



*Mediterranean Cruise*

*1967-1968*





*France*

CANNES

BARCELONA

*Spain*

POLENSA

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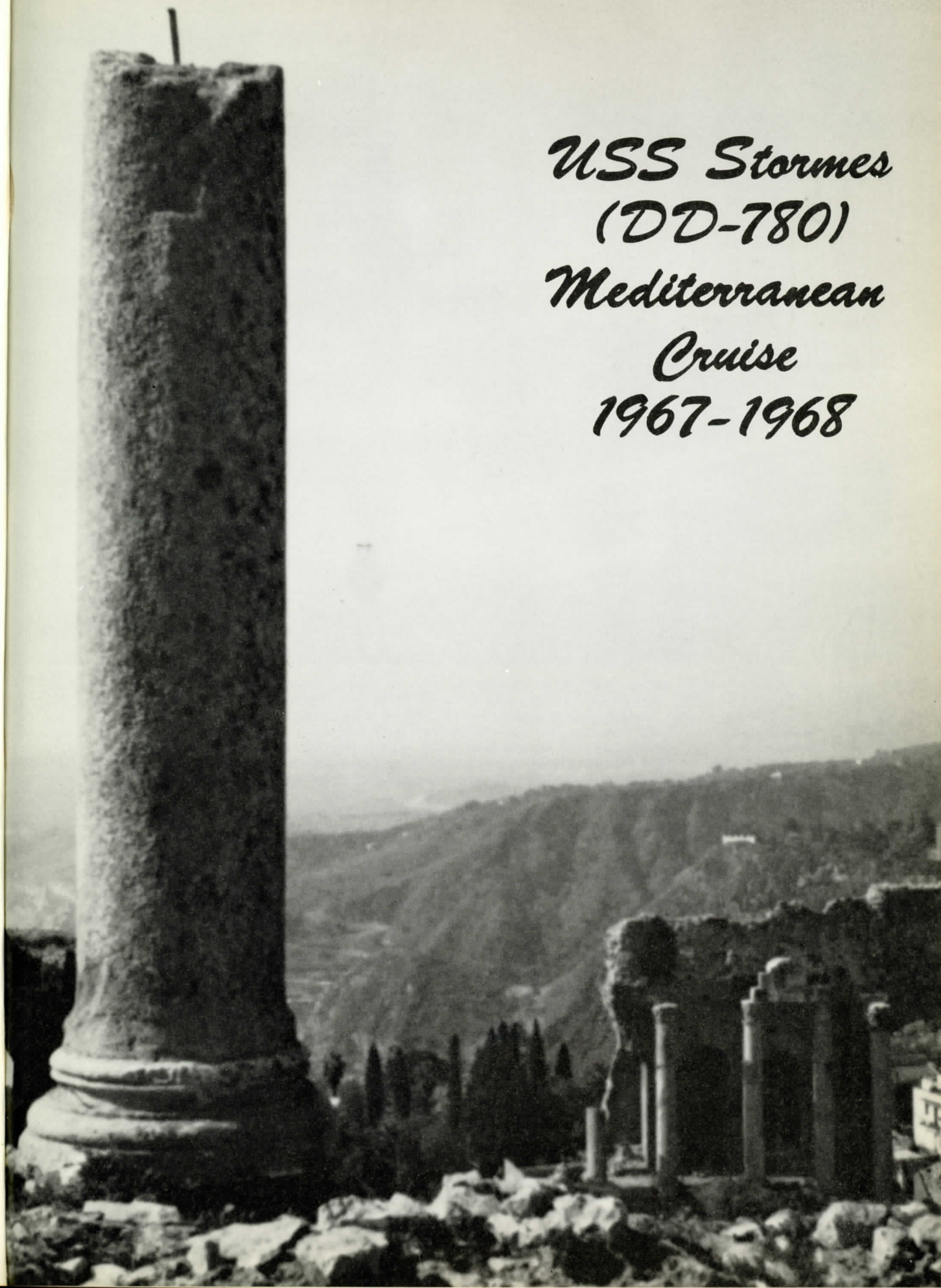
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*The  
Mediterranean  
Sea*





*USS Stormes  
(DD-780)  
Mediterranean  
Cruise  
1967-1968*







USS STORMES (DD-780), was named after CDR M.C. STORMES, a courageous Naval Officer who gave his life for his country in the battle of Guadalcanal. USS STORMES was commissioned January 27, 1945 at Seattle, Washington.

USS STORMES saw considerable action during World War II. On May 25, 1945 during the Okinawa invasion, STORMES was ripped open just forward of the after five inch gunmount by a Japanese suicide plane. A powder magazine exploded tearing a hole in the ship, but she was able to get back into port where she spent the remainder of the war.

After the War, USS STORMES was occupied with routine patrols and exercises until August 1950 when she was decommissioned. One month later the Korean Conflict made it necessary to reactivate her. Again she saw considerable wartime action. In 1956 USS STORMES was one of the U.S. Naval units in the Mediterranean during the Suez Crisis.

USS STORMES began a shipyard overhaul in June 1960 which changed her into one of the most modern ships in the "New Navy". At a cost of 3.4 millions of dollars, the ship was given a complete Fleet Rehabilitation and Remodernization (FRAM). Upon completion of FRAM USS STORMES joined Task Group Alfa.

Task Group Alfa is a fast-moving "Hunter-Killer" group established in 1958 and given the mission of accelerating the development of the "ASW" readiness of the Atlantic Fleet. Task Group ALFA is composed of an aircraft carrier, destroyers, anti-submarine submarines, and shore and carrier-based aircraft.

USS STORMES has also participated in three Project Mercury astronaut shots; Air Force Captain Grissom's sub-orbital shot, Marine Colonel Glenn's three orbit shot and the shot in which the United States orbited its first living being, the Astronaut Chimp, ENOS. On 29 November 1961 STORMES had the honor of recovering the chimp and capsule 200 miles south of Bermuda.

The rest of 1961 and 1962 were spent operating with Task Group ALFA and perfecting new techniques of anti-submarine warfare.

On 9 November 1962 during the Cuban Crisis, USS STORMES got underway for the Cuban Blockade. When tensions eased, she again returned to her ASW role in operations along our Eastern Seaboard.

On August 21, 1963 DD-780 paid a visit to Santa Marta, Columbia. STORMES was the first U.S. ship to visit Santa Marta since the USS GRAMPUS moored there in 1830 in an attempt to save the life of the South American Liberator, Simon Bolivar.

The latter part of 1963 STORMES underwent her regular three year overhaul. This was significant because she was the first FRAM II ship to return to the yard for overhaul after FRAM.

