

*"Cleanest ship seen . . . most complete CSMP found by the Board in seven years . . . most professionally run Supply Department witnessed in two years . . . Auxiliary Division best ever inspected . . ."*

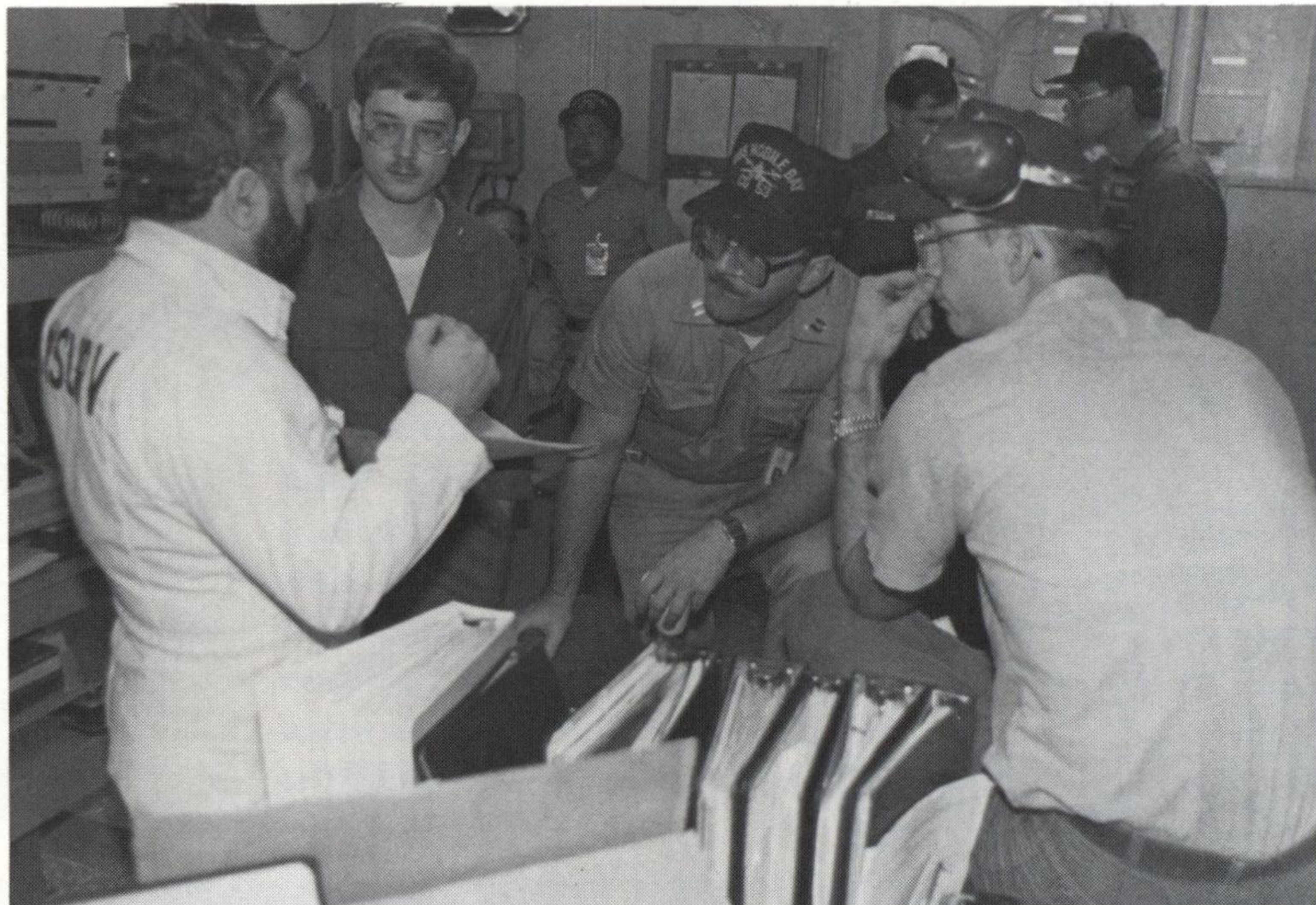
*Such were representative comments made by members of the Washington Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) during their December 1987 Final Contract Trial (FCT) inspection of MOBILE BAY.*

