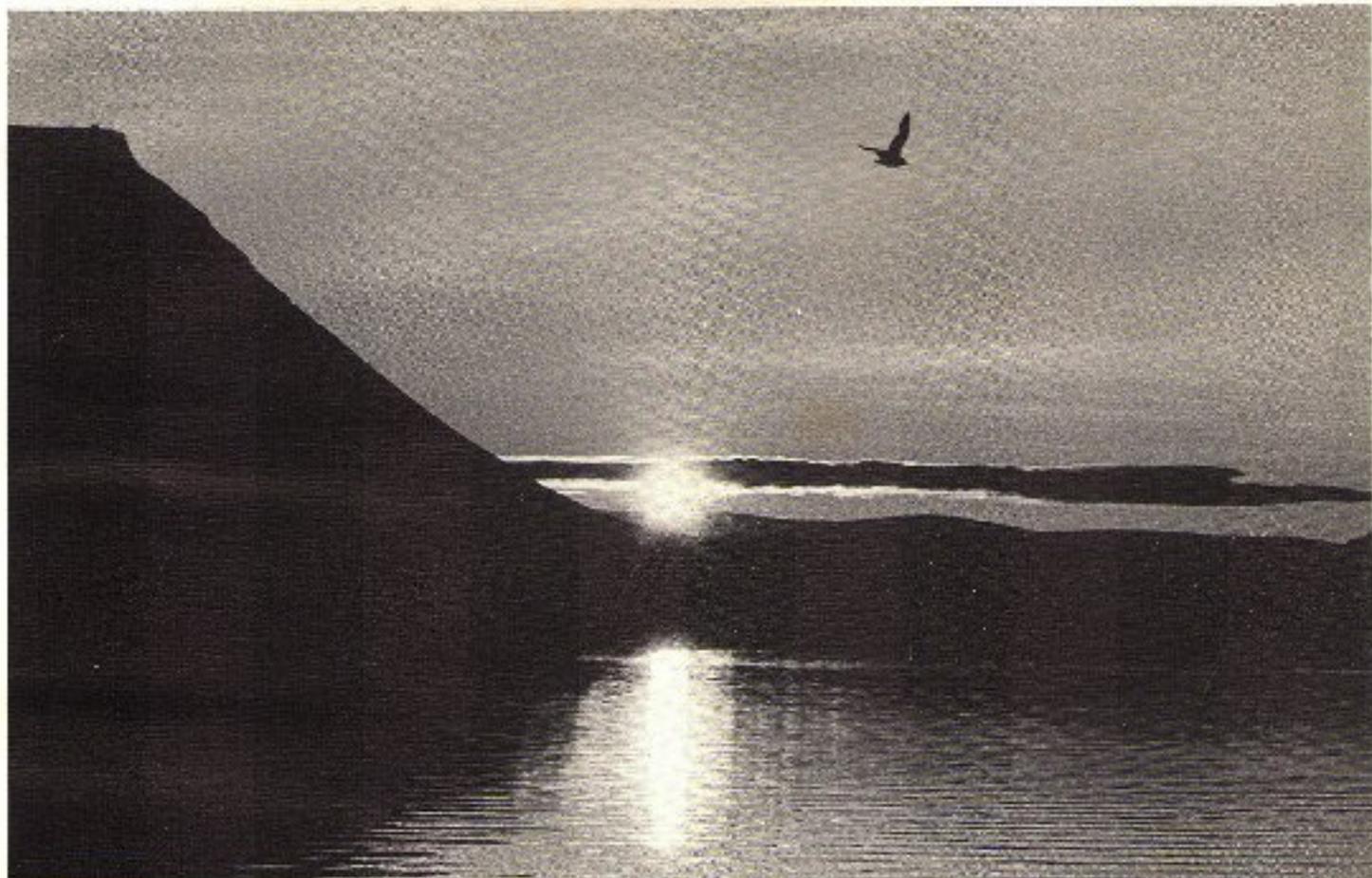


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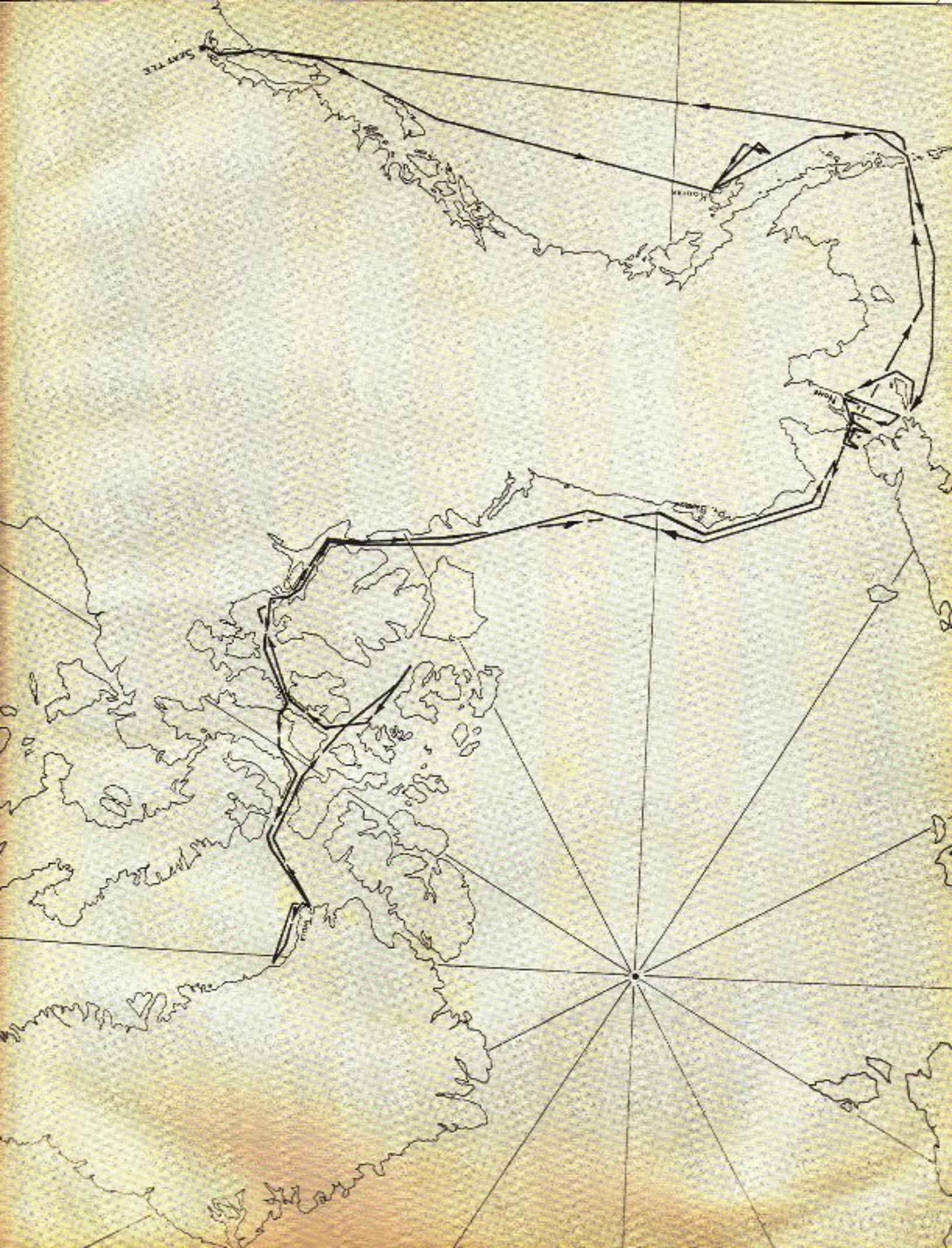


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U.S.C.G.C. NORTHWIND—Her Mission And Her Men—The Northwest Passage

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DEDICATION

Captain Donald J. McCann, devoted to
this ship and its crew. We dedicate
this book to him...





MCCANN

FOREWORD

Our ship's keel was laid at San Pedro Shipbuilding in California on 10 July 1944. She was commissioned NORTHWIND on 28 July 1945. At that time, NORTHWIND was one of the most heavily armed vessels in the history of the Coast Guard. But over the years, the weapons have disappeared as they were incongruous with the ships peacetime mission of polar exploration and scientific research.

In April 1946, NORTHWIND left Seattle, Washington, on her first patrol, joining Operation Nanook in the establishment of the U.S. base at Thule, Greenland. From there, she joined Operation Hijump in the Antarctic involved with the establishment of Little America. This was the first of many patrols, some long, some short, some south, but most north establishing a long and proud history of polar exploration, research, supply and rescue. NORTHWIND brought medical care to Alaskan Eskimos and Indians on an annual basis. In 1959, she became the first vessel to transit McClure Strait and circumnavigate Banks Island. She won the Coast Guard Unit Commendation Medal in 1963 as the first U. S. vessel to survey the East Siberian and Laptev Seas; in 1965 as the first U.S. vessel to survey the Kara Sea and nearly complete the transit across the top of the U.S.S.R.; and most recently, in 1967 for the deepest northern penetration of the polar ice pack by a surface vessel.

This summer's mission continued the proud heritage established over the years. Despite many engineering difficulties and what at times seemed overwhelming odds, our ship and crew refused to say die and, with only five of six engines, fought doggedly across the top from Barrow, Alaska, to Thule, Greenland. Never before had a ship transited the Northwest Passage so early in the season.

However, a return through the Passage seemed unlikely. There were East Coast icebreakers with all six engines tuned available to escort S. S. MANHATTAN on her maiden Arctic voyage. Yet, when September came, both SOUTHWIND and WESTWIND had been disabled and NORTHWIND made her rendezvous.

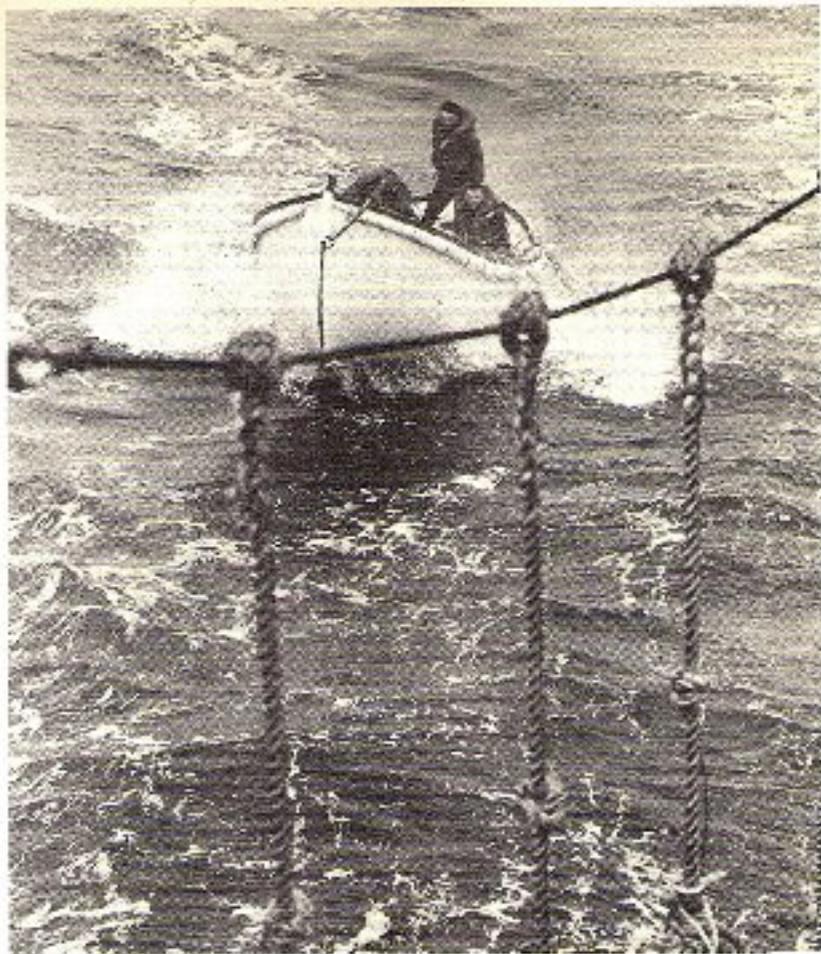
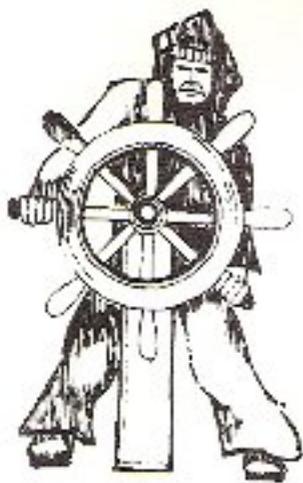
NORTHWIND, S. S. MANHATTAN and the Canadian icebreaker JOHN A. MacDONALD headed west into Viscount Melville Sound. When high winds quickly closed the massive MANHATTAN'S track, NORTHWIND found herself forced to speed westward via Coronation Gulf and rejoined MANHATTAN south of Banks Island.

Upon reaching Barrow, Alaska, NORTHWIND won another prized Arctic first, a round-trip surface voyage through the Northwest Passage in a single season. With Staten Island to relieve us, we could now head home, deeply touched by the recognition of NORTHWIND'S accomplishments shown by the Commandant and others, American and Canadian.

The NORTHWIND may at times be outweighed, but she will never be outclassed.









(TOP) Mr. Clow, ENS; Nease, SN; Steven, SN; Redding, SA; Miller, SA; Paddock, GM3; Johns, SA; Betzner, SN; Hess, SN; Mr. Kemp, ENS; Mr. Dorsey, ENS; Hisle, BM1; (BOTTOM) Trevillian, BM3; Cady, SA; Davis, SA; Almond, SA; Weum, SN; Watson, SA; Brower, SA; McConnell, BM3.



(TOP) Carlson, BMC; Schenk, SN; Rowland, SN; Howell, SA; Cox, SN; Nagengast, SA; Gardner, SA; McDuffie, SA; Sytsma, SA; Griffin, GM1; Halsey, BM1. (BOTTOM) Pulley, SN; Snock, SA; Sealey, SN; Campbell, SA; Pfeiffer, SA; Bagby, SA; Crocett, SA; Stewart, SN.



