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### A TRADITION



September 1st, 1972 marks the twelfth anniversary of VP-17 initially known as VP-772, the unit was activated and became the first reserve squadron to participate in the Korean conflict our predecessors flew 425 missions over ememy territory in the PB4 Y-2.

The squadron subsequently received a new aircraft, the P2V-6 and a new duty station at Whidbey Island, Washington. VP-17 continued in this capacity of an outstanding ASW unit until 1956, when it was redesignated Heavy Attack Mining Squadron 10. Serving as VA (HM) 10 for 3 years the squadron was awarded the Chict of Naval Operations Commendation and was again designated VP-17 on 1 July, 1959.

Continuing with its anti-submarine warfare operations in the pacific, VP-17 was recognized for its operational excellence in 1966. The squadron received the Chief of Naval Operations Maintenance and Safety awards, along with the battle Efficiency "E" for squadrons in the Pacific. VP-17 was also awarded the Isbell Trophy for excellence in ASW warfare maneuvers. This recognition in 1966 marked the teamwork and professionalism that would characterize the future operations of Patrol Squadron Seventeen.

The following year VP-17 made its final deployment in the P-2. Operating out of Sangley Point R.P., the squadron again demonstrated its operational capabilities when a single aircraft on the night of 29 February, 1967 gained contact, localized and tracked three enemy trawlers attempting to infiltrate Viet Cong supplies. The location of these trawlers was passed to surface units which destroyed two and drove the third back to the open sea. This action resulted in, among other commendations, the first Distinguished Flying Cross awarded a patrol plane aviator since the Korean War.

The squadron then returned to Whidbey and in May, 1968, began its transition at Moffett Field to the P-3 Orion. In conjunction with this transition, the squadron also accomplished a change of permanent duty station to Barbers Point, Hawaii.

Since that transition the squadron has deployed again to Sangley Pr. and Iwakuni, Japan continuing to meet every operational Commitment with the professionalism and dedication that has become a trademark of Patrol Squadron Seventeen.

This volume of VP-17 history covers our deployment at Naha, Okinawa 1972. It is a pictorial presentation of a squadron dedicated to the way of life called patrol aviation. It is submitted with cognizance of a memorable heritage, pride in what we've accomplished here and a confidence in the distinguished future of Patrol Squadron Seventeen.





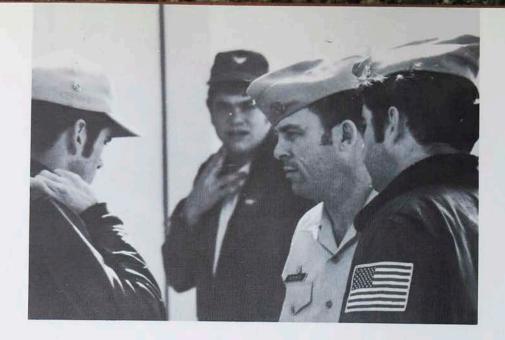
#### COMMANDING OFFICER

CDR. HARLEY L. STUNTZII

To the officers and men of Patrol Squadron SEVENTEEN:

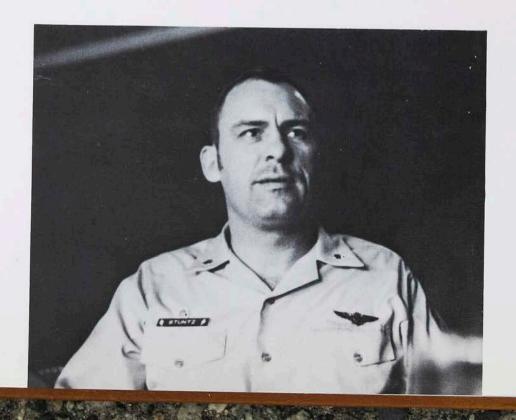
Deployment is a challenging experience not only for ourselves but also for the families and loved ones we leave behind. It requires stamina and dedication to carry out the stringent operational schedule with which we are tasked. Without the sincere effort of every squadron member our assignments could not be fulfilled.

Since reporting to Naha in January we have contributed immeasurably towards executing national policy and have acted vitally in the strategic defense of our country. This has been accomplished through the daily patrols and special operations from which intelligence, invaluable to higher operational authority, has been acquired.



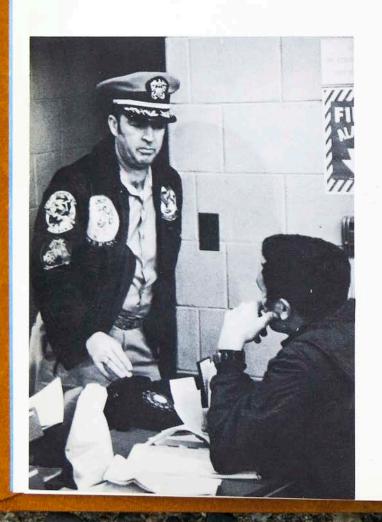
I am personally grateful to every man for the long hours and diligent effort that has been given. I am proud to have led the men of Patrol Squadron SEVENTEEN. This cruise book is dedicated to you in hopes that in the years to come it will be a reminder of the pride and devotion with which you served.

H. L. STUNTZ III

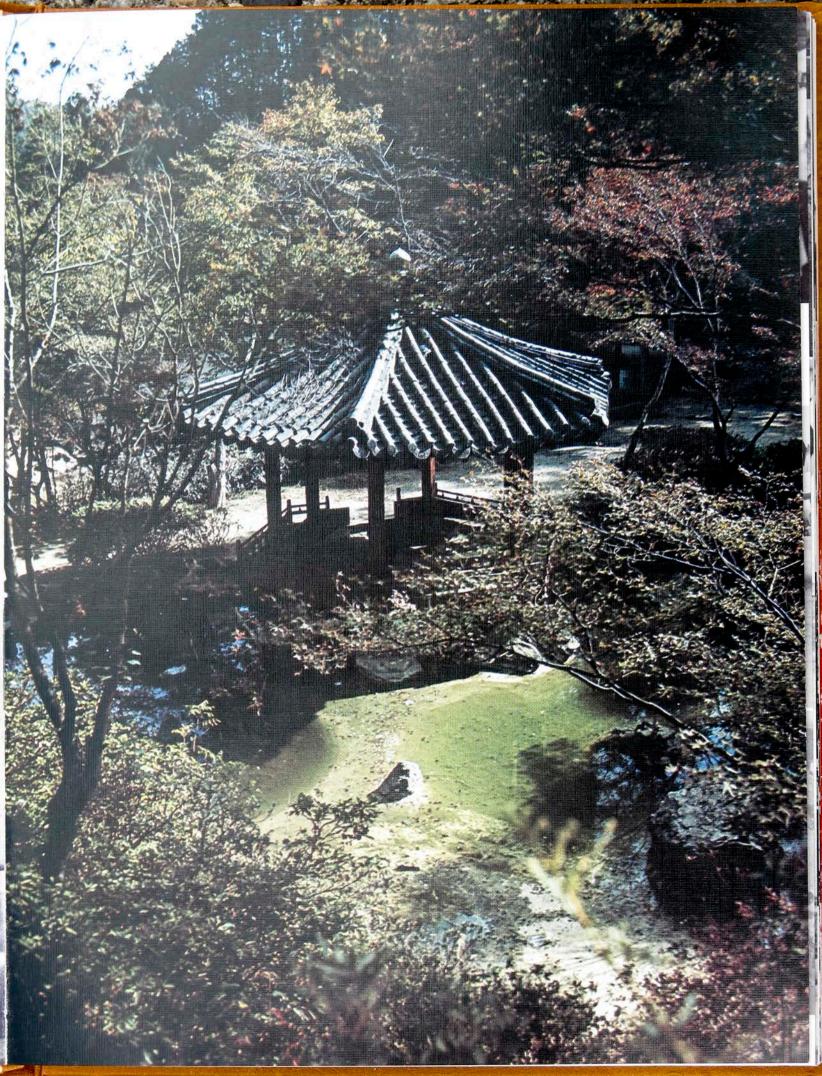




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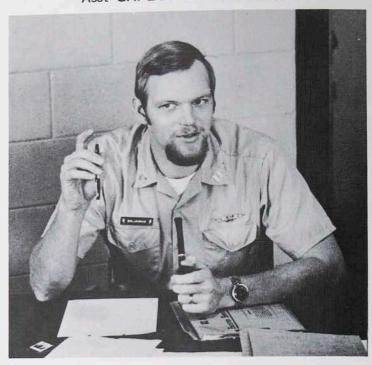


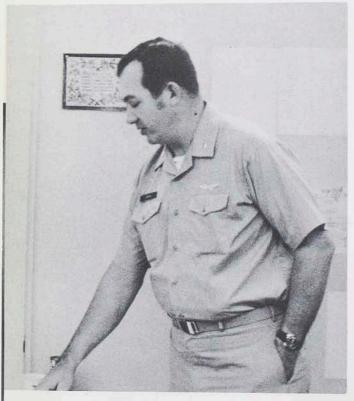
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Asst SAFETY-Lt BALUKONIS





NATOPS-LCDR OWENS



Lt BAKKEN
FLIGHT SURGEON

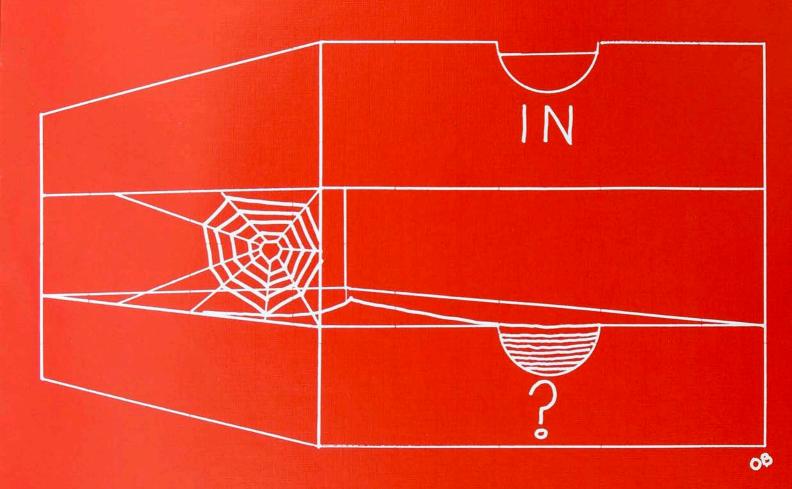
NATOPS ASSISTANT
AMHI DAVIDSON



Asst NATOPS Lt BLAKE



# ADMIN





LCDR VINCENT- ADMIN. OFFICER



LCDR SCHWARTZ-Exec. Asst.