*Headed by Rear Adm. John D. Bulkeley, the Board conducted MOBILE BAY's FCT as the final settlement point for the cruiser's construction contract. Essentially, FCT/INSURV is an in-depth, microscopic snapshot of how well ship's force is maintaining their billion dollar warship. And, as we have throughout our first year, the MOB came away in "top flight" style.*

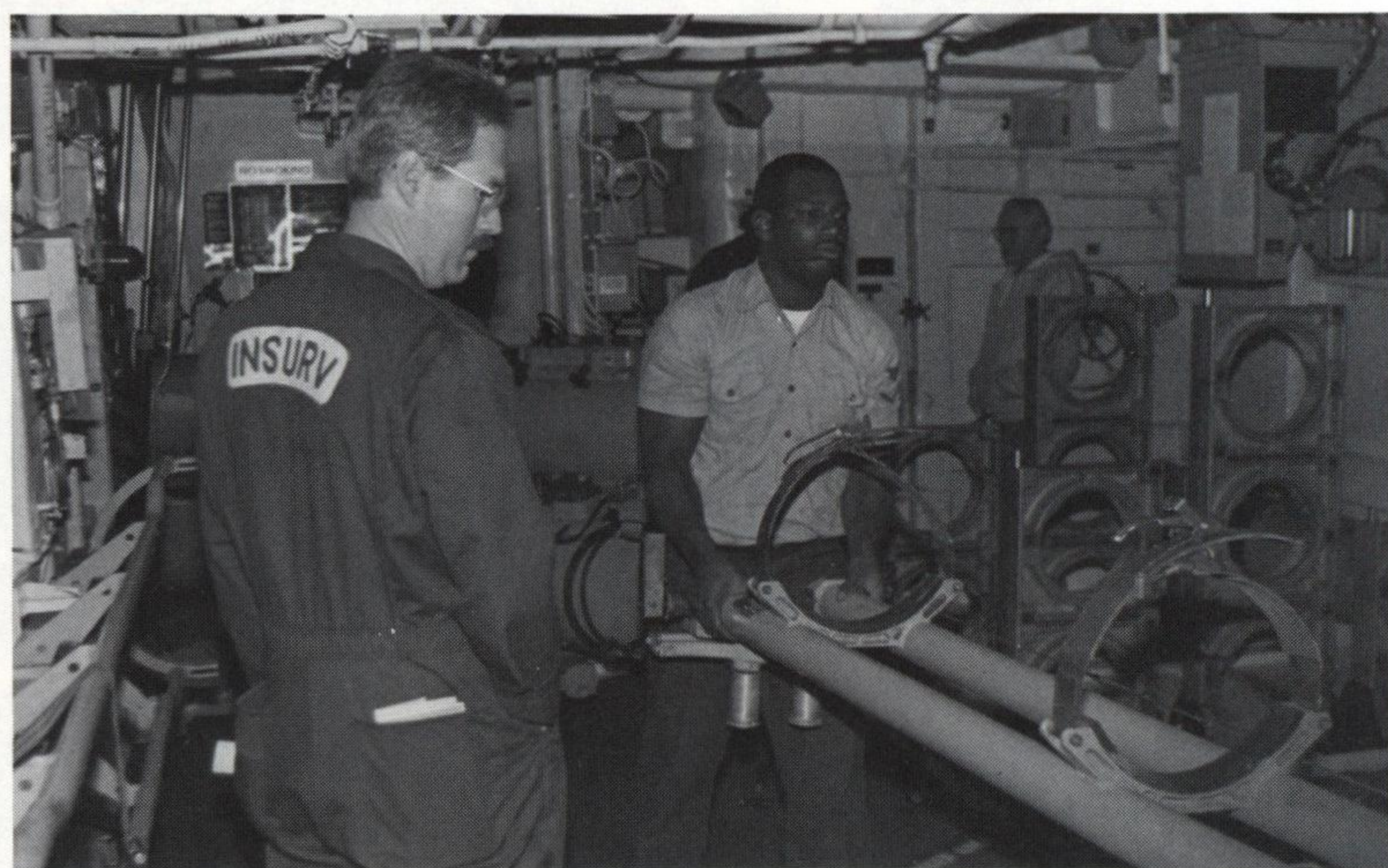
*INSURV is one of the most arduous challenges a ship faces and the superb results received by MOBILE BAY were produced by incredible MOBpower which, once again, set the standard.*

