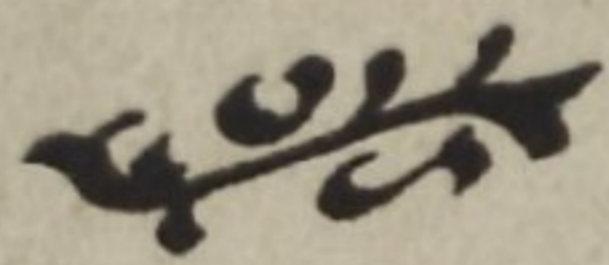




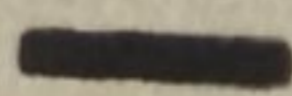
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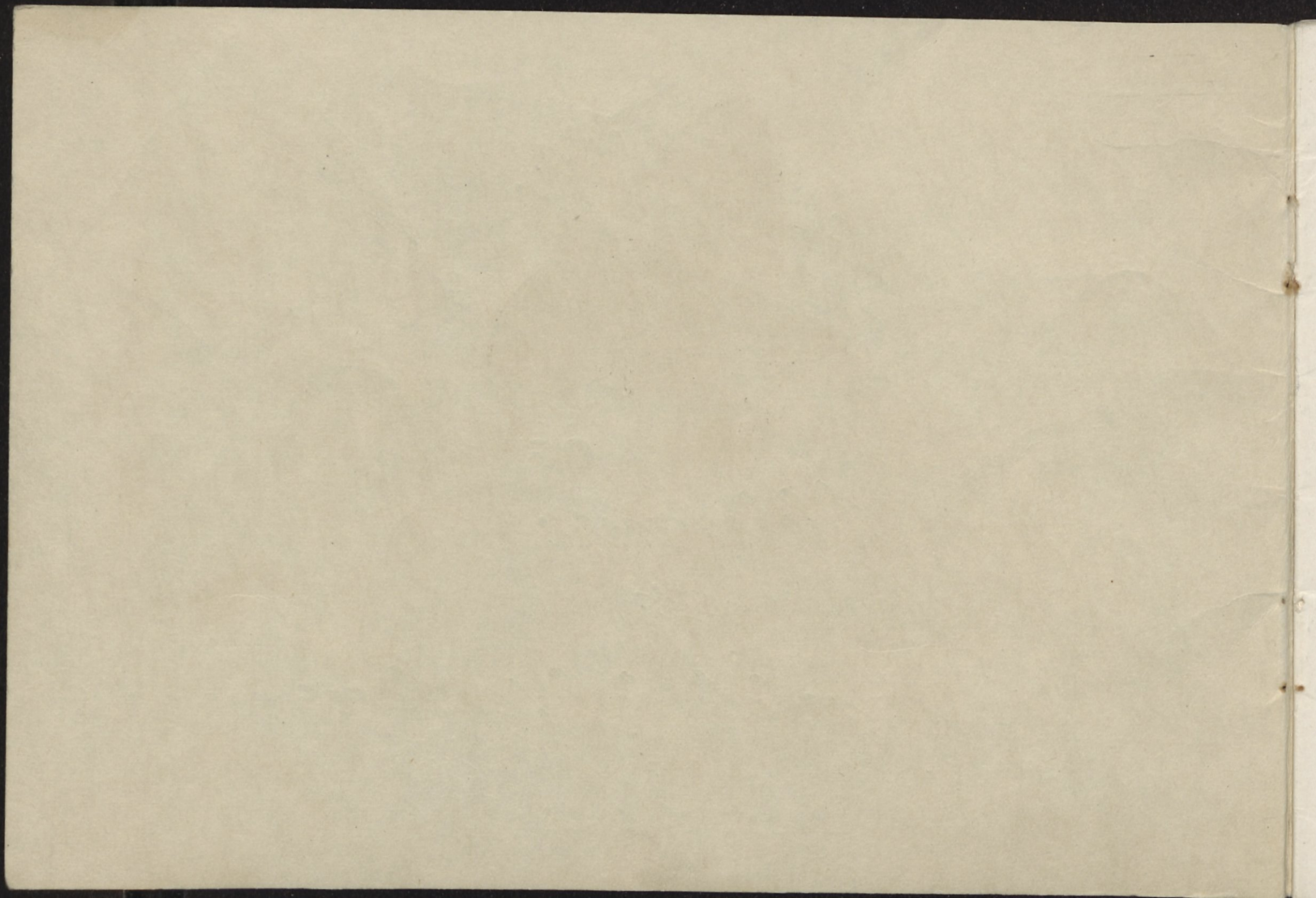
