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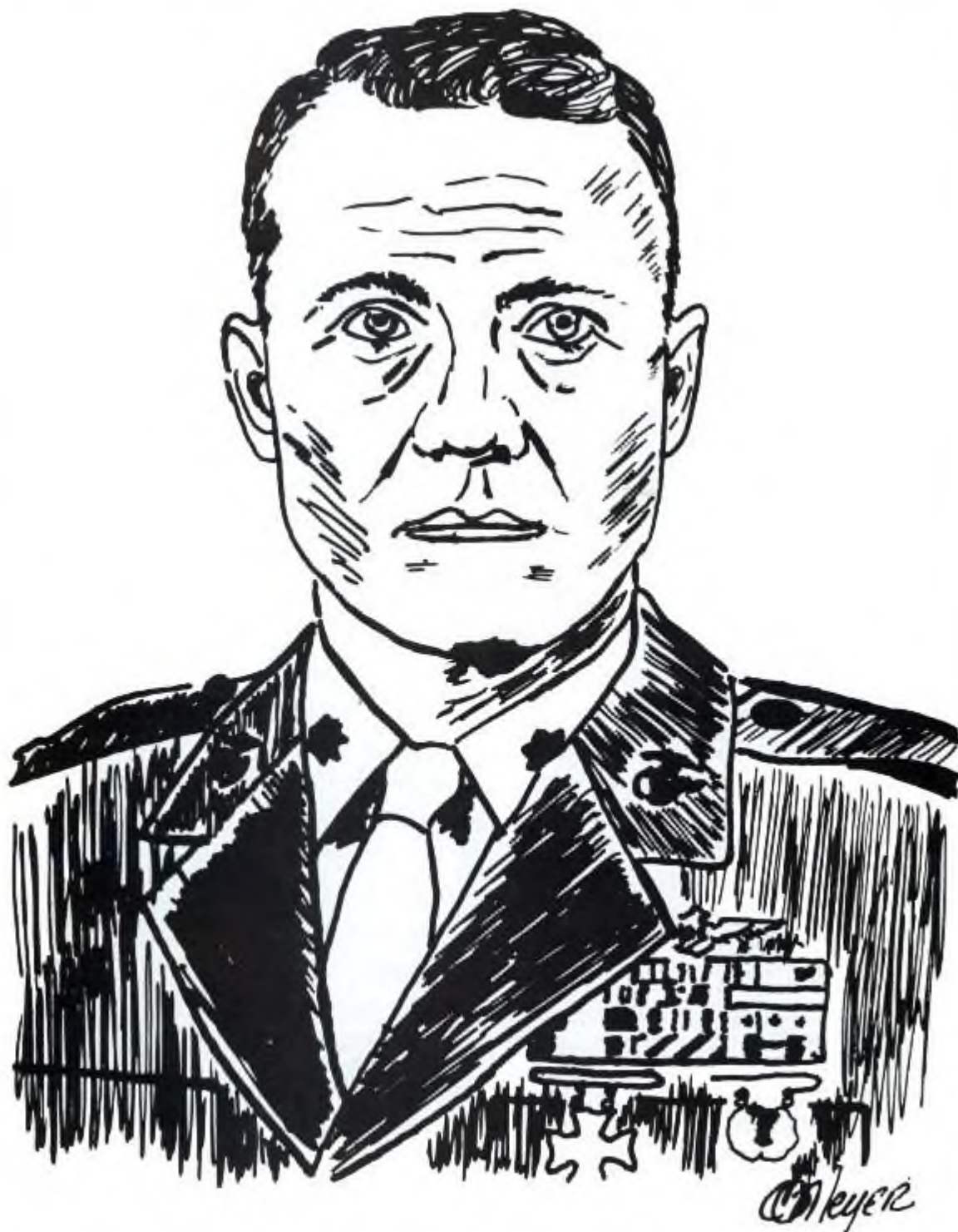


Commanding Officer



Captain John K. Thomas, USN
Commanding Officer
USS Inchon LPH-12

Commanding Officer HMM-162



Lieutenant Colonel Ralph B. Orey, USMC
Commanding Officer
HMM-162

Ships History

USS INCHON (LPH 12) was named in honor of the joint Navy-Marine assault at Inchon, Korea, on September 15, 1950. Her motto, "Never More Brightly", is derived from General Douglas MacArthur's message to the fleet on that occasion, "The Navy and Marines have never shone more brightly than this morning".

INCHON is designed to deploy with United States Marines wherever their presence is required. The ship can carry two thousand Marines including a reinforced Marine Helicopter Squadron. Other missions include providing medical relief in the event of natural disaster and evacuation of United States citizens from troubled areas.

Commissioned June 20, 1970 at the U.S. Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia, INCHON is the seventh and last of the IWO JIMA (LPH 2) class of amphibious assault ship. She was initiated to United States fleet operations in the spring of 1971 when she participated in Operation Exotic Dancer IV.

From September 1971 to March 1972, INCHON visited the Mediterranean and served under the operational control of Commander, Sixth Fleet and as a unit of Task Force 61 and Amphibious Squadron Ten.

INCHON participated in Exotic Dancer V in the spring of 1972. In July 1972, INCHON was present for Exercise High Boot, an amphibious exercise off the North Carolina coast. In August 1972, INCHON was presented with the Admiral Flatley Award for aviation safety, the Battle Efficiency Award for operational readiness, the Amphibious Assault Award, and five departmental awards for excellence.

Later in August 1972, INCHON departed for the NATO exercise Strong Express, a large land, sea and air assault which involved about 64,000 men, 500 ships, and 700 aircraft.

After returning home in the latter half of October 1972, preparations immediately began for another extended deployment. On 9 November 1972, Captain J.K. THOMAS relieved Captain F.T. BROWN as Commanding Officer, and later the same day, INCHON was underway for the Western Pacific to join the Seventh Fleet and Amphibious Ready Group Bravo for duty in the Gulf of Tonkin. After the Vietnam Peace agreement was signed in January 1973, INCHON became part of Task Force 78 and participated in ENDSWEEP, the U.S. Navy minesweeping operation in Haiphong Harbor and other North Vietnamese waters. After completing ENDSWEEP, INCHON returned to the United States on 1 September 1973 via the Indian Ocean and Cape of Good Hope. She became the first LPH to complete a cruise around the world and the last Atlantic Fleet ship to return from the Vietnam conflict.

