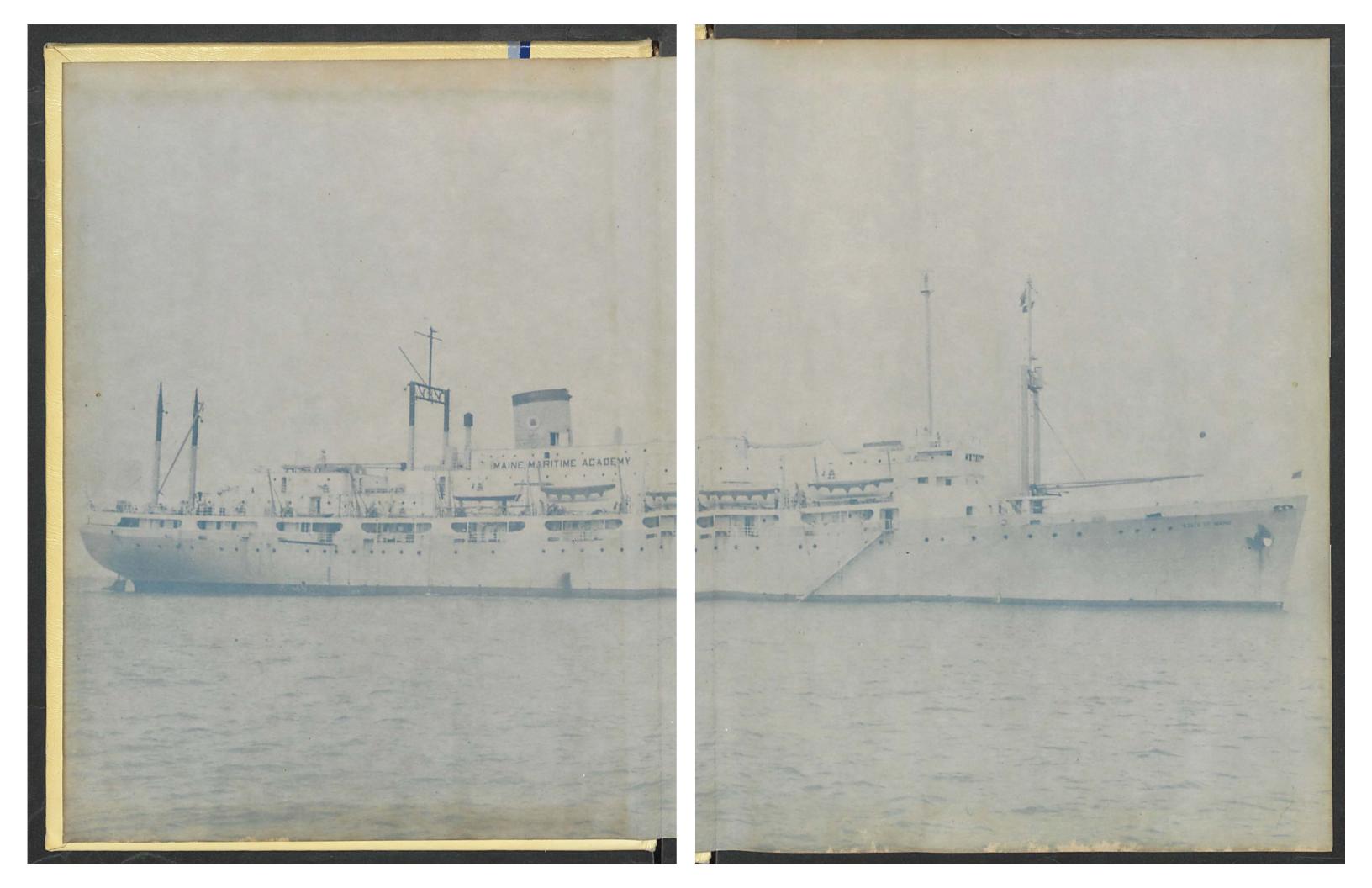
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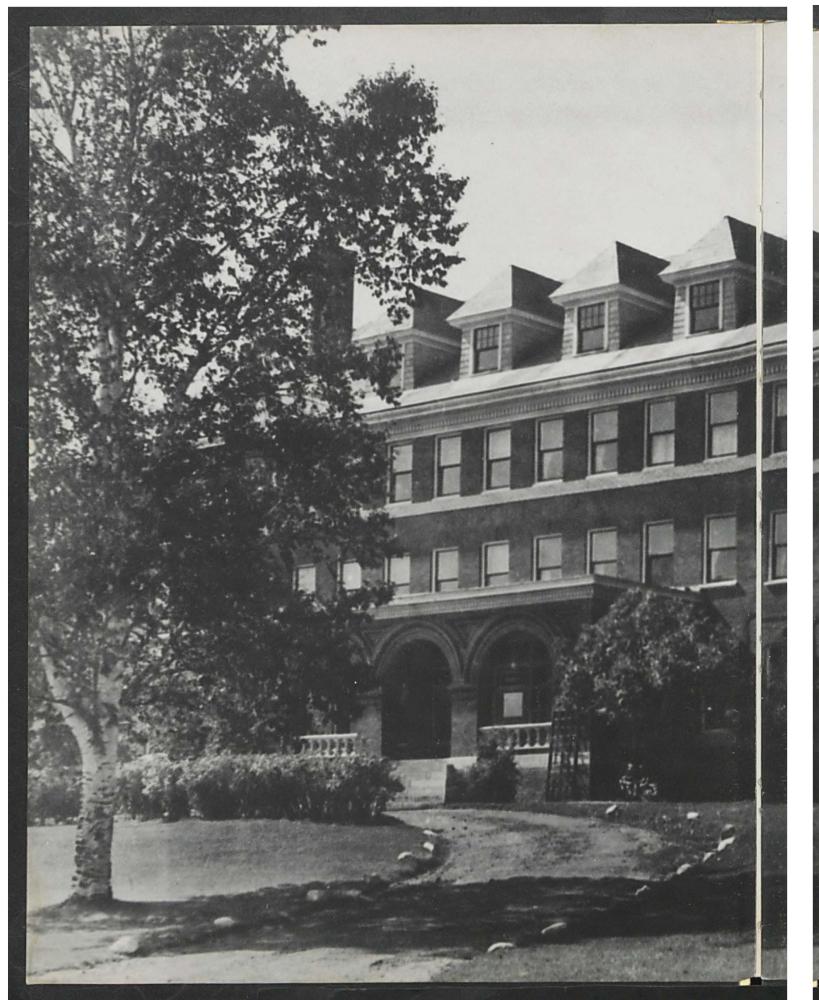
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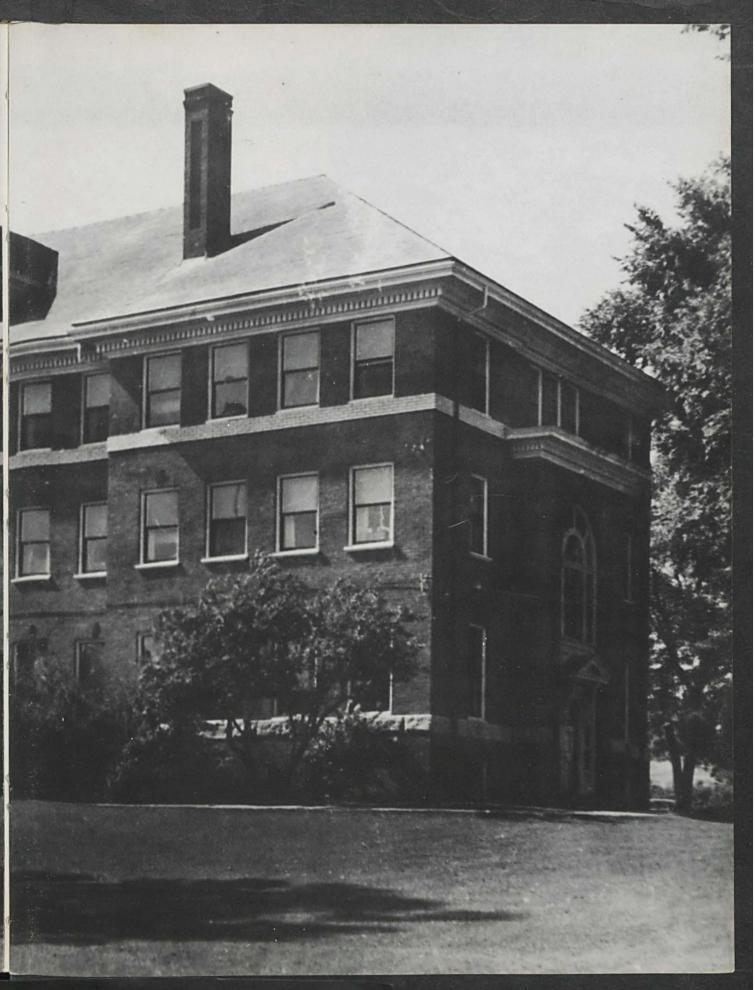
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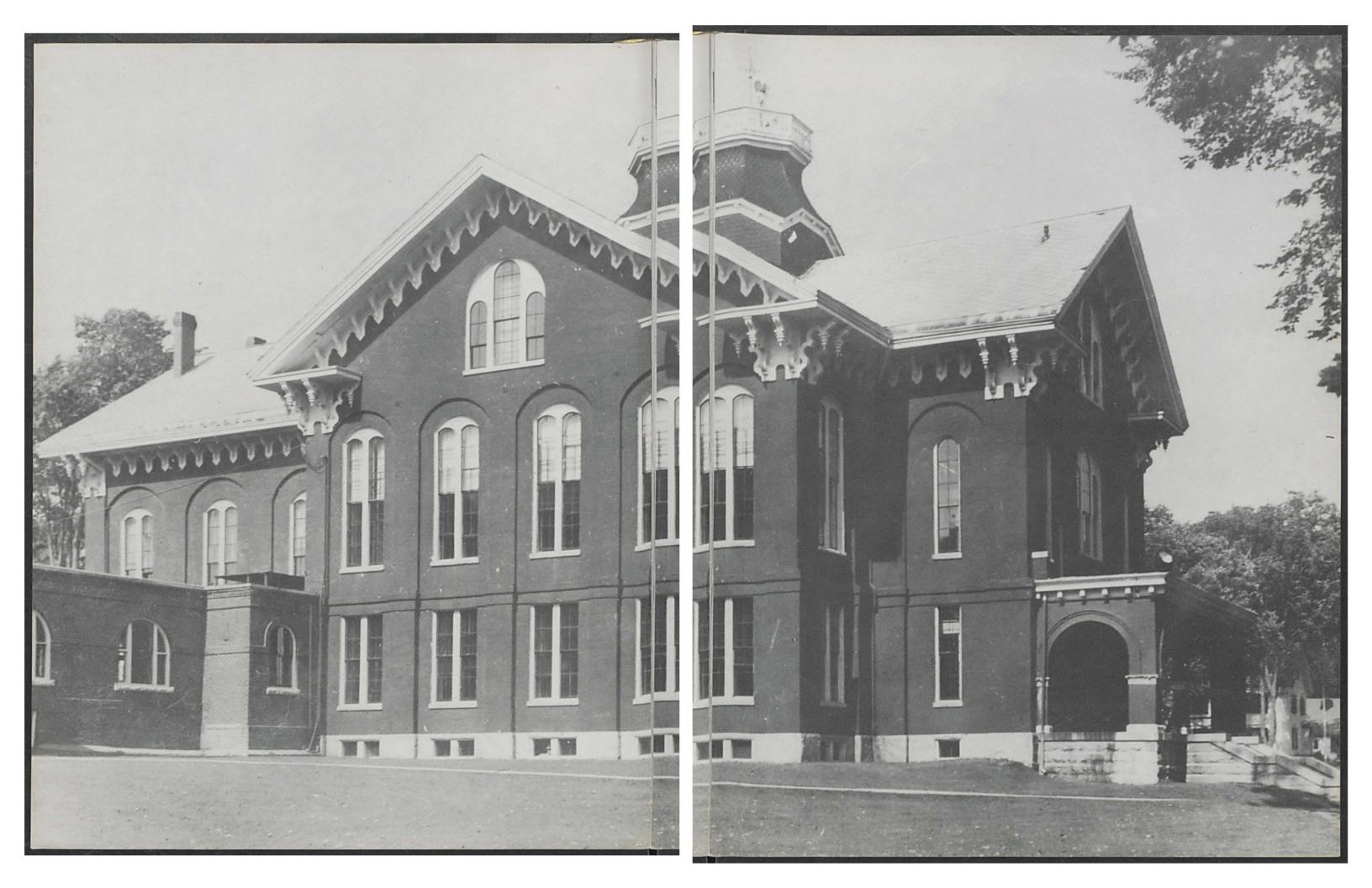
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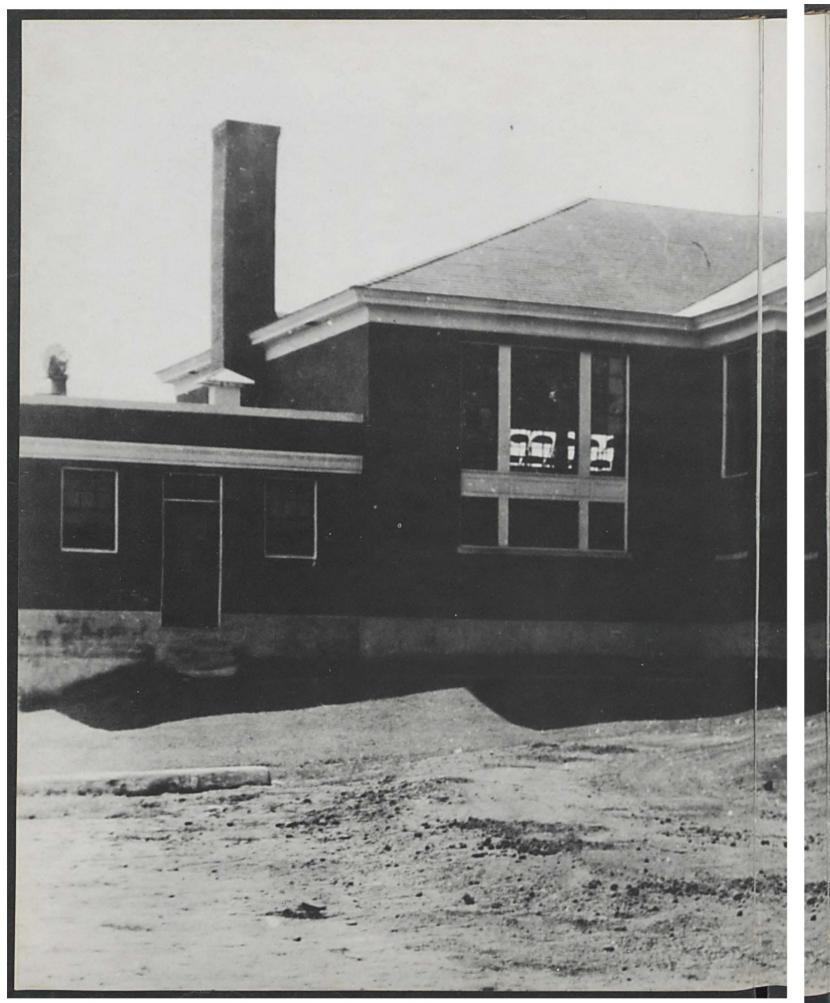
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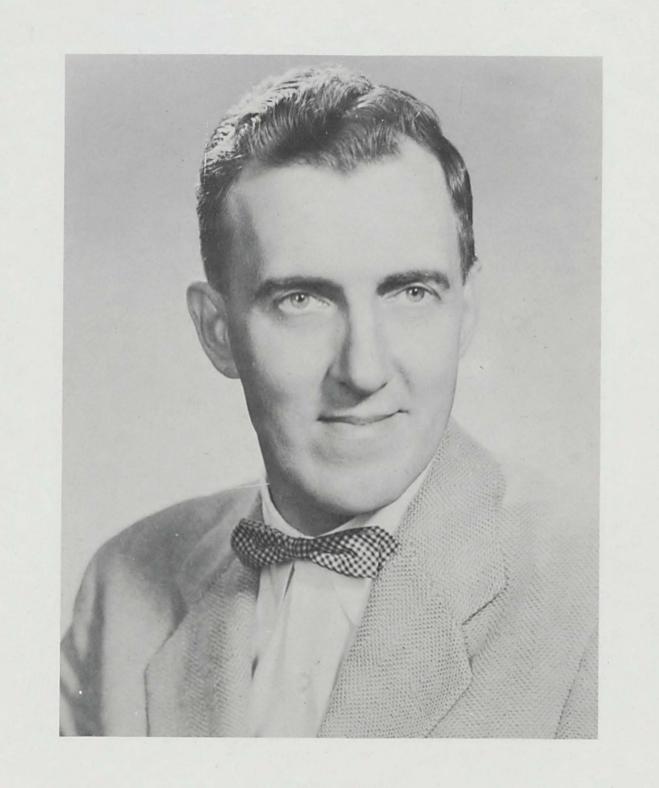
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Dedication

The class of '55 proudly dedicates this book to Lcdr. Davis E. Jameson the Commissioned Battalion Officer, who has shown us the finest example of leadership and justice desirable in an officer.