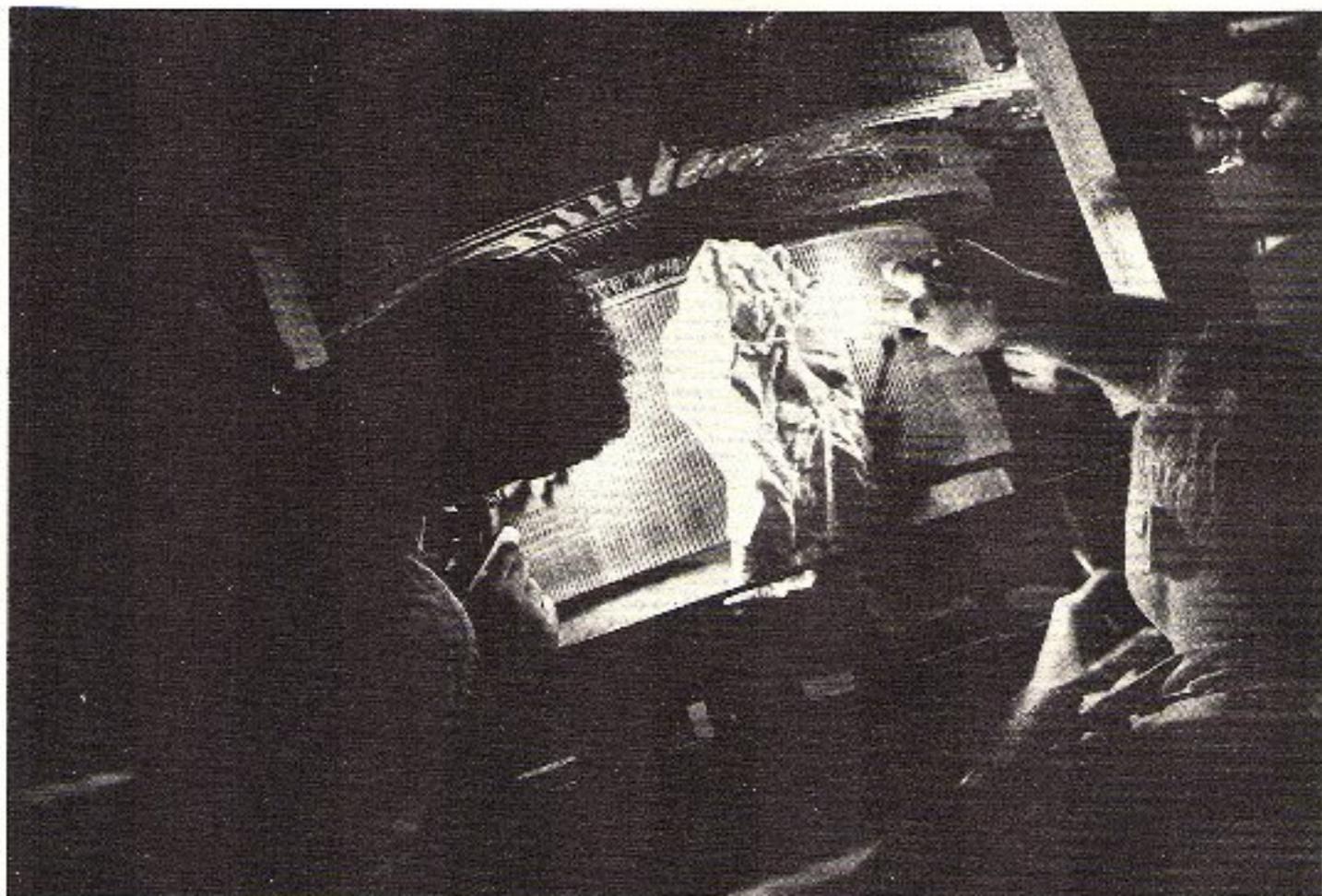
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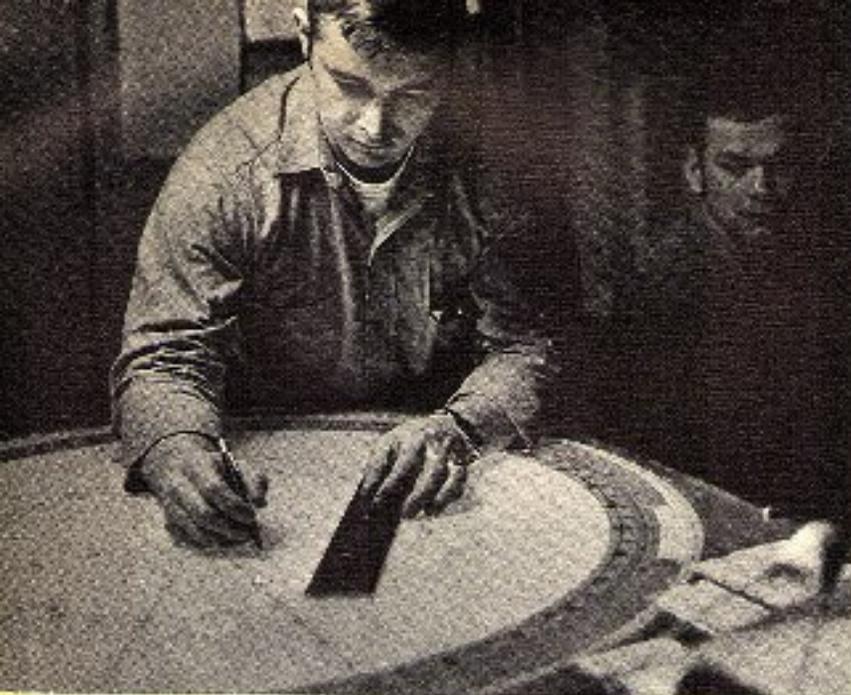
Scuba Diver



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Top, L. to R.: ENC Sangster; ENC Leyda; DCC Pierce, SN Tuttle; EN3 Miller, EN3 Hatcher; EM3 Pereira; EN3 Jerome; EM3 Dockery; FA Nash; FA Waller; EM1 Bennett; EN1 Cuddeback; BT1 Campbell; EN1 Arthur; ENS. Wilson; ENS. Snyder; Ltjg Byrd. Bottom, L. to R.: FA Swain; FA Shell; FA Pavelok; FA Smaykovsky; DC3 Barber; EN2 Temple; EN3-Blanks; EN1 McGary, EN2 Hawkins, EN2 Johnson, EM2 LeMay; EN3 Abell, EN1 Shadix.



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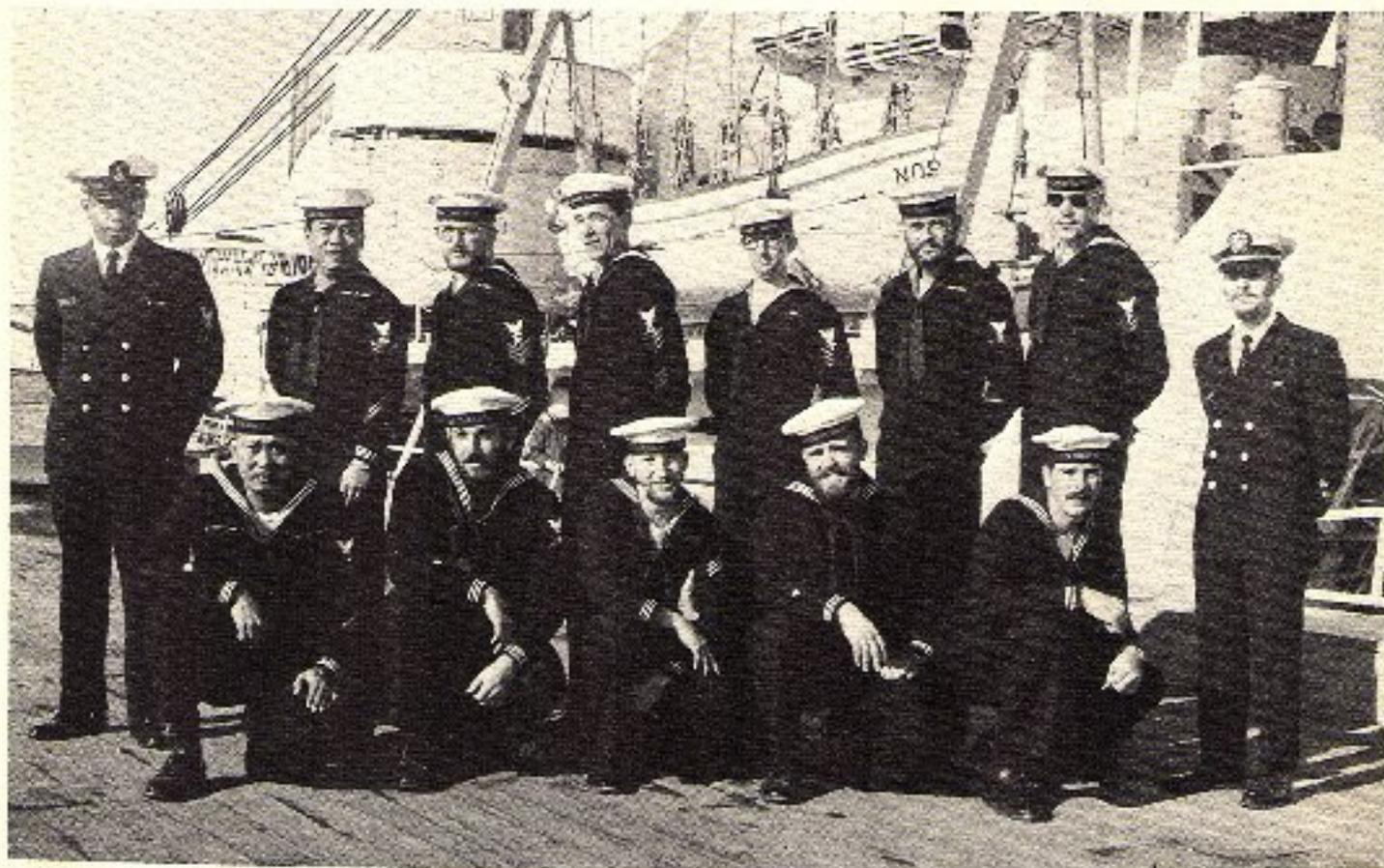


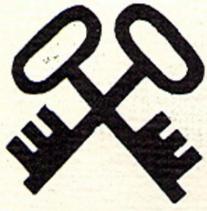
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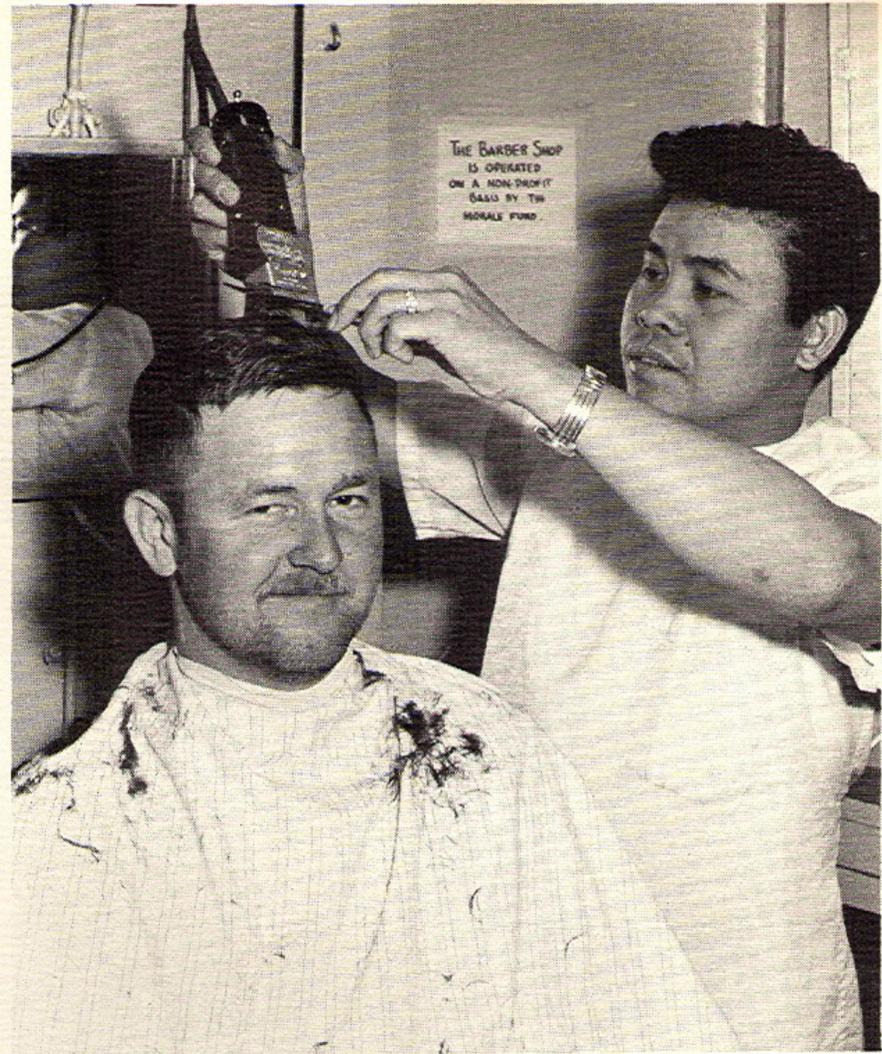
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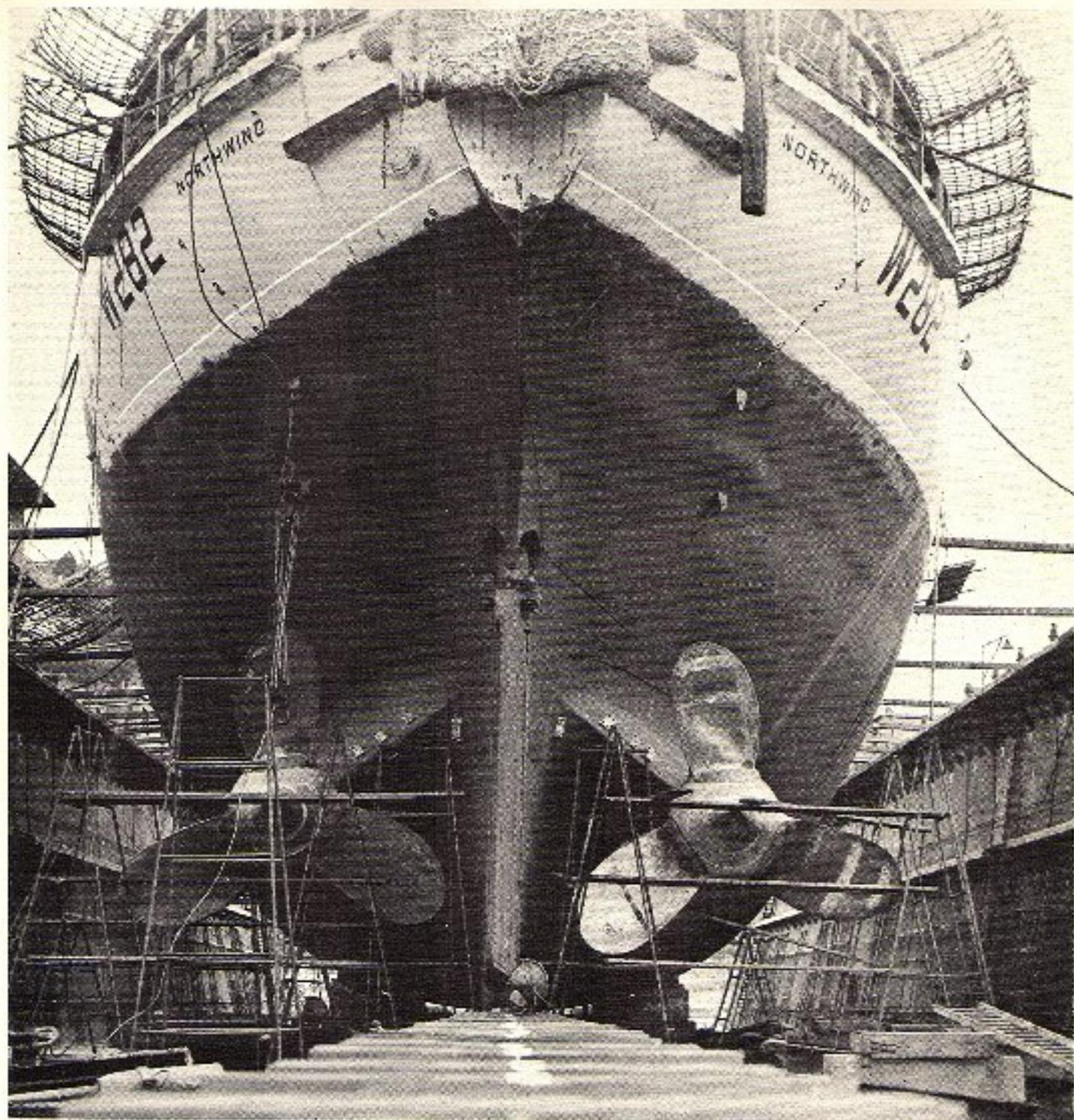




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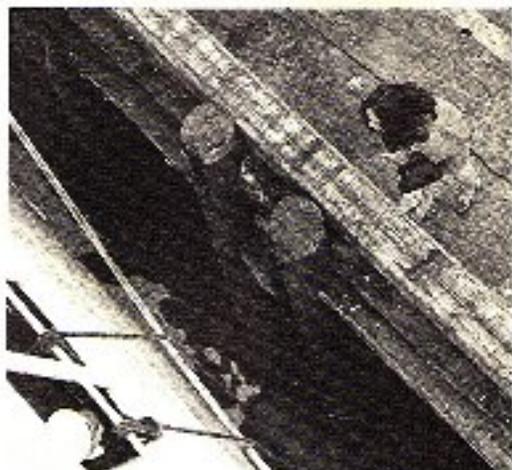