On her way home, INCHON was honored by her receipt of the Admiral Flatley Memorial Award, the Battle Efficiency Award, the Amphibious Assault Award, the Majorie Sterrett Battleship Fund Award, and four departmental awards for excellence.

On April 29, 1974 INCHON left Norfolk for the Mediterranean to participate in Operation Nimbus Star, the Aerial minesweeping of the Suez Canal. Following the completion of Nimbus Star on 3 June, INCHON sailed to Alexandria, Egypt, and became the first U.S. Navy ship to visit that seaport since 1962. Later in June, she served as support ship for a Presidential visit to the Middle-East countries.

In Memoriam

IN MEMORIAM

GREGORY LEE

CAPTAIN

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

JOHN DAVID HORST

FIRST LIEUTENANT

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

JOHN VANKLOOSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

ANTHONY SCHECK

CORPORAL

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

JAMES WHITE

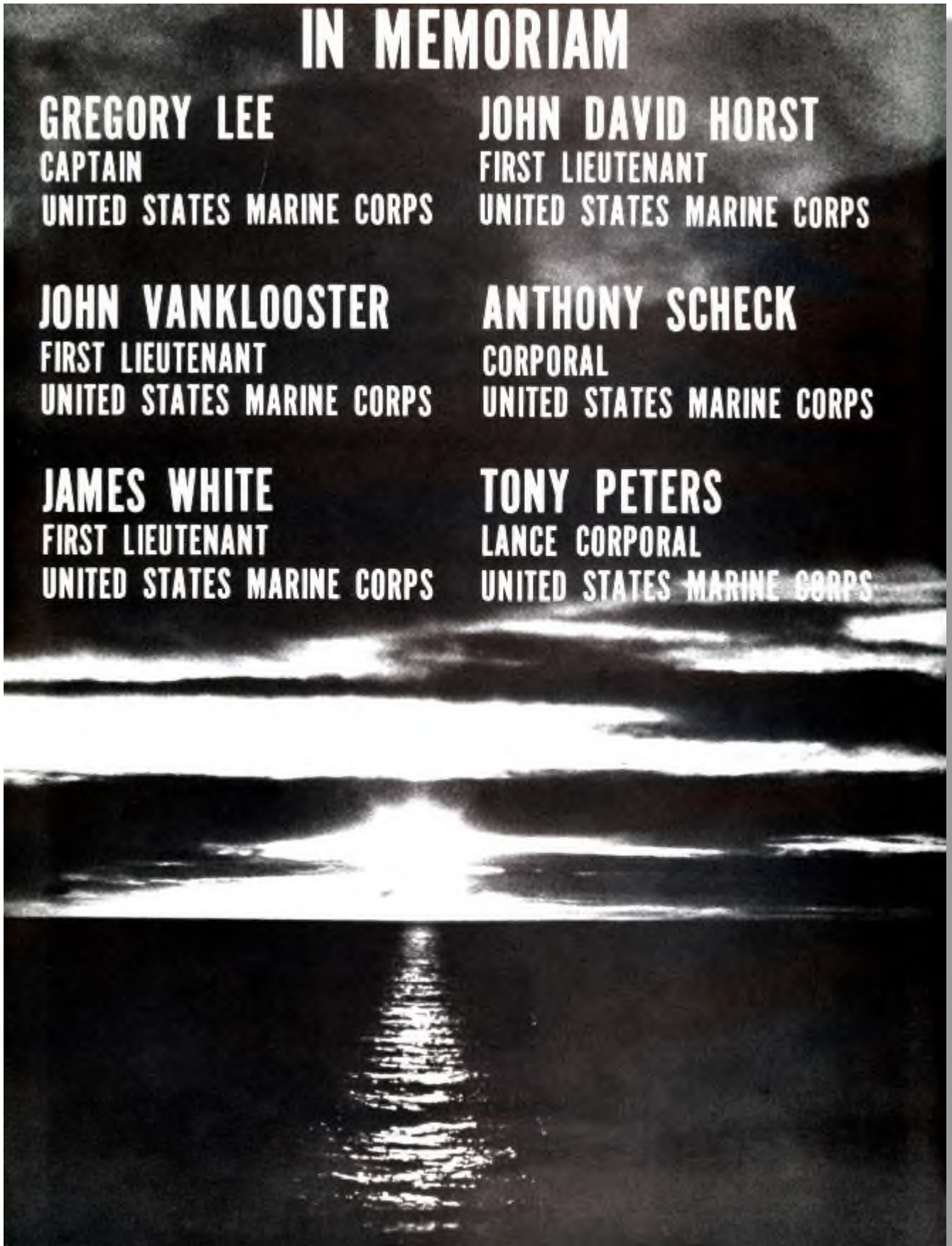
FIRST LIEUTENANT

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

TONY PETERS

LANCE CORPORAL

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS



GITMO Cruise

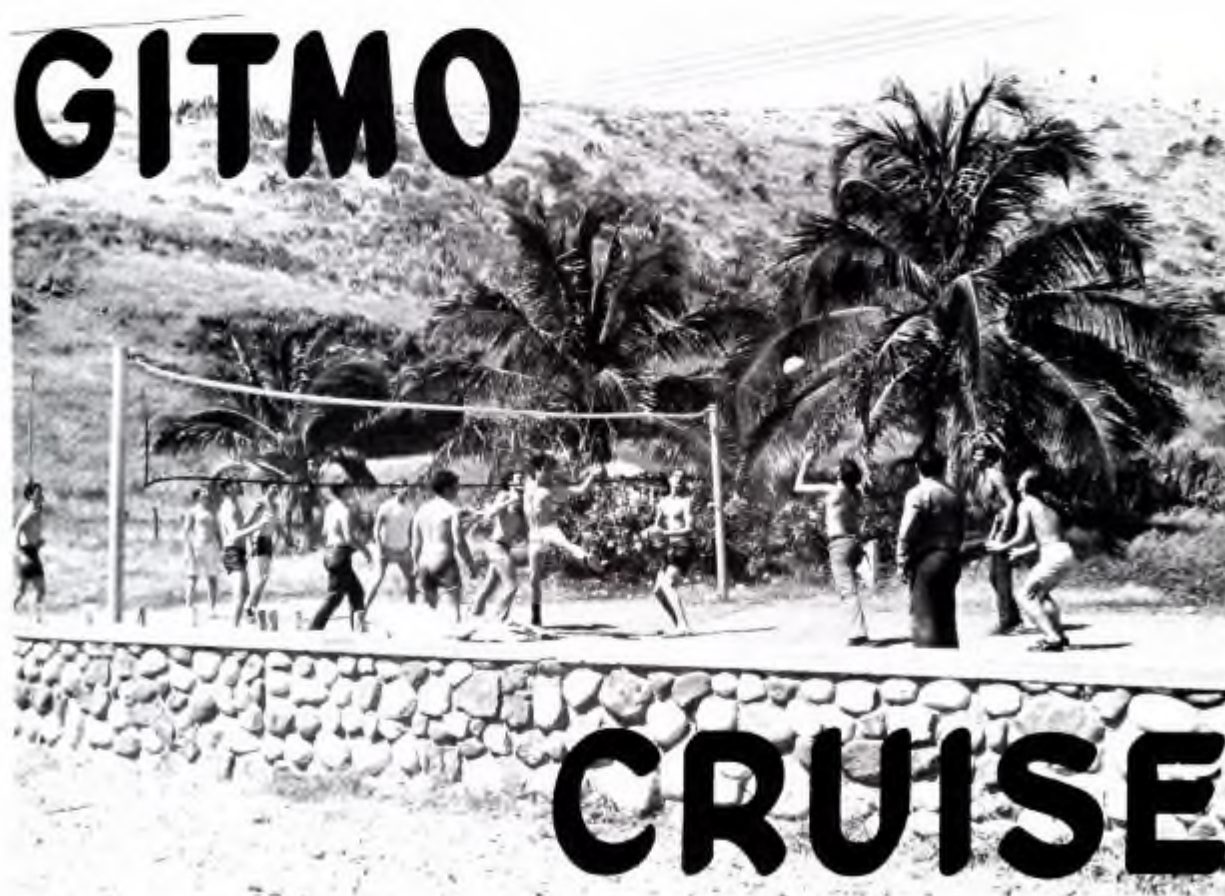


FEBRUARY 1974

U.S.S. INCHON

LPH 12

GITMO



CRUISE