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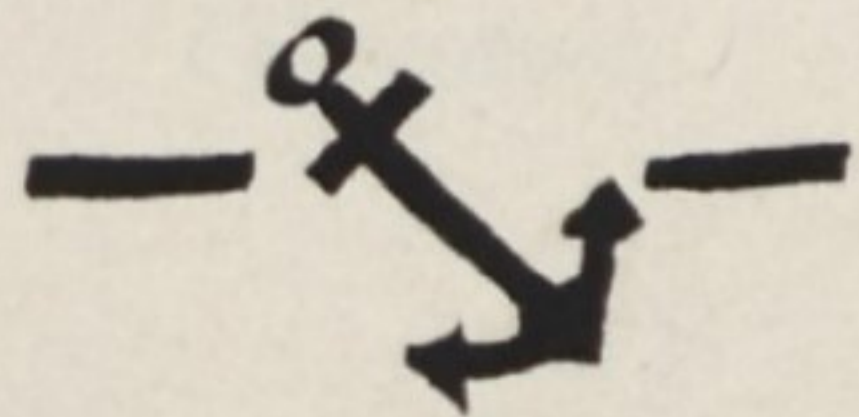
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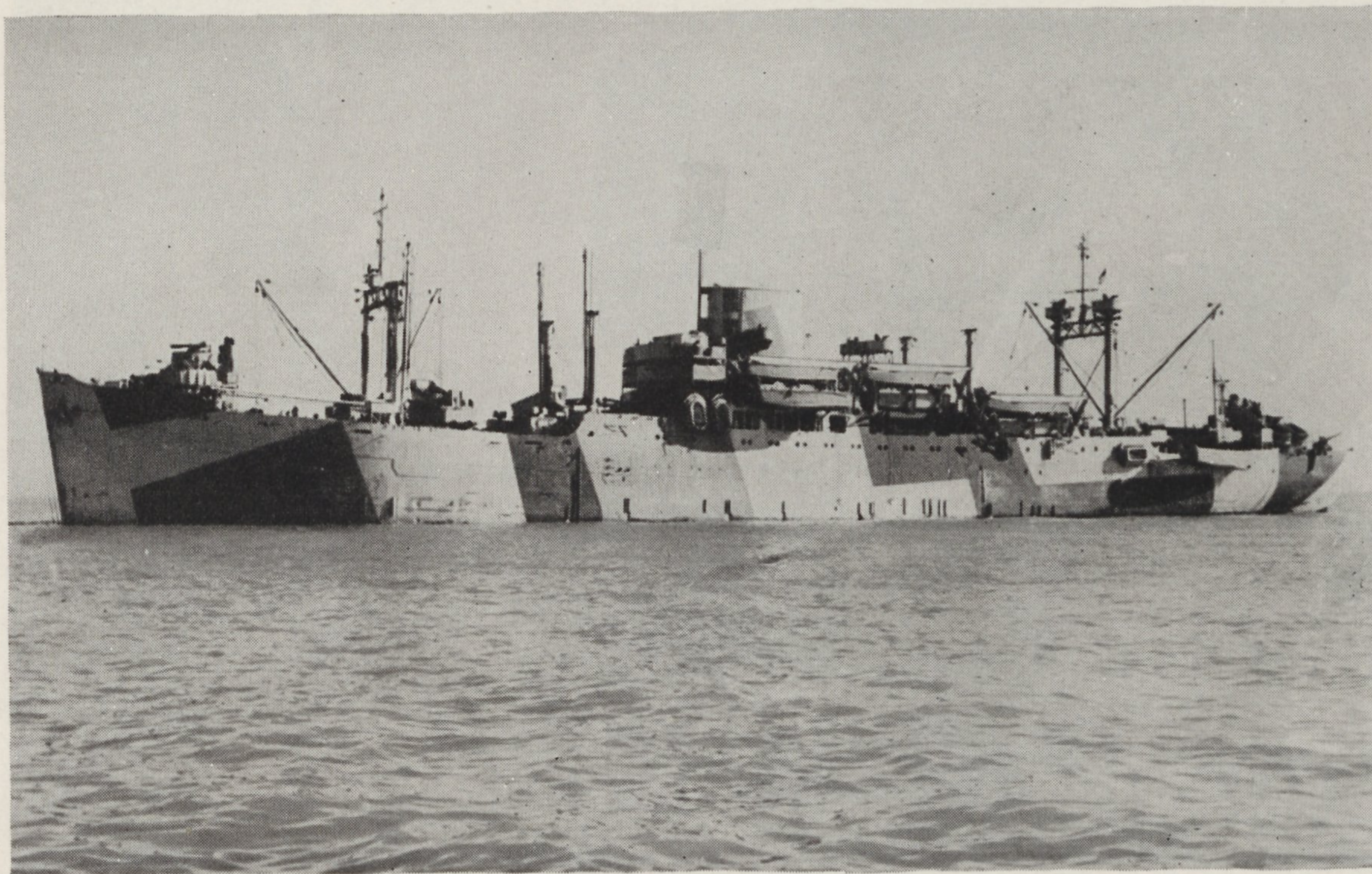


