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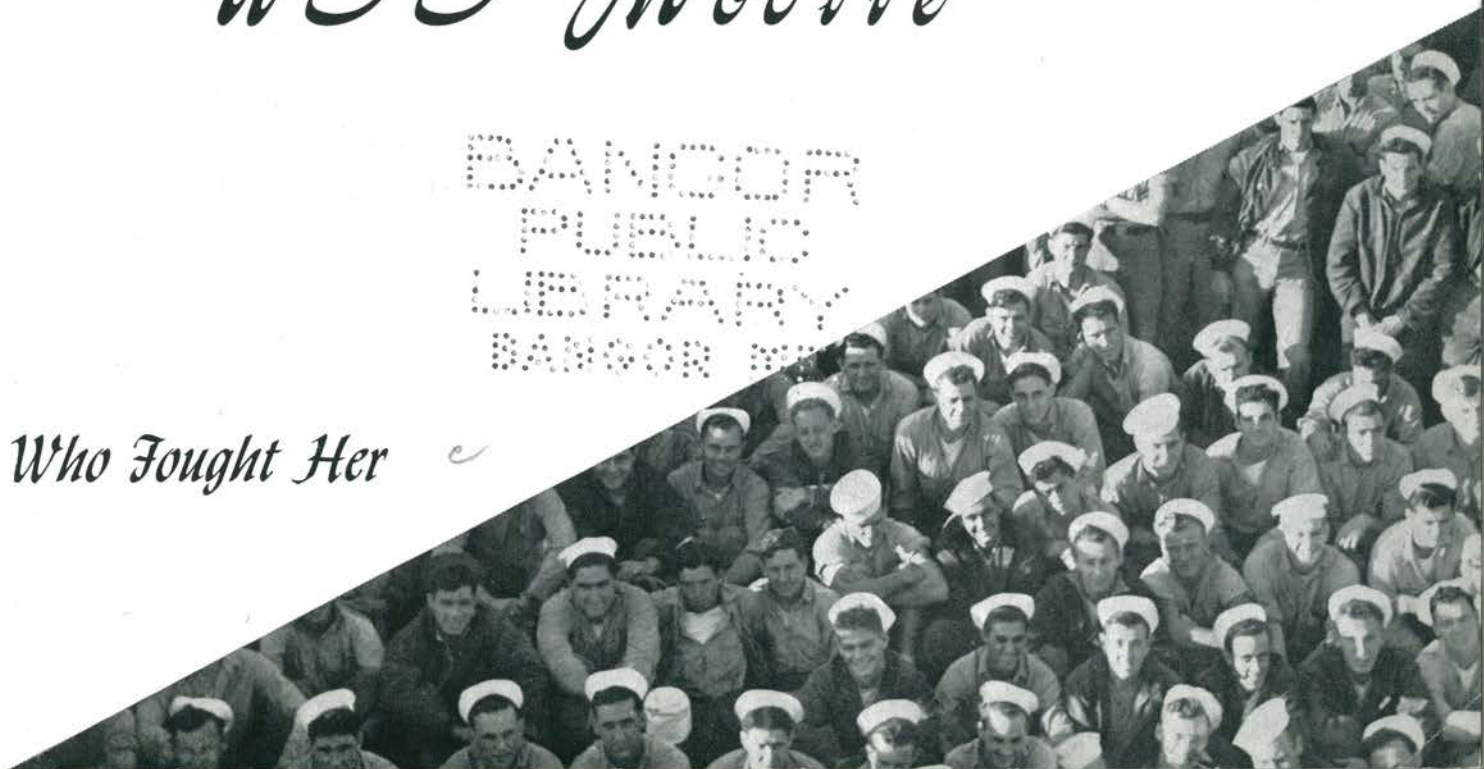
The Story Of A Ship—

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USS Mobile

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And The Men Who Fought Her



In Memoriam

STEPHENS, WILLIAM WYMAN
Ensign, USNR

CECIL, DONALD KEITH
S1c, V-6, USNR

CRADDOCK, HOWARD EDWIN
BM2c, USN

O'CONNELL, LEO LAWRENCE
GM2c(T), V-6, USNR

COLBETH, CHARLES LEROY
BM2c, USN

MEYER, ROBERT HERMAN
S1c, V-6, USNR

BAILEY, HAROLD RAYMOND
S2c, V-6, USNR

SCHIELDGE, ERWIN FRED
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WILLIAMS, PAUL AVERY
S1c, V-6, USNR

RAND, BERT TRUE
Cox, USN

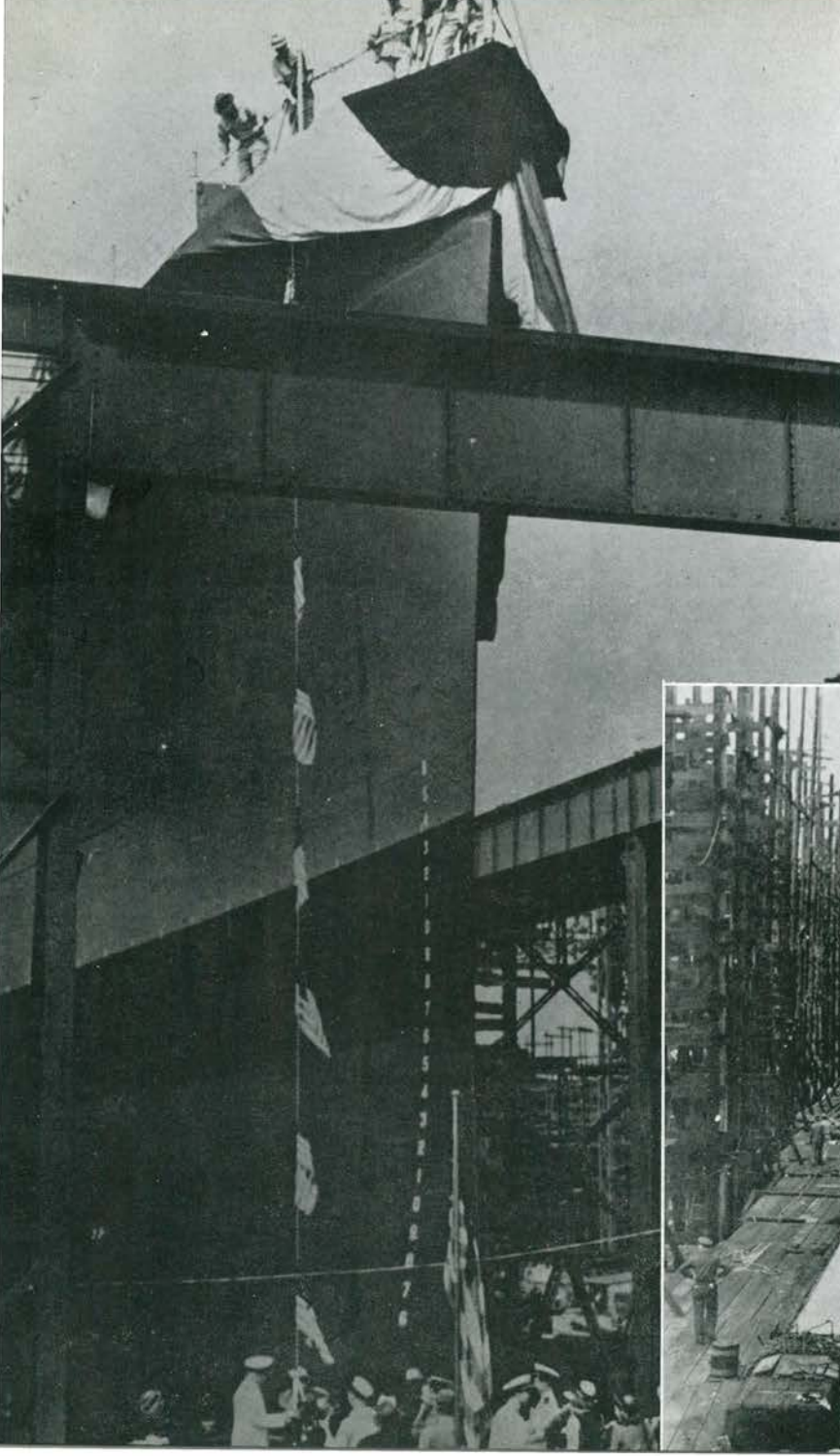
POJMAN, JOSEPH RAYMOND
MM3c, SV, V-6, USNR



THE U. S. S. MOBILE, CL - 63

Authorized at a time when hostilities in Europe were arousing keen concern over our own naval shortcomings, the story of the MOBILE corresponds closely with the development of our naval strength in the Pacific. Only one other ship has borne the name; she was a small warship operating under the Union colors with Admiral Farragut's fleet during the Civil War. The keel of the new MOBILE was laid on April 14, 1941 at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company and on May 15 of the following year the hull of CL 63 slid down the ways. The sponsor was Mrs. Harry T. Hartwell, wife of the president of Mobile's city commission. On March 24, 1943 the commission pennant was raised with appropriate ceremony and Captain C. Julian Wheeler took command.

After a short period of training in the Chesapeake Bay and a brief visit to Casco Bay, Maine, the MOBILE turned toward the Pacific, leaving the Canal astern on the 20th of June. With eleven "Battle Star" operations to her credit the story of the "MIGHTY MO" is told by the record of her achievements, by the accomplishments of the fleets in which she worked, and, in part, by the pictures which follow.



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VITAL STATISTICS

Length: 610 feet
Beam: 65 feet 7½ inches
Standard designed displacement: 10,000 tons
Power: Steam turbine

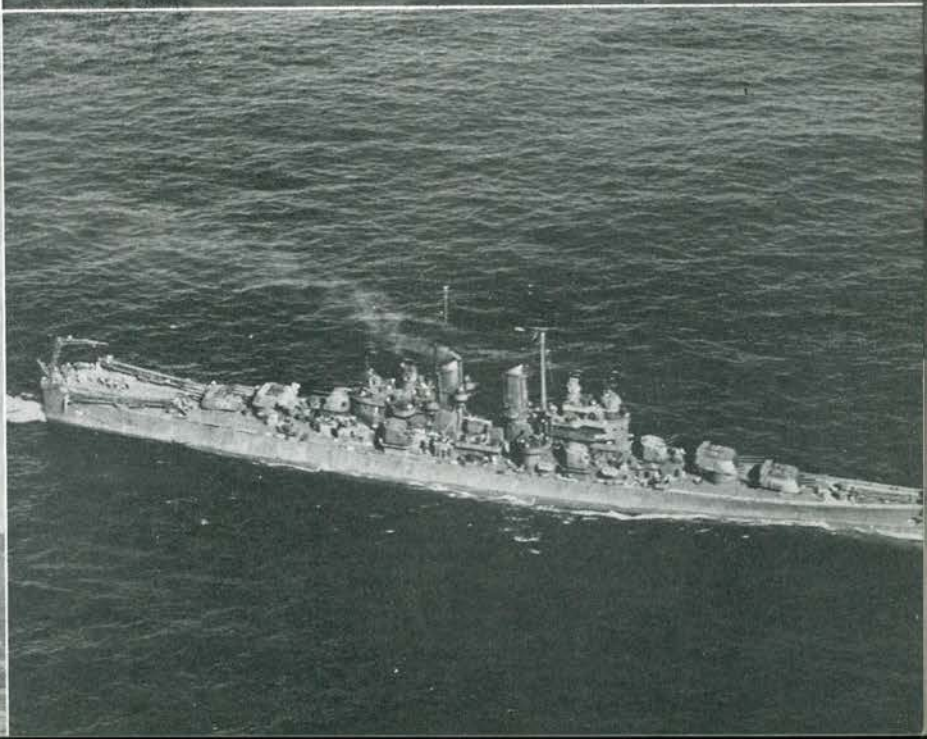
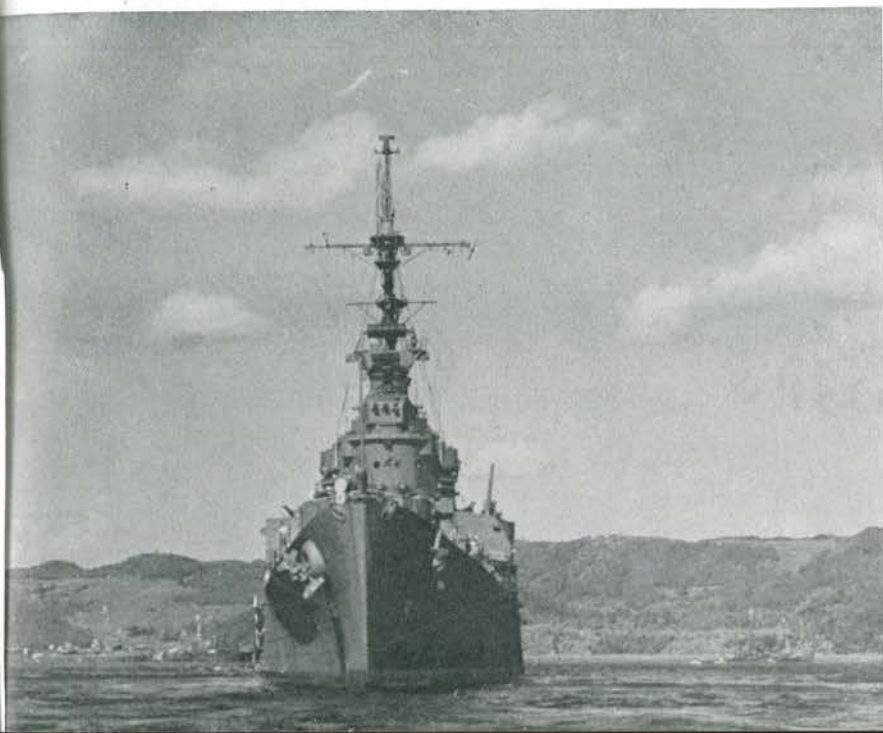
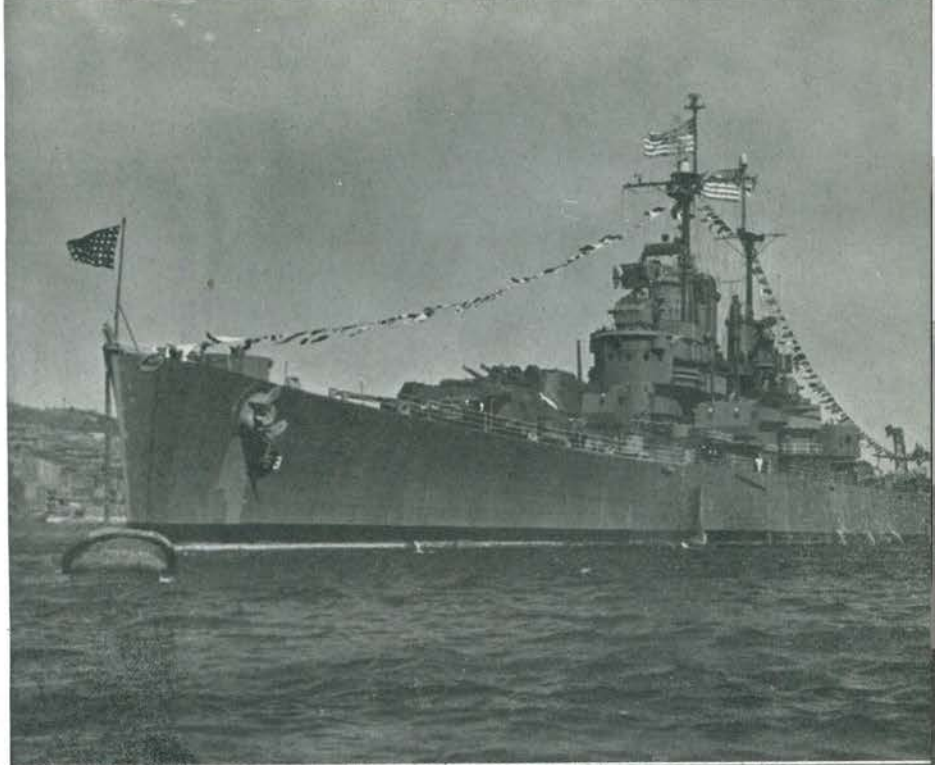
Armament:

Main Battery—Twelve 6"/47 caliber
Secondary Battery—Twelve 5"/38 caliber
Automatic Weapons—
Twenty-eight barrels 40mm
Nine 20mm

Cruised: 200,000 miles

Fired at the enemy:

14,364 six inch — 14,734 five inch





A MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN

In looking over the battle record of the U. S. S. MOBILE any person who has not served in this ship through that glorious period must be struck with an envy of those who did. The many engagements through which the ship came unscathed while inflicting mounting damage on the enemy, surely must have given to each of those who fought her, a deep routed pride that which will last forever. This could not have been possible, except by leadership, a spirit of teamwork and a willingness to fight.

The war is over now and the period of readjustment to a peace-time status is well along. So long as the same elements exist as did during the achievement of the ship's splendid battle record, the ship will remain ready. Those who remain with her will assure this.

To those who are returning to civilian status my sincere good wishes for success go with you.

T. L. Lewis,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
Commanding.



MOBILE SKIPPERS

Captain Thomas Lawrence Lewis, USN, Class of '21
28 August 1945 — Present

Captain Christopher C. Miller, USN, Class of '18
29 July 1944 to 28 August 1945

Captain Charles Julian Wheeler, USN, Class of '16
24 March 1943 to 29 July 1944

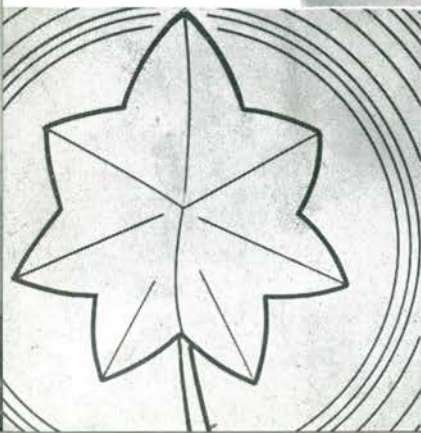


OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Commander John Gilmore Spangler, USN
Class of '32
2 October 1945 — Present (below)

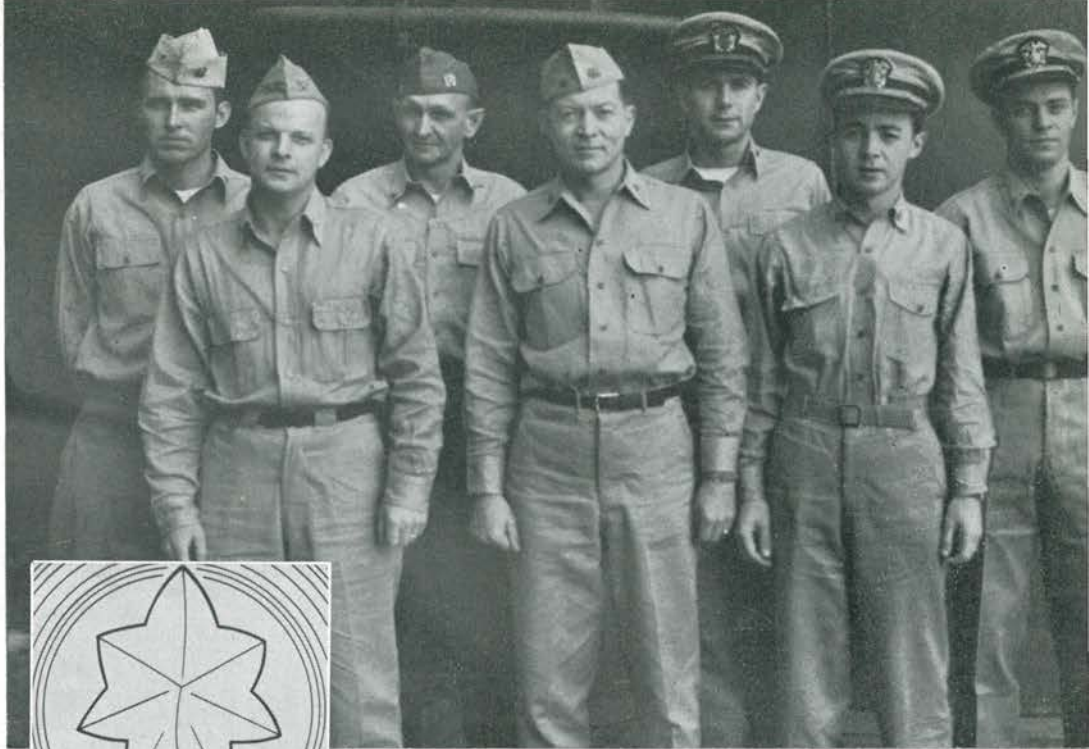
Commander Malen Durski, USN
Class of '27
16 December 1943 to 2 October 1945
(lower left)

Commander William Reginald Terrell, USN
Class of '22
24 March 1943 to 16 December 1943 (left)



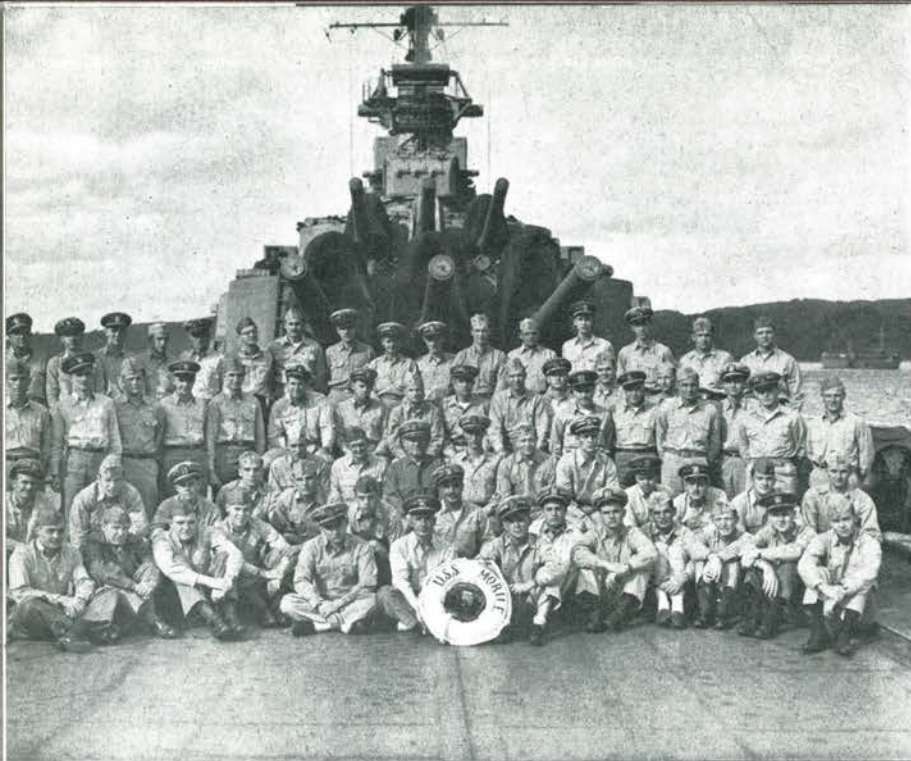
HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, 1945

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 Cdr. J. H. MOORE, USNR
 Lt. Cdr. M. H. GREEN, USNR
 Lt. Cdr. A. W. COX, USN
 Front row: Cdr. H. T. LEIGHTON, USNR
 Cdr. C. R. GARTH, USN
 Lt. L. J. BOASI, USNR



HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, 1944

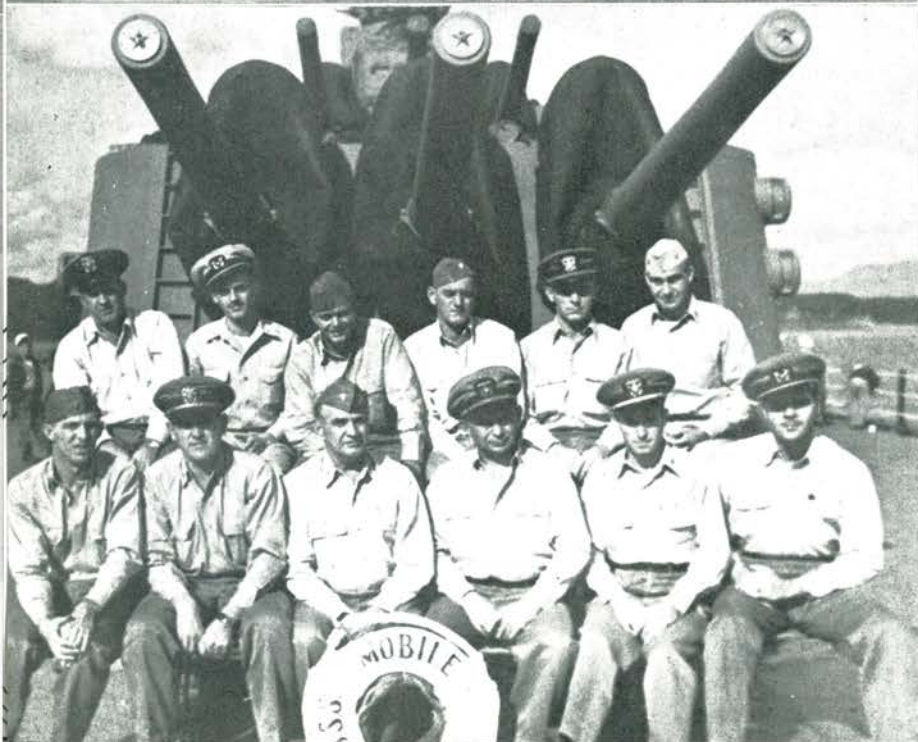
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 Lt. Cdr. J. H. BATCHELDER, USNR
 Lt. C. G. HALL, USNR
 Front row: Cdr. J. E. WYATT, USN
 Cdr. A. J. WALTERS, USN
 Cdr. R. C. LEONARD, USN
 Cdr. A. M. NIBBS, USN

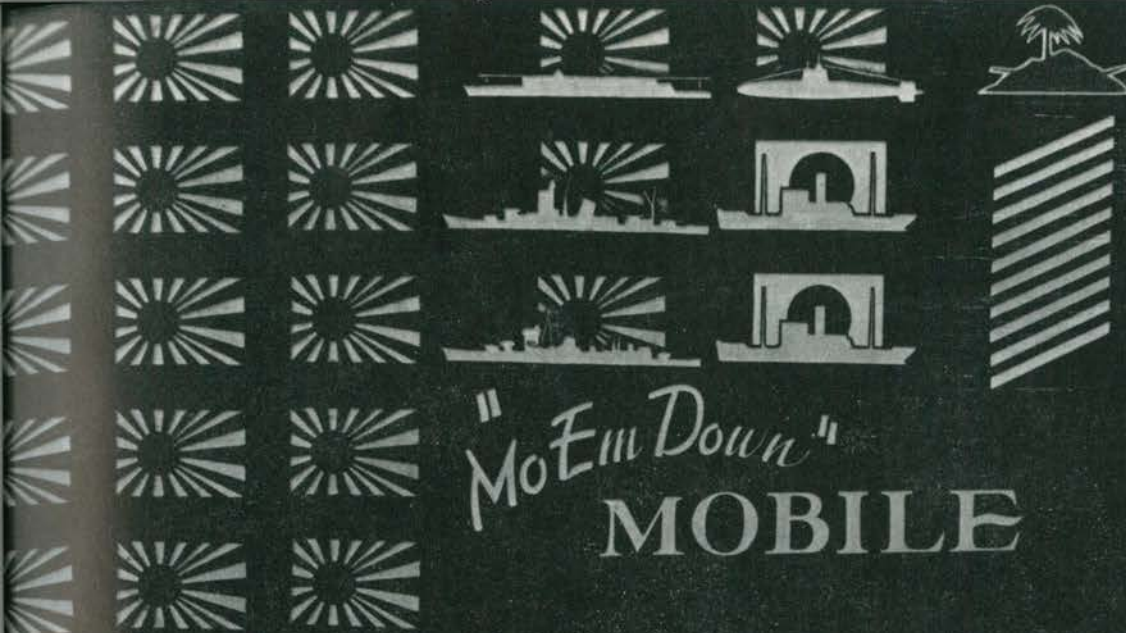


THE OFFICERS OF THE MOBILE

THE WARRANT OFFICERS

THE CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS





"MoEm Down"

MOBILE

LEYTE GULF LUZON

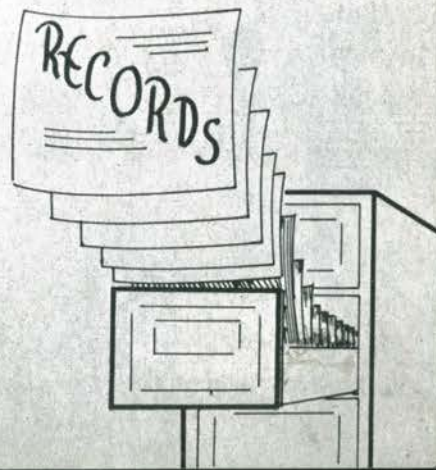
KINAWA MINDANAO MANILA

FORMOSA TRUK PESCADORES

OCCUPATION OF JAPAN NAGASAKI

MARCUS WAKE
TARAWA GUAM
BOUGAINVILLE
KWAJALEIN
SAIPAN TINIAN
ROTA PALAU
EMIRAU YAP
HOLLANDIA IWO
WAKDE SAWA
SATAWAN FAIS
PHILIPPINE SEA
CHICHI ULITHI
WOLEAI PONAPE
PAGAN VISAYAS
WOTJE PELELIEU

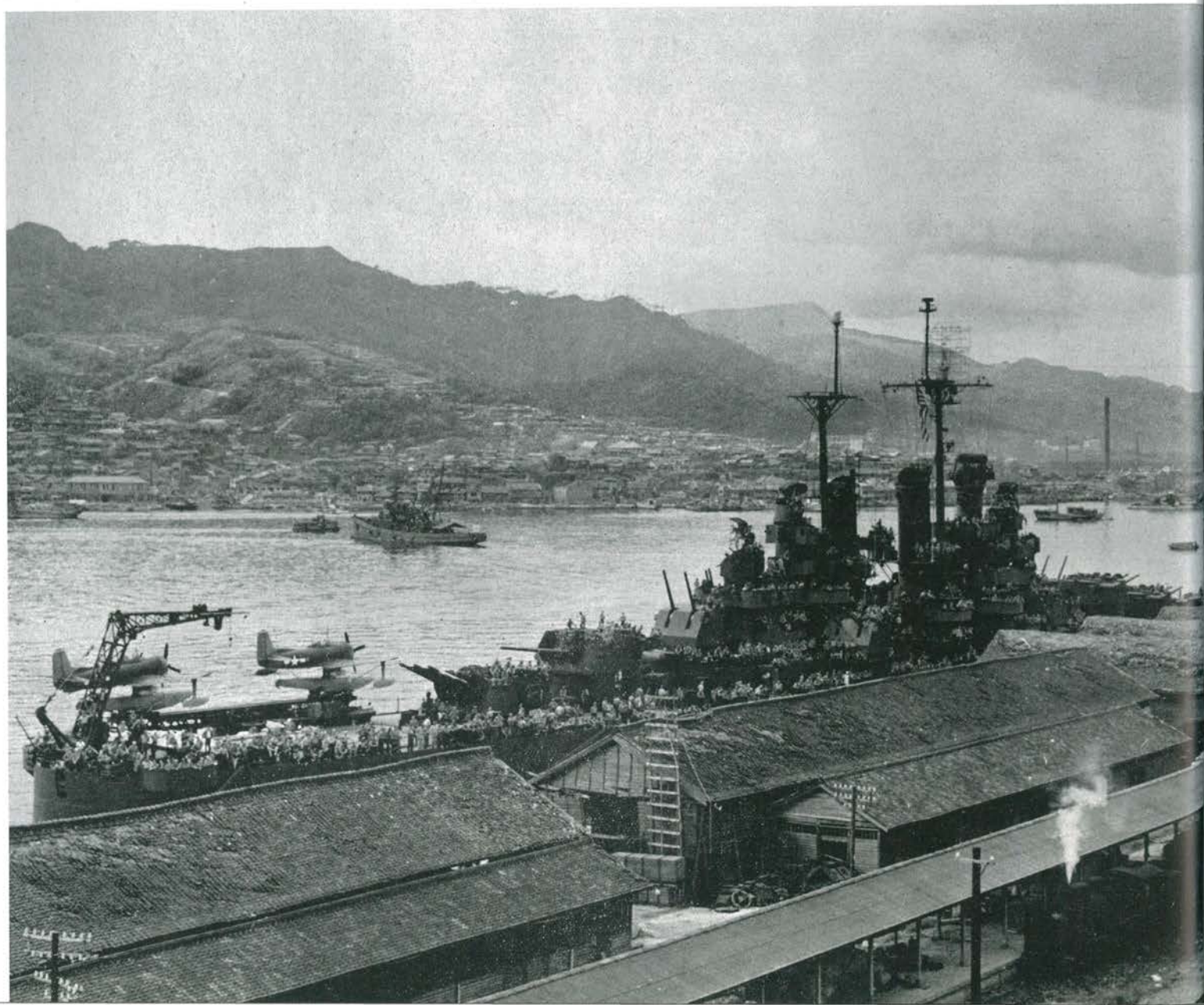
FOR THE RECORD.....



