

VP-45 PELICANS



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COMMANDING OFFICER

## BIOGRAPHY

Commander David M. Hume  
United States Navy

Commander David M. Hume was born in Hinsdale, Illinois on 6 May 1923. Graduating from Lyons Township High School in Lagrange, Illinois in 1942, he entered Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. In November 1942 he enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

After 1½ years at Yale he entered the Navy on active duty as an Aviation Cadet. In April 1945 he received his Navy Wings and was commissioned an Ensign.

Commander Hume's first squadron duty was with VPMS-9 (Medium Seaplane Squadron) in the Marshall Islands. During 23 months in the squadron, he served as Personnel Legal Officer and Plane Commander in the Martin PBM Mariner.

Two and one half years of political science studies began at Princeton University in 1947 followed by another at the Navy's General Line School in Newport, Rhode Island.

In April of 1950, Commander Hume returned to squadron duty with VR-2 (Transport Squadron) at NAS, Alameda as First Pilot on the Martin Mars and Squadron Legal Officer.

Shore duty began in January 1953 at NAS, Memphis, Tenn. as Assistant Legal Officer. Then came CIC (Combat Information Center) school at NAS, Glenview, Illinois in 1955, and on to the USS Ticonderoga (CVA-14) in the Mediterranean as Assistant CIC Officer. The Carrier tour ended in March 1957.

Then a Lieutenant Commander, he attended the Aviation Safety Officers course at the University of Southern California and reported for two years of duty with Patrol Squadron FIFTY-SIX in Norfolk, Virginia, as Patrol Plane Commander in the Martin P5M Marlin, Special Mission Officer, and Aviation Safety Officer.

In 1959 Commander Hume moved to the Naval Aviation Safety Center at Norfolk as Managing Editor of APPROACH, the Naval Aviation Safety Review. He is the author of several articles including "Ditching Landplanes" first published in APPROACH in August 1960 and later reprinted in FLYING, January 1961 and in several other magazines in Greece, South America and the United States. After serving two years in this position he attended the senior course at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island from 1961 to 1962.

After War College came the move to Bermuda and VP-45 in October 1962. There he assumed duties as Operations Officer and later Executive Officer. Commander Hume became the Commanding Officer of Patrol Squadron FORTY FIVE on 17 December 1964.

Commander Hume, his wife Catherine and their three children now reside in Orange Park, Florida.

In December 1965 Commander Hume will be relieved as Commanding Officer and report to Staff, Commander Fleet Air Wings, Atlantic at Norfolk for duty as Plans Officer.





EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## BIOGRAPHY

Commander James H. Chapman  
United States Navy

Commander James H. Chapman was born in Timmonsville, South Carolina on 2 November 1923 to Etling Legree and Mary Sherard Chapman. He graduated from Florence High School, Florence, South Carolina in 1940 and attended the University of South Carolina at Columbia until 1943. While at the University, Commander Chapman majored in civil engineering and was a member of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps and the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. In 1943 he accepted an appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy and received his degree and commission as Ensign, USN in 1946.

Subsequent to commissioning he was stationed aboard the USS Southland, a Pacific Fleet destroyer, where he saw duty in China as well as the Pacific areas until 1947. In this period he served first as First Lieutenant, and later as Combat Information Center and Sonar Officer, constituting his first duties in Anti-Submarine Warfare. During the period October 1947 to October 1948 Commander Chapman, then Ensign, served as Executive Officer of the USS P.C.S. 1380 attached to the Fleet Sonar School, Key West, Florida.

On 30 October 1948 Commander Chapman was married to the former Juane Morgan of Clayton, Missouri. In November of 1948 he entered flight training and was designated a Naval Aviator in April 1950, as a Lieutenant Junior Grade. His first Squadron was Patrol Squadron THIRTY-FOUR, where he served as Assistant Maintenance Officer and Patrol Plane Commander in Trinidad, B.W.I. until June 1953. During the period June 1952 to July 1953, as Lieutenant, he served as a Mathematics and flight indoctrination instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy. The aircraft used were the NGN's of "Leather Lunges" fame.

Upon detachment from his duties at the Academy, Commander Chapman reported to Patrol Squadron FORTY NINE in Bermuda. While attached to VP-49 he served as Flight Officer and Patrol Plane Commander, in April 1958 he was ordered to the Staff of Commander, Fleet Air Wings, Atlantic at Norfolk, Virginia. While a member of the Staff his duty was Assistant Operations Officer. From August 1960 to June 1961 Commander Chapman was a student at the U.S. Air Force Command and Staff College at the Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

In June 1961 Commander Chapman was ordered to Air Development Squadron ONE based at Key West, Florida. Until July 1963 he served as Head of the Systems and Avionics Sections with the responsibility for test and evaluation of ASW systems and concepts. One of the systems tested was the P3A during the Operational Evaluation of that weapons system.

On 1 October 1963, after attending the Fleet Airborne Electronics Training Unit course at Norfolk, Virginia, Commander Chapman assumed duties as Officer-in-Charge of the Patrol Squadron FORTY FIVE detachment in Jacksonville, Florida. His duties as O-in-C were in conjunction with the change of home port made by Patrol 45 prior to transitioning to the P3A Orion. On 1 January 1964 he assumed duties as Operations Officer until December 1964 when he became the Executive Officer. In December 1965 Commander Chapman will assume the duties as Commanding Officer, Patrol Squadron FORTY FIVE.

Commander and Mrs. Chapman and their children James, Jr. and Susan, reside in Orange Park, Florida.

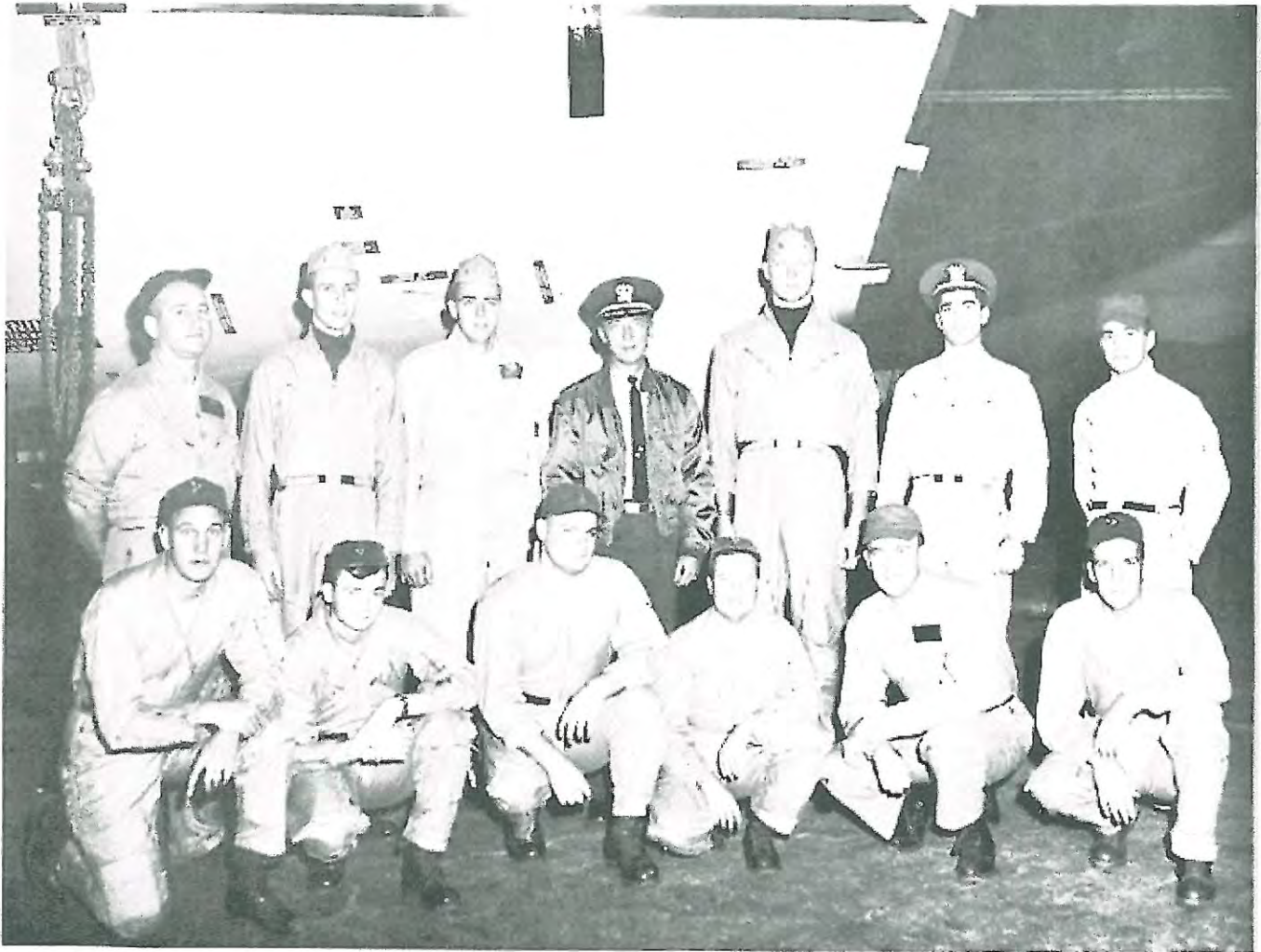


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 TOTH, D. J. ADJ3  
 MCINTOSH, K. A., AOC  
 HENSLEY, S. W. AX3  
 RATCLIFF, H. I. AE1

Back Row  
 STEWART, J. R. AMH1  
 LTJG M. S. MAY  
 LTJG A. L. CARLE  
 CDR D. M. HUME  
 LT J. J. NEAL  
 LT C. I. COX  
 WILLIAMS, J. I. ADJ2







FRONT (L TO R)  
 LCDR A. N. KLINE  
 LCDR B. MC CABE

BACK (L TO R)  
 BARNETT, D. J. AX3  
 BRADFORD, M. L. AT1  
 BARSKI E. J. ATR2  
 ALLEN, W. E. AMH1  
 LTJG C. F. HOFFMAN  
 CATCHING, J. E. AO3  
 LTJG J. H. COYLE  
 STEELE, C. H. AE2  
 STRAMANINO, A. S. ADR2  
 ENS R. R. TERRY







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 ROBERTS, M. D. AMS2  
 SHARP, N. B. AE2  
 SPENCE, D. R. ATR3  
 PUGH, R. E. AX1  
 THOMPSON, R. H. AO3  
 MAGGART, M. E. AMS3

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 GRAY, R. W. ADJ1  
 BISHOP, G. E. HM2  
 LTJG J. B. MCFARLANE  
 LTJG J. L. SPARKS  
 LCDR J. D. JONES  
 LTJG J. O. GREGORY  
 LTJG J. R. FIELDS





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SHEFFIELD, R. G. AX2  
GOGGIN, J. A. AX2  
BAMBERG, W. L. AE3  
DEUCORE, V. W. AX3  
HAWKINS, R. G. AO3  
AKIN, T. A. ADJ3

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LT T. V. GOLDR  
LTJG C. D. PARKER  
ENS R. L. MARLATT  
SMITH, R. M. AFCM





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 MC CRARY, C. R. AE3

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 LTJG M. L. THOMAS  
 LTJG D. F. NICHOLS  
 LCDR B. C. BRADLEY  
 HIBNER, D. H. ATT  
 SMITH, J. D. ADJ3  
 CHASE, W. W. ADR2





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 FOX, T. J. ADJ3  
 HELTON, W. J. AE3  
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 ANDERSON, J. P. ATR3  
 PHILLIPPI, P. S. AX2  
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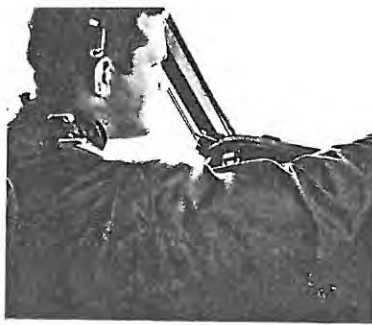




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 CDR J. H. CHAPMAN  
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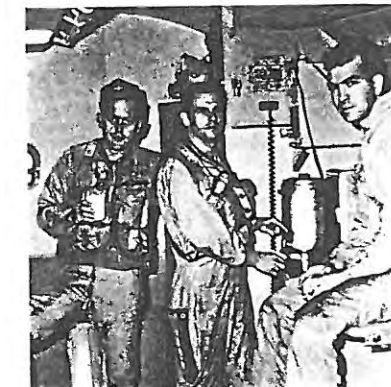
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- SHOWS, B. R. ATR3

BACK ROW L. TO R.

- RITTERBACK, E. J. ADJ2
- LT W. F. SANDERS
- LTJG L. H. GAROUTTE
- LT R. L. BASS
- LTJG D. A. LOY
- WILLIAMS, H. D. ADJ1







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 HUNNELL, J. D. AE1  
 TRAMMELL, H. A. ADJ3

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LTJG V. C. VOIGT  
 LTJG C. L. PARKER  
 LT R. W. YOUNG  
 LTJG J. D. HOLLISTER







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LTJG J. W. CHRISTOPHER  
 BOLLINGER, J. F. AMSC  
 OGBURN, J. N. ATR2  
 DEBOER, R. L. AO3  
 LT B. E. TOBIN

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O'BRIEN, K. R. AME3  
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 FARRINGTON, D. E. AX3  
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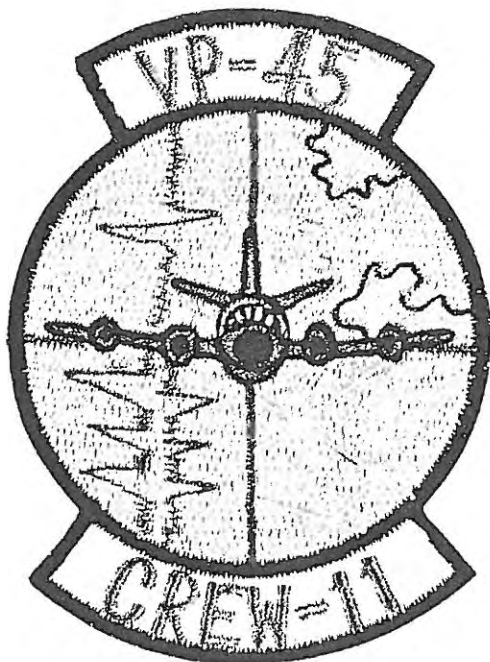


