

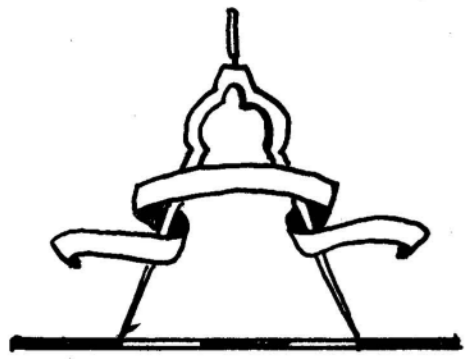
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**USS ABBOT (DD629)**

**CRUISE**

**11 JULY - 13 NOVEMBER**

**1958**



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NEWPORT, R.I.



PONTA DELGADA,  
AZORES (PORT.)



NAPLES, ITALY

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA



BARCELONA, SPAIN



BEIROT, LEBANON

VIEQUES, PUERTO RICO



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## COMDESDIV 102



### CAPT. ANDREW D. JACKSON JR., U. S. NAVY

The Commodore was born in Crystal City, Texas, June 12, 1914. After graduation from high school in College Station, Texas, he enlisted in the Navy at the age of eighteen and served aboard the USS ARIZONA. After two years of service he was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy and graduated in June 1938.

Upon being commissioned he was ordered to the battleship MISSISSIPPI and after serving as a Gunnery Department Junior Division Officer for ten months, he was transferred in April 1939 to the USS ST. LOUIS. He was "B" Division Officer there until June of 1940 when he was selected for pilot training in lighter-than-air craft. It was at this time, June 2, 1940, that he married Miss Betty Polyanski at Annapolis, Maryland.

He underwent pilot training at NAS, Lakehurst, New Jersey, until August 1941, when he received his wings. He was promoted to LTJG in June of that year. He remained at Lakehurst as an instructor until January 1942 when he was transferred to BLIMPRON 32 where he served for a year and was promoted to Lieutenant. In January 1943 he became Executive Officer of BLIMPRON 33.

In August 1943 he was ordered to the staff of Commander Fleet Air Ships Pacific as Chief Staff Officer where he served until August of 1944. In March of that year he was promoted to LCDR.

From August of 1944 until April of 1946 he

returned to afloat duty aboard the USS PORTLAND serving first as First Lieutenant, then as Navigator, and following his promotion to Commander in November 1945, as Executive Officer. After this tour of duty he was sent to the General Line School, then located in Newport, Rhode Island, as a Navigation Instructor.

In August 1948 he received his first command, USS MCCOOK, a San Diego based DMS. Upon being relieved as the Commanding Officer of the MCCOOK he took command of the USS LLOYD THOMAS, a destroyer whose home port was shifted from San Diego to Newport while Commander Jackson was CO.

From July 1950 until September 1953 he was with the Navy Department in Washington, D.C. first in the ONI and then as an Industrial Mobilization Officer in the Office of Naval Material. The next six months until April 1954 were spent as a student at the UK Joint Services Staff College in England. After graduation he served on CINCNELM Staff in London as Foreign Military Rights Officer.

In August of 1955 he returned to the U.S. for duty as Logistics Officer on the Staff of COMPHIBGRU ONE in San Diego. He was promoted to his present rank of Captain on 1 July 1957. In November of 1957 he relieved Captain J. L. W. Woodville Jr., as COMDESDIV 102.

He has two children, Andrew Douglas III aged 16 and David Lee, 13.



## COMMANDING OFFICER

### CDR. ROBERT M. POND, U. S. NAVY

The Captain was born in San Francisco, California and comes from a Navy family, his grandfather having been a Rear Admiral, his father and uncle both Commanders. His brother is now skipper of the USS AUCILLA. Captain Pond attended the University of California at Berkeley, receiving his commission from the NROTC unit there in 1943.

Commander Pond's first duty assignment was with the USS BOYD (DD-544), then being commissioned. He served aboard her until March, 1945, in the capacities of CIC Officer, Communications Officer, Assistant Gunnery Officer and Fighter Director Officer.

During this tour of duty the BOYD participated in the following major operations: Central Pacific Raids (1943), Asiatic-Pacific Raids (1941), attacks, assault and capture of Gilbert Islands, Marshall Islands, Hollandia, Western New Guinea, Marianas, Western Caroline Islands, Leyte and Iwo Jima.

After the war, Commander Pond served with the Executive Department at the U.S. Naval

Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, until 1948. He then was assigned as Operations Officer for Commander Destroyer Squadron 11 with the Pacific Fleet and participated, among other things, in the evacuation of Shanghai.

Upon the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, June 1950 he participated in all types of operations as Chief Staff Officer and Gunnery Officer for Commander Destroyer Squadron 11, who was a task group commander in command of all U.S. destroyers in the Western Pacific.

Since 1951 Commander Pond has served in turn with the Fleet Operational Readiness Division of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, as Executive Officer of the USS HAMNER (DD-718) in the Pacific, and as Gunnery Officer of the USS ESSEX (CVA-9) in both Atlantic and Pacific waters. He assumed command of the USS ABBOT on 19 April 1958.

Commander Pond is married to the former Miss Kathleen Alice Kellar of San Francisco. They have three children: Judith, born 1947; Allison, born 1950, and Robert, Jr., born 1958.



First Row, Left to Right: Lt. (j.g.) James E. Griffin, SC, Lt. Commander Frank J. Korb, USN, Commander Robert M. Pond, USN, Lieutenant Marcus A. Arnheiter, USN, Lt. (j.g.) Rudolph H. Daus, USN. Second Row, Left to Right: Ensign Bennet S. Simonton, USN, Ensign George C. Mullin, USN, Ensign James B. Roberts, USNR, Lt. (j.g.) Jon S. Thurneysen, USN, Ensign Joseph F. Skowronek, USNR, Lt. (j.g.) Charles W. Morrill, 3rd, USNR, Ensign Edward C. Yuskis, USN, Ensign Richard S. Stoddart, USN, Robert L. Fallis, USNR.

## ABBOT WARDROOM

Commander Robert M. Pond, USN	Commanding Officer
Lt. Commander Frank J. Korb, USN	Executive Officer
Lieutenant Marcus A. Arnheiter, USN	Operations Officer
Lt. (j.g.) Rudolph H. Daus, USN	Gunnery Officer
Ensign Bennet S. Simonton, USN	Engineering Officer
Lt. (j.g.) James E. Griffin, SC	Supply Officer
Lt. (j.g.) Jon S. Thurneysen, USN	Communications Officer
Lt. (j.g.) Charles W. Morrill, 3rd, USNR	CIC Officer
Ensign James B. Roberts, USNR	First Lieutenant
Ensign Joseph F. Skowronek, USNR	ASW Officer
Ensign Robert L. Fallis, USNR	Electronics Material Officer
Ensign Edward C. Yuskis, USN	Damage Control Assistant
Ensign Richard S. Stoddart, USN	Assistant Communications Officer
Ensign George C. Mullin, USN	Assistant First Lieutenant



Left to Right: Captain Andrew D. Jackson, Jr., USN, COMDESDIV 102, Lieutenant John H. Freeman, MC, DESDIV 102 Doctor; Lieutenant David E. Ferguson, USN, DESDIV 102 Operations Officer.

