

USCG AIR STATION
SANGLEY POINT, R.P.



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To the officers, men and civilian employees of the Coast Guard Section, Philippines and the Coast Guard Air Station Sangley Point:

The pages that follow are a written and pictorial record of our operation and phase out of Coast Guard activities at the Naval Station Sangley Point. During this period, Philippine Coast Guard personnel were trained, assigned to loran stations and qualified to replace United States Coast Guard personnel. Philippine Air Force and Navy flight crews and pilots working hand in hand with our men were trained and qualified to operate and maintain Coast Guard HU16 aircraft in support of the Philippine Loran System. These tasks were accomplished in record time while the same high standards expected under normal conditions were maintained and improved. In the best tradition of the United States Coast Guard, the Air Station and Section responded when a series of typhoons devastated the Philippines by flying relief supplies when other United States and Philippine agencies were unable to do so, to alleviate suffering and save lives of countless Philippine citizens.

It is a record of days of hard work, days of uncertainty and frustration, but most of all a record of achievement demonstrating that people of different ethnic backgrounds, educational levels, and nations can work, live, fly and play together to accomplish a common goal. Our actions have been without precedent, the close personal bonds of mutual trust, respect and cooperation are beyond a value level, and will serve as examples in future relations between the United States and the Republic of the Philippines.

I hope in the years to come when you have the occasion to thumb through this cruise book you will relive the memories of our times together, and remember with nostalgia and kindness the friends and shipmates that shared experience with you.

Our mission was successful. Each of you can take justifiable pride in his contribution. To each of you —WELL DONE—fair seas, good flying and happy landings in the future.





First Commanding Officer
Capt. W. C. CURWEN



Last Commanding Officer
Capt. S. J. STEPHANY



LCDR. J. C. ARNEY
Executive Officer
(Upper left)

LCDR. B. W. THOMPSON
Operations Officer
(Upper right)

LT. W. R. LADD
Communications Officer
(Lower left)



Cwo2 L. R. CASEK
Supply Officer
(Lower left)

Cwo2 R. C. PIERCE
M&R Officer
(Upper right)

Cwo2 D. G. MAGNI
Ground Electronics
Officer
(Lower right)



Lt. S. C. STORM
Engineering Officer
(Upper left)



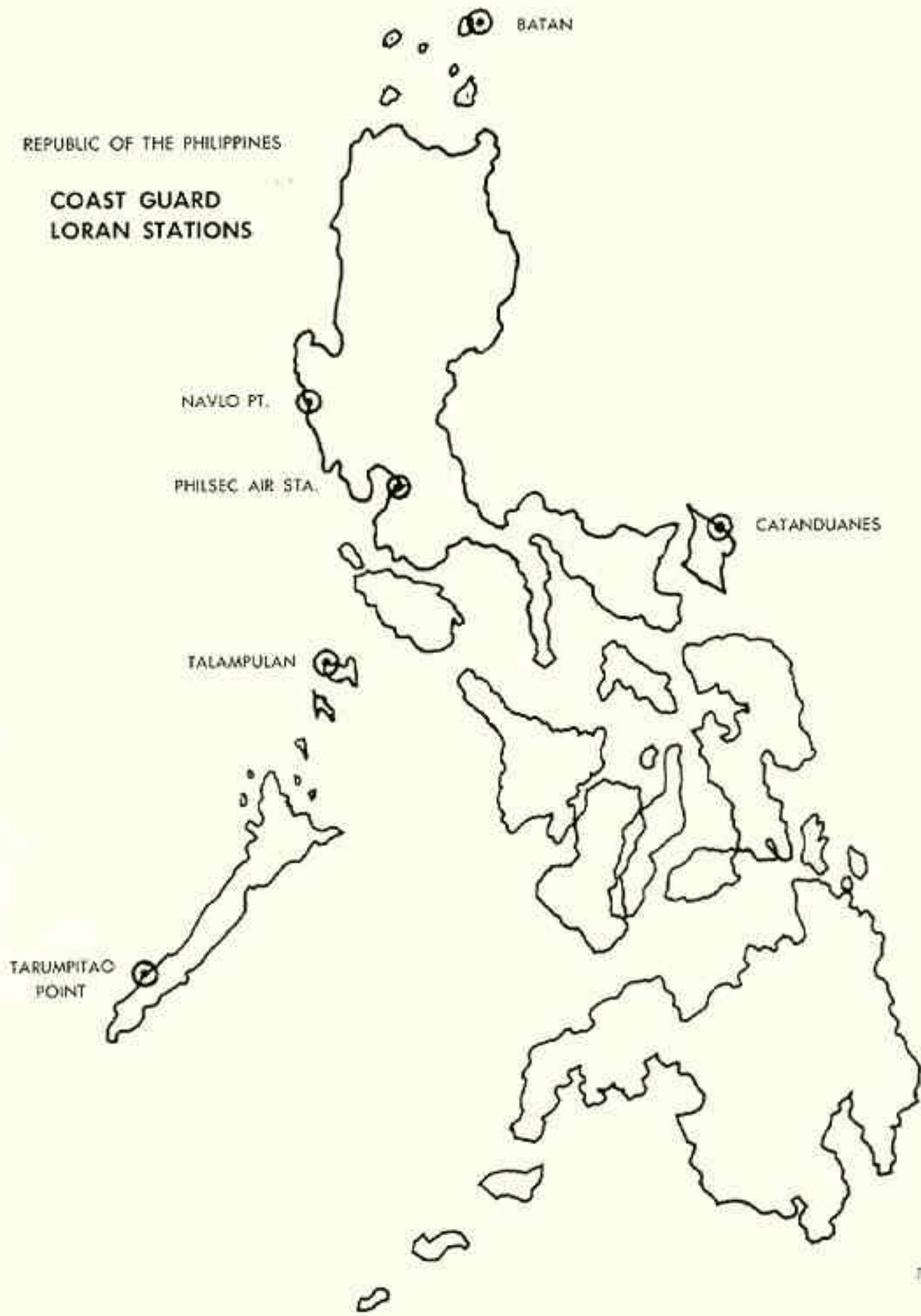
Lt. W. MCPHERSON
Public Works Officer
(Upper right)