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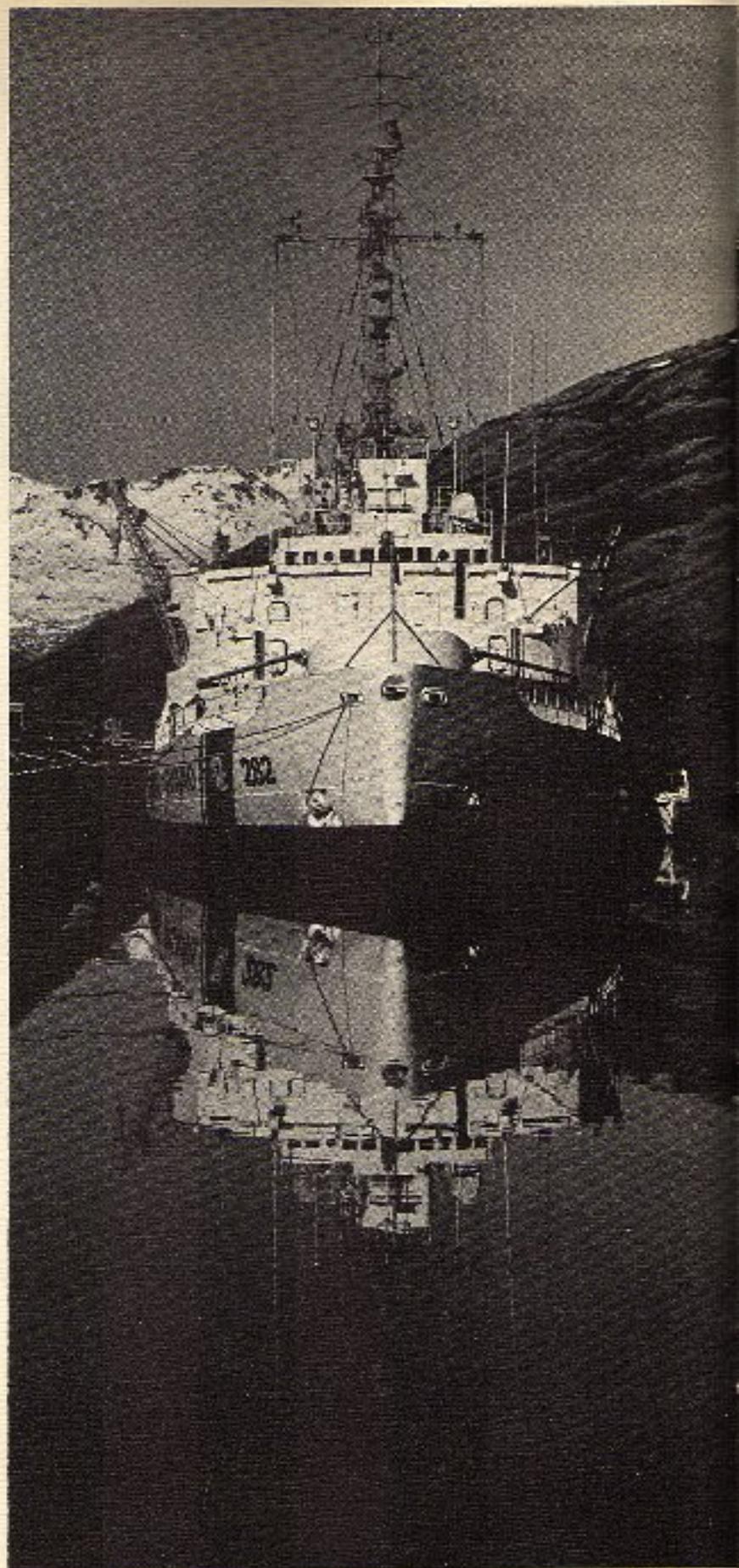
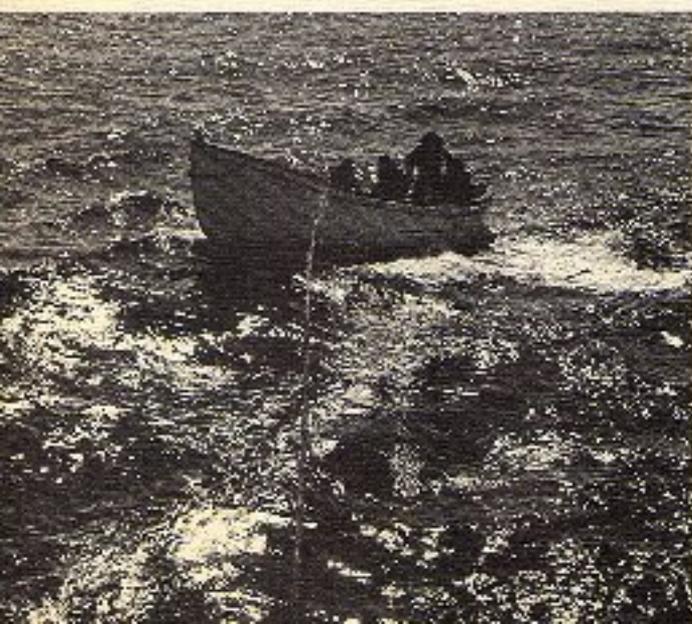
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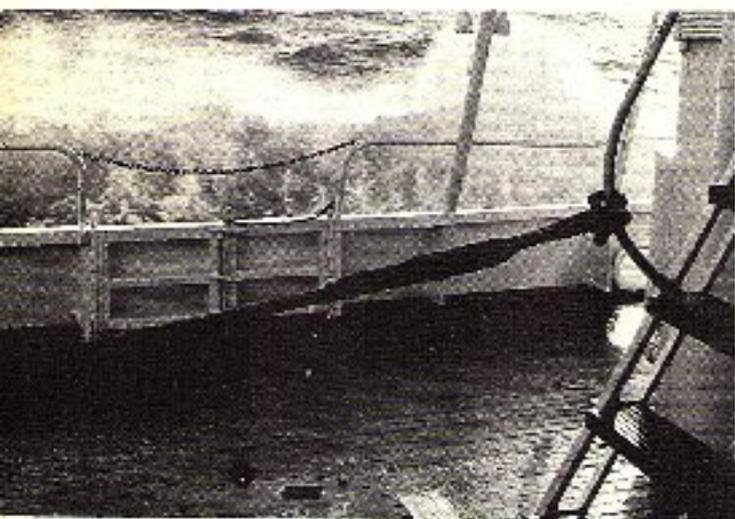
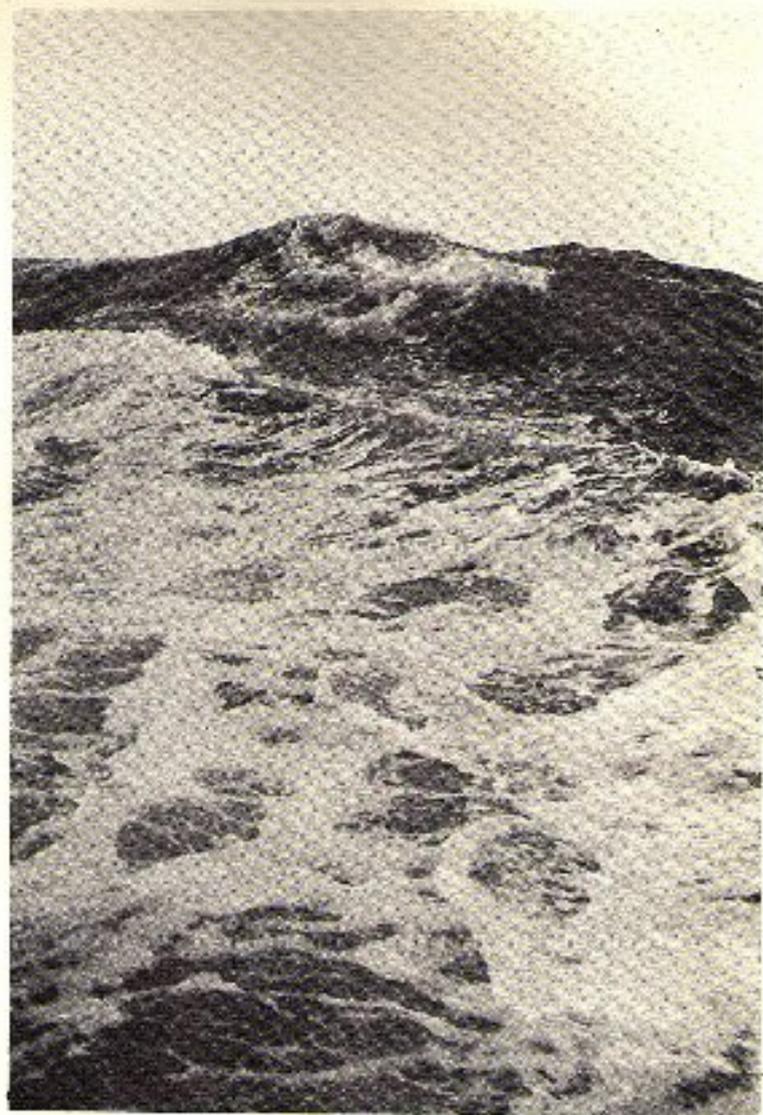
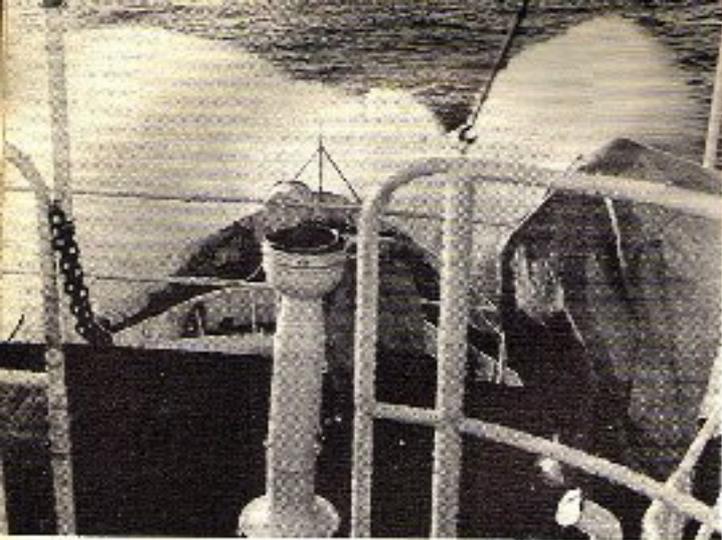
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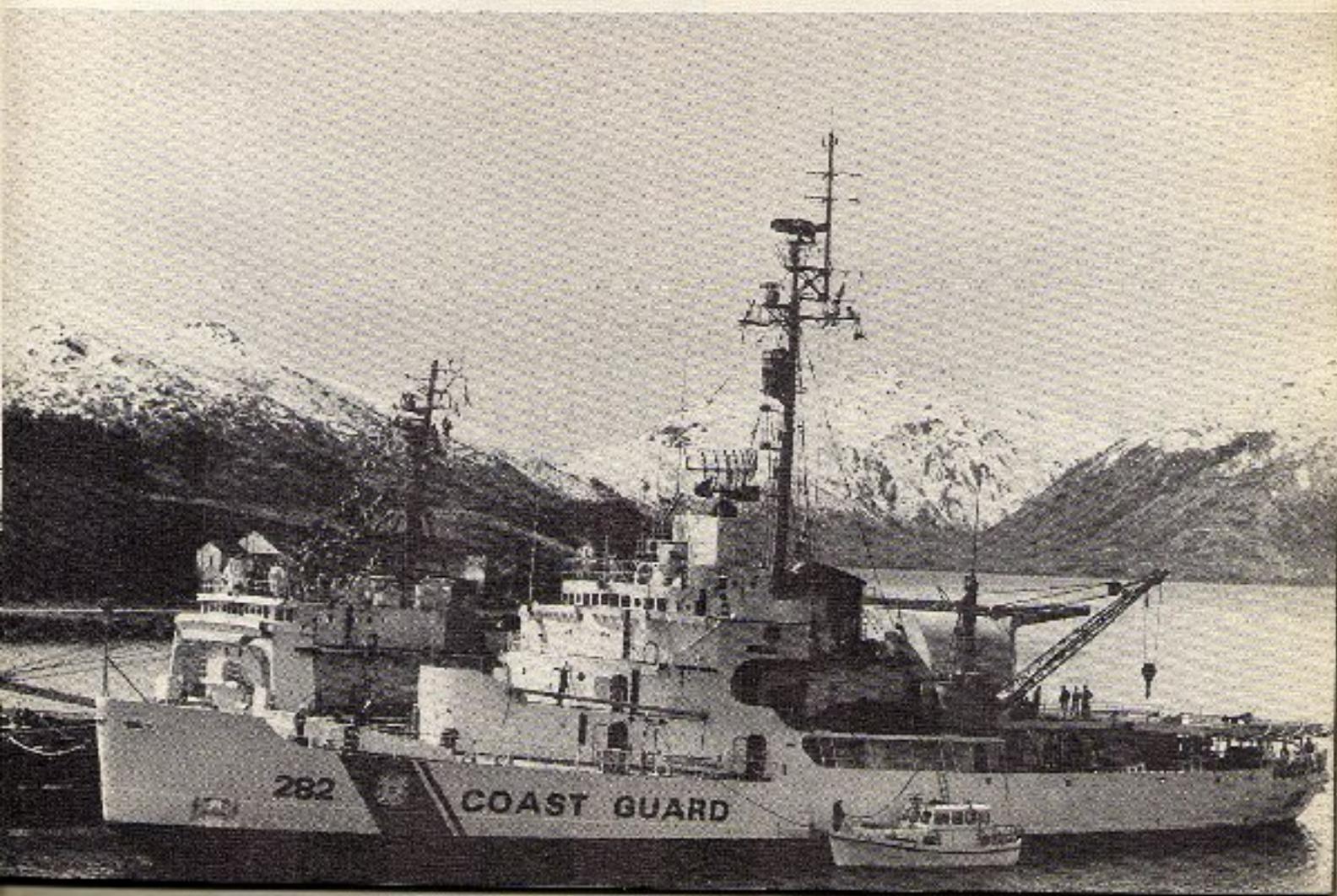
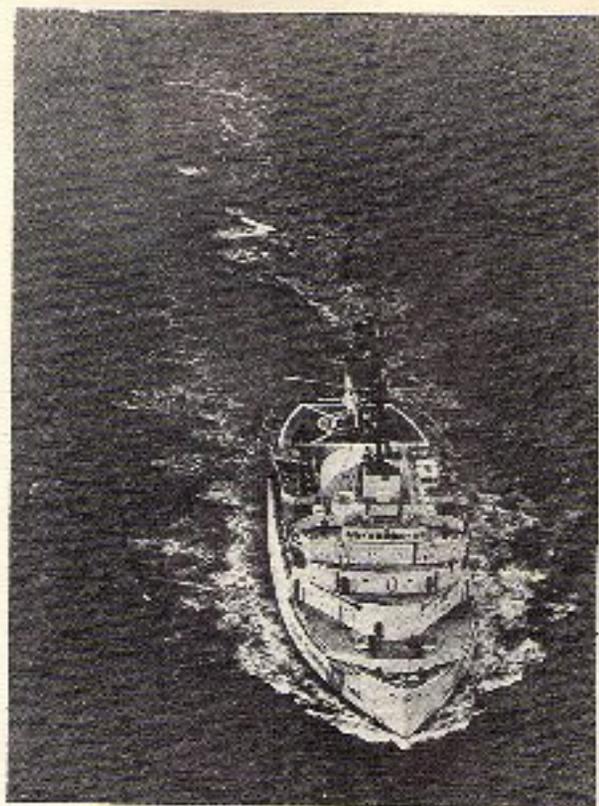


