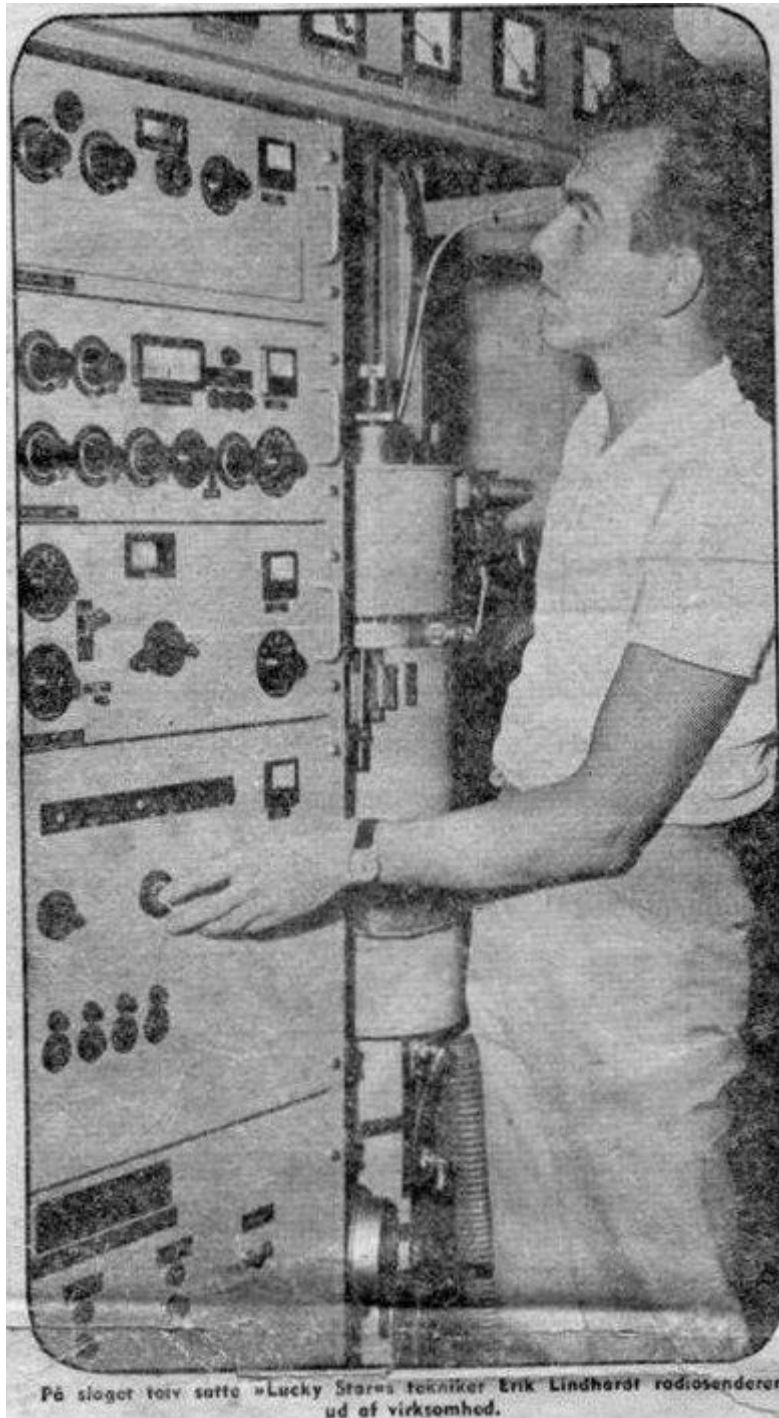


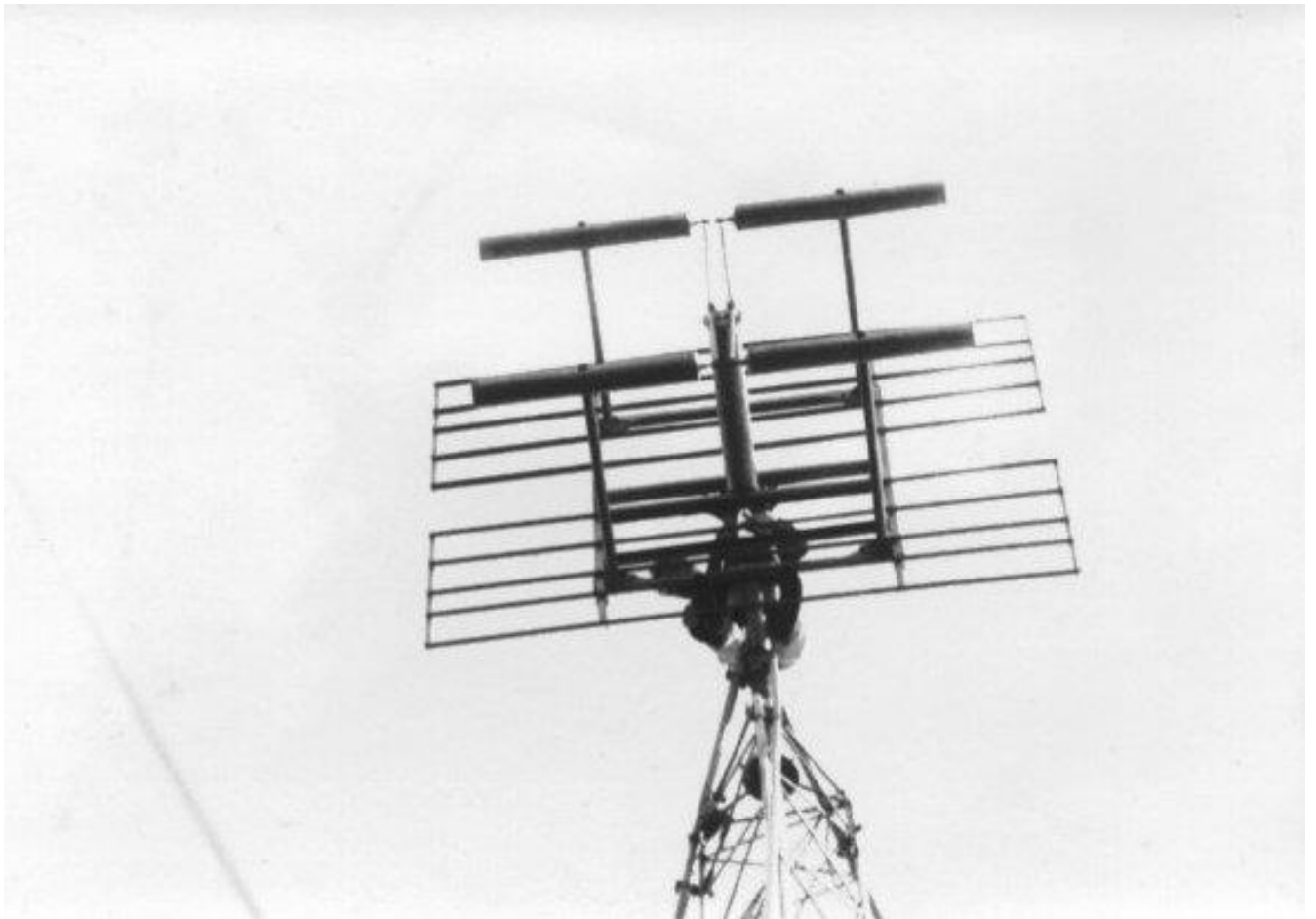
Memories of Radio Mercur



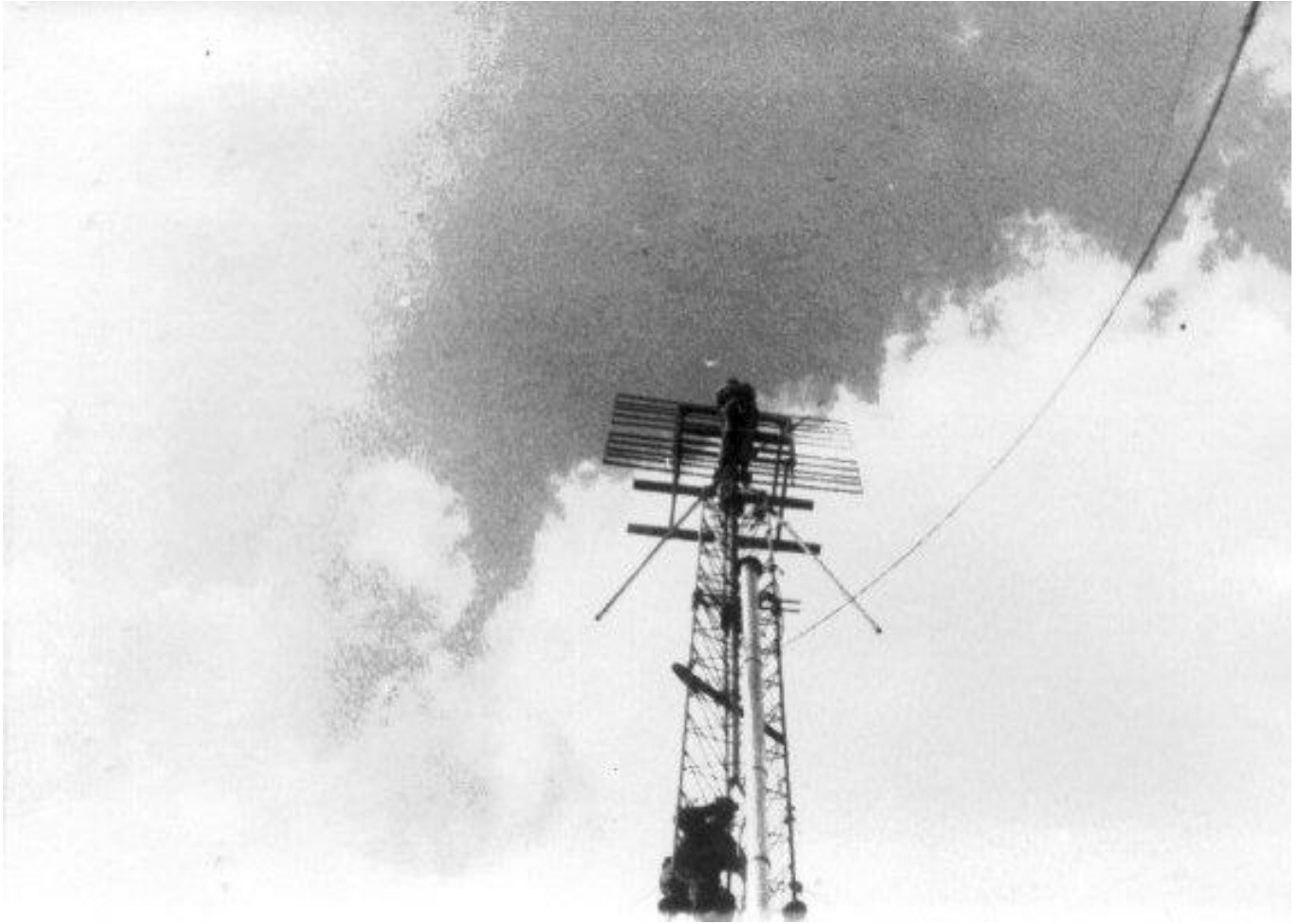
Erik Lindhardt wrote in 2001: Forty years ago, on November 1st 1961, I actually commenced my time as a radio transmitter pirate on a station that was new at that time: Danmarks Commercielle

Radio (DCR) on Øresund was in competition to Radio Mercur. Time was too hard for running two stations, so in the end they got together on January 29th 1962, under the name of Radio Mercur.

The cooperation, and consequently my time at Radio Mercur, lasted only slightly over five months, because the station had to close down at July 10th 1962.



Though all in all it took only some seven months, this period was a very interesting experience for me. Among other things, the MV Lucky Star had to have a new German made antenna installed, a very heavy directional one.



I was in the mast for a full eight hours, with some other people from the company supplying the parts up through the mast, in minus 2 degrees weather. I came only down for twenty minutes to take a cup of coffee.



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Lucky Star's audio consol operated by Tage Roepke

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Captain Johannes Houmoeller liked fishing. Here he proudly shows a cod he caught. The smiling lady standing next to him, is Grete, our cook.



The images of Stanley Kubrick's movie *Spartacus* (1960) were still fresh in our minds and we were playing "Roman gladiator" on the

deck when we were doing the installation of the pipe. As you can see, the weather conditions had improved in the mean time.