When We Work, We Work Hard



Meanwhile.....



WHEN WE WORK, WE WORK HARD

Back in the ET Shop.

In February Inchon's crew was given a chance to sharpen its skills during refresher training at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

When We Play, We Play Hard



WHEN WE PLAY, WE PLAY HARD

When our work is done and it's time to relax, the crew takes advantage of liberty time with "gusto".



GITMO Paradise of the Caribbean



G I T M O

PARADISE OF THE CARIBBEAN





"Make preparations to get underway!"



Where in Hell's The Label?



Shift Colors, Ships Underway Again

SHIFT COLORS



SHIP'S UNDERWAY AGAIN!

29 APRIL 1974



30 April 1974 — our first stop was Morehead City, North Carolina, to onload HMM-162 and 3rd Platoon, "C" Company, BLT 1/8.



Suez Canal Mine Clearance Task Force 65



On 12 May 1974 Inchon once again entered the mine sweeping business by joining Task Force 65 in the Suez Canal and serving as the Flagship for Rear Admiral Brian McCauley.



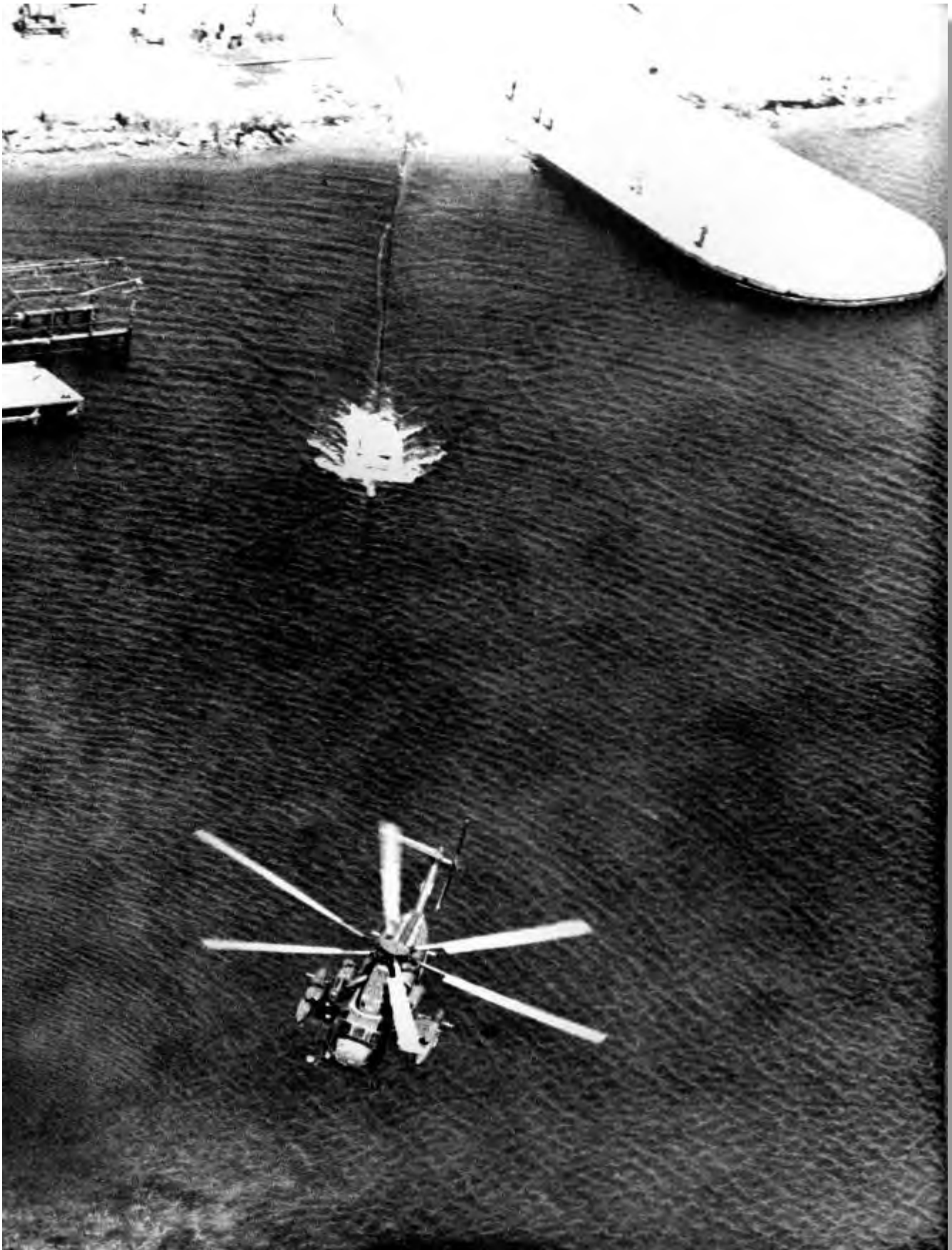
Cross Deck "Ballet of the Helicopter"



CROSS DECK

"BALLET OF THE HELICOPTER"





USS Inchon LPH/MCS-12 Association



The Suez Canal, A Bird's Eye View



THE SUEZ CANAL



A BIRD'S EYE VIEW



Vegas Night, Everything Goes For Navy Relief



Gentlemen, the name of this game is "go fishing".