THE MOBILE GOES TO JAPAN

ALONGSIDE DE JIMA PIER, NAGASAKI, KYUSHU — SEPTEMBER 14, 1945

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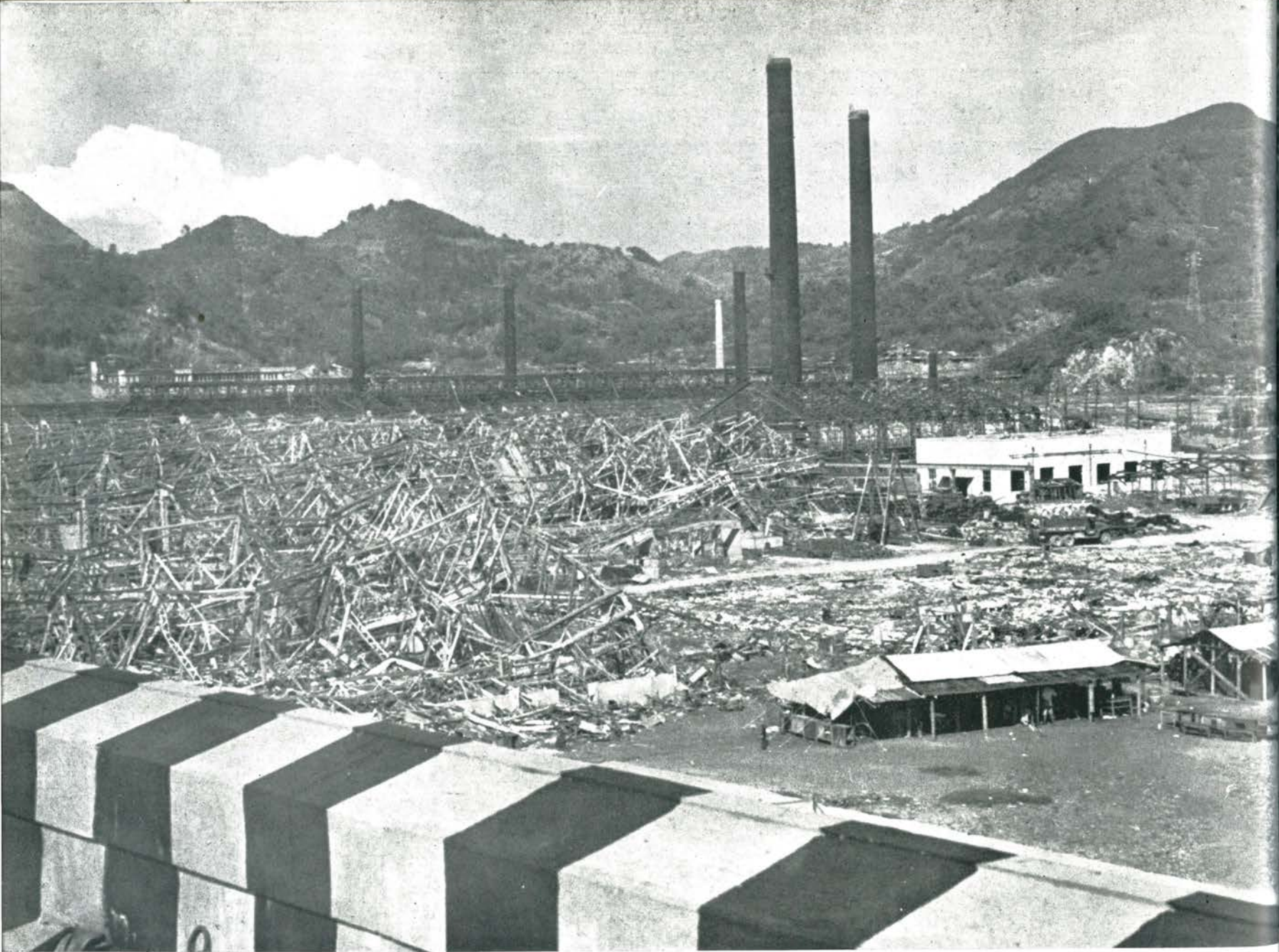


THE NIGHT THE JAPS YELLED "UNCLE"

CELEBRATION AT LEYTE GULF, AUGUST 10, 1945

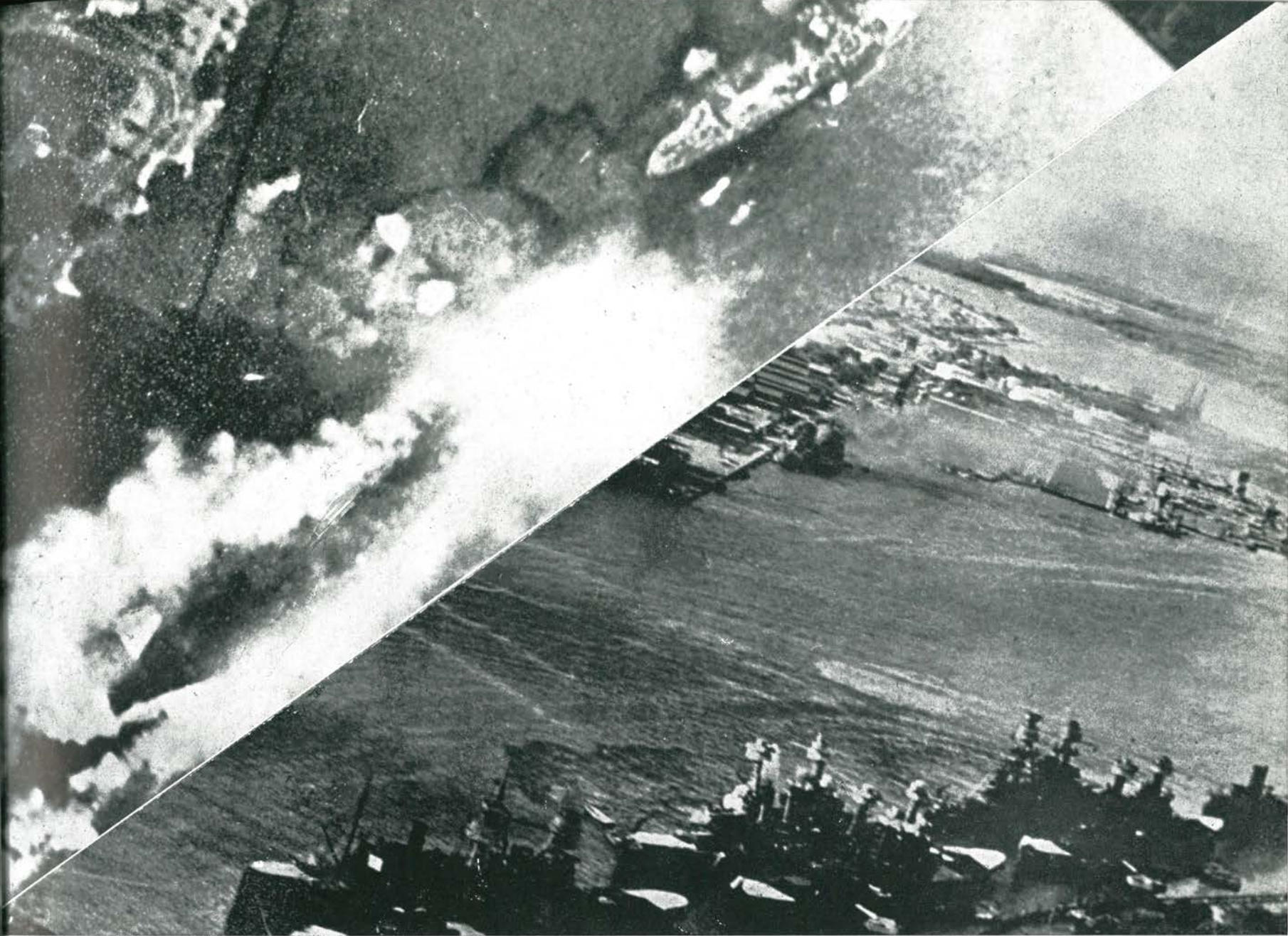


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OUR SUNDAY PUNCH FINISHED.....

MITSUBISHI TORPEDO
WORKS ATOMIC BOMBED
AREA NAGASAKI



WHAT THEY STARTED.....

SLANT EYE VIEW OF PEARL
HARBOR DEC. 7, 1941
FROM JAP PHOTOS

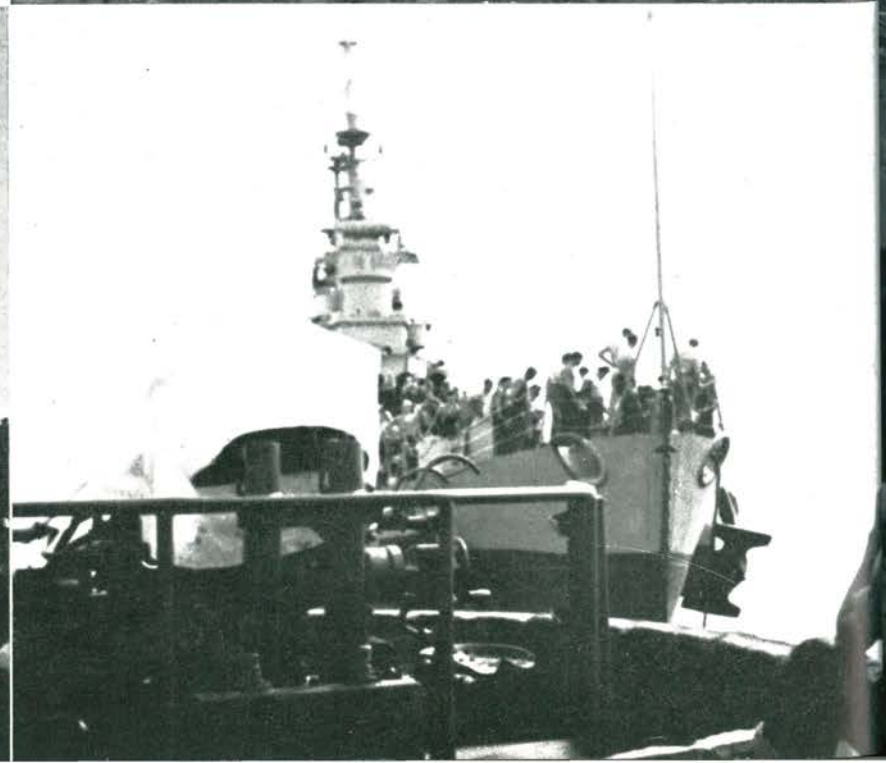
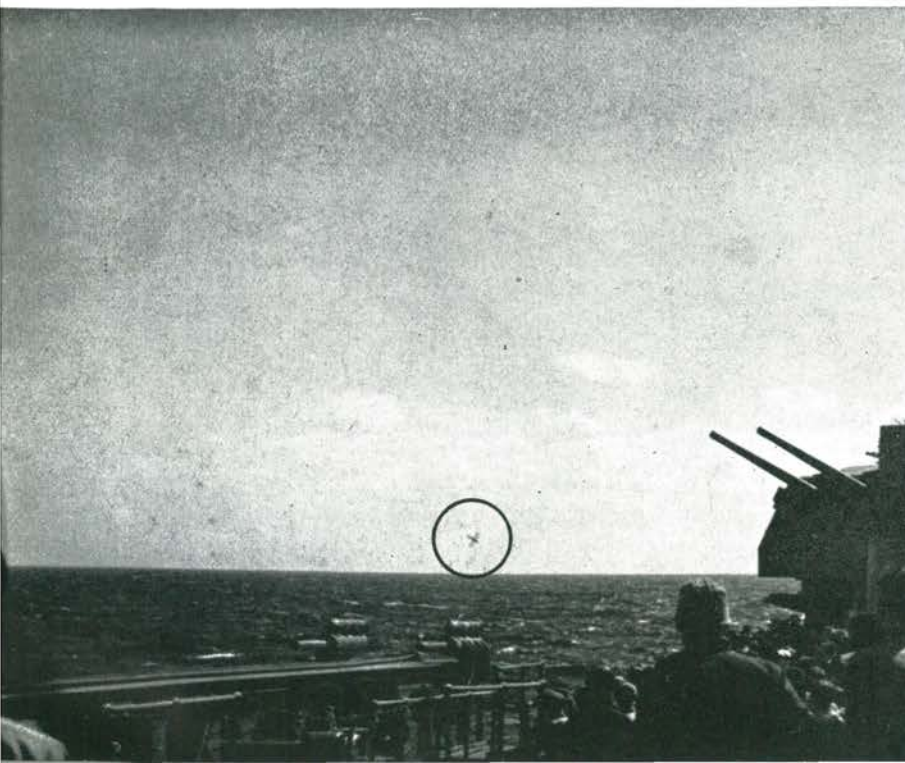
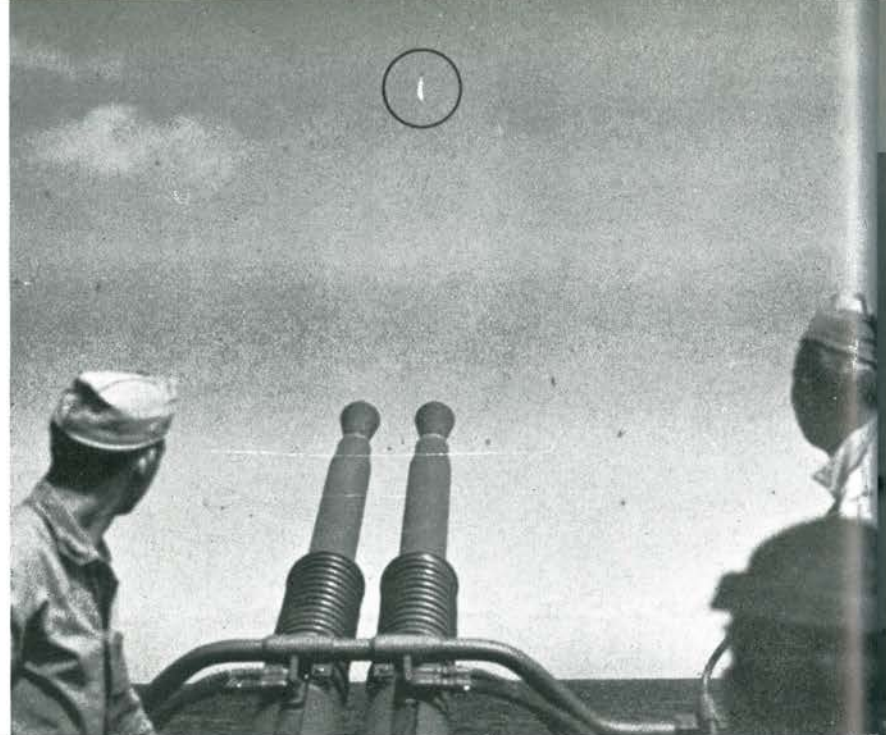
LEYTE GULF JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, 1945

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

"Splash one drone"

The 40's get a sleeve.

"Rig for towing"



OKINAWA

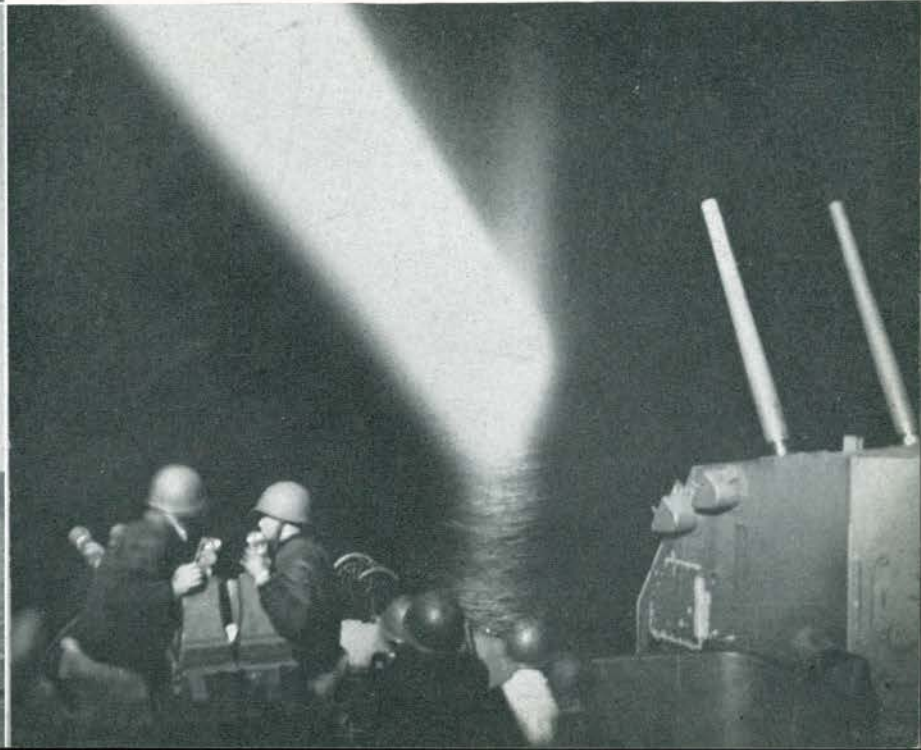
APRIL AND MAY, 1945

TOTAL WAR —

IN THE AIR — Kamikaze Exit

ON LAND — Jap Shore Battery

ON SEA — Suicide Boat Attack





OKINAWA (cont'd)

(opposite) MINES EXPLODE IN
BUCKNER BAY

"GOOD JAPS"

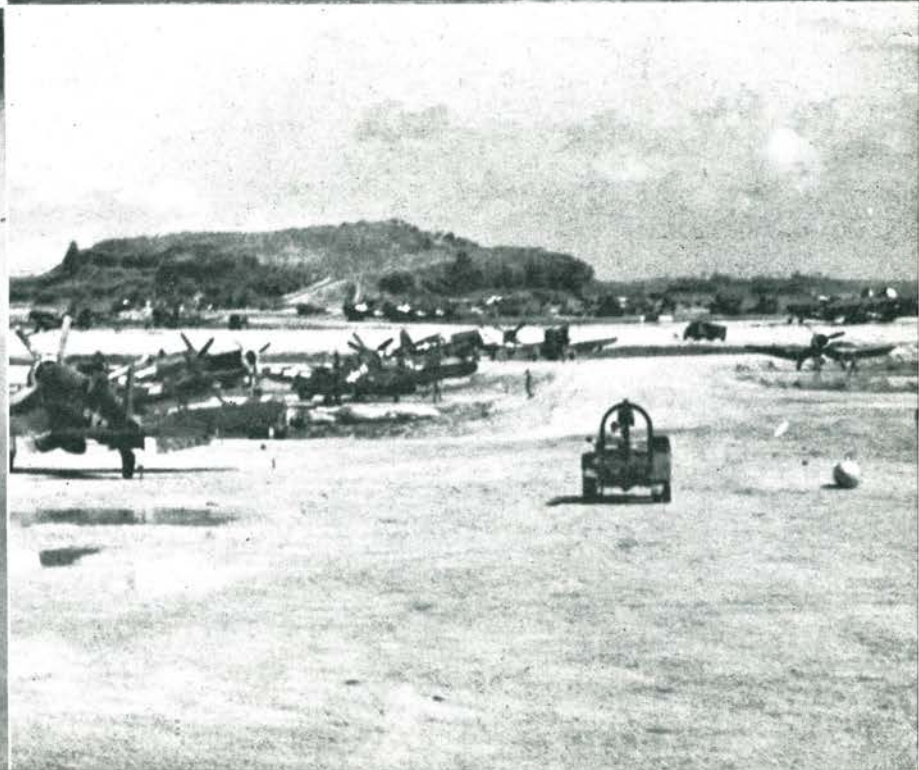
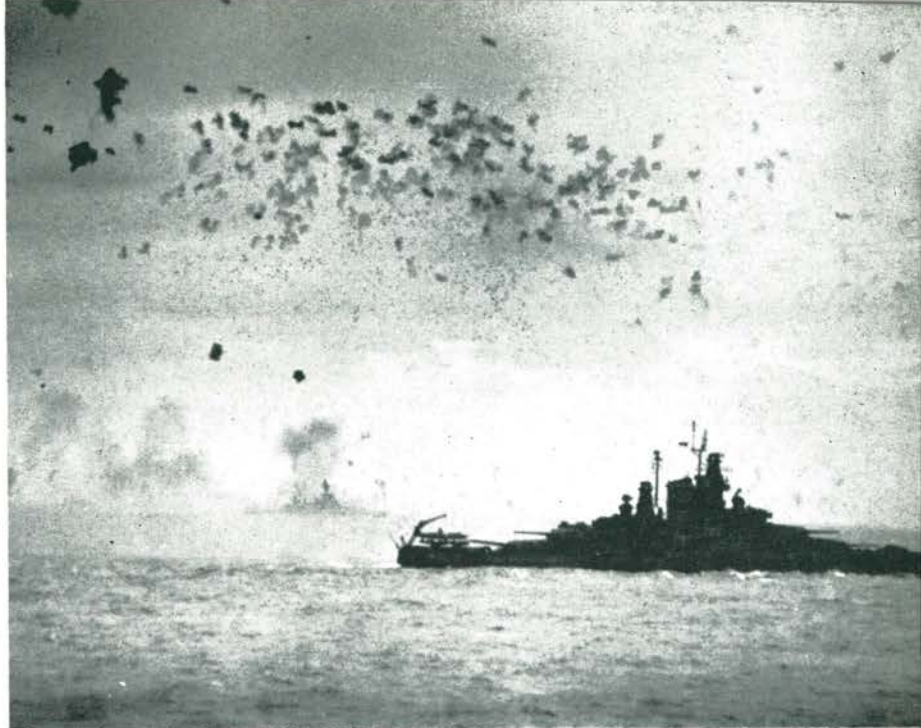
A FLYBOY'S VIEW

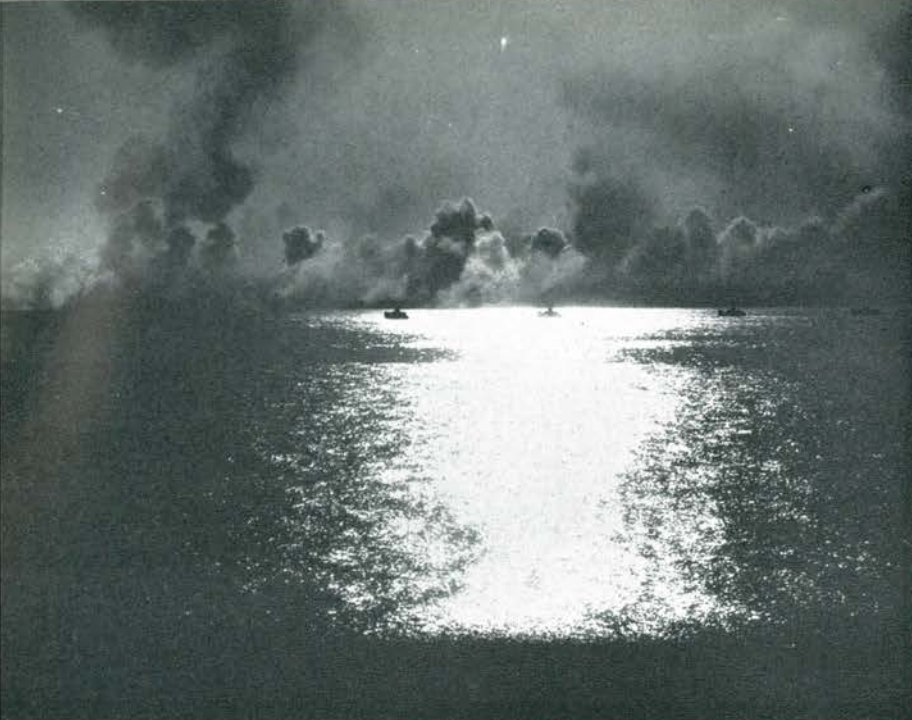
A MOBILE TARGET—Shuri Castle

THE TEXAS SCORES ONE

THAT TWILIGHT SERENADE

OUR "BUDDIES" - MARINE FIGHTERS
ON YONTAN AIRFIELD





IE SHIMA LANDINGS — APRIL 16, 1945

SOFTENING UP!

LCI'S MOVE IN FOR A ROCKET
ATTACK

BEACHEAD!

SMALLCRAFT START IN —

INTERMEZZO!

SURPRISE AIR ATTACK

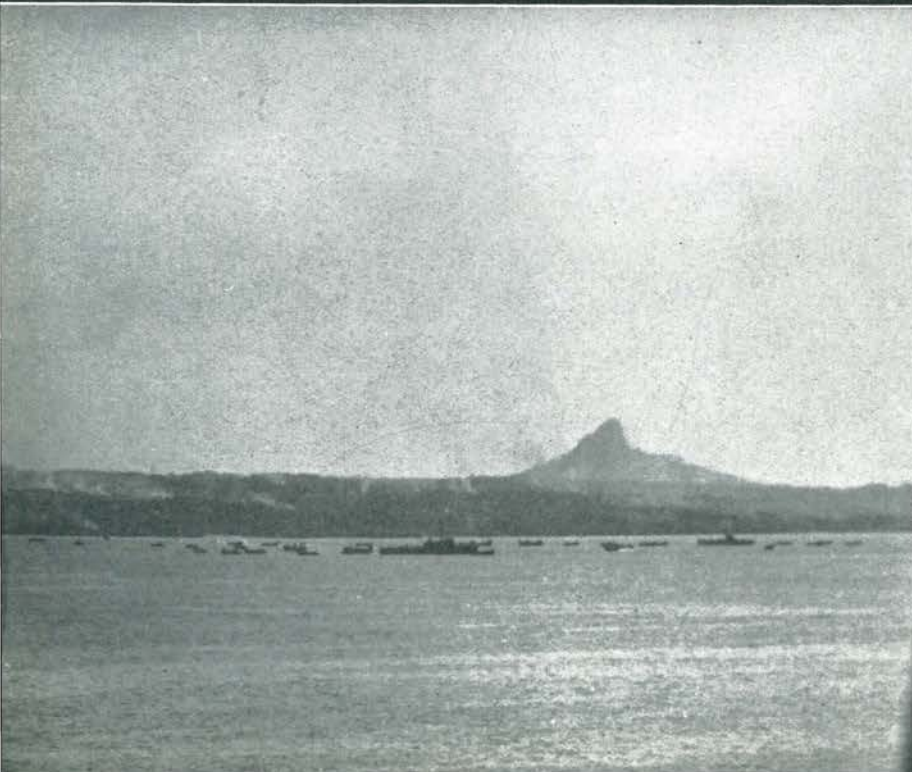
OKINAWA (opposite)

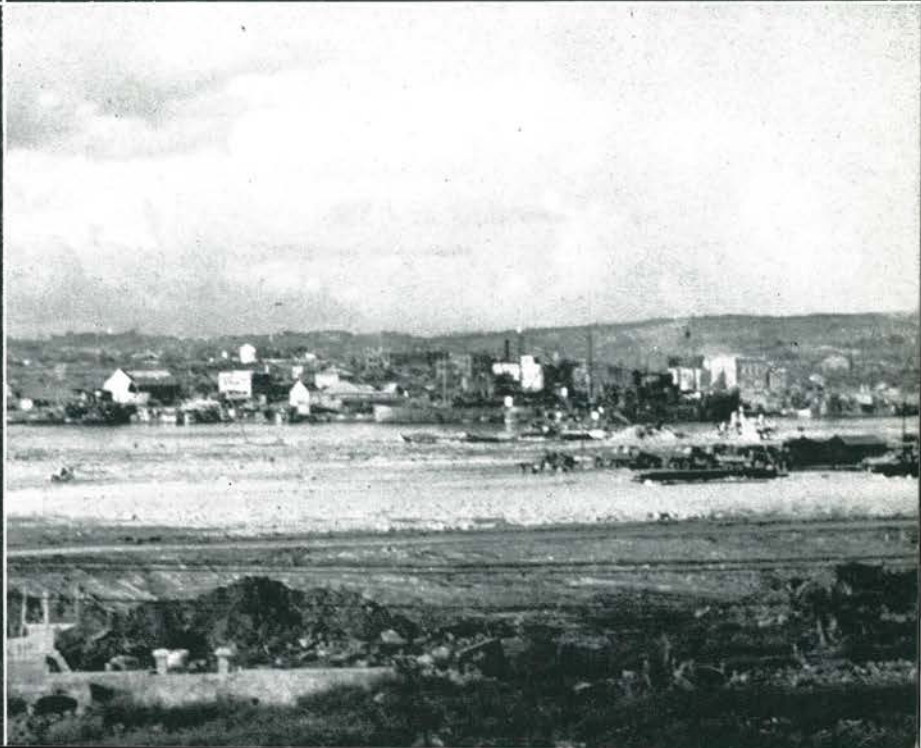
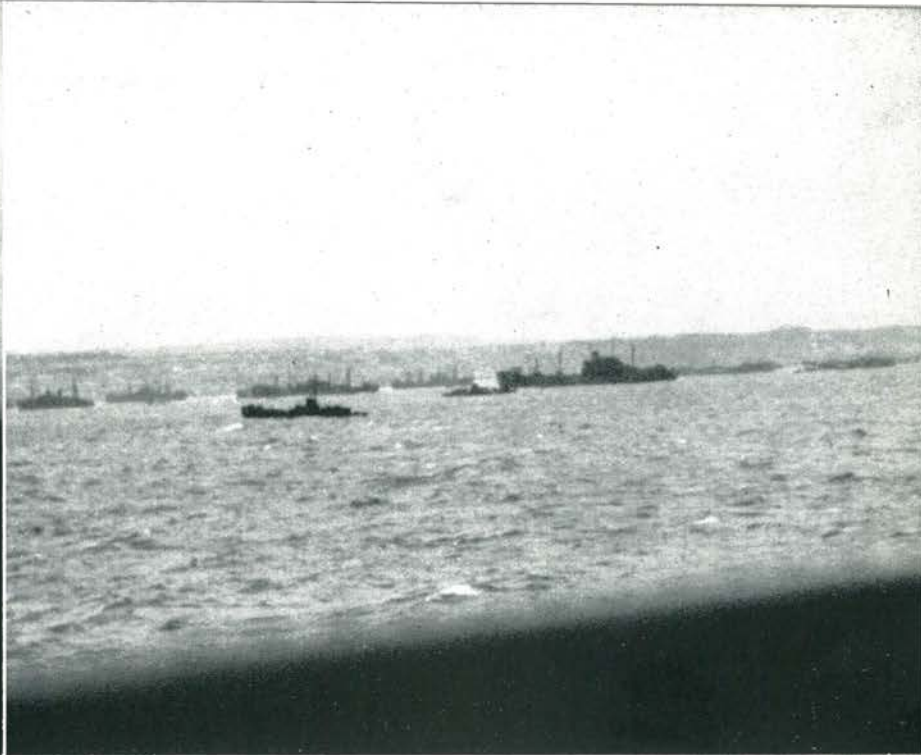
PICKET STATION NINE!

W. P. MARKER SHELLS

HAGUSHI ANCHORAGE —
Transport Area

NAHA TOWN







OKINAWA (cont'd)

KERAMA RETTO

DAWN BOMBARDMENT

DD AND APD UNDER ATTACK

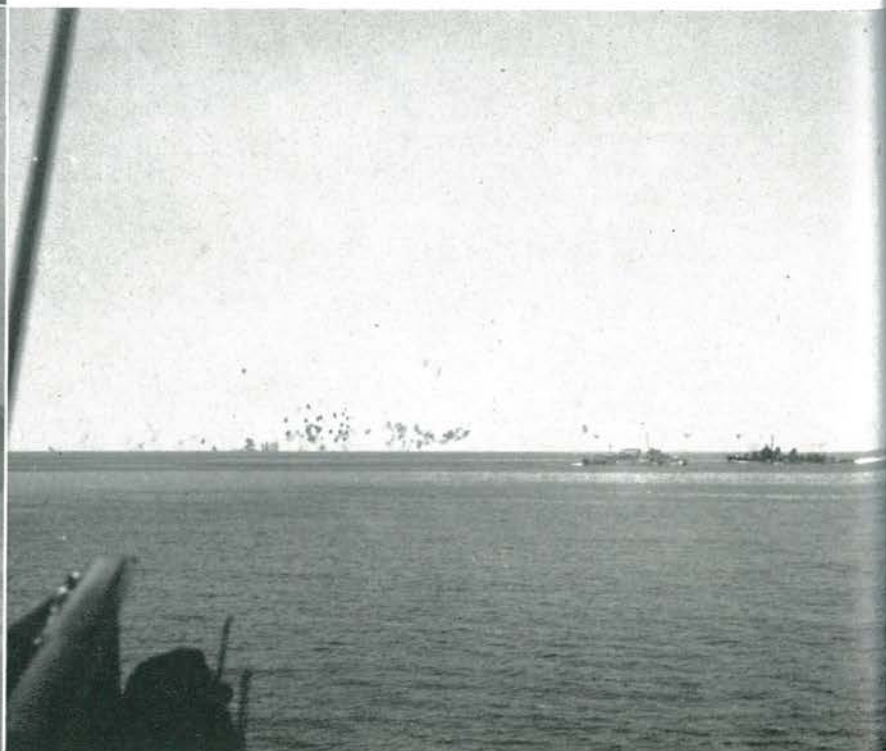
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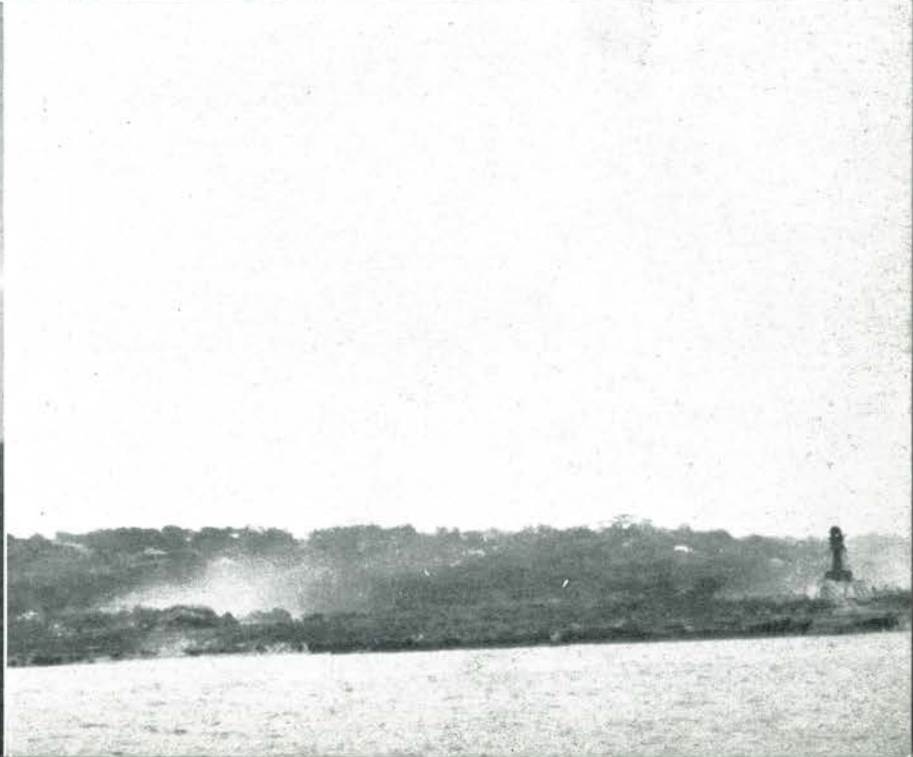
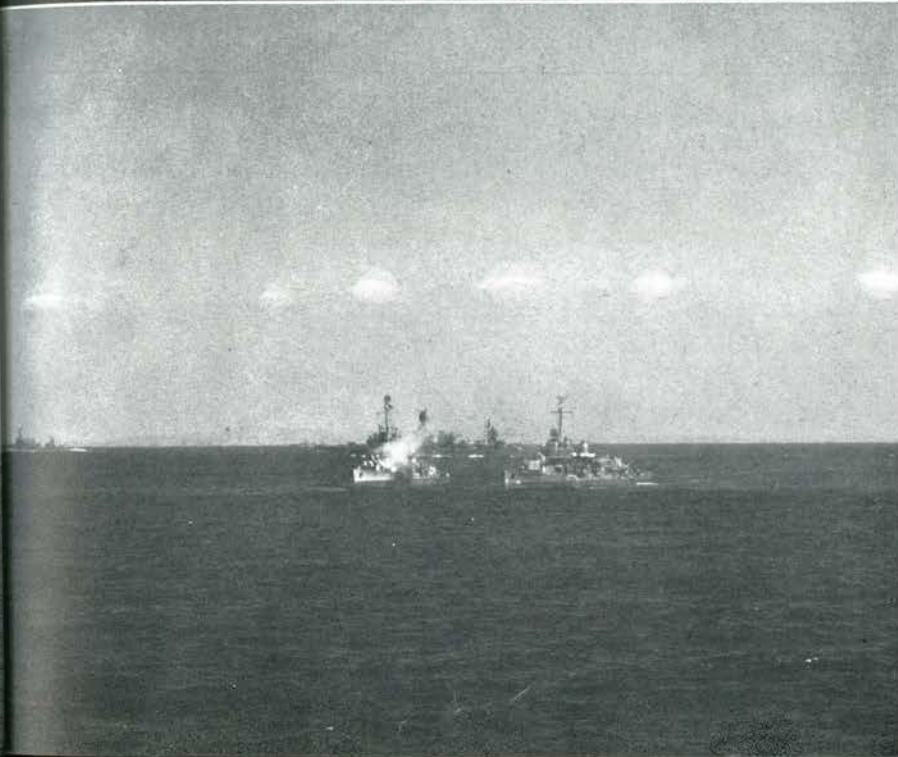
**INTO BUCKNER BAY WITH THE MINE-
SWEEPERS**

A WOUNDED DESTROYER GETS HELP

THE TEXAS AT IE SHIMA — BATTLESHIP
PEAK IN BACKGROUND

TSUKEN SHIMA — THE ENTRANCE TO
BUCKNER BAY





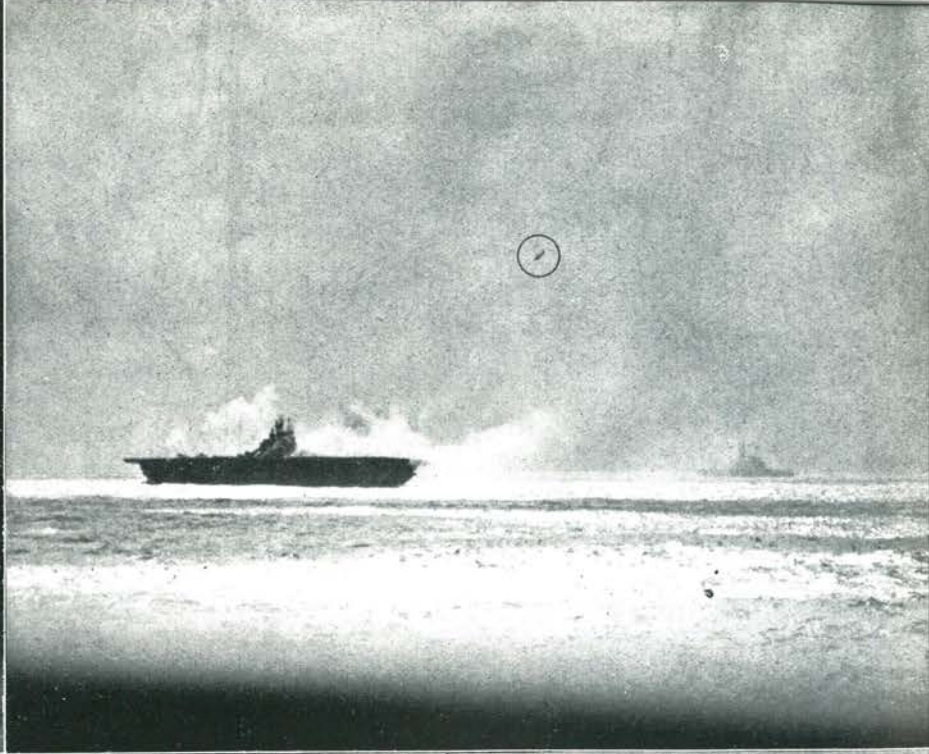


WITH THE CARRIERS ---

At various stages in the Pacific war the MOBILE became a member of the fast carrier task groups whose strikes broke the back of the Jap Navy and neutralized areas prior to an invasion. These pictures have been selected from some of these operations.