Cwo3 A. E. BAILEY
Avionics Officer
(Lower right)



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

COAST GUARD
LORAN STATIONS





Coast Guard Loran Station Tarumpitao Point

The loran station occupies relatively flat land at Tarumpitao Point on the southwest coast of Palawan, approximately 390 miles southwest of Manila. The local population in the coastal areas are engaged in raising livestock, agriculture and fishing. Close to the loran station, there is a camp of the Aguinaldo Development Corporation which until recently had been engaged in a timber operation. The area is sparsely settled with small farms in cleared plots in the forest. There are no roads leading from the area. The landing strip adjacent to the loran station terminates in a

hill approximately 300 feet high. Landings are made from seaward and take off toward the sea. There are both Muslim and Christian families near the loran station. Inland primitive people still hunt with blowgun and spear and lead a wandering existence. The loran station participates in community activities and provides medical assistance. On one occasion, a landing by Borneo "pirates" was thwarted. Loran station personnel have also assisted in rescue operations. There is a beautiful, protected harbor just south of the station where fishing vessels often anchor.



Coast Guard Loran Station Batan

The loran station is located on the volcano Island of Batan, the largest island in the northernmost province of the Philippines, 393 miles north of Manila. Batanes Province in the straits between Taiwan and Luzon is truly a typhoon alley, with weather characterized by frequent typhoon passages, high winds and rough seas. The homes and buildings are unique to other parts of the Philippines, with thick stone walls and heavy thatched roofs to withstand the heaviest storms. The hardy, friendly people engage in agriculture, fishing and raising livestock. Camotes are a

primary staple, although other vegetables are grown in the fertile plots on steep hills and valleys. Locally constructed, very seaworthy boats with outriggers are used for transportation and fishing. The airstrip near the provincial capitol, Basco, is sixteen miles from the loran station. The airstrip is one of a few clear areas, is on a hillside with a 4.5 degree slope terminating in 3300-foot dormant volcano, Mount Iraya. Landings are made uphill and takeoff's downhill. There have recently been a series of earth tremors in Batanes Province.



Coast Guard Loran Station Naulo Pt.

Naulo Point is the only loran station located on the island of Luzon. It is located approximately 155 miles northwest of Manila. The area around the loran station is flat, fertile, devoted to raising livestock and agriculture. To the west, the Zambales range rises to separate the area from central Luzon. There is considerable mining in this mountain range. Offshore, two islands, Hermosa Major and Hermosa Minor, mark the location of the station. The weather is seasonal, varying with the monsoon. The loran station personnel participate in community activities, engaging in sports and welfare activities. Medical assistance has, on occasion, also been provided.