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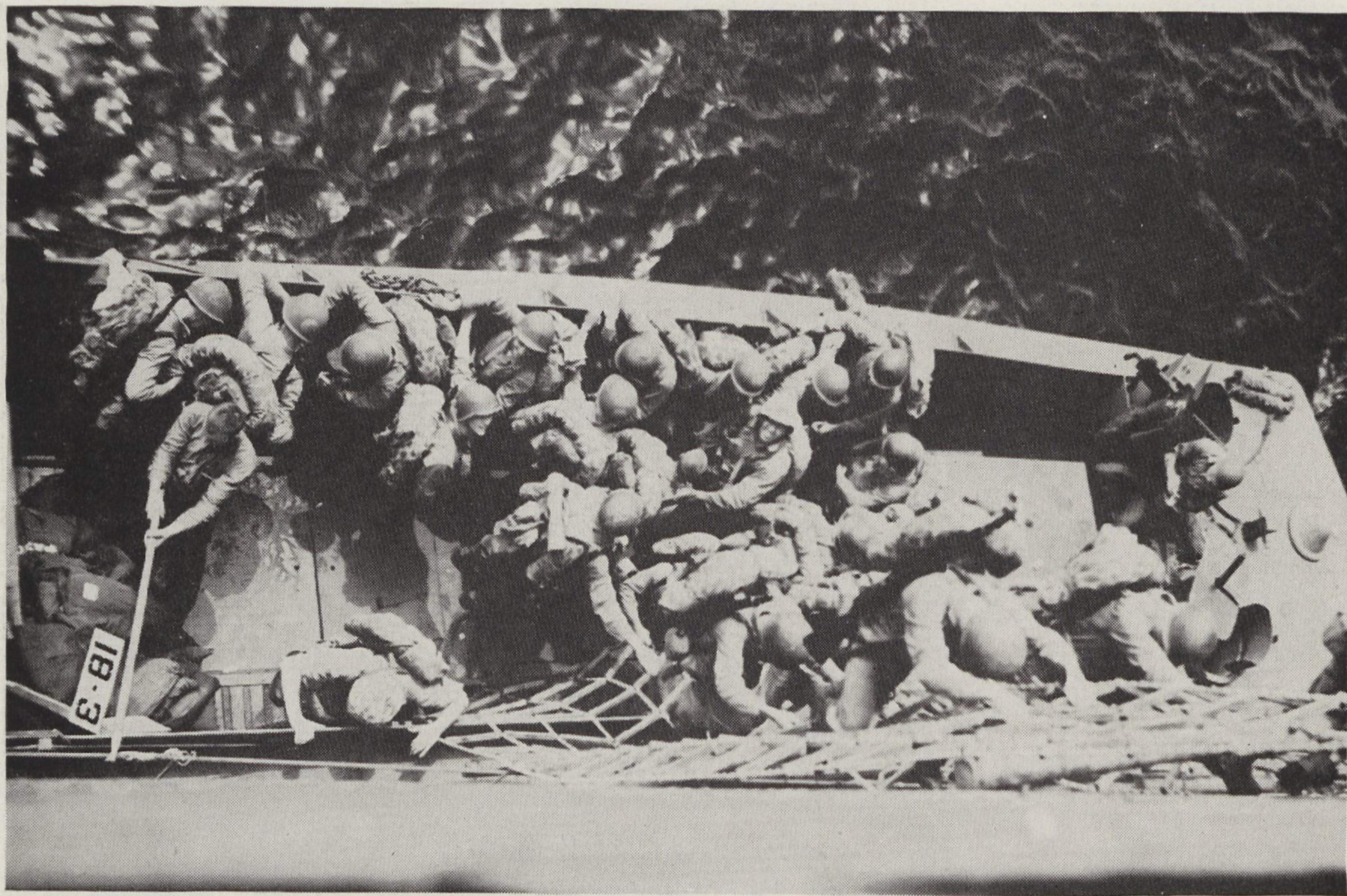
★ 0300 chow down on "L"-day and a battle breakfast of steak and eggs for Marines and ship's company as we begin the approach to the transport area.