Diamond Dave



VEGAS NIGHT
EVERYTHING GOES
FOR
NAVY RELIEF



HMM-162 Dhekelia Cyprus



HMM 162



Board Meeting

DHEKELIA CYPRUS



Operation Sit and Wait



OPERATION SIT

From 14 May to 23 June approximately one-third of HMM-162 spent their own "Operation Nimbus Star" at the British Commonwealth of Dhekelia on the Isle of Cyprus.



AND WAIT



A Day at the Winery



The Product

A DAY AT THE WINERY



The Tour



The Result

Bravo Zulu May/June 1974

R 281540Z MAY 74
FM CTF SIX FIVE
TO USS INCHON
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BRAVO ZULU

1. YOUR PERFORMANCE TODAY DURING THE VISIT OF VADM ZIKRI, THE COMMANDER OF THE EGYPTIAN NAVY, WAS TRULY EXCEPTIONAL. THE SHIP WAS SPARKLING, VIP HELO SERVICES TIMELY, AND ALL CONCERNED RESPONDED INSTANTLY AND POSITIVELY TO LAST MINUTE SCHEDULE CHANGES. YOUR PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MISSED BY OUR EGYPTIAN VISITORS AND IS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY ME. BRIAN MCCAULEY.

BT

R 030020Z JUN 74
FM CTF SIX FIVE
TO USS INCHON
BT

UNCLAS

NIMBUS STAR SUPPORT

1. UPON COMPLETION OF YOUR PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION NIMBUS STAR/MOON, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE FINE SUPPORT RENDERED BY INCHON SINCE 13 MAY. YOUR RAPID INTEGRATION INTO THE MULTI-FACETED OPERATIONS ALREADY UNDERWAY WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITH PROFESSIONAL PROMPTNESS.

2. PLEASE CONVEY MY SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE OFFICERS AND MEN WHO VERY COURTEOUSLY PROVIDED FOR THE NEEDS OF A CONSTANT INFUX OF PERSONNEL FROM THE TASK FORCE AND EGYPTIAN FORCES AND, IN THE SAME MANNER, ASSISTED IN MAKING BRIEF VISITS FROM VIPS AND NEWS MEDIA ENJOYABLE AND MEANINGFUL.

3. IT WAS PARTICULARLY GRATIFYING TO SEE AND "OLD HAND" IN THE MINESWEEPING BUSINESS BACK ON THE JOB ONCE MORE. FOR THE SECOND TIME IN LITTLE OVER A YEAR, YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED UPON TO SUPPORT MCM OPERATION AND, AS BEFORE, YOU HAVE RISEN VALIANTLY TO TASK. RADM BRIAN MCCAULEY USN.

BT

R 152300Z JUN 74
FM CTF SIX ONE
TO USS INCHON

HMM ONE SIX TWO

BT

UNCLAS

ALEXANDRIA PORT VISIT

1. THE REPORT OF YOUR VISIT TO ALEXANDRIA, RELATED IN THE CTF 65 DAILY SITREPS, IS MOST GRATIFYING. THE OPPORTUNITY YOUR SHIP HAS HAD TO FURTHER US NATIONAL INTERESTS AND PROMOTE PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE AREA IS UNIQUE. YOU HAVE ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE AND HAVE PERFORMED IN A SUPERB AND TRULY PROFESSIONAL MANNER. YOU ARE A CREDIT OF THE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE. TO EVERY MAN, NAVY AND MARINE ALIKE, WELL DONE. COMMODORE KARLOWICZ, COLONEL ARKLAND

BT

R 171520Z JUN 74
FM CNO WASHINGTON DC
TO USS INCHON
BT
UNCLAS

PORT VISIT ALEXANDRIA
1. YOUR PERFORMANCE DURING RECENT PORT VISIT TO ALEXANDRIA, THE FIRST FOR A UNIT OF THE SIXTH FLEET IN TWELVE YEARS, IS NOTED WITH PLEASURE. THE OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATION OF U.S. INTERESTS BY NAVY/MARINE PERSONNEL ASHORE IS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS. TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF INCHON, HM-12, AND HMM-162 "WELL DONE".
E. R. ZUMWALT, JR., ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY
BT

O 18142Z JUN 74
FM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
TO COMMANDING OFFICER, USS INCHON
BT
I EXTEND TO YOU AND YOUR MEN MY SINCERE APPRECIATION AND DEEP ADMIRATION FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH YOU HAVE SUPPORTED MY VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST. THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF YOUR COMMAND TO THIS HISTORIC JOURNEY FOR PEACE HAVE BEEN MOST SIGNIFICANT.
WELL DONE
BT

P 222021Z JUN 74
FM CTF SIX FIVE
TO USS INCHON
MARMEDELRON ONE SIX TWO
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MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION
1. ON THIS, THE FOURTH BIRTHDAY OF USS INCHON AND THE OCCASION OF YOUR DEPARTURE FROM RECENT OPERATIONS UNDER MY COMMAND, I WANT TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
2. THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF INCHON, HMM 162, HM 12, AND 3RD PLAT, C COMPANY MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION DURING NIMBUS MOON/NIMROD SPAR, THE ALEXANDRIA PORTVISIT AND FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL MIDEAST TOUR. YOUR DEDICATION TO DUTY HAS AIDED MATERIALLY IN THE SUCCESS OF ALL OF THESE TASKS. RESPONSE OF ALL CONCERNED WAS TRULY OUTSTANDING.
3. MY PERSONAL BEST WISHES FOR A CONTINUED SUCCESSFUL CRUISE IN COMING ASSIGNMENTS.
BRAVO ZULU
SIGNED: REAR ADMIRAL KENT J. CARROLL, U.S. NAVY COMMANDER TASK FORCE 65
BT

R 241004Z JUN 74
FM CINUSNAVEUR LONDON UK
TO USS INCHON
BT
UNCLAS
1. THE OUTSTANDING RECORD OF INCHON AND HER EMBARKED OFFICERS AND MEN, BOTH MARINE AND NAVY DURING NIMBUS STAR, PORTVISIT TO ALEXANDRIA AND SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, HAS BEEN NOTED BY ALL. THE DEDICATION AND RESPONSIVENESS TO THE MANY AND VARIED REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN OUTSTANDING. PLEASE EXTEND MY PERSONAL WELL DONE TO ALL HANDS. ADMIRAL H.E. SHEAR, U.S. NAVY

Port Said, Liberty Capitol of the Suez Canal



Wow, that's beer!