LT SCRUGGS - PERSONNEL



LTjg CARTER-LCEGAL



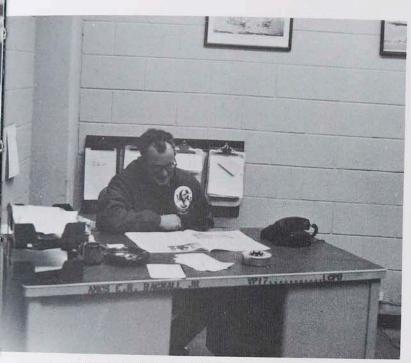
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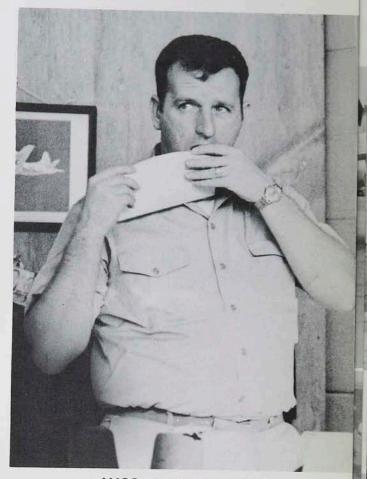
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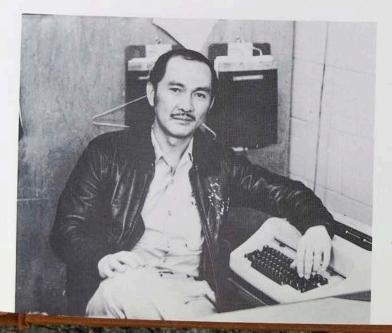
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ATC MILLER-CAREER COUNSELER



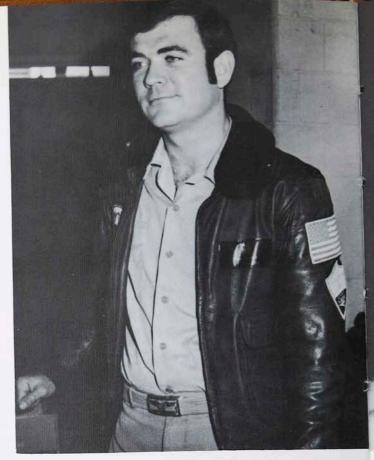
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LTjg PECK-CMCO



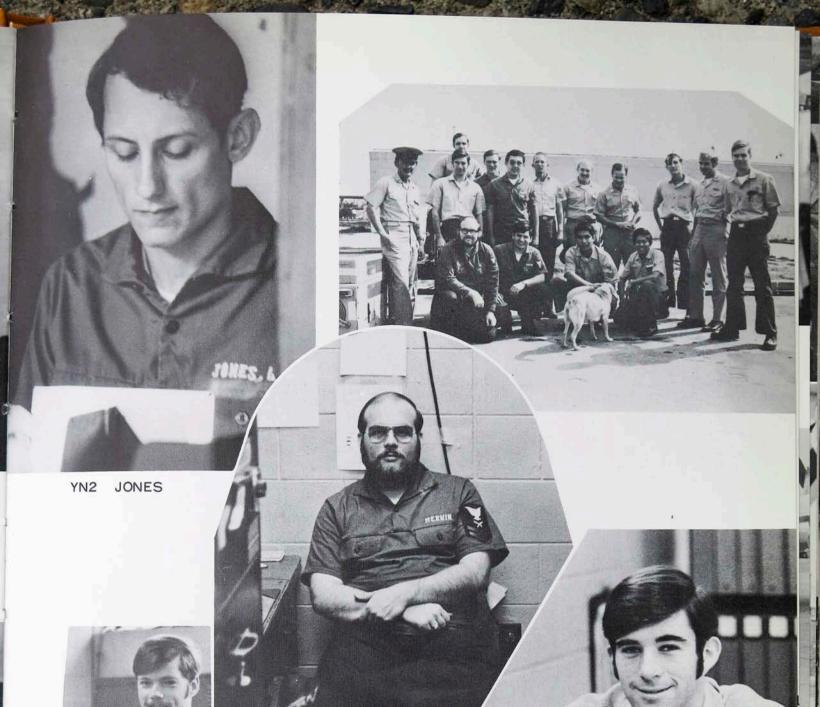
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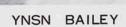
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LT. TRAUB-Asst PERSONNEL.



YN2 MERWIN CMCO



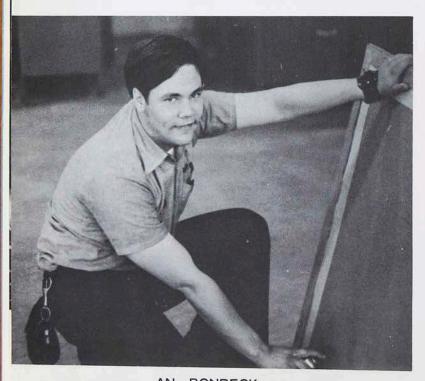
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AN TABOR

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AN RONBECK



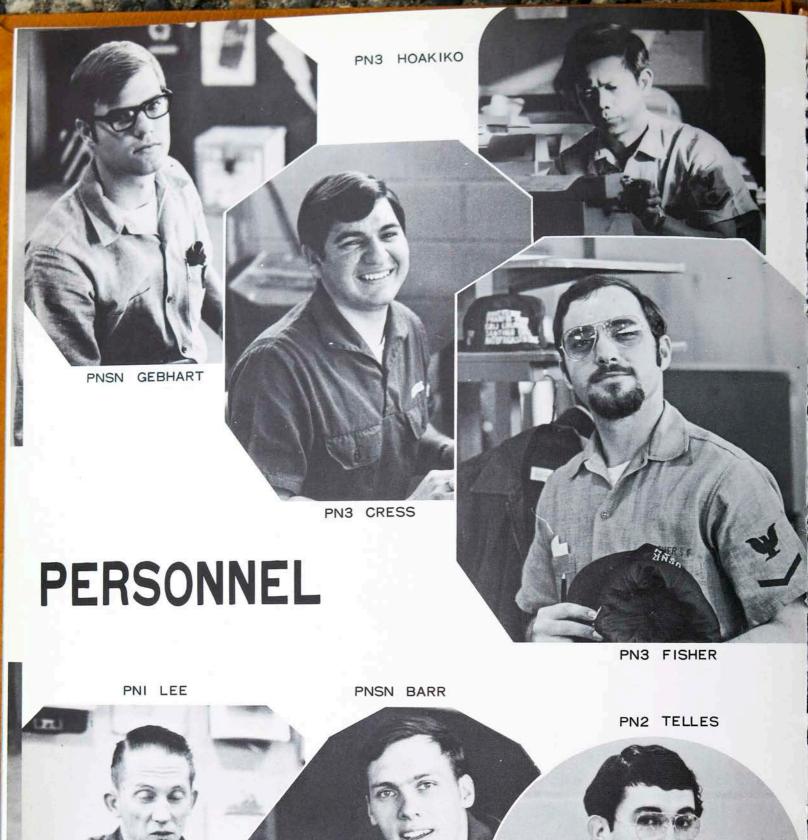


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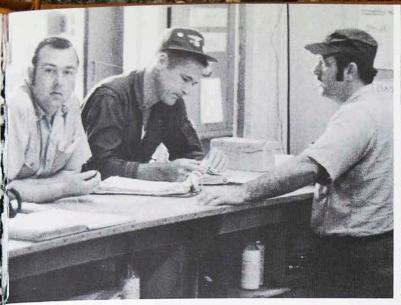


AN BAUGHMAN









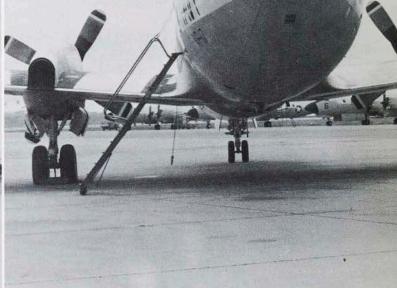
The days begin the same,

As they pass, they melt into a deployment-But aren't they all different?



A DAY IN THE LIFE











Preflight-hours on the ground insuring safety and effectiveness in flight.



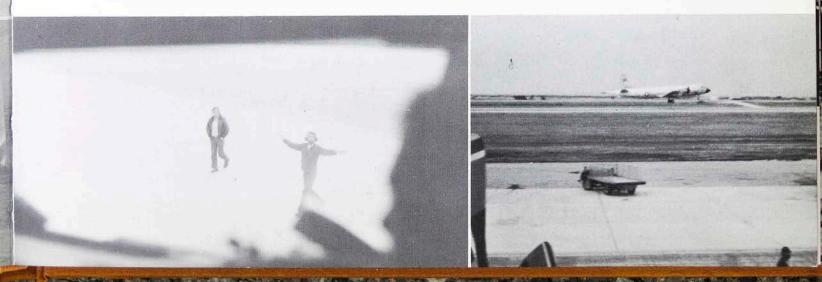


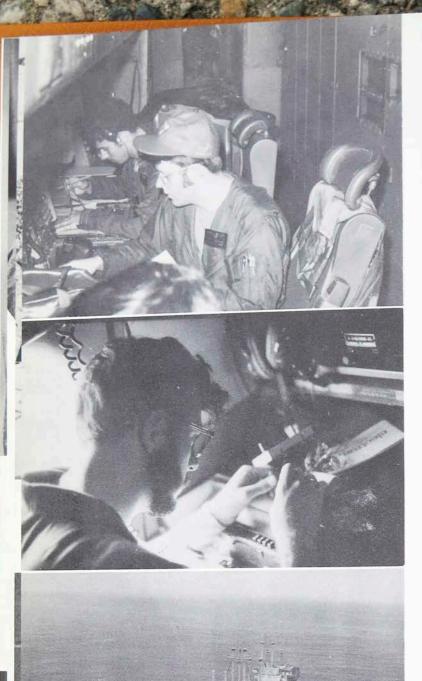




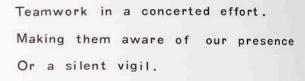


launched with the competent support of those who remain behind.











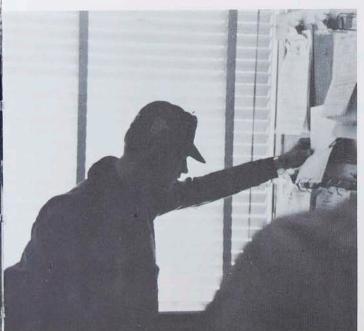




Home ..... after a long 12

A crew;
Tired, but a
job well done!



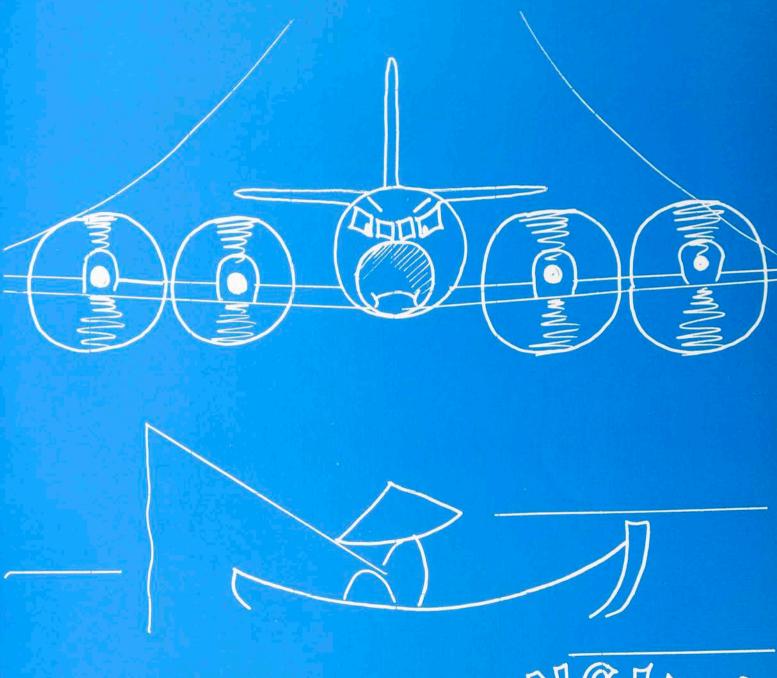


And it starts again, Tomorrow ... >

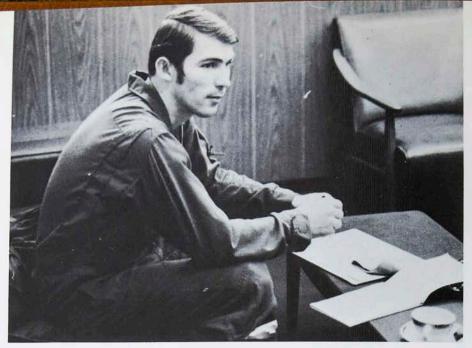
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TEAMWORK
and
PROFESSIONALISM