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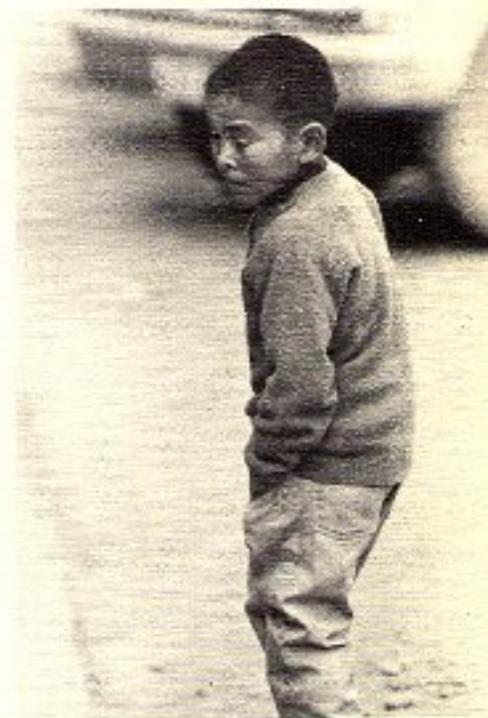


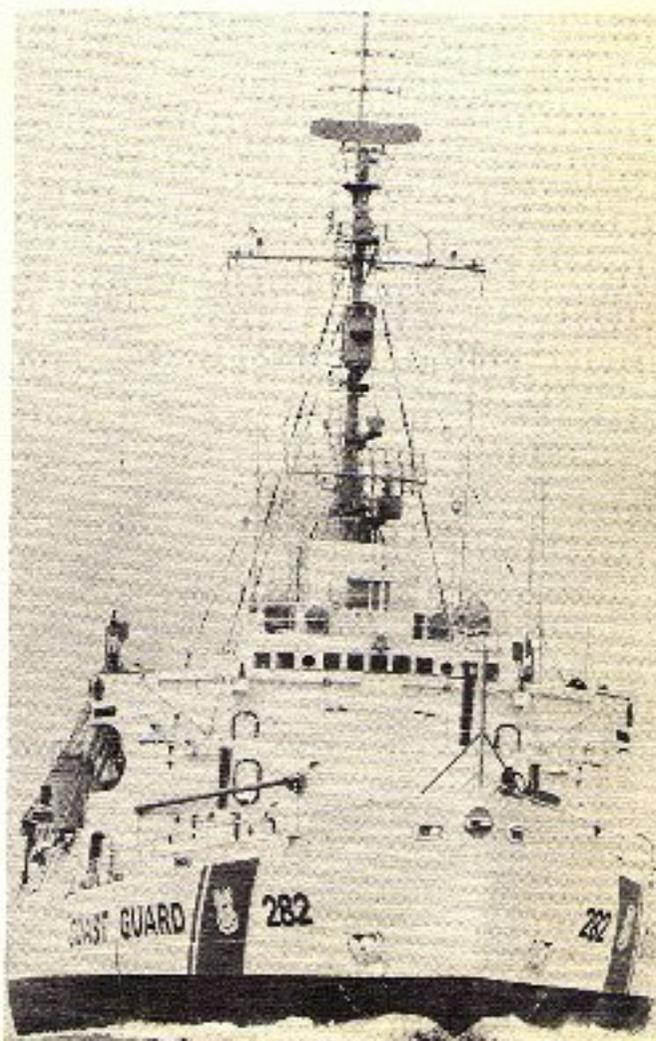
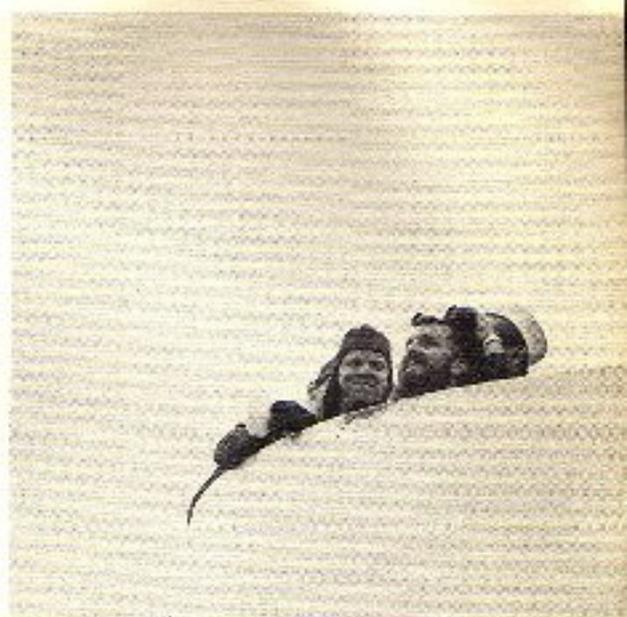
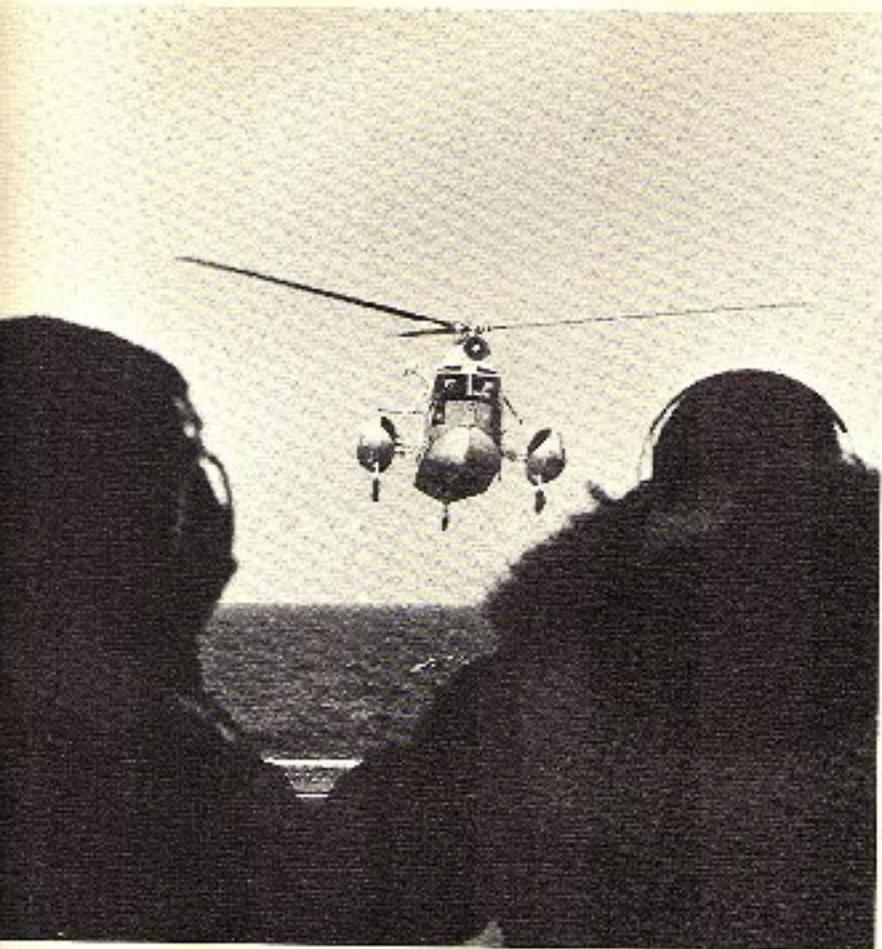




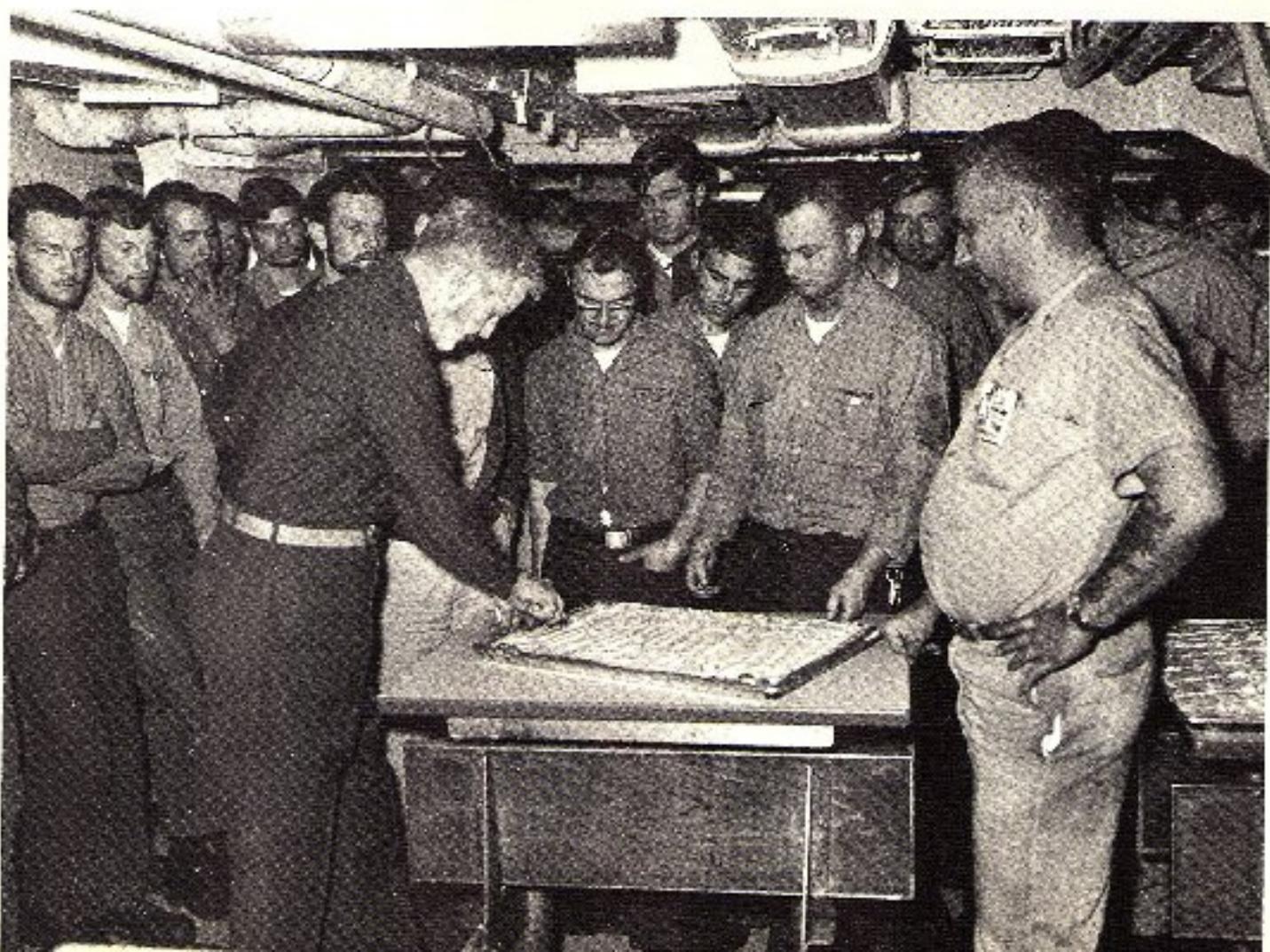
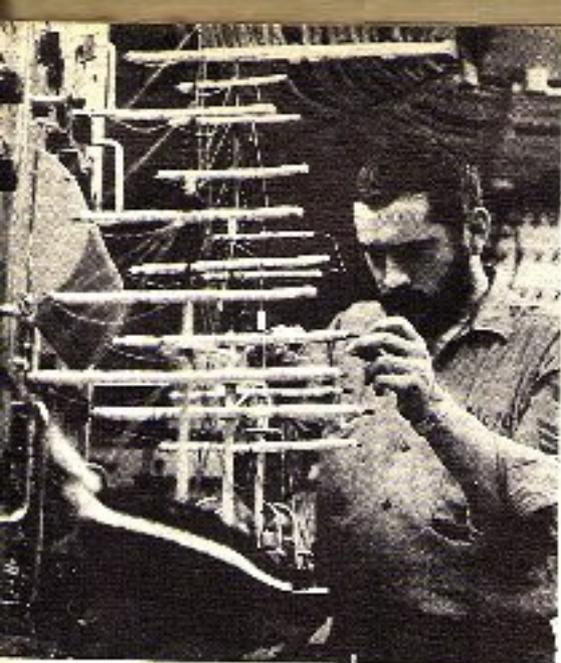


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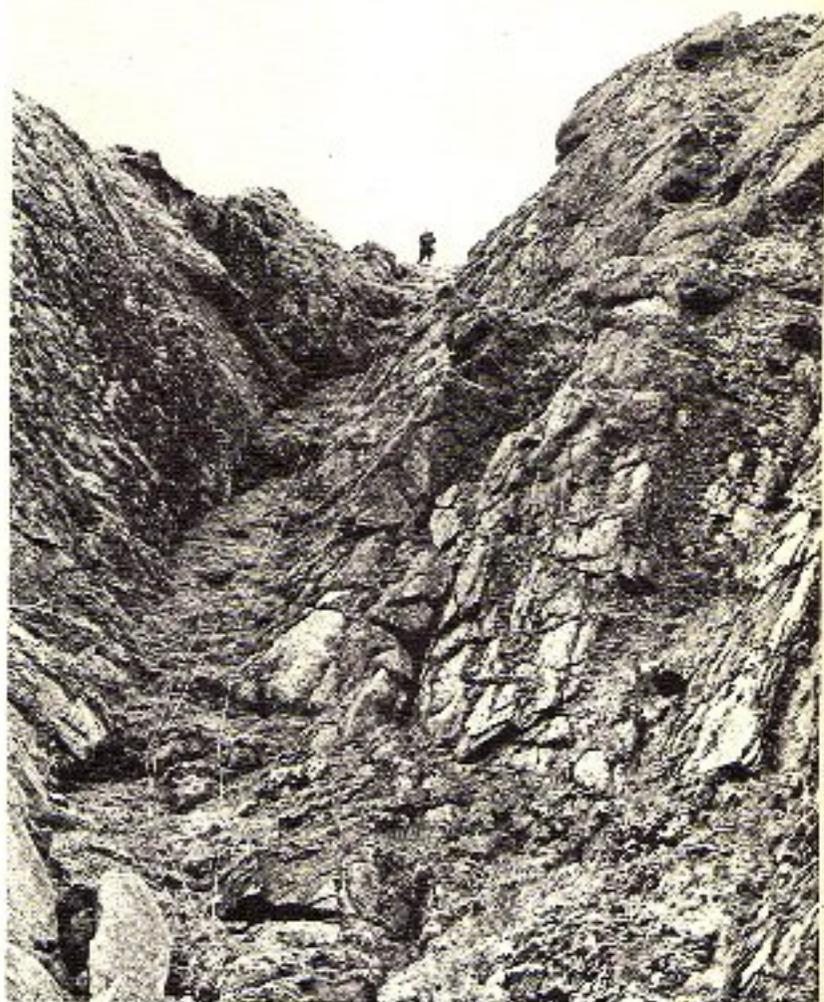