## COMDESDIV 102



Left to Right: Moran, YN3, Cockerham, SMI, Whitford, RMC, Buenviaje, TN.



First Row, Left to Right: G. D. Fisher, W. R. Laing, C. G. Nagel, A. P. McIntyre, J. L. Alford. Second Row, Left to Right: J. B. Souders, L. H. Whitford, H. E. Broemser, W. A. Stentz, W. M. Hudson, Missing: J. G. Barnfield.

## CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

H. E. Broemser .....	Chief Boatswain's Mate
W. M. Hudson .....	Chief Radioman
L. H. Whitford .....	Chief Radioman
C. G. Nagel, Jr. ....	Chief Machinist's Mate
A. P. McIntyre .....	Chief Fire Control Technician
G. D. Fisher .....	Chief Electronics Technician
W. R. Laing .....	Chief Boilerman
W. A. Stentz .....	Chief Yeoman
J. B. Souders .....	Chief Commissaryman
J. L. Alford .....	Chief Ship's Serviceman
J. G. Barnfield .....	Chief Hospitalman



DECK

FIRST DIVISION



First Row, Left to Right: Cunningham, BM1, Boland, SN, McCarthy, SN, Lloyd, SN, Miller, BM3. Second Row, Left to Right: Ensign Mullin, Cahill, SN, Elliott, SN, Lynch, SN, Corr, SA, Valerio, SA, Skerry, BMSN, Miles, SN, Solinko, BMSN, Mekled, SN



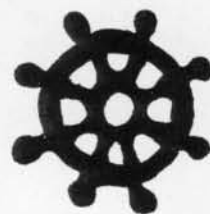
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SECOND DIVISION

First Row, Left to Right: Erni, BM3, Baldwin, SN, Ball, BM2, Corbin, SN, Lewis, H.O., BMSN, Manuel, BM3. Second Row, Left to Right: Bakos, SN, Stanton, SA, Cusick, SA, Marshall, SA, Romel, SN, Neubauer, SA, Fregeole, SA, Manges, SA, Ensign Mullin.

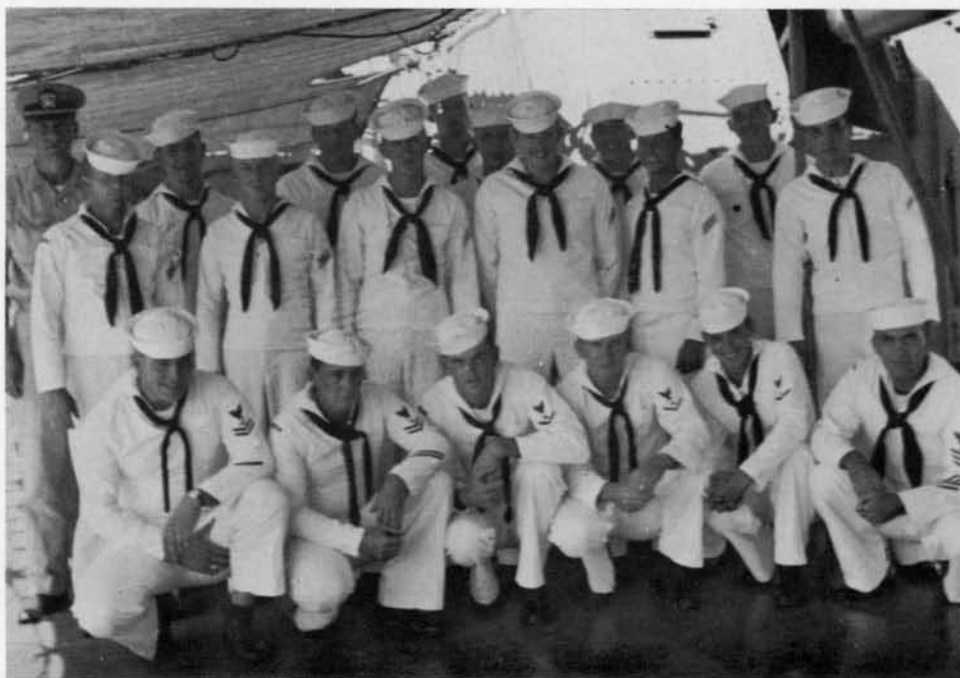


## QUARTERMASTERS



First Row, Left to Right: Dazey, QMSN, Harrington, QM1, Ensign Fallis. Second Row, Left to Right: Rowland, SN, Granacki, SN.

## GUNNER'S MATES



First Row, Left to Right: White, GM2, Whalen, GM2, Klein, GM3, Chamness, GM3, Slagle, GM3, Donnelly, GM1. Second Row, Left to Right: Ensign Skowronek, Stansberry, SN, Sirc, SA, Frechette, SN, Hook, GMSN, Bulson, SN, Randall, GMSN, Perrigo, GMSN, Sirois, GMSN, Hewitt, GMSN, Lynch, J. T., SN, Faulkner, SN, Napurano, SA.

## RADIOMEN



First Row, Left to Right: Ensign Stoddart, Whitford, RMC, Hudson, RMC, Mostek, RM3, Decker, RM1, Lt. (j.g.) Thurneysen. Second Row, Left to Right: Robinson, RMSN, McVey, RMSN, Jozwik, SN, Kirshon, SN, Kasperowicz, SN, Corritore, SN, Simmons, RMSN, Callahan, RMSN, Carey, SN.

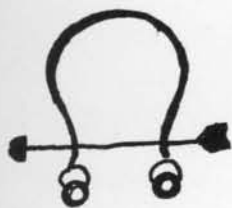


First Row, Left to Right: Berlin, RD1, Cash, RD1, Spahr, RDSN, Jarvis, SN, Showalter, RD3. Second Row, Left to Right: Ensign Morrill, O'Connell, RDSN, Meeney, RDSN, Figie, SN, Morrison, SN, Calder, RDSN.

## RADARMEN



## SONARMEN



## TORPEDOMEN



First Row, Left to Right: Powers, SO3, Straub, TM2, Wilson, SO3, Moles, SO2, Andrew, SO3. Second Row, Left to Right: Ensign Skowronek, Spatz, SO3, Stanley, SOSN, Ellison, SN, Davis, SN, McCormick, TMSN.



## SIGNALMEN



First Row, Left to Right: Stevens, SN, Howell, SMSN. Second Row, Left to Right: Givens, SM1, Lt. (j.g.) Thurneysen, Ensign Fallis. Third Row, Left to Right: Cockerham, SM1, Wittwer, SM3, Smith, SMSN.



FIRE CONTROL  
TECHNICIANS



First Row, Left to Right: Velin, FT1. Deritis, SN. Parks, McIntyre, FTC, Kirkpatrick, FT3, Snyder, FT3. Second Row, Left to Right: Townsend, SA, Hofschild, FT3, Friedman, FT2, Ensign Skowronek, Singley, FTSN, Lockard, FTSN, Brandon, FTSN.

ELECTRONICS  
TECHNICIANS



Left to Right: Beaulieu, ET2, Blanchard, ETSA, Ensign Fallis, Fisher, ETC, Hemphill, ET3, Knapp, ET3.