EDMUND S. MUSKIE



STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EDMUND S. MUSKIE

February 17, 1955

TO THE GRADUATING GLASS OF THE MAINE MARTTIME ACADEMY:

As your student days draw to a close, this book will always be for you a symbol of unity and comradeship that will last forever.

Men of the sea are a major influence in guiding the destiny of our country and I know that you will carry on the splendid tradition which the seafaring men of Maine have established on every ocean.

Good sailing !

Governor Edmund S. Muskie



WILLIAM W. WARLICK
Rear Admiral USN, (Ret.)
Superintendent

MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY CASTINE, MAINE



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

11 June 1955

A FAREWELL TO THE CLASS OF 1955:

The Academy bids farewell to you of the Class of 1955 as you leave to take your places in the life and history of our State and Country. We give you with pride to the services at sea, for we know your character and quality.

The experience you have gained in cruising and maintaining your training ship will prove most valuable to you in your future duties at sea. This experience together with the instruction you have received in the classrooms have given you the foundation upon which you will build your career.

Remember that you have been trained for a life of leadership and that your associates will look to you for leadership. Capacity for leadership is largely a state of mind and must be cultivated. The exercise of leadership is a skill and must be developed by practice. Therefore, take every opportunity to improve your capacity for, and your skill in leadership.

You are the seventh class graduating from this Academy to have completed three years of training and to have received a degree of Bachelor of Marine Science upon graduation. You, like the members of the preceding six classes, will demonstrate at sea the superior training you have thus received. The eyes of the Alumni, the Maritime industry, and the people of our State will be upon you.

Those of us who know you have confidence in your courage and your ability to meet this test, and to earn for yourselves success and happiness despite the obstacles which are sure to beset you. Our best wishes go with you.

W. W. Warlick Rear Admiral USN (Ret.) Superintendent.

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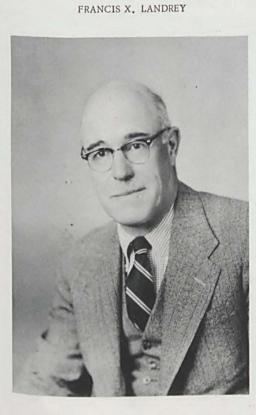
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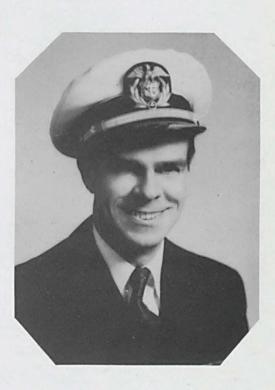
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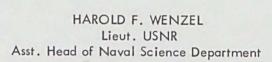


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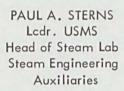
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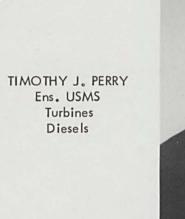


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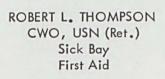


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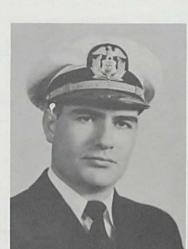
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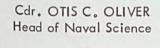


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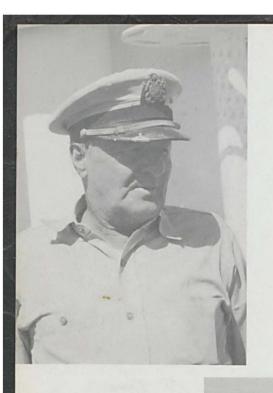


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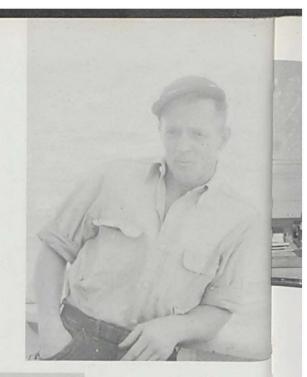


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B-Co.

MURRAY RAYMOND BILLINGTON Bangor, Maine

The Bangor-Bandit went there every <u>WEEK</u>. He also liked going to the shipyard in Portland. This is no great mystery because the Bangor Barber had many obliging commitments on Chio Street. Always a conscientious student, Murray found an easy path through our mathematical stumbling blocks. His quick calculations in Room 1 rescued many a middle from the mines of nautical oblivion. One of the most energetic members of D-1, he was a fiery participant of all its intramural activities.

Bill, also, was a member of the select group of M.M.A. Barbers and many a lock fell to his fast moving shears, for he would cut a man's hair regardless of his own plans. This unselfishness and boundless energy are sure to be a credit to any ship or shore Murray lands on.



Basketball
Drill Squad
Intramural Sports
Propeller Club
Sailing Club
Barber
Coxswain
Smokers



Engine



B-Co.

JAMES MERRITT BLENKHORN, JR. Bangor, Maine

Jim was always ready for a good time, a party, or liberty. But nevertheless when work had to be done Jim was always there. During his senior cruise he was first assistant engineer. Whether it was throwing a generator into line or doing deck plates he had the know-how and saw to it that his men did too.

Jim always loved to listen to jokes and stories and most always had a good store of them to tell himself. We are sure that with his determination and ability to do a job right he will be an asset to any company.



B-1 Platoon Leader
First Assistant
Intramural Sports
Propeller Club
Drill Squad
Basketball
Smokers
Golf
Yearbook





B-Co.

EDDIE BYRON BLOUNT Warren, Rhode Island

"The drums go bang, and the cymbals clang" and there standing in the middle, is one Ed Blount.

The Academy band wouldn't have sounded the same without Ed's colorful participation.

From "Pore Little Rhode Island" this lad trekked into the Maine wilds to plunk down his suitcase at Castine three long years ago. As he picks it up now, he leaves behind, and goes with, a host of friends won by just being the great guy he is.

Quite the ladies man and lover of liberty was "ole' basket."

A fine engineer and his personality, assures him of every success in the future.



Band
Dance Committees
Intramural Sports
Propeller Club
Yearbook
Golf
Truck Driver
Oil King



Engine



A-Co.

PETER PALMER BOWLER South Portland, Maine

This aggressive engineer will probably follow in his dad's footsteps with a Navy career. If any help is needed for dances or smokers, Pete is always there with a helping-hand when most needed. Along with Pete's fondness of boxing and the trumpet, is his great love for the game of cribbage.

Being a South Portlander, and so close to water, it seems only natural that he would turn to the sea for a career.

All engineer, we know that Pete will prove to be vital in any ship's plant, navy, or merchant.

Smooth sailing and best of luck to the man who's been all around these United States.



Band
Intramural Sports
Orchestra
Propeller Club
Smokers
Truck Driver





A-Co.

HEINRICH WALTER WILHELM BRACKER Jersey City, New Jersey

Heinrich gives the impression that Hamburg, Germany lost its best man when Hanktraveled over the seas to the United States. A veteran of Admiral Farragut, where he was quite popular with the administration, Hank chose to travel a bit before he joined us at M.M.A. Many ports inside and outside the Continental U.S. have felt the impact of "Black Dog" Bracker as he moved through and left disaster and destruction in his wake. Weekends Hank sets his course for New Jersey, and most anywhere on this trail you may find him along side the road with his thumb pointing in that direction. With his past experience and the knowledge gleaned at M.M.A., Heinrich will surely be an able hand.



Intramural Sports
Propeller Club
Radio Club
Sailing Club
Coxswain
Glee Club



Engine



B-Co.

ROBERT ARTHUR BRAKE Stonington, Maine

Buz sailed in from Stonington to devote his attention to the Academy, and has surprised us all this past year by really demonstrating his abilities in the engine room. If you find someone in the corner with a book it will always be Buz. He should make a very good engineer regardless of the ship he sails on. Intramural basketball along with his reading fill in his leisure hours.



Basketball Drill Squad Intramural Sports Propeller Club





B-Co.

HOMER ALBERT BROOKES South Portland, Maine

"Hom" or "Brooksie" as sometimes called is a very energetic machinist mate. It has been his job to keep the Academy trucks in top condition and this has been a job well done. One of Hom's favorite pastimes is playing in the band. And to the band his trumpet has added a beat of rhythm. You will hardly ever find Hom sitting down idling away the time. Even at home in South Portland he didn't stop working, and with his spare time at home frequent visits to Westbrook Junior seem to fill his schedule to the peak. Aside from his aggressiveness and ability to do fine work; his willingness to help, along with his smooth manner will carry him far.



Band Machinist Mate I/c Propeller Club Truck Driver



Engine



A-Co.

HENRY DAVID BROPHY Fairfield, Maine

A welcome addition to our class after an ill fortuned accident, Broph returned to complete his senior year. His wit and humor displayed at the Academy and on the cruise has kept our morale high and has presented many incidents for unforgettable memories.

The gregarious Foruk who has been prominent in sports and extracurricular activities, has proven to all that he is a most capable engineer and friend. With all his favorable traits, success, is inevitable. From all your classmates we wish you the greatest, as you yourself have been.



Baseball
M Club
Propeller Club
Smokers
Football
Oil King





A-Co.

RICHARD FRANCIS BURKE Stoughton, Massachusetts

To Dick, goes engineering honors. One of the best engineers ever to graduate. As "A" Company Commander, his leadership abilities were realized by all of us, and his company was a perfect military performing group.

Dick hails from "Bean Town", and sure had a bevy of beauties stationed there. Lady killer extraordinary, and appreciator of social functions, "Sphere" loved to do things for people and always was in best spirits, no matter what conditions existed.

A very hard worker and boiler expert on our "55" cruise and Water King in 1954, he is qualified to solve the most difficult engineering problems.

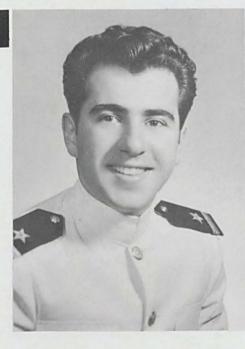
Wherever he goes, Dick will always be surrounded by friends (and women) and if there is one in our class who is bound to succeed, this lad is it.



Drill Squad
Propeller Club
A-Co. Commander
Yearbook
Glee Club
Water King
Second Assistant



Engine



A-Co.

RICHARD THOMAS CALCAGNI Winthrop, Maine

Cal, as he is referred to by all his classmates, is one man in the 1955 class who will have no trouble in the future. His winning personality amazed everyone, including the 'bonite senoritas' of the Caribbean. Although he was the butt of many jokes when the song Mambo Italiano became popular, he laughed these off with his easy going good humored attitude. We're sure that his classmates would never pass up a dish of his Pizza pie or Spagetti. Dick, it has been a pleasure to stand watches and be in the classroom with you.



Dance Committee Intramural Sports Propeller Club Yearbook





B-Co.

DONALD VERNON CHURCH Portsmouth, Rhode Island

With two Vernons working for the good of M.M.A., how could the deck department go wrong. It is an established fact that Don was the inventor of more Rube Goldberg devices for doing away with one's self while under water, even this did not stop him for he was forever trying them out and returning to us with a whole skin. One of the most able seamen among us, he was never at a loss in any situation. A member of that noisy group on the south end of "A" deck, the only deckman to keep them under control. Don vied with "Winkey" when the deer season rolled around, man, those deer steaks were relished by all. A son of "Little Rhodey" is he, and a steady occupant of any vehicle going in that direction. The cruise was his favorite time of year, when those southern belles could at last view the man of their dreams. As pilot, master, or fisherman, he will have no fears at doing the best job possible.



Intramural Sports
Propeller Club
Coxswain
Smokers



Deck



A-Co.

GARY MICHAEL CLEVELAND Portland, Maine

Another believer that Portland was God's gift to Maine. Gary pulled down ranks as though he was God's gift to Navigation. A serious student, Cleve worked hard over the books for a complete understanding of every subject.

Innerspring mattresses held an irresistible appeal and whenever possible Gary would be in one, nevertheless, any maintenance project that fell into Cleve's hands was always well done, being a good worker and clever organizer.

Every weekend Gary beat a steady path to Portland, never to disappoint the women of that city. His liking for Cuba and its contents was understood by all of us and we hope he makes it back there successfully in the future.



Propeller Club Sailing Club Coxswain Golf





A-Co.

DONALD STEPHEN CLIFFORD Casco, Maine

"Now hear this. Chow line will close in five minutes". This was a familiar sound to all hands at the Academy, this and many other pipes concerning the mess deck; and brings to mind one Don Clifford, the Master at Arms in "55" after being assistant M.A.A. the previous year. His efficient handling of the mess deck during these two years was outstanding. None could have done better.

After devoting most of his time to the mess deck, and allowing time for his studies, he had none left for the football field where he had done some fine quarterbacking his first year. This athletic loss, however was a battalion organization gain.

Originally from Massachusetts and now residing in Casco, Maine, Cliff has combined experience gained through a year of shipping, with an expressed knowledge to show himself to be one of the better deckmen in our class, both practically and scholastically. Through his sailing time he also earned recognition as D-1's undisputed tanker expert.

His ability to make friends has gained him many during the last three years. He will undoubtedly gain many more during his life at sea. Best of luck Cliff.



Dance Committees Intramural Sports M Club Propeller Club Master At Arms Coxswain Football

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Batt. Adm.

JOHN NELSON CUTLIFFE Old Town, Maine

"Pooch", our boy from the Old Town Indian Reservation has more than made a name to be remembered in the annals of M. M. A. His versatile movements not only on the Football field, but in Basketball, and Baseball, have many times been the key to our victories. Without a doubt, Jack, is one of the finest athletes we have had at M.M.A. He has not gone unrecognized, for he was Captain of the basketball team and Co-Captain of the football team.

