

uss edisto (agb-2)

operation deepfreeze sixty-one

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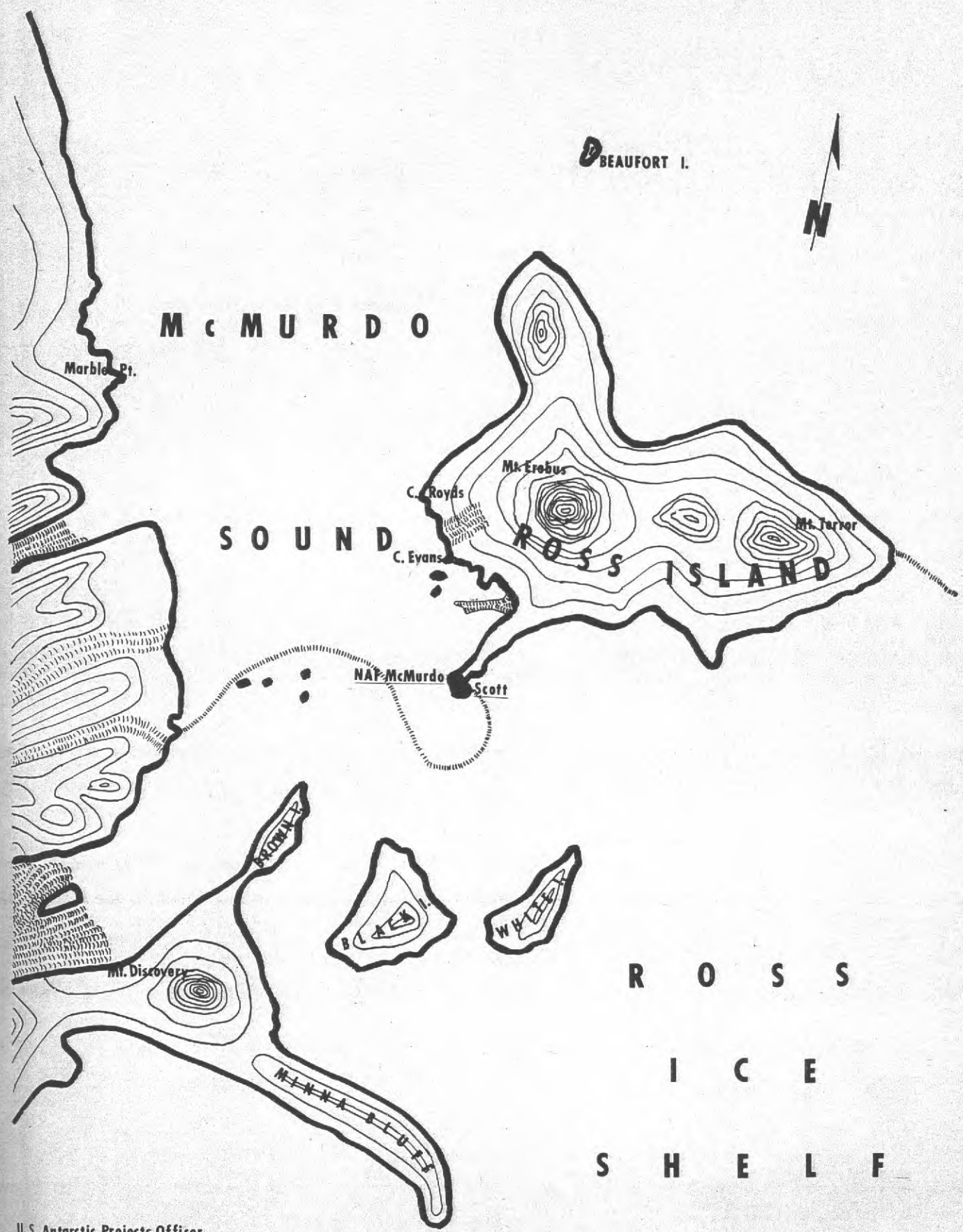
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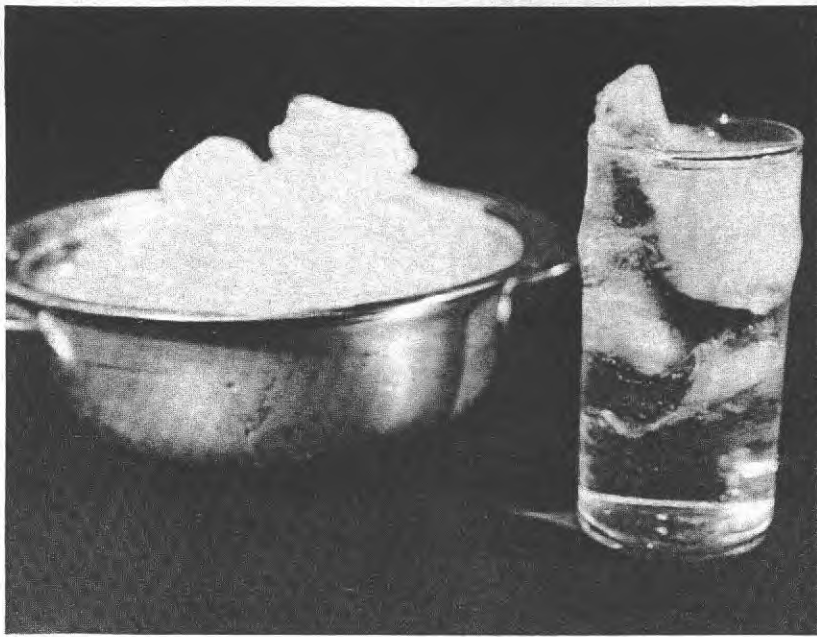


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When water, commonly known as H_2O because of the unity of two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom within the molecular bond, is lowered to a temperature of $32^{\circ}F.$ or, if you prefer to live rakishly $-0^{\circ}C.$, it congeals into a translucent, cold, tasteless solid. In this form and in small quantities it is used to cool: refrigerators (iceboxes), ice cream, soft drinks, fish, vegetables, bourbon, and fevered brows resulting from bourbon. In slightly larger quantities and shaved to thin particles it creates: movie snowstorms and snow in July for mountain ski resorts. If these were its only functions we might well elevate it to a place in our heritage second only to the mixmaster and Abraham Lincoln.

There dwells, however, in the dim outermost reaches of abnormality a dragon of weather and wind and storm who breathes not fire but ice. His hunting ground is the southern latitudes of Antarctica and he is treacherous in his dealings with mortals who nibble away at his secrecy.

Here ice becomes a deadly foe and is present in such huge, unimaginable masses of obstruction that the men who come to battle it year after year come away with a subtle feeling of only half-victory.

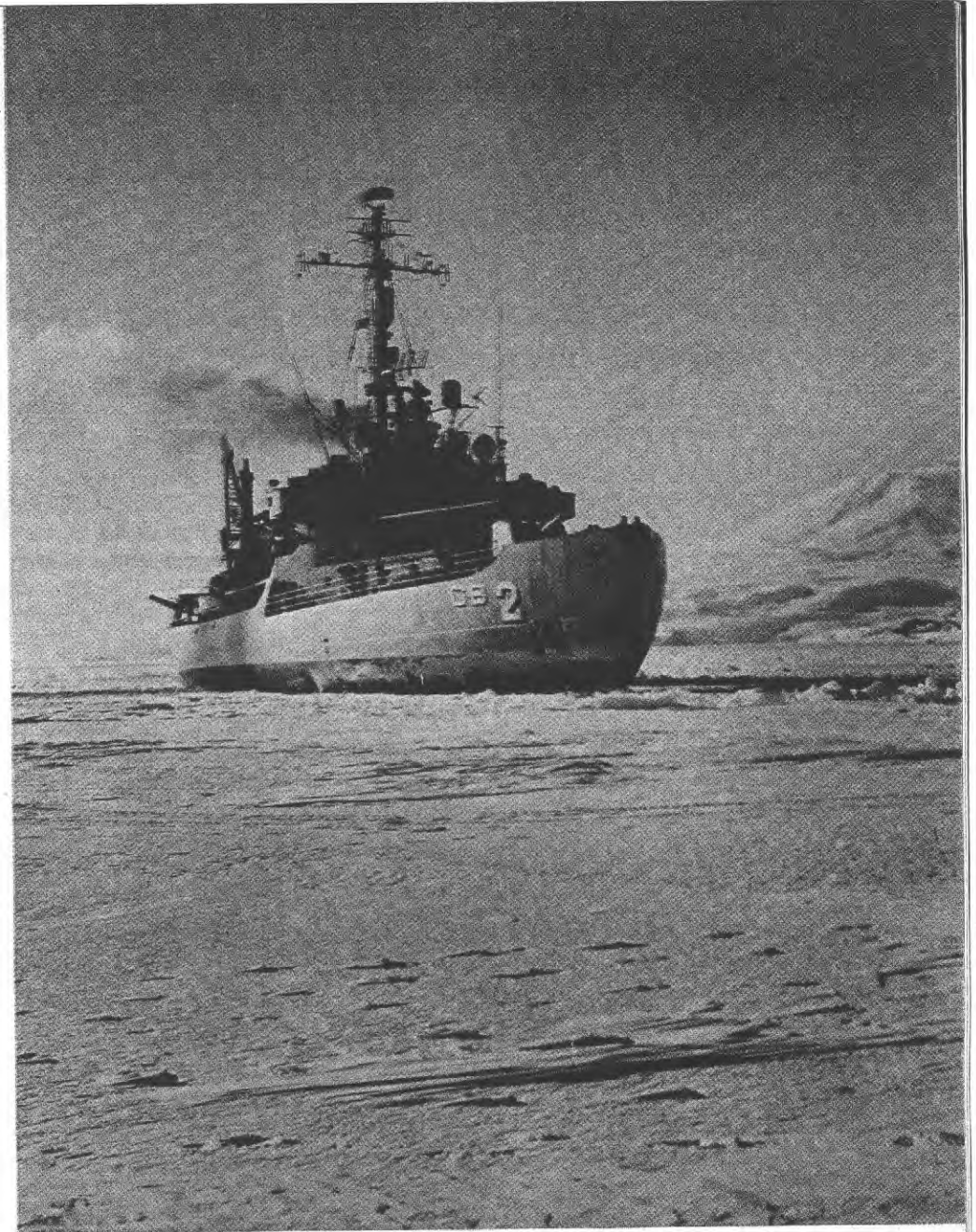
It is with a desire to explain this encounter with the ice and with a vague suspicion that it will not be fully understood by those who have not been there that the officers and men of the *USS EDISTO* present. . .

ice trails south

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were the explorers . . .

commanding officer



sail on, sail on

Griffith Conrad Evans, Jr., is the son of Professor (Emeritus) and Mrs. Griffith Conrad Evans, Sr. Professor Evans is a noted mathematician at the University of California. Commander Evans graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, California, with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He was commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy Reserve August 14, 1942. His date of rank as Commander is January 8, 1957.

