



*U. S. S. HORNET*



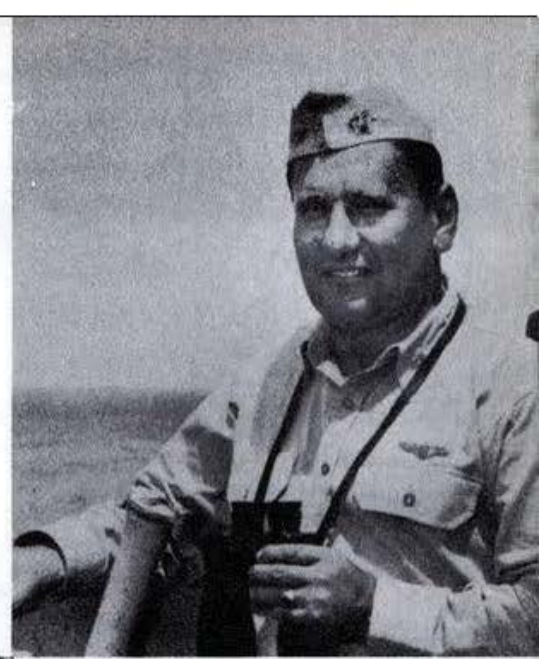


They call him "Joe Blow," "Mack," "Sack Rat," and many other names. He rarely makes the headlines. He does his job unquestioningly. Although he grumbles occasionally, he's proud of his uniform and the ribbons and stars with which his country has seen fit to honor him.

This book is dedicated to the officers and men who have given of themselves to make the U. S. S. Hornet—a great and mighty ship.

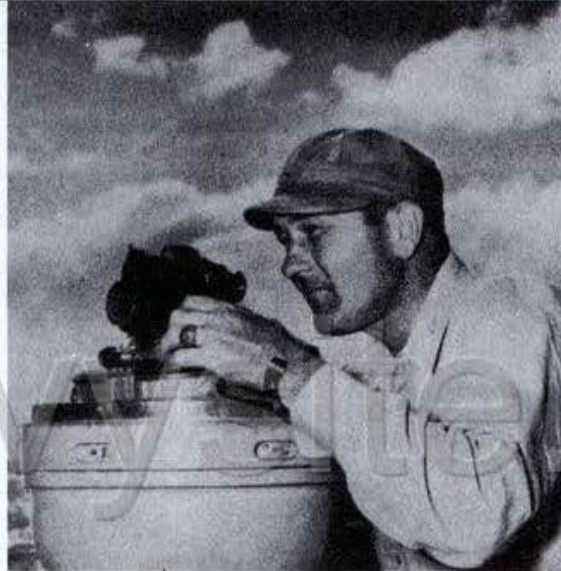


Commanding  
Officers



Captain Miles R. Browning, USN  
On Board 29 November, 1943 - 29 May, 1944

Captain W. D. Sample, USN  
On Board 29 May, 1944 - 9 August 1944



Captain A. K. Doyle, USN  
On Board 9 August, 1944 -



Commander C. H. Duerfeldt, USN  
29 November, 1943 - 28 September, 1944



Commander E. E. Fickling, USN  
28 September, 1944 - 22 April, 1945



Commander R. L. Johnson, USN  
22 April, 1945 -

Executive Officers



# Ship's Log

## USS Hornet

August 3, 1942 - Keel Laid  
August 30, 1943 - Launched  
November 29, 1943 - Commissioned  
January 15 - February 1, 1944 - Shakedown  
February 14, 1944 - Left Norfolk  
February 18 - 19, 1944 - Panama Canal  
February 27 - 29, 1944 - San Diego  
March 4, 1944 - Pearl Harbor  
March 18, 1944 - Crossed the 180th Meridian  
March 20, 1944 - Joined TASK FORCE 58, Majuro, Marshall Islands  
March 25, 1944 - Crossed Equator  
March 29, 1944 - FIRST BLOOD; HORNET CAP splashes a BETTY  
March 30 - 31, 1944 - Strikes on PALAU ISLANDS  
April 1, 1944 - Strikes on WOLEAI, Caroline Islands  
April 6 - 13, 1944 - Majuro  
April 21 - 24, 1944 - Strikes on WADKE, SAWAR and SARMI: Northern New Guinea  
April 29 - 30, 1944 - Strikes on TRUK  
May 1, 1944 - Strikes on PONAPE  
May 3, 1944 - Shellback initiation ceremonies  
May 4 - 13, 1944 - Kwajalein; recreation parties to island  
May 14 - June 6, 1944 - Majuro  
May 29, 1944 - Captain W. D. SAMPLE relieved Captain M. R. BROWNING  
June 11 - 13, 1944 - Strikes on GUAM and ROTA, Marianas Islands  
June 12, 1944 - 5,000th landing  
June 15 - 16, 1944 - Strikes on BONIN and VOLCANO Islands  
June 19, 1944 - MARIANAS TURKEY SHOOT  
June 20, 1944 - FIRST BATTLE OF THE PHILIPPINE SEA  
June 23, 1944 - Strikes on PAGAN, Marianas Islands  
June 24, 1944 - Strikes on IWO JIMA pilots shot down 67 planes  
June 27 - 30, 1944 - Eniwetok  
July 3 - 4, 1944 - Strikes on VOLCANO and BONIN Islands  
July 5, 1944 - Ship passed the 50,000 mile mark  
July 6 - 21, 1944 - Daily strikes on GUAM and ROTA  
July 22, 1944 - Saipan  
July 24 - 28, 1944 - Strikes on WOLEAI, YAP and ULITHI  
August 1 - 2, 1944 - Saipan  
August 3 - 4, 1944 - Strikes on VOLCANO and BONIN Islands  
August 8, 1944 - Captain A. K. DOYLE relieved CAPTAIN W. D. SAMPLE  
August 9 - 29, 1944 - Eniwetok; recreation parties to the Island  
September 6 - 8, 1944 - Strikes on PALAU  
September 9 - 14, 1944 - Strikes on Southern and Central PHILIPPINES  
September 15 - 17, 1944 - Landing support operations at MOROTAI Island  
September 21 - 22, 1944 - Strikes on LUZON and MANILA: FIRST BLOOD FOR THE JAPS  
September 24, 1944 - Strikes on Central PHILIPPINES  
September 28 - October 2, 1944 - Manus, Admiralty Islands  
October 4, 1944 - 10,000th landing  
October 4 - 8, 1944 - Ship lashed by TYPHOON

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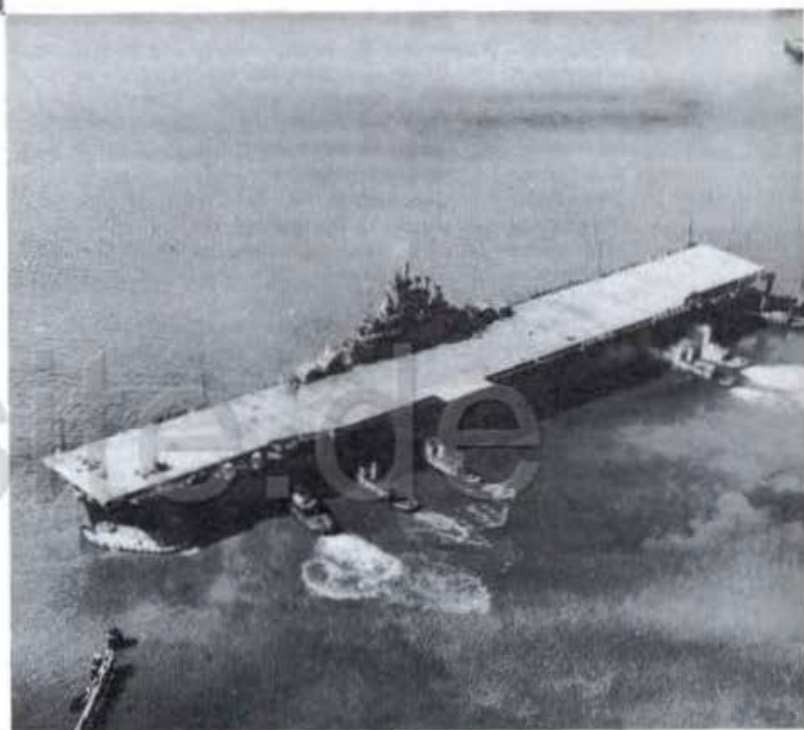
October 10, 1944 - Strikes on Okinawa, Ryukyu Retto  
October 11, 1944 - Strikes on Aparri, Northern Luzon  
October 12, 1944 - Strikes on Formosa; continous defense against air attack  
October 13, 1944 - First plane splashed by ship's gunfire  
October 19, 1944 - Strikes on Luzon  
October 20, 1944 - Strikes on LEYTE, supporting invasion  
October 25 - 26, 1944 - SECOND BATTLE OF PHILIPPINE SEA (LEYTE GULF)  
October 29 - November 2, 1944 - Ulithi; recreation parties  
November 5 - 6, 1944 - Strikes on LUZON  
November 11, 1944 - Shipping strikes, ORMOC BAY, LEYTE ISLAND  
November 13 - 14, 1944 - Shipping strikes, MANILA BAY  
November 19, 1944 - Strikes on Central LUZON and SUBIC BAY  
November 21, 1944 - Strikes on YAP  
November 22 - December 10, 1944 - Ulithi  
December 13, 1944 - Ship passed the 100,000 mile mark  
December 14 - 16, 1944 - Strikes on Central LUZON, supporting MINDORO invasion  
December 18 - 19, 1944 - Ship weathered worst TYPHOON ever encountered  
December 24 - 30, 1944 - Ulithi  
January 3 - 4, 1945 - Strikes on FORMOSA and PESCADORES ISLANDS  
January 6 - 7, 1945 - Strikes on LUZON  
January 9, 1945 - Strikes on FORMOSA  
January 10, 1945 - Passed through Bashi Channel into South China Sea  
January 12, 1945 - Strikes on SAIGON, CAMRANH BAY, FRENCH INDO CHINA  
January 15 - 16, 1945 - Strikes on HONG KONG, KOWLOON and FORMOSA  
January 21, 1945 - Strikes on FORMOSA and PESCADORES: 15,000th landing  
January 22, 1945 - Strikes on OKINAWA  
January 26 - February 10, 1945 - Ulithi  
February 16 - 17, 1945 - Strikes on TOKYO and HACHIJO JIMA  
February 18, 1945 - Strikes on CHICHI JIMA  
February 19, 1945 - Strikes on IWO JIMA, supporting Marine invasion  
February 25 - 26, 1945 - Strikes on TOKYO  
March 1, 1945 - Strikes on OKINAWA  
March 4 - 14, 1945 - Ulithi  
March 18 - 19, 1945 - Strikes on KYUSHU airfields and Jap FLEET at KURE  
March 20 - 21, 1945 - Under constant air attack  
March 23 - 25, 1945 - Strikes on KERAMA RETTO and OKINAWA  
March 27 - 29, 1945 - Strikes on AMAMI, OKINAWA and KYUSHU  
March 31 - April 3, 1945 - Supporting strikes in OKINAWA invasion  
April 5 - 7, 1945 - Continous strikes on Ryukyus and KYUSHU  
April 7, 1945 - Sinking of the YAMATO and escorting ships  
April 12, 1945 - 20,000th landing  
April 30 - May 9, 1945 - Ulithi  
May 13 - 14, 1945 - Strikes on KYUSHU  
May 17, 1945 - Ship passed the 150,000 mile mark  
May 17 - 19, 1945 - Strikes on OKINAWA  
May 21 - 22, 1945 - Strikes on OKINAWA  
June 5, 1945 - Ship investigated center of typhoon  
June 8, 1945 - Strikes on KYUSHU  
June 15, 1945 - Oh happy day! We got the word!  
June 19, 1945 - The band played "California Here We Come"



Hull 395 becomes U. S. S. Hornet (CV-12)  
November 29, 1943

Busy Days of Preparation Followed

navys



The first plane landed aboard January 1, 1944

A Ship is Born and . . .

We left 3000 Marines, 263 vehicles,  
and 87 dogs at Pearl Harbor . . .



. . . anchored at Majuro . . .

. . . and went swimming.



