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**HMCS ANNAPOLIS 265**

**STANDING NAVAL FORCE ATLANTIC 1974**

**COMMEMORATIVE BOOK**

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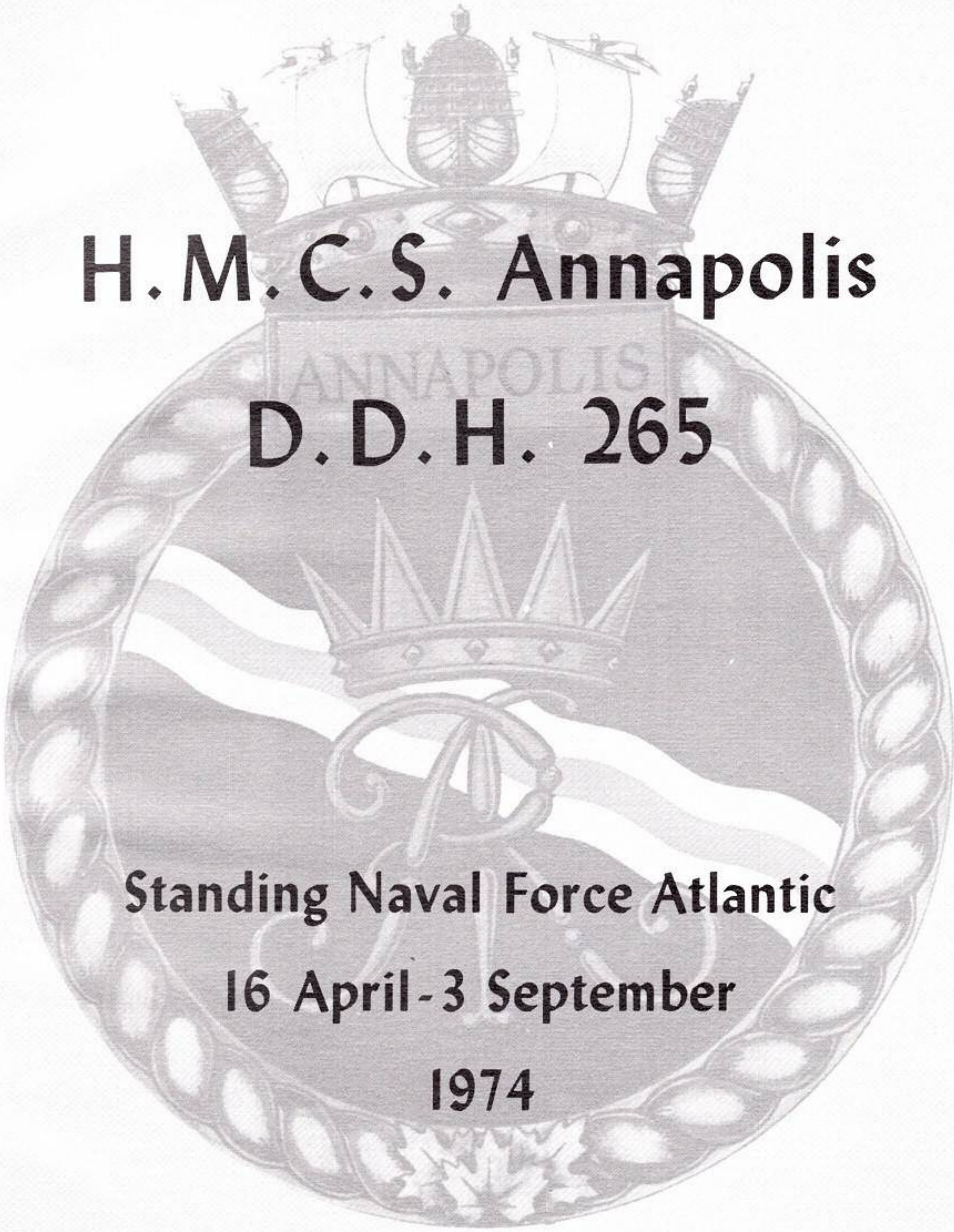


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## Message from the Commodore

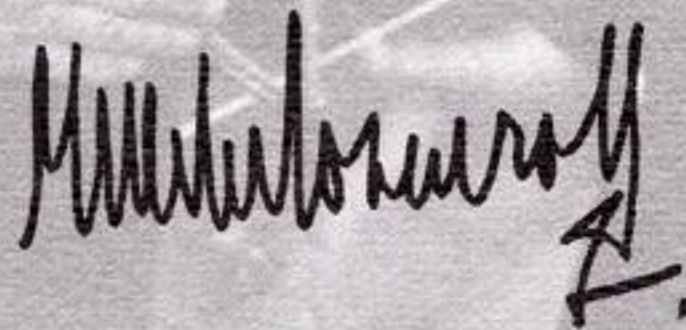
I am honoured, indeed, to have been invited to write the foreword to HMCS ANNAPOLIS' Cruise Book which illustrates her four long months of dedicated service as Flagship of the Standing Naval Force Atlantic, from 23 April to 26 August, 1974. It is, for me, a period which has simply flown by.

To the reader of this book, if he or she is not an ANNAPOLIS, it will appear as though we did little but play. Play we did, in ten different European ports, from Lisbon to Newcastle. It may be not obvious, however, that between those ports we worked hard in the practise of our profession as seamen, preparing with all of NATO for a war we pray will never happen. Throughout port visits and excercises at sea, the Flagship shoulders many extra burdens of organization, communications, ceremonial and official functions; all under the close scrutiny of professional eyes. The ANNAPOLIS came through with flying colours.

I hope and expect the book to bring as many happy memories for the ANNAPOLIS as it will for me. I hope also that it will be meaningful to parents, wives and loved ones who so frequently have to endure our long absences from the place where our hearts are-----HOME.

To the ANNAPOLIS, I will forever be grateful for your loyal support.

Until we meet again.  
Most sincerely,



G. M. De Rosenroll  
Commodore, CF  
Commander Standing Naval Force Atlantic





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## Our Commanding Officer



Known affectionately throughout the ship as "Father", Commander J. Drent enthusiastically led Annapolis through the STANAVFORLANT cruise. His relentless attention to detail and flair for doing the unexpected gave Annapolis a reputation for being an efficient, happy ship. He will always be remembered for these famous words, "Congratulations you have just been cross-pollled".

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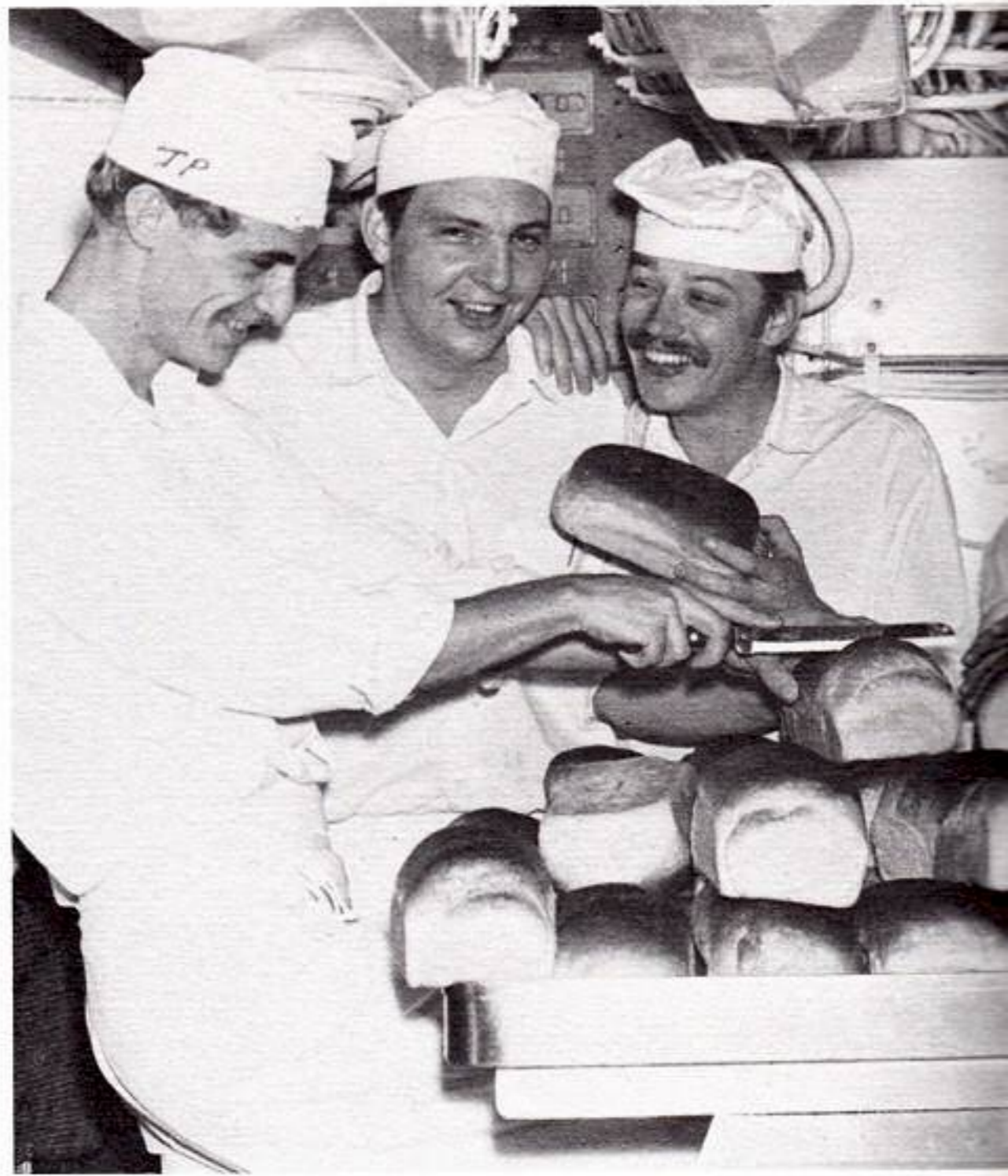
(1) COMMANDER J. Drent CD, Commanding Officer. (2) CDR J. Drent & SLT P. LeBlanc bid farewell to HRH Prince Charles. (3) CDR J. Drent speaking with ADM Elbe, Staff Officer, and CMDR de Rosenroll. (4) "Where is Hornblower with my tea?" (5) Speaking with LCDR Hancock, USN.





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(1) LS Laine loads ammunition for the gun shoots ahead. (2) The Ship's "Baker's Dozen" (1-r) AB Pleasance, LS Haney, LS Popham, MS Deamel, PO Valeau, LS Milbrant. (3) LS Hennebary and AB Oracheski loading stores. (4) LS Shewfelt and LS Faubert checking lines. (5) LS Livingstone, LS Gagnon, LS Gabriel ready "the bird" for another flight.



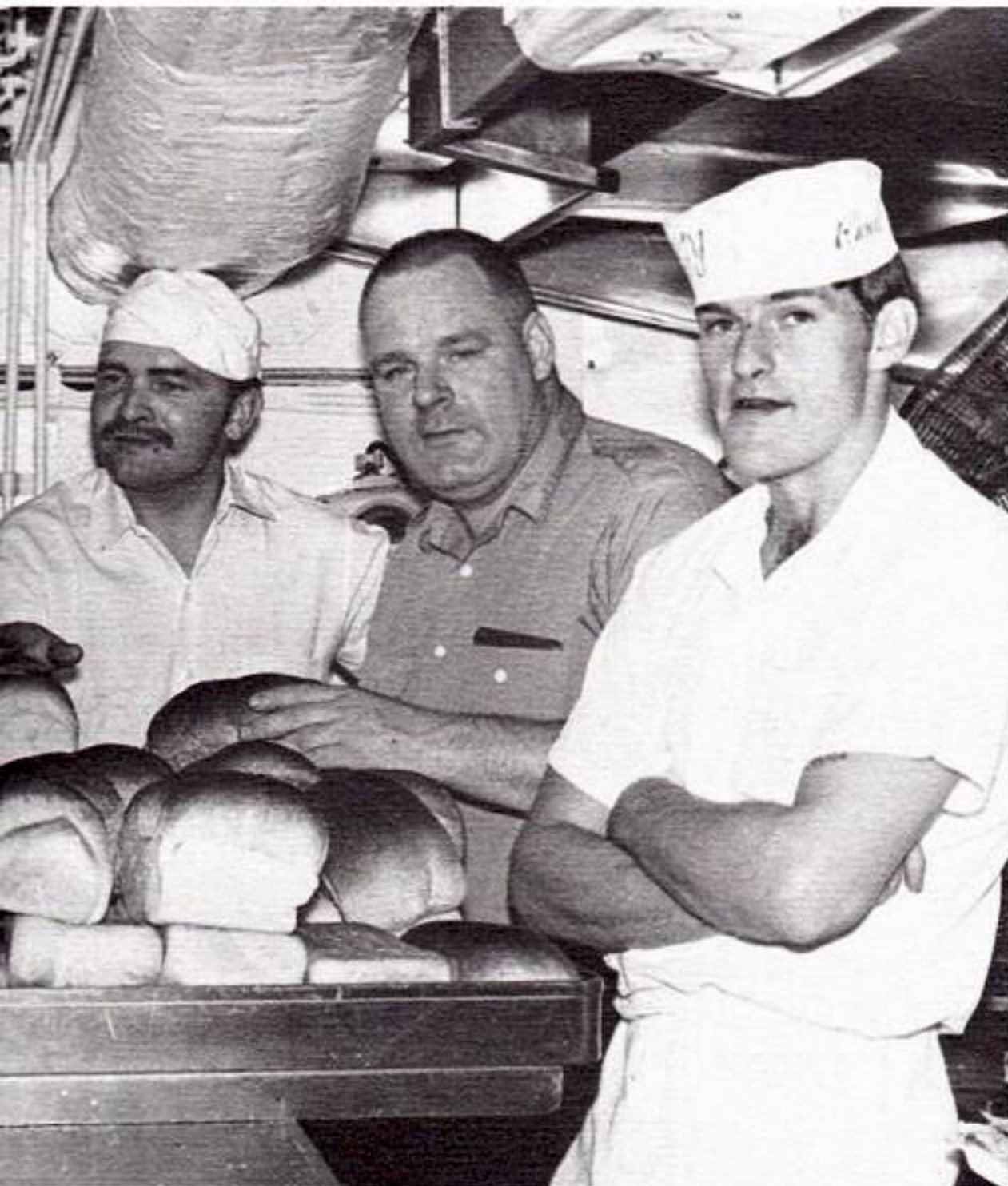
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# Ship's Company Prepares for Deployment



Many preparations must be made to ready a destroyer for a cruise that will last four and one half months. Long hard hours were spent planning, storing, repairing equipment, checking and double checking everything to ensure ANNAPOLIS was ready to meet the challenges ahead. The entire crew did an outstanding job.