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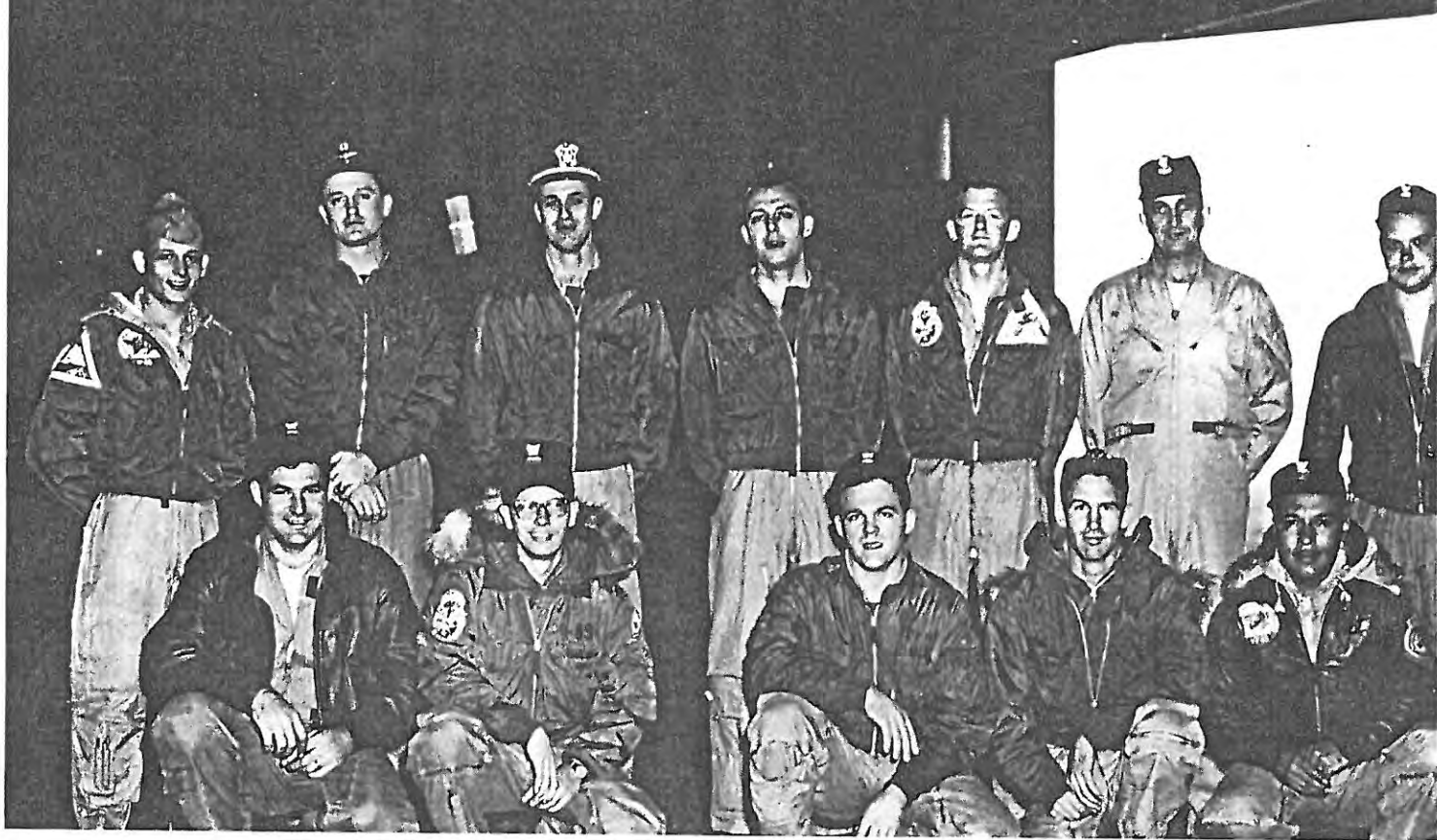
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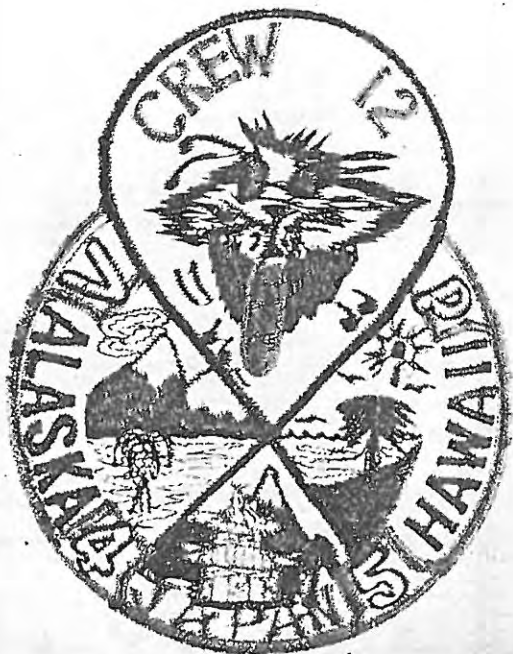


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ATWELL, W. T. ADCS  
LOVE, L. M. AE3

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BALLARD, H.M. ATN2  
MCFARLAND, M. F. ATN3  
MURDOFF, G. D. AMS2  
RINER, D. M. AX2  
CONNORS, J. R. AOC





# ADMINISTRATION



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
LCDR A. N. KLINE



ASS'T ADMINISTRATIVE  
LTJG R. L. COLLIER

JOHNSTON, O. K. YN2



HAGEN, D. B. YN3



# LEGAL



LTJG V. C. VOIGT  
EDLUND, G. B. SA

# PIO



LTJG J. D. HOLLISTER



EDLUND, G. B. SA

## CLASSIFIED CONTROL

KELLER, N. A. YN3

SIX MUNS AGO  
I COULDN'T EVEN  
SPELL YOOMAN...  
NOW I ARE ONE!



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LTJG J. L. SPARKS



E. P. KRUSE PRC



J. R. NOVOTNY SN

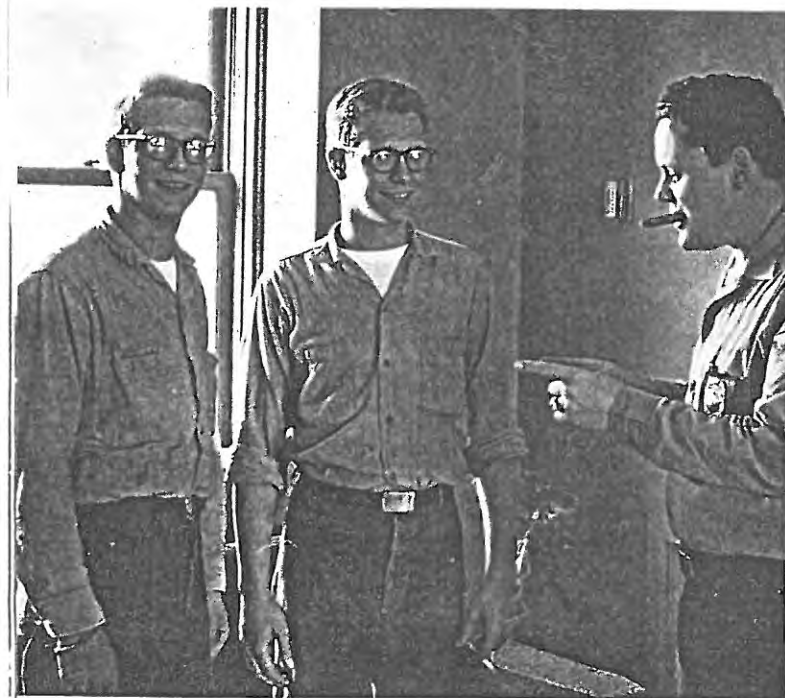
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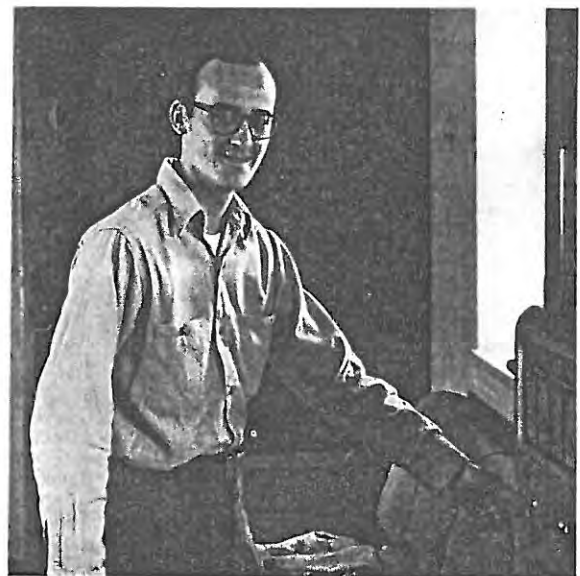
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"THE MOB"

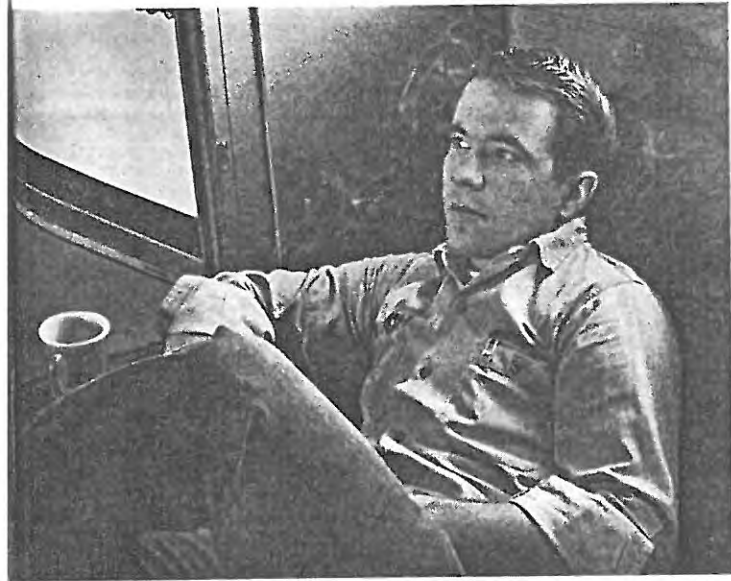


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HANEY, B. J. AA

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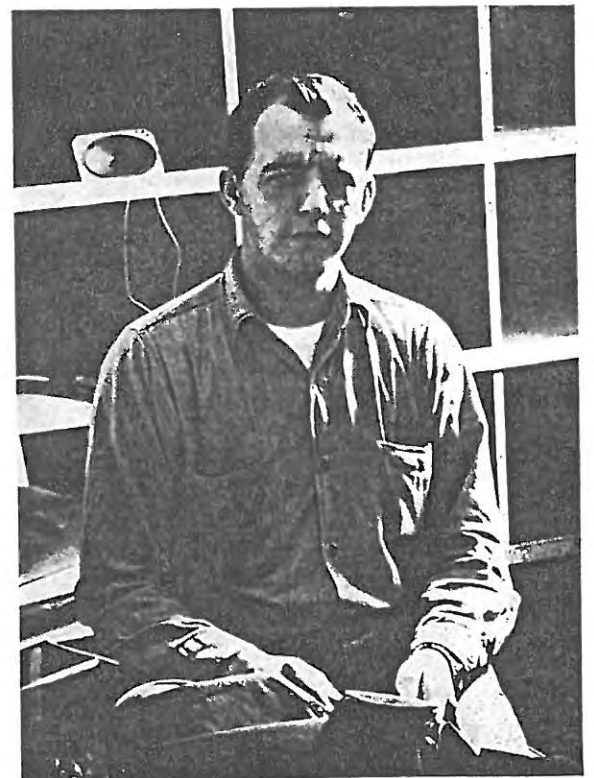
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CHERRY, J. C. AEAN



ROBINSON, J. E. AEAN



# PERSONNEL



**PERSONNEL OFFICER**  
LT. W. T. BOGUSLAWSKI

LTJG L. N. GAROUTTE



CAROTHERS, M. PN3



GRIM, T. YNC

LALONE, R. PN1





R. D. SPEER AT1

W. H. COOK AX2



C. D. CRAIG ATN2



H. W. JAHN ATN2



C. F. WILLIAMS AN





J. D. ROSECRANS AX1



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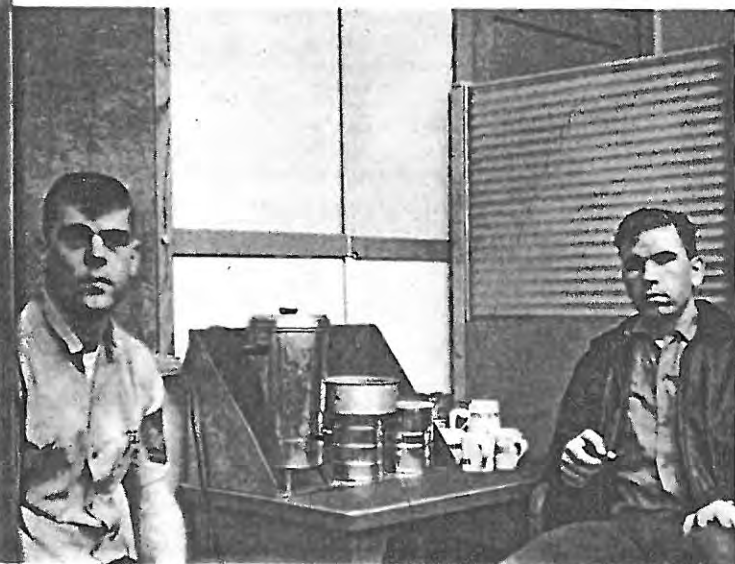


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DAVIS, T. G. SN



SMITH, W. S. PN3



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FIRST LIEUTENANT  
LTJG C. B. WANN



LEADING CHIEF  
C. J. P. JENSEN, AFCEM

SCHULTZ, A., ABH1



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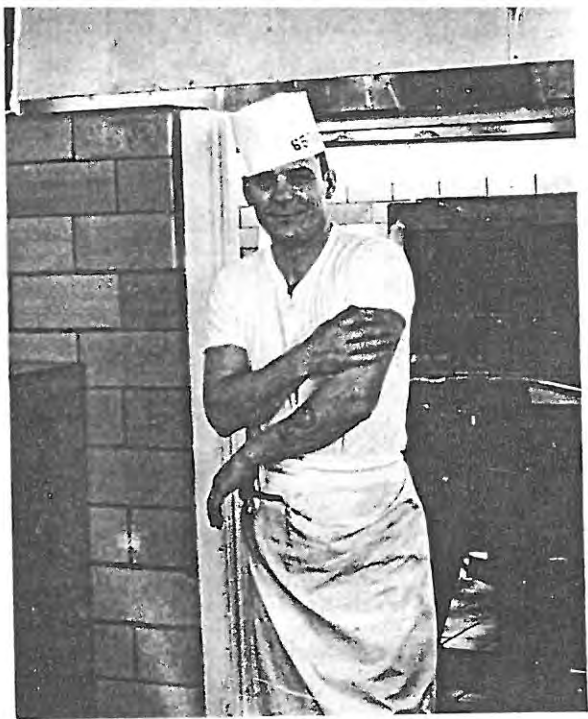
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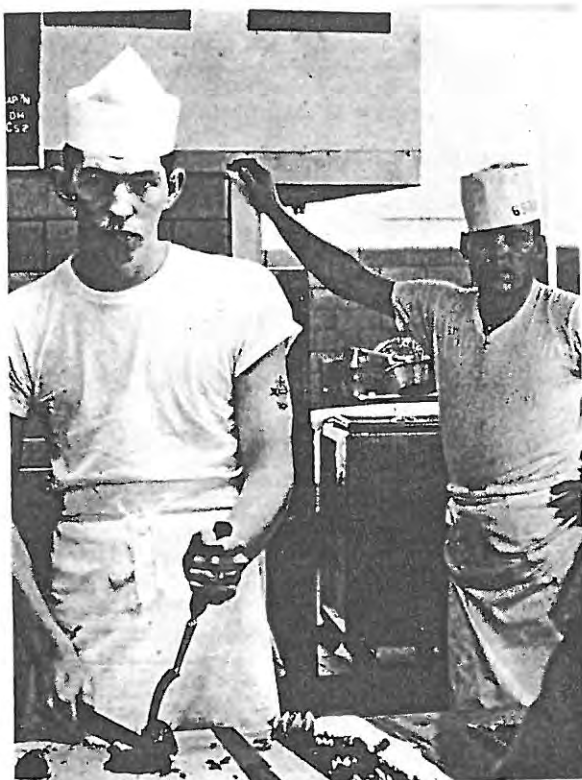