★ The face of a young Marine tells its own story as he awaits his turn to embark at the rail for the beach.



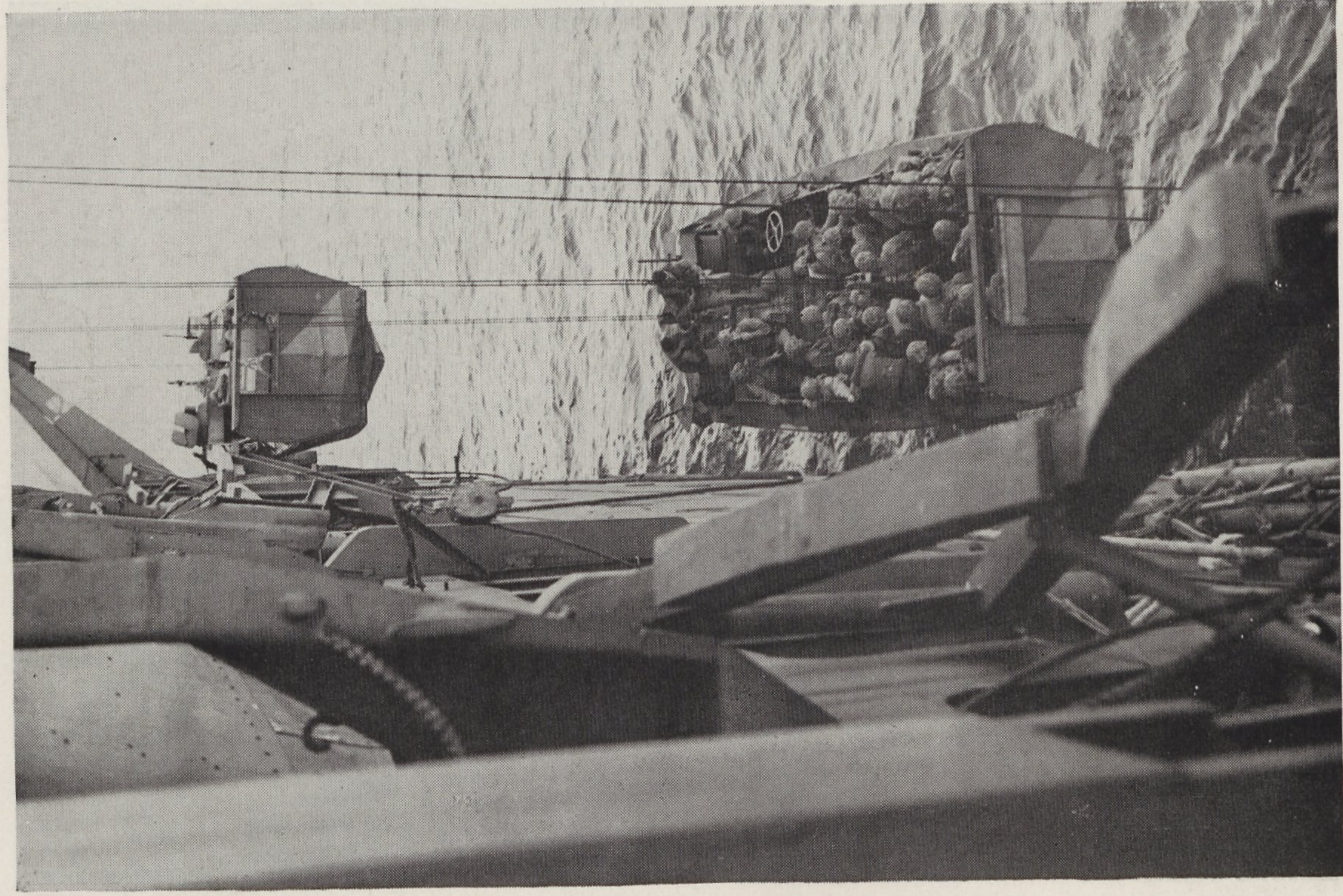
★ Grim and determined Marines step into the landing boat which will take them to the beach and the job ahead.