. . . Goes Forth on it's Mission of War





The Hornet Reports for Duty with TASK FORCE 58



Among other Places, We Hit Truk



Neptunus Rex came Aboard May 3, 1944



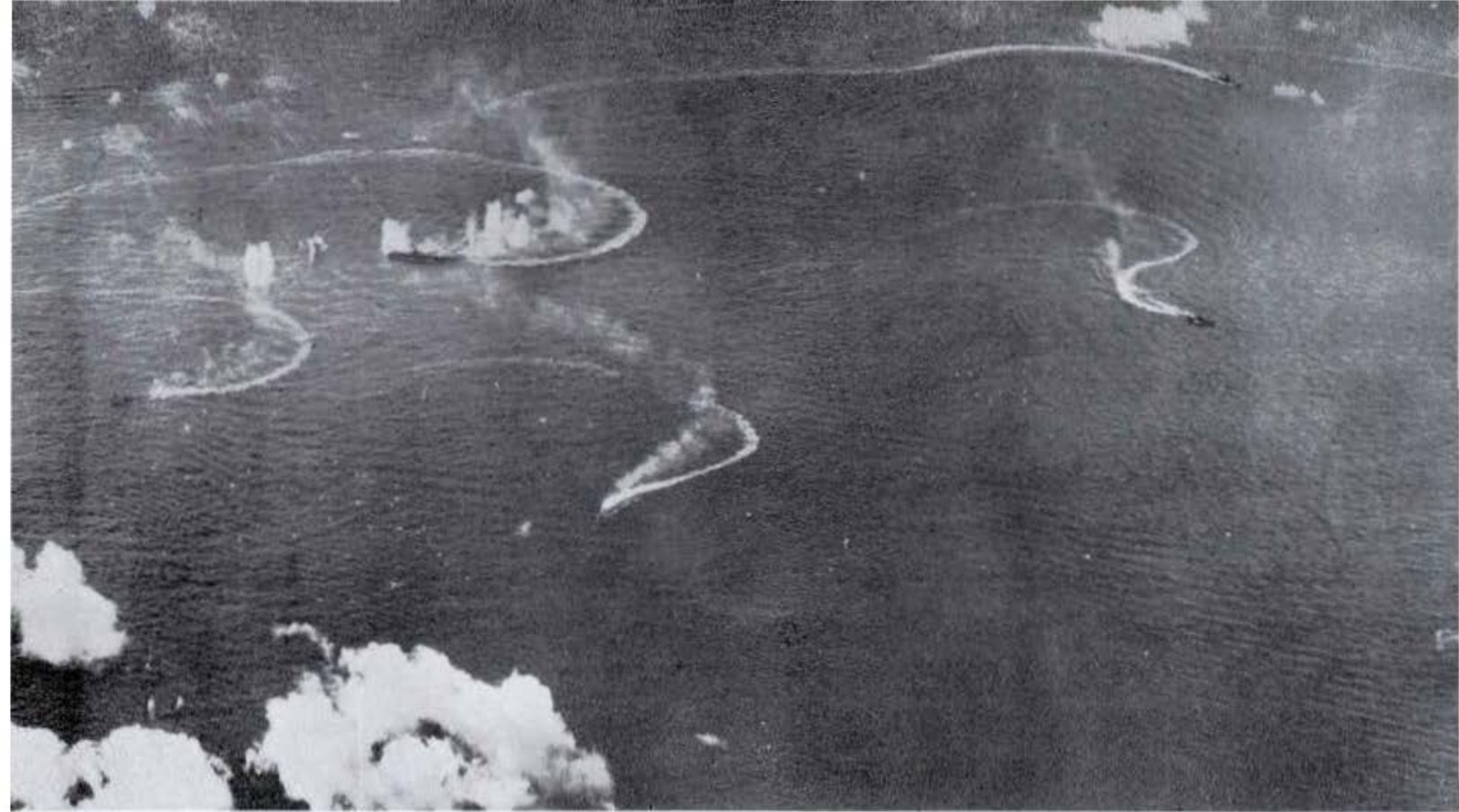
"Launch Planes!" Some Fly off and . . .



... some are Catapulted



All Landings are Not 4.0



First Battle of the Philippine Sea

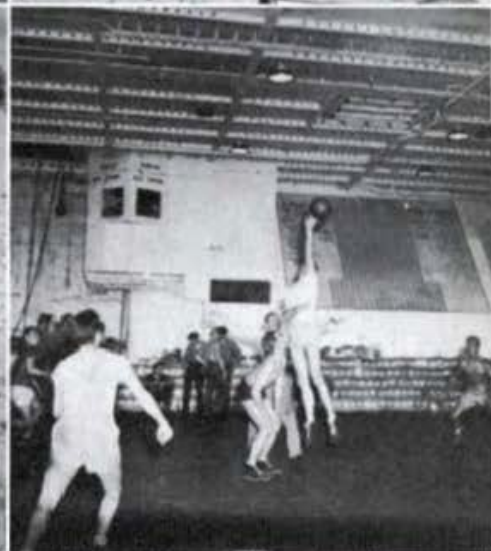
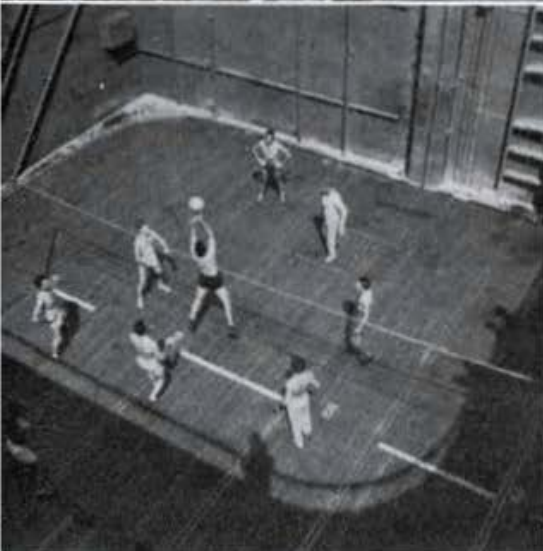