ELECTRICIANS



IC MEN



First Row, Left to Right: Stuckey, EM3, Krause, EM2, Pruett, EM1, Vassallo, IC2, Barcus, McGroarty, EM3. Second Row, Left to Right: Ensign Yuskis, Jones, FN, Kruse, FN, Scory, FN, Teel, FN, Malcolm, FN, Cole, FA, Halbhm, FN.



"A" GANG



First Row, Left to Right: Audi, MR2, Woodruff, MM1. Second Row, Left to Right: Ensign Yuskis, LaRose, FN, Hammond, FN, Stolz, FN, Mularz, FN.



FORWARD  
FIRE ROOM



First Row, Left to Right: Laing, BTC, Bostic, BT3, Shook, BT2, Galligan, BT3, Ensign Simonton. Second Row, Left to Right: Burgette, FA, Burgoin, FN, Brisolara, FN, Holt, FA, Beavers, FA, Gedachovitz, FA, Doochack, FA.

AFTER  
FIRE ROOM



First Row, Left to Right: Laing, BTC, Sanders, BT3, Sarama, BT3, Shook, BT2, Kingren, BT3, Ensign Simonton. Second Row, Left to Right: D'Amico, FN, Bevan, FN, Pipo, FN, Lawrence, FN, Hines, BT3, Longmuir, FA, Herbulock, FN, Foy, FA. Missing: Landers, BT1.

FORWARD  
ENGINE ROOM



AFTER ENGINE  
ROOM





## SHIPFITTERS



First Row, Left to Right: McCormick, DC2, Cox, SF1, McKeeton, SF2, Flood, SF3. Second Row, Left to Right: Ensign Yuskis, Warner, FN, Clemons, FN, Miller, FN, Whitaker, FN, Richards, FN, Hofman, FN.

## YEOMEN



Left to Right: Couture, SN, Callinan, M. L., YN3, Howard, SA, Soden, SN, Nye, SN, Stentz, YNC.



## COOKS



First Row, Left to Right: Segurra, SA, Barnes, SN, Tustin, CS2. Second Row, Left to Right: Lt. (j.g.) Griffin, Bettis, SA, Martin, SN, Souders, CSC.

## SHIP'S SERVICEMEN



First Row, Left to Right: Knyff, SN, Leach, SN, Casale, SN. Second Row, Left to Right: Lt. (j.g.) Griffin, Tedford, SH2, Acampora, SH3, Alford, SHC.

STOREKEEPERS



HOSPITALMAN



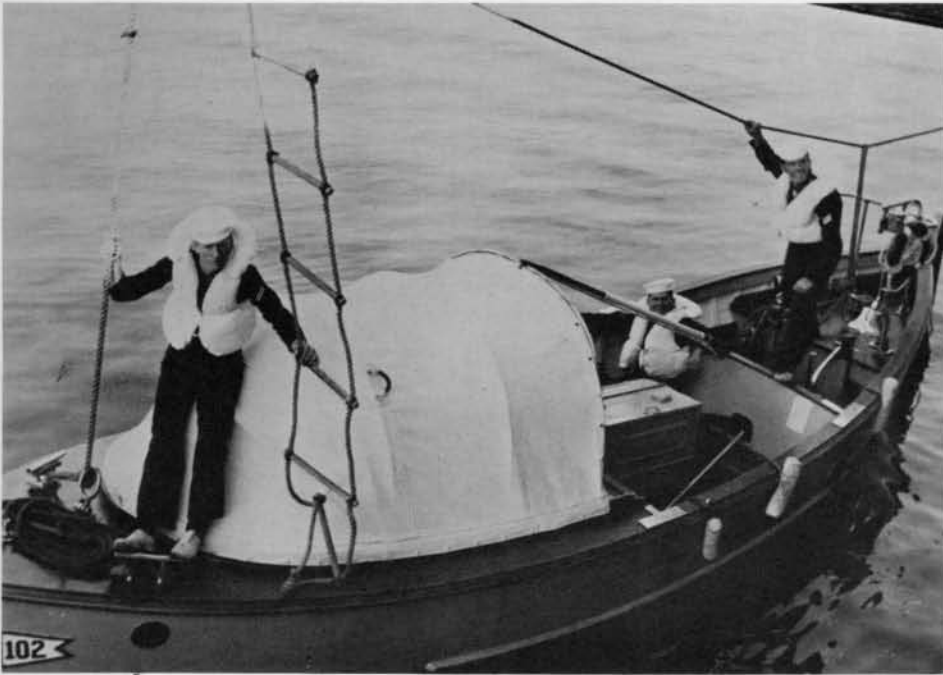
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STEWARDS



First Row, Left to Right: Nesby, SN, Hall, SN. Second Row, Left to Right: Lt. (j.g.) Griffin, Broner, SD2, Simmons, SD1, Reid, SD3. Missing: Hughston, TN.



GIG CREW

Left to Right: Lewis, R. W., SN, Bow Hook, Beitz, SN, Engineer, Boddy, SN, Coxswain

MAILMEN



Left to Right: Blackburn, SN, Howard, SA.



"The sea is so wide and my boat is so small . . ."

—Prayer of the Breton Fishermen

Engulfed in a typical Newport fog, we cautiously stood out of Narragansett Bay at 1030 on 11 July, our voyage already delayed two and a half hours by the zero visibility. There were eight of us then—all the ships of Destroyer Squadron 10—steaming in a double-diamond formation en route to Annapolis where we arrived at noon on the twelfth. Most of us spent the evening in Washington after surmounting the ordeals of a sudden squall on the Severn. By noon of July 14, 35 midshipmen had descended upon us, bearing enough additional gear to cause the DCA some concern. Soon the squadron was headed down the Chesapeake in an orderly column, out through Hampton Roads and to the open sea, where we set our course for Bermuda. This was to have been an enjoyable cruise—stops at Gibraltar, Cannes, Trieste, Ancona—all on this visit to the Mediterranean.





The time was 0045 on 15 July. The Captain was in his sea cabin, Mr. Simonton was the OOD, Dazey had the Quartermaster watch, Deritis was at the helm, Stubblefield was watching the steam pressure in Main Control. Everything was running quietly and well. And then a message was flashed to us from COMDESRON 10—we had been ordered to proceed back to Norfolk. At the moment, no one was sure why. But the Chiefs picked up a news broadcast on TV before breakfast. It talked about a revolt in Iraq and the fact that the United States had landed troops in Lebanon. It all fitted together when we arrived in Norfolk and read the press. The prospects were not good and we all knew it. Our squadron was put on four hour alert and much scuttlebutt naturally ensued. The Norfolk papers speculated that we were to escort an amphibious force to the eastern Med.; there was talk of disembarking the midshipmen. Meanwhile we loaded to 100% capacity of ammunition, fuel, food, stores, and water—we were ready to go at any moment. Liberty was granted on the base in Norfolk, but even this went by the boards when there was ammo to be loaded on 17 July.





On 18 July we were briefed about a possible movement of an amphib. force to the Beirut area. But then we were ordered to three days of "ops" in the Virginia Capes area with the Benham and the Antietam. The latest news we received informed us that the tension had eased in the middle east. At 1730 on 22 July, orders arrived which sent us to Vieques in the Carribbean as an escort for TRANSPHIBRON 8. This was for a practice landing after which the entire unit might be sent to the Med. Twenty-four hours later we rendezvoused with the Benham and the Antietam and headed south.



