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With deep regrets, this is the final issue of the COMMAND POST. WRIGHT is currently being deactivated.

We of the staff have enjoyed reporting the facts and fiction of life aboard the "Number One" command ship.

In many instances the job wasn't easy. However, through the efforts of the staff and the many divisional contributions the COMMAND POST has been selected the Navy's prize winning magazine for two consecutive years. No doubt this year would have been another achievement for entry into the records of journalistic distinction.

The COMMAND POST STAFF fires a special salute to those who have so faithfully served aboard WRIGHT. We wish you smooth sailing through the waters of life and ensuing tasks.

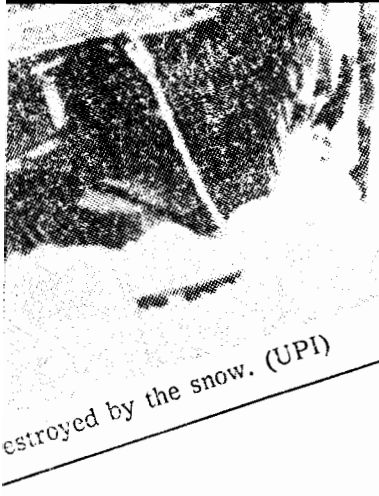


# Dedication

This final issue of the Command Post is devoted to the Officers and crew of the USS WRIGHT (CC-2), who have so faithfully and tirelessly served aboard.

The WRIGHT was probably as strange and complicated a seacraft as any that man has devised. A Command Communications Ship is ultimately responsible for the fulfillment of two equally important missions. It must be prepared inside and out to serve as a world wide communications network, a "Command Post Afloat." It also must remain mobile and ready for sea as the Command Operations Center for the military hierarchy.

WRIGHT was in fact a floating city. Her population, the sailors and officers who kept the machinery of the city running. This book is dedicated to them, the men of the USS WRIGHT.



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# 41 Navy Ships to Be Retired

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy announced plans Friday to lay up 41 more ships as an economy move, bringing to 176 the number of vessels ordered retired in one year....

Since January 1969, officials said, 132 ships, including the 41 listed Friday, have been ordered into mothballs to save money. Another 44 left the fleet because they were getting too old.

Three of the ships are based in Norfolk, although one is operating in the Pacific and will go into reserve on the West Coast.

The two operating out of Norfolk are the command ship USS Wright, with a complement of 57 officers and 1,099 enlisted men, and the oiler USS Elokom, with a crew of 13 officers and 220 men.

The third is the tank landing

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been since the world's 153rd transplant was performed on James A. Marshall at Stanford, Calif., Jan. 16. The hospital maintained its policy of withholding information about the donor of the heart. A spokesman declined to say how old the donor was or where she lived. He did say she had been in any type of accident. Shepard's son, Jeffrey, Tuesday said his father had suffered from an occlusion



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cently upheld the ordinance on a 4-3 vote. Only 36 employees are concerned and personally affected and will have to move back into Norfolk by a September deadline, Breeden said. He said a survey by Norfolk City Manager Thomas F. Maxwell showed that 18 cities in Virginia and 89 per cent of municipalities elsewhere have such an ordinance. He would not argue if the City Council were "wise" or "foolish" in passing the ordinance but claimed that "officials

initiatives, are, "are still Co. and the scrap Iron and their support. Congress his aim less than "the natural habitat as both habitable and to man." the President made 23 proposals and or 14 steps by executive or administrative action approve the environment. ing them were other visions for:

- Establishment of nationwide federal air and water pollution control standards, including for the first time intrastate as well as interstate waters and ocean waters within U.S. boundaries. Violations of these standards would subject industries or cities to maximum court fines of \$10,000 a day, and the interior secretary would be authorized to seek emergency injunctions against serious water pollution.

- Tightening of federal controls on emission of carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons from automobile exhausts, with new curbs on nitrogen oxides by 1973 and particle including lead, by 1975.

- Federal regulation of composition and additives as well as exhaust emissions required testing for auto makers' production rather than voluntary prototypes.

- Research aimed ways to reuse more materials and especially construction materials.

- A government use of current federal acres of federal land with an eye on selling some for recreation.

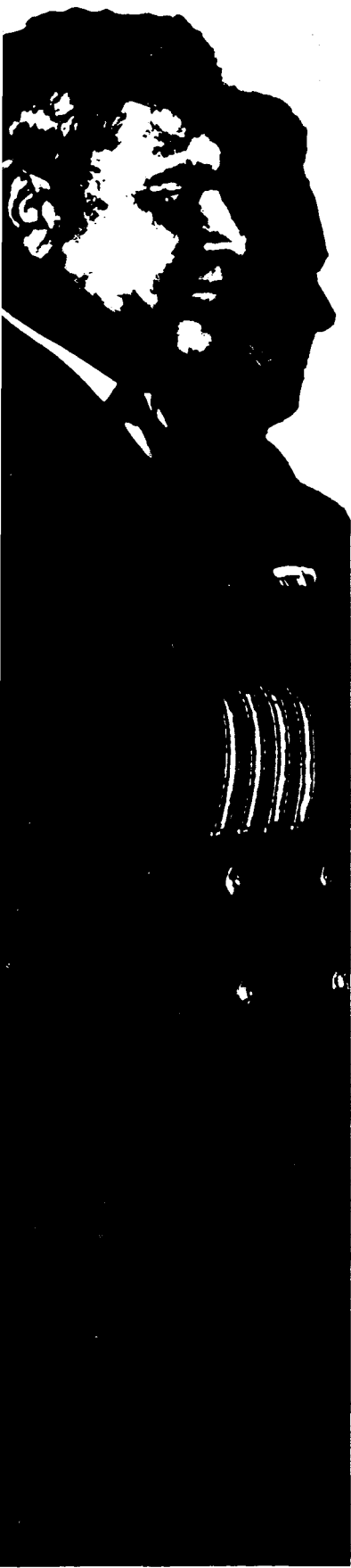
Democratic Leader Albert said Nixon had to propose spending as the Democrats already authorized to fight pollution. Sen. Clifford Case of New

en. Gaylord Nelson, D-Wis., and Nixon's plan "in terms of dollars falls short of the broad-ranging programs that are promised." And Republican Sen. Clifford Case of New

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# CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS

I regret to say that this will be the final issue of The Command Post which I regard as one of the best shipboard publications that I have encountered. In this last issue I would like to pay tribute to the members of the editorial staff, both the present and the past, for the contribution they have made to the morale, the spirit and the attitude of this fine crew.

