

USS TELFAIR APA-210



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BARCELONA

MED CRUISE
OCT. '65 - MARCH '66

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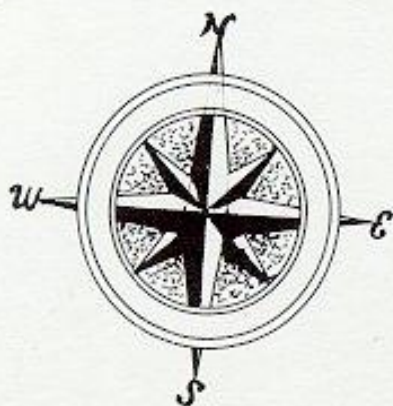
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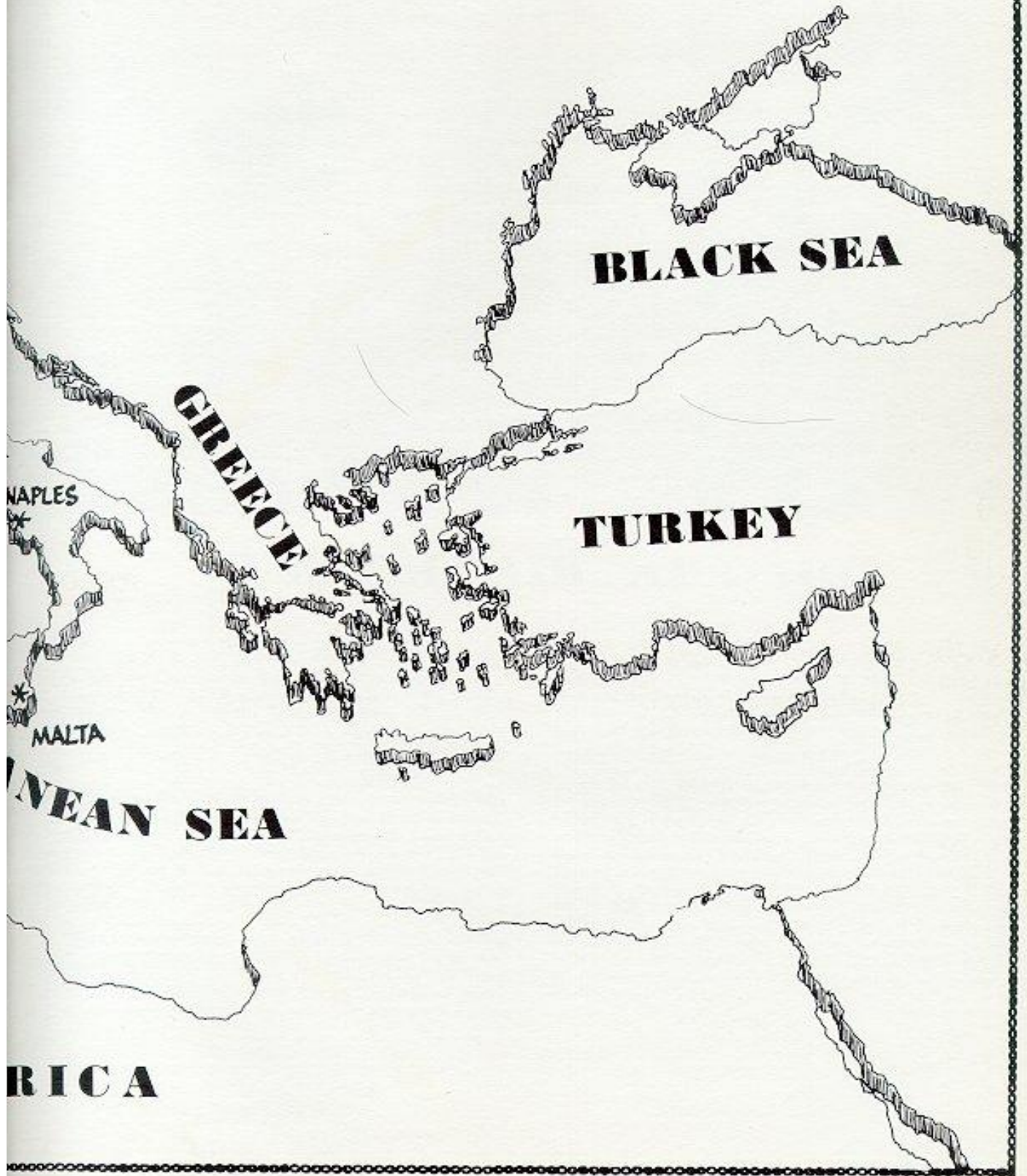
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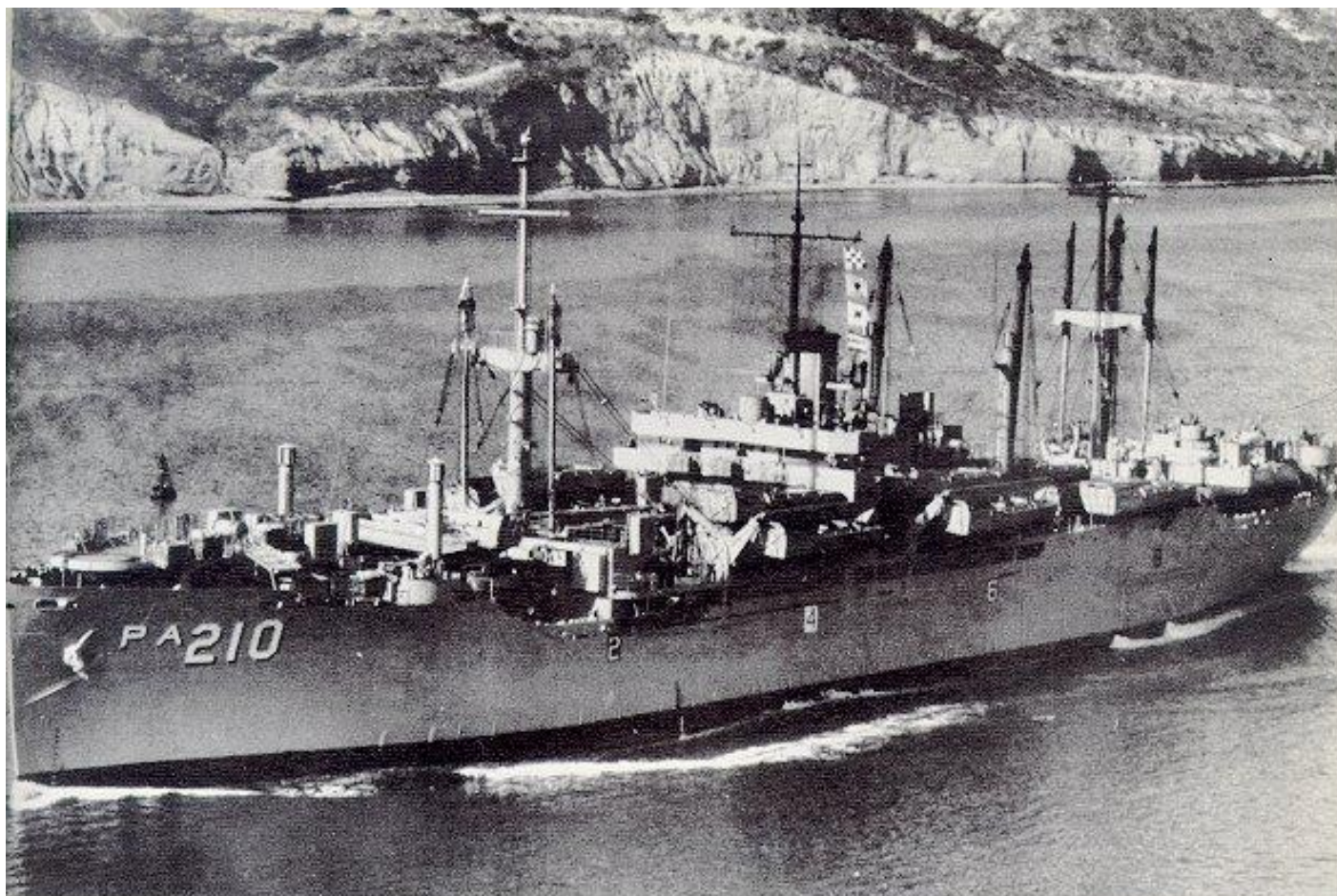
BLACK SEA

