

# ***Ships for Victory:***

***J. A. Jones Construction Company &  
Liberty Ships in Brunswick, Georgia***

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### J.A. Jones Construction Company and Liberty Ships in Brunswick, Georgia

The online collection consists of eighty-four black-and-white photographs from the J.A. Jones Construction Company collection at the Brunswick-Glynn County Library that depict the company's World War II cargo ship building activities in its Brunswick, Georgia shipyard from 1943 to 1945. The images document the life cycle of the Liberty and Knot ships built in Brunswick: from keel-laying and hull construction to christening and launch. Construction techniques are visible in many of the photographs, and several images feature the shipyard's male and female laborers and management staff. In addition, the launch photographs feature ship sponsors and other dignitaries. Of particular note is a series of photographs depicting Christmas Day, 1944, when the shipyard workers volunteered to work through the holiday, donating their time-and-a-half pay as a Christmas gift to the nation.

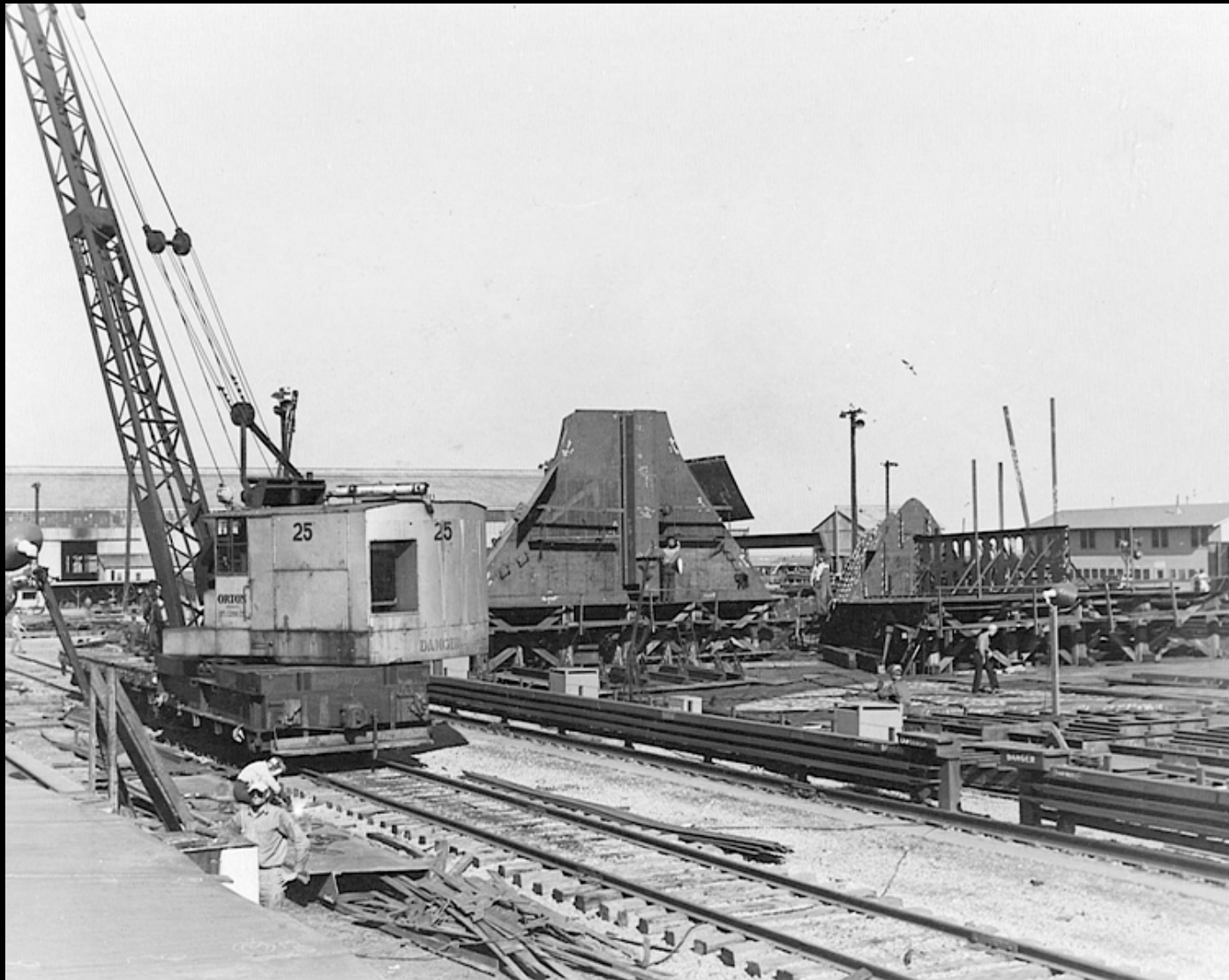
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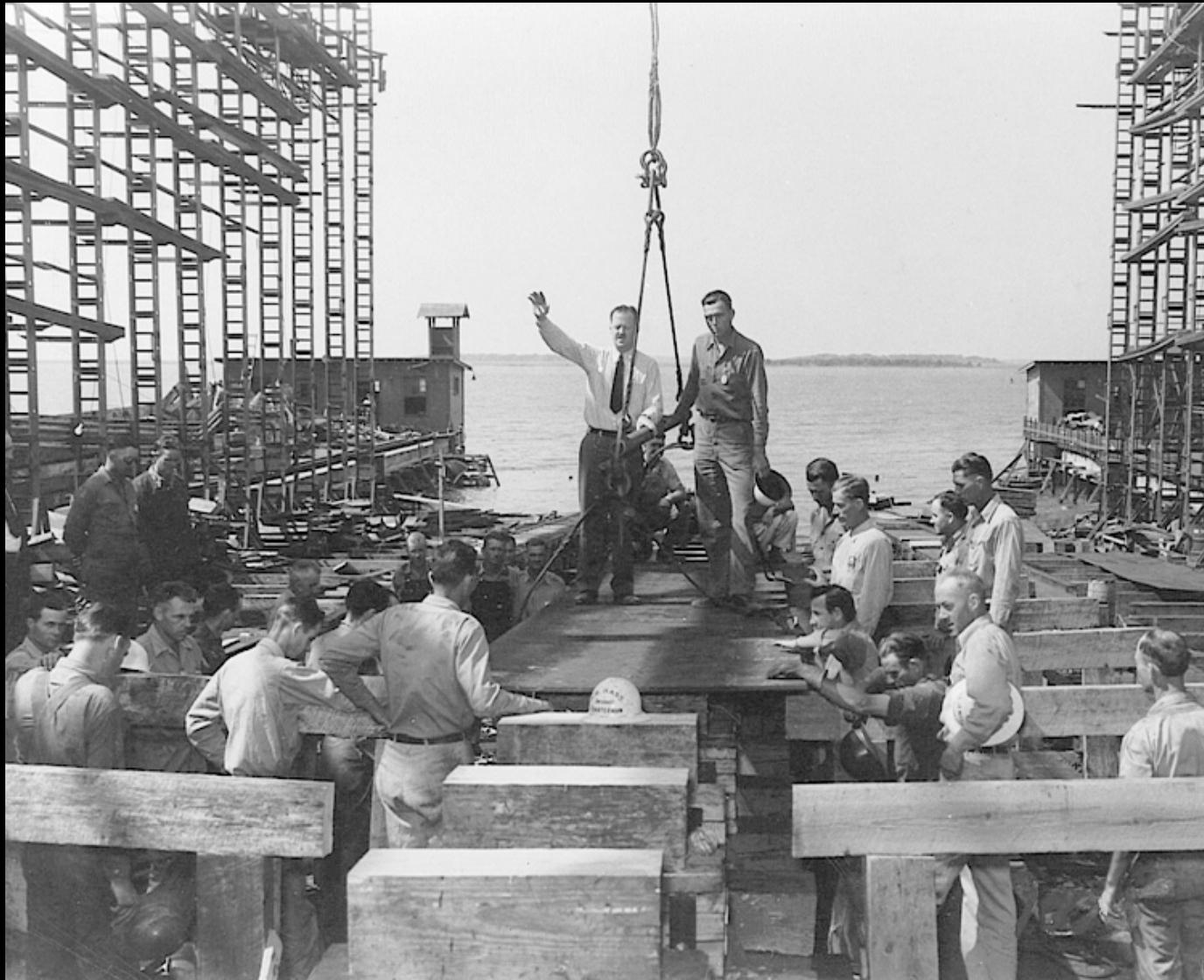
1944 aerial photo shows shipyard layout