We were all saddened and disappointed by the news of the decision to inactivate WRIGHT. While it came as a severe blow to us all, we must accept it as a judgement based upon a long considered concern for the overall goal of the Navy. The heartening aspect is that our relationship with our potential enemies is now such that the once vital function performed by this ship can, for a time at least, be discontinued.

We, who are her last crew, have a vitally important task ahead of us. This task I consider the most important mission ever assigned to a WRIGHT crew. We must place this ship in retirement in such a condition that, when she is once again called upon for service, she can be brought back into commission on short notice and quickly achieve the high standards of cleanliness, smartness and material condition for which she has a reputation throughout the fleet. When WRIGHT is again recalled to active service it will, in all probability, be a matter of urgency to get her back on the line. How quickly this can be accomplished will depend upon how well we have done our job in inactivating her. I am confident that you will approach this task with the same spirit and enthusiasm that has always prevailed in WRIGHT.

Starting with the end of this month and finishing in June, this crew will be progressively disbanded, I hope the friendships we have made with our shipmates will be lasting ones that will be renewed in the future. I feel that I have been extremely fortunate to serve for several months in this fine ship with the best crew of officers and men that I have ever been associated with. I wish each one of you the best of success and happiness in your future endeavors.



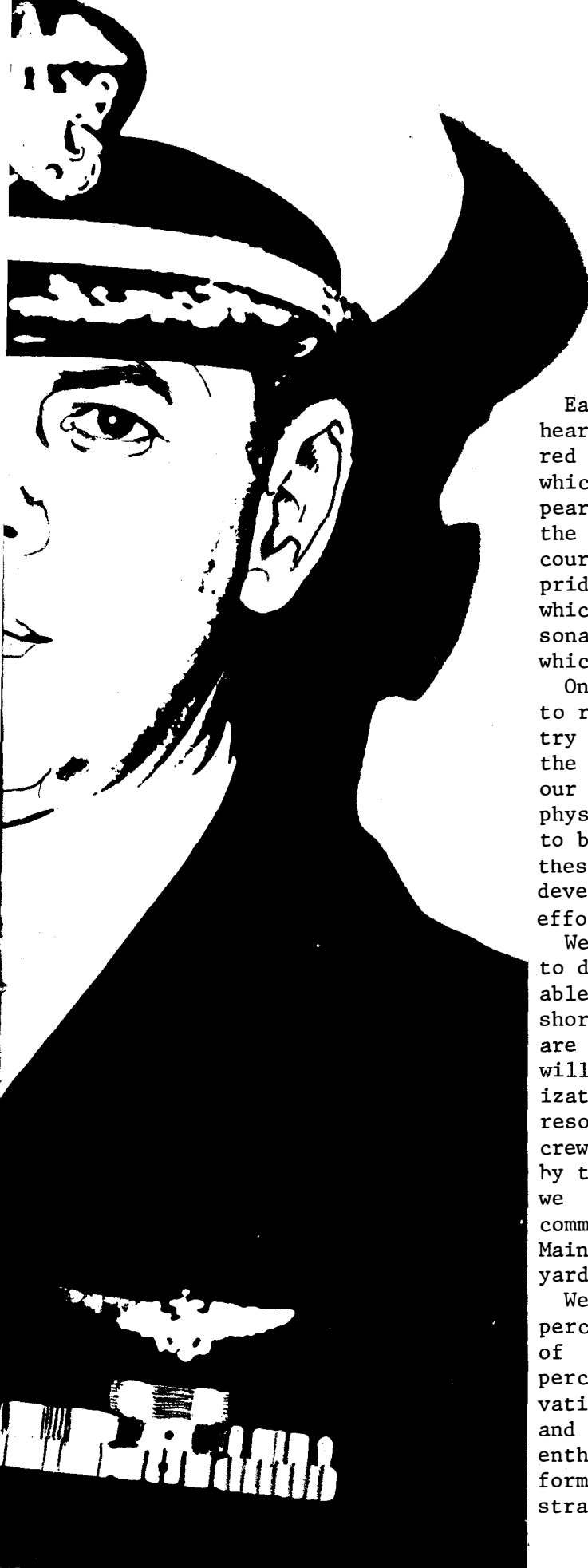
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## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REMARKS

Each of us during our service in the Navy has heard of a ship having a reputation, and referred to, as a "good ship." There are many factors which contribute to this reputation—physical appearance and condition of the ship, quality of the food served aboard, personal smartness and courtesy of the crew, mission of the ship, and pride in the ship by the crew. It is the crew which gives life to a ship and shapes its personality. The ship reflects the care and effort which the crew puts into her.

On board WRIGHT, our mission was to be ready to receive the highest authorities in our country on short notice, at anytime, and carry out the functions of a Command Center. As a result, our standards for cleanliness, military courtesy physical appearance, and equipment readiness had to be of the highest quality. You—the crew—met these requirements of the ship, and in turn, developed its reputation as a "good ship" by your efforts.

We are now faced with a new challenge—that is to deactivate WRIGHT in such a manner as to be able to bring her back into commission in the shortest possible time in the event her services are ever required again. To accomplish this will require detailed planning and full utilization of all available personnel and material resources. A modified reorganization of the crew will go into effect after our inspection by the Sub-Board of Inspection and Survey when we change our administrative and operational commander to that of the Naval Inactive Ship Maintenance Facility at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

We have a large job ahead of us with only 70 percent of the crew allowance at the beginning of the inactivation, and then dropping to 50 percent of allowance half way through inactivation period. This will be an all hands effort and I am sure it will be accomplished with the enthusiasm, competence, and professional performance which the WRIGHT crew has always demonstrated. Let's PUT WRIGHT TO BED RIGHT!!