USS STORMES spent 1964 with Task Group ALFA and in October, participated in the largest Naval Exercise since World War II. "Steelpike I", as it was called, was an amphibious exercise which saw many marines and supplies transported across the Atlantic. Task Group ALFA acted as the submarine hunter-killer force that preceded the main body.





Again in 1965 USS STORMES participated in ASW operations with Task Group ALFA. During the month of February, 1965, STORMES was fully readied to receive and operate the Drone Anti-Submarine Helicopter-"DASH"-weapons delivery system. During the month of March, STORMES successfully completed her DASH shipboard qualifications. During May 1965 USS STORMES was ordered the Dominican Republic to patrol the coastal waters during the Dominican Revolution. Upon completion of this duty STORMES returned to Norfolk and regular ASW duties off the eastern coast of the United States.

USS STORMES continued her ASW duties through the first 2½ months of 1966 and participated in "Operation Springboard". After a short time as ASW school ship for Fleet Sonar School in Key West, STORMES returned to Norfolk for a tender availability in preparation for deployment to the Western Pacific.

On the morning of 1 June, USS STORMES departed Norfolk in company with DESRON 32 for a 6½ month deployment to the Western Pacific. During this deployment, USS STORMES' duties consisted primarily of rescue destroyer services in the Tonkin Gulf for USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64). At one time STORMES was called upon to provide Naval gunfire support off the coast of South Vietnam and in doing so, she broke up a major enemy attack and inflicted heavy enemy losses. Upon completion of three days of gunfire support, USS STORMES departed the coast of South Vietnam having successfully supported Allied ground forces and having saved many lives. On 17 December 1966, USS STORMES returned to Norfolk via the Mediterranean Sea thus completing an around the world cruise.

The 1966 Christmas season found USS STORMES at home in Norfolk for leave and upkeep, a very pleasant rest. After limited local operations in the first months of 1967 all preparations were completed for STORMES' 1967 regular overhaul in Norfolk Naval Shipyard. The overhaul was lengthy and affected all departments giving STORMES increased operational and weapons capabilities and affording comforts for her crew.

STORMES departed the shipyard in July and proceeded to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for refresher training. Many long hours and exhausting exercises later, STORMES returned to Norfolk with a more seasoned crew, a fully battle ready ship.

The latter half of October and early November 1967 found USS STORMES in the midst of "POM", preparation for overseas movement, in Norfolk. After a brief leave period and the completion of material preparations, STORMES departed on 14 November for a 5½ month Mediterranean deployment. During the cruise STORMES exercised in all phases of Naval operations, including gunnery, anti-submarine warfare, communications and operations and engineering exercises.

USS STORMES also participated with other units of Destroyer Squadron 32 in Fairgame VI, an annual joint Sixth Fleet operation with French Naval forces.

Between operations USS STORMES visited many exciting liberty ports, including Naples and Genoa, Italy, Izmir, Turkey, Bandol, and Golfe Juan, France and Cartagena and Malaga, Spain.

On 23 April 1968 USS STORMES returned to Norfolk, Virginia thus marking the end of another successful deployment.





## *Commanding Officer*

COMMANDER CHARLES E. RAWSON, USN

Commander Charles E. Rawson was born in Lincoln, Nebraska and is a graduate of the United States Marine Academy, Kingspoint, New York. He was commissioned in 1946 and assigned to the heavy cruiser USS ST. PAUL (CA-73) as an Engineering Division Officer. During this tour of duty ST. PAUL was flagship for the Battleship, Cruiser Force Pacific Fleet and toured the UN mandated islands in the Pacific as well as spending considerable periods of time on the China Station. In 1949-1951, he served on USS HAMUL (AD-20) as Gunnery Officer and Operations Officer. HAMUL was homeported in England until the start of the Korean War at which time it was transferred to the Pacific Fleet as flagship for COMDESFLOT ONE. Subsequent duties included a tour in Naples, Italy as Industrial Relations Officer for the Headquarters Support Activity.

Commander RAWSON then reported aboard USS BROWNSON (DD-868) as Engineer Officer and went around the world on that ship in 1953-1954. He was Executive Officer when detached for a tour of duty under instruction at the University of North Carolina. This was followed by duty on the Staff of Commander Escort Squadron EIGHT.

In 1957 Commander RAWSON was Executive Officer of USS BASILONE (DD-824) and participated in the Lebanon Operation.

During the period 1958-1960 he was Head, Advanced Bases and Special Projects in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations after which he served in USS VIGIL (AGR-12) as Commanding Officer. His duty immediately prior to assuming command of USS STORMES (DD-780) was with the Office of Naval Research as ASW Project Officer, Undersea warfare Division.

Commander RAWSON is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School where he majored in Navy Management.

Commander RAWSON is married to the former Heather Barber of Plymouth, England. They have one child, a daughter, Devon Marie.





**LCDR. P. M. REITZEL**  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
TO 31 JANUARY, 1968

## *Executive Officer*



**LCDR. P. C. LOWN**  
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31 JANUARY, 1968 TO PRESENT

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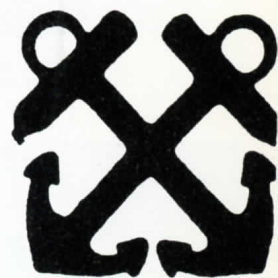
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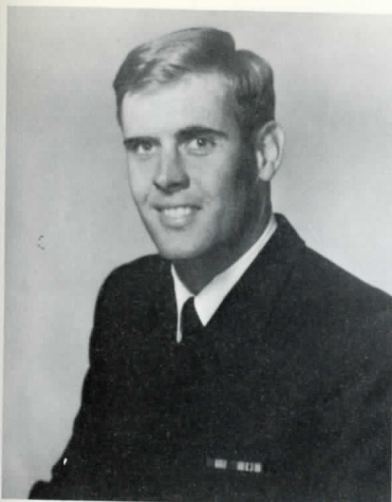


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# The trial of Fearless Peth



**SQUARED AWAY FEARLESS PETH**



**IS GUILTY**



**FOUND GUILTY**



**STILL GUILTY**



**HE MADE IT**



## *Atlantic Crossing*

The nine day Atlantic crossing was uneventful except for the North Atlantic's roughness.

Thanksgiving Day we passed the Rock of Gibraltar and ran smack into some of the roughest weather the Med had to offer. Thanksgiving Dinner was delayed time and again while we tried to refuel. The fellows on forward station must have changed clothes four or five times before the ordeal was over. It wasn't a case of who was going to get wet but how many seconds after emerging from the forward hatches before one was completely submirdged. We made it finally and everyone went squishing below to change clothes once again and settle down to a belated Thanksgiving Dinner.





Our first liberty stop was Bandol, France after 29 days at sea. The boys were feeling restless so deck lined up against the snipes and the slaughter began...

