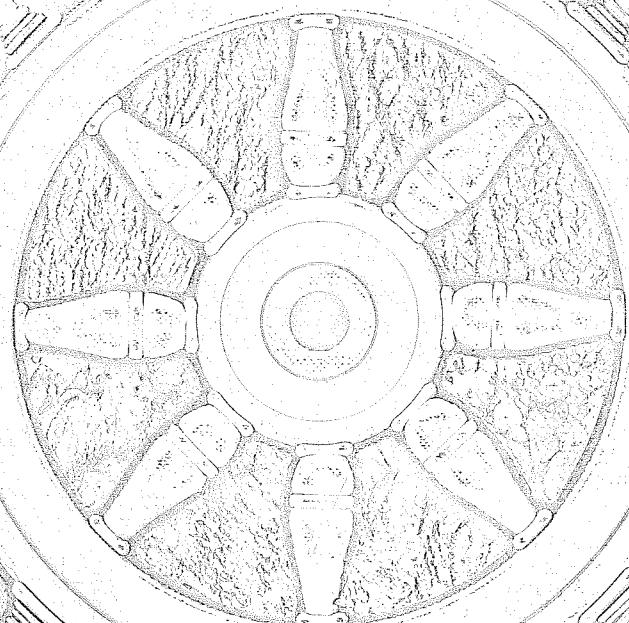


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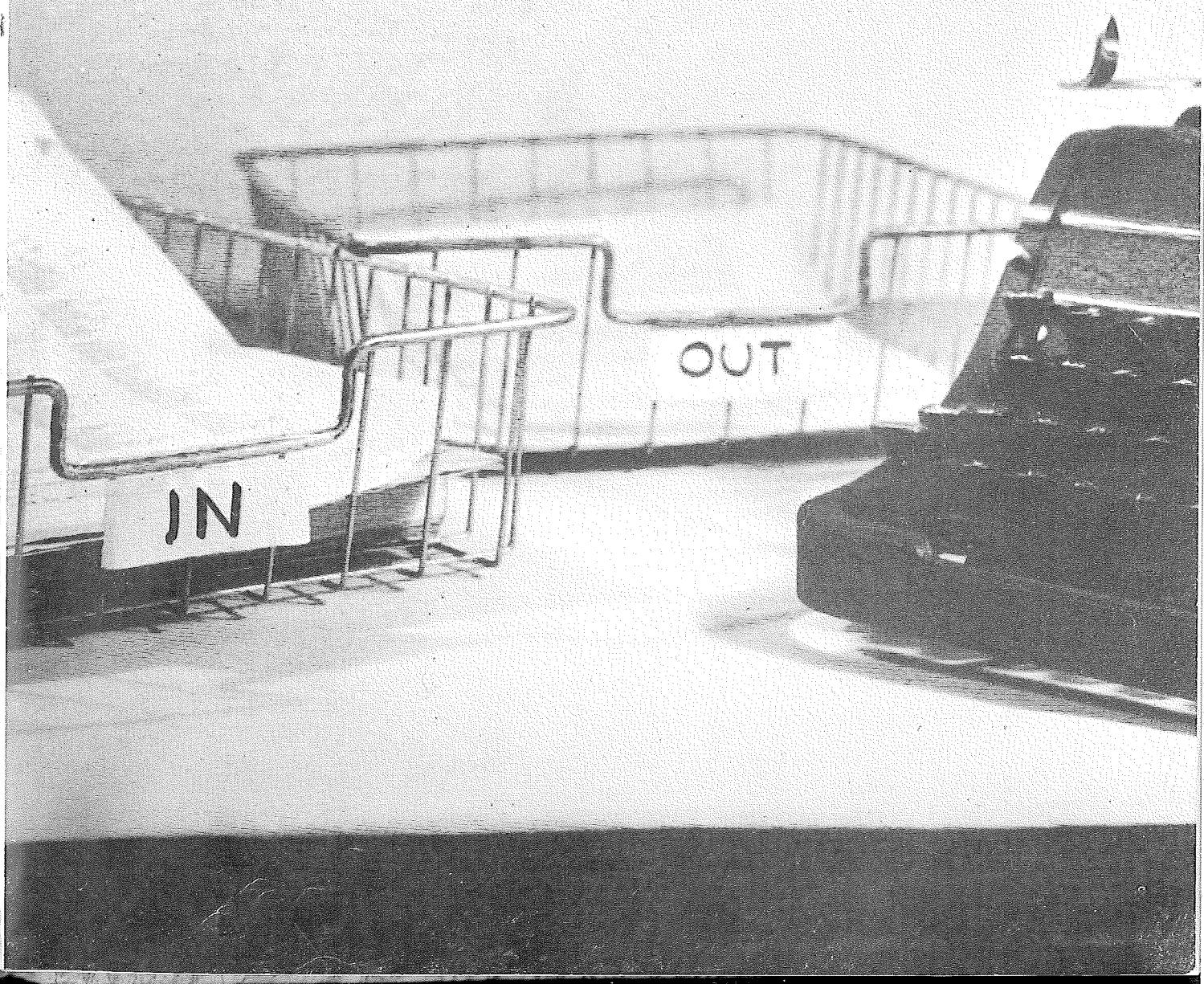
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## **FOREWORD**

Graduation marks an end to a chapter in our life; the future and promising careers lie ahead. Though we part, the bond formed by three years of living and working together can never be broken. Some memories may fade, but it is hoped that this annual may serve to cement the bond and keep alive the spirit of the past. It is for this purpose that we publish this record.

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State of California  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
SACRAMENTO

EARL WARREN  
GOVERNOR

May 23, 1953

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE  
CLASS OF 1953 OF THE  
CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY:

It is a pleasure to extend my congratulations to you as you complete your course of study and qualify yourselves for appointment as officers in the Merchant Marine and in the United States Naval Reserve.

Our Merchant Fleet has a particularly important function in this period of protracted world tensions. It carries essential supplies to the far-flung outposts of our Nation and to our friends of the free world. It is also a factor in the encouragement of world peace, for the attainment of true harmony among nations depends to a large extent on a flourishing and mutually beneficial interchange of commerce.

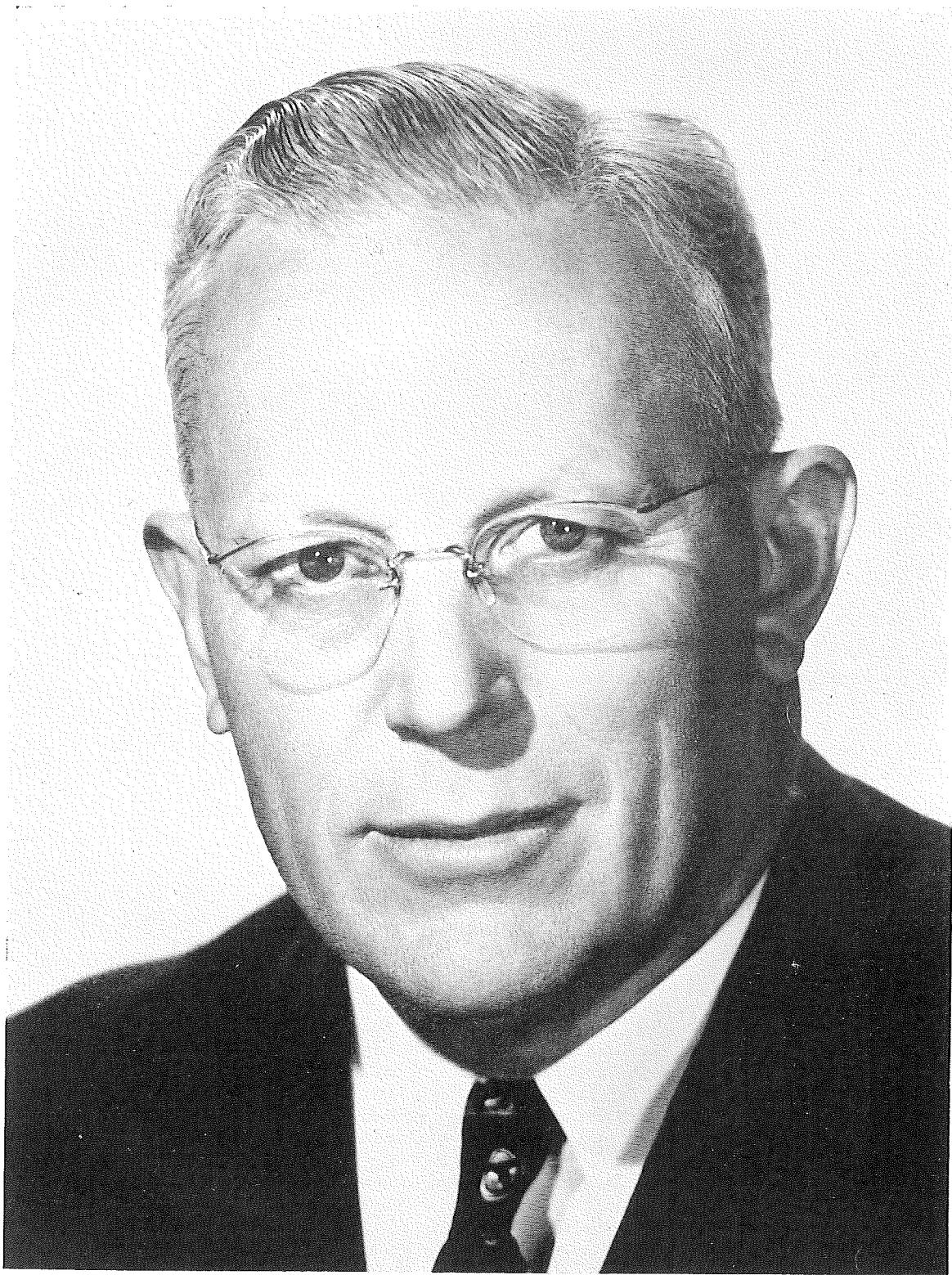
I am confident that the energy and skill with which you have tackled your technical studies will now be effectively applied not only to your seafaring duties but also to the furthering of international good will and understanding as worthy representatives of our State and Nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink, appearing to read "Earl Warren".

Earl Warren  
Governor

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THE HONORABLE EARL WARREN



# To the Graduating Class of 1953

Twenty years ago, the first graduates of the California Nautical Schoolship went forth to lay the keel of the fine reputation of this Academy. On that keel has been built by succeeding graduates, in peace and war, afloat and ashore, a record which has justly earned the confidence of the maritime industry, the Navy, and the citizens of California.

The Class of 1953 sets sail at a critical time in American and world history. But the severe challenges of the times are equalled by the splendid and increasing opportunities open to you and by the preparation which you have received to meet those challenges and opportunities.

You are, so far, the largest class to graduate from the Academy. Size in itself is not a virtue,

but in your case it is significant for two reasons. First, it is indicative of the fact that you, as a group, and as individuals, have stamina and determination, vital qualities without which a mariner will surely fail. Three out of four who started three years ago are still on board at graduation, one of the best records set by any class. Second, the size of your class is indicative of the growth and progress of your Academy. You have made many sound contributions to that progress.

As you look back in later years at this record of three of the most vital years of your life, I hope that the clearest memory will be one of accomplishment and pride.

Smooth sailing and good luck—you deserve it!

*Russell W. Shrigley*

Commodore, USN (ret.)  
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# Faculty

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 B.S., U.S. Naval Academy,  
 M.A., Stanford University.  
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 C.M.A., 1933  
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 Master,  
 Steam and Motor Vessels.  
 Ocean, Unlimited.  
 Commerce and Law,  
 Ship Construction,  
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 Commanding Officer,  
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 Chief Mate, Steam and  
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 Communications, Mathematics,  
 Meterology.

LCDR Frederick A. Neid, B.S.  
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 Master, Steam and Motor  
 Vessels,  
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 Vessels,  
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 English, Mathematics, History.

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 Practical Seamanship.

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 Small Boat Instruction,  
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 Ships Business, Navigation.

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 Turbines, Reciprocating  
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 Physics, Chemistry, Steam  
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 Mechanical Drawing.

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 Steam Vessels,  
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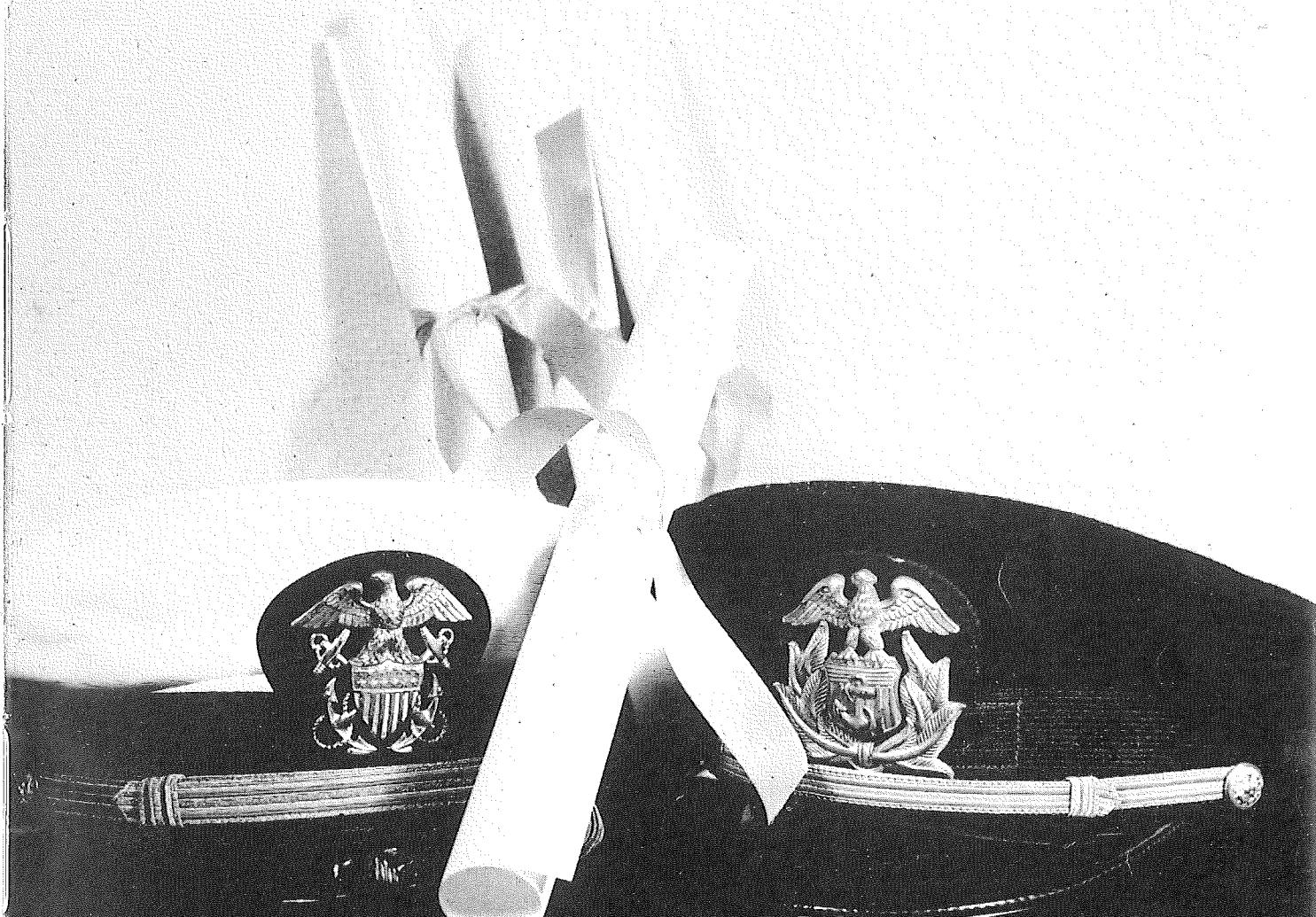
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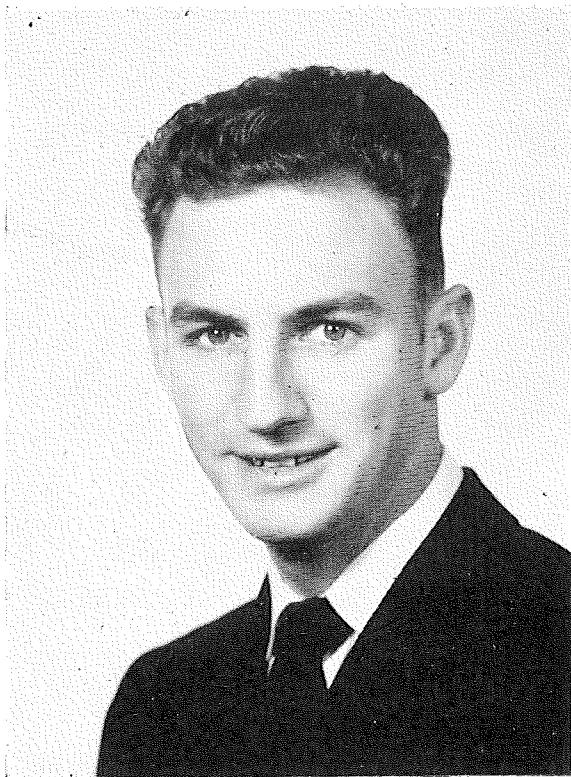
Frank A. Skipper  
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John Cunningham  
Assistant Commissary Officer



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# Graduates

## 1953

### William J. Alford

(Capt'n Alf)

San Diego, California

#### THIRD MATE

Battalion Adjutant

Judo

Propeller Club

Intramural Sports: Rowing,  
Football

"Captain Alf" is San Diego's contribution to C.M.A.'s list of immortals. Bill had a tough job facing him when he first came to Morrow Cove, for he had to follow in the footsteps of Big Brother. The record set by his brother offered a real challenge, one which "Alf" accepted as he set his sights for the top. He fell slightly short of his goal, but his determination could not be denied.

