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PALOS CHURCH.....Wally D. Trachsler, photographer's mate airman, USN, of Chicago, Ill., sits in the ancient church of Palos de la Frontera, Spain, where Christopher Columbus said his last prayers before boarding the Santa Maria in 1492 to begin his exploration westward. The wrought iron pulpit was used to read the edict from the Spanish monarchs Ferdinand and Isabella which gave Columbus the commission to lead the expedition. Trachsler is the son of Mr. Walter E. Trachsler of 4132 West Washington blvd., Chicago.

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