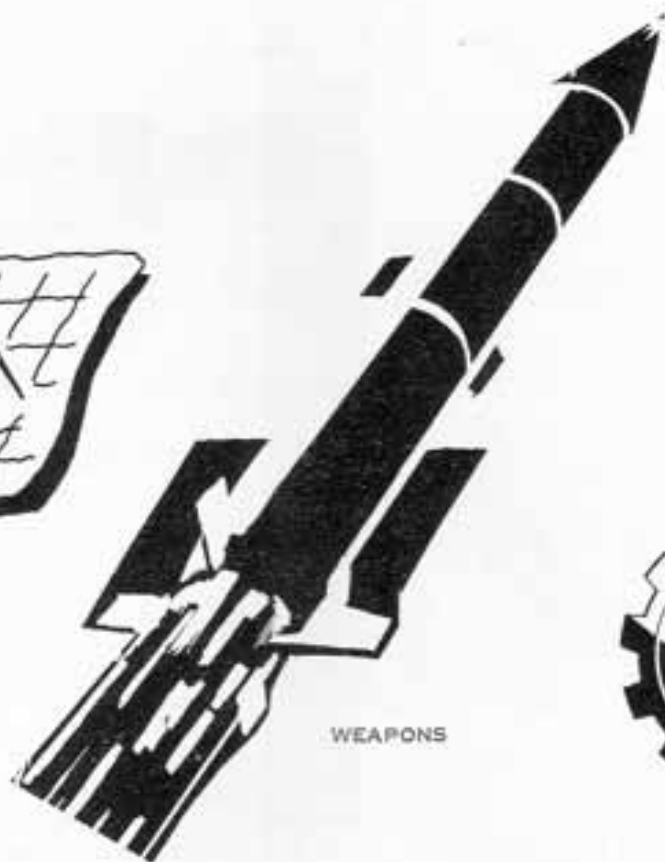


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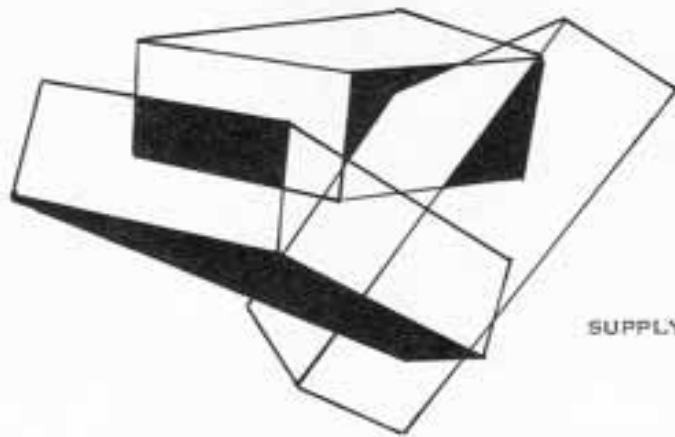
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SUPPLY

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT



LT GARDNER
OPERATIONS OFFICER



LT SIEGRIST
NAVIGATOR



LT (JG) ESTOCK
CIC OFFICER



LT (JG) TISDALE
ELECTRONICS MATERIAL



LT (JG) BRONS
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER



ENS RUSH
ASSISTANT CIC OFFICER



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THE KINGS CIC GANG WAS BORN IN TWO LOCATIONS. AT THE SHIPYARD, WHITSON AND WEASMA WERE SPENDING THEIR DAYS RUNNING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE SHIP, VARIOUS SHOPS, AND OUR TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS OF CHIEF TROUT. ATTENDING VARIOUS SCHOOLS IN SAN DIEGO, THINGS SEEMED PRETTY WELL ORGANIZED UNTIL THE ENTIRE CREW ASSEMBLED IN BREMERTON AND MOVED ABOARD. ALL HANDS SPENT BUSY DAYS TRYING TO RUN DOWN MISSING ITEMS AND TYING UP LOOSE ENDS IN PREPARATION FOR OUR PRELIMINARY ACCEPTANCE AND BUILDINGS TRIALS, WITH GREAT EMPHASIS BEING PLACED UPON NAVIGATION. THE FIRST COUPLE OF DAYS IN PUGET SOUND WERE QUITE TRYING AND INCLUDED AN 'O'ROARK' CALLING CONTEST IN WHICH



