



Ship's Patch



USS Currituck (AV7) was the first of four. She was nicknamed the Wild Goose.

For Details of the Wild Goose History Click on the Donut:
SUMMARY OF AV7-HISTORY

Laid down, 14 December 1942, at Philadelphia Navy Yard, Philadelphia, PA.

Launched, 11 September 1943

Commissioned USS Currituck (AV-7), 26 June 1944, CAPT. W. A. Evans in command

During WWII USS Currituck was assigned to Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

Following World War II USS Currituck was assigned to Occupation and China service.

Decommissioned, 7 August 1947, at Philadelphia Navy Yard

Laid up in the Atlantic Reserve Fleet, Philadelphia, PA.

Recommissioned, 1 August 1951

Decommissioned, 12 February 1958

Recommissioned, 20 August 1960, CAPT. Cecil A. Bloam, USN in command

During the Vietnam War USS Currituck (AV-7) participated in a number of campaigns:

Decommissioned, 31 October 1967, at Bremerton, WA.

Laid up in the National Defense Reserve Fleet, Suisun Bay, Benecia, CA., 5 December 1967

Struck from the Naval Register, 1 April 1971

Final Disposition, sold for scrapping, 10 January 1972, to Union Minerals & Alloys Corp. (PD-X-926, for \$89,106.27). Delivered on 23 March 1972

to Oakland, CA for scrapping by Learner & Co.

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Specifications:

Displacement 9,090 t.(lt) 15,092 t.(fl)

Length 540' 5"

Beam 69' 3"

Draft 22' 3" (lim)

Speed 19.2 kts. (trial)

Complement

Officers -162

Enlisted - 1,085

Largest Boom Capacity 30 t.

Armament

four single 5"/38 cal dual purpose gun mounts

four twin 40mm AA gun mounts

three quad 40mm AA gun mounts

twenty single 20mm AA gun mounts

Fuel Capacities

NSFO - 15,330 Bbls

Diesel - 285 Bbls

Gasoline - 278,030 Gals

Propulsion

Two New York Shipbuilding Parson- type steam turbines Babcock and Wilcox Express boilers,

400psi 690° double Falk Main Reduction Gears four 500Kw 450V A.C.

Ships Service Generators two propellers, 12,000shp

More Details & Photos can be Found At <http://www.navsource.org/>

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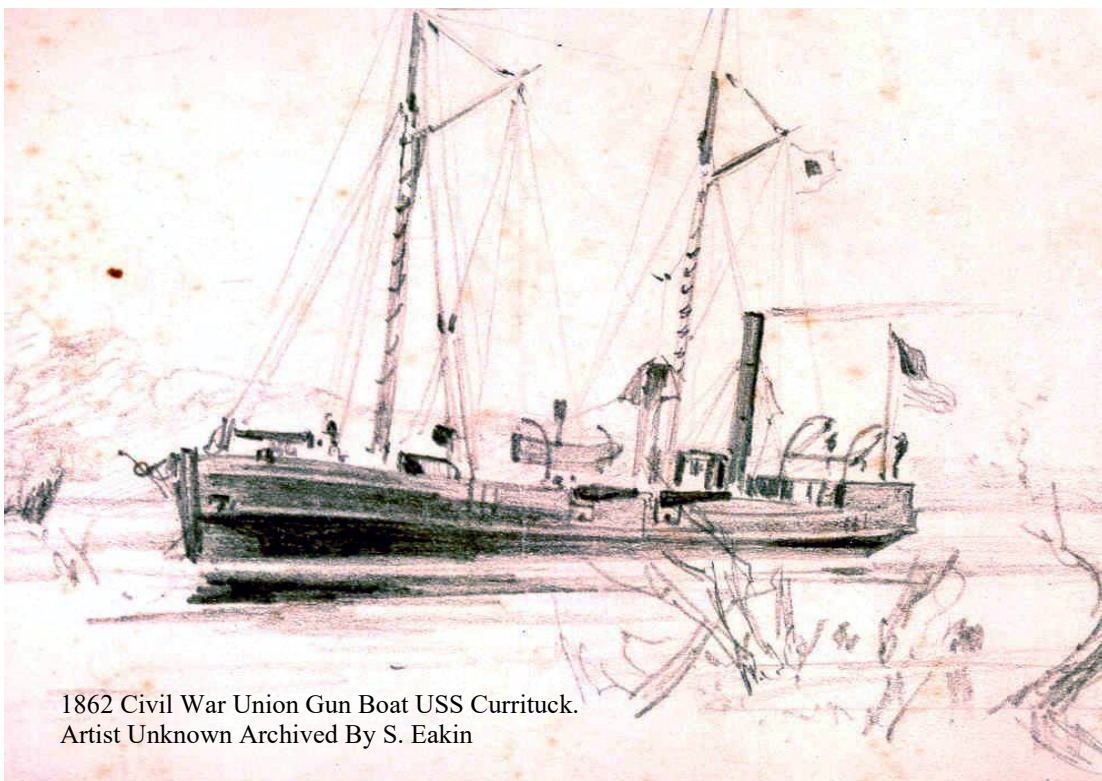
USS Currituck AV7 is named after Currituck Sound. The Currituck County, is the most North Eastern County in North Carolina,.