Manila Bay

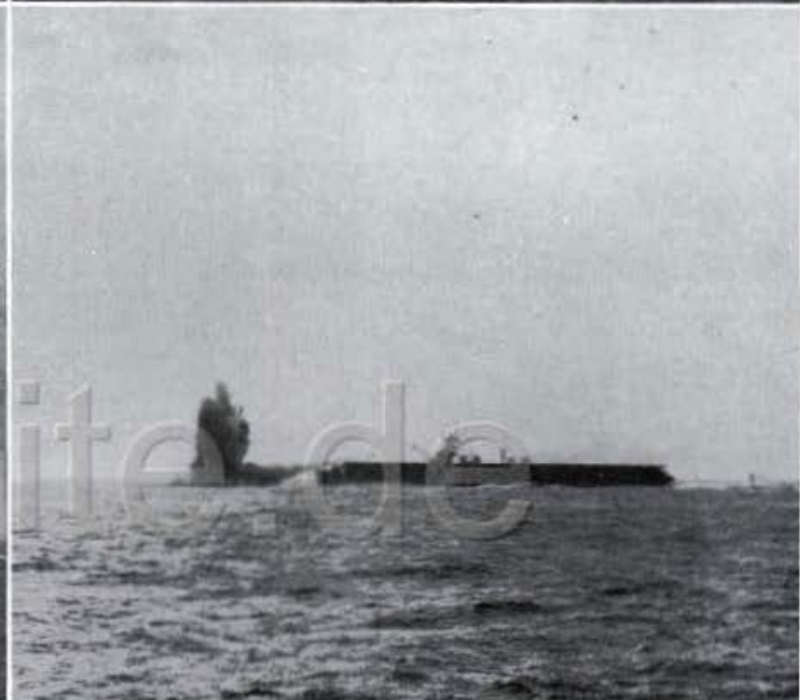




War is Not All Fighting



There are Days of Rest and Recreation



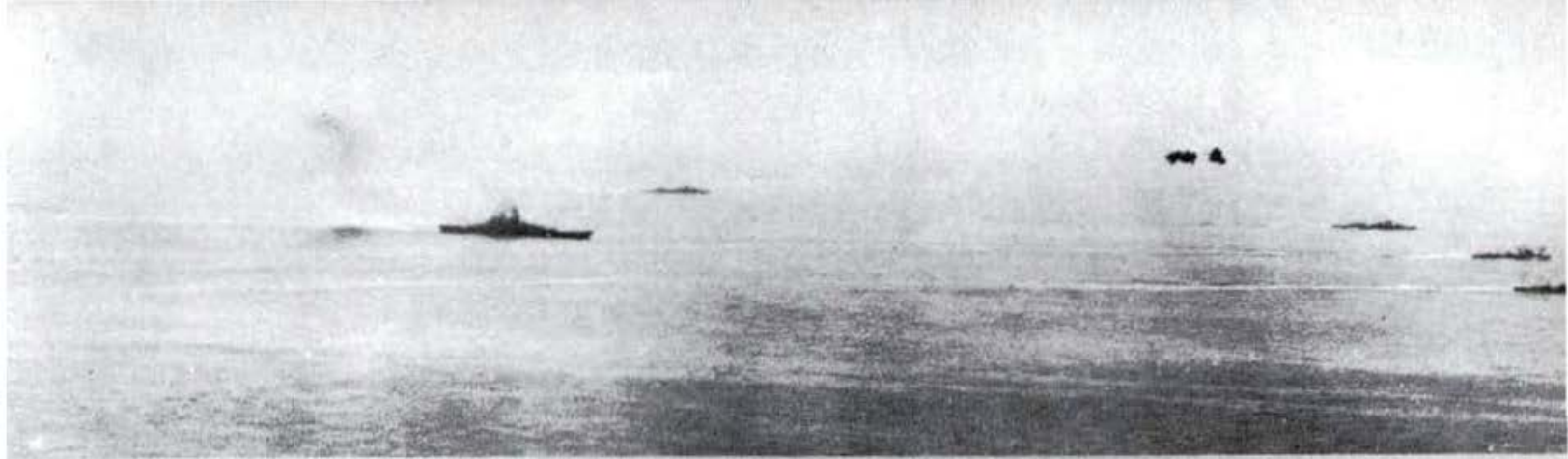
Condition One Easy



Sandwiches and Joe



Strikes Against Tokyo, Kure, and Kanoya



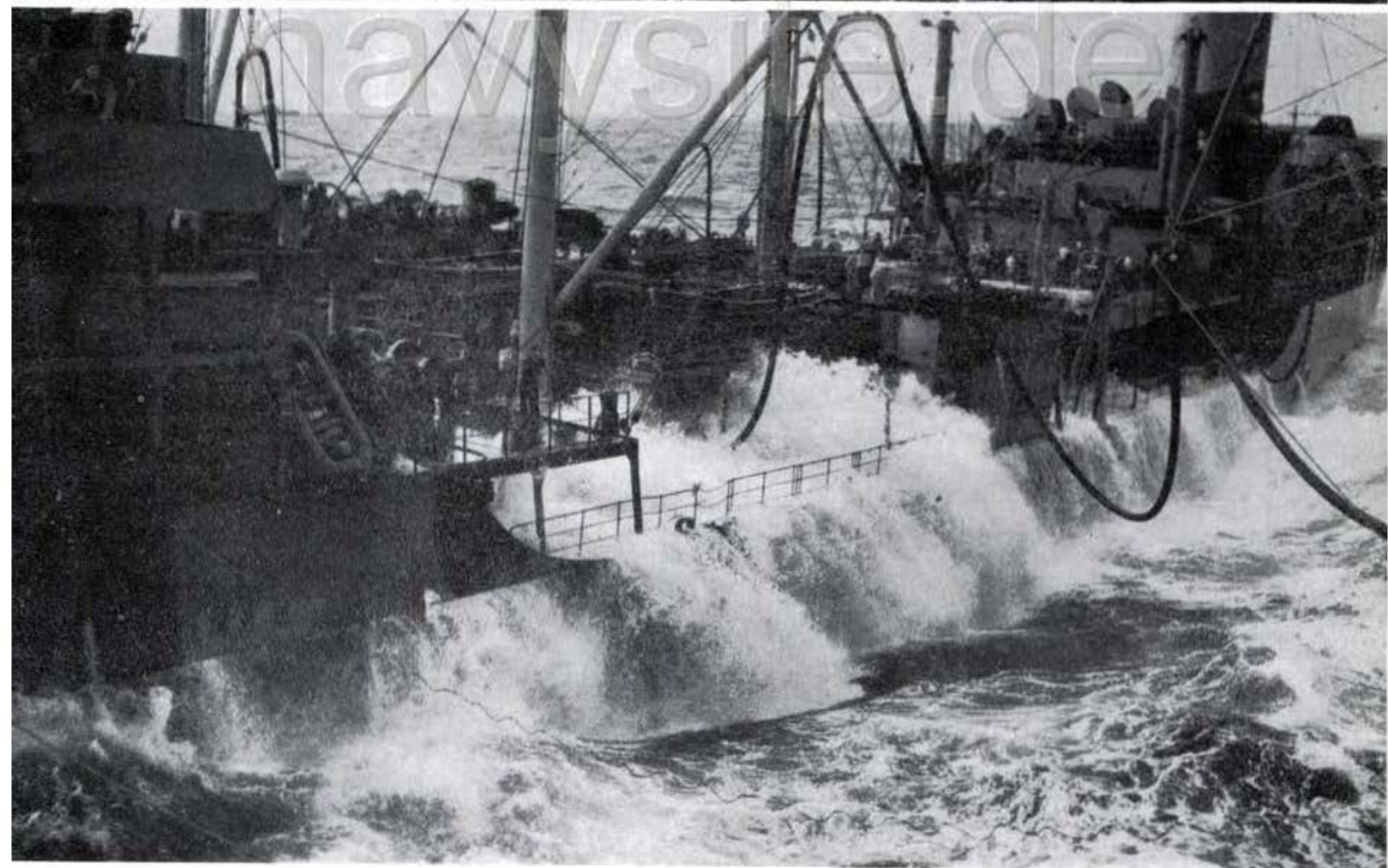
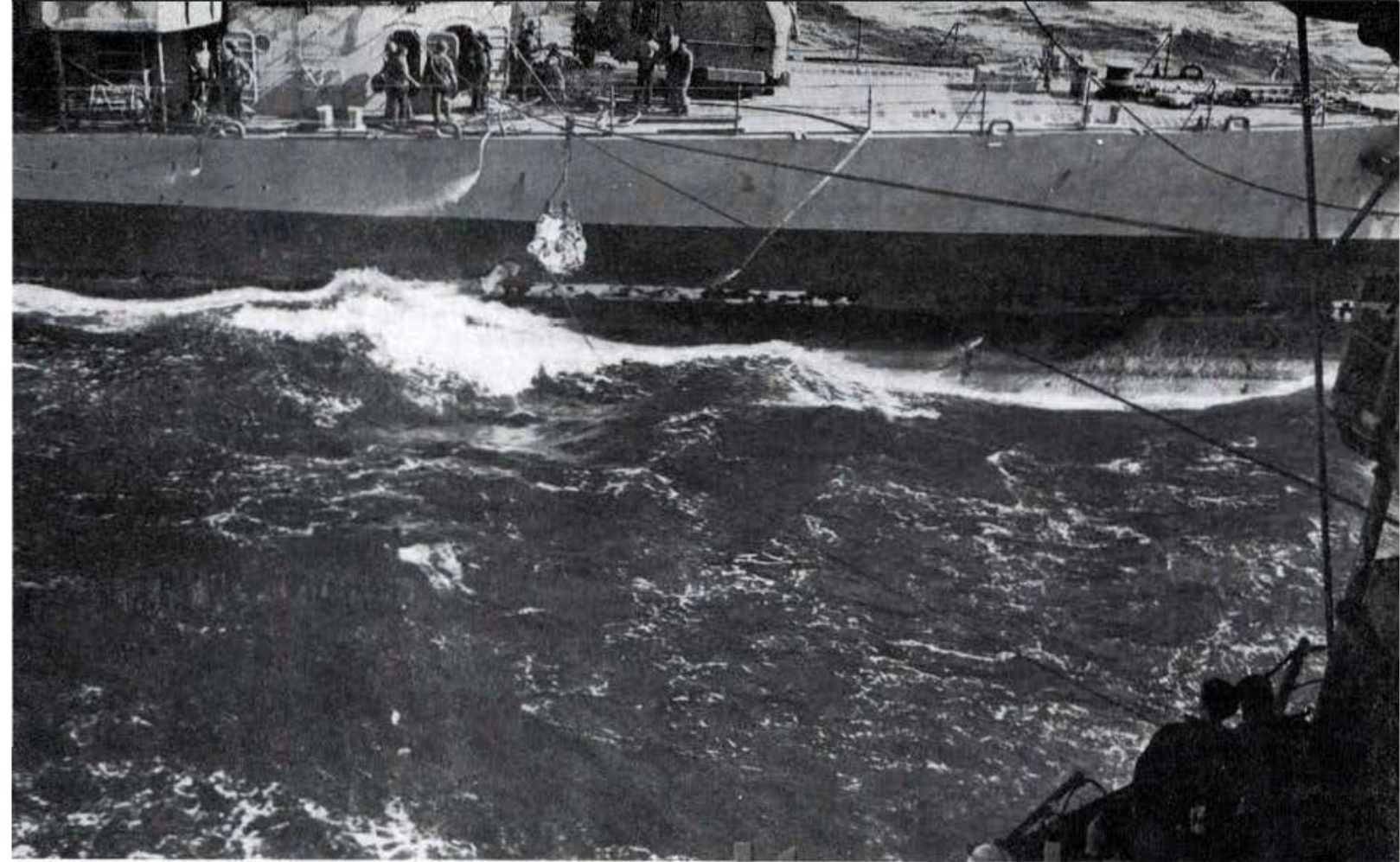
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Her Name WAS Yamato



Routine Operations . . .



... all in the Day's Work



CHINA

SEA OF JAPAN

YELLOW SEA

EAST CHINA SEA

HONSHU  
Tokyo  
YOKOHAMA  
KISARATSU

SHIKOKU  
KURE  
MAZURU

KYUSHU  
Fukuoka



BONIN ISLANDS  
LORE BOATERS  
Air Group 2  
Downed JAP PLANE  
JUNE 24 1944  
IWO JIMA  
CHIKHI JIMA

KUREN

FORMOSA



Torpedos



Typhoon

HAINAN

Manda Bay

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS



JAP FLEET  
JUNE 19-20 1944  
PHILIPPINE SEA

MARIANA ISLANDS

FRENCH INDO-CHINA

SOUTH CHINA SEA

Manila  
Clark Field  
Navy Field

SAMAR LEYTE  
San Bernardino Str  
Sulu Sea

MARIANA ISLANDS  
9-2 hours  
SYRAN  
GUAM  
YAP  
WOLEAI

CAMBANG BAY

DESSELTON

MINDANAO

DAVAO

JAP FLEET  
OCT 23-26  
Second Battle of Philippine Sea

BABELTHUAP



Over First Blood  
MARCH 19-1944

Singapore

TARAKAN

BORNEO  
BALIK APAN

CELEBES

LANGOM



PELELIU

WOTANI

HALMAHERA

WAKDE  
HOLLANDIA  
NEW GUINEA

JAVA  
Sourabaya

MAKASSAR  
LIMBOENG

SULLA IS.

KINDARI

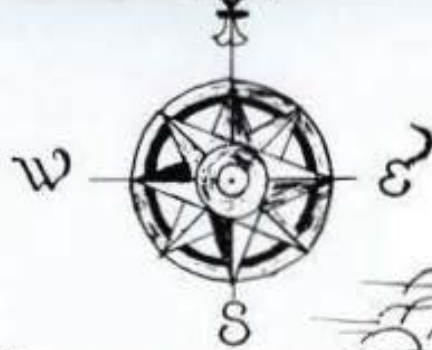
BOETON

TIMOR

Darwin

AUSTRALIA





• MARCUS

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS



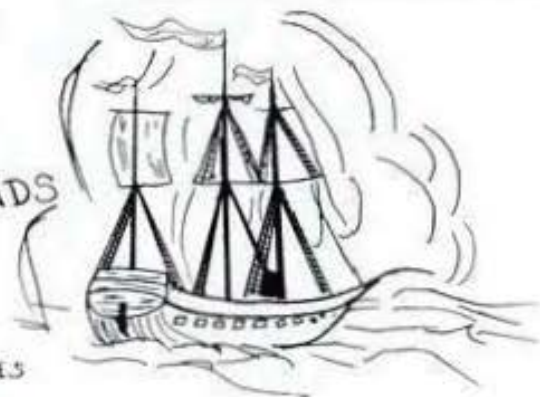
WAKE  
SUNDAY SATURDAY

MARSHALLS ISLANDS



Crossing the EQUATOR  
WATCH FOR POLYPODS  
"LOOK OUT POLYPODS"

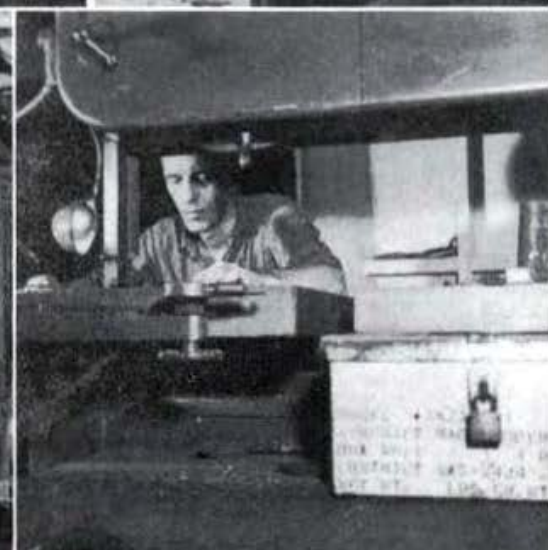
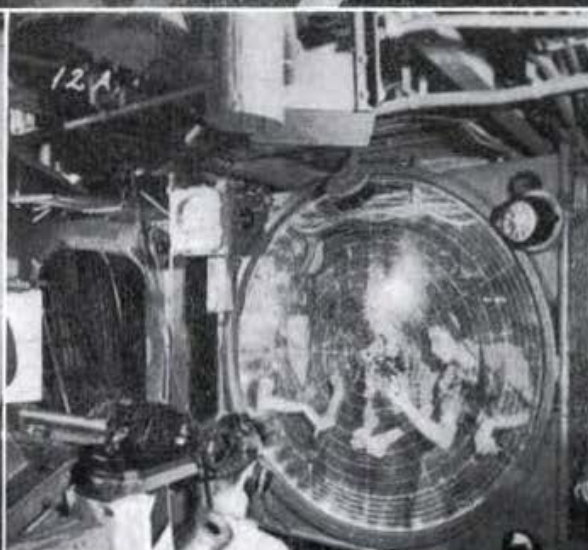
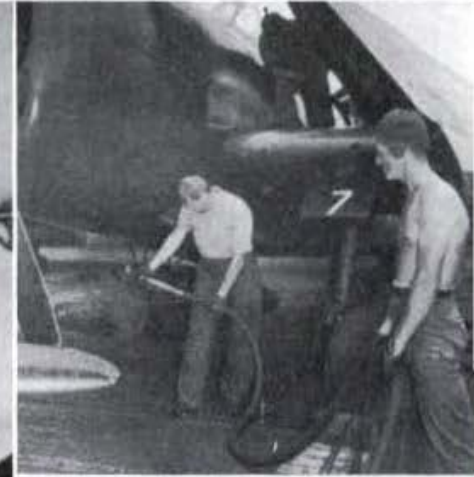
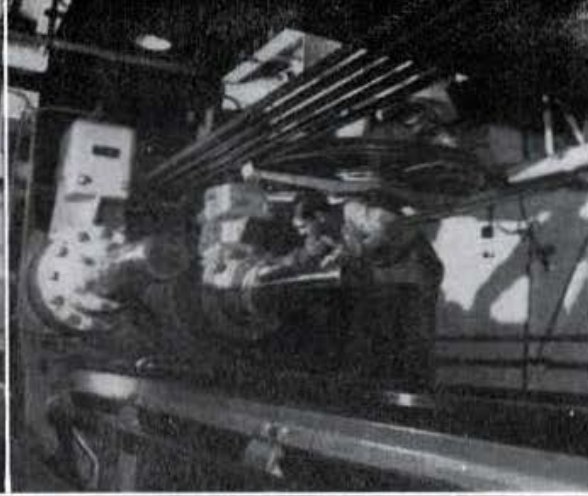
BUKA & BONIS  
SOLOMON ISLANDS



NEW CALEDONIA

NEW HEBRIDES

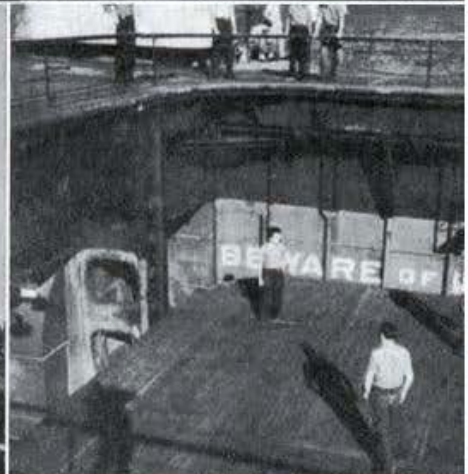
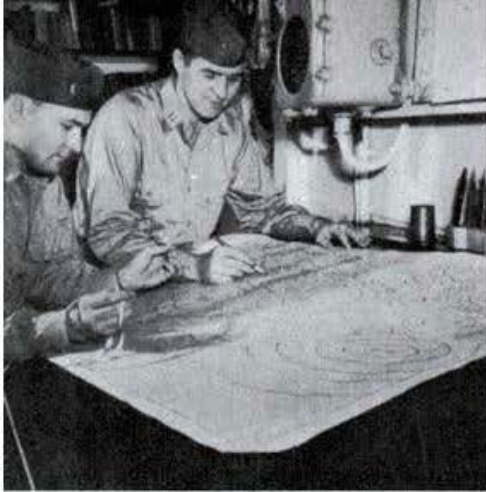
William R. ...