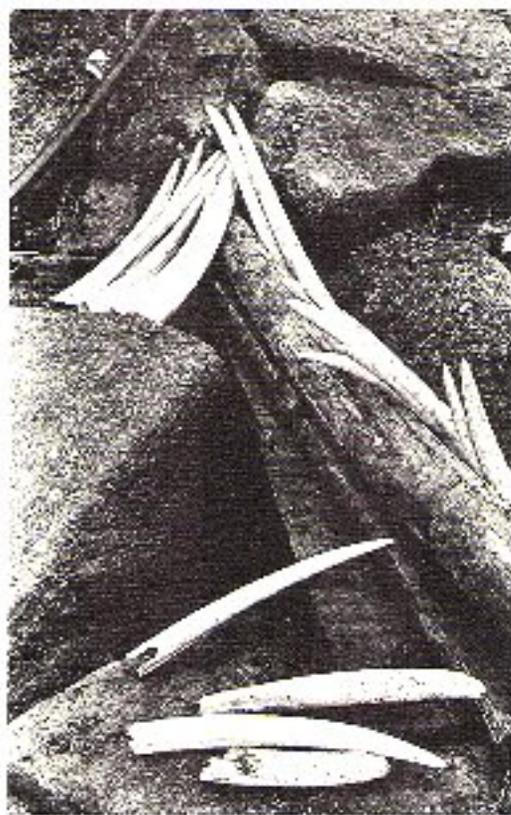
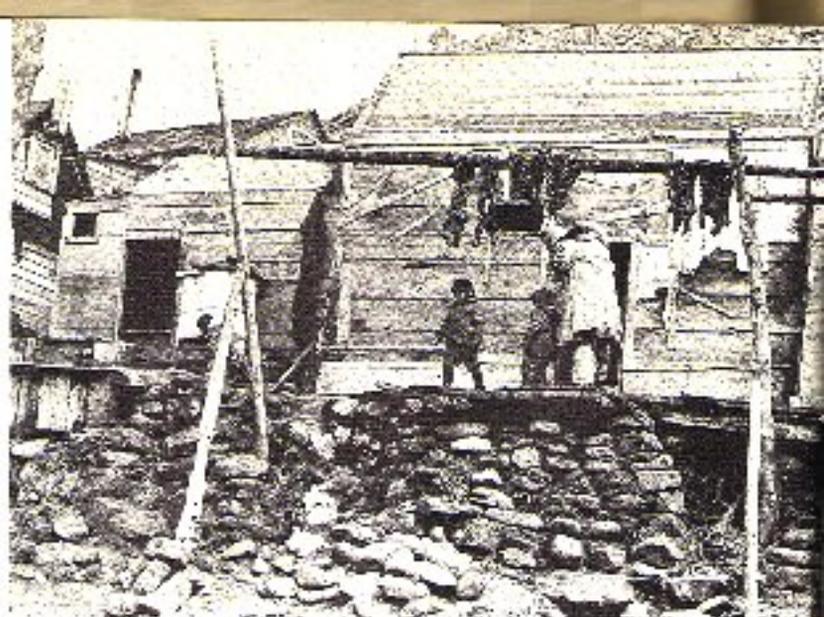


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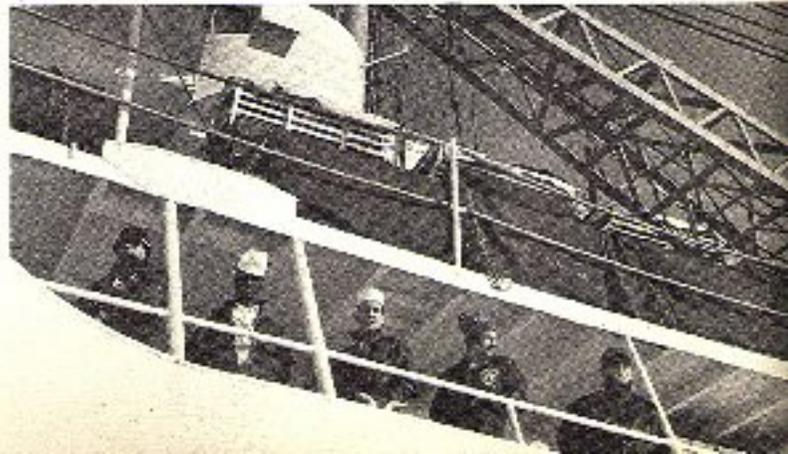


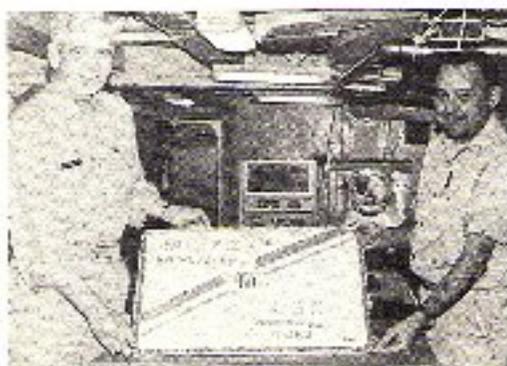
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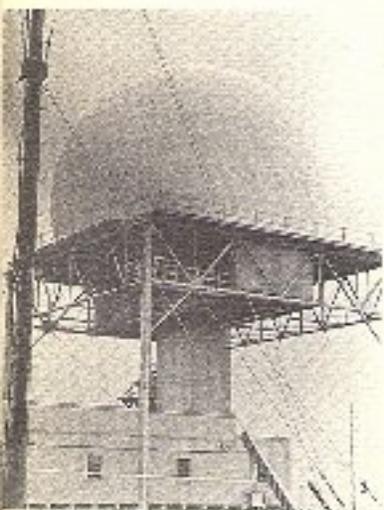
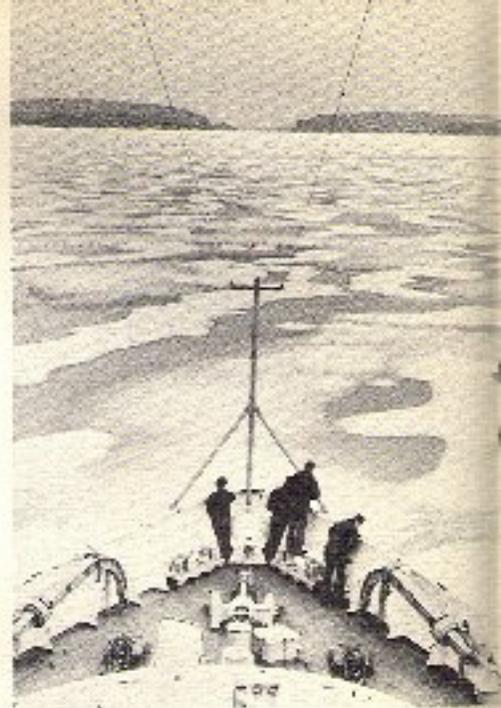


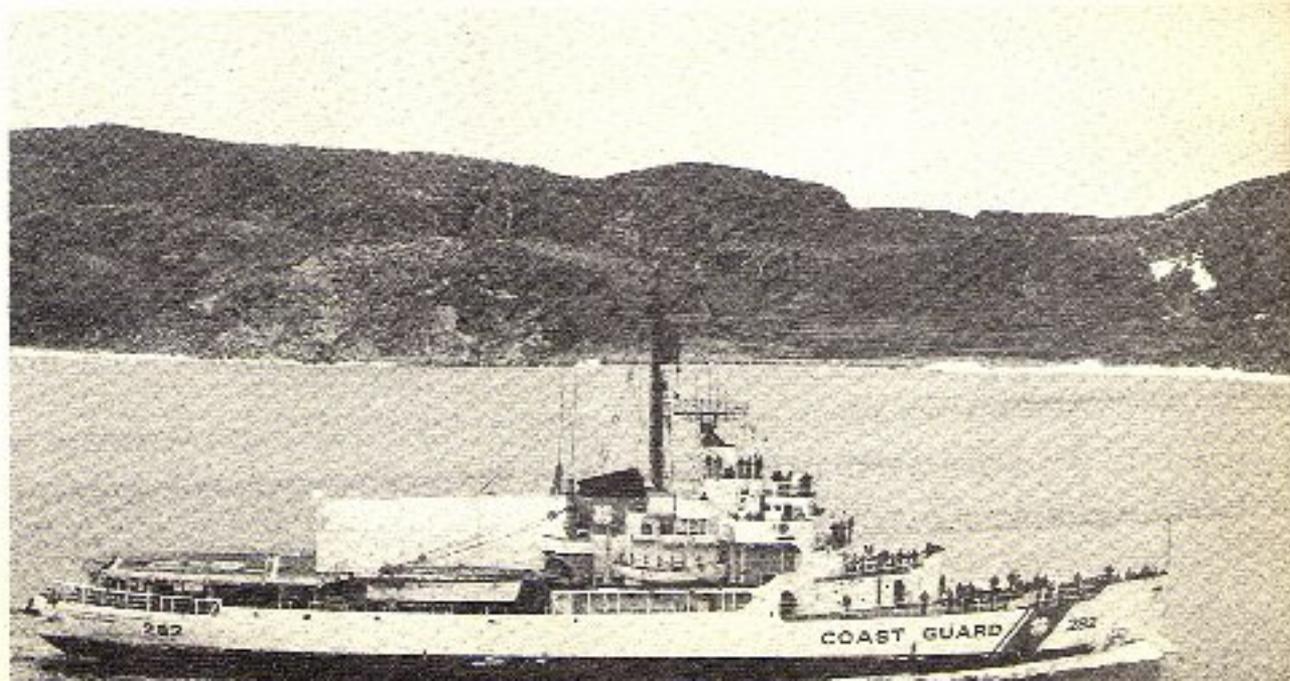
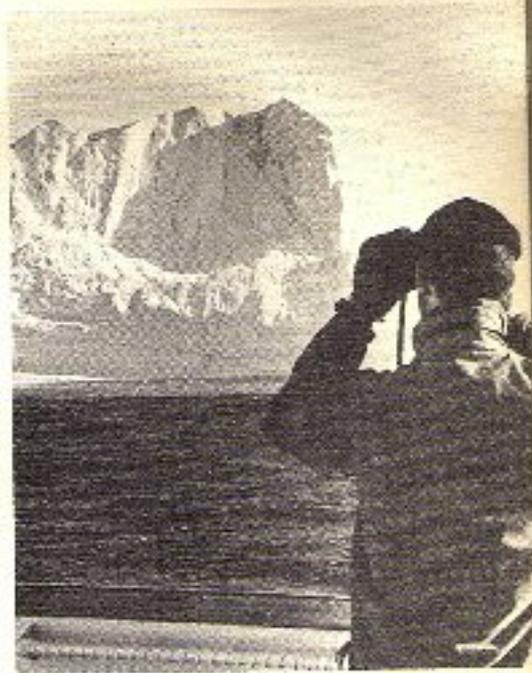


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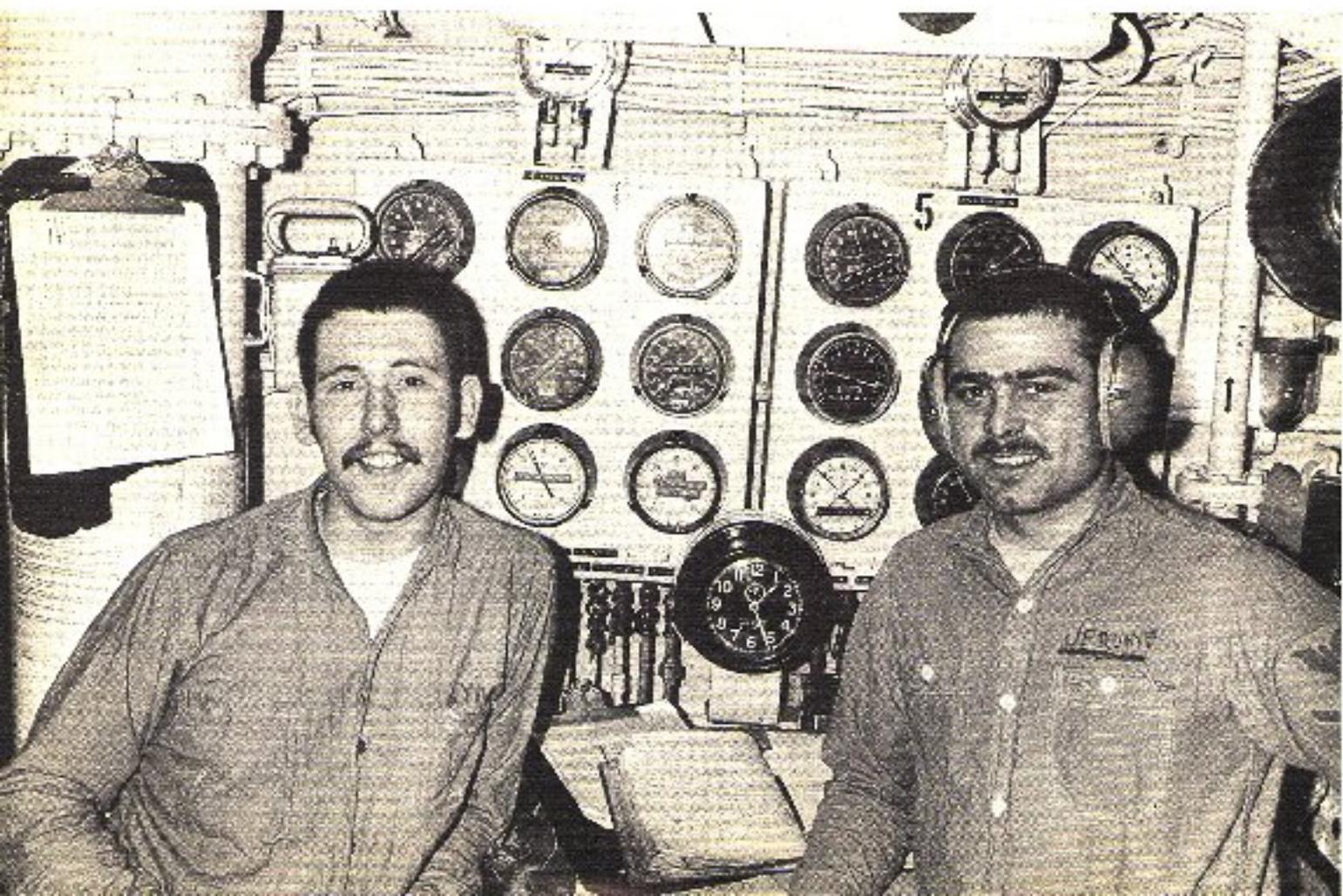