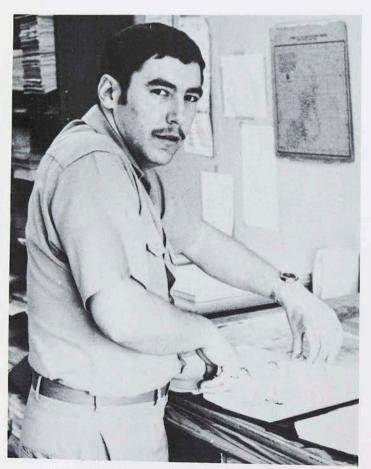
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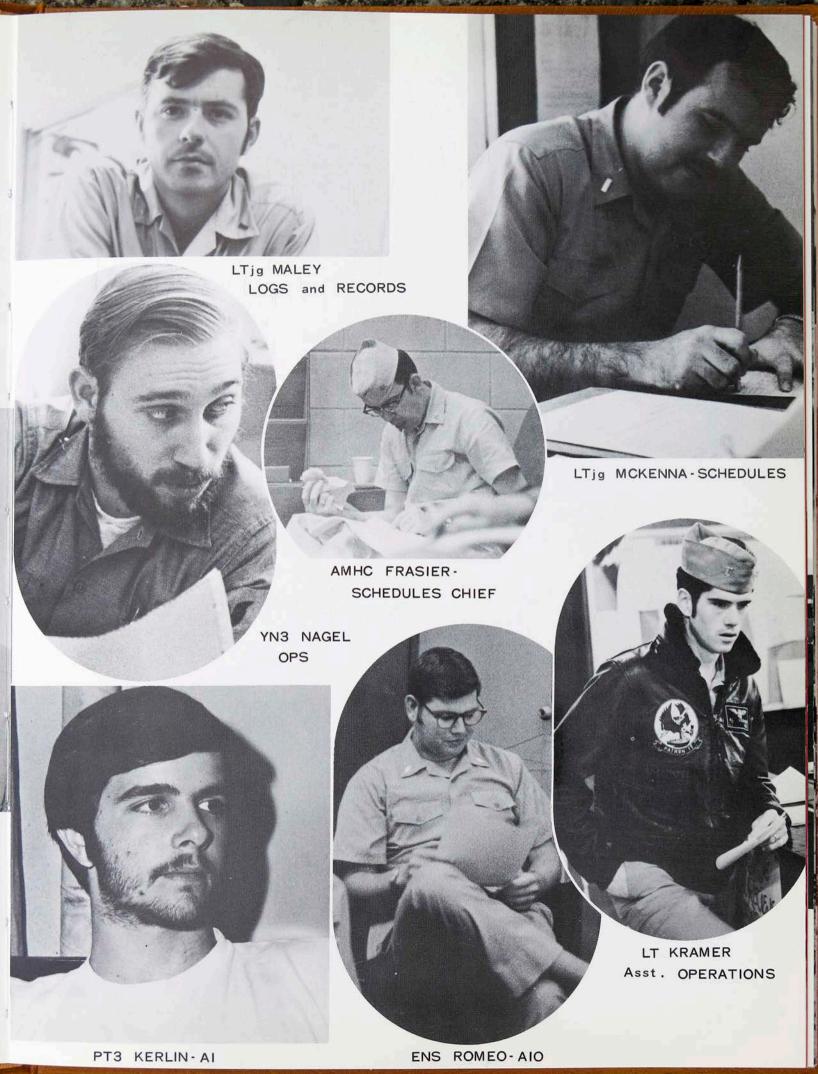
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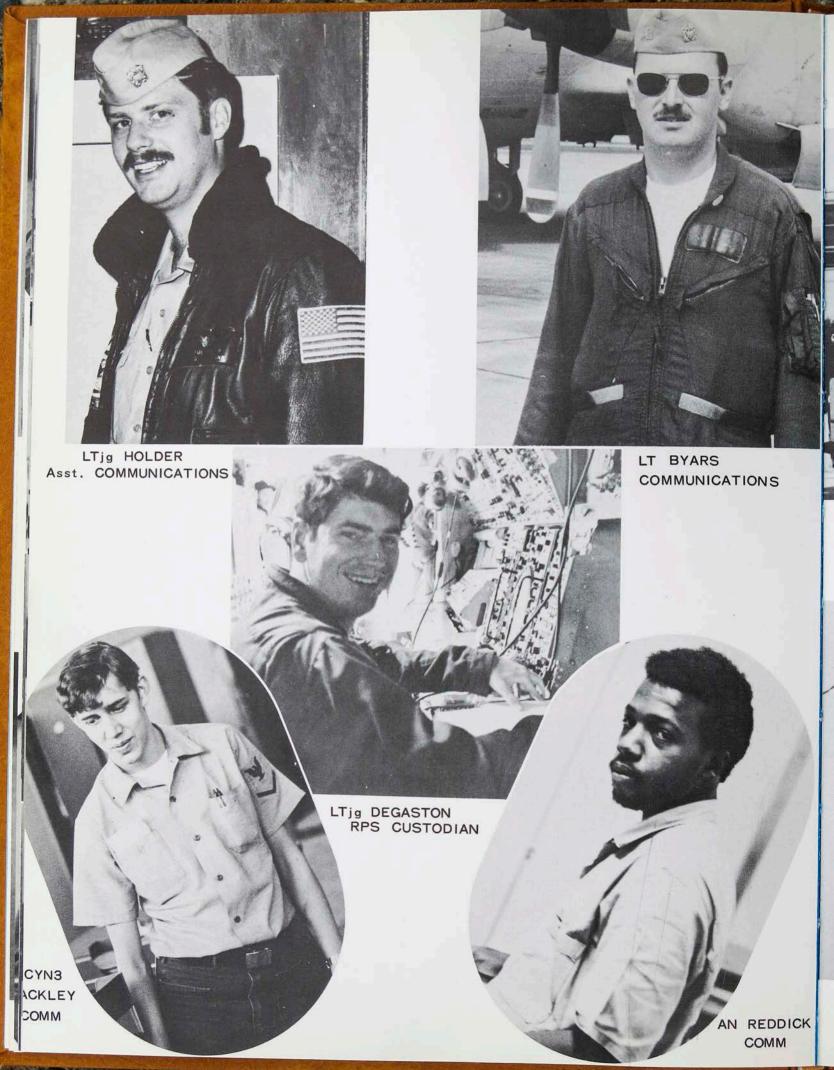


LTjg McGROARTY-NAVIGATION/Asst. SCHEDULES



LTjg BARCLAY ASW INTELLIGENCE





#### THE TAIWAN FURNITURE FOLLIES



Begins with a new arrival of goodies.....



"Be careful with that grandfather clock, it cost me 8,000 nt and 2 SSQ 15!"



"Nobody is gonna carry my handcarved Teakwood commode but me!"



"They dropped my Puchenko machine!"



"That micro wave range is gonna be a problem, but if we take out the sonobuoy package"......



Mr Schwartz was here just a minute ago...

We didn't pack him in with
the roll top desk, ... Did we ? "

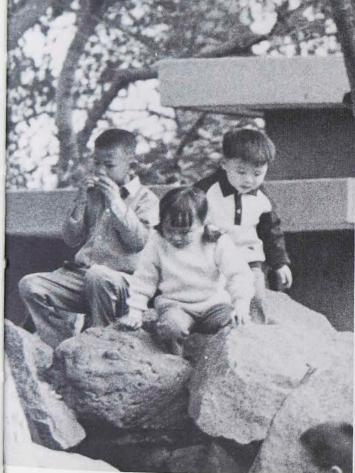


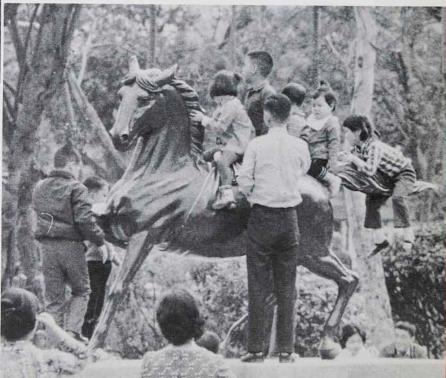
"Take it easy, sir, we'll have you out of there in no time!"