FRONT ROW—METCALF, J. H.; ACOSTA, R. ; FISHER, J.L.; TYLER C.O.; WEISHEIM, O.R.; GRIMES, G.A.; ANGSTEAD, J.L.; LÖEHR, A.E. HEDGES, L.W.
 BACK ROW—TROUT, H.D.; ENS RUSH; MCMINN, C.M.; WEASMA, R.A.; GREEN, E. L.; ARMSTRONG, L. ; JOHNSON, W. T.; BIGGER, W.E. BENSON, B.L.; ROYBAL, E.A.; WHITSON, J.A.; THURBER, M. W.; LTJG

NO ONE VOLUNTEERED, BUT MANY CONTESTANTS WERE ENTERED. IT LOOKS LIKE GREEN WAS THE WINNER HANDS DOWN. IT WAS ABOUT THIS TIME THAT WE LOST FRIEDENSTAB FOR A SHORT STINT IN THE HOSPITABLE. HE DIDN'T DO SO BADLY FOR HIMSELF, THOUGH WINNING 800 DOLLARS IN A PUZZEL CONTEST.

THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS WERE UNEVENTFUL, AND THE SUCCEEDING DAYS WERE FILLED WITH PREPARATION FOR SAN DIEGO AND OUR SHAKEDOWN CRUISE, THE MOST EXCITING AND OUR SHAKEDOWN TRAINING CRUISE. THE MOST EXCITING EVOLUTION IN SAN DIEGO WAS THE UNANNOUNCED MERCY TRIP SOUTH WHICH LEFT A FEW OF US ON THE BEACH WITHOUT TOOTHBRUSH OR RAZOR. IT WAS A HECTIC TWO DAYS WITH THE FIRST DAY BEING SPENT TRYING TO GET THEM OUT. I THINK THE SCHOOL STAFF WAS MORE CONFUSED THAN WE WERE. IT WILL PROBABLY BE THE ONLY TIME THAT OUR ASSISTANT DIVISION OFFICER, MR. RUSH, WILL EVER BE ABLE TO MUSTER IN WALKING SHORTS WITH A GOLF CART. AFTER IT WAS OVER WE WERE ALL CONVINCED THAT LIFE ABOARD SHIP THOSE TWO DAYS WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN TOO BAD.

ON THE 14 OF FEBRUARY WE WERE UNDERWAY FOR OUR SHAKEDOWN CRUISE MINUS FRIEDENSTAB WHOM WE HAD TO LEAVE BEHIND. WE WELCOMED ABOARD CHIEF THURBER UPON OUR ARRIVAL IN PEARL, THUS INCREASING OUR NUMBER TO 22. THAT IT REALLY WAS A SHAKEDOWN WAS BEYOND DOUBT WHEN WE STARTED TO GET UNDERWAY FOR LOCAL OPERATIONS IN PEARL. THE SHAKING WAS MOST APPARENT IN THE AFTER END OF THE SHIP, SOME OF US WERE A LITTLE DISSOLUTIONED TRYING TO SEE THE SOUTH PACIFIC FROM THE BOTTOM OF DRY-DOCK. BUT WE MADE UP FOR IT BY ATTENDING POLLYWOG OR SHELL BACK MEETINGS.

POLLYWOG DAY WAS A BIG SUCCESS AS MOST SHELLBACKS WERE SOUNDLY DRENCHED BY THE FIREHOSES. INTIATION DAY SAW THE RADAR GANG REPRESENTED BY SEVERAL "SPECIAL CASES" PROMINENT AMONG WHO WAS OUR CIC OFFICER, MR. ESTOCK. WHO HAD BEEN CITED FOR LEADING A POLLYWOG REVOLT. EXCEPT FOR A FEW SORE POSTERIORIS AND SEVERAL SUN-BURNED CRANIUMS, THE RADAR GANG IS BACK TO ITS NORMAL ROUTINE OF COLLECTING, DISPLAYING, EVALUATING AND DISSEMINATING COMBAT INFORMATION?