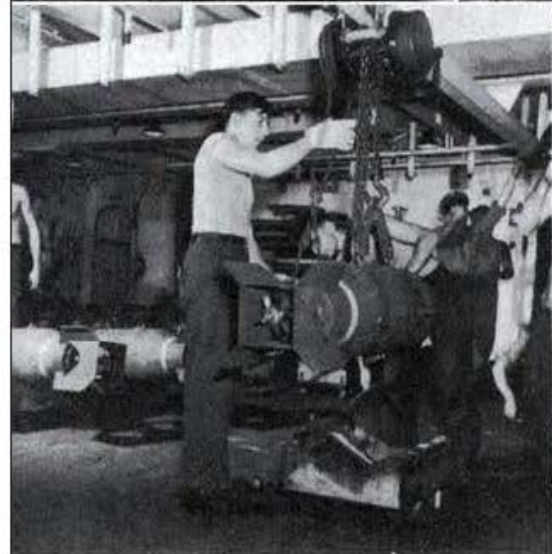
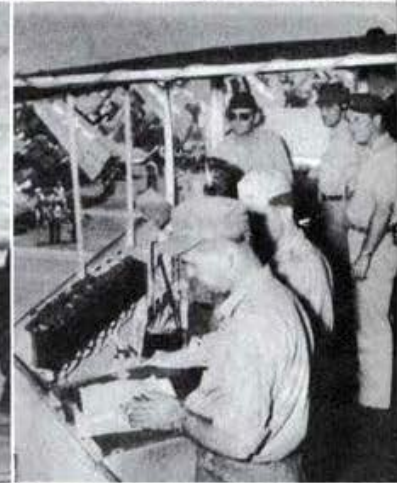
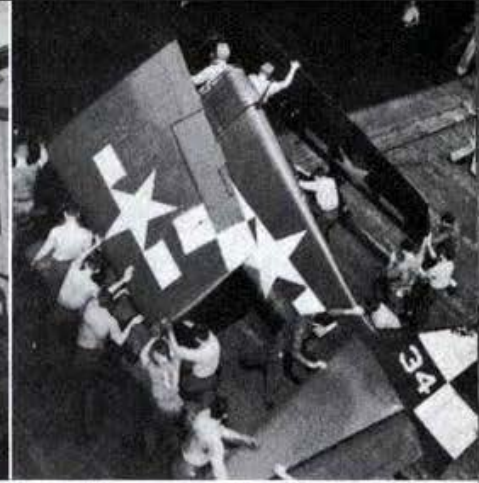
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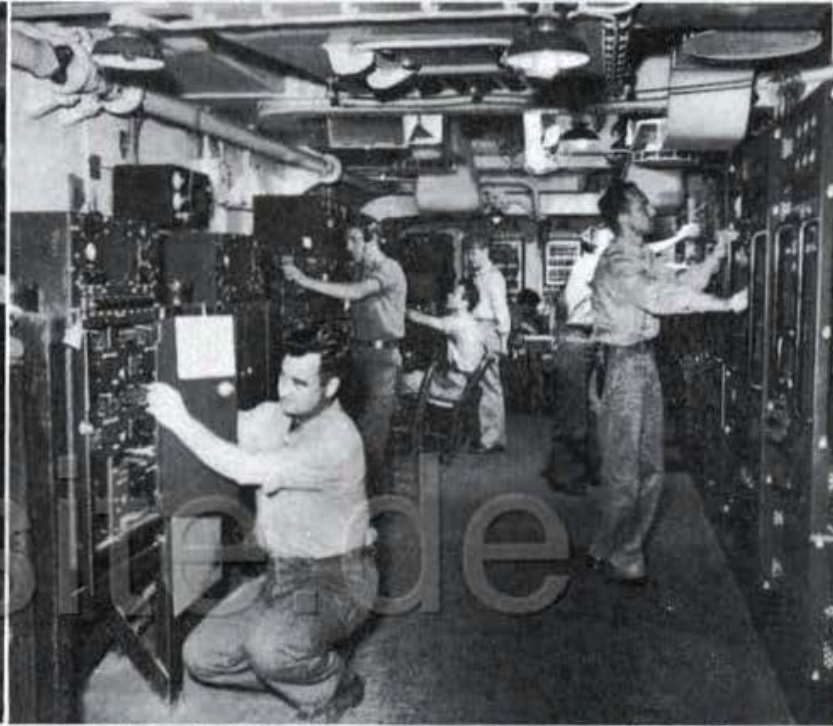
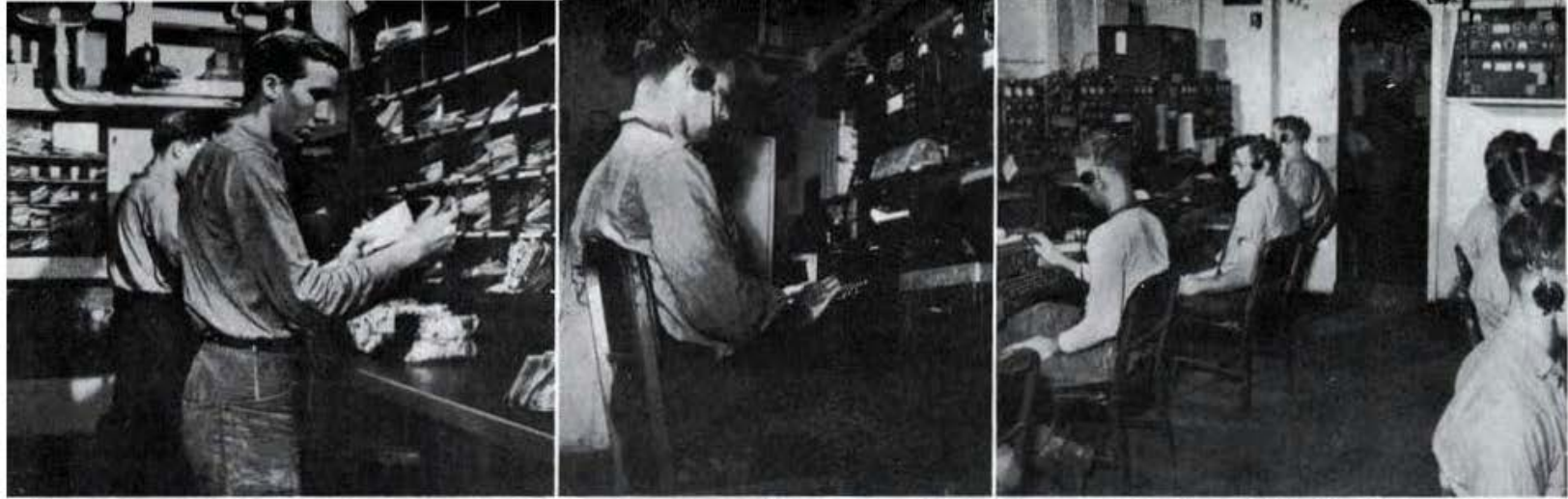
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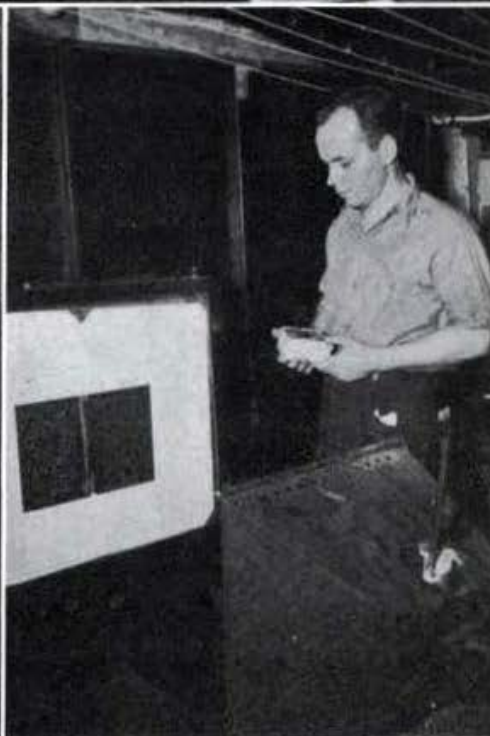
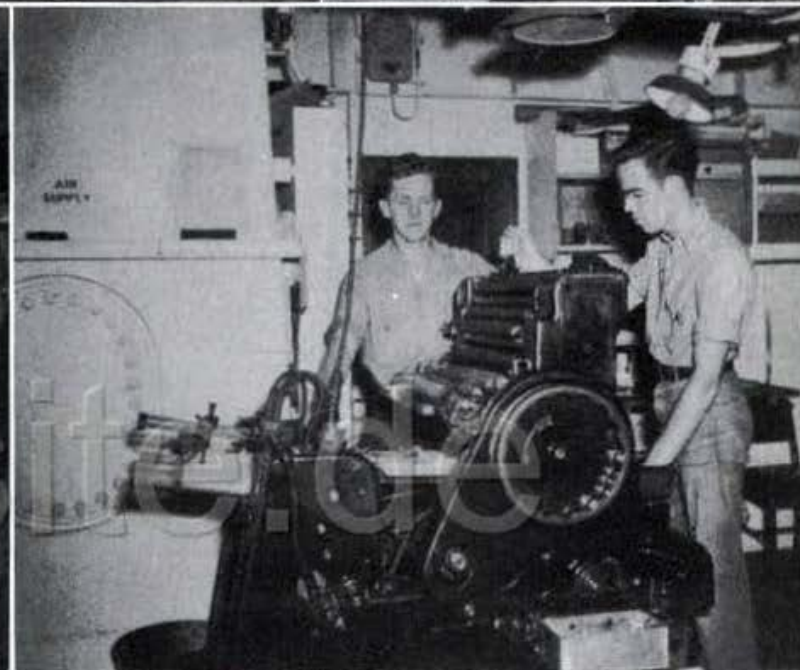
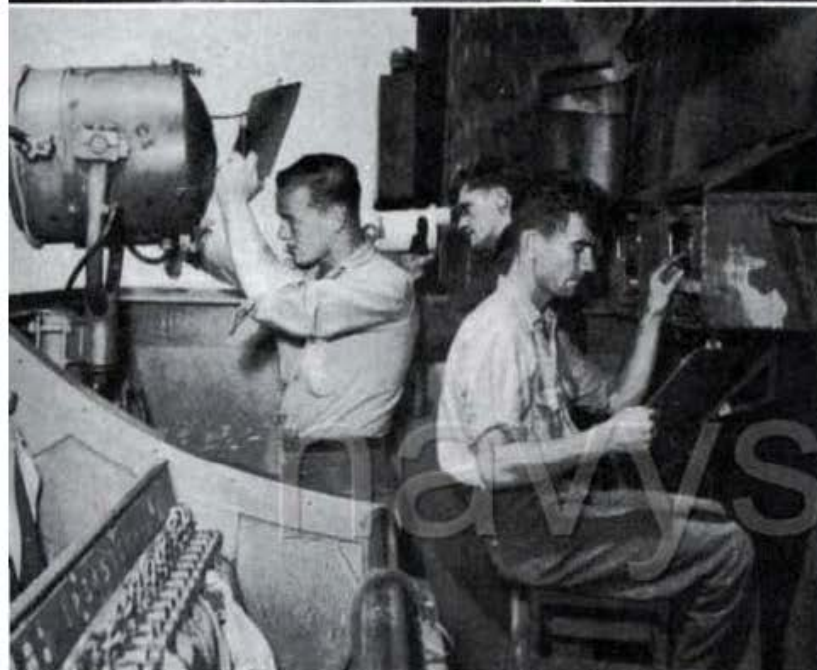
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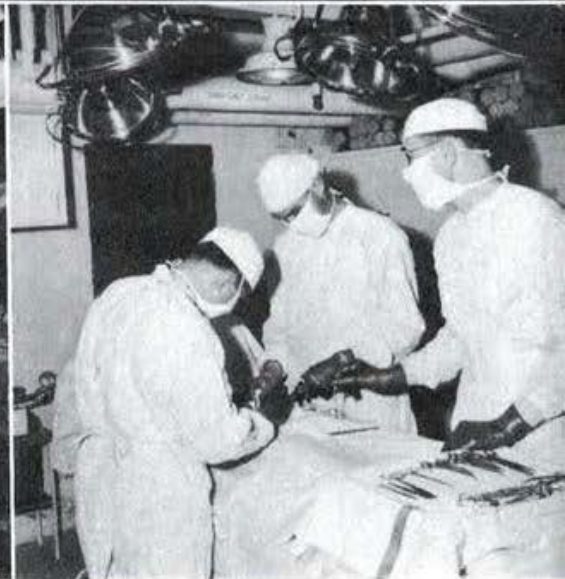
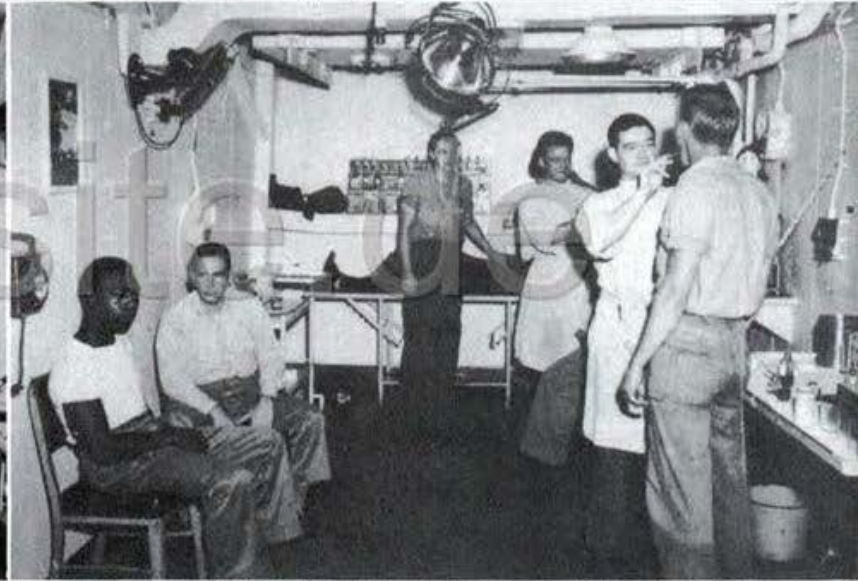
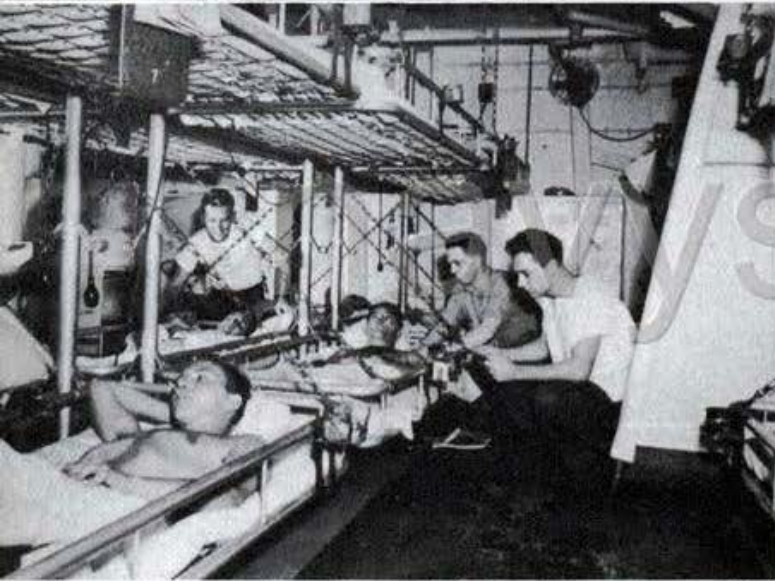
