USS LAFFEY (DD-724) MEDITERRADEAN MIDDLE ERSTERN CRUISE



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There have been many who have had to wait patiently for seven long months - but only a special few who have waited seven months for our return.

Mith gratitude for their understanding and love, we affectionately dedicate this Cruise Book to the parents, wives, children and sweethearts of the men of the

U.S.S. Laffey



SHIP'S HISTORY

U. S. S. LAFFEY (DD-724)

The USS LAFFEY (DD-724) is the second ship of the fleet to bear the name and like her predecessor boasts a proud history.

Both ships were named for Seaman Bartlett Laffey who served aboard the USS PETREL in 1864. Laffey was decorated for the gallant conduct he displayed while he, along with his landing party, successfully defended an important battery against an onslaught of Confederate troops in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

The first LAFFEY (DD-459) was lost in the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal on 13 November 1942, after gallantly attempting a night torpedo attack on the Japanese battleship HIEI. Her Commanding Officer, Lcdr. W. E. Hank, went down with his ship, leaving behind a brilliant war record.

The present LAFFEY was built by Bath Iron Works Corporation, Bath, Maine. She was launched on 21 November 1943 and commissioned at Boston Navy Yard on 8 February 1944. After very little time for shakedown exercises, LAFFEY departed from New York with other ships of her division, (DESDIV 119 in DESRON 60) to escort a large convoy to the United Kingdom.

She served only briefly in the European Theatre but gained first-hand experience as she brilliantly played the multiple role that was expected of this versatile destroyer. It was during this period that LAFFEY received her first hit while taking part in the bombardment of Cherbourg. Still a relatively new ship, but after having had her first taste of battle, LAFFEY returned along with her division to the Boston Navy Yard.

Early in July, after a brief stay in Boston for minor repairs and alterations to her fire control equipment, LAFFEY pointed westward to the Pacific and a new theater of battle. In the remaining months of 1944 she proved invaluable as a screening ship for carrier strikes and assisting in shore bombardment for landings at San Pedro Bay, Mindaro, Lingayeu Gulf and Iwo Jima.

Early in 1945, LAFFEY as a part of Task Group 54, got underway for the Okinawa Campaign which was to be the high point of her career. On 11 March 1945, while acting as radar picket ship about 30 miles from Okinawa, LAFFEY encountered over 50 enemy planes in a grueling battle which lasted 80 minutes. When the action was over she had downed 9 planes but in twenty-two separate attacks had been hit by eight suicide planes. Personnel casualties amounted to 103 with 32 dead. Heavy material damage required she be towed into port. Even in her battered condition, it was only six days before LAF-FEY'S battle-weary but determined crew had her underway for the United States.

After many assignments of a more peaceful nature, LAFFEY was decommissioned on 30 June 1947 at San Diego. It was not until January 1951 that she was recommissioned and sent to Norfolk, Virginia for extensive overhaul — this time in preparation for the Korean Campaign.

In January 1952 LAFFEY steamed once again, westward with DESDIV 261 and as flagship of DESRON 26. She was called upon for many shore fire operations in Wansau Harbor and expended nearly 6,000 rounds of 5 inch ammunition against heavy shore batteries. She received no damage although she engaged in several duels with enemy heavy guns.

After Korea LAFFEY returned to Norfolk and resumed her normal cycle of training, upkeep, and overhaul.

In April 1959 LAFFEY left her old Division and Squadron to become a part of DESDIV 321 in DESRON 32.

This February 1960 brings to an end another LAFFEY cruise to the Mediterranean Area, Red Sea, and Persian Gulf. She's had a long but profitable cruise and the assignments she has carried out in these past seven months add to the proof that LAFFEY is a proud and able ship and a valuable asset to the fighting forces of the United States Navy.

LAFFEY is an old and proud veteran of two wars. She wears the scars of battle and displays many decorations which tell of her glorious history. LAFFEY is a proud ship and with her many sisters of the destroyer force stands ready to meet any challenge and to carry out any assignment.



H. L. CLARK, CDR., USN COMMANDING OFFICER

U.S.S. LAFFEY (DD-724)
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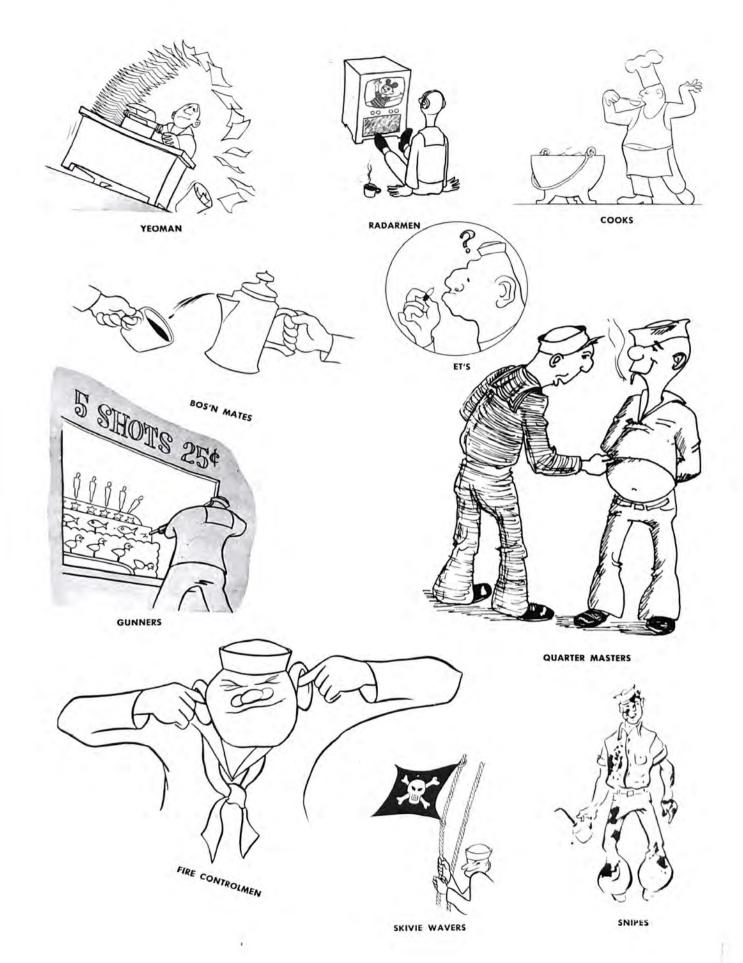
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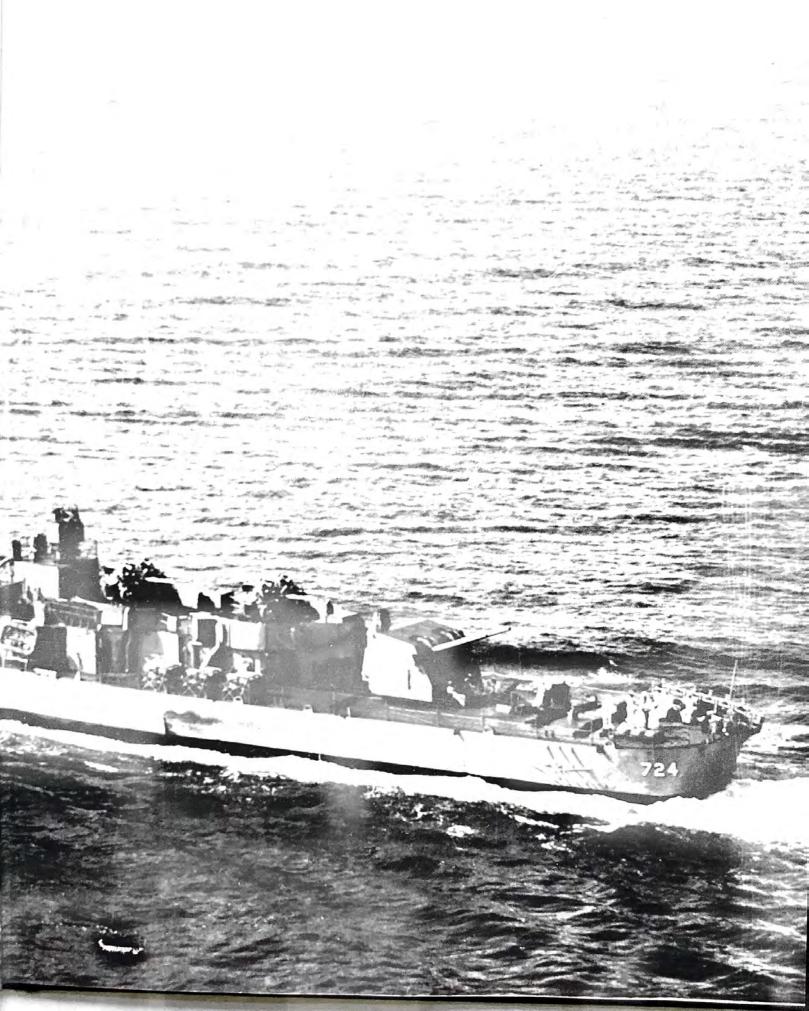
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- C. P. MONTGOMERY, ENS., USNR FIRE CONTROL OFFICER
- G. F. THEISZ, JR., ENS., USNR ELECTRONIC MAINTENANCE OFFICER
- F. L. SCHULTE, ENS., USN ASSISTANT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER



R. R. HAWTHORNE, ENS., USNR 1st LIEUTENANT









"FEASTING UP" R. TOLEMAN, BROOKS, CONKLE, SPRAY, JORDAN, KNIPPENBURG. HANKINS, WOMACK, COLLINS, BICE, KONOPKA, FORD.

SHIP'S GOING AWAY PARTY



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Front Row, L. to R.: GUARANTE RMSN, MARTIN RMSN, LIPPI RMSN, DOLL RMSN. Second Row: LARSON SN, LAMPKIN RM3, DRISCOLL RM1, MARCHANT RM3.

Front Row L. to R.: ALEXANDER RDSN, FLANNARY RDSN, FORD ET3, MC BRINN RDSN, MINITER RDSN, VANEK RDSN.

Second Row: ADAMS ET1, ANDRES RDC, ABRAMS RDSN, LINVILLE ET3, SHANHOLTZ RDSN, MILLER RD3, HEIBERT RDSN, LAROS RDSN.

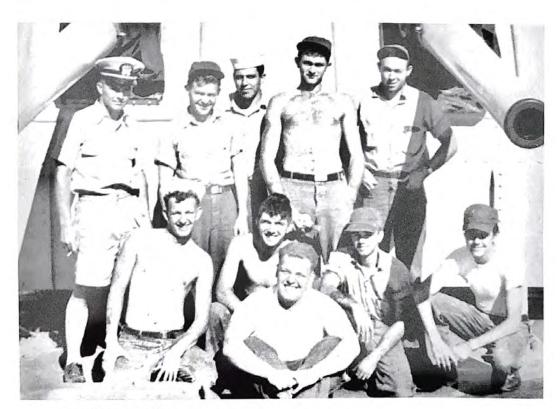
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Front Row L to R: LESSARD GMSN, RUBLE GM3, HALL GM1.
Second Row: WEAVER GM2, BOBICK GMSN, LTjg. DENNEN, GUNNERY OFFICER.
Third Row: SCHETZKA GMSN, SULLIVAN GM3.

5 GUZZERS



Front Row: TINSLEY SN.

Second Row L to R: ANTHONY SN, HORTON SN, MORTON GM2, LUSK GM2.

Third Row: ENS. MANSFIELD ASW OFFICER, JONES GM3, HENDERSQN SN, LONDKE GM3, ROBINSON GM3.

Not Pictured: SWEENEY GM1.

RHOOKTROLKEN

SONARMEN



Front Row L. to R.: PETERSON FTSN, HJERLIED FT2, SAUNDERS FT3. Standing: McCOY FTSN, THOMPSON FTSN, GOWENS FTSN, COLLINS FT1, LANNEN FTSN, KONOPKA FT3.

Not Pictured: GARBINSKEY FTC, BORELAND FT3.



Front Row L. to R.: SHOOP SO3, GIOVE SO3, COMMIRE SO2, BRAMBLETT SOSN. Standing: BURPEE SO3, PLOTH SOSN, CRABB SO3. Not Pictured: SUBDA SO2.



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3rd DIVISION

TORPEDOMEN



Front Row L to R: BICE TM3, WOMACK SN. Top Row: LYDA TM2, MUGRIDGE TM1.



DIVISION



Front Row, L. to R.: BOSCOE SN, HOWELL BM1, SNELLINGS BM2, WILSON BM3.

Second Row: PAPALEO SN, CRYSEL SN, CAVANAUGH SN, PEDERSON SN, CARVER BMSN, KARLIE SN, EBERT BMSN.

Not Pictured: CONKLE SN, BROWN SN, PIETRUCCI SN, ABER SN.