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D. DENNIS, CS<sub>2</sub>

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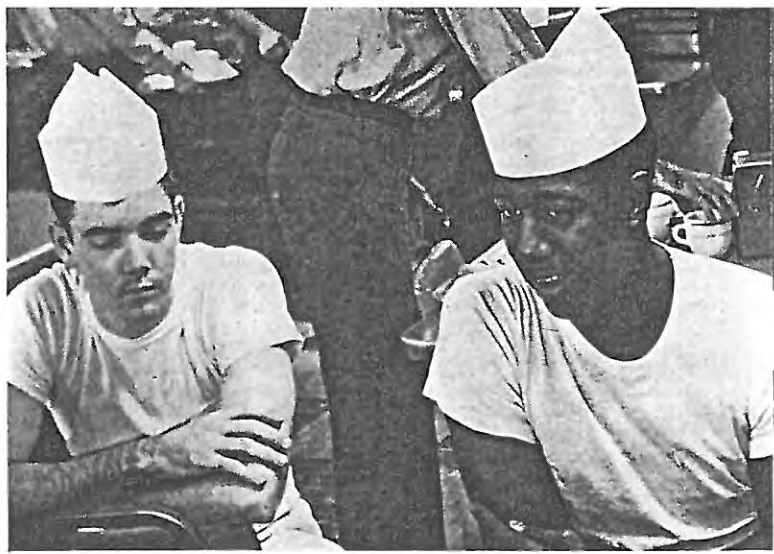


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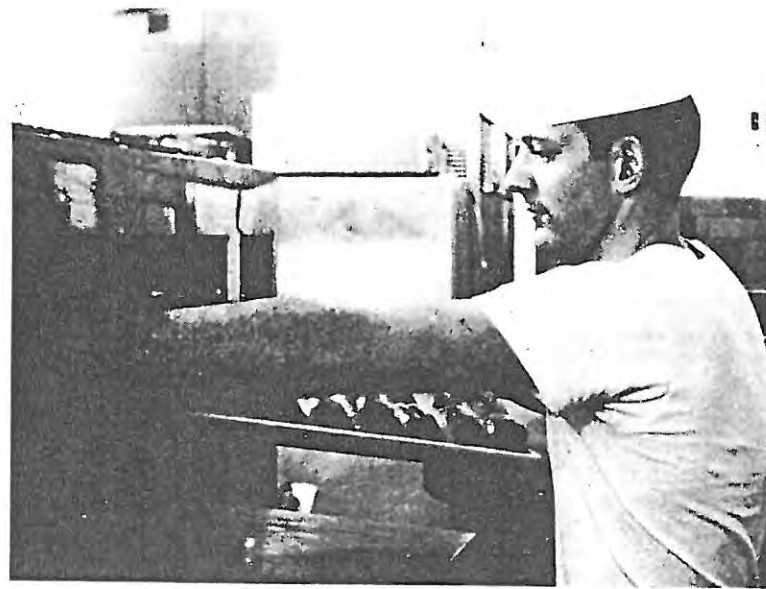




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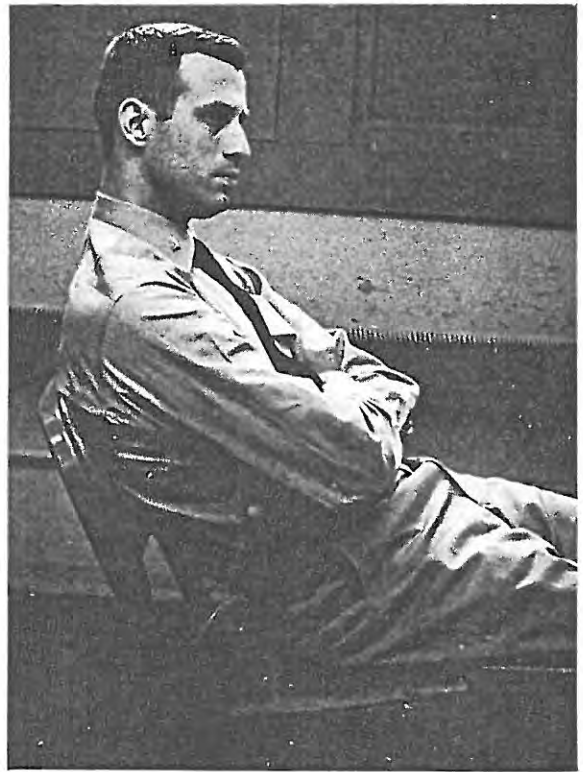
# OPERATIONS



LCDR J. D. JONES—OPERATIONS OFFICER



LCDR B. C. BRADLEY—FLIGHT



LCDR R. G. GEER—TACTICS

LT T. V. GOLDER—TRAINING

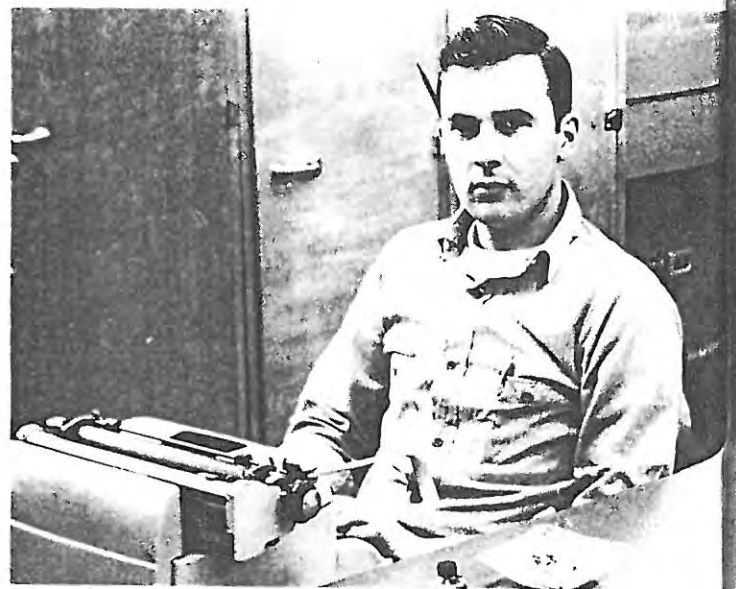


LT W. F. SANDERS—ASW TACCO





S. W. D. KIDD ADRC



F. A. ROSECRANS ADJAN



A. Z. STRZELECKI AA



J. L. WIENCEK SN



LTJG D. H. SCHMIDT  
(Logs and Records)



LTJG M. L. THOMAS  
(Asst Flight Training)

(Survival)  
LTJG D. A. LOY





LTJG D. F. NICHOLS  
(Jez Training)



LTJG J. H. COYLE  
(Mine Warfare)



LTJG E. V. HARDAWAY  
(Navigation)



LTJG J. B. McFARLANE  
(Weight and Balance)

LTJG M.S. MAY  
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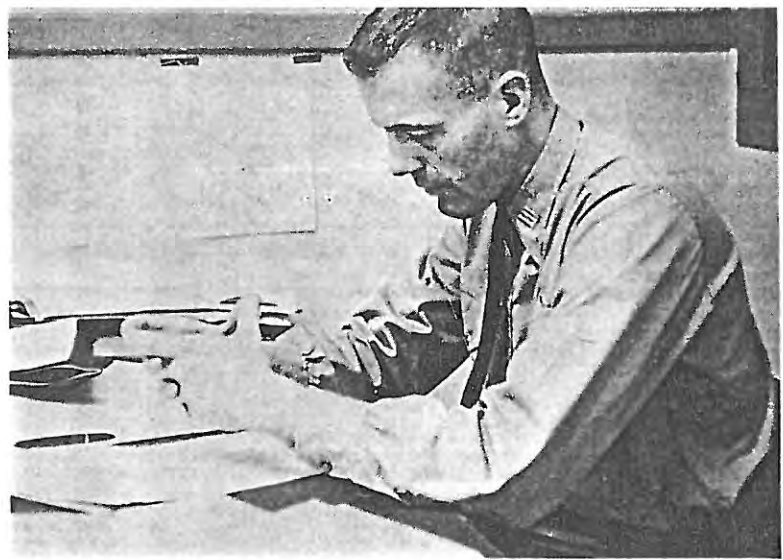
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(Training)



LT R.W. YOUNG--STAND



LTJG C.E. HOFFMAN ASW TACT

LTJG W.J. BAUMHOFER ASW LOCAL

LT C. COX



# COMMUNICATIONS



LT R. L. BASS—COMM



LTJG J. O. GREGORY—ASS'T COMM



DEARBORNE, W. G. ATR3



BEAR, R. B. ATNAN

# A I O



LTJG D. E. LARSSON ASW INTELL



LTJG E. L. BRADDY ASS'T INTELL



LT T. P. HINSON  
ECM & ASS'T AIO



LT J. D. FULGHUM ASS'T AIO

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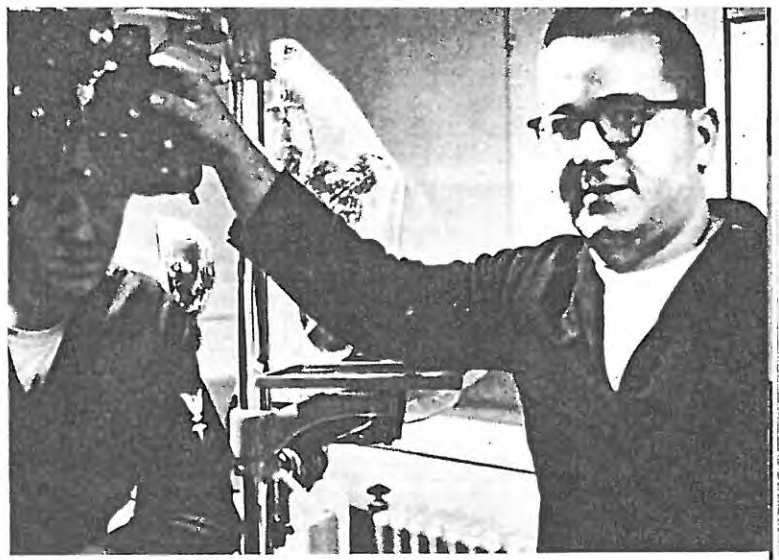
LT G. JONES

## SAFETY OFFICER

LT B. J. STOKES



## MEDICAL



T. LUDVIK HM2

## DISBURSING



A. R. EDUARDO DK1



PROSPECTIVE PERSONNEL

LT J. L. LARSEN



LCDR D. PECKHAM

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LT B. RUBEL

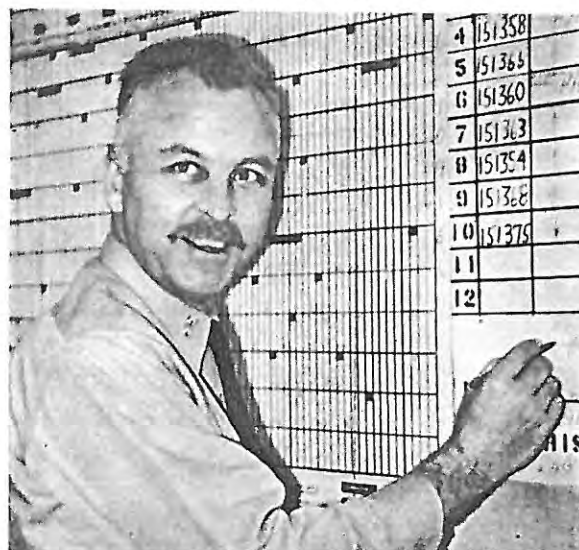


LCDR B. MCCABE

LTJG MACDONALD



F. W. GOUGE AFCM



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J. R. GRIBBLE AZ3



K. C. BREWER AZ1



R. M. CARMICHAEL AZ2

E. A. PATCHULL AN



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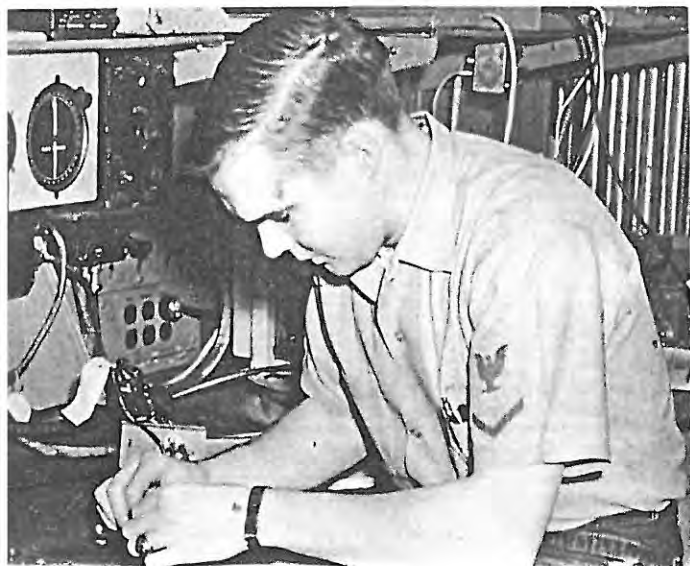
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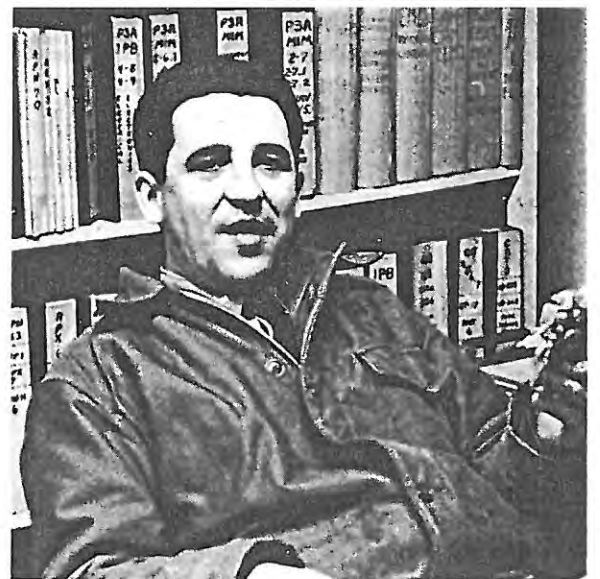


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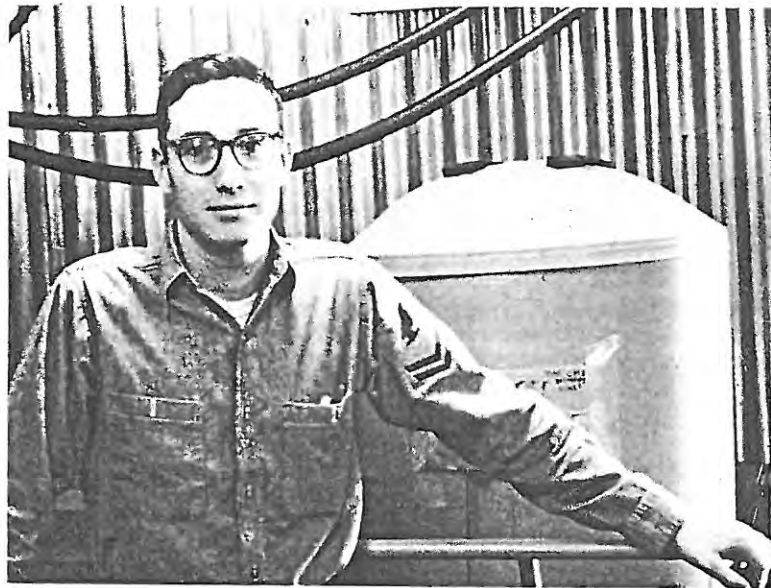




