

We found San Juan, Puerto Rico to be a curious combination of the Old World and the New. In the Old City were beautiful buildings and El Morro Castle, and in the resort area were the large hotels with their glamorous night life. San Juan was the city of narrow European streets and wide American automobiles.



For the ADAMS this was "PAINTEX 1-72".



Chaplain "Smiling Jack" Rogers



# St. Thomas



St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands was one of the most truly beautiful places we visited. Its impressive mountains, picturesque beaches and crystal clear waters provided the men of Standing Naval Force with many memorable experiences, swimming, diving and just relaxing.



Beautiful Magen's Bay





*SNF Officers hold an international conference on the fine art of hamburger cooking.*



Remember him?

# Curacao

The island of Curacao in the Netherlands Antilles was one place that even most of the widest salts among us had never been before. We found Curacao to be a most interesting blend of South American climate and Dutch architecture. Curacao's status as a free port meant that SNF sailors could shop and choose from among goods from all over the world at reasonable prices.



Curacao's floating market



Dutch architecture in downtown Willemstad, Curacao



Our boat crews in Curacao were truly "An International Affair".



Commander in Chief, Netherlands Antilles , inspects AUORA's Guard.





British and Dutch divers became a familiar sight everywhere.



Here, and everywhere, Chaplain Jack Rogers attended to the welfare of his Standing Naval Force congregation.

# Charleston



AURORA passes under the Cooper River Bridge.

Standing Naval Force's stay in Charleston, South Carolina provided our first real opportunity since January to perform necessary maintenance on our ships and to take a rest from the rapid pace of operations. Charleston's active social life and many historic sights proved to be a fine combination for a relaxing and interesting time.



Charleston Naval Base.

We observe formality on AURORA's flight deck . . .



. . . and informality in BRAUNSCHWEIG's Ward-room and with EVERTSEN's Rock Band.





Charleston meant work.





Charleston was also a place whose history and beauty provided the surroundings for a most enjoyable visit.

We wondered why our divers spent so much time in the water, until we learned that they receive extra pay for periods spent submerged.