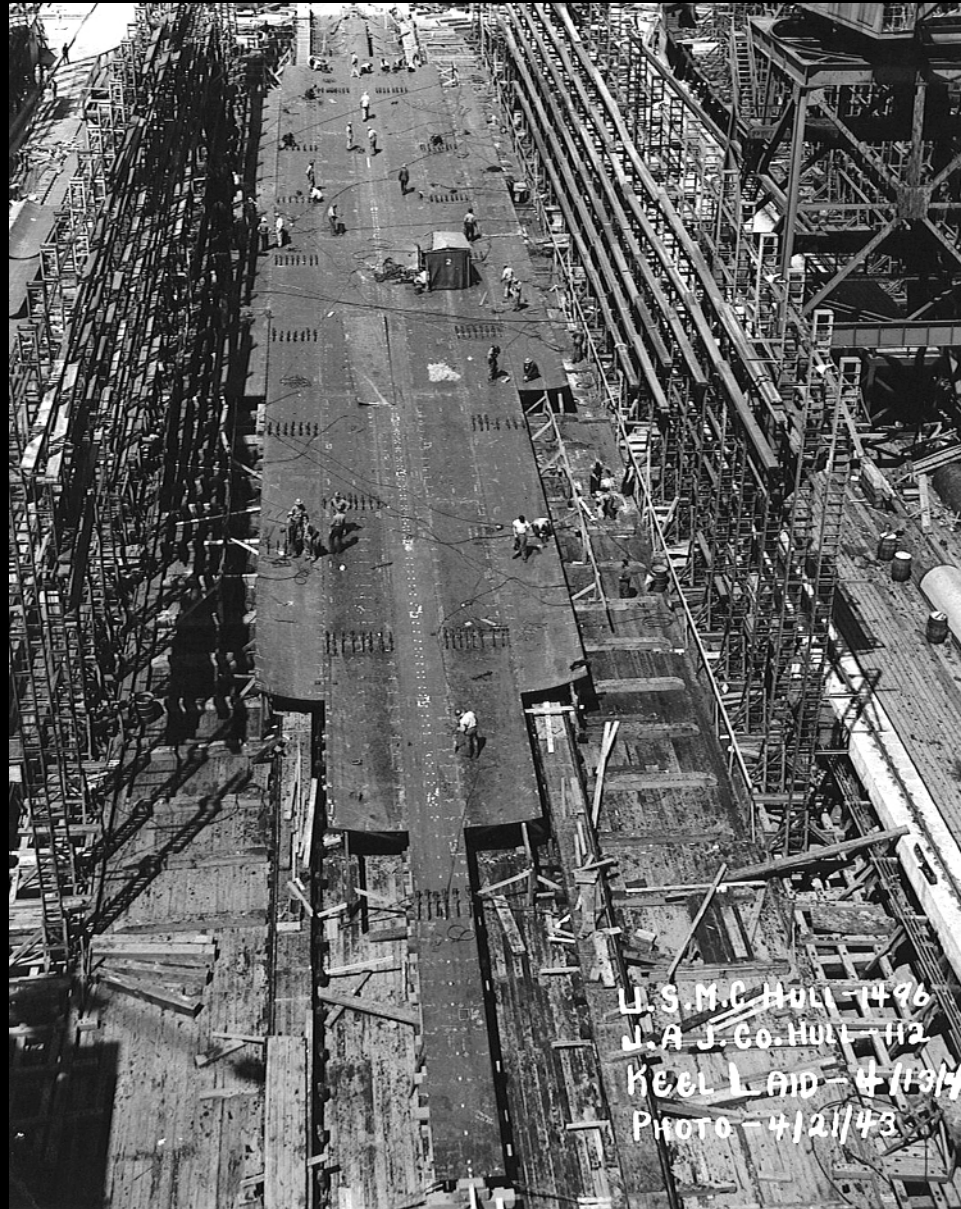
Rail-mounted crane (jaj111)