A BREATHER AT PEARL HARBOR.
AN ESSEX CLASS "CV" LAUNCHES
THE COMBAT AIR PATROL





KAKIKAZE

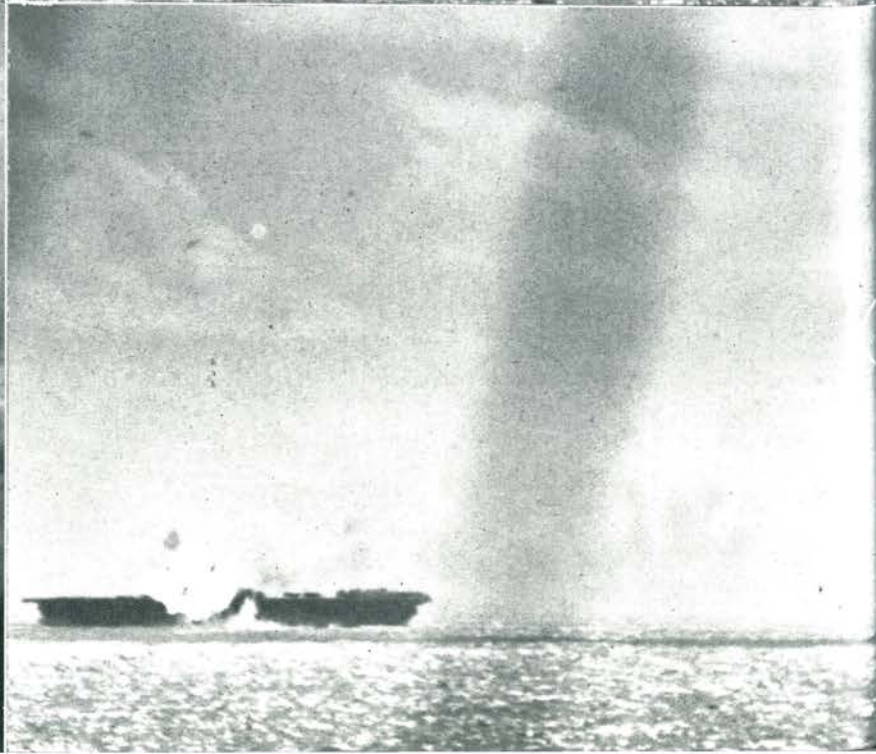
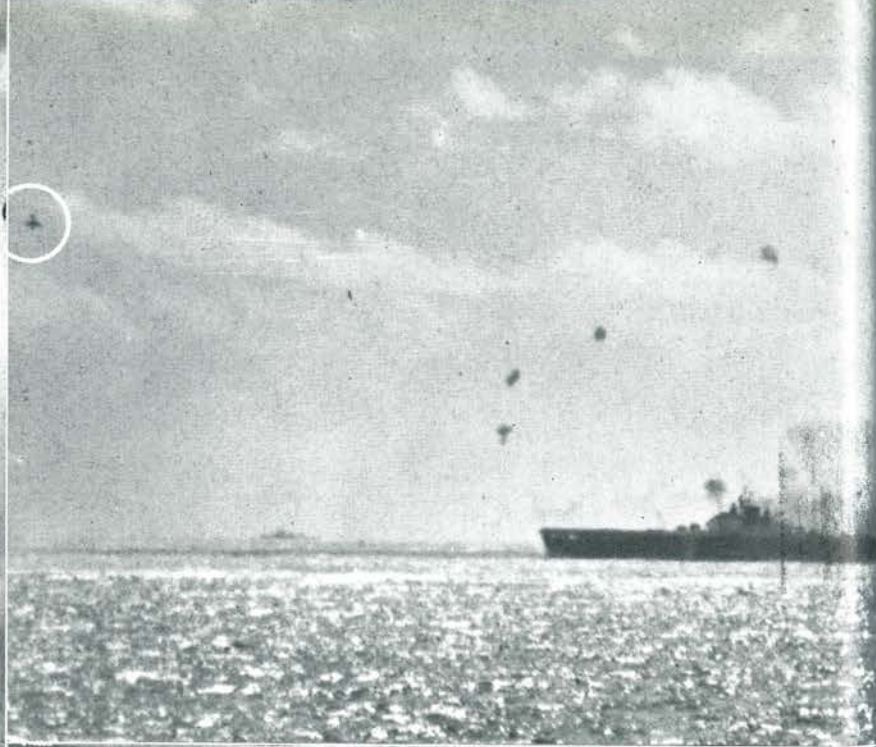
In the fall of 1944 the Japs, in the desperation of defeat, resorted to suicide crashes of the hastily formed "DIVINE WIND" corps. Although they brought little change in the situation strategically, they caused considerable damage to light units and carriers.

"BANZAI"

THE "LEX" OPENS UP —

BURNING, HE STRIKES THE ISLAND





CARRIERS (cont'd)

(opposite) **HIGH DIVER!**

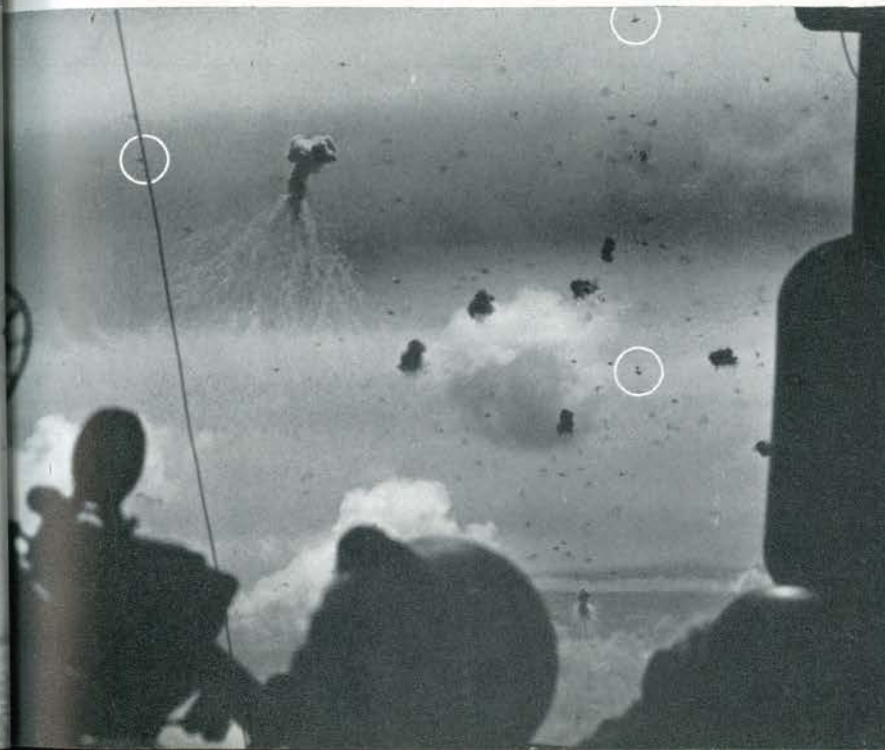
A MISS —

OR HIT, PROPOSITION!

DIVE BOMBERS PEEL OFF.

SPLASH ONE!

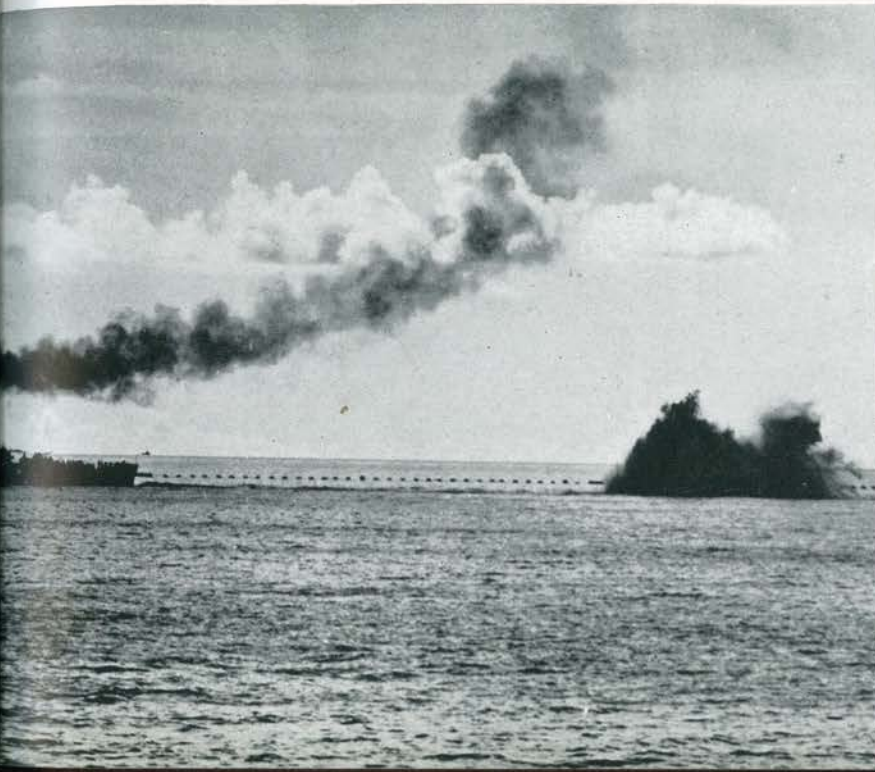
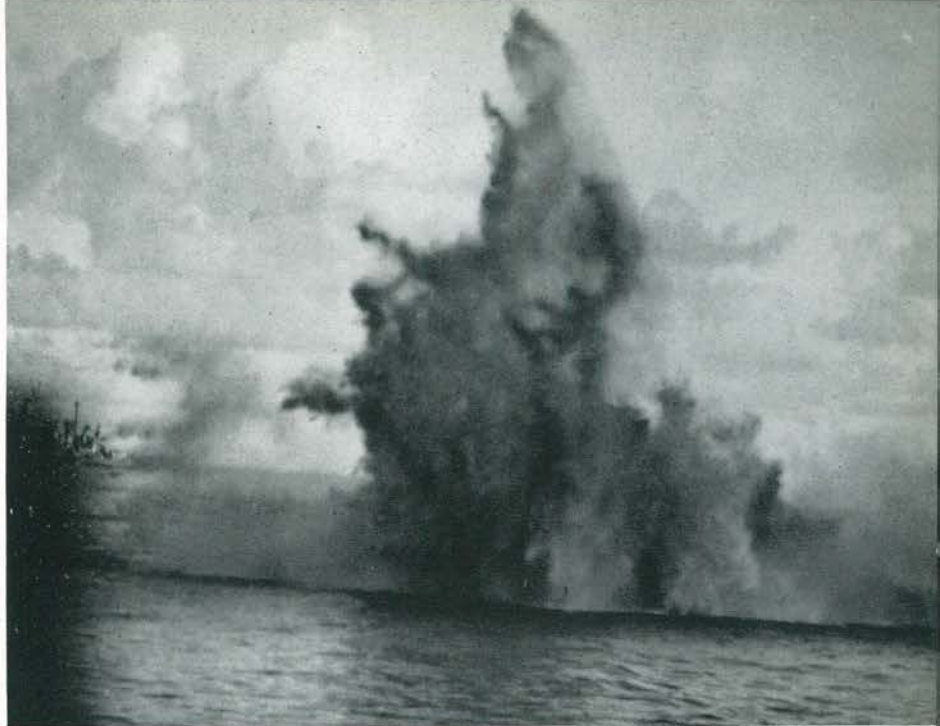
LOW & INSIDE THE FORMATION

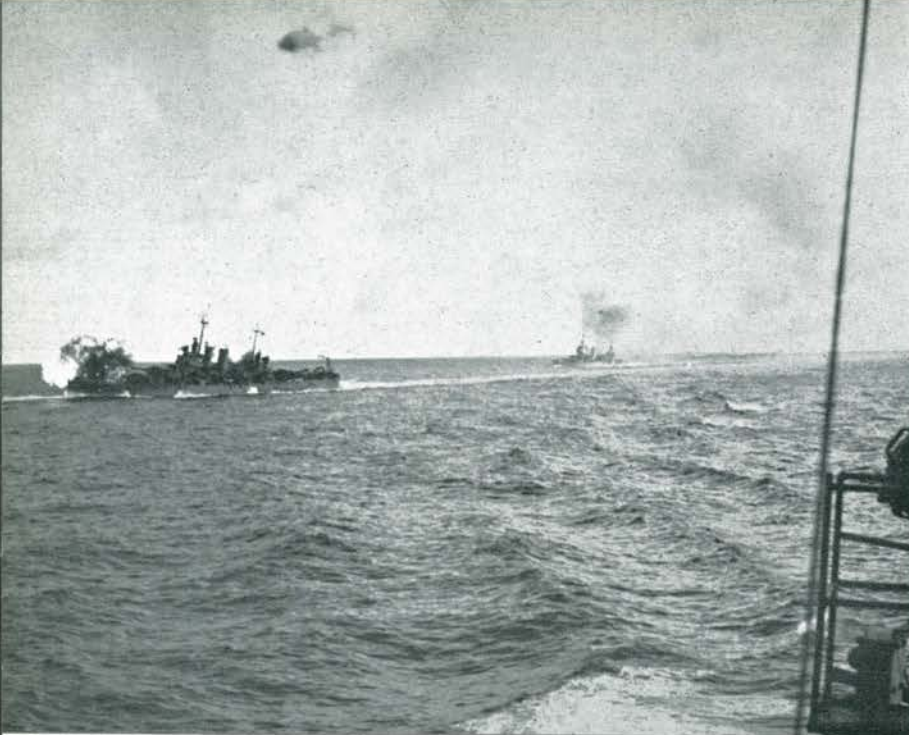




ULITHI ANCHORAGE: NOVEMBER 20, 1944

Just after sunrise, enemy midget submarines penetrated the nets and torpedoed the Missisnewa, a tanker lying at anchor near the entrance. Alert MOBILE gunners spotted a second periscope and opened fire. A torpedo fired at the MO from point blank range failed to complete its run and Captain Miller coached two DE's into position for an effective depth charge attack. The MOBILE is the only ship of her class which shares credit for the destruction of a Jap submarine.





THE BATTLE FOR LEYTE GULF — OCTOBER, 1944

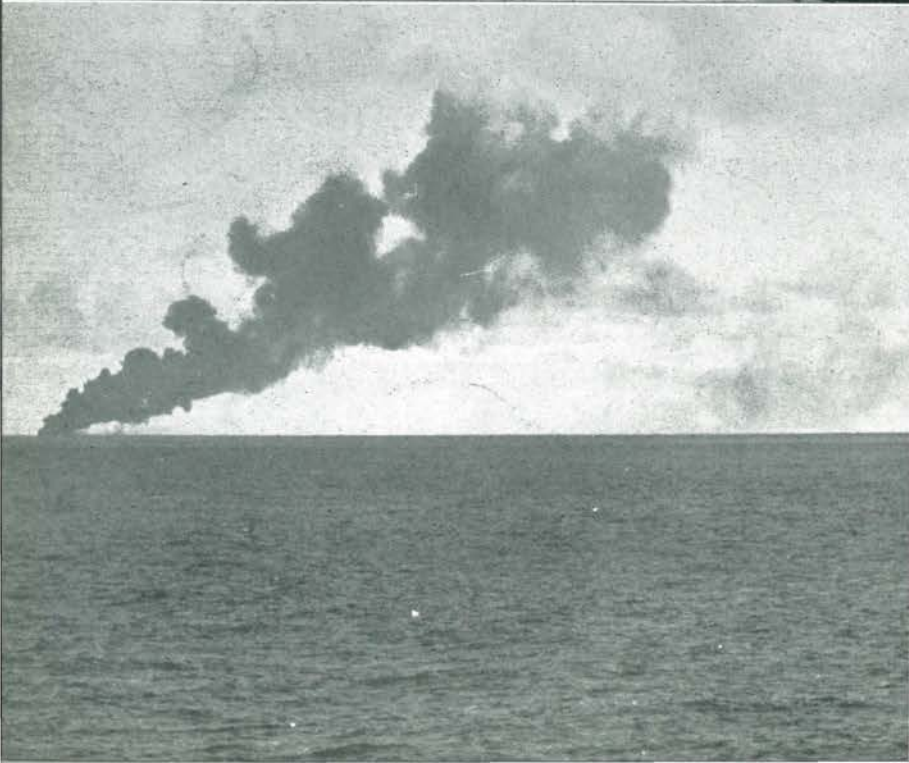
ACTION OFF CAPE ENGANO

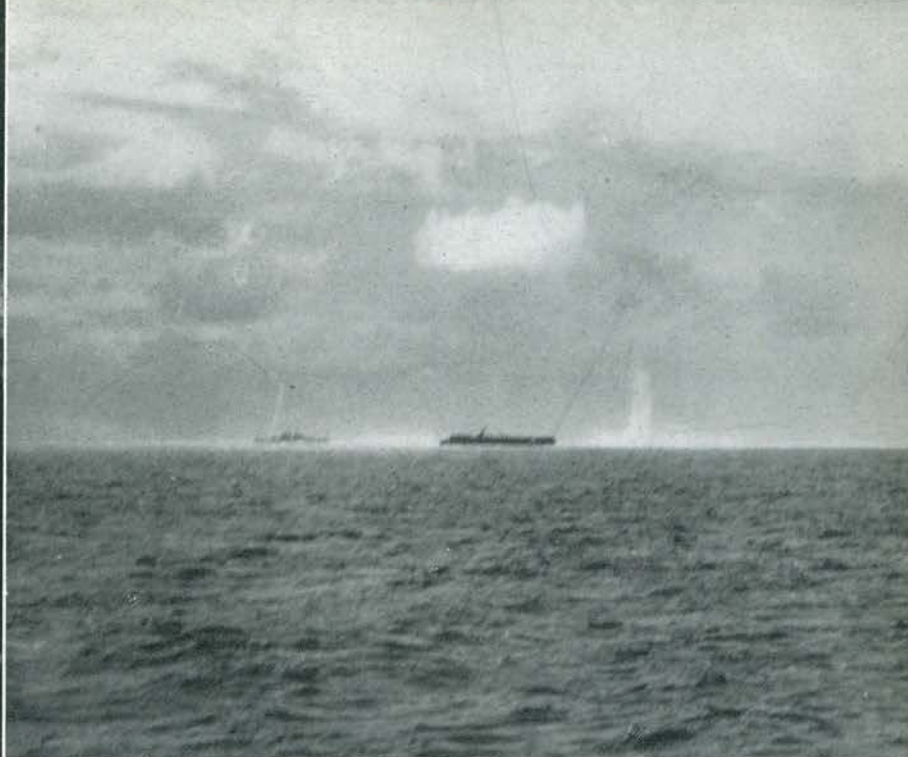
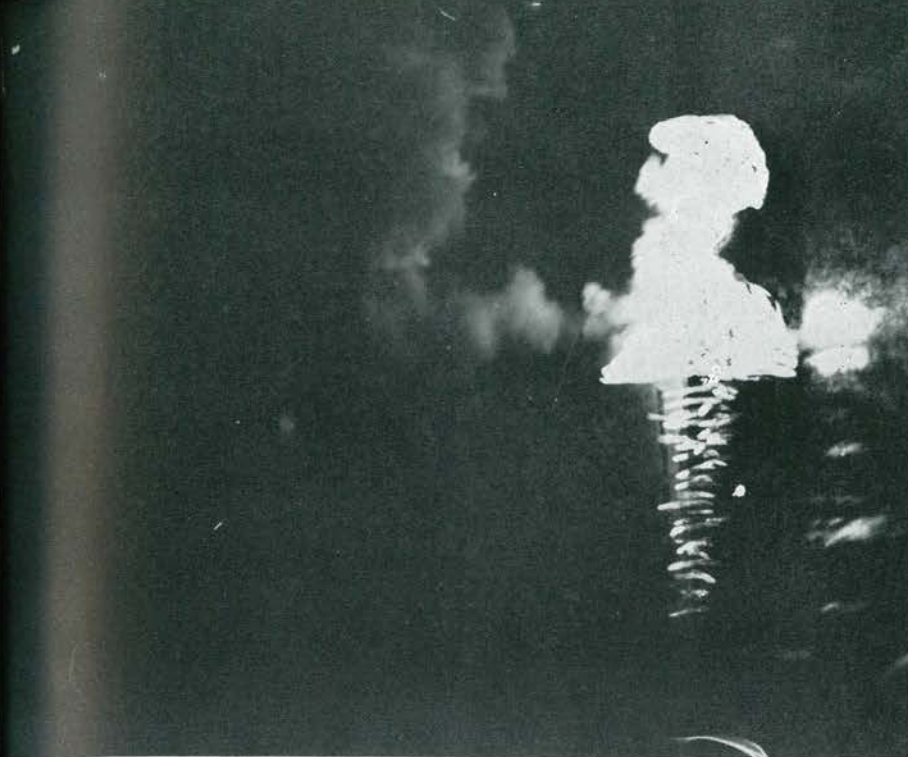
As a unit of the most northern task group, the Mobile helped sink a Jap carrier and a light cruiser, remnants of the actions in the Gulf.

THE WICHITA FIRES A FULL SALVO
SCRATCH ONE JAP FLATTOP
THE MOBILE'S MAIN BATTERY GOES
INTO ACTION

(opposite)

A JAP LIGHT CRUISER EXPLODES
MAGAZINES ON THE BURNING PRINCE-
TON EXPLODE
CLOSE ONE FOR THE LANGLEY
THE LAST OF THAT JAP CRUISER







OFF FORMOSA — OCTOBER 11 - 17, 1944

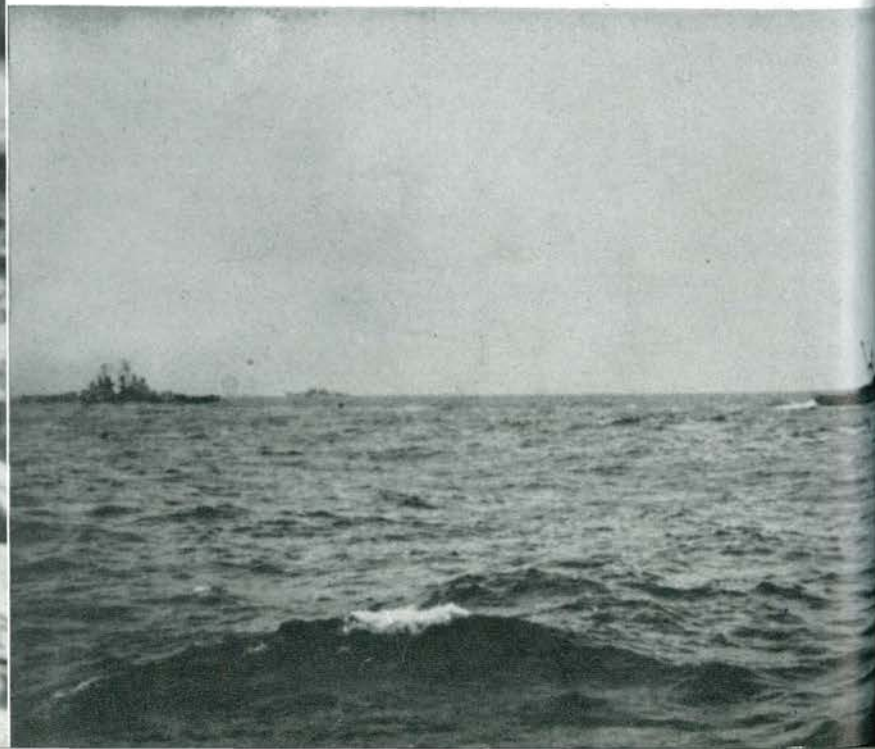
During strikes on Formosa the CANBERRA and HOUSTON were damaged by air attacks and had to be towed. Under constant threat of air attack and as bait for a surface attack by the Jap fleet, a small force withdrew these ships to safety.

HOUSTON SURVIVOR COMES ABOARD
TUG AND DAMAGED CRUISER IN TOW

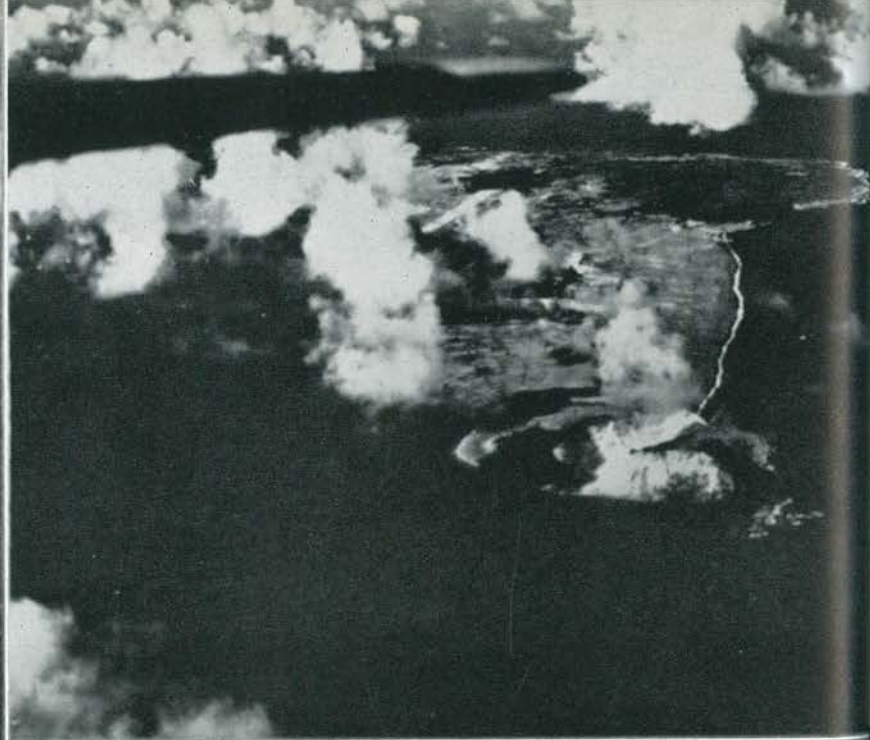
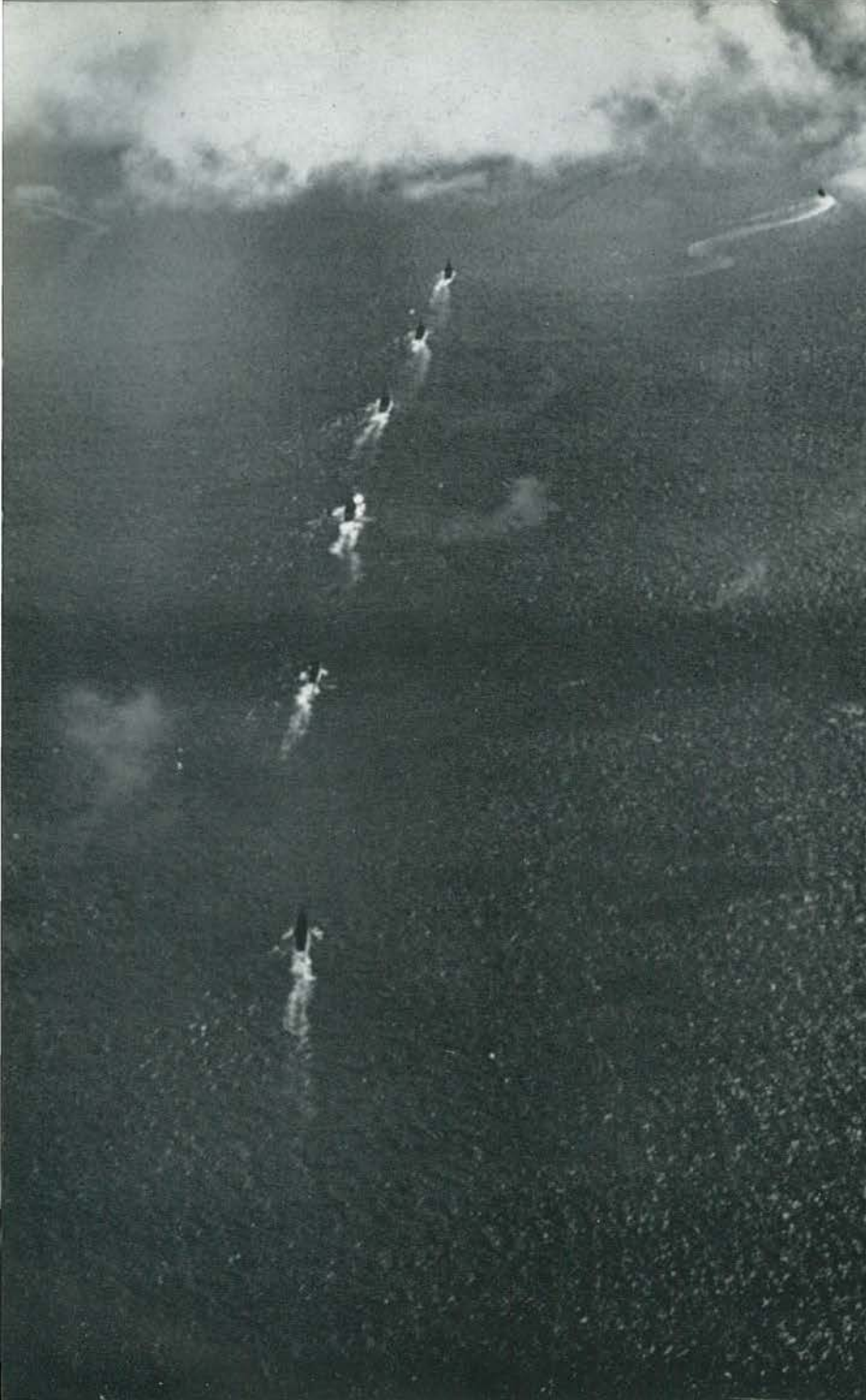
(opposite)

**PANORAMA OF THE CRIPPLES AND THE
GUARDIANS**

SMOKES FOR THE SURVIVORS
HOUSTON MEN MUSTER ON THE MAIN
DECK AFT
TUG AND TOW







THE BONINS

In the summer of 1944, seven months before the invasion, the MOBILE visited Iwo Jima and the other Bonins on anti-shipping strikes.

(opposite)

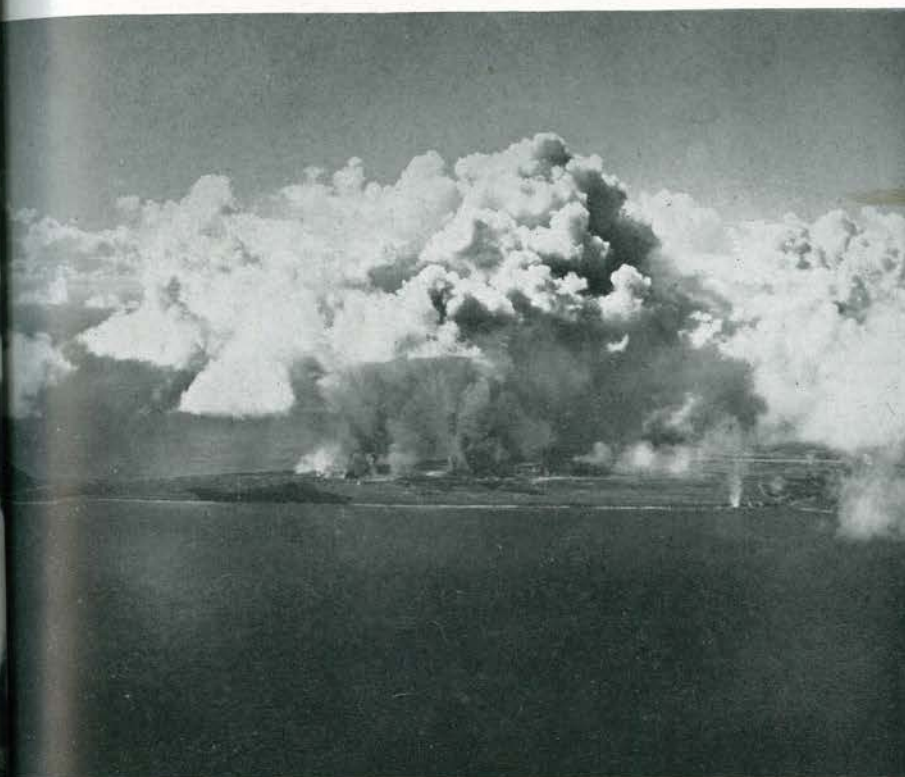
CRUISERS MOVE IN FOR FIREWORKS — JULY 4, 1944

"BLOODY IWO"

A REMARKABLE PICTURE OF A PRE-
MATURE BURST

FIRES TOUCHED OFF BY THE BOMBARD-
MENT

FROM THE IMO IT LOOKED LIKE THIS —
MINAMI JIMA



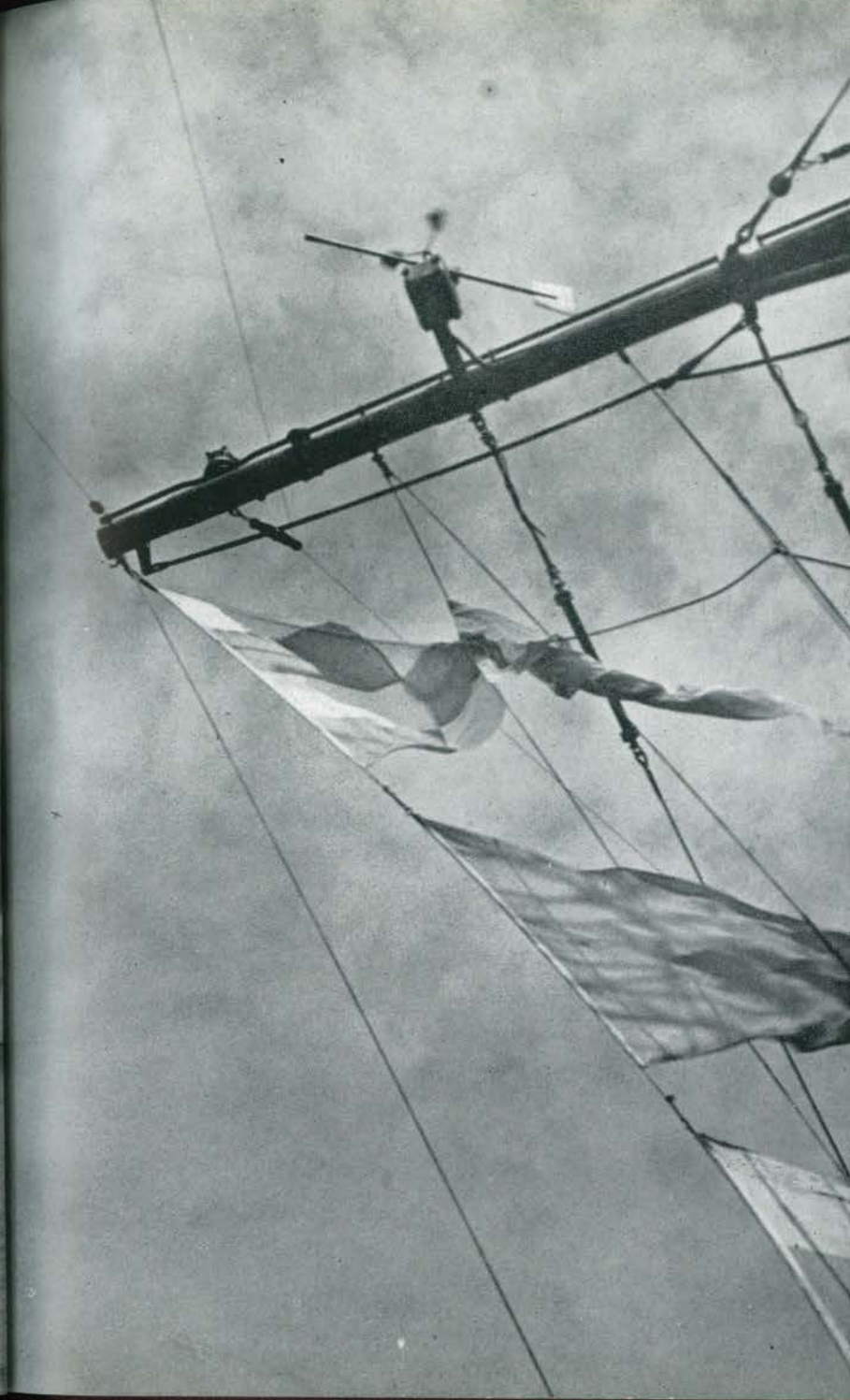
CHICHI JIMA —
AUGUST 5, 1944

SHORE BATTERIES FROM THIS
COAST LINE STRADDLED THE
MOBILE

FLAME RING FROM THE FIVE INCH.