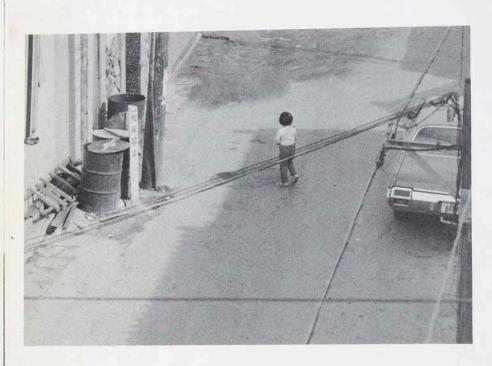




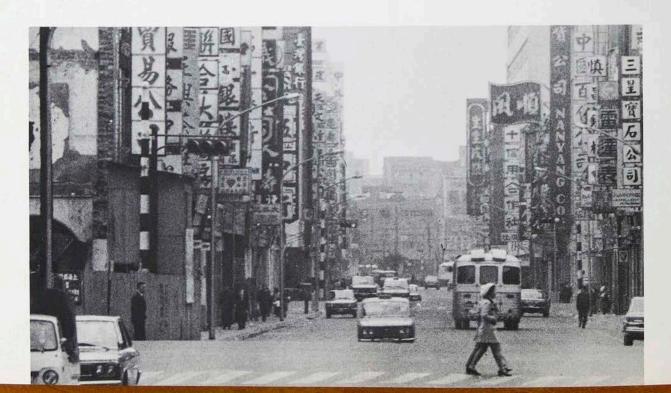






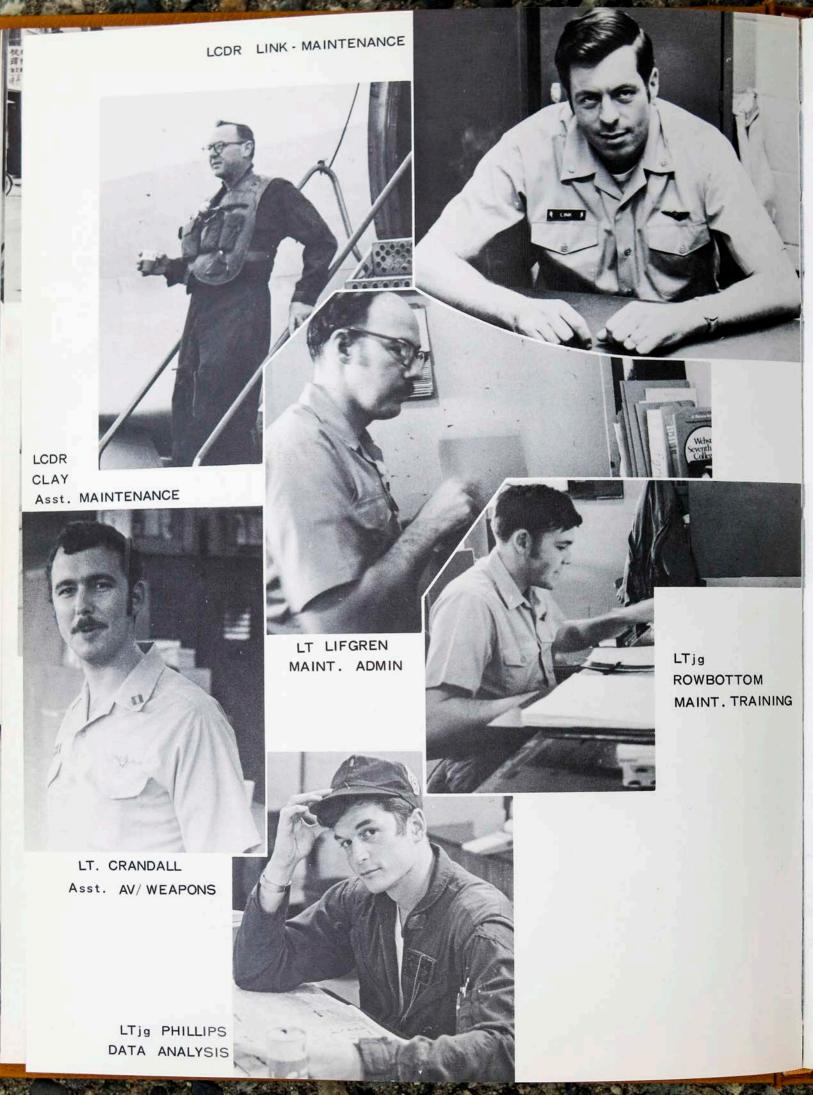


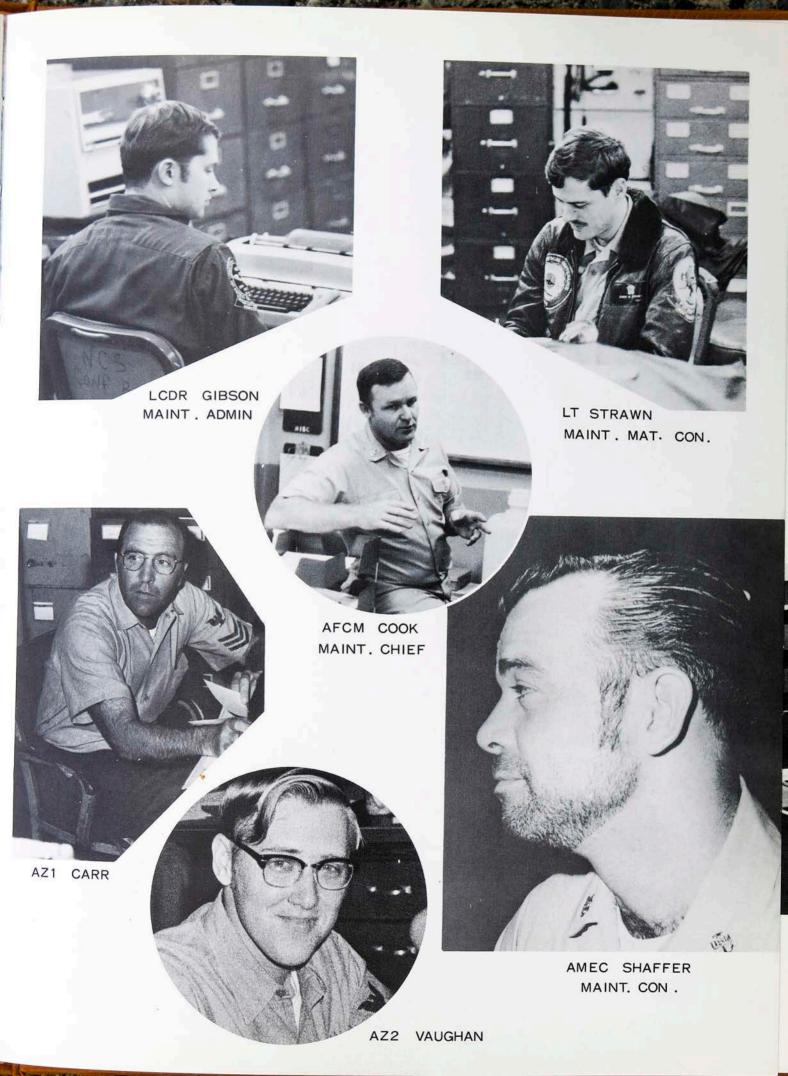




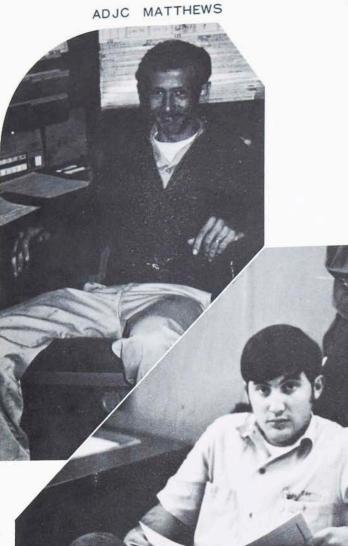


## MAINTENANCE











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LT BRYANT QUAL . ASSUR .

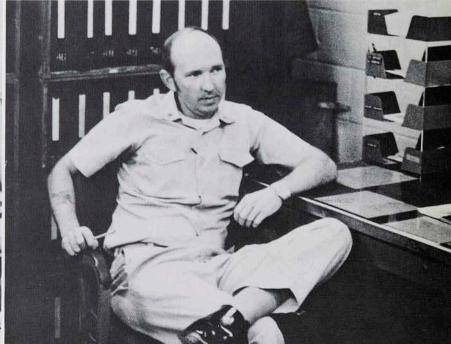


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### QUALITY ASSURANCE



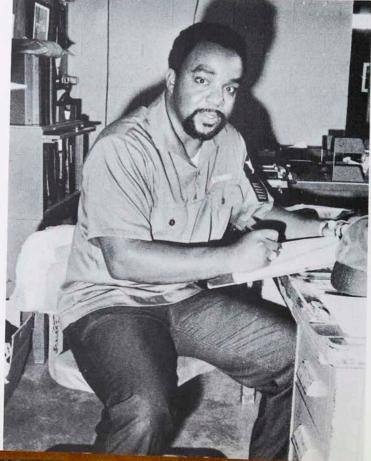
AEC CARTER



ADJC VIPPERMAN







ATI SIMMONS



## POWER PLANTS



LT MORRISON POWER PLANTS









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ADJ2 JONES

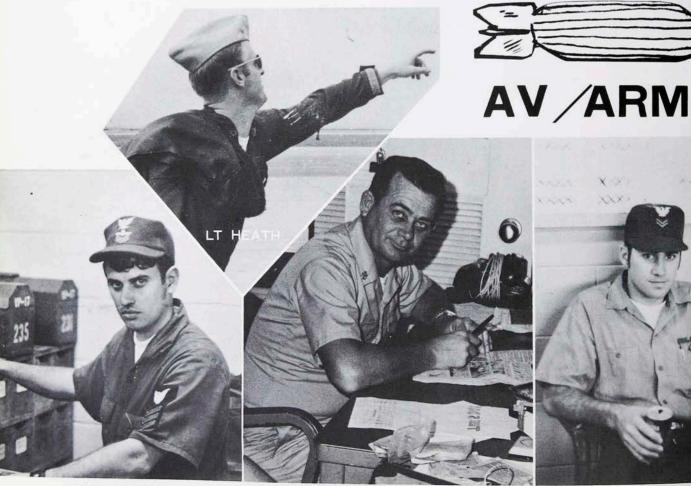
## P/P



ADJ LOWRY ADJ3



ADJ2 BRABANT



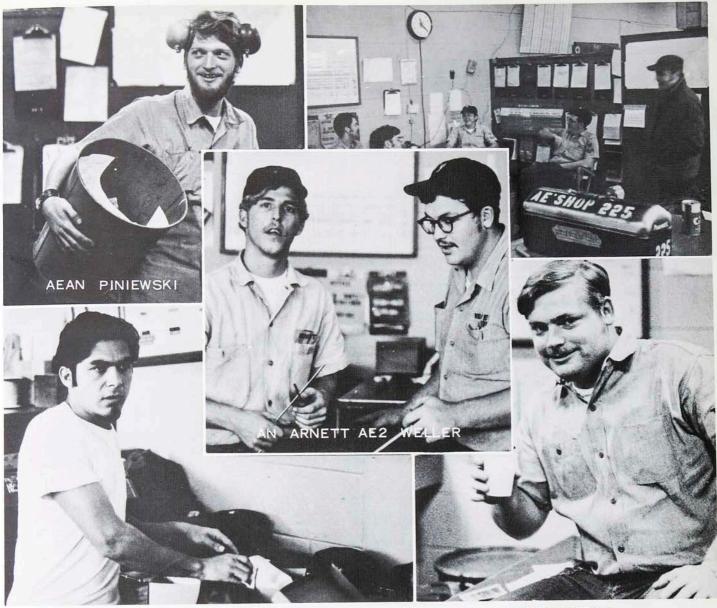
ADJ3 RESOR

AO1 NEITLES

ADO CHIASSON



AO2 COLLETTE



AEAN BARASJAS

AE3 BRUTON

## ELECTRIC

## SHOP



AE3 IKEN



LT SPAULDING ELECT. INST. BR.

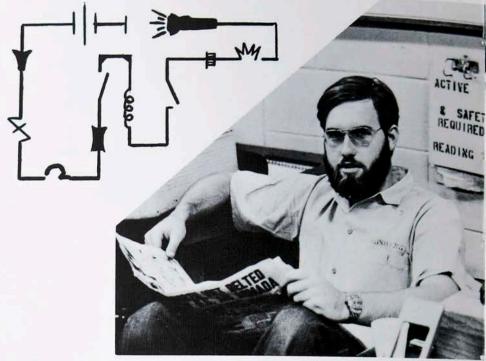


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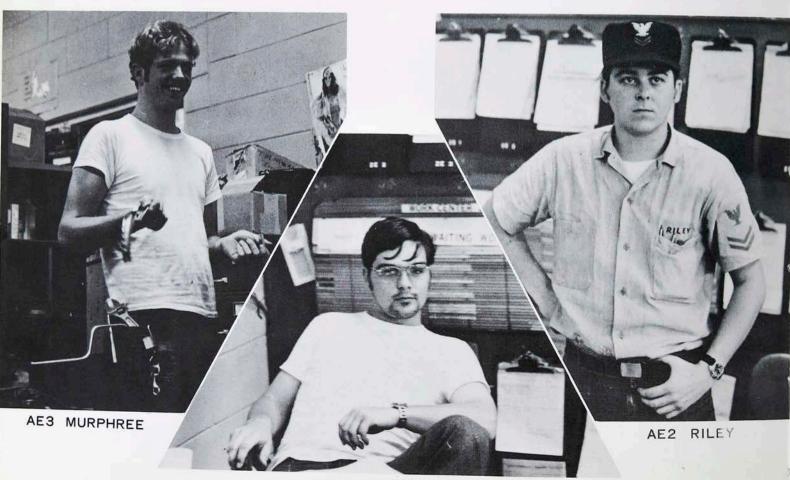
## ELECTRIC SHOP



