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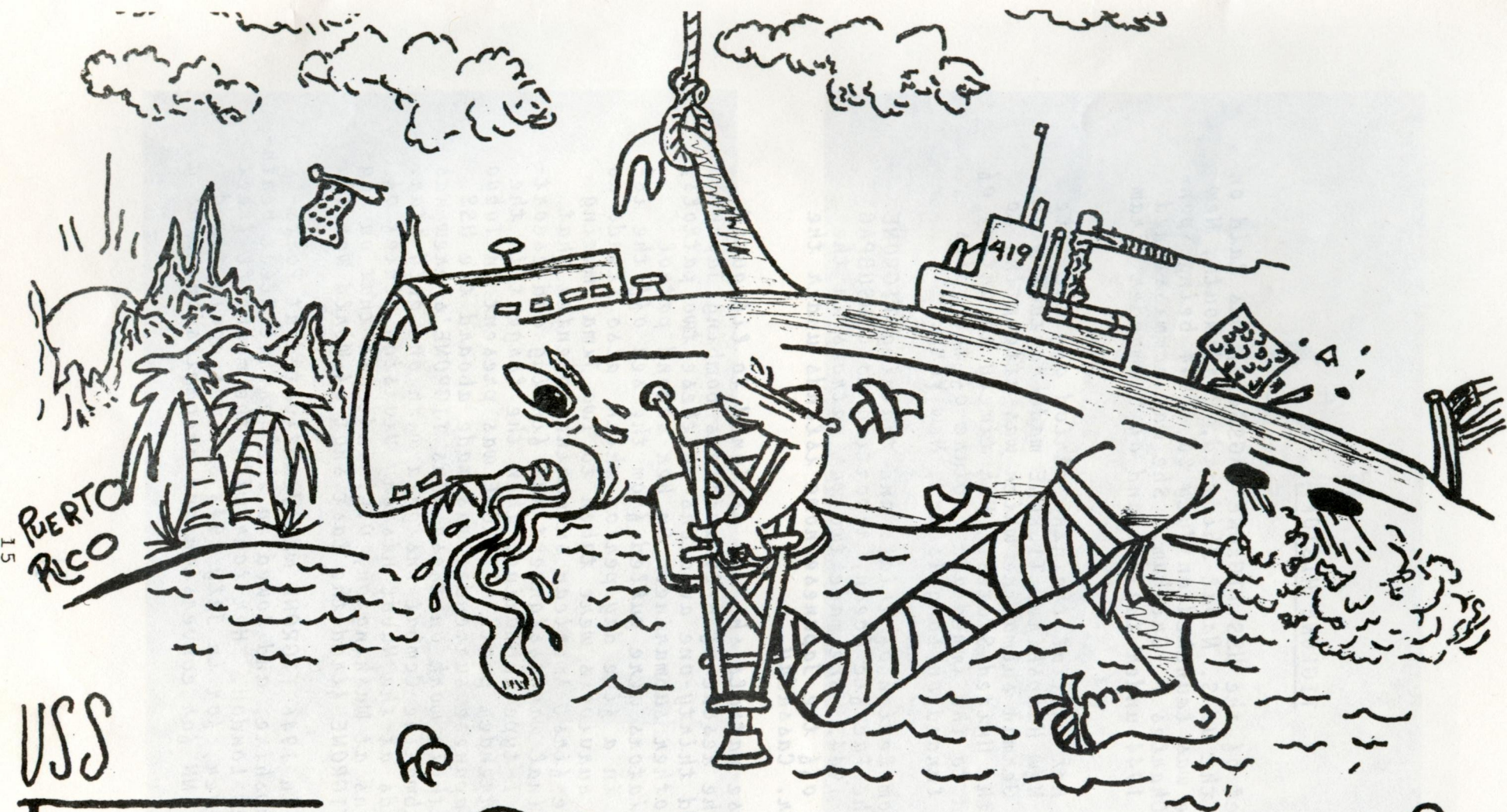
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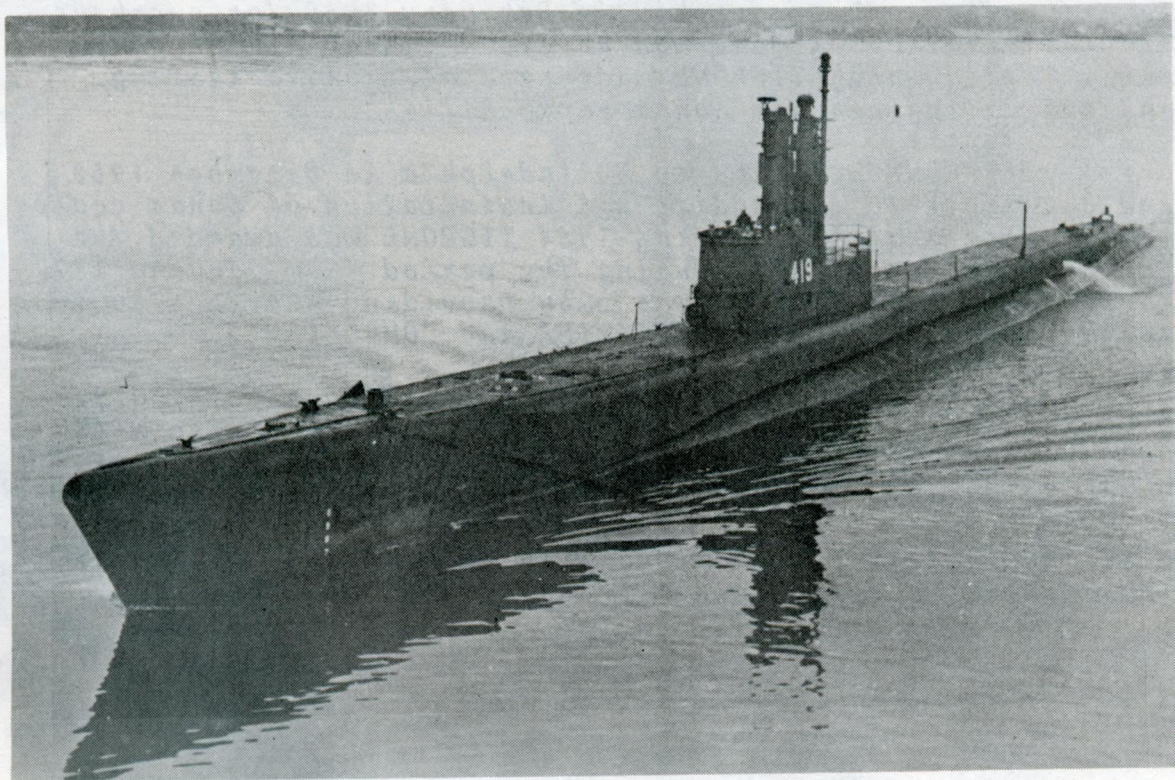
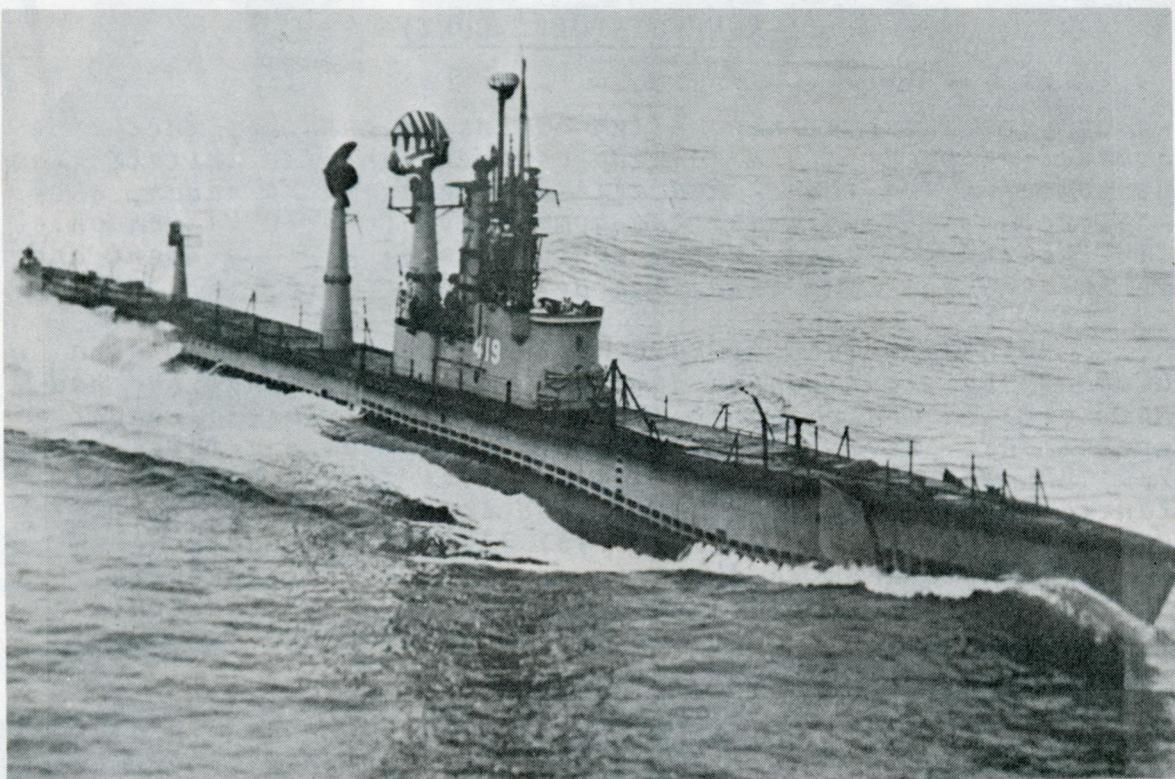
The keel of the USS TIGRONE (AGSS419) was laid on May 8, 1944 at the U. S. Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. She was launched on July 20, 1944 being sponsored by Mrs. Charles F. Grisham. She was commissioned on October 25, 1944 under the command of Commander Hiram Cassaday, USN.