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# At Sea...

## All hands work hard



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(1) Well almost everyone! LS Milbrant, LS MacDonald, LS Boisvert relaxing between helo flights. (2) MS Petrowski, LS Fraser, AB McCoull man the falls. (3) LS Legendrie preparing for another Jackstay. (4) MS McAuley on the engine room telegraphs. (5) LCDR Hodgson on the helm - Sir! (6) STANAVFORLANT in formation. (7) LS Cassista with his favorite toy. (8) AB Chisholm closed up for SSD. (9) The Navigator SLT Watson and his Yeoman, LS Fergusson.



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Life at sea leaves little time for relaxation. Smooth efficient running of a modern warship requires knowledge, lots of practice and teamwork. The first lesson a sailor learns is that teamwork can mean the difference between success and failure.



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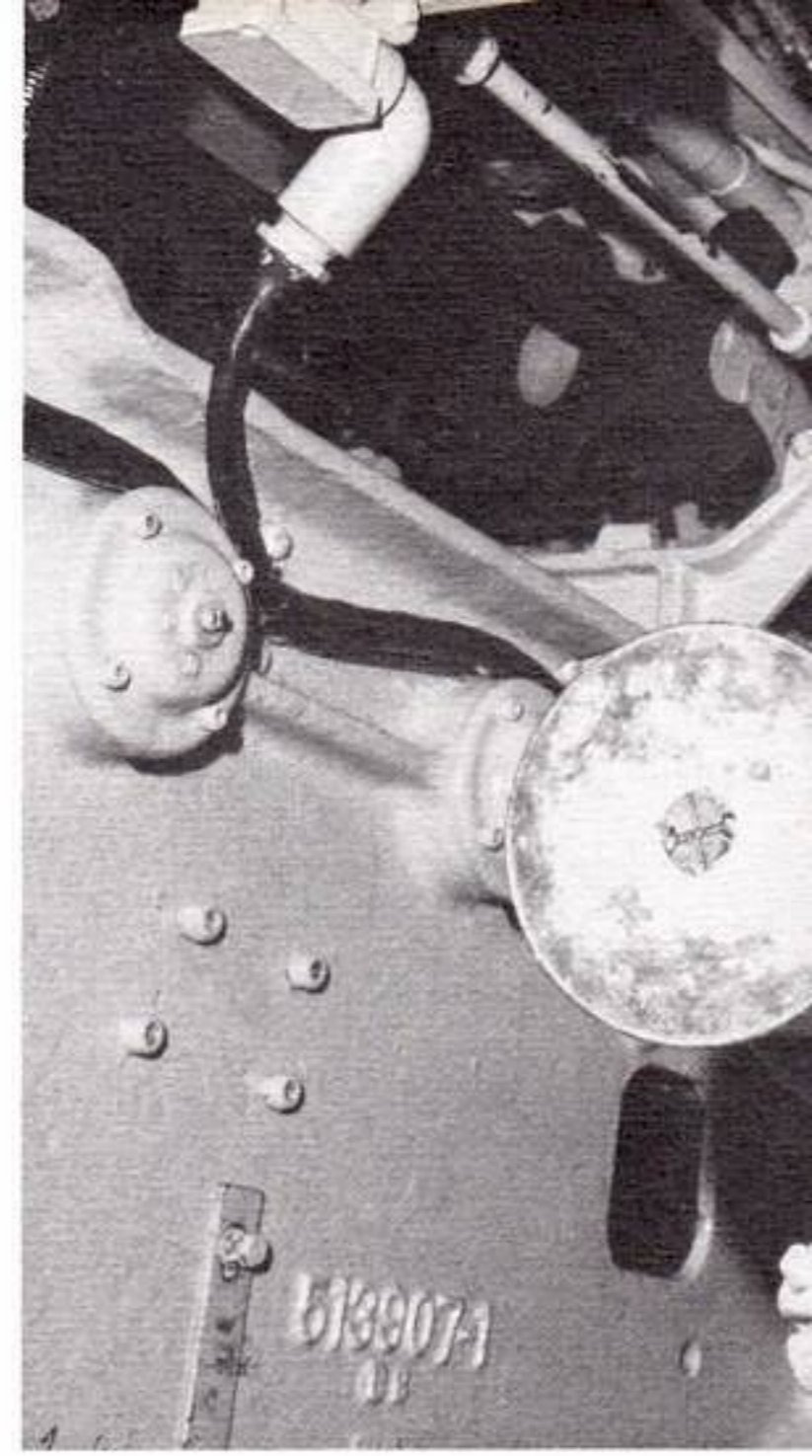


At Sea...

Individuals apply their Skills



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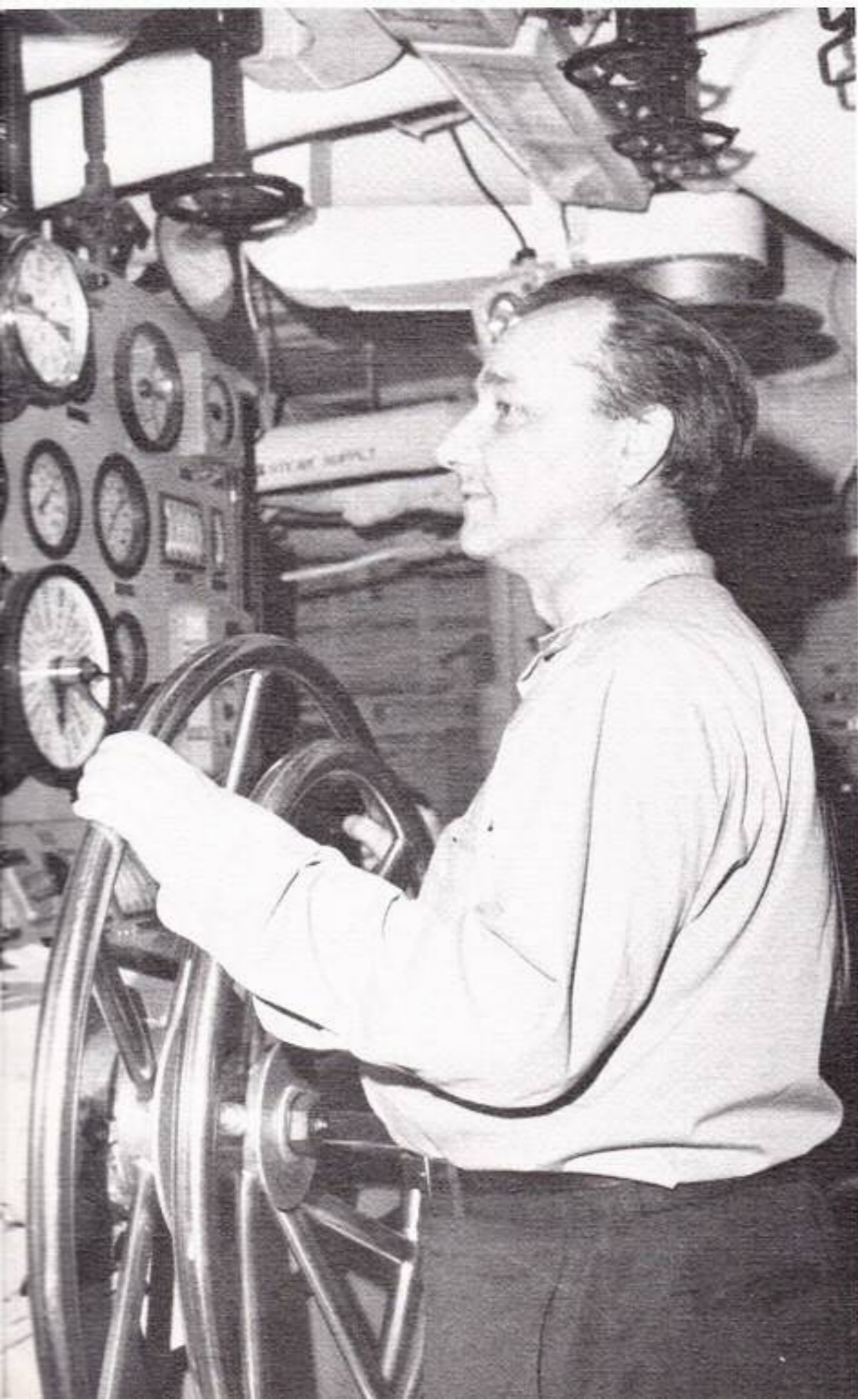


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(1) LS Buott and LS Ely during NBCD exercise. (2) AB Hollinger accepts long distance call from Greenock. (3) LT Howden and AB Carrier explain Annapolis' air control capabilities to an American sailor. (4) LS D'Orsay and PO Knickle "waiting" for the order to load the hoppers. (5) PO Zolinski predicting "yesterday's" weather. (6) PO Reid on the engine room throttles.

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(1) SLT LeBlanc & MS Burke during jackstay transfer. (2) LS Rumsay and other members of White Watch close up for another jackstay. (3) PO Siggers and MS Blair during TOWEX with Narvik. (4) LCDR Taylor and PO Siggers prepare for a RAS with CPO Brownless and SLT Mailloux in the background. (5) "Turns for lowering!" - AB McCoull, LS Fraser and MS Petrowski in action. (6) Away seaboat! (7) SLT Vey supervising boats. (8) Divers returning onboard. (9) Launching the seaboat. (10) LS Clark at work. (11) Squadron Ops Officer being transferred at sea.





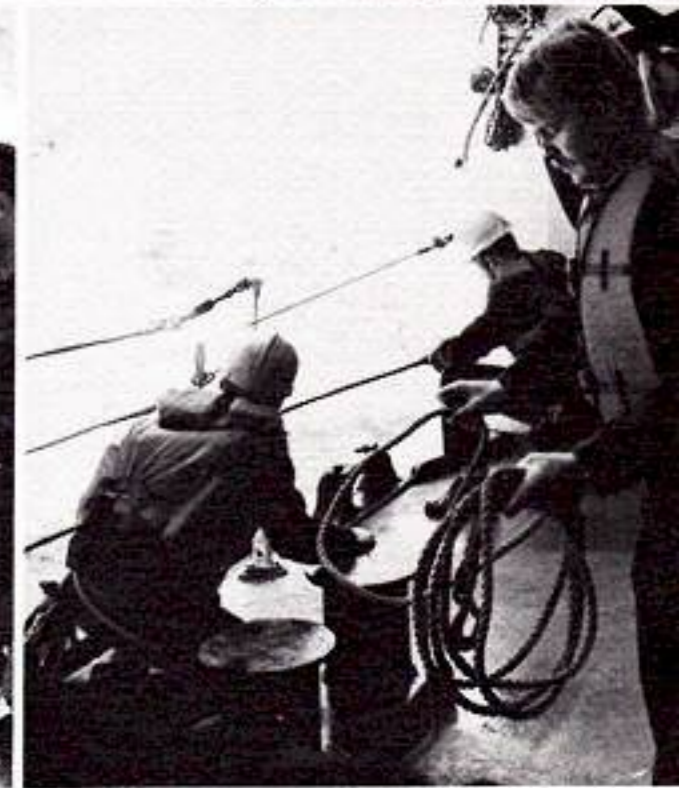
# Evolutions at Sea

At sea Annapolis took part in 22 Jackstay transfers, 26 RAS liquids, 5 Towing exercises where we supplied the gear, 5 anchorages, 65 ship handling exercises, 4 Emergency station excersises, 1 real emergency station, 3 Degrees of Readiness exercises and 10 steering gear breakdown exercises. The ship spent 48 days in foreign ports, 91 days at sea, sailing a total of 25,247 nautical miles.