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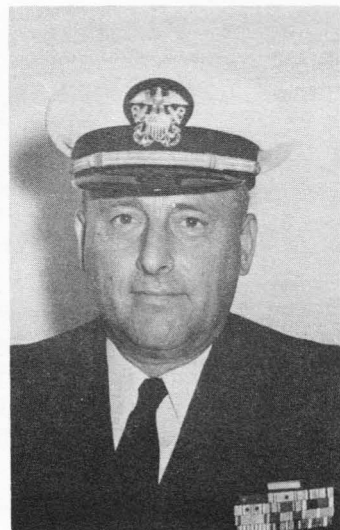
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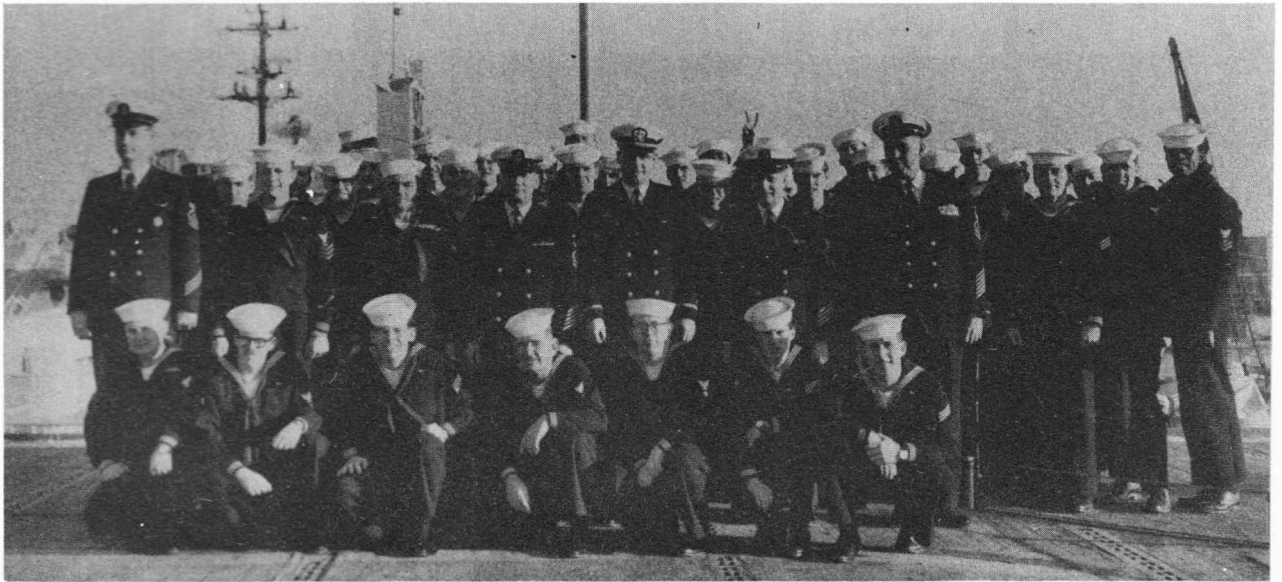
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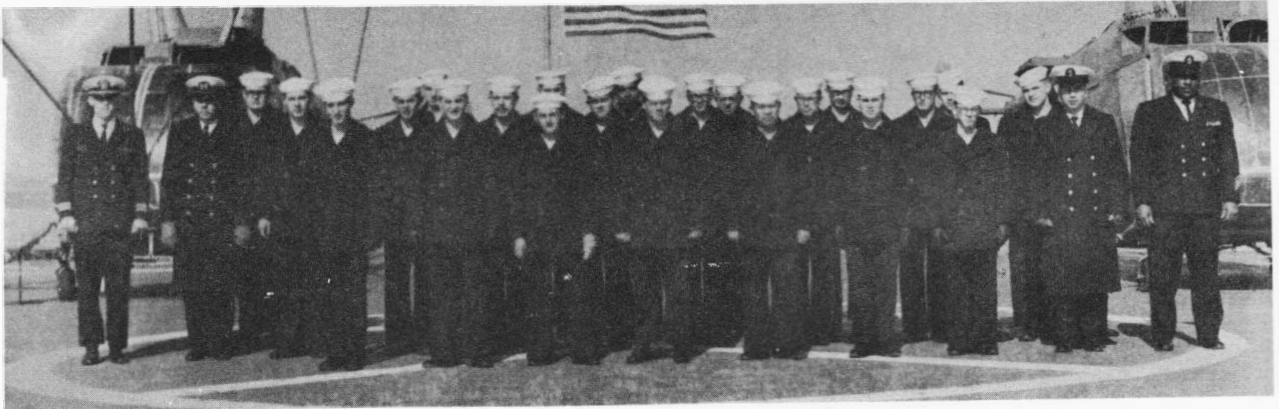
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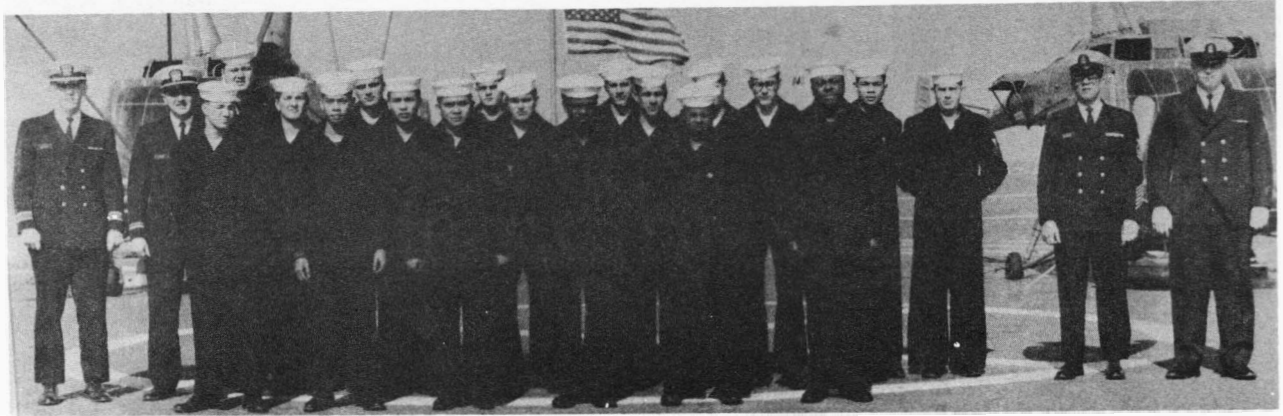
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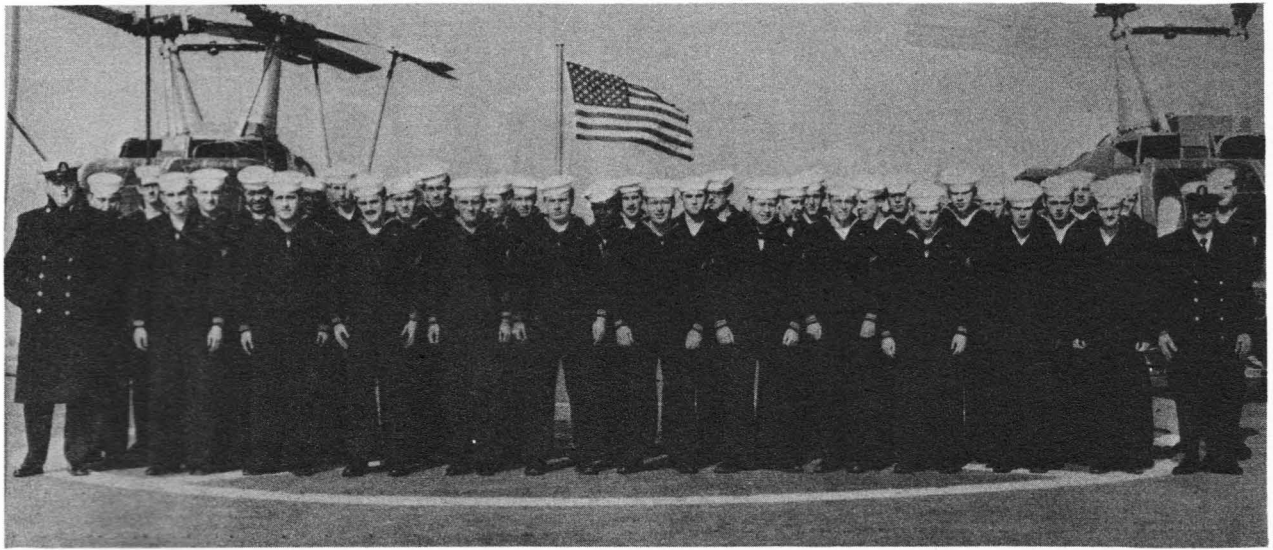
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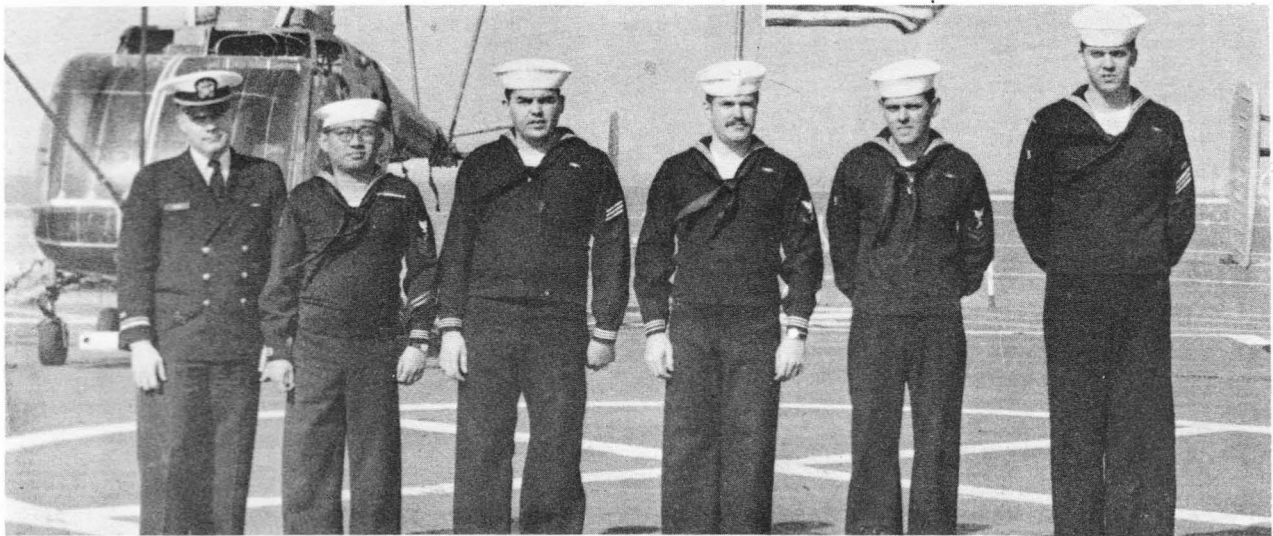