During her initial training period off the Isle of Shoales off New Hampshire, TIGRONE made contact with and shadowed a German submarine which was attempting to land spies in the United States. Her timely reporting of the contact led to the immediate capture of the spies when they were landed on Long Island, New York.

Upon completion of trials and training TIGRONE proceeded to the Pacific Ocean, reporting to COMSUBPAC about December 1944. She made two war patrols in the North Pacific, off the Japanese home islands under the command of Cmdr. Cassaday.

On these patrols she was assigned to lifeguard missions for the rescue of B-29 aviators bombing Japan. TIGRONE rescued thirty-one aviators on these two patrols, more than any other submarine. On her second patrol twenty-nine aviators were pulled from the sea off the island of Honshu in a five day period which also stands as a record. The survivors were taken to Iwo Jima, making the TIGRONE the first American submarine to enter that harbor. Her final war assignment was finding and escorting a Japanese I-type submarine, then the largest in the world, to a surrender port. TIGRONE was present in Tokyo Bay when the Japanese surrender was made aboard the USS MISSOURI. For their work on these runs TIGRONE's crew was awarded the Submarine Combat Insignia with one gold star. Official records at the Naval History Division, Chief of Naval Operations at Washington, D.C. indicate that on August 13, 1945 TIGRONE fired the last shot of World War II.