American beer is TOO better than Egyptian beer!



The good life

PORT SAID LIBERTY CAPITAL OF THE SUEZ CANAL



Gotta keep them flies out.....



Inchon's Birthday — Now We are 4



All hands take a break from retrograde activities to celebrate Inchon's fourth birthday.

You with the camera, get over there with the rest.



And this is no ...

NOW

WE

ARE

4



"Shift Detachments. Two!"



"SHIFT DETACHMENTS. TWO!"

After completion of Nimbus Star Operations, HM-12 said farewell at Souda Bay, Crete, and Inchon welcomed back the detachment of HMM-162 from Dhekelia, Cyprus.



Promotions and Awards

PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS



On June 12th a formation was held on the flight deck to promote 27 HMM-162 MARINES and present a Bravo Zulu to the Third Platoon "C" Company. The promotions included 3 Sergeants, 20 Corporals, 1 Lance Corporal and 3 Private First Class. The Bravo Zulu was a commendatory message from CTF 65 for exemplary performance by the Third Platoon in ceremonies held at the Tomb of the Unknown Egyptian Soldier in Alexandria, Egypt.



Egypt



EGYPT





Code 109



Smile





While the ship was conducting minesweeping operations in the Suez Canal, most of the crew took advantage of the opportunity to tour Cairo. The visitors to this ancient city got a chance to see the great pyramids, The Sphinx, the shopping bazaar, and even partake of the excellent Egyptian cuisine.

Cairo



CAIRO





It's midnight at the Oasis.



Cairo Hilton . . . Almost



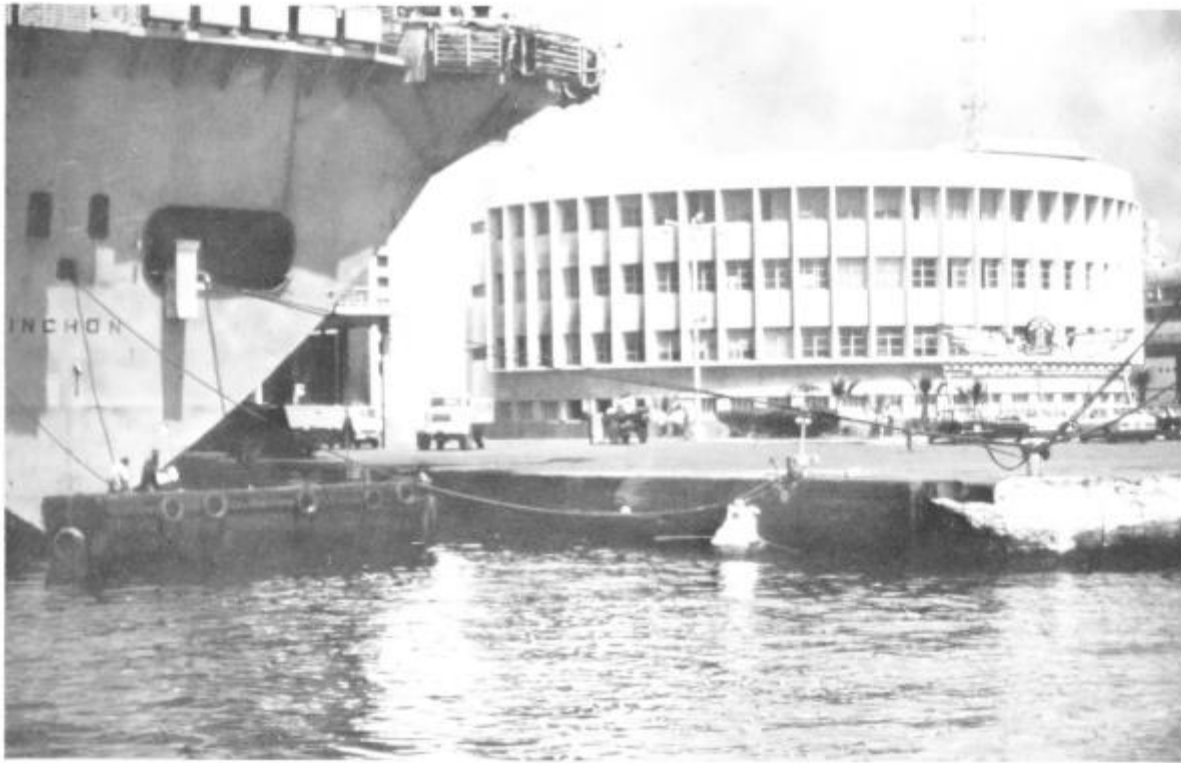
CTF-65 Pays Tribute to the Unknown Egyptian Soldier



**CTF 65 PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE
UNKNOWN EGYPTIAN SOLDIER**

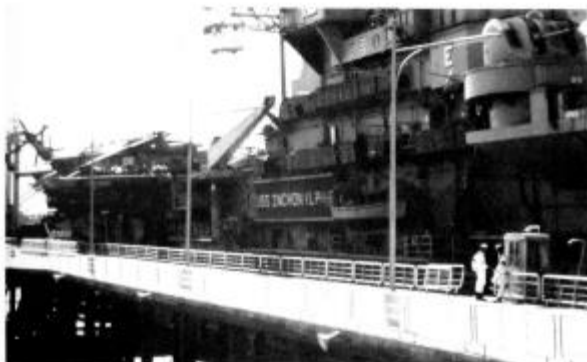


Alexandria



ALEXANDRIA

After Nimbus Star Operations were completed, Inchon visited Alexandria, Egypt, and became the first United States Navy Ship to enter that port since 1962. While there she also served as the primary support ship for the presidential visit to the Mideast.