It's just South of Norfolk VA, and Damnick. Trish & I have driven though it on the way south and down the Beaches in our VW . It was fun, but we had no idea we were in Currituck county or another state either. We are trying to work with the County to Provide a home for some of the Photos and memorabilia that Stephen Eakin's left us. This Edition is dedicated to him.



STEPHEN R. EAKEN AE3 served aboard the Currituck 1962-1964 and was our Ship's Historian. Stephen passed away in 2005, but he left a wealth of Ships Photos and Memorabilia. Two Sea chests full, Steve scanned and digitized all the Currituck cruise books along with the following photos that date back to the 40s. The following are just a handful of the Photos Steve preserved, and part of the ship's collection not seen for years.

Stephen R. Eakin AV7 AE3 62-64 Scanned and Archived thousands of Photos of AV-7 and other Sea Plane tenders. His collateral duty was Duty Driver and part of the ship's Motor pool. This allowed him time to take a number of Photographs of his own. See Below. It was not until Stephen left active service did he start putting together the massive collection that fills two sea chests. Eakin passed in 2005. His last Reunion was in Chicago. Thanks you Stephen for all you did.

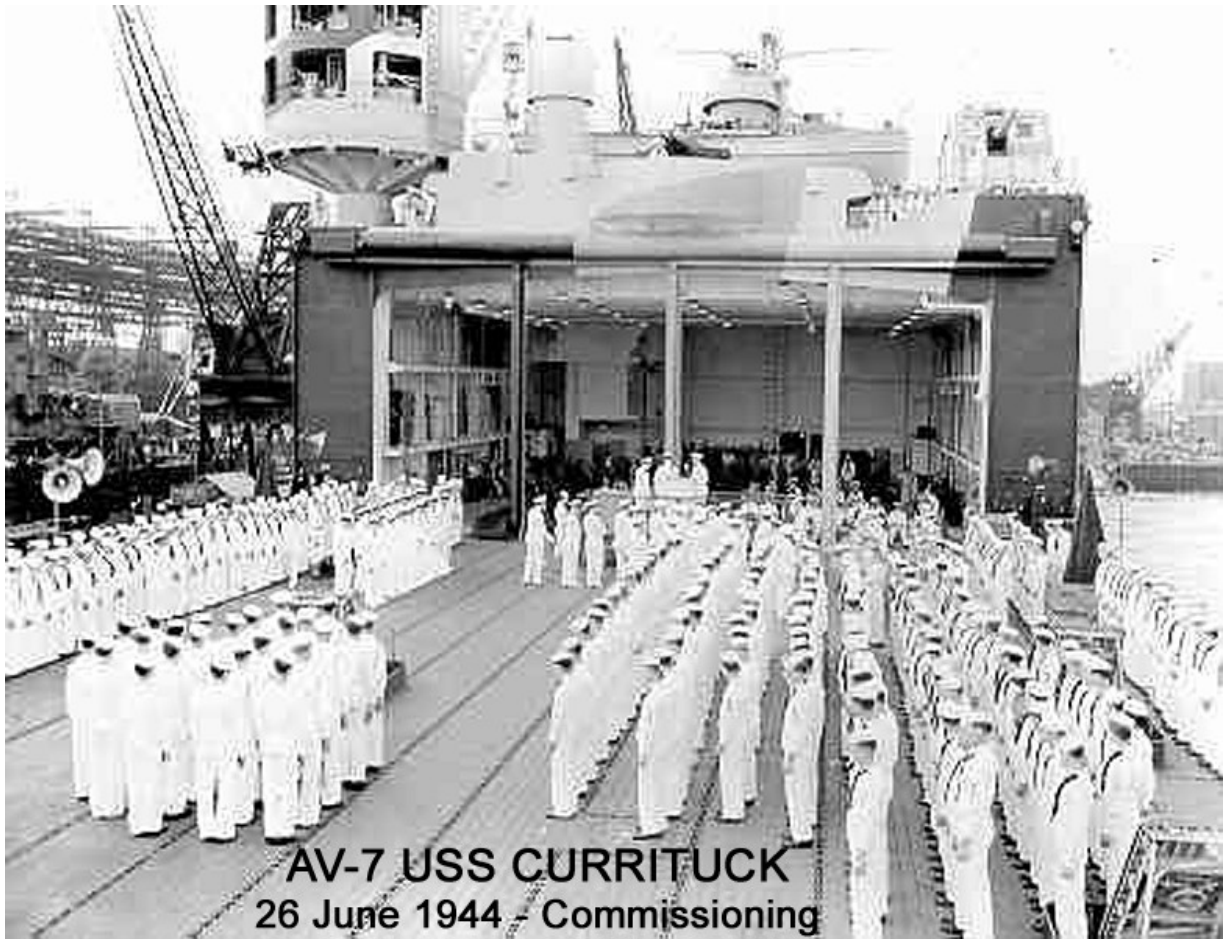


1862 Civil War Union Gun Boat USS Currituck.
Artist Unknown Archived By S. Eakin



AV7 on Deck Curtis Bi-Plan SOC Warming Up

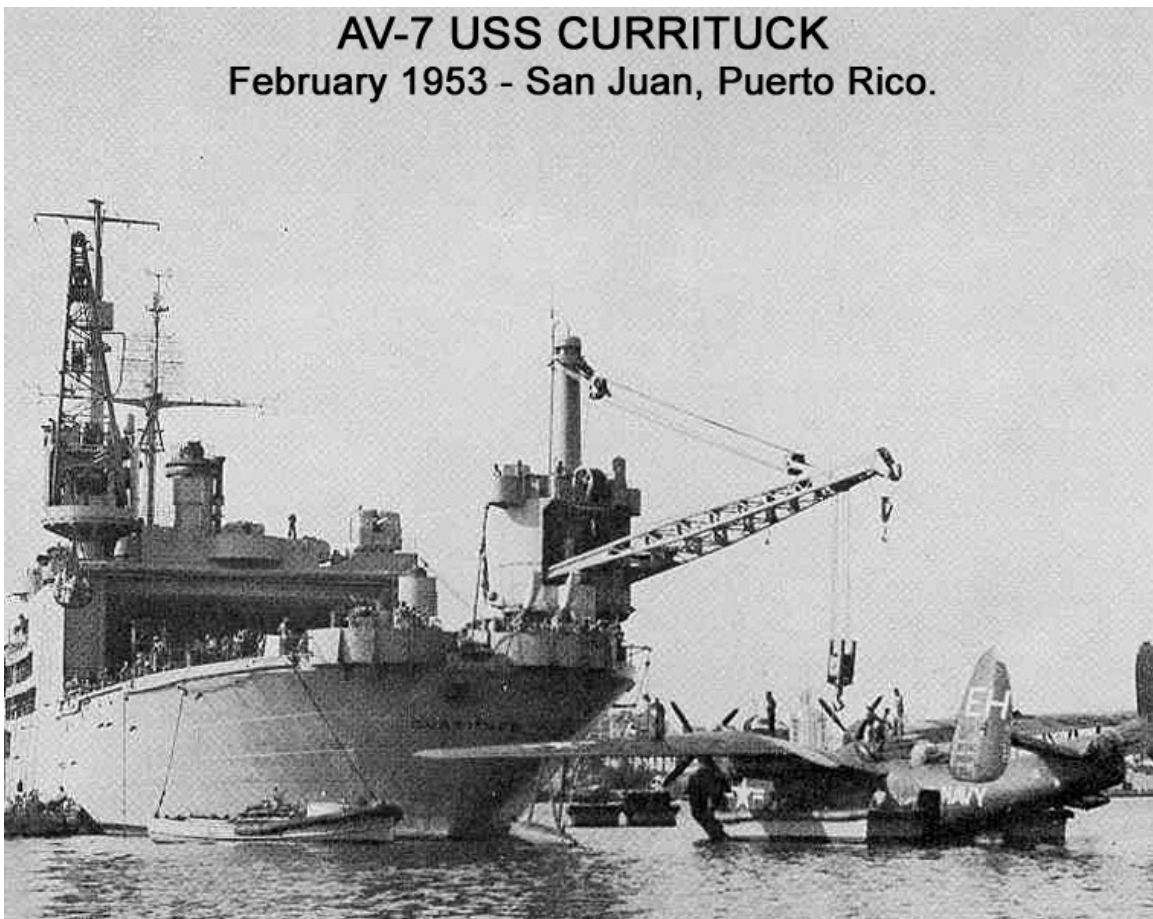




AV-7 USS CURRITUCK
26 June 1944 - Commissioning



AV-7 USS CURRITUCK
Working on two PBM's on the seaplane deck.



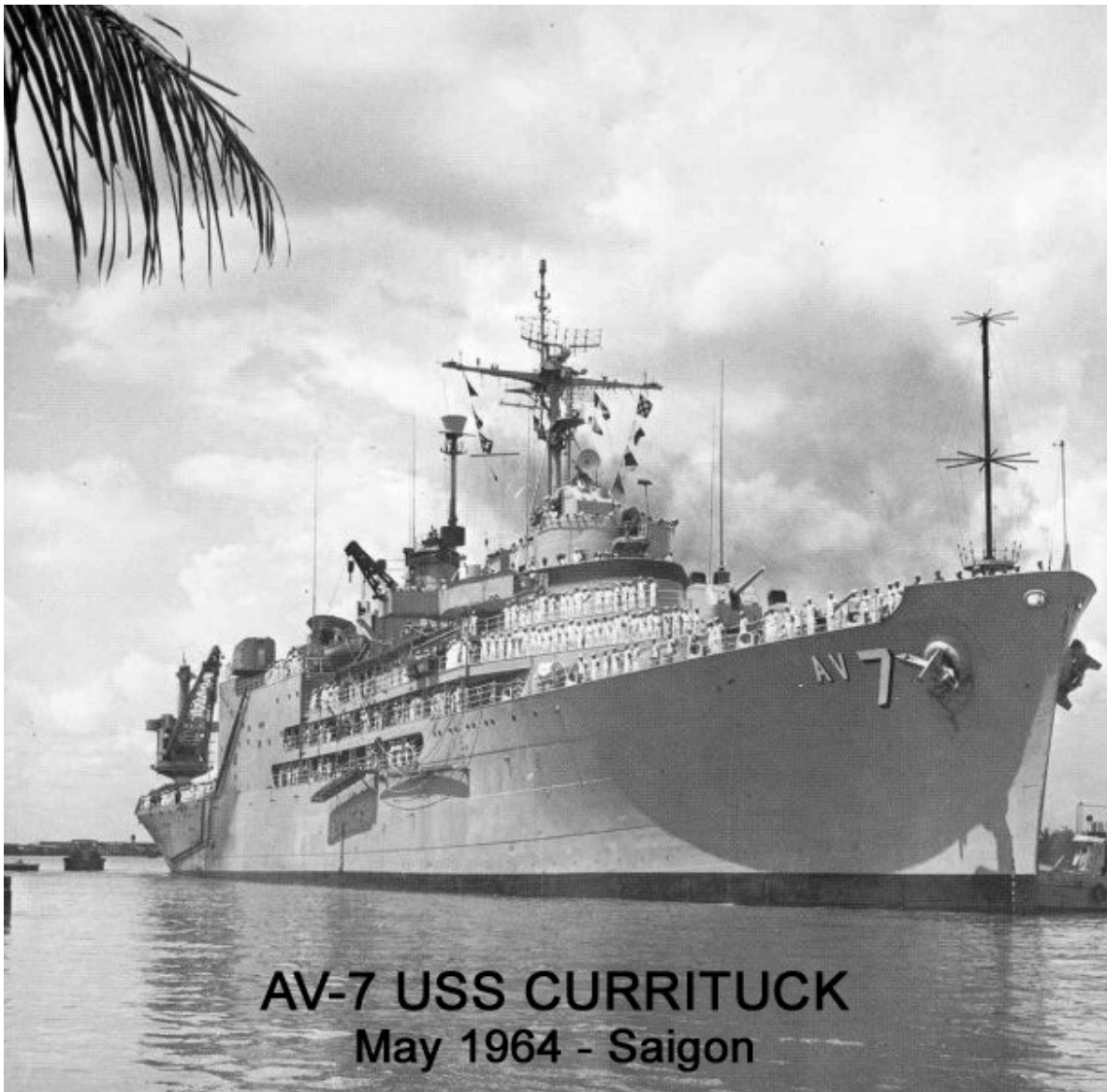
AV-7 USS CURRITUCK
1956 Med Cruise - VP-56 P5M-2
by Harry Croushore