He first served on district patrol craft having quartermaster and signalling duties. In September 1942 he was Assistant First Lieutenant at the Maritime School. HOFFMAN ISLAND, New York. Commander Evans then returned to patrol craft, first as Executive Officer of the USS YP 449, and in May 1943 as Commanding Officer of the USS YP 61.

In January 1944 he underwent submarine chaser training in Miami, Florida where he completed the Basic and Prospective Commanding Officer courses. He served as Executive Officer of the patrol craft USS PCS 1383 commencing in August 1944. Commander Evans served as Commanding Officer of the USS PCS 1421.

On February 11, 1946 Commander Evans was released from active duty at his own request; however he remained an active member of the Naval Reserve. On August 20, 1950 he returned to extended active duty at his own request.

He assumed command of the landing ship USS LSM 175. In November 1951 he assumed command of the USS EVERETT (PF8) alternating between the Korean theater and as U.S. Stationship, Hong Kong, from March to August 1952 and from November to March 1953. Commander Evans next served as Convey and Routing and Assistant, Operations Officer on the Staff, Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier. In September 1953 he was selected for the TAR program.

In February 1954 he reported for duty with Assistant Director Naval Personnel (Naval Reserve) Staff, Commander Fourteenth Naval District. He then assumed duties as Commanding Officer on the U.S. Naval Reserve Training Center Santa Ana, California, and was a member of the National Naval Reserve Policy Board for FY 1956 and 1957. Here he formed the First Fleet Division activated in Country May 13, 1956, and the First Submarine Attack Unit, activated in December 1956. From there he was ordered to the oiler USS KAWISHIWI (AO'46) where he became Executive Officer, and later Commanding Officer.

On December 7, 1959 Commander Evans assumed command of the icebreaker USS BURTON ISLAND (AGB1). While he was Commanding Officer the ship participated in the first successful penetration of Bellingshausen Sea during DEEPFREEZE 1960. Also with the same ship he established the first ship-launched ice floe station ARLIS I in the Arctic in September 1960. On November 14, 1960 Commander Evans became Commanding Officer of a second icebreaker, the USS EDISTO (AGB2).

Commander Evans is married to the former Miss Arlene Westbo Callahan of Hollister, California. They have four children, and the family is currently residing in the Boston Mass. Area.

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Thomas Frank GERECKE is the son of Mrs. Frank Gerecke of the Sag Harbor, New York. Prior to entering the Navy he attended the University of Alabama. He was commissioned an Ensign after graduating from the U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School, New York, New York, in November 1945. Since entering the Navy he has received a B.S. Degree in Electrical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, and a Masters Degree in Physics from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey California.

Commander Gerecke first served aboard the destroyer escort USS JACK W. WILKE (DE 800) as Gunnery and Sonar Officer. He was promoted to Lieutenant (junior grade) in 1948, and in January of 1949 he had duty under instruction at the Naval Mine Warfare School, Yorktown, Virginia.

In May of 1949 Commander Gerecke reported aboard the minesweeper USS PLOVER (AMS 33) as Engineering Officer, and after seven months became the Executive Officer. In December of 1950 he assumed command of a second minesweeper, the USS LORIKEET (AMS 49) for a period of one year.

For further schooling he next attended the General Line School, Monterey, California, where he was promoted to Lieutenant in 1952, and the U.S. Navy Postgraduate School, Monterey, California. Here he took a special Physics course and received his Masters Degree. From August of 1954 until June of 1955 he worked at the University of California Radiation Laboratory, in Berkeley, California. In 1955 Lieutenant Commander Gerecke reported aboard the cruiser USS MACON (CA 132) as Fire Control Officer, and served in this billet until July 1957 when he was detached. He worked as a research physicist at the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, Livermore, California from 1957 to 1960 and in August of 1960 he reported as Executive Officer of the icebreaker, USS EDISTO (AGB 2).

He is entitled to wear the American Theater World War II Medal, Victory World War II Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus in Livermore, California.

Lieutenant Commander Gerecke is married to the former Miss Lorraine H. Edwards, of Sag Harbor, New York. Commander and Mrs. Gerecke have three children and live on Jermain Avenue, Sag Harbor, New York.

executive officer

As we approach the end of Operation DEEP-FREEZE 61, I can look back on what has been the most memorable cruise of my naval career. While often difficult, and sometimes even perilous, it has nevertheless been interesting, throughout.

It has been a long cruise, but, the contribution made by each and every one of you made it, for the most part, and enjoyable one. I appreciate very much the superb performances turned in by all hands which served to make my job easier and the operation a tremendous success. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve with such an outstanding group of men. I shall never forget it.

My own personal best wishes both to those of you who are leaving *EDISTO* for other duty stations or to pursue a career in civilian life and to those who will make still another cruise on board. *Good Luck.*

T.F. GERECKE LCDR USN



... and the golden doubloon
went unclaimed

officers



*Lt J.V. Ramsey
Engineering*

Somewhere 'twixt chief and civilian is the officer in the United States Navy. He comes from many sources and as many schools of higher learning. Taking his apprenticeship at Annapolis, at one of the many NROTC-affiliated colleges, at Officer's Candidate School, or at the grueling work of an enlisted man, he wears his braid not so much as a symbol of authority as a badge of his moderation. He is the buffer between the sometimes unfeeling world of directives and instructions and the hard



*Lt W.H. Goforth
Administration*



*Lt J.A. Broughton
Air*

practicality of operational necessity and, more importantly, the individual human beings with whom he must work.

Because of the Navy's urgent need for officer personnel, some young men are assigned to ships directly from their primary training. Although they come aboard with little notion of shipboard routine, they all possess an uncanny ability for adjusting and learning at a rapid pace. This is the thing which sets them apart and makes them leaders. To some extent they are, of ne-



*Lt G.H. Bryson
Medical*



*Lt C.T. Arnold
Dental*



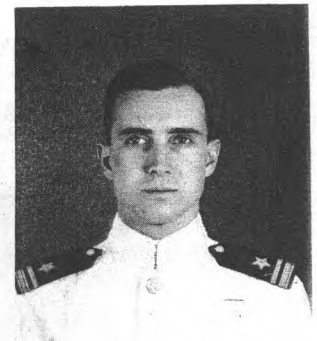
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Navigator*



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Communications*



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*Ltjg P.R. Lawver
Damage Control*



*Ltjg W.H. Richardson
Electronics*



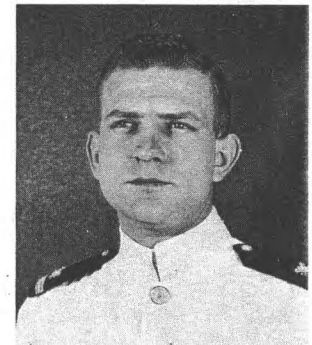
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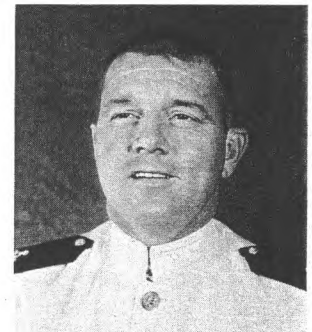
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C.I.C.*



*Ens A.W. Waldrep
Supply*



*Chbosn J.W. Brown
Deck*



*Mach R.L. Deming
Main Propulsion*

cessity, untested. One gets the feeling, however, after working and living with them for so many months, that nearly all of them would respond with distinction in the event of a trial.

This has been especially true with the *EDISTO* where the duty is hazardous and exacting in its demands upon each of the crew. Learning must be fast and complete if a man of twenty-one or two is to con a

6400-ton icebreaker and 230 men through ice and wind and weather to complete the mission. The men you see here did these things and did them well. For eight months they battled pandemonium and paperwork, deadlines and delays and finished the job. Their excursion with the icebreaker fleet during Operation Deepfreeze Sixty-One stands now as a symbol of leadership.



*Elec P.L. Wells
Electrical*

administration



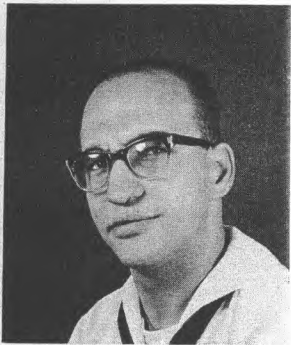
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M.E. Ingram PH2



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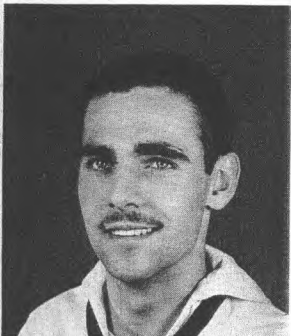
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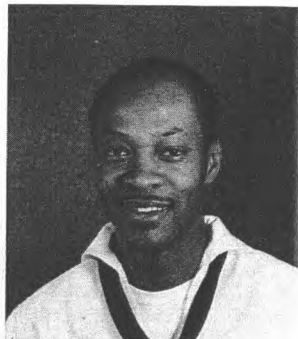
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H.T. Marshall PN2



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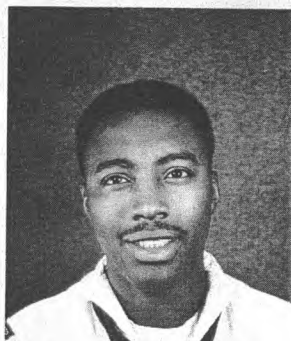
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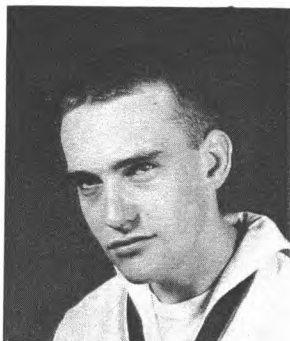
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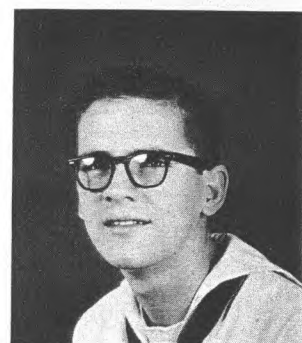
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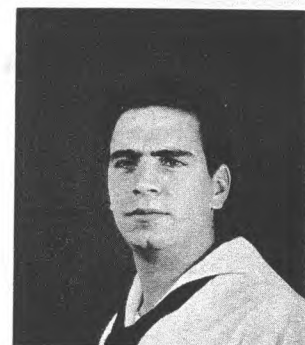


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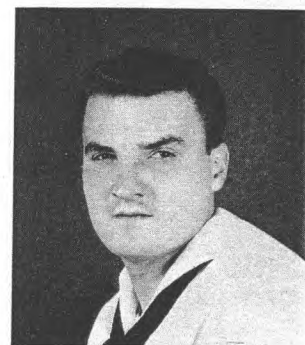