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AEGEAN SEA

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USS TELFAIR APA-210

Named for Telfair County, Georgia the ship was commissioned in San Francisco on October 31, 1944. From March 26 to April 26, 1945, TELFAIR played an active part in the invasion of Okinawa. She crossed the Pacific four times before landing units of the Occupation Forces at Kure, Japan in October 1945. She was decommissioned in January 1947 after completing 'Magic Carpet' duty, returning troops to the U.S.

The Korean War brought TELFAIR back to active duty in September 1950. She deployed to the Far East six times over the next eight years, taking part in exercises with Seventh Fleet and SEATO units. During her fifth deployment in 1954, she hurried to Viet-nam to aid refugees caught in the 'French-Indo-China War'. Altogether she carried 6,400 passengers to safety in Saigon.

TELFAIR was called to serve again in November 1961 after a three-year retirement. She was re-commissioned for the third time in San Francisco and shortly after sailed for her new homeport, Norfolk, Virginia. In June 1964, TELFAIR completed her second five-month deployment with the Sixth Fleet Ready Amphibious

Force in the Mediterranean. In October 1964, TELFAIR again deployed to Europe while participating in Operation 'Steel Pike', returning to Norfolk in November 1964. After four months of type training, a three month overhaul at PHILADELPHIA NAVAL SHIPYARD commenced in April 1965. On 16 July, TELFAIR left the shipyard in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for Norfolk, Virginia.

On 27 July, TELFAIR departed for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for three weeks of refresher training. The TELFAIR returned to Norfolk on 20 August where she remained in port until 7 September. From 7 to 17 September, TELFAIR participated in amphibious operations and training at Little Creek, Virginia. On 30 September Captain Aubrey R. SEILER was relieved as Commanding Officer by Captain Davis E. BUNTING. On 4 October, TELFAIR left Norfolk for Morehead City where she embarked Marine personnel and their equipment. On 5 October, TELFAIR departed the continental United States for a tour of duty with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. On 30 March 1966, TELFAIR completed its six month deployment when it returned to its homeport of Norfolk, Virginia.