DESRON 10 anchored at Vieques early in the afternoon of 26 July. It was extremely hot and we would all have preferred to be on our way to the Med. The 28th found us participating in an air shoot off Culebra and we spent the night anchored off the small hamlet of San Ildefonso. We conducted a surface shoot on the 29th and returned to Vieques. We departed Vieques at 0930 on the 30th and proceeded to Roosevelt Roads for refueling, then cranked our speed up to 27 knots and arrived alongside the Sherman in San Juan at 2030. That we enjoyed San Juan is an understatement—it was our first real port on the cruise and it was pleasant to get ashore after our prolonged delay at Norfolk.







We got underway from San Juan on 1 August and set a northeasterly course. Our next stop was to be Gibraltar, but since most of the ships in DESDIV 102 were running low on fuel, we were detached from DESRON 10 to proceed to Ponta Delgada, Azores. It was on the 4th of August that Doc May, later to ride with us, performed an appendectomy on the Hale. The *Abbot Bugler* was printed for the first time on 4 August.



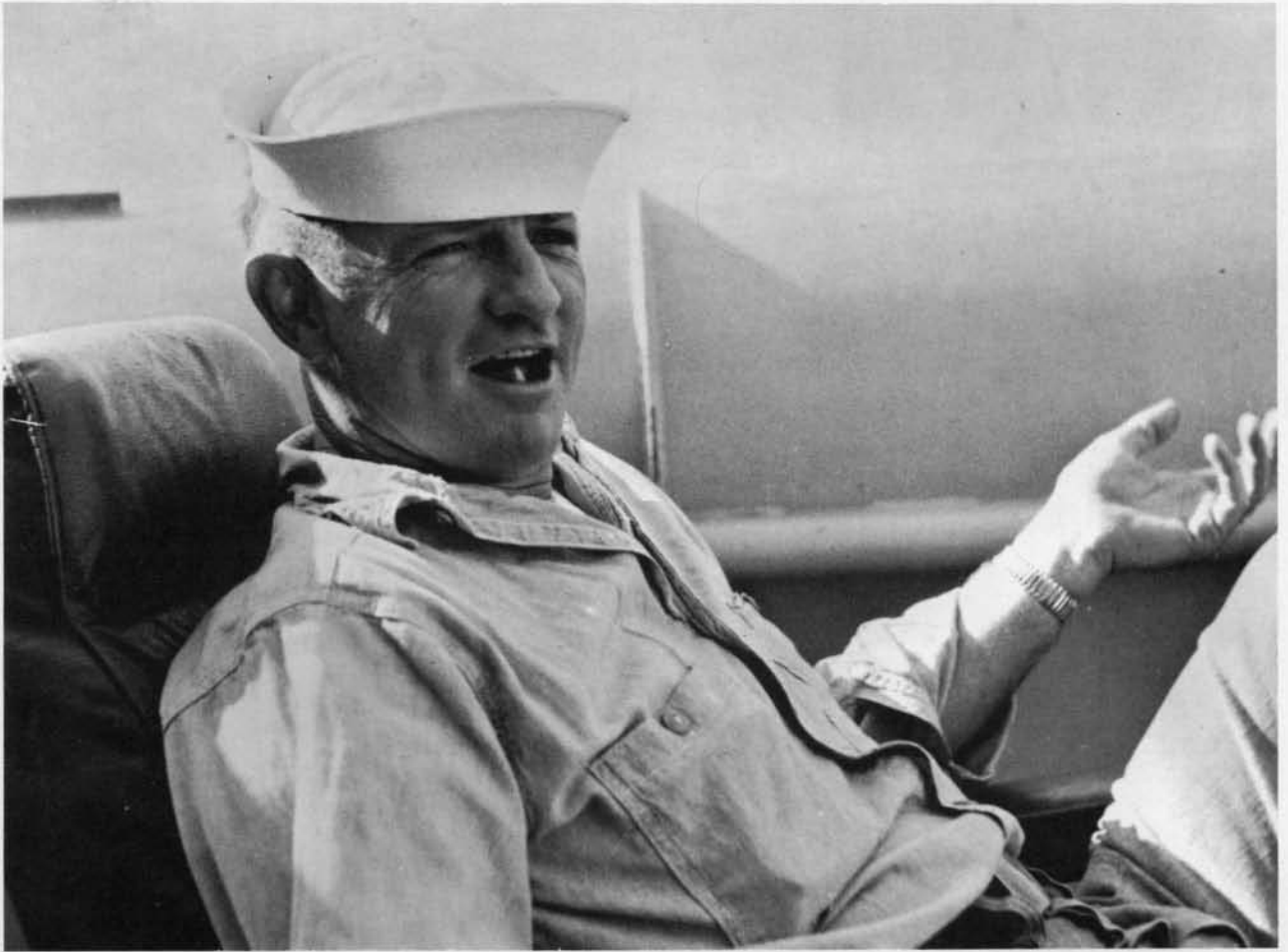
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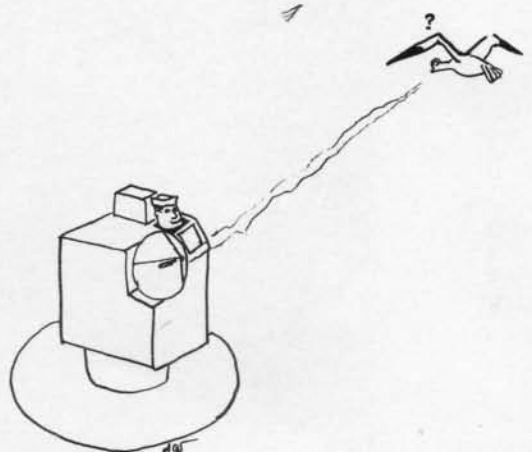


The night of six August found the Abbot at darkened ship. We secured all power possible and rationed our water in order to conserve fuel. We ate picnic lunches on the 7th, and finally arrived at Ponta Delgada to fill our thirsty fuel tanks at 1730.





Departing the Azores on the 8th, DESDIV 102 arrived at Gib on the 11th and left the same day with DESDIV 101 for Naples.

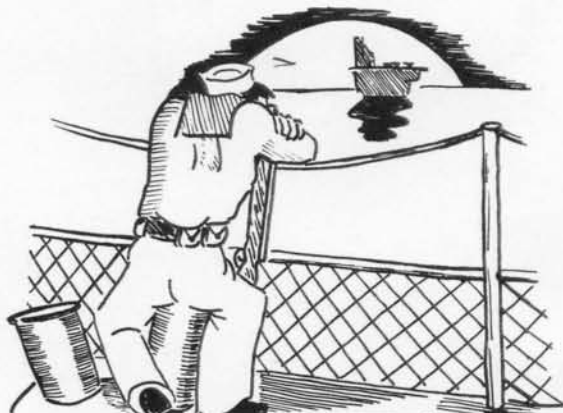


Up until now we had been with the midshipmen on watches in all the spaces and we were anxious to see them perform. The night of 13 August provided us with the opportunity and they entertained us well with "The Saga of Mark Armfighter" or "Don't Go Near the Abbot."