2nd DIVISION



Front Row, L. to R.: CLARK BMSN, ZOLL BMSN, JERVIS BM2, WILLIAMS BMSN, SLAUGHTER SN. Second Row: UBIL SN, SCHULDEN SN, COX BM3, BROWN BMSN.
Third Row: BETTINGER SN, ZINK SN, HOSKINS SN.
Not Pictured: CALETTI SN, STONER SN, NEWLON BM3, REDMON SN



L. to R.: RALPH, SN; ENS. BROWN, SUPPLY OFFICER; MOSKIE, DK3; HESTER, SK3; BRAUND, SK3; WOODS, SK3; PITARD, SK3.

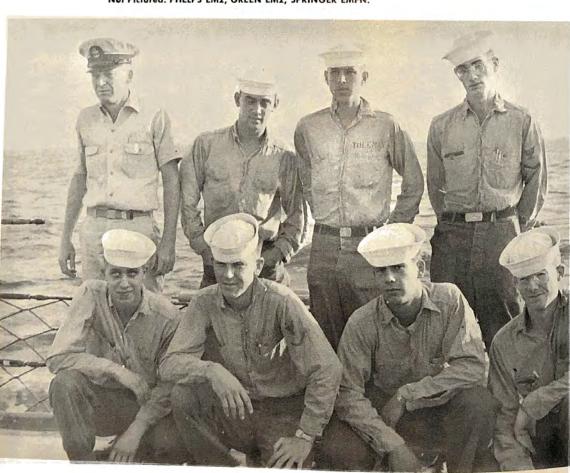
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Front Row, L to R: SKRIPKO SFP3, LEHMAN DC3, SLOAN SF1. Standing: MILLER, FN, REES FN, NEULEIB SF1, PERRIN FN.

Front Row L to R: HEFLIN FN, JORDAN EM3, SPRAY EMFN, KNIPPENBURG EM2.
Standing: WHATLEY EMC, BROOKS EM3, TOLEMAN IC3, BLAKE IC3.
Not Pictured: PHELPS EM2, GREEN EM2, SPRINGER EMFN.



ELECTRICIANS



Front Row L to R: MARTIN MM3, CARTER MMFN, PENN MM3, DAVIS MMFN.

Second Row: DEVLIN FN, ELLIS FN, PIFFAT FN, CHASE MM2.

Standing: CARLEY MM1, SHAFFER MM3, MUMFORD MM3, SCHROCK FN, SCHMITT MMFN, COOKE FN, CLASS FN.

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Not Pictured: PHELAN MMFN, ADAMSON MMFN, ANDERSON MMC, ROMANOWSKI FN, EICHSTEADT MM3, MOLOWSKI MMFN, KAUS FN, BOARDMAN FN, CRAVER FN, HANKINS MM1, LAVOUN FN.



Front Row L to R: CAMPBELL BT1, WILLIAMS BT2, STALLARD BT3, PINKSTON BT3, EDWARDS BT3, PEREZ FN.

Second Row Standing: PENDER FN, BYRD BT3, MOON BTFN, HENDERSON MRFN, CHANDLER FN, GREEN BT3, JOHNSON BT1.

Third Row Standing: CROSE FN, DIDSZUHN FN, HUDAK FN, KOPSZYWA FN.

Not Pictured: SLOAN BT1; MacCASKILL FA, SMITH FN, VAUGHN BTFN, SCHUMACHER BTFN, LONG BT3, BACCUS FN, BROWN FN.

ENGINEERS

AGAZG



Front Row L to R: JANS FN, PAGLIEI FN, MARTIN EN3.
Standing: McCALL, FN, ELSBERRY MM3, MOREHOUSE MM1.
Not Pictured: BIQUE MM1, JAGDHUBER ENFN, VANDERHOOF FN.





"OH THAT SUNSHINE"



BROOKS ON WATCH



ANOTHER BULL SESSION



UNDERWAY, AFT.



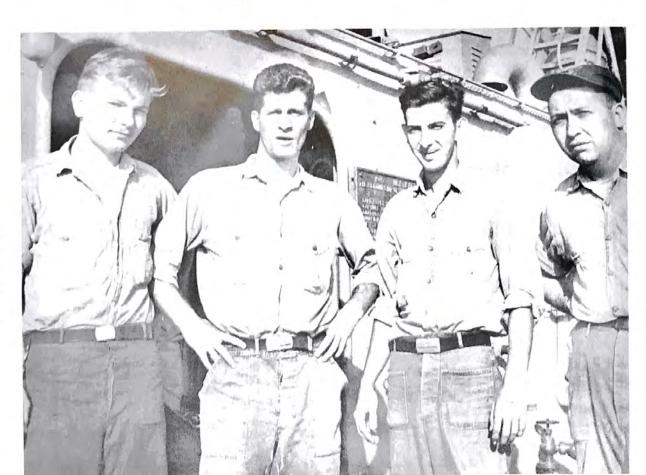
Front Row, I. TO R: DAVENPORT SMSN, BLACKSTOCK SM1.

Second Row: BOWDEN QM1.

Third Row: COX QM2, FAULKNER SM3, HOLLER QM2, O'DANIELS QM3.

Fourth Row: KROEGER SMSN, FERRULLO SMSN, NELSON SMSN.

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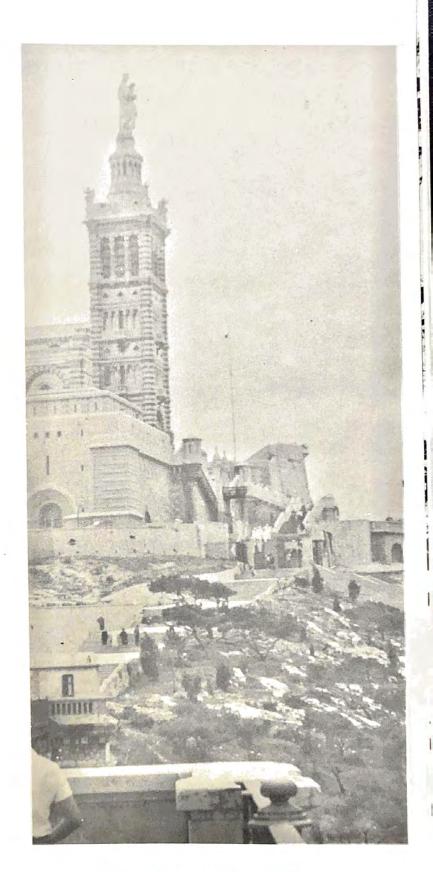


 ${\tt STREET~SHOW-MARSEILLES}$





OUTDOOR DINING - FRENCH RIVIERA



NOTRE DAME DE LA GARDE - MARSEILLES

SAN RAPHAEL (PARIS INCLUDED)

On the morning of 28 October 1959 we found the famous French Riviera stretched out before us as we dropped anchor in the harbor of San Raphael, France.

The mountainous backdrop provided unlimited opportunities for the tour-minded sailors as we travelled by bus through the hills to the near-by cities of Cannes and Nice.

One of the high-lights of our visit to San Raphael was a scheduled tour to the fabulous city of Paris. An over-night train-ride, topped off by countless tours in and around the "City of Romance," made for four thoroughly enjoyable days.

In San Raphael, we found many typical French curio shops, restaurants and small clubs. The expensive casinos where so many famous European and American personalities vacation lined the streets of this ocean-side playground.

MARSEILLES

On 24 August 1959 we tied up in our first Mediterranean port, Marseilles, France.

This tremendous city of nearly one million inhabitants, once war-torn and ravaged, has now recovered its former importance as a major Mediterranean port.