Early in 1946 TIGRONE was deactivated at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and towed to the reserve fleet berthing area in New London. Her tour with the mothball fleet was short however, for in July 1948 she was again towed to Portsmouth, NH for conversion and recommissioning as a



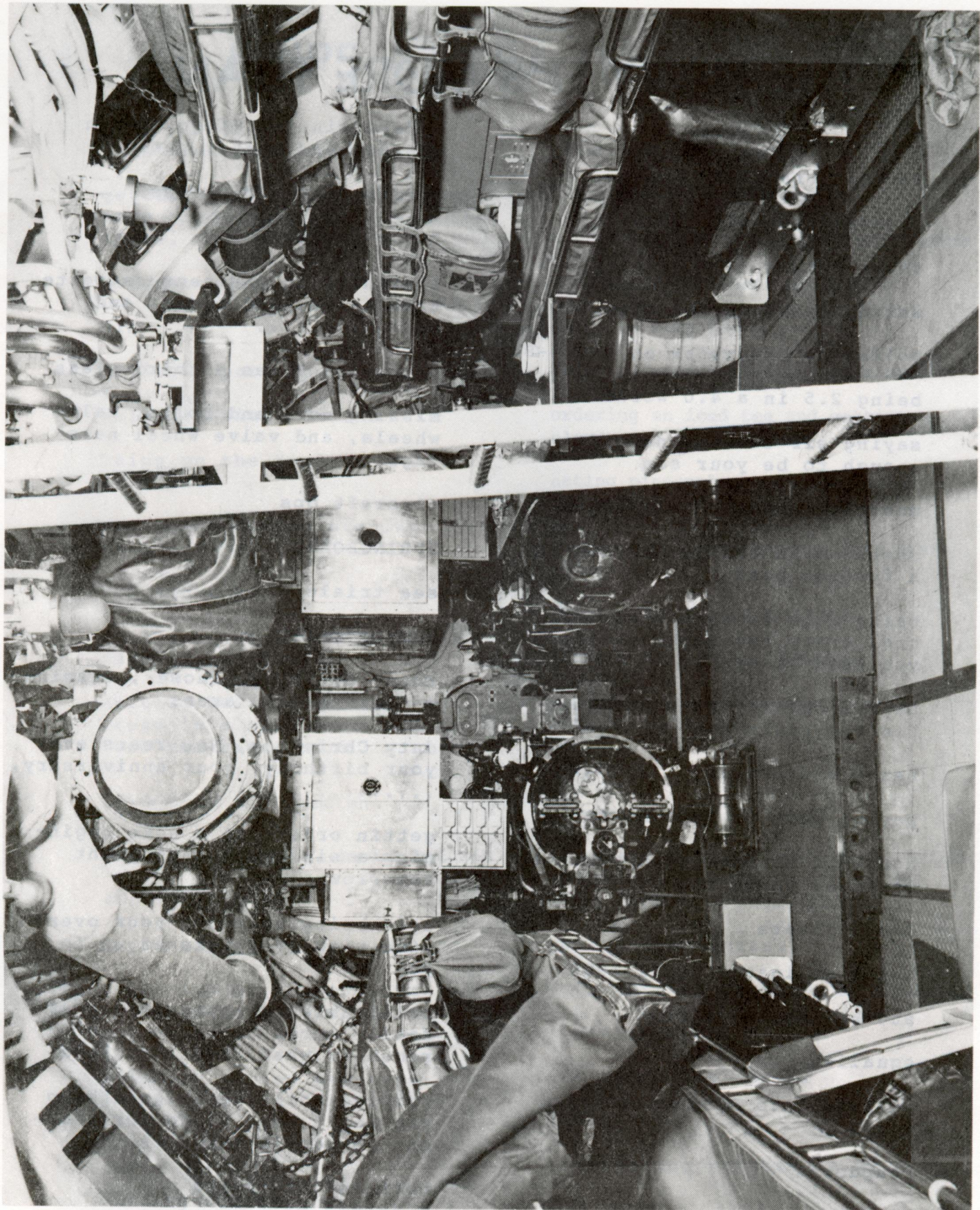
radar picket submarine. After extensive changes, including removal of part of her torpedo armament and the installation of powerful air search and altitude determining radar, she was recommissioned under the command of Cmdr. C.V. Gordon. TIGRONE then engaged in the evaluation of new equipment and techniques for long range air defense.