SMALL JUNK SINKS UNDER THE
MOBILE'S GUNS





MARIANAS

In the late winter, spring, and summer of 1944 the MOBILE participated in actions scattered widely across the Pacific. During this period the large areas of the Western Pacific were wrested from Jap control and the remaining islands so immobilized and isolated as to make them worthless. Carrier tactics and logistics were perfected to the highest degree and the superiority of the American Navy established beyond doubt. All these actions had as their focal points the occupation of Guam, Tinian, Saipan, and Palau. The attainment of this aim made possible the liberation of the Philippines and the blows against the supply lines and homelands of Nippon,

PACIFIC RAIDS

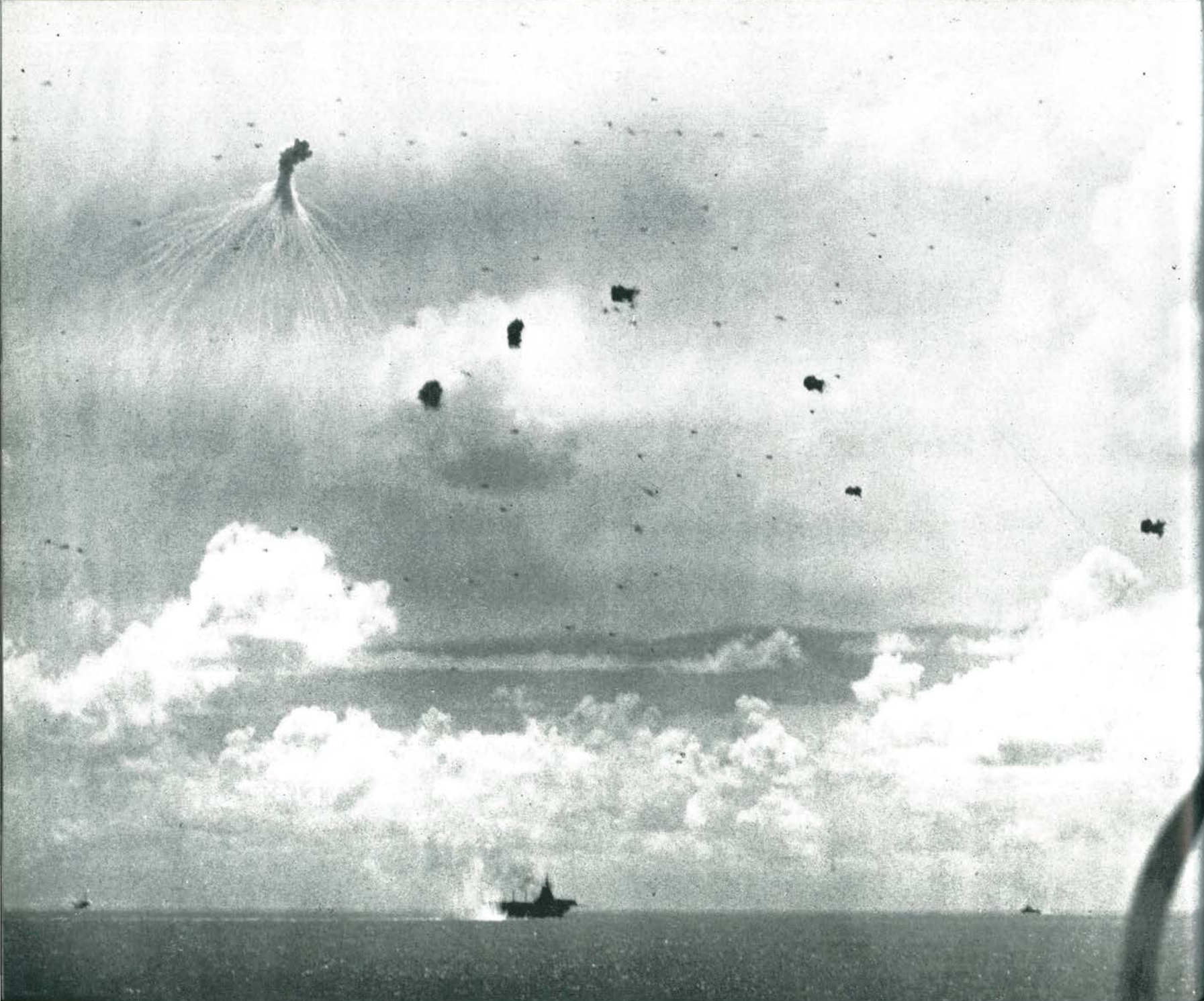
TRUK, 16 - 17 February, 1944
MARIANAS; 21 - 22 February, 1944
PALAU, YAP, ULITHI, WOLEAI;
30 March - 1 April, 1944
TRUK, SATAWAN, PONAPE;
29 April - 1 May, 1944

MARIANAS OPERATION

SAIPAN; 11 June - 10 August, 1944
BATTLE OF THE PHILIPPINE SEA;
19 - 20 June, 1944
GUAM; 12 July - 15 August, 1944
TINIAN; 20 July - 10 August, 1944
PALAU, YAP, ULITHI RAID;
25 - 27 July, 1944
BONINS; 3 - 4 July and 4 - 5 August
and 31 August - 8 September

WESTERN CAROLINES STRIKES

SOUTHERN PALAUS;
6 September - 14 October, 1944

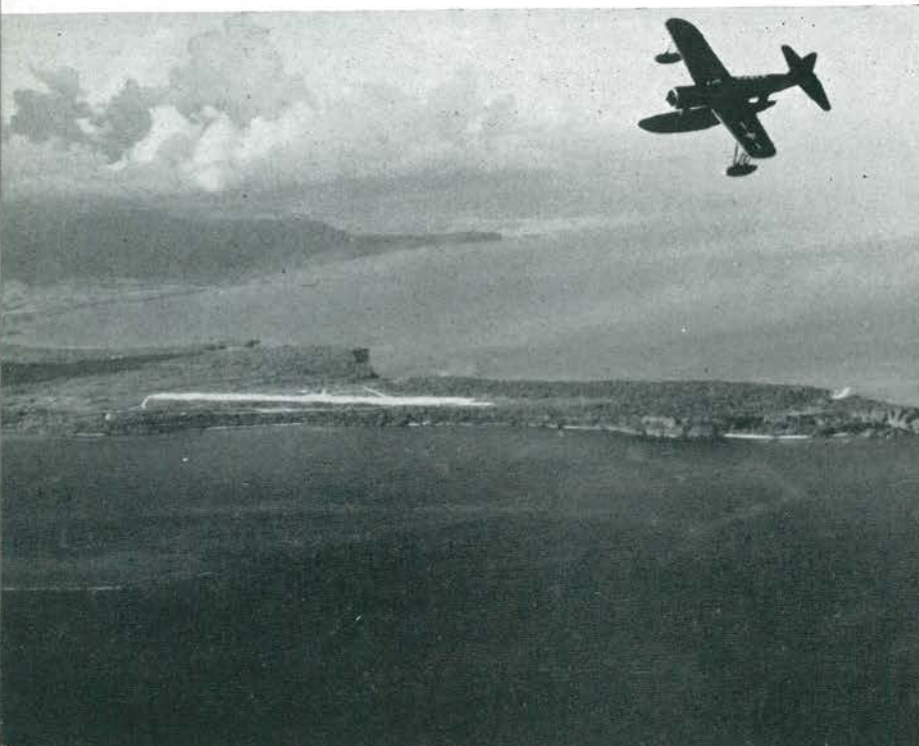




MARIANAS (cont'd)

MOBILE'S PLANE OVER AN AIRSTRIP
ON GUAM

BABELTHAUP, IN THE PALAU GROUP
TRACERS REACH AFTER A CLOSE
"JUDY"



MARSALL AND GILBERT

The "Mighty Mo" rates stars for:

TARAWA RAID; 18 September, 1943

GILBERT'S OPERATION;

13 November - 8 December, 1943

MARSHALL'S RAID;

4 - 5 December, 1943

OCCUPATION OF KWAJALEIN AND

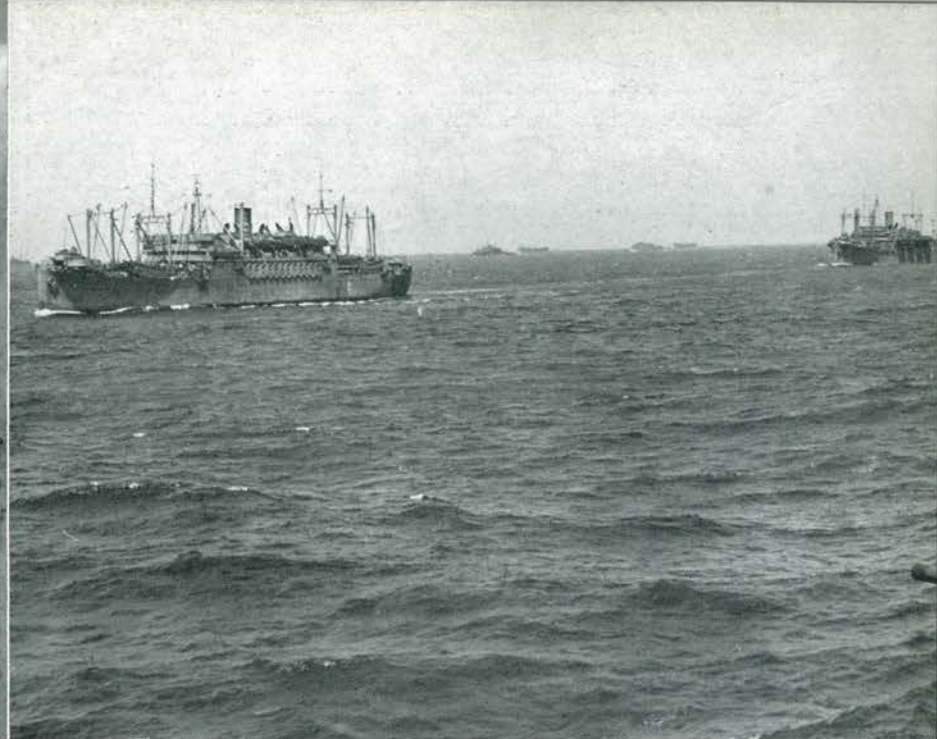
MAJURO; 29 January - 8 February

BLOCKHOUSES ON AN ATOLL IN
THE MARSHALLS

LANDING ON A POINT AT TARAWA
BOMBARDMENT IN THE GILBERTS







MARSHALL AND GILBERT (cont'd)

ASSAULT ON KWAJALEIN

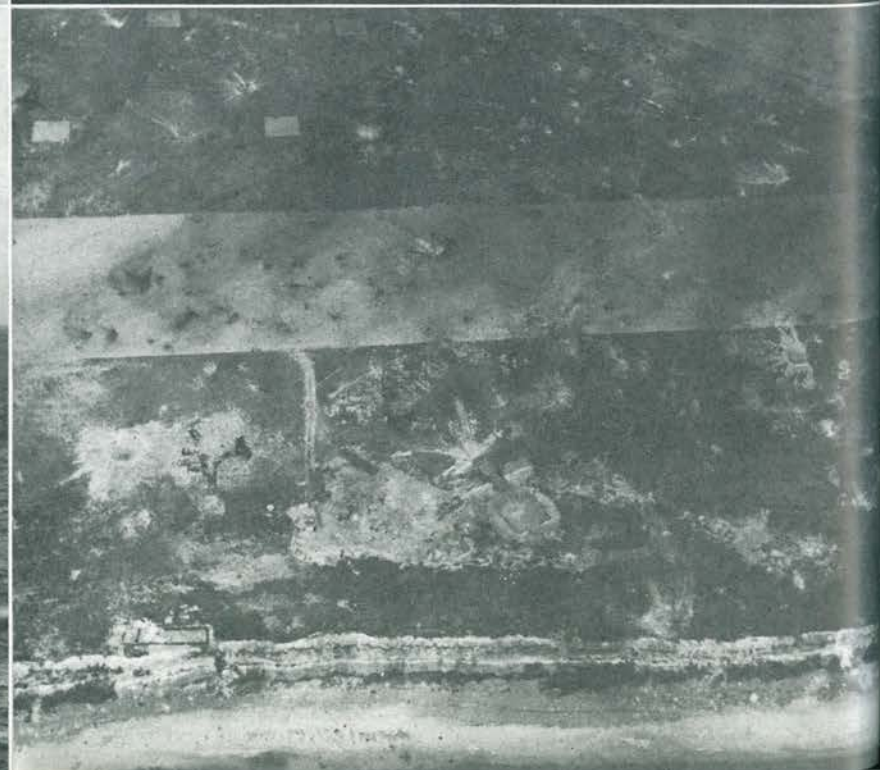
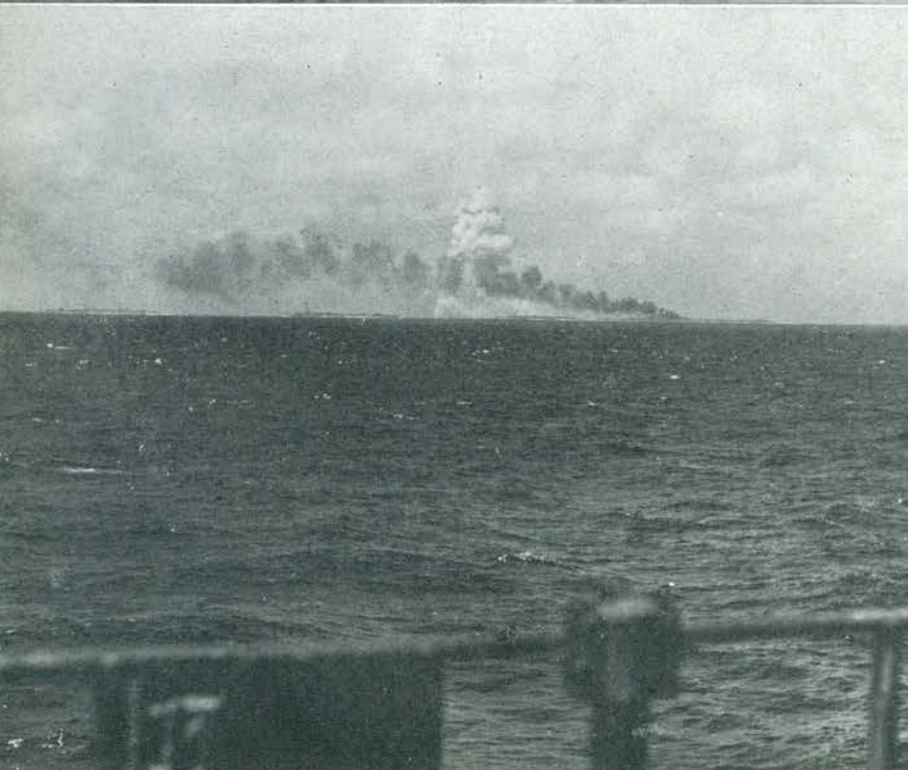
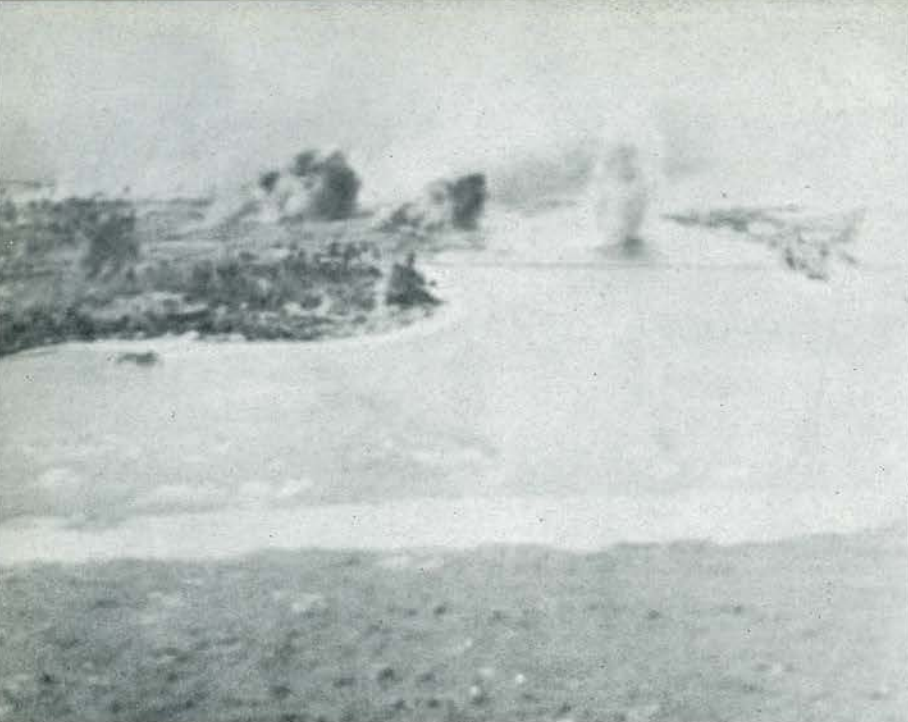
SMALL CRAFT MOVE IN UNDER THE
SMOKE OF BOMBARDMENT

AMPHTRACS HIT THE BEACH

LOADED CONVOY

JAP GUN EMPLACEMENTS





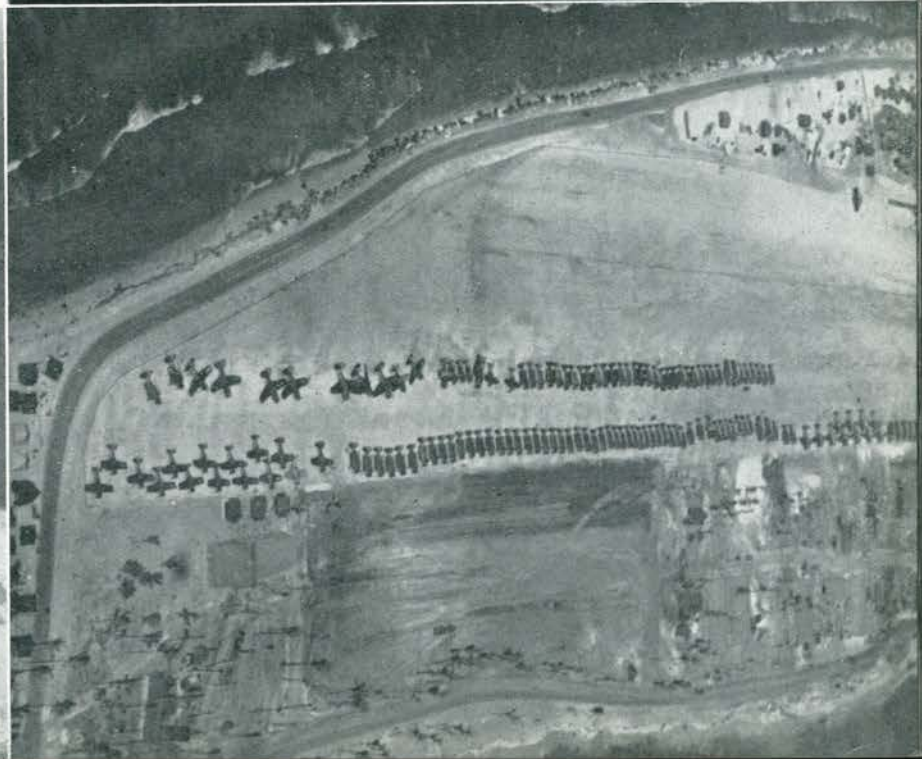
MARSHALL AND GILBERT (cont'd)

With the fine anchorages and advantageous airfields which the atolls afforded, huge advance supply depots were set up to furnish replenishment and rest for the units of the fleet. Two of the most important of these "stepping stones" are shown here at the peak of activity:

Majuro Kwajalein Eniwetok

(opposite) **"SALVO" — SPLASH"**

SOMEONE HITS THE JAP-POT
FIRST WAVE THE OBEJCTIVE





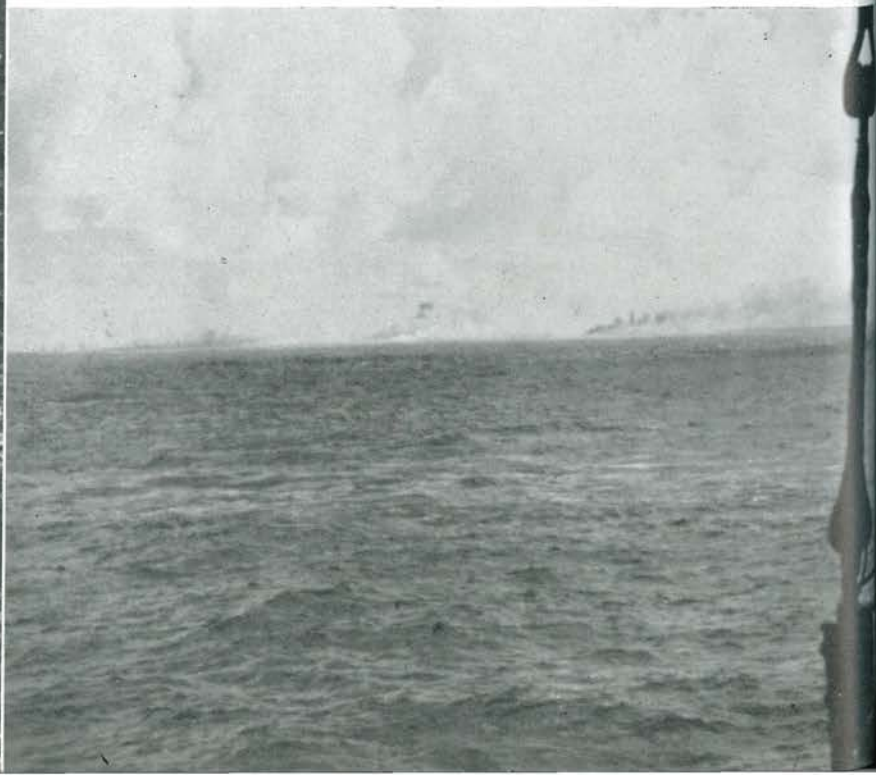
OTHER MOBILE BATTLE STARS

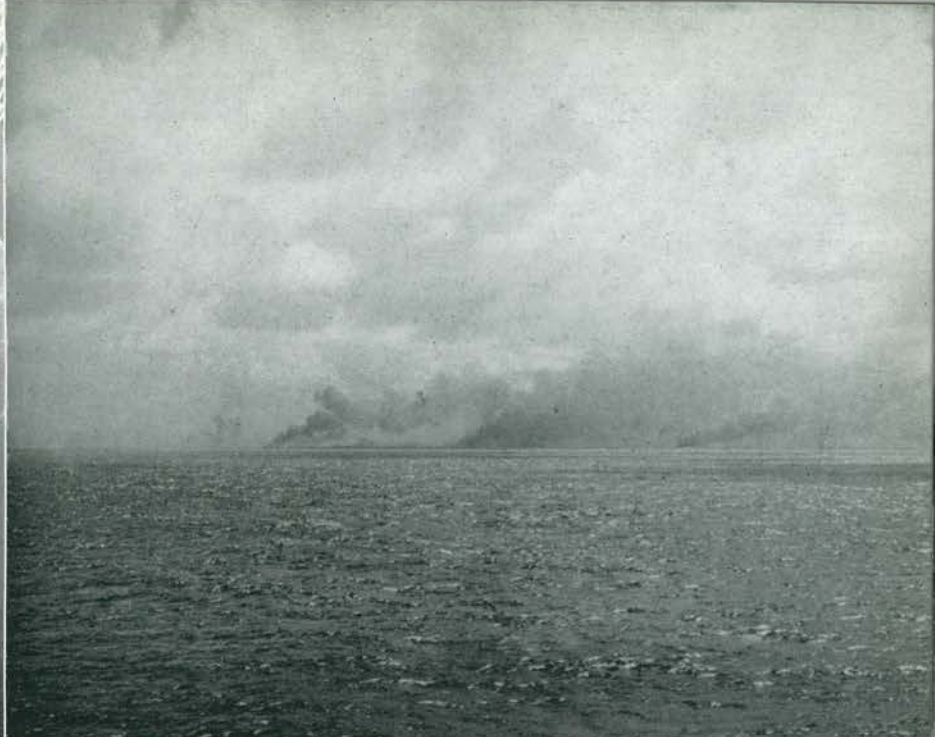
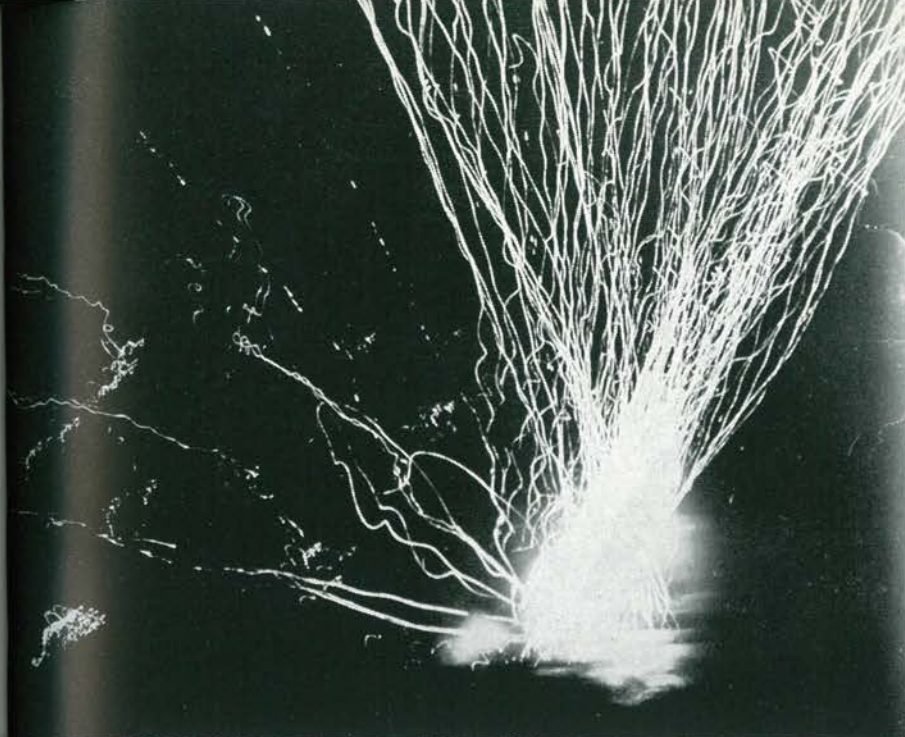
MARCUS RAID; 31 August, 1943
The Mo's First Action (left)

WAKE ISLAND RAID;
5 - 6 October, 1943
Bombardment pictures
(below opposite)

BOUGAINVILLE; 8 - 9 November, 1943
Empress Augusta Bay, night action
DD under attack at dusk

NEW GUINEA; 21 - 27 April, 1944
Night action at Hollandia





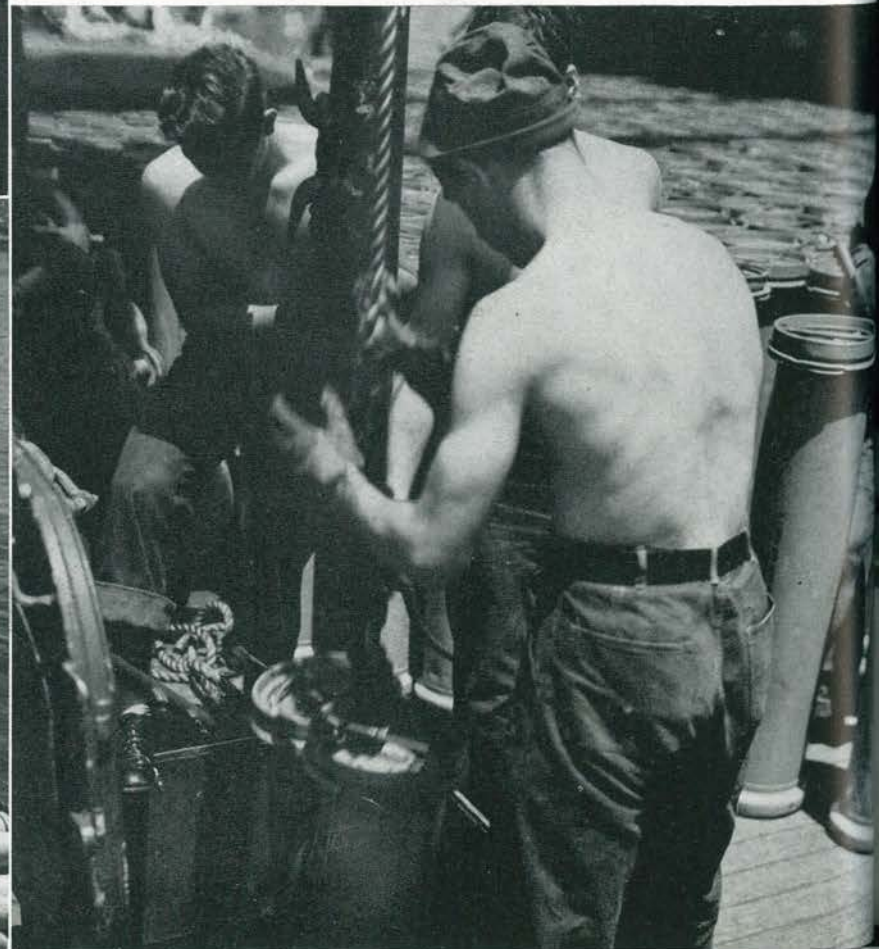


OTHER THINGS WE'LL REMEMBER

THE "BB's" TAKE OFF AFTER THE
YAMATO

3 DAYS SHOOTING AT OKINAWA

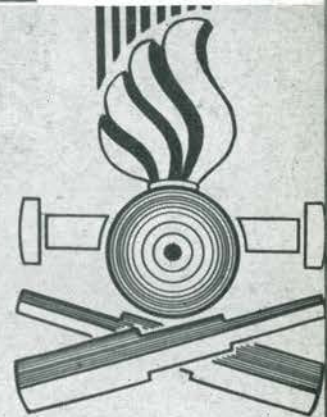
STRIKING 6 INCH (below)





OKINAWA SALUTE

GUNNERY



THE GUNNERY DEPARTMENT

Commander G. R. Garth
in the Gunnery Office

The armory crew



(opposite)

The crew of control forward and
director one

Sky aft

Sky forward

The crew of control aft and director two





GUNNERY DEPARTMENT

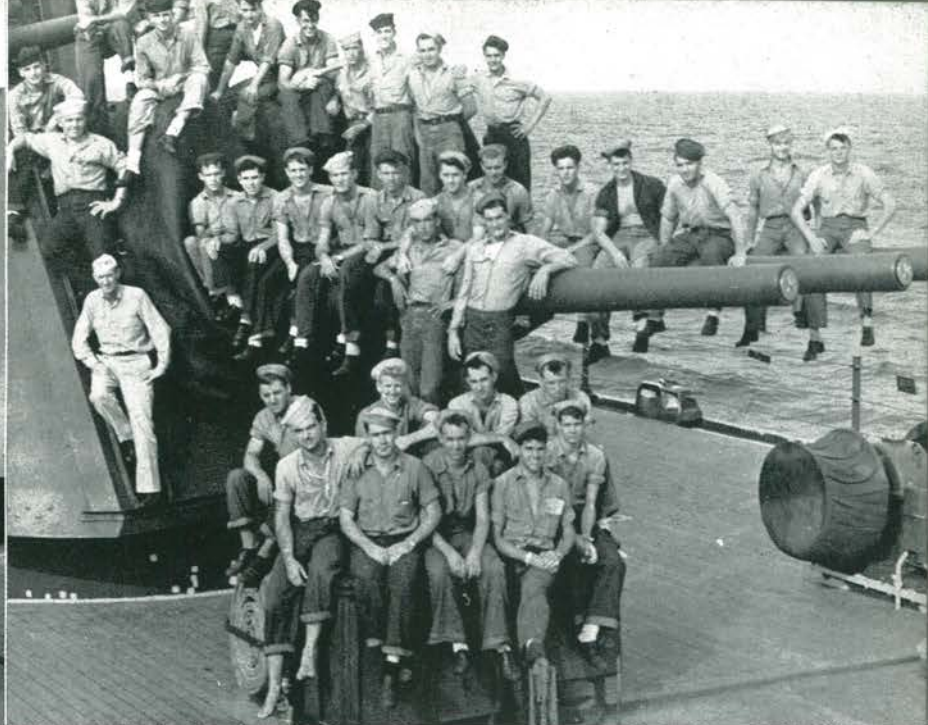
SKY CONTROL and SKY TWO
FIVE and SIX INCH BATTERY PLOT-
TING ROOM CREWS
COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER
CREWS, THE "I" DIVISION

(opposite)

1st Division
Turret One
Turret Two

2nd Division
Turret Three
Turret Four







GUNNERY DEPARTMENT

(opposite)

FORWARD FIVE INCH MOUNTS—THIRD DIVISION

Mount one

Mount three

Mount two

Mark 51 Directors

AFTER FIVE INCH MOUNTS—FOURTH DIVISION

Mount four

Mount six

Mount five

(Inset) THE AIR DEFENSE OFFICER:

Lt. Cdr. N. K. Faerber, USN



GUNNERY DEPARTMENT

PORT 40mm BATTERY — FIFTH DIVISION

Mount 42

Inset Director 48

Mount 48

Mount 50



GUNNERY DEPARTMENT

PORT 40mm BATTERY

Mount 44

Director 44



PORT 40mm BATTERY

Mount 46

Director 46



GUNNERY DEPARTMENT

STARBOARD 40mm BATTERY

Mount 41

Inset Director 47

Mount 47

Mount 49



GUNNERY DEPARTMENT

STARBOARD 40mm BATTERY

Mount 43

Director 43



STARBOARD 40mm BATTERY

Mount 45

Director 45





GUNNERY (cont'd)

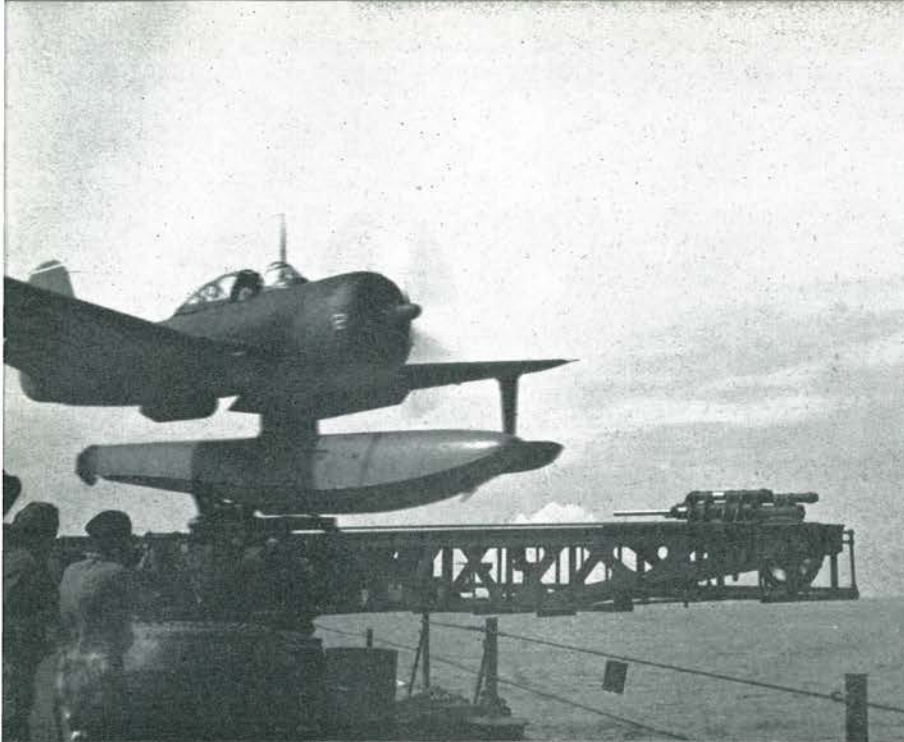
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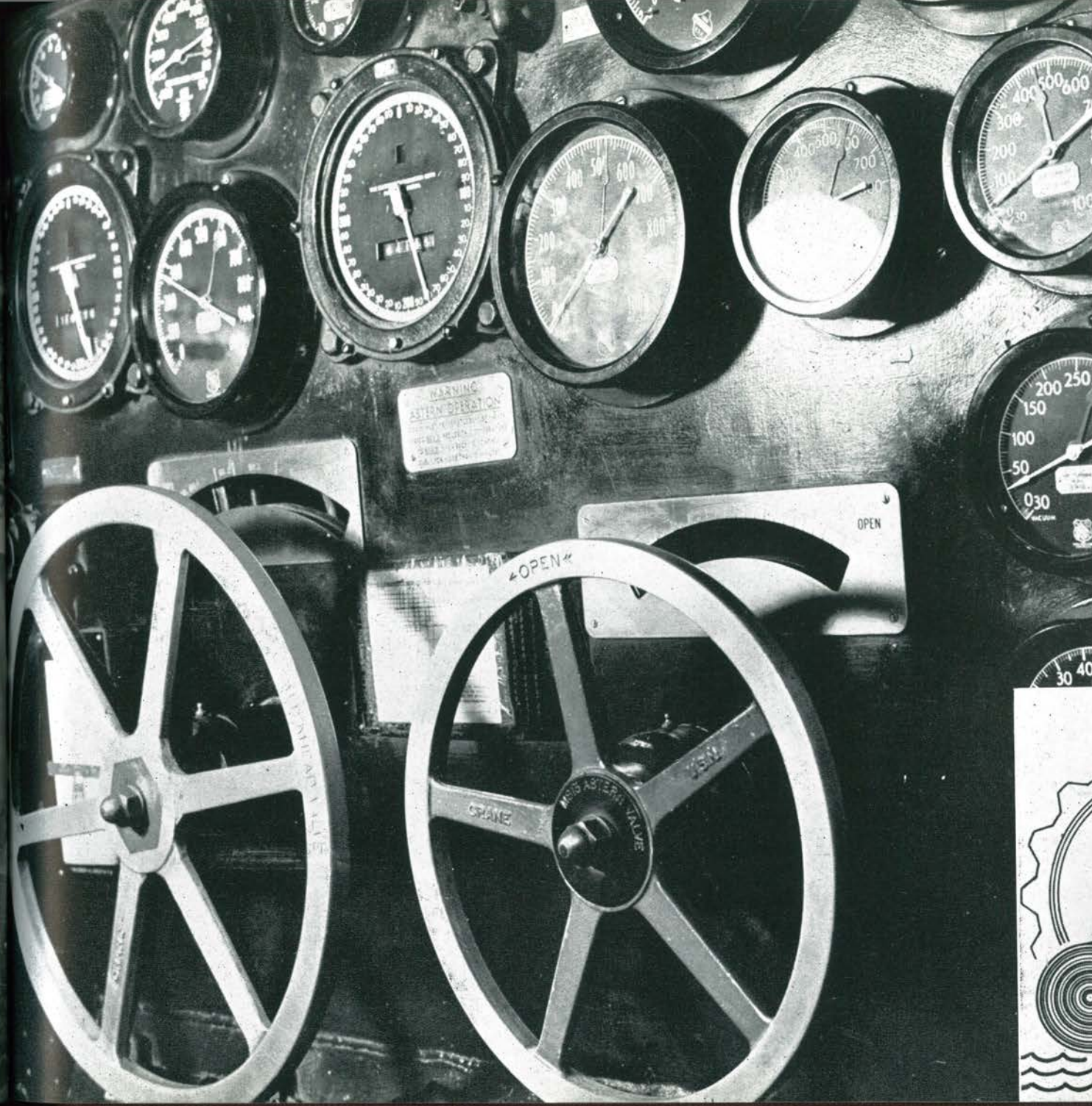
MARINES — 20mm