Coast Guard Loran Station Catanduanes

The loran station is located on Little Panay Island of the northeast Island of Catanduanes. It is approximately 200 miles southeast of Manila and the farthest east of the loran stations. The island is volcanic, and evidence of lava flow can be observed in several places. The weather is tropical with seasonal variations resulting from monsoon wind changes. The local population is small, engaging in agriculture and fishing. Marine life is diverse with large quantities of fish and other sea food. There are large numbers of seashells to be found in the area. The loran

station has the only vehicle on the island with a 1/16 mile road connecting the station to the beach landing area. The nearest town is Bagamanoc on Catanduanes Island, about three and half miles from the station by boat. The loran station provides valuable weather information on storms approaching the Philippines and has sheltered the local people during typhoons. Personnel from the station have participated in rescues of fishermen from the surf and often provide medical assistance to the people of the area.

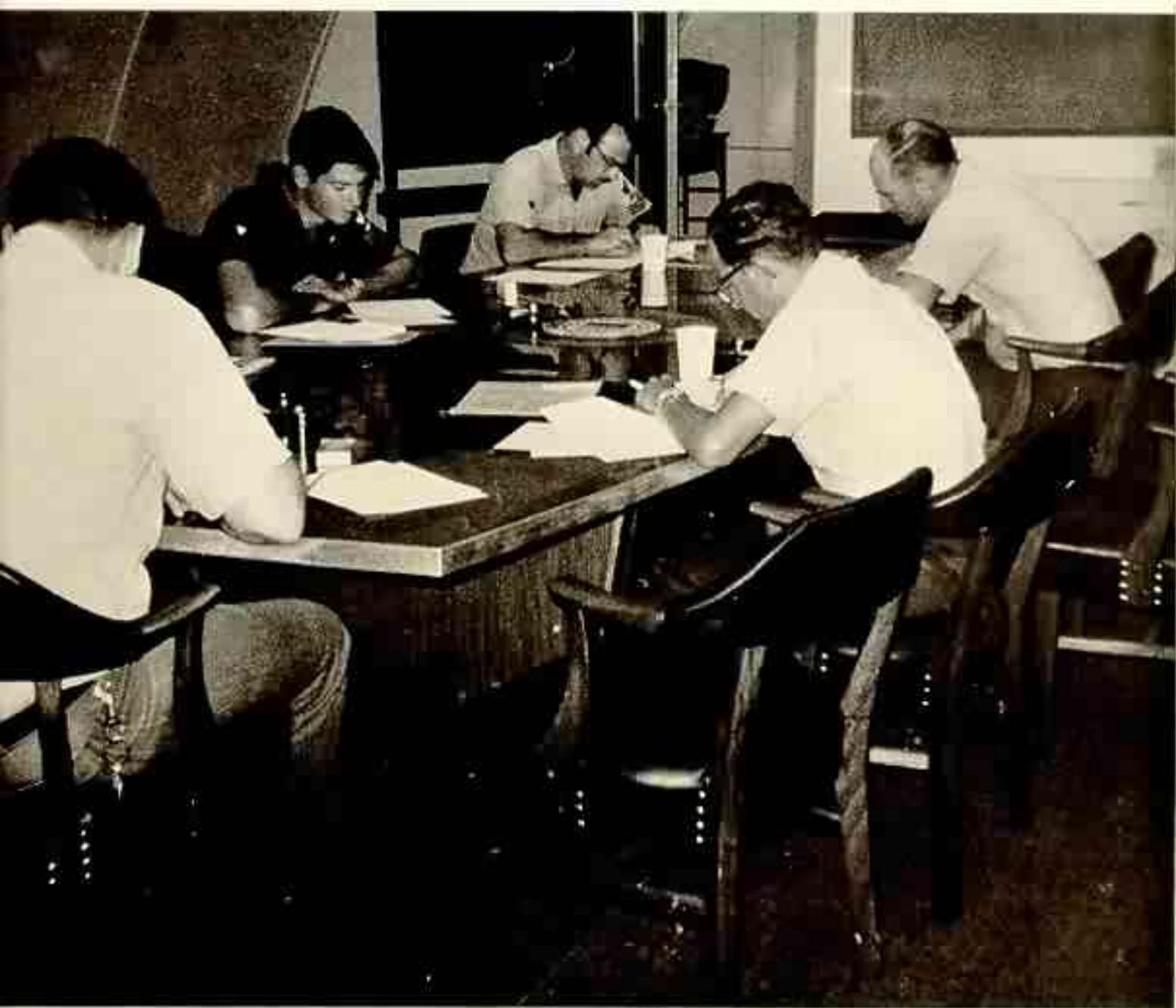


U.S. Coast Guard Philippine Section



U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Philippines





Future CPO's?????