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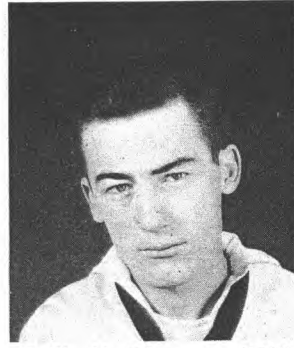
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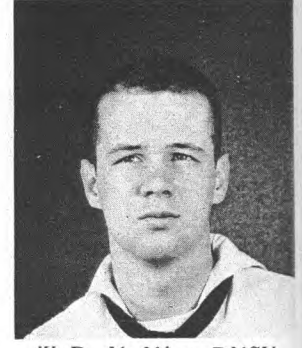
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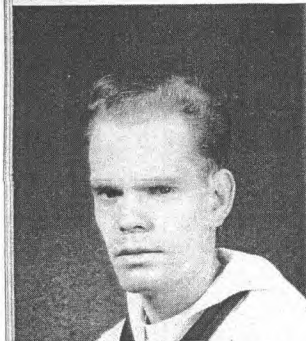
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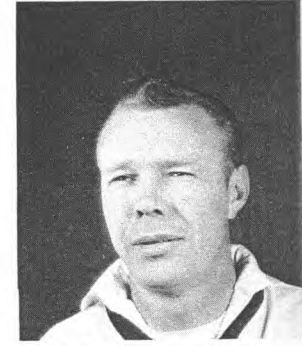


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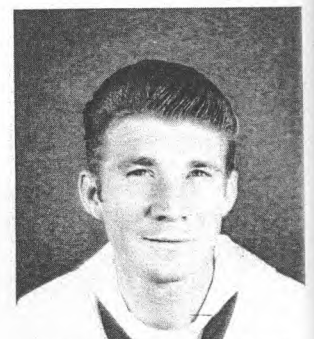


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J.E. Stock TE/RM3

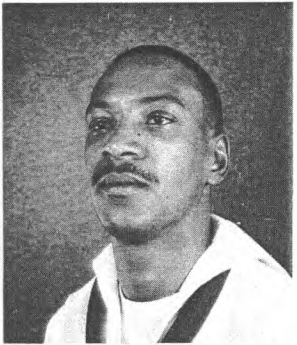


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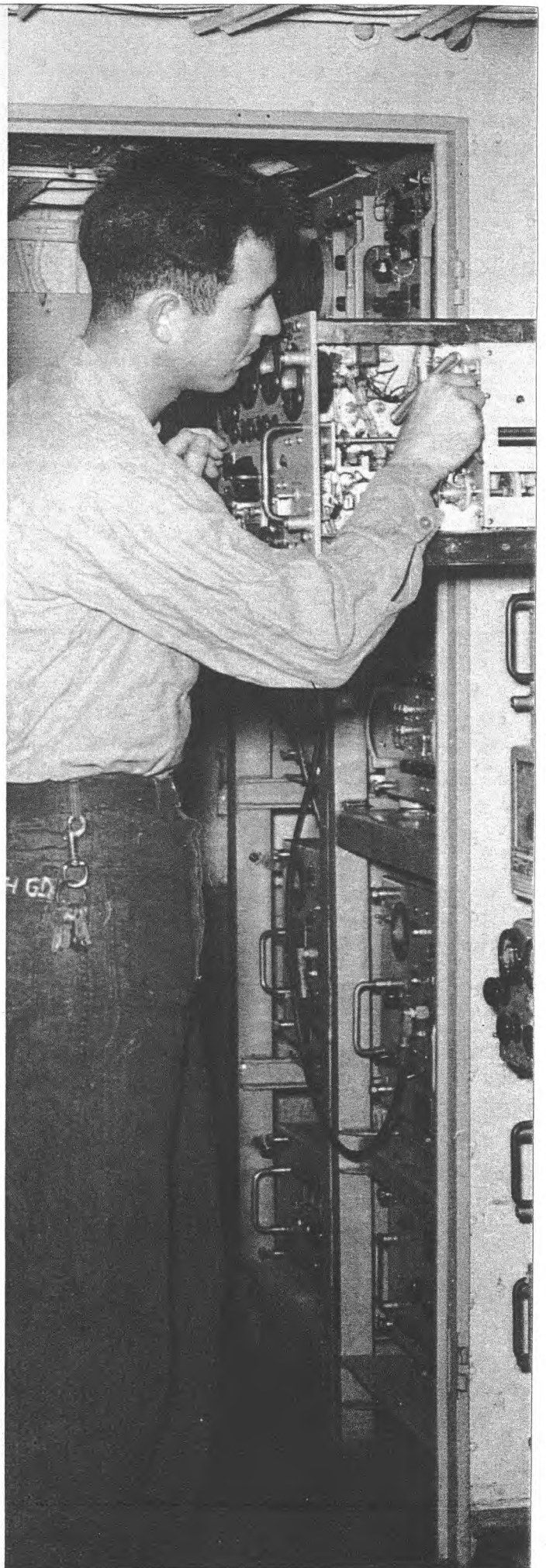


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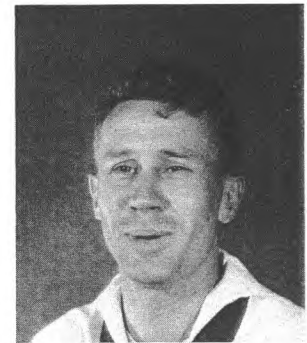




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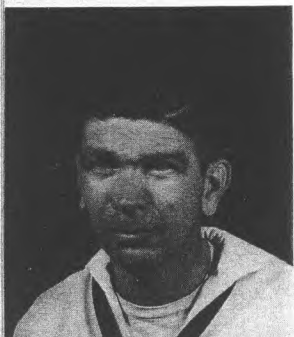


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C.C. Brewer QM1

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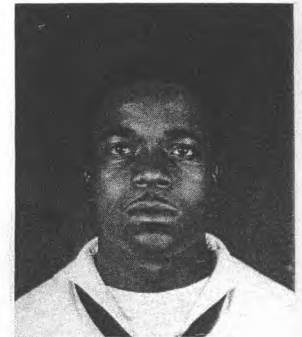
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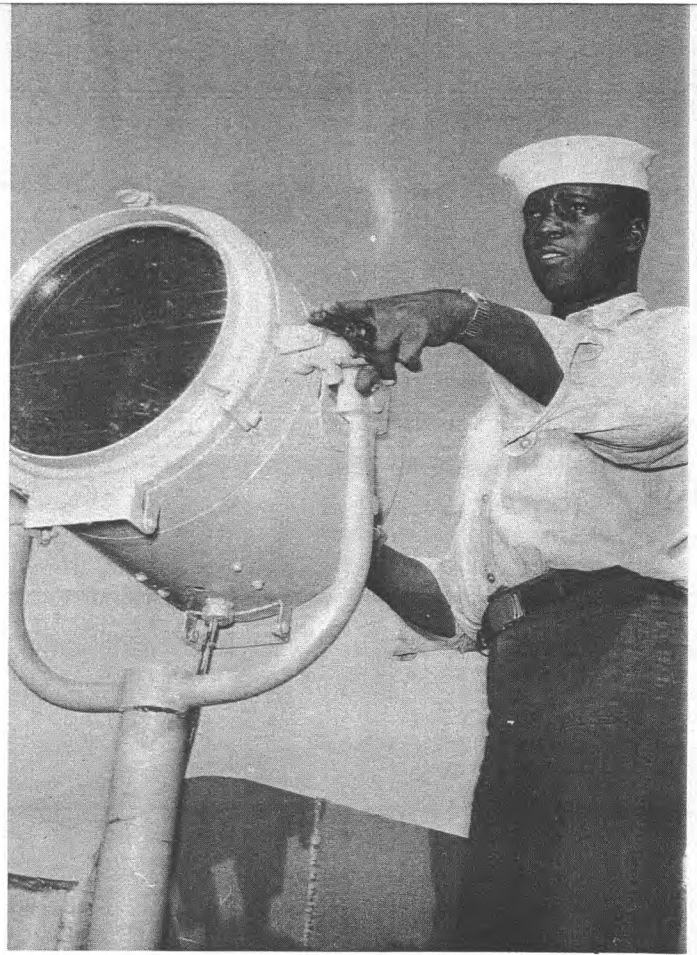
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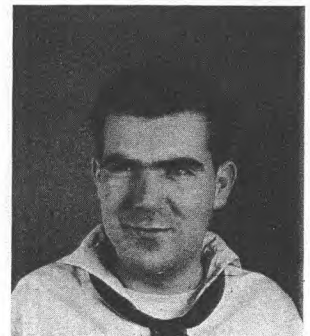
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L.E. Lattin SN