Jack did a fine job in a well deserved Room 30 position. Knowing him as we do, it is agreed that M.M.A. could use more men like him.

Many a Friday afternoon inspection has been cancelled due to Jack's weekly "Rain Dances". Jack has many friends and no enemies, and is well prepared for the road ahead.



Football (Co-Captain) Basketball (Captain) Baseball M Club Battalion Administrator Propeller Club Smokers





A-Co.

EDMUND FRANCIS XAVIER DEVLIN Milton, Massachusetts

Ed is just about the handiest engineer in the whole crew, whether it's a wrench or a lathe his work always comes out to perfection the first time. Ed always has the answers to any questions no matter how difficult it may be. Just give him a job to do, don't tell him how to do it, but yet he always seems to please everyone with his ability for the best work accomplished.



Drill Squad Intramural Sports Propeller Club Radio Club Glee Club Golf



Engine



A-Co.

DAVID SNELL DYER Turner, Maine

Three years ago, a fellow 'mug' of ours walked up the steps to enter the Academy - who was to become one of the best midshipmen ever to graduate from these sacred walls.

Dave was christened "Obee" which is a name very familiar and respected now, by us all. A fine engineer, a hard worker with a 'never say die' philosophy, "Obee" was always ready with a laugh. A very imposing structure in the drill squad, he showed us how it ought to be done and set an example followed by all.

As advertising manager, Dave did a wonderful job for this book, and his initiative and determination, guarantees his success in the future.

Smooth sailing to you fella, and take it easy on the Lewiston girls.



Dance Committees
Drill Squad
Propeller Club
Truck Driver
Yearbook
Electrician





B-Co.

LEROY EVRARD Topsham, Maine

Lee came to us with a comb and a pair of shears and said, "Who's next?" He is the barber that anyone could ask for and his price is just right for the pocketbook. Lee has taken part in many activities throughout these three years.

Just give Lee a lathe and tell him to make something. You won't wait long for the best job possible.



Intramural Sports
Propeller Club
Barber
Truck Driver
Oil King



Engine



B-Co.

DONALD HOWARD FOYE West Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Although Don was an out-of-stater you would never know it now. He loves to hunt and was always seen going further north on a liberty weekend. It seems that more than just the call of the wild made him travel in this direction. We all decided it must be a woman and of course, in true Middle fashion it was.

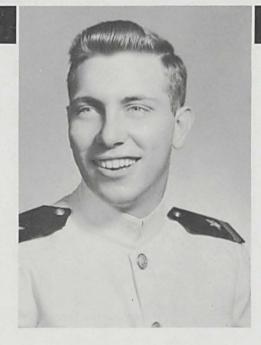
Whenever you looked for him he could most always be found in the sack. The word work wasn't one he liked to hear too much but he always did his share.

There is sure to be smooth sailing ahead for him for he is a good friend and shipmate.



Intramural Sports
Propeller Club
Golf
Football (manager)
Glee Club





B-Co.

RAY VAUGHAN GASPAR Scarborough, Maine

Ray hails from Scarborough with great ability as a right fielder for the Middies baseball team.

Ray (Goose) is an easy going engineer who can always be called on for satisfactory work. When Ray has a spare minute he shares his talents with his roommates by playing Cribbage or Checkers. Ray almost always wins, maybe this is because he is such an aggressive, fellow.



Baseball
M-Club
Intramural Sports
Propeller Club
Truck Driver
Running Boat Engineer



Engine



A-Co.

WALTER A. HERSOM Winthrop, Maine

Just mention, party, in the presence of "Wee Walter" and watch this boy go! Walt loved life and played as hard as he worked. Hailing from Winthrop, where at any time the door of his house was opened for any of his friends.

It was through the hard work and time put in by him, that we were able to enjoy trips on the sub chaser. A jack-of-all-trades, no job was too big or small for "Wallser" to tackle - as we all remember the technicolor Evaps on the "Maine." The originator of the "Lost Weekend," he always managed to pull through in true Middie fashion.

To you Walt, all the success in the world.



Dance Committees
Intramural Sports
Propeller Club
Smokers
Truck Driver
Electrician 1/c





B-Co.

BRUCE RICHARDSON INGALS Machias, Maine

Bruce, a conscientious engineer was Machias' gift to MMA. His quiet easy going manner will long be remembered by the class of '55. His general all around aptitudes of the engine room demonstrates his ability in his chosen field. He was not one to complain when an extra hand was needed after working hours. On liberty weekends, Bruce's love for hunting, fishing, and dancing occupied most of his time without a dull moment.



Drill Squad Intramural Sports Propeller Club Smokers Running Boat Engineer



Engine



A-Co.

GERALD ALBION JACK, JR. Red Bank, New Jersey

Gerry has a great talent for music. He did wonders with the band; not only could be conduct but was exceptionally good on the drums. He was very good for figuring out entertainment for the boys on land and sea.

Many a night was spent listening to his tales of soft light, music, and of course a beautiful debutant was always involved. Gerry had a way with the women as we always could tell at mail call.

He didn't actually like work, but when given a job his determination always brought him out on

If he will go to sea or not is still a big question mark for there are great opportunities in store for him no matter where he may set down his drums.



Band Master Propeller Club Yearbook





B-Co.

LAWRENCE JOHNSON Portland, Maine

Who's that singing on the way to Friday inspection, who else would be happy at a time like that than Larry Johnson. In three years it's hard to remember when Johns didn't have a happy word and carefree song to lift you out of the doldrums. The position of B-Co. Commander his senior year brought no changes in the smiling lad's personality, but made for a close-knit well run organization. The tall Swede of D-I had one minor tussle his middle class year but his adversary drowned somewhere in the Caribbean.

Always a clever man with the books, Larry ranks very high scholasticly in the class of "55".

Johns' great disposition will carry him far along the way on the sea ahead. Castine's loss is Portland's gain.



Intramural Sports
Propeller Club
B-Co. Commander
Golf
Smokers



Engine



B-Co.

PAUL DANIEL JONES Unity, Maine

You would think that anyone with the name of Paul Jones, would be inclined to the sea. Well, we have a lad in our class who certainly fills the bill, someday, perhaps, he will become even more successful than his infamous predecessor, and already has a good start

Jonesey comes from Unity, which really must be quite a place, judging from the way he departed from school on weekend liberties (always the first one out, and the last one back!)

Studying and baseball dominated most of Paul's time, but was always ready for a bull session.

His success is assured in engineering, and he will always have that quiet gentlemanly air about that is loved by the ladies and admired by the men.



Baseball
Intramural Sports
Propeller Club
Truck Driver
Golf
Running Boat Engineer





A-Co.

ROLAND DAVID KAMENS Stratford, Connecticut

Rollo the mate.....section leader of watch-two, and the largest inhabitant of the Rhythm and Blues (Club 51), is famous in D-1 for being rescued from an overturned lifeboat on solid dry earth. An adept student, the Mate was quite at home with navigation and seamanship having quite some years shipyard experience on the Housatonic River. He proved his ability many a time when on gadgeteering expeditions with the Baron. A firm believer that Connecticut created the rest of the world and supplies it with all its needs, Rollo could be seen heading there at every opportunity with "red" in his eyes. Best of luck on the big cruise of life.



Colorguard
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A-Co.

ROBERT JOHN KANE Worcester, Massachusetts

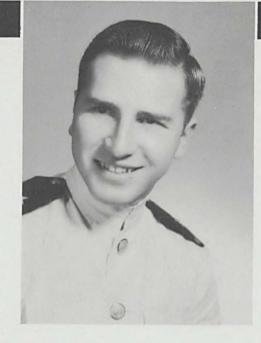
"Oh, Boyl no maintenance for today, I am going to hit the rack." As if maintenance would make any difference. Killer really worshiped that sack. A very ardent worker, he could be found at coffee time any time of the day. Smoke breaks were frequent only Killer doesn't smoke. Living in the same town where Holy Cross is located, he naturally was their best athletic supporter and to him the "Cross" was worse off for his absence. There isn't a sport that Bob wasn't able to play or at least talk a good game.

The most able free lance artist in our class. His talents were ever in demand and requests were filled - when he got around to it. There is no doubt that he studied hard, but everything seemed to come out different when he tried to explain it. With a great interest in aviation, Bob has his sights set on Pensacola. The best shall be his, when he gets around to it.



Dance Committees
Intramural Sports
Propeller Club
Yearbook
Coxswain
Smokers





A-Co.

JAMES STACY BAILEY KOMLOSY Chebeague Island, Maine

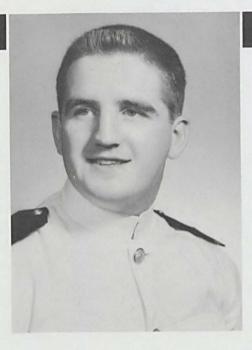
As long as M. M. A. trains men for the sea, there shall be good Maine men from the outlying island to fill out the roster. Chebeague Island may well be proud of Jim, better known as "Ancient Grandfather". Always on the quiet side "Gramps" was, but ever present with a few mumbled words when a helping hand was needed. A jack-of-all-trades was he, as all good movie goers will remember, for making the fantail cinema more enjoyable to all was no easy job to fulfill. Not only as a shower of movies, but as director and producer of publicity pictures as well. The King of the Barber shop was always in demand as many a man whose neck was saved at inspection will testify. A man with many deep thoughts is he, the more reserved member of Room 55. Any ship that has Jim on her will be a better ship because of this.



Drill Squad
Propeller Club
Sailing Club
Barber
Coxswain
Glee Club
Radio Club
Projectionest
Publicity Photographer
Cadet Welfare Fund



Engine



A-Co.

NORMAND JEAN MARIE LAROCHELLE Old Orchard Beach, Maine

From colorful Old Orchard comes colorful "Toots". Mild in manner but dynamic in action Norm proved to excel in sports as well as studies. Captain in football, a proficient engineer and an all around great guy, who is bound for success. We know that any shipping concern will gladly extend a "Bien Venus" to him.

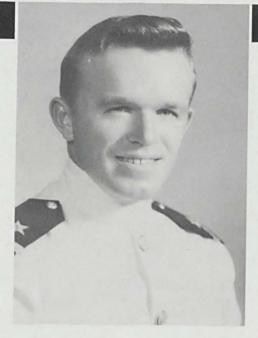
Norm's knowledge of French proved to be a great asset, in particular, when visiting Martinique, Haiti, and also Laguaira.

Best of Luck, "Toots".



Intramural Sports
Football
Propeller Club
M-Club
Golf
Dirty Douzen Club





B-Co.

WALTER ALDEN LEEMAN Orr's Island, Maine

Aldie is M.M.A.'s answer to Ted William's left hand slugging. Captain of the baseball team his senior year, Aldie was a starter in left field from the day he arrived. Being a lobsterman from Orr's Island qualified the teapot as one of D-1's ole salts. Whenever any tricky application of seamanship was needed he was right there with the answer and the muscle to accomplish the task.

A firm believer in rack time, Aldie was no slouch. His theory that studying in the rack was the best way to learn was well proven, because he was a hard man to stump.

Aldie's easy going temperament and fast moving Plymouth will carry him far. Any skipper seeing Aldie on his gangway has a solid seaman coming aboard.



Baseball (captain)
Dance Committees
Intramural Sports
Propeller Club
Coxswain
M-Club



Deck



B-Co.

CHARLES GEORGE LEONARD Cape Elizabeth, Maine

Charlie will always be remembered by his classmates, as constantly being the center of colorful doings of D-1. Never at a loss for words in his explanation of his latest exploits, the man from Cape Elizabeth was steady as a gear in his studies, going every night to Dismukes Hall for complete silence while he persued the next day's assignments. Dependable as the knob on the radio, Charlie being an elder of D-1, was the first member of the group to become engaged and plan a June wedding. Best of luck in your future sailings Charlie.



Propeller Club Radio Club Intramural Sports Coxswain Golf





A-Co.

JOHN ROSS MacPHERSON Oquossoc, Maine

Bang! And another deer hits the pine needles, as the Rangeley Scotchman adjusts his kilts and lowers his trusty, and often used, rifle.

John is one lad who knows his way around, (not only the woods!) He's liable to pop up anywhere: From behind a bush somewhere in Maine forests or a table in any officer's club.

Best noted for his storytelling and ever-present good humor, Mac has been one of the most popular men in our class, always ready with a quip for any situation, and ready to lend a hand to anyone who needed it.

Mac's achievements on the gridiron and baseball field will well be remembered by those who knew him.

Best of luck to a great guy and shipmate who we will always remember.



Football
Baseball
Intramural Sports
M-Club
Propeller Club
Smokers



Deck



B-Co.

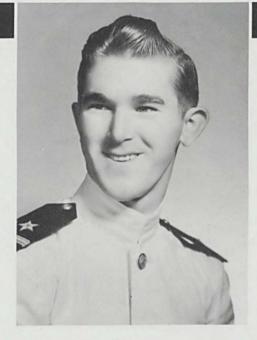
JOHN HENRY MAHER Tiffin, Ohio

Well remembered will be the timely philosophical quotes of John Maher - often called other things, but "Little John" seemed to stick for good. Fresh in our minds shall remain his pet quote about that "unfathomable rest" John was always seeking. Even though his mailing address may be Ohio, he has sailed the coast of Maine many times as mate for "more down east than most" Merchant. The owner of the world renowned "Monster", the only car that can drive to Rockland unaided by human hands. We are sure that Rockland shall never forget this man come what may. John is one of the few men we know that has always had as his ambition to go to sea for the pure love of the life. Another member of famous Watch two, John is the man that pulls the string that makes the bell ring. We feel sure that "Little John" will be able to make the best of any situation as he travels the high seas of life no matter where he is "at."



Dance Committees Propeller Club Coxswain





A-Co.

FRANK DONALD MANSFIELD Chebeague Island, Maine

Well liked, easy going, a versatile engineer, Frank knew his job as well aboard as ashore.

As refer expert 'Alky' kept the storage boxes cold, but always kept his classmates warm with his friendliness and tales of his humorous exploits. The memories of the little man with the euphonious voice will always stay with us, as we know that good fortune will always stay with him.

As an "Island" boy, Frank could sit for hours upon hours, and tell stories of his wild adventures along the beaches of Chebeague.

May smooth sailing be yours forever, Frank.



Propeller Club Golf Refer King



Engine



Batt.Adj.

RONALD ALFRED MARQUIS Bucksport, Maine

Ron's stature was always a familiar sight around the Academy. His ever present grin, and ability for strenuous exercises (sack type) were all trademarks of Ron. To know him was to like him. Although studies never came to him with the ease that the women did, he was a heavy sticker and always came through in the end.

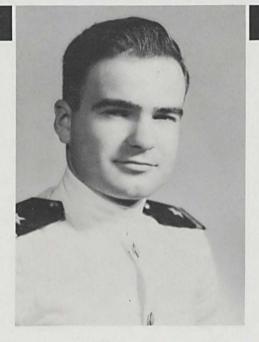
Ron, became known as a whiz on the typewriter his freshman year and acquired the rank of Battalion Yeoman his second year. Others saw leadership in him too, and his senior year he was promoted to the rank of Battalion Adjutant.



Cadet Training Officer
Battalion Adjustant
Basketball
Baseball
Propeller Club
Smokers
Drill Squad
Running Boat Engineer



Deck



A-Co.