SHINE THOSE SHOES

On the 14th we arrived in Naples to "turnover" with DESDIV 362. The midshipmen were transferred to the homeward bound ships as we took off on tours for Rome, Capri, Vesuvius, and Sorrento. Naples was our first Med. port and it was all over much too quickly. We officially joined Task Force 60 on 20 August and that was a day to remember: we screened, lifeguarded, replenished, refueled, fired at a sleeve, and plane guarded for the Saratoga that night. But we learned quickly that this would be a rough-and-tumble outfit and we were prepared for anything from then on.





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NDTG 29 AUG 58

VIA VOICE

We were able to get two days of anti-submarine exercises while not busy operating with the Saratoga. One day when we were especially successful, the USS Pompon sent a message to the Commodore that we were all very proud of.

ABBOT AND THE SULLIVANS HAVE BEEN THE MOST ACCURATE PERSISTENT ANTAGONISTS TO-DATE .....

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It was on the 27th of August that the Sherman, Hale, Roan, and Royal were detached with the Essex to transit the Suez Canal and assist with operations in the Formosa area. We operated with the fast carrier group until 29 August when we were detached to proceed to Beirut to relieve the Hunt as a gunfire support ship. We thought that the assignment would be for a week or ten days and we hoped that there would be liberty.









We lay at anchor in Beirut for over three weeks. It was an excellent opportunity to paint and repair while things simmered in the capital city. And we did get our share of liberty. The Navy-Marine Stadium Fund Anchor Pool paid off \$300.00 to Mr. Arnheiter.



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THE DIVISION CDR NOTES WITH PLEASURE THAT THE ABBOT COMPLETED 23 CONSECUTIVE DAYS IN PORT WITHOUT A SHOPAT REPORT X THIS INDICATES TO ME THAT THE CREW OF THE ABBOT REALIZES THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS AMBASSADORS OF GOOD WILL AS WELL AS CITIZENS OF THE USA X WELL DONE

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While at Beirut we cultivated a warm relationship with the officers and men of Company B, 1st Airborne Battle Group, 187th Infantry. We spent many happy moments on "their hill" overlooking International Airport, and they undoubtedly enjoyed their trips to the ship for swim call, dinner, and a movie.

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 4 MARINES AND 4 SOLDIERS WILL BE AT THE POCONO LANDING AT 1600 HOURS DAILY COMMENCING 7 SEPTEMBER 1958 X THE ENTIRE COMMAND APPRECIATE THE  
 THOUGHTFULNESS OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE U.S.S. ABBOT AND THANKS THEM FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THEIR SHIP . . . . .

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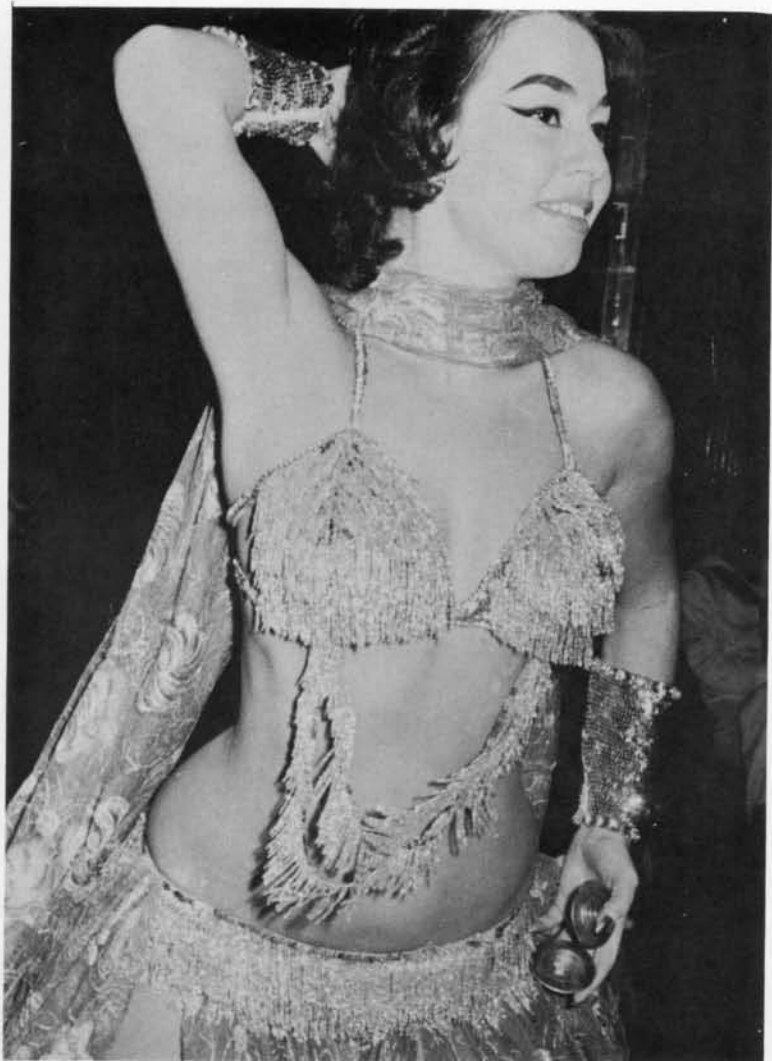
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When our work was done Miss Nadia Gamal performed with her alluring charms, much to our enjoyment.



## Beirut Slug Hits Local Crewman

The weather was pleasant in Beirut and movies were shown on the forecastle. That is, until.

Machinist's Mate 3 C. Joseph A. DiMotta, USN, of Philadelphia, Pa., a crewman aboard the Newport-based destroyer *Abbot*, was wounded by a stray bullet, apparently fired from shore, while that warship was anchored off Beirut, Lebanon, Sept. 13, the Navy revealed today.

DiMotta was hit in the left shoulder by a .35 calibre steel-jacketed slug while he was watching a movie performance in the *Abbot's* forecastle. He was treated aboard the ship and was not hospitalized. The Navy described the wound as "superficial."

Capt. A. D. Jackson Jr., of 287 Boulevard, Middletown, Destroyer Division 102, with the *Abbot* as

his flagship, conducted an investigation. The slug had penetrated in a sharp downward arc to a depth of one inch. Lt. Allyn G. May of 447 Broadway, Newport, medical officer aboard, said the bullet apparently curved high in the air before plunging into DiMotta's shoulder.

The *Abbot* was anchored 500 yards from the shore at the time. Cmdr. Robert M. Pond of 26 H Jefferson Road, Brenton Village, skipper of the *Abbott* stated the shot "was undoubtedly fired from the shore."

The *Abbott* left Newport July 11 for duty in the Mediterranean. Its specific task is to provide support for American forces ashore in the Beirut area.

## Sniper at Beirut Hits Phila. Sailor

A Philadelphia sailor serving aboard a destroyer anchored 1000 yards off Beirut, Lebanon, was wounded slightly by a bullet late Saturday as he watched a movie on deck the U.S.S. *Abbott*. Authorities believed the bullet was fired by a sniper.

Machinist's Mate 3/C Joseph A. Domotta, 20, of 2326 N. 3d st., was struck in the left shoulder. Domotta was treated and released for duty. Domotta, the son of Mrs. Samuel Davies, of 2739 W. Harper st., began his three-year enlistment in April, 1956.