"Alf's" ability to obtain "straight scoops" is exceeded only by his practice to be first on liberty. It looks like the gal he has been rushing off to see will soon help him prove that two can live as cheaply as one.

We know the Navy is getting a good mariner and a capable ensign when they receive "Captain Alf."

## Rolf D. Anderson

(Andy)

Santa Ana, California

### THIRD MATE

Judo Team

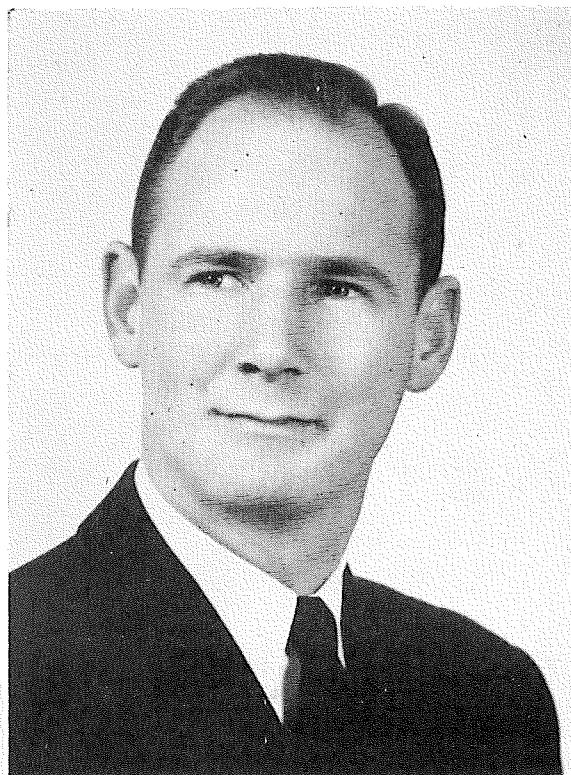
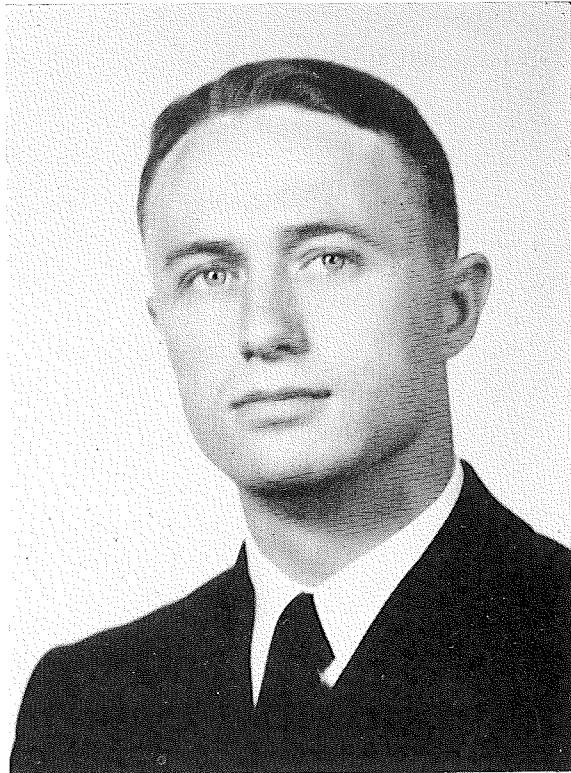
Hawsepope Staff

Intramural Sports: Football, Baseball,  
Rowing, Swimming, Basketball

Rolf adorned the valley of C.M.A. with a ready wit and a thorough knowledge of periodic French literature. He enjoyed philosophizing on this complex life and interjected a refreshing brand of dry humor. Rolf was also an accomplished linguist, and his flair for words enabled him to write with a clever flourish.

Soft spoken, yet without idle words, he proved a worthy opponent on the Judo mats; none will forget the terror he wreaked with his "SAAH."

Rolf departs from this institution of higher education with our blessing for a successful career.



## William N. Andrew

(Bill)

Fairfield, California

### THIRD MATE

Propeller Club, Publicity

Hawsepope Staff

Varsity Basketball, Coach

Baseball Team

C.M.A. Country Club

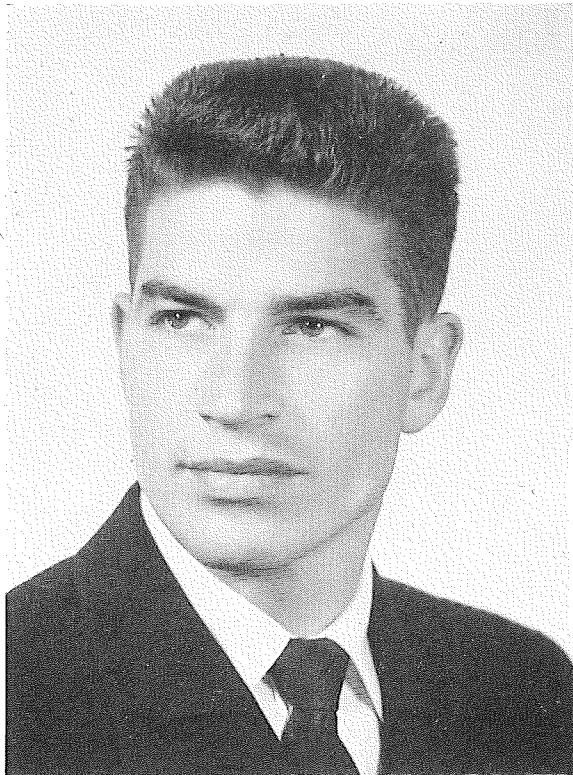
Manager "Miss C.M.A. Contest"

Intramural Sports: Rowing, Softball,  
Track, Basketball, Tennis, Football

Since the days of sail the men of Bill's family have been going down to the sea in ships. Not to be outdone, our amiable classmate hung up his spurs and decided to carry forth the traditions of the sea.

Dad, as he is affectionately called by his friends, will be remembered for his ability and highly competitive spirit on the playing fields of C.M.A. Bill was never contented to take a back seat when it came to participation in academy activities. His record for three years as a top notch athlete, coach, and promoter stands out as evidence of a job well done.

With the U.S. Navy included in his immediate plans, Bill's seafaring career will soon be launched.



## **Joseph John Ban**

(Joe)

Torrance, California

### **THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER**

Propeller Club

C.M.A. Country Club

Basketball Team

Softball Team

Intramural Sports: Football,  
Basketball, Softball, Tennis

From the smouldering steel mills of Torrance, California, comes a fine engineer and a loyal classmate. Equipped with a vast repertoire of worldly knowledge, Joe has been an asset to the bull sessions which frequently rage during the evening study periods.

With a casual manner that became his trademark here at C.M.A., Joe's influence has guided the thoughts and activities of many of his classmates. He has excelled in all sports, with a current emphasis on golf, and Joe ranks second only to Esquire's Mr. "T" in setting styles at the Academy.

Armed with these traits and more, we all know that Joe will go far as a leader.

## **George H. Bauer**

(Bumps)

Redwood City, California

### **THIRD MATE**

Propeller Club

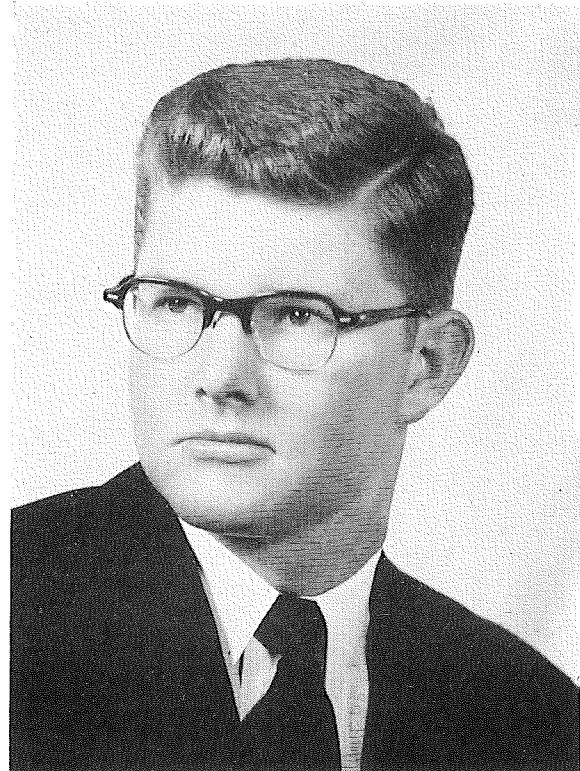
Water Polo Team

Intramural Sports: Swimming,  
Rowing, Football

George Bauer, sometimes known as "Bumps," is a rosy-cheeked, jovial lad and a familiar fixture wherever particular people congregate (C.M.A.).

He holds the present Vallejo-Alameda speed record for the Friday night "Happy Hour Hop" and usually makes the return trip without casualty. Never idle, "Bumps" spends a great deal of his free time in the Academy swimming pool, where the fresh water displacement has reached an all-time high.

George is well liked for his easy-going nature and his ability to stay calm in any situation. We believe that this future mariner has a lot on the ball—he can't miss.



## David W. Best

(Dave)

Berkeley, California

### THIRD MATE

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Propeller Club

C.M.A. Country Club

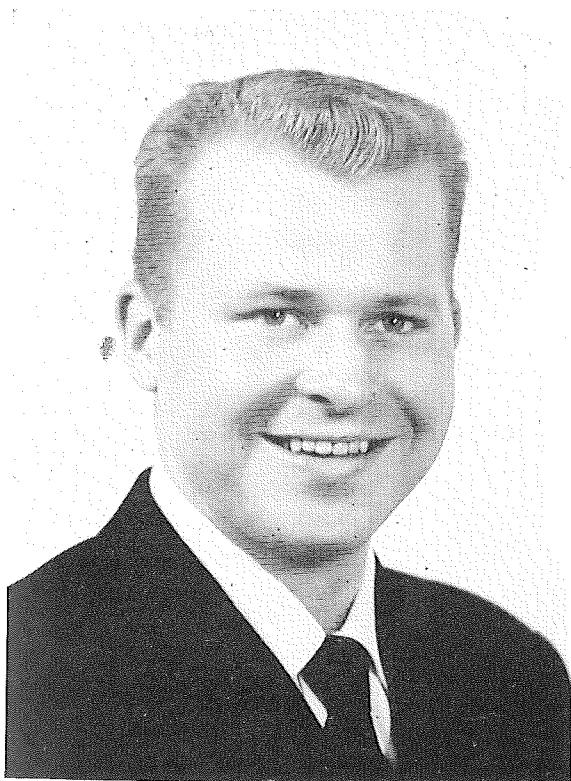
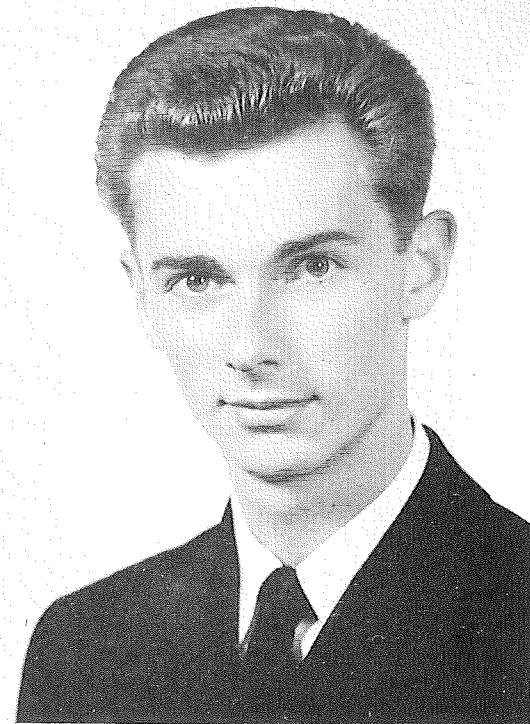
Ring Dance Committee

It must have been Dave's talents as a golfer that inspired him to take a swing at C.M.A.; fortunately, that swing was better than the ones he makes on the tee.

But "Phoof's" life in the "Gulch" hasn't all been milk and honey. From the first meal Dave decided he would rather eat his mother's cooking and would have starved had it not been for his private pony express between Berkeley and Vallejo.

Another of the Best's best was that he somehow managed to hang onto the same girl during this battle of Morrow Cove.

Dave's dream will be briefly interrupted by a round or two with the boys in blue but then back to his vine-covered cottage, his wife and those dollar-thirty-five children.



## Richard W. Bowyer

(Buddha)

### THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Propeller Club

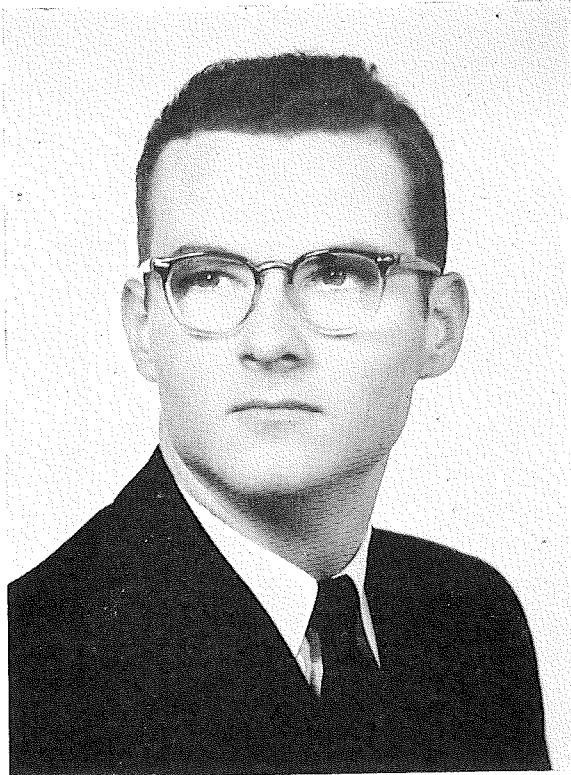
Baseball Team

Intramural Sports: Football,  
Basketball, Baseball,  
Track, Tennis

"Richard W. Bowyer" was the startling answer the entrance examiners received upon asking the young man for his name. Since then Dick has been christened "Buddha," "The Healer," and just plain "Bowyer."

Many of his loud and very audible axioms have echoed down the halls of C.M.A. the past three years, and Dick has often been accused of carrying an imaginary soap box. The truth is that when he has something to say—he says it!

After receiving his diploma, Dick will spend some time in the Navy, and, as we look deeper into our crystal ball, we can plainly see that this is one classmate who will always have his loved one, "Lady Luck," close by.



## Colin Campbell

(Scotty)

### THIRD MATE

Battalion Band

C.M.A. Country Club

Sailing

Intramural Sports: Tennis

Ardent anglophile, lover of the pipes from Scotland, and without a doubt the most misunderstood midshipman in the corps, Colin has accomplished in his three-year stay here something of a rarity: he remains an individualist!

Ever the keen student of *res angiae*, he has been the object of an incessant stream of jokes and criticism, yet through all he has kept a blissful countenance and has still to insult an antagonist.

On occasions we have been pretty well perplexed by some of his actions ashore and afloat, but in our good Piper we see a bit of sincerity and simplicity that surely will receive welcome in this sorry old world.

## Eugene V. Crabbe

(Geno)

Pasadena, California

### THIRD MATE

C.M.A. Country Club

Sailing

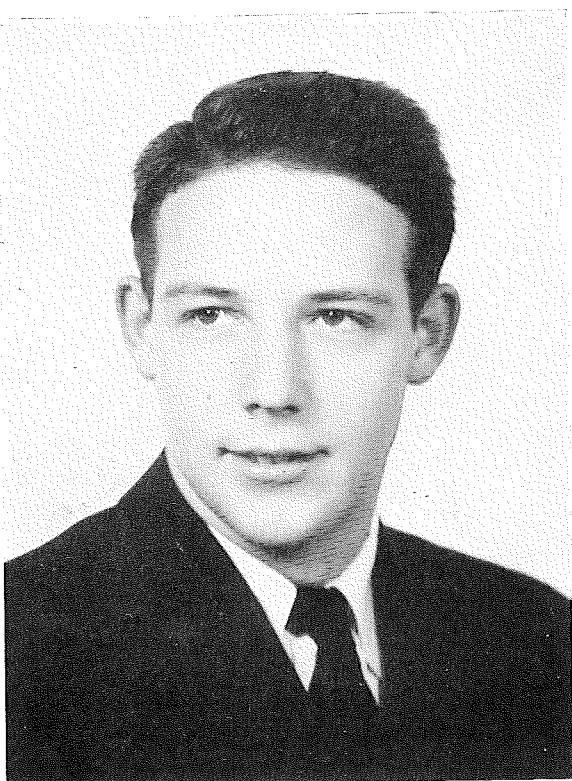
Skiing

Intramural Sports: Rowing

Turn back the time just three short years and there we will begin; expectant hopes, bewildered looks and seventy-five young men. From every walk of life they came, hand-picked as the best. Now let's choose one casual lad to single from the rest.

We'll keep our eye on Geno and watch the path he takes; we'll see a young man's struggles and we'll note a few mistakes. A spirit full of fire, the yearn to hunt and ski; a reckless youth grows older and we like the things we see.

Obstacles have faced him and cut him down to size; experience and knowledge have made the young man wise. And now his training's over; only good years lie ahead; we'll keep our eye on Geno and the gal he's soon to wed.