J.W. Lewis SN

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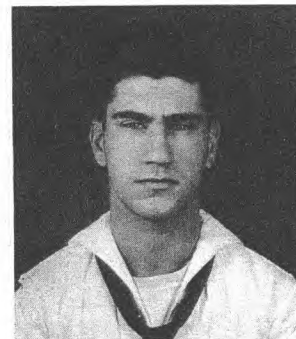
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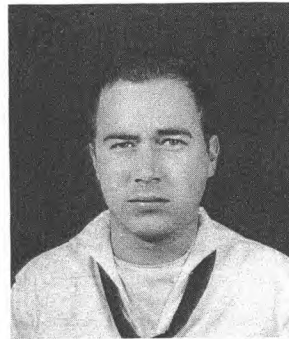
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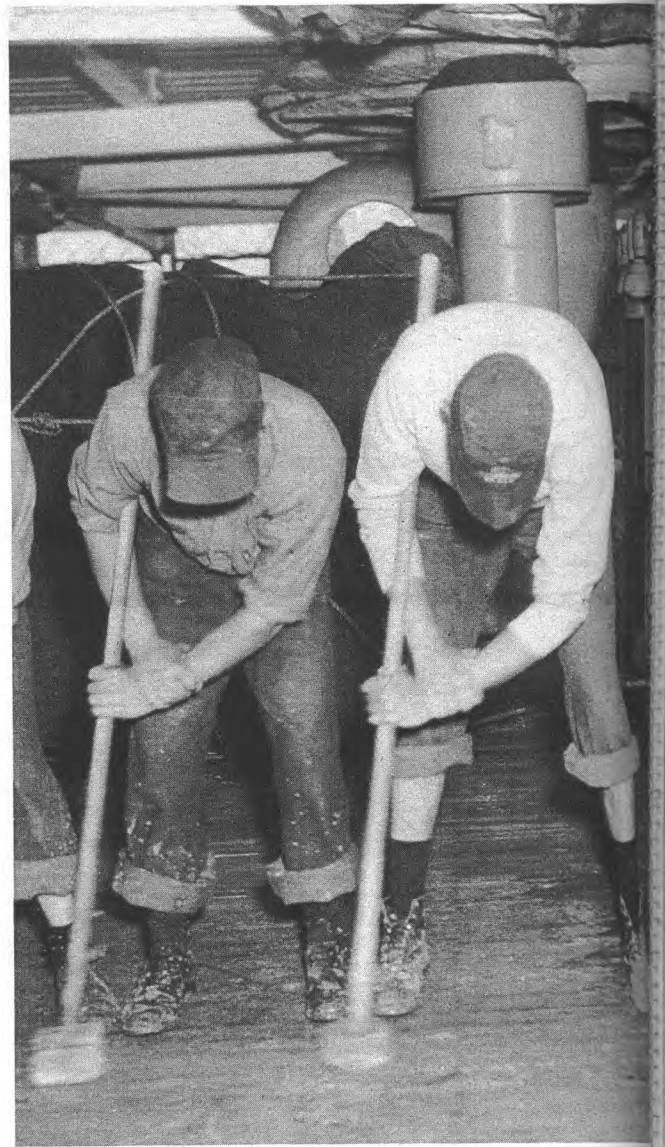
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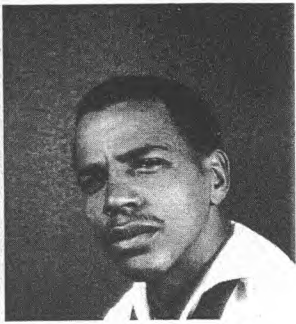
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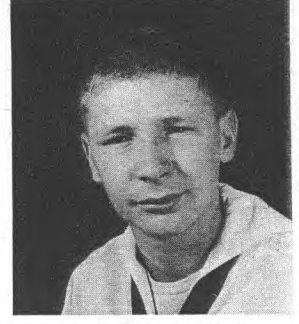
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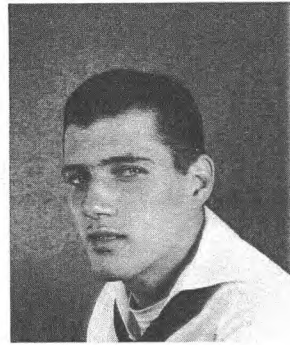
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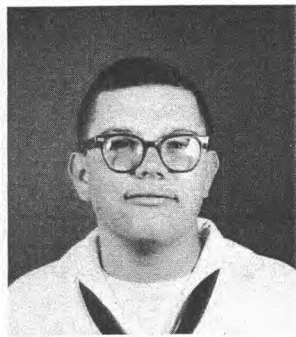
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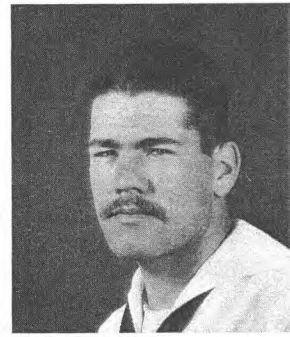
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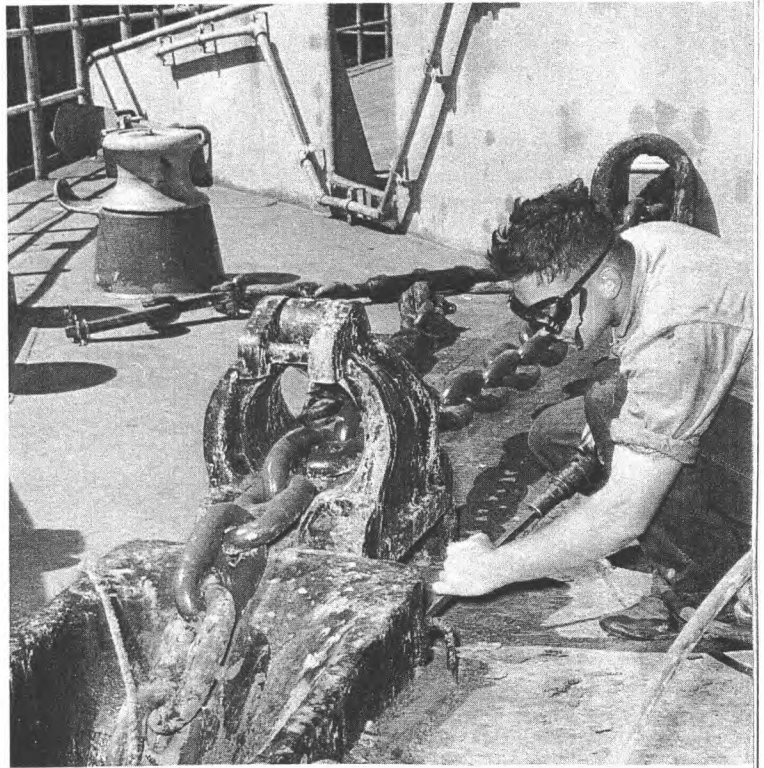
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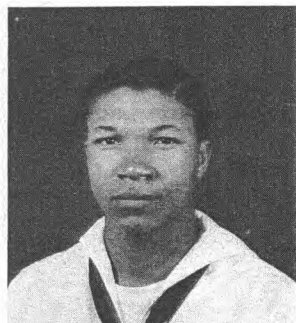
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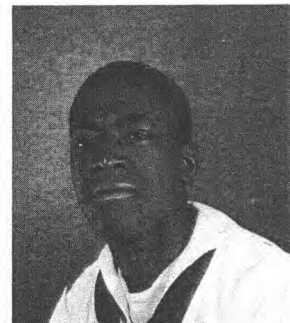
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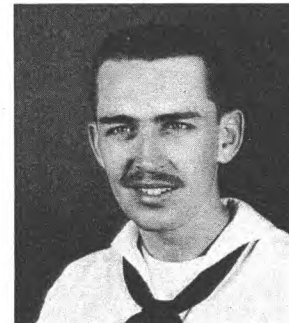
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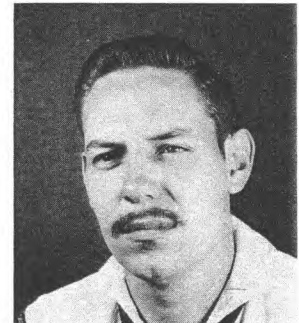
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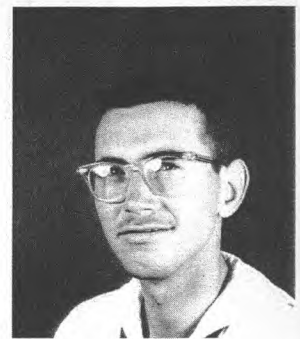
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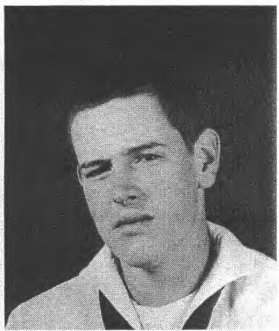
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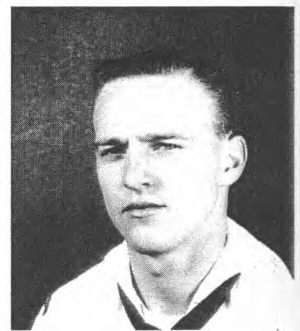
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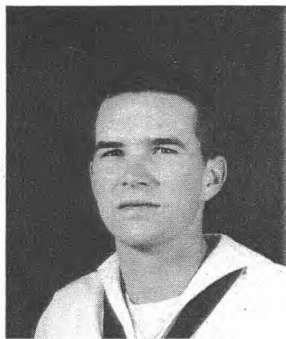
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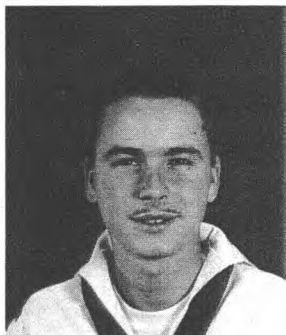


D.H. Leng SN

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A. Martin SN



G.W. Mault SA



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B.E. Nolin SN



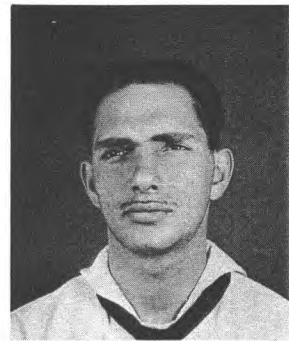
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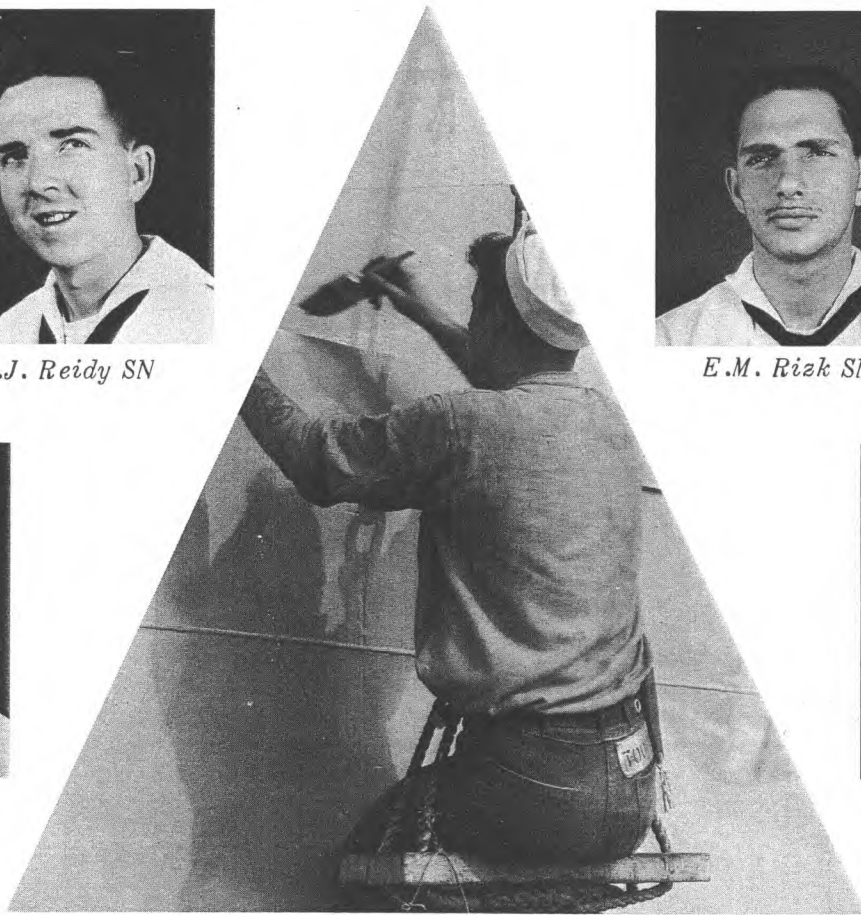
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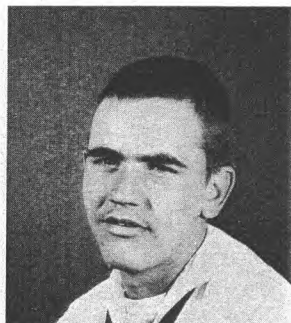