## Football









**STORMES** at anchorage with **USS WRANGELL** and **USS VOGELGESANG** in Golfe Juan Harbor. Christmas at sunrise.



**BANDOL . . .** A sleepy little French town whose sole redeeming qualities were civilian food and its closeness to Toulon and Marseilles.





## *Nice Tour*

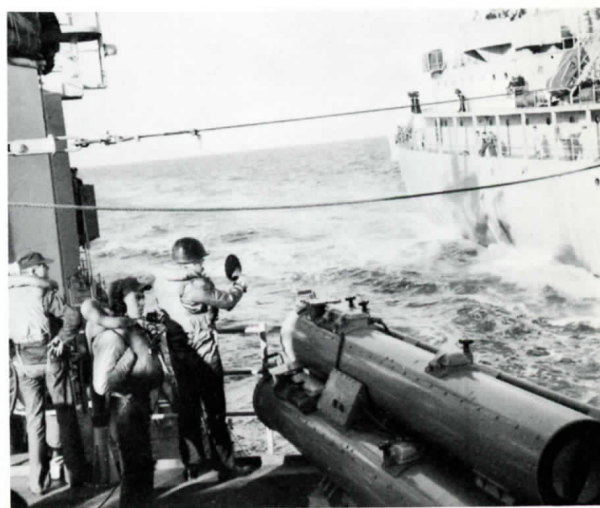
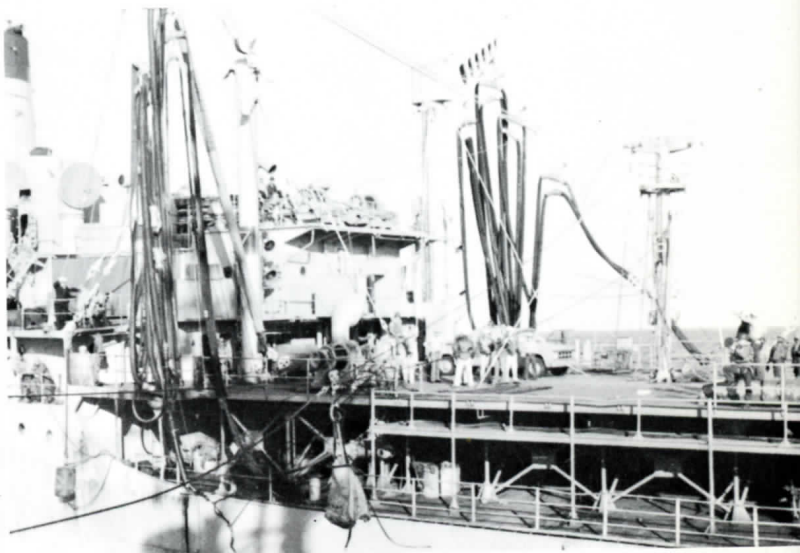




# Refueling Unreps Vertreps



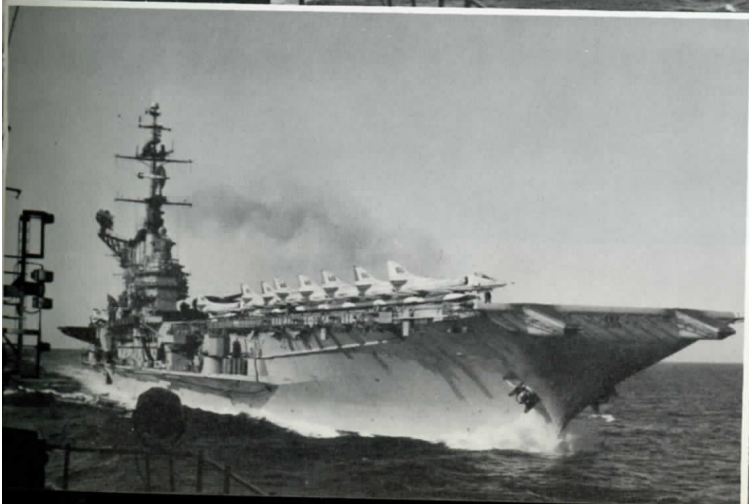
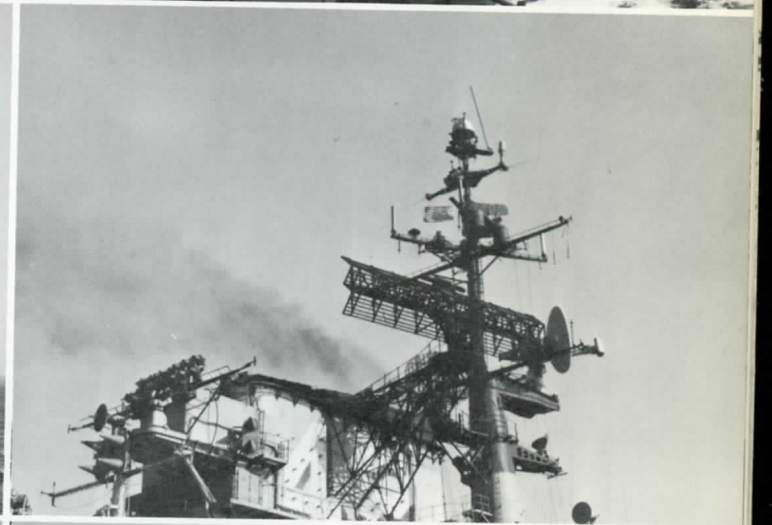
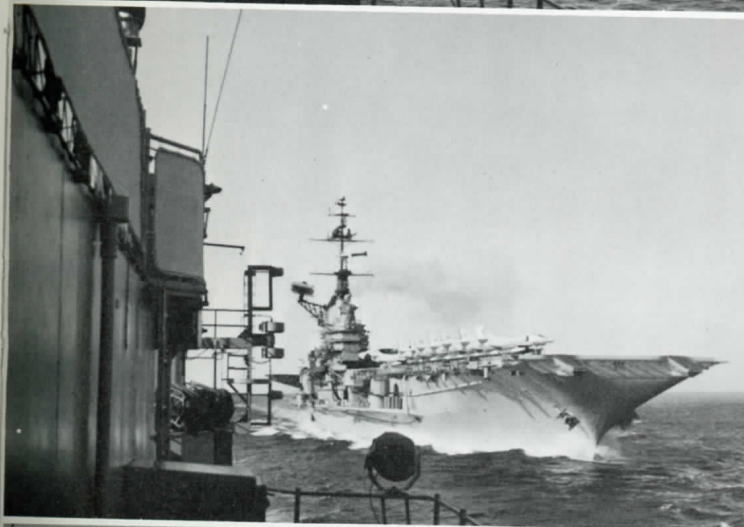
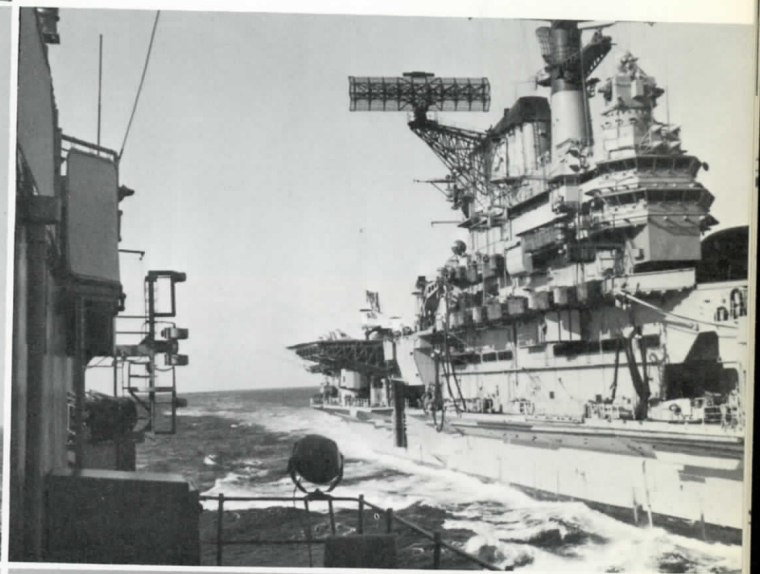
Taking on bullets, beans, and black oil, CHICKASKIA and four destroyers, two refueling and two in life guard.