We were honored by the visit of Mr. Boustrous, President Chamoun's former Minister of Protocol.



# Sailors From Newport-Based Ship Train With Infantry In Lebanon

Sailors from the Newport-based destroyer Abbot caused some surprised glances this month when they joined an infantry patrol in Lebanon.

The ship sent its landing party and shore fire control party ashore on Sept. 18 for three days of intensive training with Co. B, 1st Airborne Battle Group, 187th Infantry, on the crest of a hill near Beirut International Airport.

The Abbot personnel in the landing party lived the life of infantrymen, including daily weapons training classes and perimeter security guard duties. Meanwhile, the fire control party trained with Marine Corps forward observers who shared the Co. B bivouac area. The fire control men have the assignment of providing "eyes" up front for the Abbot's four five-inch guns.

While the sailors were training ashore, two rifle squads from Co. B made 24-hour visits to the Abbot at anchorage off Beirut. They saw the ship's fire and sonar, and came about 100 miles from the sea and came

tion between the services and a rare experience for all the men who took part."

Lt. (j. g.) Rudolph H. Daus was in charge of the Abbot's landing party, while Ens. George C. Mullin was the officer heading the fire control party.

The height of our exchanges came with "Operation Kronos"—our Landing Party and Shore Fire Control Party spent three days encamped with army personnel on their hilltop position.

# Sailors Train With Airborne Unit in Beirut

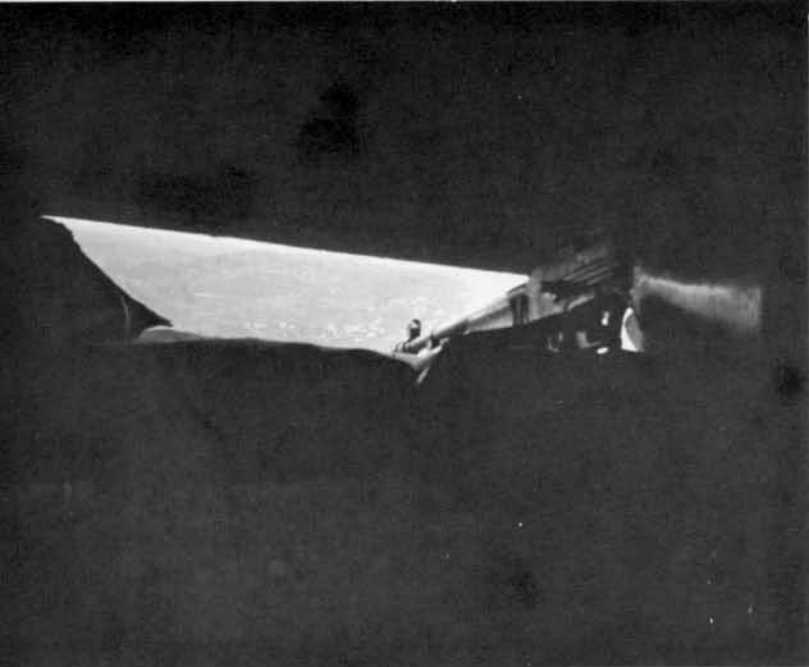
USS ABBOT. — The sight of Army fatigues has become common place for Lebanese residents in the area surrounding the position of Company B of the 1st Airborne Battle Group, 187th Infantry on the crest of a hill east of the Beirut International Airport. But for three days there were some surprised glances when patrols leaving the company's post included













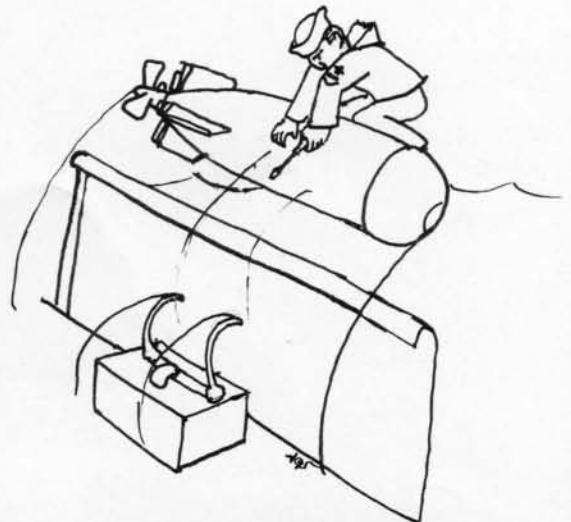


As we hoisted the gig aboard, all of us carried away many memories of Beirut, when we departed for Piraeus on 23 September. We felt that we had done our job and done it well.





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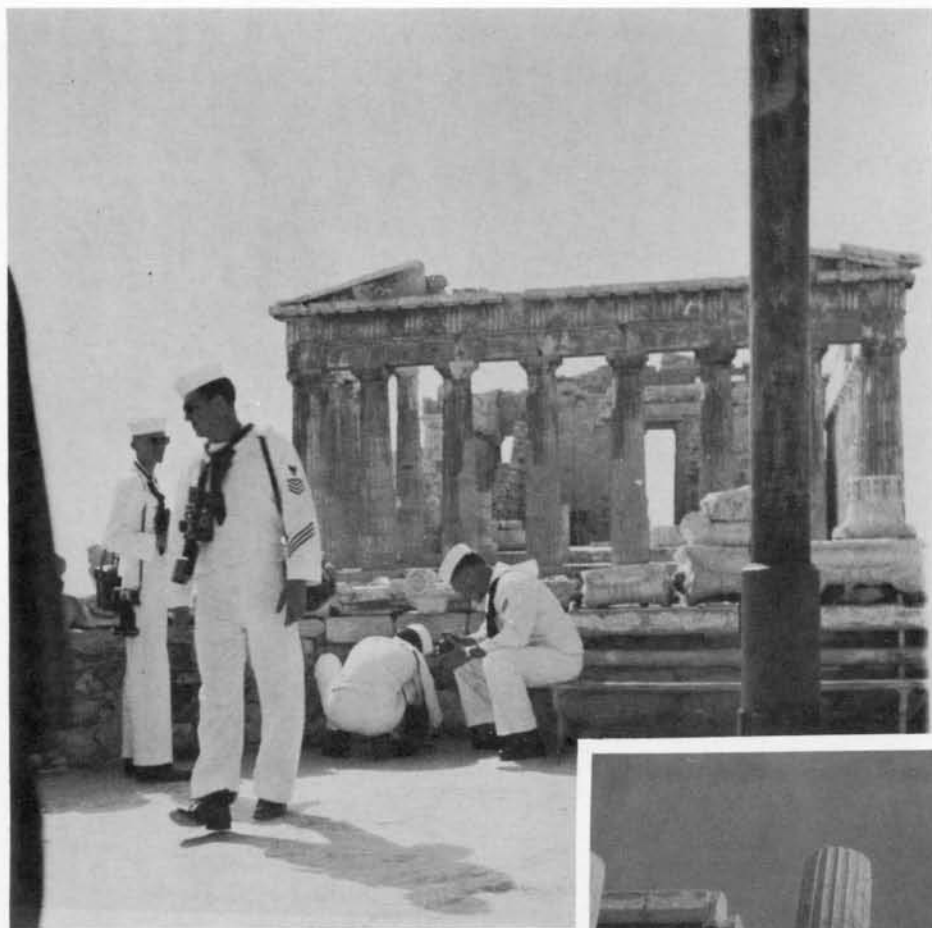