## Thomas S. Crowe

(Tom)

Oakland, California

### THIRD MATE

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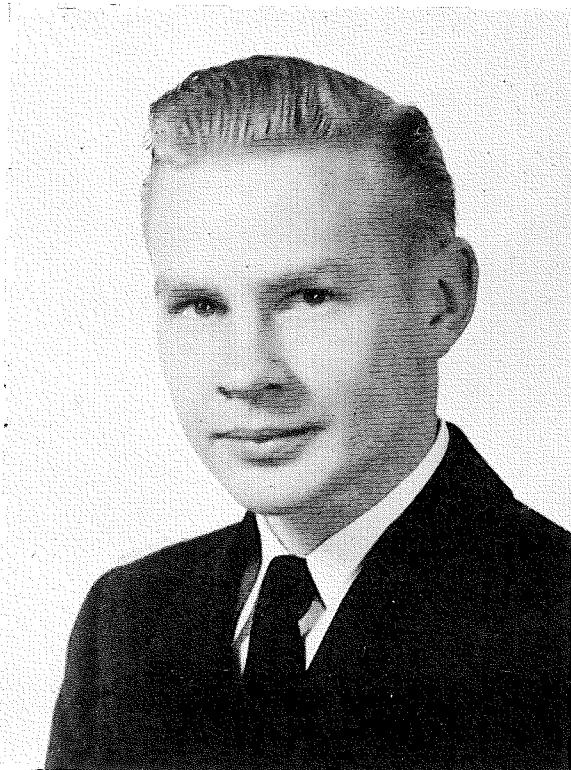
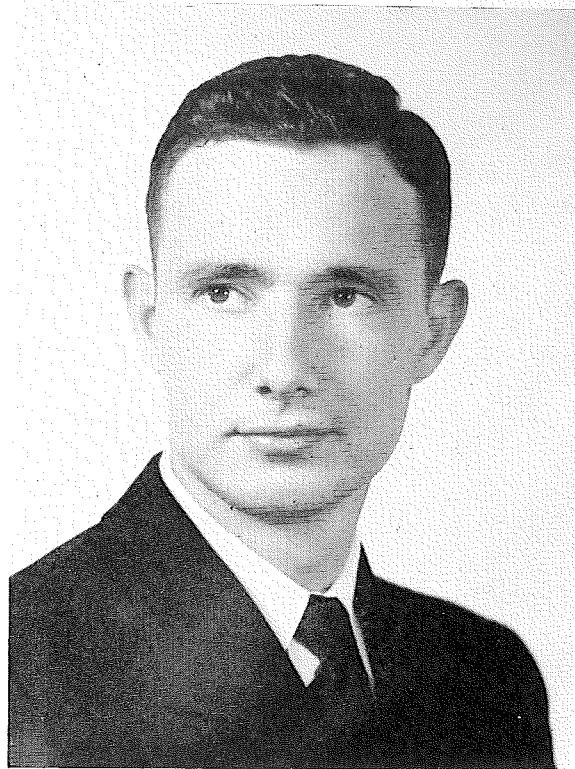
Camera Club

Intramural Sports: Rowing,  
Football

T.S. might well be called "California Maritime Academy's seagoing Michaelangelo of the camera." But before C.M.A. entered his life, the camera was more of a hobby. Since joining the ranks of midshipmen, however, he has become the corps' cameraman.

Tom's talents were far from limited to shutter-bugging. Esprit de corps flowed strongly in his veins as demonstrated by his active participation in Academy functions.

Whether Tom's hypo-stained footprints lead to a career in the maritime industry or into a photographer's salon only time will tell, but you may easily find him; merely look for the top man in the field.



## Ivan O. Dalgren

(Skip)

Astoria, Oregon

### THIRD MATE

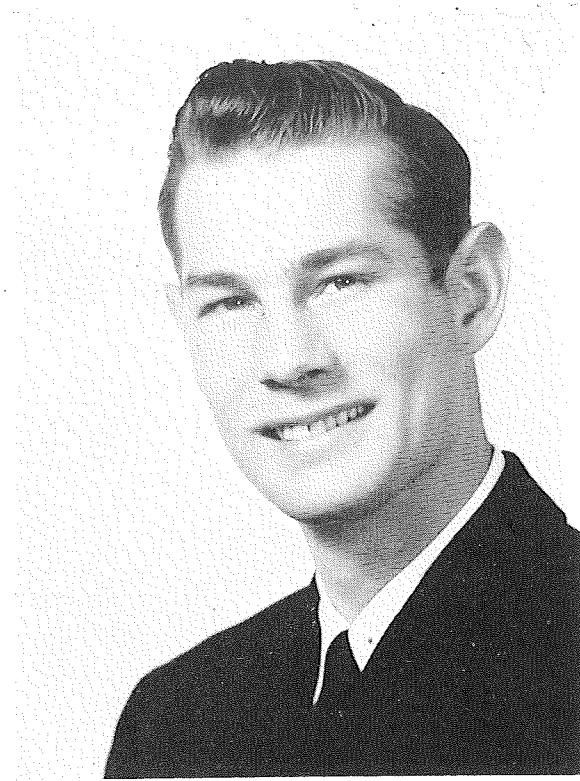
Propeller Club

Once upon a time, far up in the Arctic waste-lands of Oregon, there came a thaw. It was at this time that Ivan O. Dalgren found out how nice it was down South and decided to give up the life of an Eskimo to take up the business of a merchant mariner.

His association with a couple of immigrant farm lads soon qualified the Eskimo as a peach picker and spaghetti eater de luxe. Under the helpful guidance of his "friends," he learned that a clothes brush, shoe polish, and weekly box of "goodies" were meant to be shared.

Now, after three extensive years of training, we feel that he will continue to take showers and change his socks, and wherever his travels take him, the Eskimo will always do well.

Lots of luck, Skip!



## Rulon B. Davies

(Ru)

San Francisco, California

### THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Battalion Chief Petty Officer

Propeller Club

Varsity Basketball, Coach

Athletic Council

Intramural Sports: Football,  
Basketball, Swimming, Rowing,  
Softball

Ru got his first taste of salt in a lake back in Utah. Evidently he enjoyed the flavor, for he wound up at C.M.A. after accumulating additional sea time with Uncle's "Gay Line"—better known as the U.S. Navy. Rulon pulled quite a switch, claiming he "got smart" when he gave up his experience in the deck force to join the ranks of the boys below.

Ru has not restricted his abilities to the engineering field. He has also participated in many extracurricular activities, sparking the basketball squad through two successful seasons.

Here is one lad who will long be remembered for his sharp sense of salty humor and insistent claim of devotion to bachelorhood.

## Alan F. Denegri

(Al)

San Mateo, California

### THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Hawsepope Staff, Photography Editor

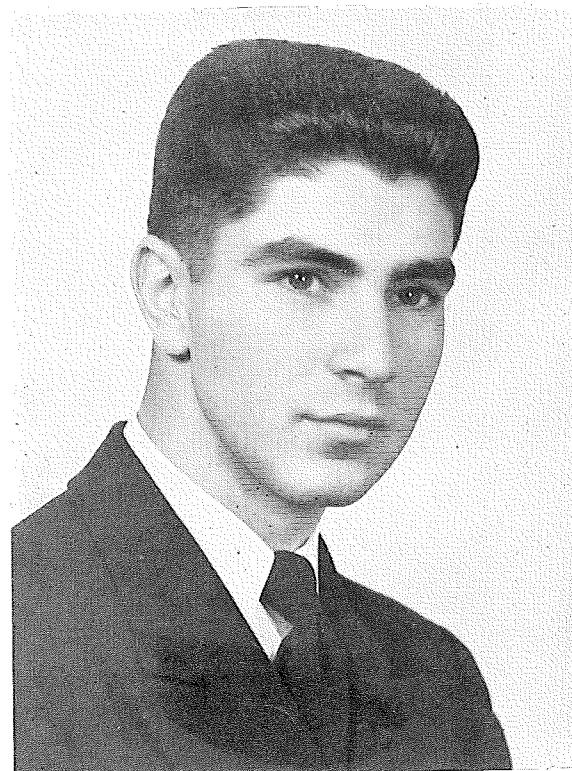
Camera Club

Intramural Sports: Football, Softball,  
Rowing

"Vallejo Tower, this is Black Al—over!" And Al DeNegri landed at the California Maritime Academy. Ever since his arrival Al has distinguished himself as an outstanding Engineer—always in the upper third of his class. As Photography Editor of the HAWSEPIPE, Al again came through in fine style.

During his stay at C.M.A., Al discovered a hidden talent—he could make people laugh. His stage performance as Luigi Basco will long be remembered as one of the highlights of the 1953 cruise.

Upon his departure from the Academy, we know Al will be as determined as Caesar in his conquest of the world and will share the same success.



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## William J. Emery

(Wild Bill)

Los Angeles, California

THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

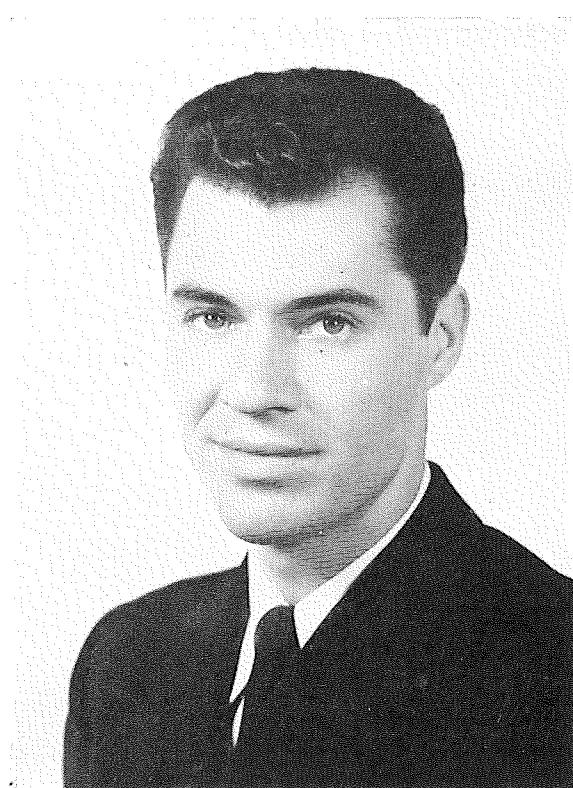
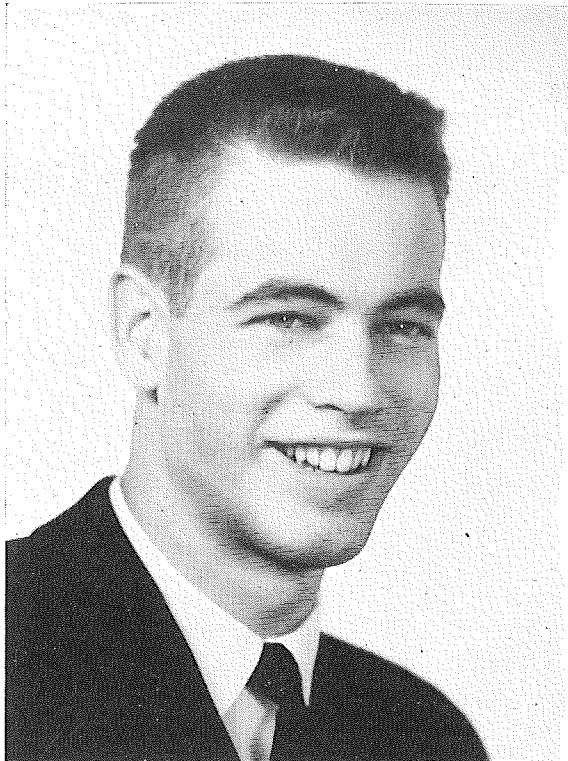
"D" Company Sub-Commander

Propeller Club

Intramural Sports: Football, Track

Bill, popularly known as the "Chief" because of his love for the engine room, came to C.M.A. from the Sunny Southland. Deciding to switch from toying with small boats to tinkering with big ships, the Chief has become an outstanding engineer with many ideas for the future innovations applicable to the Maritime Industry.

Bill will best be remembered as a sort of "Whispering Smith," and his mannerisms have often been compared with those of a certain Engineering Officer. After a tour of duty with the Navy, the Chief plans to return to the maritime field where we are all sure he will be a valuable asset.



## William G. Evans

(Bill)

Compton, California

THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Band Company Petty Officer,

Drum Major

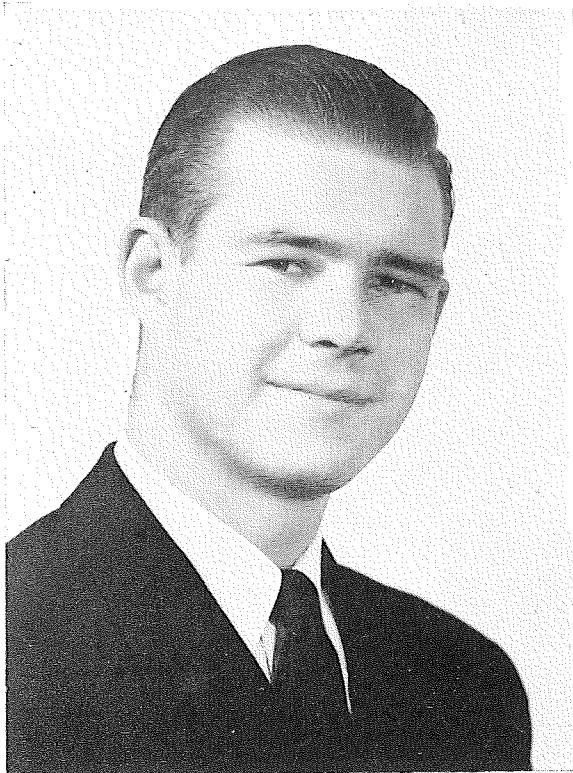
Intramural Sports: Baseball,

Football, Track, Rifle, Swimming

"Dad" Evans, one of the outstanding members of our class, came to the seventy acres of tree lined vistas from the U.S. Navy, via a few years of civilian life. Bill entered the academy after he completed a course in a diesel school down south and so came to us as a well qualified engineer.

Ev's natural abilities and leadership landed him the appointment as Band Company Petty Officer. His enthusiasm helped to insure a smooth running company organization and contributed to the rise of Band Company to the top in company competition.

After graduation Bill plans to settle down in the general area of Sacramento with his truly fair. The well-wishes of the class of '53 go with "Our Dad."



## Barry T. Faber

(B.T.)

Los Angeles, California

### THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

"A" Company Sub-Commander

Propeller Club

Sailing Club

Hawsepope Staff

Intramural Sports: Basketball,  
Baseball

"Say, anybody been down for a brew with Barry at the Balboa Bay Club lately?" With these words ringing in our ears, we hastened to find out more about the fabulous "Fabe."

As one of the more avid sailing addicts, Barry can be found most any week end maneuvering his glass-bottomed boat around San Francisco Bay.

Like so many of the '53 graduates, the "Pear" has been picked by a "Peach" from Southern California and will be married shortly after terminating his stay with the boys. We'll remember the good times we've had with "B.T.", and the many stories about fabulous "Fabe" will be retold in the years to come.

## William F. Farrell

(Bill)

Manhattan Beach, California

### THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Hawsepope Staff, Advertising  
Manager

C.M.A. Country Club

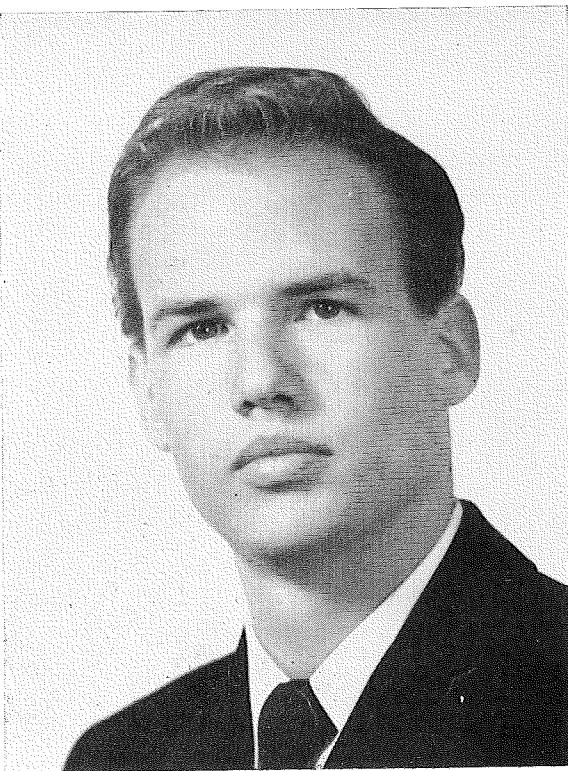
Ring Dance Committee (1952)

Intramural Sports: Football,  
Baseball, Rowing

One hot day in September 1950, a black comet streaked through the gates of C.M.A. The pilot, with the sands of Manhattan Beach still between his toes, was Bill Farrell—Beach Boy extraordinaire!

At first it was impossible to tell which "operator's" license Bill was seeking, but he soon discovered that the social ladder did not lead up that road to success. He learned to temper his thirst for "fun" with an even greater thirst for knowledge. The product after three "thirsty" years is the boy we consider most socially acceptable in any engine room.

The future offers Bill its best, we know, and the best is none too good for the Manhattan Beach Boy.