For six days thou shalt toil, on the seventh thou shalt oil and rearm.

What they told us, and shouldn't, was the  
guy's on the bridge were new at this sort of  
thing and they didn't want them making 'costly'  
mistakes when they went aside the oiler.

“ HERE COME DA BIRD FARM ”  
(or how it feels to be a target)







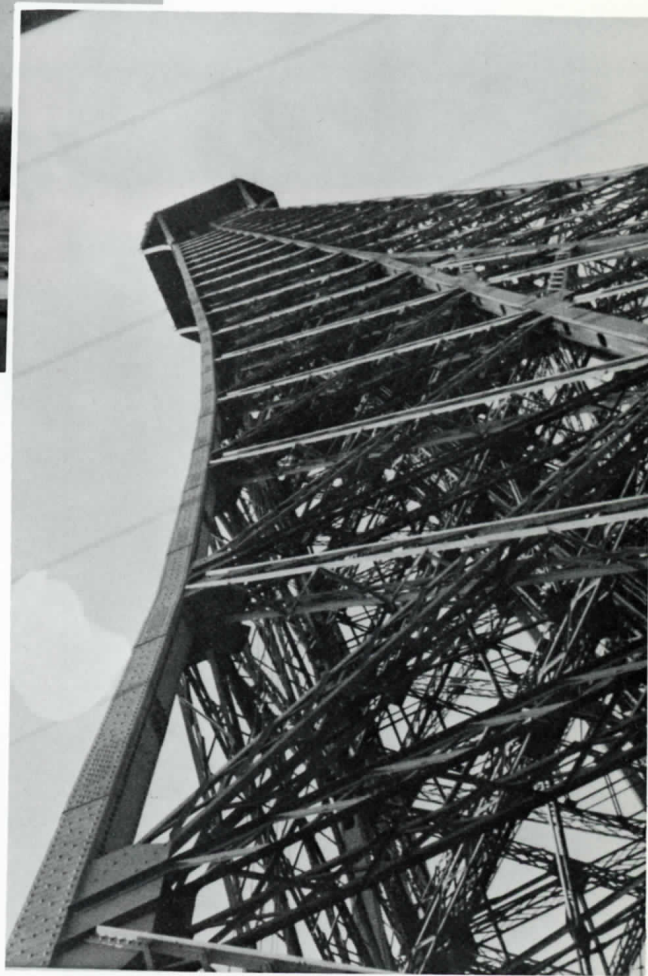
PARIS



NICE  
CANNES  
GOLFE  
JUAN  
BANDOL



We had some delicious pictures of the happenings inside the Eve Club and the Leido, but the film was confiscated, so we present an uncensored view of the Eiffle Tower.

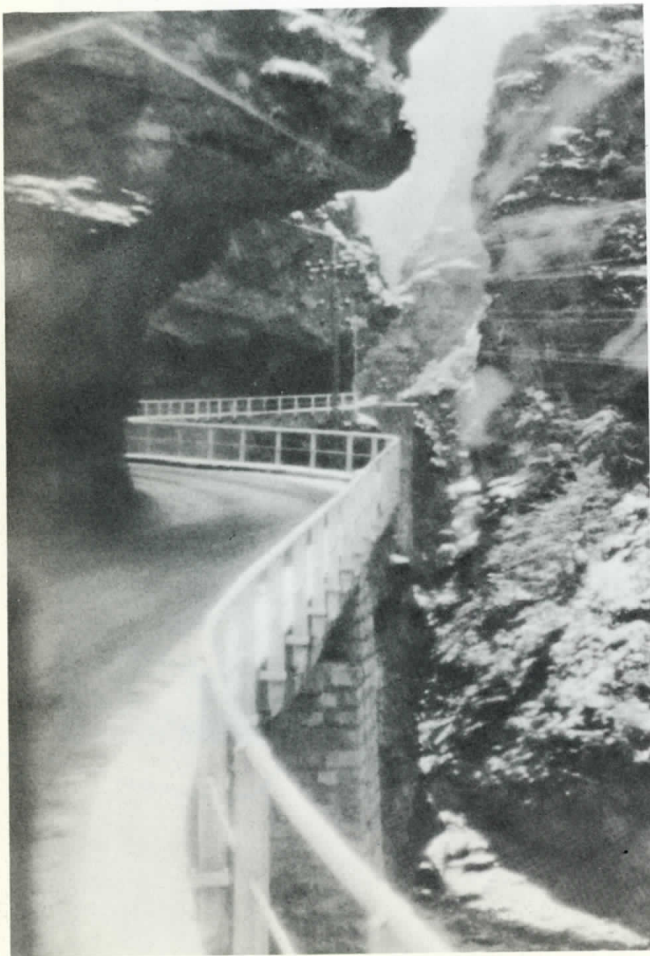






THE FRENCH ALPS are eternal, cold and the roads precarious, you wonder why anybody would want to live there---until a Snow Bunny happens by.

## *Alps*



"SAILORS!, you show them the Alps and they take pictures of the guide."