A devastating typhoon hits the small town of Casiguran, in the Province of Quezon. With the roads blown away, the only possible way to get relief supplies into the area is with an amphibious airplane. A call came to the coast guard, who immediately responded, as you will see in the pictures.



Loading bread at Nichols AFB: AT3 Rick Draper & Cdr. Murdock





And finally, the bread falls over.

Ledri Thompson helps too.



Coast Guard Loran Station Talampulan

The loran station is located on Talampulan island in the Calamian Group in Palawan Province approximately 150 miles south of Manila. The island consists of one mountain, with a relatively flat, sandy ring surrounding it. An excellent beach surrounds the island, with a beautiful, deep, protected harbor on the east side. The weather is tropical with seasonal variation resulting from monsoon wind changes. The local population is small, living primarily in one barrio on the east side of the island. A fishing fleet operates from the harbor. While the boats are in port, the fishermen live ashore in long, locally constructed nipa

houses. Drying fish, net repair and other activities required to keep the fleet in operation are conducted on the island. The people are friendly and cooperative. The station personnel are routinely included in local festivities and celebrations, and are treated as honored guests. They are good people and a friend among them is a true friend. In return, the loran station provides medical assistance and a means to communicate with Manila. As there is no landing strip, the aircraft lands in the sheltered harbor area. The station has the only vehicle on the island with a 1-3 mile road connecting the station to the beaching area.





In the following pictures you will see the men at work, at play, but mostly they are playing like they are working!



Monday-golf at Baguio
Tuesday-golf at Cebu



Where's that \$%&* pen!



Could you tell me where the AT shop is?



Jojo and assistants





"I'll pay you when you get a haircut."



No comment.



Now if I can just find your pay record





The M&R
Group

Bock in the old guard.