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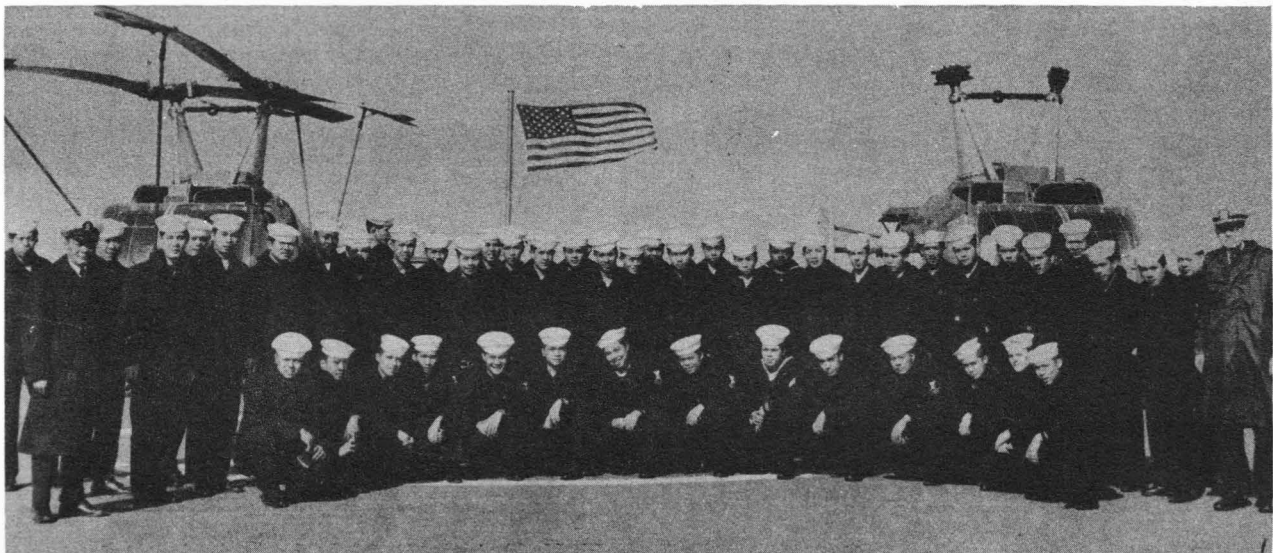
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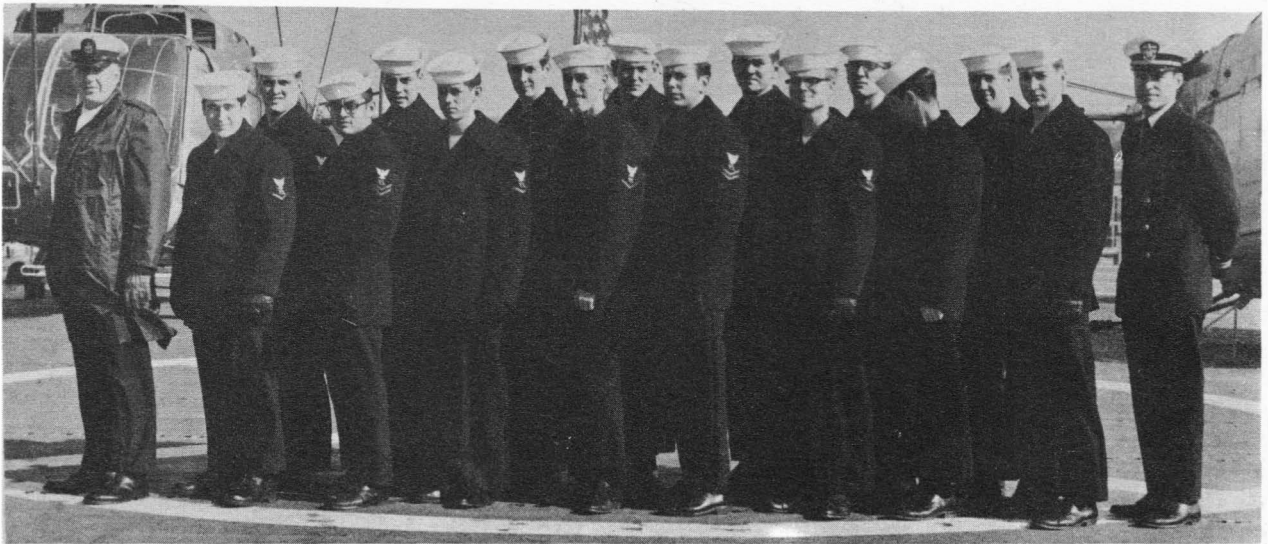
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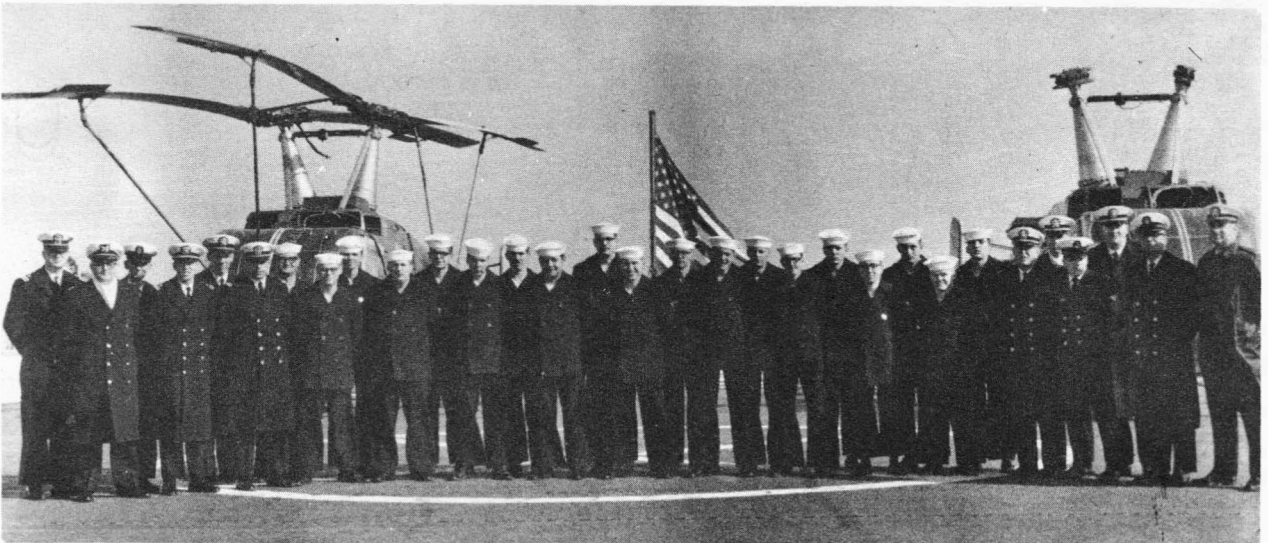
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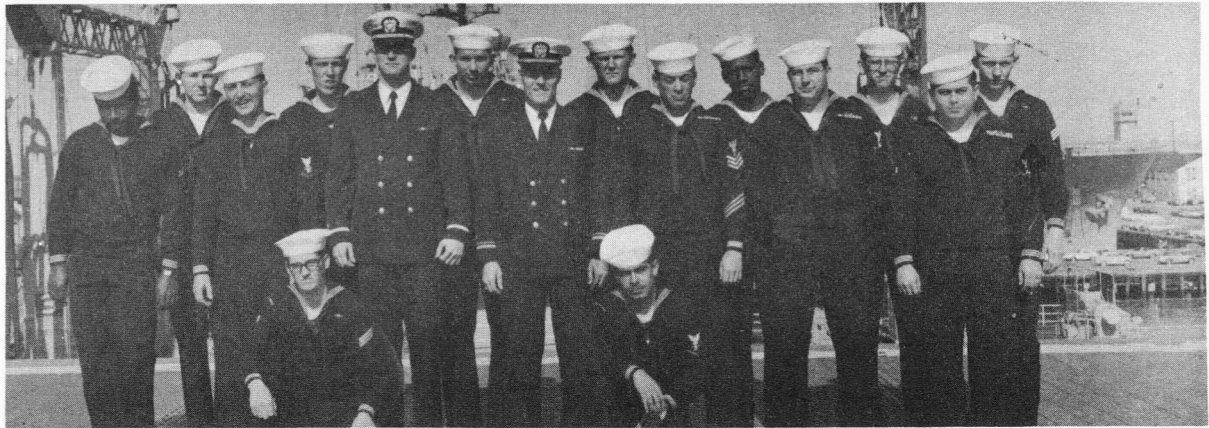
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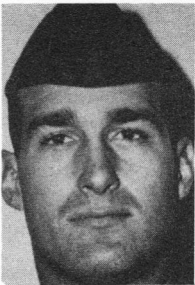
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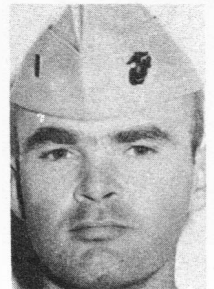