AEC DAVIS



AEAN RUSHING



AE3 WAGNER





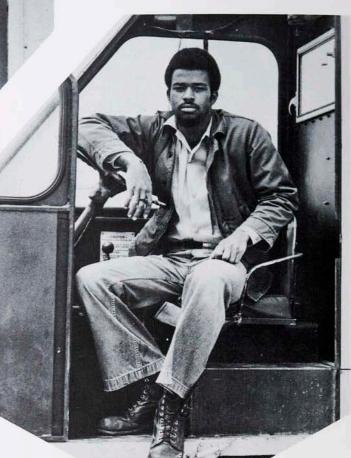


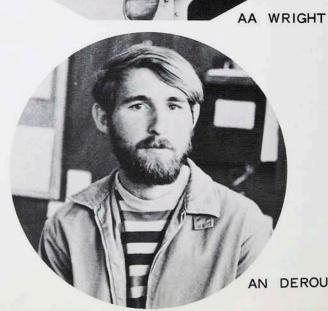
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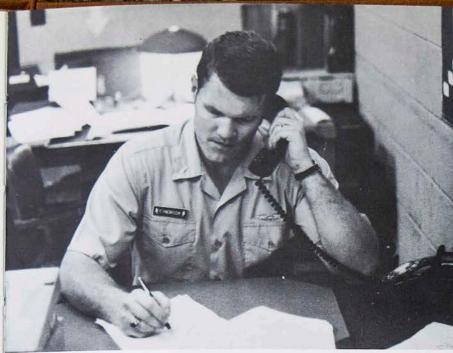
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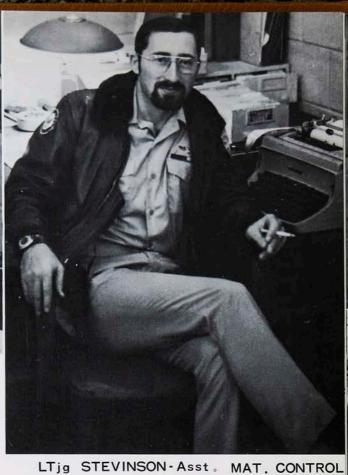




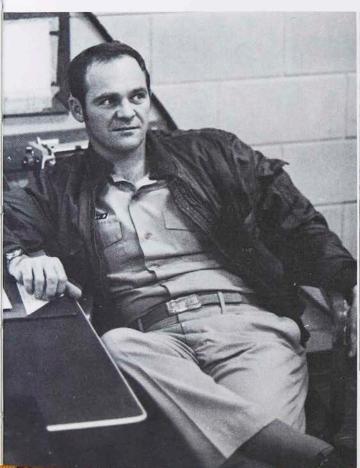
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LT FINDRICK-MATERIAL CONTROL OFFICER

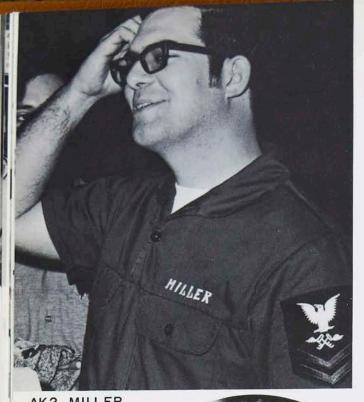


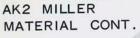
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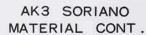




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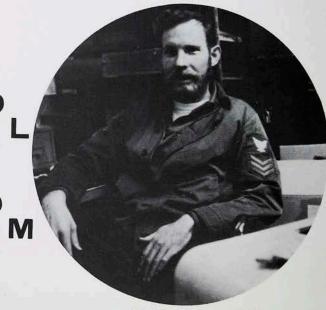
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ADJAN SINGLETON





ADJI STEPHENS



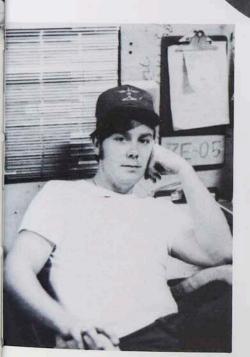
AT3 KEELING



LT WHATLEY AVIONICS BRANCH AV/ARM DIVISION OFFICE

AVIONICS

AX3 SNEED



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AT2 GARCIA



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## AVIONICS

AT3 WELLS



AT3 SEYMORE



ATC WOODS

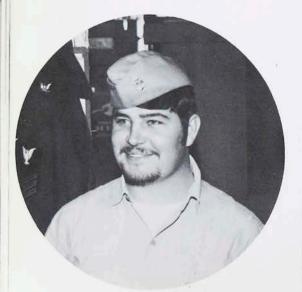


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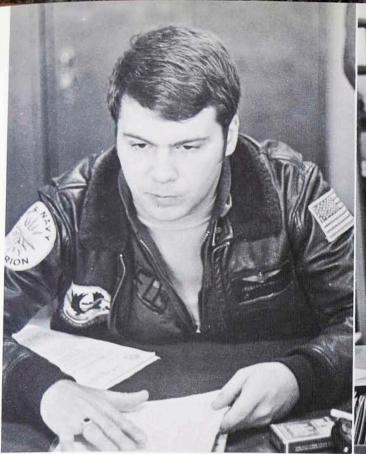


AX3 SOUKUP





AXAN SCHROEDER



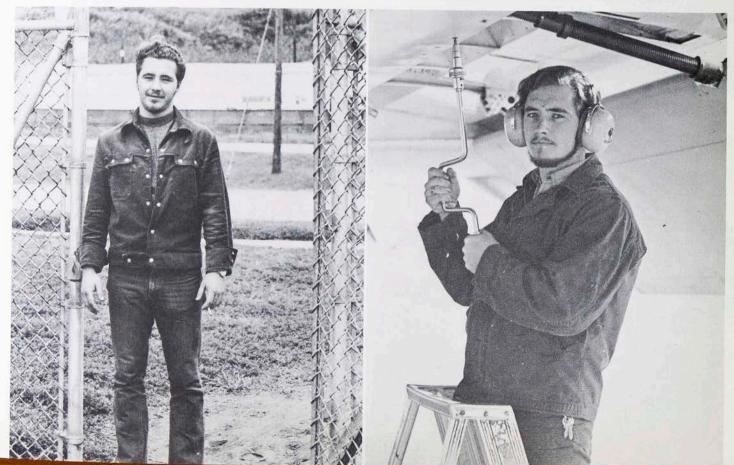
LT BUSHNELL . AIRFRAMES

LT MASON-Asst. AIRCRAFT DIVISION

## AIRFRAMES

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AMH3 CHARLES WADE



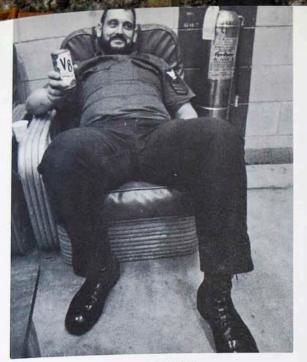


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AMSC LATHROP





AMS1 HEIKKA



AMH3 THOMPSON

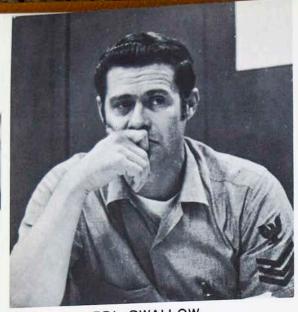


AMSAN TONKIN

AMSAA WALLACE



AMS2 SEDLACHEK



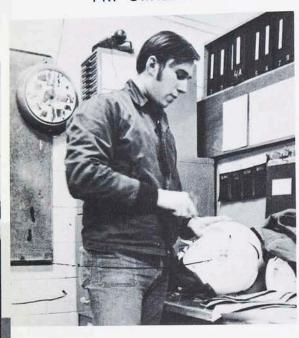
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AME3 SMOCK



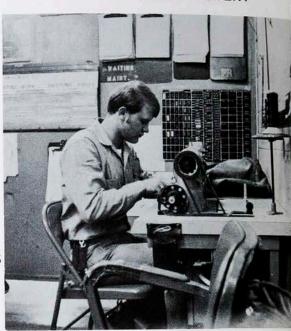
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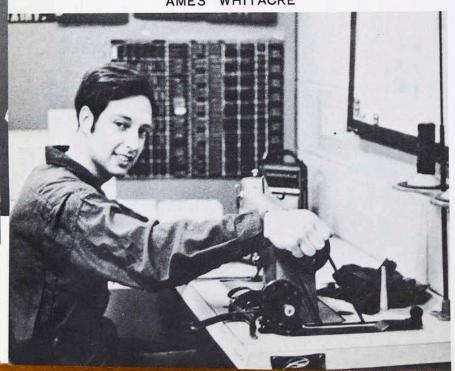
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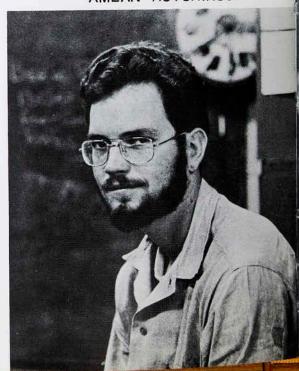
AME3 MULLINS



AME3 WHITACRE



AMEAN HUTCHINSON



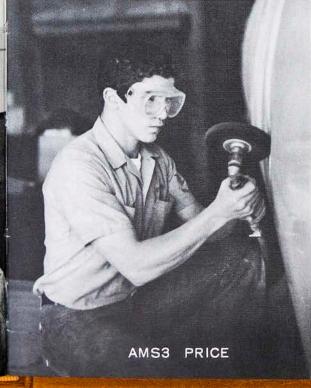


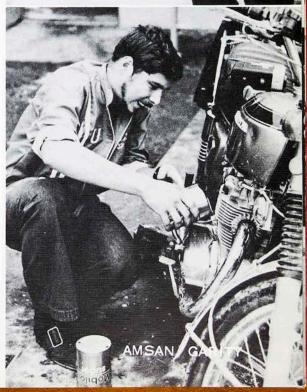






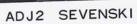








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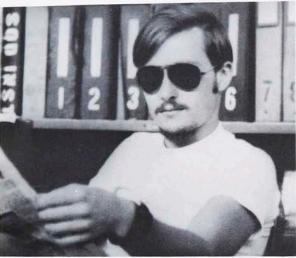
ADJ2 BUCKOWSKI



ADJ2 FRANKEL

## POWER PLANTS

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AE3 WOLFF-ELECT INST

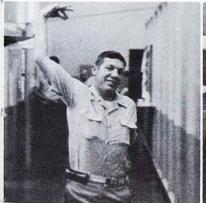
THE HAT



The man under the hat.



The men under the man under the hat.

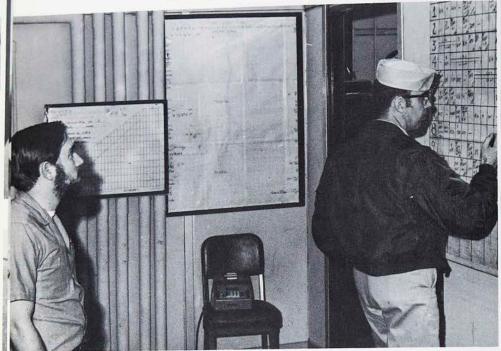








## WALKING THROUGH THE SQUADRON



SCHEDULES - Home of the almighty Grease Pencil!



... "And this genuine LCDR Schwartz autograph model writing tablet was a steal at 59%, but for you"...



Admin - No sir, your Flash Gordon membership card and secret decoding ring haven't come in yet."



