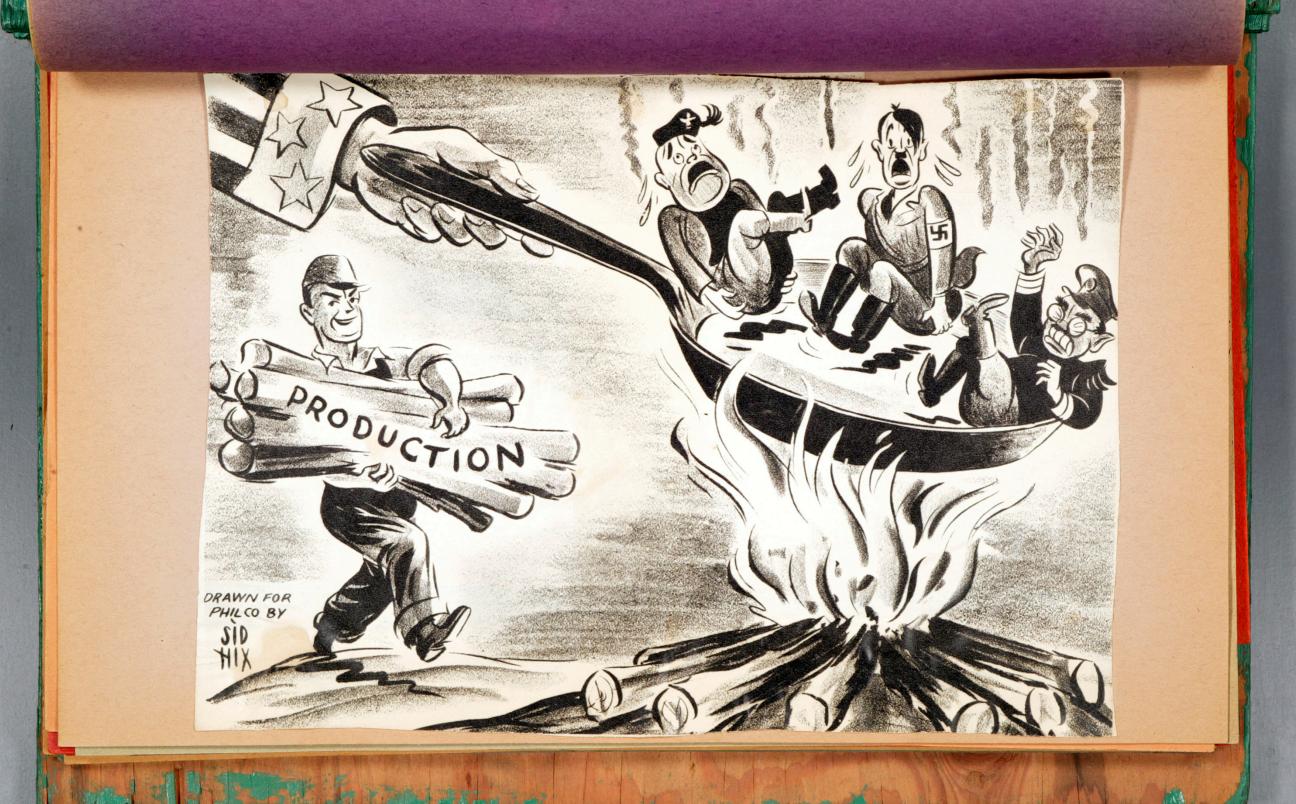


Triangular folds are continued. Actually, the flag should not be unsnapped from halyards until all folds are completed, but has been detached for this series to afford clearer pictures



Now a compact triangle with nothing showing but the white hem and a few stars, the flag will unfurl easily when again raised at Reveille