IF YOU DON'T THINK WE ARE
ACROSS THE EQUATOR YET,
JUST WHAT HAPPEN TO YOUR
HAIR?



CAN'T READ OR WRITE, BUT
YOU SURE CAN TYPE GOOD.



RADARMEN



FAMOUS LAST WORDS, "I'M
NOT GOING UP ON THAT STACK"



WAIT TILL THE OLD MAN COMES
OUT ON THE WING OF THE
BRIDGE AND GET HIM TOO.



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FRONT ROW—LTJG BRONS; TAYLOR, J.R.; HUTCHISON, J.L.; MARTINEZ, R.J.; MERRITT, J.J.; LUCAS, M.D.; TUPPER, R.
BACK ROW—GARRETT, R.G.; BUXMAN, L.W.; SHAGENA, M.J.; HOWE, D.R.; KLIPPLE, H.W.; BOLEY, B.E.; PAULSON, H.L., LOTH K.R.

WHETHER IT IS A CW SIGNAL, A VOICE CIRCUIT, SEMAPHORE OR FLASHING LIGHT, THE MEMBERS OF THE OC DIVISION ARE THERE TO SEE THAT IT IS HANDLED PROPERLY AND WITH AS MUCH SPEED AND ACCURACY AS POSSIBLE. IN THE NAVAL SERVICE "COMMUNICATIONS IS THE VOICE OF COMMAND," EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS ARE VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF A MODERN NAVY, AND AS MEMBERS OF THE U.S.S. KING, WE ARE A MAJOR FIGHTING UNIT IN THE MODERN NAVY OF 1961. THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM HAS TWO MAJOR AIMS: ONE TO SERVE COMMAND AND SECONDLY TO AID ADMINISTRATION. COMMUNICATIONS SERVES COMMAND WHEN IT CARRIES BATTLE ORDERS FROM A FLEET COMMANDER TO HIS SUBORDINATES, FORWARDS DOCKING INFORMATION FROM HARBOR CONTROL TO AN ENTERING VESSEL, OR DELIVERS A STORM WARNING TO ALL SHIP IN THE GENERAL AREA. IT AIDES ADMINISTRATION WHEN THE CIRCUITS ARE USED TO HURRY THE MOVEMENT OF SUPPLIES, OR TO ARRANGE FOR TRANSPORTATION FOR A DRAFT OF MEN. COMMUNICATIONS IS BASED ON THREE BASIC PRINCIPLES, RELIABILITY, SECURITY AND SPEED; AND THESE PRINCIPLES ARE FOLLOWED CLOSELY ABOARD THE KING.

THE RADIO MEN AND SIGNAL MEN MAKE UP THE COMPLEMENT OF OC DIVISION ABOARD THE KING, WITH A TOTAL OF 15 BODIES IN ALL. LTJG J.C. BRONS IS THE DIVISION OFFICER, HE IS ASSISTED BY RADIO MAN CHIEF TUPPER AND SIGNAL MAN FIRST CLASS GARRETT. ALTHOUGH THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE OF JOBS BETWEEN THE TWO RATES OF RADIO MAN AND SIGNAL MAN MAY SEEM DIFFERENT, THE RESULT IS EFFECTIVE AND RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS. RECENTLY WHEN WE WERE CALLED OUT ON A RESCUE MISSION TO PICK UP THE SICK SAILOR OFF OF THE MERCHANT SHIP, VOICE COMMUNICATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED WHILE WE WERE STILL ALMOST A THOUSAND MILES AWAY FROM THE OTHER VESSEL. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY THE USE OF NEW GEAR CALLED "SHINGLE SIDE BAND." THIS LONG RANGE VOICE COMMUNICATIONS ENABLED THE DOCTOR ABOARD OUR SHIP TO TALK WITH THE PERSON ATTENDING THE PATIENT ON THE OTHER SHIP AND GIVE ANY AID THAT HE COULD UNTIL WE ARRIVED AND THE MAN WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE KING.