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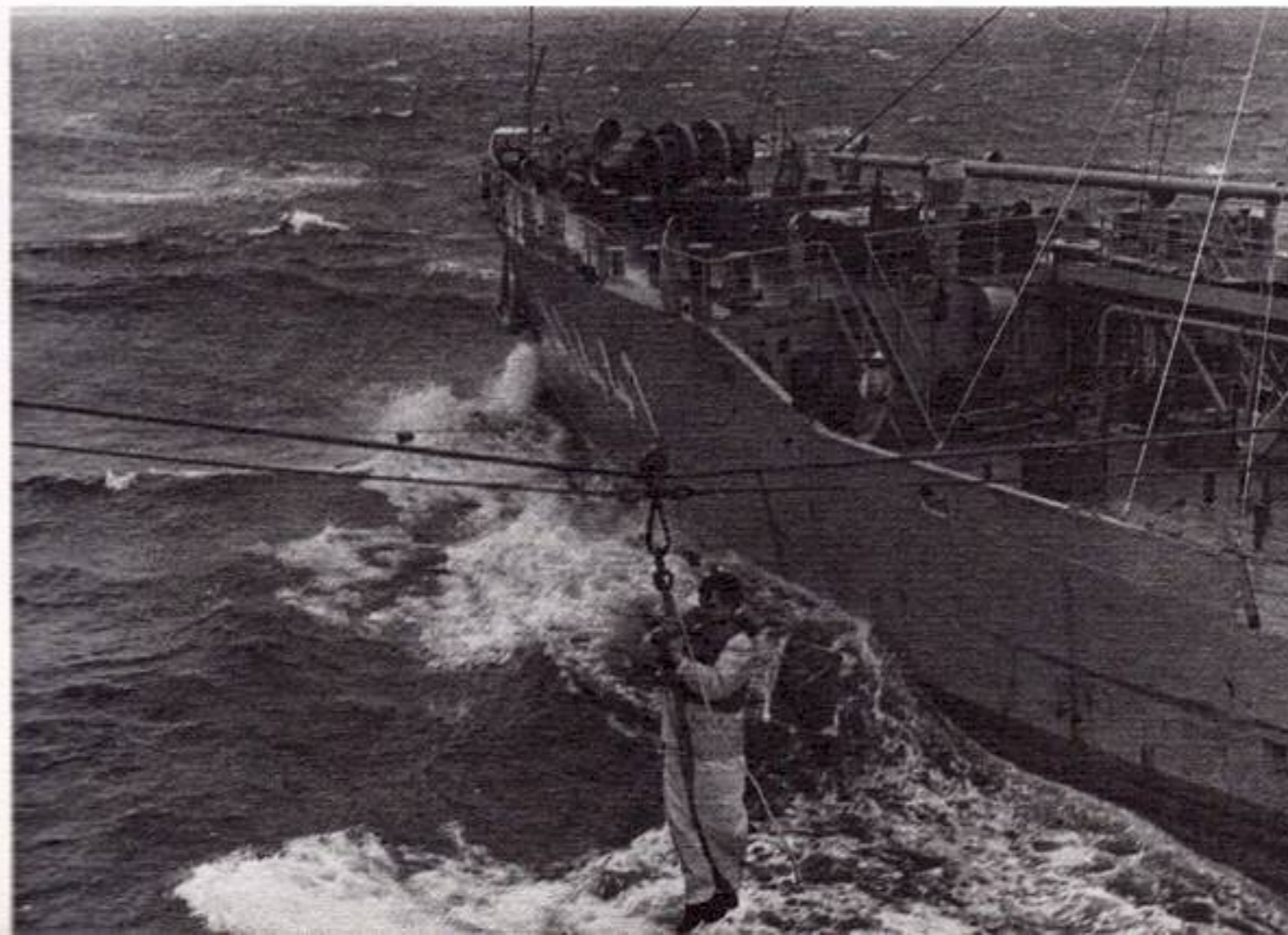
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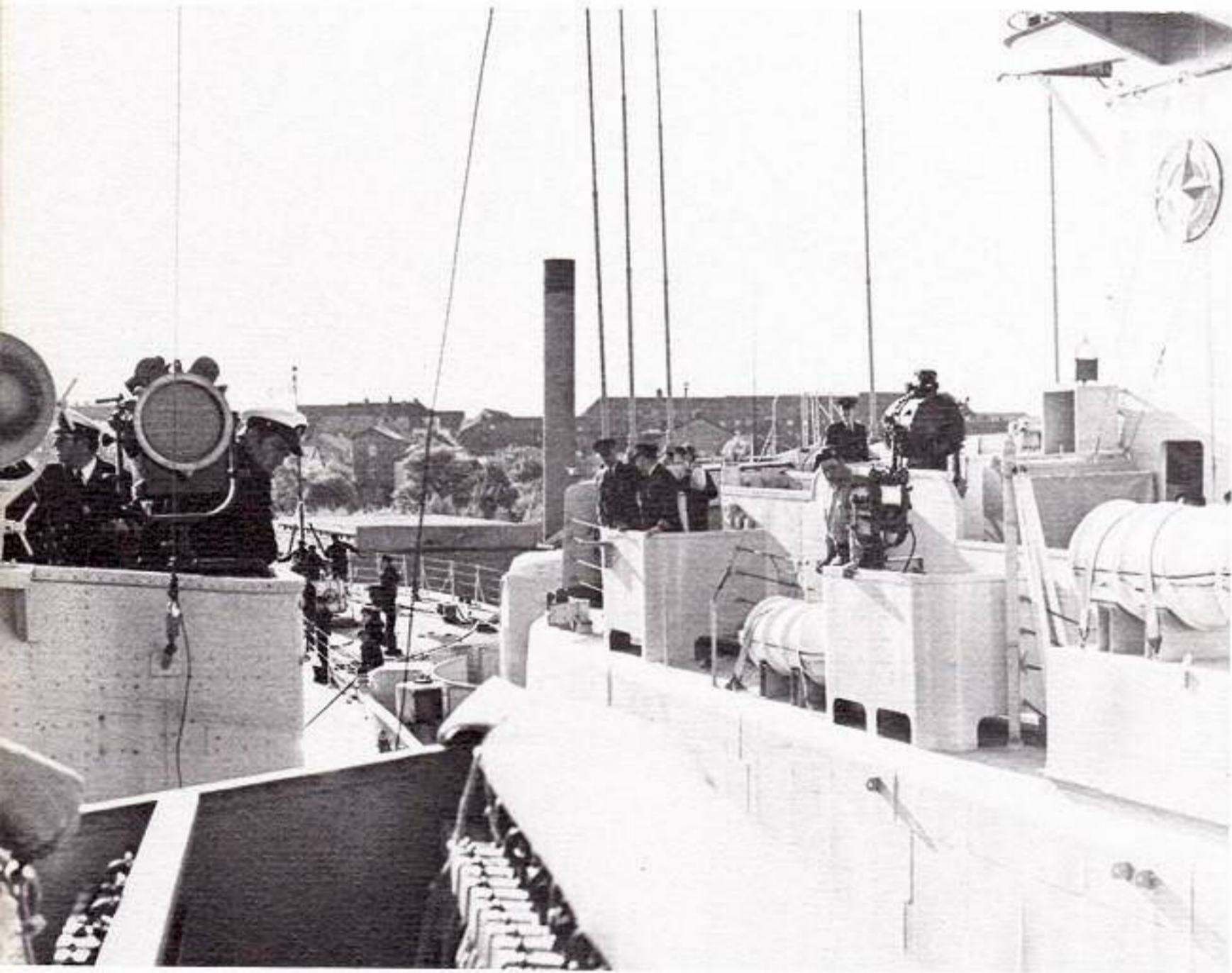
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# ng Days at Sea... Land Ho!

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One of the best things about going to sea is that the ship will sooner or later return to the land once more. When the sea gets rough and the watches become long and strenuous, a sailor can look forward to the next port of call, and eventually home. "Channel Fever" is the name applied to the restlessness that overcomes the sailor as the ship approaches land. It is always strongest when entering home port but during a long deployment such as STANAVFORLANT each port created its own exciting anticipation.



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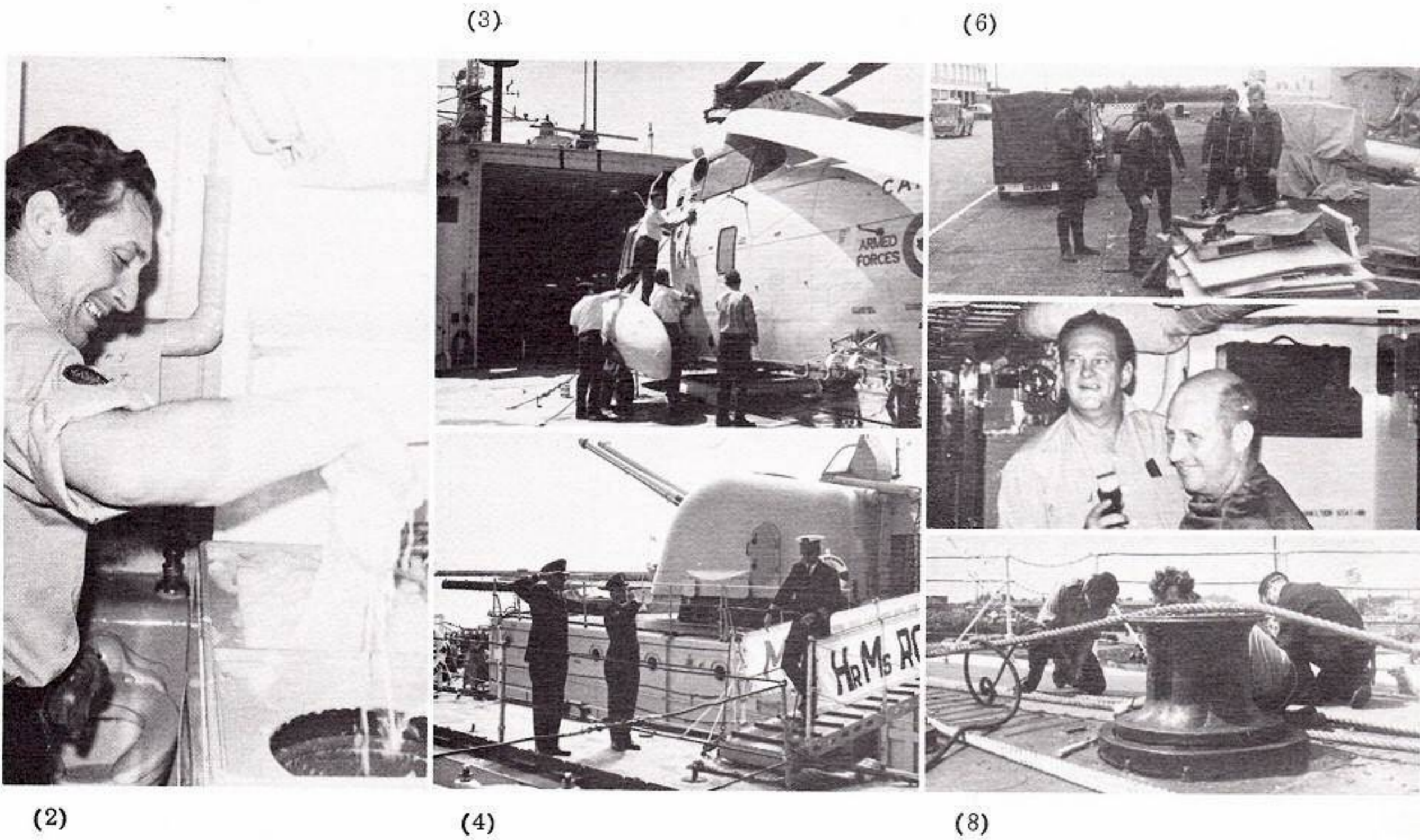


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(1) Tension as Annapolis enters harbour. (2) Securing alongside HNLMS Rotterdam. (3) S/LT Dewis pipes Annapolis into harbour aided by LS Jones. (4) LS Dion anticipating shore leave. (5) Entering Frederikshaven, Denmark. (6) Haircuts before going ashore.



# In Harbour, the work must go on



(1) PO Pope giving his firefighters a workout. (2) CPO Warren at the local laundromat. (3) The mechanical "....." gets a bath. (4) LT Hoare and LS Boggs "Pipe the Side". (5) Annapolis securing alongside Fredrikshavn. (6) Ship's divers preparing to inspect the domes. (7) CPO McGregor in the hands of "Butcher" Rhind. (8) Keeping ahead of the rust - a continuous task.

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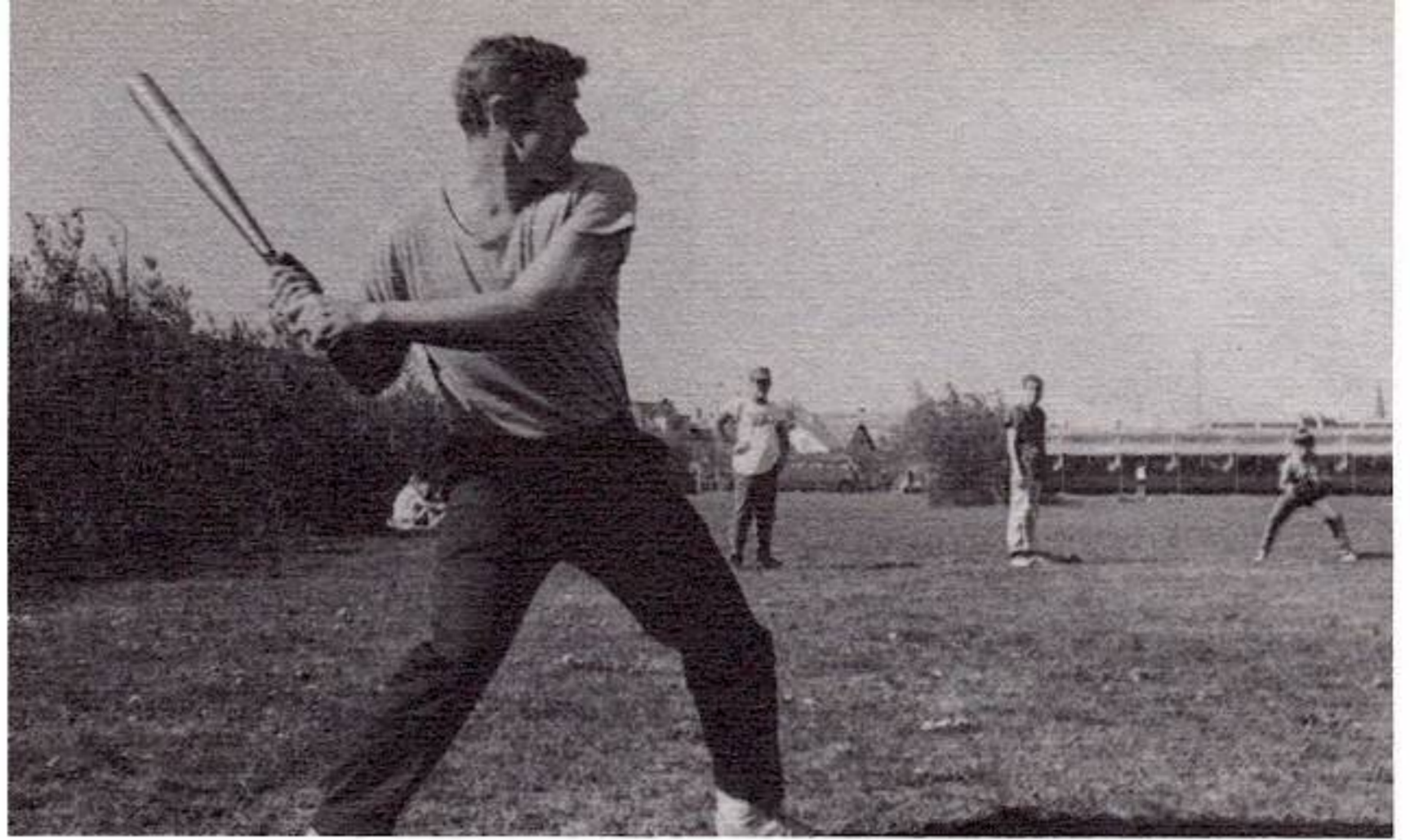


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(9) Yeoman and LS Cashin aloft.  
(10) MS Frith at work. (11) LS Hornblower - keeping the Captain well fed. (12) AB Fraser leans what radar plotting is all about.