While Inchon was moored in Alexandria Harbor, her Rescue and Assistance Team responded to an emergency fire call from the Egyptian Merchant Ship Al Mokataam. Through their efforts, several lives were saved and the fire was brought under control.





Italy



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Naples



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Rome and Capri



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Florence and Venice



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"Hey, Joe"



Sea Detail



SEA DETAIL



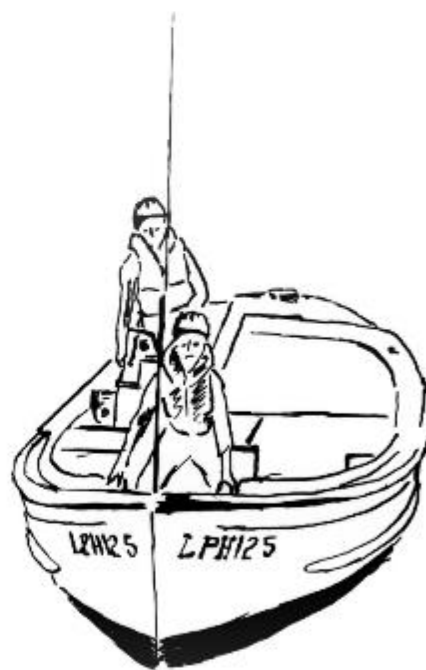
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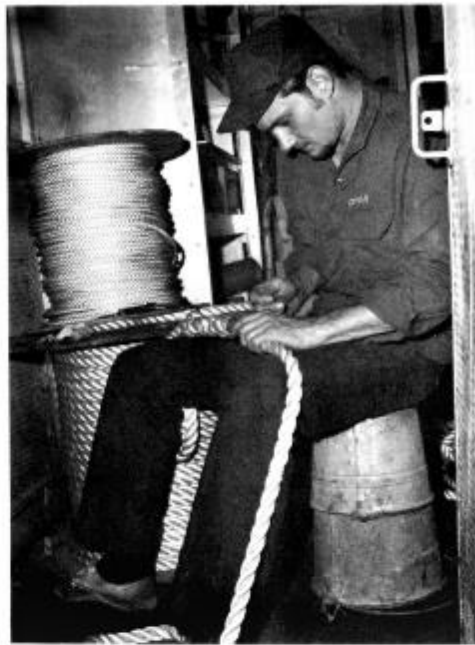


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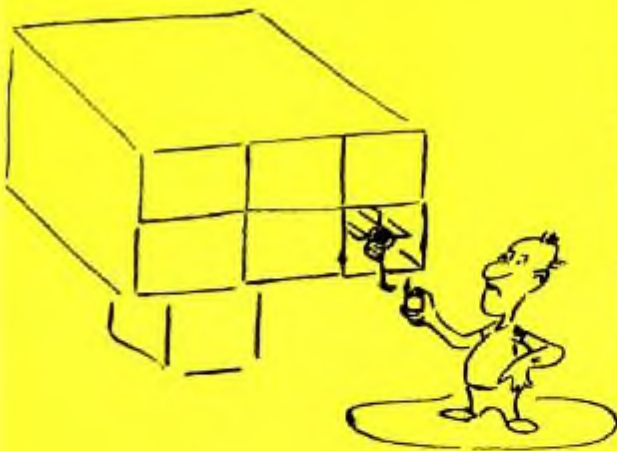


"Baby Boats" and friends









Operations

OPERATIONS







But the navigator says we're over here.



Two big macs and a chocolate shake,
hold the fries.



Thank you and good night?

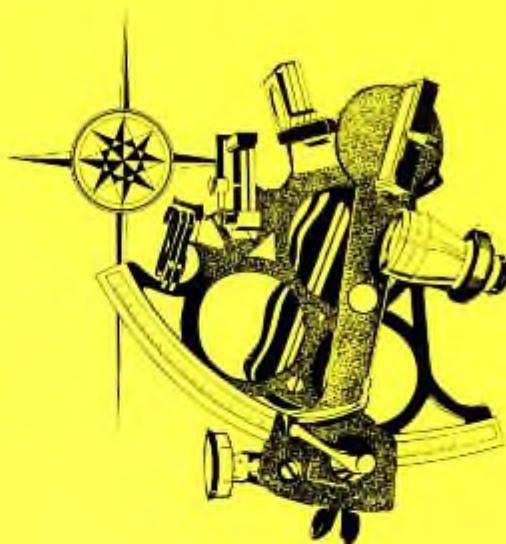


You're right, those cockroaches ARE doing it.

Navigation



NAVIGATION



Communications

COMMUNICATIONS





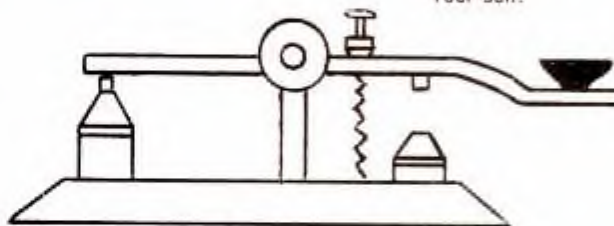
OK, guys, together now, eieiei.....



Chief, I've been looking over this technical manual, and



Dear Mom,
No mon, no fun.
Your Son.



From President who?



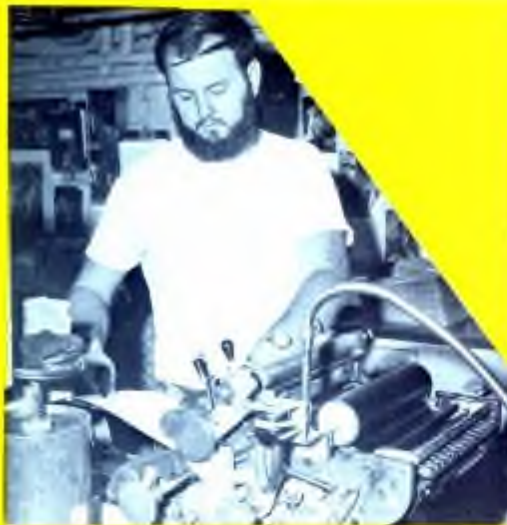
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Engineering

ENGINEERING





Bridge, after steering, I have control.



I like Secretariat in the fourth.



If in doubt, open it and see what happens.