WHILE OPERATING WITH OTHER SHIPS, THE DIVISION PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE MANEUVERS THAT ARE CARRIED ON. FOR EXAMPLE, WHILE ON PLAND GUARD FOR THE U.S.S. MIDWAY ON OUR WAY TO PEARL. THE SIGNAL MEN WERE USING FLAS HERTS TO INDICATE WHEN WE SHOULD TURN AND IN WHAT DIRECTION THE TURN SHOULD BE MADE. THE RADIO MEN WERE CONSTANTLY IN CONTACT ON A CW CIRCUIT AND TRAFFIC PERTINENT TO THE DAY'S OPERATIONS WAS PASSED OVER THE CIRCUIT. RADIO HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SETTING UP AND MAINTAINING ALL THE COMMUNICATION FREQUENCIES NEEDED ABOARD SHIP, AND ALSO FOR SEEING THAT THEY ARE PATCHED TO THE PROPER PLACE, WHETHER IT BE CWC OR THE BRIDGE.

DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY THE KING PROCESSED OVER 800 RADIO AND VISUAL MESSAGES. INCLUDED IN OUR DAILY TRAFFIC ARE PERSONAL ABOARD SHIP ARE ENTITLED TO SEND TELEGRAMS, WHICH ARE HANDLED BY RADIO.

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE WATCHES, ALONG WITH THE FIELD DAYS, ETC. THERE ARE ALSO A FEW THINGS THAT WILL CAUSE A LAUGH EVERY NOW AND THEN. IF IT'S NOT SOMEONE SHOUTING "SIGNAL-MEN, YOU'RE BEING CALLED BY FLASHING LIGHT" (OF COURSE THIS IS USUALLY DONE AFTER THE LIGHT SIGNAL HAS BEEN TAKEN CARE OF) THEN IT IS SOMEONE ELSE CALLING AND TELLING RADIO THEIR TRANSMITTER DOESN'T WORK (WHEN IN ACTUALITY THEY HAVEN'T EVEN PUSHED THE START BUTTON ON THE GEAR). THERE IS ALWAYS THE DAILY RIDING OF EACH OTHER ABOUT SIZE, LOOKS, LOVE LIFE, OR WHAT EVER CAN BE FOUND OUT ABOUT A PERSON THAT CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE WHOLE GROUP. IT'S THIS AMOUNT OF CLOSENESS THAT MAKES OUR DIVISION A GOOD ONE AND A CLOSE KNOT ONE.



"THEIR MESSAGE READS"



REQ PER ENTER PORT



GETTING A COUPLE OF DITS



WHAT ZBM37



"THE MIDDLE MAN"



I DON'T KNOW—MAYBE THE GREEN ONE



GIVE'EM A WAVE-OFF



FRONT ROW—PHILLIPS W.P.; PATTERSON J.M.; HERNANDEZ D.C.; COUNTS L.E.; RIVERA P.N.; HEDLEY W.A.; GOOCH J.A.
 BACK ROW—LEROY K.R.; THOMPSON W.B.; WALTER J.R.; TRIPLET J.T.; PUSTEK R.J.; MATTHIES R.E.; WATSON F.E.; JOHNSON J.A.; PECORADO R.A.; WREDBERG C.J.; CURRY W.A.; RUBE C.N.; FISH J.R.; AREN D.M.; PEARSON M.G.; GREINIA D.C.; GORDAN C.L.; LTJG TISDALE

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THE OPERATIONS ELECTRONICS DIVISION, OR OE DIVISION, AS THEY ARE MORE COMMONLY CALLED, IS MADE UP OF THE ELECTRONICS ABOARD THE KING. THE ETS MAINTAIN AND REPAIR THE VARIOUS ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT ON BOARD INCLUDING; THE SEARCH AND HEIGHT FINDING RADARS WITH THEIR INDICATORS AND REPEATERS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE SHIP; THE MANY TRANSMITTERS AND RECEIVERS USED FOR VOICE, CODE, AND TELETYPE EQUIPMENT. ETS ALSO KEEP EQUIPMENT SUCH AS TACAN, DRONE CONTROL AND RADIAC IN OPERATION.