TELFAIR TRAVEL LOG

TELFAIR left the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard in July of 1965 after her first major yard period since being recommissioned in 1961. Recognizing the staleness that inevitably crops up following several months of inactivity COMPHIBLANT assigned us to refresher training at Guantanamo Bay in the middle of August. Several weeks of intensive training under the auspices of Fleet training Group, GTMO, broken only by a weekend jaunt to Montego Bay Jamaica, renewed seagoing skills for the old hands, and introduced new men to the operational routine. While at GTMO, we learned that we were destined to make MED Cruise 3-65 along with units of PHIBRON 8 and 10. Many felt that we could not be sufficiently prepared for an extended deployment by the projected departure date of October 4. We were already scheduled for two weeks amphibious refresher training at Little Creek during September, and upon completion of that, would have slightly over two weeks to accomplish the myriad details that accompany an amphibious cruise. Dutifully the officers and men of TELFAIR set themselves to the task and succeeded with flying colors. We were ready in all respects for sea on the appointed date.

A major event occurred on TELFAIR a few days before our departure. Much-respected Captain AUBREY SEILER was relieved as skipper by Captain DAVIS BUNTING who came to us from a long career in Submarines. We wished Captain SEILER well in his new position on the COMNAVAIRLANT STAFF and eagerly looked forward to the job of assisting Captain BUNTING regain his sea legs in a deep draft ship. October 4 dawned clear and cold and we set out for the short trip to Morehead City, North Carolina, to load our Marine contingent and their equipment. For many, it was not until we saw the endless lines of green-clad fighting men waiting to board did we realize the significance and breadth of our undertaking.

Some four hours later, we had two companies of Marines and enough equipment and supplies to keep them battle ready for some time. It was our good fortune to have as CO of Troops, Captain JOSEPH HOAR, whose cooperation and spirit was instrumental in maintaining the close-knit relationship between Sailors and Marines that characterized the entire cruise.

The Atlantic crossing took us two full weeks. We occupied our time with firing exercises, battle problems, and steaming drills. It soon became apparent that Commodore E.G. MILLER was going to demand the highest performances in tight ship-handling. Errant ships were frequently blasted over the radio nets for sloppy performance. It seemed to us on the bridge that TELFAIR received fewer calls than other ships but some of the mistakes we did make were really beauts.

On the morning of October, 18 simultaneous sightings of the Spanish and North African coasts generated excitement throughout the ship. The anticipated view of the fabled Rock of Gibraltar never did materialize because of very low visibility, but a secondary thrill was provided by the presence of several Soviet Bloc Reconnaissance Ships who appeared to be waiting our arrival.

Once the straits were cleared, we came under the operational control of COM-SIXTHFLT. Our orders directed us to proceed to Almeria, Spain for the turnover from PHIBRON 4. On October 21 we became part of Task Force 61, the Amphibious ready force in the Mediterranean.

Two turnaway landings at Almeria gave us a test of our operational tasks to come, and offered the initial chance to work together with the other elements of the Squadron on the mechanics of a larger scale waterborne landing. Any traces of envy that existed as we watched the departing Squadron sail westward were dispelled as we ourselves headed for Marseille, France.

The weather could not have been more unpleasant as we arrived at Frances Largest Sea Port. Nonetheless, the sight of the historic old city perched on the high hills that fringed the bay was awe inspiring to those visiting for the first time. The old Cathedral, Notre Dame De La Garde, dedicated to seafarers, dominated the metropolitan skyline.

We were initially upset that we had been assigned an anchorage well outside the breakwater, but upon our first visit ashore and seeing the curious crowds that thronged fleet landing we were glad to have a haven to return to aboard ship.

Marseille offered something for everyone. Many took advantage of the tours offered to the ancient cities of Arles and Aix. Others spent time shopping and touring Marseille itself. Another large group found the numerous waterfront cafes to be an endless source of fascination. The week in Marseille passed quickly and TELFAIR was soon on her way to Aranci Bay, Sardina for our first complete landing exercise. During the six days there, no one was permitted ashore but we did enjoy the temporary absence of the Marines and the chance to perform routine in-port maintenance.

We left Aranci Bay on November and followed a course that took us to Valletta, Malta.

The traveling benefits of the Navy were quite evident at this time. Malta is one place that few tourists ever get to, although it is a regular port-of-call for both U.S. and British Naval Ships. Here St. Paul was shipwrecked on his way to Rome; here the crusading Knights of St. John settled and developed a prosperous colony for England; and here, because of its strategically crucial position in WWII, more bombs fell per square foot than any other place in the world. The Maltese people are noted for their courage, warmth, and business acumen. The arrival of 3000 Sailors and Marines gave them ample opportunity to display these qualities. Another well-run tour program included visits to the Old Cathedral, the Catacombs at Rabat, and the prehistoric temple ruins. Night-life was varied and lively. The Maltese were quite easy to make friends with and many of us were invited into homes for meals and visits. The men of TF-61 engaged in several worthwhile projects, including carpentry and masonry at an orphanage, and donations to charitable organizations.

A combined Marine-Navy rifle team won the Cassady Cup in competition with a Royal Army team.