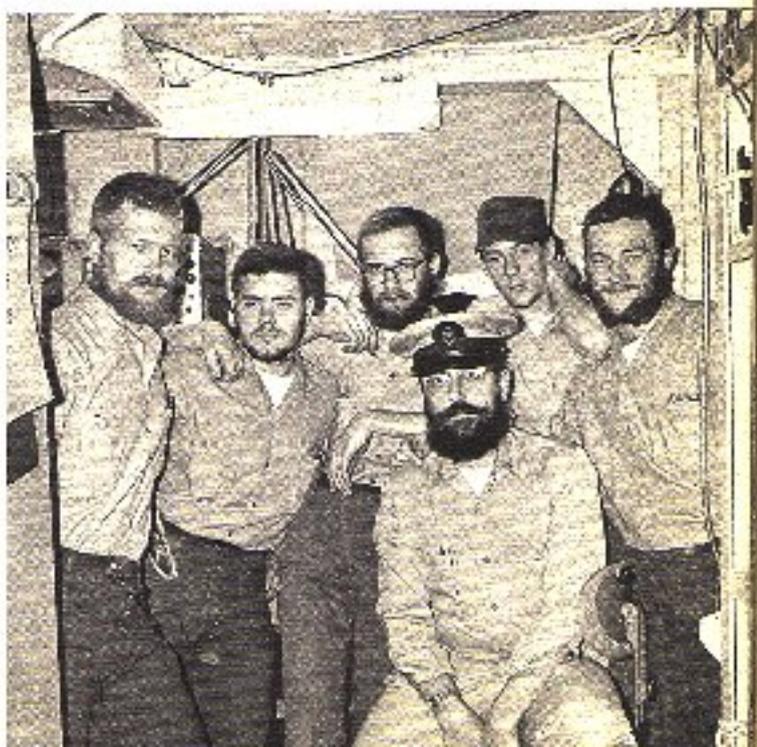






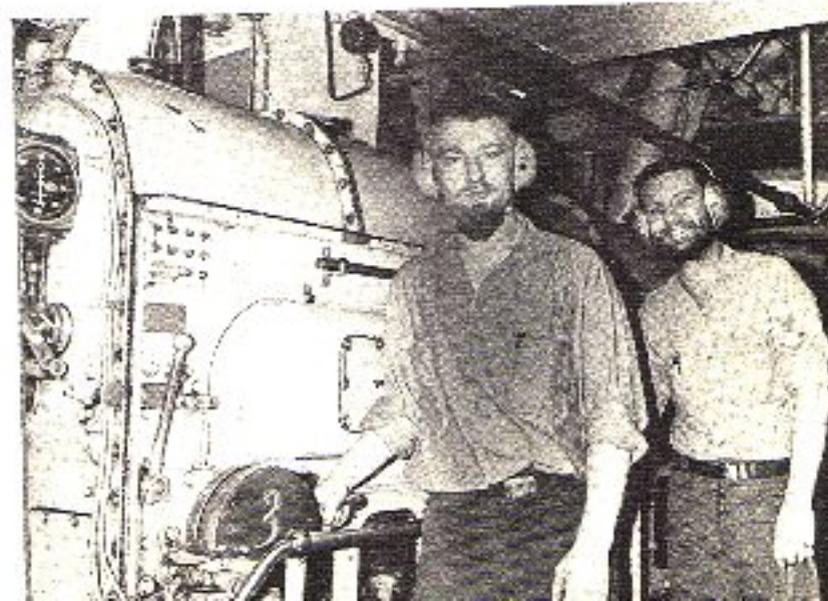
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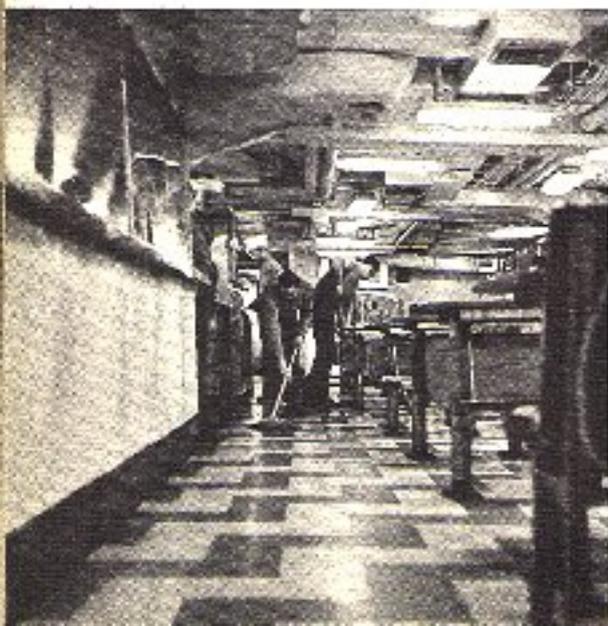
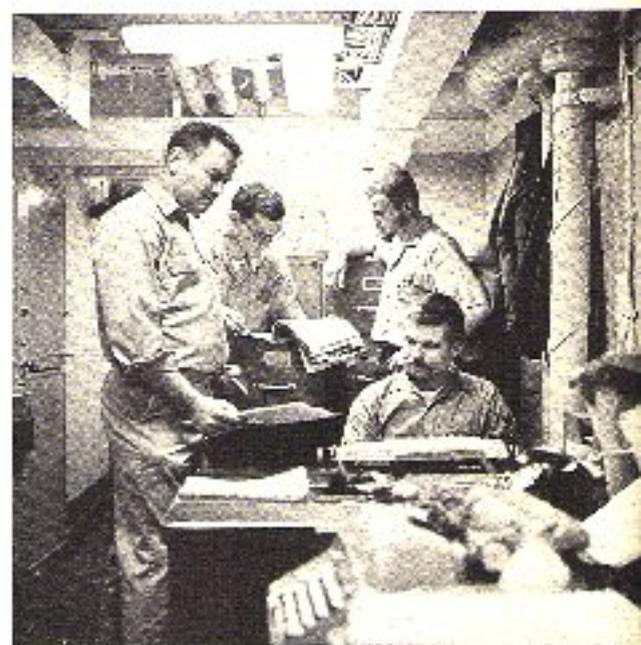


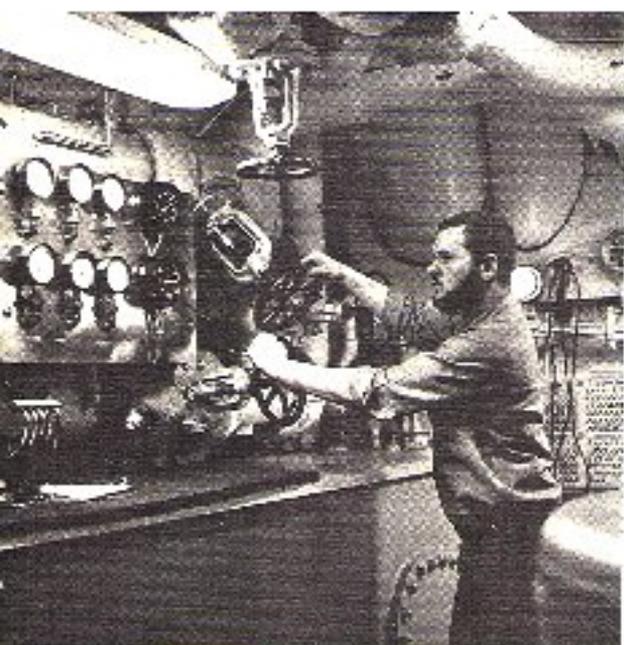
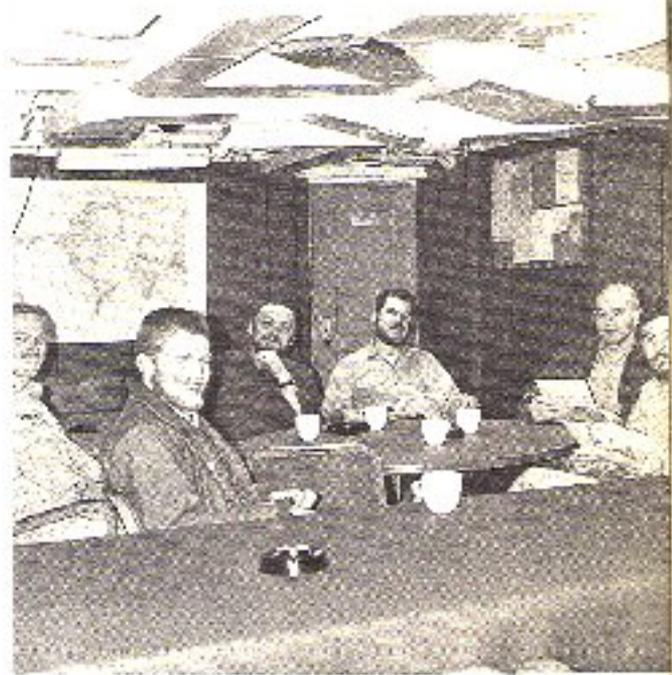
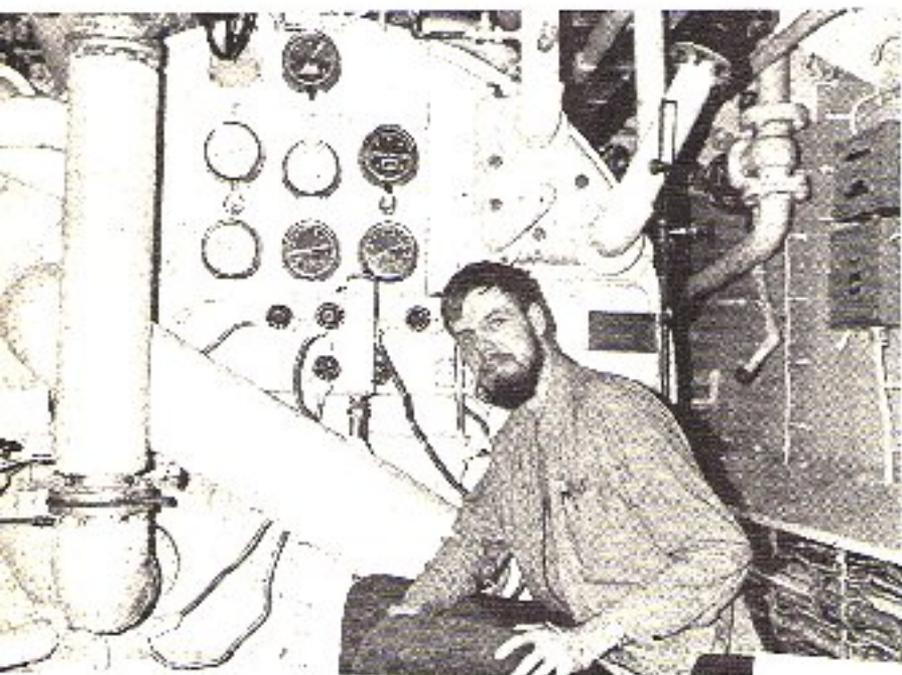
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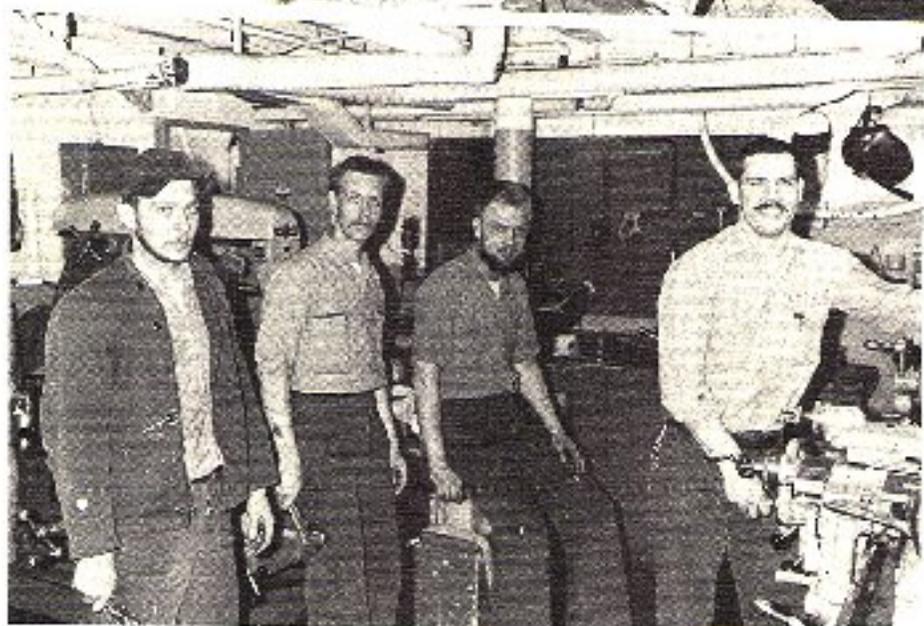


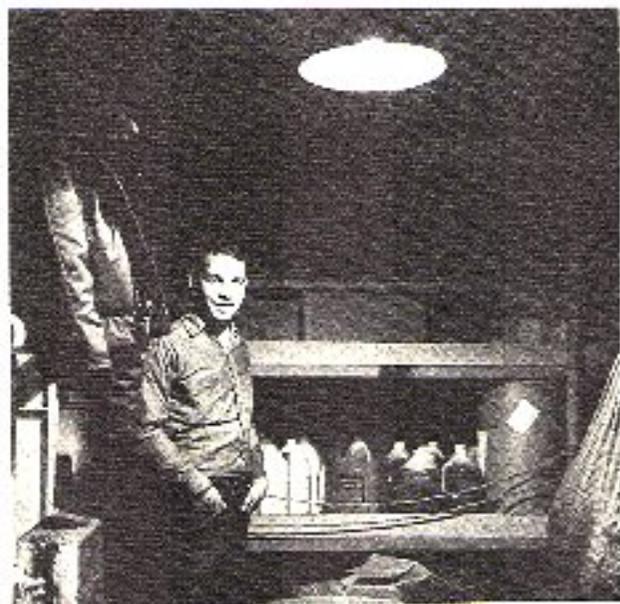
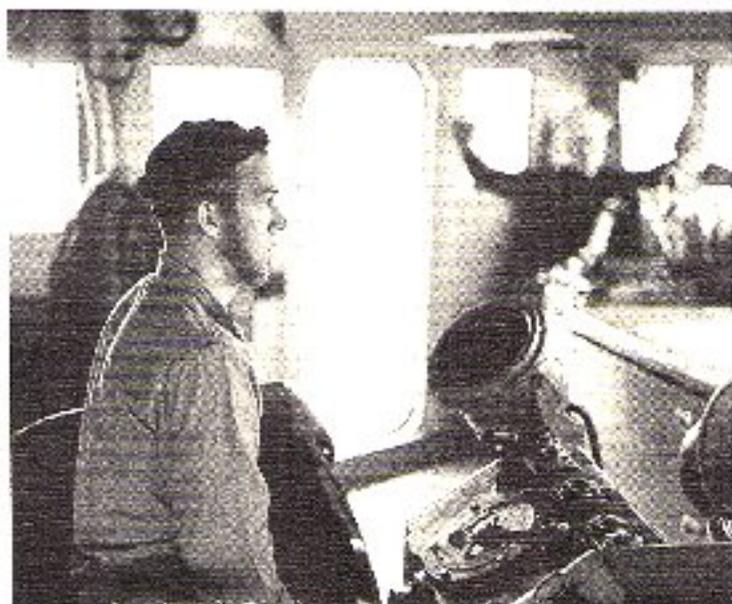
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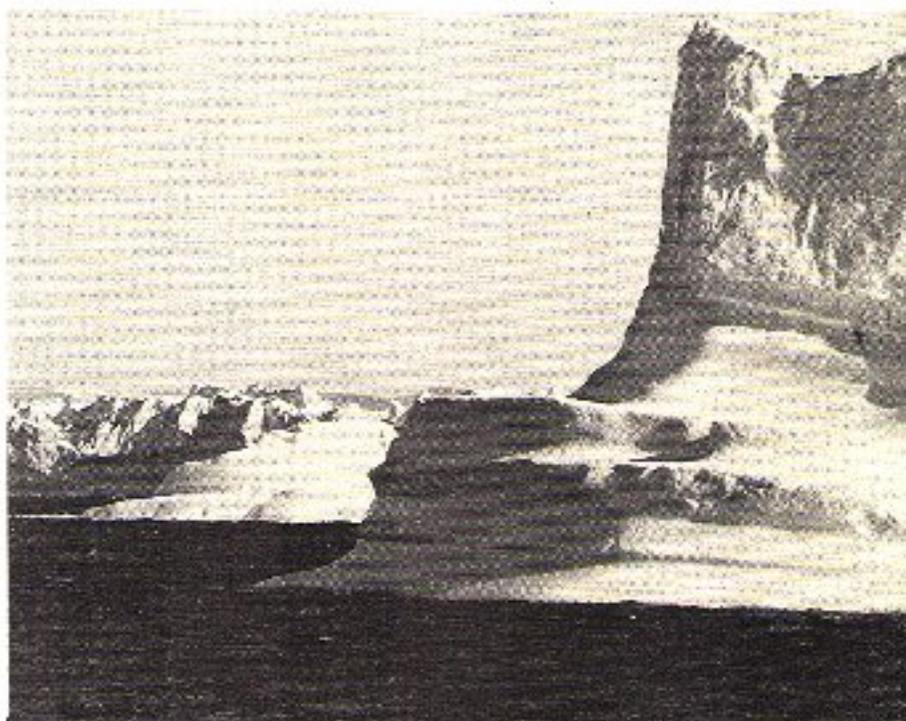
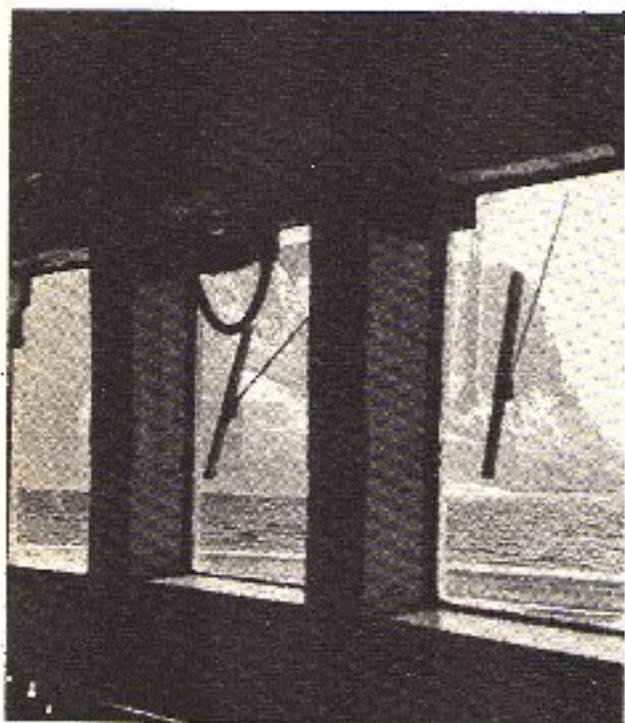
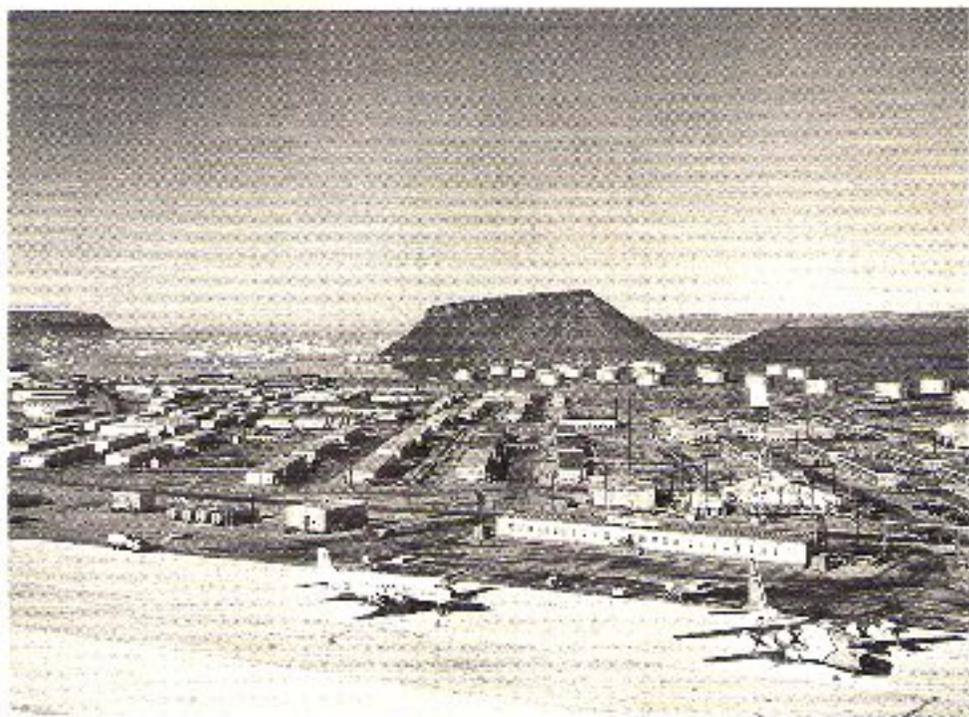