AV-7 USS CURRITUCK
April 1962 - Cold Harbor Alaska
by R. Hoblitt



AV-7 USS CURRITUCK
2004 - UF # 141262 - English Air Show
Assigned to USS CURRITUCK (AV-7) from 1960-1967



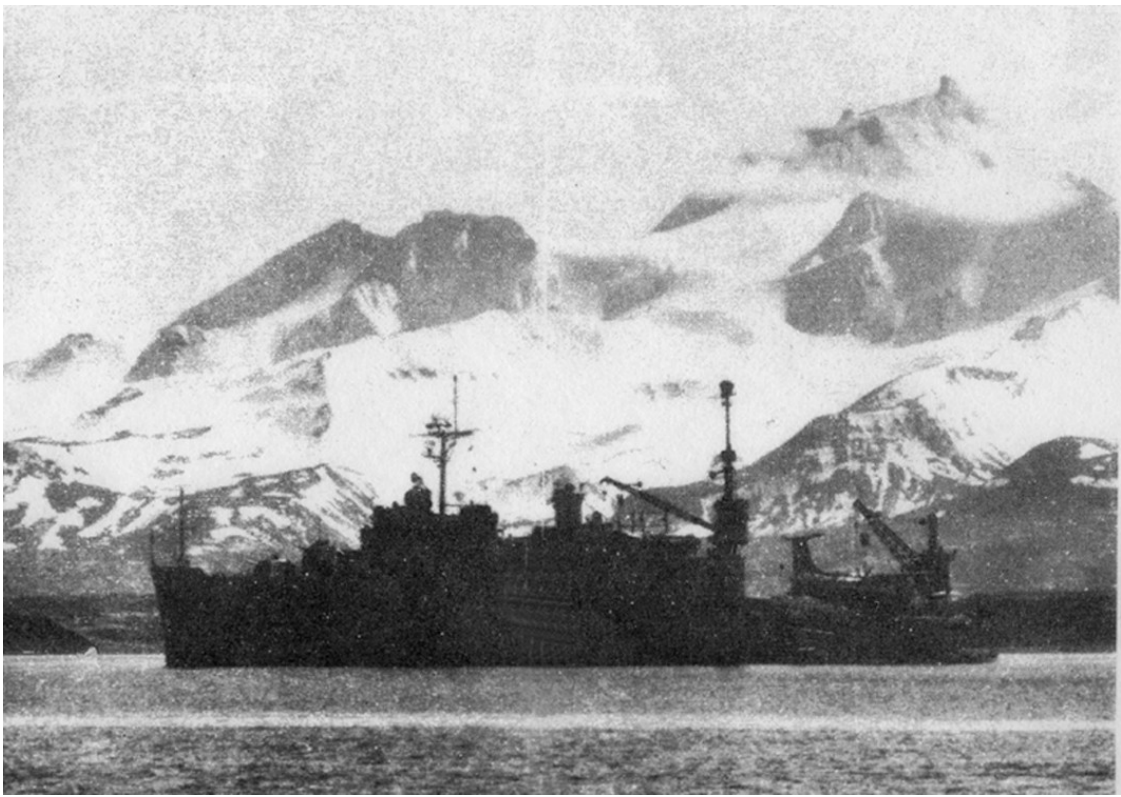
AV-7 USS CURRITUCK
May 1964 - Saigon



1962 AV7 North Island (San Diego Calif)

1962 AV7 Leaving Pearl Harbor