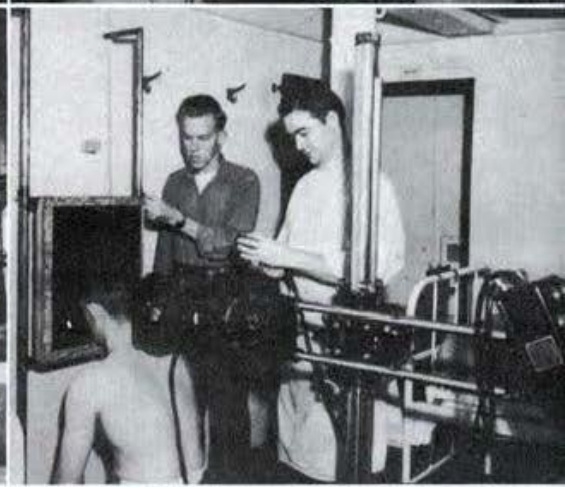
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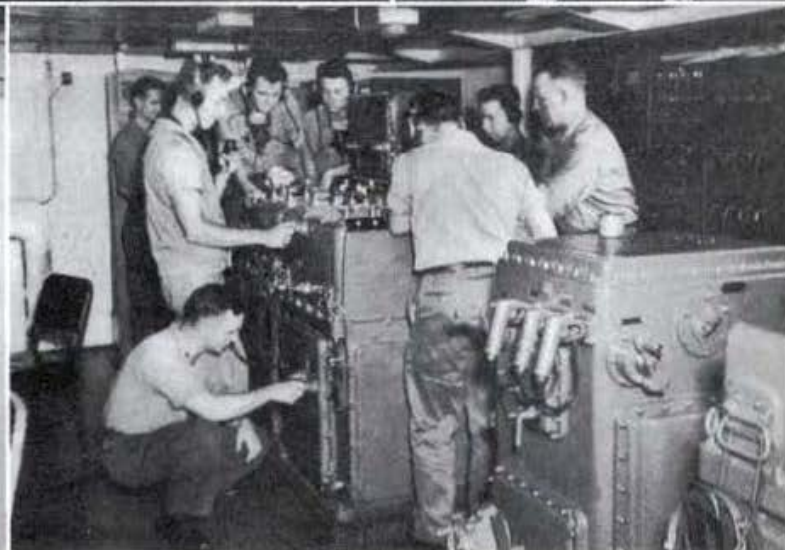
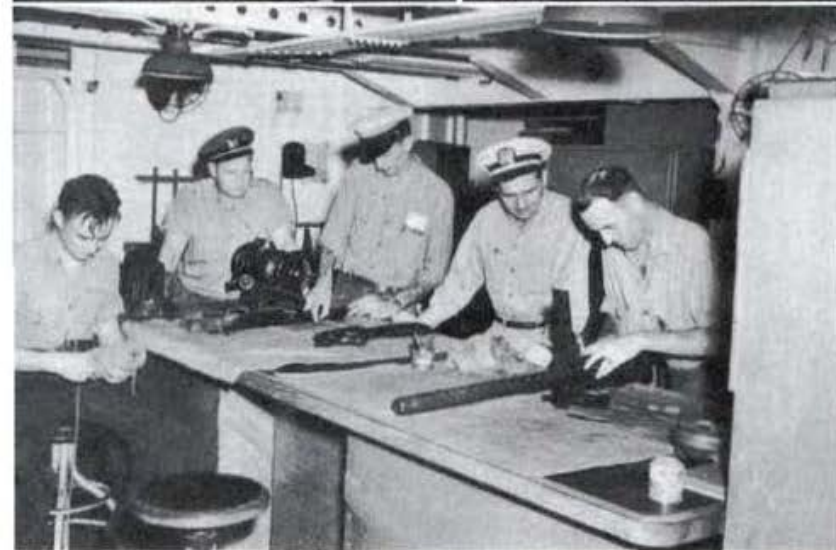
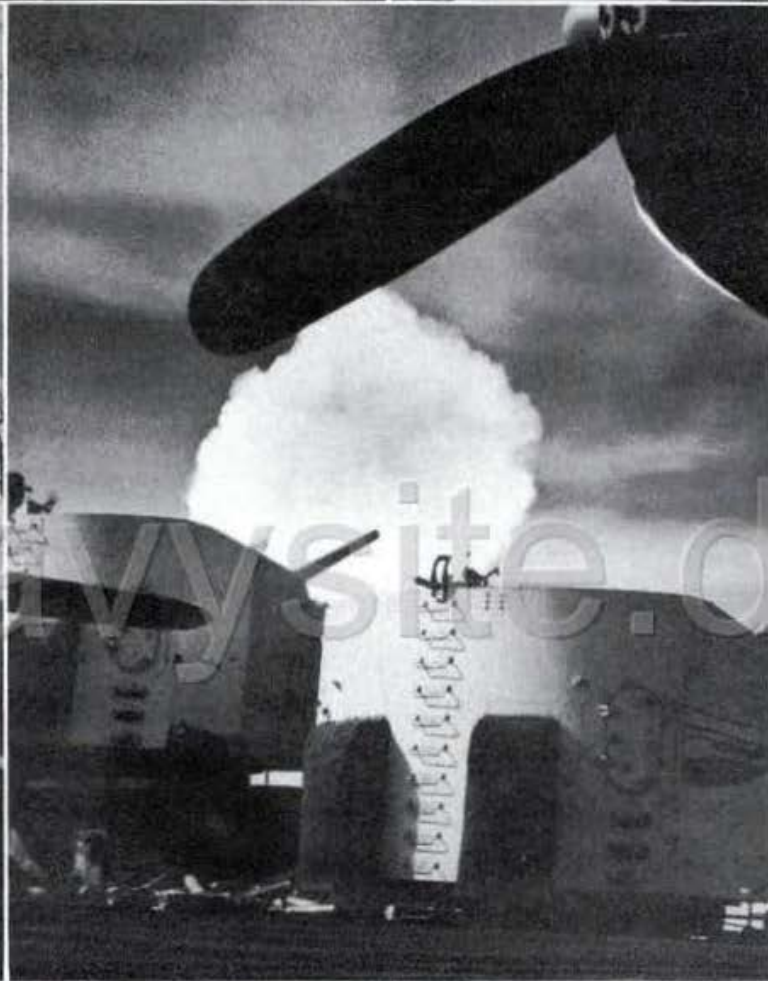
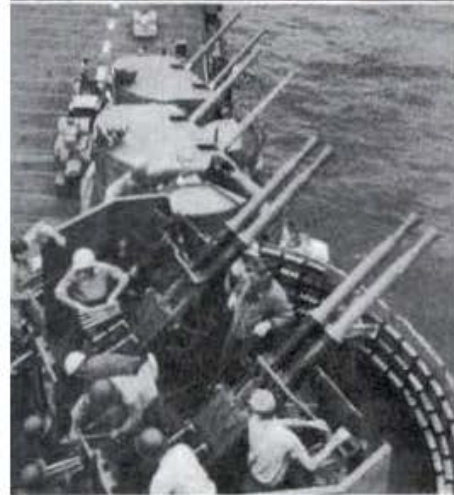
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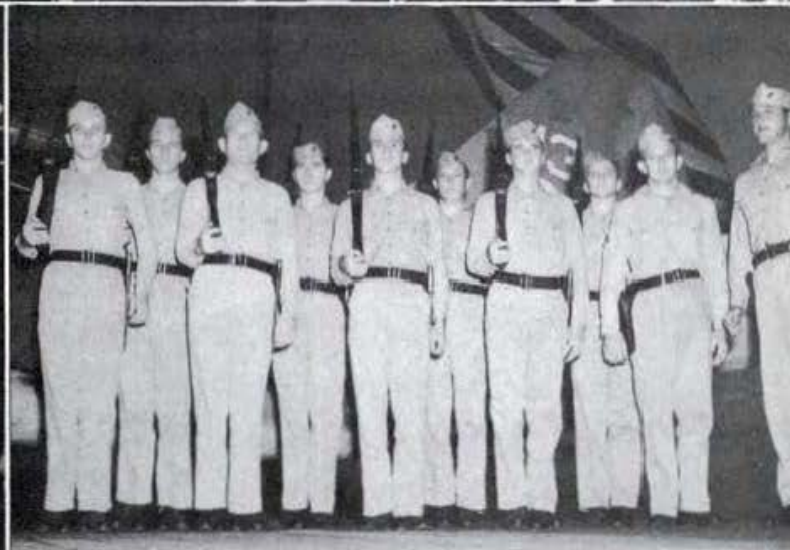
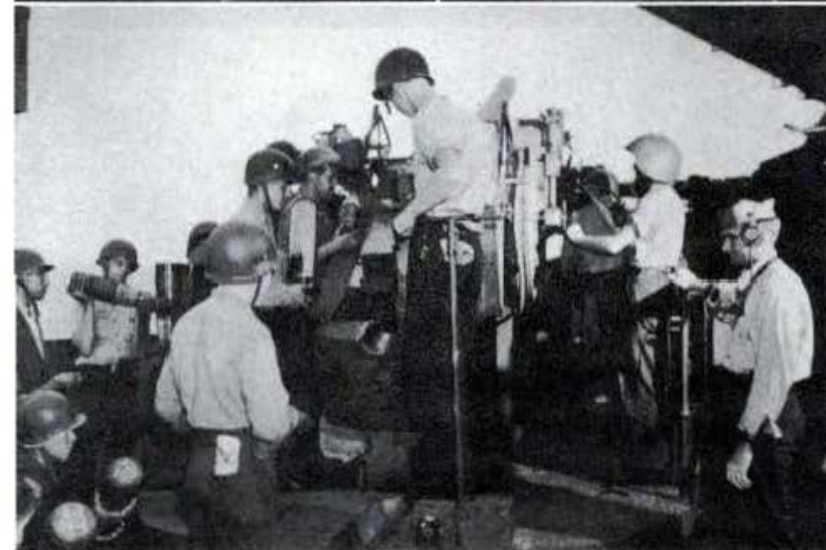
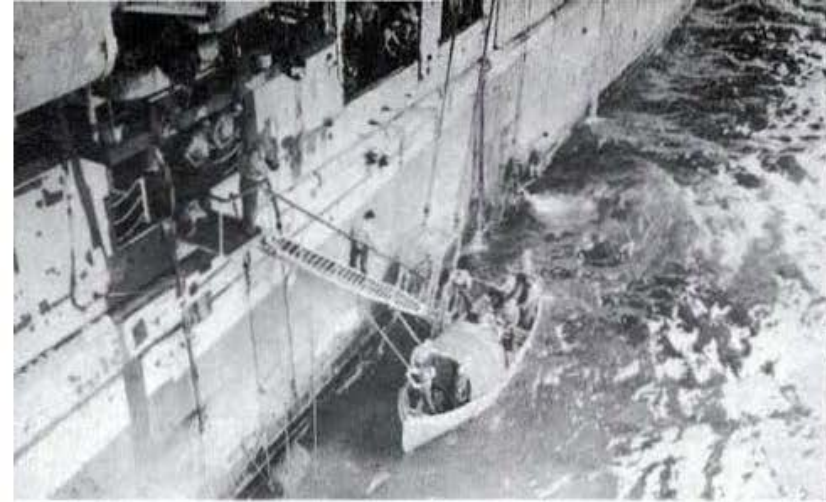
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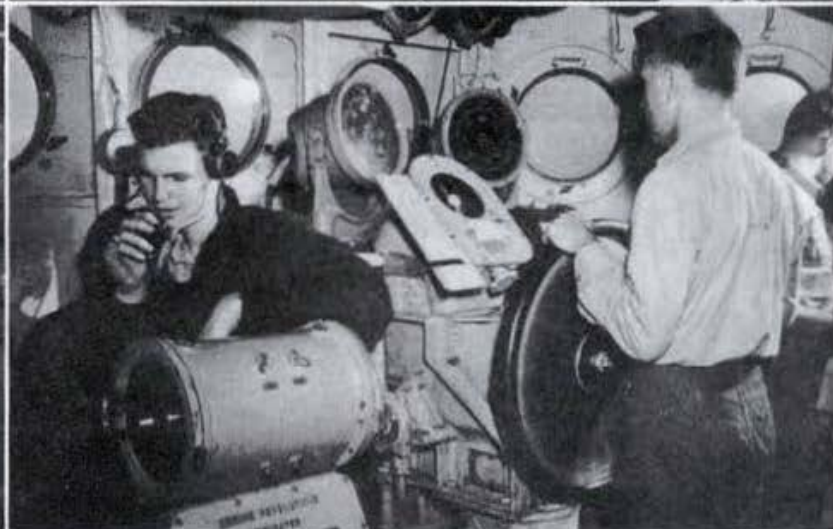
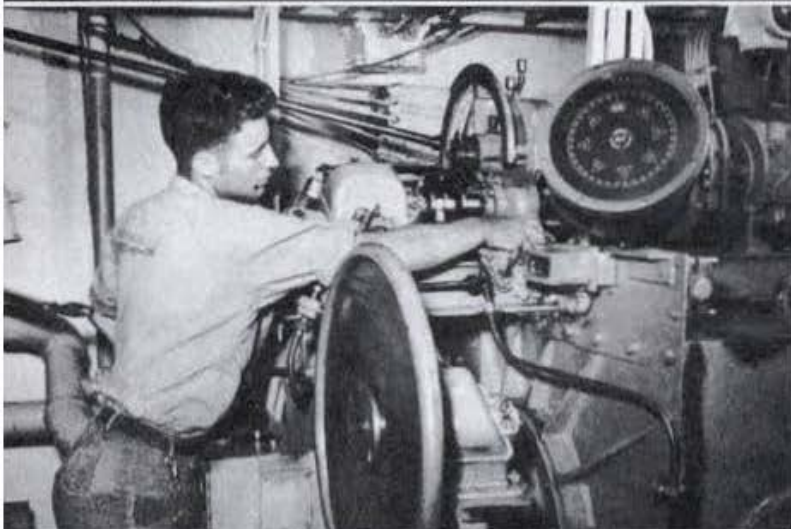