Elo on deck Lucky Star



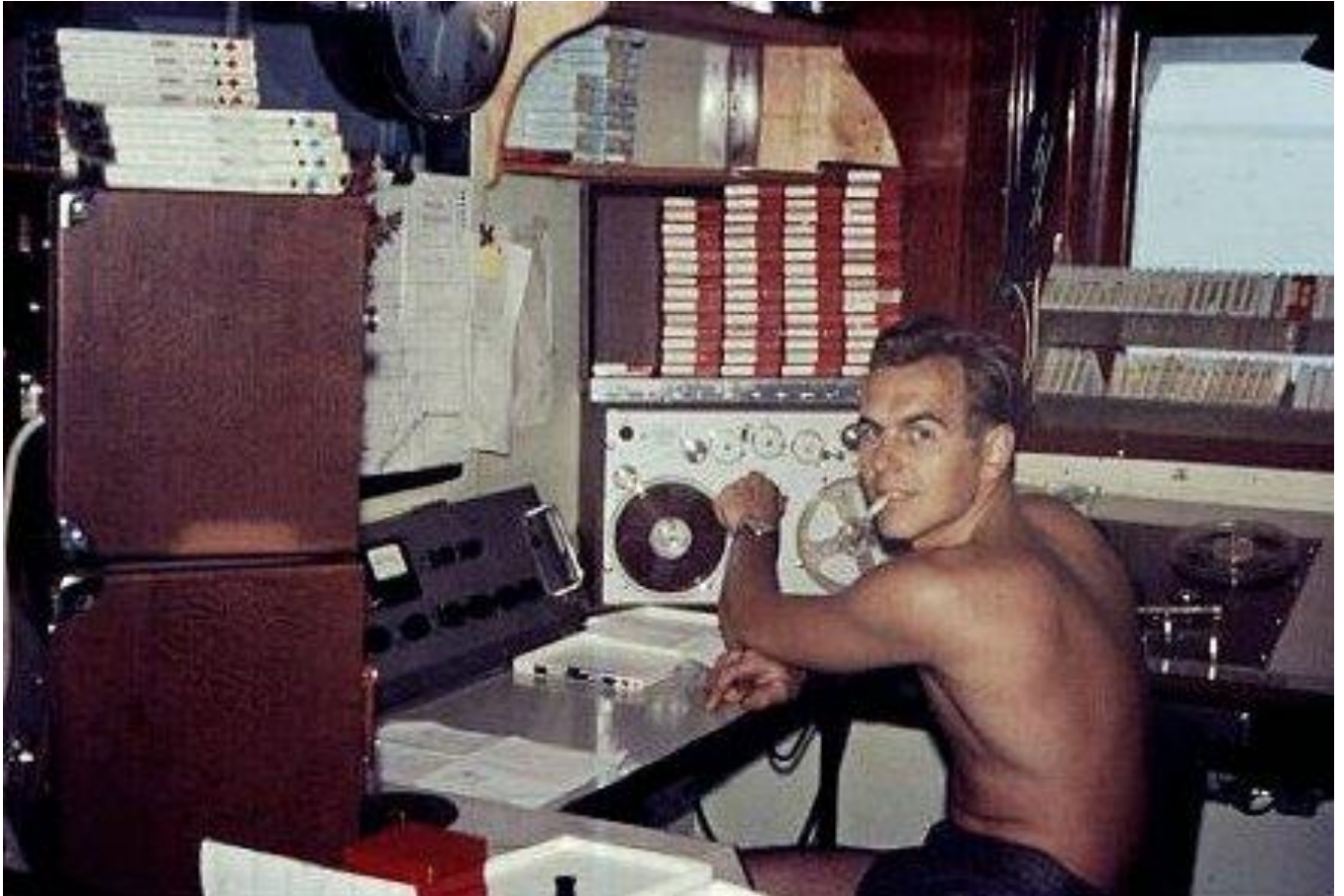
Chief technician Ove Andersen of the Lucky Star in front of the Siemens transmitter



Console operator Leif on the Lucky Star



Director Benny Knudsen on the Lucky Star



Here I am at Mercur's audio consol on the Cheeta II

It's fun to look back that many years, I'm 63 now. I ended up in Australia as an retired Licensed Aircraft Radio Engineer.