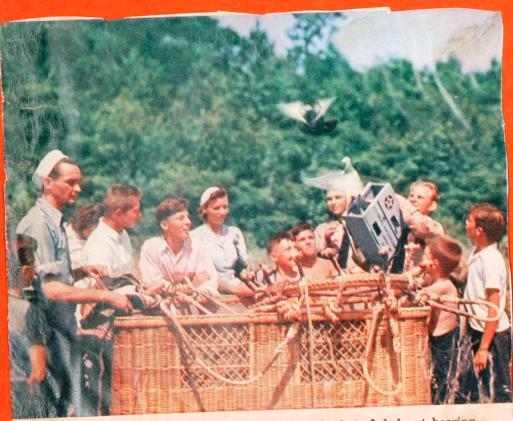




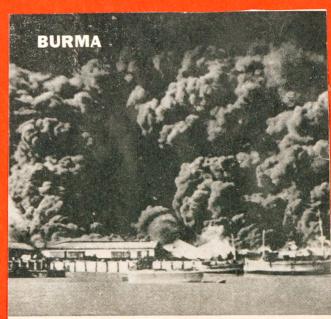


The Beginning of the End

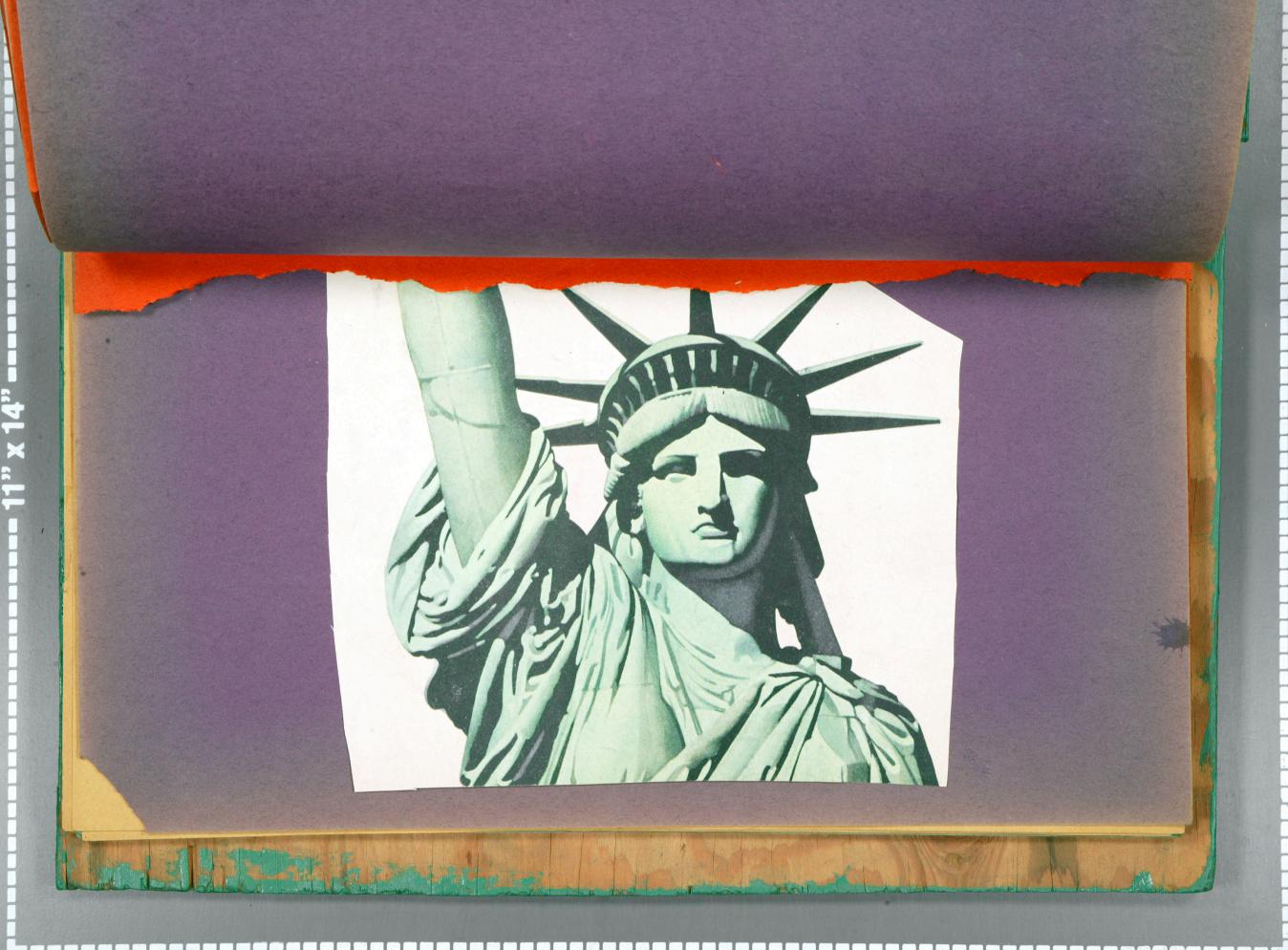


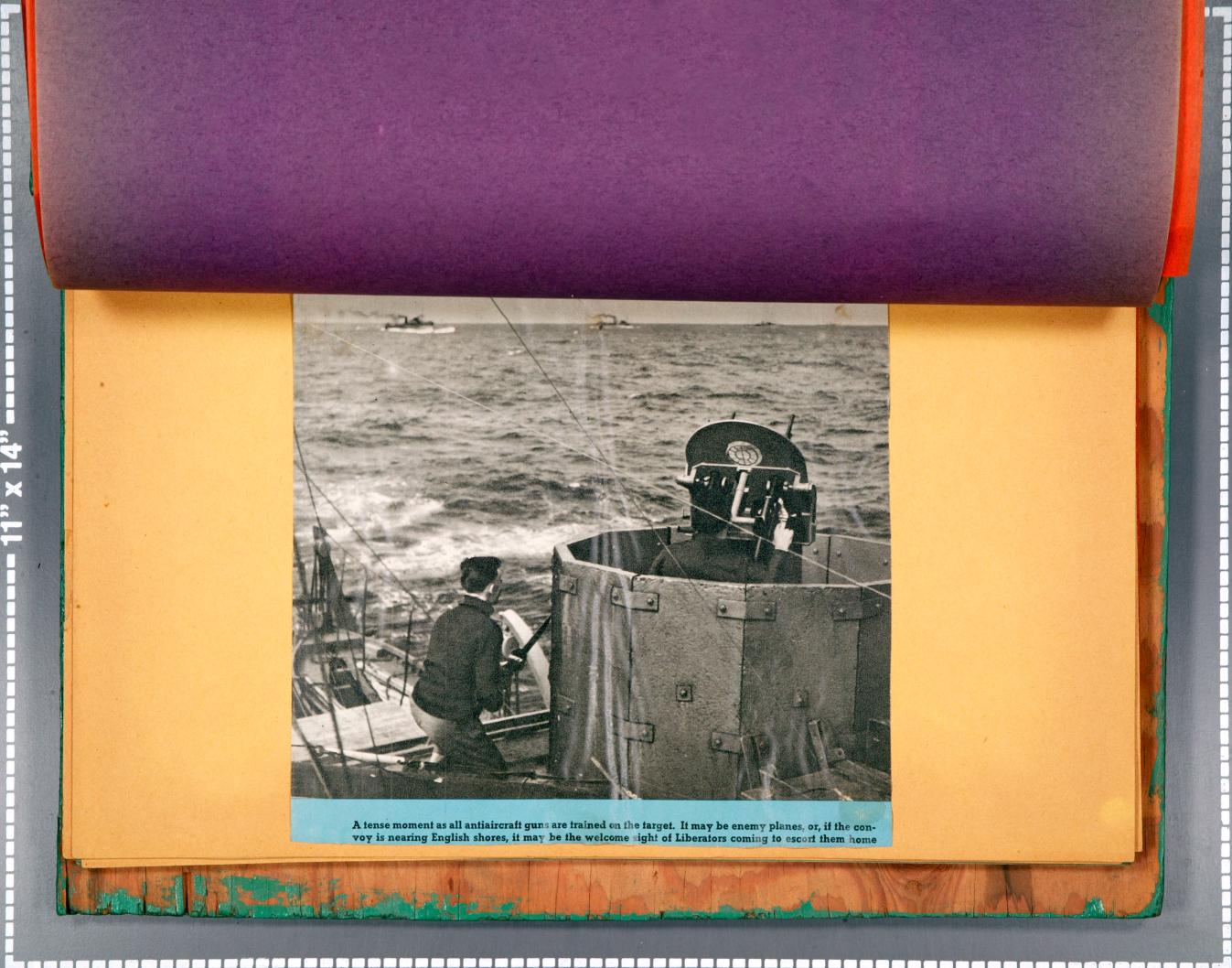


Carrier pigeons taken on the flight are sent back to Lakehurst bearing data on the balloon's position and time of landing. Meanwhile, groundmen in a truck have caught up with and are guarding the bag and basket



British applied scorched-earth policy to Rangoon.