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G. B. WARNER ATC



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W. R. DISALVO ATR3

K. J. MACDONALD AX2



R. S. SCATES ATC





ENS C. F. SCHOMANN III



C. R. CLARK AECS

# ELECTRIC



C. F. CASTLEBERRY AE1



W. G. STATON AE2



W. SMITH AE2



L. R. SHELL AE2



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F. G. FORTNER AE2



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R. BRYAN, AE3



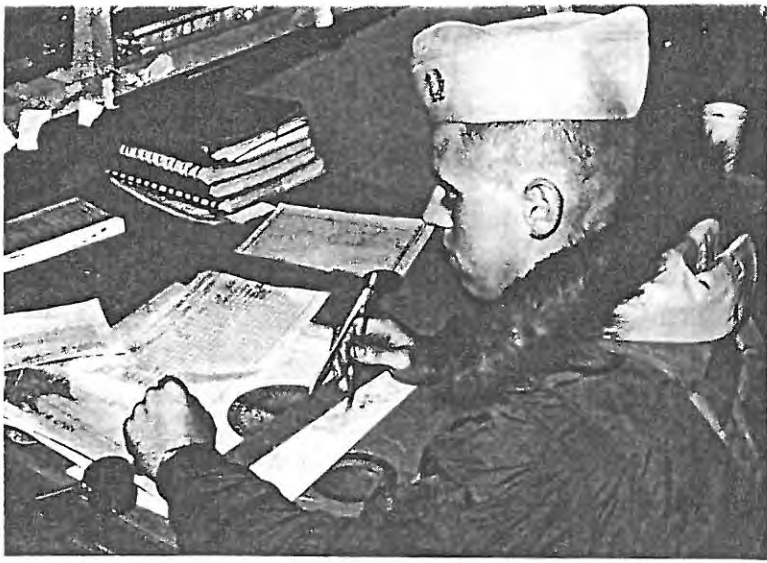
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S. MARABLE, AE3



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J.W. MUELLER AOC

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LTJG C.L. PARKER



A. H. REISKE JR. AMEC



J. R. WEINHOLD AMSC

C. D. PEARCE AME1





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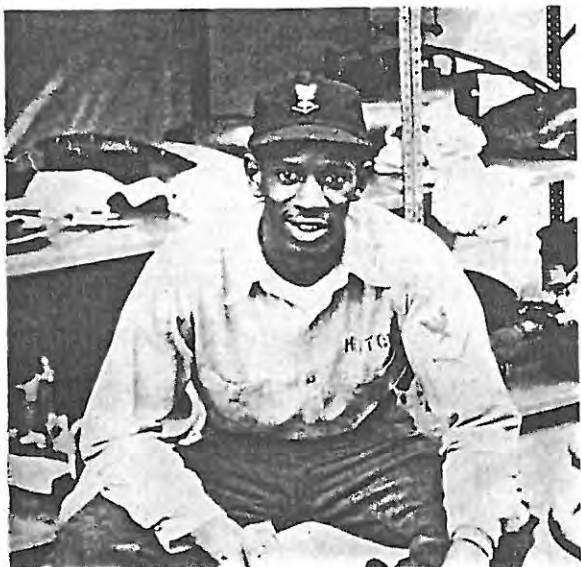


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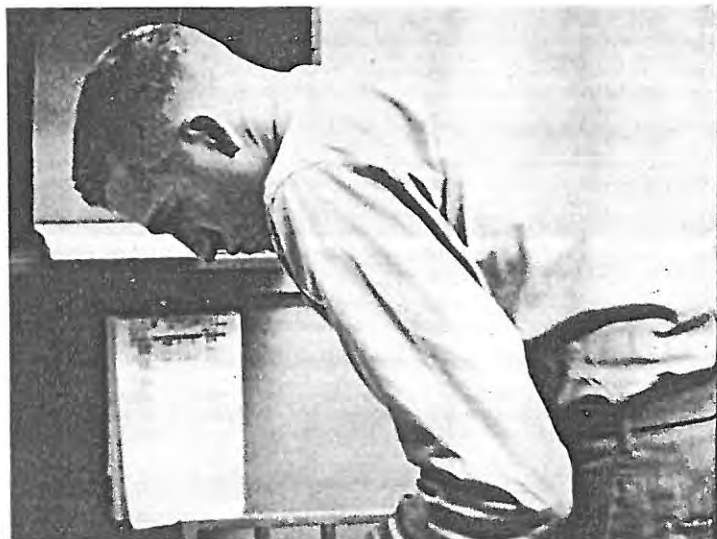
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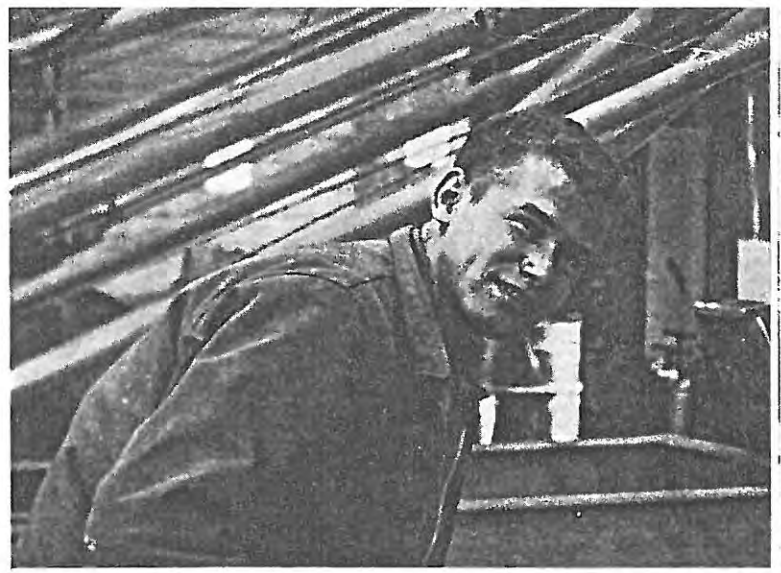
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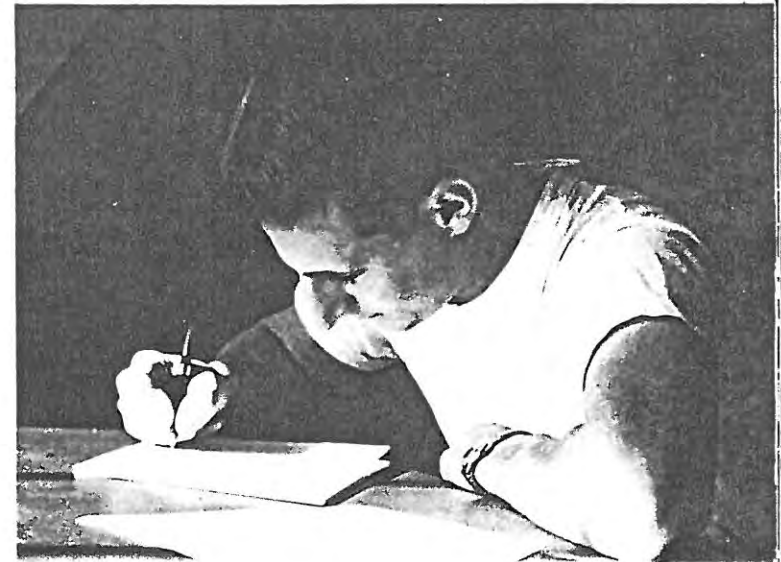
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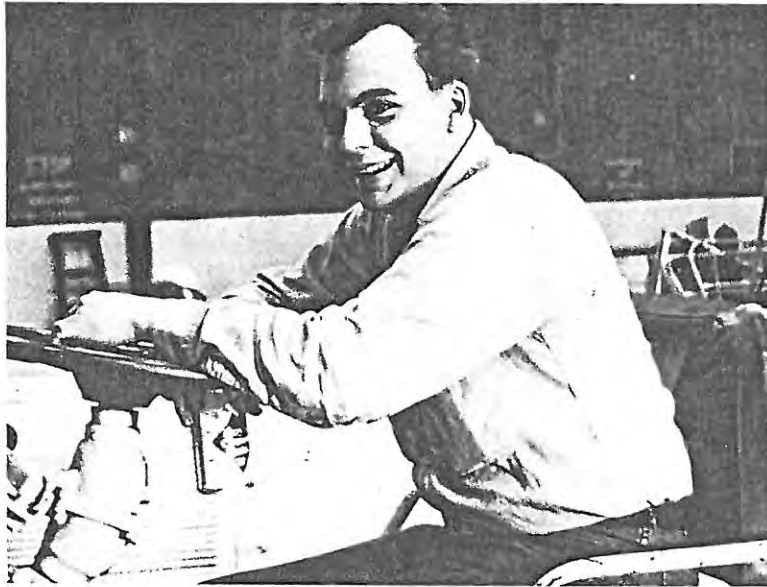


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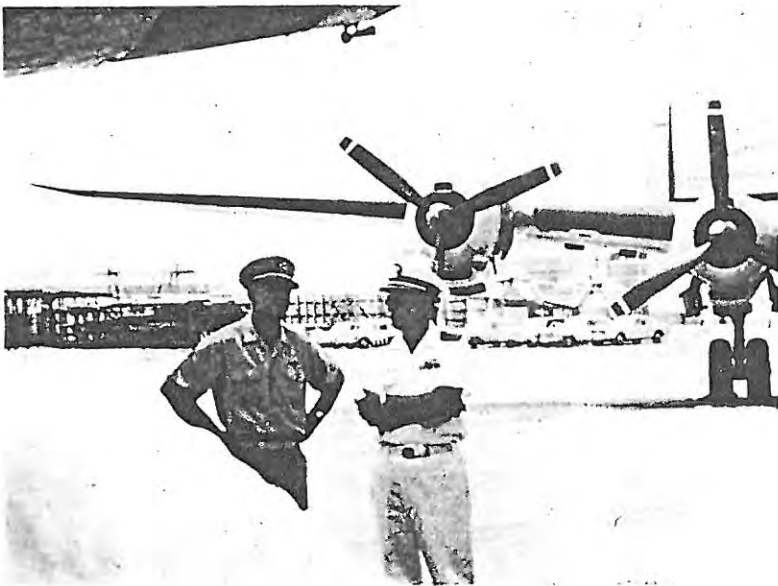


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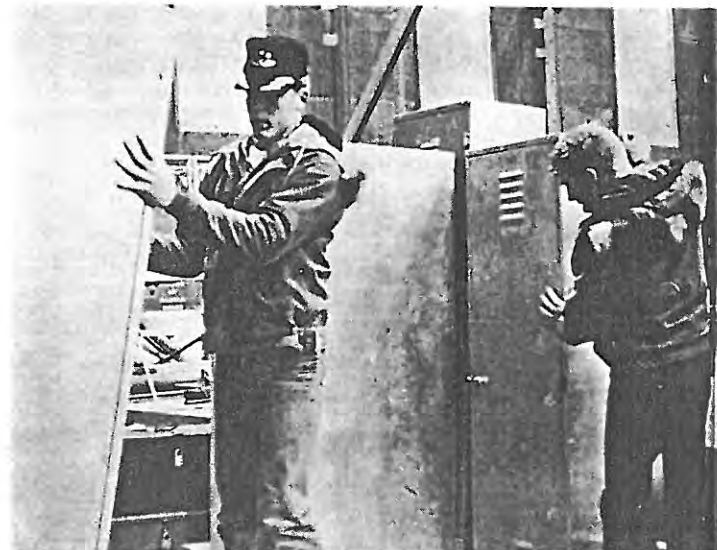
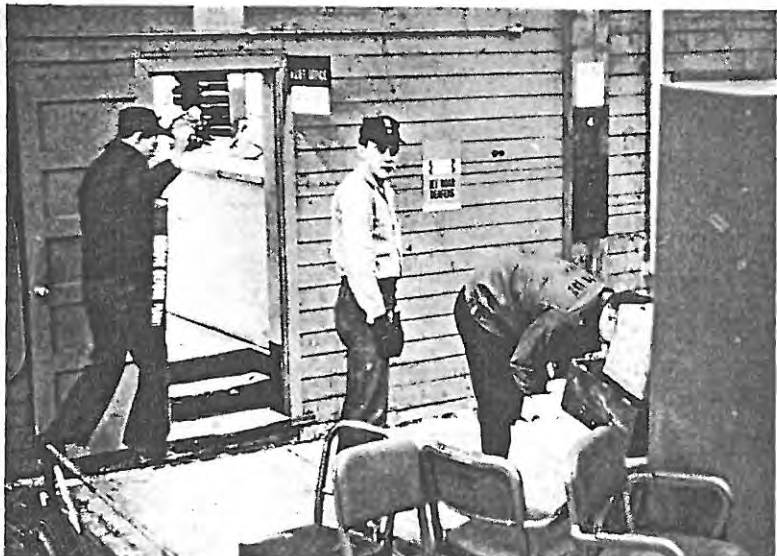
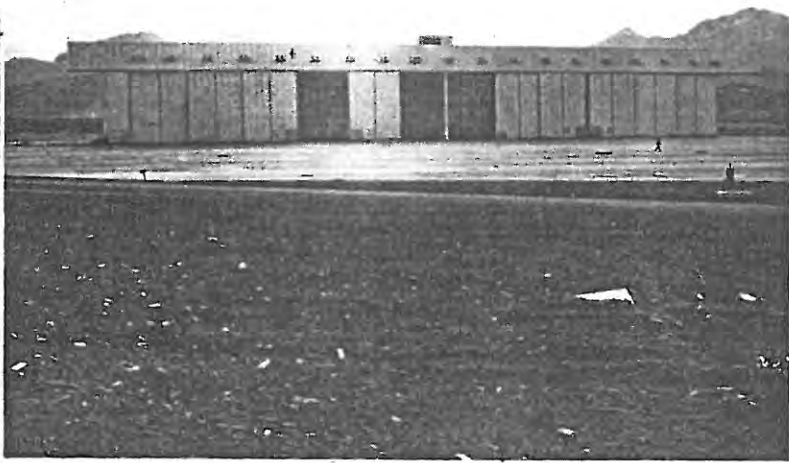
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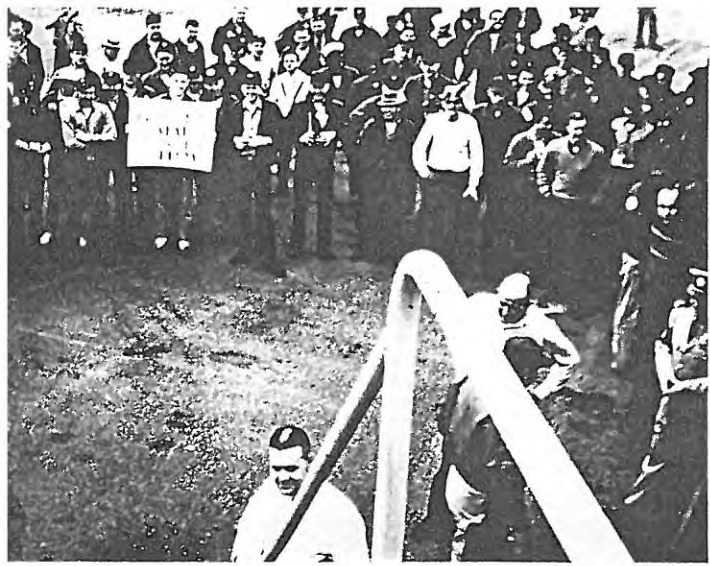
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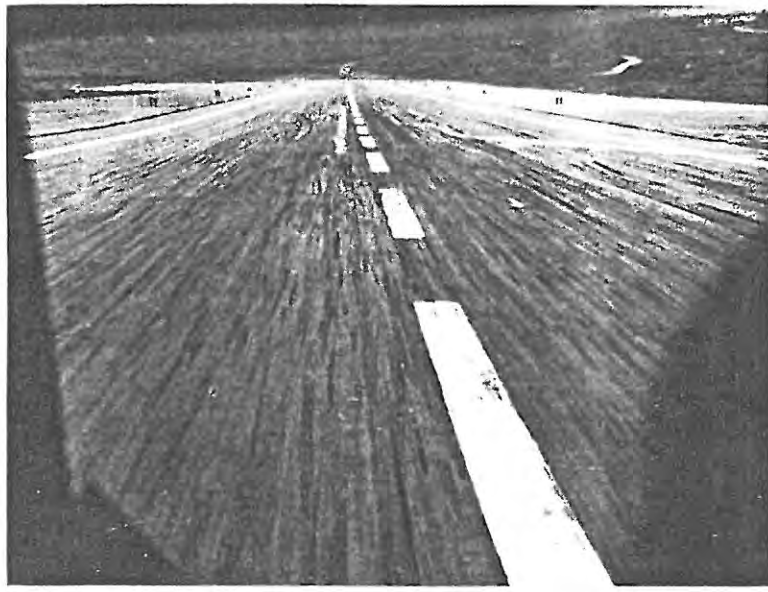