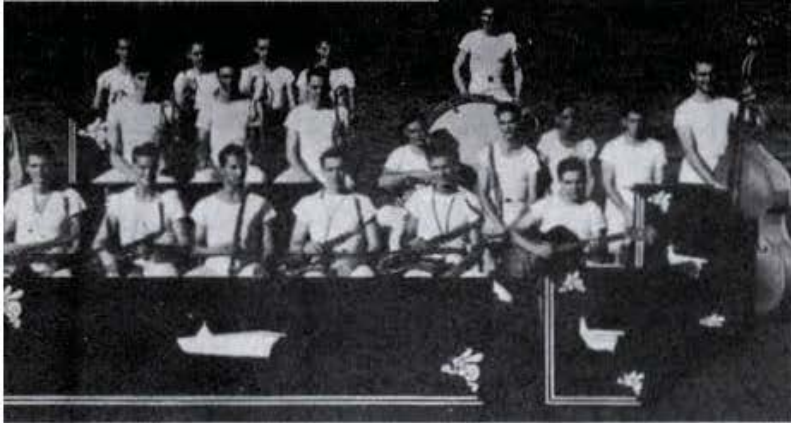
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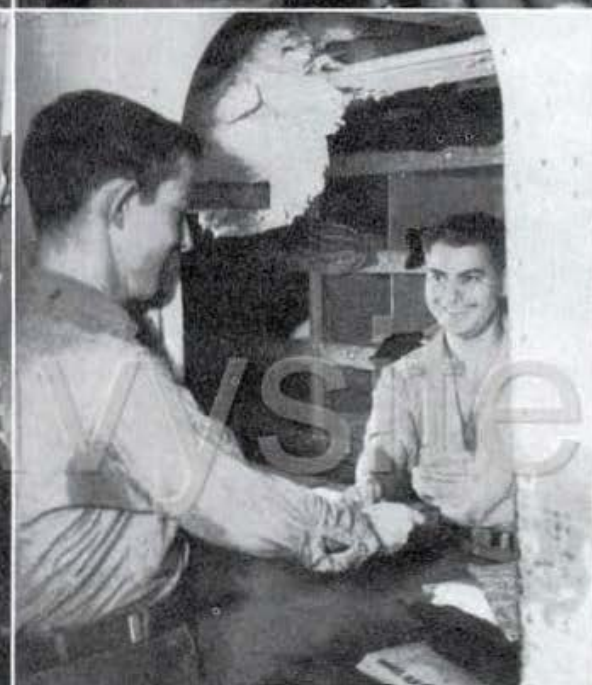
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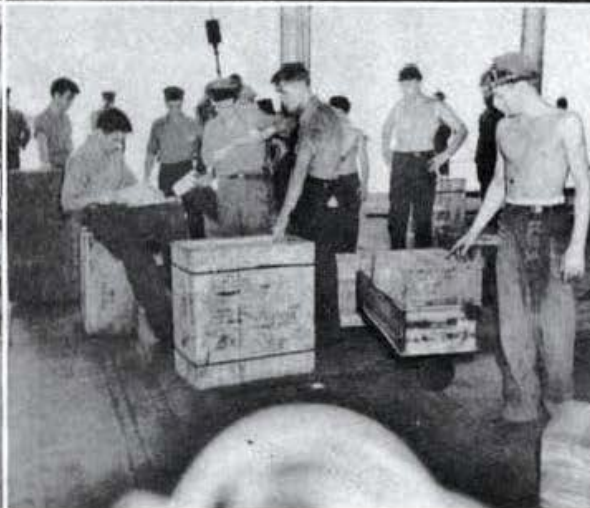
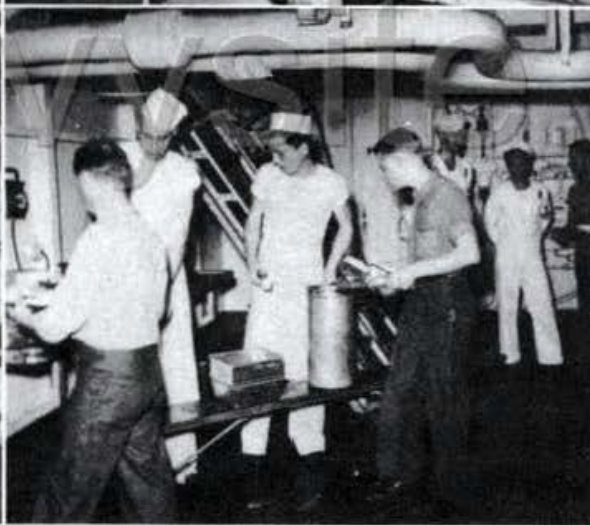
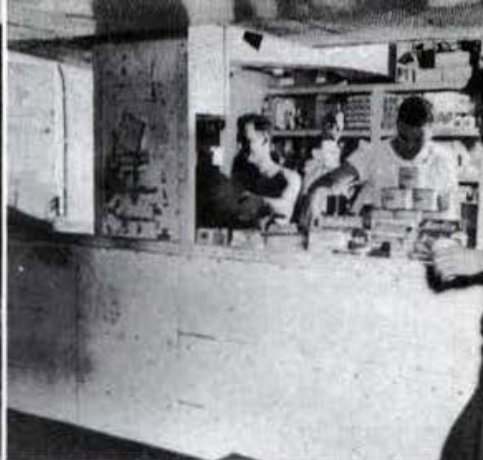
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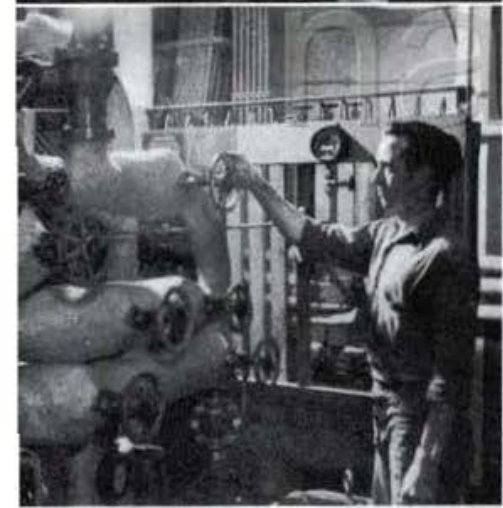
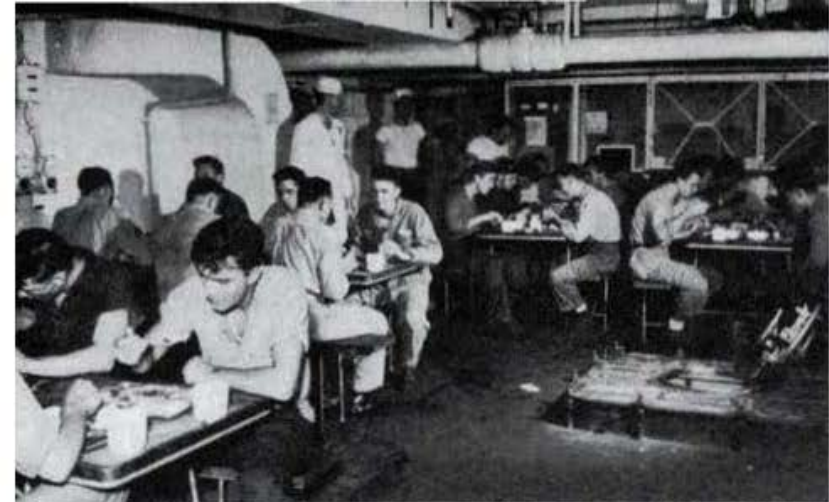
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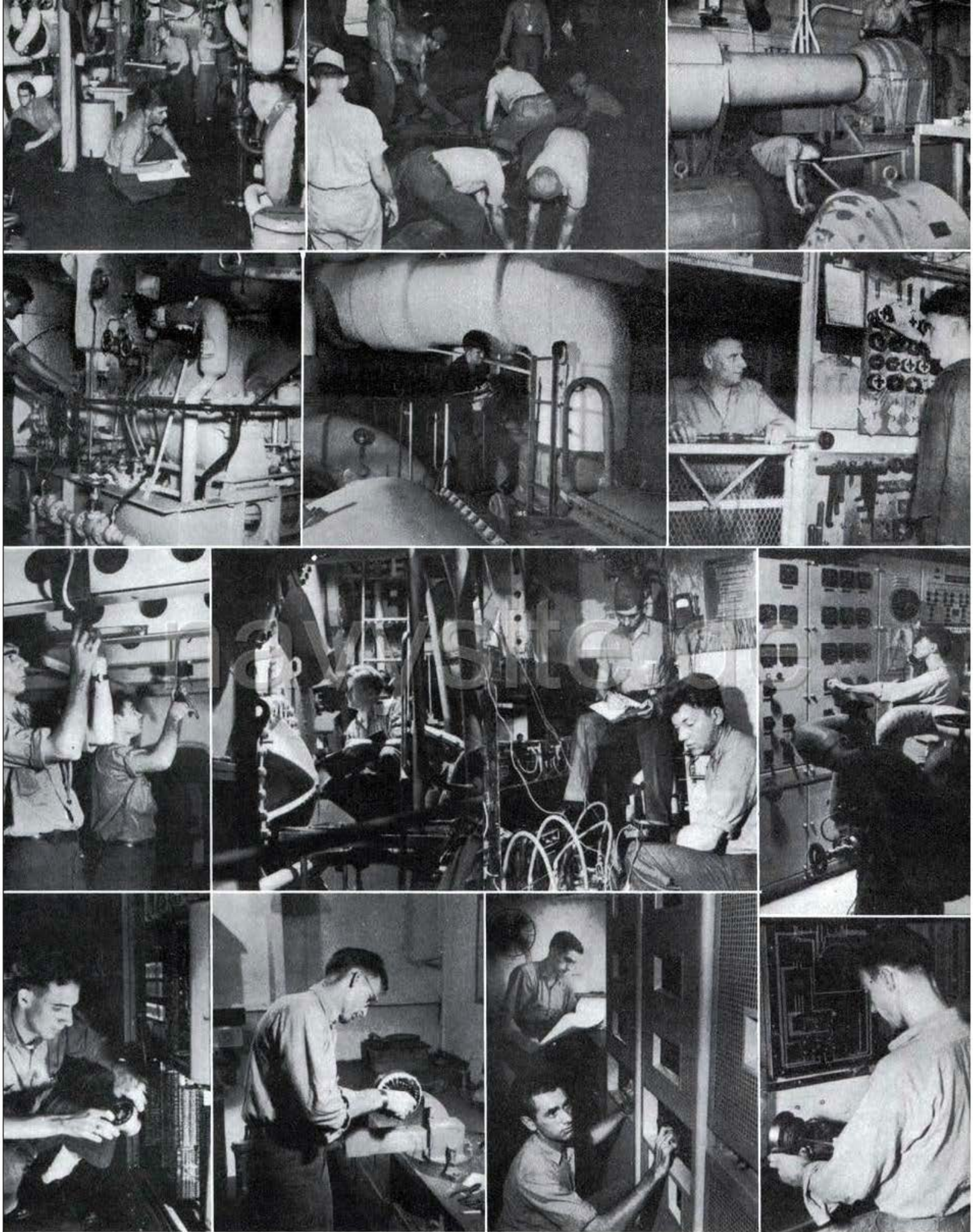
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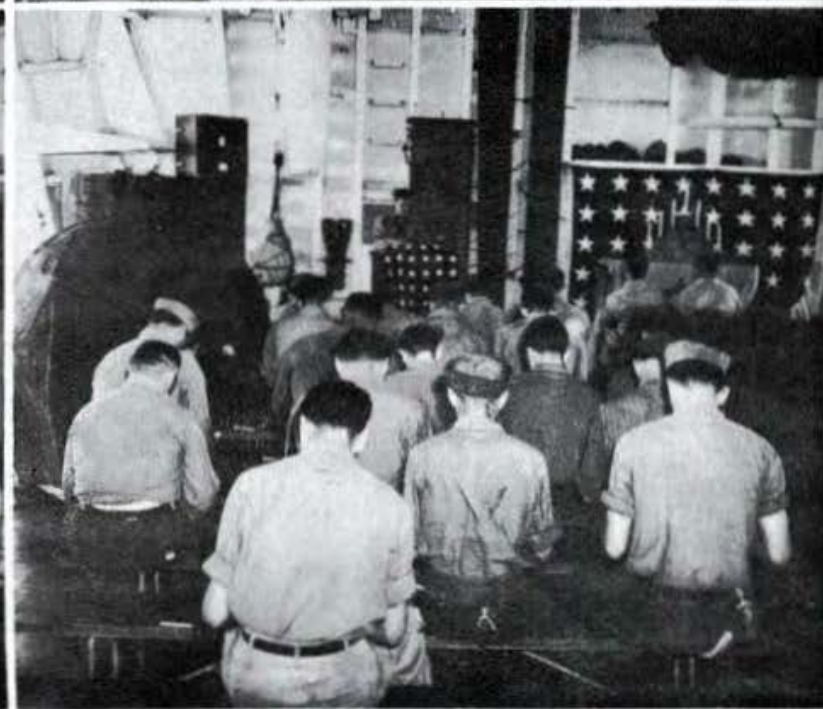