KENNETH JOHN MARTIN Searsport, Maine

Who is that little man out there supervising the gun cleaning crew - none other than our able gunners mate, that mighty "Thunder" Martin. That three inch fifty on our campus never had it so good as when K. J. looked after her. Very quiet and reserved, K. J. was at the books with a will come study time, as his marks proved. A friend to all and enemy to none, he can easily be sure of the friendship of anyone he may come in contact with. Living in Searsport, only a short walk from Castine, Ken never missed a chance to be off to his home, and a steady rider of Jonesie's "Red Streak" was he. A natural for M. M. A., his past experience on the water, made his choice quite easy. A man whom anyone would be proud to sail with - a well done and the best always.



Propeller Club Gunners Mate 1/c Radio Club Sailing Club Coxswain



Engine



B-Co.

DONALD L. MERCHANT Rockland, Maine

Merch is an engineer's engineer. The owner of the world's best outboard is D. L. Merchant. Having grown up on the water it's surprising Don doesn't have barnacles on his back. Never having much to say, Merch just goes ahead on the job, teaching many a good lesson by example. The skipper of the smallest pirate ship on Penobscot Bay is a man of many talents from boat sailing to boat building. The next employer of Don is going to have the best Maine Maritime Academy produces.



Running Boat Engineer Propeller Club





B-Co.

JOHN ROBERT MORRISON Kittery, Maine

John has derived from the Academy what every Midshipman should and has given to the Academy what every good friend should. Well versed in the manuals of machinery, we know that John will have no trouble in succeeding. The proficient and fun loving engineer from Kittery will do well on any ship, as he has at the Academy. From your Classmates, our best wishes and a hearty "Bueno Suerte".



Drill Squad Propeller Club Electrician



Engine



A-Co.

NORMAN McAINSH MUNRO New Haven, Connecticut

Norm's presence helped brighten the day. He always seemed to have a cheery hello for everyone. Norm wanted to change the Academy routine to that of college life. He was rather insistent about it at times but always went along with the class.

In a controversy he was a relentless opponent.

This tall good-looking structure hailed from Connecticut and if there is anyone in the Academy who doesn't know the population, economical importance, or products of this state it is through no fault of Norm's.

In his senior year he was Drill Master and he led his crack squad through various places about the state of Maine.



Football
Baseball
Basketball
Dance Committees
Drill Squad
Intramural Sports
M-Club
Propeller Club
Drill Master
Glee Club
Smokers



Deck



B-Co.

MALCOLM HARVEY MUNSEY Brunswick, Maine

The Navy will have the best damage control ever, once Malcolm hops aboard, (with Repair 2). Undoubtedly the most ambitious man in our class Muns has a relentless drive. It will be an eternal question to us all as to where this man gets his energy. While emulating a perpetual motion machine, Muns has been the moving factor behind many organizational reforms at M. M. A. He had his ups and downs like the rest of us but made a great comeback as B-2's Platoon Leader. Having gathered more sea time in Castine than many of us, he should be an honorary citizen. May Muns and the U.S. Navy sail forever.



B-2 Platoon Leader
Dance Committees
Drill Squad
Intramural Sports
Propeller Club
Sailing Club (Commodore)
Coxswain
Truck Driver



Deck



A-Co.

JAMES SARSFIELD MURNANE Fitchburg, Massachusetts

From the wilds of the "A" Deck Annex and out of the "Cool Cubical" comes the cry, "Man, dig those crazy sounds." This usually prompted the more square contigent to head for more secluded parts, for a jam session and dancing class under the direction of the old master, was getting into full swing. As the Quartermaster D.J.'ed, and Roy moved the chairs, the juice was passed again.

A native of Massachusetts, "Sars" and his cohorts spent many enjoyable weekends at "Maronie's Camp".

From the day he entered Maine Maritime, Jim's unrelentless drive to make pegged pants and rolled collar the uniform astounded us all.

A good student when he buckled down, he enjoyed the finer things in life, such as parties at the back shore during his enforced stays at the Academy.

To you Jim, knowing you from old Watch Two, whatever you attempt, you will make good.



Band
Dance Committees
Intramural Sports
Propeller Club
Coxswain
Smokers





A-Co.

PETER ROBERT NIXON Presque Isle, Maine

The 'Nicker' is perhaps the most versatile little guy in the class of '55. Always moving, he played baseball and football all 3 years, and performed in various Academy variety shows, as well as being a good musician in the band. In spite of the extra-curriculars, Pete was a hard working engineer and the 'pet' of the engineering officers.

If all the people in Potatoland are like Pete, it must be a great place. Bubbling with good humor, and ready to knock himself out for a laugh, he won the friendship of all.

If ever, in our travels, we see a ship going sideways, we'll know he's aboard, 'cause he's just the boy who can do it!

Best Wishes to a fine shipmate.



Orchestra
Radio Club
Golf
Band
Baseball
Football
Intramural Sports
Dirty Douzen Club



Engine



B-Co.

JOHN EDWARD OLIVER Bath, Maine

John hails from Bath, and being brought up in a ship building town, just naturally turned to shipping for his career. John, or more often called Joey has a very dry sense of humor that always kept the boys laughing. He is a very dependable and conscientious worker.

When liberty rolls around you could find John out hunting duck, or at 277 Center Street.

His classmates voted him Vice President of the Propeller Club. To the fellows at the Academy he was known as the fastest man on A Deck, or "Lightning". Just ask Joey a question about any popular dance and he has the answer.

Due to an accident, he was unable to pitch for the ball team while at the Academy. To you John, may the best be yours.



Propeller Club (Vice President) Golf



Deck



B-Co.

JAMES S. PURDY Walled Lake, Michigan

Although he claims Bangor as his residence in Maine, James S. "Bird" is a son of Michigan. A man that no section should be without for his personal spirit and energy seems to infect all in his presence with the same get up and go. Once you entered into any activity with him, for or against, it was an experience never to be forgotten. An orator and sea lawyer extraordinary; Jim could expound on any subject for any length of time anywhere.

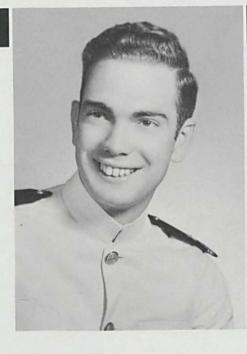
Any Friday afternoon it was not a rare sight to see Jim and "Little John" heading for Bangor or Rockland in the "Monster", leaving a trail of burnt rubber and ten cent oil. An upstanding member of Watch Two, Jim will be able to handle any career he undertakes.



Basketball Colorguard Intramural Sports Propeller Club Yearbook



Deck



A-Co.

RONALD WILLIAM REIFF San Pedro, California

Through no other choice, we were all forced to look up to this man. A giant among men, "Big Ron" was always there, ready to pitch in with his section, a willing worker, and one who would stick by, until the job was finished. The president of the radio club our senior year, Mamoo and Mr. Cardin always had their heads bent over some intricate gadget or other. His room, back in the wilds of "A" Deck Annex, was filled with glowing tubes and much complex radio gear. Late into the night one could hear him at work.

A resident of the world, his father being a chief in the Navy. Reiffus hiked to Winter Harbor weekends to see his one and only, through fog, mist snow, or heavy rain storms, he would travel. A good man at the bookstand in class, Big Ron should have no trouble reaching the top.



Color Guard
Drill Squad
Intramural Sports
Propeller Club
Radio Club
Sailing Club
Coxswain
Quatermaster



Deck



A-Co.

CONRAD GEORGE REVTYAK Tamaqua, Pennsylvania

In the deck department there is not a man that is as conscientious in his studies, and for the welfare of his classmates and school, as "Connie". He volunteered for many a job that others would shy away from. Connie was always there to enjoy a good time though, and his continental manner and habit lifted any group to new heights. A native of Penna., there is no coal dust behind this man's ears as the sea is his calling and he shall never be happy elsewhere. School functions, when supervised by Connie, were a sure success, as homecoming proved. As editor of the yearbook, he has put much time and effort into helping his class to recall the best years of our lives. A member of Watch Two in good standing was Rev. To any ship which succeeds in having "Connie" on its articles, a better man is not to be found.



Color Guard
Dance Committees
Intramural Sports
Propeller Club
Sailing Club
Yearbook (Editor)
Coxswain



Deck



Batt. Cdr.

ROBERT LEONARD RIDDLE Media, Pennsylvania

Media, Pennsylvania's gift to M.M.A. was our Battalion Commander, who has done an excellent job in a position which many of us would not want, and of which few are capable. Rip seemed destined to be our leader since our early days at M.M.A.; having been to sea before coming here, and also having a few more years experience at life.

The little free time he had was usually spent at the tiller of the running boat, or engaged in a bull session where the conversation might often be ship handling or Navy talk. On weekends, or vacations, he could usually be found in the vicinity of the Victory Chimes, or satisfying his sweet tooth by making a batch of fudge.

Even with the trials and tribulations of being the B.C., Rip did not let it interfere with his studies, as he was right up among the top of his class for three years.

The fact that he never made quick conclusions, or took hasty actions, but stopped and analized each situation; has been the key factor in making our last year function as smoothly as it did. So long and good luck 'Rip'.



Drill Squad
Propeller Club (Secretary)
Battalion Commander
Coxswain
Yearbook
Glee Club
Smokers
Football





Batt. Exec.

DAMON PAUL RIVARD Somerset, Massachusetts

Who's that hanging on the rail? Who else! It's Abie! For a guy, to whom the Crue! Sea was really CRUEL, Damon stuck out the rollers to become one of the great leaders of our class. As Battalion Executive, he kept everything running smoothly and served in this capacity with poise and knowhow.

Known as one of the financial promoters of our class. Abie always had an eye for a fast buck, and usually his sight was exceptionally sharp.

As Sports Editor of the yearbook, no one could have been more suited for the job. Playing great baseball and football until injuries permanently side lined him, Damon was a leader on the field, as well as off, and if you want to know what Chet Sturdley's batting average was in 1895, just ask our boy.

The very best to you fella, in all that you do.



Baseball
Football
Dance Committees
M Club
Propeller Club
Battalion Executive Officer
Yearbook
Golf
Football
Running Boat Engineer



Engine



A-Co.

EVERETT F. ROLLINS Bingham, Maine

Never in the annals of Maine Maritime Academy has an engineer been more devoted to engineering than Rosie. Always ready willing and able to lend an amiable hand regardless of the plight. Some called Rosie, Paul's right hand man but, we who knew, knew it to be vice versa.

We know the best will always be with you either on land or sea.



A-2 Platoon Leader
Propeller Club
Truck Driver
Running Boat Engineer
Sub Chaser Engineer





B-Co.

LAWRENCE WHITE SAWYER, JR. Portland, Maine

A fine fellow from Portland who is usually referred to as "Skip", is a great Photographer. Through these years he has collected pictures that would take a lifetime for some people to get. Skip has a happy go lucky manner about him that pleases all who come in contact with him. He also has a great love for underwater swimming, just purely for the satisfaction of finding out what goes on below the beautiful ripples of the sea.

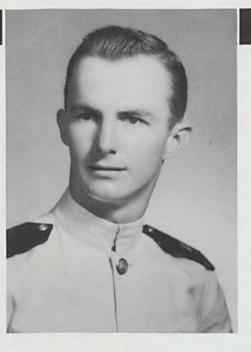
If you have a question, just ask skip and you will always get your answer to perfection. This perfection that Skip has obtained will carry him far.



Propeller Club Glee Club Truck Driver Football



Deck



A-Co.

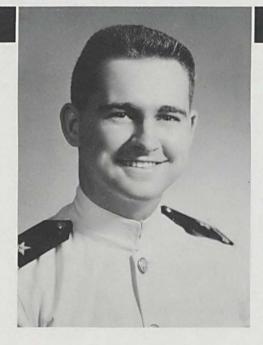
DONALD HERMAN SILKE Portland, Maine

Don is another Portland boy that is proud of it. An avid participant in his sections intramural activities, he was always present and fighting at every contest. A member of the A Deck Annex gang, was he. Those narrow walls echoed to many a western war-hop as Silkie told one of his favorite frontier stories. His contest with Hiemie for the most sack time was a dead heat for 24 hours apiece. His quick humor and animated comedy brought many laughs to brighten up slow moving classes. Don put his knowledge of the Portland waterfront stevedoring and shipping to good use while studying. This experience will serve him well in the future as a third mate.



Intramural Sports
Propeller Club
Basketball
Radio Club
Coxswain
Smokers





B-Co.

MANLEY HERBERT SMITH, JR. Old Town, Maine

Nothing but the best does "Smitty" to say about anyone, and in turn nothing but the best could be said about him. Always doing his share and more, without qualms, a diligent student, a true engineer, with many more favorable adjectives. Smitty, without a doubt will make good any attempt in life. There isn't a middie at the Academy who wouldn't like to sail without, and there isn't a middie who doesn't send you the best.



Propeller Club



Engine



B-Co.

E. GERALD SOULE Gorham, Maine

"Bug" as he was respectfully referred to here was the electrician. His wiring jobs, although not necessarily approved by Underwriter's Lab, were remarkable for their intricacy and for the fact that they most always worked.

He had a slow casual manner all of his own. Everybody liked him for he was always ready and willing to lend a helping hand. Anyone having a question about the sub-chaser always went to him for he knew it inside and out.

The things he liked the best were women, liberty, and mail. Of course we must add that the women of Portland enjoyed his company too. If he does as well in his work as with the opposite sex we are sure he is destined for a good future.



Dance Committees
Drill Squad
Intramural Sports
Propeller Club
Electricians Mate I/c
Yearbook
Glee Club
Truck Driver
Running Boat Engineer



Deck



A-Co.

ROBERT THOMAS SOUTHWORTH Togus, Maine

A source of humor and wit and whimsey to boot has "Southie". Regardless of the place or situation a joke is always forthcoming. You could always enjoy his humor even if you were the cause of it. A good worker who when given a job would complete it no matter what the circumstances or hazards. He shunned cruise liberty, but looked forward to weekend hiberty at the Academy with great anticipation. A leader in the deck department, intramural athletics, what we lacked in ability we made up in spirit, and the love of sports and competition. His classmates were all his friends and nothing was too good for them, though the underclassmen will never forget his, "All right you guys". If anybody could publish a book on household hints, he is the man.

When "Southie" boards a ship all good jobs will be well done.



Intramural Sports
Propeller Club
Coxswain



Engine



A-Co.

LEROY ROBERT STEHLE Paterson, New Jersey

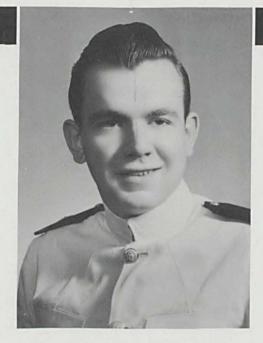
There have been many a blaring session enlightened by Lee's lucrative horn at M.M.A. The little jazz man from New Jersey has proved to be a worthy friend and engineer.

Definitely an ardent fan of our campus, Lee has found a home away from home both at Castine and Fitchburg. Maine was glad to have one of New Jersey's sons for these past three years, and it sends the best possible, to a fine friend and engineer.



Intramural Sports
Band
Orchestra
Propeller Club
Smokers





A-Co.

DONALD G. STOCKFORD Winthrop, Maine

Don is the one man who stood head and shoulders above us all, literally speaking! The master of dry humor, he could be heard any evening, with Walt, chuckling in fiendish delight as they discussed the ways they think a ship should be run.

An avid engineer and student, the "Swede" wore out a couple typewriters in the past year or two. His loves, chow and liberty, among other things, and he was a true son of Winthrop, often referring to it as heaven on earth.