Welding instead of rivets (jaj146)



Keel laying ceremony (jaj108)

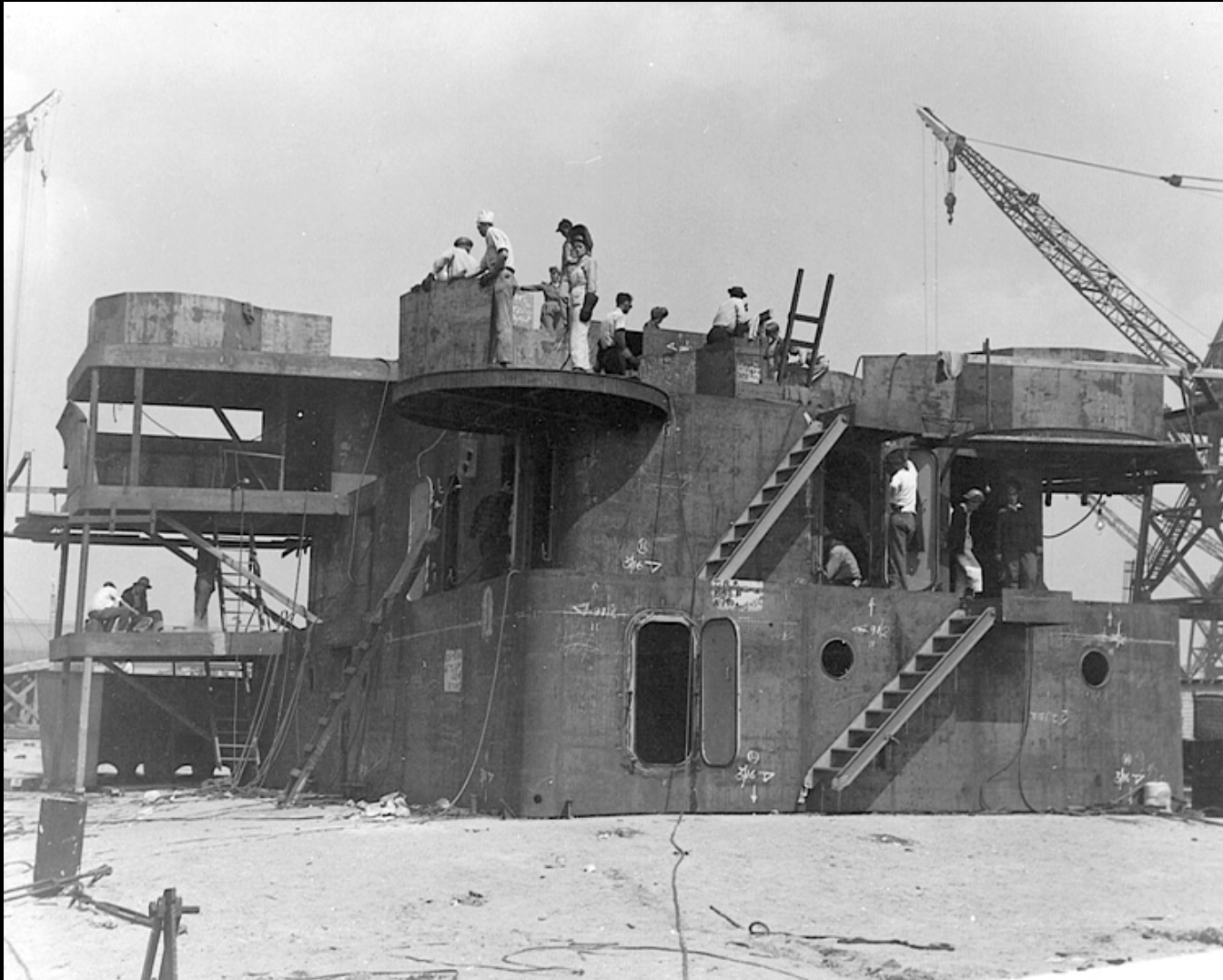


Bottom plates [J. A. Campbell] (jaj001)

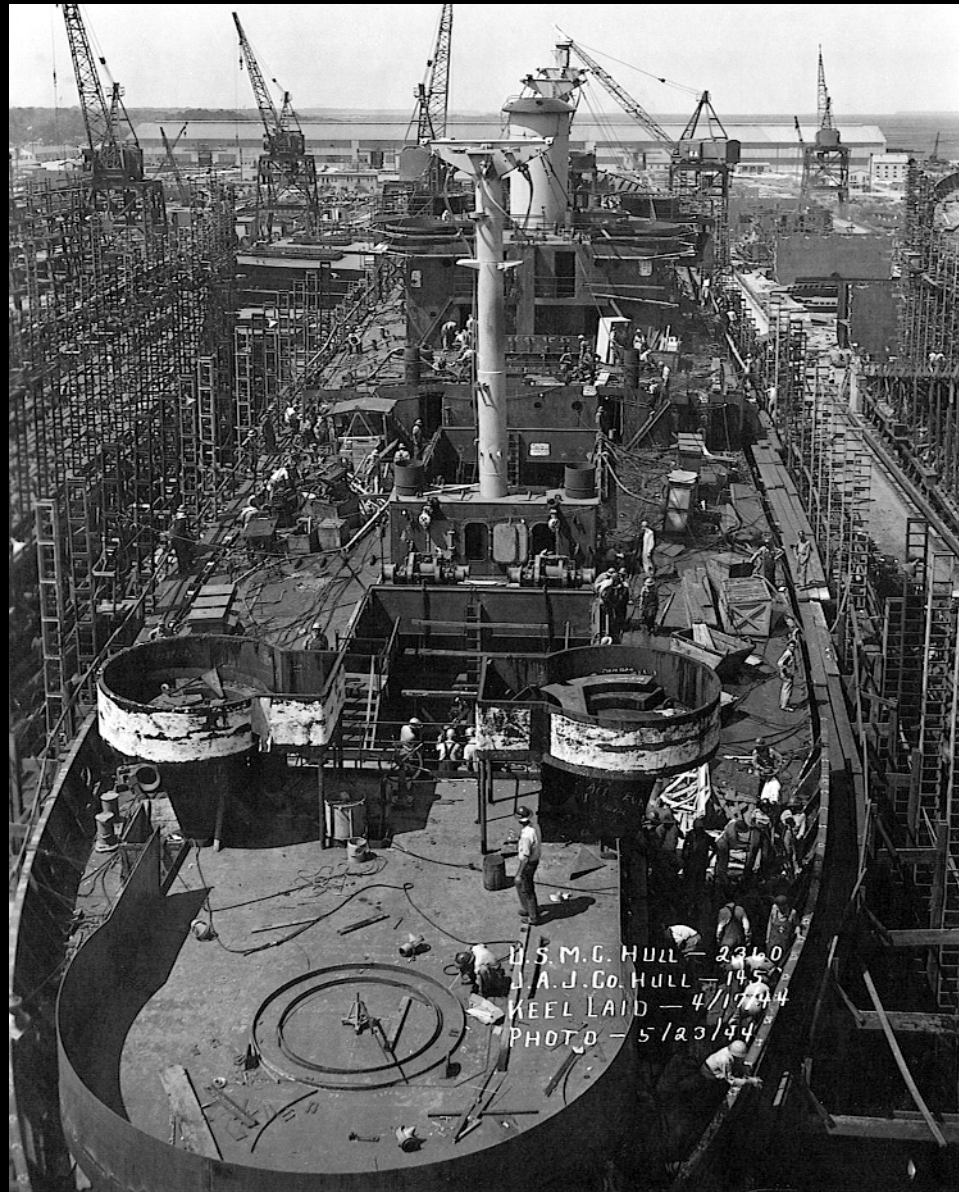


Shaft tunnel in hull [Samlorian] (jaj011)