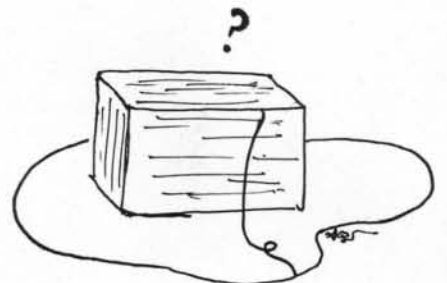
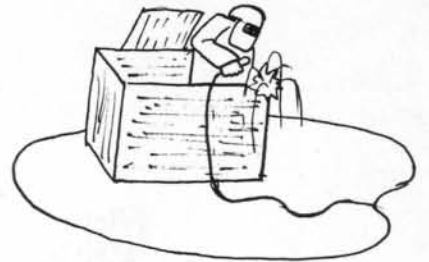
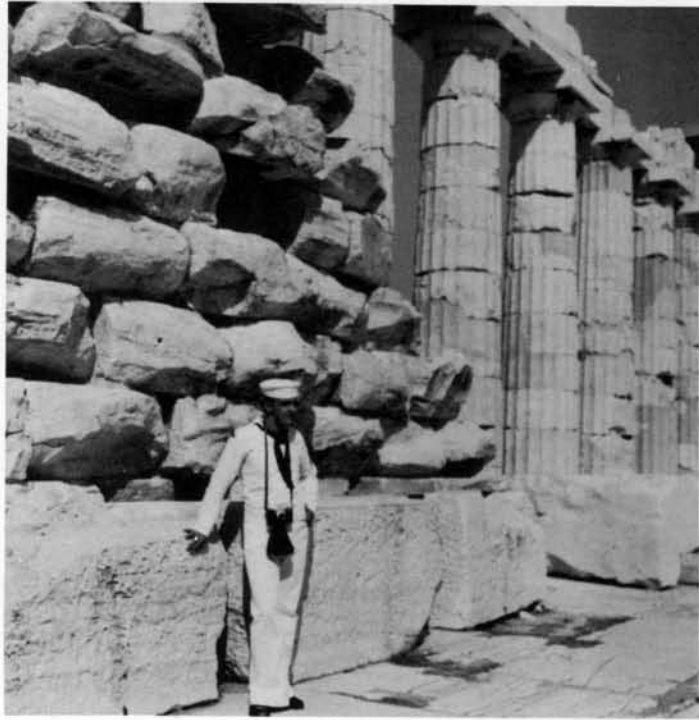


Athens and all its ancient beauty intrigued us. We arrived at Piraeus on 26 September and tied up alongside the Grand Canyon for a tender period lasting until 5 November.





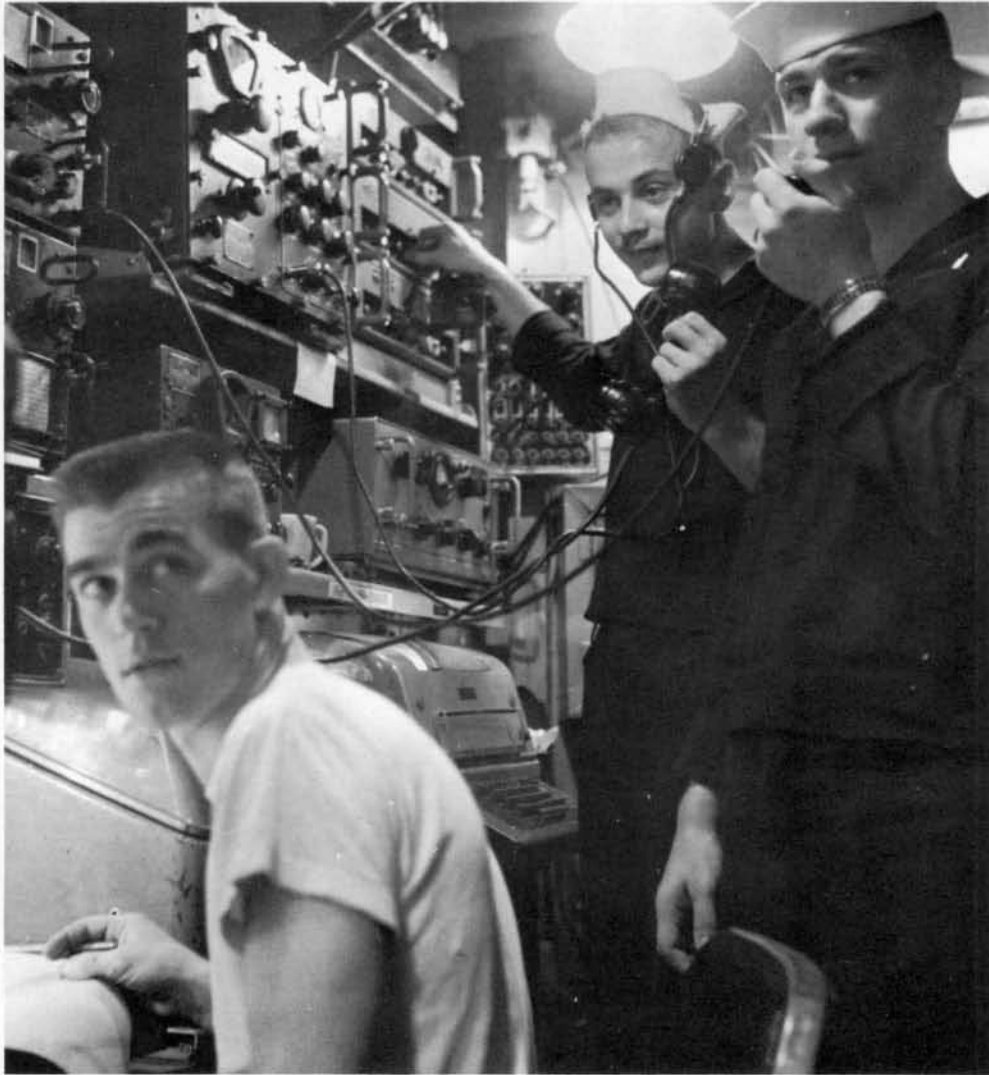






From Piraeus, we joined Task Force 60 for a nine day exercise. By this time we were fairly adept at handling a major replenishment in spite of the fact that it was one of the roughest days we encountered.





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WELL DONE TO YOU AND THE ABBOT

We participated in a two-day "strike" exercise where our primary role was ASW. The USS Power gained a sub contact some sixty miles from us only to lose it due to inoperative gear. We were ordered to close the Power and make the kill. This we did. A message from the Screen Commander sent to the Commodore congratulated us on our rapid work.

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We arrived at Cannes on 14 October for a two week stay on the Riviera. Once again we covered up the scars of the last operating period and readied the ship for our trans-Atlantic voyage.