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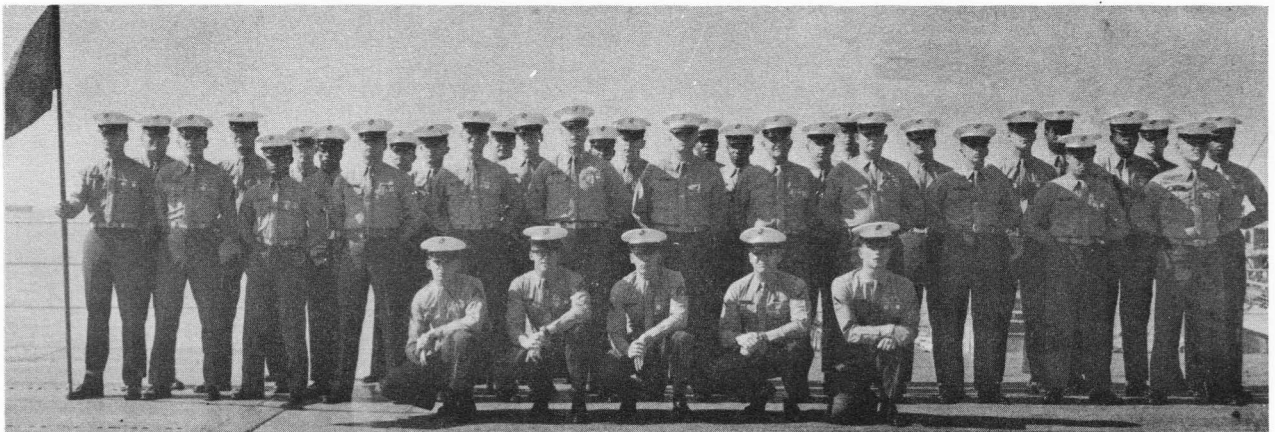


