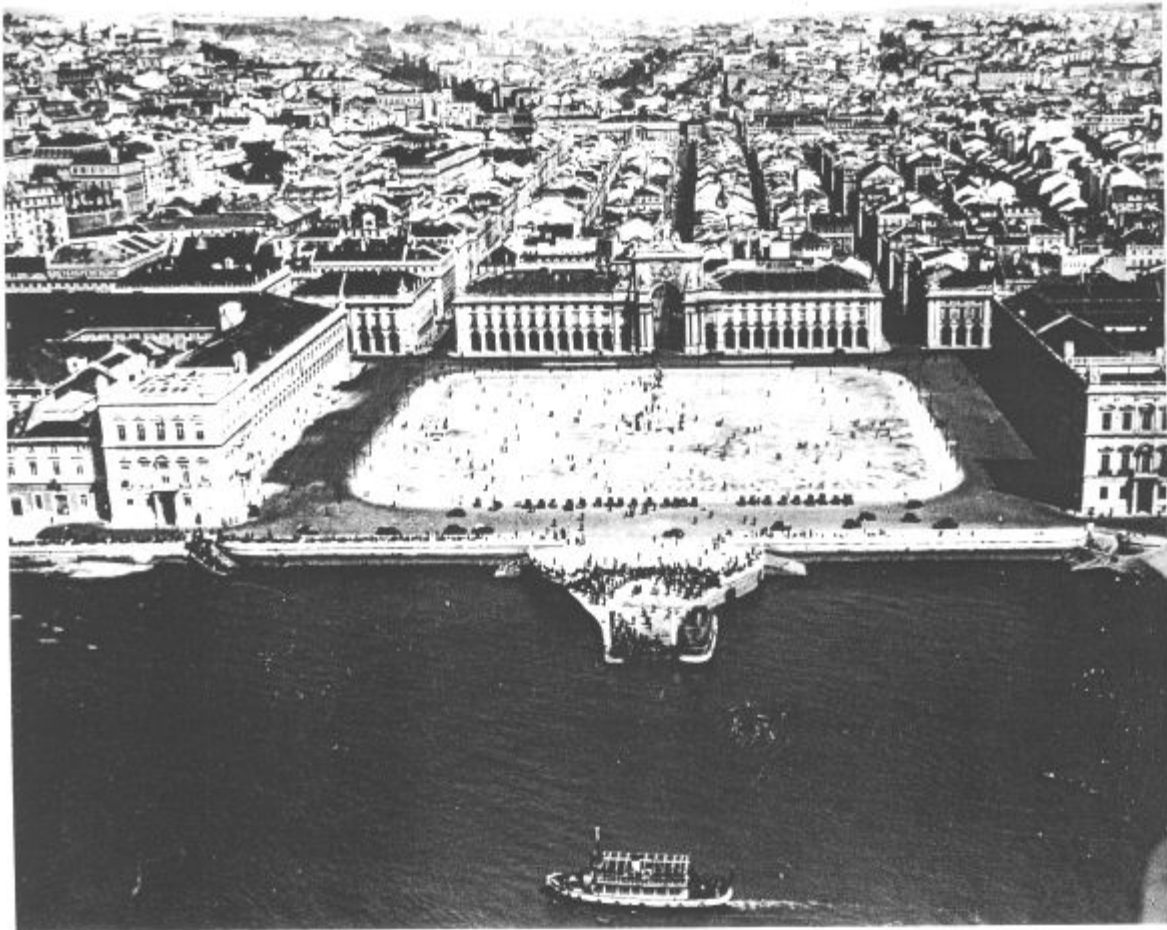
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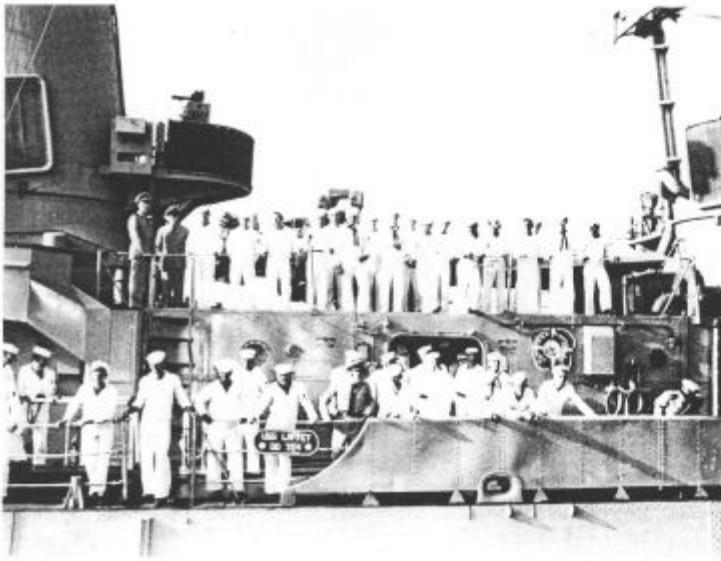
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LISBON

Our stay in Lisbon seemed endless as we anxiously waited to begin the nine day race home. While we marked time in the land of Christopher Colombus, we had time to review the highspots of the cruise; bullfights in Panama; crossing the International Date Line; man overboard drills with Caporlette as dummy, GQ in Korea , ships party in Sasebo; Hong Kong clothes; horse racing in Singapore; almost crossing the Equator and Zdarko losing his teeth to a fearless polywog; elephant rides in Kandy; searching for Audrey Hepburn in Rome, O'Connor's Bar in Nice, and Lisbon - stepping stone to HOME.



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