Work does not stop when the ship returns to port. No sooner is the ship secured alongside than preparations begin for the next phase at sea. Depleted supplies must be replenished, equipment must be checked and overhauled, and rusted areas must be painted. Both the Engineering and Combat Systems Departments were kept busy catching up on planned maintenance routines, the Supply Department renewing stores, the Air Department maintaining operational proficiency, and the Deck Department with keeping the ship "shipshape". In addition, essential services such as food, medical, communications, power and heat were always required. It is worthy to note that Annapolis never failed to meet a commitment during her entire deployment.





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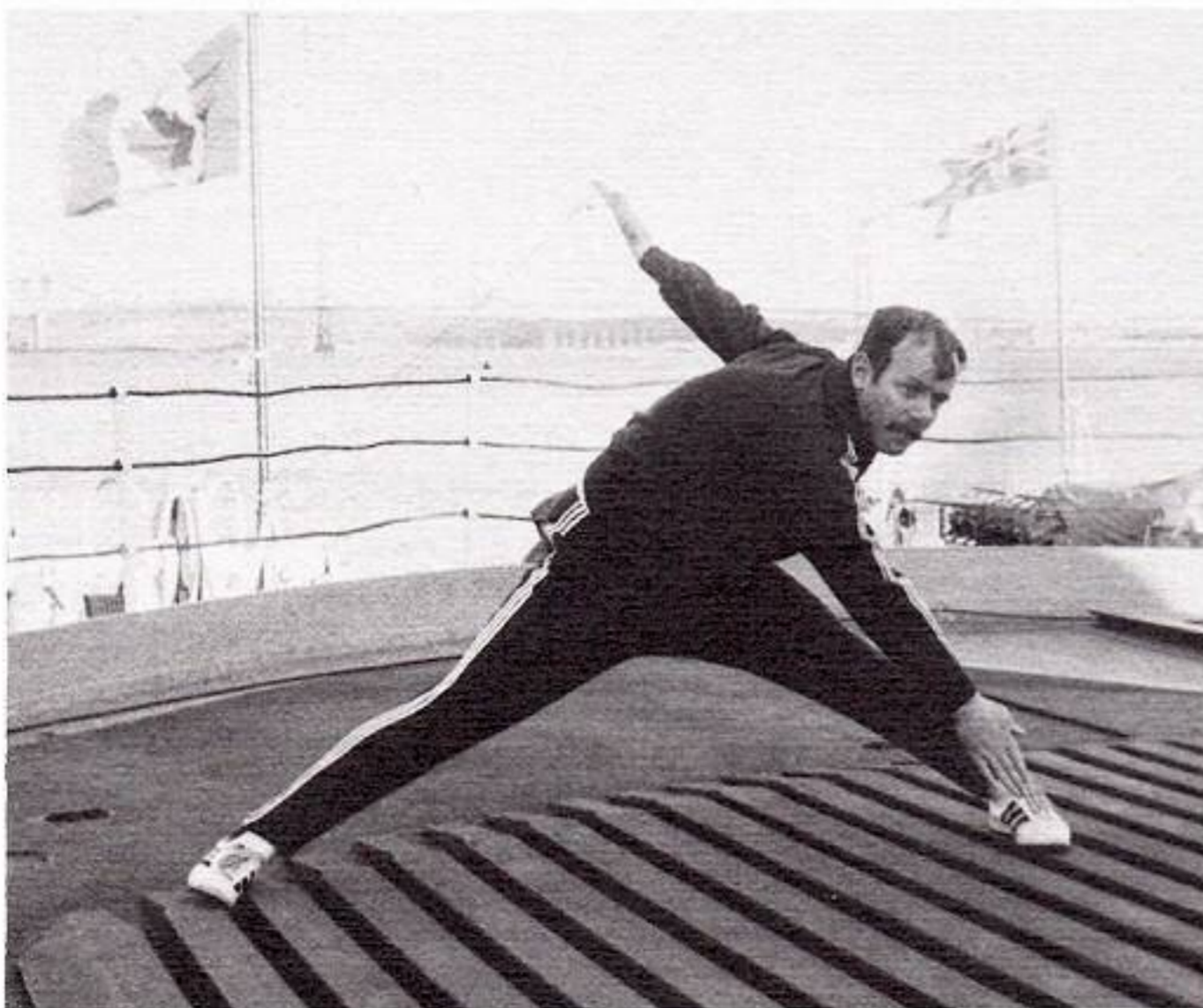
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# Jocks in Action



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Annapolis participated in many team sports against not only the other NATO ships but also local teams in the various ports of call. In addition, intermess rivalry led to a number of "private duels" on the sports field. The following is a breakdown of sports activities in Europe.

## LISBON

The ship narrowly lost a grapefruit shootout to HMCS Yukon on arrival. Yukon passed the torch to us and threw in a British PTI for good luck. Chief Auswick, the Squadron Sports Co-ordinator, was borne in Annapolis throughout the cruise and proved invaluable organizing the sports program and promoting inter ship competitions.

## OSLO

Introduced the Americans to softball. Result: 33-1 triumph for Annapolis over USS Furer.

Twelve cases of beer changed hands as Twelve Mess, led by the unbeatable pitching of LS Hansey, defeated Eight Mess in challenge softball.

## CHERBOURG

LS Graham gave an outstanding swimming performance aft of the VDS deck, which culminated an evening of grueling athletic activity. He received the Mark Spitz Award by CRD Drent.

## GREENOCK

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Our volleyball team devastatingly defeated a local all-star team, 21-10 & 21-6.

## ROTTERDAM

We learned the folly of trying to keep up to the Europeans on the soccer field as our team, fighting bravely, finished last in a tournament.

## DEN HELDER

HMS Minerva narrowly won the STANAVFORLANT Olympiad. Second place was Annapolis followed by Pereira de Silva, USS DuPont, and Tjerk Hiddes.

## ROSYTH

Our basketball team captured the "Wandering Trophy" from HMS Minerva for supremacy in any sport nominated by any challenger.

## KIEL

The Danes wrested the "Wandering Trophy" from us.



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(1) AB Lawther issues sports gear to AB Madden.

(2) S/LT LeBlanc receives softball trophy from Commodore.

(3) LS Rankin shaping up.

(4) Chutschoff displaying world cup form.

(5) Karate black belt holder relaxes.

(6) Swimming team

(7) LS Cormier-Best All-Round Athlete.

(8) Brighton Cricket Team

(9) Physical Fitness Testing at sea

(10) AB Pleasance Track Star



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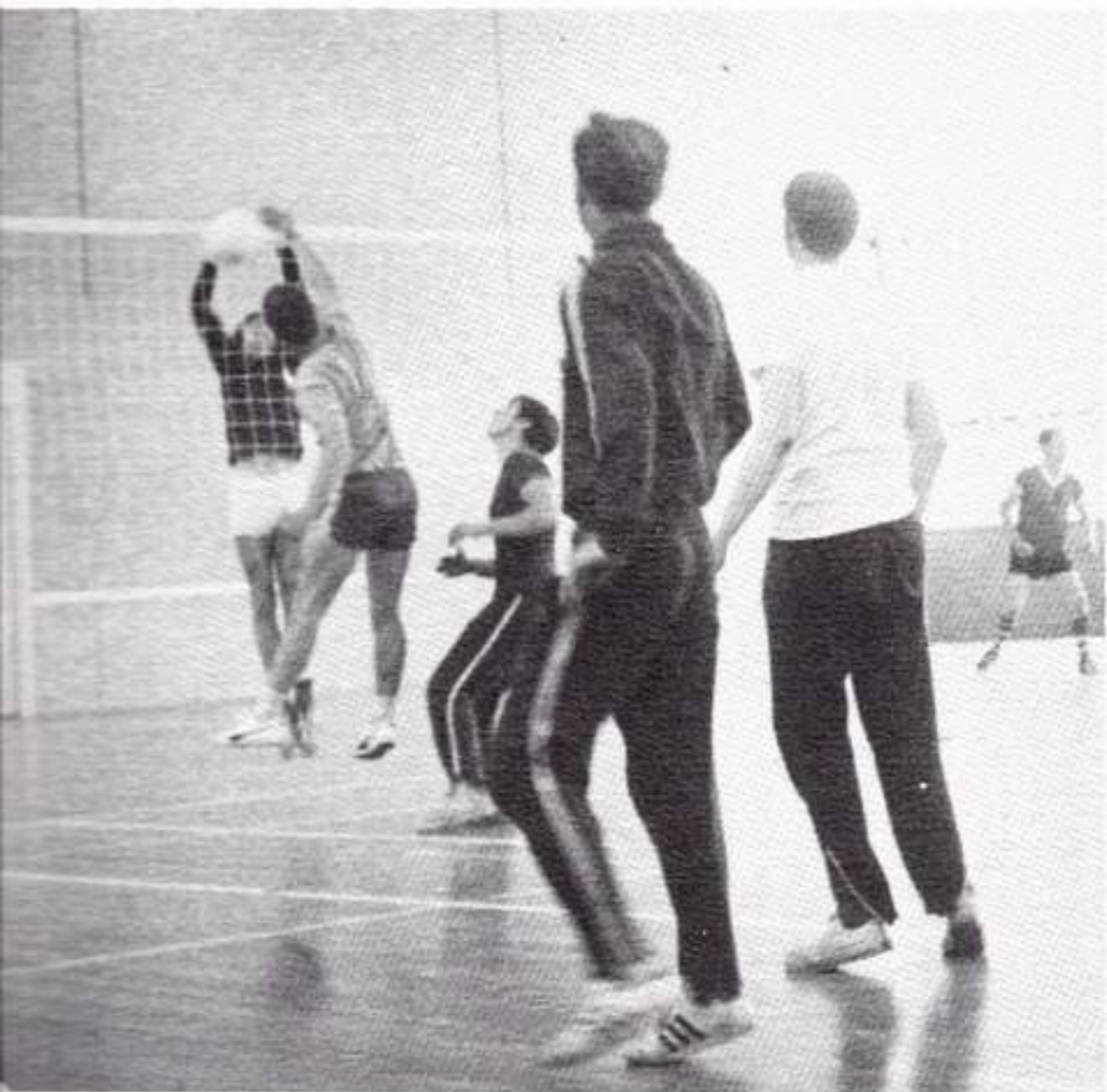


(1) Cassius Clark and G. Forman MacGinley pose for fans. (2) Fearless Fifteen- Judo Anonymous. (3) Our Volleyball team in action. (4) "Le Gros" LeBlanc. (5) "It's alright - he's going the wrong way!" (6) Indoor soccer. (7) Wardroom soccer team-gentlemen always! (8) Championship softball team.