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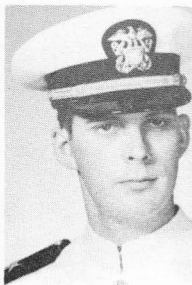


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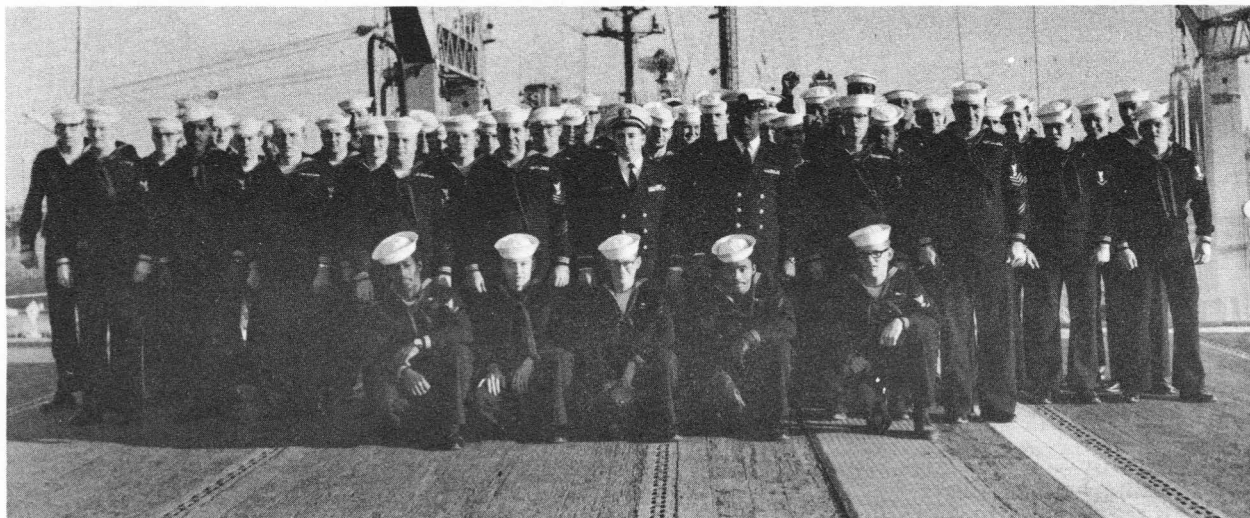
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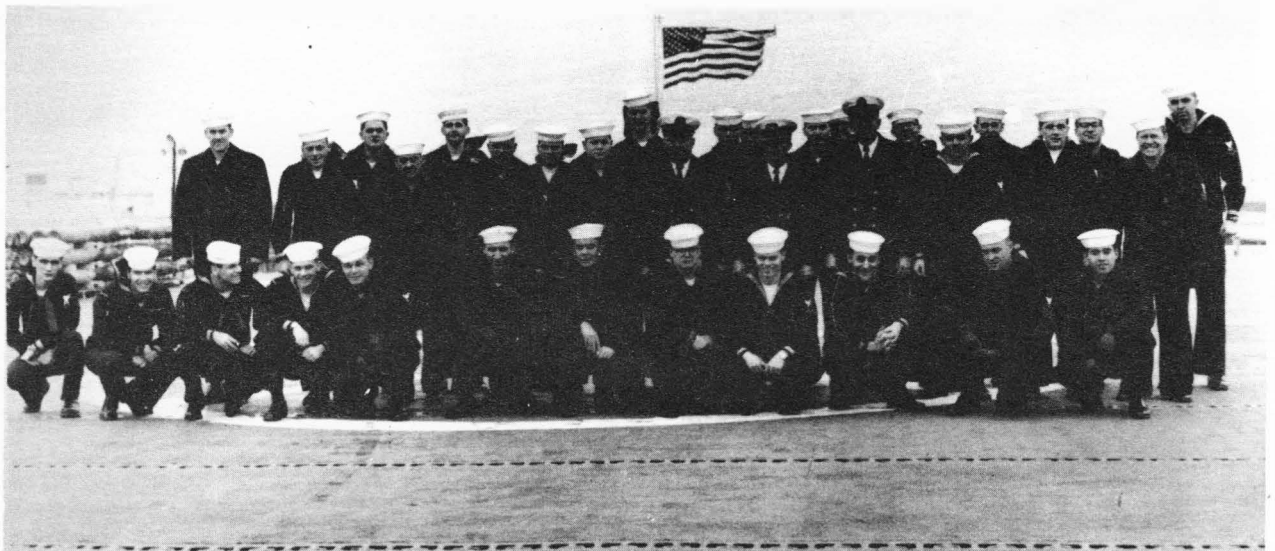