## Doon K. Furgerson

(Zip)

Vallejo, California

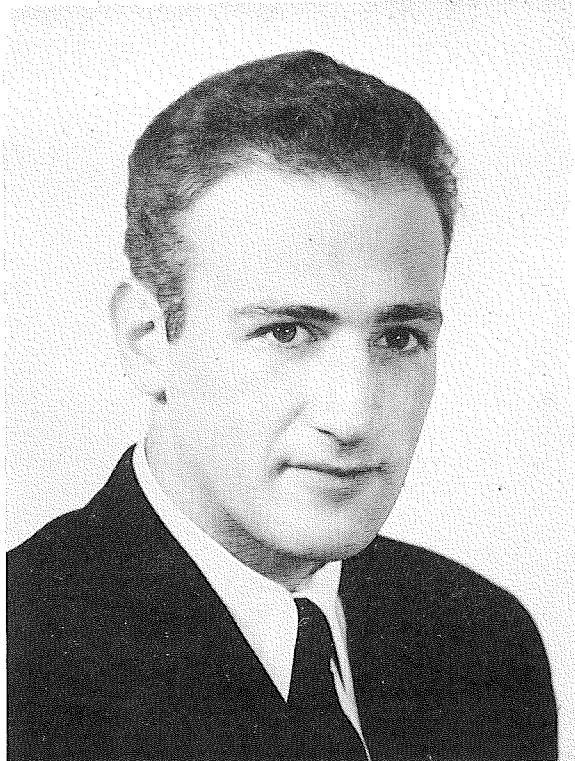
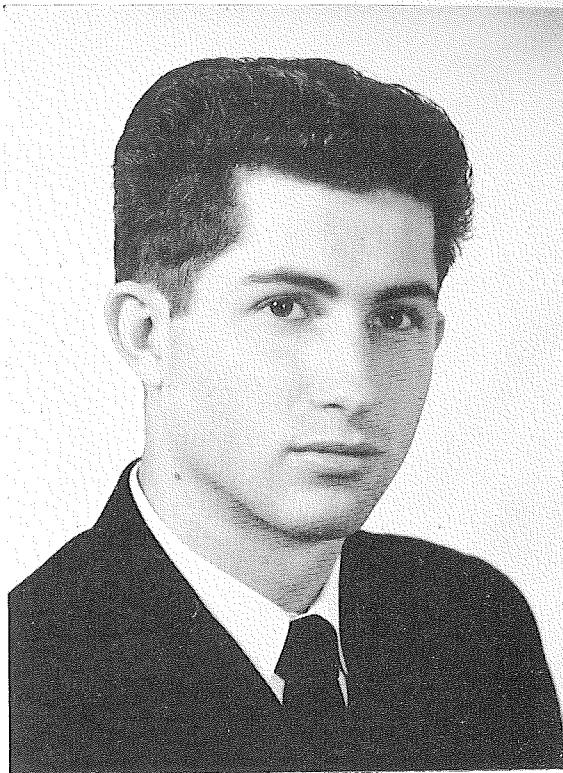
THIRD MATE

Propeller Club

Intramural Sports: Rowing,  
Football

Our story began "many" years ago; the scene—C.M.A.; our hero—D. K. Furgerson. Furg, better known to the local element as Zip, spent his time at the academy with a complete unconcern of the many trials and tribulations common in cadet life. This casual air, the envy of many a frustrated Midshipman, was quite possibly the reason that Furg won, hands down, the coveted distinction of number one caper-cutter of the class.

If all could be told, the legends of Zipper's escapades might even replace the all-time great about the new barracks. To Zip, with his glib tongue and local-born talents, the locked doors to success will never be closed.



## Joseph L. Futerman

(Doctor)

San Bernardino, California

THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

"A" Company Petty Officer

Class President, '52

Propeller Club

Camera Club

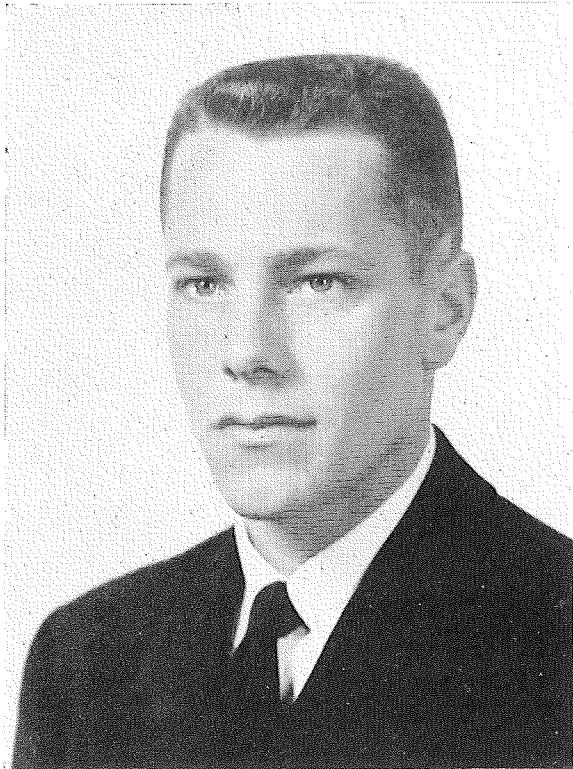
Hawsepope Staff

Ring Dance Committee

Futerman Productions

With a brain fertile enough to give bloom to the wildest of ideas, Joseph has erected many a monument to the fantastic during his years at C.M.A. He established such a fine reputation for extroverted prattle in the process that many of us may have tended to overlook his more prosaic accomplishments. But few of us have ever been able to overlook the broad stream of good-natured friendliness that ran deep throughout his aimless twitterings.

A sometime student of marine engineering, animal husbandry, naval architecture, theatrical production, and speculation in the cotton market, Joe has cemented together a rather singular foundation for the work ahead. We trust it is adequate and wish him Godspeed.



## Harry G. Gabelman, Jr.

(Gabe)

Piedmont, California

### THIRD MATE

"A" Company Commander  
Propeller Club  
Junior Varsity Basketball Team  
Softball Team  
Intramural Sports: Football,  
Track, Rowing

From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Morrow Cove came the "Voice," better known as Gabe. It wasn't long before he served notice to the rest of the corps that the Marines had really landed and that Gabe was here to take over.

Two years later, as "A" Company Commander, he proved his ability by leading his company to win the coveted Golden Bear guidon. Harry was also a standout on the athletic field, driving his teammates on to win with his almost contagious spirit.

Harry will long be remembered for his singular attempt to cement the good neighbor policy with our Latin American friends. The Merchant Service may hold his future, but will have to share it with Bev.

## William L. Gahart

(Chief)

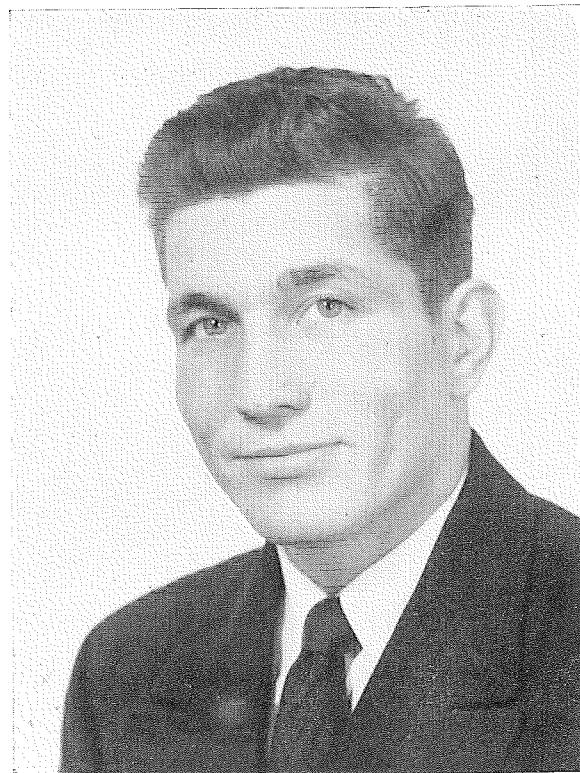
Visalia, California

### THIRD MATE

"E" Company Sub-Commander  
Propeller Club  
Intramural Sports: Rowing, Football

Bill decided to give up J. C. in his home town of Visalia for the life of a mariner, so he packed his bags and set a course for C.M.A. While here at the school, Bill learned not to roll up his sleeves, as well as the way of the sea.

No definite plans have been made for after graduation, but it has been rumored that wedding bells will ring. If Uncle Sam gives permission, the Merchant Marine will receive a top-notch deck officer. Good luck, Bill — may you always have smooth water and a straight course.



## Daniel H. Gashler

(Dan'l)

Carmichael, California

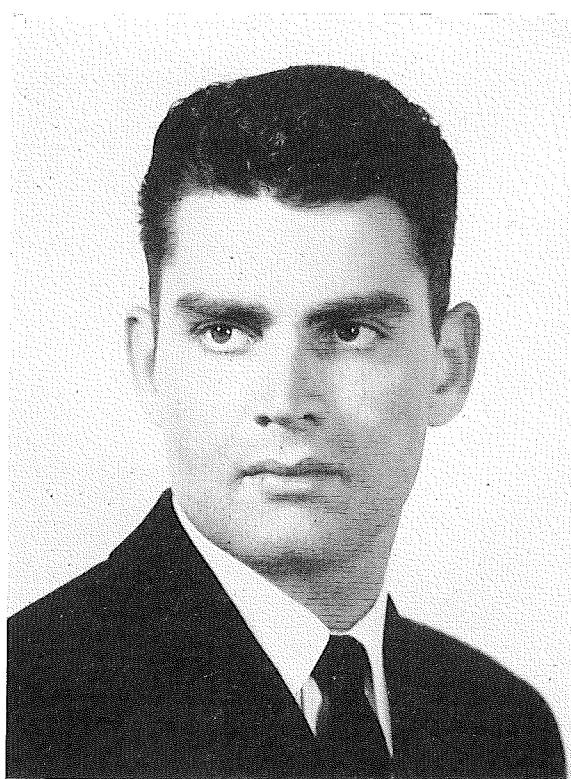
### THIRD MATE

Hawsepope Staff, Assistant Editor  
Propeller Club  
First Class Dance Photographer  
Intramural Sports: Football, Rifle,  
Baseball, Rowing

With an ever-ready smile on his countenance, Dan'l entered the Academy—bound and determined to learn the ways of a sailor.

Although he was never happier than when he was close to Sacramento and his harem, Dan took to the cruises like the proverbial duck, relying on the barber shop for his income and the local beauties to help him spend it.

Uncle Sam's Canoe Club will provide his employment for the next two years, and then he will be looking for that office job ashore where it will be more convenient to raise the family.



## Lewis Gladser

(Lou)

Los Angeles, California

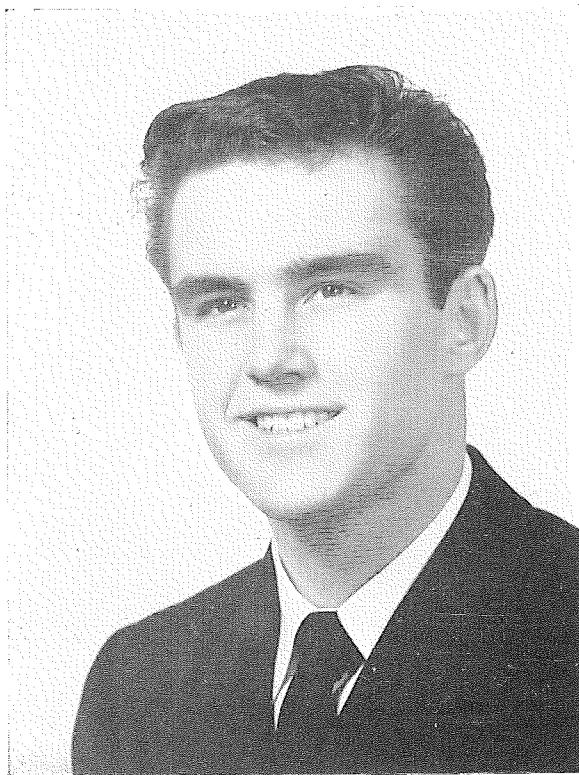
### THIRD MATE

"C" Company Petty Officer  
Hawsepope Staff, Layout  
Propeller Club  
C.M.A. Country Club  
Intramural Sports: Rowing, Football,  
Tennis, Swimming

With diploma in hand, Lou bade farewell to his Alma Mater—Cal—and embarked upon his seafaring career. The adjustment to a new way of life came easy, and Lou found his main interest in the field of navigation, in which he excelled.

He did not arrive at the "Cove" empty handed, however. Lou equipped himself with a unique device, known in some circles as a razor, which has achieved immortality as the "thrashing machine" of "C" Barracks.

Lou had a certain knack for getting along with people, and in his own quiet manner he remains one of the more popular members of the Class of '53.



## Robert O. Griffiths

(Griff)

### THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Propeller Club

Sailing

Intramural Sports: Football, Track,  
Baseball, Rowing

Never one to keep repeating himself, Griff started overhauling the English language the day he arrived, and most of us couldn't tell where Webster left off and our young hero began. Usually the result of deep contemplation, his choice "bits of wisdom" were derived only after hours spent in a trancelike horizontal position.

Tonsorial artist de luxe, Griff could always be found at his best cutting, capping, and bellowing forth his many "Griffithisms." The halls of C.M.A. will echo his words for many a day, for Griff has left his mark upon each of us.

## John P. Haines

(J.P.)

Sacramento, California

### THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Battalion Commander

Propeller Club, Vice-President

Camera Club

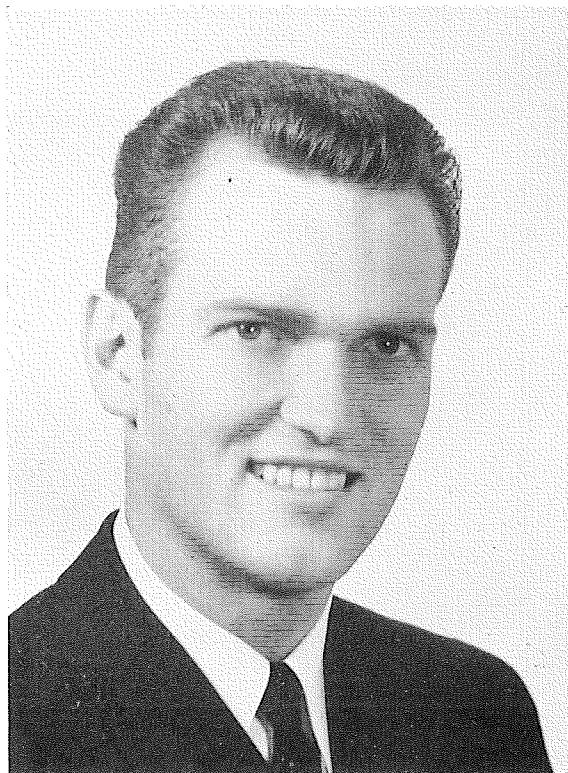
Judo Team

C.M.A. Country Club

Intramural Sports: Boxing

As soon as J.P. decided Marine Engineering was a more satisfactory profession than "Ski-Bumming," he stowed his boards and entered the Academy. Finding that the course was somewhat like a ski slope, Jack set a fast pace and a record as the first engineer in several years to achieve the coveted position of Battalion Commander. Under his able guidance the corps organization functioned smoothly and effectively. Jack was not contented with his Forward Engine Room activities alone; he spent his spare time pursuing a sweet little girl in Oakland.

We all wish this lad the best of luck, although we know he'll make his own good fortune.



## Richard Halton

(Dick)

Alameda, California

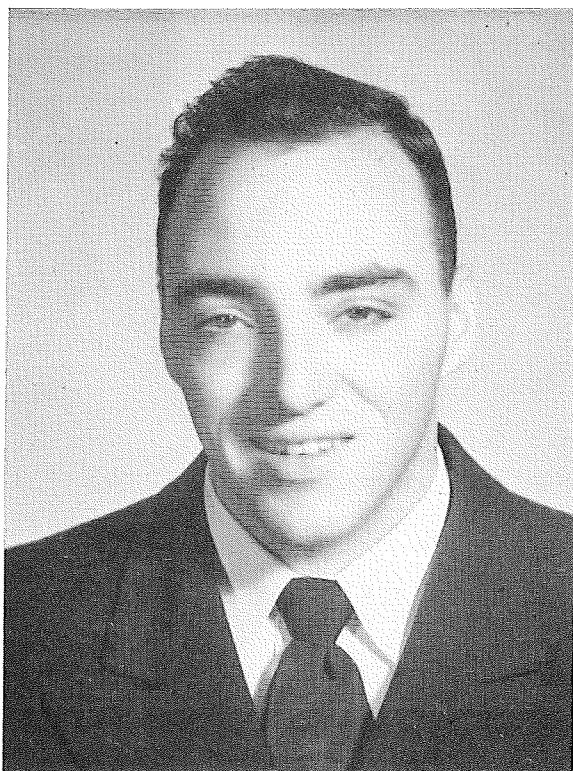
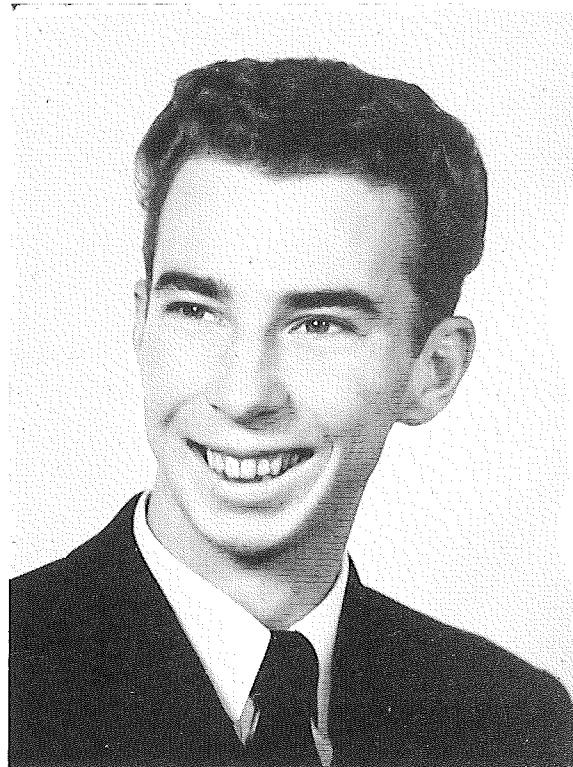
### THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Intramural Sports: Softball, Track

The speedy Teuton came to us via Alameda, armed with his German textbook and a vast knowledge of seafaring lore.