Hey Ben, what's the stock number on



Super Huk



The good, bad & ugly

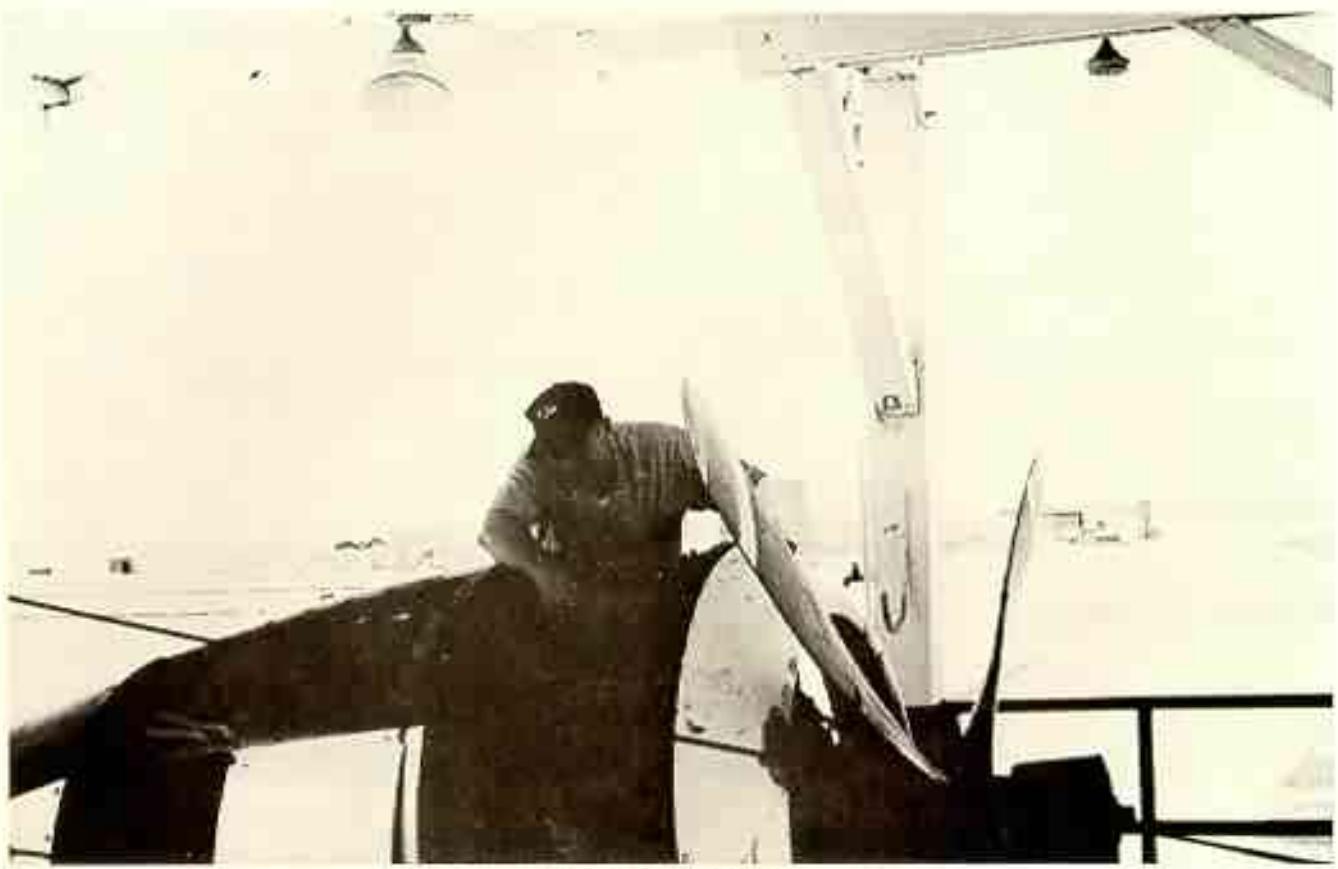




Get a bigger hammer.

We'll straight face this one.