We left Malta with regret and turned northward to Naples where we had two weeks tender availability awaiting us. Sailing along the East Coast of Sicily provided us with a spectacular view of Mt. Etna, already capped with snow. We then entered the narrow straits of Messina, known in Mythology as the place Hercules swam across in a storm and also as the locale of the sirens who lured mariners to their death on the rocky coast. Evidently our navigator did not hear the tempting refrain and we were soon well through.

The spectacular bay of Naples is a stirring sight, even to the salts who have been there previously. The gentle sweep from Sorrento to Pozzuoli has been written about, sung about, and photographed so much that nearly everyone had a mind's image of the area but actually seeing it for oneself was an experience to be remembered. The city of Naples is a treasure-trove of art and beautiful structures. The trick is to enjoy these places while being harrassed by the countless hucksters whose desire is to sell you anything and everything at the highest possible price.

The tour group, which by now had jelled into a tightly-knit semi-professional band of camera-snappers, found much to interest them. Pompeii, Vesuvius, the Islands of Capri and Ischia and the museums of Naples offered fertile ground to the Yashica, Leica, and Polaroid set. The shops of Naples were well-stocked, attractively displayed and possessed one of the best looking shop girls to be seen anywhere. Many of us spent much time and lire frequenting them. For Captain BUNTING it was a return to his most recent duty station and it turned out to be a gratifying one as the TELFAIR basketball team edged the local SUBFLOT team in an overtime contest.

We learned that the duration of our extension was one month and that our next port of call was Toulon, France. Toulon is not a city noted for beauty or art. It is the principal French Naval Port of the Mediterranean. Its saving grace was that it was within striking range of the well-known riviera cities of Cannes and Nice. All who could, made a trip to these garden spots. Facilities on the base at Toulon gave the athletes on TELFAIR a chance to flex their muscles. There was a certain amount of fraternization between French and American Sailors. In general, however, the weary fighting men were simply biding time until we were westbound.

To our surprise, we entered the harbor at Palma for the second time in six weeks. I think there were many surprised acquaintances on the beach who could not believe that we had fulfilled our good-bye promises to return someday. Several of the TELFAIR tigers elected to remain onboard ship during this visit.

After a week in Palma, we made for Rota, Spain with renewed vigor, site of our turnover with PHIBRON 6. An overnight stay there, the excitement of seeing our relief, the USS SANDOVAL appear on the horizon, and we were finally and irrevocably homebound.

The passage home was without incident although the weather got a little out of hand on occasion. The barren mud flats of the Carolina coast heralded our return to the USA. We off-loaded the marine contingent in record time and turned North for Norfolk, our home port. It was a cold wet day as we entered the Hampton Roads Channel but as we came alongside the pier the weather broke slightly and the married personnel were lining the rails to catch a glimpse of their wives and children. As the brow went over many of us reflected on the experience and knowledge gained over the past 6 months, and came to the conclusion that we had enriched our outlook by being a member of Med 3-65.

CAPTAIN DAVIS E. BUNTING
COMMANDING OFFICER



MEMORANDUM

From: Commanding Officer
To: All Hands

1 This Cruise Book highlights the pleasurable portion of our six month Mediterranean cruise. It generally omits, however, the long hours of individual work involved in any deployment.

2 Even though we had relatively little time to prepare for our extended cruise, TELFAIR acquitted herself admirably. Our professional competence is documented by the rare achievement of garnering four of the five Departmental 'E' awards. While I naturally look with pride on these honors, I am more proud of the practical reputation the ship attained with Commodore E. G. MILLER, COMPHIBRON TEN, as lead ship in matters of seamanship, tactical maneuvering, engineering, reliability, communications and administration.

3 Additionally, you proved yourselves gentlemen as well as sailors. TELFAIR sailors and marines achieved the lowest incident rate per number of liberties of the five deployed ships.

4 It goes without saying that the record you have compiled must be attributed to the crew as a whole. The success has been too widespread for any individual credit.

5 WELL DONE!!

D.E. BUNTING

DEPARTMENT HEADS



LCDR. BOGOROWSKI
SUPPLY



LCDR. HEAD
OPERATIONS



CDR. FOSTER
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



LT. ALBAUGH
DECK



LT. THOMPSON
ENGINEERING



LT. SHEIMAN
MEDICAL

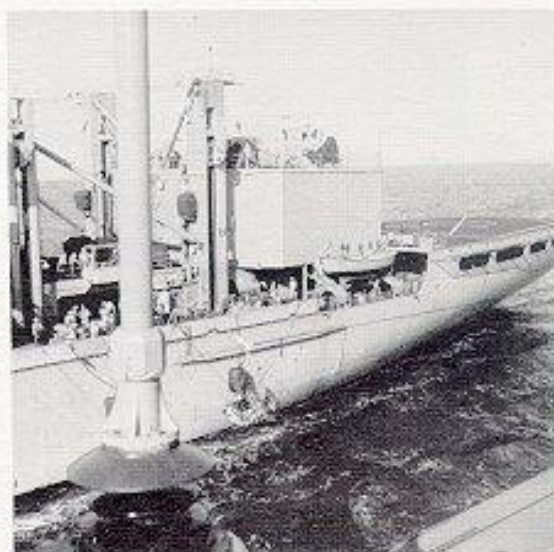


LT. BOLBN
DENTAL

UNDERWAY FOR THE MED



PERSONNEL TRANSFER AT SEA



FRESH FOOD FROM A FLOATING SUPER MARKET



PACKING THE PANTRY WITH FOOD



RESULTS OF SATURDAY AT THE MARKET

FIRST DIVISION



SANTELLA, BM1



MOTT, BMC



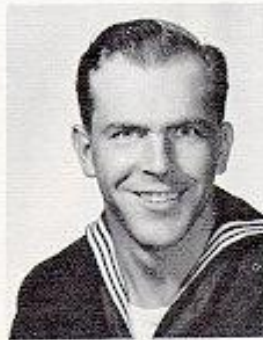
LT. LAVESSEUR



LT. REICHELHM



HALSTEAD, BM3



WESMAN, BM3



"DOWN FIVE"