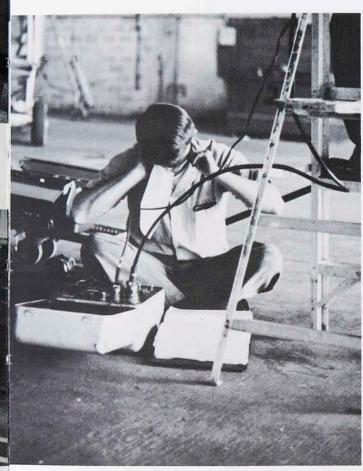
" I don't care what the gripe sheet says, there's no way to get the game of the week on this thing!"



" This is the wing duty officer, ... launch the ready!"



" When does the next gedunk flight go anywhere ?"



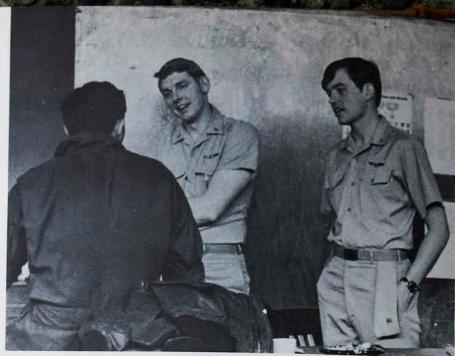
" That's funny, I don't hear a thing !"



"But I'm the X.O., let me through!"



I've heard of a box lunch Mr. Owens, but this is ridiculous."



"You mean we have to cmpty trash cans and sweep the floor every day?"



"The boss says ya need protection!"



AVON CALLING



" And I thought you knew how to put it back on ! "



" ... But I'm the PPC!"



"We show up on time, Why can't the skipper?"



Well don't blame me if the schedule falls apart.



AW shucks, she smiles at everybody.



"I don't care if you do put a prop on it, I still don't think it will fly!"



We were all excited at the Prospect of being extended!



"The C.O. is still waiting for the stock number of paddle balls!"



You will not laugh at any paddle ball jokes!

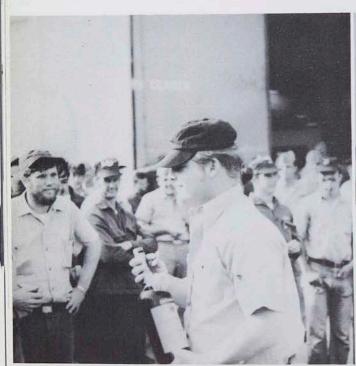






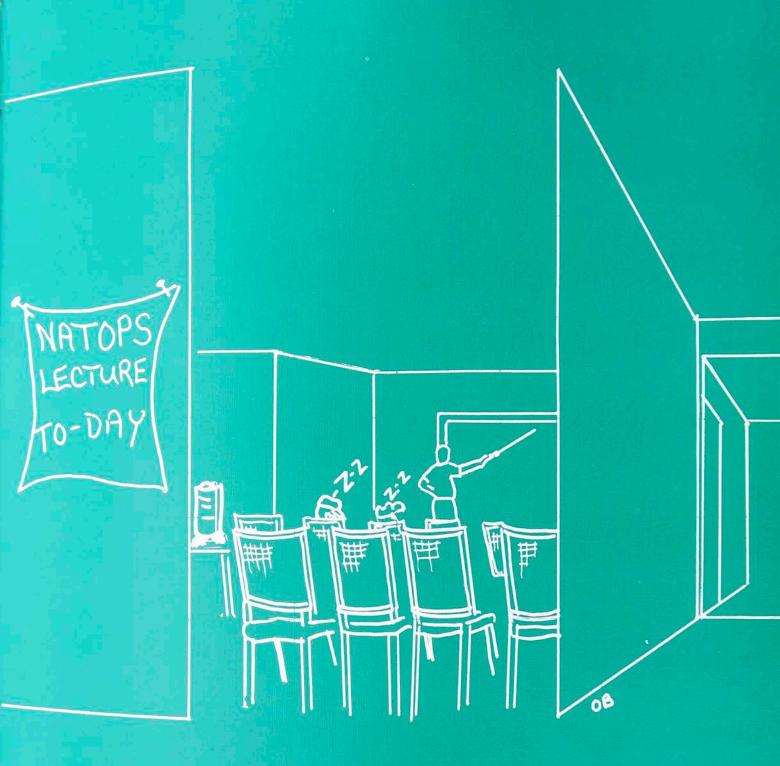
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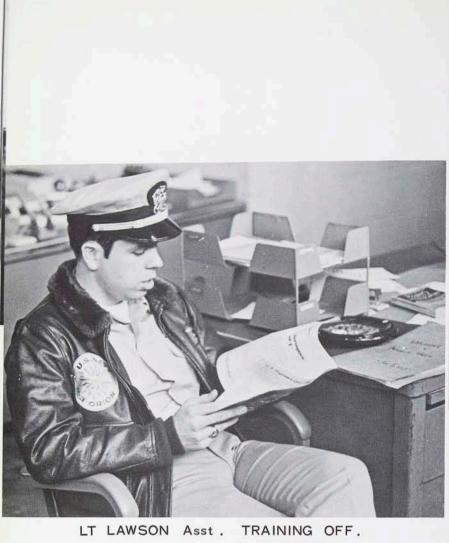
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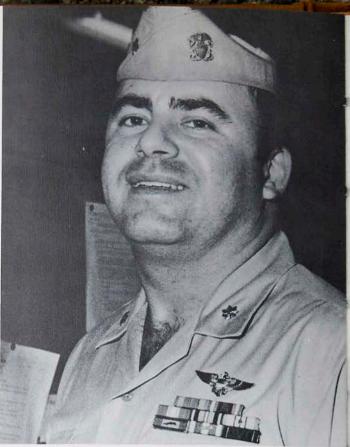
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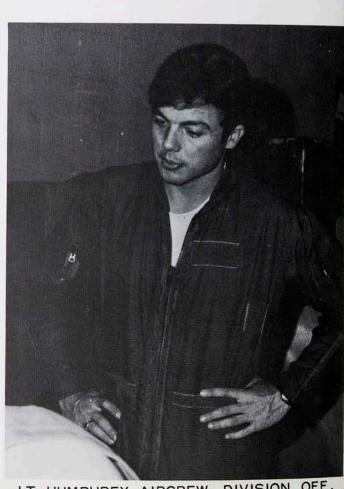




LTjg MIKUSI-READINESS OFF.



LCDR ROHR-TRAINING OFF



LT HUMPHREY-AIRCREW DIVISION OFF.



LTjg RICHARDS-ASW TACTICS/SEARCH



LCDR TANNER-TACTICS OFF



LCDR FIELDS
PILOT TRAINING

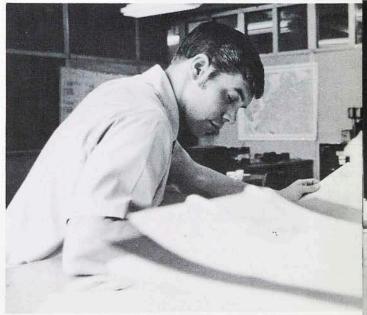
LT RAY ELECTRONIC WARFARE



AO2 SPARROW-ASDO



YN3 LANE-TRAINING



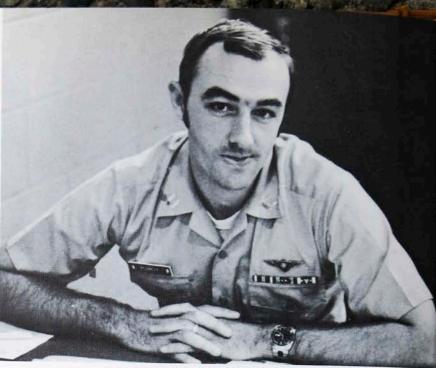
LT SHEFFIELD-GROUND TRAINING



LT JOHNSON-WEAPONS TRAINING



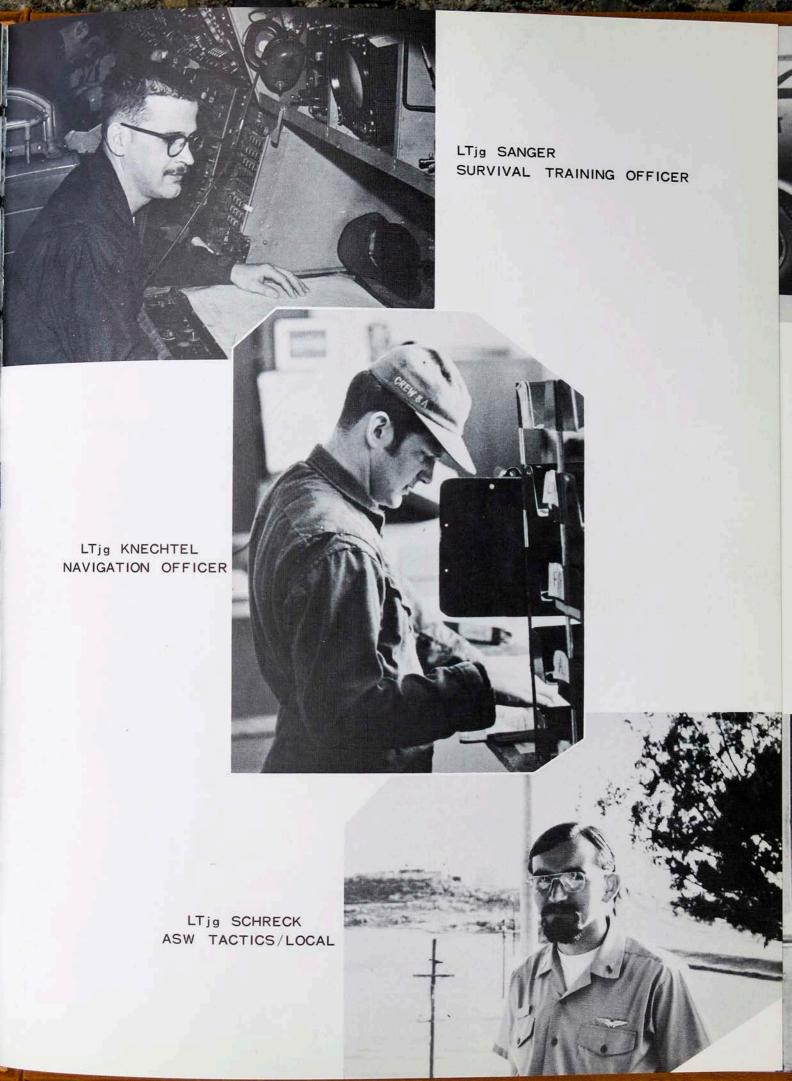
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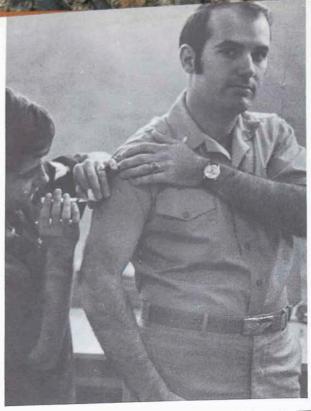


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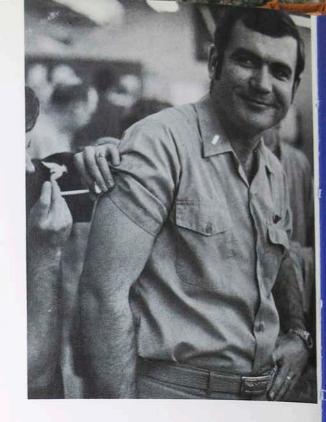