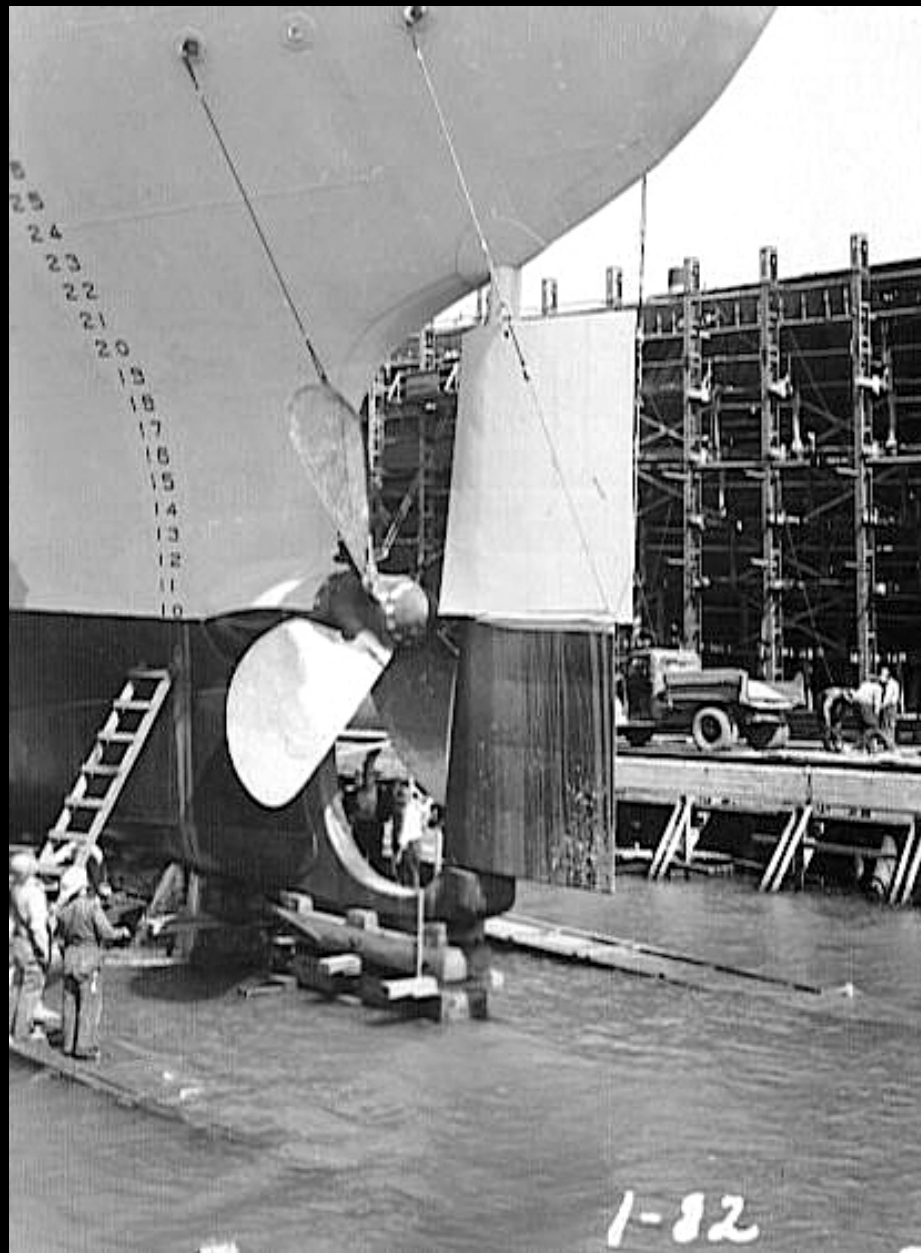
Deck structure (jaj110)



Hull nearly complete [*Donald Bain*] (jaj012)



Launching decorations (jaj061)



Massive propeller (jaj107)  
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Ready to launch stern-first (jaj057)



Gov. & Mrs. Arnall (jaj031)