These gages are for the starboard engine, those for the port.







Medical



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Dental



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While some worked, others



Supply

S U P P L Y









That's right, four dollars a bar.



You want a dozen WHAT?





Vegas night, here I come.





Notice the Clandestine, Lewd Gesture.





AIMD



AIMD





Okay, Fergie, come on out!





AIR

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HMM-162



First Sergeant



"The Big Hammer"



"The Payback"

S1 and S3



S1
S3





Sometimes the gunny wasn't on shore patrol.



"Grummer's Supply, Inc."

Squadron Ready Room



SQUADRON READY ROOM



Would somebody tell Peach his
brief was two hours ago.

Laundry Men and Stewards



Laundrymen put in the hard hours: 2200 to 0700

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Ordnance and Quality Assurance



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Maintenance



MAINTENANCE



Keeping the Birds Up



KEEPING THE BIRDS UP



Metal Men



METAL MEN



Give me the hammer and I'll straighten this thing out.





Avionics and Hydraulics



AVIONICS AND HYDRAULICS

Tool Room and Flight Gear



TOOL ROOM AND FLIGHT GEAR

Flight Line



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Plane Captains and Crew Members



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Cobra Plane Captains



CH-53 Crew Members

HUEY Crew Members

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CH-46 Crew Members

Amphibious Landing Exercise Gythion, Greece 5-15 July 1974



AMPHIBIOUS LANDING EXERCISE GYTHION, GREECE 5-15 JULY 1974









NON-Events



Beautiful European women as seen on the beaches of Rhodes during our non-port visit.



Joyful family reunions in Barcelona soon after the charter plane lands during the dependents non-visit.

NON - E

Sailors and marines enjoy many steaks and hamburgers during four non-barbeques.



Inchon skillfully carrying out the non-evacuation of Crete.





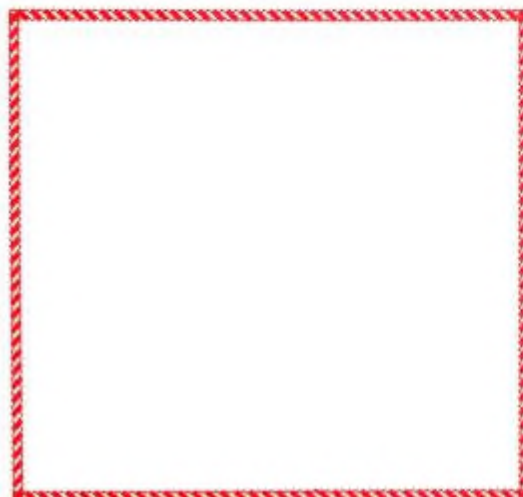
Inchon demonstrates extreme finesse as she carries out her special non-mission.



Inchon at flank speed to get no where to standby for another non-event.

EVENTS

Difficult amphibious assaults become easy during numerous non-phiblexes.



Dependents waiting on the pier for our 22 October non-arrival in Conus.



This is a Drill ... This is a Drill Liberty Call



THIS IS A DRILL...THIS IS A DRILL LIBERTY CALL

Sailors and marines enjoy an afternoon beach party at Gythion, Greece.



You Call ... We Haul, Cyprus Evacuation 22 July 1974



The flight deck crew of Coronado observe the first launch from Inchon.

YOU CALL... WE HAUL



The CH - 46's of HMM-162 wait in line at Dhekelia to evacuate American citizens.



**CYPRUS EVACUATION
22 JULY 1974**



The evacuees were off-loaded from trucks and busses, briefed and loaded into the waiting helicopter for the transfer to the LPD operating off the coast. Their reactions ranged from apprehensive relief to open expressions of gratitude and joy.



Italy



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Friends Fun and Cold Beer



**FRIENDS
FUN
COLD BEER**

Barcelona



BARCELONA























Family and Friends



FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Valencia, Spain



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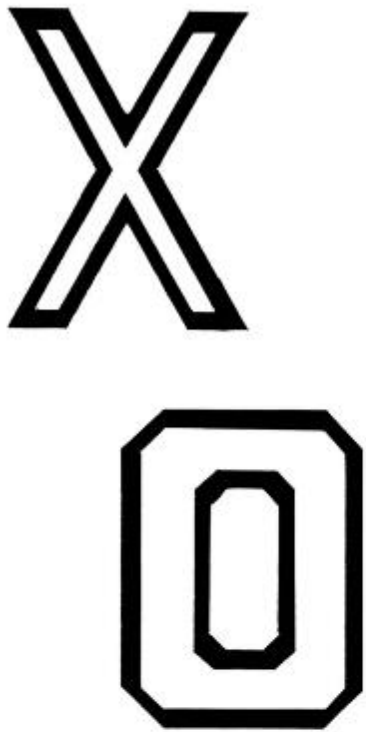


Captain John K. Thomas, USN Commanding Officer 9 November 1972 to Present



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Commanding Officer
9 November 1972 to Present

XO(s)



Commander Donald L. Martin, USN
Executive Officer
August 1974 - Present



Captain Brent Bushong, USN
Executive Officer
September 1972 - August 1974

Department Heads

DEPARTMENT HEADS



Cdr. David B. Blair
Operations



Cdr. Roger McPherson
Air



LCdr. Stephen Grossman
Supply



LCdr. William Rice
Navigation



LCdr John Black
Engineering



LCdr. Edwin Johnson
1st Lieutenant



LCdr. Frederick Smallwood
Communications



LCdr. David Wolf
AIMD



Lt. Millard Smith
Dental



Lt. William Levin
Medical

Ship's Crew

LCdr. Stephen Field
LCdr. George Graves, Jr.
LCdr. William Greeves
LCdr. John Morse
Maj. Michael Sullivan



Lt. William Gibson
Lt. Charles Olsen
Lt. Edward Parker
Lt. Richard Tucker
LTjg Albert DiFrancesco



LTjg. Chic Smith
LTjg. William Treadwell
Ens. Ray Carlson
Ens. Ralph Emerson
Ens. Carl Lilieberg



Ens. Perry Mandaleris
Ens. Arthur Page
Ens. Leland Petersen
Ens. J. Rolland Pitts
Ens. Stephen Rodgers



Ens. Charles Smith
Ens. Peter Zackrison
CWO3 Wayne Ayers
CWO3 Thomas Doss
CWO3 Lapel Miller