In July 1953 TIGRONE rescued the entire crew of a Navy AD Skyraider forced down at sea, proving that she had not lost her wartime ability in this vital phase of naval operations. From 1948 to 1957 TIGRONE steamed a total of 220,000 miles while making four cruises to the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean Areas and several cruises to the Caribbean Areas. In October 1957 TIGRONE was again deactivated and placed in the reserve fleet at Philadelphia. She was recommissioned on March 10, 1962 at Philadelphia where she underwent overhaul and conversion.

On December 1, 1963 TIGRONE was reclassified an AGSS, and entered the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard in January 1964 for the addition of experimental sonar equipment. In June 1964 TIGRONE was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" for overall operational and administrative excellence. TIGRONE conducted operations in the Western Atlantic prior to returning to Philadelphia in February 1965 for overhaul and installation of more modern experimental sonar equipment. After which TIGRONE made several cruises testing and evaluating her new sonar capabilities.

TIGRONE returned to Philadelphia in December 1968 and January 1970 for additional installation of sonar equipment. Once again in June of 1964 TIGRONE was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E". During the period from January 1970 to February 1972 TIGRONE was busy providing services to the NAVAL UNDERSEA SYSTEMS CENTER and COMSUBLANT.

In February 1972 TIGRONE deployed on a joint U.S.-U.K. oceanographic operation in the Eastern Atlantic with HMS GRAMPUS. In June 1972 TIGRONE entered the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for overhaul. Since completion of overhaul TIGRONE has participated in two Operation Springboard exercises and numerous operations with the NAVAL UNDERSEA SYSTEMS CENTER to evaluate new sonar systems and techniques.



THE NAVY IT'S MORE THAN

A _____ Circus

Becoming racially aware

promised schools/leave

shore duty

waxing decks on the midwatch

polishing brasswork on the 4-8

being 2.5 in a 4.0 world

saying sir to someone old
enough to be your son

monthly reports

catching an exotic disease in
a foreign port

being able to take a shower
once every two weeks whether
you need it or not

always having the right tool
for the right job

being visit ship

paying rent at the DELMAR

hours of boredom with moments
of sheer panic

dream sheets

being obligated until 1980

snorkeling at 70 feet

equalizer charges

pulling into Roosevelt Roads
again

Soupdowns

Riders getting seetime

riders winning Bingo, punch
boards, and anchor pools

thirty year old movies

50°up angles

listening to the same cassette
tape again, and again, and
again

back when I was a third class

missing nuts and bolts, valve
wheels, and valve wheel name
tags

aircraft ops

SPRINGBOARD

sea trials

bumper drills

roomy berthing, shower, messing,
and recreation areas

duty Christmas, New Years eve,
your birthday, your anniversary,
.....

gettin orders to a nuke begin-
ning a six month deployment
tomorrow

it's being paid for your over-
time with I'll make it up to
you

being able to appreciate your
family more.....if you can
remember what they look like

smiling while doing something
you don't want to do for some-
one you don't like

port and starboard

0000 - 0500 cleanups prior
to entering port

SHIPS AT SEA IT'S.....