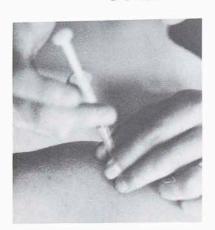






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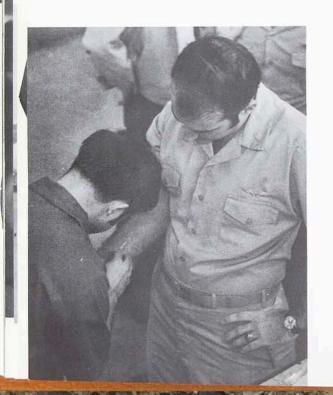


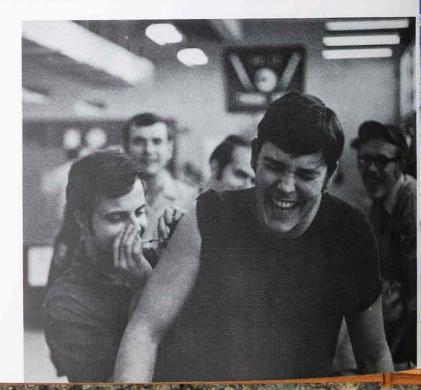






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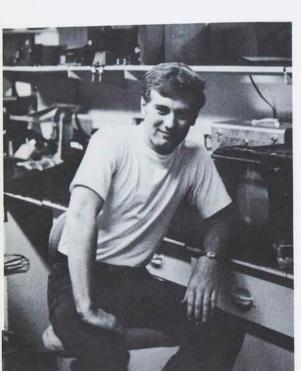




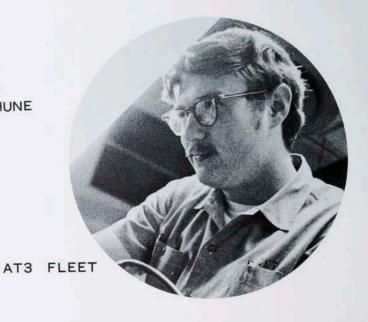
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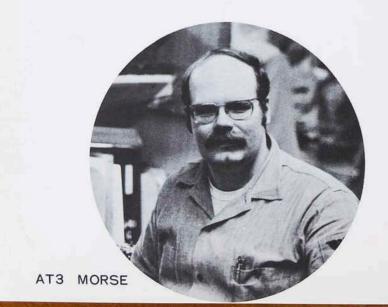
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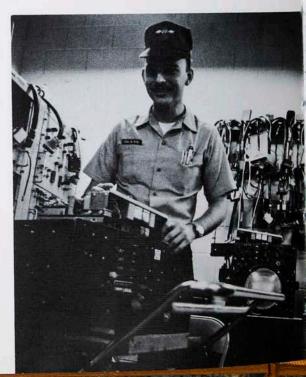


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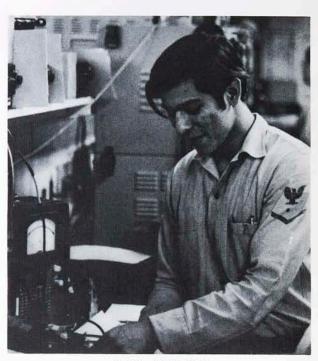
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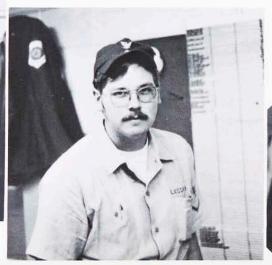
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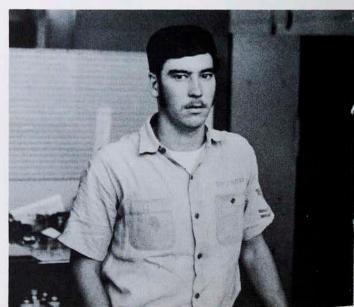






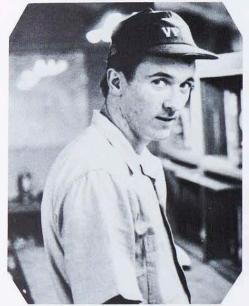
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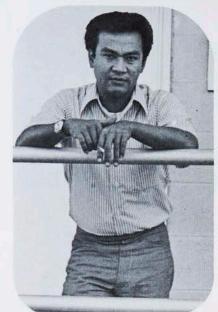


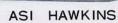
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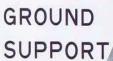




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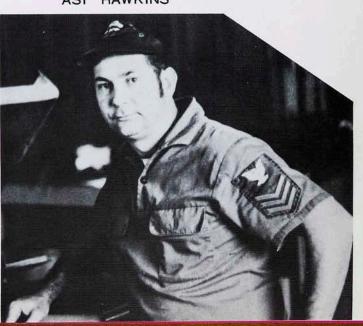








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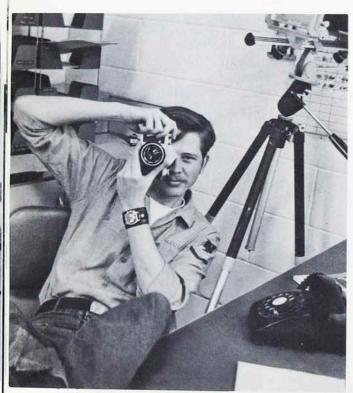
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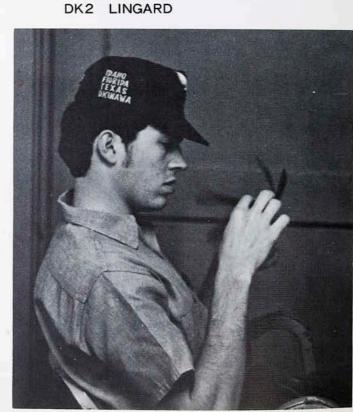


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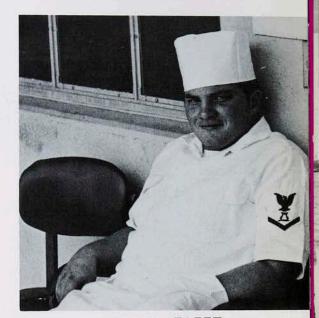
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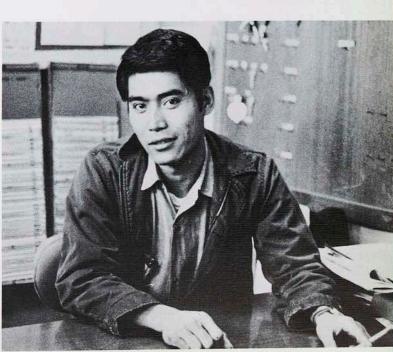


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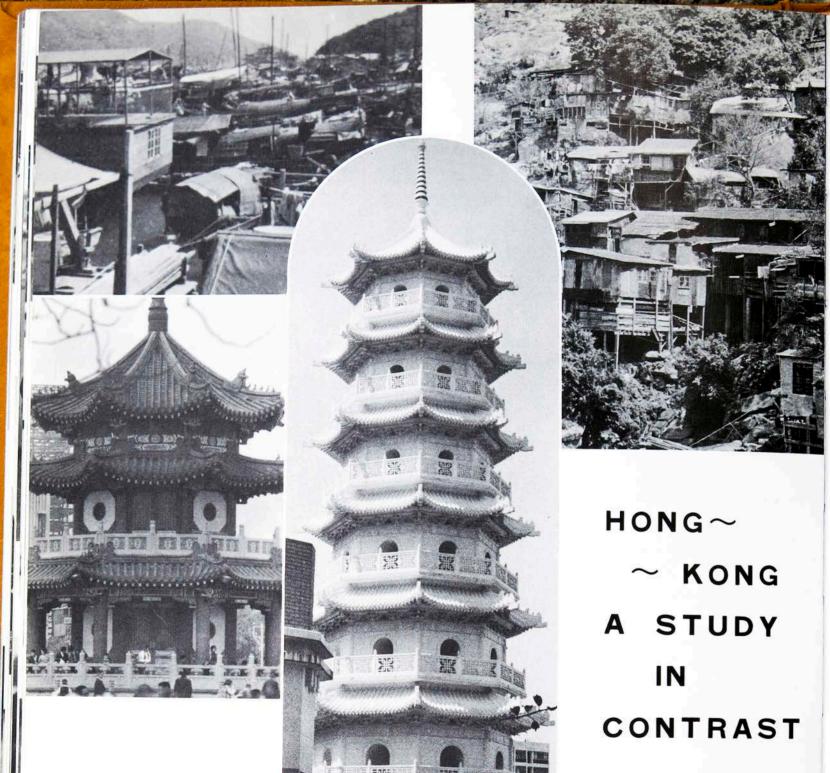


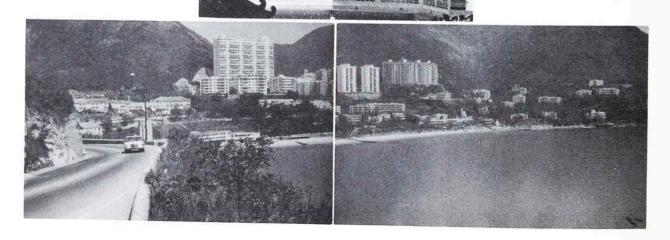
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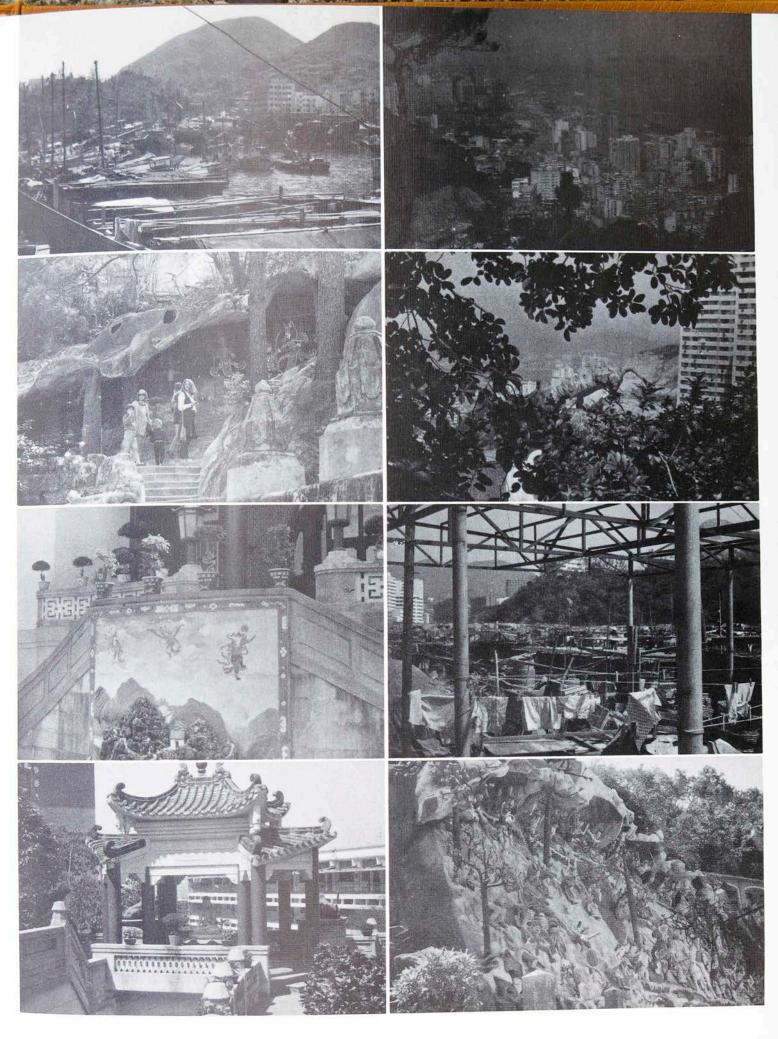
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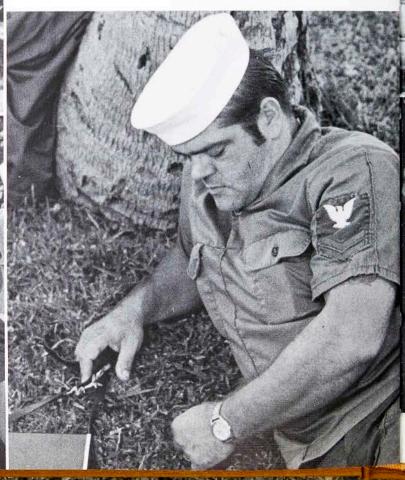