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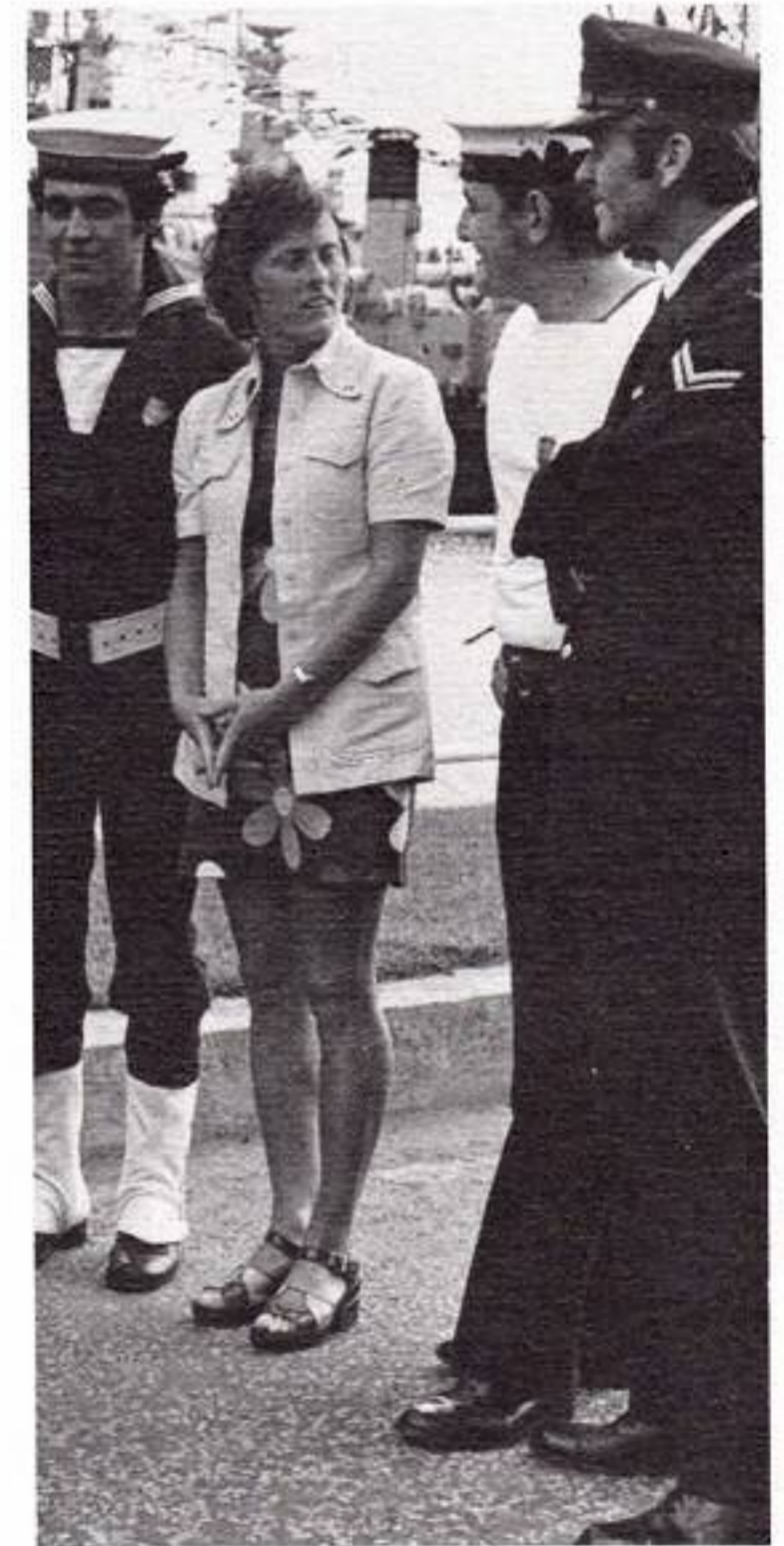
(1) Visitors boarding Annapolis (2) Sailors meet local people (3) MS Bailey conducts a tour (4) "New galley staff?" (5) LS Faubert welcomes visitors



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## Over 30,000 Visit Ship

HMCS Annapolis was a very popular ship in every port of call. Thousands came to tour the ship from near and far. On one occasion many had to stand in pouring rain for an hour before there was room on Annapolis for them to begin their tour.

It is satisfying to know that our ship passed with flying colors the critical inspection of the public eye.

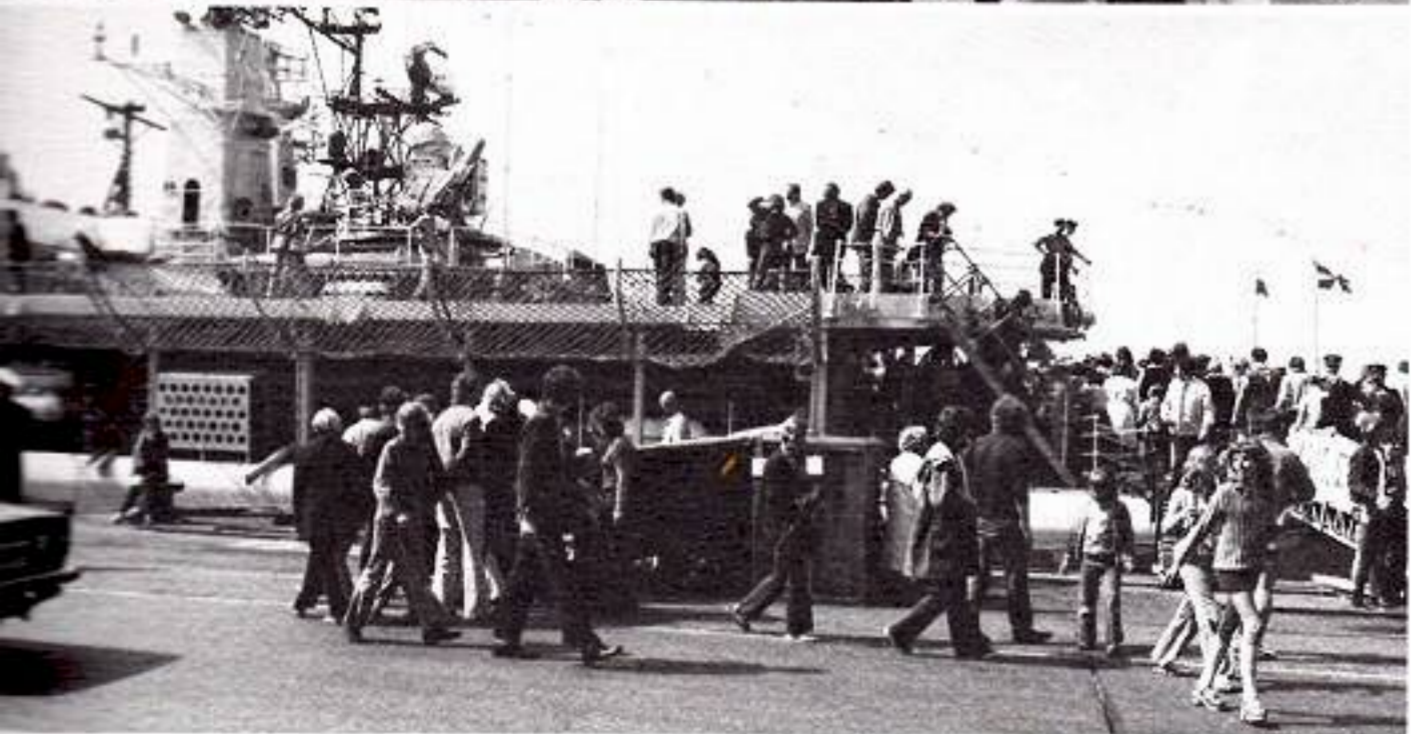
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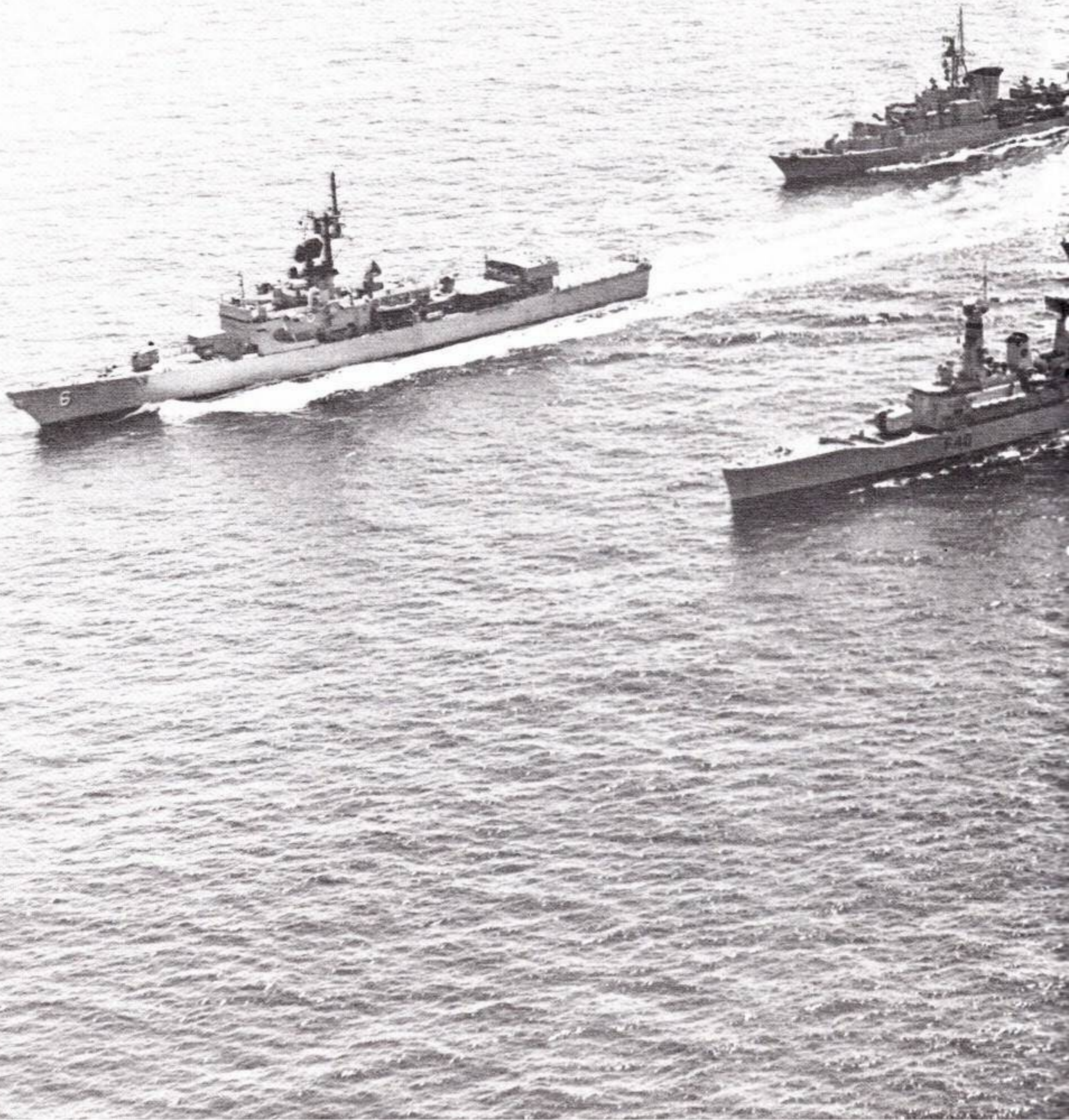
(6) AB Richard talks to future sailor? (7) AB Wadman with guests (8) A few of the thousand



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# in Formation

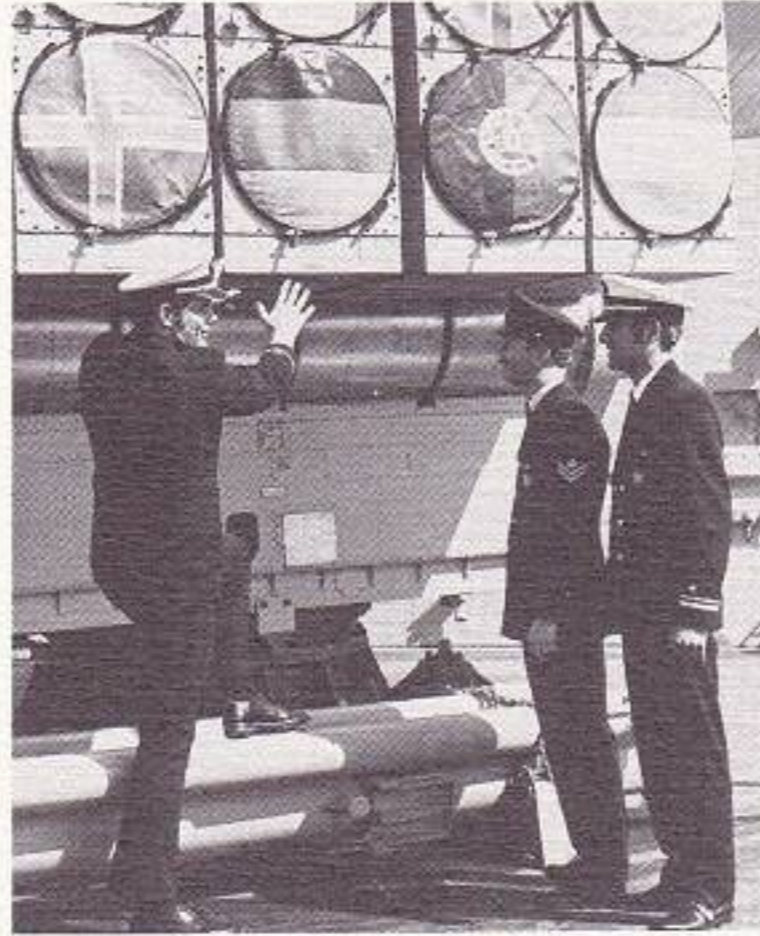




# Port Visits Reward Weary Sailors

A sailor looks forward to a break from the confines of ship life and the rigors of work at sea. Port visits provide for this change of pace.

During the deployment Annapolis visited 10 European ports including: Lisbon, Portugal, Frederikshaven, Denmark, (twice), Oslo, Norway, Cherbourg, France, Greenock, Scotland, Rotterdam, Holland, Den Helder, Holland, Rosyth, Scotland (twice), Kiel, Germany; and Newcastle, England.