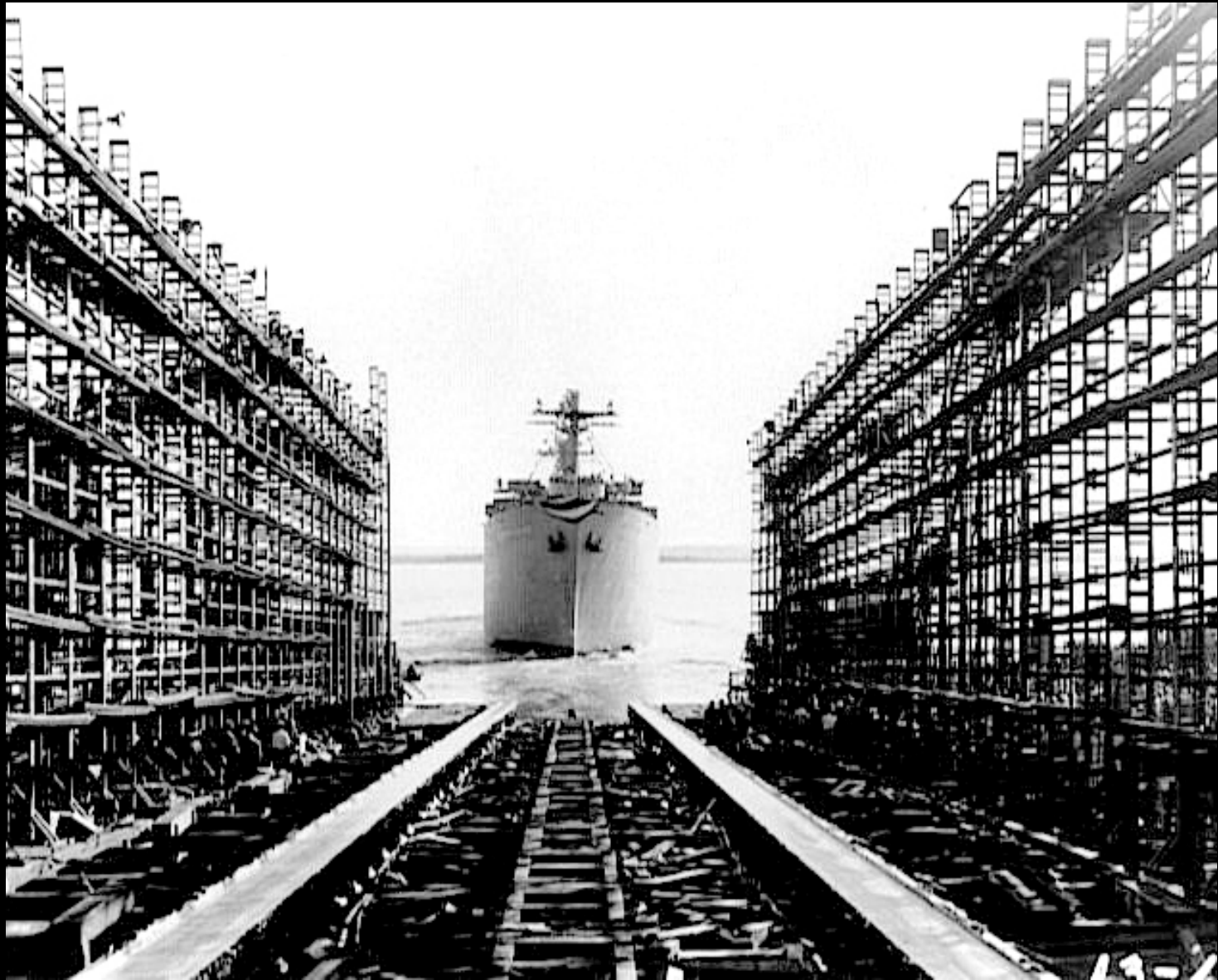


Mrs. Arnall christens *J. R. Lamar* (jaj032)



Pulling wedge beneath hull (jaj109)





Ship slides down ways into water (jaj058)



Outfitting dock (jaj123)