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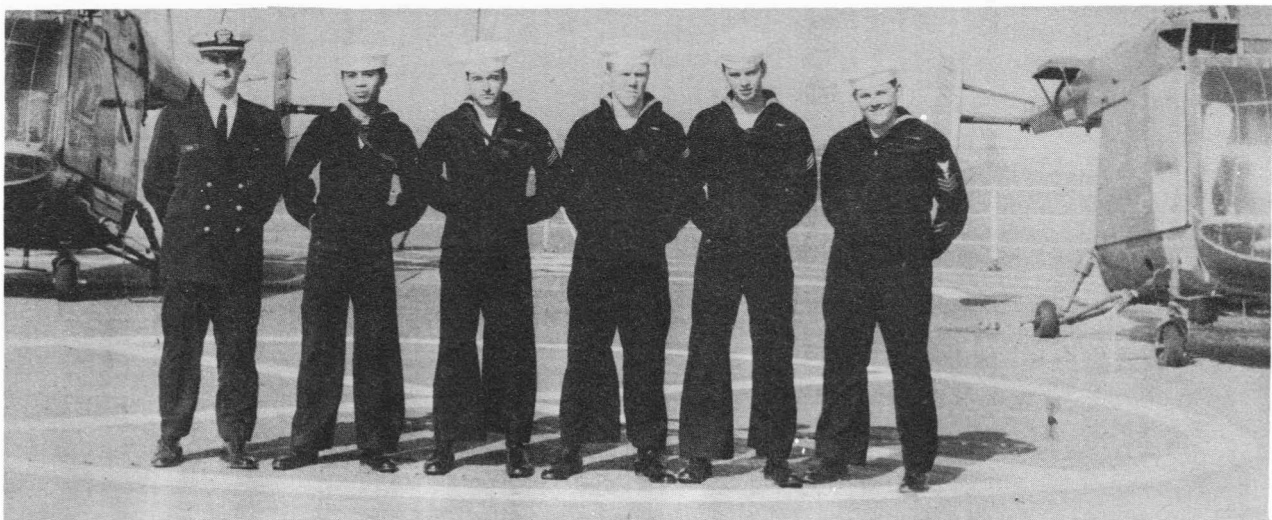


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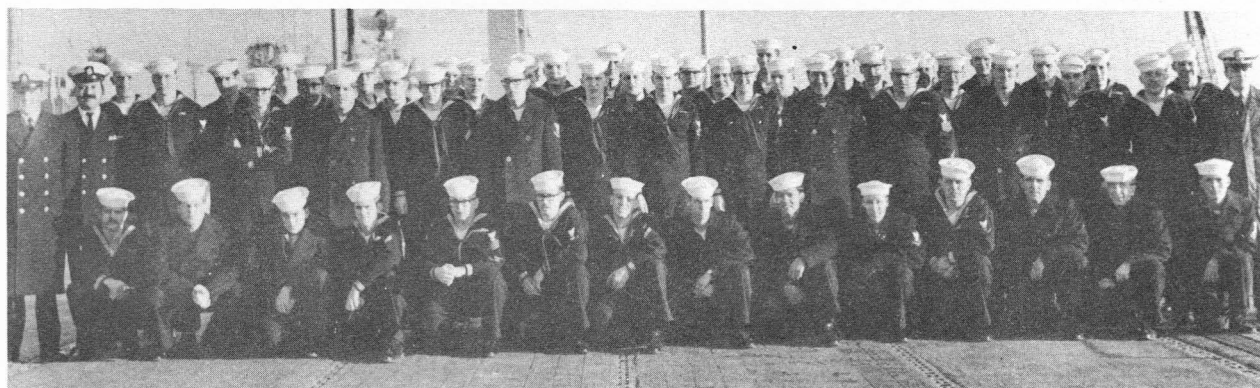
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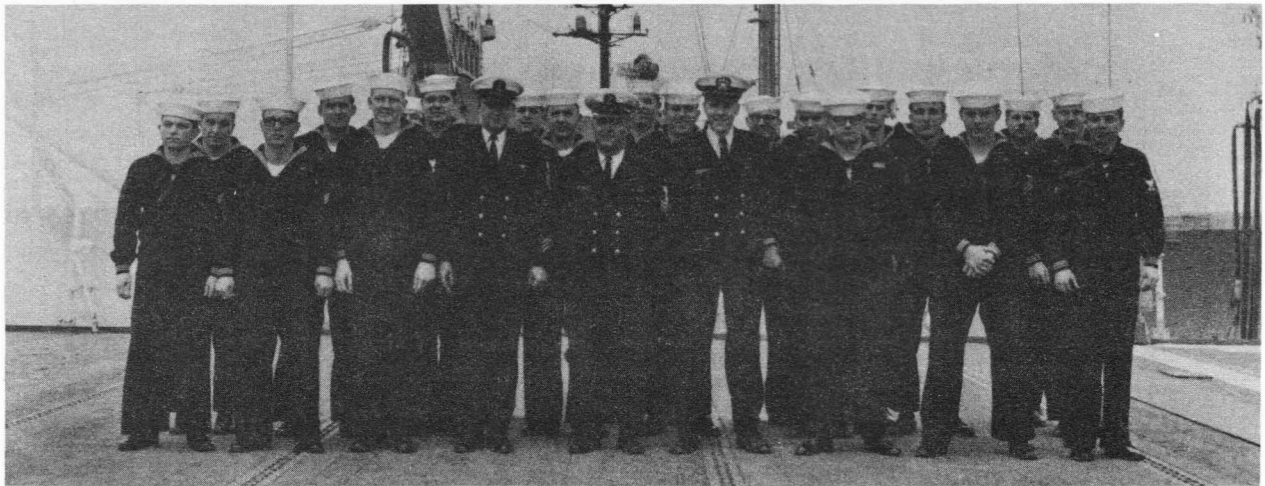
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**USS WRIGHT (CG-2)**

# MAN OF THE MONTH

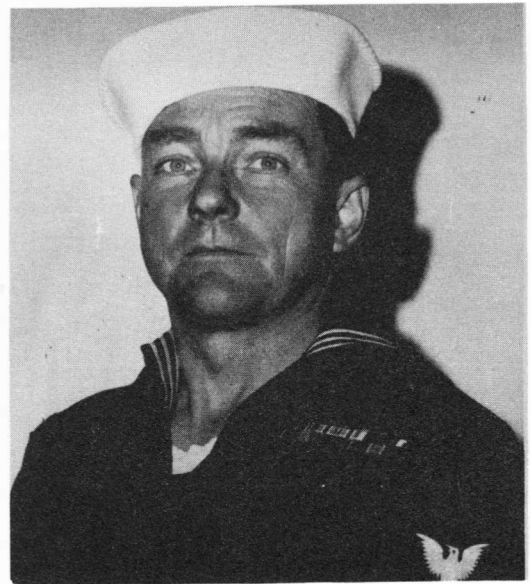
## FEBRUARY

February's Man of the Month is Yeoman First Class John Rice of X Division.