A complete day of touring by motor coach took

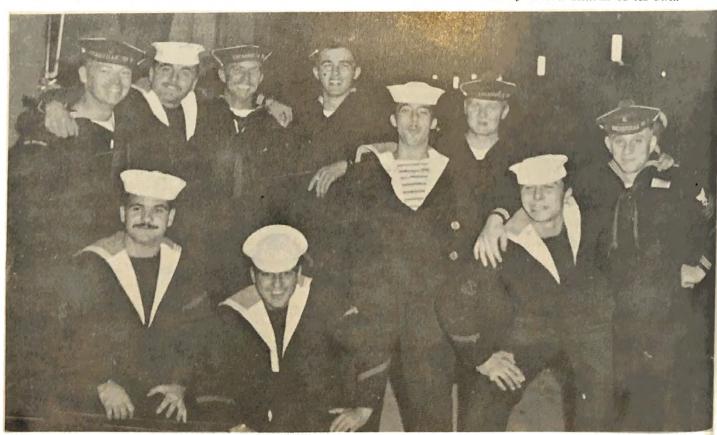


CARVER AND UBIL FRENCH IT UP - MARSEILLES

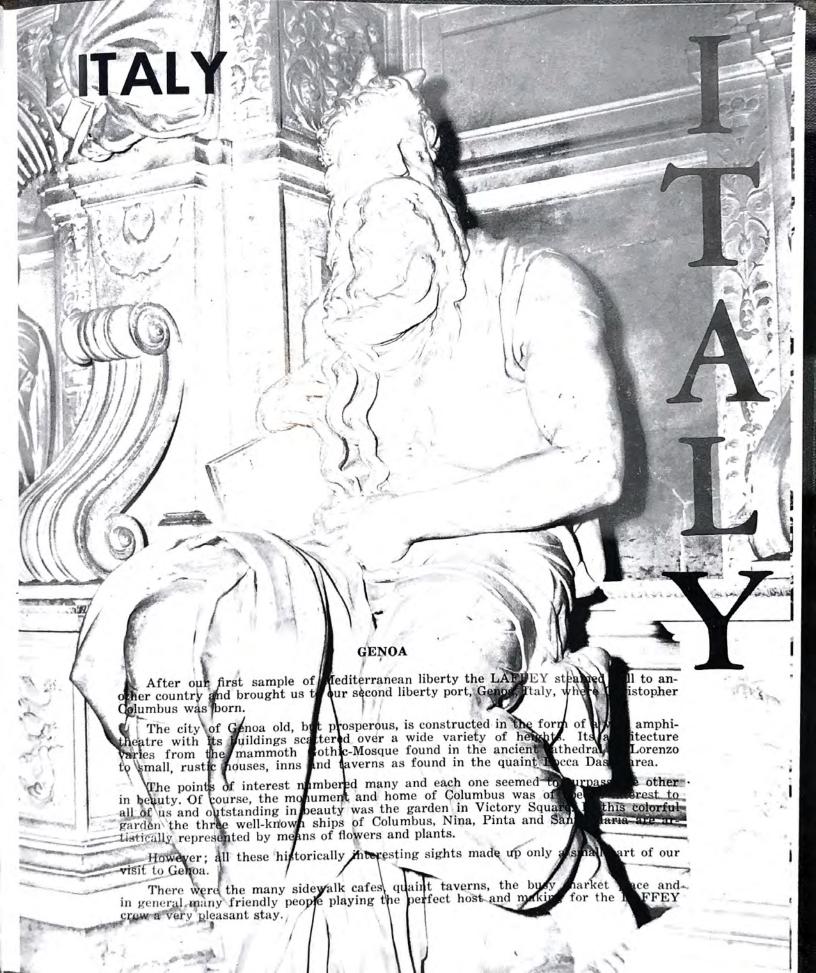
us to all the most picturesque spots in and around Marseilles. Just one of such spots was the world-famous shrine, Notre Dame de la Garde. Equally beautiful on the interior as on the exterior, this religious landmark was a tour in itself.

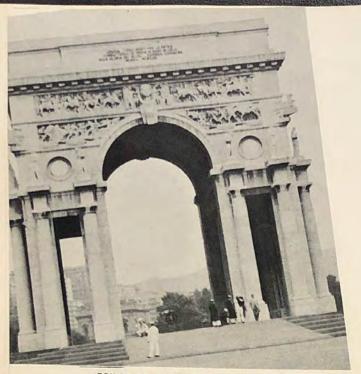
In the evening we were left in the city to go our own way, practicing our French in our visits to the many open-air restaurants and colorful nite-clubs scattered along the crowded streets.

All in all, this busy French city offered everything we could ask in the way of a liberty port and as the French people say of Marseilles, "— noisy perhaps, but full of history and a charm of its own."



LET'S SWAP HATS, MATES - CANNES





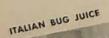
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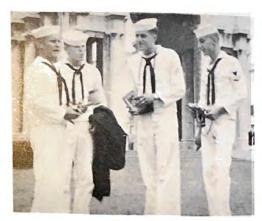


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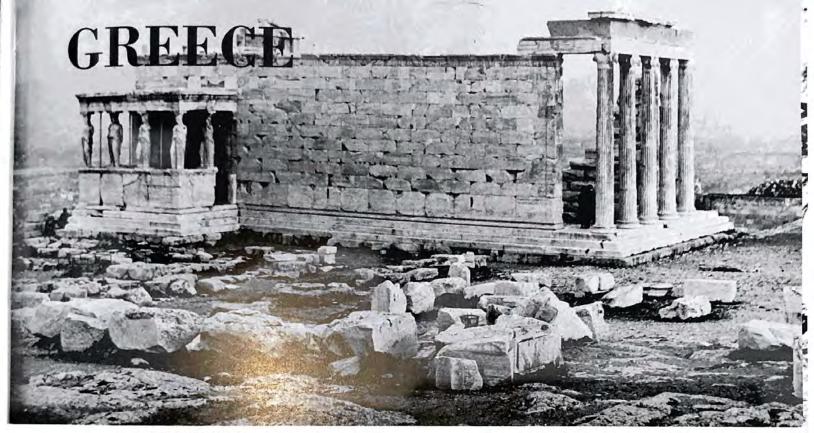
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WHERE ARE WE?



GENOA



SAMOS, GREECE

On the evening of October 15 we anchored in the rough waters off the Grecian Island of Samos. The lights of the small mountainous village winked a welcome to the LAFFEY as the friendly Greeks awaited the arrival of the first liberty boat.

Meanwhile, on the LAFFEY, the prospective liberty party paced the decks as the engineers worked in vain trying to repair the motor whale boat. Plenty of liberty, but no boat. Finally the word was passed that there could be no liberty tonight.

However; the next day brought sunshine and liberty to the LAFFEY and shortly after noon the first liberty boat cast off with its load of camera carrying sailors.