EDGERON, SN



BAKER, SN

"IF IT DOESN'T MOVE, PAINT IT!"



COCHRAN, SA



MEYER, SA



POW L, BM3



SECOND DIVISION



ENS. CUCCHIARA



KLING, BMSN



CARSON, BM2



"WHAT DO YOU MEAN, TURN-TO
WENT AN HOUR AGO."



MCCULLOUGH, BM3



OLSON, SN



SCHMITT, SN



LAMP, SN



HORKUM, SN



HELTON, SN



WHITFIELD, SN



KRAEMER, SN



BROOKS, SN



THOMAS, SN



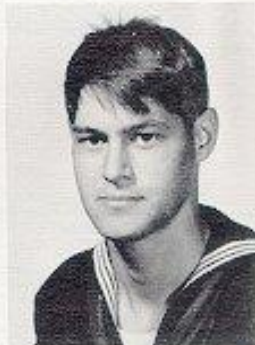
ROOT, SN



WUORI, SN



BOYD, SN



ALONZO, SN



CALHOUN, SN



"DID YOU HAVE LIBERTY TODAY, SAILOR?"



BUELL, SN



COLLINS, SN



HILBERER, SA



GREEN, SN



BERRIER, SN

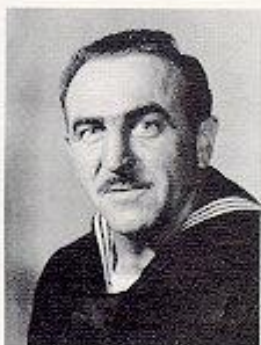


EVANS, SN

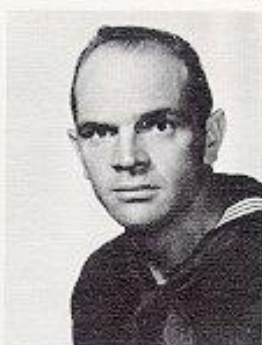
THIRD DIVISION



LTJG. KLINE



SWEANEY, BM2



CONNELLY, BM2



RIDDLE, BMSN



AVILES, SN



BARNHOUSE, SN



"GOT ANY PESADAS?"



DIRUSSO, SN



KELLY, SN



LEVINE, SN



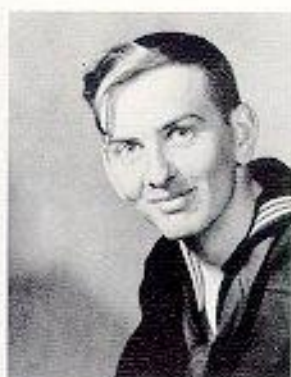
AINSWORTH, SN



MEAGER, SA



PALERMO, SA



RIDGEWAY, SA



WILLIAMS, SN



"ANYTHING CLARK CAN DO, I CAN DO BETTER"



JONES, SN



BENNETT, SN



BEST, SA

FOURTH DIVISION



LT.JG. KEMP



POPE, GMG2



ROBBINS, FTGSN



MCMULLEN, GMG3



EDWARDS, SN



DAVIDSON, SN



COPELAND, SN



WICKLUND, FTG3



EBERT, FTG3

A DIVISION



LTJG ISICKISEN



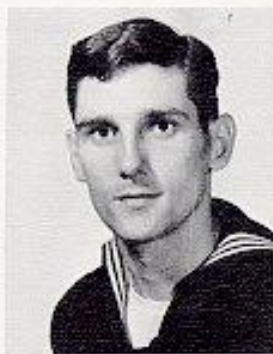
LASHLEY, MM1



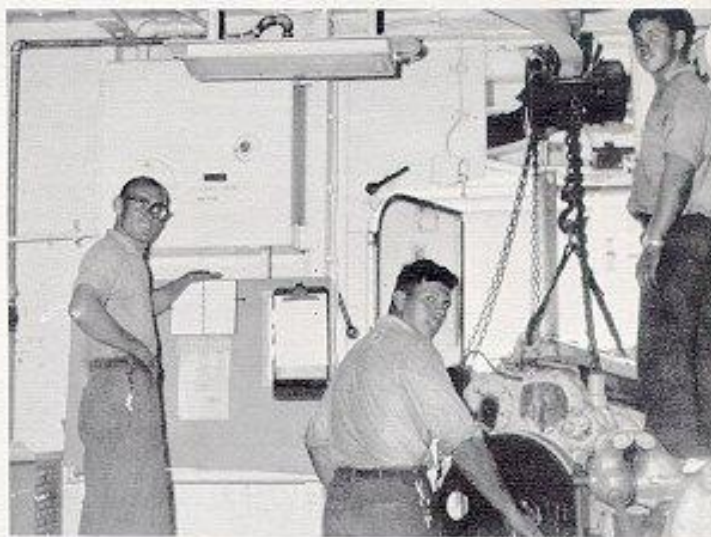
PATTEN, EN1



ROSS, EN2



STROUP, MM2



"PAINT IT, IT'LL RUN BETTER"



SIMON, EN3



SCHULTZ, EN3



THERRELL, EN3



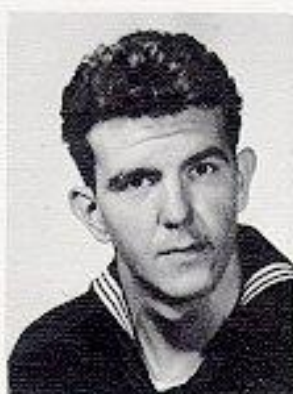
GODMAN, EN3



OBRECHT, FN



WARNER, EN3



MARTIN, FN



THOMSEN, FN



COLUCCI, FN



DEJANOVICH, EN3



THOMSEN, FN

AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS



THE BEACH AT ARRANCI BAY, SARDINIA



OFF THE COAST OF ALMERIA, SPAIN



TOWERING CLIFFS AT PORTO SCUDDO, SARDINIA



AT LAND THE LANDING FORCE, AN LCM-6
IS LOWERED INTO THE WATER AT SANTA
MANZA, CORSICA



ANOTHER VP HITS THE WATER AT
ARRANCI BAY



ASSAULT CRAFT CIRCLE AT PORTO SCUDDO WHILE THEY WAIT TO BE CALLED ALONG-SIDE



DOWN THE DEBARK NETS, THE MARINES GO INTO THE WAITING VP



A MIGHTY-MITE IS LOWERED INTO AN LCM-6



LOADED VP'S CIRCLE IN RENDEZVOUS WHILE WAITING TO BE DISPATCHED TO THE BEACH



ANOTHER WAVE IS SENT TO THE BEACH



A VP AS IT CROSSES THE LOD



THE BOAT GROUP COMMANDER
OVERSEES THE LANDING



EMPTY BOATS RETURN TO PARENT VESSEL
FOR MORE TROOPS



AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS SIT AT ANCHOR AWAITING CALLS
FOR MORE TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT



THE FIRST LIEUTENANT AS A RESULT
OF ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL LANDING



CAPTAIN BUNTING TALKS WITH
SOME NATIVES OF CORSICA



COMMODORE MILLER AND A FRENCH ADMIRAL HELP CELEBRATE THE MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY AT SANTA MANZA, CORSICA



MORE CELEBRANTS AT THE BIRTHDAY PARTY



STRANDED ON THE BEACH BECAUSE OF BOAT TROUBLE

B DIVISION



LTJG SHATZ



EDWARDS, BTC



COOK, BT1



BRAWNER, BT2



MACBRIDE, BT2



AYERS, BT3



DYKES, FN



DAELKE, FN



I WONDER WHERE ALL THAT BLACK OIL CAME FROM?



MERCER, FN



CARVER, FN



WILLS, FN



GROTHE, FN



BEVENS, FN



HERE'S A NOTE FROM THE OLD MAN AND HE ALSO WANTS TO KNOW WHERE THAT BLACK OIL CAME FROM

E DIVISION



LT.J.G. COMBS



COOK, EMCM



JONES, EM1



MILLER, EM2



"THE BOYS AT WORK"



SHERMAN, EM3



PANEK, EM3



RUTKOWSKI, EM3



REINERTH, ICFN



HEHENBERGER, FN



LEVESQUE, FN



MALLOY, FA

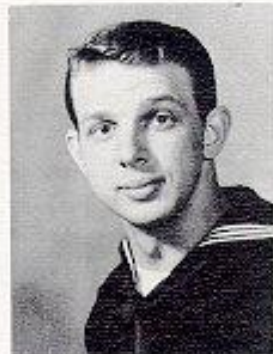
M DIVISION



LTJG. SHATZ



PETERS, MMC



CARTER, MM2



MEULE, MM2



GRIMSLEY, MM2



HAYES, MM2



VAN BILLARD, MM3



PHILLIPS, MM3



HESS, MM3



DONOHOO, MM3



POWERS, MM FN



JANDREAU, MMFN



WURTS, MMFN



BUCHENROTH, MMFN



CORELLI, FN



HUFFMAN, FN



"HEY, I CAN'T STRAIGHTEN UP!"



HAZELTON, MR3

MEDICAL



ELLISON, HMCS



BRODY, HM1



HARDING, DT1



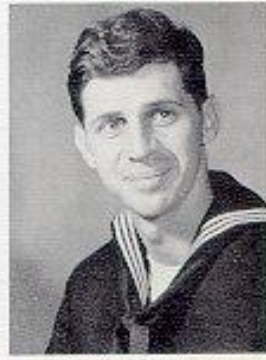
HAINES, HM2



BRANDT, HM3



ROSSER, HN



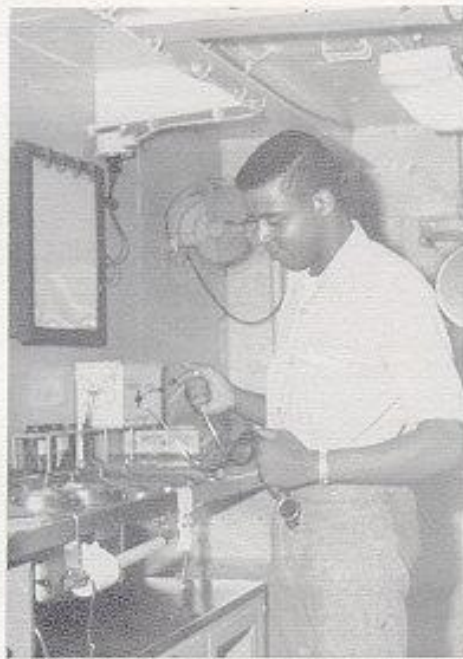
MANN, HA



GRAY, HN



WHITE, HN



"SO THIS IS A SYRINGE!"



"THIS IS GOING TO HURT ME MORE THAN IT WILL HURT YOU."

NAPLES





CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE VISITS
TELFAIR



FROM NAPLES WE TOURED. . . .



N DIVISION



SHIMER, QM2



HESSION, QM3



BURKE, QM3



MORGAN, SN



"AT LEAST THE QUARTERMASTERS
KNOW WHERE THE CHOW LINE IS"



MCKENNA, SN



JENSEN, SN

O C DIVISION



LTJG. SMITH



ENS. MEERS



TROUP, SMC



DOWNIE, SM2



SATTERLEE, RM2



COCHRAN, RM2



PEREZ, SM3



HAYES, SM3



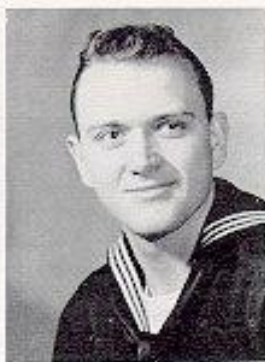
MALONEY, CYN3



PAUL, SM3



JONES, RM3



BUSS, RM3



RICHARDSON, RMSN



WASHBURN, RMSN



SHAW, SN



PEMENT, SN



LEAF, SN



OI DIVISION



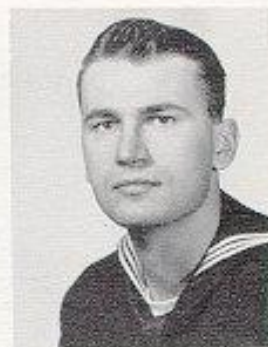
LTJG. HAMMOND



ENS. S. SMITH



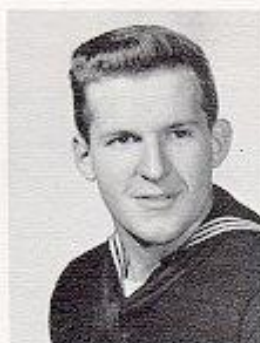
HOLLAND, RD1



PANEK, ETR3



VAUGHN, RD3



HOLMAN, RD3



BLISS, RD3



KOOSE, ROSN



CHAMBERLIN, SN



WEIR, RD3



MARSEILLE, FRANCE



SKYLINE VIEW OF THE CITY OF MARSEILLE



THE SIMPLE PEOPLE OF MARSEILLE



FLEET LANDING LEADS EVERYWHERE



MARSEILLE FISHING FLEET



FRENCH BULL RING



TYPICAL AMERICAN TOURIST

MALTA



SCENIC BEAUTY OF MALTA



TWO OF THE MANY HELPERS AT THE ORPHANAGE



MARINES ENTERTAIN ORPHANS

"R" DIVISION



ENS. LAKIN



CARDWELL, SFC



FISHER, SF1



PAGE, DC1



MATHER, SFP2



BANNING, 5FM3



PICARD, 5FM3



SEXTON, DCFN



CARLSON, SFPFM



HUNT, FN



"WAIT ONE MINUTE, I'M MAKING AN AIR HOLE"