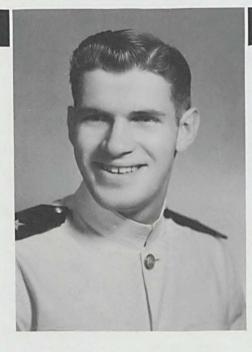
Always ready to help anyone that needed it, Don fulfilled the qualifications of a midshipman to the letter. Best of luck to a great guy.



Propeller Club Glee Club



Deck



A-Co.

FORREST ALAN THOMPSON Old Orchard Beach, Maine

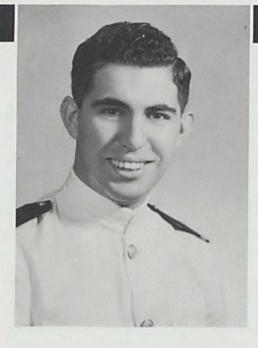
Although he is now claimed as a resident of Scarborough or is it Wellesley, Al originally came to M.M.A. straight from the Hoosier State. It has always amazed us as to how Indiana could produce a person so adept at skiing and snowshoeing when they are not winter sports enthusiasts. "Thomps", being a very industrious character, had a hand in many things during his stay at the Academy. He was one of the best platoon leaders, as any of his classmates will attest, besides being a competent watch section leader on the cruise.

Al was one of the most capable barbers and was continually sought by someone needing a quick trim in his "clip joint." He was also well appreciated by all hands for his efficient handling of the Post Office on the last cruise. Without a doubt he was THE man of demand while in port. Al was also always on top scholastically, and combining that with his personality, determination for achievement and fine seamanship adds only to success. You have only our best wishes in the future, Al, and we know you'll be an asset to any shipping company.



Drill Squad
Propeller Club
A-1 Platoon Leader
Yearbook
Sailing Club
Barber
Coxswain
Golf





B-Co.

JOHN ALBIN THURAU Searsport, Maine

John was one of the more serious members of the class (at least while he was at the Academy). He could often be seen pouring through engineering books, while the rest of us were pouring over "Terry and the Pirates", although never approached a bookworm philosophy of life his marks proved his abilities in all fields.

The way John takes to his books and his work we know that he will be a credit and success in no matter what his undertakings are.

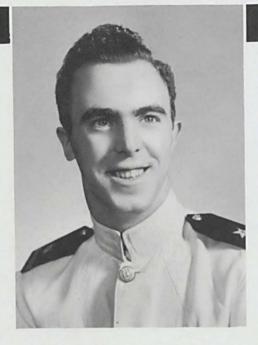
To the "Big Moose" may success always be yours.



Propeller Club Smokers Running Boat Engineer Projectionest Boilerman



Engine



A-Co.

HARLAND BRYAN WEBBER, JR. Chebeague Island, Maine

Without a doubt, "Romeo" was the best loved classmate of '55. With an endless supply of original songs and gags, he was the center of humor for all the three years.

Easy going, and with a philosophy of complete regard for other people, Harly set an example, that if followed by all of us, we'd be chief engineers in two years.

On the cruises he had charge of fresh water supply and did admirable work, putting in long hours, but with never a word of dissatisfaction or complaint.

Yes, in years to come as we look in our yearbook and look back, we'll remember how "Romeo" was and always will be one of the greatest guys we have ever known.

Success isn't good enough for you, Romeo, the very best.



Propeller Club
Glee Club
Golf
Water King





B-Co.

RICHARD MICHAEL WEBER Orono, Maine

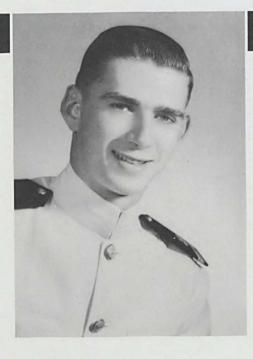
Dick seems to have winning ways with us, his classmates and the lovely senioritas. As the benevolent sports manager and engineer he has always been a pleasure to work and study with. Always ready to do his job or have a good time, success and happiness will be within easy reach. From all your ship and class-mates we send a cheerful "Viva la Sealtest" and lots of luck.



Baseball (manager)
Basketball (manager)
Football (manager)
Radio Club
Dance Committees
Running Boat Engineer
Propeller Club



Deck



B-Co.

DONALD ERWIN WRIGHT Auburn, Maine

Colder than most, but with a warm heart was D. E. However he complained of the scorching heat in three cruises in the Caribe, but pity the individual who borrows Don's blanket on the way back to the cold weather. One of Ben Hogan's boys, Don spent many a sunny afternoon weaving a path on Castine's nine holes.

One of the few intellectuals to attend Gyro-school, Don got stuck with being mess-treasurer but he fed the nine of us very well in his 2 by 4 room at the "Y". A stalwart member of B-Co., Don never lived elsewhere once he arrived in "ole 28".

The Band of D-1 will always be remembered for his riotious verses describing in rhyme someone's latest misfortune. Here's hoping all your sea time will be in warm Southern waters.



Band
Intramural Sports
Propeller Club
Coxswain
Golf
Smokers





Dog One



Easy One



Easy Two



BATTALION RATES

MIDSHIPMEN

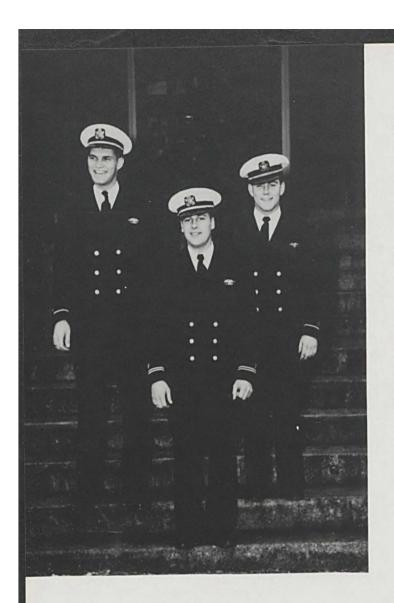
Robert L. Riddle B. C.

Damon P. Rivard X.O.

John N. Cutliffe B. A.

Ronald A. Marquis B.A.

Cadet Officers



A COMPANY MIDSHIPMEN

Richard F. Burke

C.C.

Forrest A. Thompson

P.L.

Everett F. Rollins

P.L.



Lawrence Johnson

C.C.

James M. Blenkhorn P. L.

Malcolm H. Munsey P. L.





Norman M. Munro

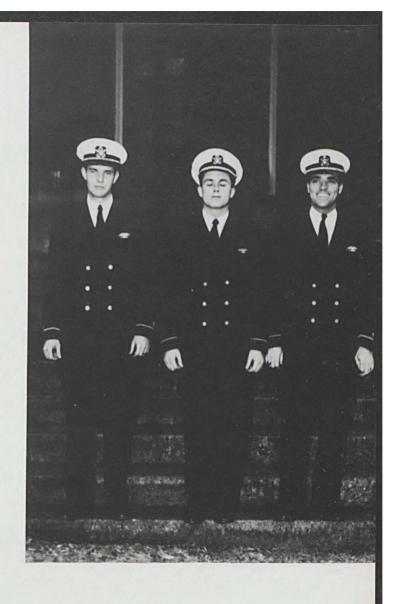
D.M.

Gerald A. Jack

B. M.

Donald S. Clifford

M. A. A.





MIDSHIPMEN

E. Gerald Soule

Roland D. Kamens P.O. I/c

Homer A. Brookes P.O. I/c

Kenneth J. Martin P.O. 1/c

P.O. 1/c

Room



Room 30: "Ron, Rip, Jack, Damon"

Mates



Room 10: "Larry, Blink, Muns"



Room 49: "Rosie, Al, Dick"



Room II: "Ed, Lee, John, Aldie"



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Room 34: "Sweed, Pete, Don, Walt"



Room 17: "Ray, Bug, Homer, Skip"



Room 35: "Mac, Obie, Norm, Pete"



Room 23: "Moose, Broph, Cal, Charlie"



Room 36: "Dick, Killer, Southie"



Room 25: "Bill, Don, K.J."



Room 50: "Gerry, Toots"



Room 32: "Jim, John, Buz, Smitty"



Room 51: "Kay, Lee, Jim"



Room 33: "Bruce, Don, Jonesy, Merch"



Room 53: "Mogam, Rev, Cliff"



Room 54: "Hank, Gary, Don"



Room 55: "Frank, Ed, Joey, Gramps, Romeo" 106

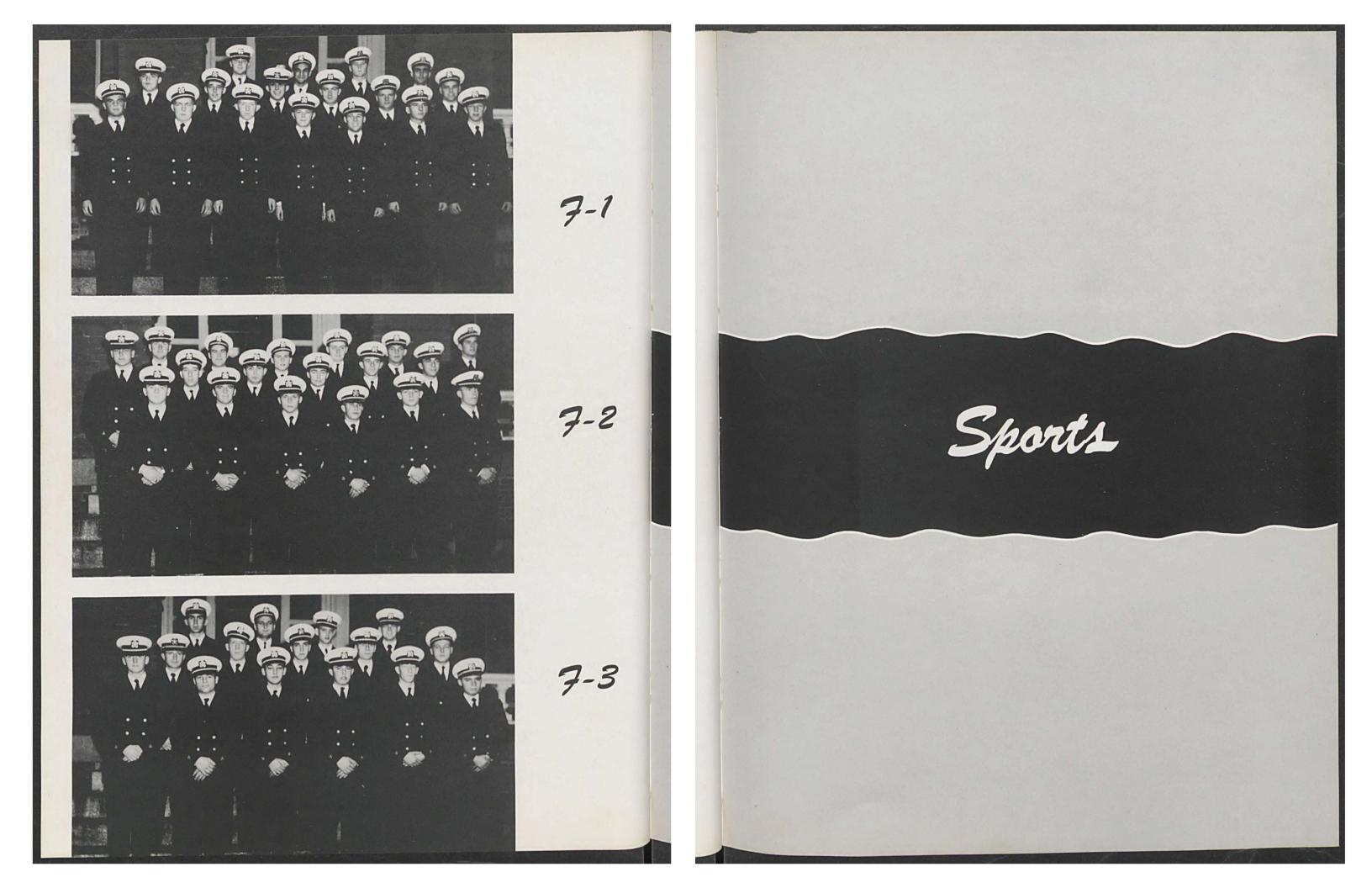


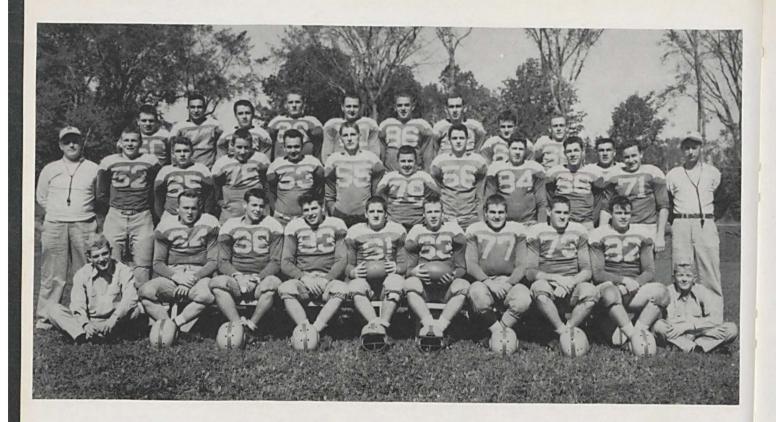
Easy Three





Dog Two





Football Squad

Head Coach

JOHN M. HOCTOR

Assistant Coach KEN M. BROWN

Co-captains

Jack Cutliffe

Norm Larochelle



Norm Larochelle

Jack Cutliffe

Mr. Hoctor

Mr. Brown

Football 1954

			MMA	OPP
Oct.	2	Maine Central Institute Pittsfield	40	33
Oct.	9	Newport Naval StationNewport	0	26
Oct.	16	Fort DevensCastine	0	13
Oct.	23	Quenset Point Quenset	18	0
Oct.	29	Maine FreshmenOrono	7	13
Nov.	4	Colby FreshmenWaterville	42	18
Nov.	11	Massachusetts Maritime Salem	6	33



There were four seniors who played their last game for Maine Maritime Academy. There are many various sayings which could be quoted, to indicate departure, but no proverb or any words could express the feelings experienced by the seniors after their last game for M. M. A. It was three happy years of tough, rough football for these men.

Co-captain Norm Larochelle, co-captain Jack Cutliffe, John Macpherson, and Pete Nixon, helped bring three successful years of football at Maine Maritime Academy.

FOOTBALL 1954

In the 1954 football season, the middles played seven games. The co-captains were Jack Cutliffe and Norm Larochelle.

MAINE MARITIME

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M. C. I.

The Middies opened their season October 2 against Maine Central Inst. at Pittsfield, Maine. Opening day game consisted of a steady flow of rain and a muddy field. M. C. I. took an early lead in the ball game by scoring two quick touchdowns. It was a see-saw-battle all the way up to the last quarter, then the Middies broke lose and scored two touchdowns to beat M. C. I. 40–33. M. M. A. showed a great offensive team, but Coach Hoctor was slightly disappointed with the blue and gold defense. The outstanding players of the game were left end, co-captain Jack Cutliffe and fullback John MacPherson, who both sparked the team in both offense and defense. By winning the game the sailors lost two men for the remainder of the season. They were Dave Fenderson, first center, and halfback Billy Gott.

NEWPORT NAVAL STATION

6 MAINE MARITIME

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The Middies next went to Rhode Island to play a big Newport Naval Station team. It was a one sided game in which the sailors pushed the Middies all over the gridiron. The sailors crashed through the weak middie line and rolled up a score of 26–0. The blue and gold threatened many times, but just couldn't put the pigskin over the goal. The Middie's trouble laid in their defense, but co-captain Larochelle and Phil Hatch showed that they were ready to play a rough game at defense.