We found Samos, with its shops, restaurants and taverns to be unusually friendly and the surrounding mountain area both interesting and photographical.

Bicycles, horse-carts and mules provided novel transportation through the village and deep into the mountains as we learned the ways of the villagers and thoroughly enjoyed the friendly hospitality displayed by the Greek people.

PIRAEUS, GATEWAY TO ATHENS

On 21 September 1959, the LAFFEY sailed into the port of Piraeus on the Southern tip of Greece.

Piraeus lies only a few miles south of the ancient city of Athens. Various tours were scheduled by the tour officer enabling LAFFEY sailors to visit the historical city.

It was like tumbling through the pages of an ancient history book as we walked through the ruins of the Acropolis, Temple of Zeus, Olympic Amphitheatre and many other places of historical interest. Views of the Parthenon, Temple of Jupiter, and Mars Hill were permanently recorded as our busy cameras scanned over the stoney ruins which all Americans have read about but few have actually seen. Many LAFFEY sailors also paid a visit to the wine festival at Daphni. Here the men helped the Greeks to celebrate the tribute given to Bacchus, the God of Wine. Wine samples, 73 types in all, representing every Greek Island, were sampled and enjoyed.

The various clubs and restaurants of this once powerful city were also visited by the wide-eyed LAFFEY sailors. Many Drachmas were spent on souvenirs and gifts thus deepening the memory of our visit to this interesting Grecian City.

Other ports in Greece which were visited by the LAFFEY were Rhodes, Greece, and Samos, Greece. Samos was famous for its export of fine wines.



THE ACROPOLIS — ATHENS



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TOURING THE RUINS OF ACROPOLIS



THE MAIDENS







THE RIDE WAS ROUGH!

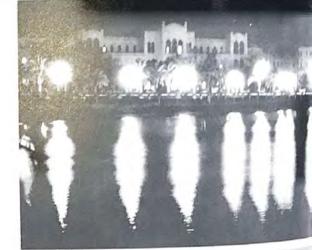




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TRIPOLI, LIBYA









"HOLLYWOOD AND VINE"



"ROCKEFELLER CENTER"



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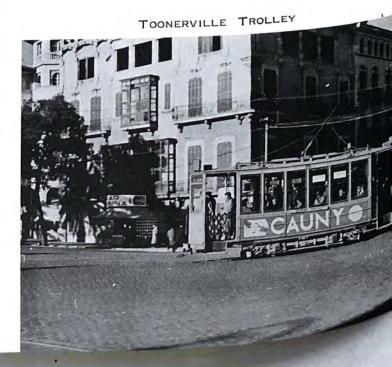
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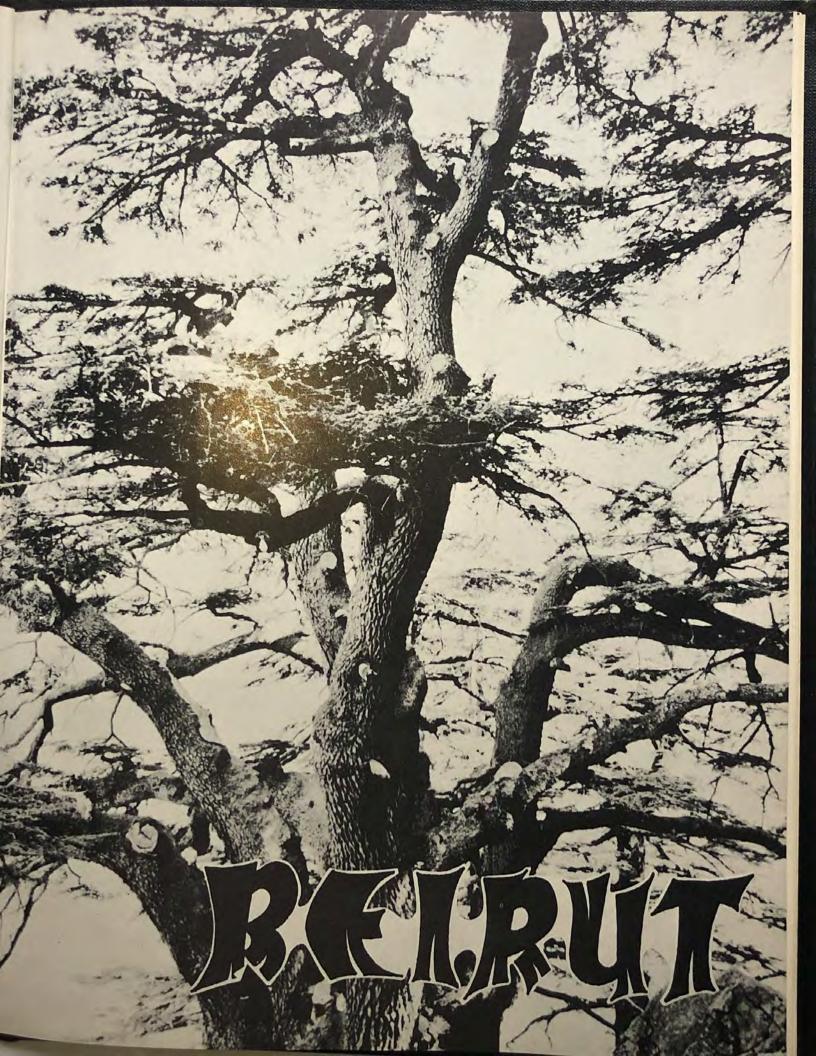