crankcase explosions

getting your allotted allowance of dungarees, workshirts, shoes, and coveralls

brown baggers

NIS

having a part in supply (maybe)

well organized drills

being on the X. O.'s shitlist

surfacing during evening meal

POD notes

little known about and less cared about facts

getting half defrosted ice cream in a bowl just removed from the rinse sink

fresh bread and tunafish

messcooking, oiling, seaman watches

anchor pools

uniform changes

being moored at pier two and providing linehandlers to pier 31

priority action messages concerning weather at 0200

first below deck's watch

filling out work requests

radar tests sat (maybe)

doing pre-underway checks

a free rollercoaster ride for 36 hours

working at the chart pool

going to shop 13

drinking your coffee out of a bowl

ordering an iced tea and getting a blonde and one

eating pineapples and coconuts on the bridge

dumping trash and garbage in a state five sea

running out of plastic bags

blowing sanitaries submerged

modern up-to-date equipment and support available

jury-rigs

jam sessions in multipath

Non-quals sleeping in multipath, transmitter room, escape trunk, aft MG room, forward MG room, plot,.....

watering batteries

duty section lectures and drills

loading stores

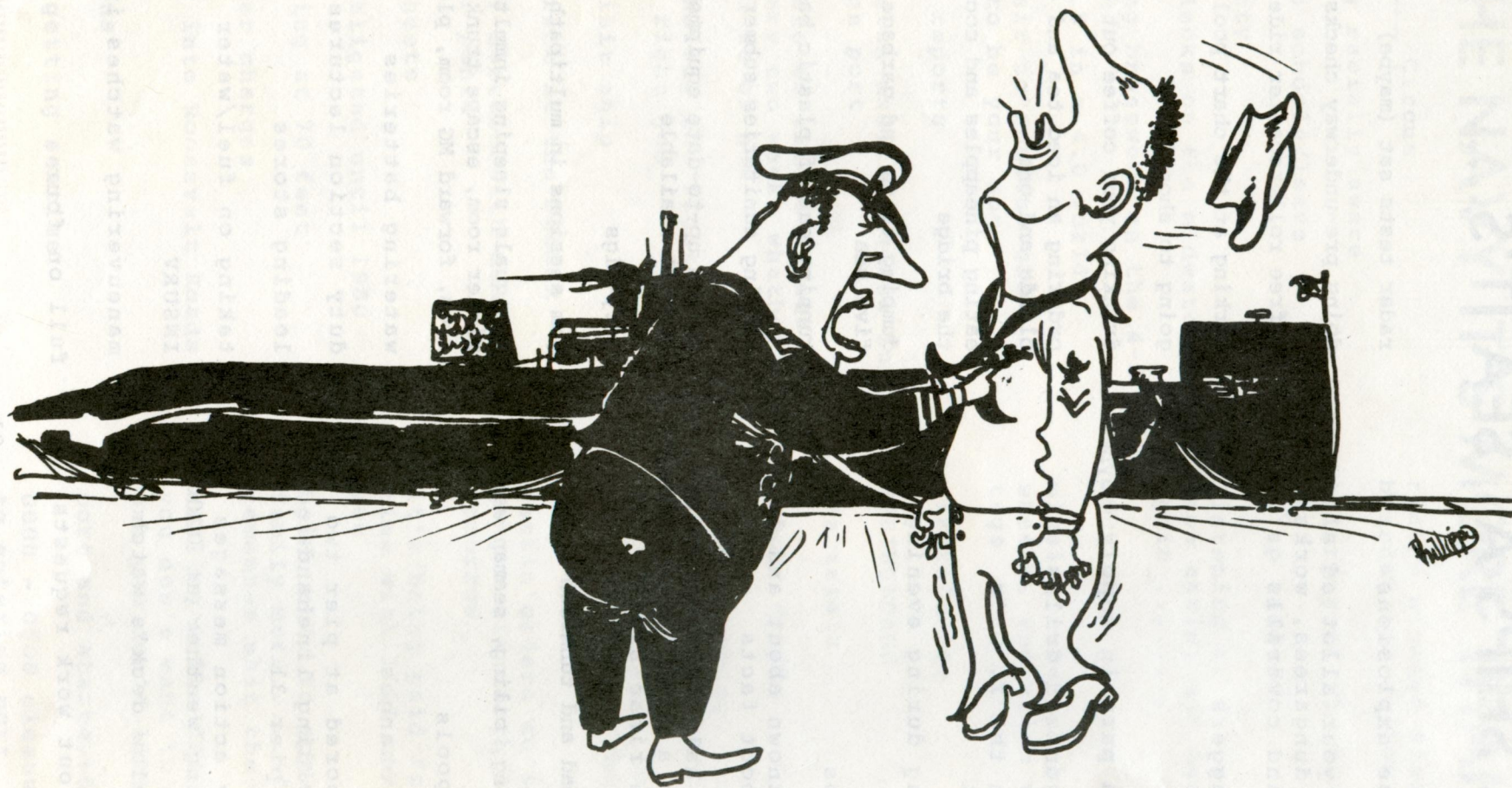
taking on fuel/water

INSURV

maneuvering watches in winter

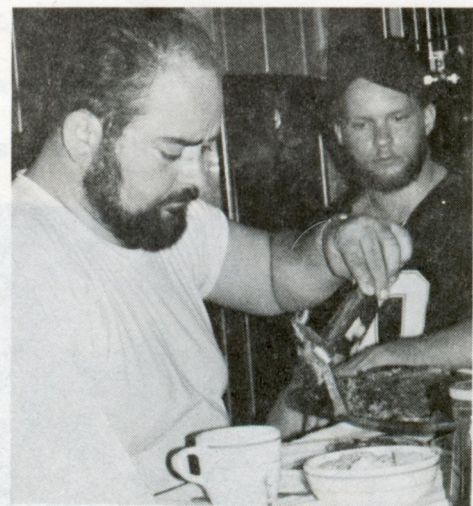
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"GETTING
QUALIFIED?"



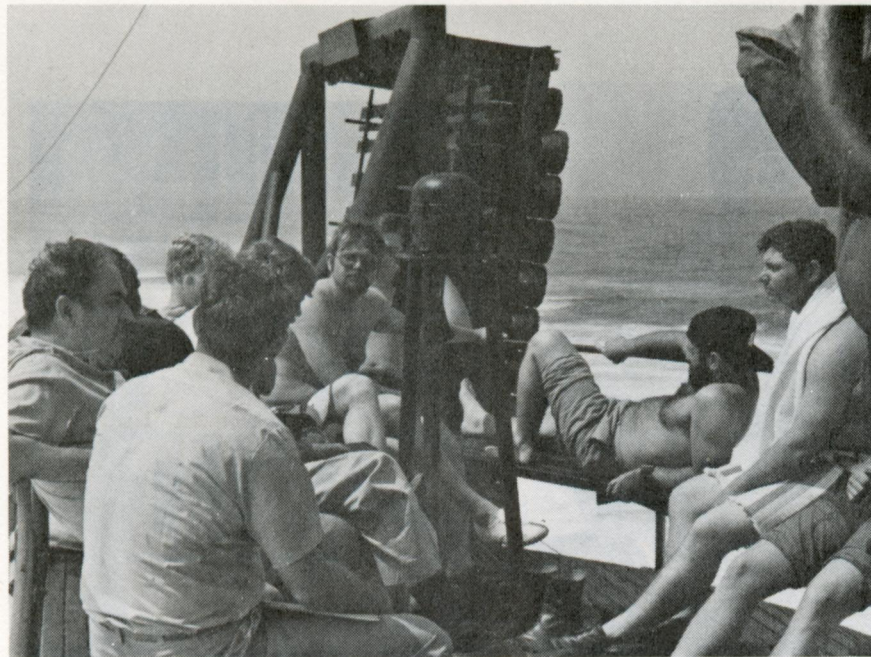
"STOP BLUBBERING. THERE STERILIZED"

Will the real 4.0
performer please standup



Well, lets start on the
second twenty pounds





People spend thousands of dollars a day for times like this