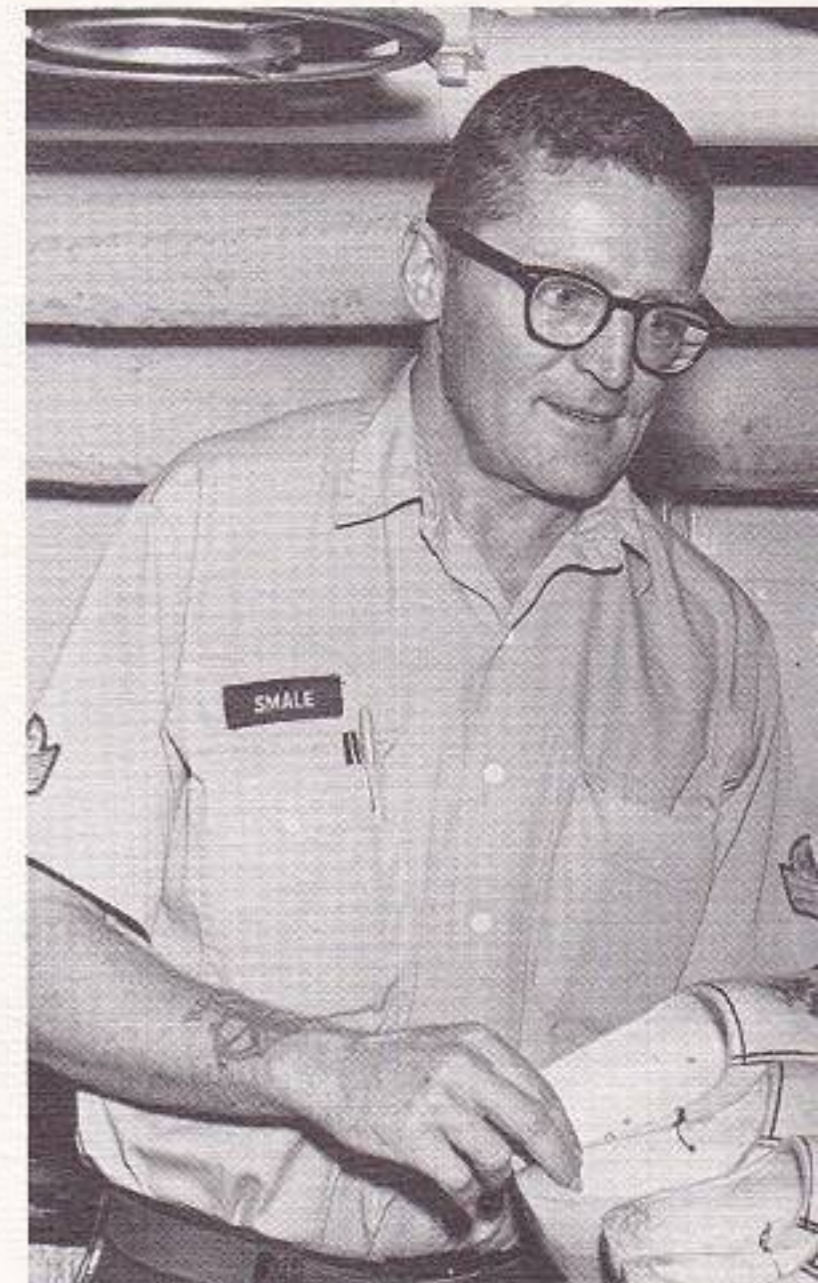
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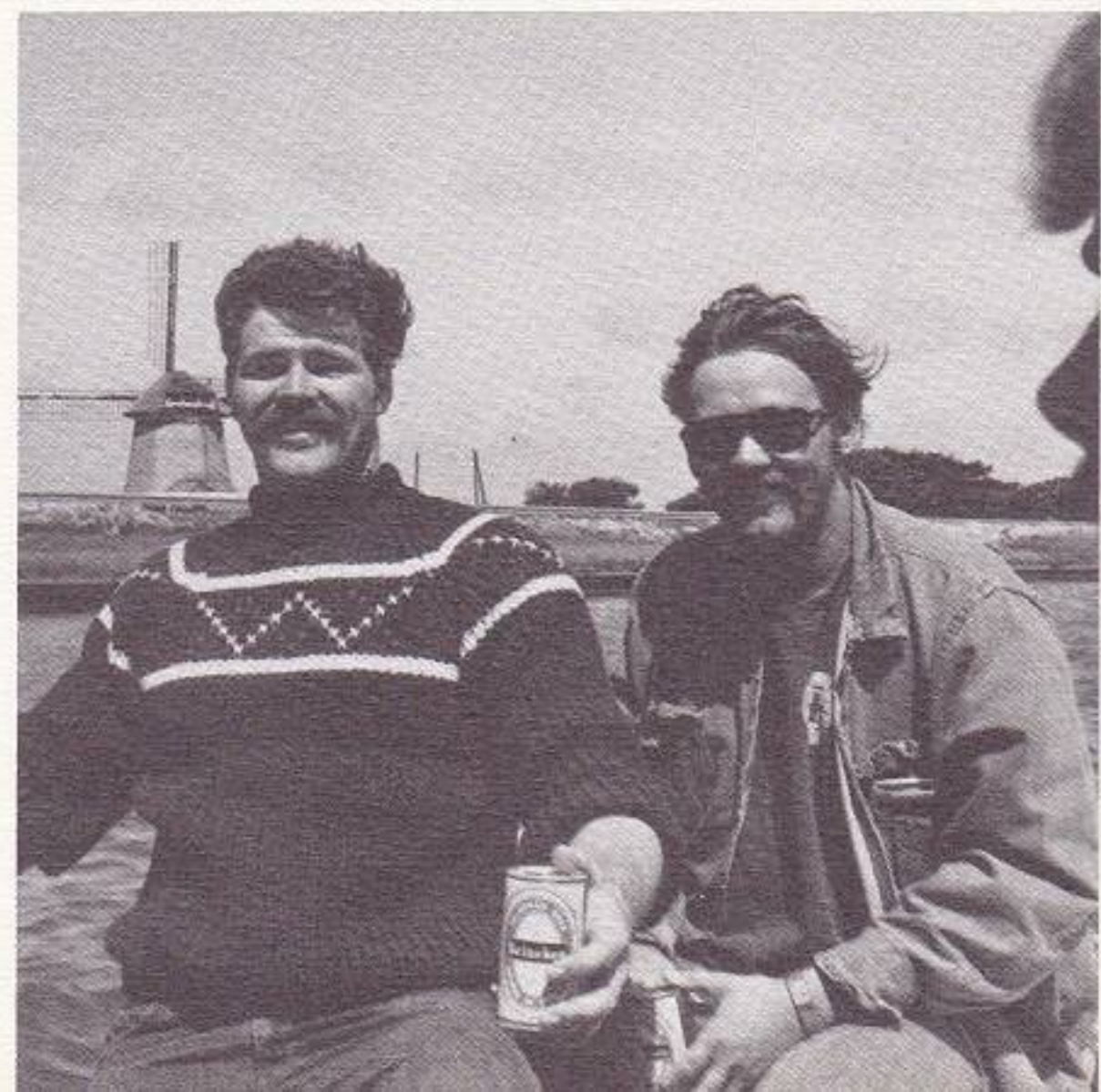


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(1) Cameron brothers on boat trip down canals in Denmark. (2) Cyclists prepare to leave (3) MS Blair on USS Furer (4) S/LT Armson & LS Cormier check bikes (5) PO Smale & LS Murray check canteen souvenirs (6) PO Whalen after a long trip (7) AB Frost & AB Fuereustein at the Monument to the Navigator, Portugal (8) Sailors buying things to take home (9) "Home is over that way" (10) LS Benderick welcomes cyclists back.



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(1) Sailors visit castle in Scotland. (2) The cyclists are ready to go. (3) "Look at that centerfold". (4) After the Jacobean Feast at Dalhousie Castle. (5) MS Rosenblatt & AB Quirk with a Dutch friend (6) Time out to meet local people (7) Capt Church, Capt Carrington-Smith & LT Armson tour the flag deck.



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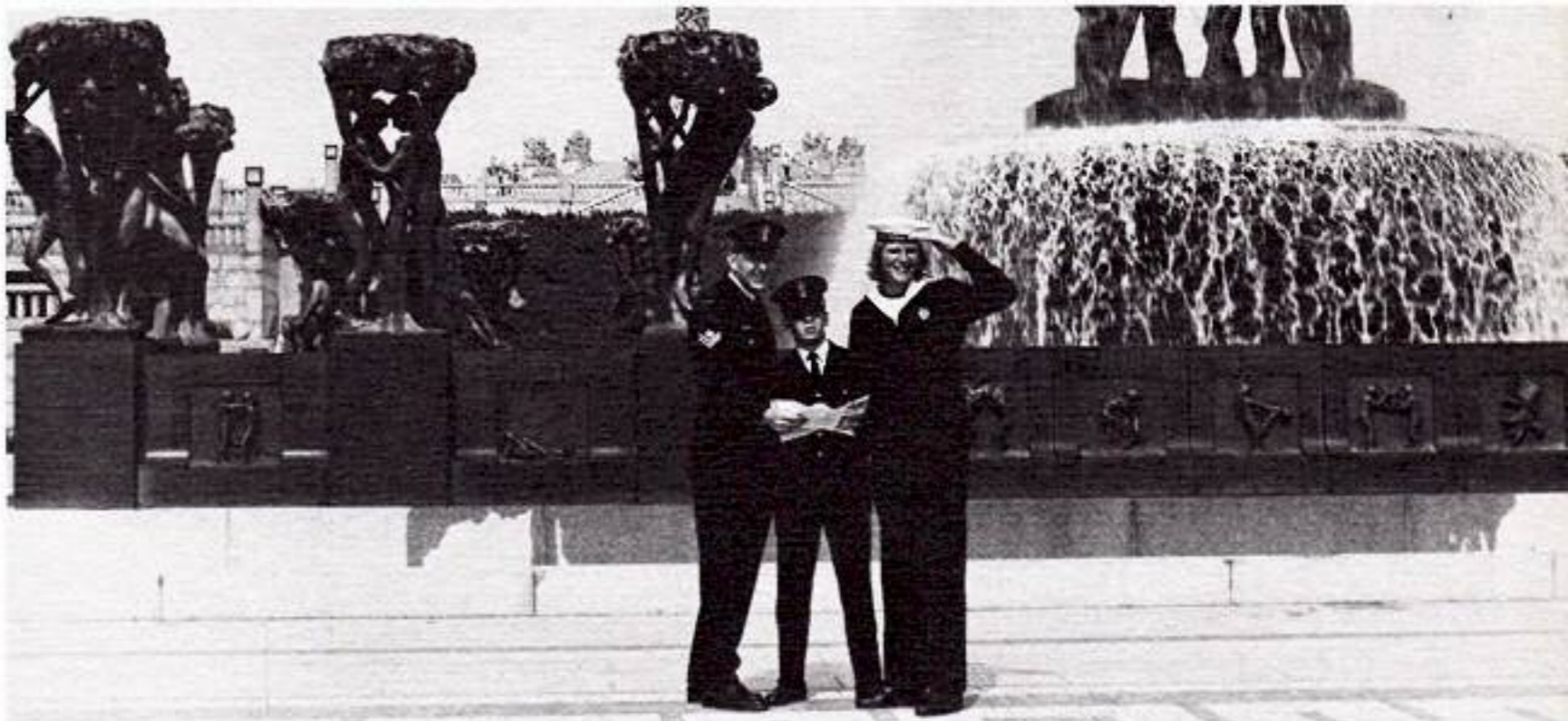
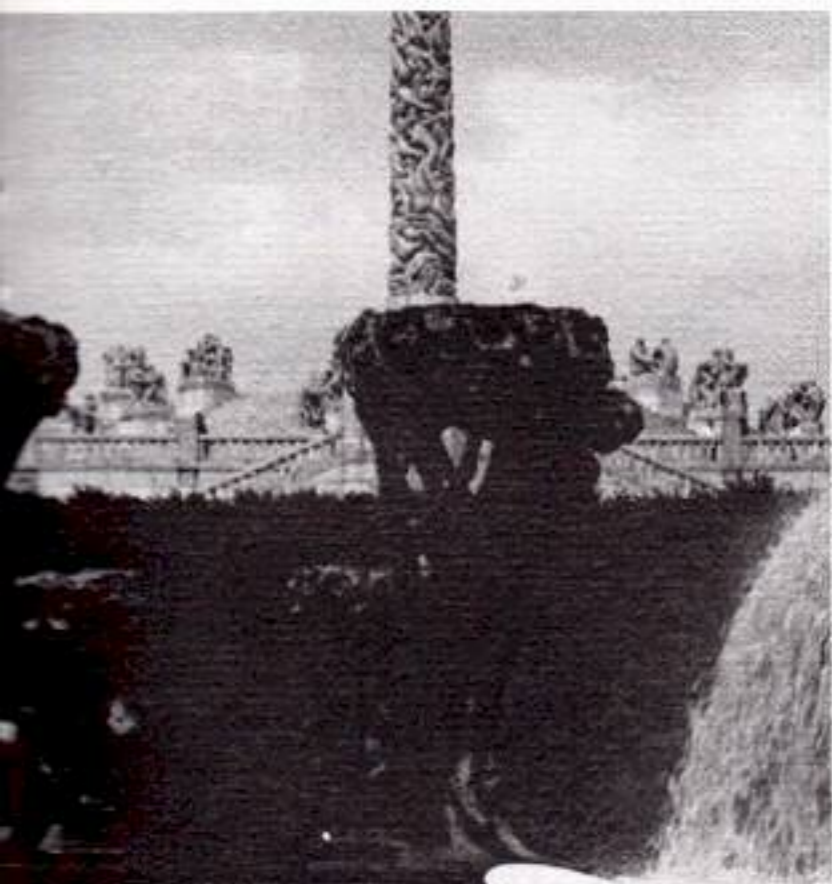


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## Time in Port well spent

Time in port always passes too quickly so every moment must be spent well. There are many places to see, friends to make and memories to create.

As the ship heads back out to sea and the peace and security of the land fades astern, memories of the visit will live in each sailor's mind for a long time afterwards.



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## Memories of Friends we left behind

Sailors are sailors the world over. They need no nationality. They are messmates in the common domain of the sea. During NATO Annapolis gained many new friends in this international brotherhood.











Differences in dress, language and nationality disappear when STANAVFORLANT sailors serve together. Cross-pollination expedites the removal of such superficial differences, enabling people of varying backgrounds to work together in a common cause.