Dick's engineering ability and prowess as a small boat sailor are two of his more outstanding attributes. It took a track meet to reveal the man of speed in action; he was a veritable "streak of soot"!

In his bout with the book, Dick has always taken the decision, but in his bout with the Boys in Blue he'll be aiming for a K.O. His plans include taking out a life membership in the Institution of Marriage, which is one bout that will come out a draw.



## Donald D. Harper

(Harp)

Hoisington, Kansas

### THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Sailing Club, Vice-President  
Ring Dance Committee  
Basketball Team, Manager  
C.M.A. Country Club  
Intramural Sports: Swimming,  
Basketball, Rowing,  
Tennis

Three years ago, on enrollment day, some of us with more conservative tastes were mildly shocked when a 1947 Ford Prairie Schooner lurched in from the Plains of Kansas. A fellow wearing a fur vest stepped out announcing he was the "Baddest" man on the coast. Since that auspicious moment, Don Harper has made a conscientious effort to live up to his notorious reputation.

As class comedian, poet, co-author of many "Safaries," and golf caddie for Mr. Averill, Harp will never be forgotten by his classmates. Certain faculty members may even find that their three-year association with the infamous "Bad" man has left its permanent mark.



## Thomas V. Hunter, Jr.

(T. V.)

San Gabriel, California

### THIRD MATE

Canteen Manager  
Hawsepope Staff, Sports Editor  
C.M.A. Country Club  
Intramural Sports: Rifle, Rowing

Not to be outdone in this world of scientific marvels, "C" Barracks boasted of a rare species of TV apparatus. The set was long-legged, unique in design, and could usually be heard from one end of the hall to the other. The speaker could always be relied upon for continuous performance and responded best to channel T-O-M.

In reality Tom Hunter is not so unlike the electronic device suggested by his initials. In fact Tom's secret ambition is closely linked with the airways and motion through space. But he's become accustomed to the ways of the sea, and we don't think he'll change.

"C" Barracks must part with their TV attraction; for the 3 year guarantee period will soon expire. Perhaps his new owner, The U.S. Navy, will also receive excellent performance. We think so.

## Joe Hernandez

(Little Joe)

Los Angeles, California

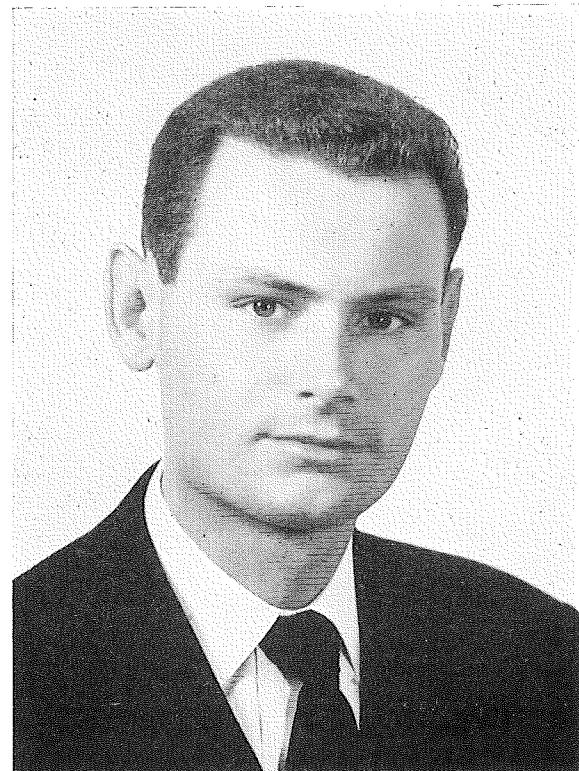
### THIRD MATE

Propeller Club, Secretary-Treasurer  
Official C.M.A. Artist  
Intramural Sports: Track

Joe Hernandez, or "Little Joe," as he is known to his classmates, is one of the old men of the class, and has the grey hair to prove it.

Talent and Little Joe seem to walk hand in hand: His reputation as the "wizard of the artist's palette" remains unchallenged, his prowess as a student has few equals, and his fluent Spanish has made him quite the boy in his travels south of the border. There are people, particularly in Acapulco and Callao, who will remember Joe for a long time to come.

Little Joe's plans for the future lie with the Merchant Marine; the industry couldn't want a better man.



## Ronald E. Jacobson

(Jake)

San Francisco, California

THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

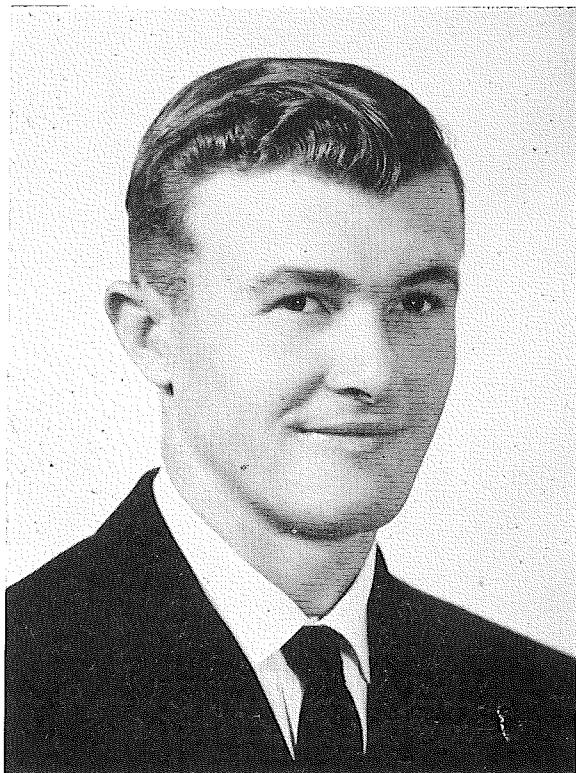
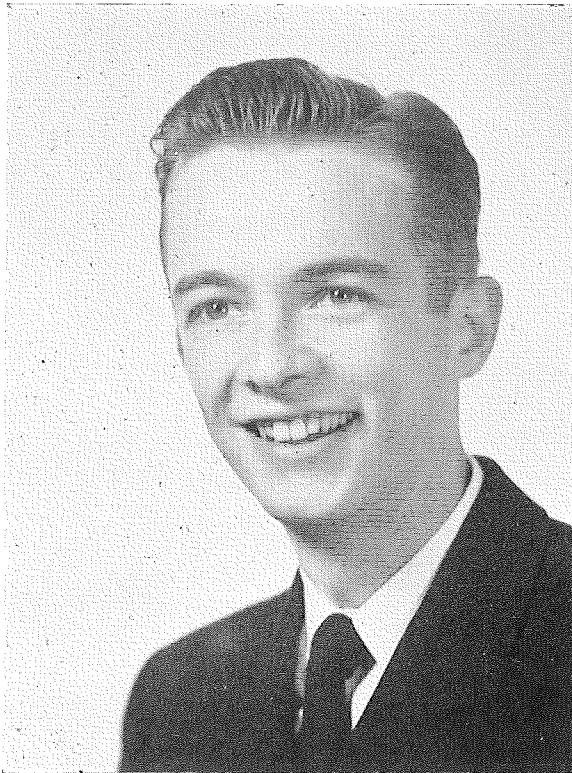
Propeller Club

Queen of Shellback Initiation, '53

There was cause for alarm at C.M.A. in the month of September, 1950. "Jake" had come back for another three years. But this was not the original Jake; it was a carbon copy of big brother.

With three years of preindoctrination behind him, he felt right at home at the academy. And the academy felt right at home with Jake; for it had long since learned the ways of this "pill pushing clan." Jake's outstanding qualities brought him many friends, and he was indeed one in a hundred and eighty.

Rumor has it that the administration is waiting with baited breath to see what the Jacobsons have to offer the Class of '56. How about it Jake—any more carbon copies?



## Bruce B. Jardine

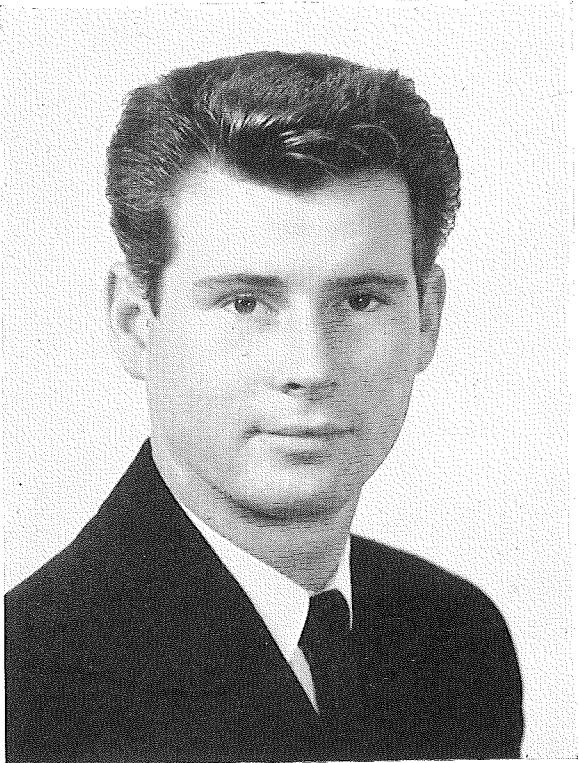
(Bruce)

Orland, California

THIRD MATE

"Brucito" was the name she gave him in Acapulco. Yes, Bruce did have fun on the cruises. And in between times he spent a few minutes of each day at his favorite pastime. You name the book, and he has read it, especially if it is Science Fiction. He opened a few text books, too, and proved one of the better scholars of the Class of '53.

Tennis was one of Bruce's major diversions, and during the past few months he has become a sail fiend—so far without disaster. Who knows, maybe someday he will fulfill his ambition to sail a Square Rigger.



## **Robert A. Lapporte**

(Bob)

Los Angeles, California

THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Battalion Band

Softball Team

Intramural Sports: Softball,  
Basketball

There are always those fortunate few who are never seen studying and yet remain at the top of their class. Bob Lapporte is one of those few. After living in Chicago, the underworld capital of the world, Bob inherited the ability to get along with everyone.

As an avid fan of the national sport, his favorite team is the Chicago White Sox of the American League; the day they win the pennant will be a happy one for Bob. He is currently holding down second base on the academy team and has proven invaluable throughout his three years in all intramural sports. Whatever his chosen profession, Bob's independence will assure his future success.

## **William R. Jones**

(Jonesie)

San Francisco, California

THIRD MATE

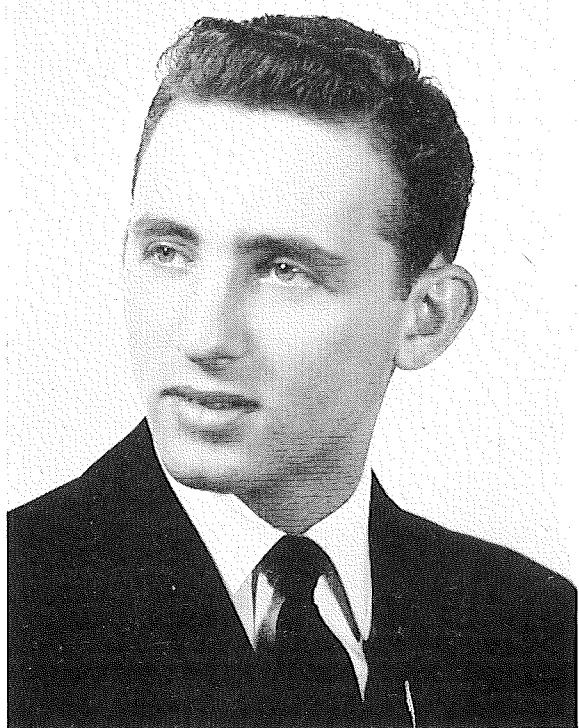
Varsity Basketball

Intramural Sports: Basketball,  
Rowing

"Blessings on thee, little man, barefoot boy with cheek of tan . . ." It could be that Longfellow had Bill in mind when he penned that famous verse. An outdoorsman from way back and a perennial lover of sunshine, Bill has acquired the title "Nature Boy."

As a strong backer of the "Merchant," he hasn't yet let "U. S. Navy" become part of his vocabulary. The South Pacific once offered Bill a home; so just as soon as possible that's where he's headed.

Bill will enjoy life no matter where his travels take him. Just let him take off his shirt and shoes and curl up in the hot sun with his guitar, and "Nature Boy" is at home.



## James R. Lessard

(Tiger)

Vallejo, California

### THIRD MATE

Battalion Band

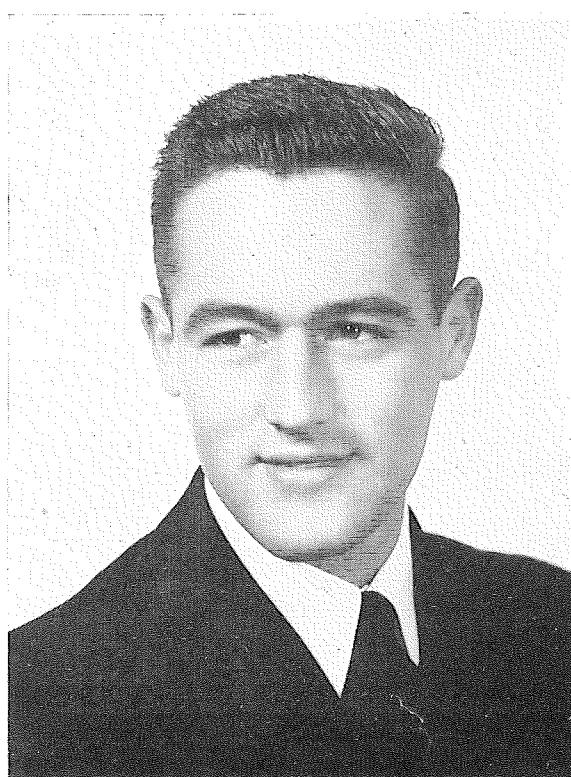
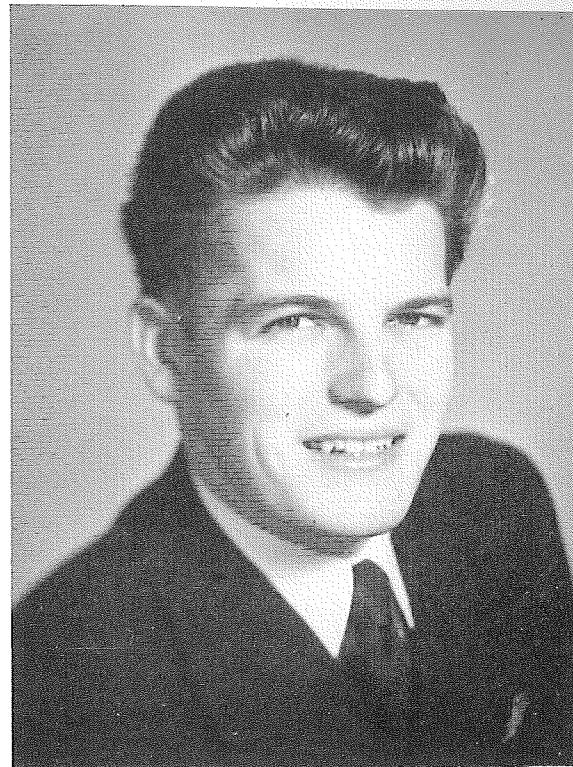
Prom Queen Contestant

Intramural Sports: Football,  
Rowing, Rifle

A sturdy 5ft. 6in., J. R. Lessard was one of the "local boys." His aggressiveness and ability to stand up for his rights earned Jim the regal title "Tiger" early in his third class year. However, his "ferocious" habits were offset by a twinkling eye, a curious smile, and a ready wit which have caused many a heart to flutter on foreign shores.

But the man was also a lover of music. In fact, Jim's passion for progressive jazz made his room, the Platter Shop, a hub of activity.

Where his future Navy wings of gold will take him no one can know, but we do know that the Navy will get a good man when "Tiger" takes to the seas.



## Jack Lindley

(Linville)

Sacramento, California

### THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

C.M.A. Country Club

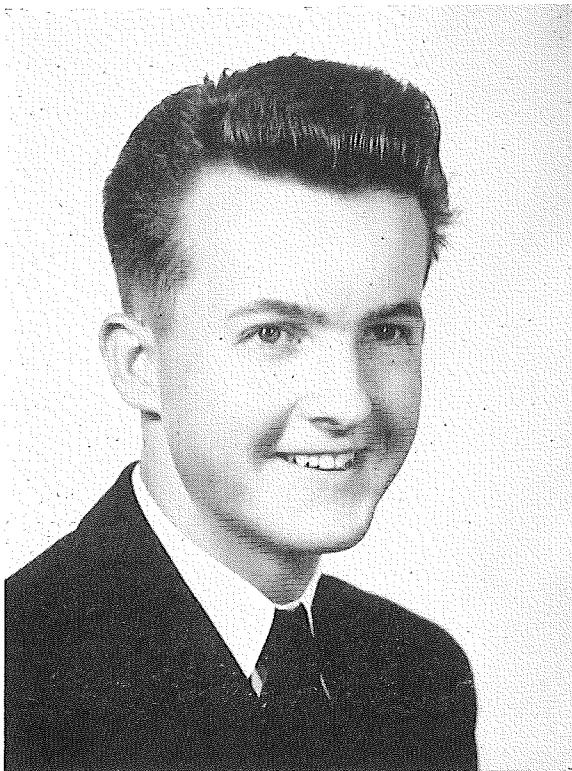
Intramural Sports: Tennis,  
Rowing, Football

From an obscure community on the northern side of our State Capital came Jack Lindley. He arrived sporting a grin that has endeared him to his classmates and made life more endurable for those around him.