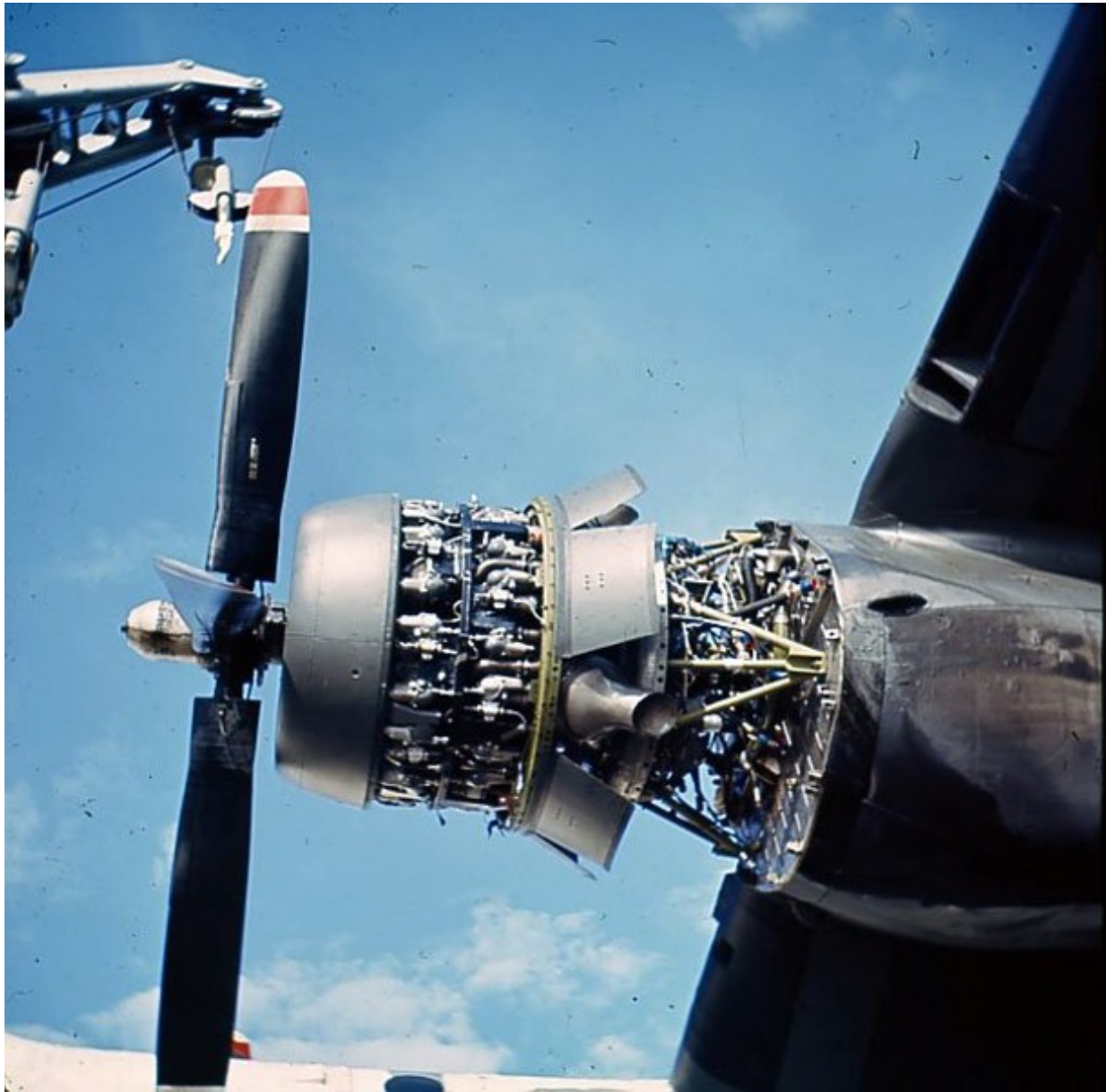




AV7 Warm Up Cruise Cold Bay Alaska 1962

AV7 and VP-40 PSM-2 - Vietnam 1967

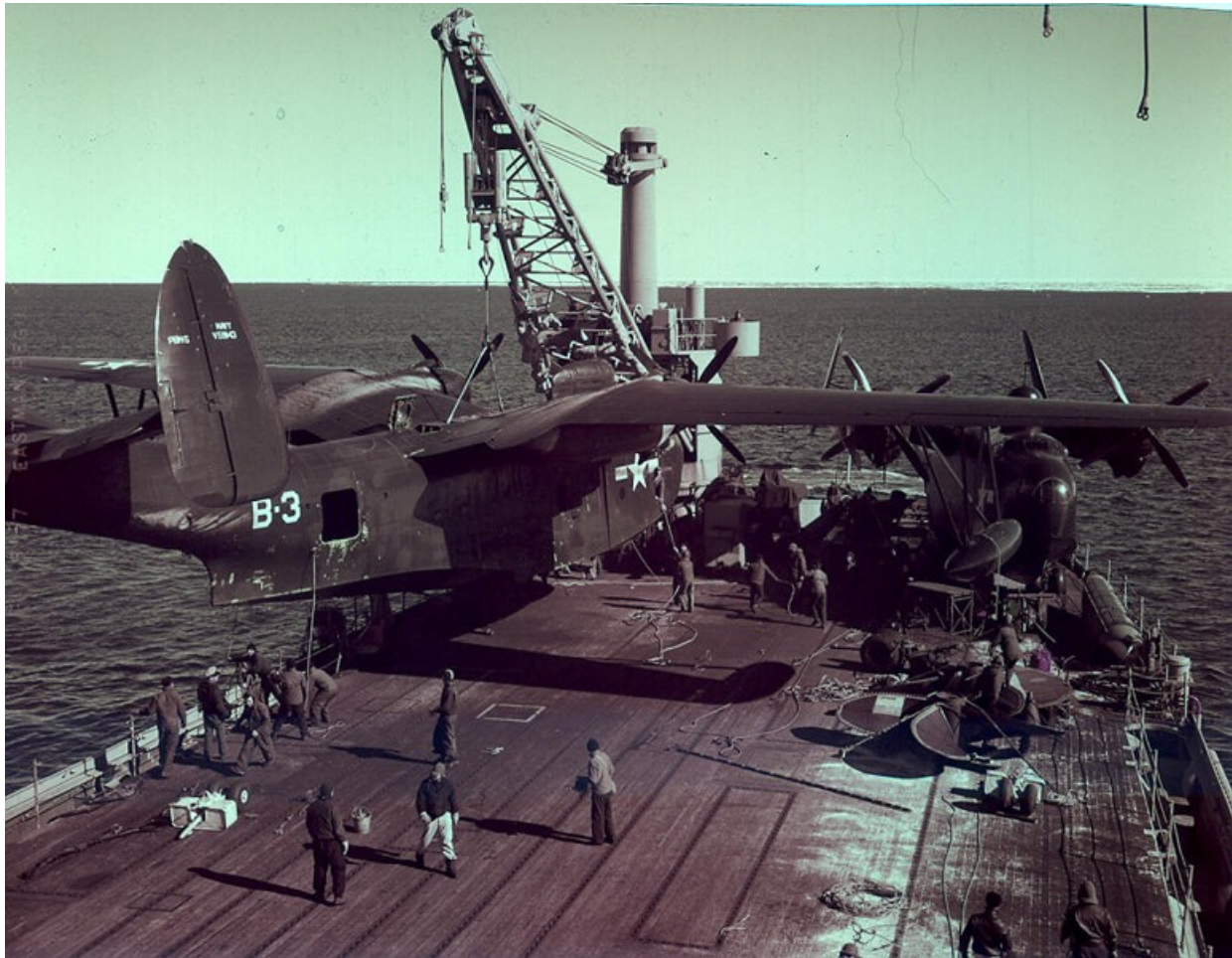




PSM-2 Engine Cebu Philippines 1962 Dec

I am familiar with Gas Turbines, but not Aircraft Piston Engines This is first time I have seen one of these engines without all its cowling off. Virtually Naked and Vulnerable I would say.

There has to be a lot of weight to be supported along with the vibration that comes with Piston Driven Engine. Lose one of these and you're in trouble. Landing could be a real problem.



**AV7 Antarctic
1947 PBM B-3**

**1947 Snow on the
Seaplane deck
AV7 Antarctica**



FROM THE CREW OF THE USS CURRITUCK AV&: