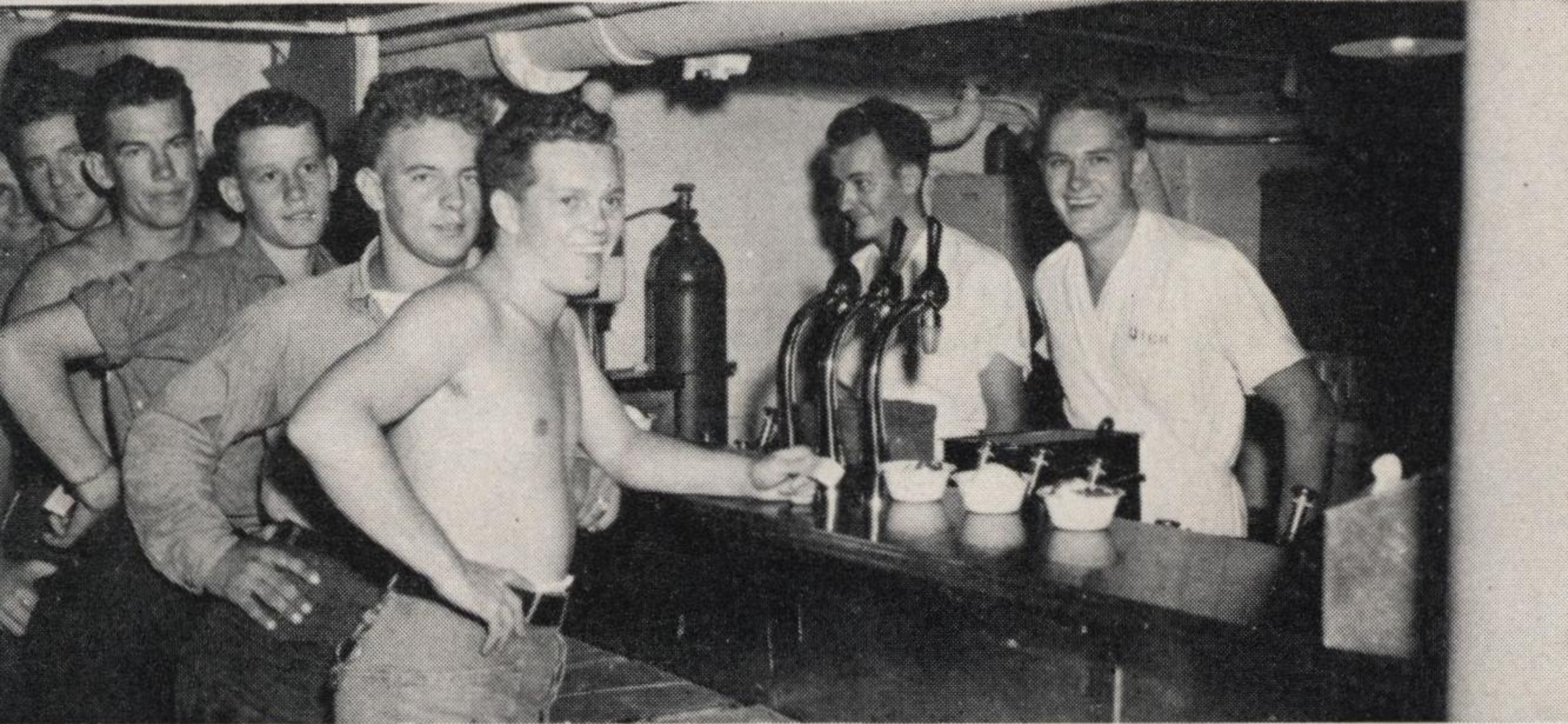


## THE MARIANAS CAMPAIGN — Continued

twelve machine guns, two anti-boat guns, numerous mortars, and much field artillery. The ship discovered and destroyed a very large ammunition storage near Adelup Point. At the time of the landing on Agat Beach, she detected two mortars of the enemy firing on our landing craft and permanently silenced them.

On the morning of August the third the PENNSYLVANIA fired her last fire support

mission and then shoved off for Eniwetok. She lay at anchor there for two weeks and then proceeded southward to Espiritu Santo, in the New Hebrides, then northward again to take part in another practice assault on Cape Esperance, Guadalcanal, and finally into Port Purvis. She stood out from Port Purvis on the sixth of September with the Palau Bombardment and Fire Support Group.



UPPER LEFT: Major John Lesick calls the Marine detachment to attention. CENTER LEFT: The tour in the tropics doubled the long line for gedunks. LOWER LEFT: Jam session on the boat deck. ABOVE: Captain Charles F. Martin, commanding, and Commander Claren E. Duke, Executive Officer, stand on the bridge beneath the scoreboard of the PENNSY'S kills.