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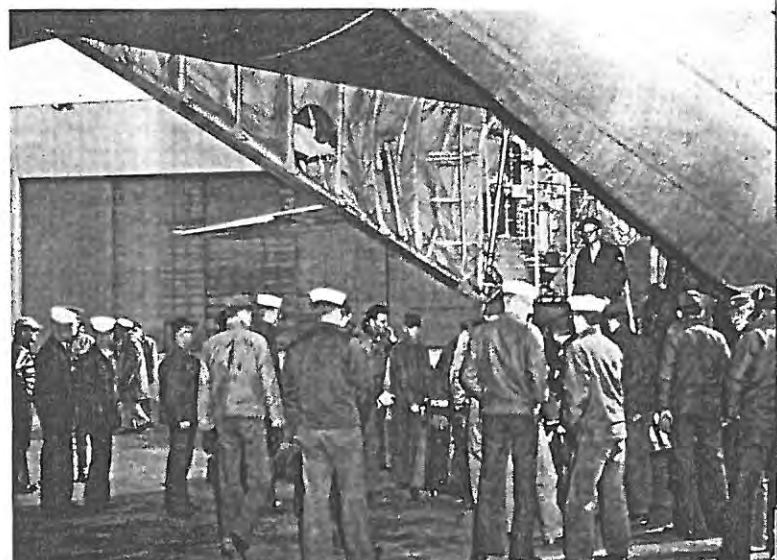
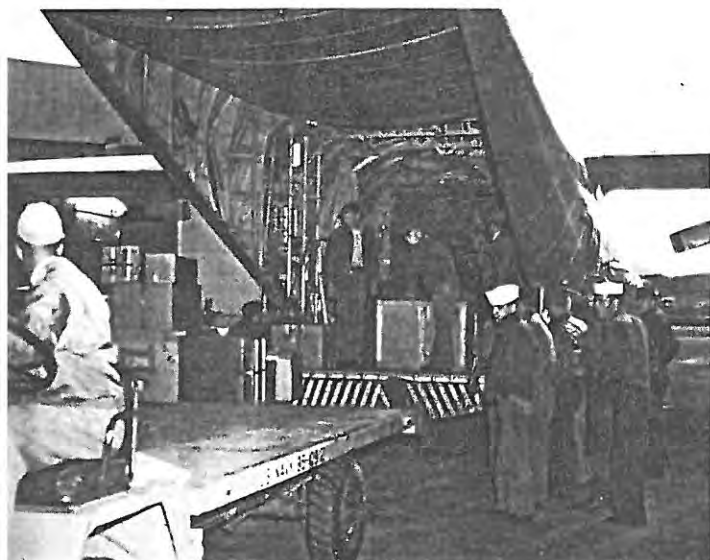


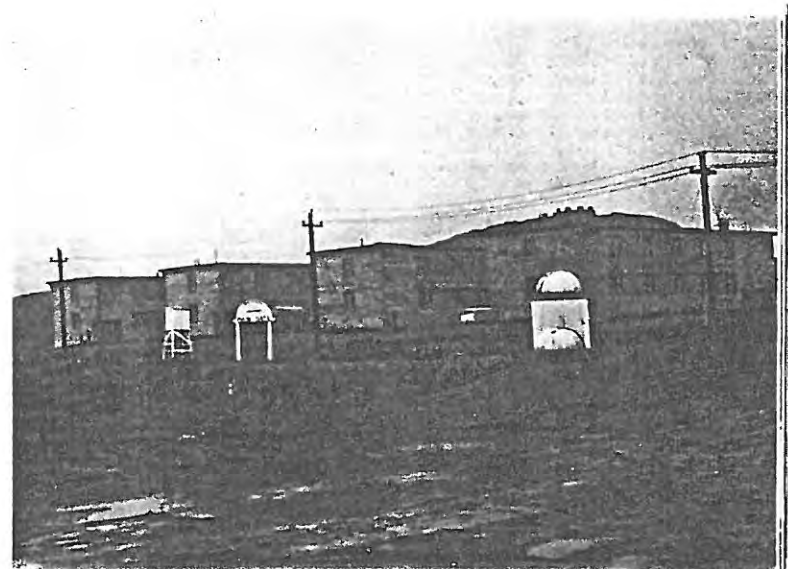
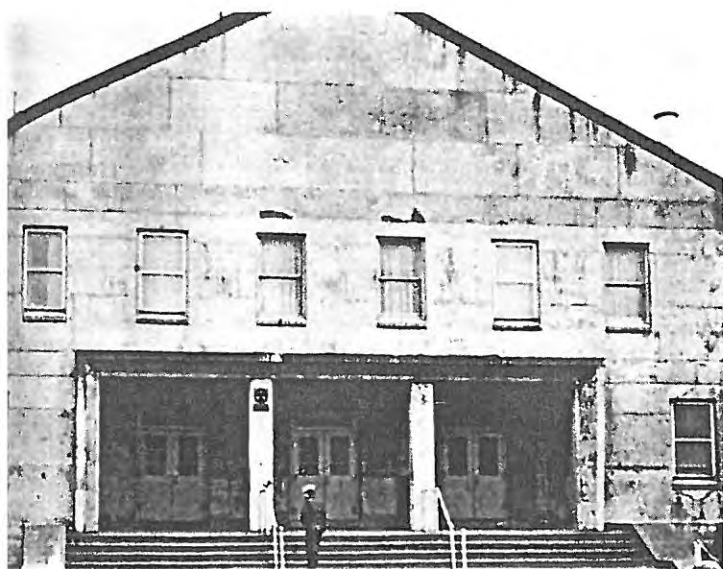
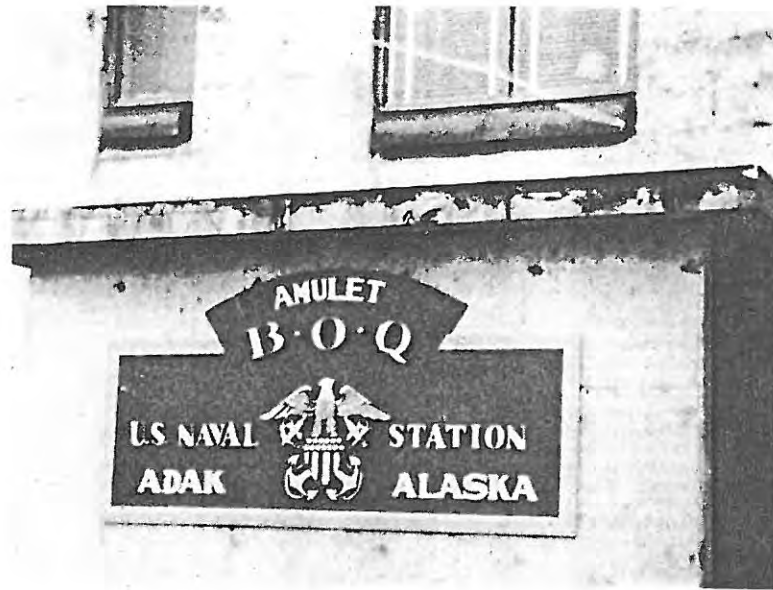
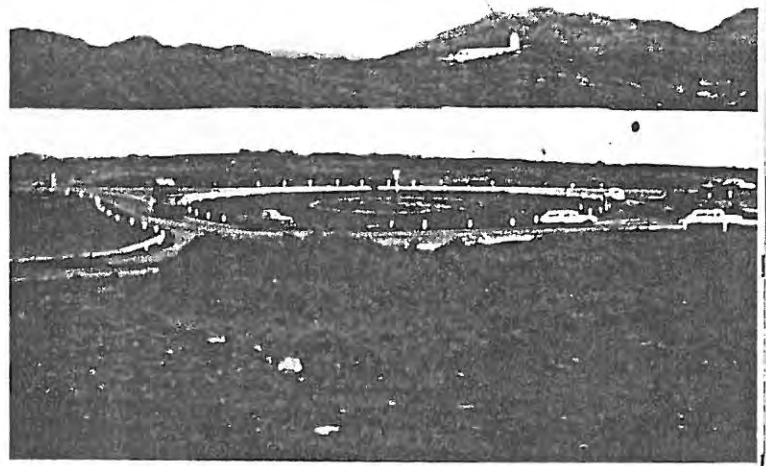


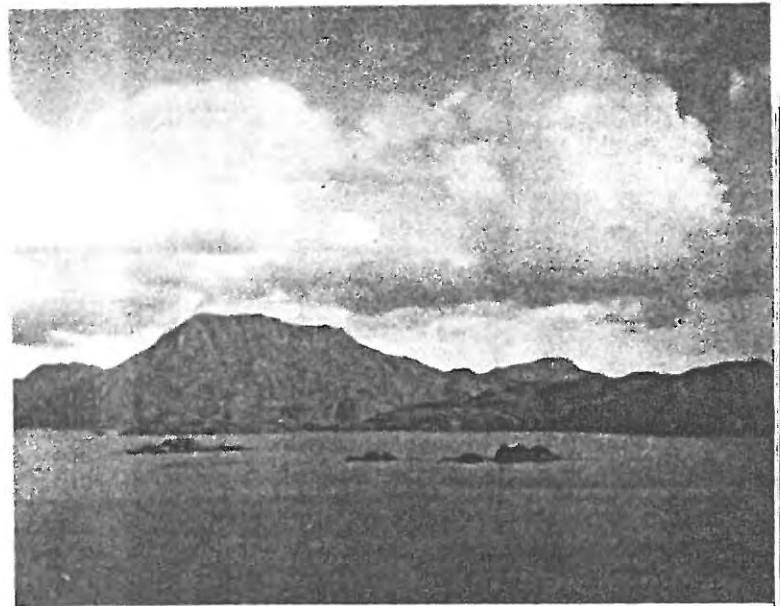
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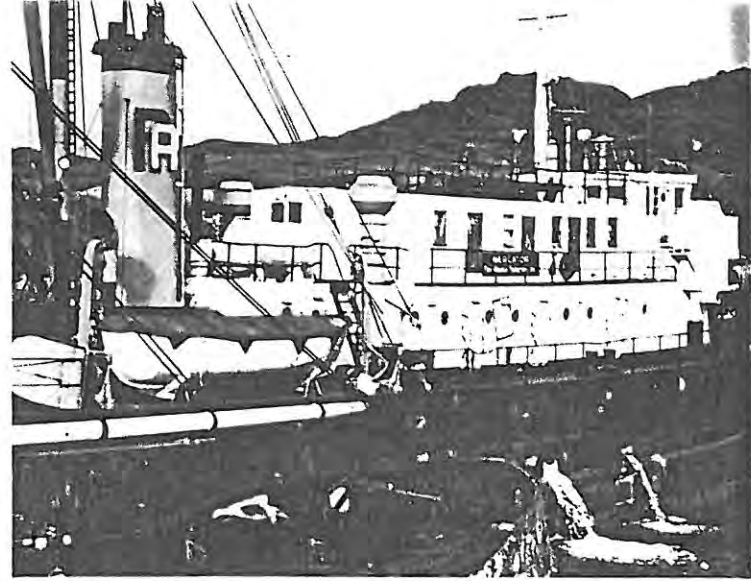
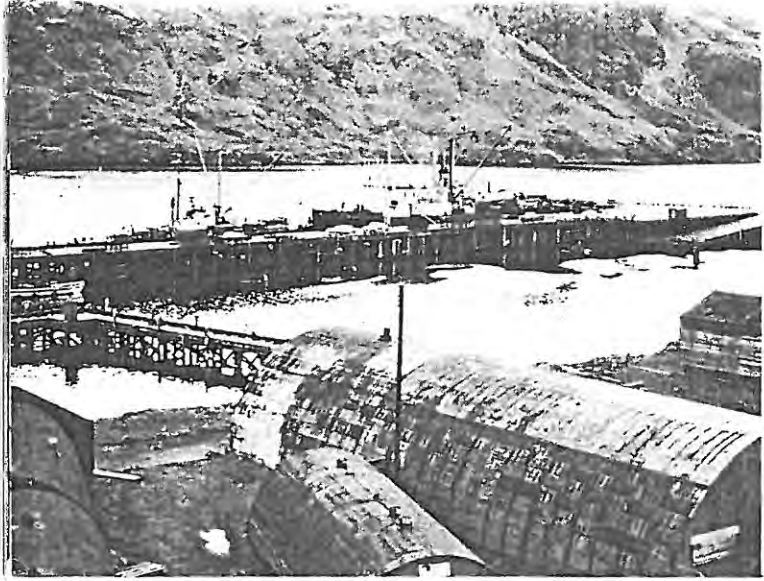
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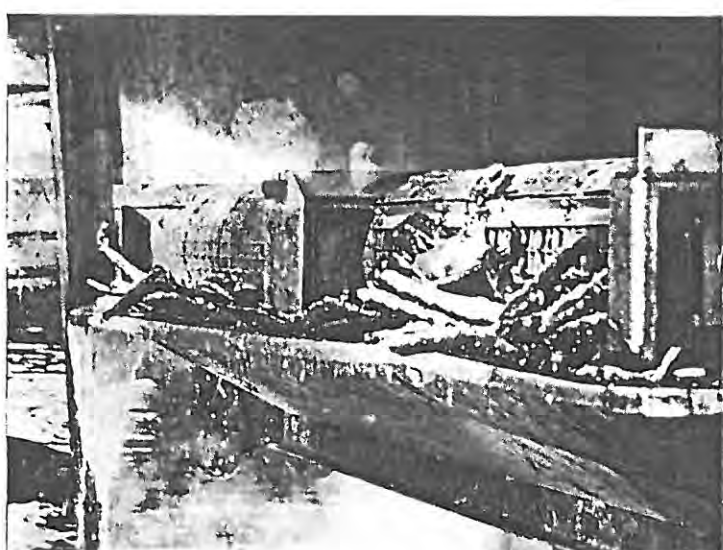
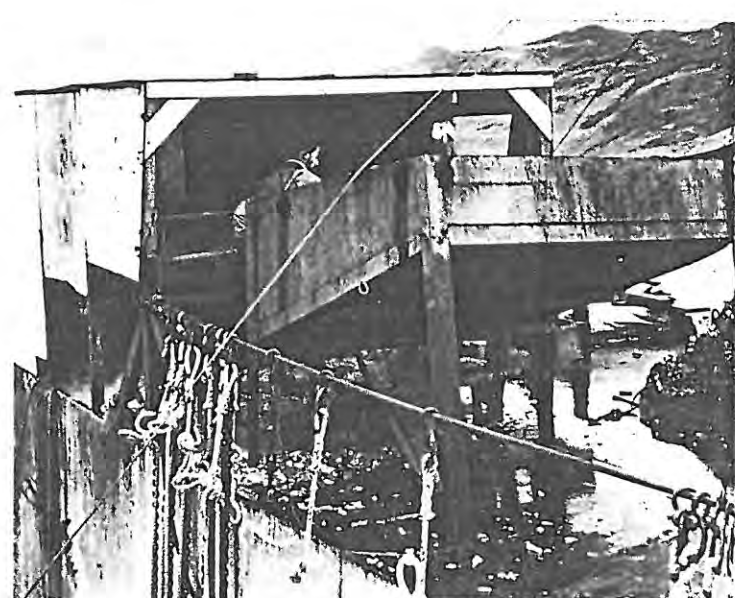
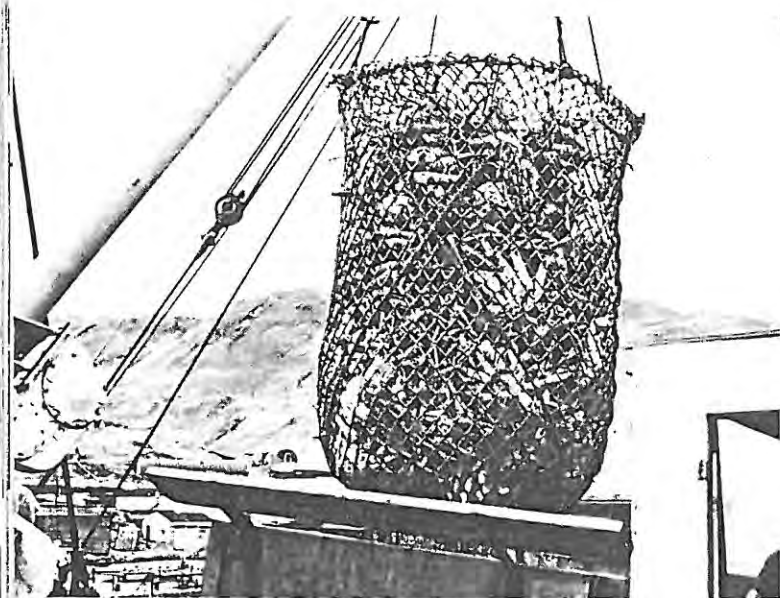