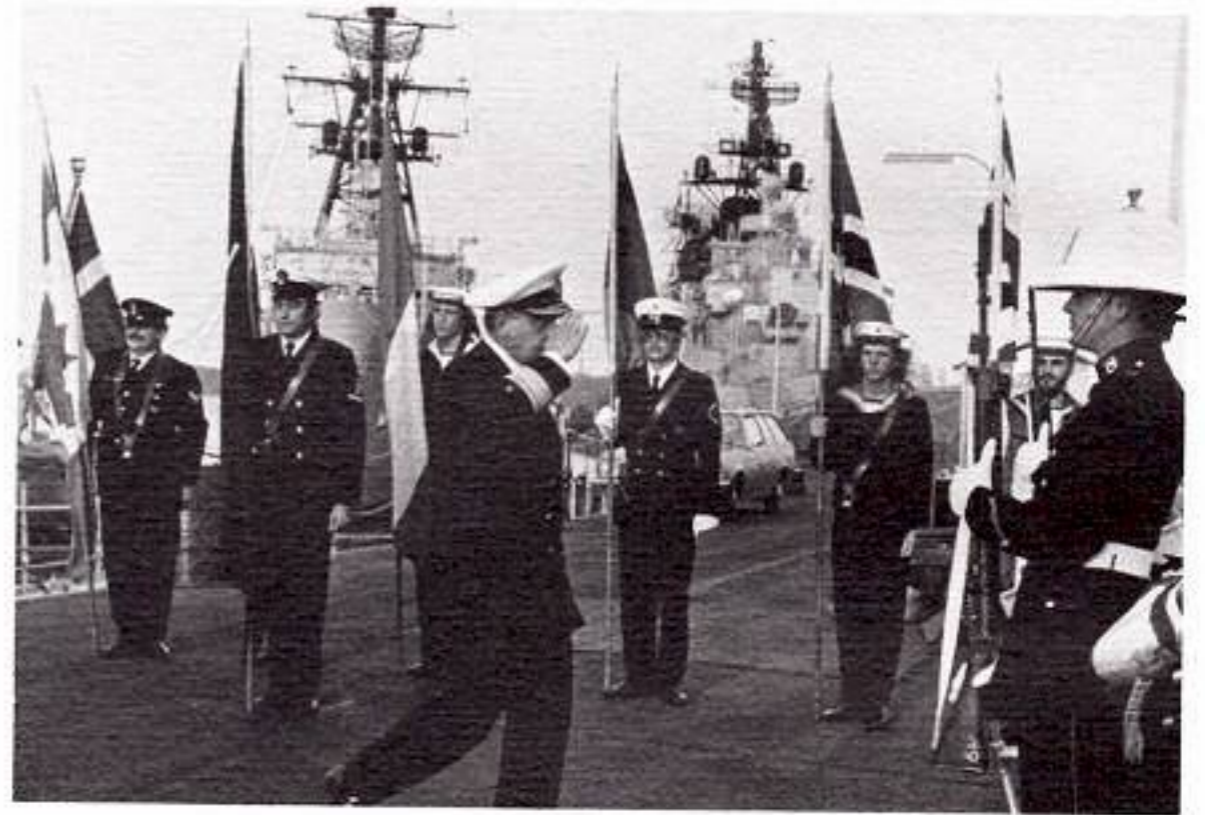
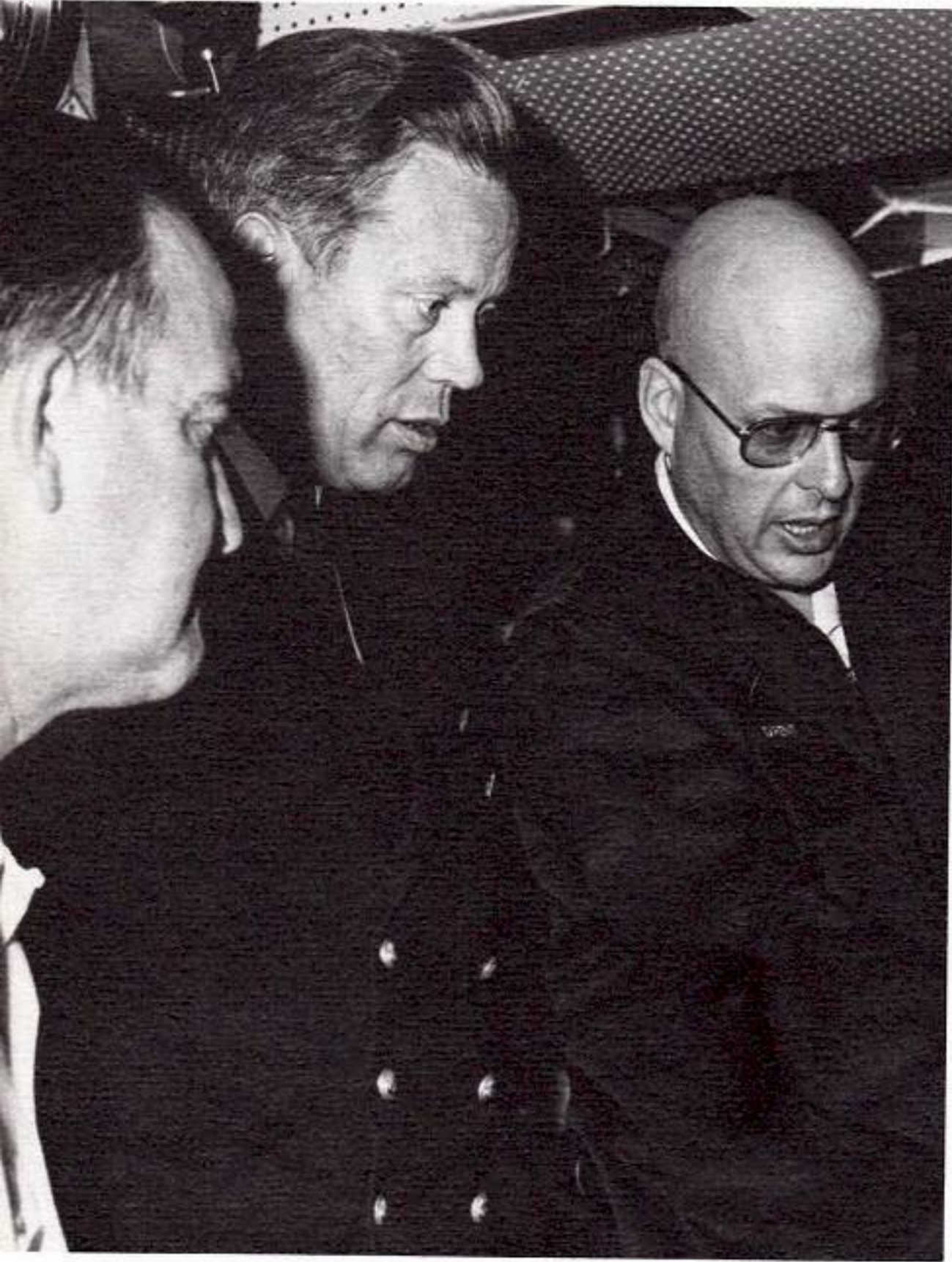




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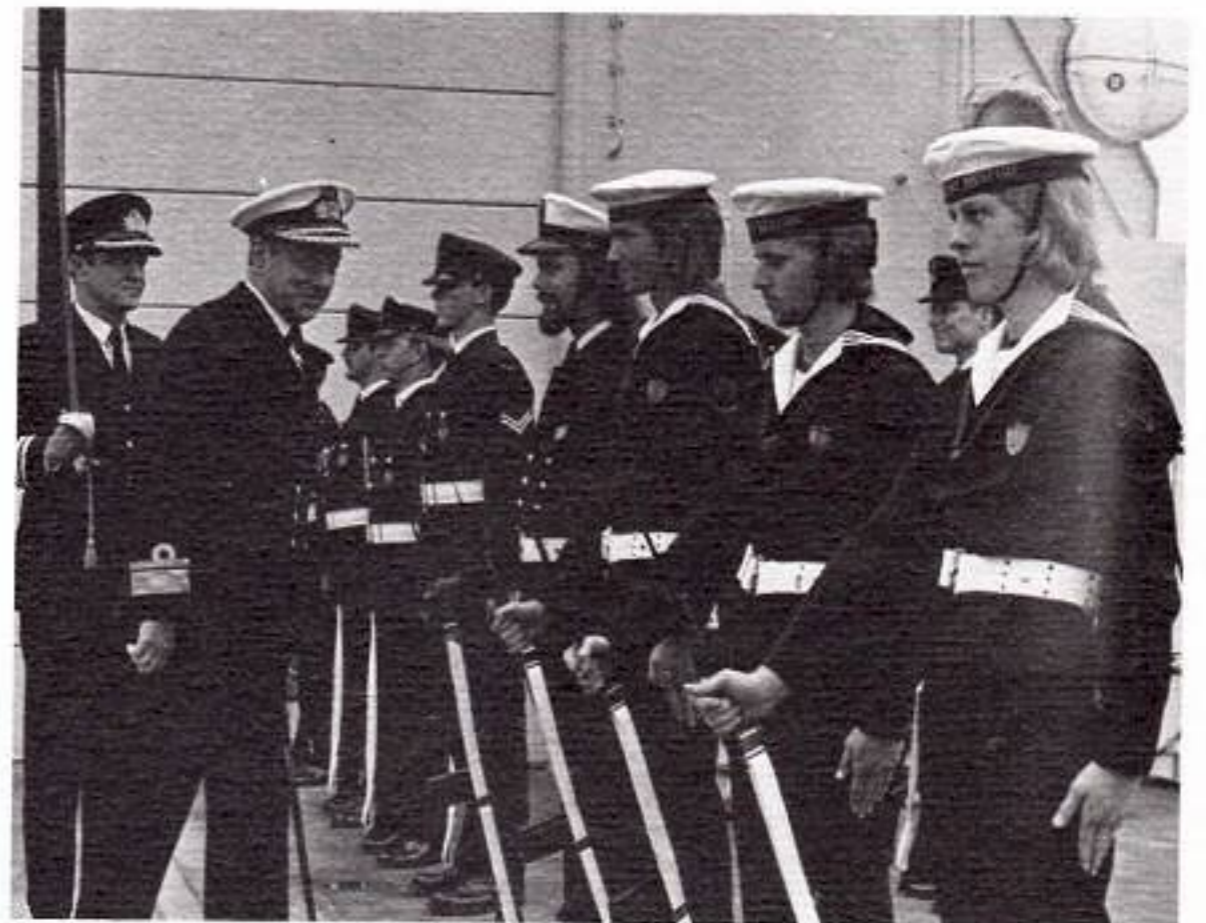


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(1) Admiral Sir Terence Lewin, NATO Commander in Chief Eastern Atlantic and SNFL's operational Commander in European waters, being met by Commander Cardoso-Tavares, the Commodore's Chief Staff Officer. (2) Commodore De Rosenroll and Commander Drent with Vice Admiral E. Rau, Chief of Staff for plans at NATO AFNORTH Headquarters in Norway. (3) Rear Admiral W. Benzino, FGN, Commander of Federal Territorial Command which includes Kiel, being piped aboard for the SNFL reception in Kiel. Looming in right background is the massive firepower of FGS Hamburg. (4) Lt. U'Ren (Guard Officer) and Rear Admiral Lacey, NATO Commander in Rosyth, register opposite reactions to the hairstyles of the Netherland contingent of the guard.



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# Too Many Chiefs, and...?



HMCS Annapolis had the honour of hosting many distinguished guests, both military and civilian, while serving as flagship for the STANAVFORLANT fleet. This put her very much under the critical eye of many, both in harbour and at sea. She performed to a high standard, and brought credit to Canada where ever she carried our flag.



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(1) Commodore De Rosenroll in high flight. (2) The Commodore and his team in New castle. (left to right) CDR Hitesman, HMCS Huron CDR Clarke, RN, Chief of Staff CDR Skuerer, Stevanger CDR Drent, Annapolis The Commodore LCDR Mejdal, Delfinen CDR Gwinner, Minerva CDR Scheuer, Tjerk Hiddes LCDR Hancock, Dupont CDR Fischer, Peder Skram. (3) Vice Admiral Velkamp, RNN, Admiral Netherlands Home, being welcomed aboard in Den Helder. (4) The Commodore and CDR Drent with Rear Admirals Ouren and Kjiholt during our outbound voyage down the Oslo Fjord.



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Annapolis is a ship  
Proud, strong and true  
But mainly she's good  
Because of her crew.

The RP's are people  
Who work round the clock  
Looking for something  
To put on their plot.

Keeping a picture  
Of those all around  
And to keep this good ship  
From running aground.

But it would be no good  
If we could not converse  
With the other ships  
To make our force merge.

So the sigs and the sparkers  
Are set to the task  
Setting up comms  
Or putting up flags.

The SN's are the ones  
Who will let us know  
When someone is prowling  
In the seas below.

The weapons are those  
Who have in their grasp  
The defence of our ship  
When it is put to the task.

The stokers and greasies  
As most of us know  
These are the ones  
Who make our ship go.

The storesmen and bos'ns  
And the rest of the crew  
All of these people  
With a job to do.

They may bitch and moan  
And some may wail  
But because they do their job  
Is why this ship sails.

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# Faces About Ship

(1) AB Leslie on the wheel. (2) The Air Det gets together for once. (3) PO Saunders hopes to try the bagpipes next! (4) LS Watson. (5) Caught in the act again! (6) "I hear Huron isn't going to make it!!!" (7) PO Mathews. (8) The coxn's writer taking a breather up top. (9) This should be a canteen best-seller! (10) "Another newfie joke coming over the headset, PO!" (11) "What you ask for is what you get".



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(1) I wonder if my wife is thinking about me. (2) "What do you mean I juggled the figures!" (3) Repairing the damages of a helo landing (or, to think I joined as a fire fighter!) (4) "Hello.....Mother?" (5) "But it's the latest in footwear!" (6) Constables Promoli and Magwood checking up on PO "Hammer" Pearce.

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(7) AB Dimitriadis, "Nick-the-Greek". (8) "Can it really be happening?" (9) LS Popham and his masterpiece. (10) "Look out! Here comes the Yeoman!" (11) He drew a whiff from his pipe, and steered for the open sea.



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(1) "Sir, could you come to the Ops Room.... You're not going to believe this!"  
(2) Without my glasses I look real mean! (3) "My finger is stuck!" (4) "It's called a dribble glass, Sir."