FOOTBALL 1954

FORT DEVENS

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MAINE MARITIME

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The Middies returned to Castine to play their home-coming game against a heavy Fort Devens Squad, and were defeated 13-0. The game was played on a muddy wet field. This was one of the best games the Blue and Gold played in many years, even though they lost. Fort Devens scored in the second quarter and led by a 7-0 margin all the way up till the last ten seconds of play, when they scored again. The Middies played a terrific game of defense, considering they were outweighed and outclassed in experience.

M. M. A. again had opportunities of scoring, but they lacked the spark of pushing the ball over the goal. The defense of the sailors was what Coach Hotor expected from his men in the beginning of the season. Among the outstanding showing on defense were co-captain Larochelle, Poulin, Brailsford, Hatch, Flemming, Godin, and Roger Legere. Halfback Richard Munsey was hurt and was out for the rest of the season.

MAINE MARITIME

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QUONSET POINT

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The fourth game of the season was played at Rhode Island against the Quonset Navel Air Station where an improving Maritime squad ran over a strong navy team. The Middies rolled up an 18-0 score. They were showing the people that they were a high spirited team, and knew how to lose, as well as win by a large margin. The high lites of the game were the great quarterbacking and passing of Bob Deiring. He steered his men to pay dirt three times. The changing of MacPherson to halfback and putting Big Joe Vachon at fullback also paid off. Vachon plunged over for two touchdowns, with MacPherson showing great open field running. An excellent game of defense was played by co-captain Cutliffe, Hatch Durant, and Poulin.





FOOTBALL 1954

MAINE FRESHMEN

13 MAINE MARITIME

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The Middies suffered a let down after defeating Quonset Point by losing to the University of Maine Freshmen 13–7 It was one of the poorest showings of the year. The Freshmen handed the Academy their third loss of the season. The blue and gold had many opportunities for scoring, but penalties were the deciding factor. Great running by MacPherson and Vachon wasn't enough to beat Maine. The loss of the middies first string quarterback, Deiring, put Coach Hoctor in predicament.

MAINE MARITIME 42 COLBY FRESHMEN 18

The Middies handed the Mule Freshmen their worst defeat in many years. Maritime set a new record for a high scoring game, by beating the Colby Freshmen 42–18. Co-captain Cutliffe was shifted from left end to quarterback. The Middies scored 31 points before the first half ended. Everybody played an equal part in beating Colby. The second half was played by the Middie reserves. Good open field running by Roger Legere and quarterbacking by Cuzzupoli and many other freshmen proved that the reserves, with a little more experience, will be great in the near future.







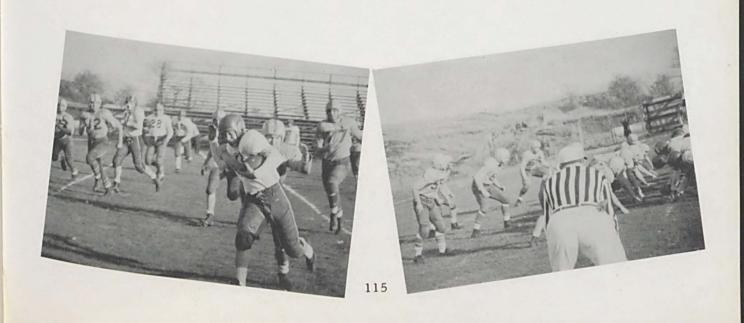
MASS. MARITIME

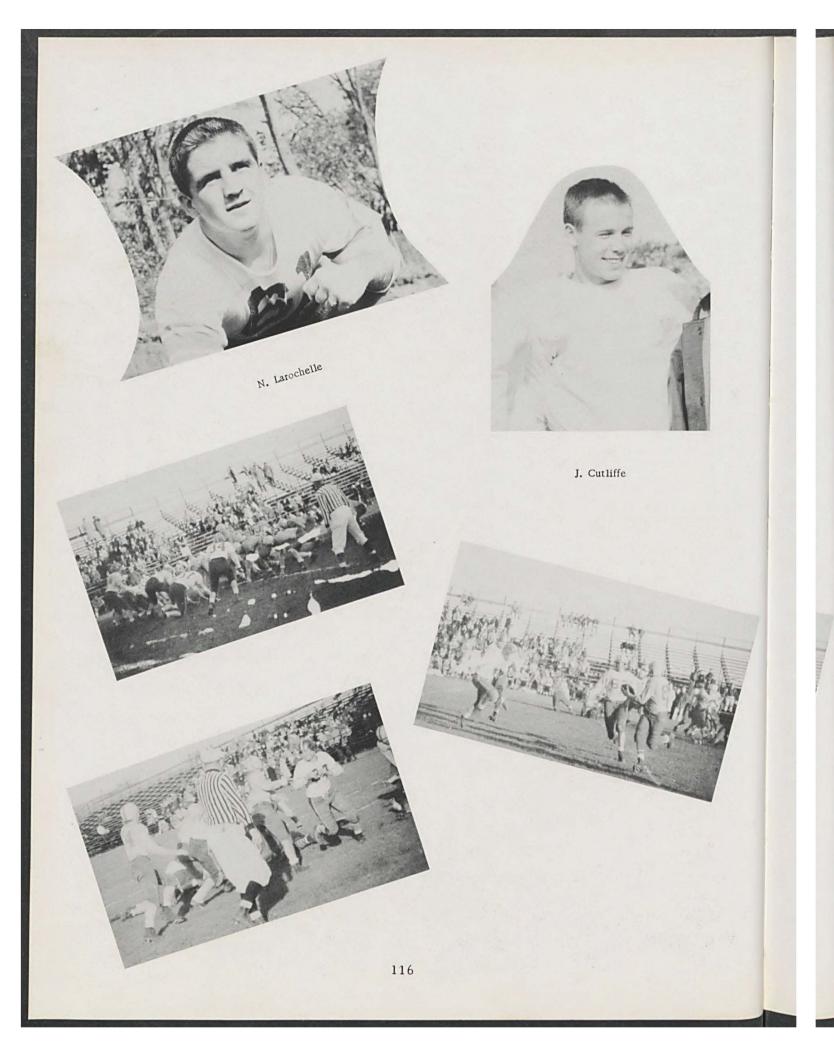
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MAINE MARITIME

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In the final game of the season the Maine Middies suffered their fourth defeat of the season ending, with three wins and four losses. It was all Mass., from the kickoff to the sound of the gun at the end of the game. The BayStaters scored touchdown after touchdown. The Maine Middies couldn't hold the onrushing offense of the Mass. Sailors. As a repeat of last year, it was all Dugan and Flynn. Maine scored with about 30 seconds to go when quarterback Cutliffe threw a pass to Blaine Davis in the end zone.





BASKETBALL 1954-55

With the ending of the football season at MMA, the Middies were now training hard for basketball. With the return of Coach Hoctor who didn't coach last year due to illness, the blue and gold again put on the court a great team. Hopes were high as the Middies opened the 54–55 basketball season at Quick Gymnasium. With the loss of Michelsen, Crowley, and Graham from last years team who supplied the one-two-three scoring barrage of the squad, the Middies had to rely on Captain Jack Cutliffe and the strength of middleclassmen Allgaier, Dyro, Theriault, and Kelly.

The Middies opened their season with a smashing victory over Nasson Junior College, 90-59. Cutliffe had 14, Dyro 14, and Allgaier 12. Once more it was the boys from Castine trouncing Husson, 104-71. Again it was Jack who led the team with 22 points, followed by Farquhar with 12, and Allgaier with 11. It was now three in a row as the blue and gold scored a victory over Washington State Teachers College 110-50. This time the high scorers were two promising middleclassmen, Godin and Dyro, both scoring 14 points. Our first loss of the season came when the Middies traveled to Farmington to play Farmington State Teachers College. It was a nip and tuck game from the very beginning to the sound of the ending whistle; score 75-73. Cutliffe had 18 and Kelly 16. The Maine Sailors now went to Bangor to play Husson College again, and once more defeated them 102-83. A great game was played by Kelly at right forward racking up 26 points. Allgaier played a superior game of rebounding off both boards. The blue and gold then suffered three straight defeats from MCI, 65-64; against Colby Frosh, 73-51; and from Gorham Teacher, 96-80. In all three games it was Cutliffe and Kelly leading the team in scoring. The Middies broke out of the losing streak by defeating a strong MCI team 73-71. It was all captain Cutliffe, looping a total of 26 points. The next night the team traveled to the U of M to play the Freshmen and lost 74-54. The College boys were too much for the Middies, but men like Kelly and Allgaier gave them a hard time under the boards. With a 500 average for the season the Maritime Hoopers beat Higgin's Prep 106-69. Three Middies scored over twenty points, Cutliffe 24, Dyro 34, and Kelly 22. Norwich Academy came up to Quick gymnasium to defeat us 78-68. Great set shooting by Dyro worried the opponents, but their height was too much. The varsity then played two games against Ricker College, losing the first game 69-61 and then coming back to win the second game 77-71. It was Dyro and Cutliffe leading the squad in scoring in both games. Here is Where the Middies ended their season before going South. They resumed the season by playing teams in Fort de France, Martinique; U. S. Naval Station in Trinidad; and at San Juan Puerto Rico.



Basketball Squad



Coach JOHN HOCTOR

Captain

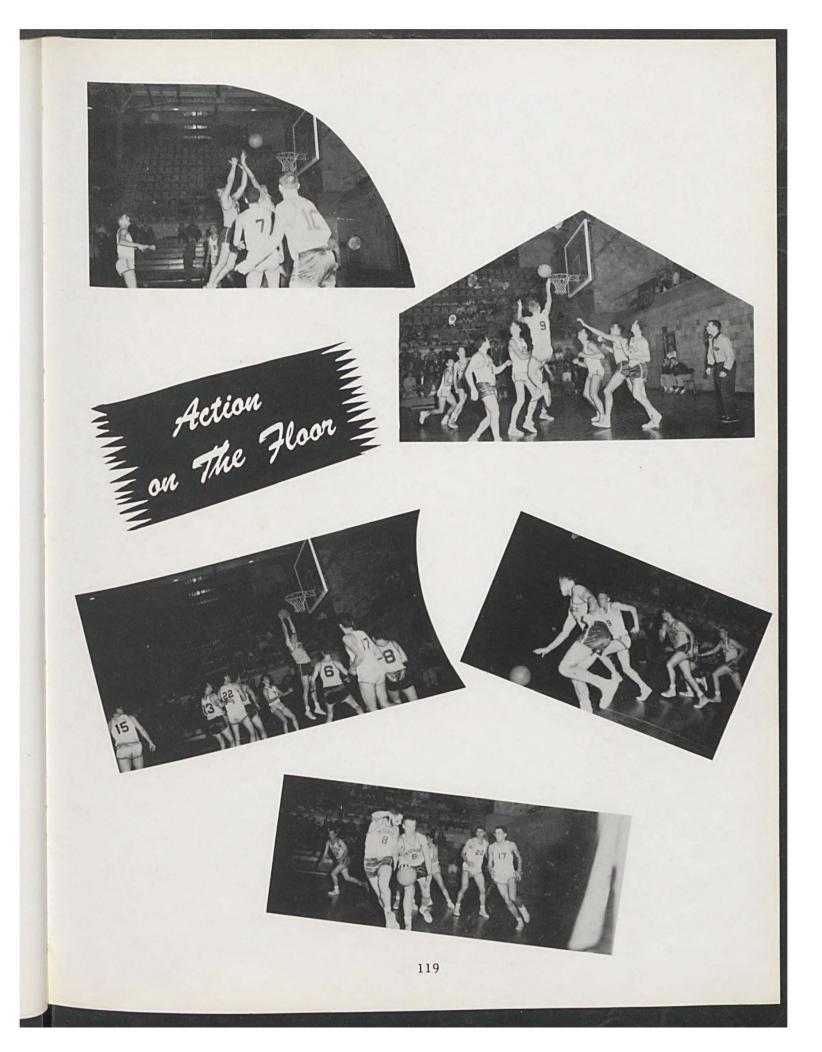
JACK CUTLIFFE



M. Billington



N. Munro





Baseball Squad



Coach Ken Brown



Captain Aldie Leeman

BASEBALL 1954

With the coming of winter we left on our annual Caribbean cruise. Coach Ken Brown got his baseball team ready to start their pre-season training, while on the cruise. The Blue and Gold started off with a smashing victory over a strong Cartagena, Columbia team. O'Connell and Pearson allowed only one run in nine full innings of play in temperatures as high as 110 degrees. The score was five to one with Rivard, Leeman and Deering leading the team with three hits apiece. The Middies set out to make it two in a row over the Cartageneans, but this time they were defeated 5-0. The next ball game found us in Santiage, Cuba where we registered three straight wins. This time it was freshman Stan Dyro and O'Brien who put the wood to anything to anything that came around the plate. Bennett, Landry, and O'Connell sharing the mound duties, all showing pretty good control and a lot of stuff on the ball. This ended pre-season training, as we headed back North. Posting a 5 to 1 record.

The Middies started the 1954 season by losing to Higgins 14-9. This was no way to start the season off, because this was the year that MMA was supposed to have the best team ever to set foot in Castine. The next game was against Husson in which the Middies opened up their hitting attack and great pitching by O'Connell. The Middles then Played the Colby Freshmen. In the first inning shortstop Deering walked, then stole second base. The next batter was left fielder Leeman who blasted a ringing double down the right field line scoring Deering from second. From there on it was a pitching duel as lefty O'Connell didn't allow any runs in this crucial game of the season. The score of the game was 1-0. We then went on to defeat M.C.I. to make it three in a row. Everything was running smoothly until we met up with Presque Isle Air Base where we suffered our second loss of the season. Then things began to really boom. The Middie went on a rampage in which every person's eyes in Maine were centered on an unbeatable team. The Castine boys scored 18 straight victories, beating teams from every part of Maine. This had never been done before at MMA, not only did they break a recond in winning streaks, but the boys from the Academy never won more than eighteen games in one season. Yes, there is no doubt this was the best team ever to be at Maine Maritime Academy.

BASEBALL 1954

The Middies placed second in the Down East League, coming second to the team that broke their winning streak. With the loss of the seniors who included O'Connell, Pearson, Bennett, Landry, Michelsen, and Fales. The Middies still went on winning with MacPherson and Cutliffe doing most of the mound chores. The Middies ended the 1954 baseball season with 24 wins and 5 losses. In the Down East League they won seventeen out of the 24 games played, losing only to Bar Harbor, Winter Harbor, and the Champion Ellsworth Eagles. In this record breaking year for the Middies, Coach Ken Brown won his 100th game while coaching for Maine Maritime Academy. There is no doubt that Maine Academy had one of the best teams in Maine.