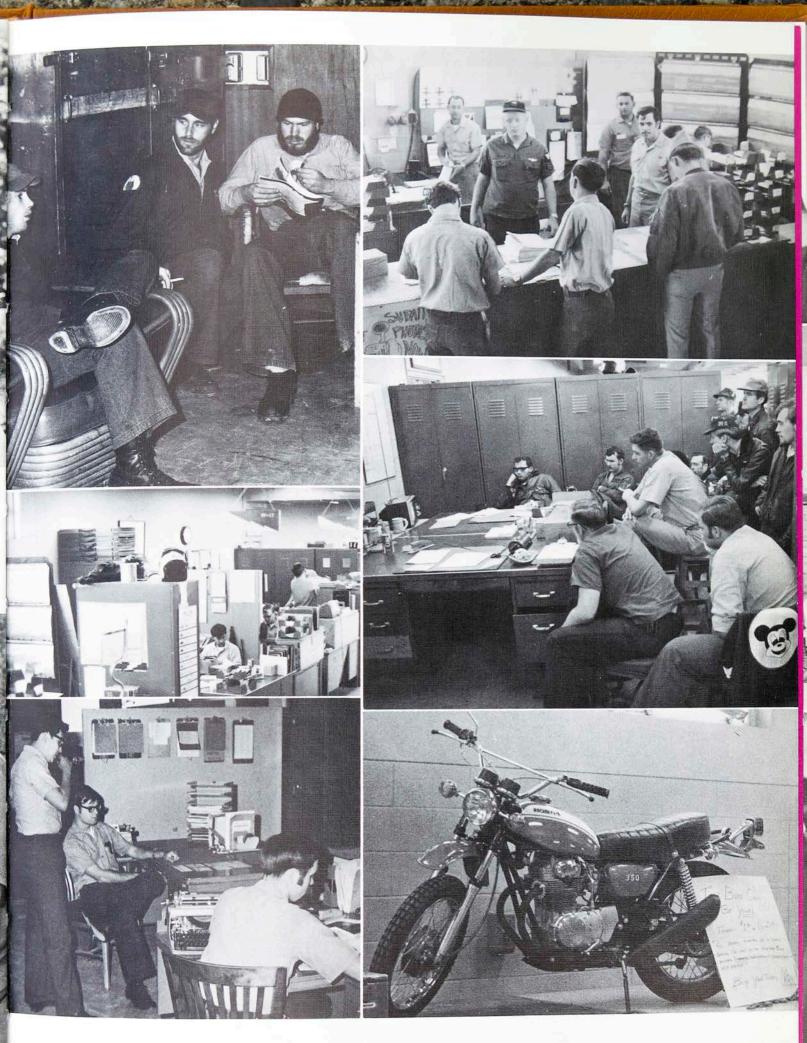


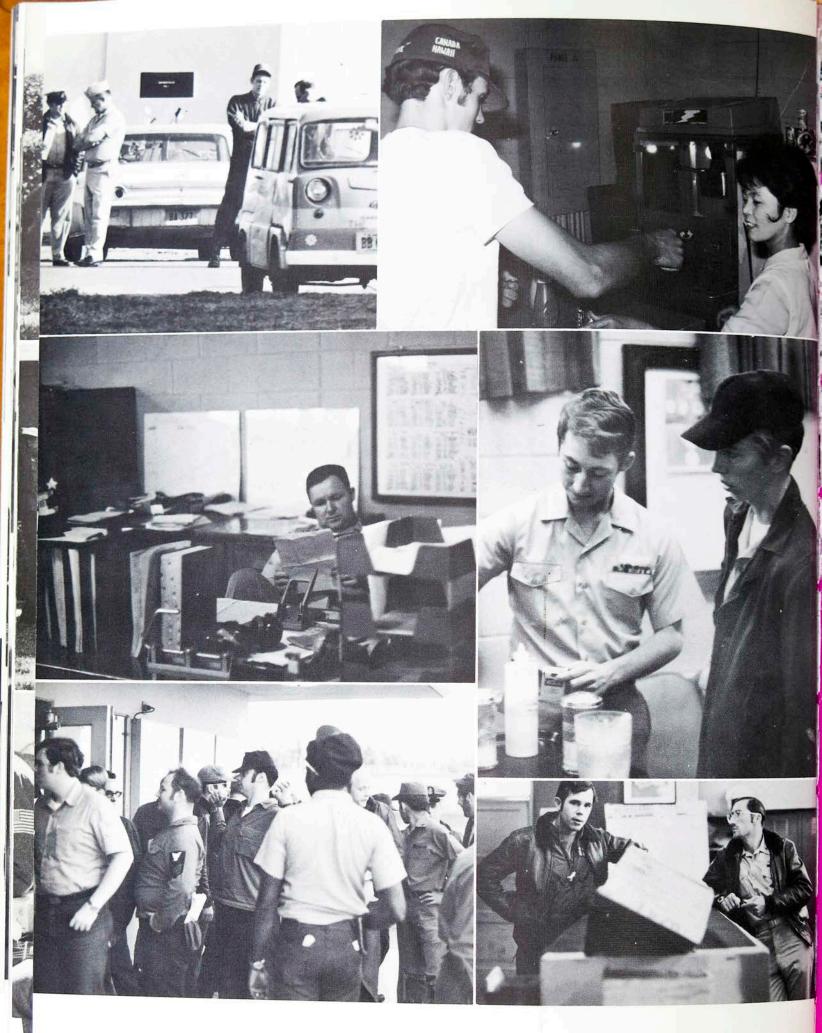




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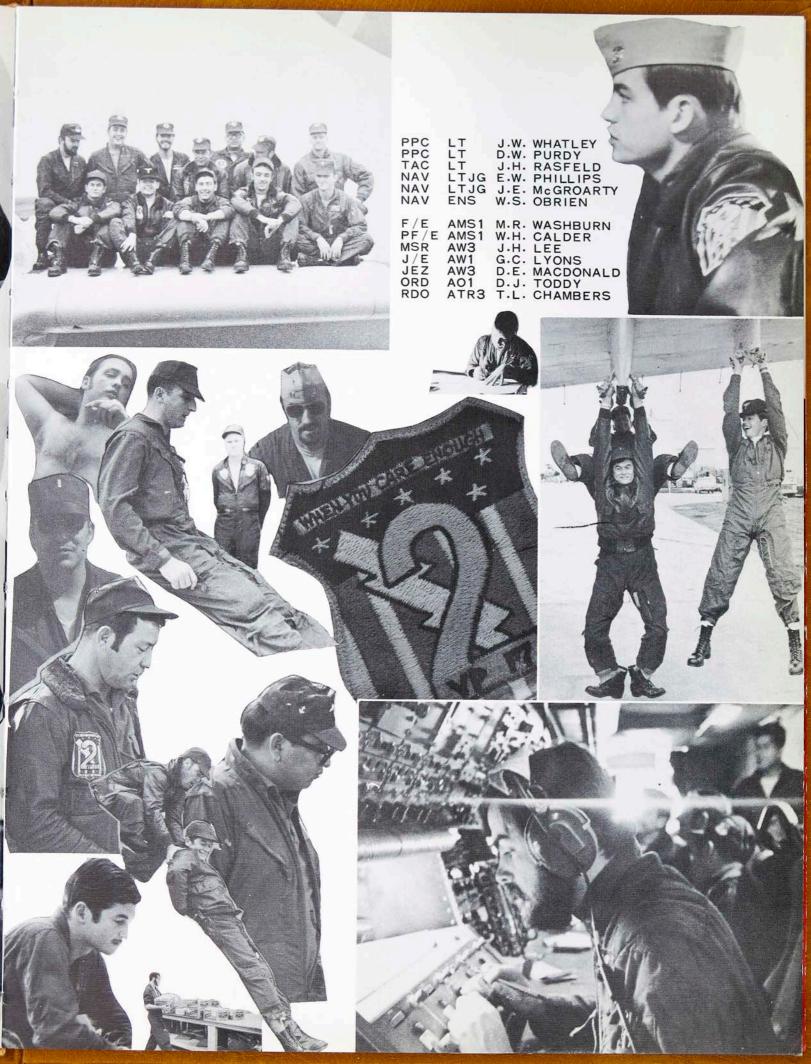




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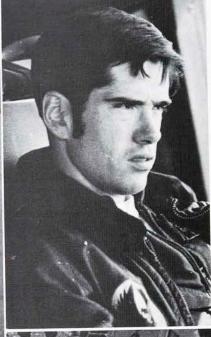






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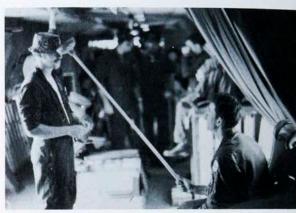
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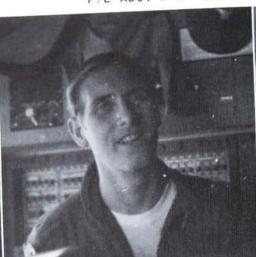




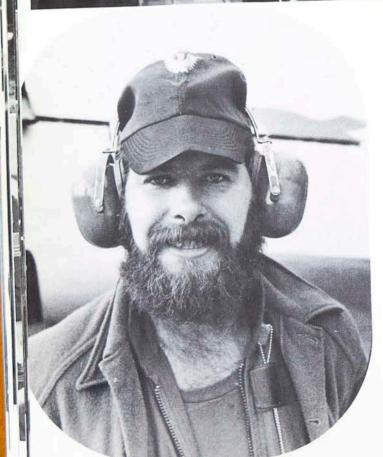
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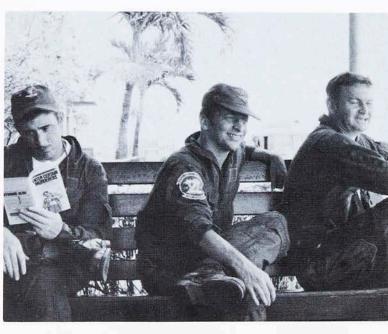
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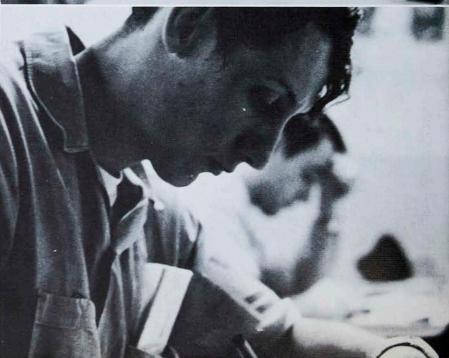
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