CWO3 Richard Thomas
CWO2 Edwin Balkit
CWO2 Derrel Ferguson
CWO2 Francis Haupt
WO1 Albert Budd



WO1 Michael Slater
James Beagle
Otis Blocker
Thomas Boyd
James Bryant





Jackie Foreman
Leslie Freeman
Walter Gore
Herbert Gurley
Frederick Harrell



Walter Jones
William Kressly
Fred Malone
Jose Marcial
Blake McCurdy



Marvin Nelson
William Phelps
Wilbur Reitzer
Hardee Sanders
Allan Sparks



David Stahl
Joe Stone
Robert Stroup
Theodore Turley
Samuel Underwood



Jimmy Wall
John Williams
Jerry Adair
Roy Barlow
Rudolph Barnhill



Ronald Bauer
Richard Baumann
James Blake
Dennis Bleck
John Boles



Donald Bowen
Harold Bufton
Edward Byrd
Michael Campbell
Pepito Carpio

Edward Carter
James da Silva
Ray Dorson
William Draper
Howland Ellis



Ronald Ellis
Walter Fultz
Lee Gay
Clyde Howard
George Humphrey



George Hysell
James Kennedy
John Kriha
Gus Louis
Harry Lucas



Dale Luzader
Stephen Lychock
James Mahoney
Rafael Masaway
Roy Mason



Eugene McSparrin
Carlis Moore
Thomas Motley
Benjamin Nickleson
James Pait



Robert Poage
Ricardo Prodigalidad
Richard Schaeffer
Dale Schneider
Joe Simmons



Denver Smith
Harold Swindle
Lawrence Ward
William Washington
Roger Werner





Robert Williams
Leroy Wright
Francisco Abello
Michael Ables
Roger Addison



William Albers
Donald Alexander
Dallas Amos
Thomas Andersen
Neil Andresen



Lawrence Anson
Stephen Antoine
Javier Antomarchy
William Anton
Michael Archebelle



Mark Arnold
Arthur Arrigo
Steve Atwood
Patrick Babcock
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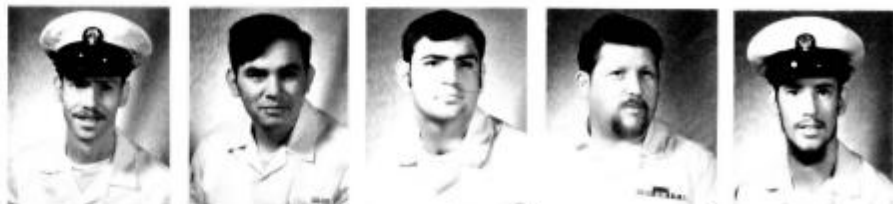


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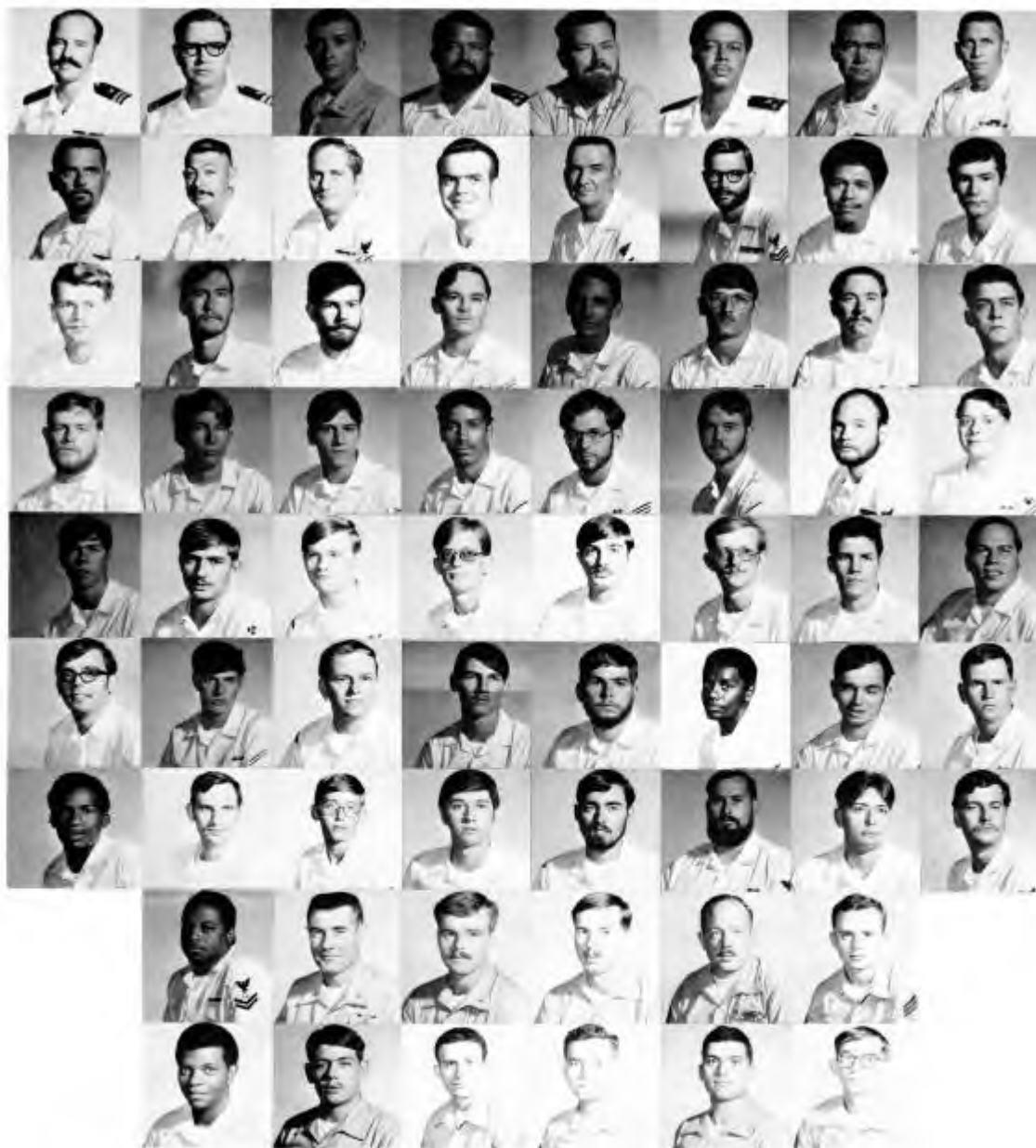


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