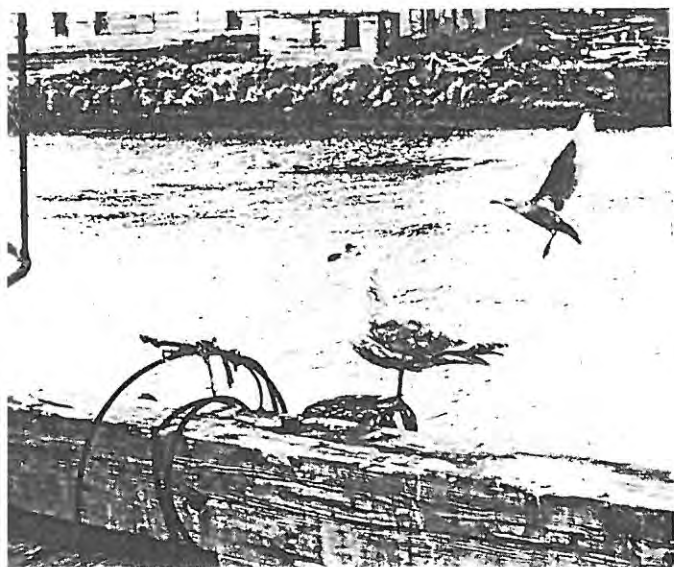
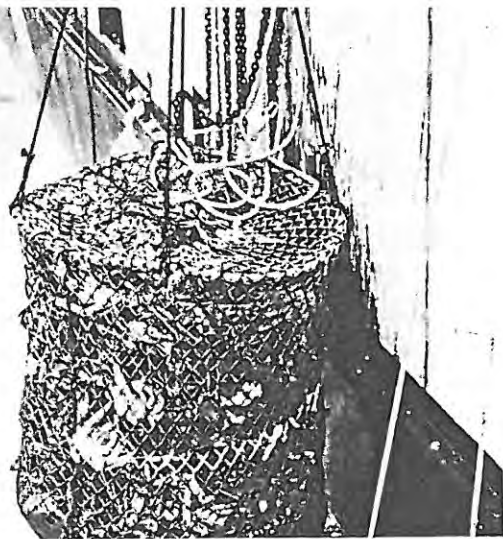


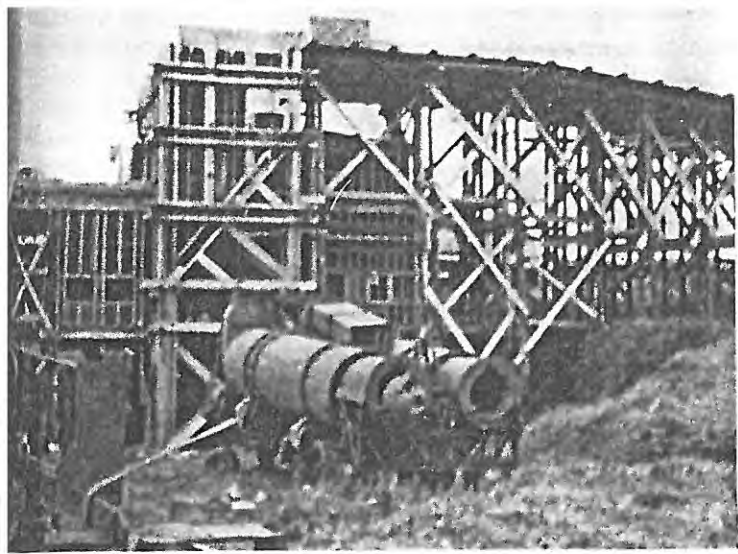




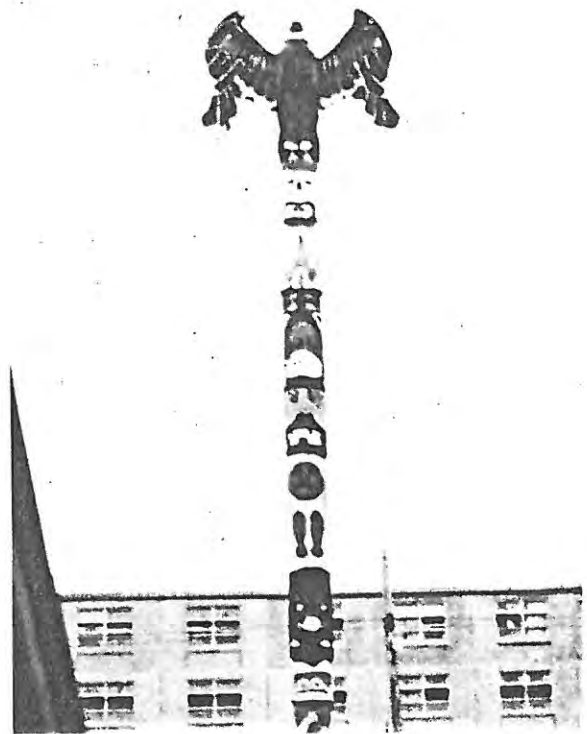
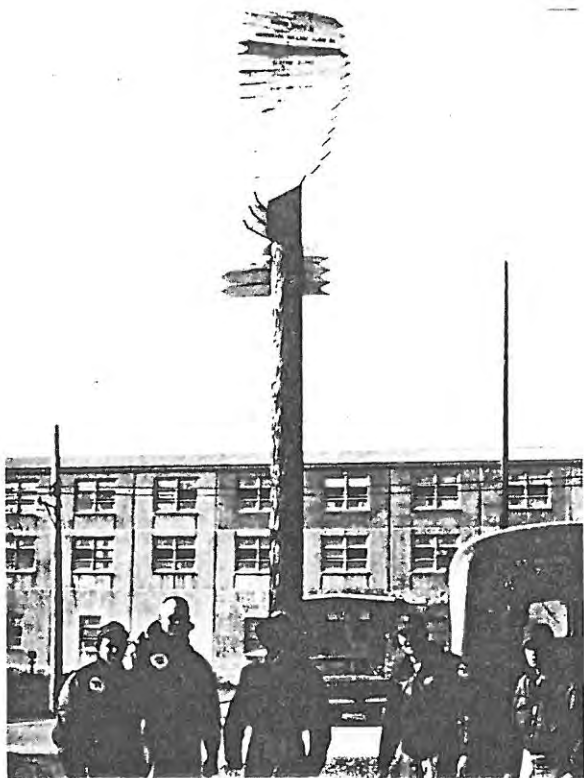
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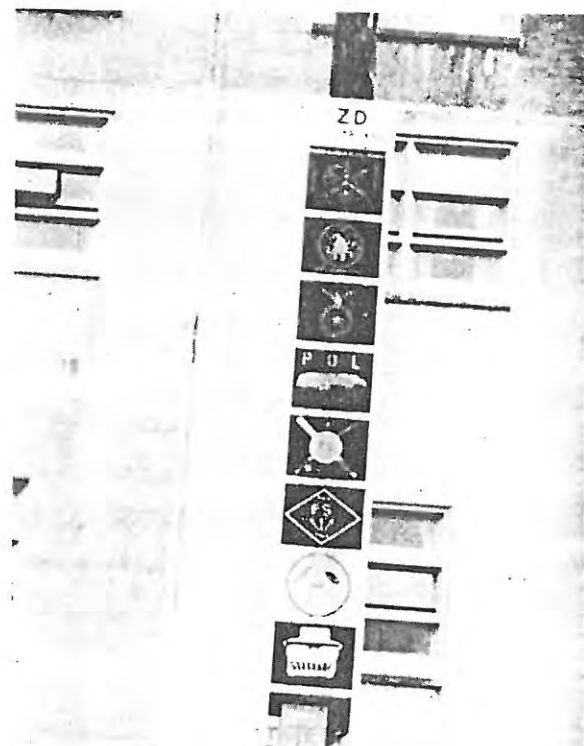
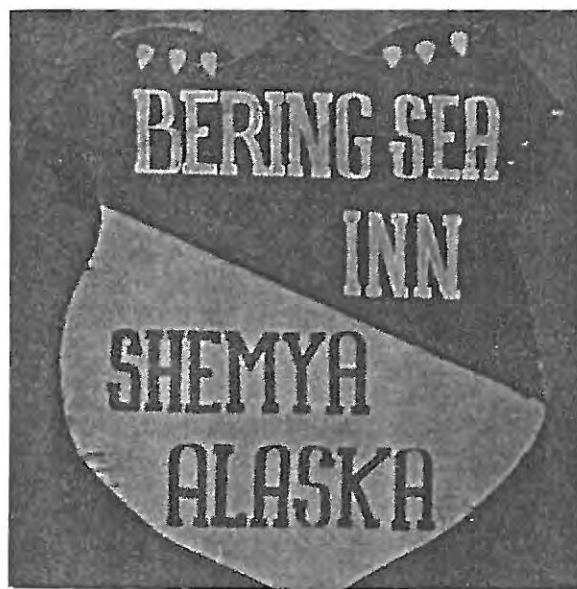


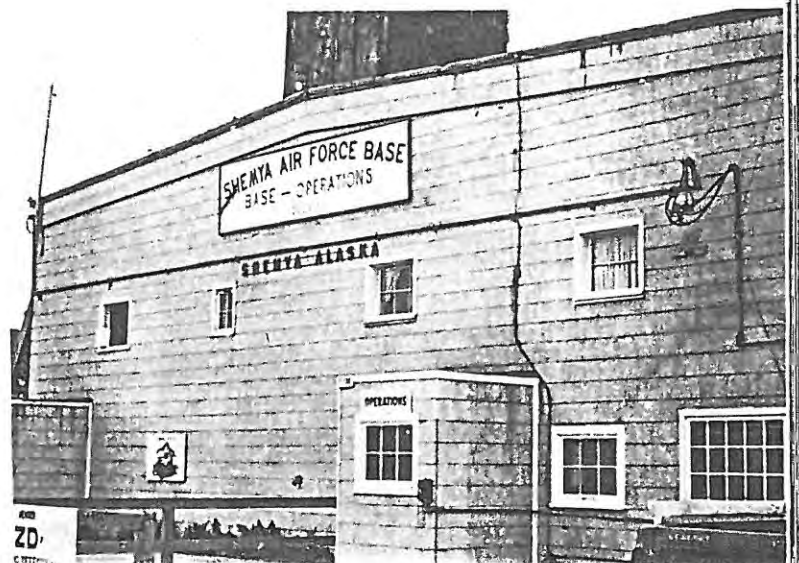
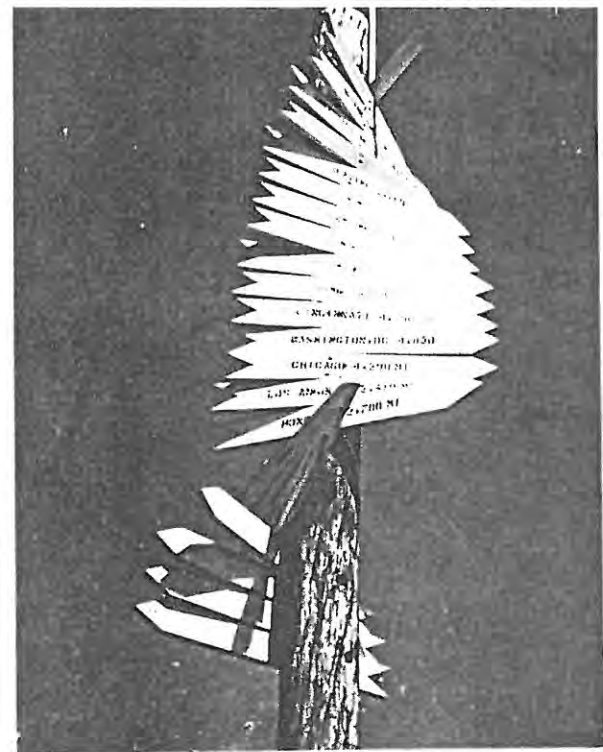


