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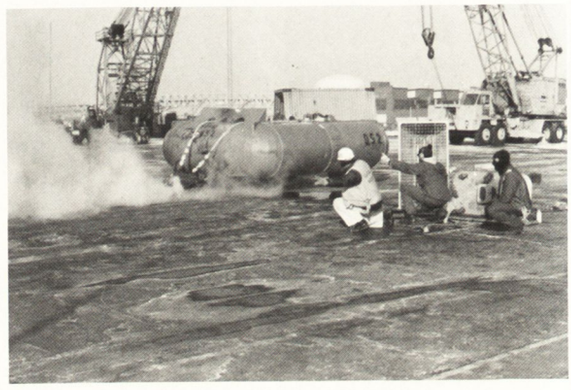
Another major milestone was met on December 13-14 with the successful completion of the ship's third light-off exam (LOE). The Propulsion Examining Board (PEB) inspected #1 Main Machinery Room, #1 Shaft Alleys and #3 Switchboard Room, reporting the material readiness and level of crew's knowledge were satisfactory and supported light-off.

This milestone was the direct result of months of dedicated effort by numerous shops and codes throughout the yard.



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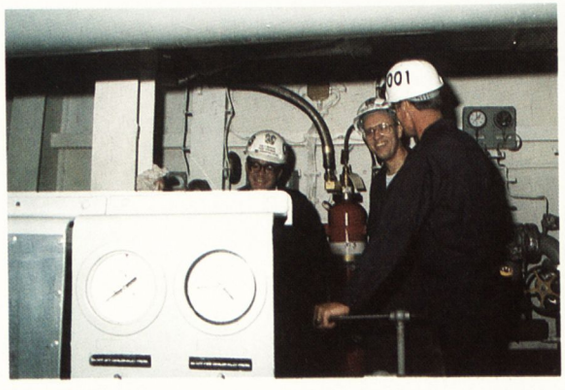
All four of *FORRESTAL's* new arresting rear installations have been fully functioned with wire pull-outs reaching nearly half the length of the flight deck. Beginning 16 months ago with the gutting of spaces and massive structural modifications to provide foundations, the carrier's arresting gear is now 100 percent new from the deck plates up. Providing *FORRESTAL* with aircraft recovery equipment equal to the newest carriers has been a true all-shop effort involving every trade at some point in the process. These vehicles simulate the launch weight of various aircraft and are shot from the deck at actual launch speeds. Catapult #2 was the first tested, hurling 60 shots into the Delaware River over a two and one-half day period - a Shipyard record. Catapult #1 testing will wrap up before Christmas, with the remaining two cats scheduled for testing in January.