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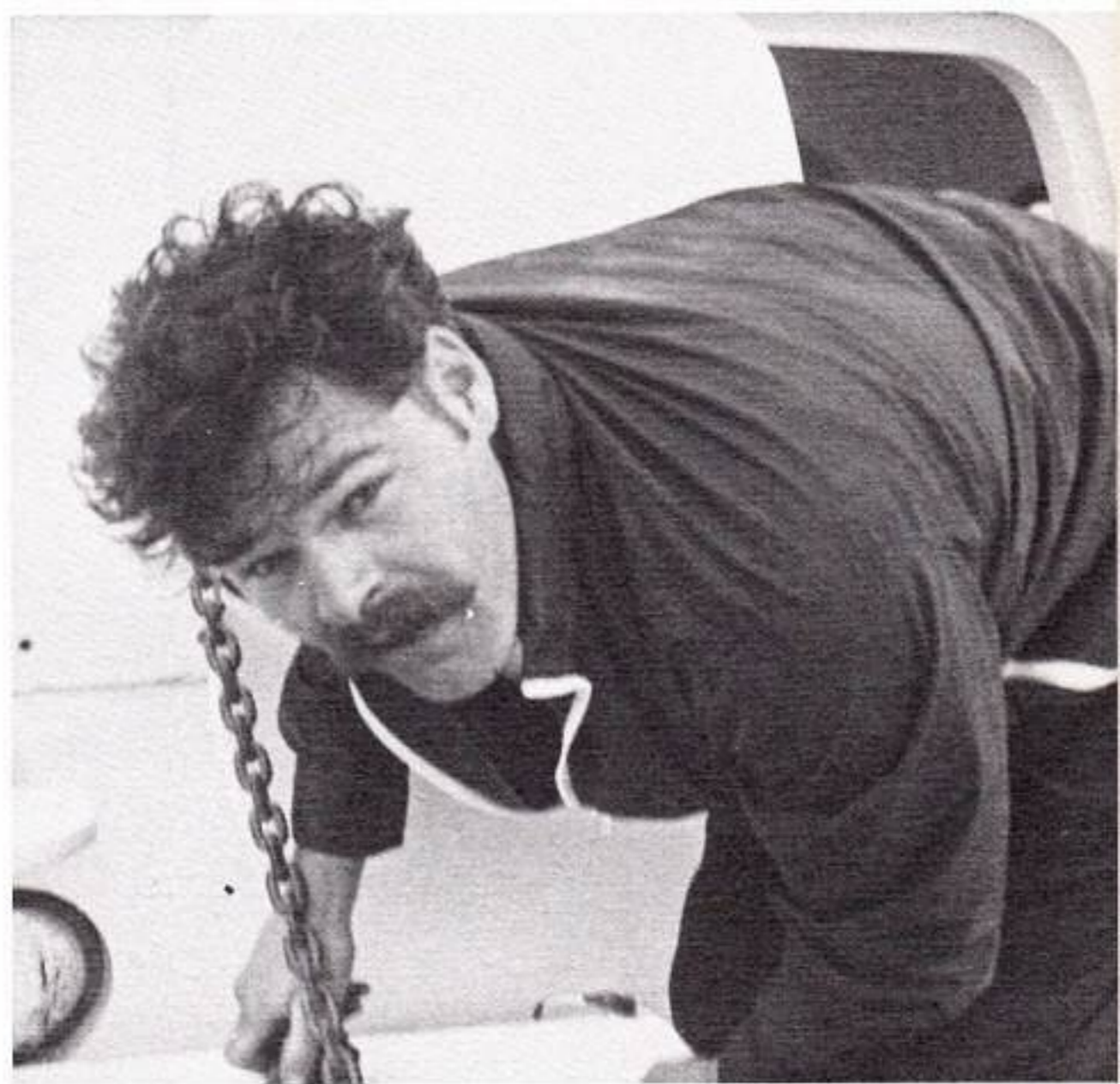


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(5) If only I had a million dollars! (6) "It's my back, Doc!" (7) "Wanna hear me yoddlle?" (8) "Bearing Green nine zero..ship...far, Sir!" (9) "Was that 245 or 246?"

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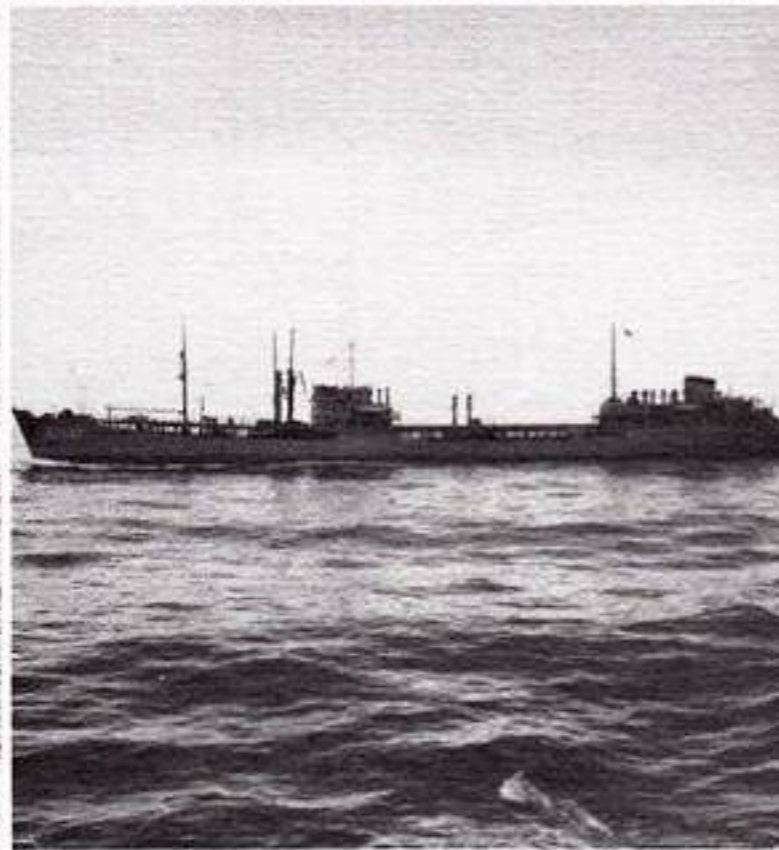
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# Stanavforlant Means



Le Lorrain  
HMDS Peder Skram  
HMS Sirius

HNOMS Stavanger  
USS DuPont  
FGS Frankenland

HMS Minerva

HMCS H  
FGS Fran  
HMCS A



# Serving Under Many Flags



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HNOMS Narvik

FGS Augsburg  
HMDS Delfinen  
FGS Rommel

HNLMS Rotterdam  
HMS Tiger  
NRP Pereira Da Silva





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(1) ADM Sir T. Lewellan, C&C Fleet arrives on Annapolis.  
 (2) Nato Squadron Staff members with Annapolis NCO's.  
 (3) Annapolis Sailpast guns crew. (4) COMNORLANT  
 inspects NATO Guard commanded by LT U'ren. (5) The  
 Squadron bids farewell to Annapolis.





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## Events to Remember

After every long trip there are a number of incidents and events that stand out as being more memorable than others.

The pictures on this spread have captured only a few of these memories. There are as many not shown here as there are men who served on the cruise.



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(6) LS Pratt, first to pass the CAF Physical Fitness Test at sea. (7) Our divers work on downed helo. (8) LT Carrington-Smith accepts ballot from AB Choma during national election. (9) Helo crew from downed bird return home to Annapolis.



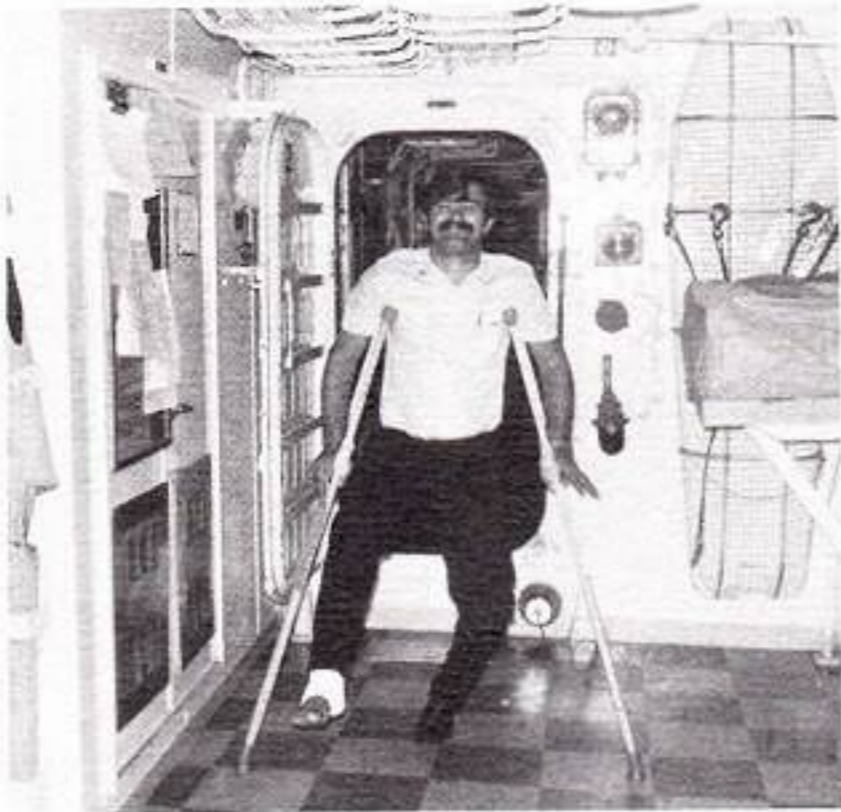
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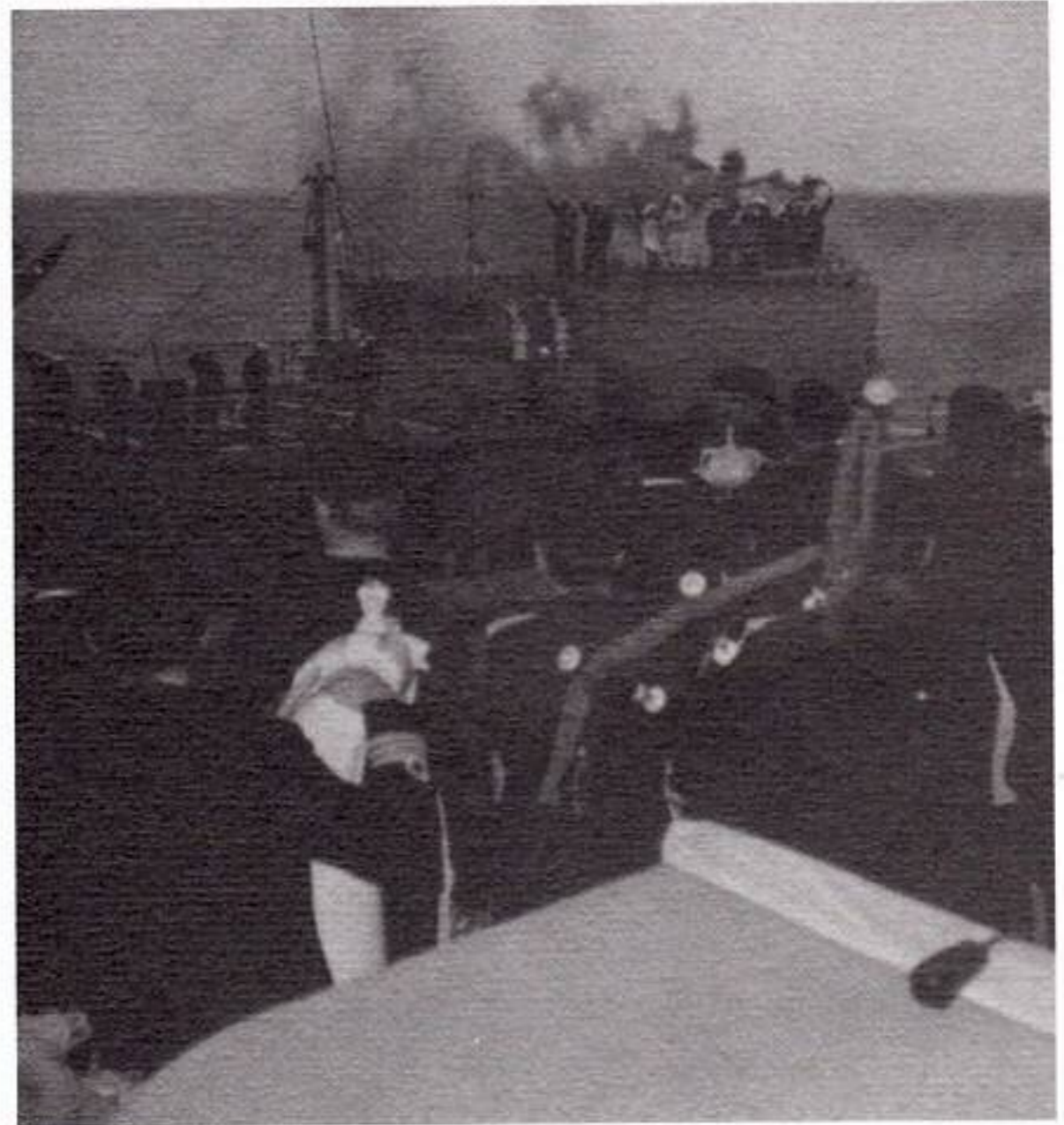
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# On the Lighter Side!!

(1) "You must be pulling my leg!" (2) "Watch the X. O.....he cheats!" (3) "Get a load of that necktie!" (4) LS Fraser and the Air Commander doing pre-flight checks? (5) Lt Smith in action. (6) Another dull night in the C&PO's cafeteria. (7) "The main event of the cruise... the Sailpast. (8) Following in the footsteps of LT Smith. (9) Long John McKinnon. (10) Every stoker has a hero.

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# HMCS Annapolis Cruise Book

## FACTS AND FIGURES

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