Linville, as he is more commonly known, has proven his mettle by remaining completely unaffected by trials that would have turned the heads of lesser men.

Jack's ability to study diligently has made him a fine engineer and a credit to his chosen field; his ability to *conform* to regulations has been a constant source of joy to his classmates.

Linville's plans for the future include the Navy. We wish him all the luck in the world and pleasant sailing.



## **Fredrick P. Lofstrom**

(Lofty)

San Pedro, California

### **THIRD MATE**

Judo Team

Basketball

Intramural Sports: Basketball,  
Softball

During his stay at C.M.A., one member of the class of '53 stood head and shoulders above the rest of the class.

With all of his 6 ft. 4 in. frame, Paul had the unique record of ducking overhead beams for three years with scarcely a mishap. He was dubbed "Lofty" by his classmates and the name stuck.

Lofty belonged to that elite group of midshipmen claiming distinction as permanent members of Ship's Company. Quiet mannered and well liked, he has proven himself a conscientious student and an excellent prospect for Uncle Sam's Navy.

## **Richard F. Luckey**

(Dick)

Santa Ana, California

### **THIRD MATE**

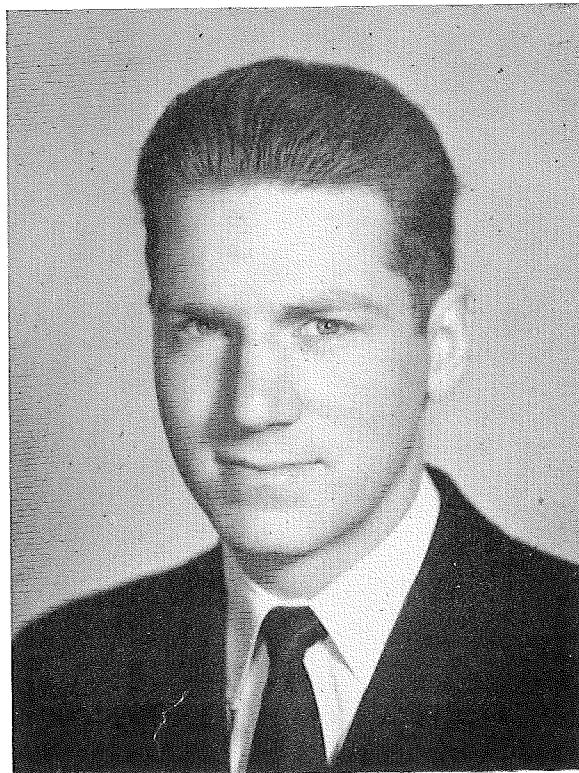
Midshipman Librarian  
Hawsepope Staff  
Sailing Club

Before enrolling at C.M.A., Dick had extensive training along certain engineering lines, but he still chose the life of a deck hand. With a background in the Sea Scouts, he proved an invaluable source of ready information.

We all remember coming into Acapulco on our Third Class Cruise when a pleading voice rang down from the bridge, "Send Luckey up here to interpret for us." You guessed it. Our red-headed hero was off to the rescue, and his mastery of the Spanish language saved the day.

Dick has the unusual ability to grasp new skills readily, and we know that, upon leaving C.M.A., he will indeed be a credit to his chosen profession.

Buena suerte, Ricardo.



## Ronald J. Luxenberg

(Lux)

Los Angeles, California

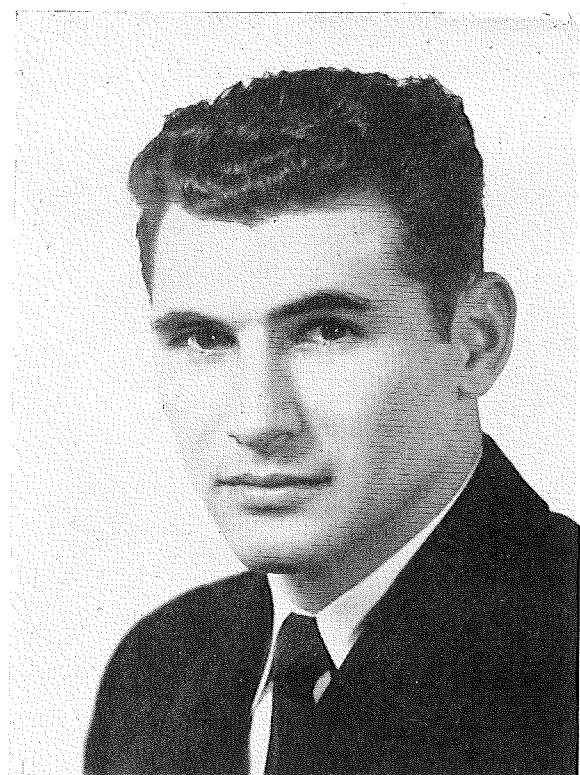
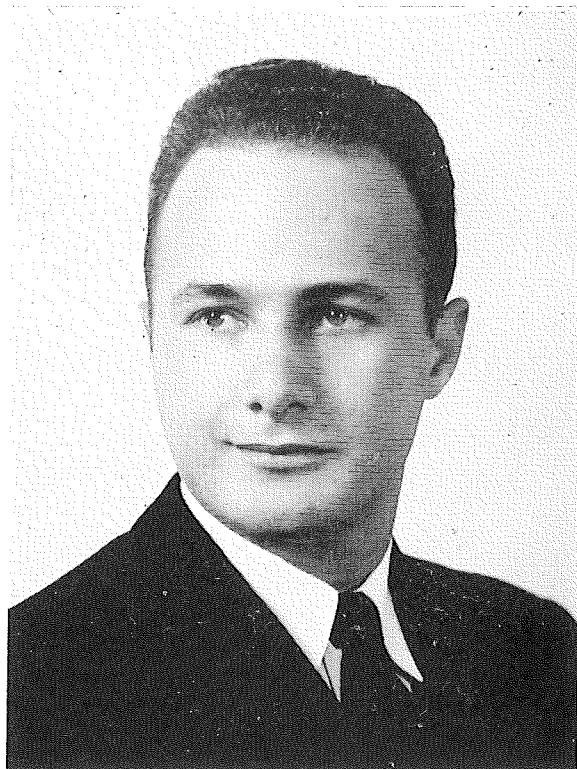
### THIRD MATE

"C" Company Commander  
Class Secretary, '51, '52  
Propeller Club, President  
Hawsepope Staff, Copy Editor  
Ring Dance Committee  
Intramural Sports: Tennis,  
Rowing

Upon graduation from the University of California, Lux, as he is known to his shipmates, took a six-months tour through Europe on a bicycle. The realization of a career at sea must have been conceived during this trip; for shortly after his return to the States, he became a member of the famed Class of '53.

His ambitious nature led Lux to the attainment of two important positions in his first class year: "C" Company Commander and President of the Propeller Club. His likeable personality, his flare for extenuating the circumstances, along with his leadership ability accounted for his popularity among the Officers and Midshipmen alike.

Whichever path Lux decides to take, you can be sure that it will lead to the top.



## William H. Mairs

(Bill)

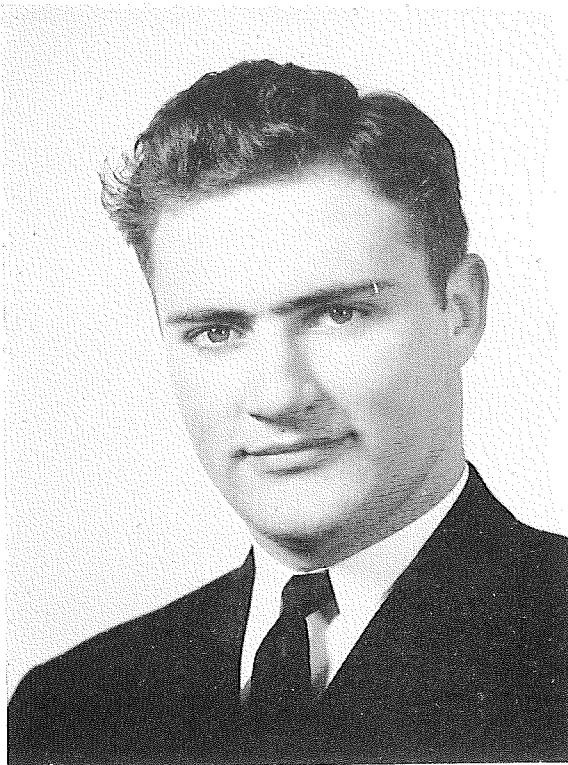
Vallejo, California

### THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Class President '51  
Softball Team  
Varsity Basketball  
Intramural Sports: Softball,  
Basketball, Football

Noah Webster has a definition for competency: adequate, capable and fit. These qualities describe Bill Mairs to a T. A past master of things mechanical, Bill attained the position of journeyman electrician at Mare Island and augmented this experience with two years in the Navy. It is no wonder that he developed into one of the top practical men in his class.

These accomplishments, coupled with his prowess in every field of athletic endeavor, have made Bill a well rounded and popular leader of his class. If he ever tires of his chosen profession, he can always turn to his true love—the car wrecking business. (His favorite pastime is making cars out of wrecks and vice versa.)



## Robert S. Martin

(Ogre)

Los Angeles, California

### THIRD MATE

Propeller Club

Judo Team

Intramural Sports: Football,  
Rowing, Baseball,  
Swimming

Bob Martin, known affectionately as "Ogre" because of his tiny girth and hairless chest, came to us in Morrow Cove on loan from the FBI—we understand a certain L.A. agent still has her eye on him.

A good-natured fellow with a pun and a friendly word for everyone, the Ogre put his stout shape to work in the Academy Judo group, wiggled about a bit, and won for himself a green belt.

Bob's plans after graduation seem to include both the Navy and the merchant service, with a little matrimony in between. Best wishes, Bob, and good luck in all your endeavors!

## William L. Martin

(W.L.)

Pasadena, California

### THIRD MATE

Propeller Club

Hawsepope Staff

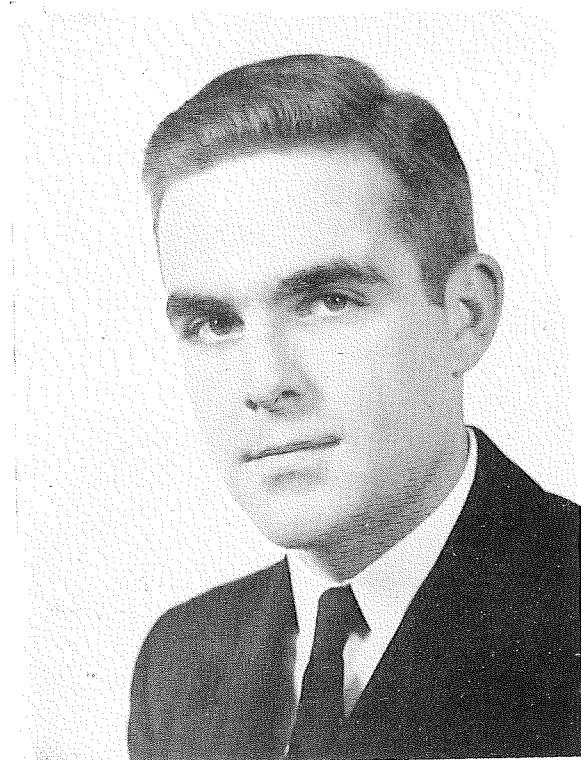
Charter Member of Gentry

Intramural Sports: Rowing

The late circus man, P. T. Barnum, is credited with having once said: "A sucker is born every minute." To this good businessman W. L. Martin might reply: "Yes, doctor, I know!"

Some of the peculiar socio-economic views expressed by Martin, W. L., have led to odd results, but they have never obscured for a moment the fact that they came from a basic good nature. Evidently, some people have to feel the constant throb of challenge and conflict.

As one of the more popular lads in the class, Bill has added a spice and piquancy to our routine here at the Academy that has more than once given us food for thought.



## Peter R. Mattson

(Pete)

Walnut Creek, California

### THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

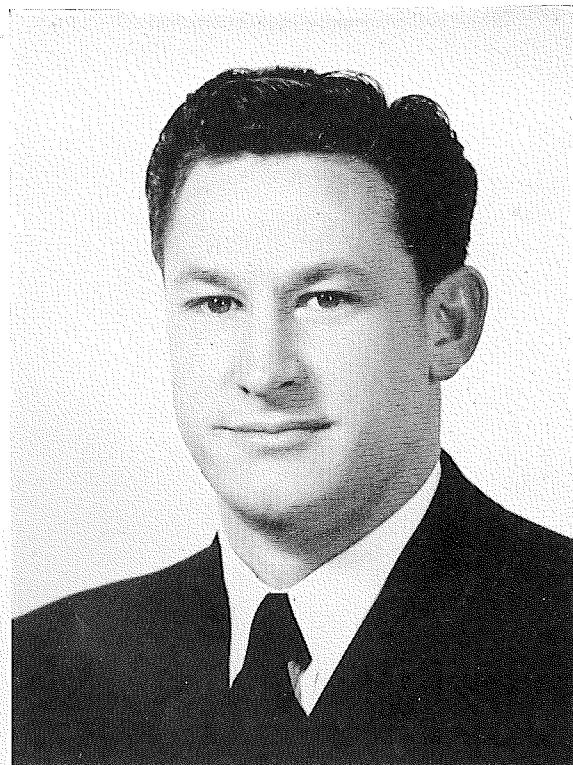
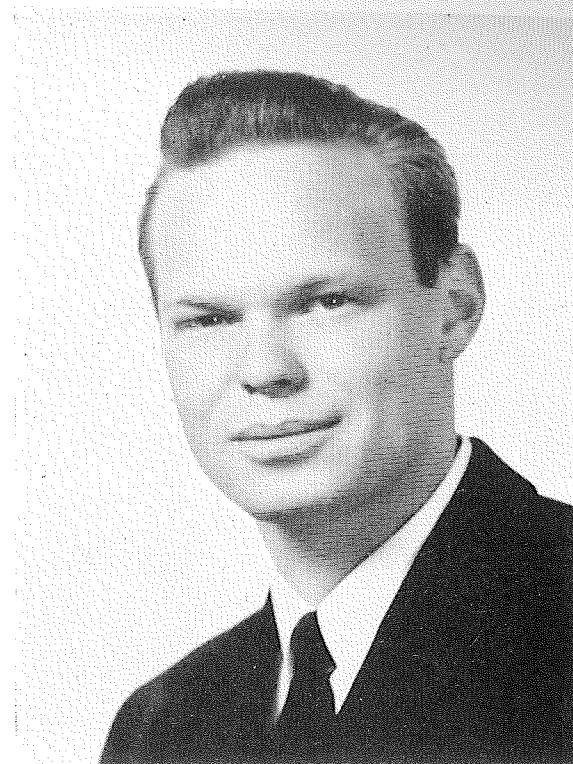
"E" Company Petty Officer  
Sailing Club  
C.M.A. Country Club  
C.M.A. Toastmaster  
Camera Club  
Intramural Sports: Rifle, Football

Well-liked is the fellow with a smile and a witty remark (outdated or not). With gifted showmanship and personality plus, Pete's talents provided many a C.M.A. presentation with the professional touch.

As one of the more prominent members of the Sailing Club, he participated in many competitions, including races at Acapulco and Honolulu. Pete has more recently applied his magical talents to the golf course, or should we say the score card.

His influence was even felt in the engine room, where he played quite a few games called "Think what I am doing."

It's the Navy for Pete now, and we think that C.M.A.'s own MC will be hard to replace.



## N. Eugene McGregor

(Gino)

San Bernardino, California

### THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Propeller Club  
Baseball Team, Mgr., '51  
Intramural Sports: Swimming, Rowing

With a toothy little grin he said, "Just call me Mac." That was our first meeting with the three-year vet of the Coast Guard.

It is an undisputed fact that Gino has remained at the top of his class both in scholastics and practical instruction throughout our three long years. Although he has devoted a great part of his time to studying and seeking out bits of information for himself and his classmates, Mac has had time to partake of his favorite pastime — soft shoe dancing.

Mac is one of the lucky few who will fulfill his ambition to pursue the field for which he has been trained—the American Merchant Marine.



## James Mesa

(Jim)

San Leandro, California

### THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

"E" Company Commander  
Propeller Club  
Hawsepope Staff, Art Editor  
Rifle Team  
Intramural Sports: Football,  
Softball, Rowing

Three years ago in sunny San Leandro, young Jim heard about ships and the seas they sailed on. Here, he decided, was a subject worthy of his consideration, so he packed a bagful of sunshine and joined us at C.M.A. by the bay. Soon he learned why steel floats and that the "spaghetti factory" down below was the thing that caused the propellers to turn.

An apt student, Jim stayed in the upper bracket without burning the midnight oil. It was no surprise when he sprouted three stripes and became the exalted ruler of "E" Company.

Keep 'em laughing in uncle's fleet, just as you have here, Jim, and good luck to you.