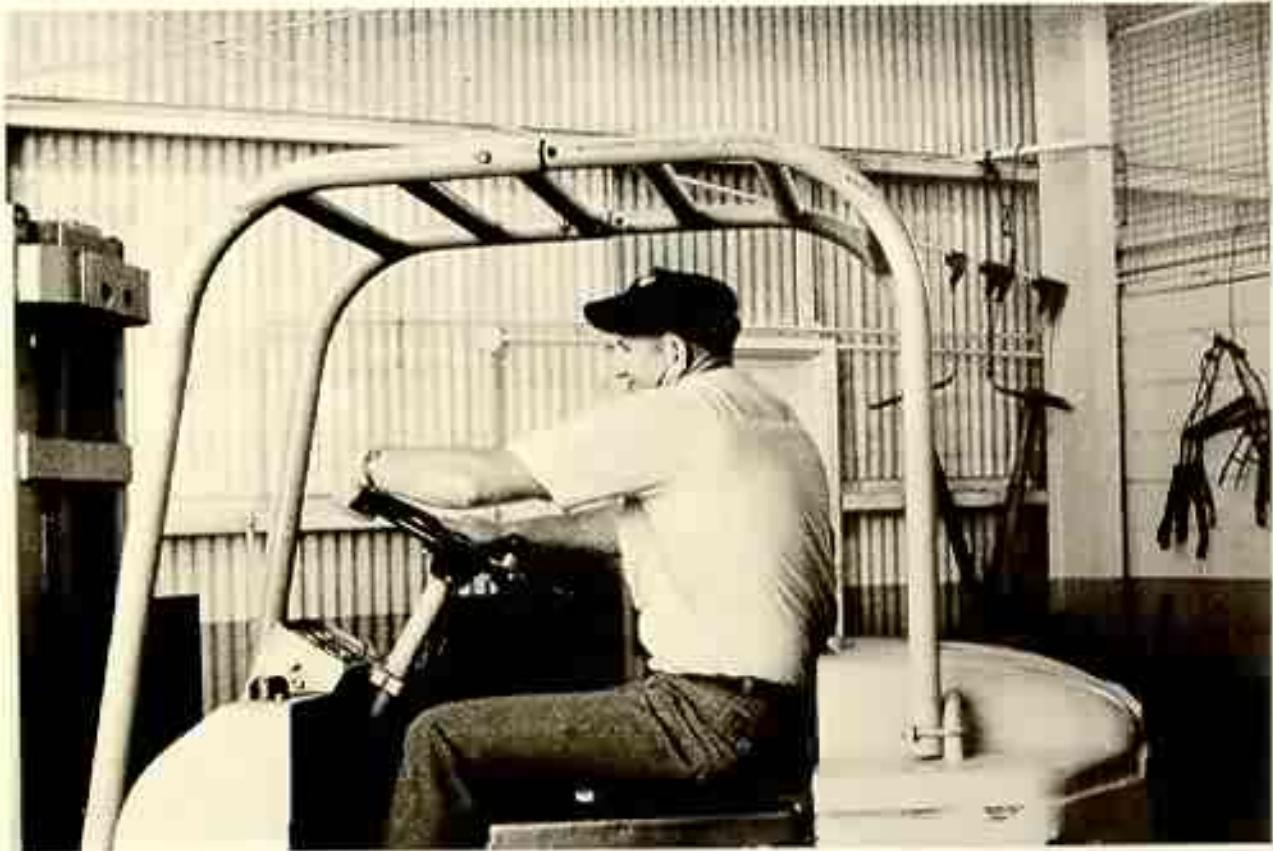


The troops in action





Every body has to have a toy.





"I want that check out tomorrow."