HARBOR SCENES



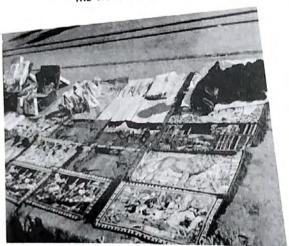








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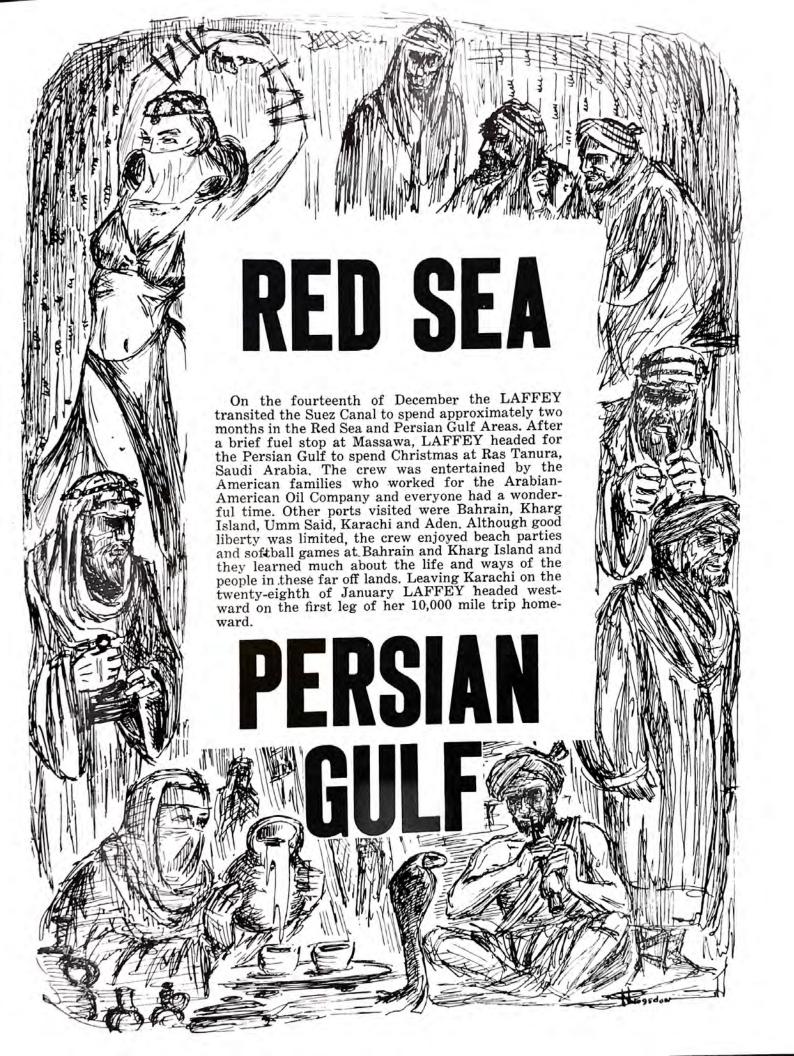
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THE RUINS OF BAALBAK

THE SHOE REPAIRMAN, BEIRUT





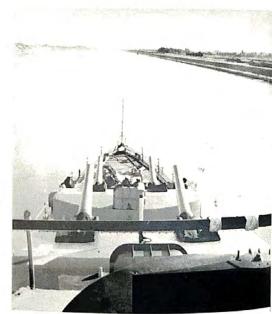
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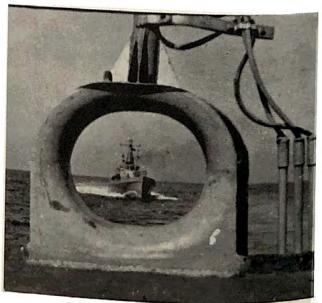
FUELING AT SCENIC MASSAWA, ERITREA



SANTA COMES TO SAUDI ARABIA



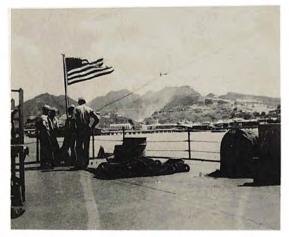
JOURNEY THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL



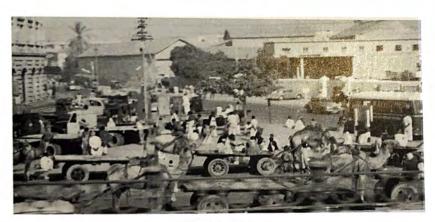
OPERATIONS WITH THE IRANIAN NAVY



"I'LL MAKE YOU A SPECIAL PRICE"
PORT SUEZ, EGYPT



ADEN "BY THE SEA"



TRAFFIC JAM KARACHI, PAKISTAN



BUM BOATS ARE ACOMIN'
PORT SUEZ, EGYPT



ROYALTY ON THE LAFFEY RAS TANURA, SAUDI ARABIA





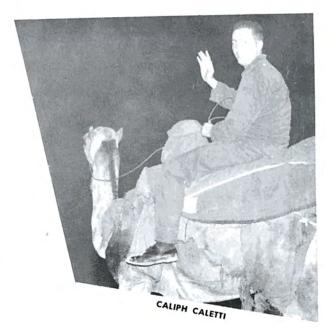




KARACHI, ENTERTAINMENT FROM FIRE EATERS TO COBRAS.









TOURING KARACHI, PAKISTAN SEE WHAT HAPPEN!



ARABIAN NIGHTS

AN ARABIAN CHRISTMAS AND NEWYEAR

AN ARABIAN CHRISTMAS

By R. A. Bramblett, SN, USN

We were moored in Arabia riding at high tide, The waves in the harbor gently brushed by our side;

It seemed sort of odd, with the desert so near, That even in Arabia St. Nick would soon be here;

As I lay in my rack, in my skivies so gray, I thought of tomorrow which would be Christmas Day;

I was nearly asleep when I heard all this racket, I sprung from my rack and grabbed my dungaree jacket;

I flew up the ladder and ran through the mess deck, And ran into the steam line nearly breaking my neck;

But I arose with a bound and continued on my way, Up the steam line ladder and down the long passageway;

All the noise was coming from the fire room scuttle, And half-dressed sailors stood by in a huddle;

I ran to the hatch to see what was shaking, And to find who it was that had caused me to awaken;

Way down on the deck lay a little fat guy, He was covered with soot but had a twinkle in his eye;

I heard his laugh and knew it was St. Nick's, But how in the hell did he get in such a fix?

His beard was all burned and his suit as black as coal, So I questioned a snipe coming out of the hole;

I was right in my guess, it was Santa all right, He had come to the LAFFEY on this most Holy Night;

With his big round belly and his pack on his back, He had slid all the way down number one stack;

I guess Santa Claus would have made it real soft, If he hadn't picked the stack where the boiler was lit off;

So he came up the ladder with his pack on his back, And I started on down to get in my rack;

Then over the squawk box I heard Santa exclaim, The Hell with Saudi Arabia and this whole Christmas game!

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

FIRST LOG ENTRY 1960

How bright the stars, how calm the sea, As LAFFEY rides serene; This new born day, in ancient lands, Off Island of Bahrein.

In Sitra Bay with mud and sand, And starboard anchor set; Is forty feet of H20, Beneath this quarterdeck.

Sitra Light bears 091, South Range logs two oh seven; Middleground floats at two one five, Under the star filled heavens.

While whistles blow and sirens wail, To usher in the year; We set Mod Yoke, below the deck, Our ship to keep secure.

The foreign merchants ply their trade, Past anchored DUXBURY BAY; The skipper who, we understand, Is now S-O-P-A.

The watch wears on, a year begins, With hopes of peace for all; And that's our job, this stout DD, Unrest and war forestall.



GUESTS AND ORPHANS

Among sight-seeing and all the many other things associated with a Mediterranean cruise such as ours, we were fortunately able to play host to many visitors and show them a few things about a Navy destroyer.

Our role of good-will ambassadors introduced us to many friendly people and covered a wide range of nationalities. We taught of our ship and in turn learned of their country and habits.

Whether playing Santa Claus to some worthy orphan children in Piraeus, Greece or entertaining our friendly visitors of the Aramco Oil Company in Ras Tanura, S. A., it was both interesting and rewarding to extend our most cordial hospitality to our many friends in these faraway lands.







