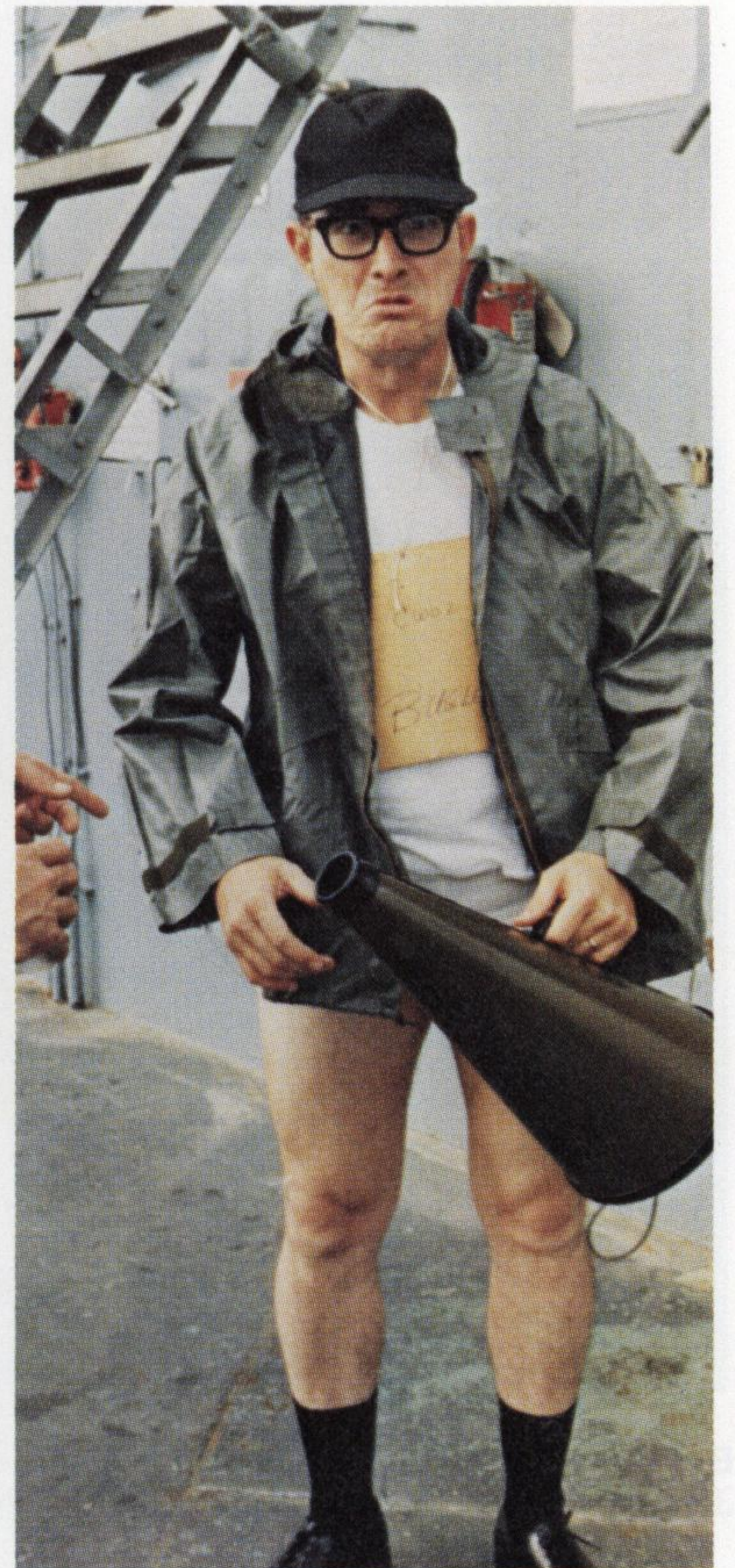




Shellback HT3 D. Lemke yells at Pollywog Colvin to speed up his pace.



Pollywog Bugle Watcher, CWO2 Hunst

Pushing pennies across the deck with your nose isn't exactly a good weight losing exercise.

THE ANCIENT TRADITION OF BECOMING A SHELLBACK

The boisterous ceremonies of "Crossing the Line" are of such ancient vintage that their derivation is lost. It is well known that ceremonies took place long ago when ships crossed the thirtieth parallel and also when going through the Straits of Gibraltar. These early ceremonies were of the roughest sort and were, to a great extent, supposed to try the crew to determine whether or not, the novices on their first cruise could endure the hardships of a life at sea. Then, as is the custom of the present time, it was primarily a crew's party.