Petty Officer Rice was selected for the honor as a result of his outstanding performance, appearance and competence displayed in the Legal Office

He is the leading Petty Officer for X Division and heads the Legal Office enlisted staff.

In many instances Petty Officer Rice has devoted much of his spare time researching and presenting plans for better procedures in the military legal system.



## MARCH

For his high level of professional competence and versatility, Shipfitter (pipe) Third Class Thomas D. Squire has been selected Man of the Month for March.

Petty Officer Squire has served aboard WRIGHT for the past 25 months as a welder, section leader and police petty officer for R Division.

Presently, the R Division workload is extremely heavy and Petty Officer Squire is constantly devoting several hours of his liberty time to assist in making repairs. In the past he has willingly displayed some of the highest professional skills possible.



### Runners-up:

RM1 G. L. FORD

SN J. R. TURNER

SN C. B. COUSINS

DT3 L. T. COTTER

SN J. EDMUNDS





# WRIGHT HISTORY

The first USS WRIGHT was named in honor of Wilber Wright, and was the Navy's first aircraft tender. She was commissioned in New York on 16 December 1921 as USS WRIGHT (AZ-1).

In late 1944, WRIGHT became the flagship to Commander, Service Force, Seventh Fleet and was redesignated a "headquarters ship." Her hull number was changed to (AG-79).

On 1 February 1945 she was renamed USS SAN CLEMENTE and decommissioned on 29 May 1946 in New York.

Construction of the present WRIGHT was authorized by Congress in March 1934, however, her keel was not laid until 21 August 1944. She was launched at Camden, New Jersey on 1 September 1945, and commissioned USS WRIGHT (CVL-49) at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard on 9 February 1947.

During the next eight years WRIGHT saw service in both the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets, earning three service ribbons--The Navy Occupation Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, and the United Nations Service Medal.

After several years in the Reserve Fleet work was begun to convert WRIGHT to a Command Ship, and on 11 May 1963 she was recommissioned as USS WRIGHT (CC-2) in ceremonies at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington.

During the trip to her new home port of Norfolk, Virginia, WRIGHT passed through the Panama Canal on 9 December 1963 and officially changed to the operational command of the Commander-in-Chief, United States Atlantic Fleet.

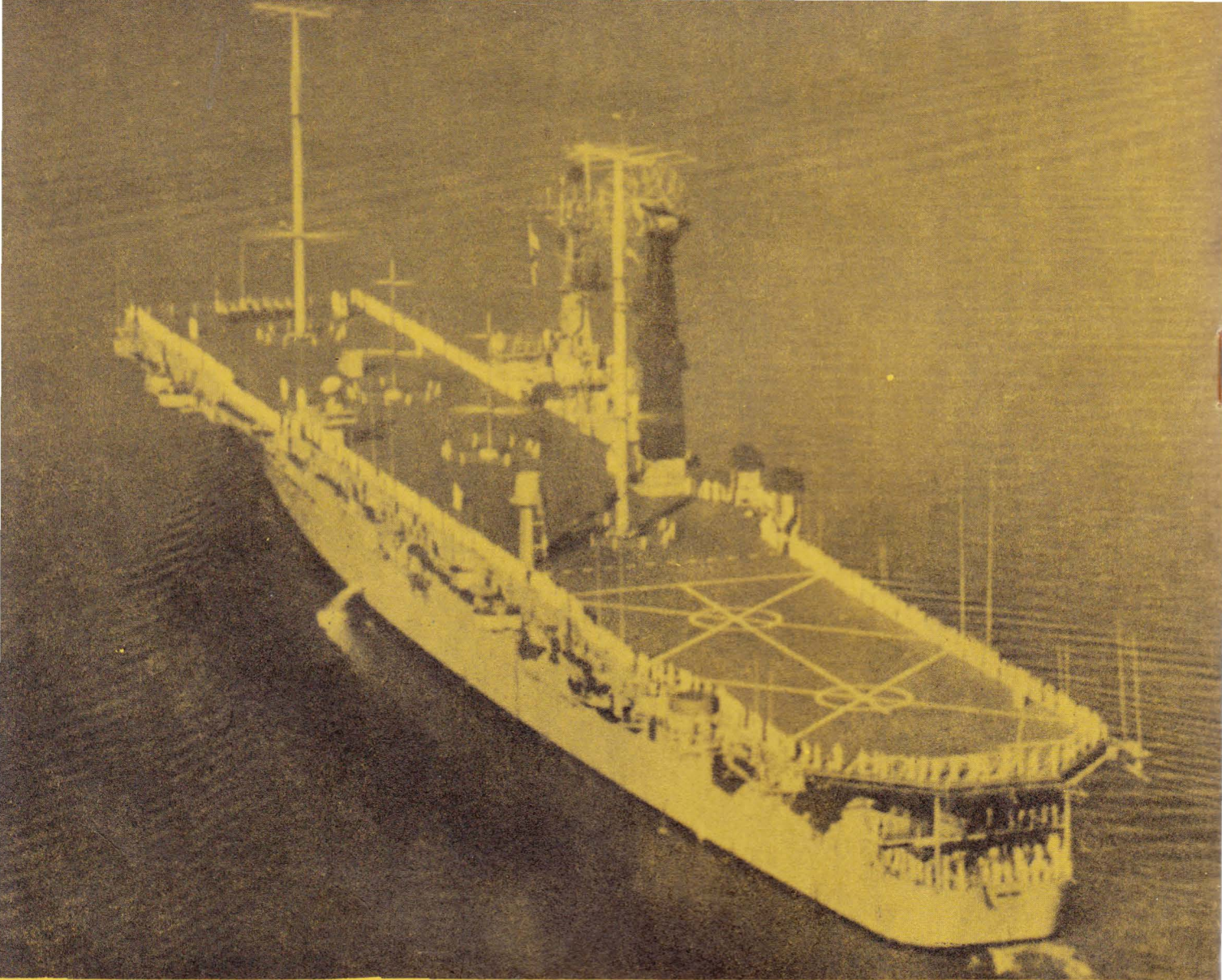
Since being homeported in Norfolk, WRIGHT has conducted routine operations in the Atlantic, visiting such ports as Fort Lauderdale, Boston and New York regularly.

As part of the Navy's "Project 703," WRIGHT has joined the list of ships to be deactivated. By mid-1970, the WRIGHT will be phased out.

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