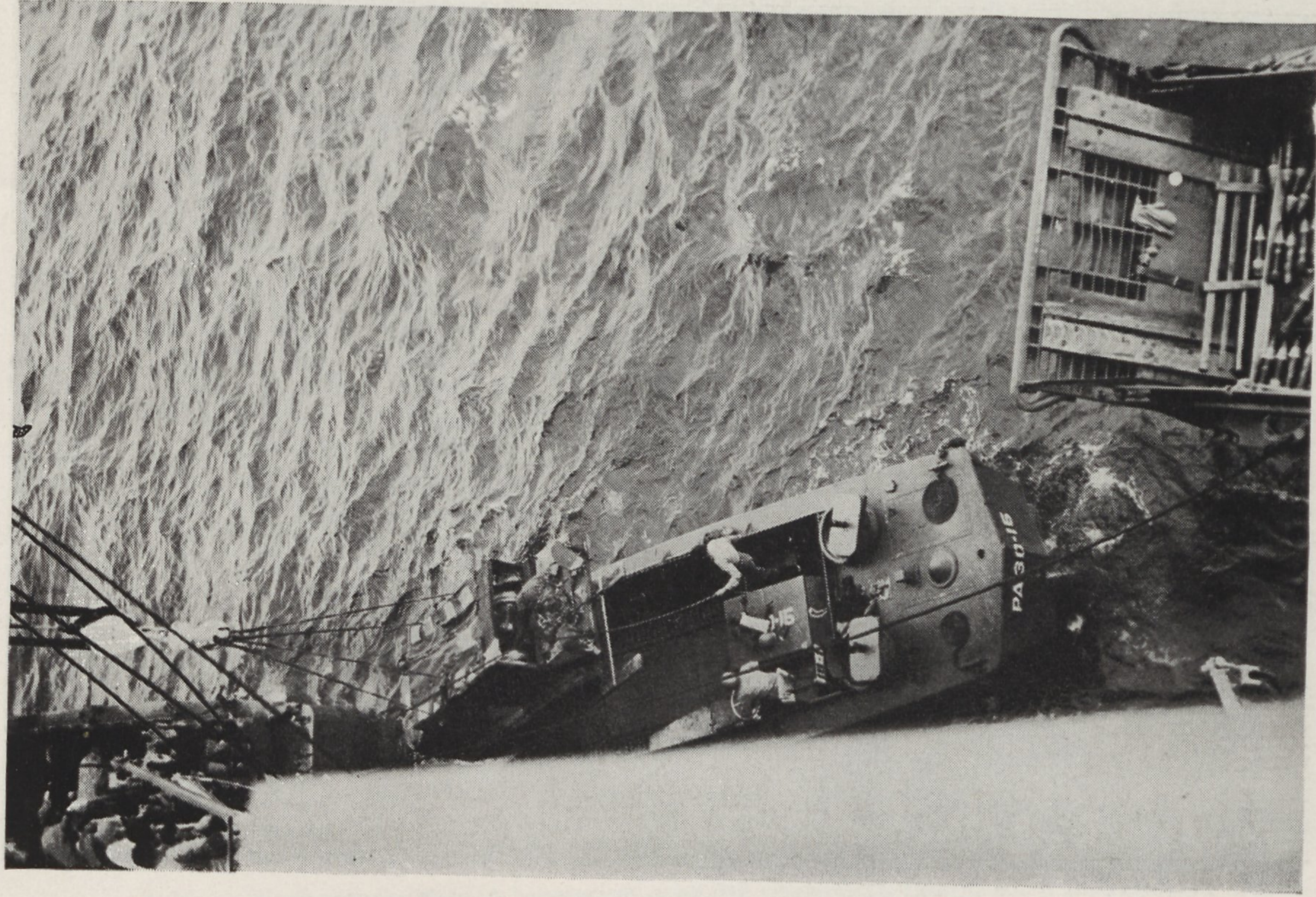
★ The weather was very cooperative and calm waters off the beaches facilitated a surprisingly fast-moving landing.



★ Seamen man steadying lines as an LCVP is lowered to the water for its run to the beach.



★ A davit-berthed boat is lowered to the water while another is held at the rail for its load of troops.