## Charles V. Morley

(Bud)

Larkspur, California

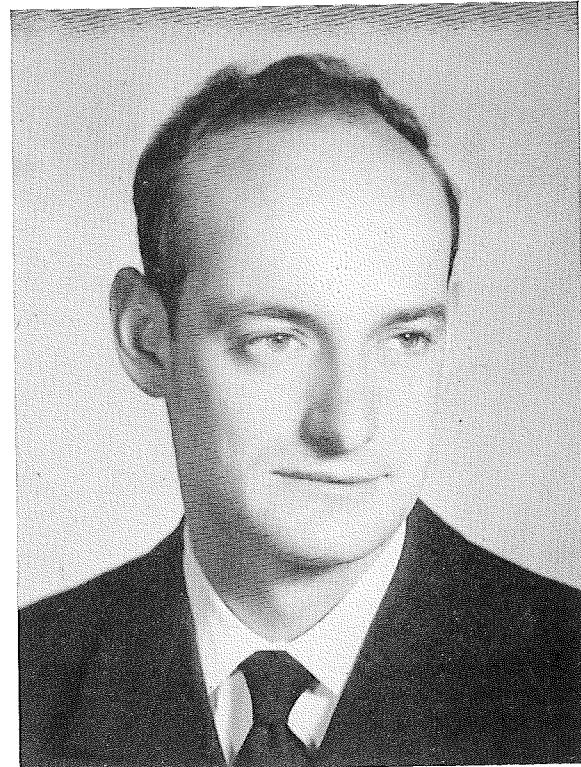
### THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

"D" Company Commander  
Sailing Club, President  
Class Vice-President, '51  
Camera Club  
Intramural Sports: Rifle, Rowing

Before "Bud" learned to walk he had mastered the art of sailing. This smiling youth from Larkspur, California, whose first love was the sea, was probably born with a jib sheet in his mouth.

Three years ago Bud decided that steam-powered vessels were here to stay; so he climbed off his sailboat, learned to walk and headed for C.M.A. From that time on, this ambitious lad, with his "streamlined" ideas, started down the path which eventually led to the position of "D" Company Commander.

To Bud we say, "The sea's in your blood, boy; keep 'em sailing."



## William Peterson

(Grimerson)

Genesee, Idaho

### THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Athletic Council

Hawsepope Staff, Photographer

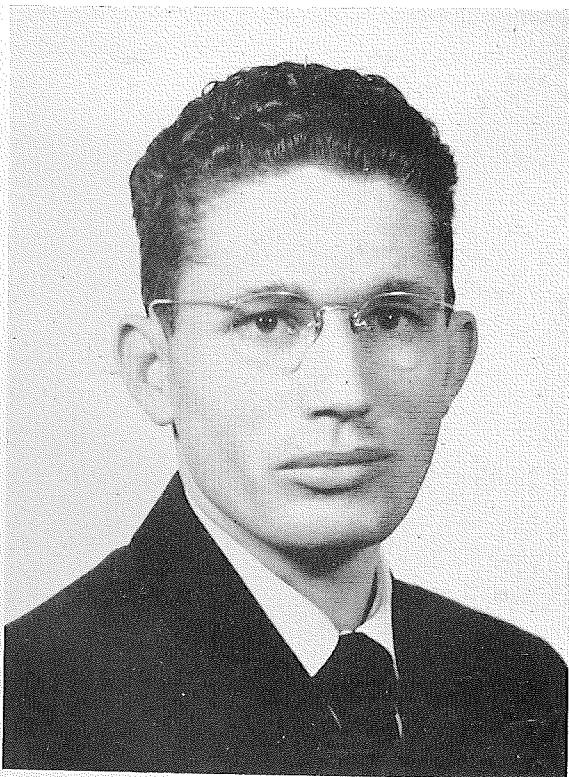
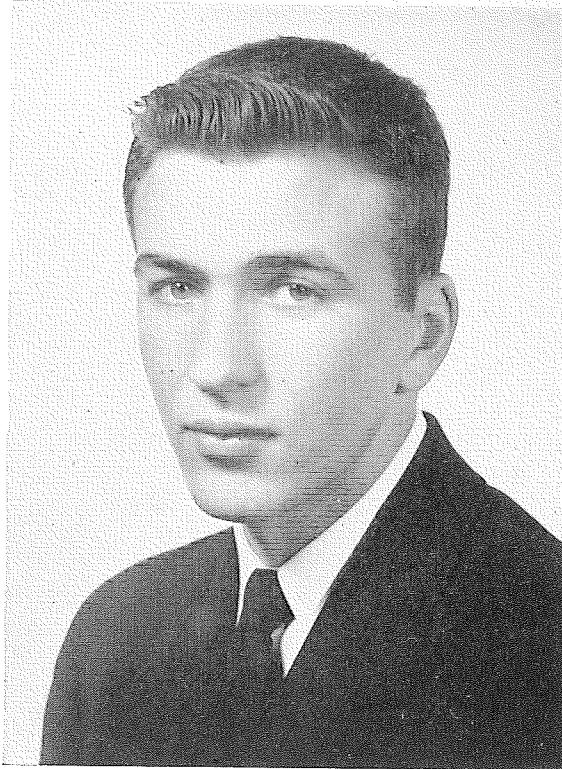
Camera Club

Varsity Basketball

Intramural Sports: Basketball

Wandering down Academy Road with a calculus book in one hand and a "slip stick" in the other, our boy Pete arrived at C.M.A. only a mere four days late. If he startled us at the time, he came near mystifying us later on with the way he remained in the top half of his thermo class even though he had to miss the tail end to many of the lectures.

Pete has applied for active duty in the Navy. We feel sure that either ashore or afloat he will be an outstanding representative of the " . . . class that wouldn't quit."



## Clinton H. Poellot

(Clint)

Lynwood, California

### THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Band Company Sub-Commander

Member of Drum and Bugle Corps

Head Projectionist

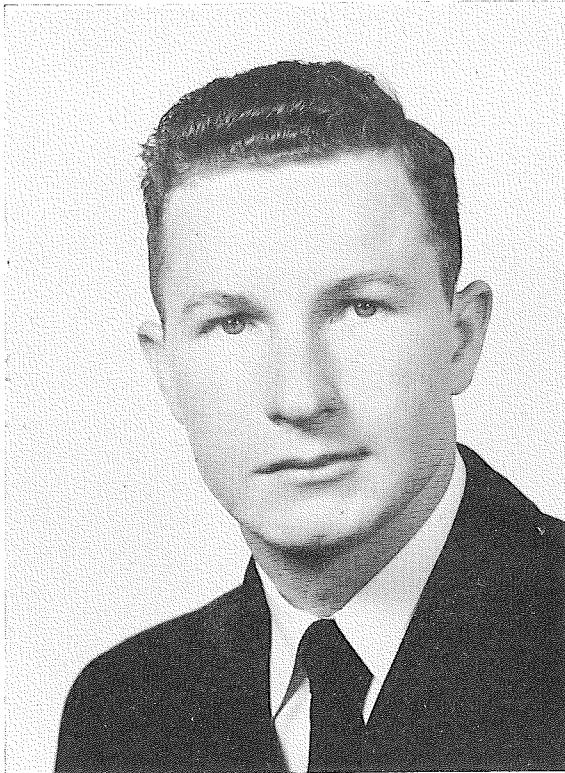
Intramural Sports: Rowing, Baseball

Looking for Clint? I just saw someone taking food and water into the projection room. When he wasn't on watch or asleep, Clint was either dismantling or reassembling his magic lanterns. Thanks to him, movies on cruise were a pleasant end to the daily routine.

After being something like Captain on one of Uncle Sam's Army boats, it was only natural that Clint should come to C.M.A.

Somehow, between his bewildered soot shoveling and grinding out the evening movie, Clint found time to pull all sorts of rabbits out of his greasy hat to the delight and benefit of the band.

If there aren't movies on fireboats, Clint will soon put them there, just as soon as he finds out which one is his.



## **Edwin E. Schuster**

(Big Ed)

Hamilton, Mo.

**THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER**

First Class Secretary-Treasurer

"Big Ed" came quietly to C.M.A., and his own quiet manner has become an almost legendary figure. Ed's sharp humor and inevitable "Well, yes" have hallmarked his career at the Academy.

The forward engine room was the scene of Ed's more unique endeavors, and none would deny that a watch with the "Shus" was an unforgettable experience.

Ed turned financier early in the First Class year, when he fell heir to the class funds. His eagerness as class secretary-treasurer was evidenced by the constant stream of correspondence he directed toward the Commandant's desk.

We'll remember you, "Big Ed," and the many good times we've had together.

## **Richard V. Sellers**

(Dick)

Berkeley, California

**THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER**

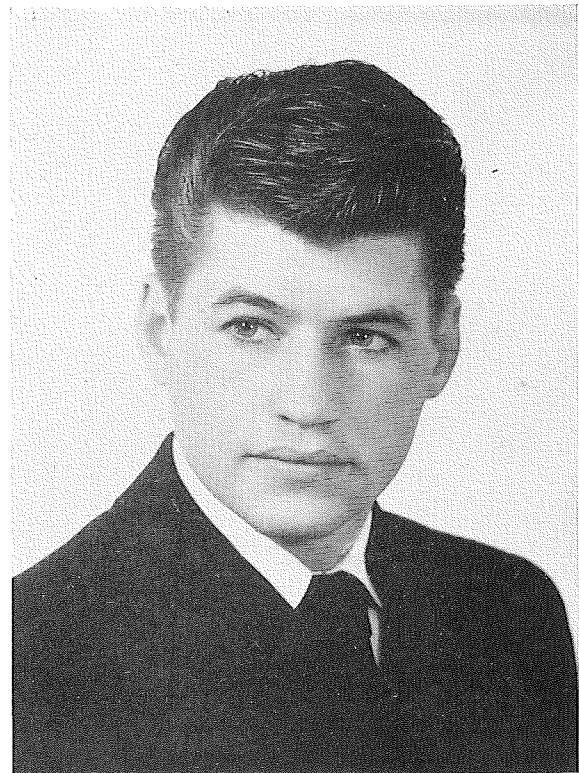
Propeller Club

Intramural Sports: Baseball,  
Football, Swimming, Track,  
Basketball

A master of wit, this little DP from Berkeley town has established quite a name for himself in humbling those who were foolish enough to cross verbal swords with him. The "Squirrel" had no equal in this perilous game.

Nor did he have an equal in the role of the most casual and easy-going engineer in the Academy. A night spent nervously ministering to a sick friend in Sickbay may have disjointed him for awhile and placed him in the limelight, but he soon recovered and scampered back into his old quiet ways.

'Tis the merchant service for Dick after graduation, or until the Navy gobbles him up.



## Don N. Smith

(Dominic)

Los Angeles, California

### THIRD MATE

Propeller Club

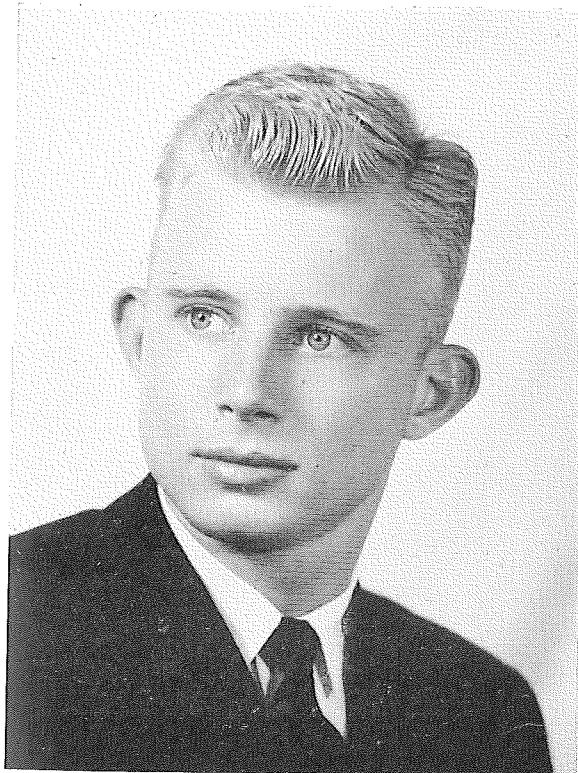
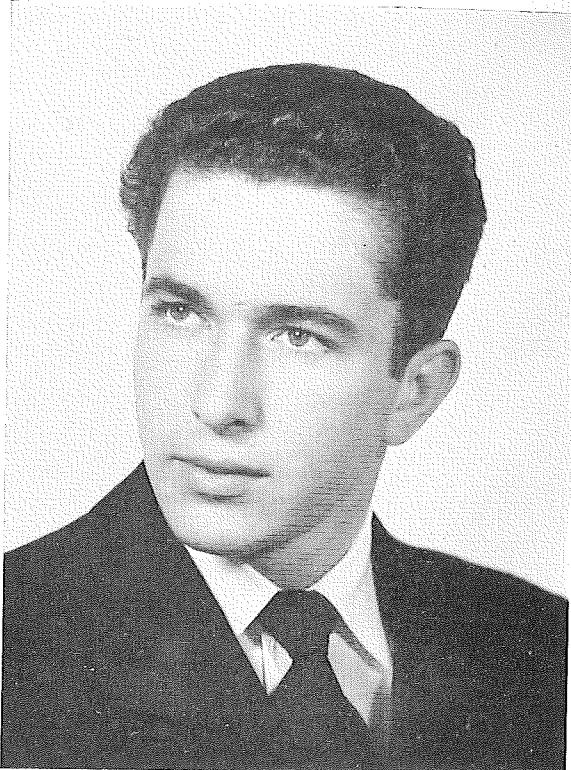
Sailing Club

Intramural Sports: Tennis

One of the more soft spoken and mild mannered Middies is our boy "Dominic." "Baby" hails from Sunny Southern California and came to C.M.A. directly from Huntington Park High.

Although quiet and unassuming, Don demonstrated his willingness to work both in and out of the classroom. He managed to keep up the pace and still had time to keep his sidekick—"Dad"—out of trouble.

Upon leaving C.M.A., "Dominic's" plans include the Navy and a short tour of active duty. We feel certain that our boy will make a name for himself during his stay in blue. So, in parting, we say, "Bon voyage and the best—Dominic!"



## Harry V. Spade, Jr.

(Sam)

Menlo Park, California

### THIRD MATE

Water Polo Coach

Swimming

Intramural Sports: Rowing,  
Football, Swimming

"Sam" Spade, as most of his classmates know him, arrived at C.M.A. well prepared for a nautical life. Hailing from Palo Alto, Sam trained in the Naval Reserve aboard submarines. His ambition is to go back to Subs as an officer in the Regular Navy.

During his stay at the Academy, Sam has had his hands in many activities. He has served on the Athletic Board in his 3rd class year, and has since developed the idea of an Academy Water Polo team. He remains responsible for its present status as a major academy sport.

We know we will hear of "Submarine Sam" in the years to come.



## John D. Stroud

(John)

North Hollywood, California

### THIRD MATE

Battalion Sub-Commander

Propeller Club

Class Vice-President, '52

Ring Dance Chairman

Intramural Sports: Swimming,  
Rowing, Football

Gifted with one of the better brains in the class and with an aplomb that seldom if ever has been visibly shaken, John has distinguished himself at the Academy as a most serious student of reality.

But there were times when the serious side of the man gave way, and an explosive outburst of energy revealed J. Stroud—extrovert. This extreme versatility may have accounted for John's easy entree into a variety of social and intellectual levels.

In a way, little "Jumping Jack" is a paradox, but we all like him and wish him a calm voyage home.

## Louis Tejeda

(Lou)

San Leandro, California

### THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

First Class Vice-President

Hawsepope Staff, Graduates

C.M.A. Country Club

Softball Team

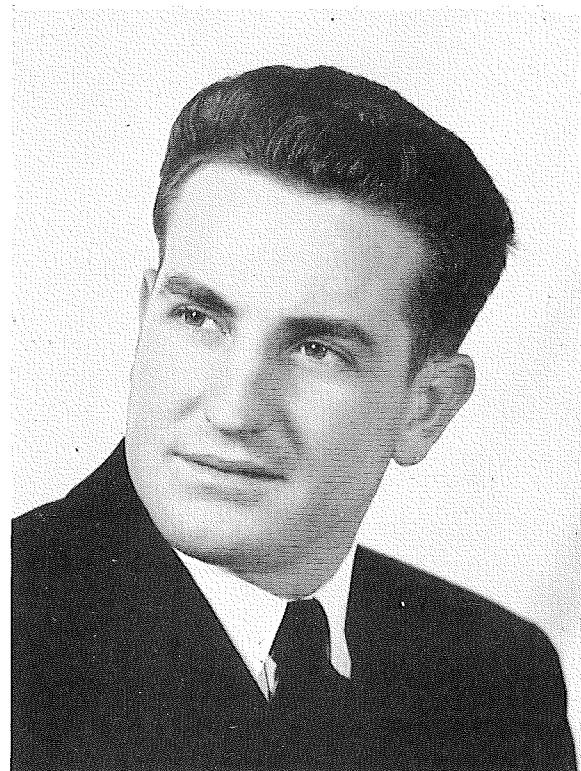
Intramural Sports: Softball,

Football, Rowing

Louis Tejeda, the pride and joy of San Leandro, made his first public appearance on October 4, 1930. His easy-going manner and ability to get along with his classmates made him a welcome addition to the Class of '53.

Lou has been outstanding in athletics throughout his three years at the Academy. He was more than just another player, for he excelled in football, softball, and golf.

His immediate plans call for joining the ranks of the Benedictines after graduation. Your future happiness is assured, Lou, and we, your classmates, wish you, Pat, and all the "kids" the best of luck.