Leading Batters

Dyro .						380
Deering						379
Leeman						367

Coach KEN BROWN Starting Lineup

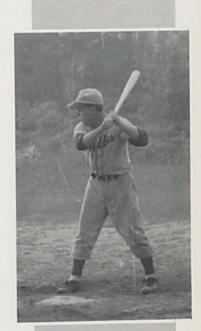
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Ist. Base.								N	Mic	he1	sen	or Godin
2nd. Base		٠							Fa	les	or	Williams
3rd. Base.						٠,					,	O'Brien
Shortstop.												Deering
Left Field.					L	ee n	nan			.1	955	Captain
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Pitchers .						٠					0	Connell Pearson Landry Bennett





Aldie at bat





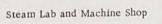




CDR. JUSTIN DRISCOLL Chief Engineer



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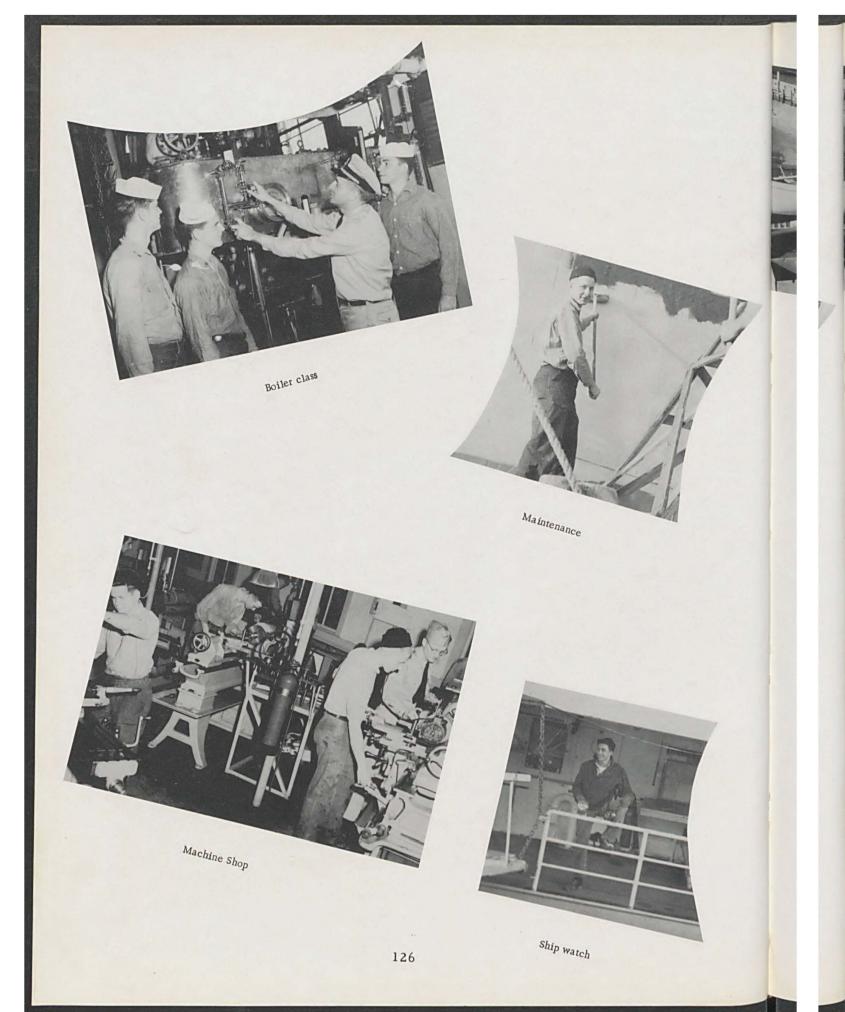


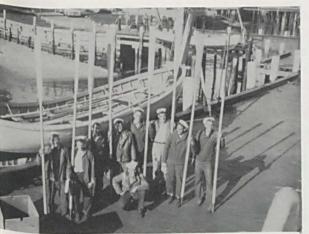


CDR. WILLIAM HURDER
Ist Lieutenant

Dock Area

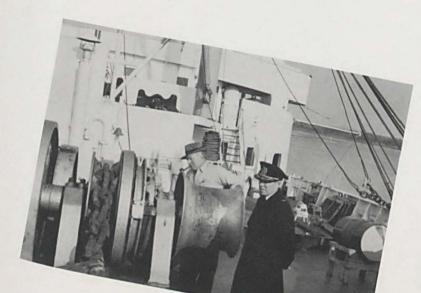






D-1's Winning boat crew

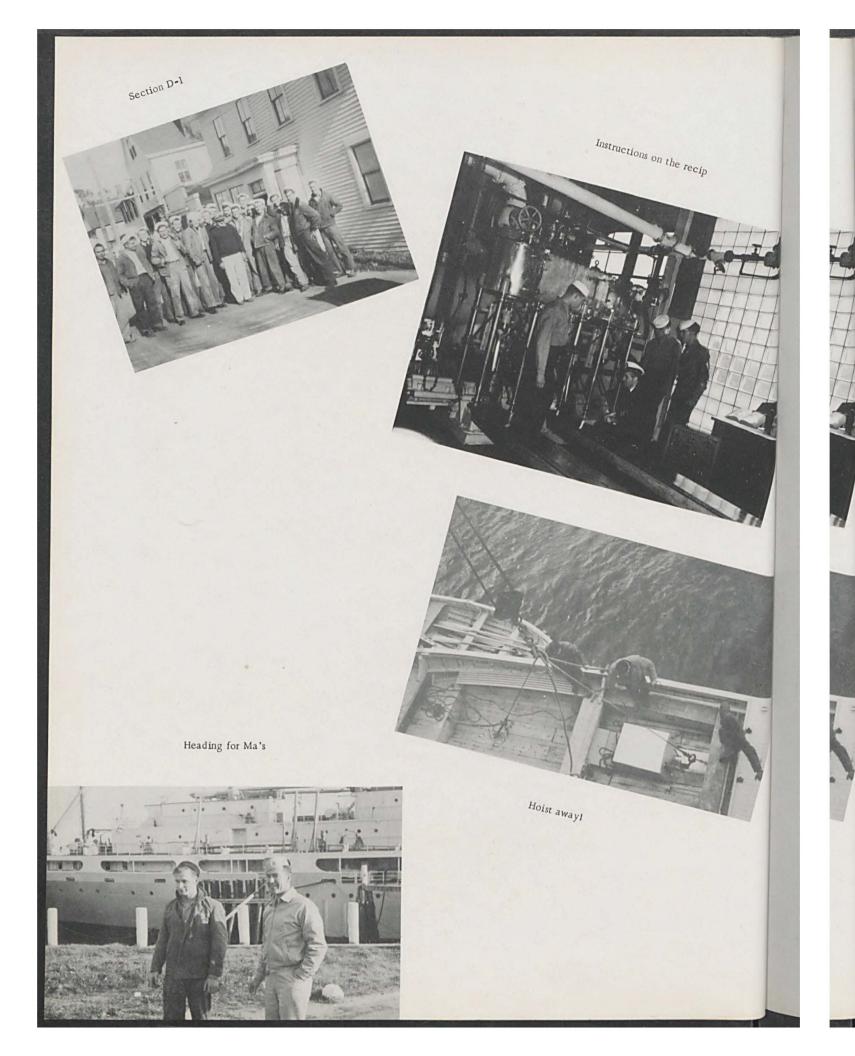




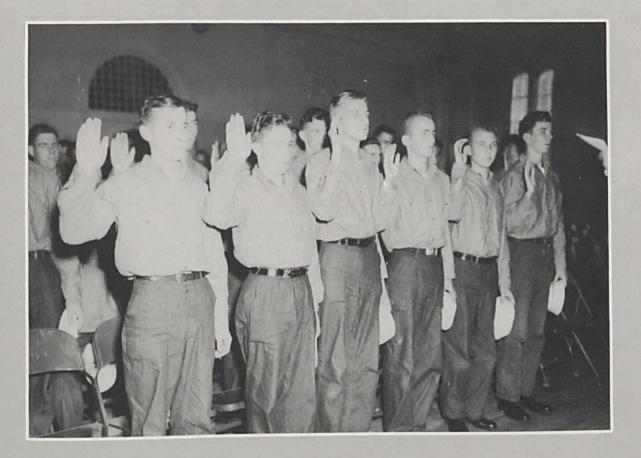
The Skipper and the Coast Guard



The duty electrician



Our Three



Years

Class History

Seventy-eight men matriculated on the 4th and 5th of August 1952 in Castine to begin their careers as officers in the Naval reserve and Maritime Service.

The preliminary indoctrination processes of that first month were to the majority of the men a severe change from civilian life.

The academic half of the seaman's career occupied us till December 19. After a much welcomed Christmas leave we ventured back to Castine where we transported our gear to Bucksport on board the T.V. Empire State. (The senior class having gone to New York to borrow the ship for our cruise.)

January 4, 1953 began our first taste of seagoing life, as we watched the faces of friends and relatives fade into the distance.

The year of 1953 brought us our first step out of the United States into a host of foreign scenes. The Caribbean is predominately Spanish, but the British and French West Indies proved to be a contrast in languages. After three months on "Old Rocking Chair", Portland and Castine were welcome shores.

Post cruise leave and the spring semester passed rapidly and the long waited for moment arrived. The relieving of the watch by the underclass of '54.

Great exuberation filled the rafters of Richardson Hall. No longer would we muster at a second's notice and perform the duties of miserable underclassmen. Summer vacation, the departure of the American Sailor, and the arrival of the USAT Comfort once more focused our thoughts on another cruise to the Blue Waters.

Fall semester mixed with water shortages and much maintenance finished 1953. In January of 1954, we as juniors took the ship to Portland for the ship yard overhal prior to the cruise. Many delays cut our seatime to two months.

Again we headed South fighting the storm of our careers, to date. After quick hops about El Caribe, Portland light ship was again our beacon.

With two seaterms behind us, we anxiously numbered the days till we became seniors. Graduation arrived, and we finally found ourselves in our last year at the Academy. The long summer leave prepared us for the final fall and winter term in Castine. Cut short by a two week stay in Boston dry dock, ship yard, and telephone office.

Class History

Naval physicals and dentals were trying Christmas and New Years presents, but the '55 cruise began on schedule. The Caribbean appeared like a third home, next to Castine and Home Sweet Home. The class of '55 became the first group of Middies in many years to complete three training cruises on two different ships, from turboelectric to geared turbine.

Now comes the final race to the wire. The end of three years, the quick exam prep, Naval Science finals, Coast Guard test, and finally graduation, the emancipation of the Middie.

Three years have produced sixty men out of seventy-eight, in the infancy of their careers as Naval and Merchant Officers. Where they go from here only they and God have any idea.

May the rest of our lives be as full and active as the past three years. Smooth Sailing Ship and Classmates of "55".

Cruise Itineraries

1953	1954	1955
San Juan, P. R.	Ponce, Puerto Rico	Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic
St. Thomas, V. I.	Port au Prince, Haiti	Fort de France, Martinique, F. W. I.
Bridgetown, Bar- bados, B. W. I.	Cartagena, Colombia	U.S. Naval Station, Trinidad, B. W. I.
U. S. Naval Station Trinidad, B. W. I.	Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I.	LaGuaira, Venezula
U.S. Naval Station Coco Solo, C.Z.	Santiago, Cuba	U.S. Naval Station, Coco Solo, C.Z.
Vera Cruz, Mexico	Baltimore, Md. U.S.A.	Georgetown, Grand Cayman, B.W.I.
Galveston, Texas	Portland, Maine	Havana, Cuba
Miami, Florida	Castine, Maine	San Juan, Puerto Rico
Portland, Maine		Charleston, South Carolina
Castine, Maine		Portland, Maine
		Castine, Maine



Those first minutes



After this the boom was lowered

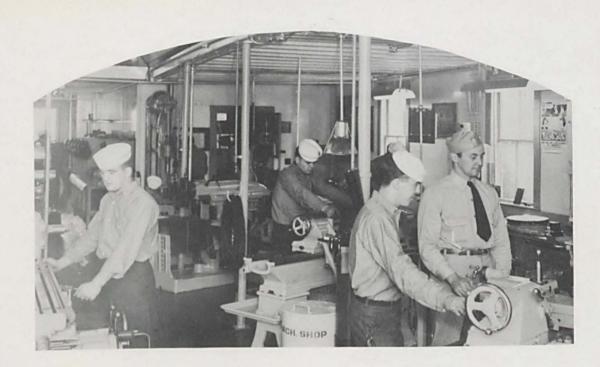




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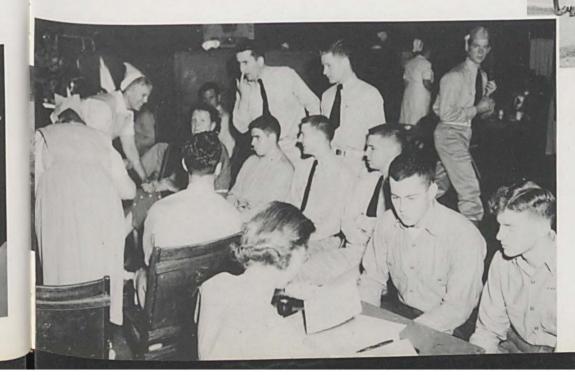
The perfect fit





The beginning of engineering





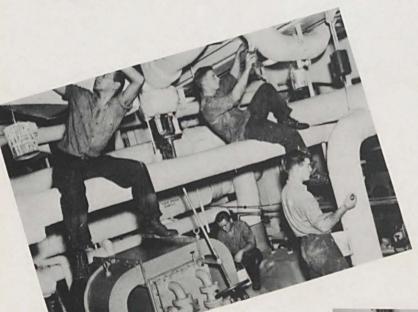
Our Drill Squad

First Cruise



"Some joke, this scullery"

"You look so handsome, boys"



Engine maintenance

"What a big foredeck"





And then the party began

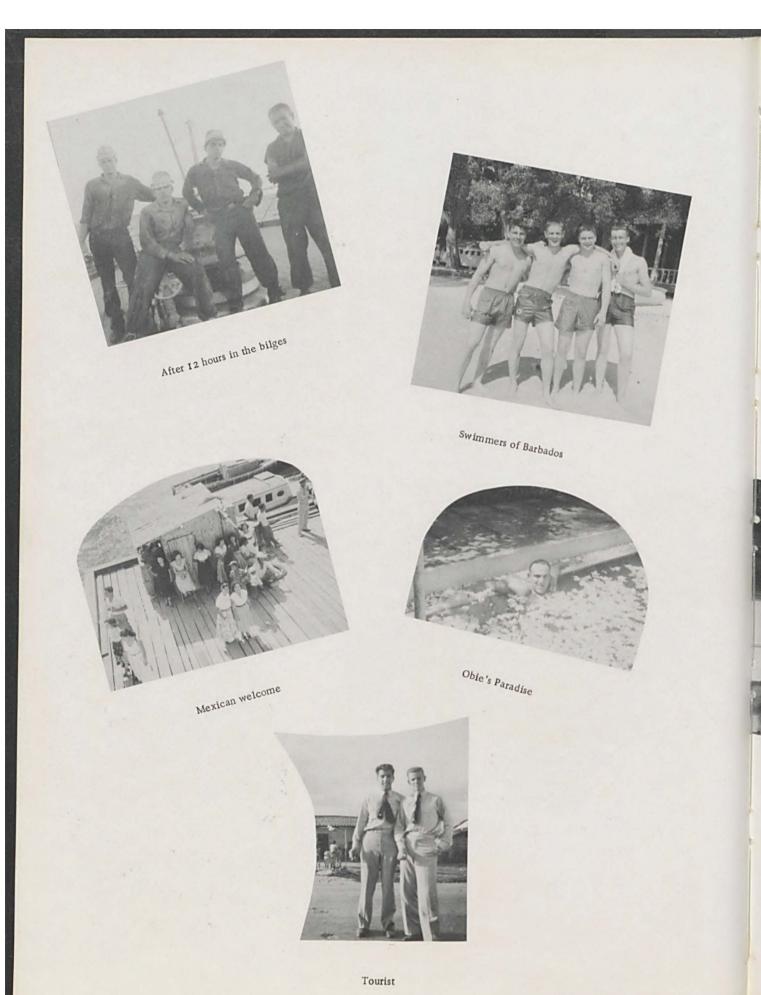


Wonder what they're doing



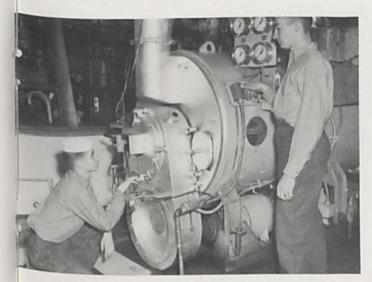
"Did you punch it, Charlie"







Gramps is up to no good







The Sub Chaser



Wonder what this button is for

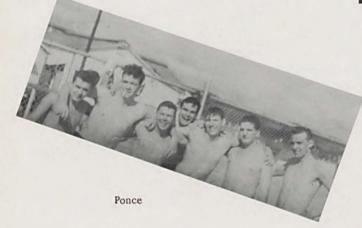


Portland

What a crew1



Santiago, Cuba

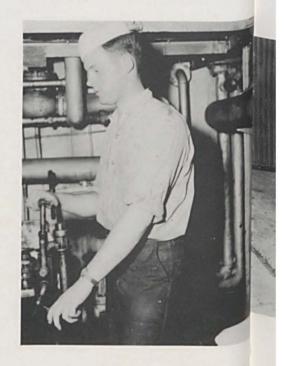




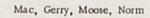
Cruise

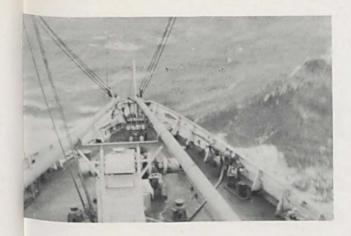


"Does it work?"