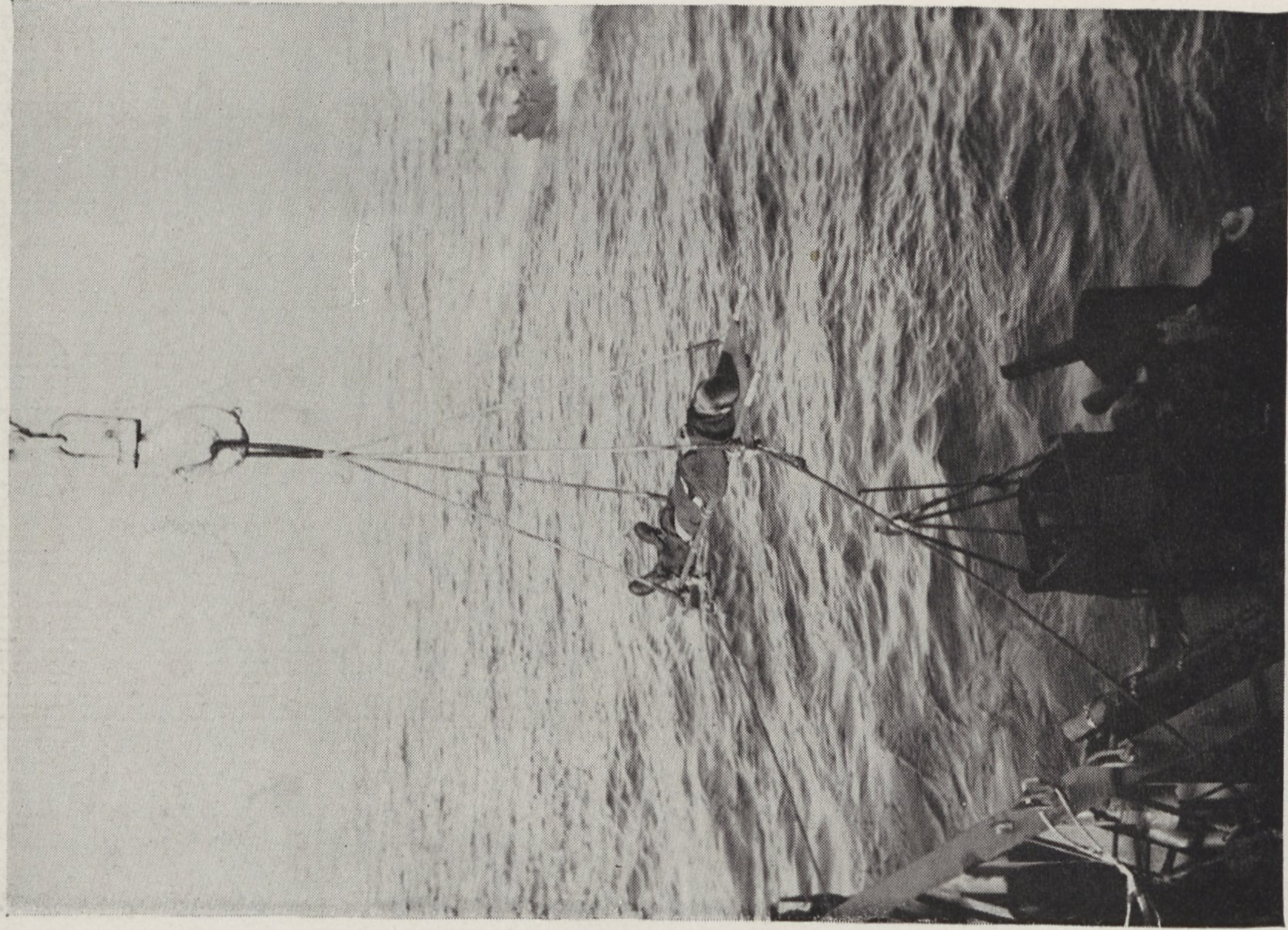
★ After the troops are landed, supplies must follow. Here the crew loads artillery shells and motorized equipment into landing craft alongside.



★ Gun crews search tranquil evening skies for enemy planes that may appear with the setting of the sun.