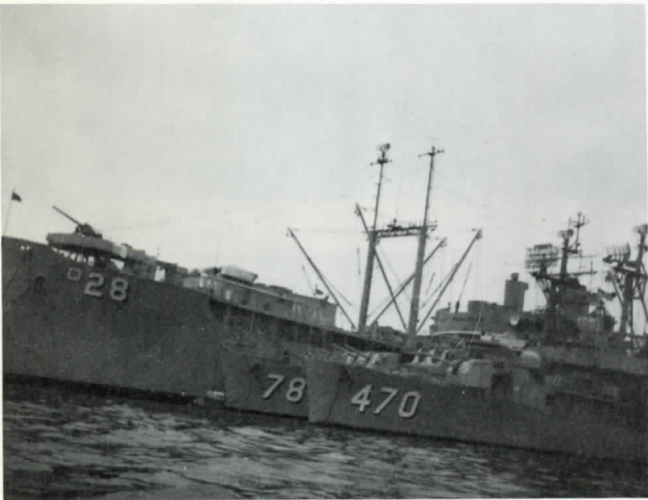








# Naples



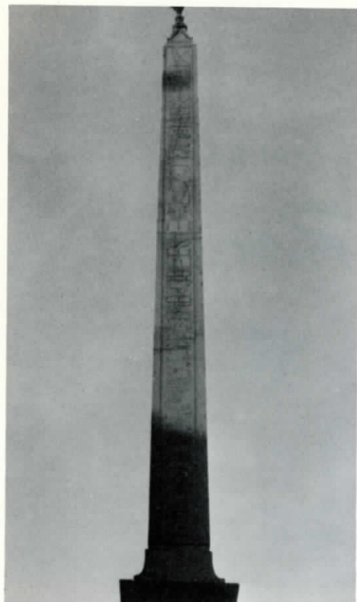
# *Enroute to Rome*



Naples to Rome, the land  
seemed untouched by time...  
But a name recalled an  
emotion we couldn't define.  
Cassino—men had died here.







FORUM

*SPQR*

The Senate and People of Rome

Once the centre of an Empire



ST. PETERS

FONTANA DI TREVI



ST. PAULS





**ROAD TO SORRENTO**



**SORRENTO**



**MT. VESUVIUS**



# Pompeii

A Provincial city  
of the Roman Empire



And over here we have---UH---boys,  
OH well, it always happens when  
there's a gal along.





*Souda Bay, Crete*



A place for rest between assignments





Kiser signs his life away



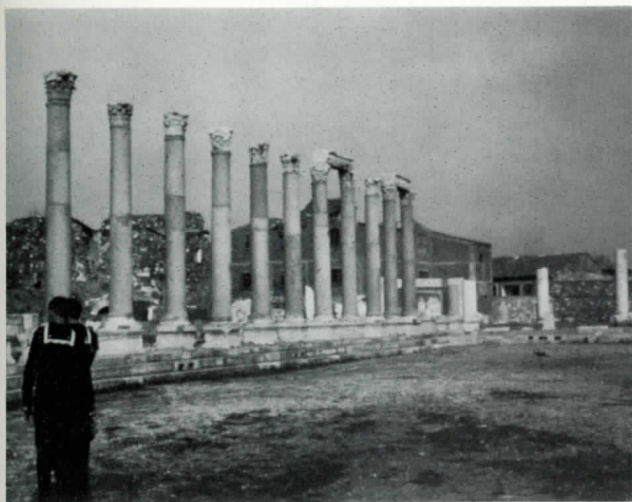
## *Awards and Shipover*



Newly rated POS



# Izmir Turkey



Hellenistic Period the Agora, designed by Alexander The Macedonian.



The foundation of the Agora provided parking for the Camel Caravans.

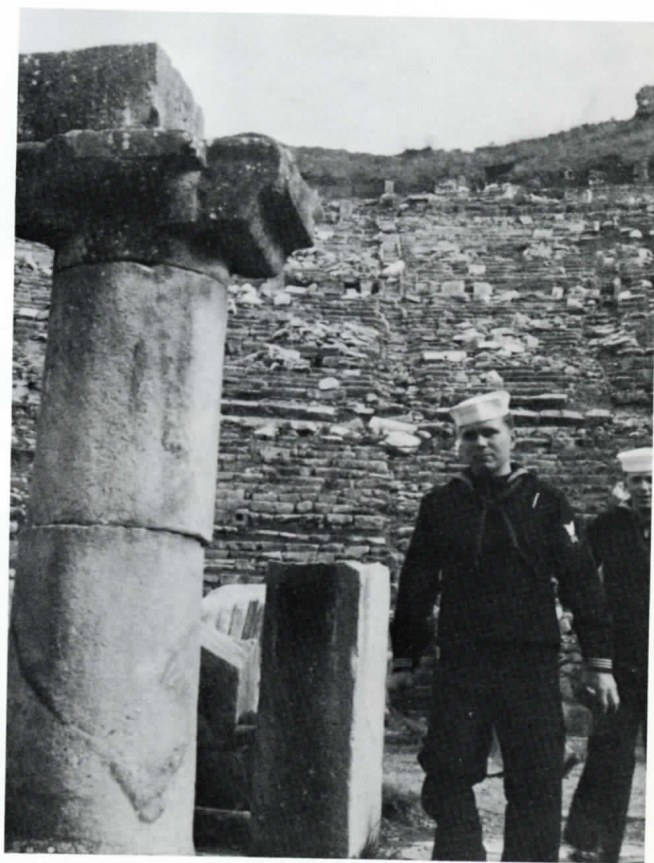
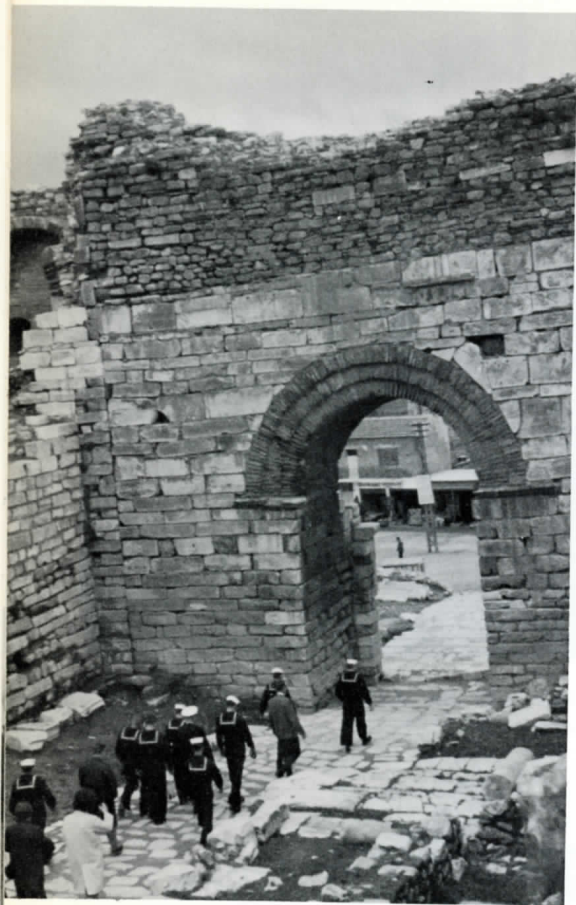


The Roman Period Aqueduct to Izmir.