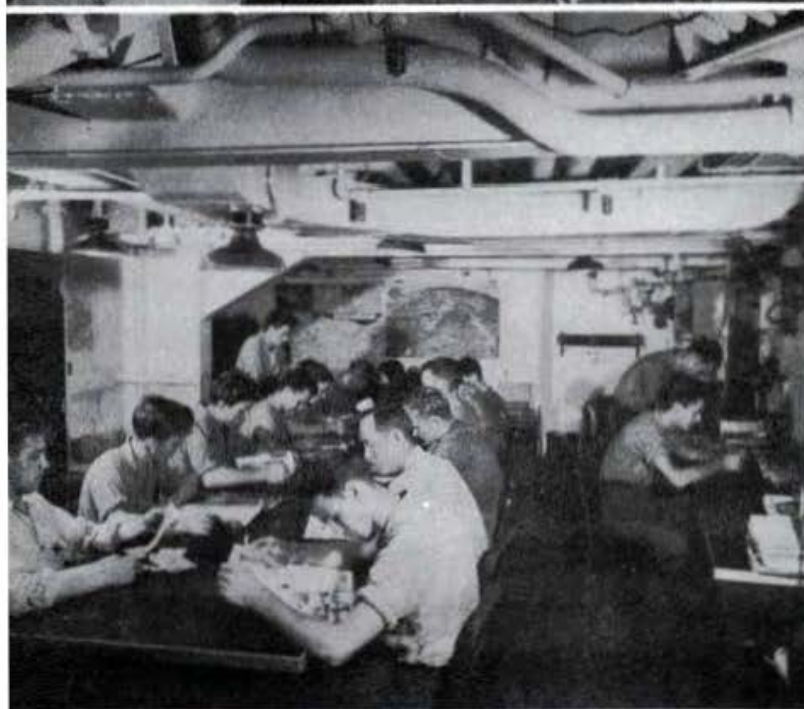
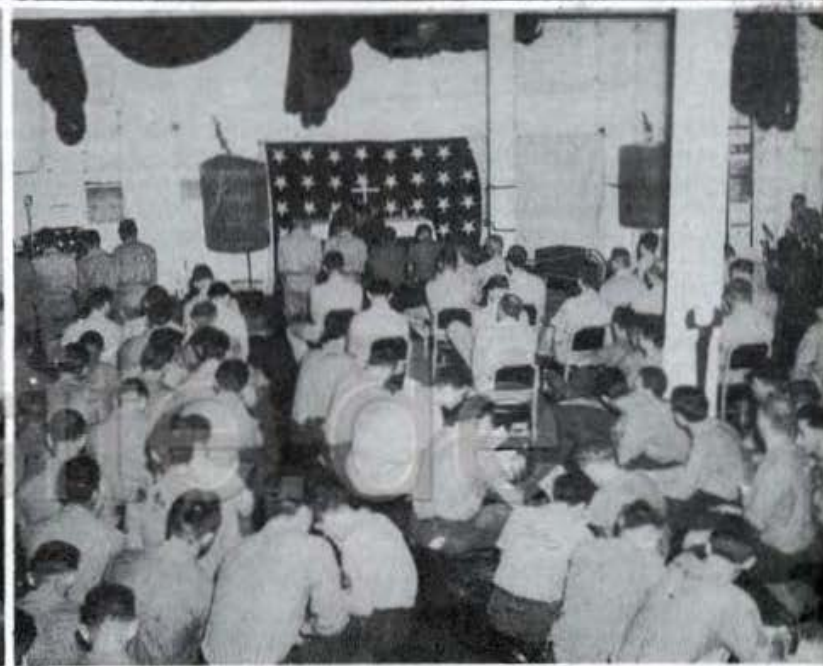
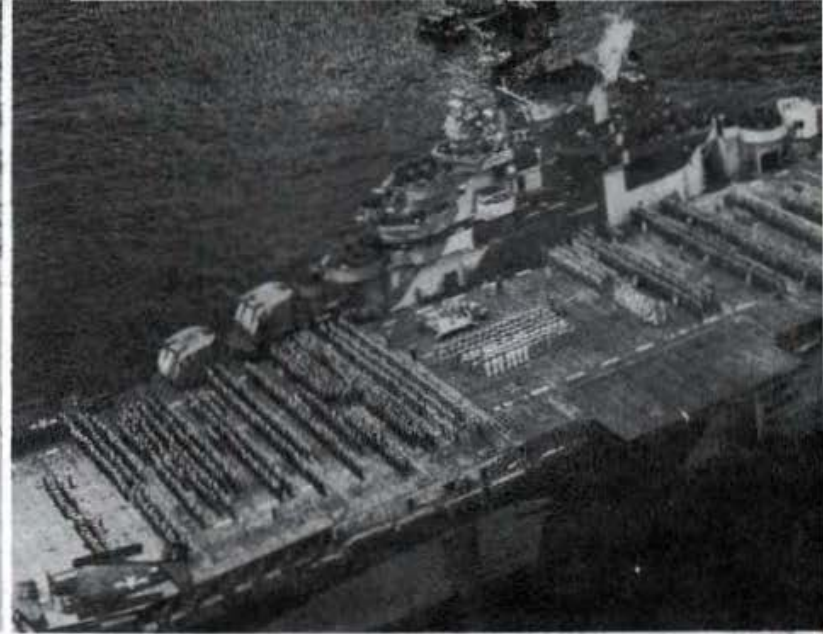
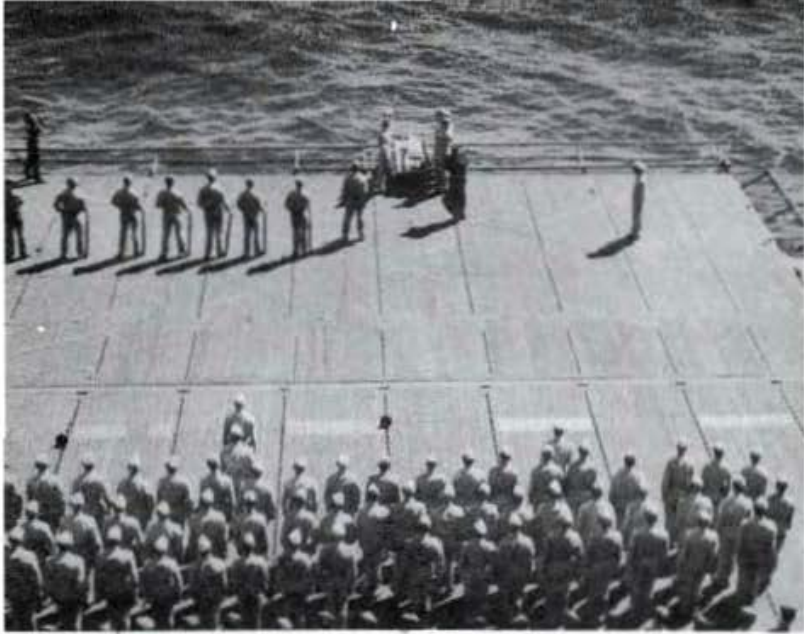
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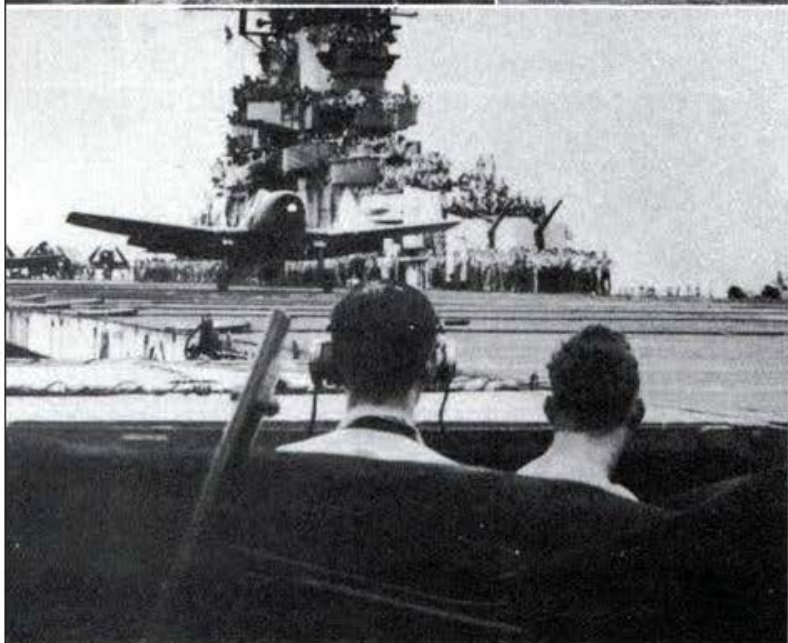
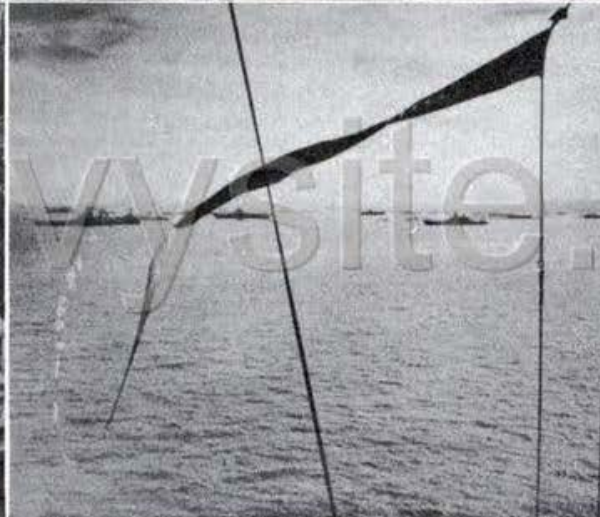
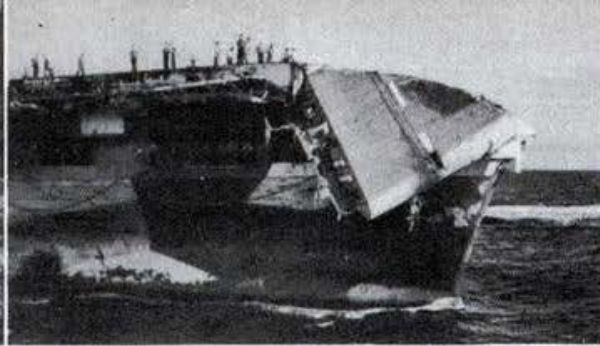
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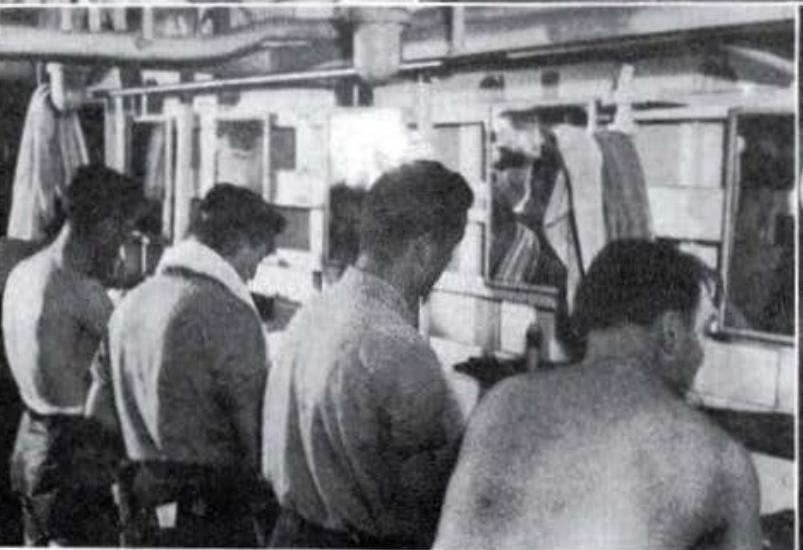
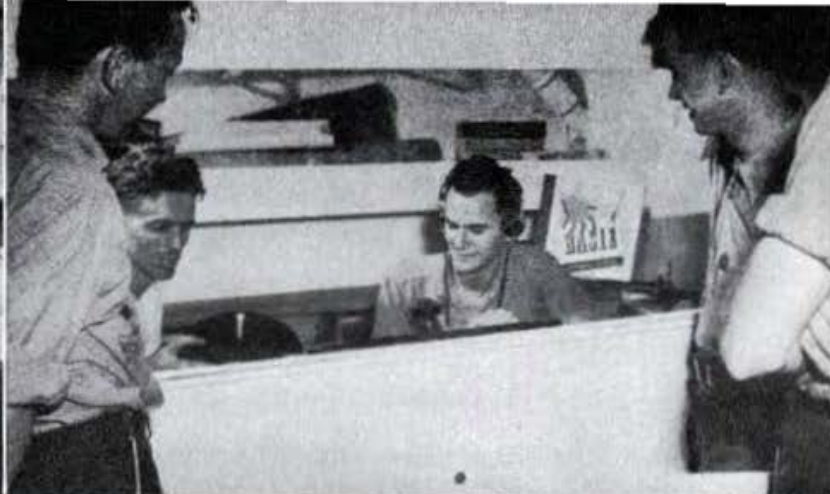
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Fifteen Months . . .