## William E. Templeman

(Temp)

Sacramento, California

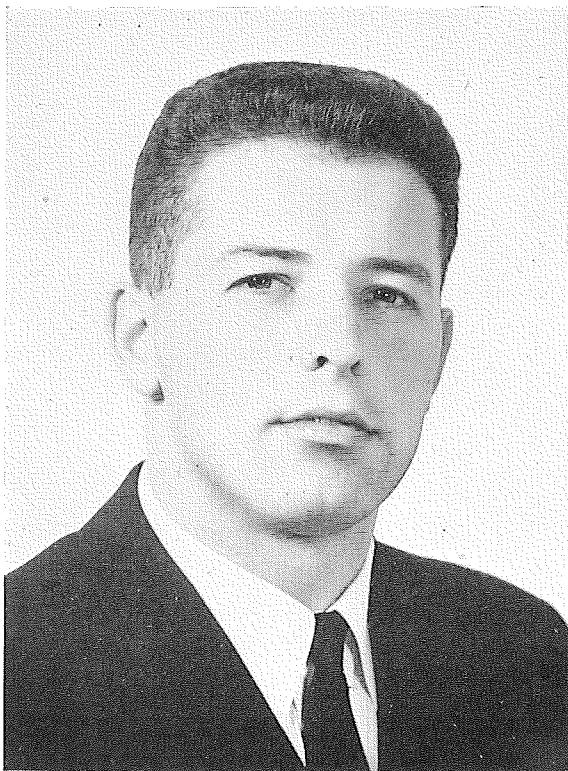
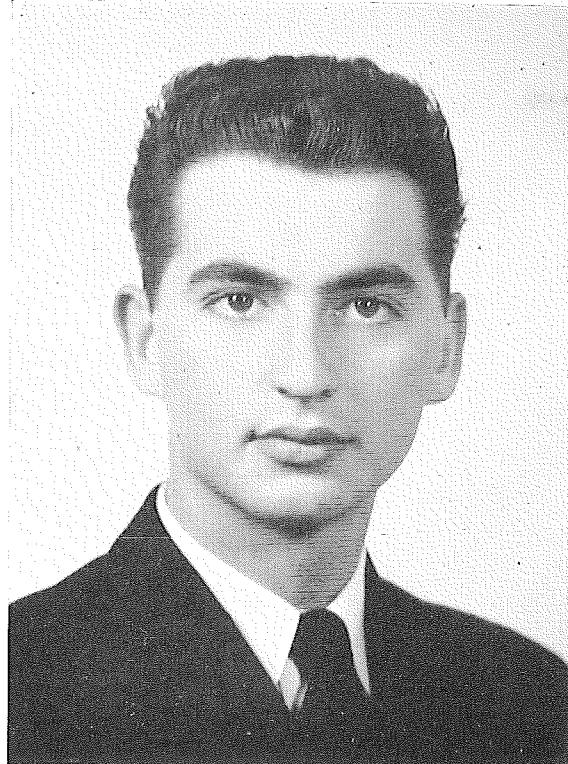
THIRD MATE

"C" Company Sub-Commander  
Propeller Club  
Hawsepope Staff, Activities  
Sailing Club, Treasurer  
Intramural Sports: Rowing,  
Football, Softball, Rifle

Sac town was in mourning; all the records will recall how the women folk did riot on the steps of the city hall. Yes, the sadness in the air was the keynote for the day, when "Temp" left them weeping to enroll at C.M.A.

He soon became proficient; ah, he was a salty knave. They began to flock around him for a haircut and a shave. The barbershop became his den, and there you'd always see the friendly cut-rate barber with his banjo on his knee.

So ends his three-year voyage and the course he set so true. He learned to be a sailor and he learned what sailors do. Now Temp goes forth in Navy Blue, his lot the rolling set. May he always prove the master of his mistress—destiny.



## James S. Tolin

(Big Jim)

San Dimas, California

THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

Battalion Band

Sailing Club

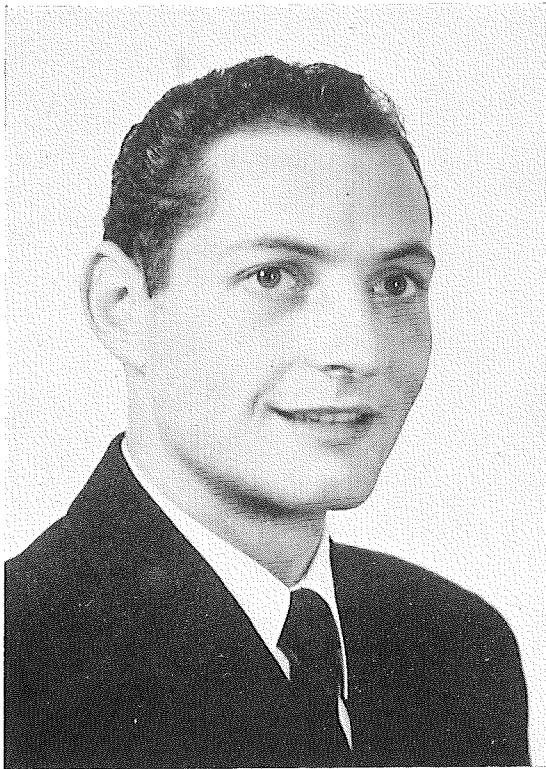
Rifle Team, Instructor

Intramural Sports: Football,  
Rowing, Rifle

Big Jim came to C.M.A. from Southern California. A bulk of a man with an undaunted spirit, Jim has shown us here at the Academy what the will to win can accomplish. Many difficulties have faced him during his three years as a midshipman, but he always seemed to come out on top, even when the ship threatened to sail without him.

Jim now resides in Northern California, after abandoning his L.A. abode to enjoy the beautiful(?) climate of God's Country.

Good luck to Jim in whatever field of endeavor he may choose, and he will always be a memorable personality to those who have known him.



## Eugene Toscano

(Good Guy Geno)

Santa Rosa, California

### THIRD MATE

Athletic Council

Basketball Team

Baseball Team

Intramural Sports: Football,  
Basketball, Baseball,  
Track

Hailing from Wyoming, "Good Guy Geno" brought two talents to the Academy in which he enjoyed a rare proficiency. His sparkling play on the basketball court led the C.M.A. quint to multi victories during three very successful seasons, and his endless repertoire of songs, poems, and guitar playing singled him out as an outstanding authority on American folk music. All of us have been entertained in one part of the world or other by some of his more original renditions.

Gene has done very well here in learning the ways of a seaman and navigator, so all he needs is a good slap on the back from us to send him on his way.

## Salvatore P. Trapanese

(Trap)

Albany, California

### THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

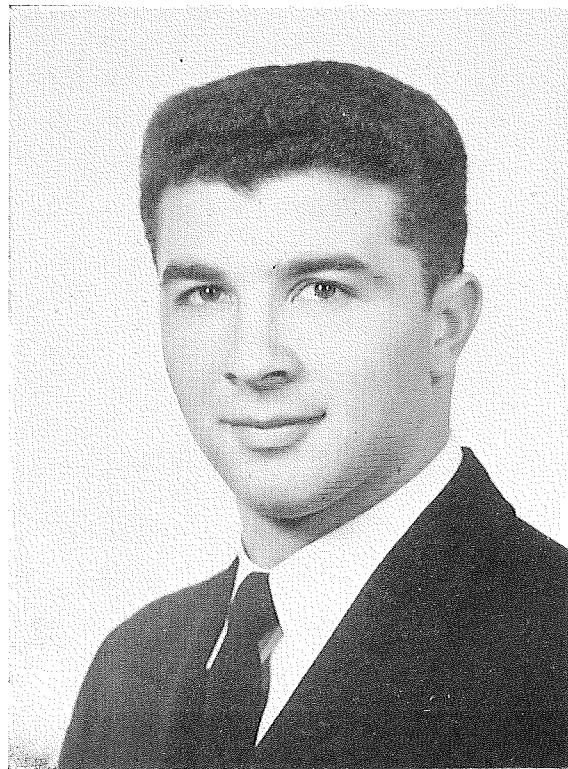
Propeller Club

Camera Club

Intramural Sports: Football,  
Baseball, Track, Rowing

In the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty, a dusty "41 Olds" with a weather beaten canvas top bounced down Academy Road and into the parking lot. A personality now known as Salvatore Pete Trapanese emerged and instinctively made his way to the first quiet place of slumber.

Since that time Pete has occasionally been awakened to attend inconveniences such as study, morning classes and Saturday drill. With a ready wit and a mischievous grin, he wormed his way into the hearts of his classmates and left a wake of gaiety and laughter behind him. "Where ever Pete goes, there goes the subtle fluid of life—the magic of humor."



## Fred A. Varni

(Peaches)

Modesto, California

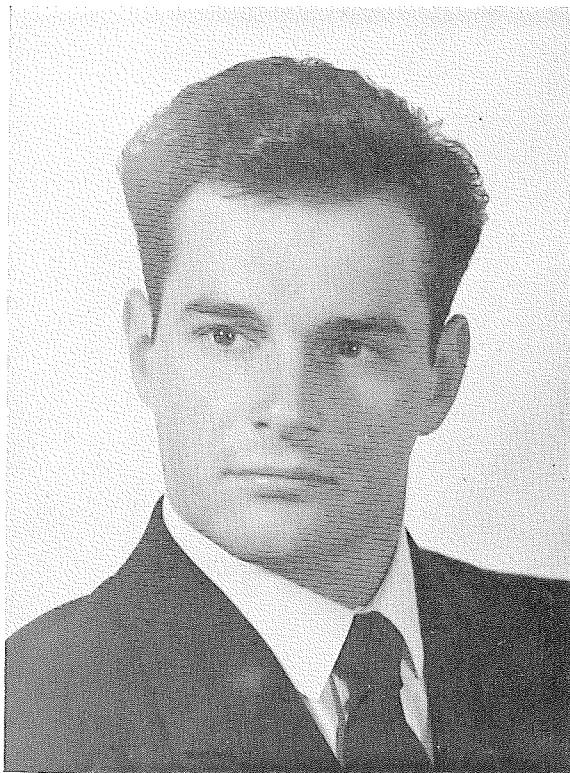
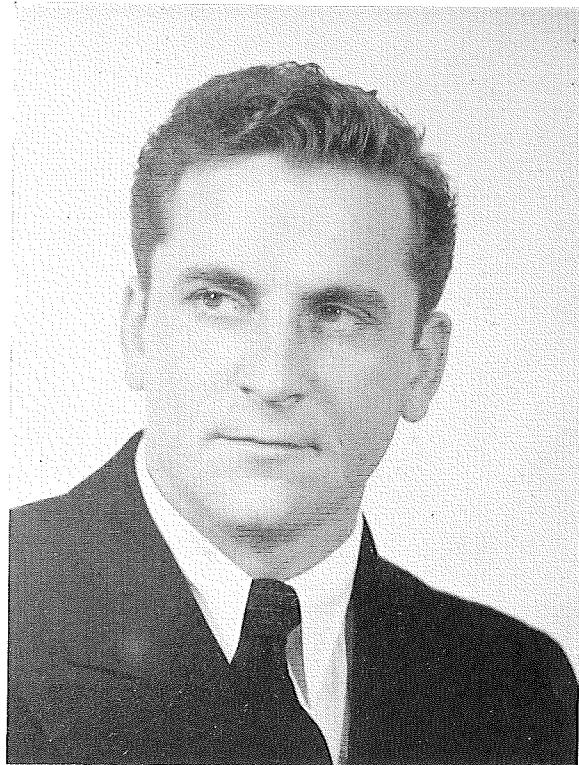
### THIRD MATE

"B" Company Sub-Commander  
First Class President  
Propeller Club  
Hawsepipe Staff, Business  
Manager  
Intramural Sports: Football,  
Rowing

"Anyone for a bottle of 7-up?" were the words of Fred A. Varni as he cheerfully distributed samples of his favorite beverage. What mania possessed this migratory peach picker? Were the stories true about "Freddie's Acres?"

This fabulous Farm Boy came to us from far-away Modesto, and he set out to prove that a seed and soil sailor could make the grade. At least 61 of his classmates thought enough of Fred to elect him as First Class President, an honor of which he proved worthy. (Strangely enough, 7-up sales during the past year have skyrocketed.)

Fred's taken a lot of good-natured ribbing, but a ready smile has become the trademark of this guy we've grown to like—the guy we call "Peaches."



## Joseph J. Venturini

(Mafia Joe)

Modesto, California

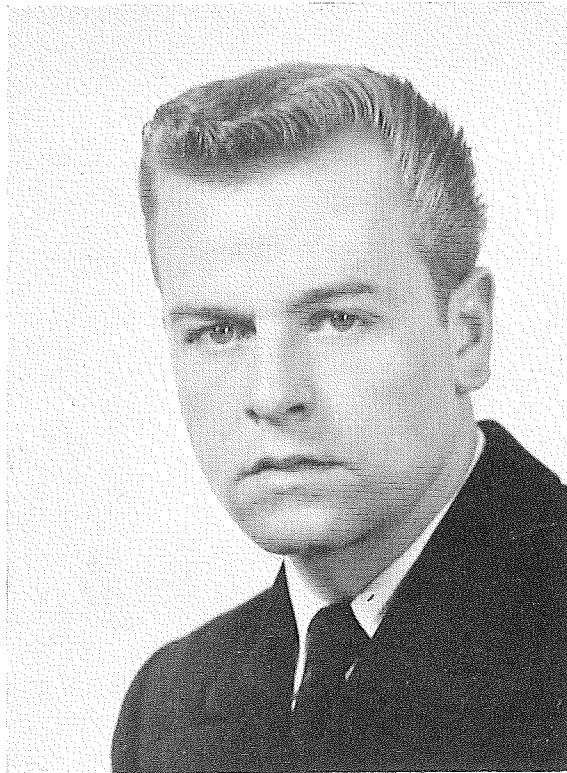
### THIRD MATE

"B" Company Commander  
Hawsepipe Staff  
Propeller Club  
Intramural Sports: Football,  
Softball, Track,  
Rifle

Through the "B" Company barracks ring the immortal words of their illustrious company commander "A Taut Ship Is a Happy Ship." And a Happy Ship they were under the able leadership of Modesto Joe.

Joe was a big boy with a big heart, and modesty became him. From the co-ed filled halls of Modesto J.C. to the bachelor barracks of C.M.A., this favorite of both sexes was a standout. If Joe were asked about the matter, he'd no doubt reply "Huh?" (His way of being noncommittal.)

We're all attached to big Joe Vent; there's no doubt of that. He has that certain quality that makes him a likeable Joe.



## Richard T. Wegner

(Dick)

Berkeley, California

THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER

"B" Company Petty Officer

Intramural Sports: Basketball,  
Baseball, Football, Swimming,  
Rowing

Dick was another one of Berkeley's contributions to C.M.A. After a little trouble getting started, that "do or die" spirit finally came through.

Dick's main interests seemed to center around "B" company, of which he was first class petty officer. However, his outstanding ability as a pugilist is not to be forgotten. "R. T.'s" principal athletic interest was as an honorary member of the 4 to 5 coffee drinkers club, but more than once he was seen soft-shoeing around in center field for "B" company's softball team.

Down below decks, Dick proved to all that he was one of the more competent engineers. As a result, he plans to fill a Third Engineer's billet, where we are sure he will be a success.

## Walter A. Wentz

(Walt)

Los Angeles, California

THIRD MATE

Band Company Commander

Propeller Club

Hawsepipe Staff

C.M.A. Country Club

J.V. Basketball Team

Baseball Team

Intramural Sports: Football,  
Basketball, Baseball, Tennis

In his senior year Walt undertook a challenging role in academy life. He was named Band Commander of the newly-formed Band Company, and was armed for the job with a baton and a few shop-worn instruments.

Walt's first impossible task was as a talent scout, and the search for would-be artists was thorough. Then he became a conductor of music, and Band Company became a going concern.

Aggressiveness was Walt's outstanding characteristic. Some will say that his reform activities got him into trouble, but none can deny that he got results. Walt is more fortunate than most, for he can recall his three years at C.M.A. with a sense of accomplishment and the feeling of a job well done.



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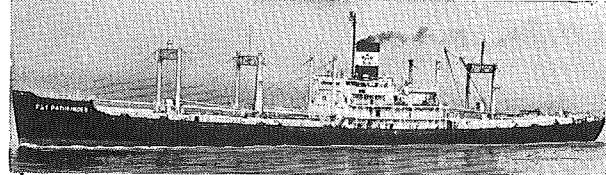
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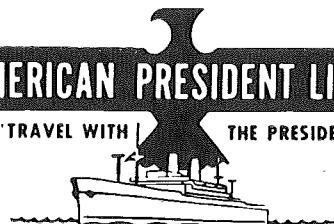
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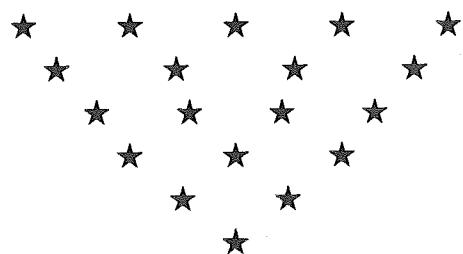
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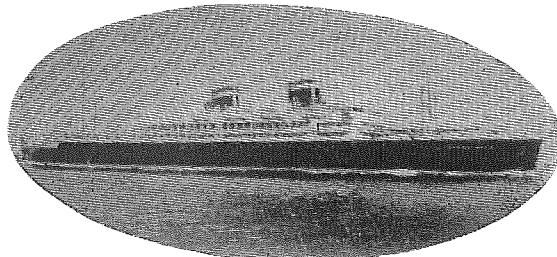
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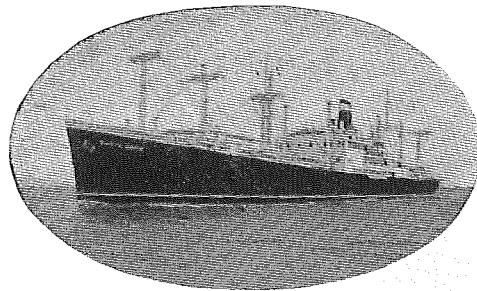
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