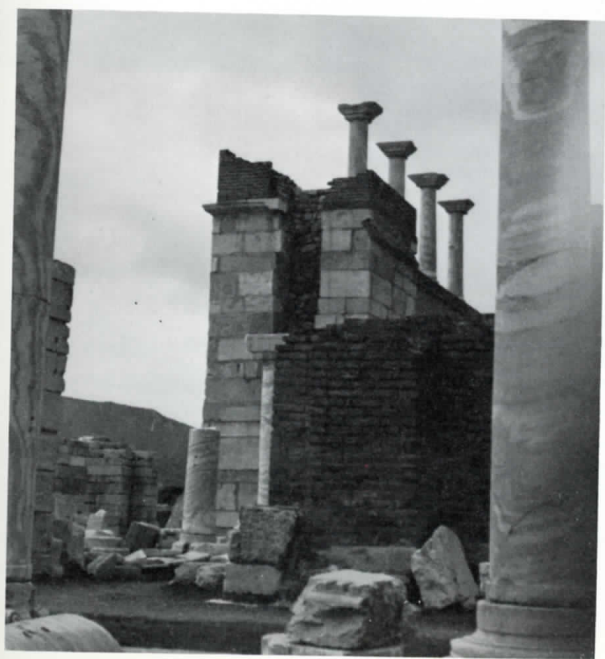
The Modern Period Tombstones of the Nobles.





*Ephesus*









## *The Russians*

(or look who's tailing us now!)



*Mail for  
the*

*Roosevelt*





## *Around Messina*







## *Ship's Party*

QUOTE OF THE EVENING:  
 "You know how I am when I get a captive audience!"







## *Palermo Tour*

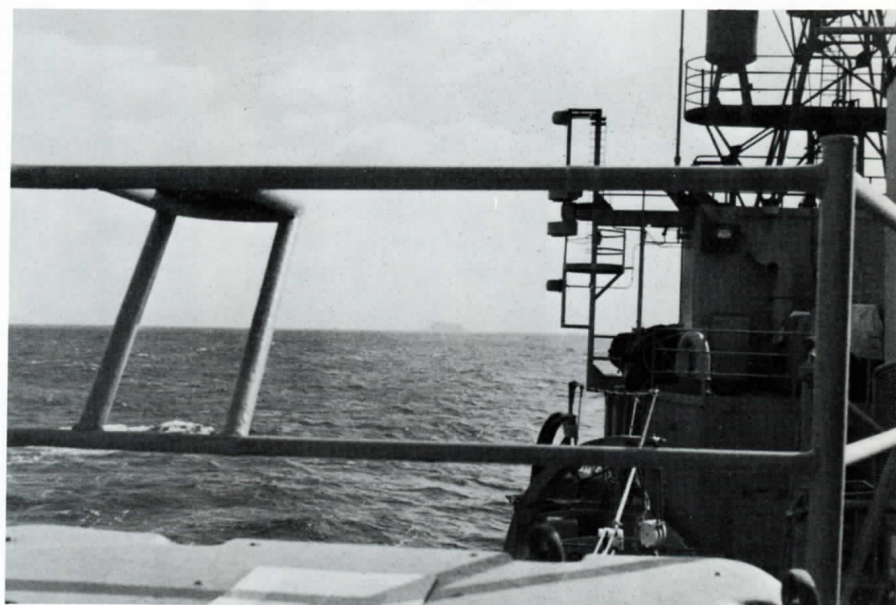






We Anchored There

# *Malta*



We Shot At It



But We Never Set Foot On It



*Rear  
Admiral  
VanArsdale  
Visits*







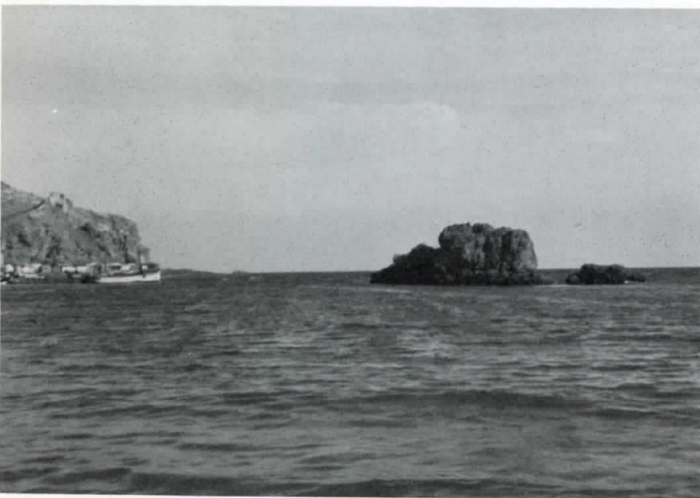
## *Cartegena*

The land of Don Quixote is indeed a land of contrast, a sleepy little fishing town sits next to a resort city that wasn't there a year ago and was built by the Scandinavians. "Yes! One can still rent a room with board in a hotel there for three dollars."