(opposite)	(This page)
Guns 5 & 7	Guns 1 & 2
Gun 9	Gun 4
Gun 3	Guns 6 & 8

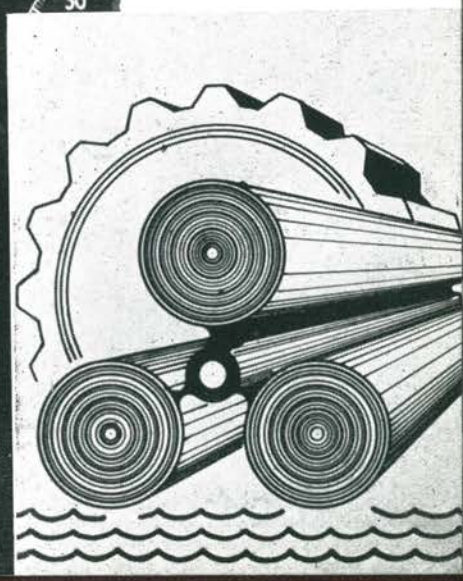


VICTOR DIVISION





ENGINEERING





ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

(opposite)

FORWARD ENGINE ROOM

WATER GANG

OIL GANG

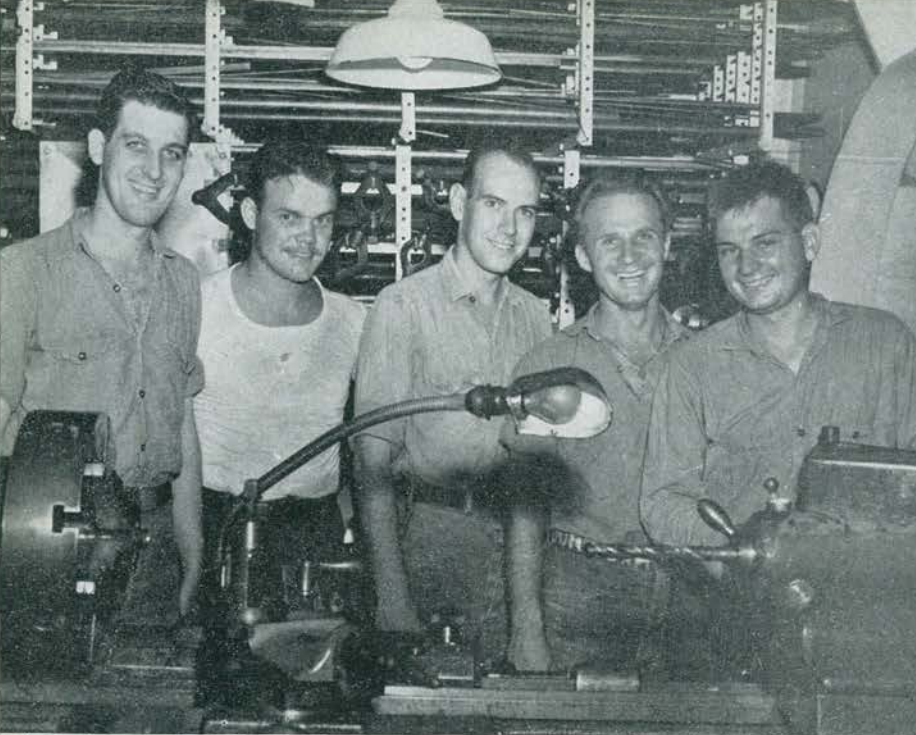
AFTER ENGINE ROOM

AFTER FIRE ROOM

FORWARD FIRE ROOM

LOG ROOM





ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT (cont'd)

MACHINE SHOP
DEISEL GANG
EVAPORATOR GANG

(opposite)

INTER-COMMUNICATION
ELECTRICIANS

LIGHTING SHOP

POWER SHOP

FIRE CONTROL ELECTRICIANS



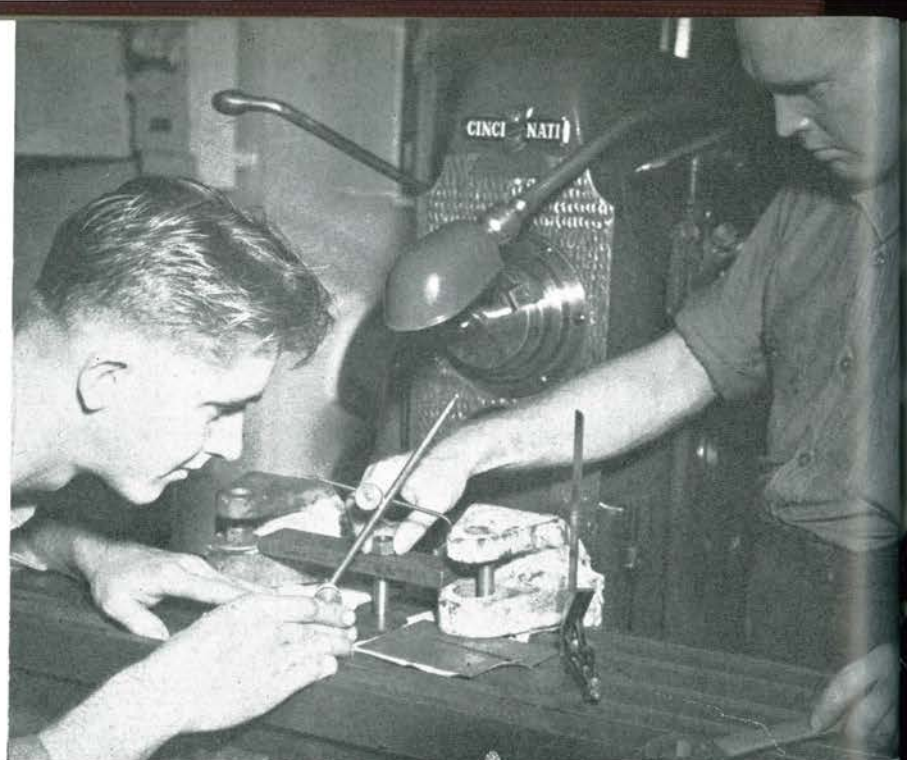


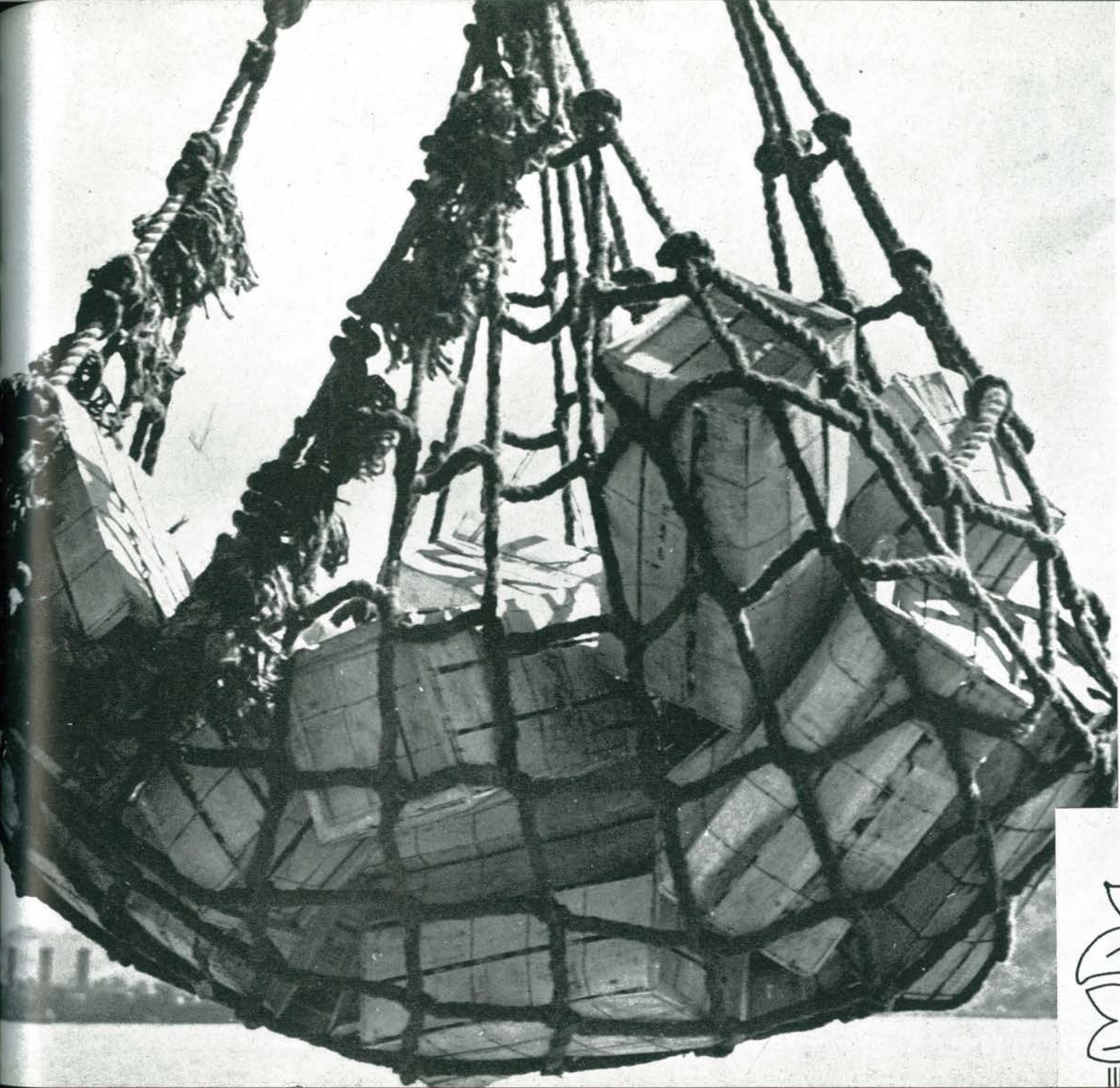
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT (cont'd)

GENERATOR GANG

MACHINE SHOP JOB

REPAIRING FIRE & FLUSHING PUMP





SUPPLY





SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

SHIP'S COOKS
THE BUTCHERS
PROVISION ISSUE ROOM
THE BAKESHOP CREW

SHIP'S STORE
"GEEDUNK" STAND
SMALL STORES





SUPPLY (cont'd)

"FEURT THE TAILOR"

LAUNDRY CREW

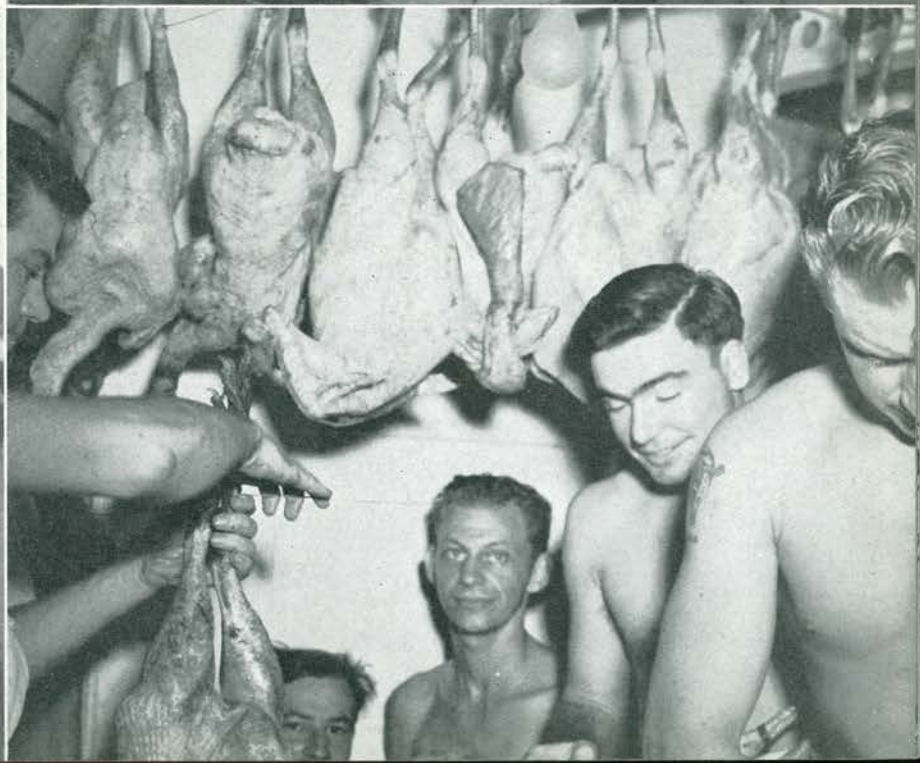
BARBER SHOP

COBBLER

COOKS AND STEWARDS

C. P. O. COOKS

"SHIPPIN OVER" CHOW



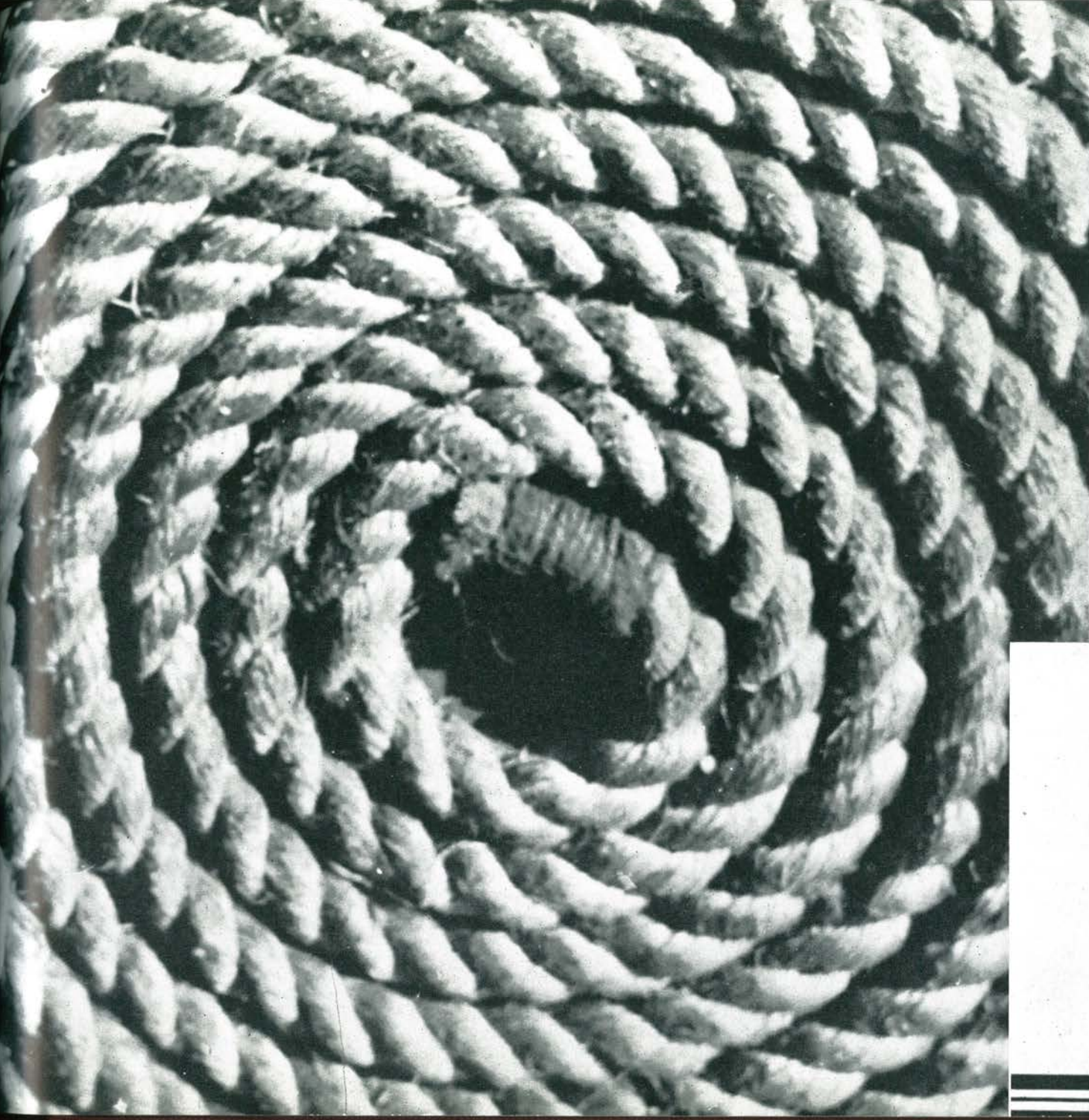
SUPPLY (cont'd)

FORWARD "GSK"

MAIN "GSK"

SUPPLY & DISBURSING OFFICE





C AND R





THE CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR DEPARTMENT

THE "C & R" OFFICE
MASTER-AT-ARMS OFFICE
THE BOATSWAINS MATES

(opposite)

CARPENTER SHOP
THE SAIL LOCKER
CENTRAL STATION
SHIPFITTERS SHOP



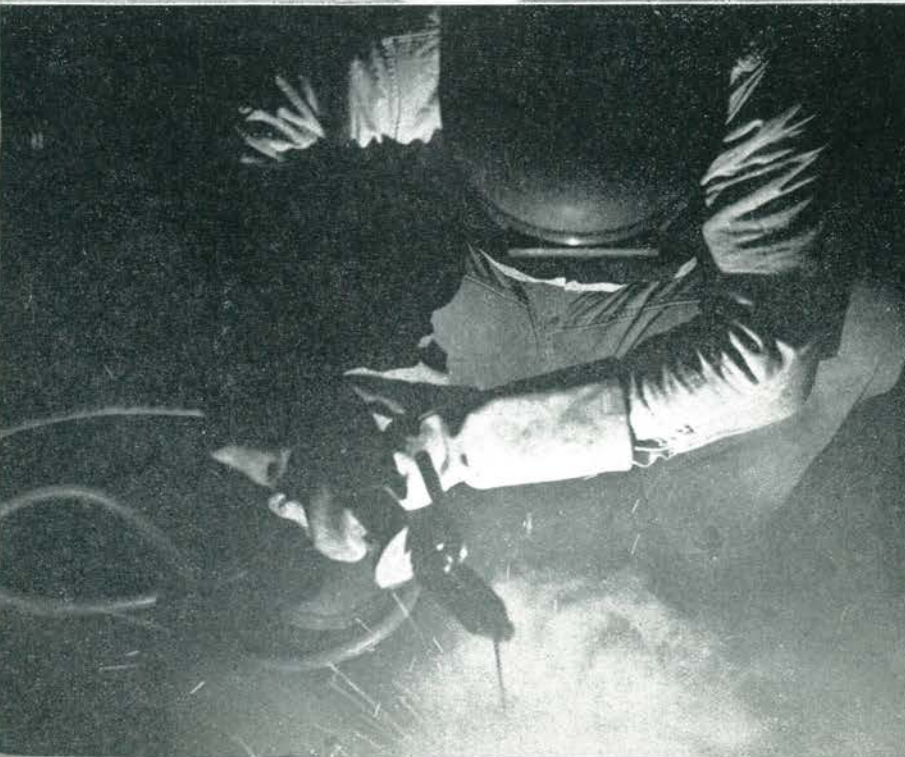




DAMAGE CONTROL
DISPLAY —
NAVY DAY



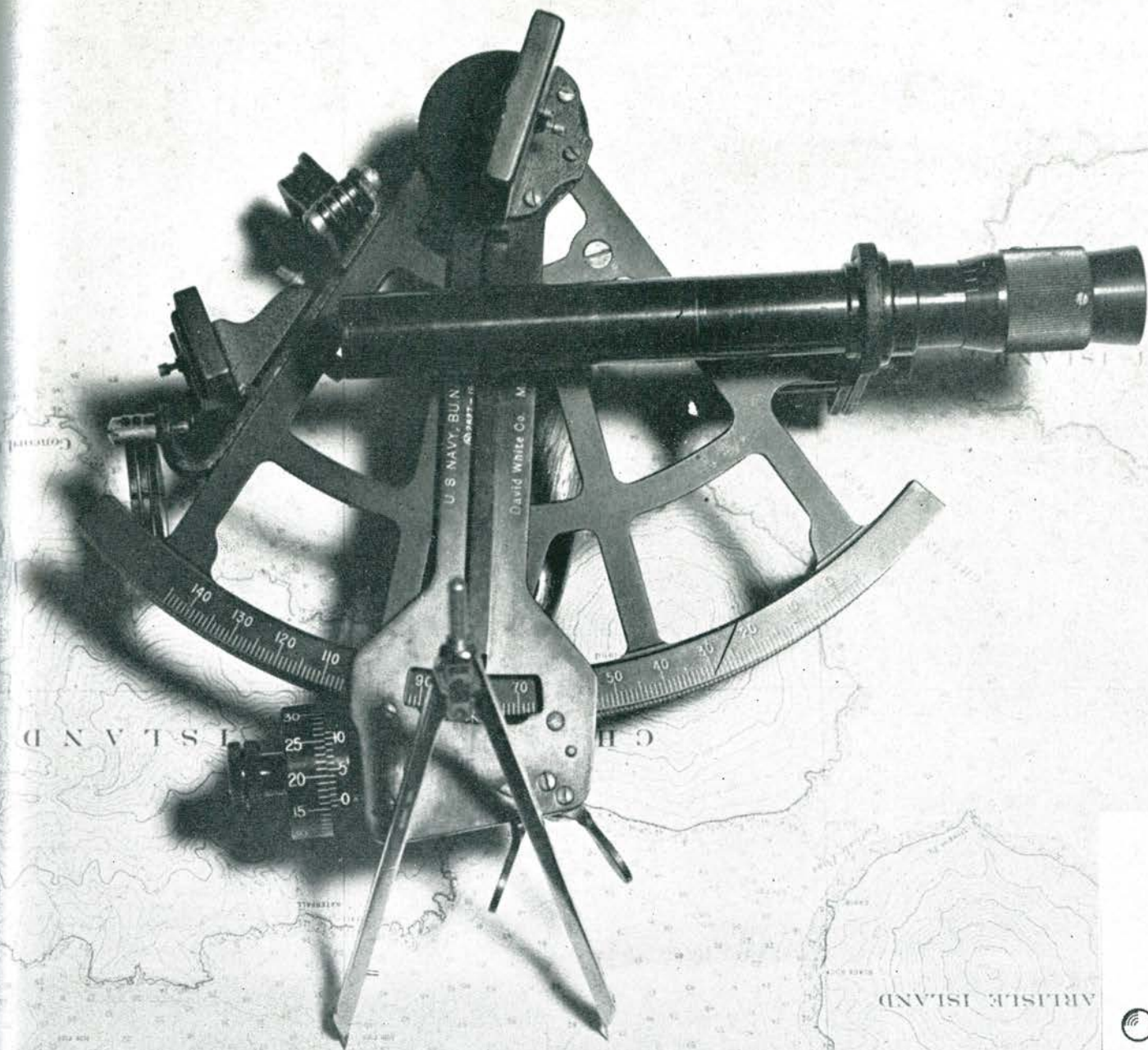
RELAXING OUTSIDE THE
SHIPFITTERS' SHOP



ARC WELDING



REPAIRING A
"HANDY BILLY"



NAVIGATION





NAVIGATION DEPARTMENT

"RUDDER IS AMIDSHIPS, SIR"

THE NAVIGATOR GETS A
STAR SIGHT

SHOOTING THE SUN

QUARTERMASTERS AT WORK
IN THE CHARTHOUSE

THE NAVIGATOR:

Lt. Cdr. A. W. COX, USN

THE NAVIGATION OFFICE

THE MOBILE'S BUGLERS

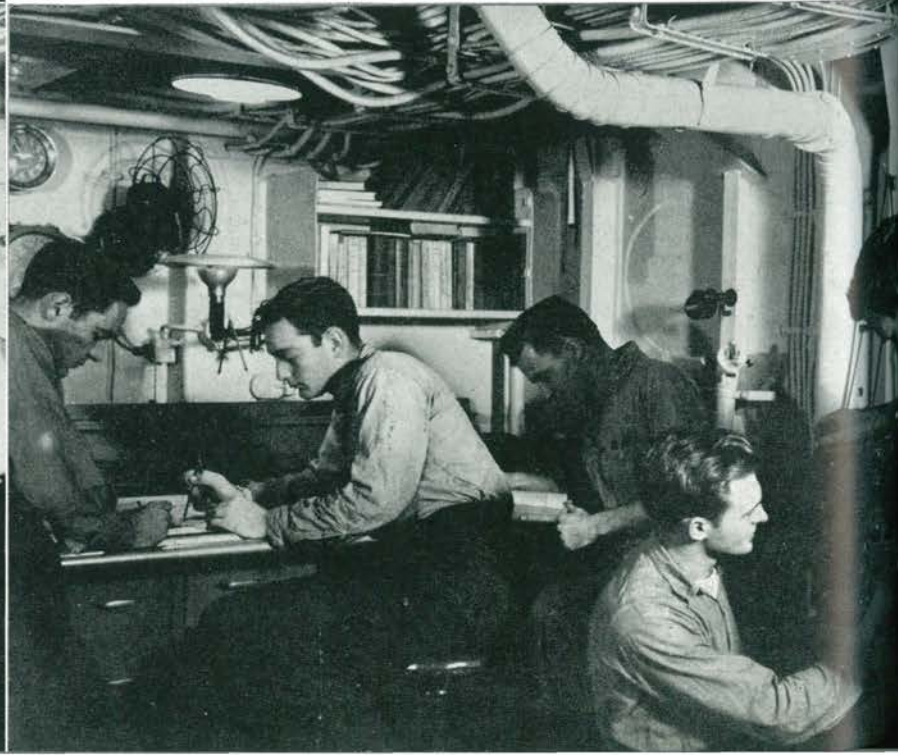
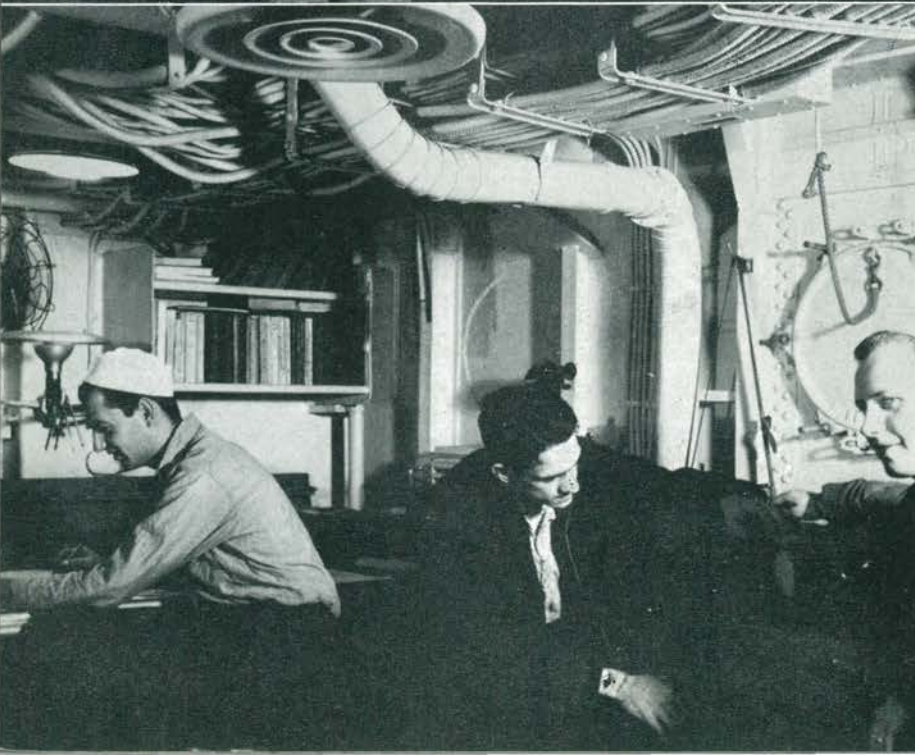


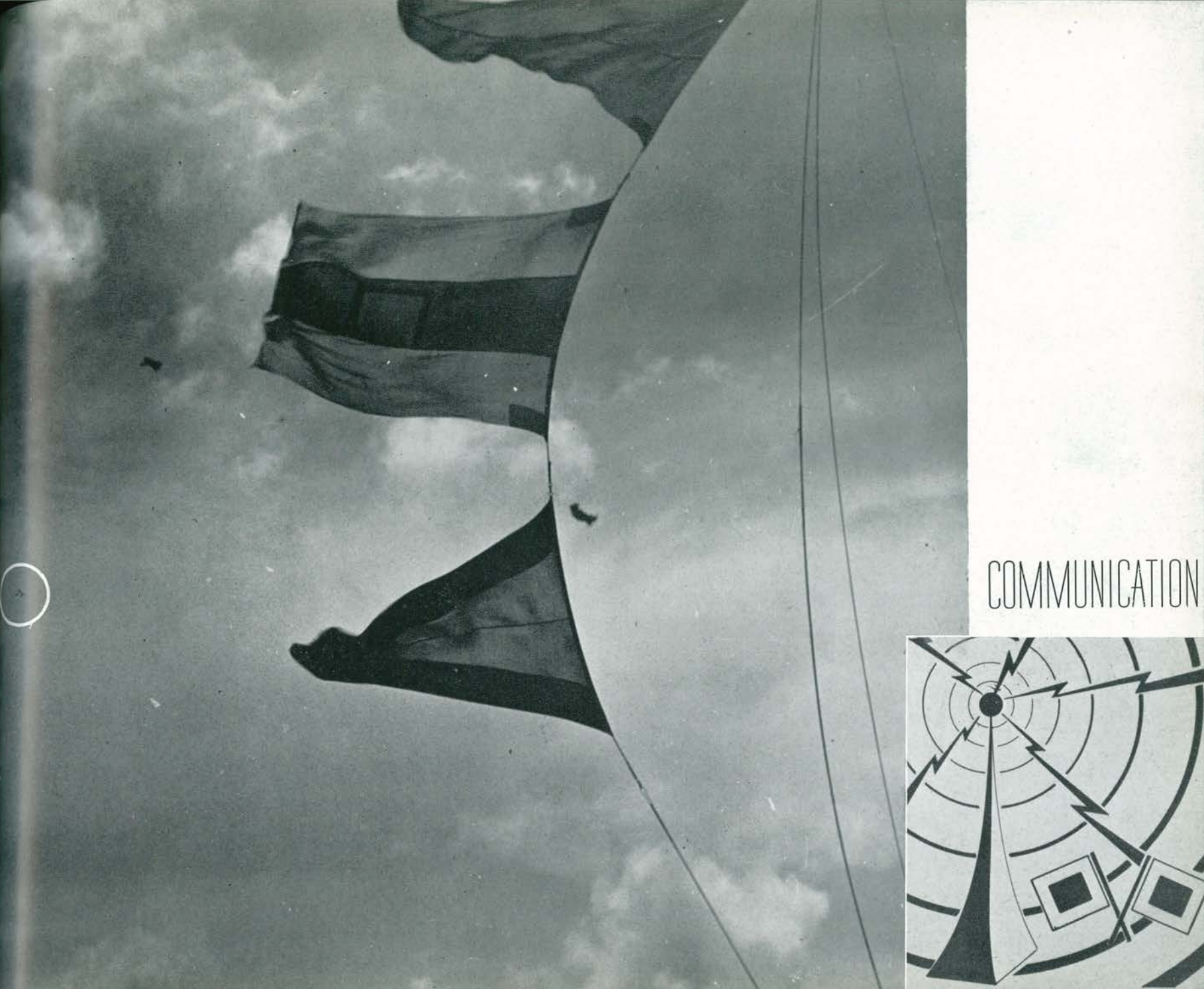


NAVIGATION DEPARTMENT (cont'd)

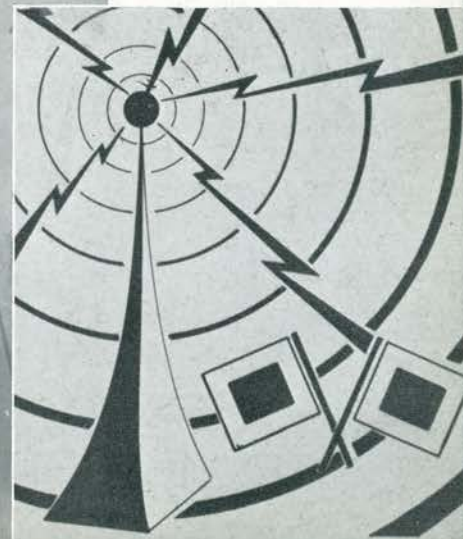
THE ASSISTANT NAVIGATORS
CHECK A SEXTANT

QUARTERMASTERS AT WORK





COMMUNICATION





COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

COMMUNICATION WATCH
OFFICERS

CAPTAIN'S OFFICE

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S OFFICE

(opposite)

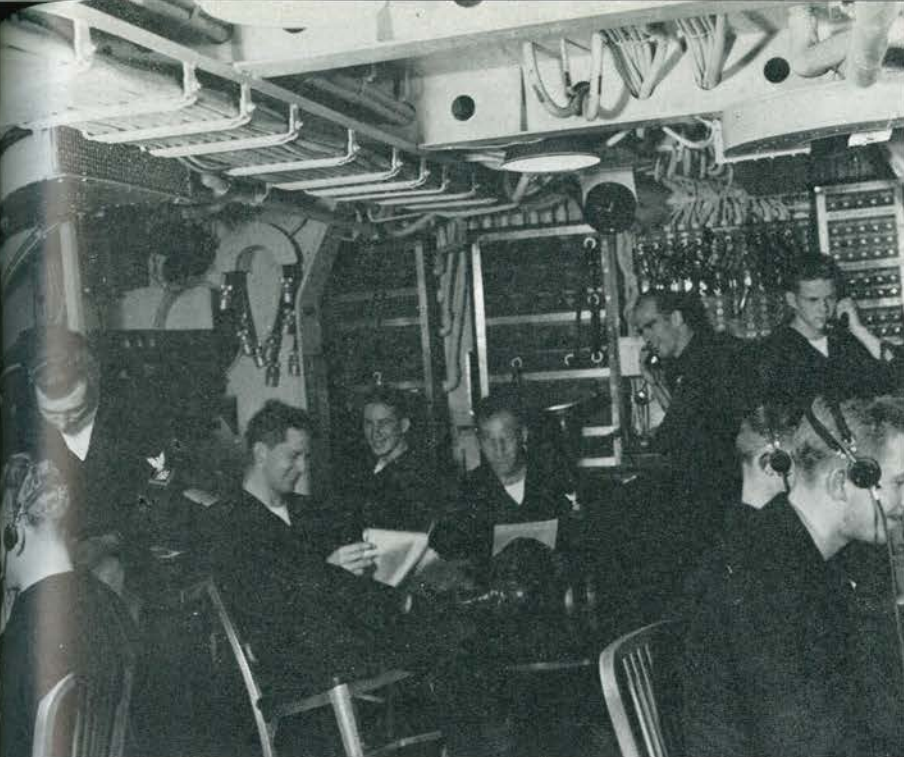
MAIN RADIO: SECTION 1

RADIO TECHS

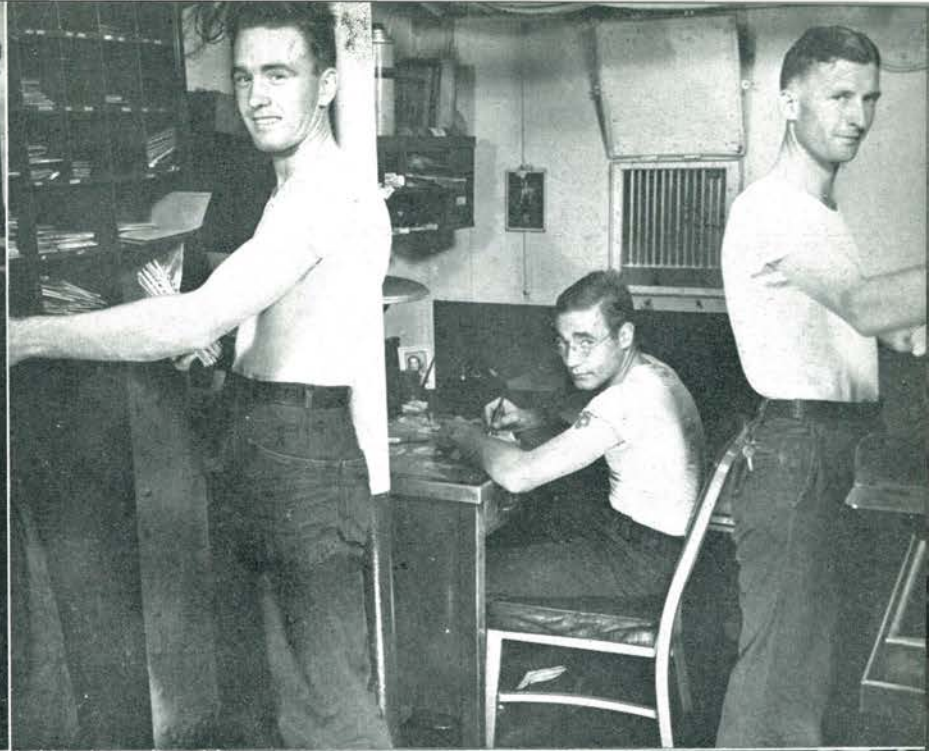
RADIO MATERIAL GANG

MAIN RADIO: SECTION 3









COMMUNICATION (con'td)

(opposite)

MAIN RADIO: SECTION 2

SIGNAL GANG

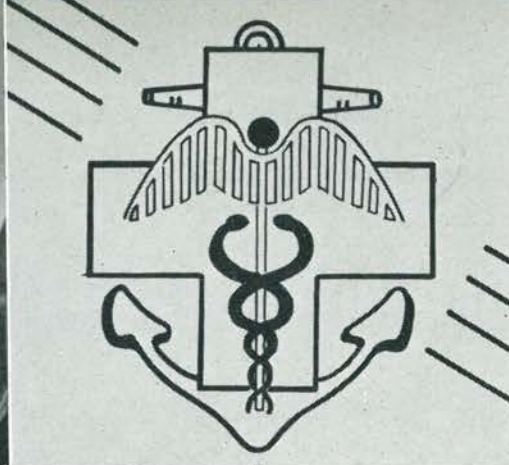
"FLAGS"

"GIVE ME A WRITER!"

