

USS *Monitor*



A Historic Ship Completes Its
Final Voyage



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current and former, who unselfishly volunteered to defend our nation,
and especially to the hundreds of dedicated Navy men and women
who raised significant parts of USS Monitor from its watery grave
along with two of its missing sailors,
who can now be honored and laid to rest.*



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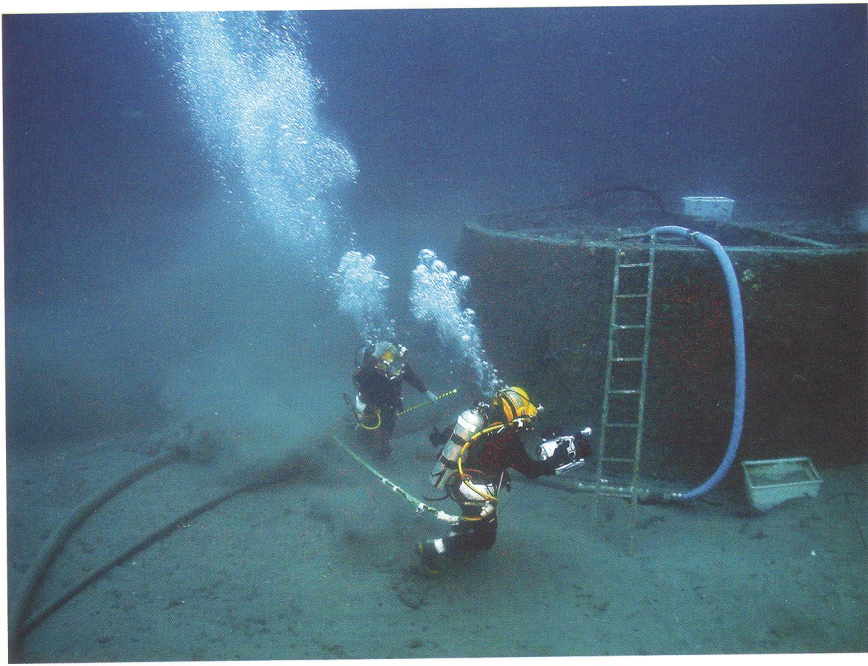
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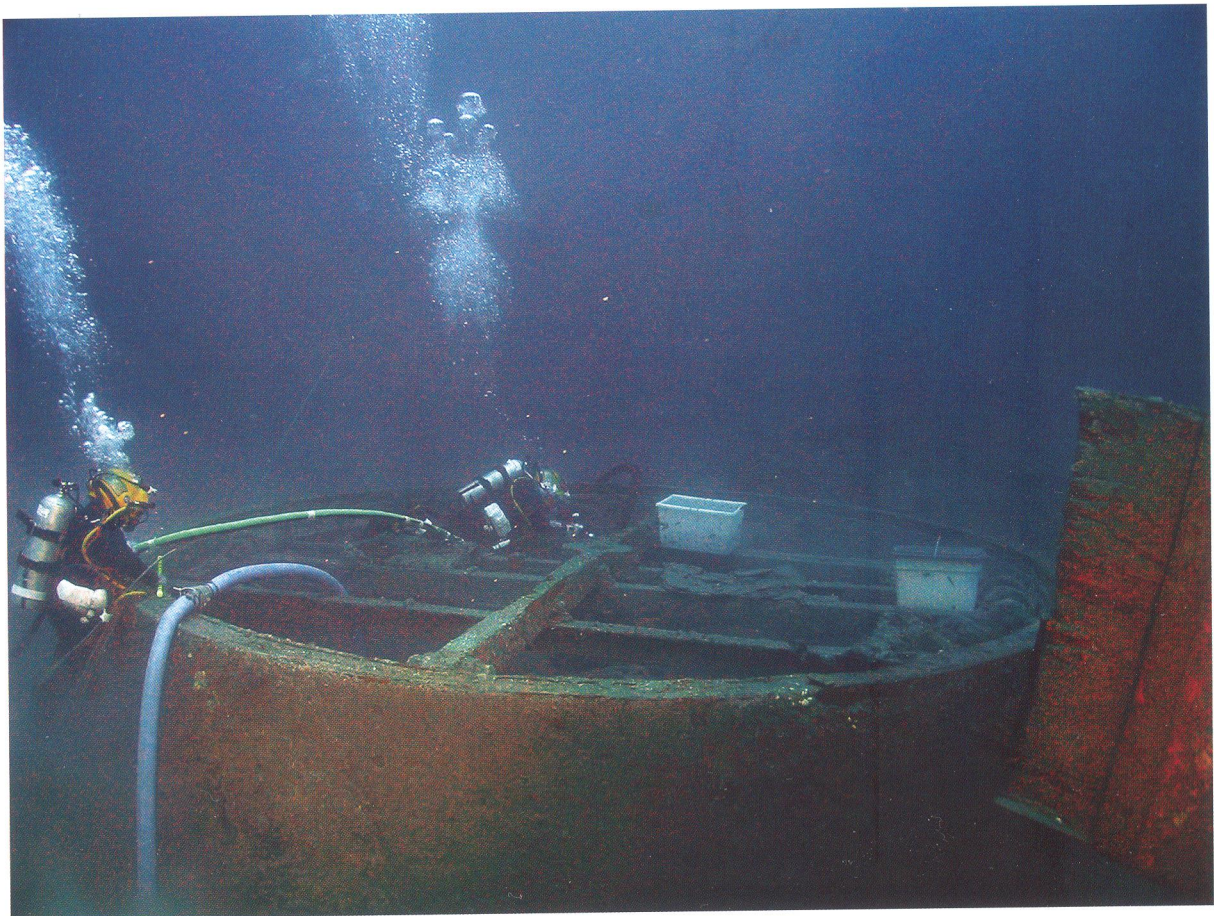
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Navy divers quickly surveyed the exposed turret, then set up dredges to begin removing part of the contents so that lifting straps could be attached to the guns and interior structure. Courtesy NOAA Monitor Collection



Dive teams took turns excavating the turret while NOAA archaeologists watched and recorded their progress via helmet-mounted cameras and the ROV. Courtesy NOAA Monitor Collection