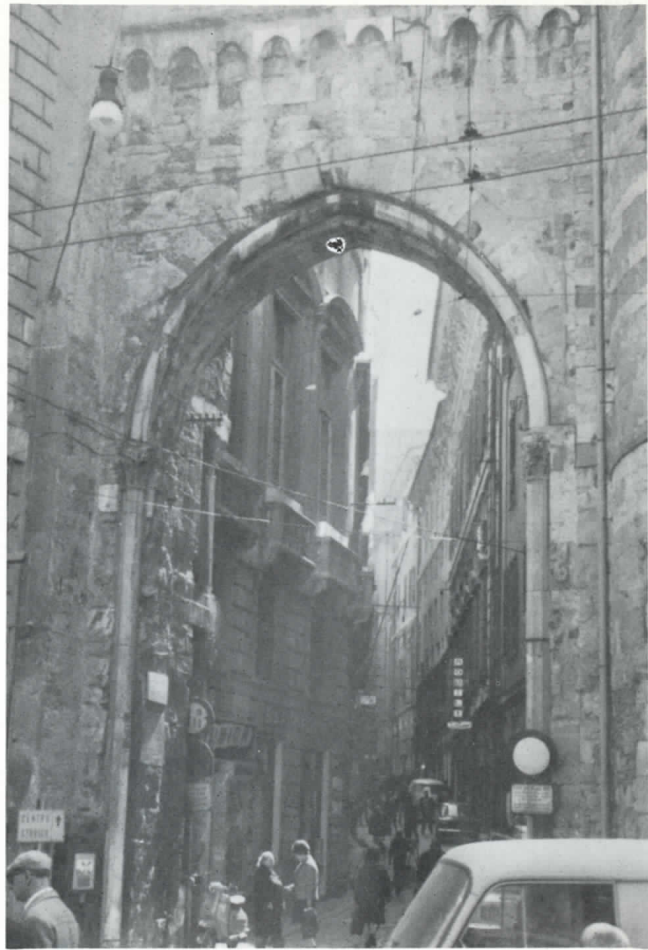




Victory Arch, Genoa, in Memory of  
Soldiers, Sailors, Marines of Italy



Statue of Christopher Columbus



## *Genoa*



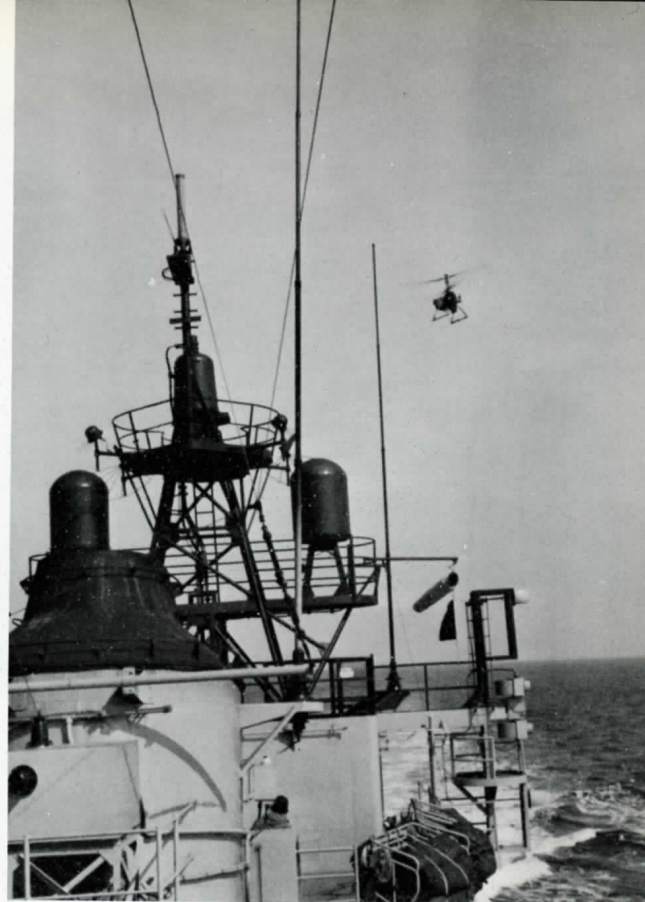
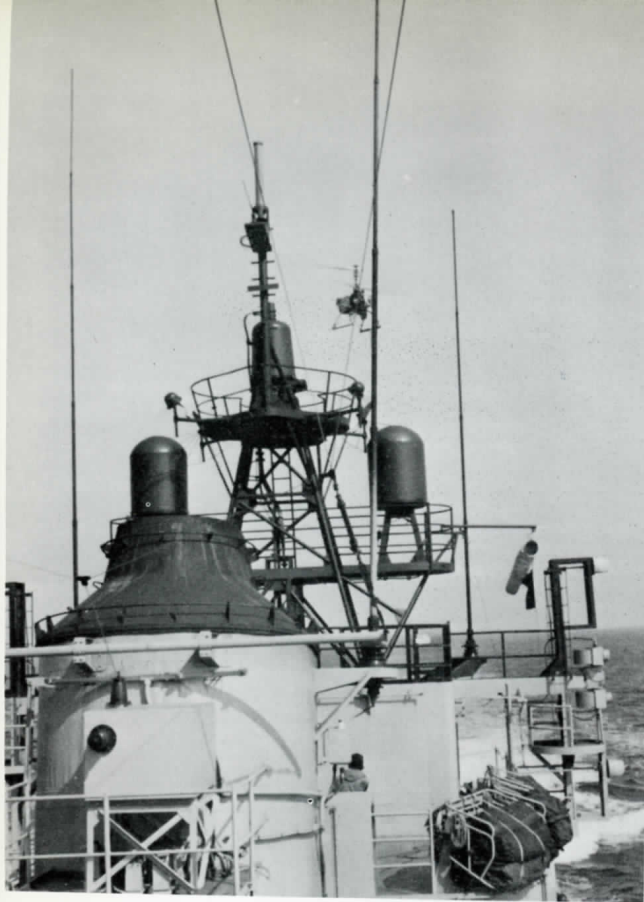




*ADMIRAL*



The word was Excellent!