"UNCLE SUGAR" MAIL

POST OFFICE CREWS





MEDICAL AND DENTAL

THE MEDICAL OFFICE:

Cdr. H. T. LEIGHTON, USNR

THE DENTIST,

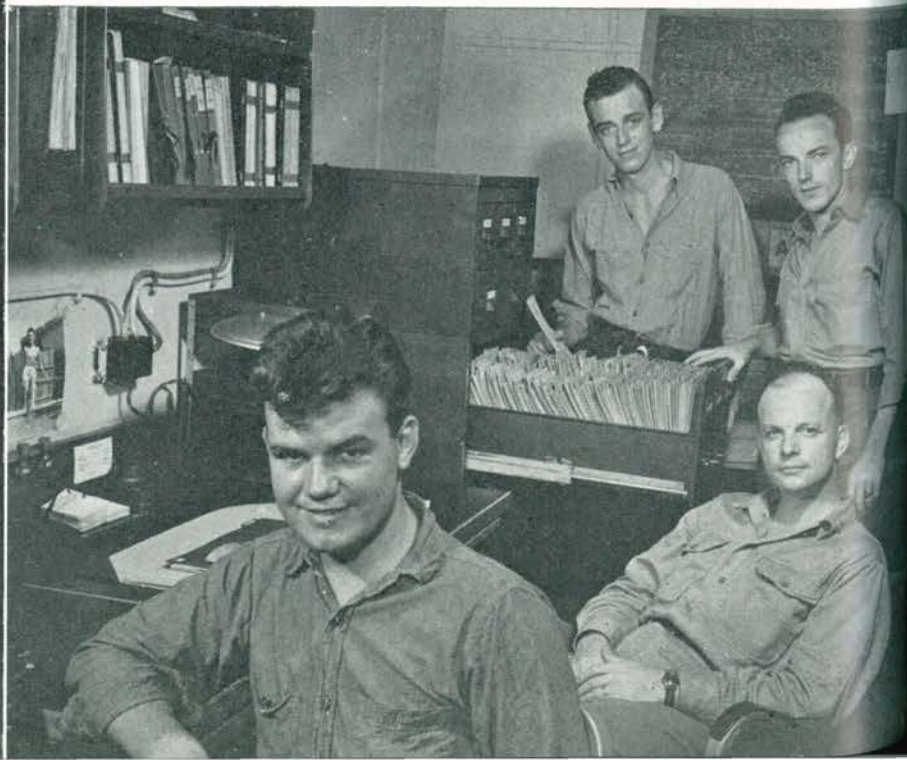
Lt. Cdr. J. B. HALET, AT WORK

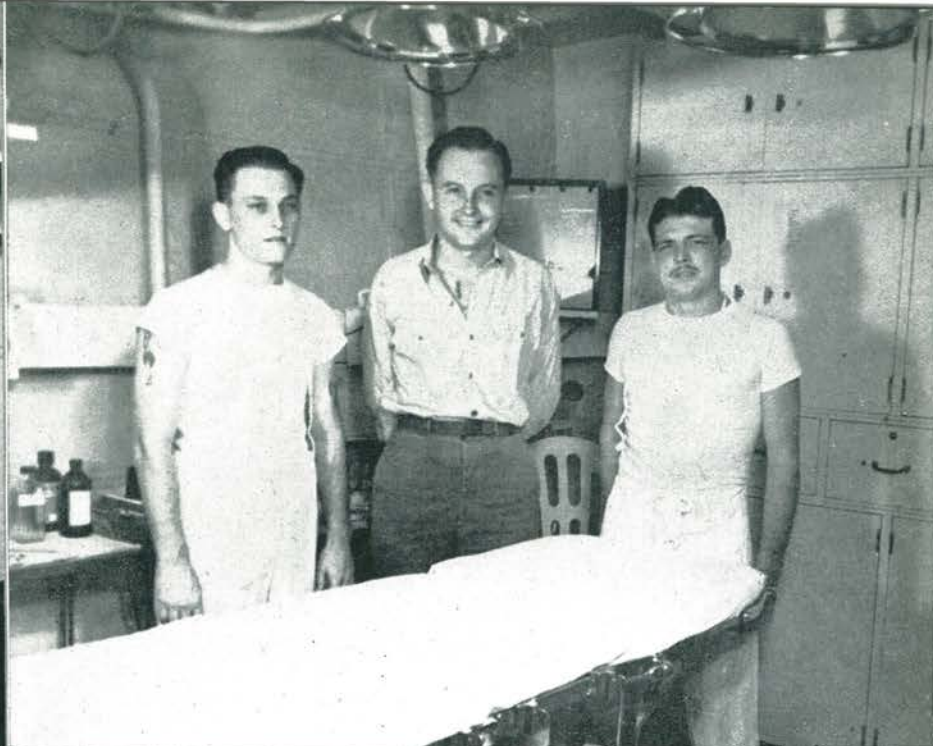
THE PHARMACIST MATES; "HOW" DIVISION

THE SURGERY:

Lt. W. C. THOMPSON AND
PHARMACIST MATES

THE SICK BAY





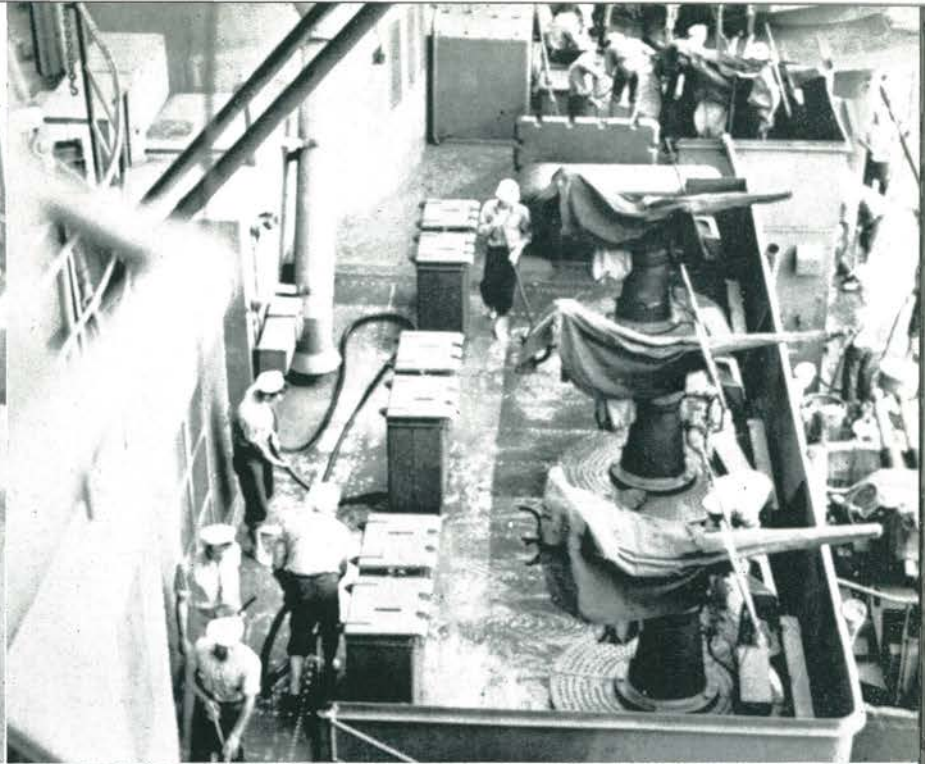


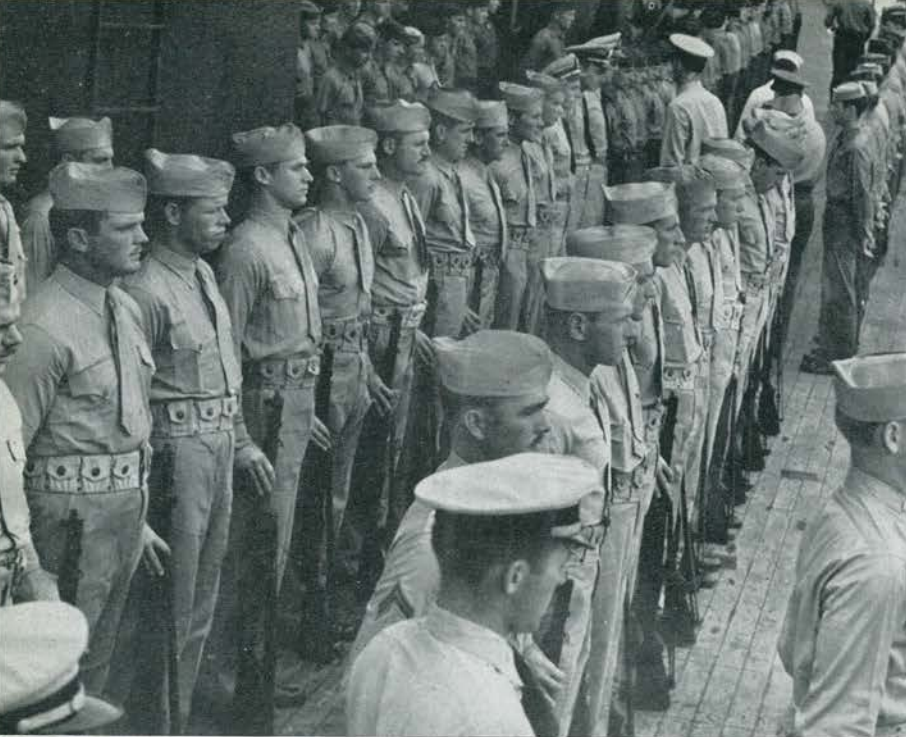
ORDERS FOR THE DAY

THURSDAY, 30 FEBRUARY

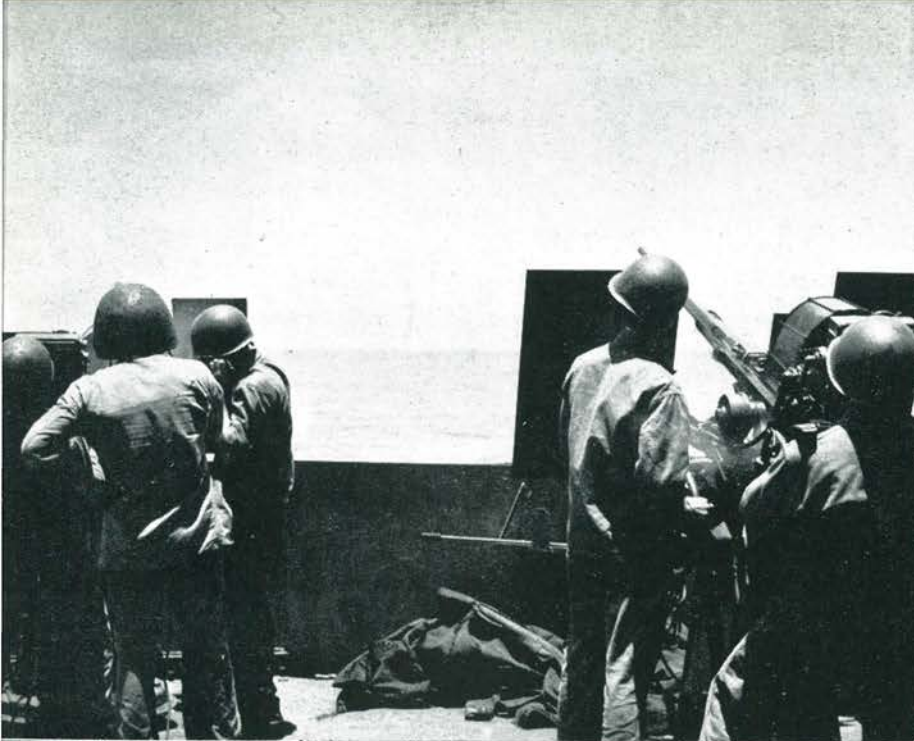
- 0600 Reveille
- 0615 Sweep down
Wash down all weather decks
- 0730 Breakfast
- 0800 Quarters for muster and physical drill
- 0900 Payday for crew in after messing space
- 0930 Turn to
Sand and remove war paint from wooden
weather decks
Quartermasters school
Clean bilges
Side cleaners over
- 1000 All men having white hats to be dyed blue
report to the main deck aft
- 1030 Man all 20mm stations for test firing
- 1100 Dinner
Sunbathing
- 1300 Turn to. Shift into the uniform of the day
- 1330 Ammunition barge alongside to port.
LCM with stores will make the starboard
quarter.
- 1400 Flight Quarters. Prepare to hoist out one
aircraft.
- 1530 Supper
- 1545 Relieve the watch
- 2200 Taps

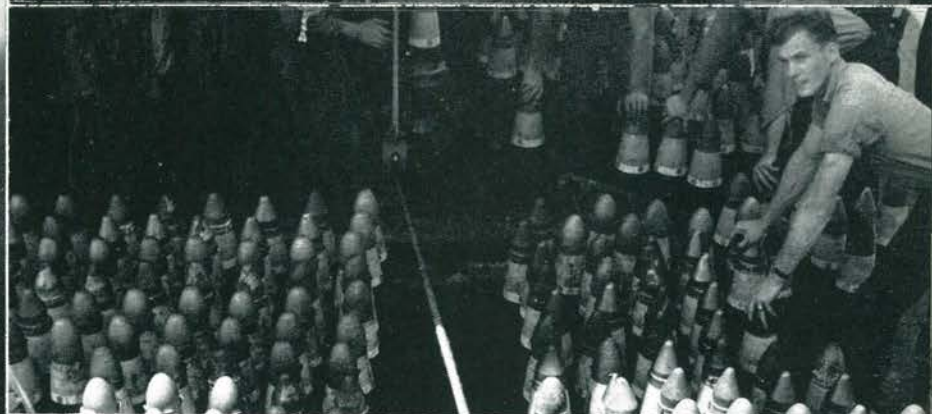
Duty Working Division — LOVE Division
Duty Working Section — THIRD















"ALL HANDS TURN TO AND —
— LOAD AMMUNITION"
— PAINT SHIP"





0830 Shift into the uniform for inspection

0900 Quarters for muster and
personnel inspection

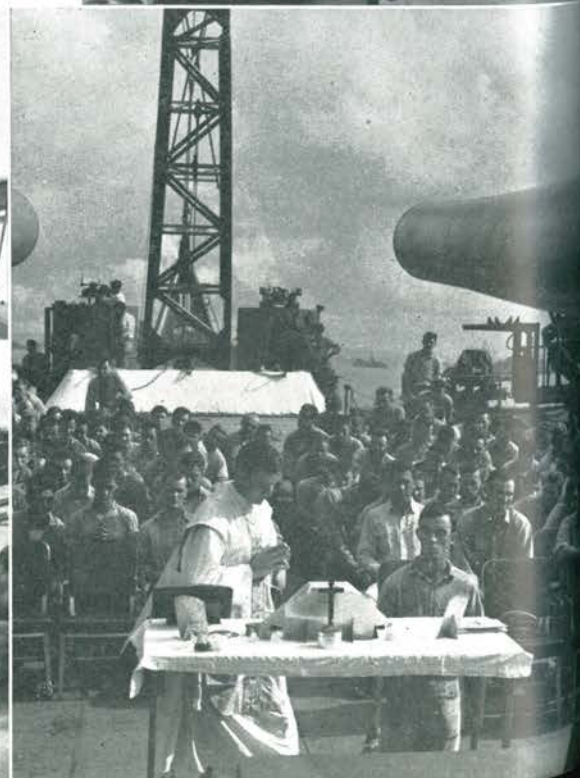
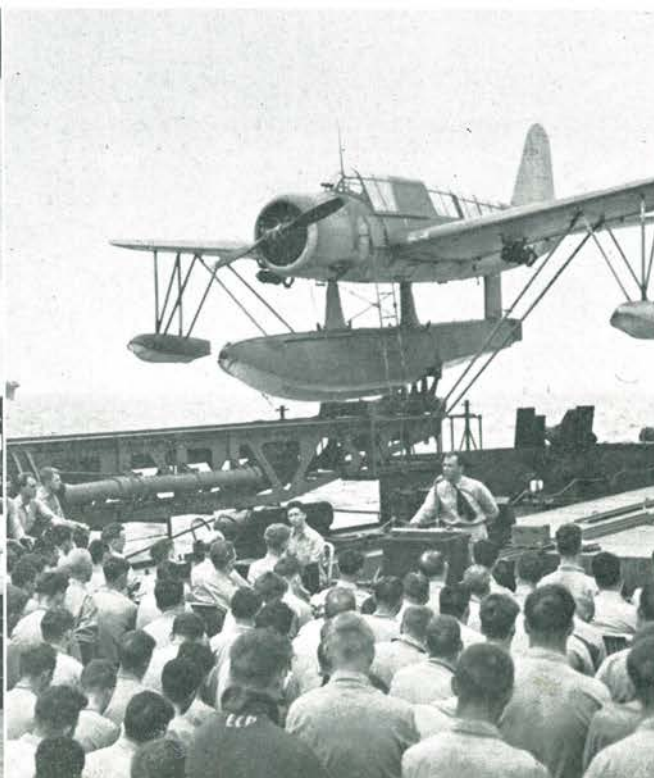
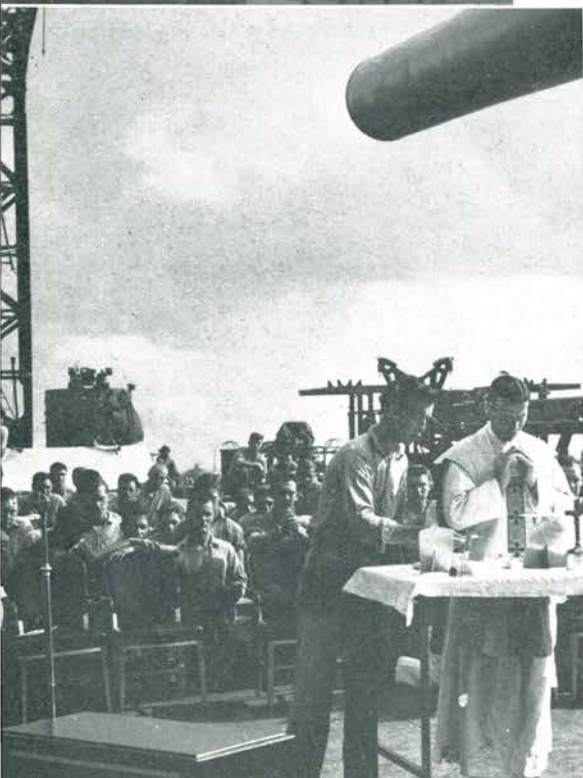


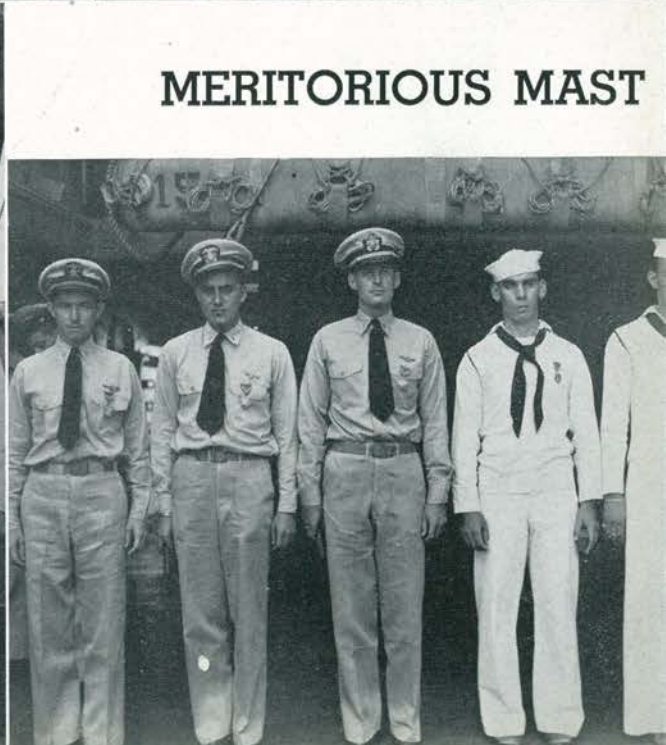
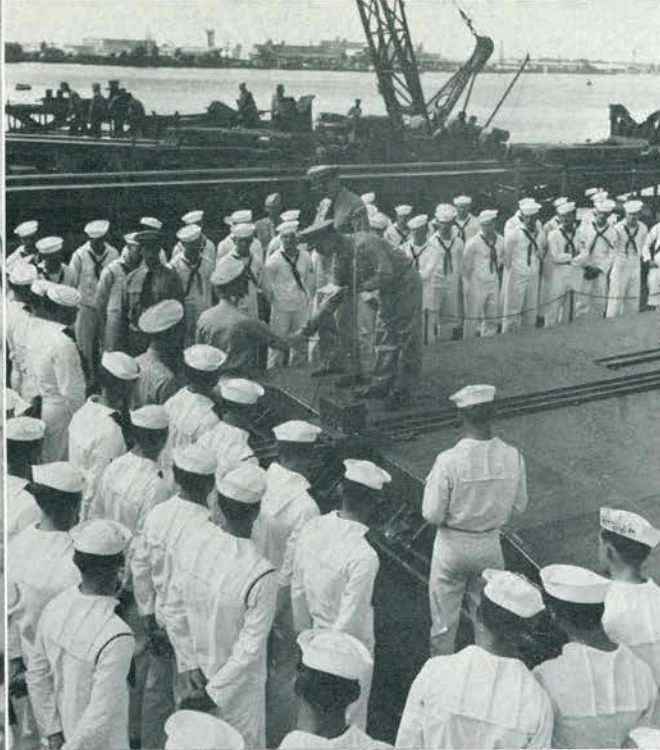




THE CHAPLAINS

Lt. L. A. DEMPSEY (left)
Lt. J. W. KELLY (right)





MERITORIOUS MAST



THE BOAT CREWS:

THE CREW OF NO. 2

THE GIG COMES ALONGSIDE

"MACNAMARA'S LACE" ON THE
GIG CANOPY



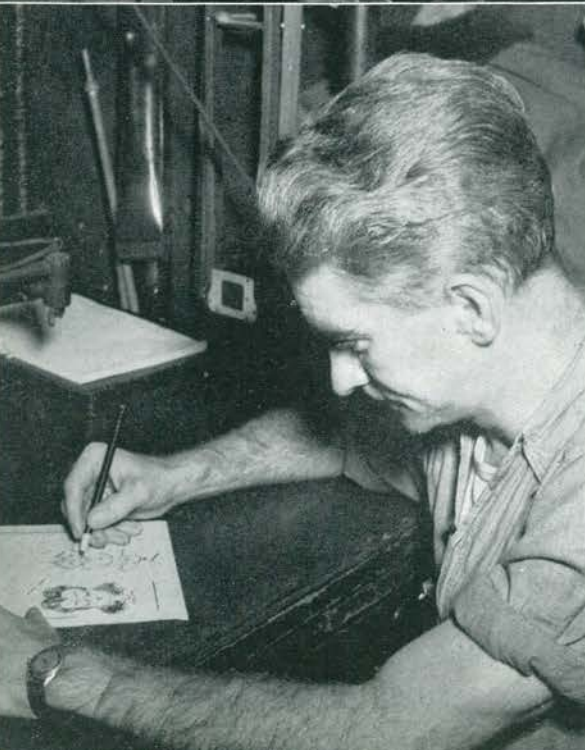


PUBLIC RELATIONS

Here are the men responsible for those "smoke reports" that show up in your home town papers. Lago, H. J. Sp(X)2/c, Naval Correspondent, came aboard in March of 1945 and before he left in September put out 945 releases, 155 of them with pictures. Lt. (jg) F. Day and Moberg, W. R., FC3/c added an additional 177 releases, 106 pictures, and several special articles, such as stories of the MOBILE at Nagasaki and Sasebo, to the list. Articles on "Plankowners" from each of the states represented on the MOBILE were sent out for publication, too.

LT. (jg) F. DAY
MOBERG, W. R. FC3/c
LAGO, H. J., SP(X)2/c

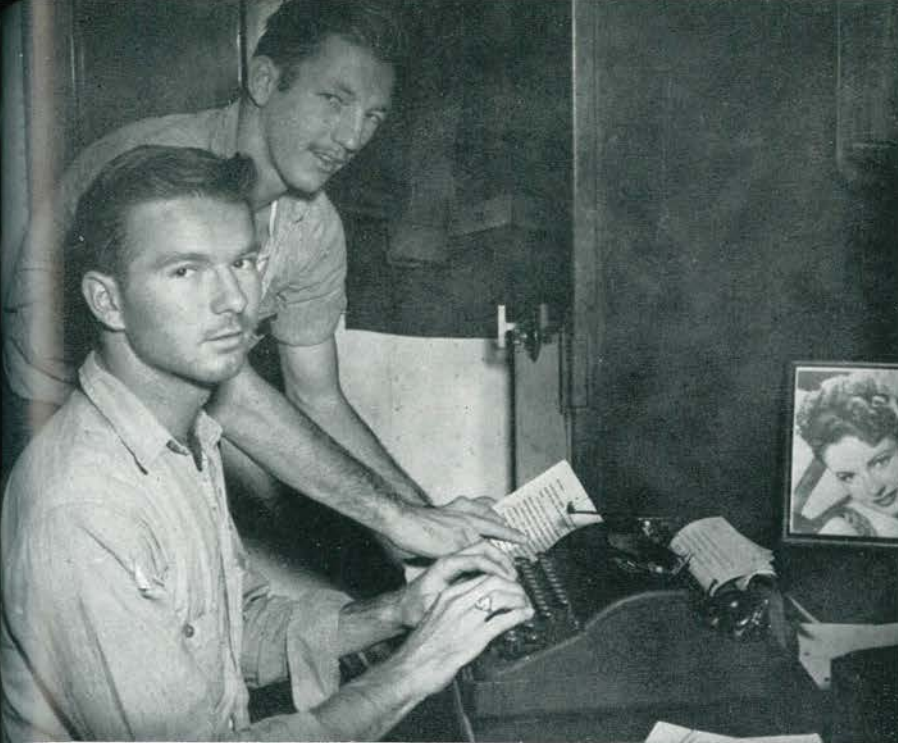




The Ship's Album

When the ship went back to the states in January 1945 Carah, G. W., PhoM2/c and Conro, C. E., PhoM3/c prepared the first ships album. The success was so great that they began to plan for a bigger and better album next year. Then came the end of the war and Carah left on the point system. With much of the material already in hand this second album was begun with Tynan, J. D., S2/c (FC) as artist, Conro as photographer, and Lieut. W. E. Toombs as editor. Published at this time it represents a record of the "Mighty MO'S" greatest days.

CARAH, G. W., PhoM2/c CONRO, C. E., PhoM3/c LT. W. E. TOOMBS
 TYNAN, J. D. S2/c



THE RADIO PRESS NEWS

Every morning the news is ready, complete with timely sports comment and hot off the wires. The man responsible for copying this material as it comes in is Warfel, D. P., RM3/c and the fellow who gets the credit for those lively sports comments is "Scoop" Dixon, RM3/c. All the offices take their turn printing the news and cutting the stencils.



"THIS IS M - S - M: MIGHTY SHIP MOBILE"

Lt. (jg) C. W. Hendrickson brings a news and sports summary to ears of Mobile men each afternoon. Initiated when the war ended this was a welcome service on those days when news was made faster than the wires could transmit it. With the MOBILE on transport work, hauling released prisoners and discharges, these broadcasts became a valuable addition to the news sheet.



PACIFIC OCEAN

Compiled from the latest information to 1938

Stock and display below are best seen from above. For much detail see charts of larger scale

Natural Scale 1:24,000,000 at Lat 0°

E. coli and *Salmonella* distribution
 2000–2001

ON OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

UNITED STATES

MEXICO

A U S T R A L I A

TASMAN

THE MOBILE TRAVEL LOG





"MAGIC CARPET" OPERATION

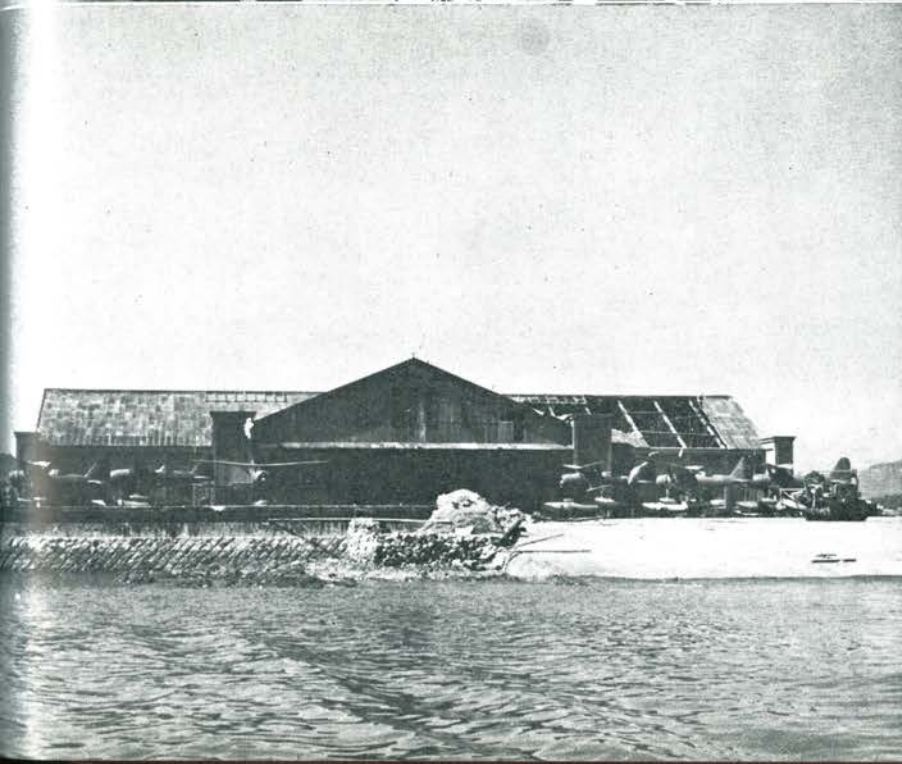
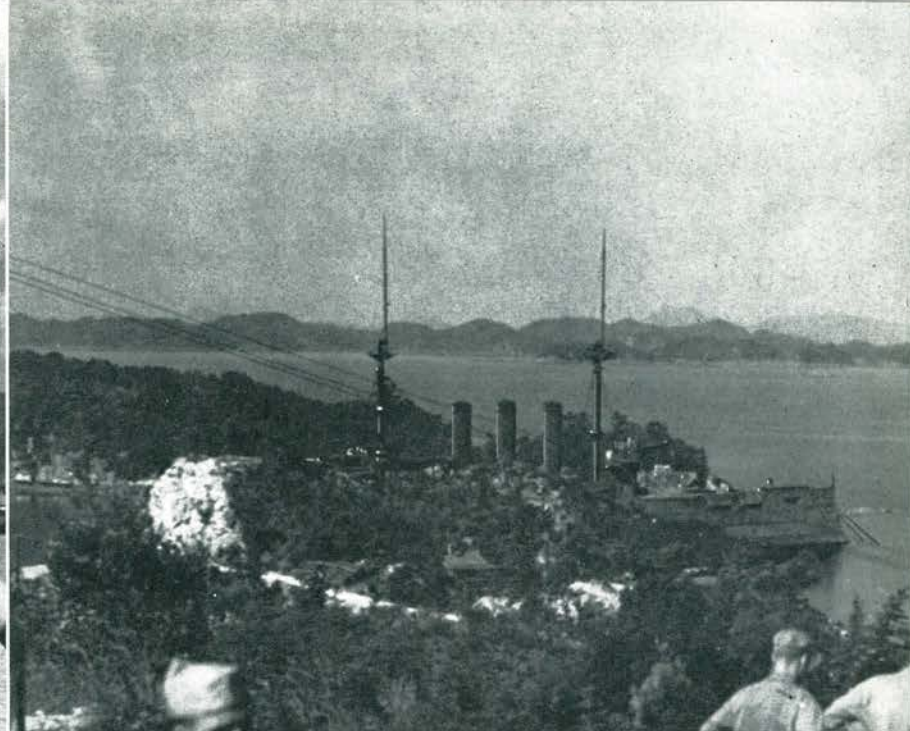
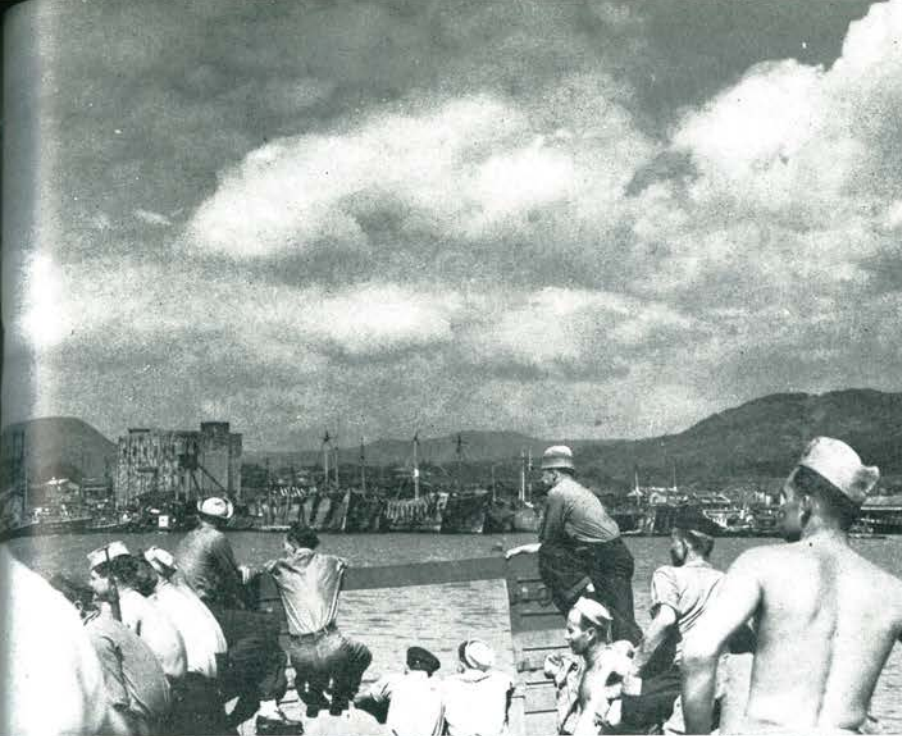
With thousands of Marines and Seabees in Japan the MOBILE began her last big job of the war; bringing the servicemen home. Loading up at Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan, she carried eight hundred men back to the States on her first trip making the long run in 15 days.