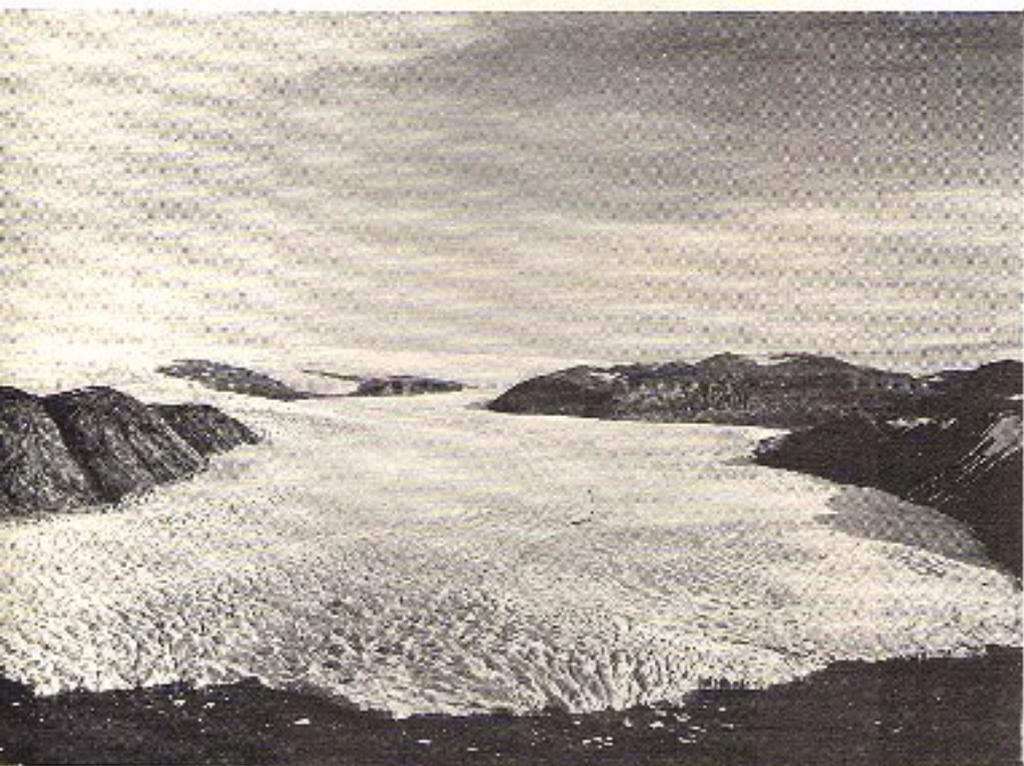
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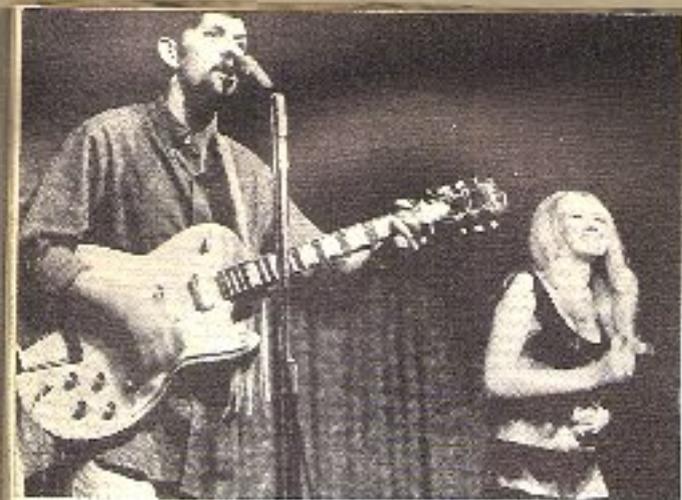


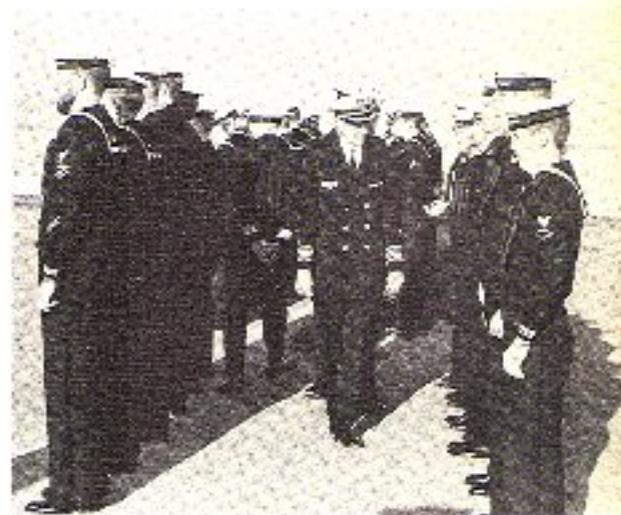


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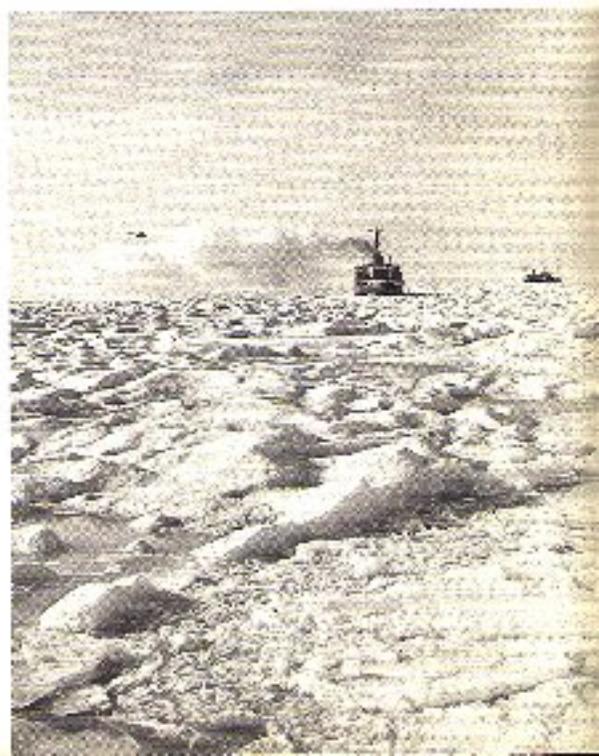
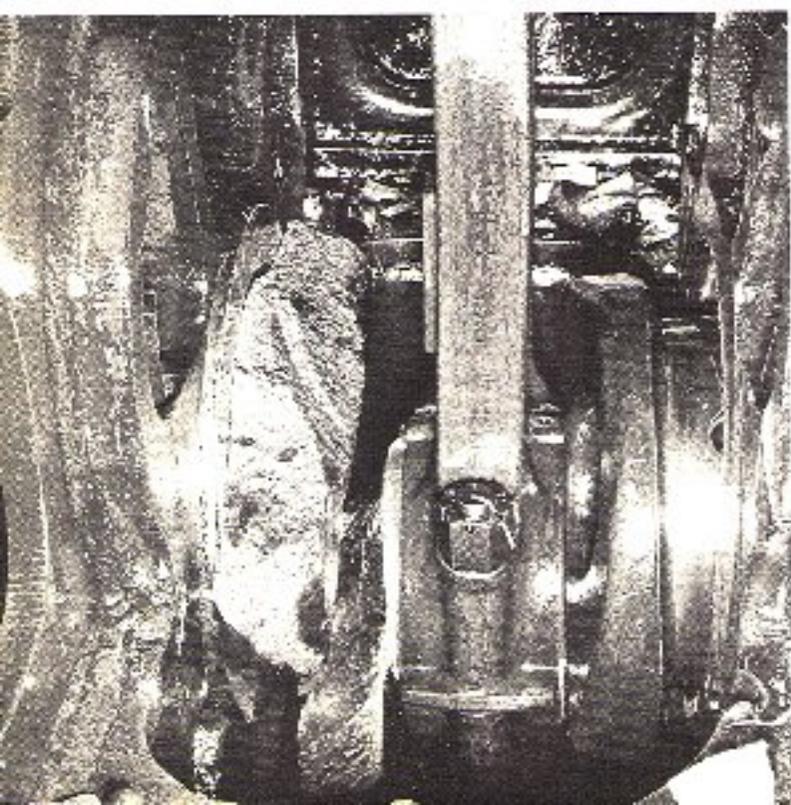