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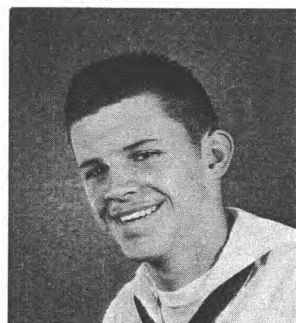
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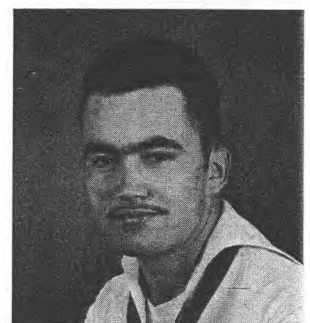
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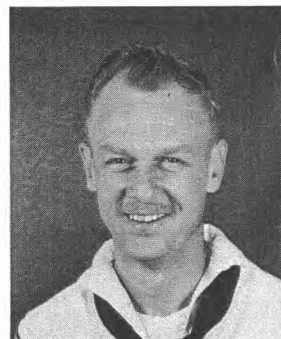
gunnery



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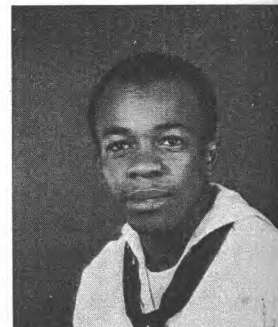
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S.J. Slubowski GM1



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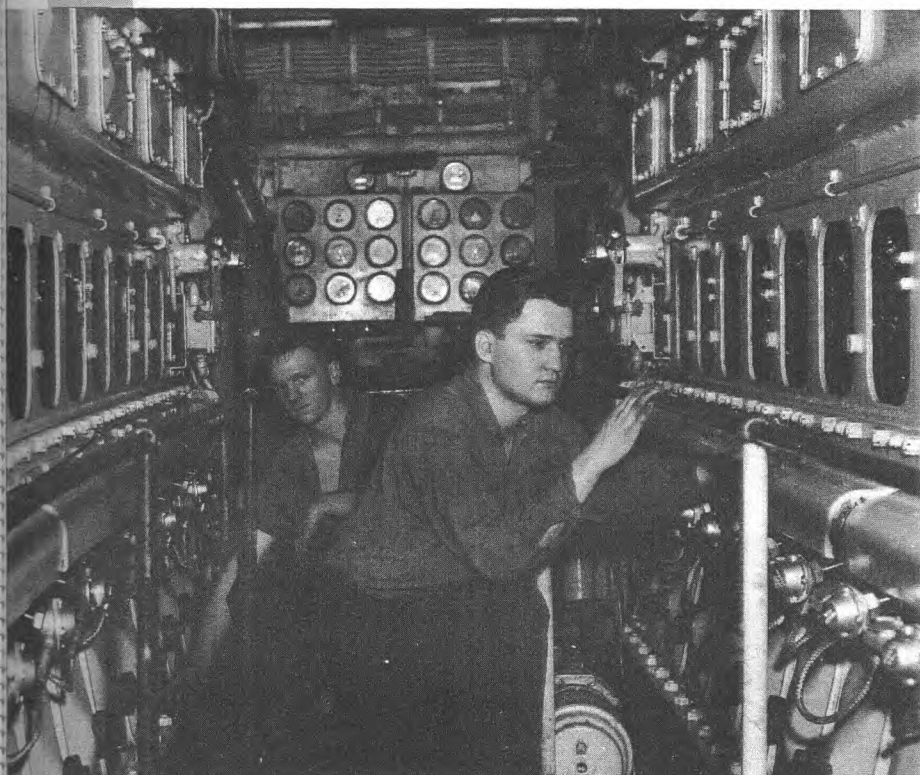
main propulsion



M.A. Cirignano EN1



G.W. Logan EN1



... above the roar



J.O. Curtis ENCA



Mach R.L. Deming



G.G. Gustavson EN2



J.W. Steins, EN2



D.L. Remrey EN2



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D.R. Colsch EN3



J.M. Sweeney EN3

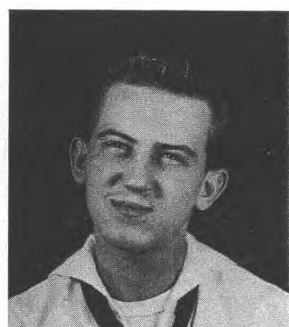


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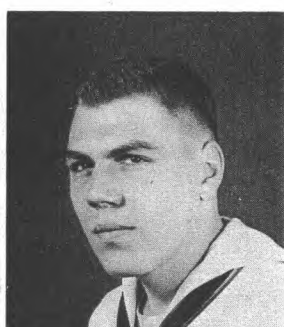
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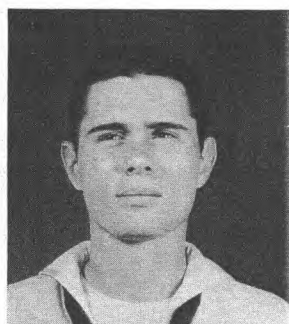
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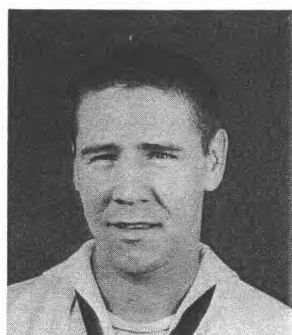
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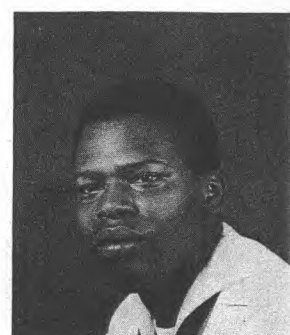
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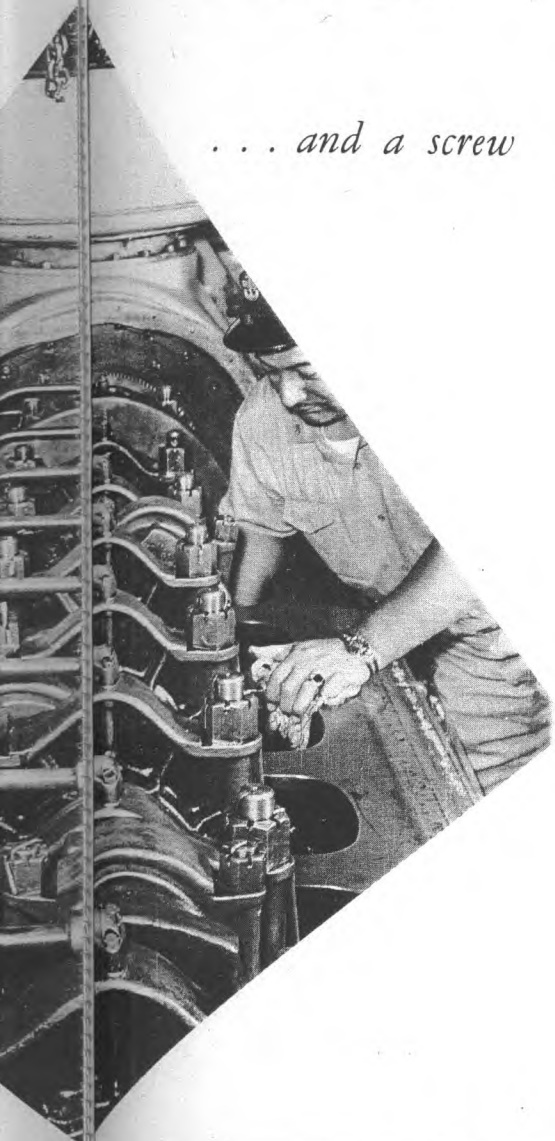


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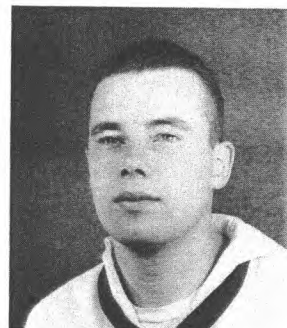


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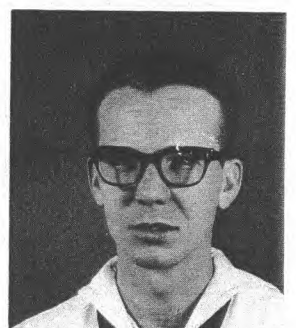
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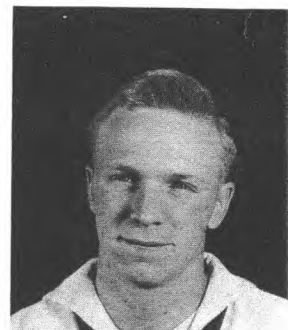
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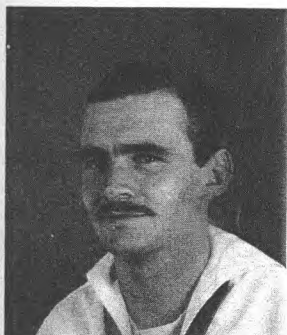
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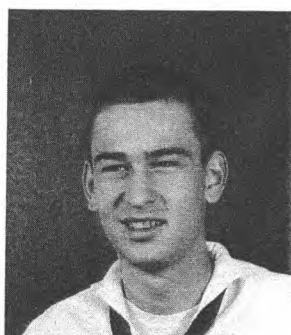
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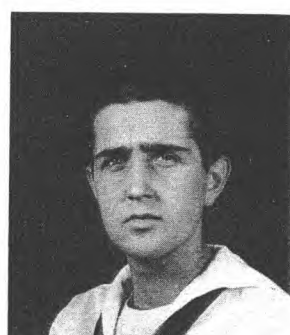
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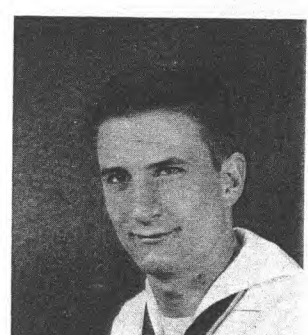
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J.G. Suski FN



D.E. Thiem FA



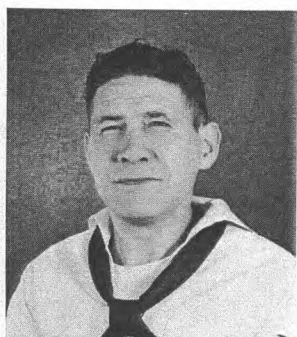
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Elec P.L. Wells



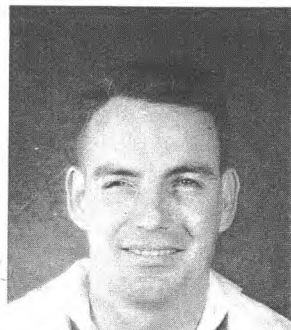
motors, rotors, gyros, tyros . . .



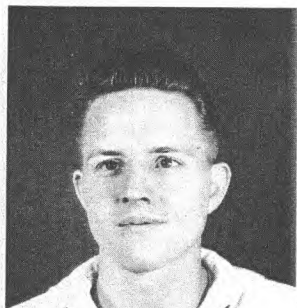
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F.A. McBride EMC



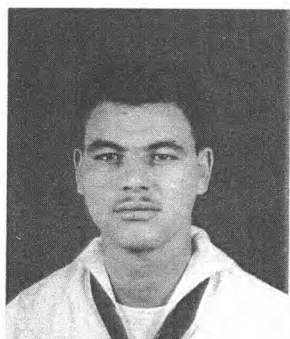
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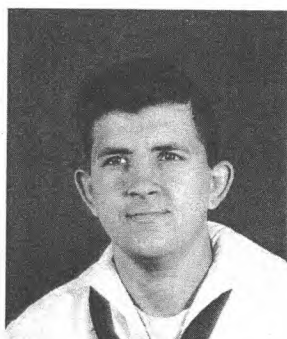
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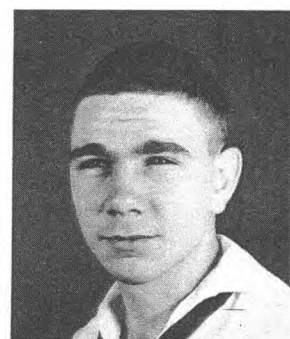
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R. Page EM3



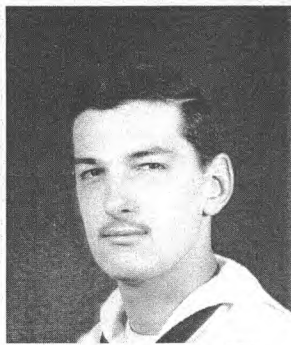
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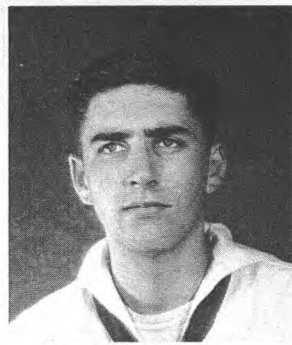
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J.L. Brockman IC3



P.M. Breslin FN



P.E. Carney ICFN



C.A. Jamison FN



R.A. Lebeau FA

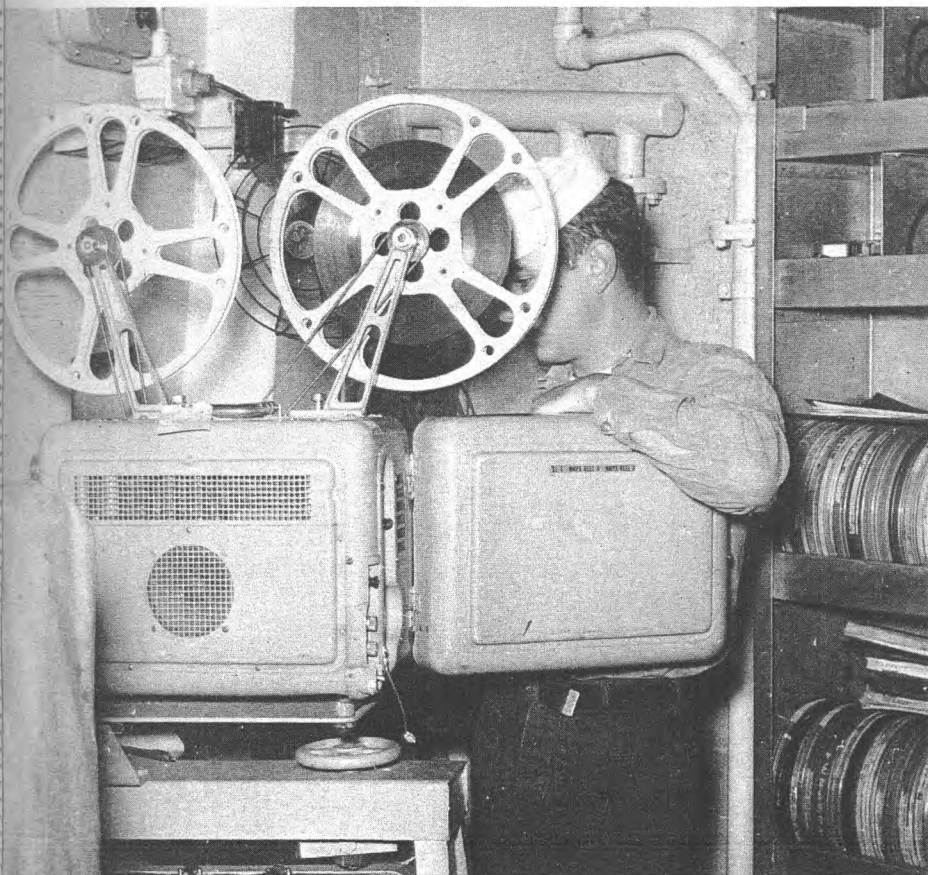


R.D. Miller FN



R.M. Remack FN

electrical



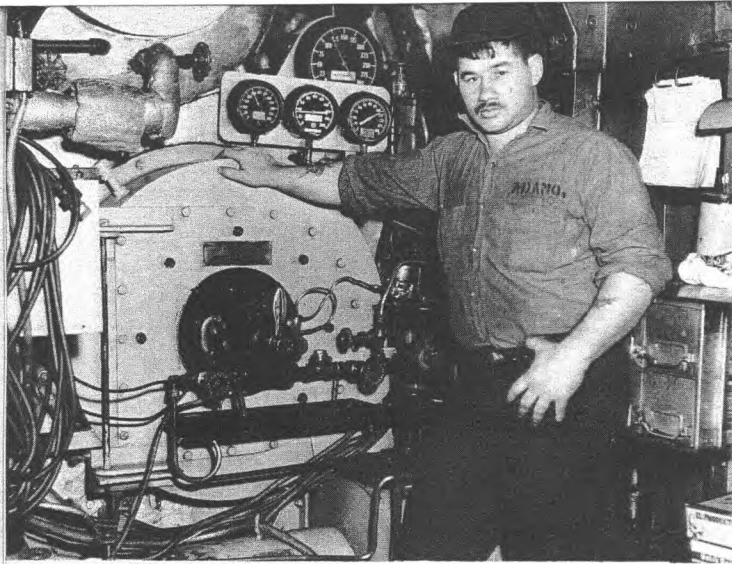
C. Stutts EMFN



F.J. Uythoven ICFN

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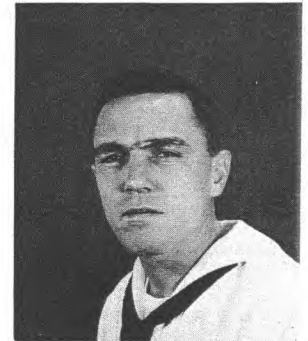
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mr. lawver's finest . . .



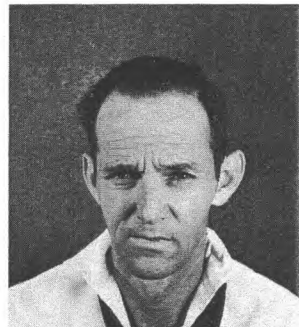
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J.L. Quattromani DC1



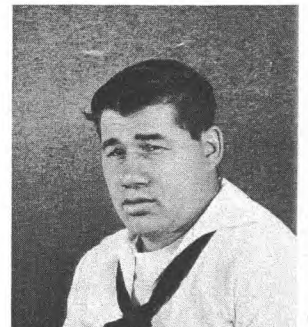
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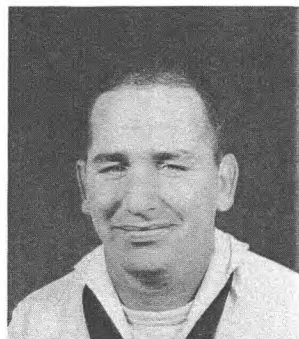
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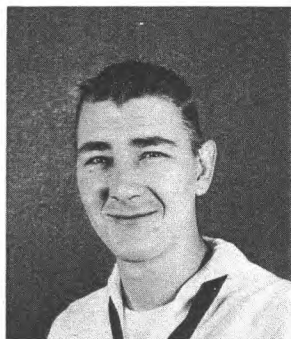
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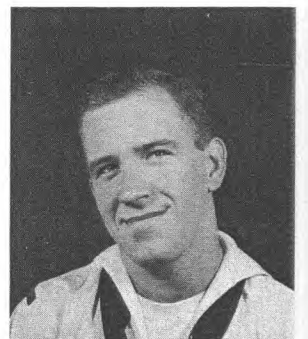
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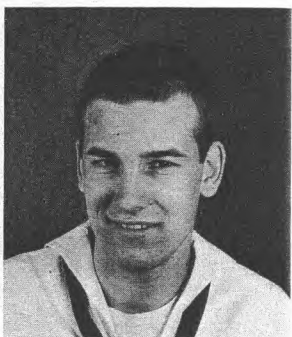
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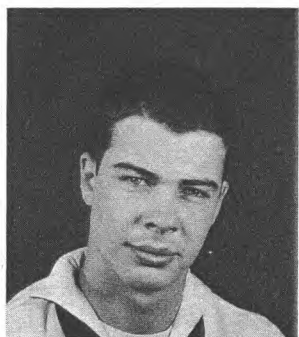
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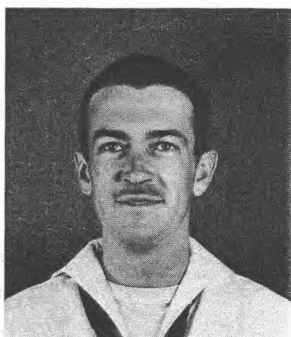
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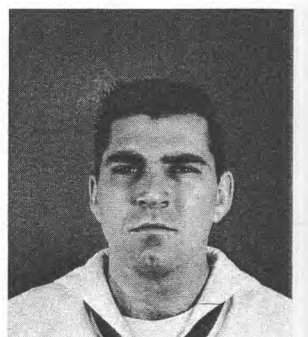
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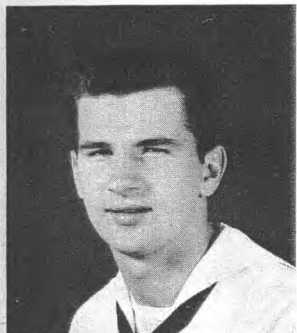
C.E. McDuffee FN