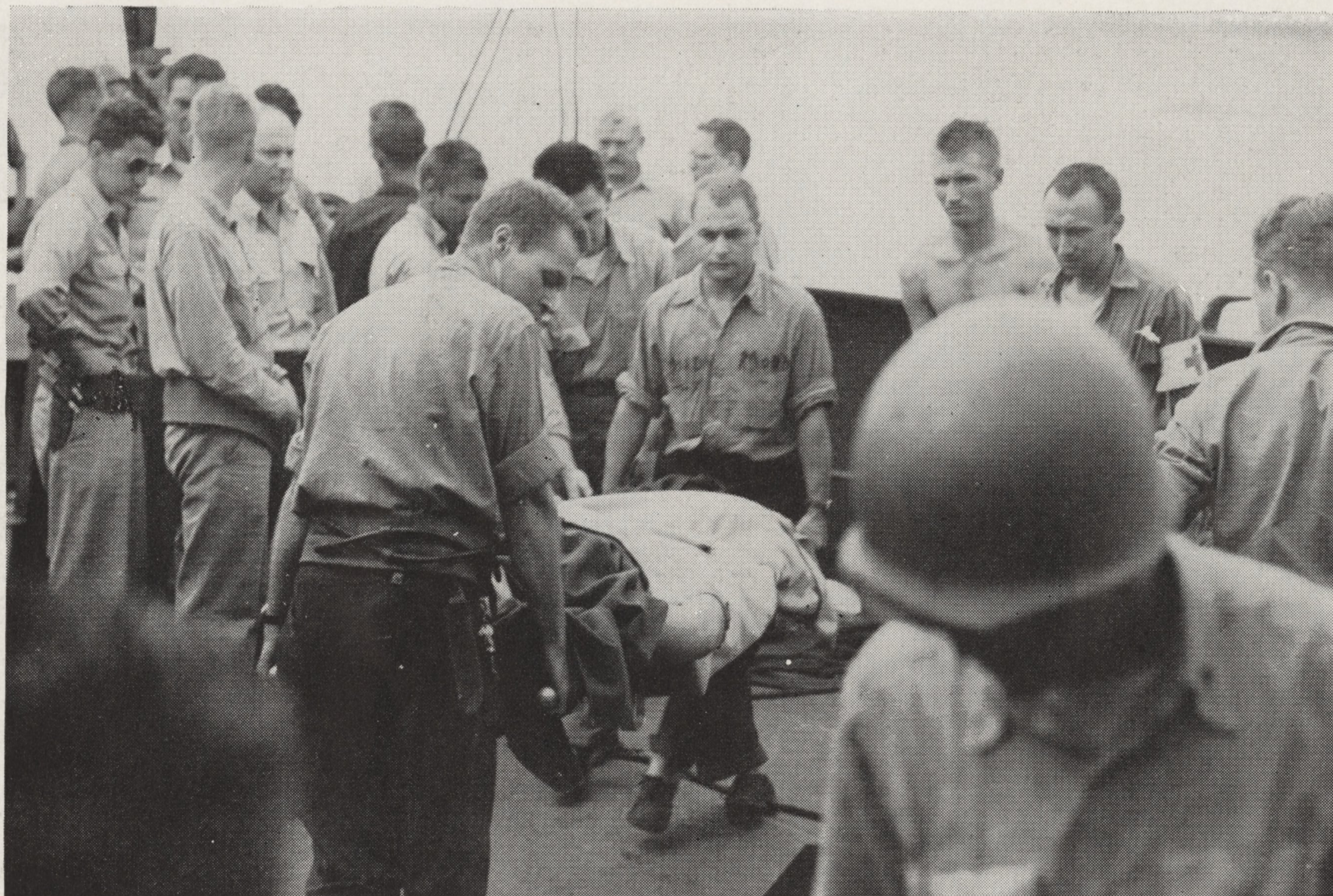
★ Navy divebombers pass in formation over the transports, bound for a pinpoint destruction of Jap installations on the island.



★ A non-combat casualty is gently hoisted aboard from a tank lighter that has just returned from the beach.



★ A casualty (same one as in preceding picture) is rushed to sick bay by corpsmen after being hoisted aboard.



★ Tense, strained faces watch a combat casualty brought aboard and carried to sick bay for immediate treatment.