Fireman Jones





The Storm



Our passage to liberty



Liberty 1



So cool and refreshing



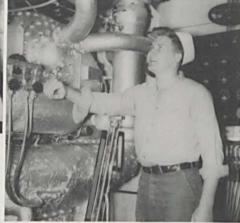
Jamaica



Romeo at work



The Sexy Six



"What's that valve do?"



"Is it loaded?"

Seniors



Room Inspection



Notice the middleclassmen

Sub-chaser crew





Final exams



Morning Muster

At the Ball Game





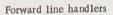
Lifeboat tests



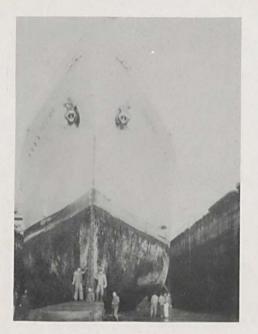
Row 'em, Jim



Leaving for Boston







Ready for work







"Which way's the washroom?"





Boat drill



Going in or out?





The bridge

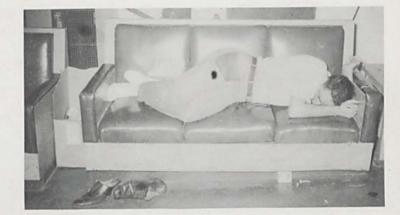


Quarters for muster





Dominican Republic



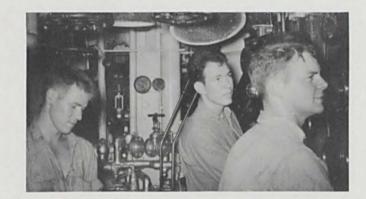
Cliff, the maintenance man

Does it work, Lee?





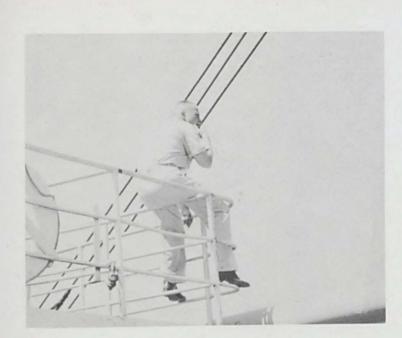
A lifeboat contains.....



Engine room watch



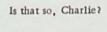




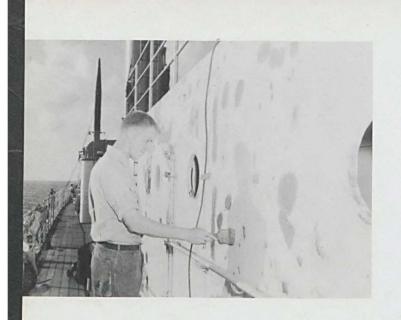
Looking for seagulls?



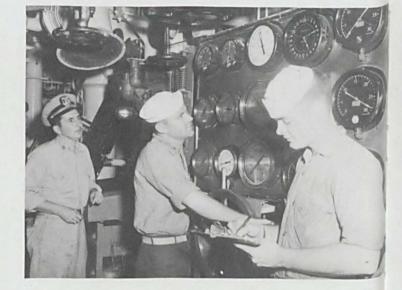
C.E. of the watch







Only two hours to go, Larry



Maneuvering Watch



Fill 'em up Martie



Careful, it might go off

Engineers?



Lifeboat Watch

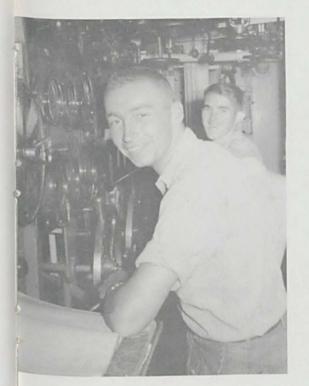




This is the jacking gear

Go, Gerry





Ed and Alkie



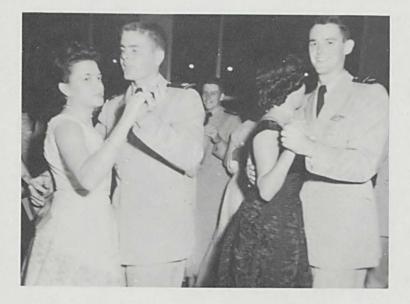
Gramps and Mac





Don in Panama





Steady Jim



Firel



Maneuvering



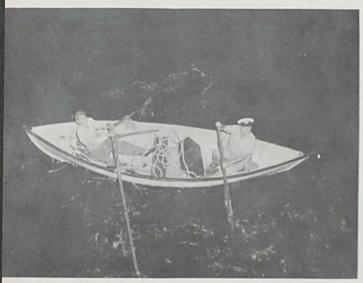
Carnival in Havana



Instruction in steering engine room

"Lightning" at work

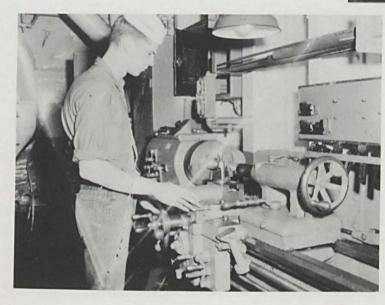




Come-a-quick, I'm-a-sinking fast!



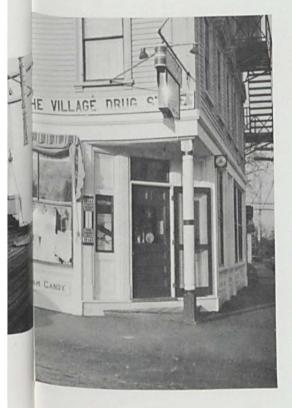
The tent makers



Does this machine make keys?



Castine





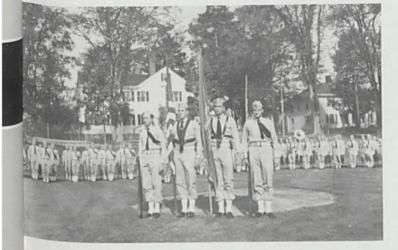
Main Street



Ma McLeod's

Activities

Color Guard





COLOR SERGEANT Mid'n James Purdy

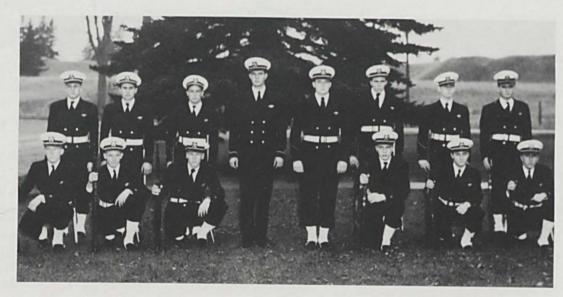


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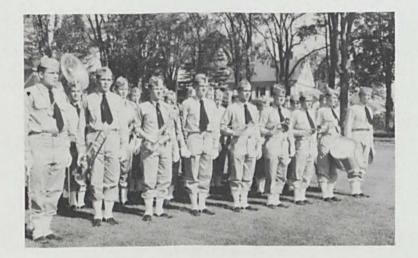


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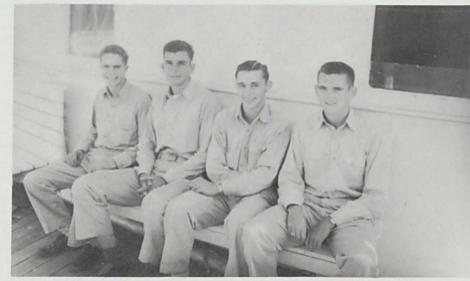


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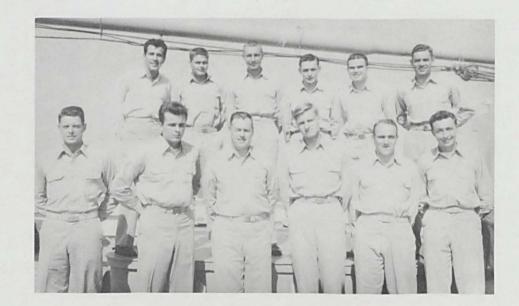
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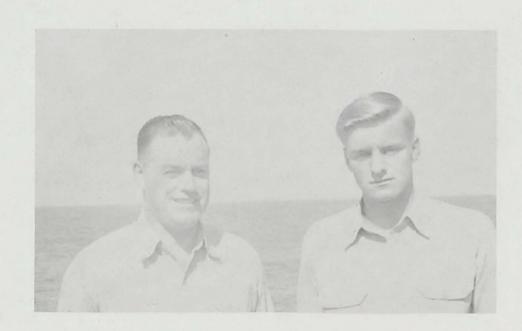
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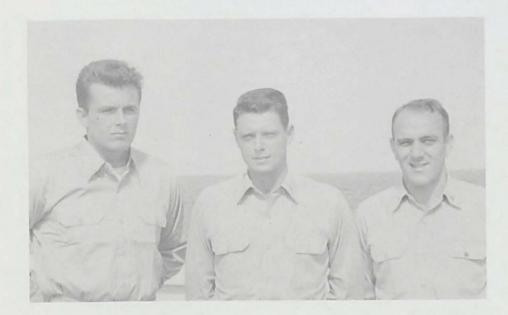


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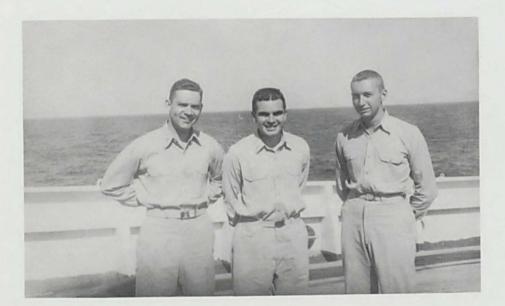
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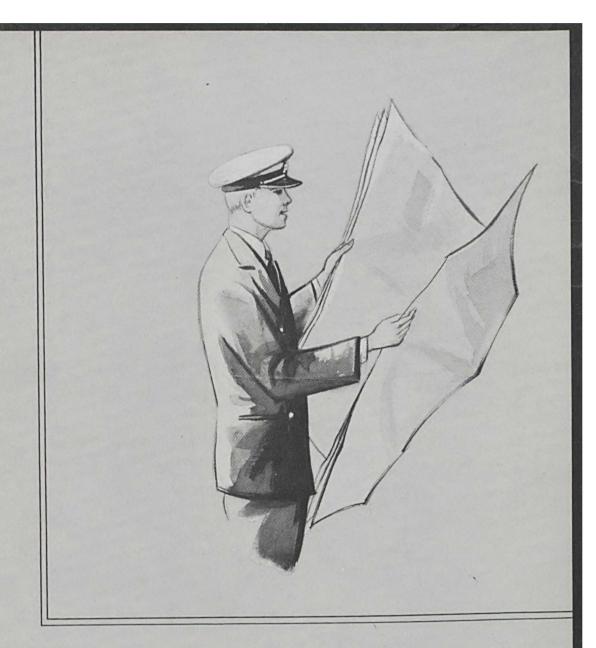
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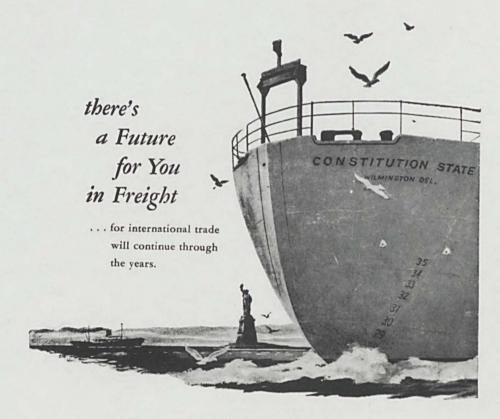


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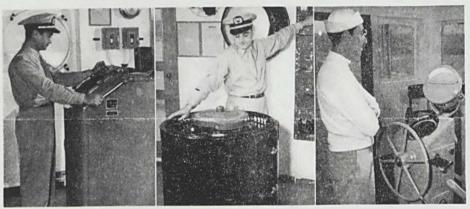
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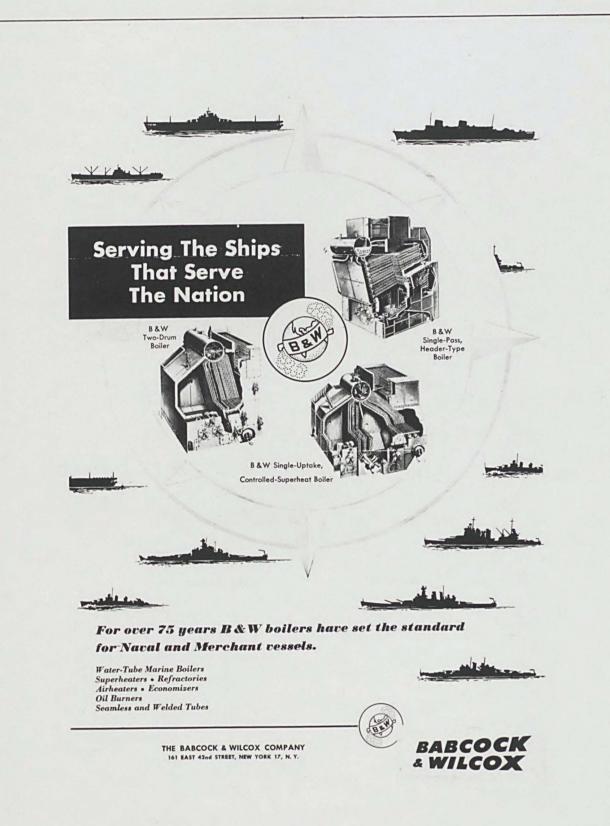
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