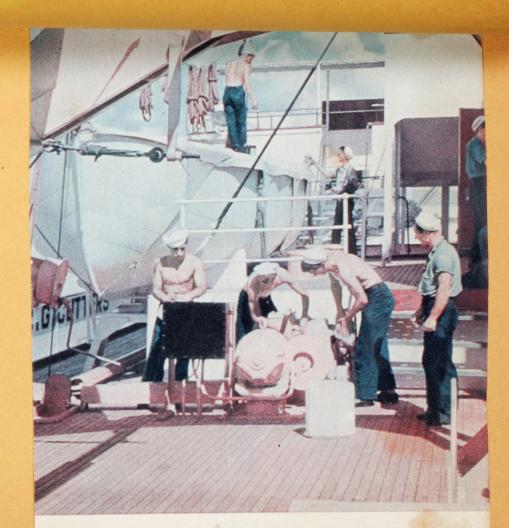




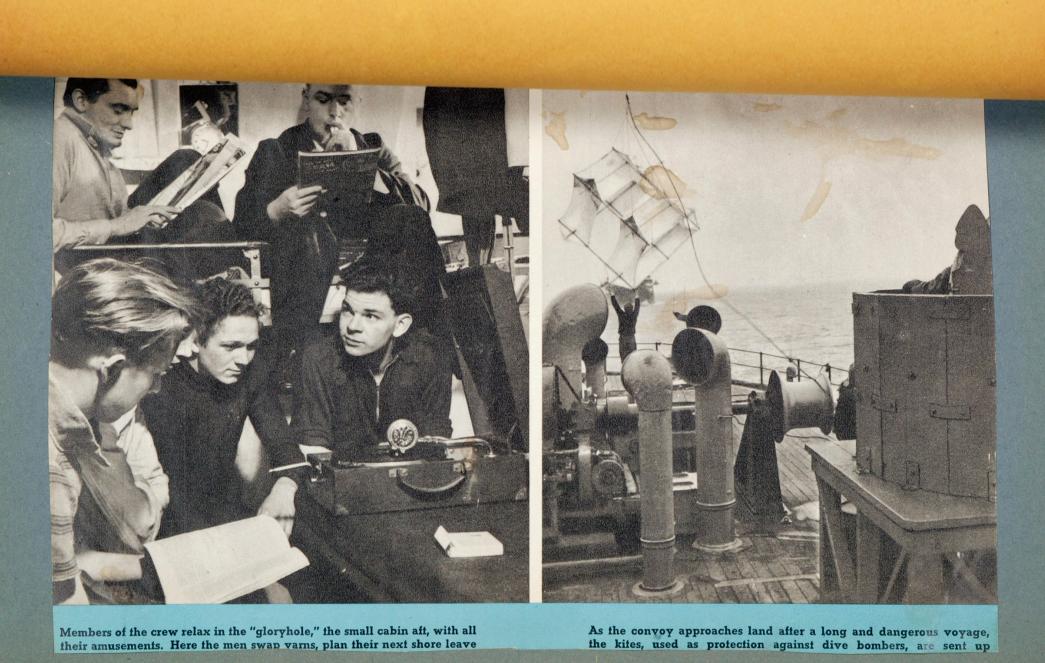


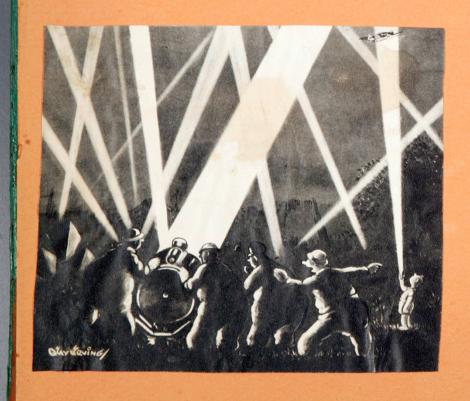


"How's he on retrieving?"



Apprentices on training ship American Seaman working around davit winches. Trainees quickly learn that all equipment must be kept in first-class condition

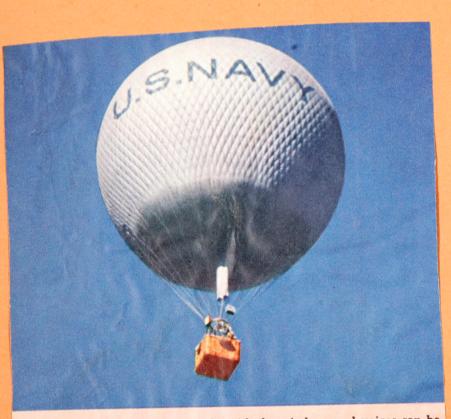












Because free-balloons move silently with the wind, normal voices can be heard great distances. Here the balloon comes down low so crew can ask location from surprised (and sometimes alarmed) citizens on the ground



Three and a half hours later the pilot chooses a landing spot and, as the balloon lands, pulls a rip-cord opening the ripping panel at the side to release the gas. In a moment the bag above will be completely collapsed