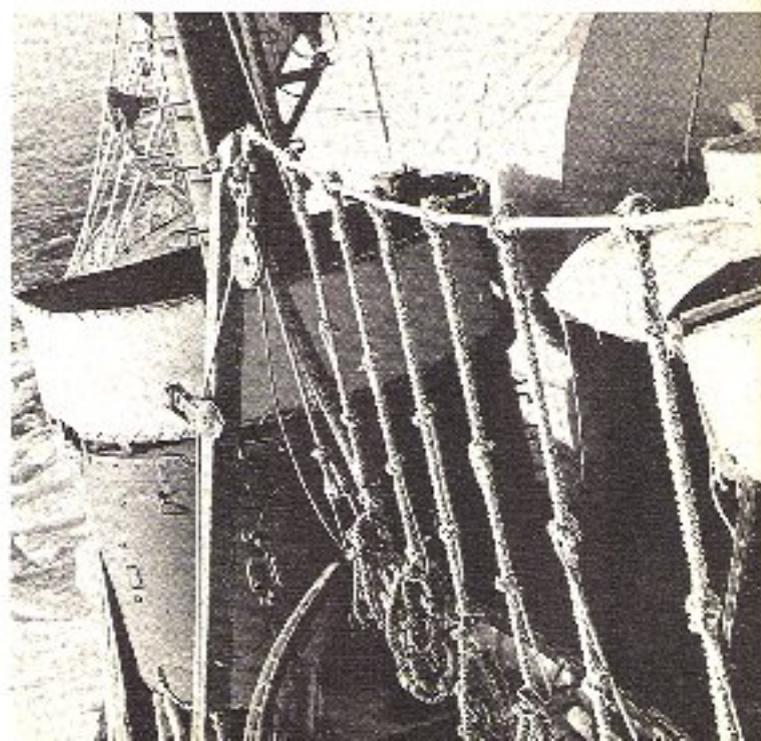


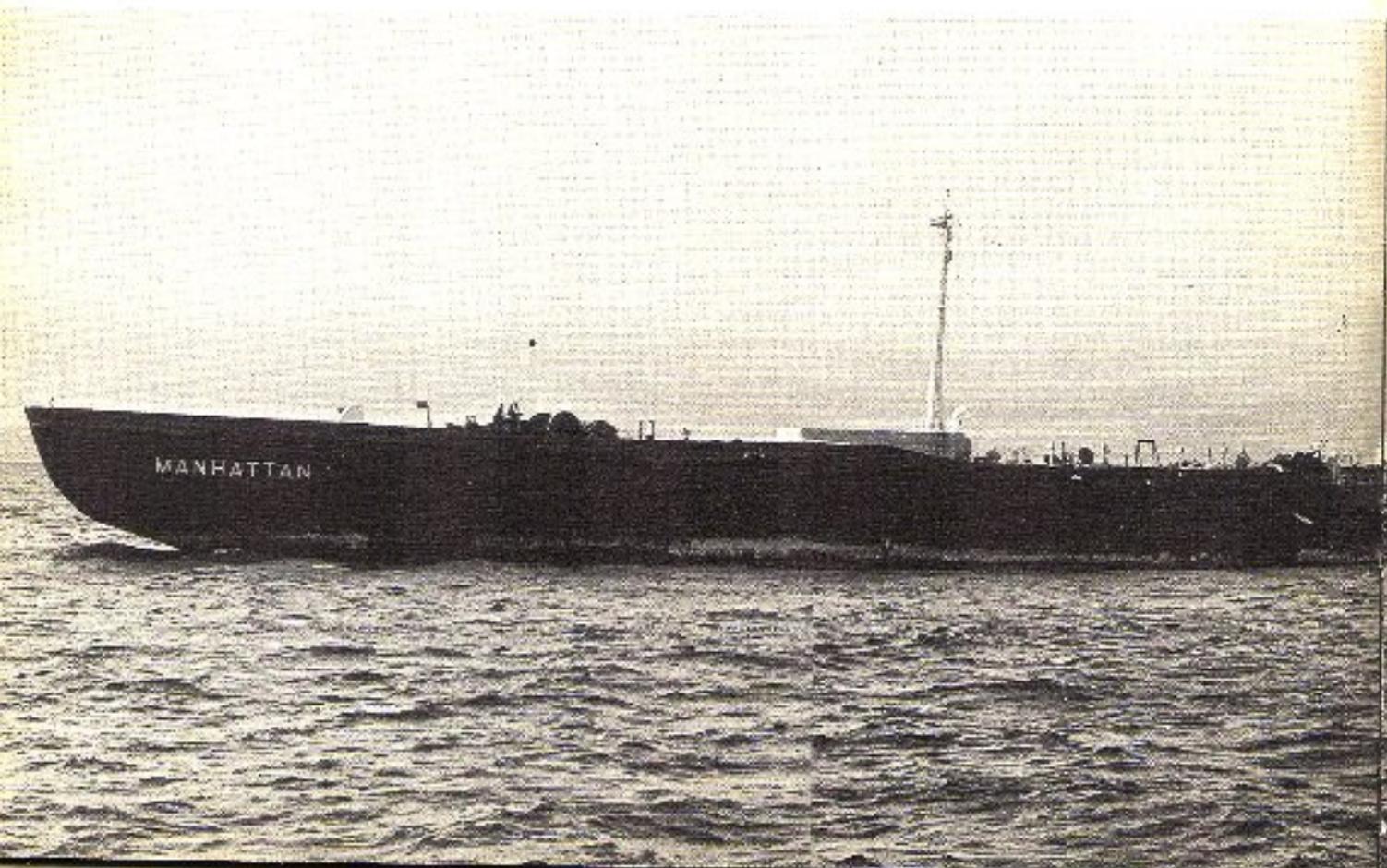




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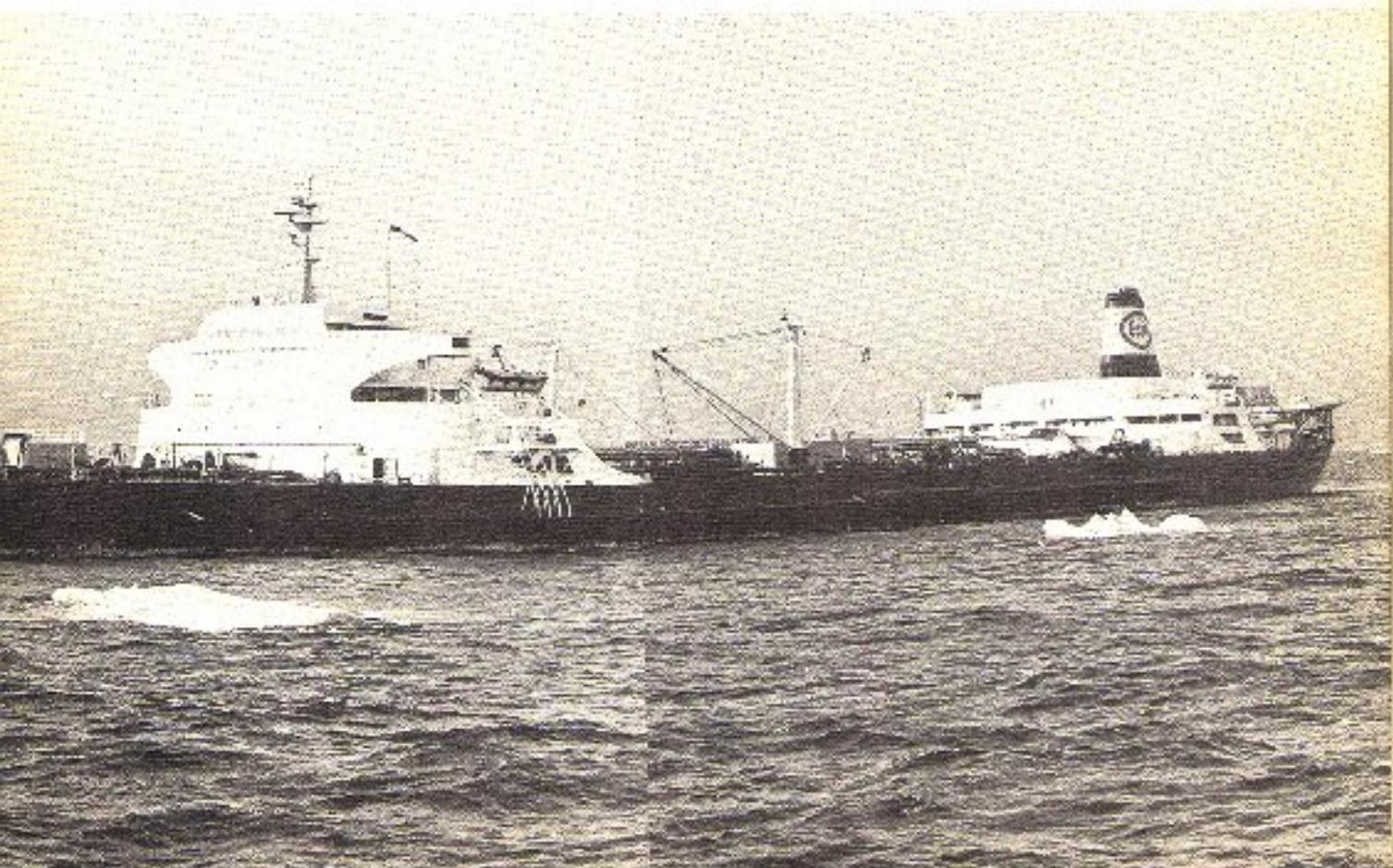
1. YOU ARE ABOUT TO SAIL IN SUPPORT OF THE ARCTIC TANKER TEST. IN MY ESTIMATION THIS IS MAN'S MOST AMBITIOUS UNDERTAKING IN THE ARCTIC SEAS. THIS TEST IS CERTAIN TO HAVE UNFOLDED EFFECTS ON OUR ENTIRE NATION, AS YOU UNDERTAKE THIS MISSION IN THE WAKE OF SUCH FAMOUS ARCTIC EXPLORERS AS NANSEN, FERRY, AMUNDSON, AND BYRD, YOU ADD ANOTHER CHAPTER TO THE COAST GUARD POLAR HISTORY FORMED BY THE CORWIN, BEAR, NORTELAND AND NORTHWIND HERSELF.

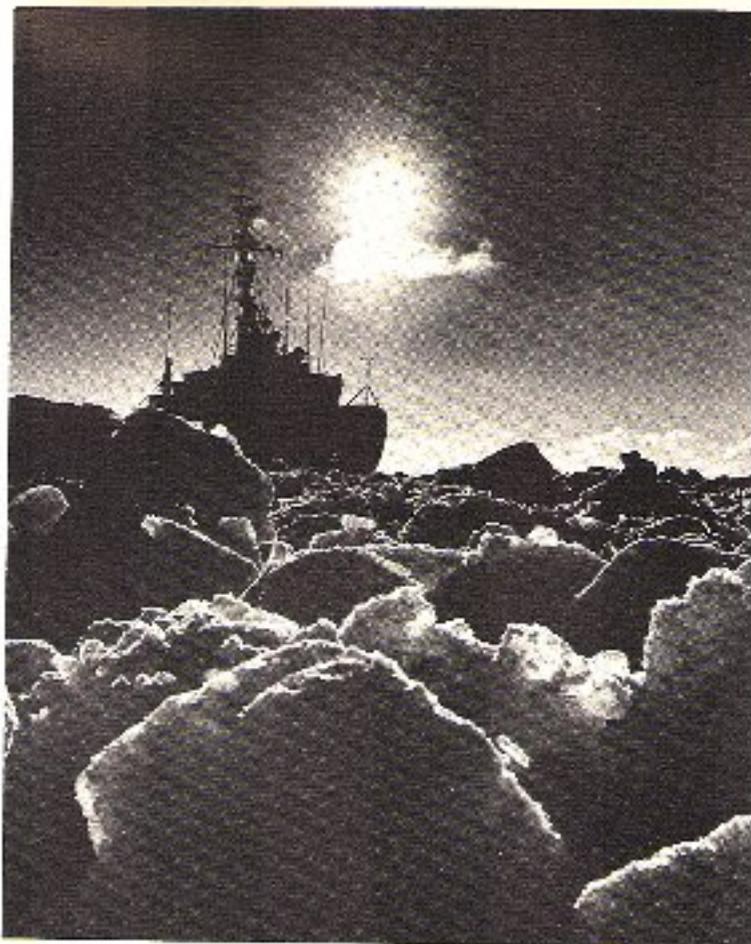
2. YOUR PERFORMANCE TO DATE IS ENVIABLE, YOUR SUCCESSFUL OCEANOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF THE BERING AND CHUKCHI SEAS WAS FOLLOWED BY YOUR HISTORIC EARLY SEASON TRANSIT OF THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE. YOUR ATTEMPT TO REPAIR A MAIN ENGINE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY AND OVERWHELMING ODDS WAS PERSUED WITH GREAT INITIATIVE, EVEN THEN YOU PROCEEDED TO ASSIST YOUR SISTER SHIP SOUTHWIND. ALL WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITH A CAN-DO SPIRIT IN SPITE OF LITTLE REST AND RECREATION AVAILABLE ON THE LONG DEPLOYMENT.

3. I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOUR PERFORMANCE DURING THE TANKER TEST WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN THE HIGHEST TRADITION OF THE COAST GUARD, SMOOTH SAILING ON THE REMAINDER OF YOUR EPIC VOYAGE.

SIGNED W. J. SMITH, ADMIRAL, U. S. COAST GUARD, COMMANDANT.

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FM CAPTAIN PULLEN
MANHATTAN PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE
CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TO CAPTAIN MC CANN

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MAY I OFFER YOU MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATION ON YOUR FEAT OF COMPLETING THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS IN A SINGLE SEASON. THIS IS ONE OF THOSE SIGNIFICANT ARCTIC FIRSTS SOUGHT BY MANY OVER THE YEARS. I THINK IT IS FITTING, AFTER THE DIFFICULTIES YOU HAVE ENDURED, YOU SHOULD EARN THIS DISTINCTION. BEST WISHES TO YOU, YOUR PEOPLE AND YOUR STOUT SHIP.

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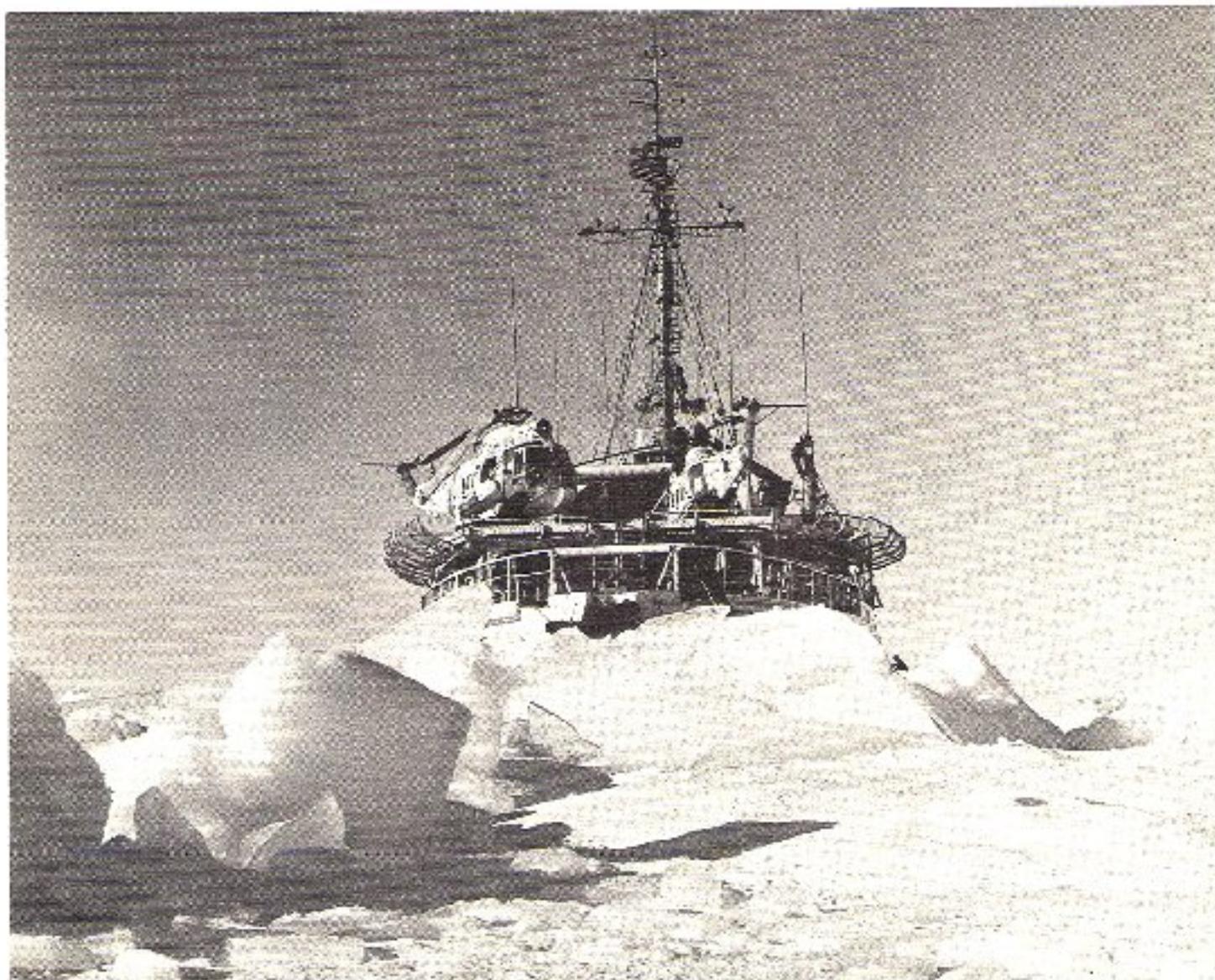
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NORTHWIND HAS WRITTEN HISTORY AS THE FIRST MAJOR VESSEL TO HAVE TRAN-
SITTED NORTHWEST PASSAGE EASTWARD AND WESTWARD IN ONE SEASON. I WISH
TO EXPRESS MY PERSONNEL APPRECIATION AND ADMIRATION AND TO RECOGNIZE
THE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF DUTY BY YOU AND YOUR CREW. ON THE OC-
CASION OF MY VISIT OFF PT BARROW I WAS IMPRESSED BY THE EXCEPTIONAL AP-
PEARANCE OF NORTHWIND. THIS SPEAKS OF THE PERSONAL PRIDE AND HIGH MOR-
ALE OF THE OFFICERS AND CREW. AS YOU LEAVE MY OPERATIONAL CONTROL EN-
ROUTE TO YOUR HOMEPORT AND LOVED ONES I OFFER MY CONGRATULATIONS TO
ALL HANDS FOR A JOB WELL DONE. GODSPEED AND BEST WISHES IN YOUR FUTURE
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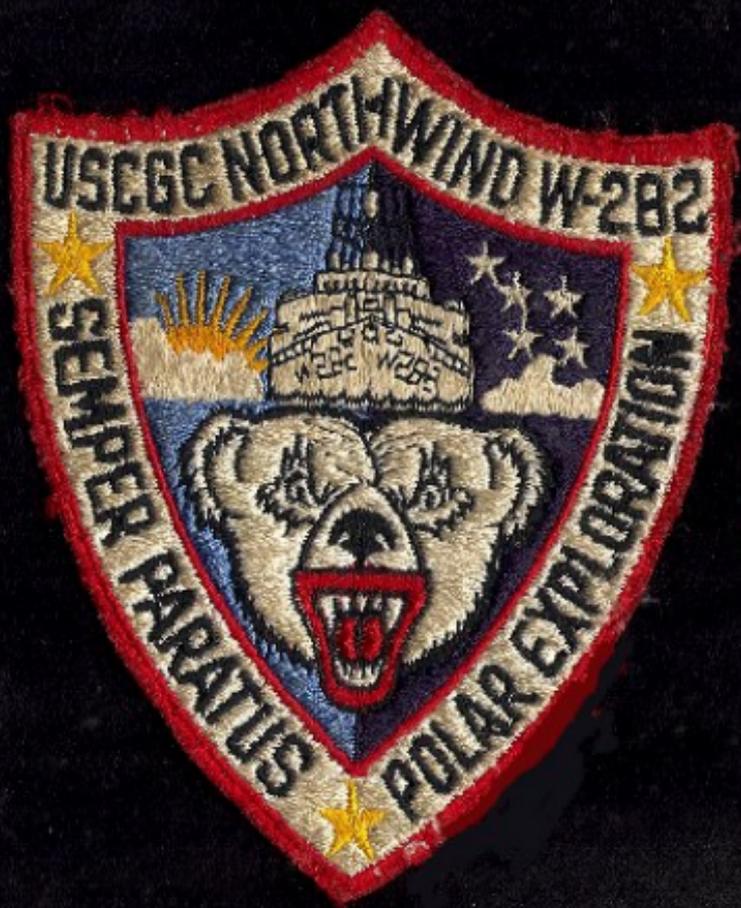
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FROM WHAT I'VE TASTED OF DESIRE,
I HOLD WITH THOSE WHO FAVOR FIRE;
BUT IF I HAD TO PERISH TWICE,
I THINK THAT ICE IS ALSO NICE,
AND WOULD SUFFICE.

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