FROM THE TOP OF THE MAST TO THE KEEL, FROM THE FORCASTLE TO THE FANTAIL, THE KING IS LOADED WITH THE LATEST ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENT AND IN THESE MANY SPACES, YOU WILL FIND ETS WORKING TO KEEP IT IN TOP OPERATING CONDITION AND WHEN NECESSARY—OPERATING IT. WHEN SOMETHING CEASES TO GIVE TOP PERFORMANCE, ESPECIALLY ONE OF THE FOUR TELEVISION RECEIVERS, YOU USUALLY HEAR SOMEONE SCREAM, "CALL AN ET... HE'LL FIX IT." AND HE DOES.



"WE'VE DECIDED TO RECONSIDER YOUR CHIT FOR ELECTRONICS SCHOOL FILSTRUR"



AND THIS IS HAPPY HARE



I KNOW THOSE EASTER
EGGS ARE HERE SOME-
WHERE



HELP! I'M REAL



WHAT DO YOU MEAN NO LETTER FOR ME?



GHENGIS KHAN STRIKES
BACK



XN



FRONT ROW—FRENCH, B.O.; BAYLESS, G.L.; MUSICK, L.W.; LT SIEGRIST; WITMER, P.D.; MONTILLA, J.R.; BUNCE, H.V.
 BACK ROW—MAXEY, H.A.; CORDRAY, D.R.; SPENCER, S.M.L.; WILSON, R.A.; CLARK, T.L.; LANE, D.W.; FISKAL, A.A.

THE XN DIVISION WAS CREATED FAR FROM THE HOMEBASE OF OPERATIONS ON KING WITH MONTILLA, YN2, FIRST REPORTING TO THE SAN DIEGO PRECOM DETAIL IN JUNE OF 1960. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, CLARK, PN1 REPORTED TO THE PRECOM DETAIL. THESE TWO MEN AND TWO SELECTED STRICKERS PROCEEDED ONBOARD AND ORDERED TO SCHOOL THE MANY NEW RECRUITS AND PETTY OFFICERS. WITH EVERYTHING GOING ALONG WELL DOWN SOUTH THE BREMERNTON SECTION OF XN DIVISION WAS WITHOUT ANY PERSONNEL UNTIL SWEENEY, YNC AND BAYLESS, YN3 REPORTED ON BOARD AND ASSUMED THE JOB OF PUTTING THE SHIP'S OFFICE TOGETHER, AND OBTAINING THE VARIOUS PUBLICATIONS, FORMS AND EQUIPMENTS REQUIRED TO MAKE THE OFFICE A WORKABLE ONE. WITH THE REPORTING OF OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CDR E.T. MCFARLAND TO THE PRECOM DETAIL AT SAN DIEGO, THE WHEELS, WERE SET IN MOTION TO ESTABLISH OUR XN DIVISION TO INCLUDE ALL YEOMAN, PERSONNELMEN, HOSPITALMAN, POSTAL CLERKS, AND THE CHIEF MASTER AT ARMS WITH ONE ASSISTANT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER. THIS ARRANGEMENT WAS SHORT LIVED AS LT. E.A. SIEGRIST WAS ORDERED TO THE KING AS NAVIGATOR, THEREFORE THE DUTIES AS DIVISION OFFICER FELL UPON HIS BOARD SHOULDERS.

THE QUARTERMASTERS ON KING INCLUDE SPENCER, QM1, FISKAL, QM2, LANE, QM2, AND MUSICK, QM2, WITH ONE STRIKER, WITMER, QMSA. THE QUARTERMASTERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE EQUIPMENT ON THE BRIDGE AND ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN SAME. THE QUARTERMASTERS ACT AS HELMSMAN DURING GENERAL QUARTERS, MAN AFTER STEERING, TAKE BEARINGS DURING SPECIAL SEA DETAIL AND PERFORM THE MANY NAVIGATIONAL JOBS WHICH THEY ARE REQUIRED TO KNOW IN ORDER TO NAVIGATE THE SHIP SAFELY.