# FINAL CONTRACT

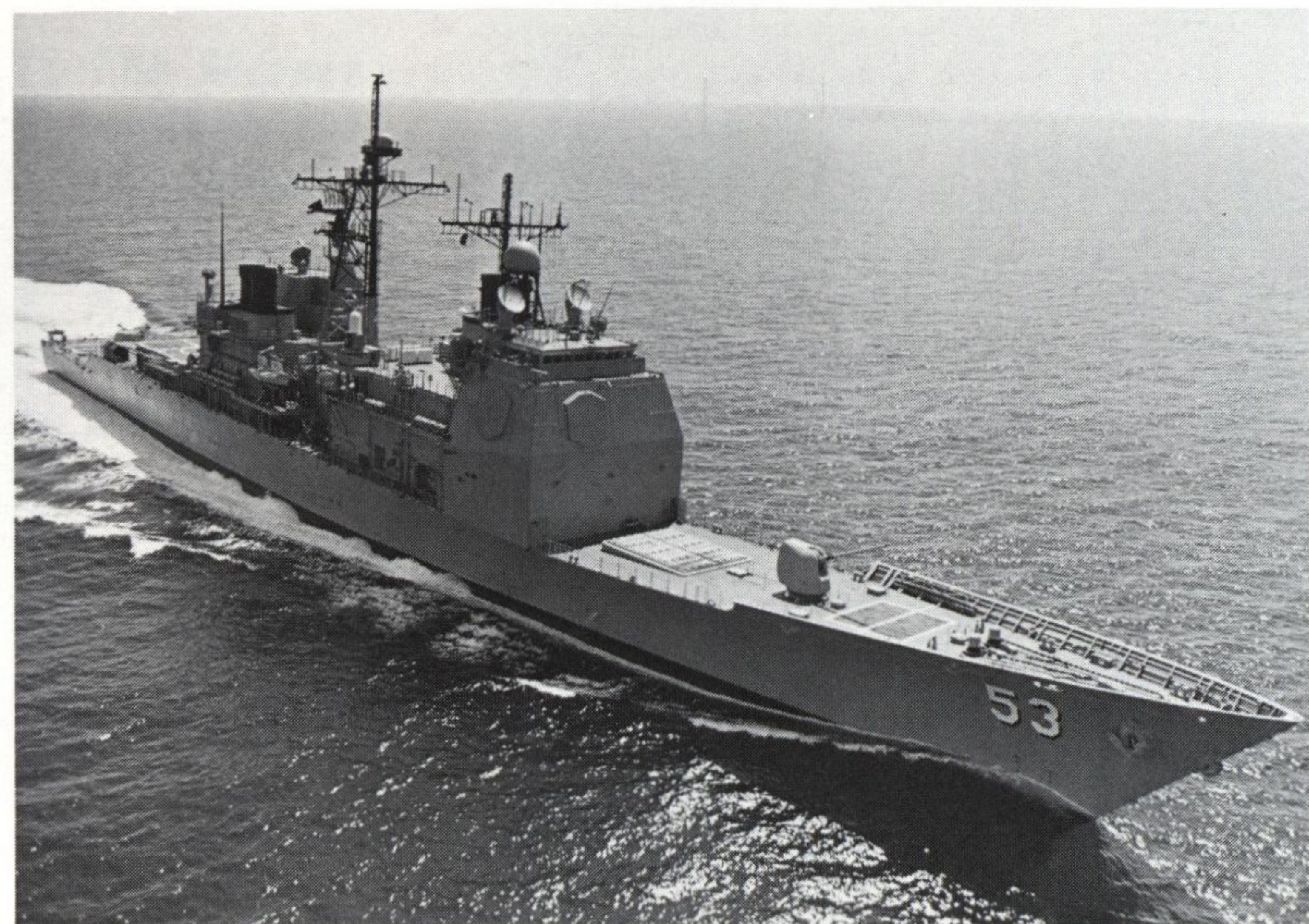
*How many OBA canisters will I need???*



*No, no, no . . . I liked it much better over there.*



*The MOB goes out to strut her stuff.*



*And this is where we hide the oily rags.*