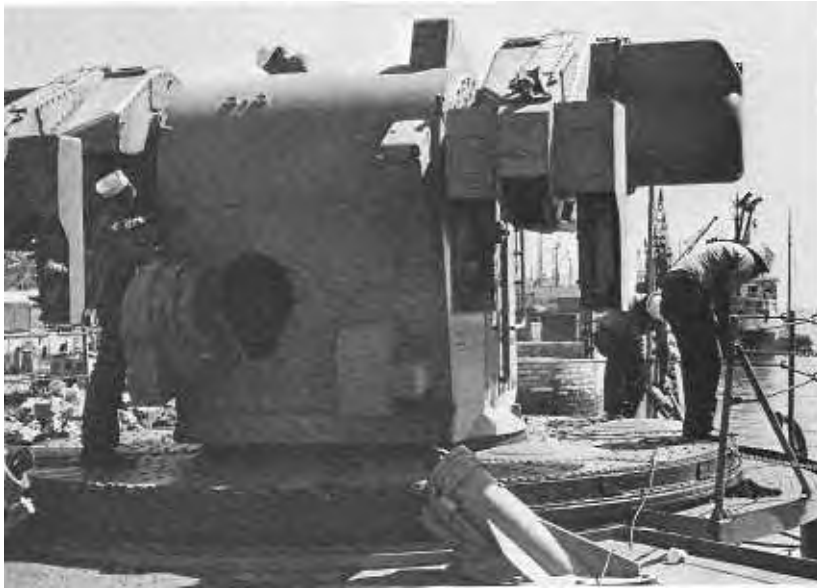




EVERTSEN's supply Ship arrives from the Netherlands with a vital cargo.



An unusual projectile for the ASW mortar.



Pony airborne port.



In early May Standing Naval Force entered the Mediterranean for the first time in history. As we passed through the Straights of Gibraltar to starboard were visible the mountains of Morocco, and to port the Rock of Gibraltar.



Izmir

Izmir, Turkey was the easternmost port visited by the Standing Naval Force. The unique character of this ancient city, with its shopping bazaars, mosques, and many sidewalk cafes made it a fascinating place to visit. The many SNF sailors who visited the nearby ruins of Ephesus and Sardis found themselves literally walking through the pages of biblical history.



An Izmir "Delivery Van".



When ADAMS sailors toured Ephesus they found themselves accompanied by two very amiable bodyguards, one of whom carried a very businesslike-looking sub-machine gun.



Our tour guide at Ephesus was Miss "Bus Number Two".

IZMIR



Piraeus



No trip into the Mediterranean would be complete without a visit to one of the oldest and most famous cities in the world, Athens, Greece. The places which the men of Standing Naval Force had the opportunity to visit; the city of Athens and the countryside of Greece, the Temple of Zeus and the Acropolis, are sights most people only dream of ever seeing.



Our fearless staff photographer takes this chance to get his own picture in the book.



The changing of the Palace Guard.



A tour from AURORA



The Parthenon

The Old amidst the New; The Temple of Zeus near downtown Athens.



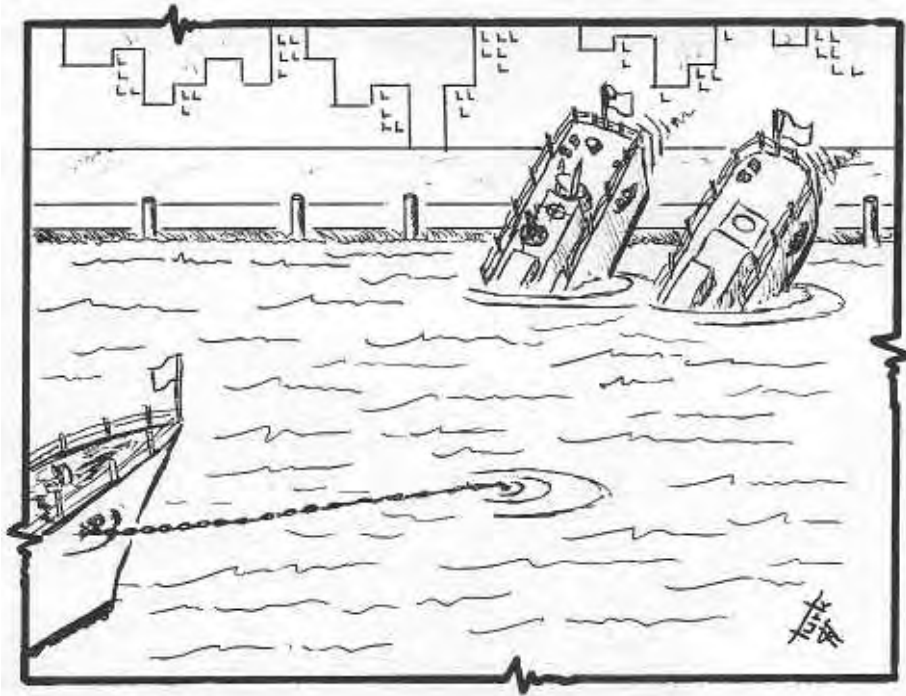


During the transit from Piraeus to Naples Standing Naval Force took a shortcut right through the Peloponnesian Peninsula via the Corinth Canal. The Canal is a man made, three mile long, twenty-five yard wide, passage whose walls rise, in several places 200 feet straight up. Our passage was a unique and awesome experience.



Naples

It may be that our stay in the busy port of Naples, Italy seemed so short because we spent so much of our time just mooring and getting underway using the infamous "Med-Moor". The visit to Naples was a full one for Standing Naval Force. While many men spent the weekend touring Capri and the historic sites of Mt. Vesuvius and Pompei, others took the opportunity to take a tour to Rome.



DO YOU SUPPOSE WE MIGHT HAVE FOULED THEIR ANCHOR CHAINS?

Overlooking Naples harbor toward Mount Vesuvius.





The Covered Marketplace in central Naples.

The SNF sailors who spent their time in Naples found that the area offers many places to visit and things to see.



The Isle of Capri



The ruins of the City of Pompeii



Those of us who toured to Rome were not disappointed in the many beautiful and historic places we visited.

Saint Peter's Square



Saint Peter's Basilica



The Fountain of Trevi



The Coliseum