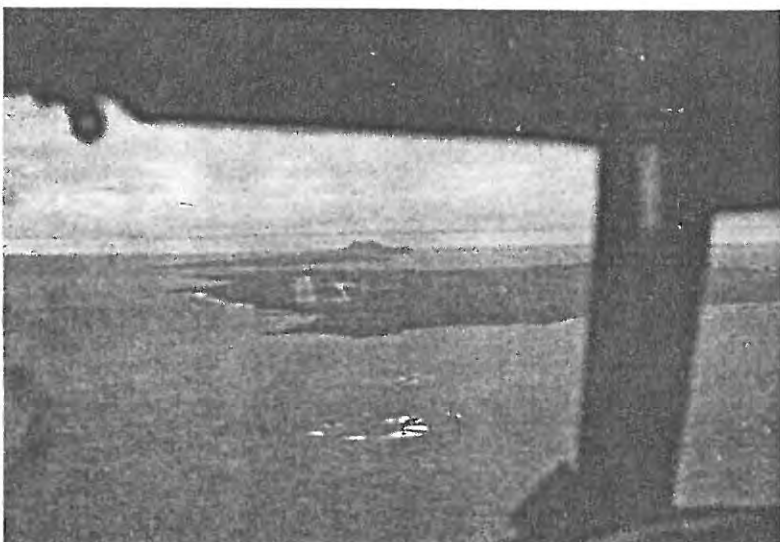
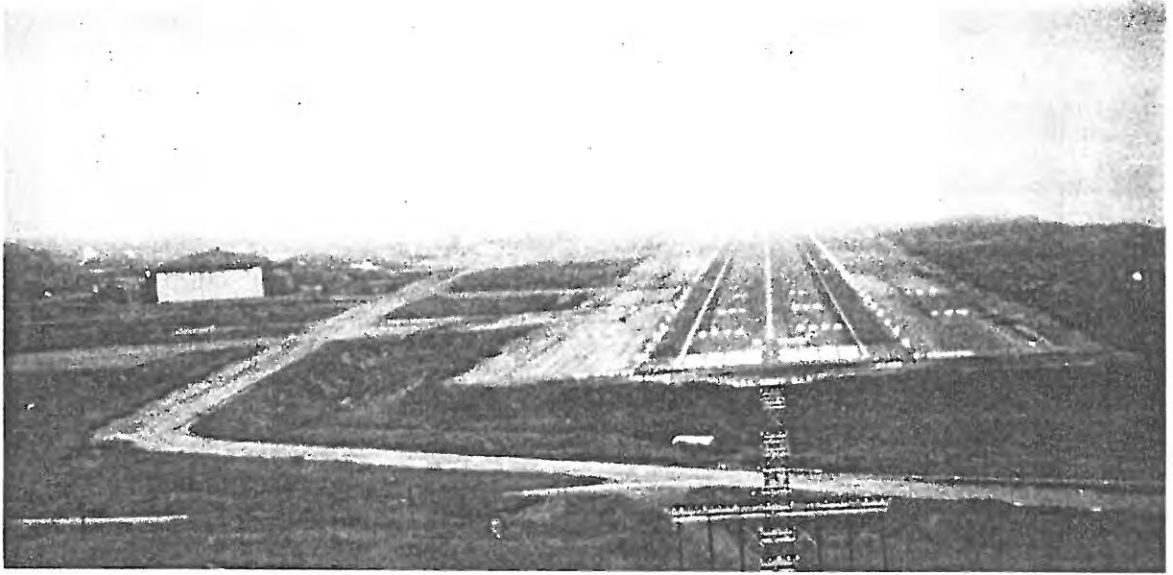


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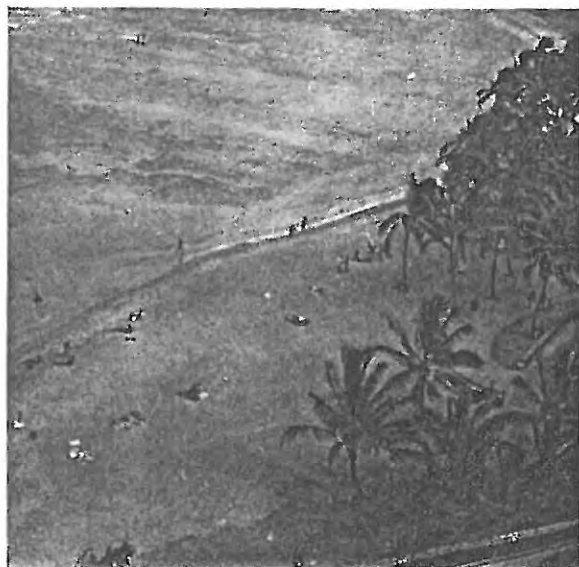






# PROJECT HAND CLASP







MONDAY  
NIGHT  
BOWLING  
LEAGUE



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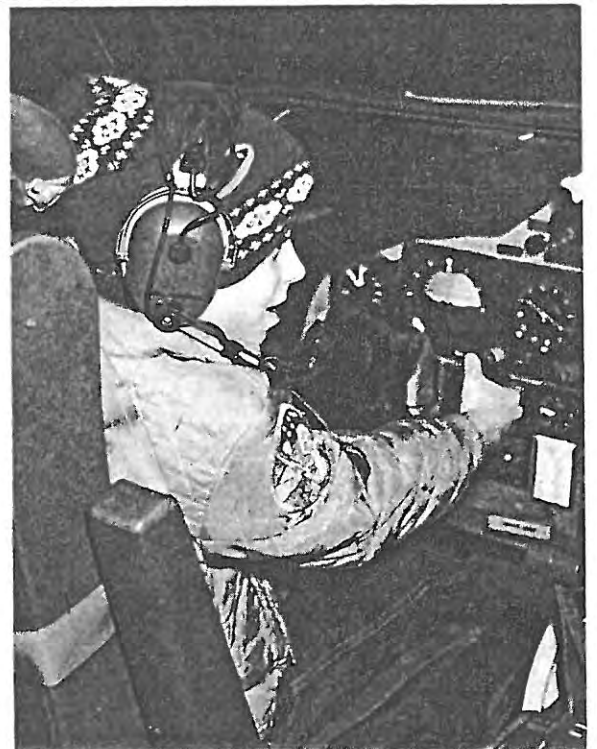


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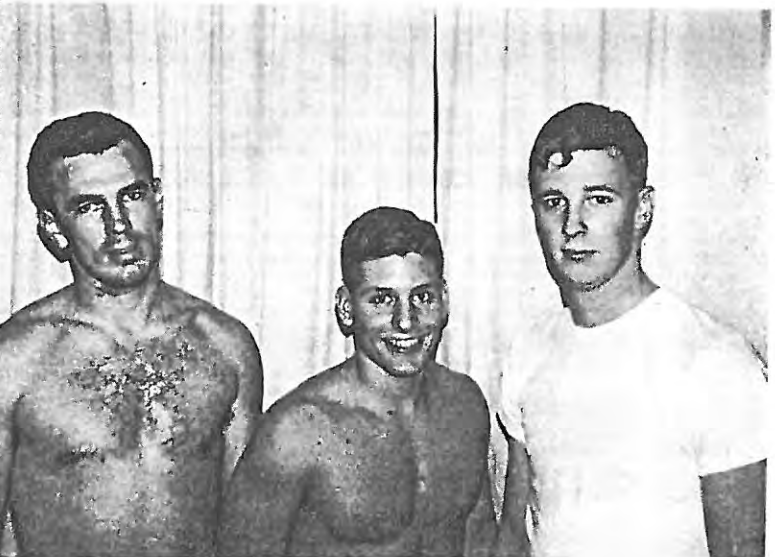
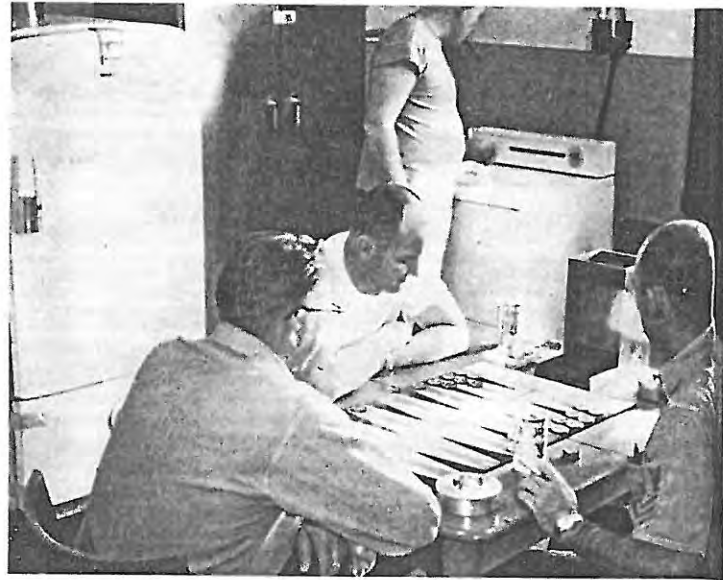




# NAVY DAY



# SQUADRON VIEWS





Sword.... Sponge.... Searchlight.....



Typical red dart nav.....



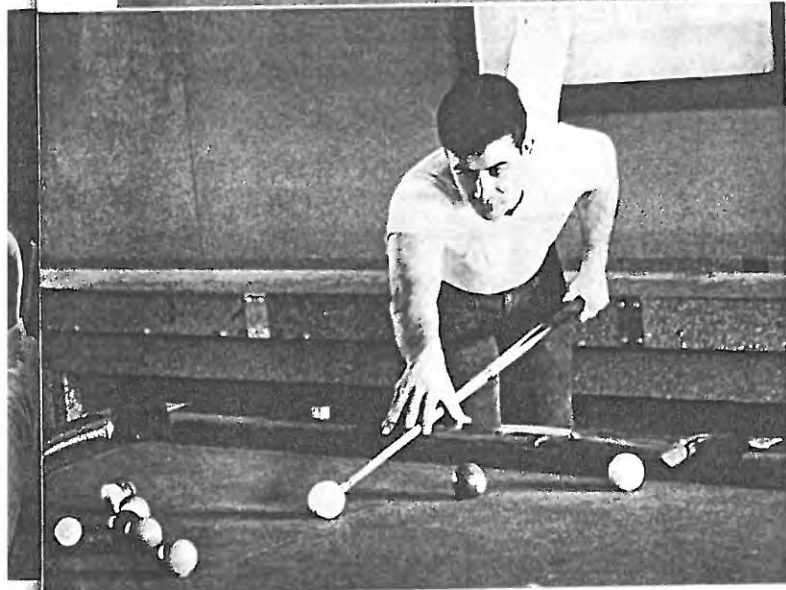
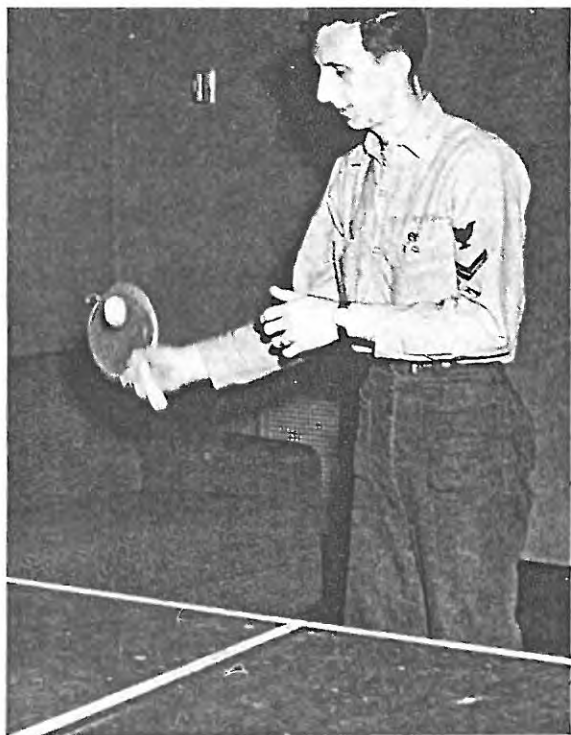
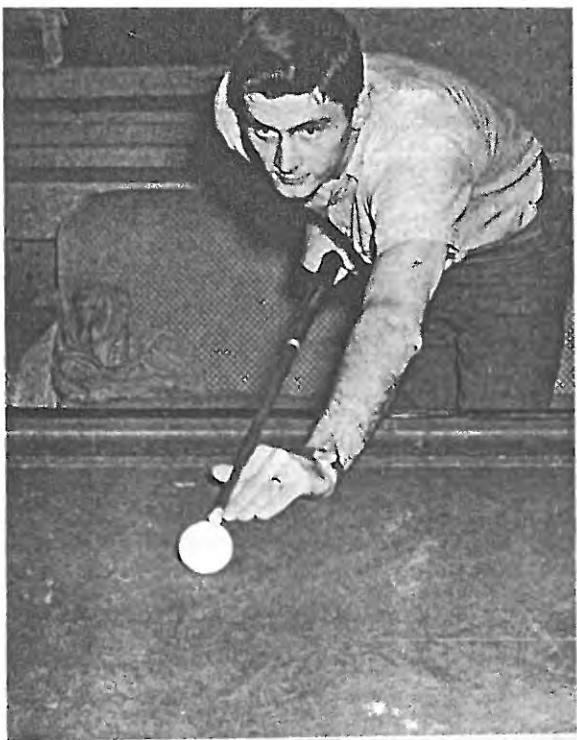
Nav.... This is radio.....  
Nav.... Nav.... Nav.....



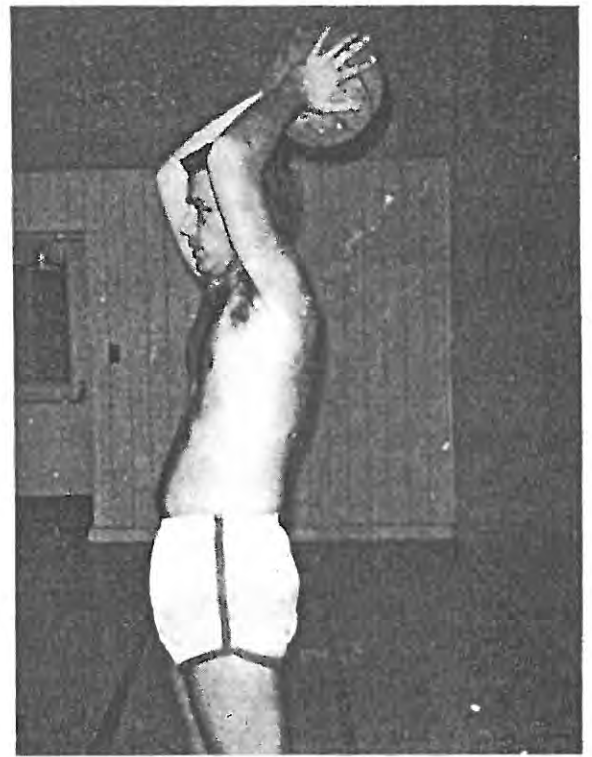
Which one do I feather.....



My gosh.... No sky.....













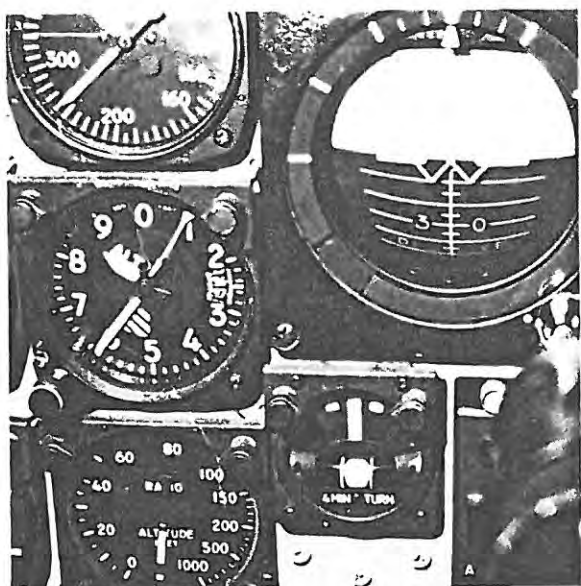
I'll see your two sonobouys  
and raise you two smokes.....