COMING ABOARD FROM AN LCT
THE PROCESSING LINE
HOMEWARD BOUND

On the MOBILE's first visit to Sasebo sightseeing boats made tours around the harbor that was once one of Japan's finest naval bases.

JAP SAMPANS ALONG THE WATERFRONT
JAP "PETES" ON THE RAMP AT SASEBO
RUSSO-JAPANESE PEACE WAS SIGNED ON
THIS OLD BATTLESHIP
BOMBED JAP DESTROYER







SASEBO

(opposite)

Damaged Jap Carriers

Submarine Shops

Jig 3 - Liberty Landing

Sightseeing Boat

Bombed-out
Business Section

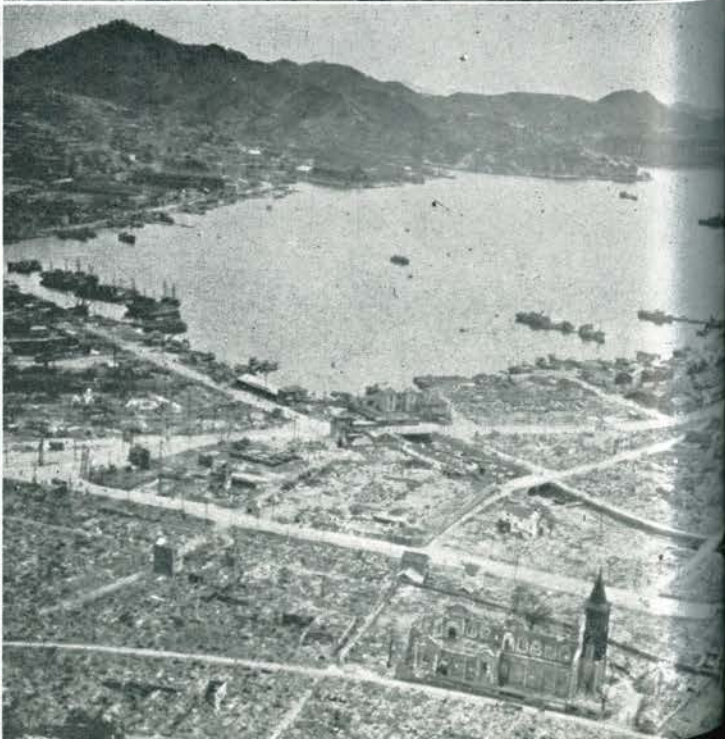
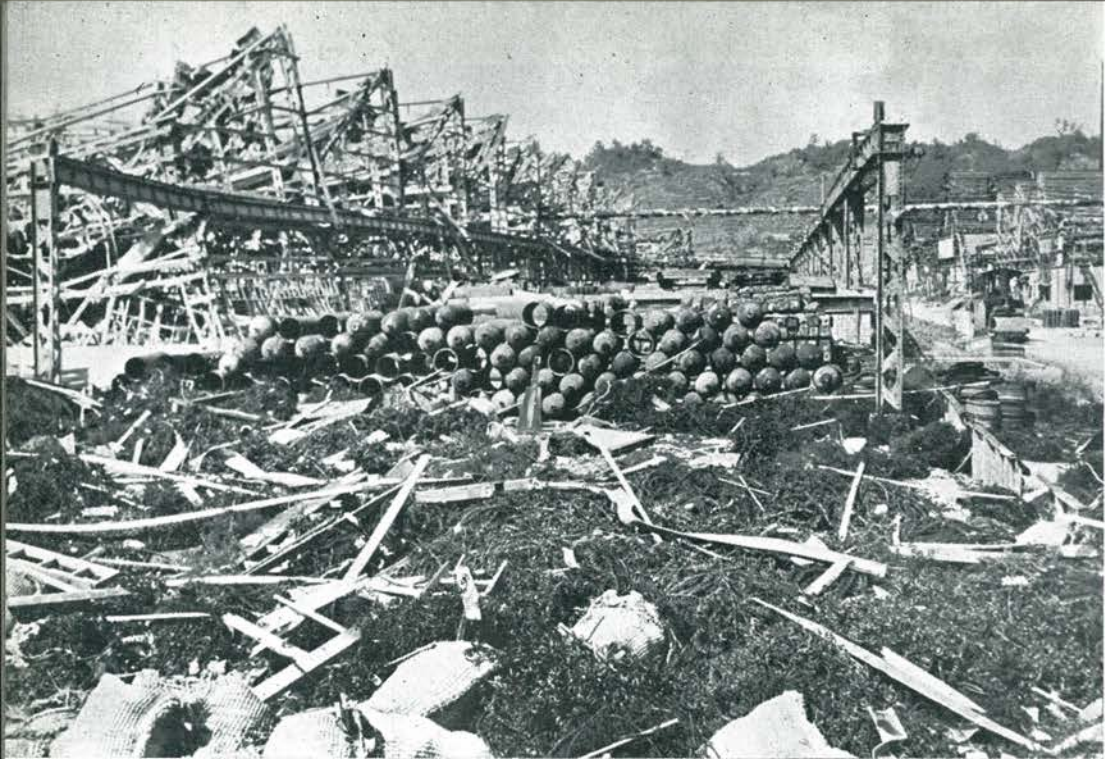
Family Circle

"Town House"

Four Honorable
"Sons of"

Geisha Entertainers





ATOMIC BOMB DAMAGE IN NAGASAKI

(opposite)

NAVAL TORPEDO STATION WAS COMPLETELY
DESTROYED

IN THIS BUSINESS SECTION ONLY A TORI WITH-
STOOD THE BLAST

A VIEW DOWN THE VALLEY WHERE THE BOMB
EXPLODED — CENTER OF AREA IS AT LOWER
LEFT CORNER

THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF THE AREA —
DESTROYED CHRISTIAN CHURCH

PORTION OF THE MITSUBISHI STEEL WORKS

A CONSTANT STREAM OF FOOT TRAFFIC LINES
THE ROAD AS PEOPLE RETURN

ANOTHER VIEW OF THE TORPEDO PLANT

(THESE PICTURES WERE TAKEN BY THE USS CHENANGO)





NAGASAKI

STREET SCENES

WAYSIDE SHRINE

"MAIN STREET"

CROSSTOWN FERRY

TERRACED TRUCK PATCHES

HOUSEKEEPING IN THE
BOMBED AREA

NO BABY COACH MARKET HERE

WASHDAY A LA NAGASAKI

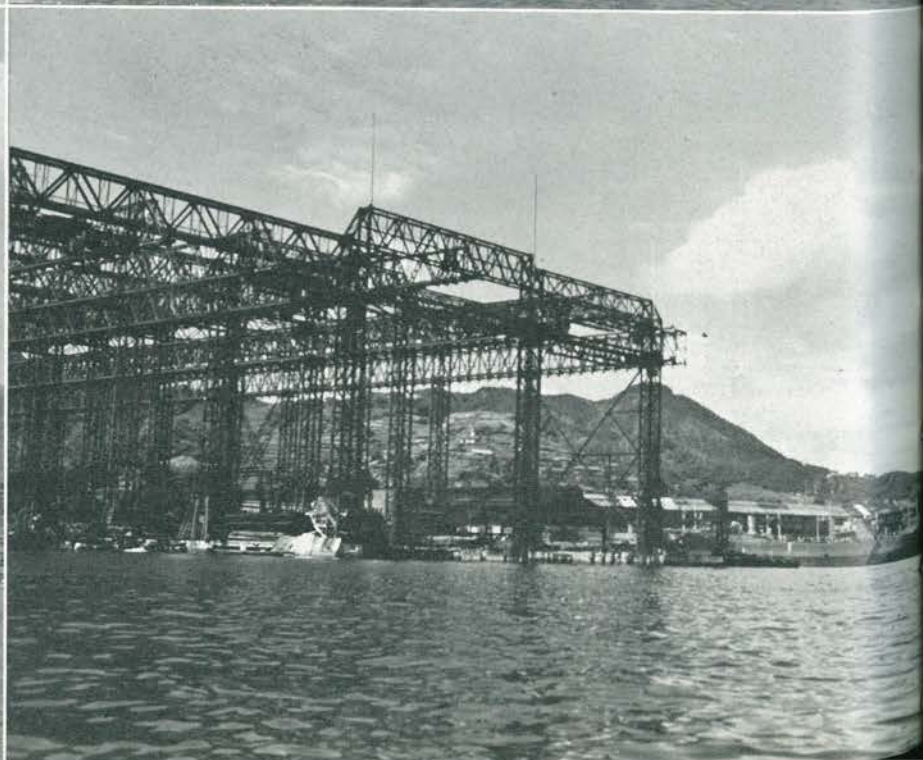
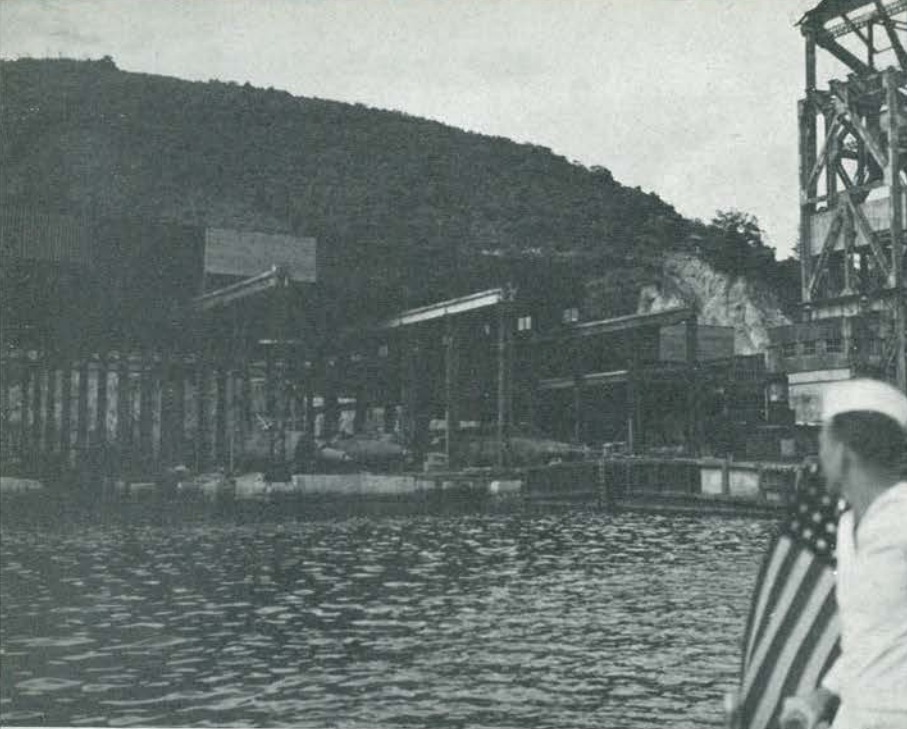
"MODEN" BUILDINGS

A POLISH PRIEST WHO LIVED HERE
THROUGHOUT THE WAR.

(above) GENTLEMEN OF JAPAN

(right) "KONNICHI WA"





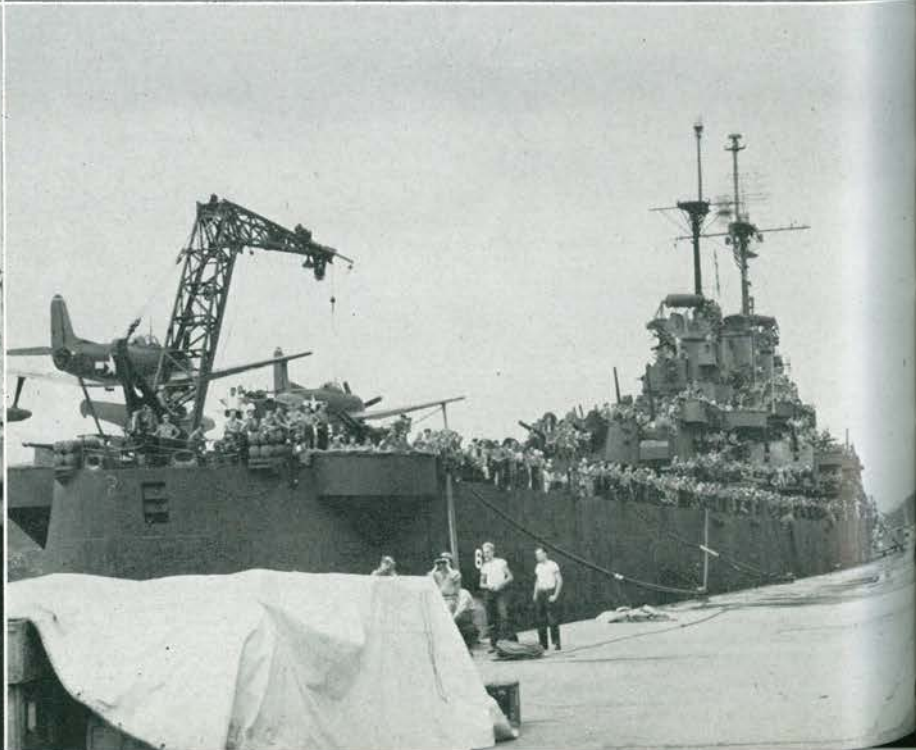


NAGASAKI

(opposite)

"FISH OUT OF WATER" — TO STAY
FISHING JUNK
CARGO BARGES
MITSUBISHI SHIPYARDS

SHINTO SHRINE
JAP GARDEN
NAGASAKI FERRY LANDING





NAGASAKI

(opposite)

FIRST VIEW OF JAPAN

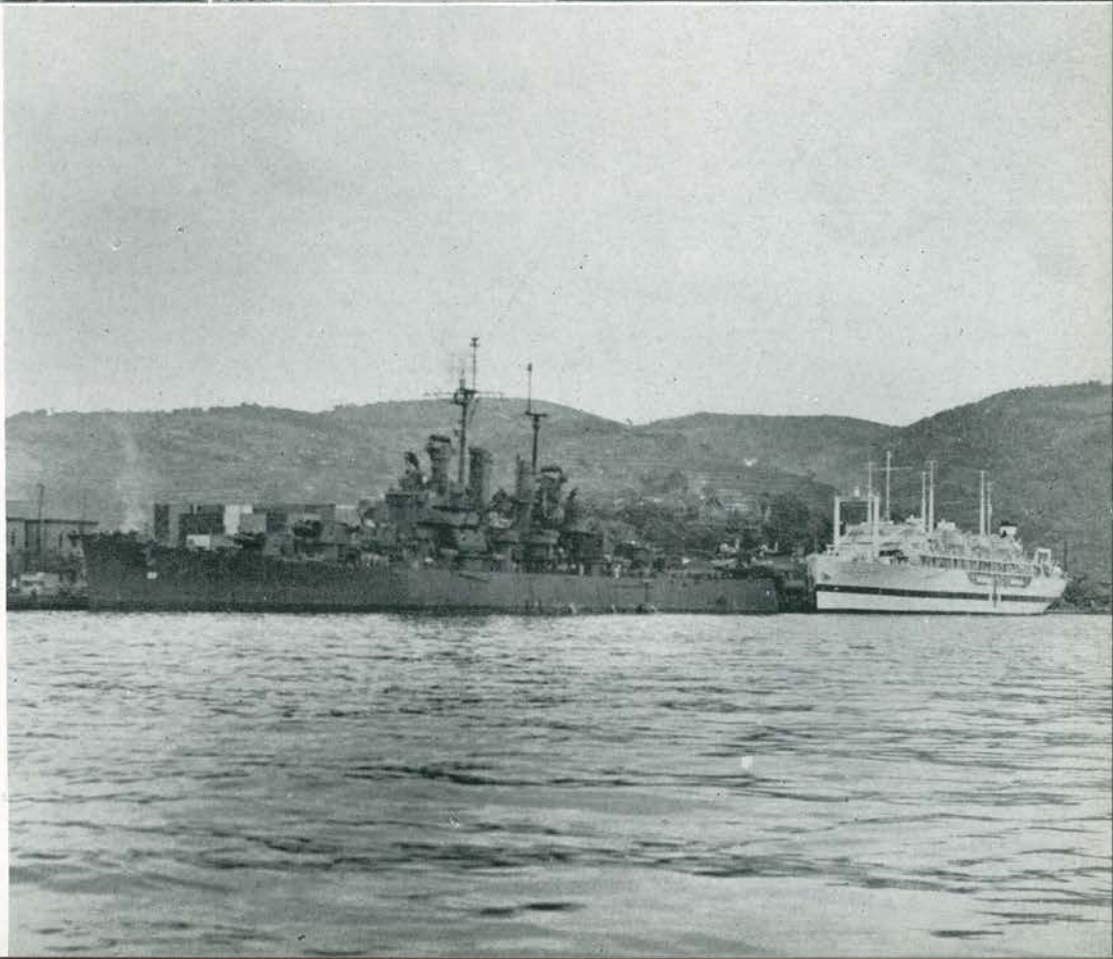
THE "MO" ANCHORED IN
"NAGASAKI MINATO"

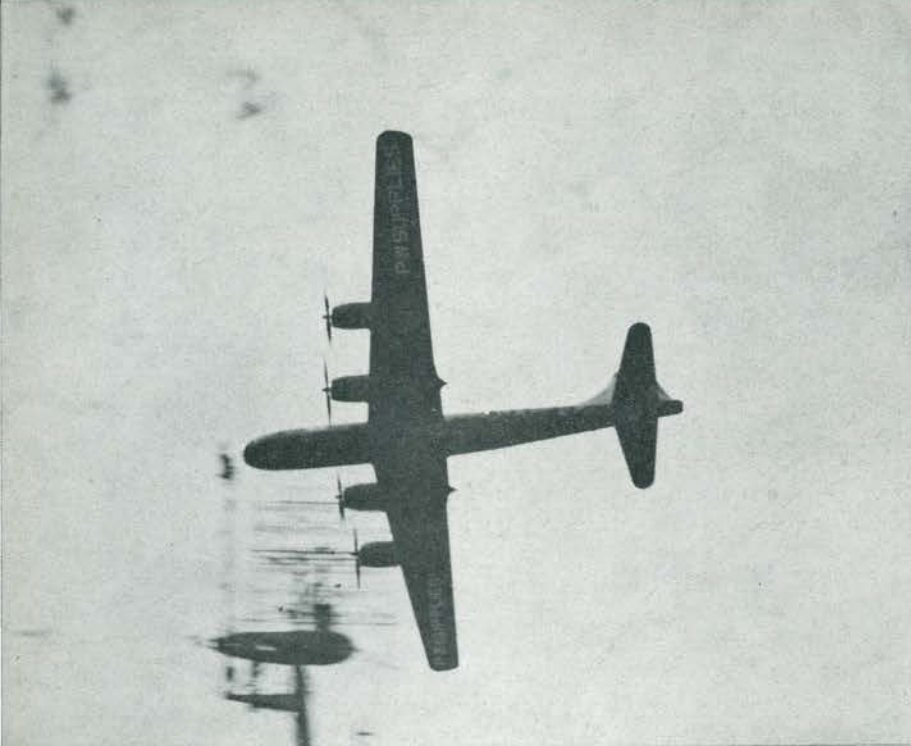
NAVY DAY 1945 — Full dressed ship
DE JIMA PIER, SEPTEMBER 1945

THOSE OVER-RIPE SOYBEANS ON
DE JIMA PIER

SIGHTSEEING TRIP TO THE
BOMBED AREA

MISSION OF MERCY — THE MOBILE
AND HAVEN RECEIVE RELEASED
ALLIED MILITARY PERSONNEL







RELEASED ALLIED PRISONERS

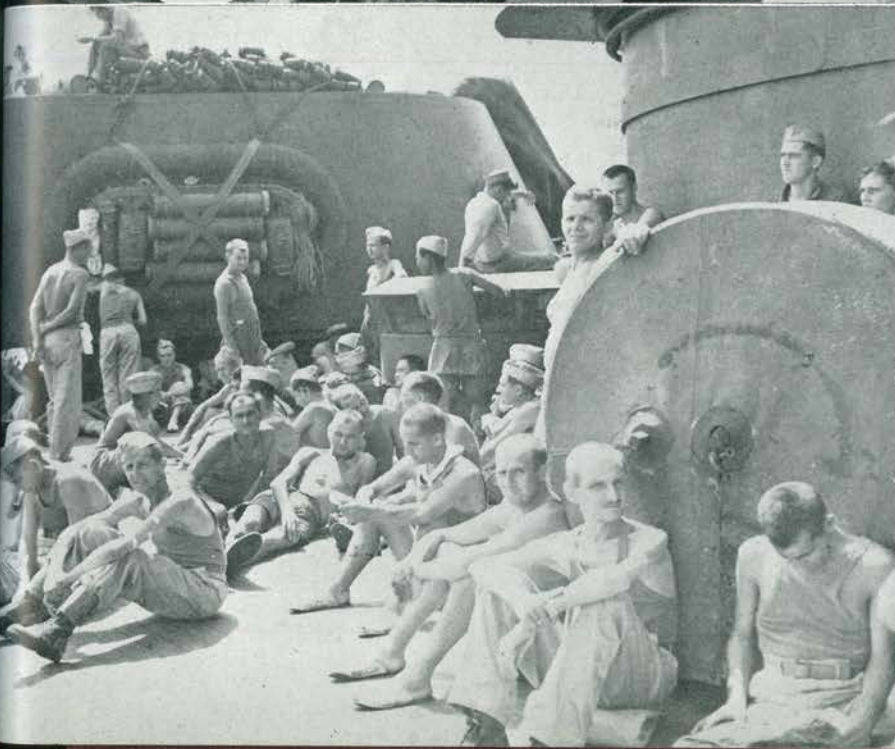
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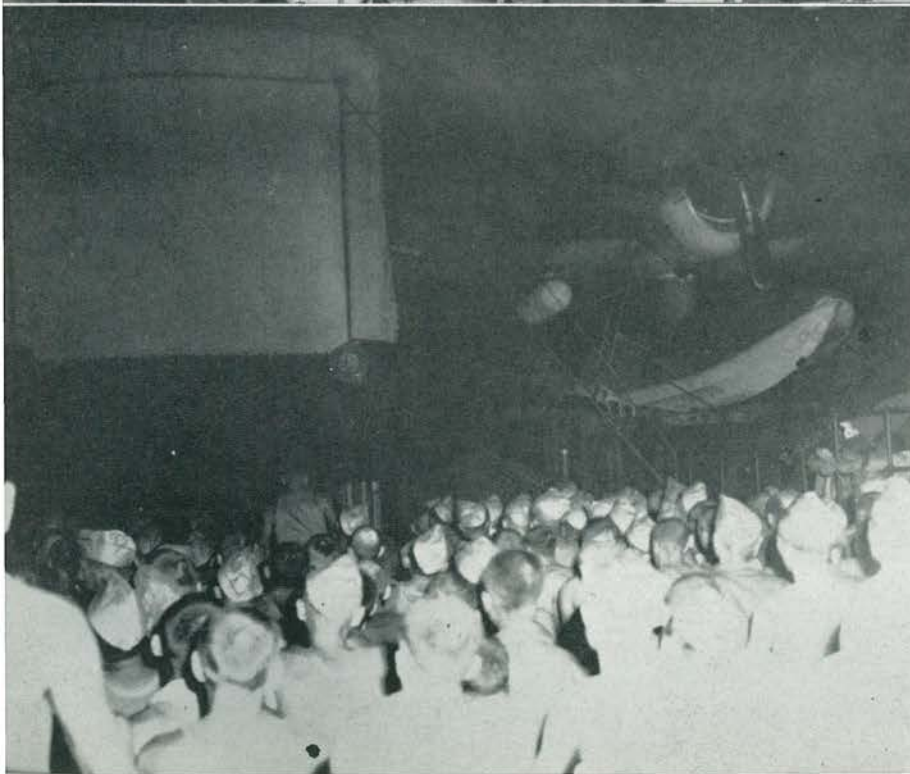
SUPPLY LADEN B-29
CONFUSED BUT HAPPY
TRAINLOAD FROM CAMP 17
GREAT DAY!

A FRIENDLY WORD —
— G. I. CLOTHES —
— DONUTS FROM OUR BAKESHOP
AND HOT COFFEE.









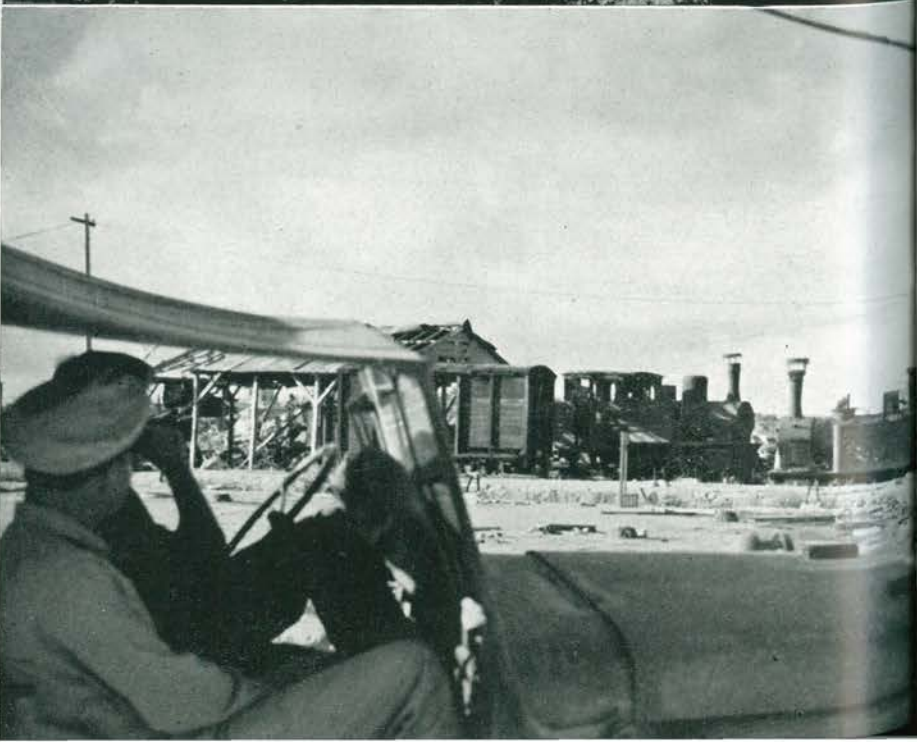
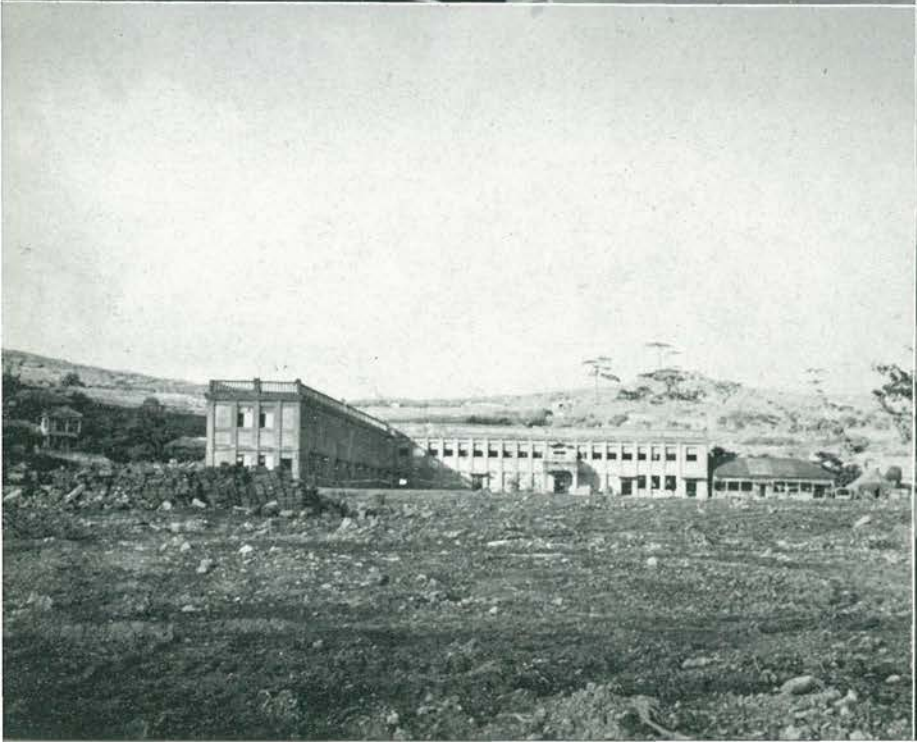
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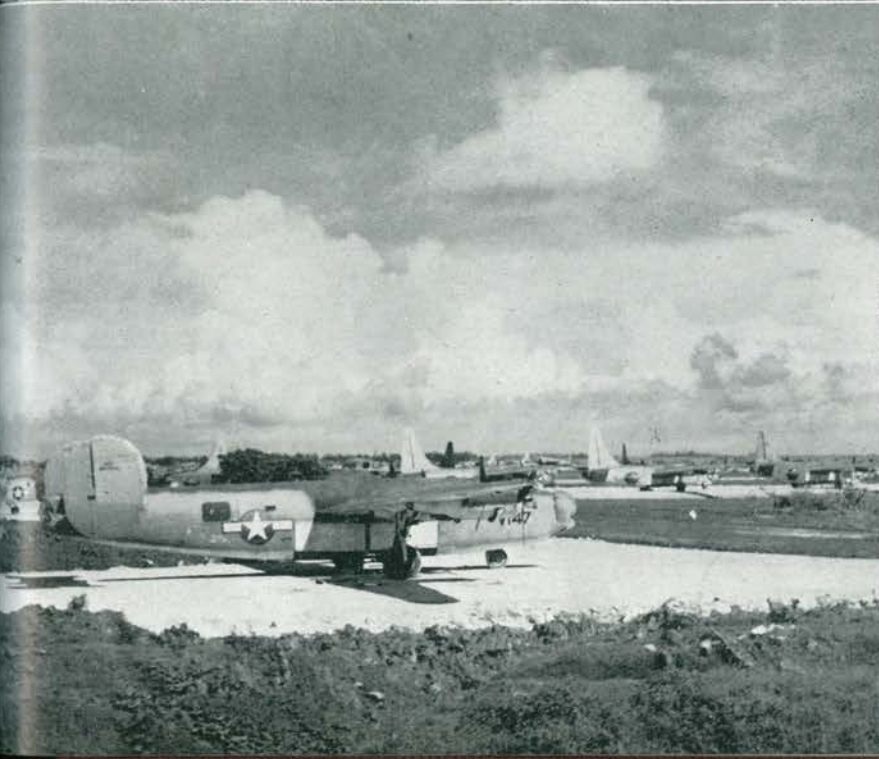
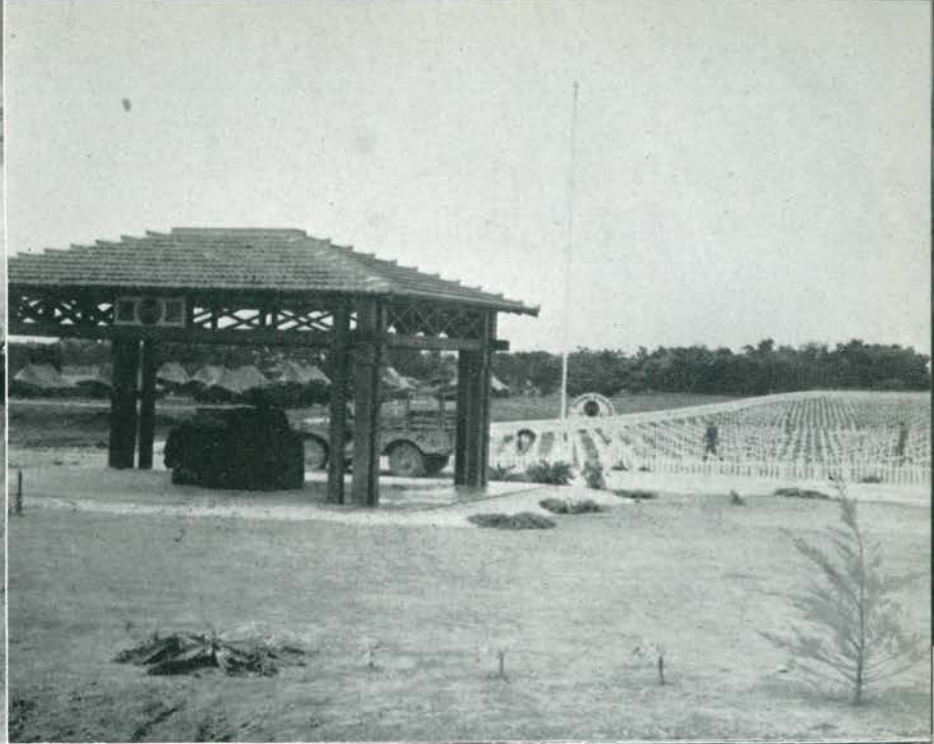
A SHINTO TORI

NATIVE FARMHOUSE

PUBLIC BATH









PHILIPPINES - LEYTE GULF

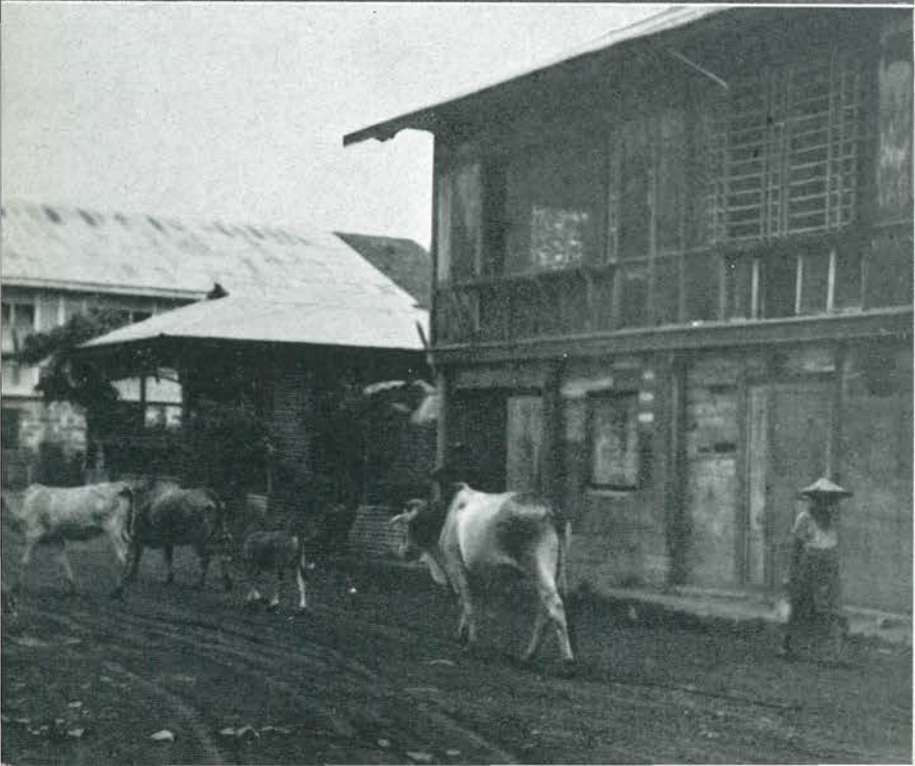
JAIL AT TACLOBAN

COWS ON MAIN STREET —
TACLOBAN

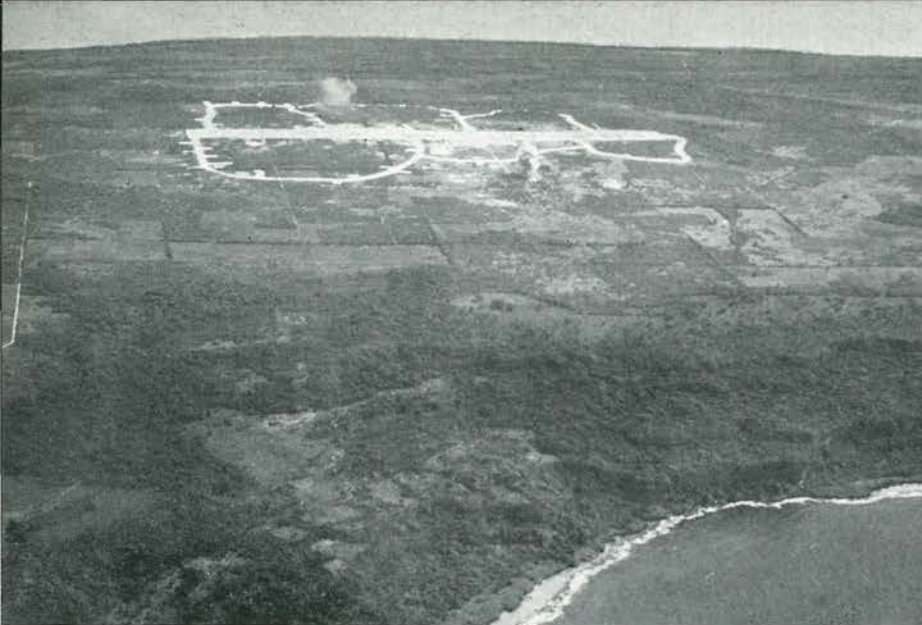
"HELLO JOE — CIGARETTO"

"DYSENTERY BAY"

NATIVE LAUNDRY ON SAMAR
CAPITOL OF LEYTE PROVINCE
LITTLE GRASS SHACK







AIRFIELD ON ROTA



WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?