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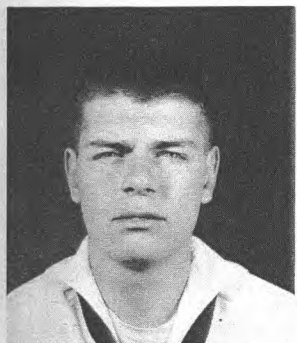
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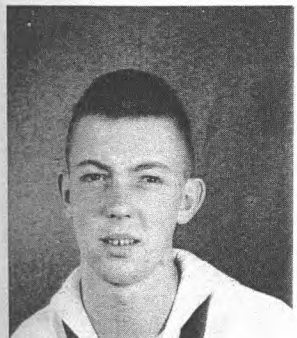
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D.B. Robinson FN



S.S. Sell FN



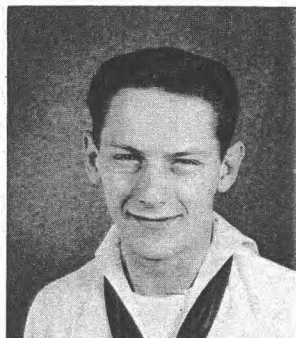
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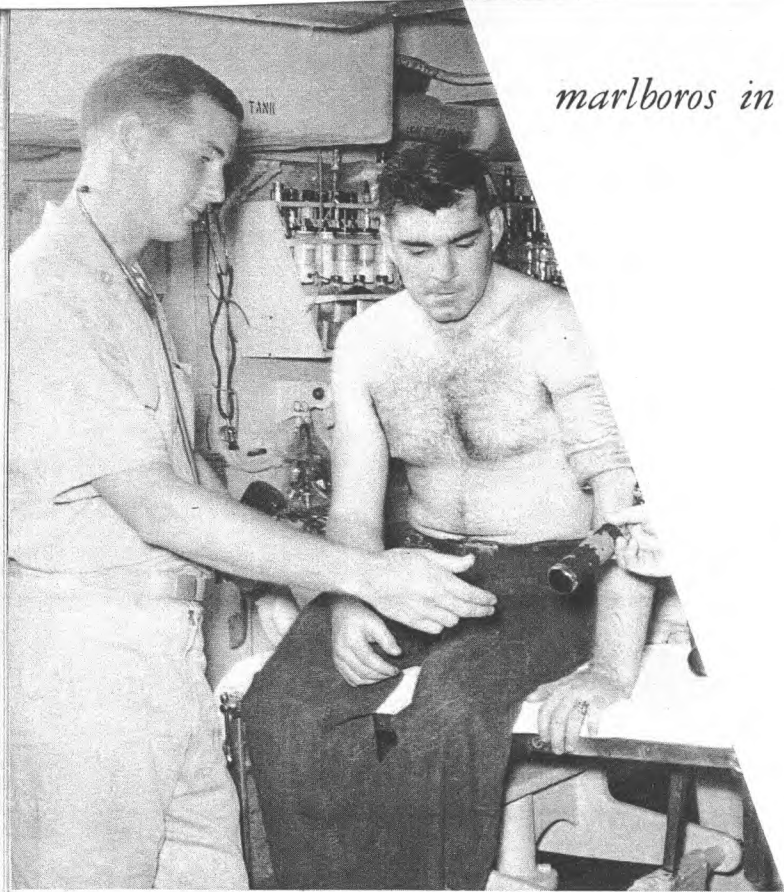
J.W. Stewart SFMFn



R.E. Sutton FA

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marlboros in the sterilizer . . .

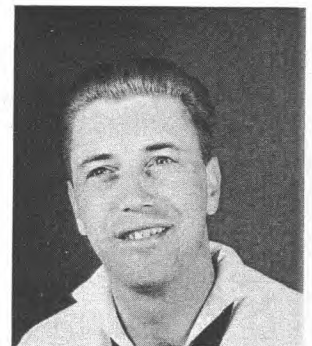


G.F. Lea HMCA



Lt G.H. Bryson MC

medical

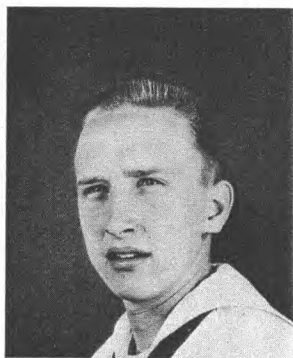


C.H. Wilson HM2

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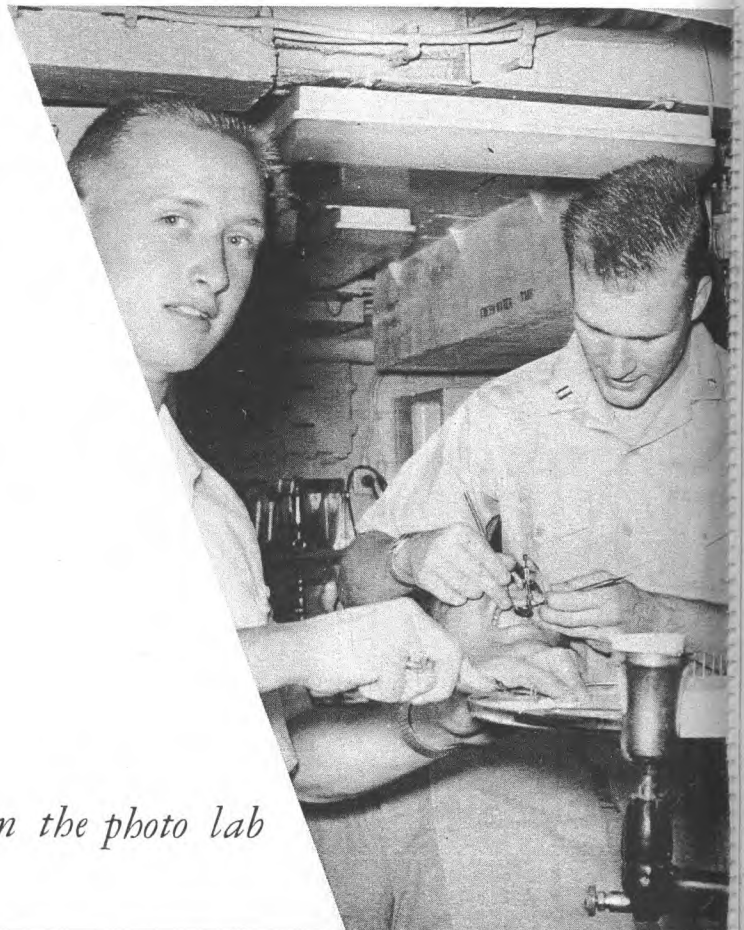
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I.D. Luttrull FN



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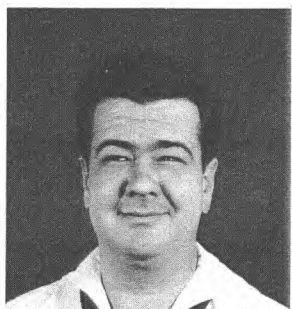


secret preparations



A. House CS1

commissary



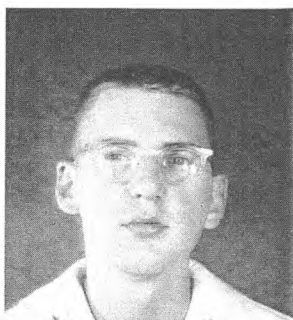
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L.G. Cooper CS3



L.J. Ballard CS3



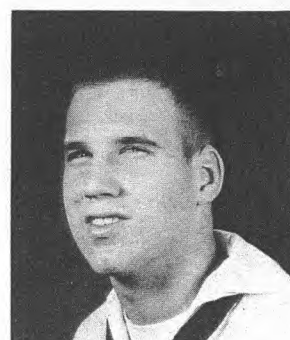
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K.S. Todd SK1



T.J. Lahey SK2

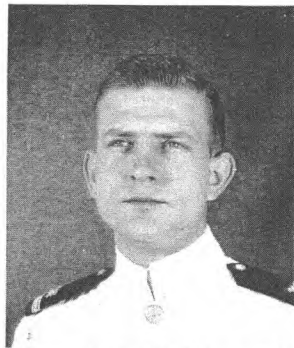
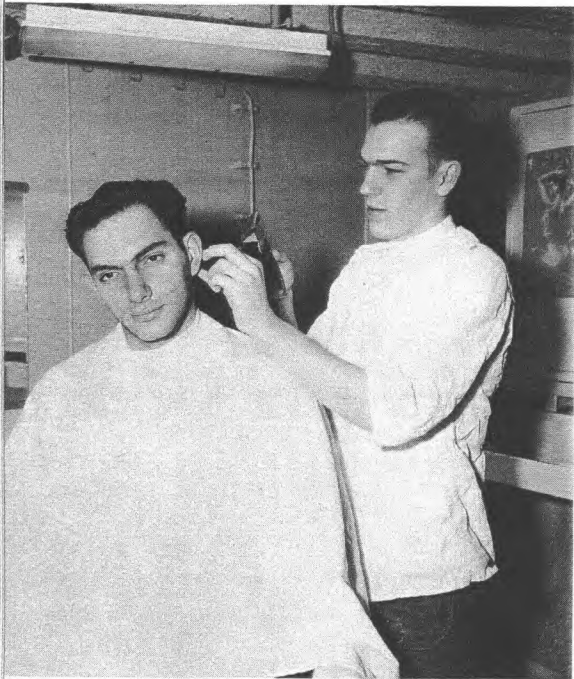


K.H. Devlin SH2



J. Maxie SHL3

supply



Ens A.W. Waldrep SC



*in spite of laminated
haircut hours . . .*

. . . and carbon sextuplicates . . .