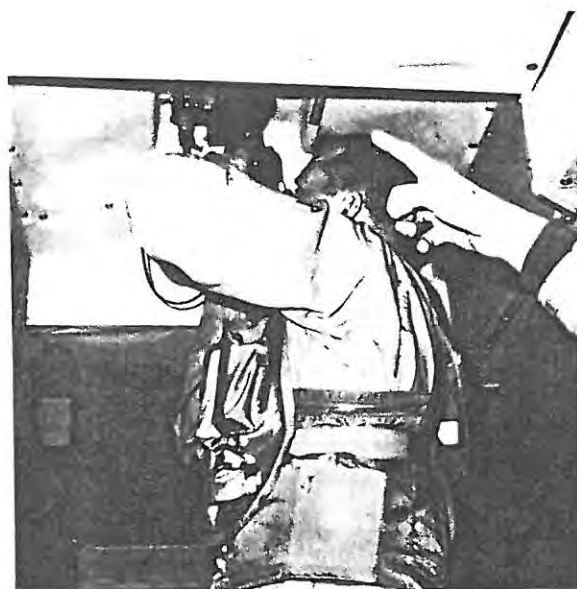
One of Kline's Killers.....



Damn the torpedoes....Get the guy in the white socks

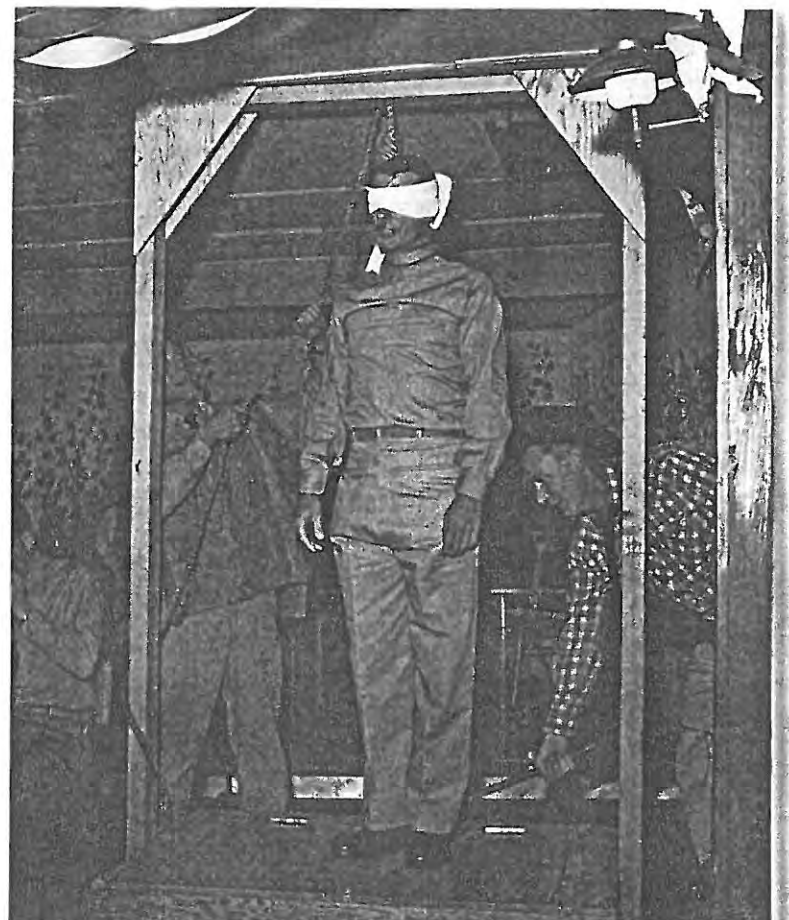
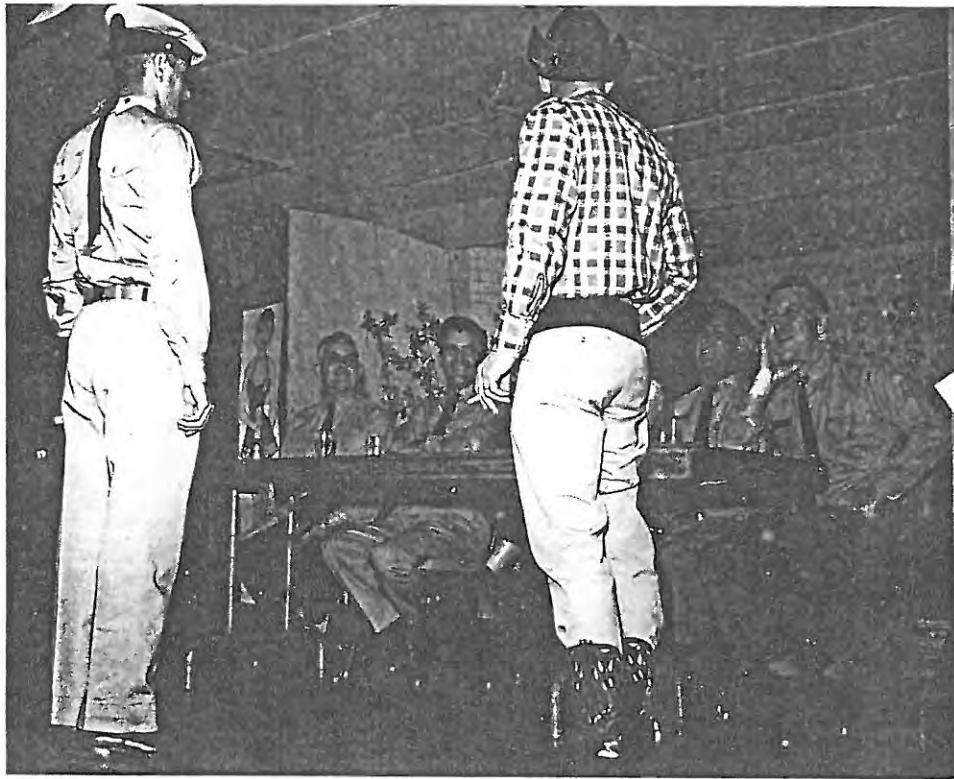


See I can fly straight and level.....

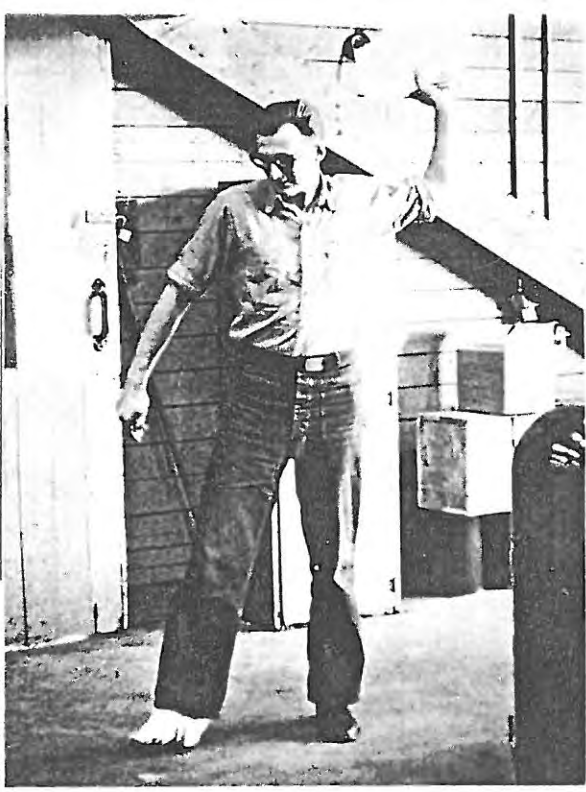


The sun's over there you...idiot

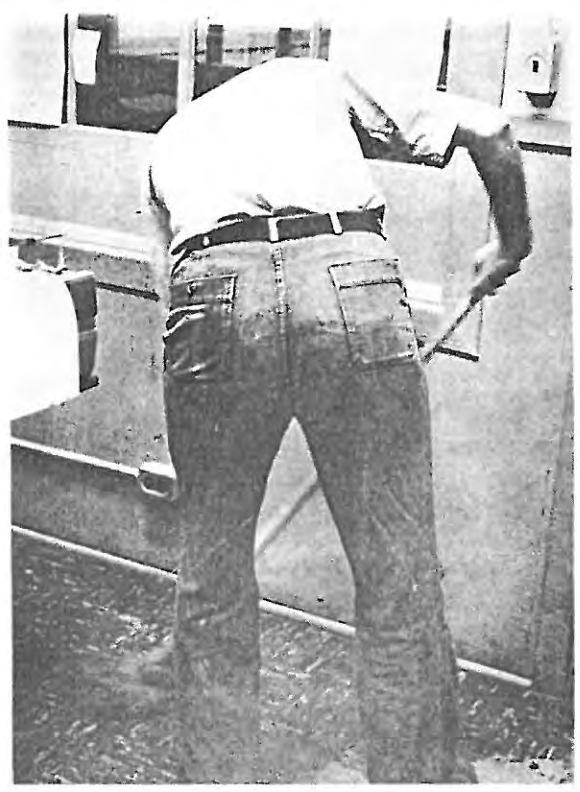
# CPO INITIATION







THIS IS WHEN I  
DROPPED THE BALL



I TOLD YOU THAT  
YOU HAD A FUTURE, DALE!



DAMN EARTHQUAKE



WHAT'S NAPOLEAN GOT  
THAT I HAVEN'T



PEACE, IT'S WONDERFUL



HEY GUYS, LOOK WHAT I GOT



LEAVE THE SIDEBURNS  
PLEASE



THE THREE STOOGES



NOW IF I WERE C. O....

## MORE COMEDY ??



WELL SON, IT'S LIKE THIS...



A MODELING WE WILL GO...

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TRUMPET



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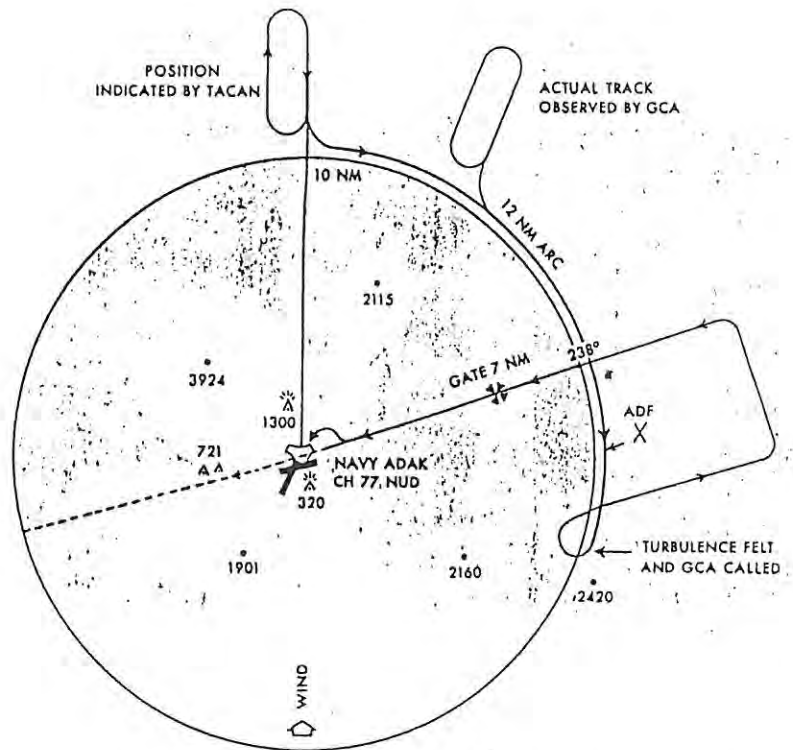


J. L. SMITH AX2



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# Lock-On Error



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On return to Adak from a routine patrol the third-pilot/navigator of the P-3 was in the left seat. The weather was well above minimums, 1000 overcast, with 7 miles visibility, so I decided to pass up the usual GCA and let the third pilot shoot a Tacan approach.

After a few turns in the holding pattern at the initial approach fix we commenced approach, in the clouds with GCA monitoring us. Everything looked good on the 12-mile arc except that I didn't think the third pilot had pulled enough power off to make it down to 1500 ft at the seven-mile gate but I decided not to say anything and see how he would handle it.

After awhile I switched my

Horizontal Situation Indicator (HSI) bearing indicator selector to ADF to cross-check our position; it showed us well past our inbound bearing but since our bird-dog had been unreliable the last few flights I figured that it was no good and switched back to Tacan.

We were just passing 3500 ft when we approached the inbound bearing (or what we thought was the proper one) and I remarked that we were going to be high at the seven-mile arc and suggested we take off some power to make 1500 ft at seven miles. About this time we got in some heavy turbulence which made me wonder about things (there was a strong south wind). As I was reaching to switch the bearing selector to ADF

again, GCA called, saying that they had a faint target east of the field and requested our altitude.

A fast switch to GCA control, switch to ADF on the HSI, a level off, then we climbed to 3500 ft. Reevaluation of the situation revealed we were indeed east of the field flying in the clouds over 2400-ft peaks!

The flight was terminated with a normal GCA with a 40-degree error in the Tacan all the way into 3 miles. All I can say is thank goodness for GCA and 3Ps that are inadvertently high on Tacan approaches. If we had been at 1500 ft approaching what we thought was the seven-mile gate the flight surely would have been terminated by the mountains east of the field.

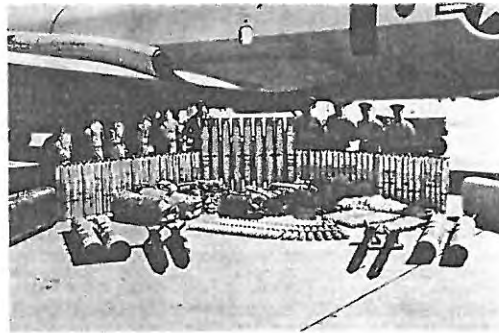
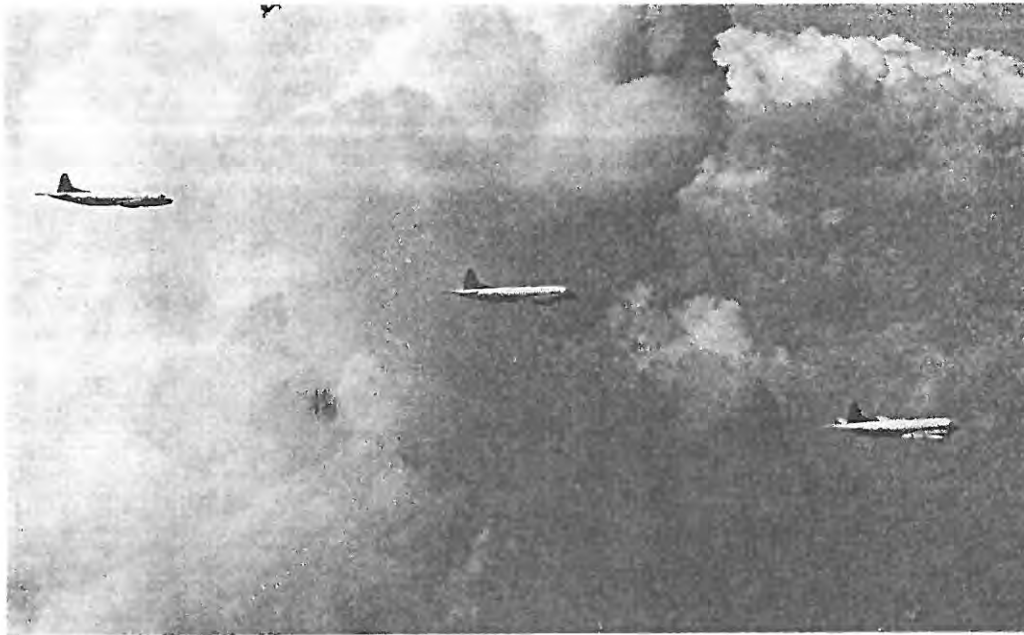


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