PIRAEUS, GREECE





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GRAND CHAMP

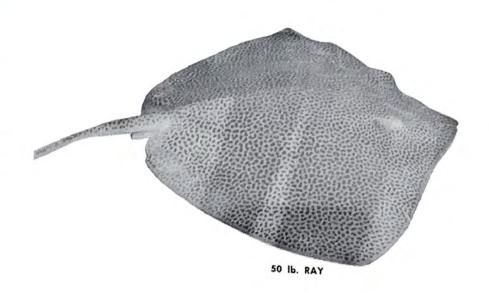
FRANK E. CAMPBELL

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CAMPBELL WITH HIS 20 Ib. BONITA

THE ANGLERS



Throughout the cruise, a cash prize of \$5.00 was awarded to the fisherman who caught the largest fish in each port or during fish call at sea.

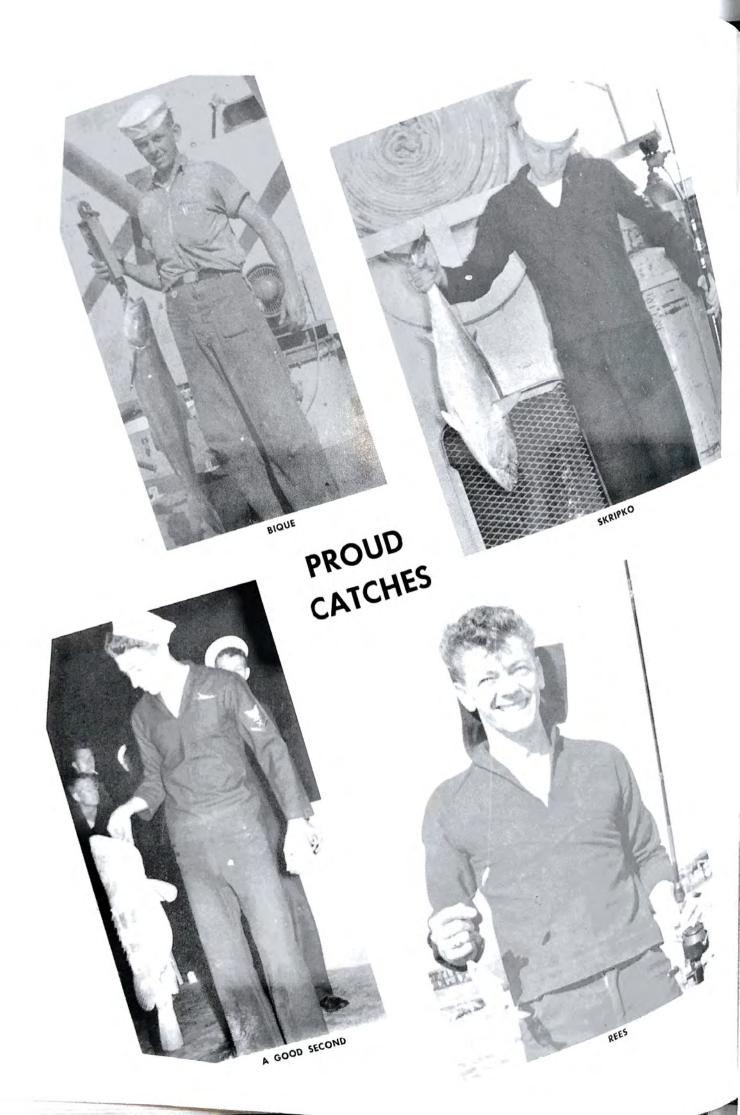
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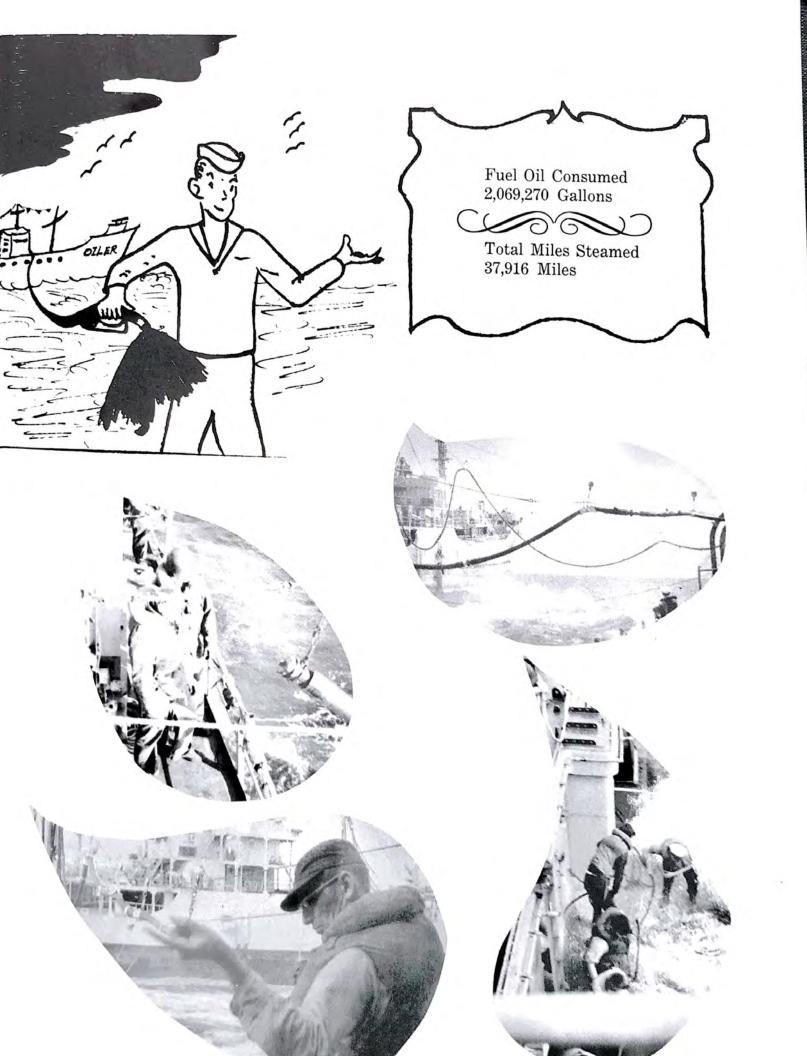