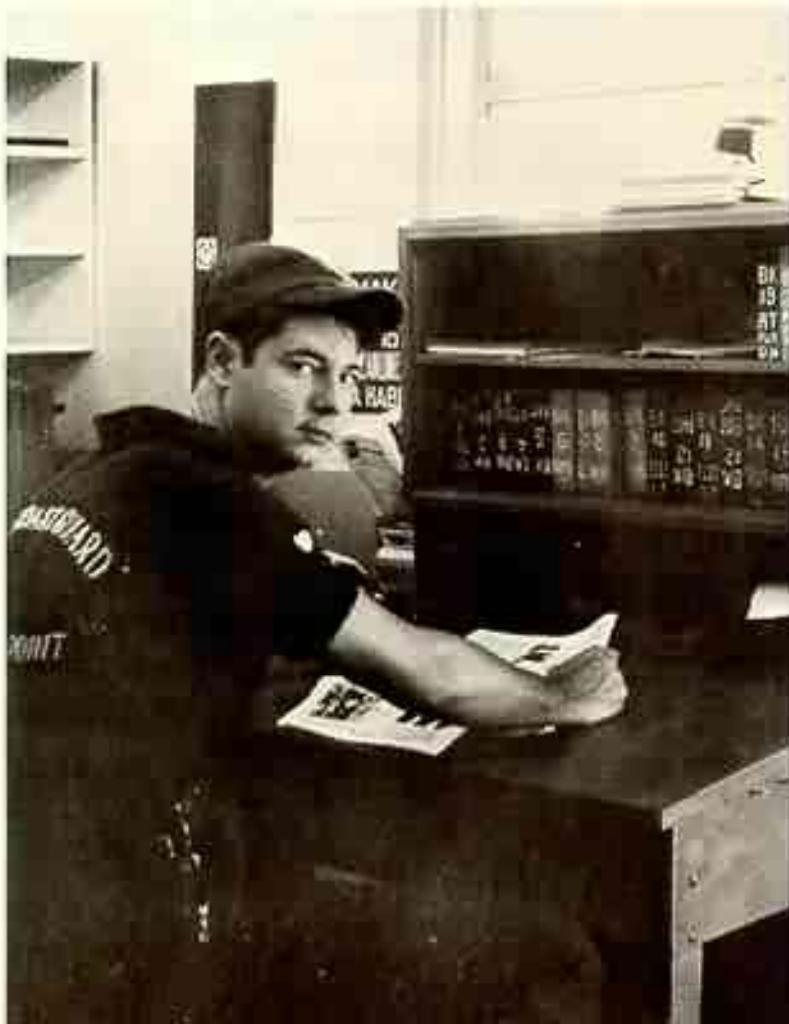


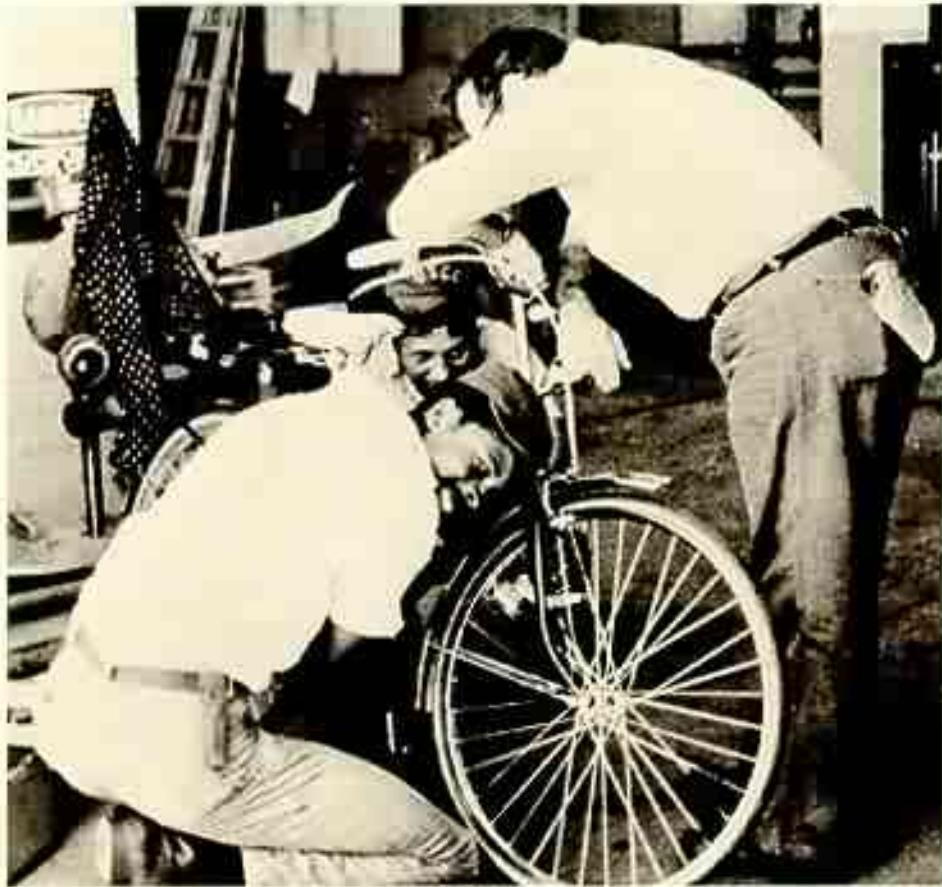
Mr. Clean





Maybe the check will be out tomorrow.

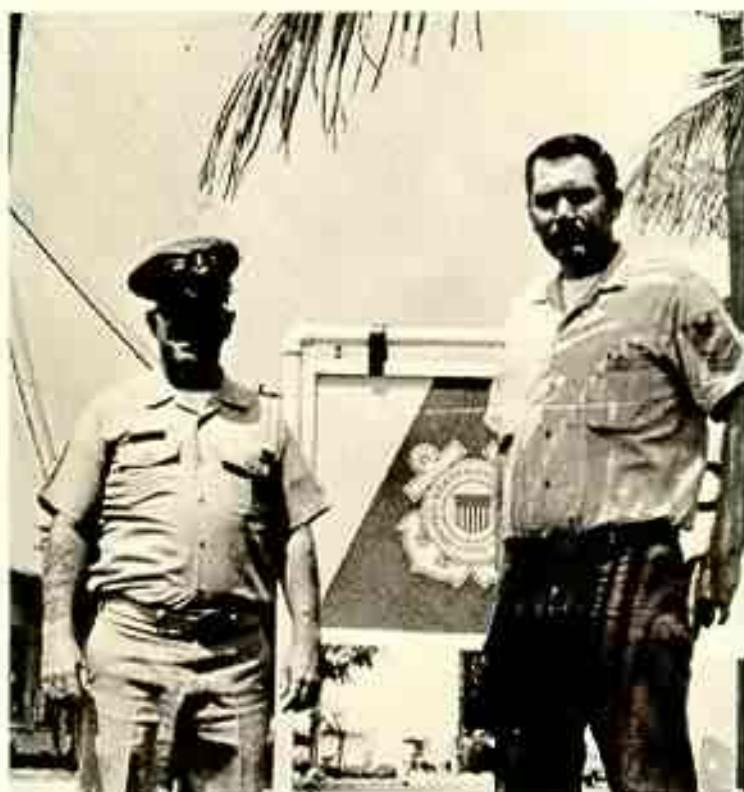




Now hear this —
Launch the ready Schwinn.

Our radiomen

Let's put sway braces on this time.





Happiness is a cold San Miguel.





How far is it to
San Francisco?



No. 1 prop team



Chief can I 265 in?????



Now that the new
avionics shop is
complete it's time
to move on.