# *Dash*

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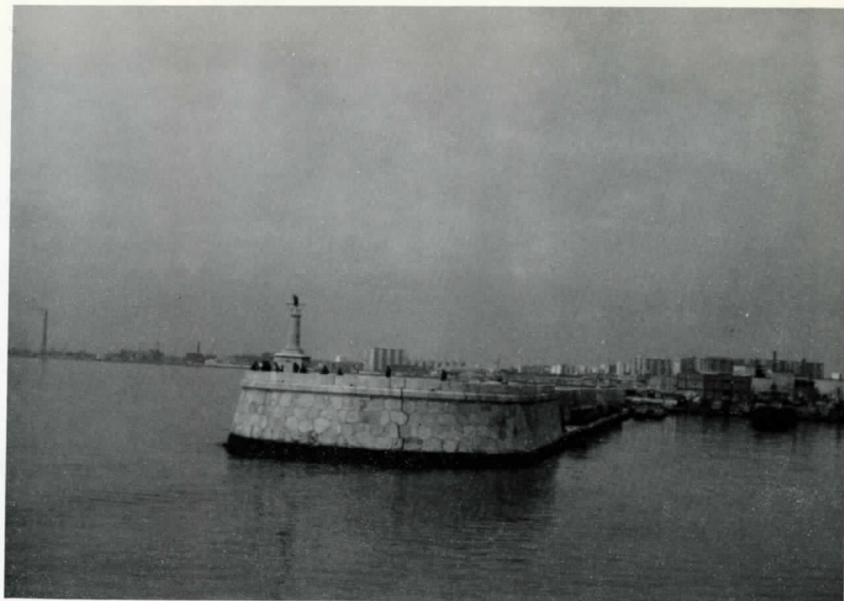
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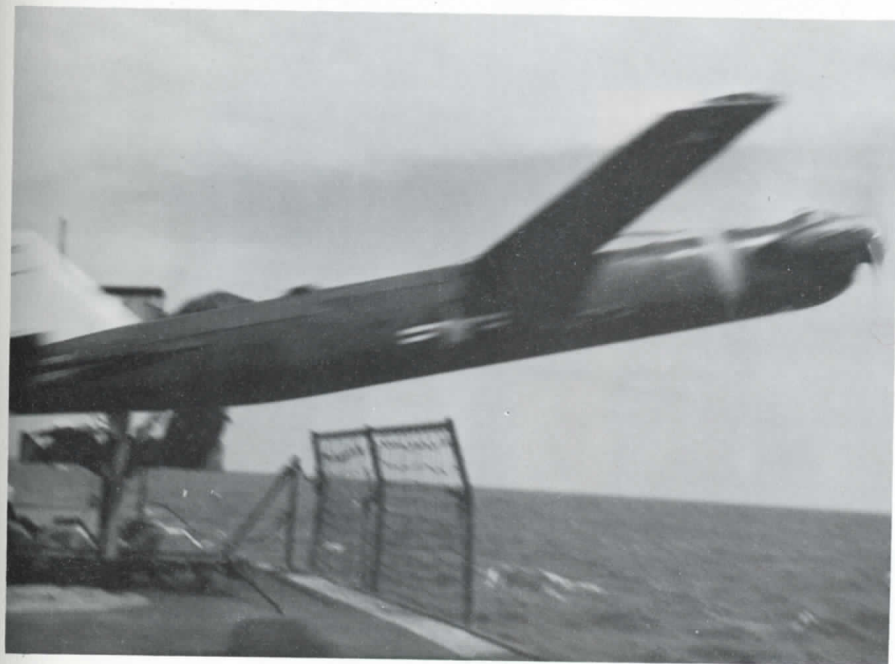
BIRD





# *Malaga*



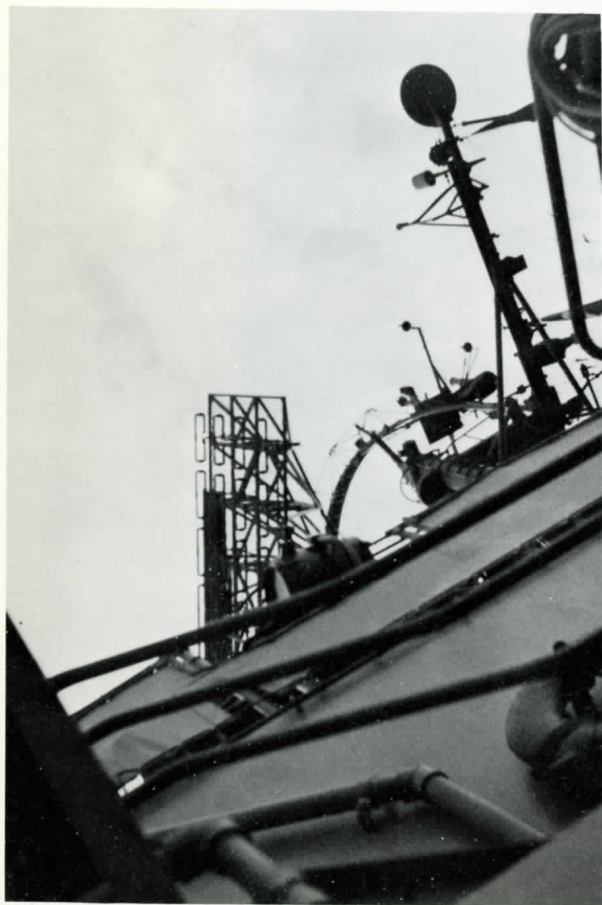


*Drone Shoot*



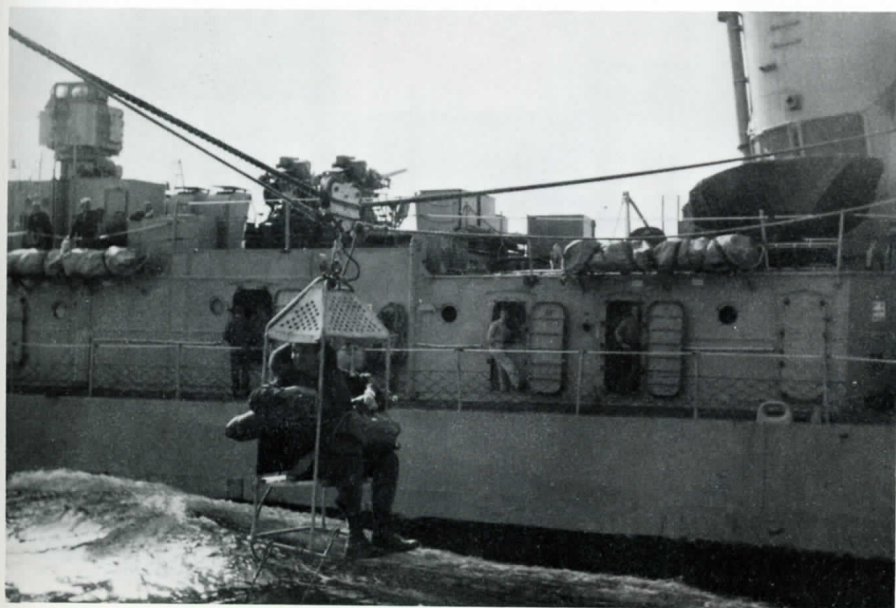


# *At Sea*





IT  
GETS  
YOU  
THERE



MOST  
OF  
THE  
TIME



"NOW AMERICAN DOLLARS

ARE FOR SALE IN

THE SUPPLY OFFICE"



Same old thing--polish the brightwork.



What do you mean you think we're off the Virginia Capes?!



I'll believe it when I see the pier.



It's land!



Music to moor ships by.



"Yea, but do they speak English."



At last.



*Our Presence...*

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# CARTAGENA

LLEGARON EL "PUTNAM" Y EL "STORMES", PARA DESCANSAR

**"EL MEDITERRANEO ES PARA LA ESTABILIDAD"**

- ☐ BARI
- ☐ CATANIA
- ☒ GENOA
- ☐ MESSINA
- ☒ PALERMO



Los "Stormes" y "Putnam", de la Marina norteamericana, que atracaron en nuestro puerto. — (Foto SAEZ)



El caccia americano nel porto, ha festeggiato l'anniversario della foto di Pippo Lago

MARTEDI 27 FEBBRAIO 1968

**bandol**

**RECEPTION AUJOURD'HUI EN L'HONNEUR DU DESTROYER U.S. «STORMES»**

**Le Meridional**  
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DES VISITES..

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