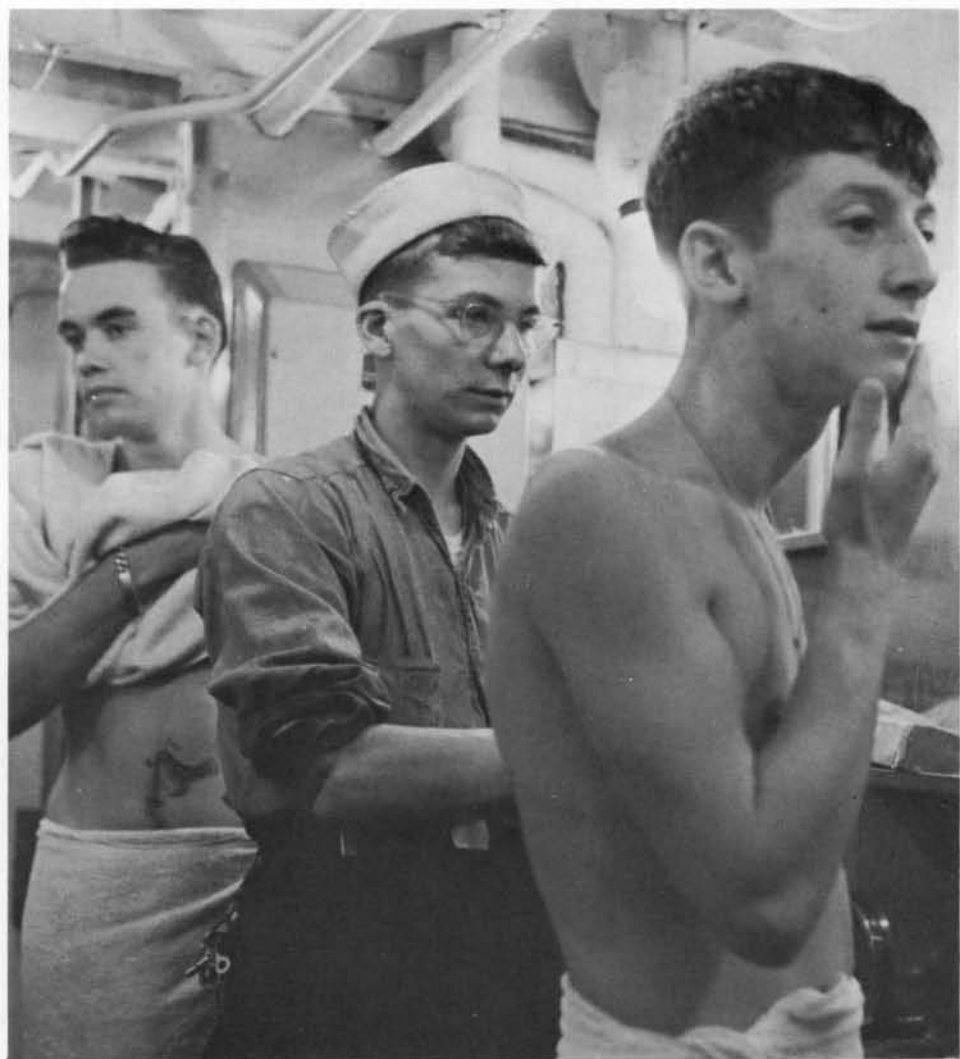
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While at Golfe Juan we received the news that DESRON 2 would be four days late relieving us. Our spirits brightened, however, when we learned that we were to spend our extra days in Barcelona.

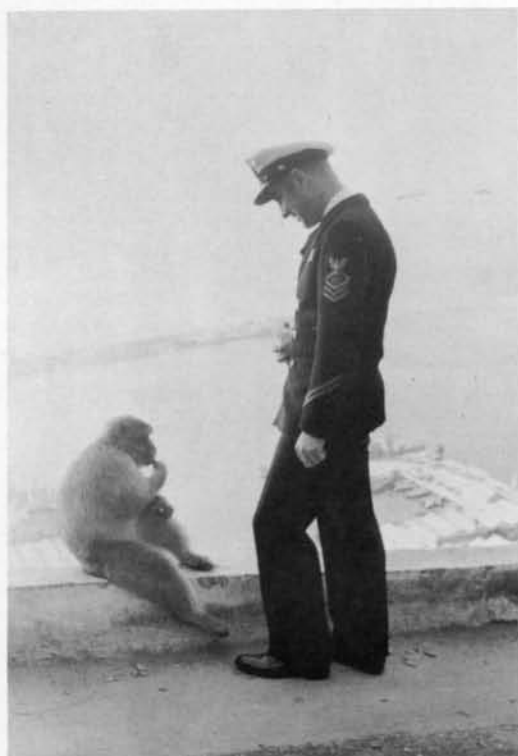






It was only a short trip to Gibraltar and we arrived there on the morning of 3 November to find most of the British Fleet tied up. The apes were old stuff to us this time, but it was an enjoyable stop while we turned our duties over to DESRON 2.





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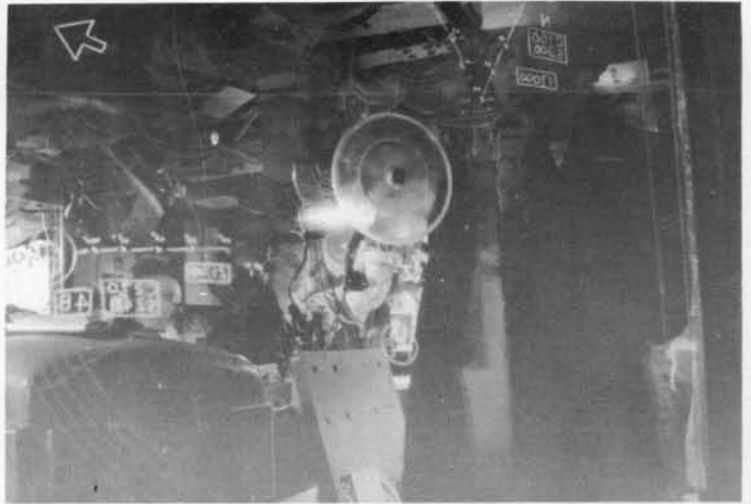
SORRY TO SEE YOU GO X YOU HAVE PERFORMED YOUR VARIED TASKS IN A MOST CAPABLE MANNER X GOOD LUCK AND SMOOTH SAILING... . . .

We got underway in the middle of the morning on the 4th and "chopped" to CINCLANTFLT from COMSIXTHFLT shortly thereafter. We soon joined the Waccamaw whom we were to accompany home. It was to be a rather long voyage and we had many drills scheduled to help the time pass more quickly. We refueled twice from the Waccamaw, had a chance to fire our guns, participated in division tactics—and then it got rough.

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The weather continued rough, but we didn't complain—we were on our way home and we wanted to make it on time. As we reflected back, we felt that all in all it was a good cruise—we had visited seven countries, had been underway for Sixth Fleet Operations only 30 days, had contributed to the stability of the Middle East and helped the Lebanese restore peace to their strife-torn country. Thus it was with a feeling of satisfaction that we tied up alongside the Cascade at Pier One at exactly 0836 on 13 November.



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OF LIGHTNING TEN BACK IN NARRABAY X THE FORCE JOINS ME IN  
WELCOMING HOME OUR WELL TRAVELED BROTHERS OF MANY SEAS AND ARABY  
X E B. TAYLOR ...

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