ARNO ATOLL



SUGAR MILL ON SAIPAN



ENIWETOK



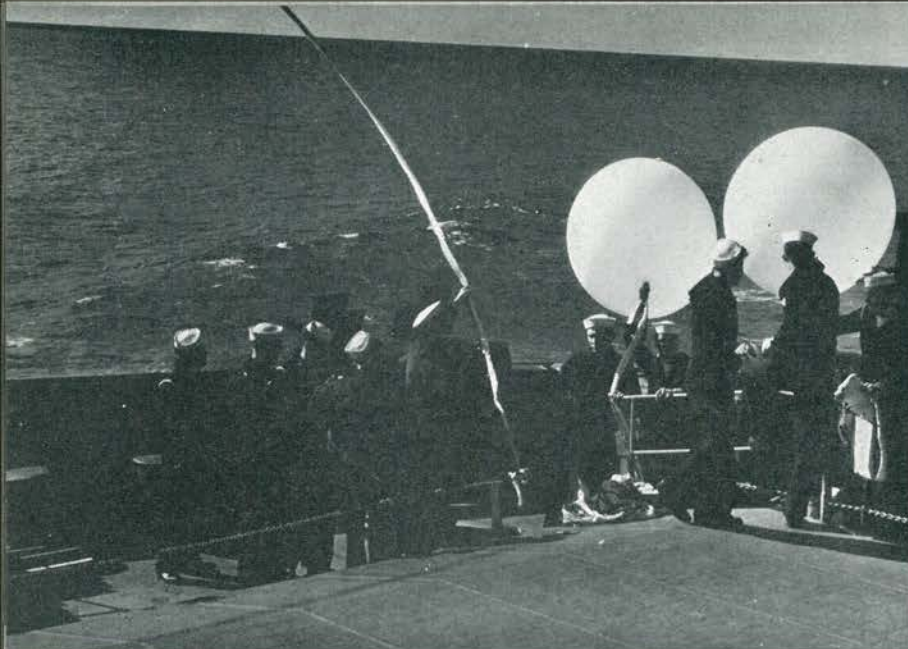
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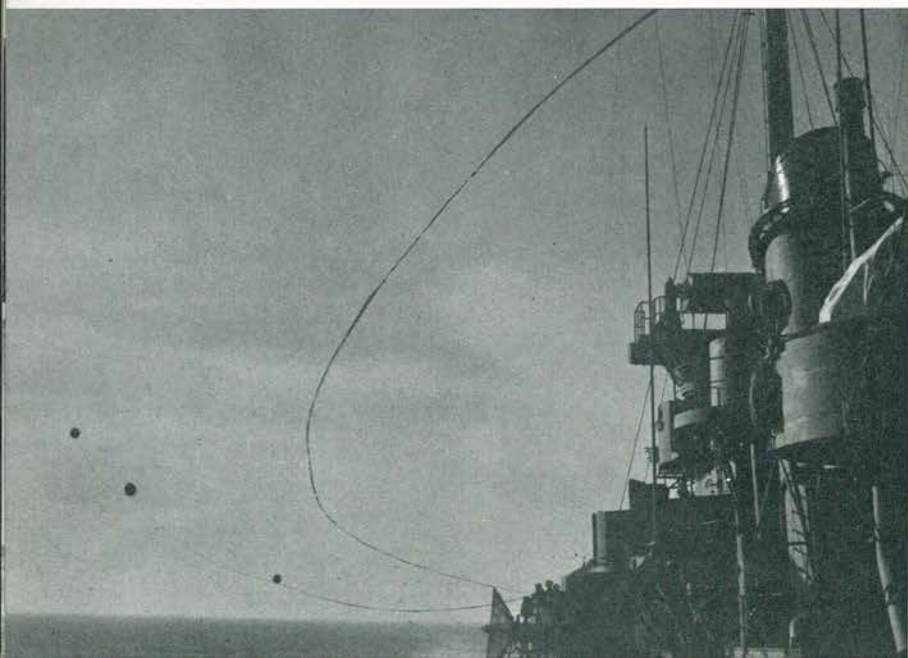


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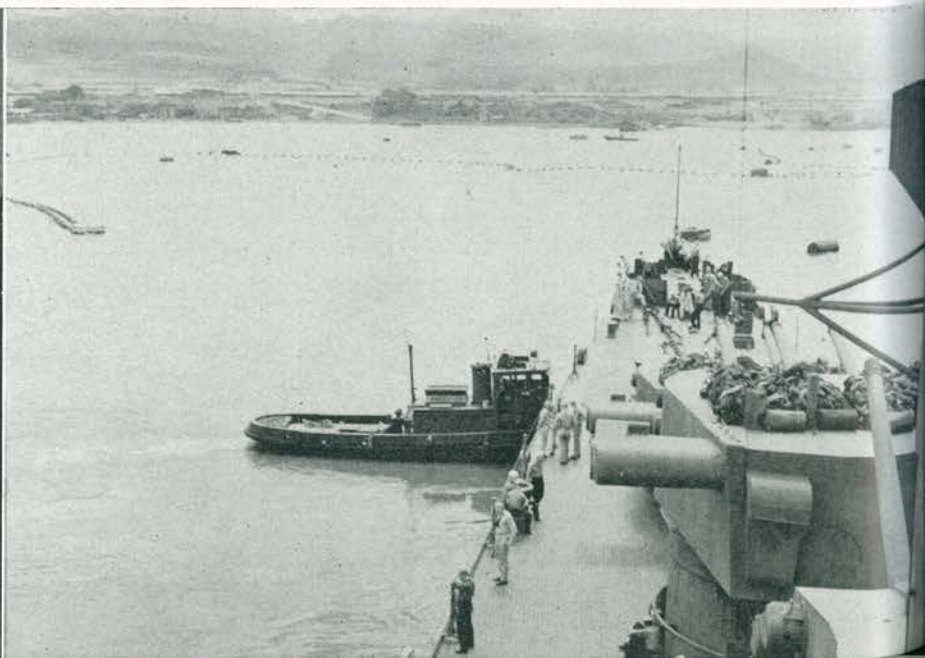


GATE AT LONG BEACH HARBOR

HOMEWARD BOUND PENANT—(December, 1945)



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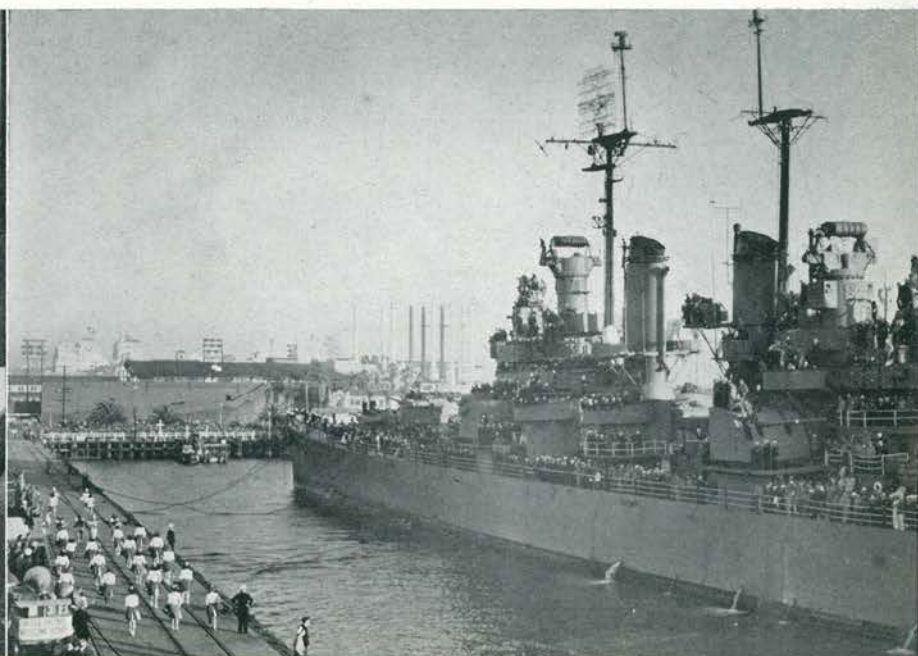


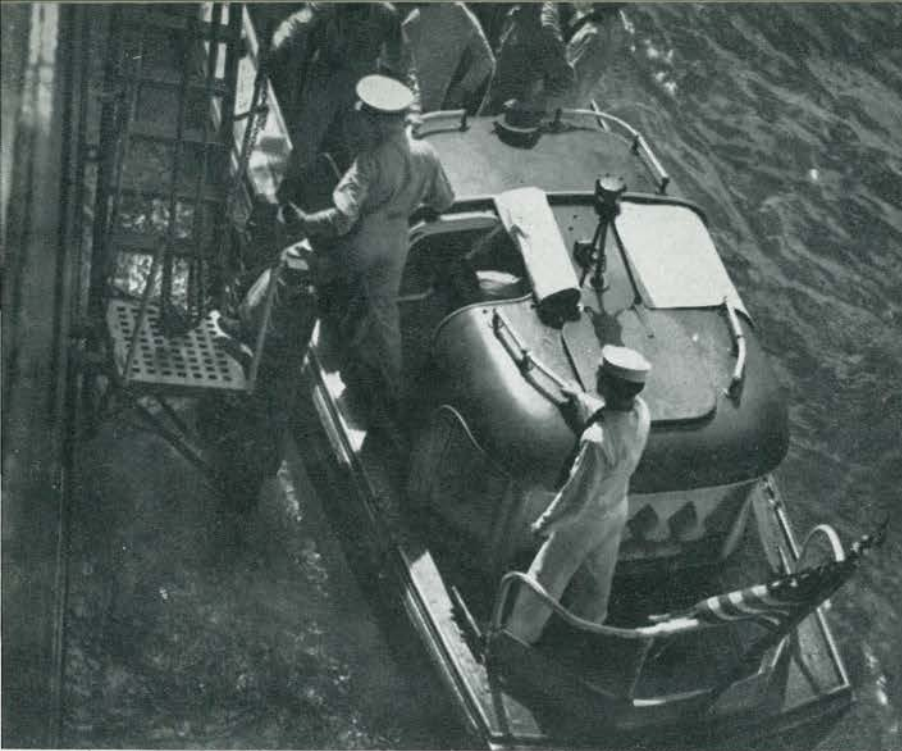
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

SAN DIEGO WELCOME, DEC. 2, 1945



SAN DIEGO JOURNAL PHOTO





VISITING ADMIRALS

THE BARGE ALONGSIDE
AT OKINAWA

AND THE MOBILE RAISES
TWO STARS — OF

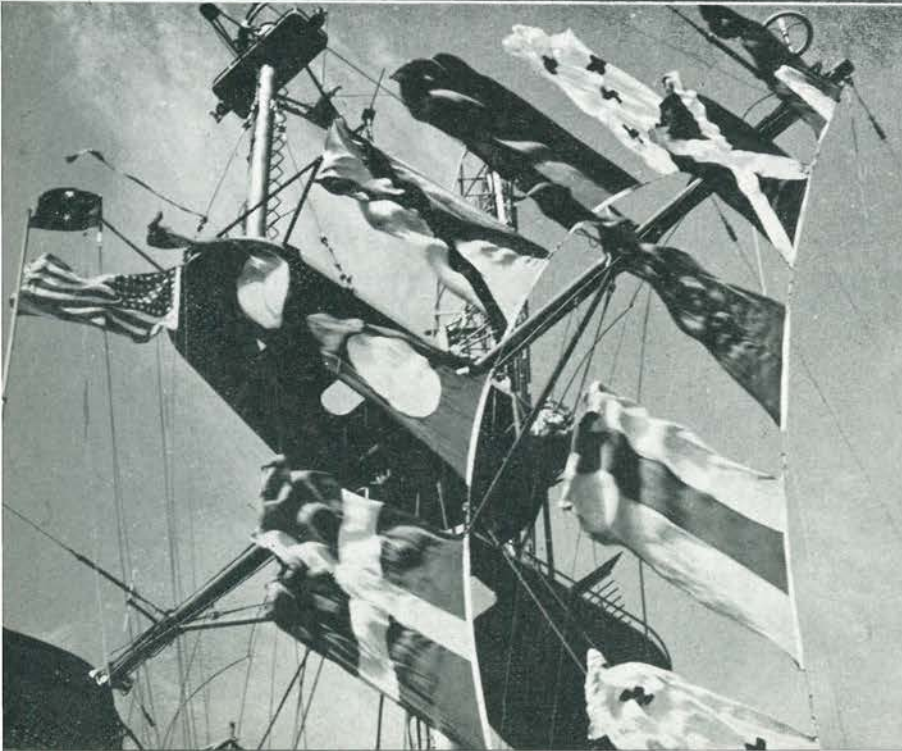
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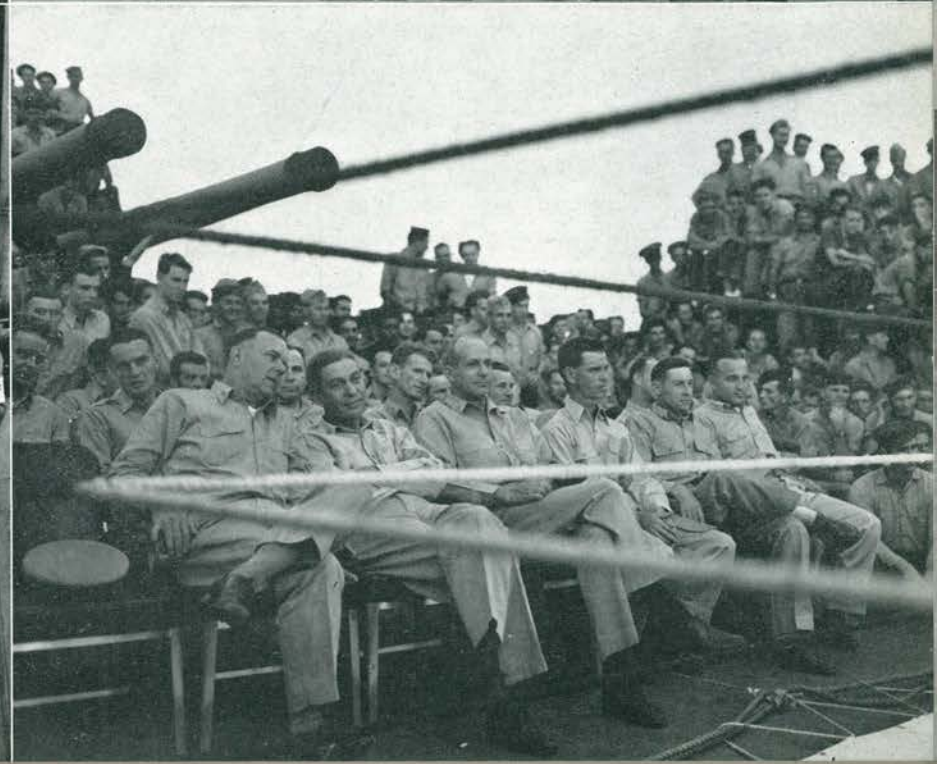
ADMIRAL DEYO AND CAPTAIN MILLER
LOOK OVER THE SHIP'S
SCRAPBOOK

ADMIRAL DEYO and CAPTAIN LEWIS
VISIT A JAP DESTROYER

ADMIRAL SHERMAN TRIES AN OS2U

ADMIRAL DU BOSE AND
CAPTAIN WHEELER





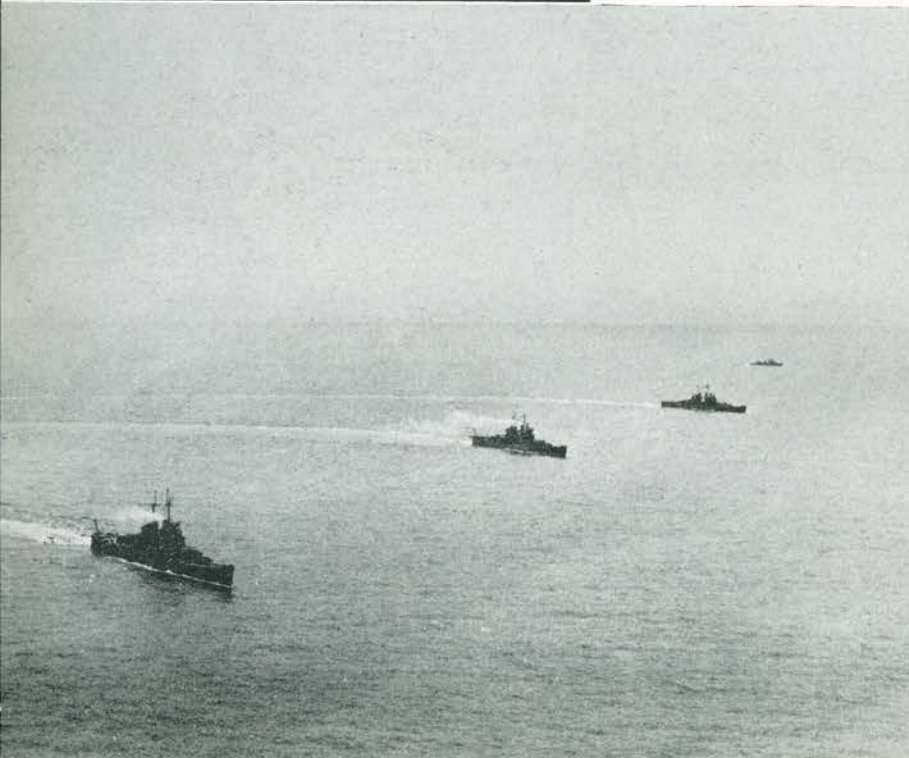
CRUISER DIVISION THIRTEEN

THE MOBILE'S SISTERS:

SANTA FE

BIRMINGHAM

BILOXI



"OFF THE RECORD ~"





PROFESSOR PAZ AND HIS TROUP LEYTE GULF

"DIXIE" DANCERS

CLAUDE THORNHILL COMES ABOARD

THE USS DIXIE BAND





"BOOMS - A - DAISY" — MARY ELLIOTT



DICK JURGENS AT OSMENA BEACH

ROSITA

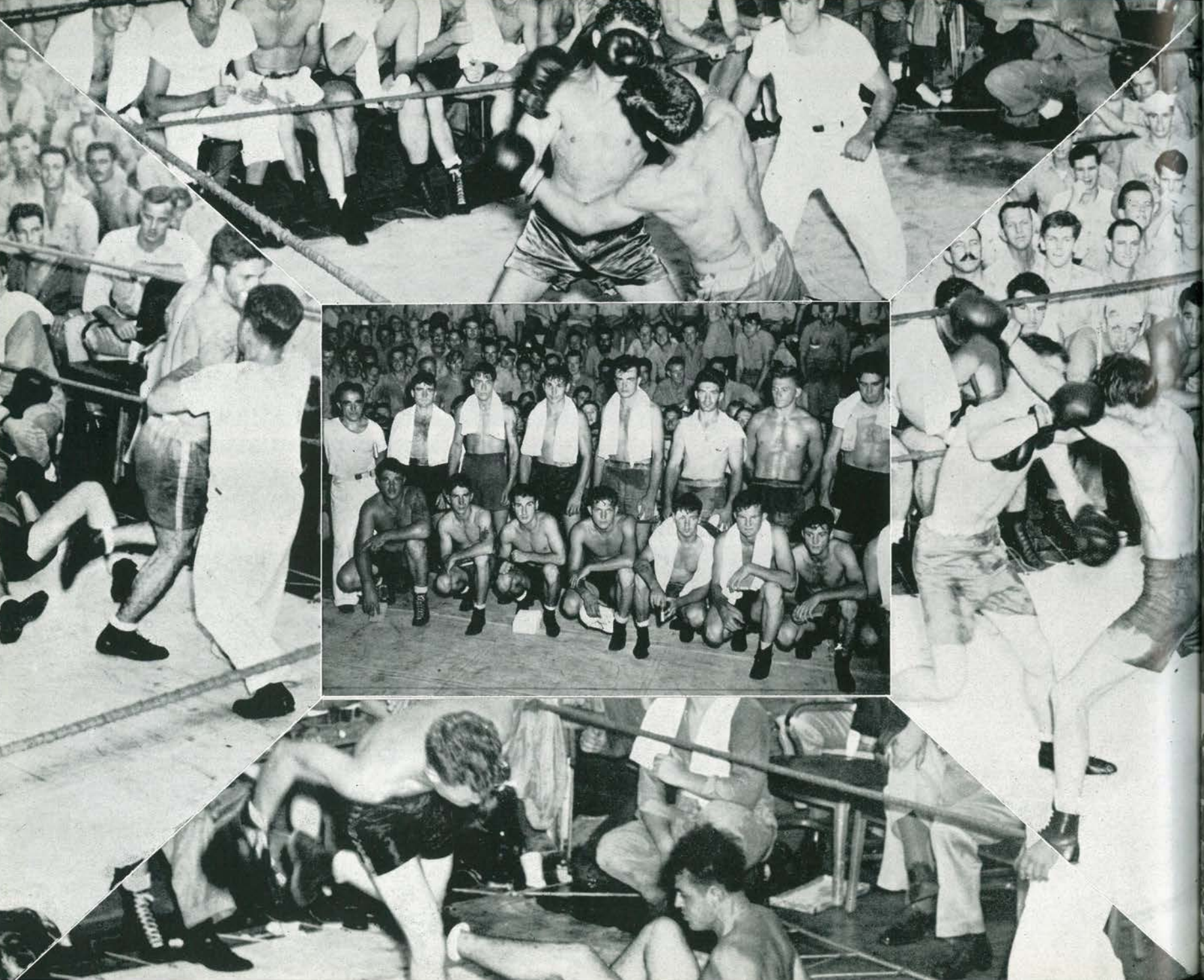


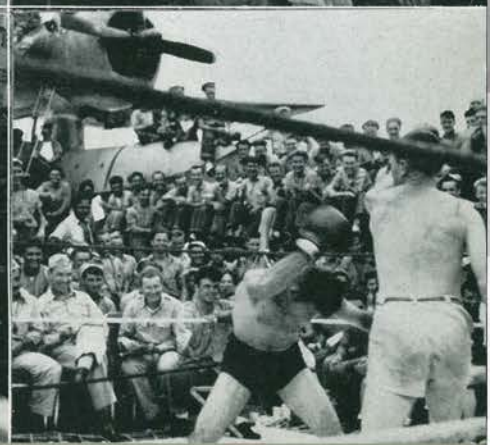
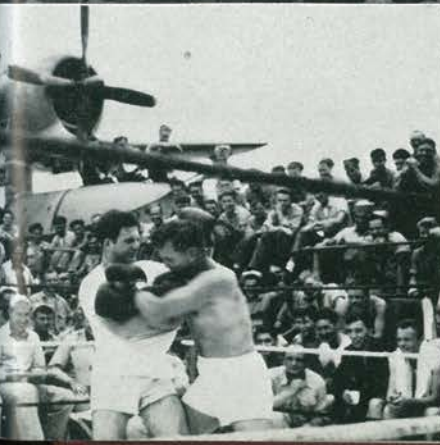
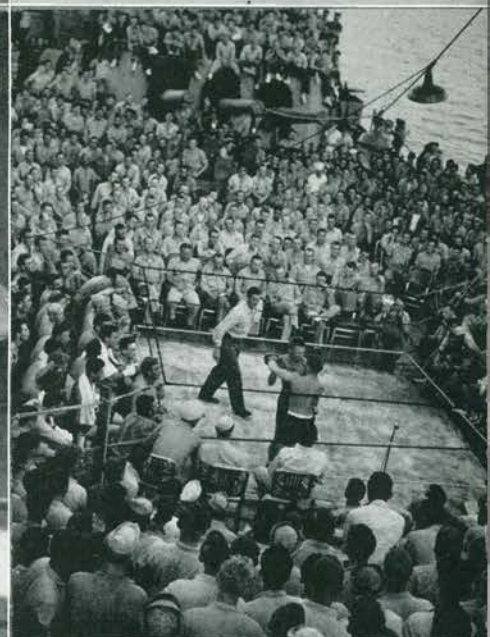
RAY MILLAND AND TROUP AT ESPIRITU



FRANCES FAY

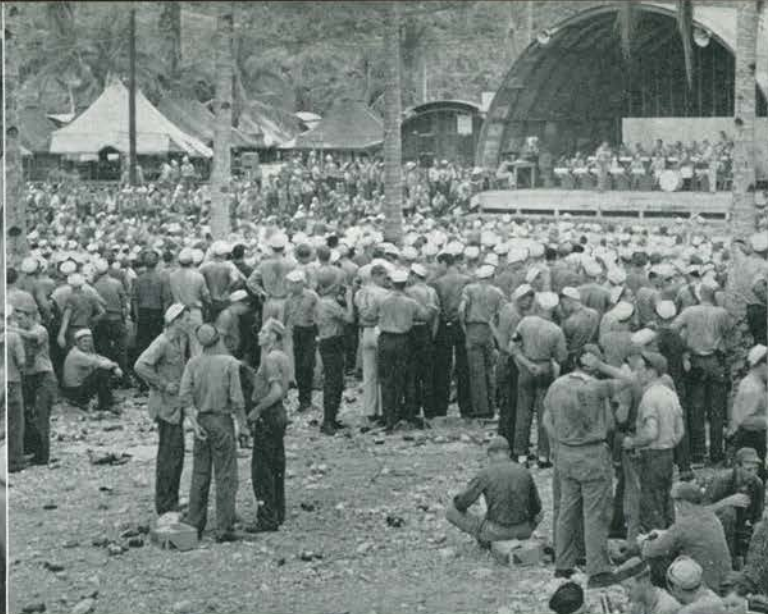








"FI' DOLLA, JOE"



OSMENA'S PALLADIUM



"O" CLUB

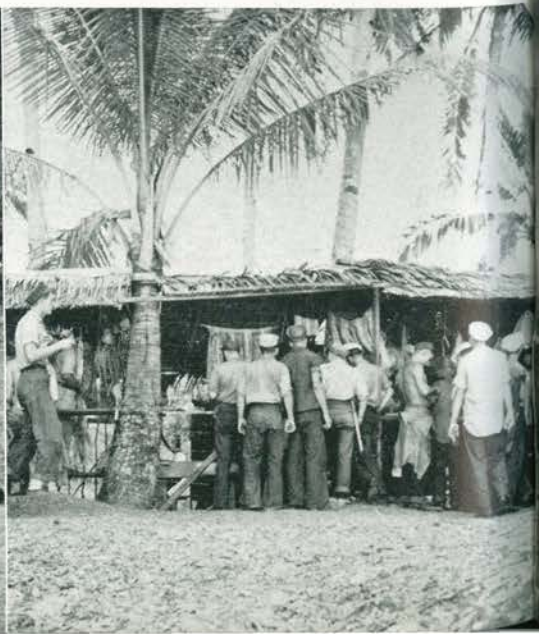
FLAG OFFICERS LANDING



OLE SWIMMIN HOLE — LEYTE STYLE



SAMAR BAZAAR





NIMITZ RECREATION CENTER: PEARL



ESPIRITU SANTO



PEARL HARBOR

BALLFIELD: OSMENA BEACH



COLD BEER AND TALL STORIES



AFTER THE BALLGAME





CGM JAMIESON



A SOLID SEVEN



VISITORS FROM THE RELIEF



KIBITZERS



SAILORS SERENADE



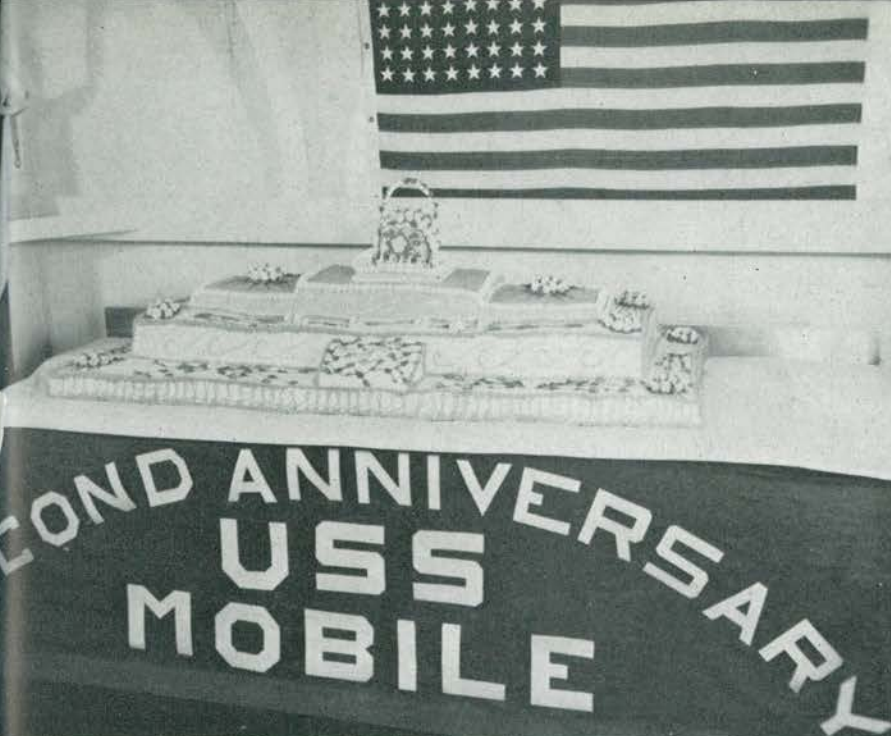
NINE'S YOUR PONIT



"JOE POT SCENES"











CROSSING THE LINE — SEPTEMBER 18, 1943

MAKING SHELLBACKS OUT OF POLLYWOGS
— THE HARD WAY !







**"NOW ALL MEN HAVING
BIRTHDAYS TODAY,
LAY DOWN TO THE
BAKESHOP"**

(opposite)

THE MARINE CORPS HAS A BIRTHDAY,
NOVEMBER, 1945





PRELUDE TO V-J DAY

"AUGUST 10, 1945 — THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED THE TERMS OF THE POTSDAM DECLARATION, PROVIDED " AND THEN: THE LONG DAYS UNTIL THE PEACE WAS SIGNED; THE NAVY POINT SYSTEM; AND "STATESIDE" SCUTTLEBUTT.



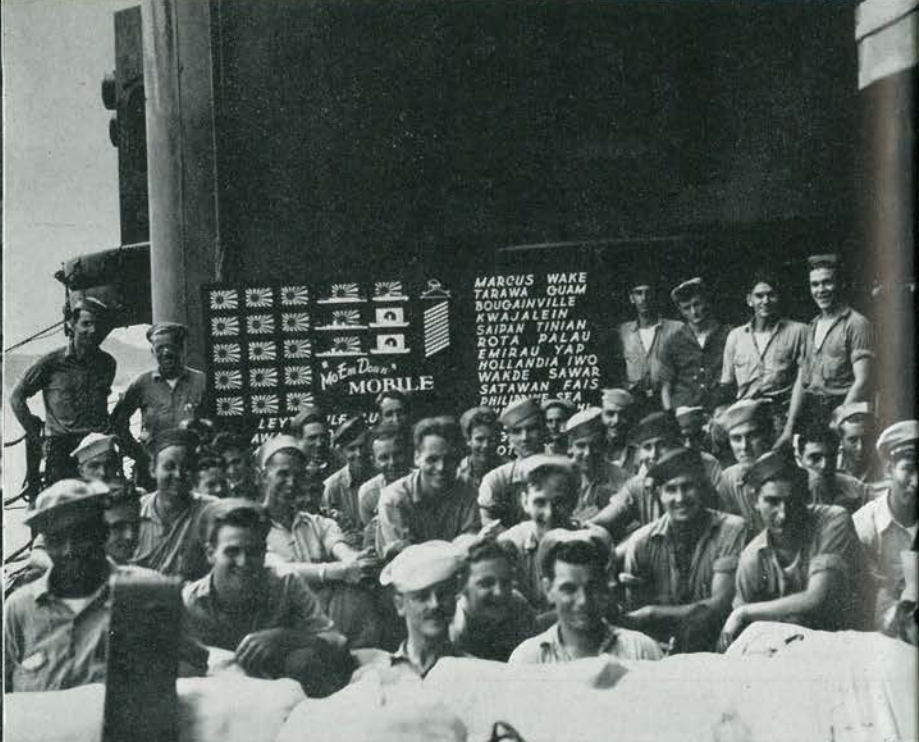




MOBILE MUSICMAKERS

THE MOBILE BAND

MOBILE MELOY-MEN



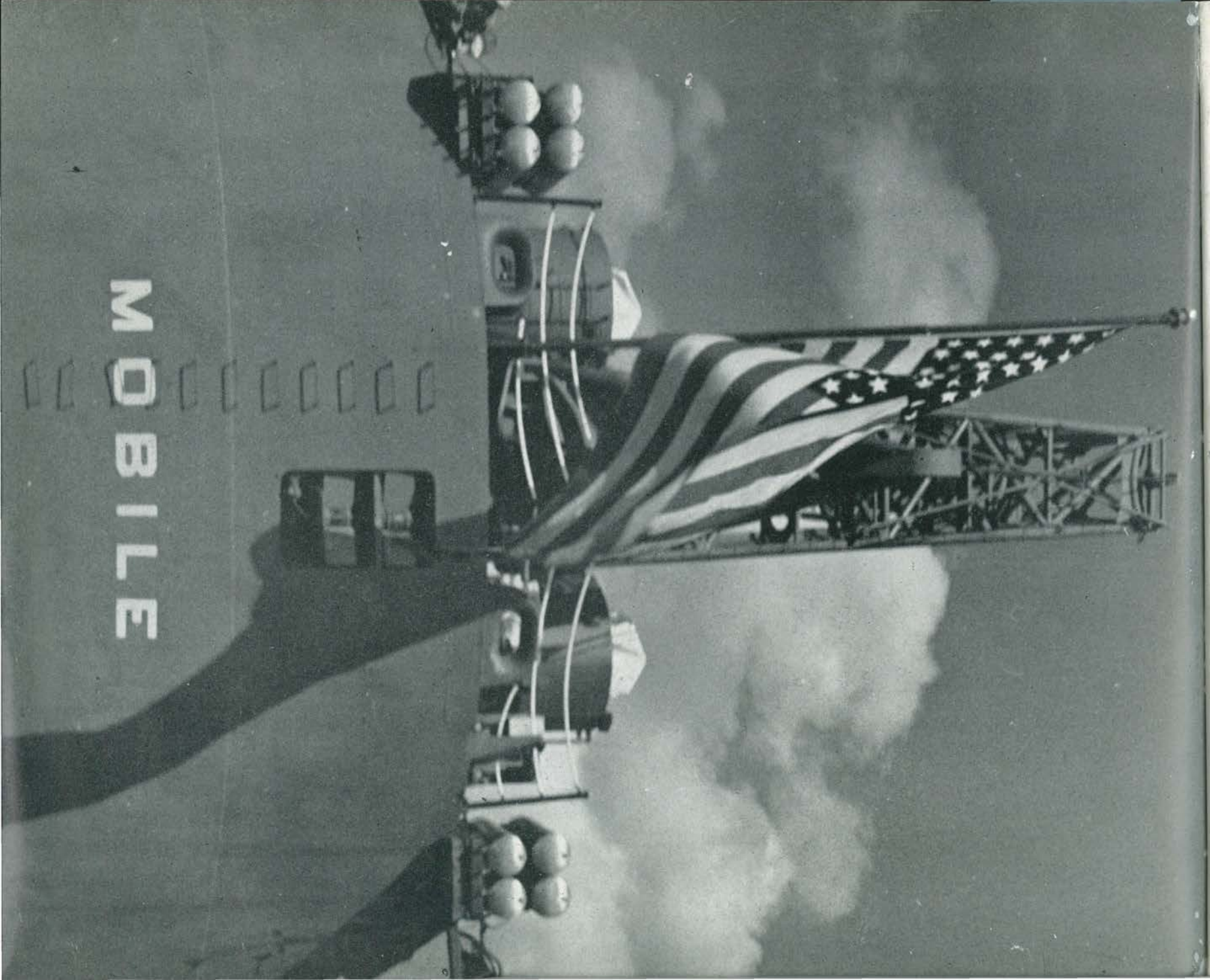


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