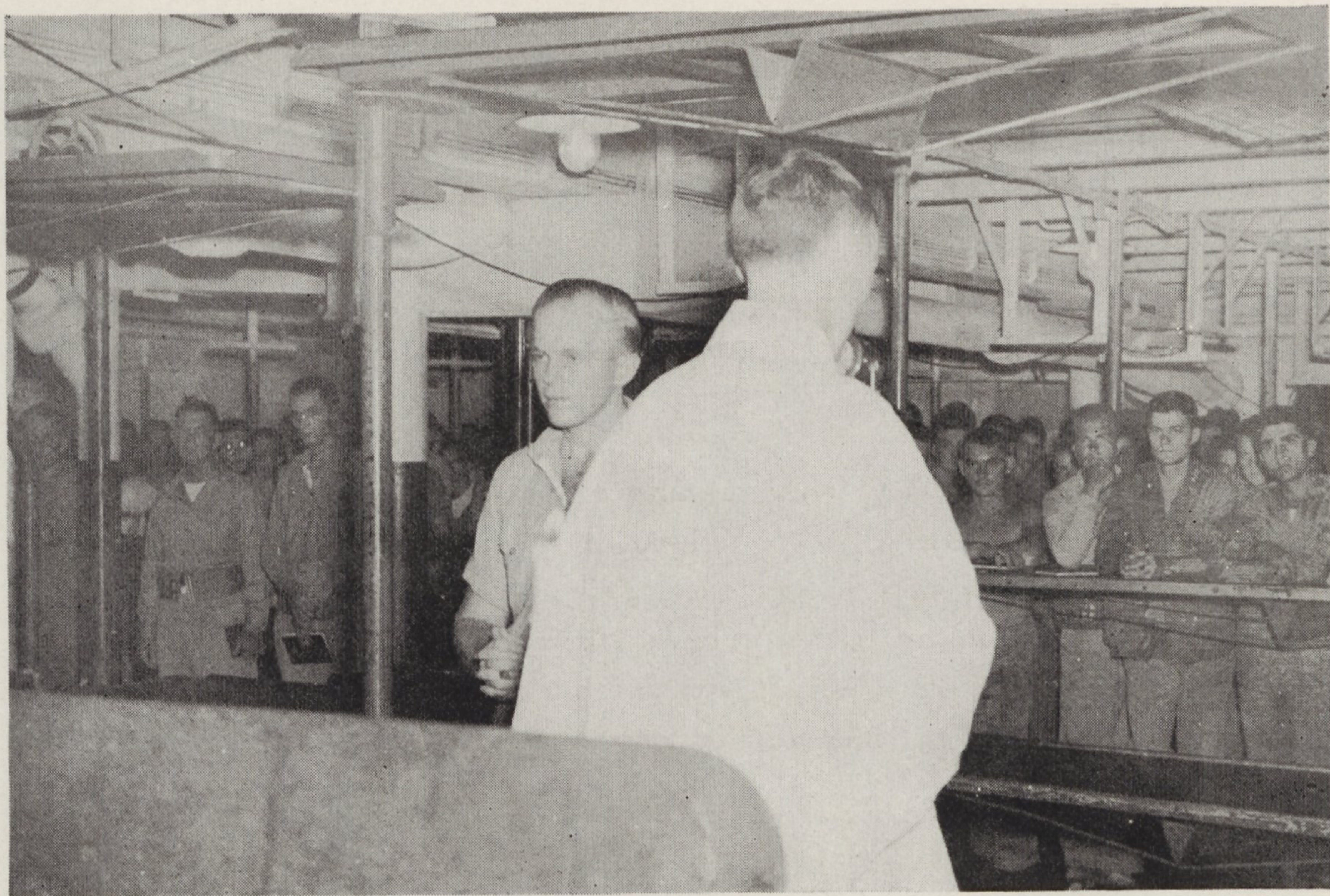
★ Antiaircraft guns send up a greeting to an early-morning Jap raider as we move into transport area. Flames from ship in background are from smoke generator.



★ A straight hail of AA fire lights the evening skies as a Jap twilight raider comes up astern of the transports.



★ Chaplain Thomson conducts Easter community service in the mess compartment on the eve of "L"-day.



★ Ship's company and Marines jam mess compartment for one of several services conducted by Chaplain Thomson.

To All Hands:

This souvenir album, composed of photographs taken aboard ship during the invasion of Okinawa, our first Pacific operation, is distributed to ship's company as a memento. Re-publication in any form is not permissible.

All hands will find in this a gratifying remembrance of this operation because of the extremely successful part we played in it, with no casualties to our personnel, ship, or equipment. Our achievement in the debarkation of troops and unloading of supplies at Okinawa proved our record of performance in the European Theatre and our five major landings there—North Africa, Sicily, Salerno, Normandy and Southern France.

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