

Apprentices to Davy Jones

Photos: Barry from Three Lions

DEEP-SEA DIVERS have set at least one altitude record—their insurance rates are among the highest in the country.

For all the dangers, though, it's a job that fascinates young men, many of whom are trained at a U.S. Navy school in Bayonne, N.J. Since the school's

founding in 1942,

alumni have recovered \$2 billion in sunken goods and salvaged 1,000 wrecked ships. The "final exam" requires the class to patch a sunken LST and refloat it. Here's how one class won their deep-sea degrees.



Weighted belt helps diver stay down.



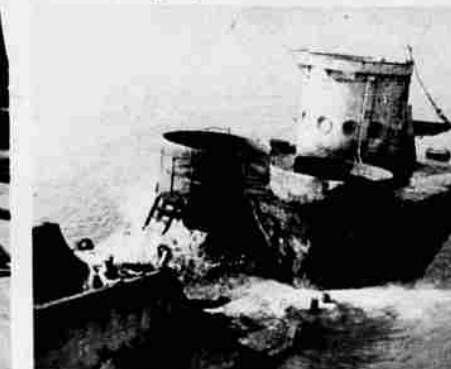
Air and phone lines keep him in touch.



He'll soon be in his own element.



In eerie light, diver starts his work.



Repairs made, hull balloons to surface.



Donning deep-sea suit is a little like playing Frankenstein's monster; suit, helmet, and attachments weigh 192 pounds.