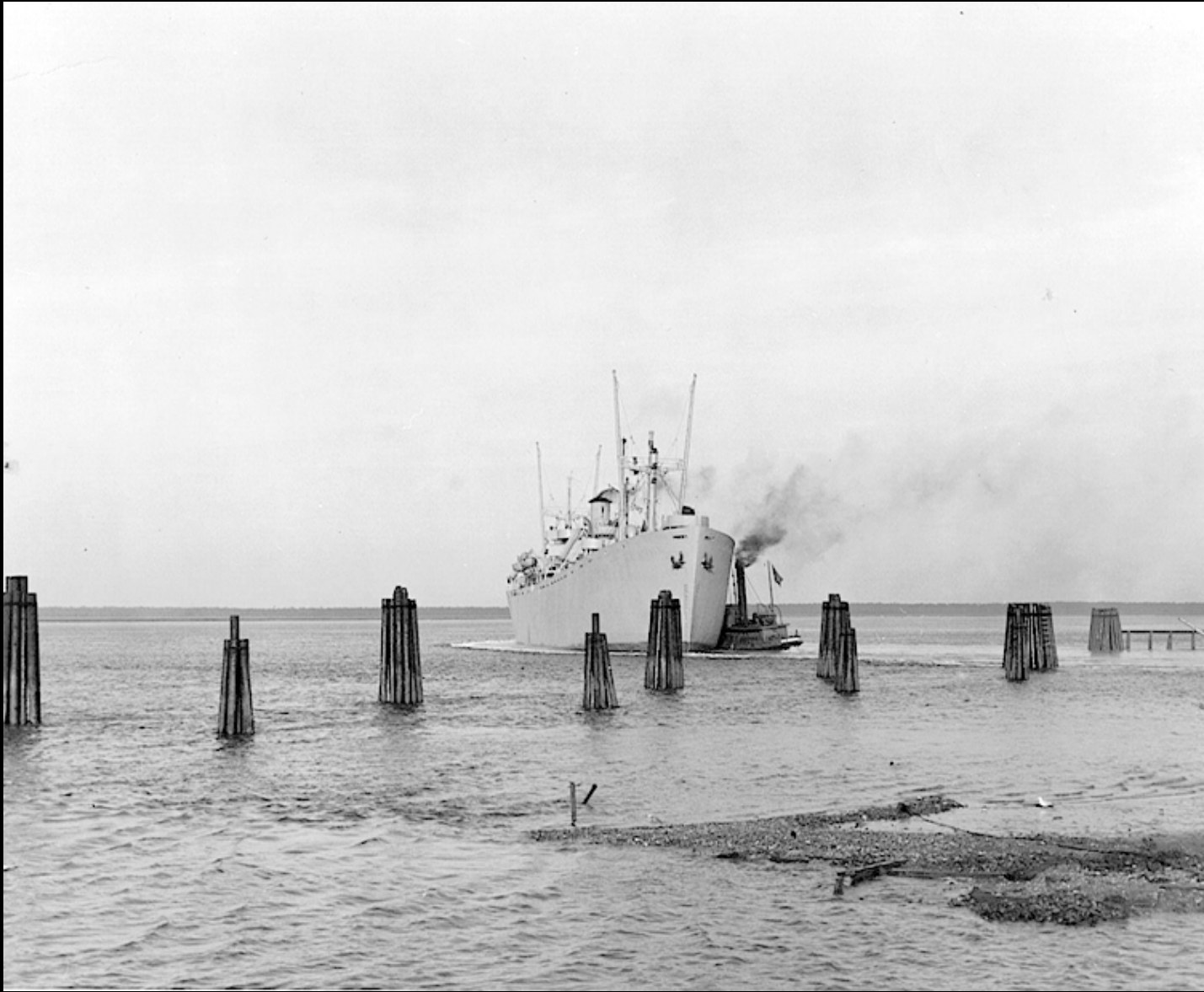
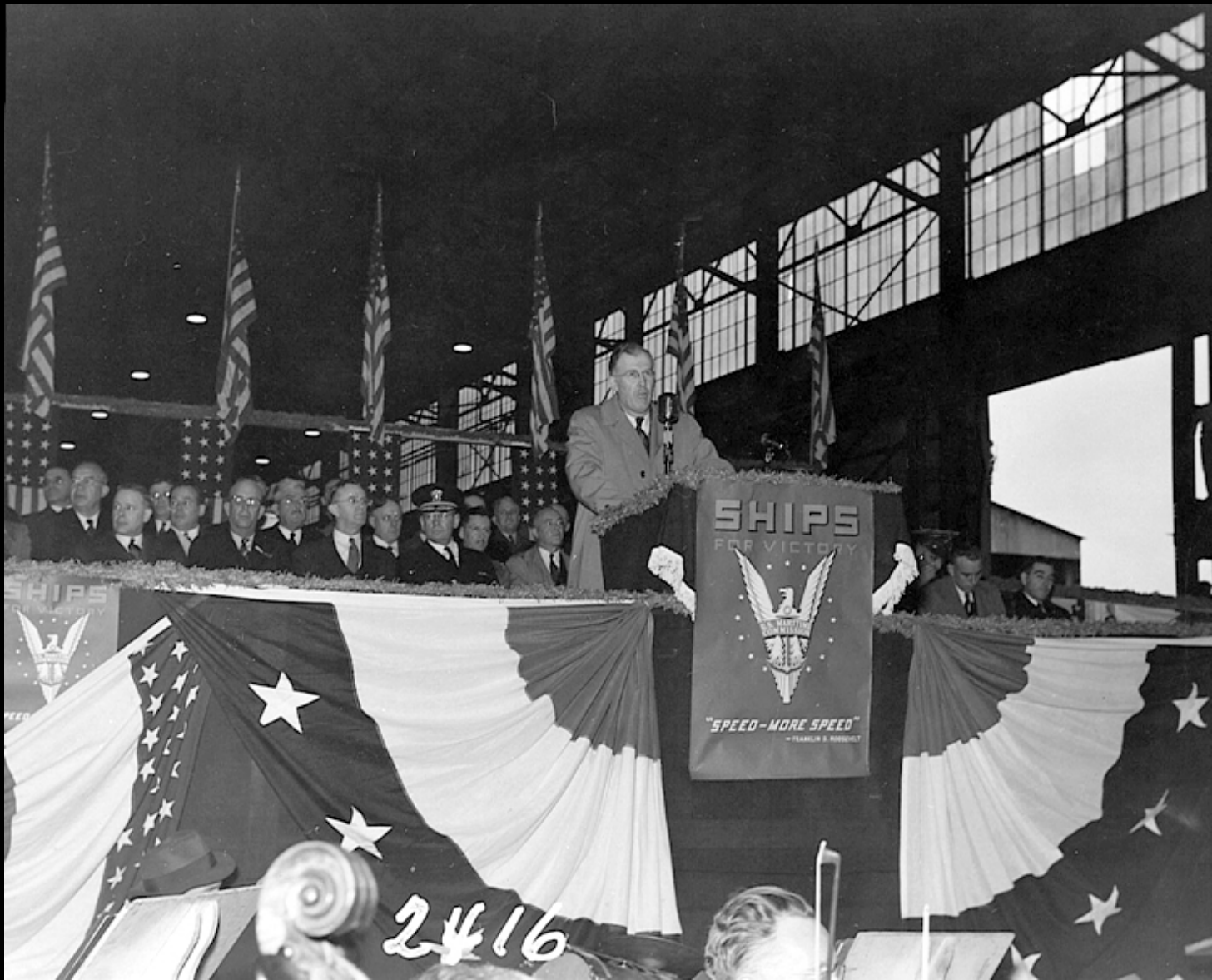