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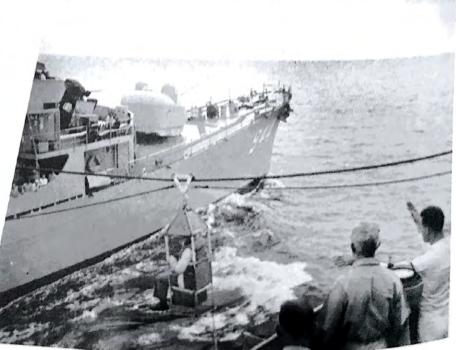
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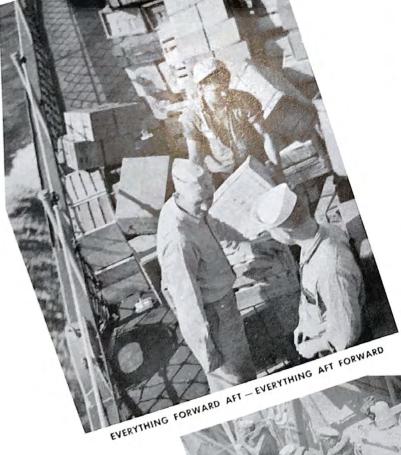


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REPLENISHING

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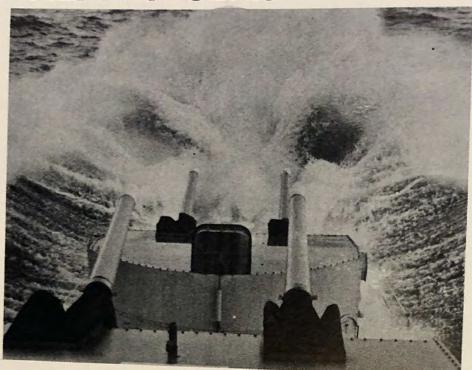






KEEP THE SLACK OUT

HEAVY SEAS



and OFTEN REPAIRS







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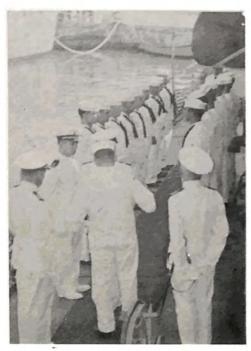


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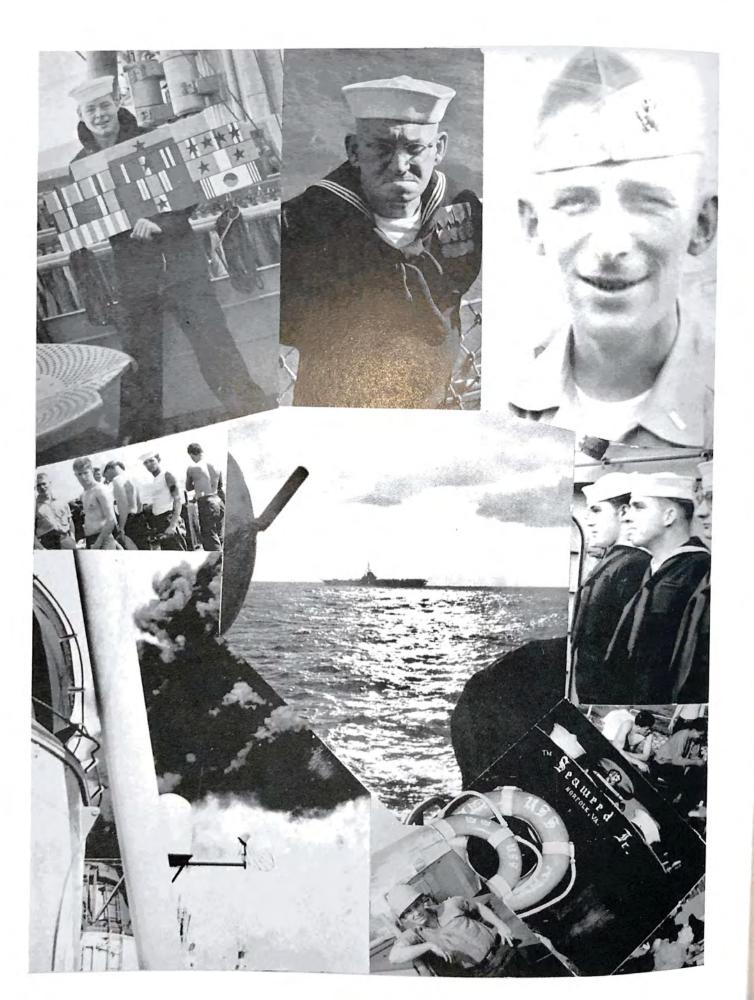
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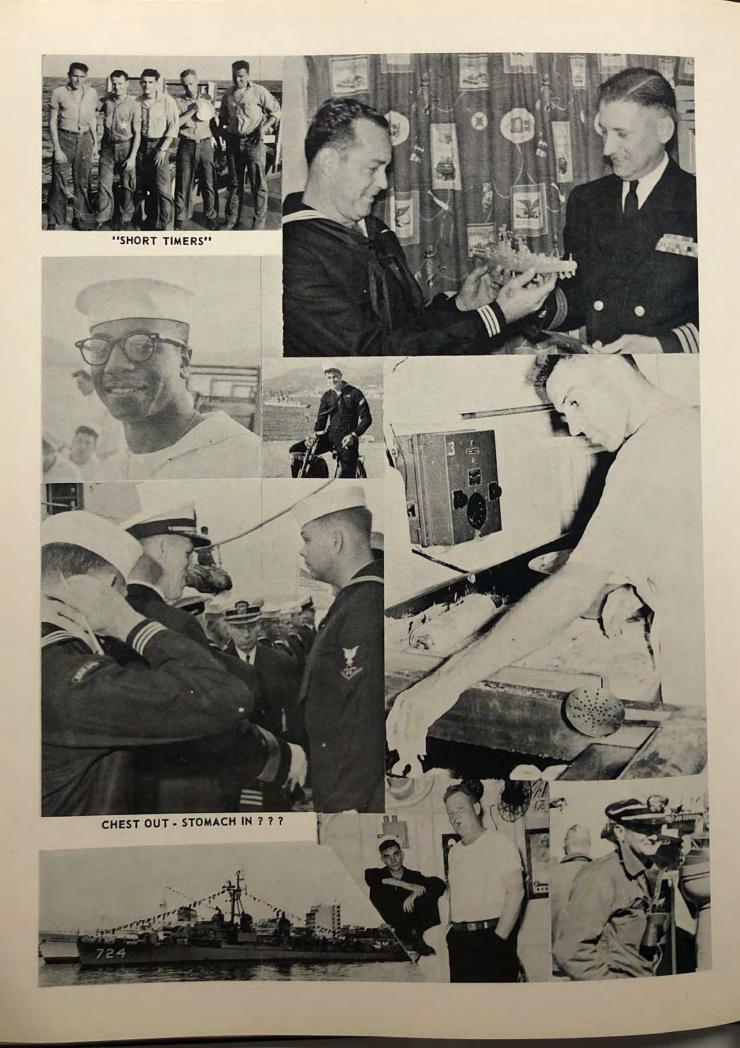
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Let it be known that the above list of names are of those proud sailors who have become fathers on this cruise, aboard the U.S.S. LAFFEY (DD-724)





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