... West of Pearl



Life Aboard Ship



# U.S.S. HORNET



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11, 19, 44

## NANSEI SHOTO

10, 10, 11, 44

## TOKYO

2, 16, 45



## YAMATO

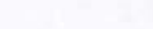
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THREE BOMB HITS

## SHIPS SUNK

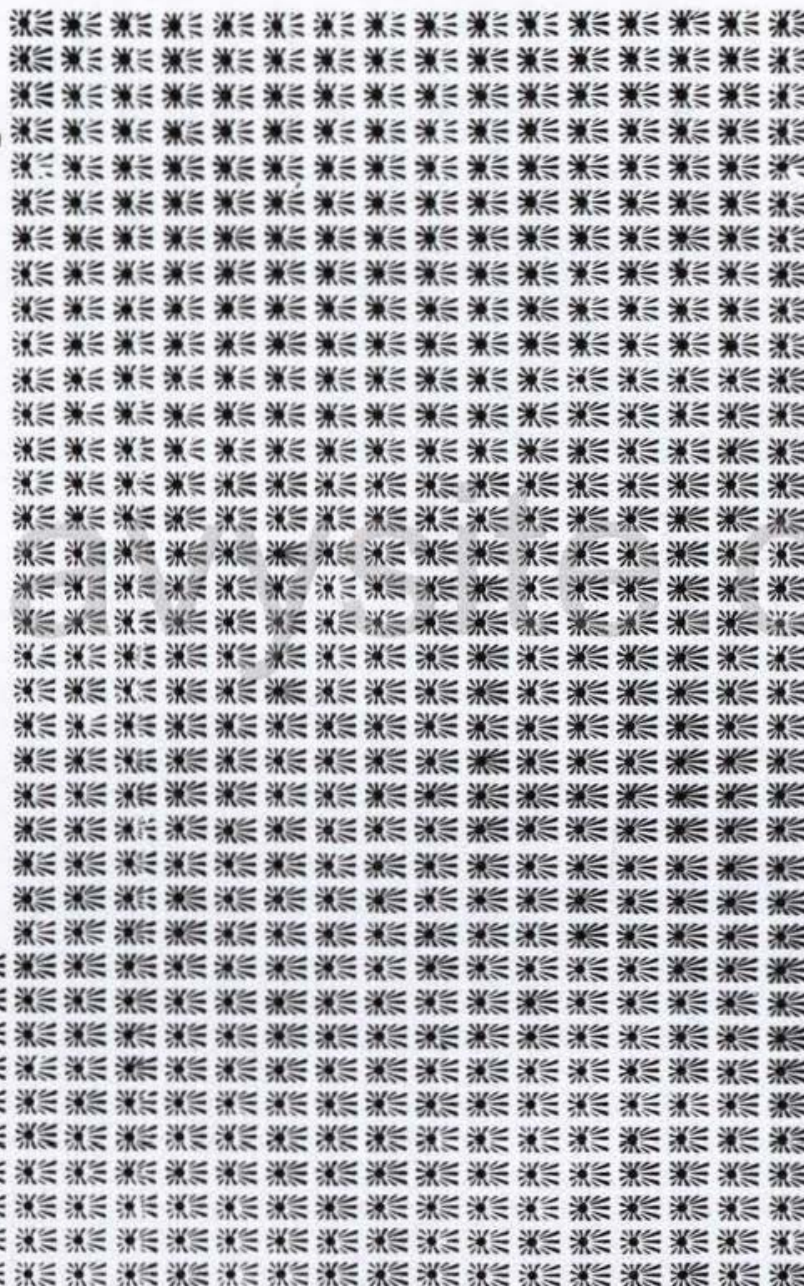
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## PLANES SHOT DOWN

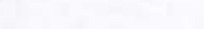
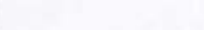


## SHIPS SUNK

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## STRIKES

LEYTE (INVASION)  
10, 20, 44

JAP CONVOY  
11, 11, 44

MANILA BAY  
11, 13-14, 44

YAP  
11, 21, 44

FORMOSA  
10, 12-15, 44

1, 3-9, 21, 45

CAMRANH BAY  
1, 12, 45

HONG KONG  
1, 16, 45

OKINAWA  
1, 22, 45, 3, 1, 45

3, 18 THRU 31, 45

IWO JIMA (INVASION)  
2, 19, 45

OKINAWA  
(INVASION SUPPORT)

4, 1-5, 45 4, 7-16, 45

4, 18-27, 45 5, 12-19, 45

5, 21-28, 45 6, 8-10, 45

HONSHU SHIKOKO  
3, 19, 45

KYUSHU

3, 18 19 28, 45 6, 8, 45

4, 7 15 16, 45 5, 14, 45

TOTAL

PLANES SHOT DOWN 668

PLANES DESTROYED ON GROUND 742

SHIPS SUNK OR DAMAGED 1,269,710

(TONNAGE)

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Miles Steamed . . . . .	168,650
Fuel Oil Consumed . . . . .	30,635,720 gallons
Fresh Water Distilled . . . . .	44,315,320 gallons
Destroyers Fueled . . . . .	295
Fueled from Tankers . . . . .	78
Longest distance steamed in one day (Nov. 10, 1944) . . . . .	605.2 miles
Number of meals served . . . . .	5,134,863
Pounds of fresh meat, vegetables and fruit served . . . . .	4,321,983
Pounds of dry provisions served (canned vegetables, fruits, meat, flour, etc.) . . . . .	4,560,346
Pounds of coffee used per day aboard ship . . . . .	450
Pounds of butter used per day aboard ship . . . . .	250
Value of items purchased from Clothing and Small Stores . . . . .	\$189,132.39
Value of goods purchased from Ship's Store and Soda Fountain . . . . .	\$347,312.44
Amount of pay drawn by officers and crew . . . . .	\$2,868,345.31
Amount of pay still on books to be drawn . . . . .	\$1,400,000.
Total value stamps sold . . . . .	\$59,989.36
Money orders sold . . . . .	\$805,477.53
Insured parcels handled . . . . .	6,975
Registered letters handled . . . . .	9,765

### SHIP'S AMMUNITION EXPENDED

5 inch 38 . . . . .	7,679 rounds	
40 mm. . . . .	116,077 rounds	
20 mm. . . . .	410,793 rounds	
Total . . . . .		534,549

### AIRCRAFT AMMUNITION EXPENDED

20 mm. . . . .	213,560 rounds	
50 cal. . . . .	4,119,938 rounds	
30 cal. . . . .	545,250 rounds	
Total . . . . .		4,878,793

Bombs dropped . . . . .	18,034
Torpedoes used . . . . .	132
Rockets expended . . . . .	5,790

Number of combat sorties flown . . . . .	19,304
Landings on flight deck . . . . .	23,737
Gasoline used by aircraft . . . . .	5,828,600 gallons

#### Enemy planes destroyed:

In air by air groups . . . . .	659	
In air by ship's AA fire . . . . .	9	
On ground by air groups . . . . .	743	
Total . . . . .		1,411
Assists by Ship's AA fire . . . . .		9

#### Enemy Ships:

Sunk . . . . .	73
Probably sunk . . . . .	37
Damaged . . . . .	413

#### Tonnage:

Sunk . . . . .	226,950	
Probably sunk . . . . .	72,500	
Damaged . . . . .	970,260	
Total Tonnage . . . . .		1,269,710

Number of days under attack . . . . .	56
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Total number of officers and men served on board since commissioning . . . . .	5,763
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