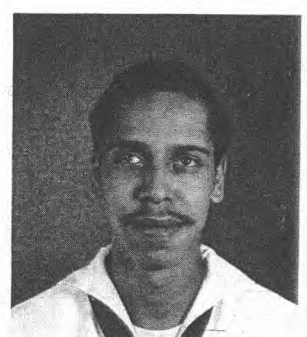
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A. Mitchell SHB3



D.W. Ferraro DKS N



V.O. Kelley SN



W.E. Sellers SHL3



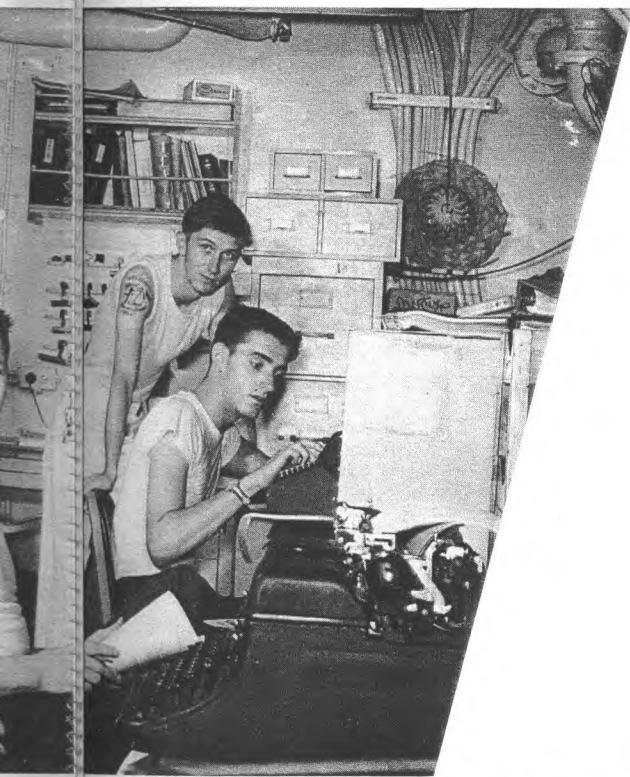
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M.R. Fairbanks SK3



T.G. Lucas SK3



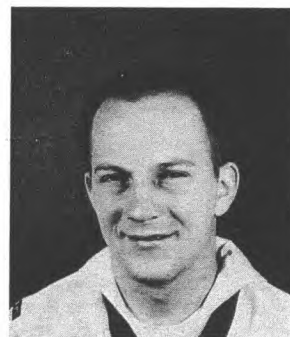
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J.A. Green SN



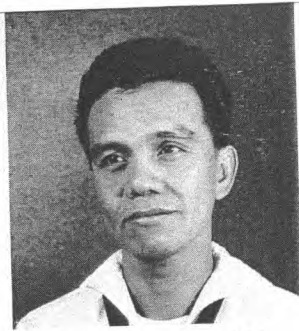
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G.A. Janusch SKSN



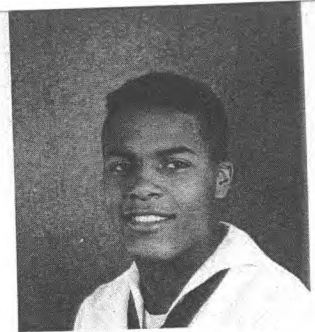
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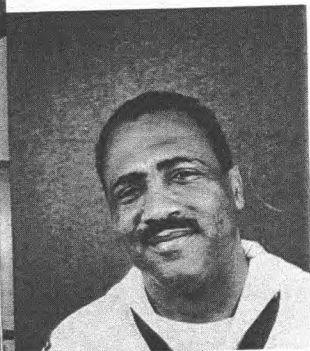
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R.M. Donado TN



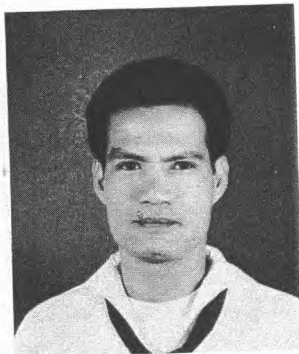
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A.C. Taylor SD3

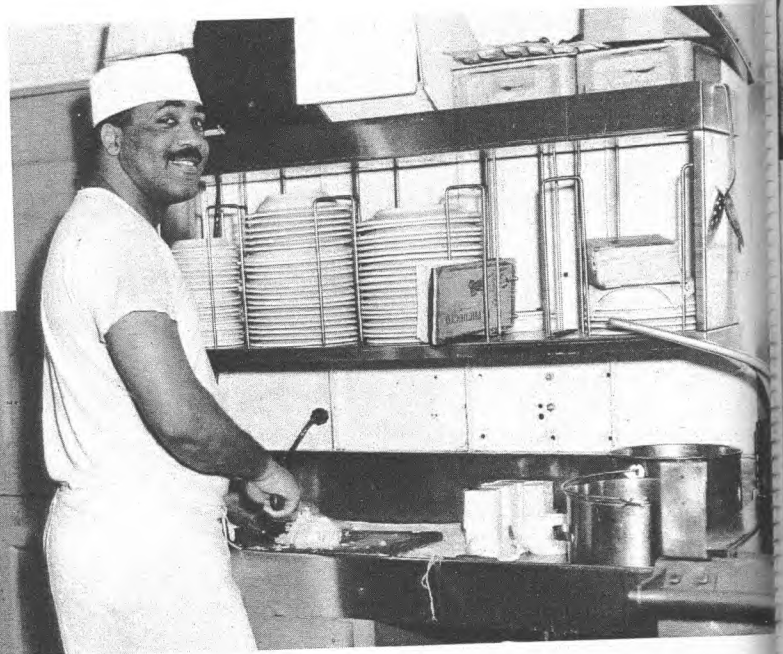


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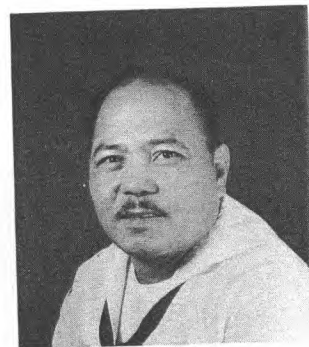


C.A. Nocon SD2

stewards



exquisite cuisine on fine china . . .



J.A. Babauta SD1



R.B. Hernandez TN

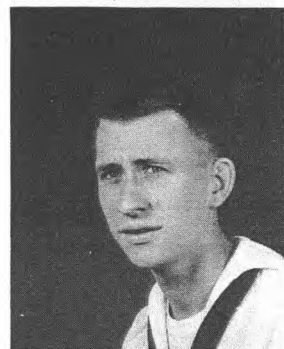
. . . served in seven shifts



bathythermograph team



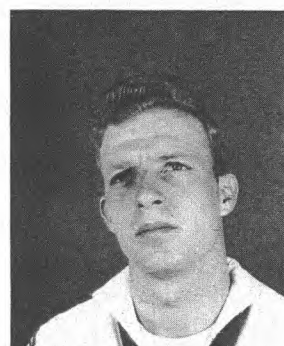
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L. Molands SN



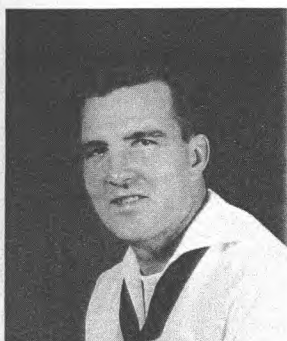
F.W. Cradic SN



O. Burch SN

from under the seas . . .

aerology



D.W. Parker AG1



J.W. Edwards AGAN

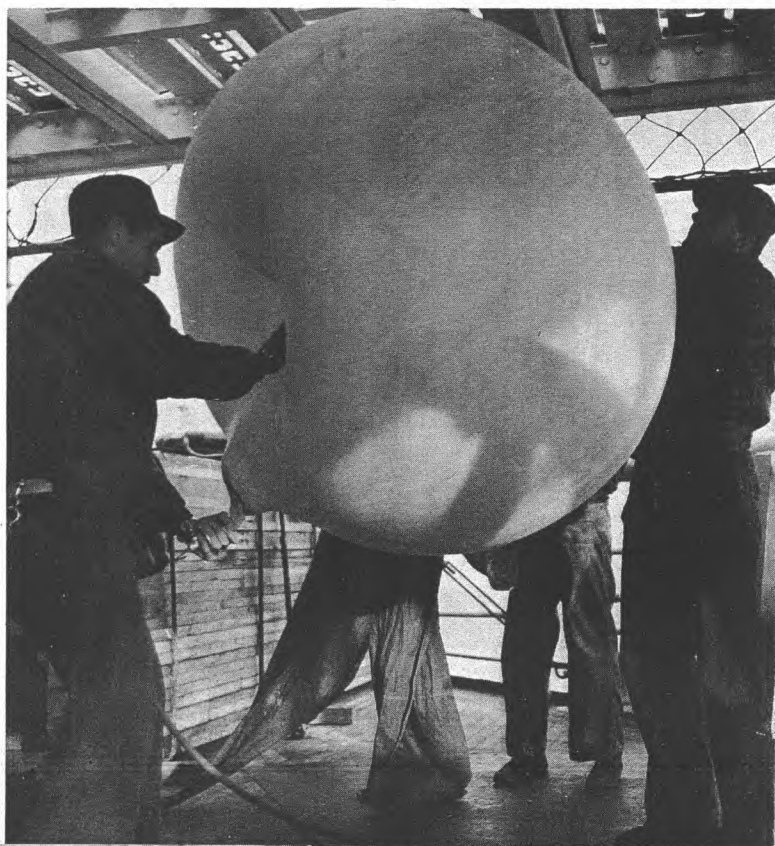


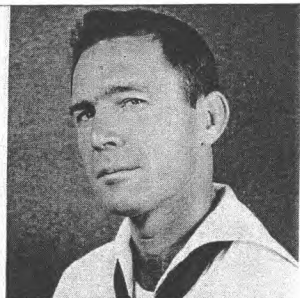
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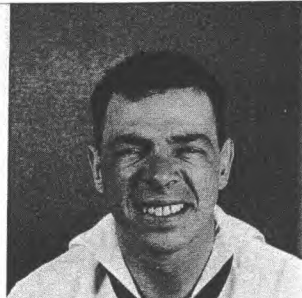
W.T. Shoener AG3

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L. Yohn AD2



J.P. Silvia AMH2



T.E. Humphreys AD2



J.L. Bowser ADR3

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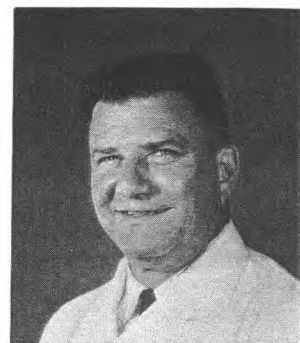
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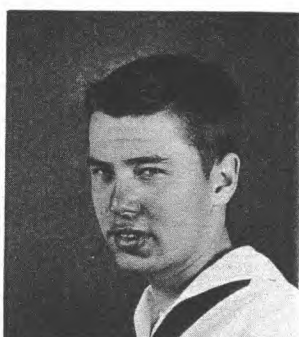


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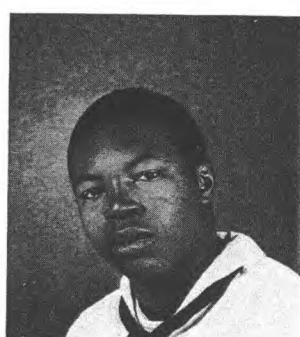
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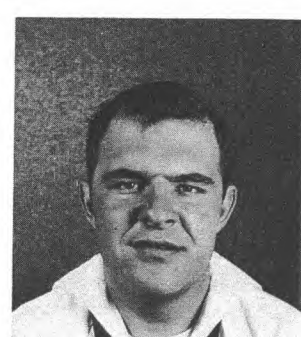
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A. Cropper ATE3



W.J. Macklin AMSAN



P.A. Brunner AN