BUNCE, PC3, FINALLY ARRIVED IN BREMERNTON IN TIME TO GATHER THE MANY ITEMS TOGETHER THAT MAKE UP A NAVY POST OFFICE AND WAS IN OPERATION ON 10 NOVEMBER. IT SEEMED THAT EVERYWHERE YOU TURNED YOU WOULD FIND POSTAL EQUIPMENT PACKAGED AND READY TO USE.

HMC (DOC) HANNA ARRIVED IN BREMERNTON A SHORT TIME BEFORE COMMISSIONING THE KING AND WAS QUITE BUSY GETTING ALL HIS GEAR ON BOARD, STOWED AND IN OPERATION BY THE 10TH OF NOVEMBER WHEN WE MOVED ABOARD. DOC HANNA WAS AND IS ASSISTED BY MAXEY, HM2, WHO REPORTED A FEW DAYS BEFORE COMMISSIONING.

OUR CMAA, CUMLEY, GMC, WAS ONE OF THE FIRST OF THE CREW TO REPORT TO THE KING IN BREMERNTON. CHIEF CUMLEY FIRST HAD TO ASSIST IN PUTTING THE SHIP TOGETHER, THEN AS CMAA HAS DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB OF KEEPING IT RUNNING SMOOTHLY. ASSISTING CHIEF CUMLEY IS WILSON, GMT2, AS MESS DECK MAA AND FOUR ADDITIONAL MASTER-AT-ARMS ON A ROTATING BASIS FROM THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.



VERY INTERESTING HOW LONG AGO DID YOU CROSS THE EQUATOR?



I THINK MY FINGERS CAUGHT



I DON'T CARE WHERE RADAR HAS US ,
WE'RE RIGHT HERE



I'VE FOUND IT ON PAGE 9767343 PARAGRAPH
7963, HOW TO GAIN CONTROL OF YOUR SHIP



THIS IS SPY NO. 364 CALLING HAVANA



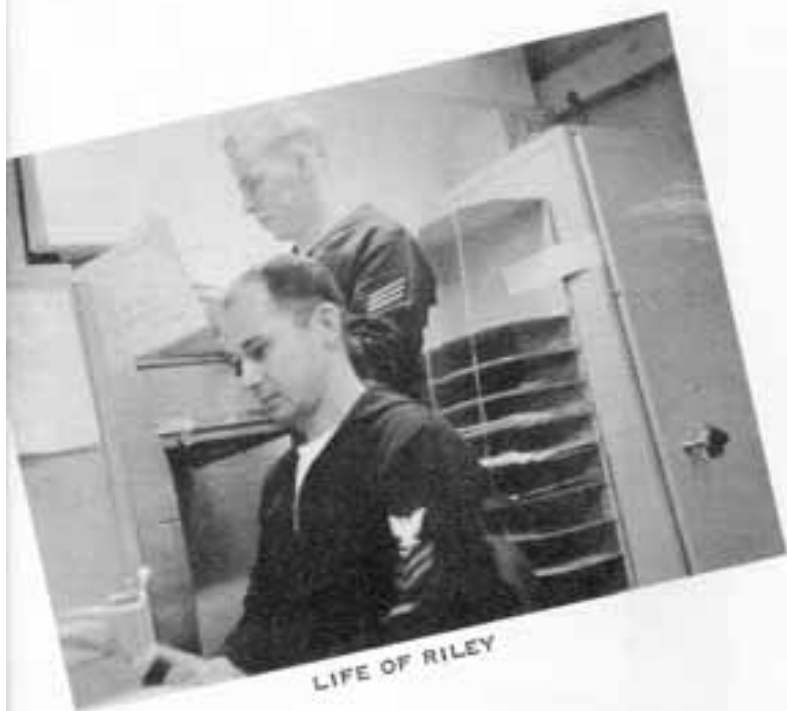
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PERSONNEL SHIP'S OFFICE



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LIFE OF RILEY

POST OFFICE



THIS FOR A PICTURE, ME PRETENDING
TO WORK