Image jaj073



Jones, Land, Kratt, Vickery, Poole, Campbell (jaj114)



Emil Kratt, shipyard general manager (jaj026)



Mrs. Jones with welder Lilliam Oliver (jaj025)



Employment office (jaj130)



“Labor gang” (jaj136)





Workers queu (jaj121)  
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Workers on mast (jaj145)



End of shift (jaj105) 27



Baseball team (jaj119)



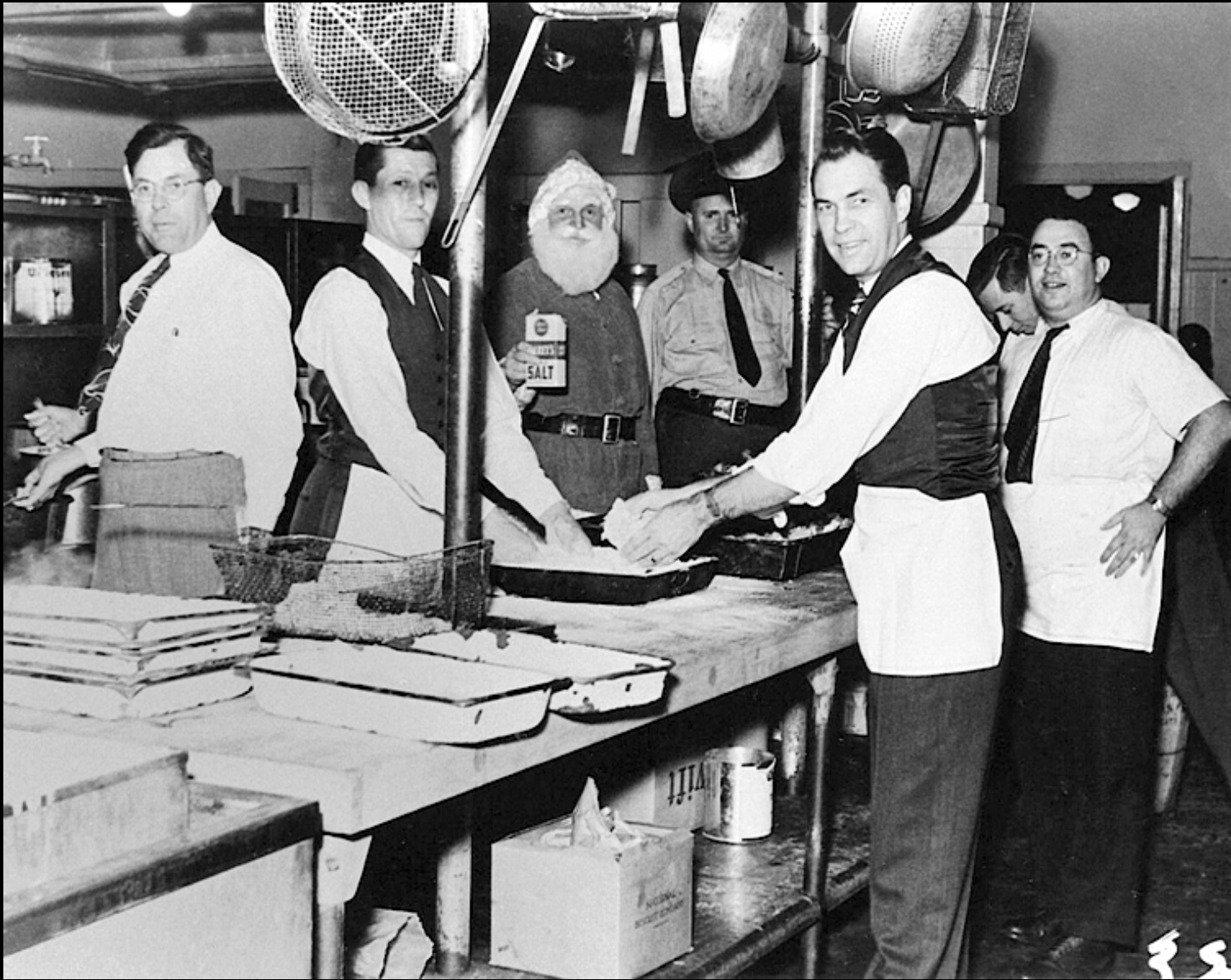
Santa at work 1944 (jaj109)



More Santa at work (jaj087)



Santa with Myrtis Campbell (jaj088)



Santa in kitchen (jaj090)



Liberty ship model



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