SWARINGEN, FN
VARIELLO, FN
LEWIS, FN

S I DIVISION



ENS. MACRAFFREY



SALVERSON, CSCS



GARRETT, SKC



DEL ROSSARIO, CSC



GILMORE, SH1



FARRIS, CS1



COOK, DK2



HARNEY, SH2



PULLER, SH3



KAUFMAN, SK3



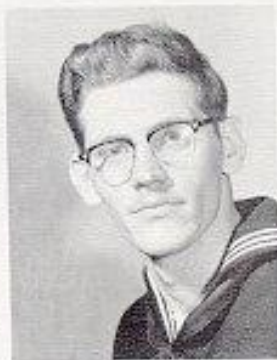
STEWART, SK3



SHANKLIN, SH3



BROWN, SH3



ABEL, CS3



KELLEY, SN



BAGLEY, SN



MILLS, SN



TEAGUE, SN



MILLER, SN



VAUDRIEN, SN



HARRINGTON, SN



WHEELER, SN



KRAMER, CS3



WILLIAMSON, SH3

S 5 _ DIVISION



UDO, SD1



PENAFLOR, SD3



WHITE, SD3



MAGLABE, SD3



DILOY, TN



SANCHEZ, TN



PIPES, TN



GARCIA, E., TN



GARCIA, J., TN



GUTIERREZ, TN



VILLA, TN



MOTIL, TA

X DIVISION



ENS. DAVIS



BOWRON, ENCM



ORME, PNC



THEABEAULT, BM1



CARR, BM2



VALLE, BM2



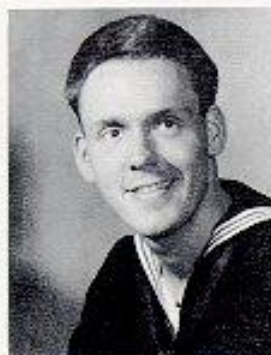
MCKITRICK, YN3



BURNER, YN3



MORRISON, YN3



IVERSON, YNE



GIRARO, PNSN



NAVARRO, PNSN



BLEEKER, SN



HYSLOP, SN



1ST LT. MC COLLEY



"NOTHING ESCAPES THE EYE OF THE CHIEF MASTER AT ARMS!"



"DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT WE CAUGHT THE PERSONNELMEN AT WORK!"



WHAT ELSE DID THAT SEAMAN DUECE AT EPDOLANT TELL YOU?

MERRY CHRISTMAS

GENOA-1965



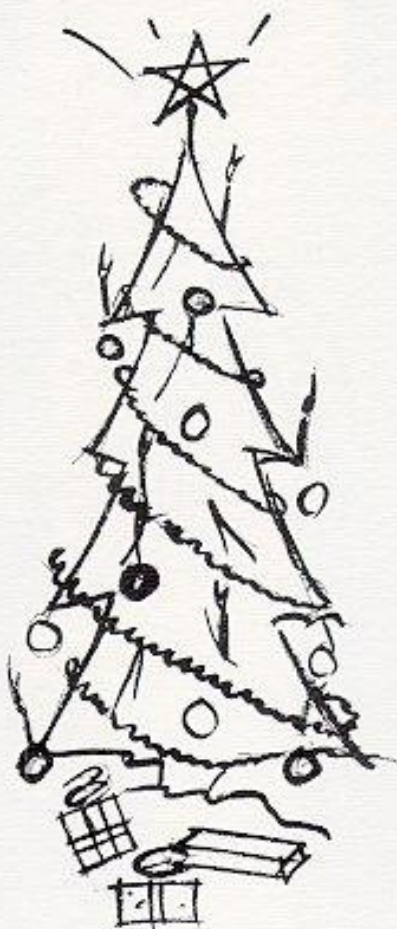
WARDROOM



CHRISTMAS MAIL



MAIN CONTROL



MESS DECK VERSION OF
EGGNOG AND CHRISTMAS



GINNY AND FRIEND

HAPPY NEW YEAR

GENOA 1965-66



WHERE DOES A DK GET HUNDRED DOLLAR BILLS?



HI!



NEW YEARS EVE WITH FRIENDS



WE CAN HANDLE IT, CHARLIE



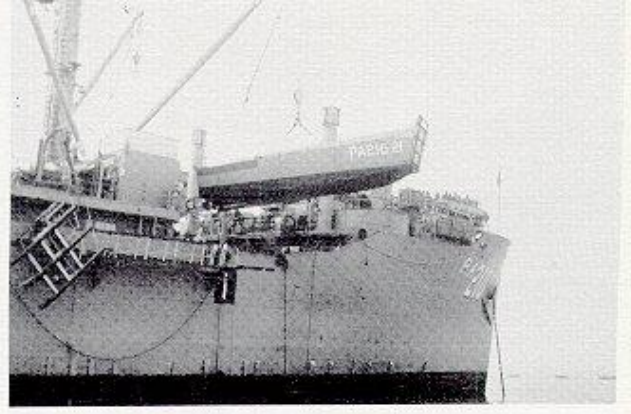
BOXING COMPETITION



TELFAIR'S COLLECTION

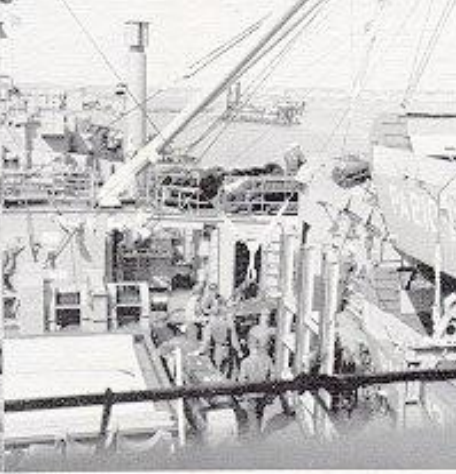
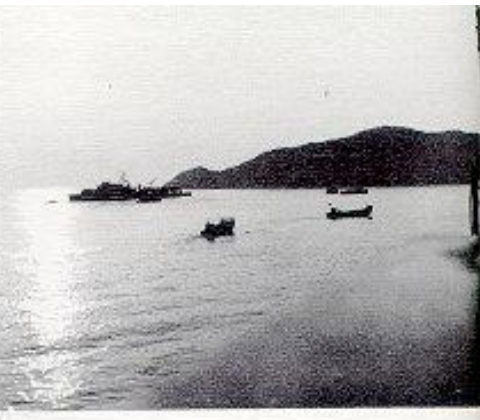


JUDO COMPETITION



"DOWN FIVE"





WE RETURN TO..

..MOREHEAD CITY..

