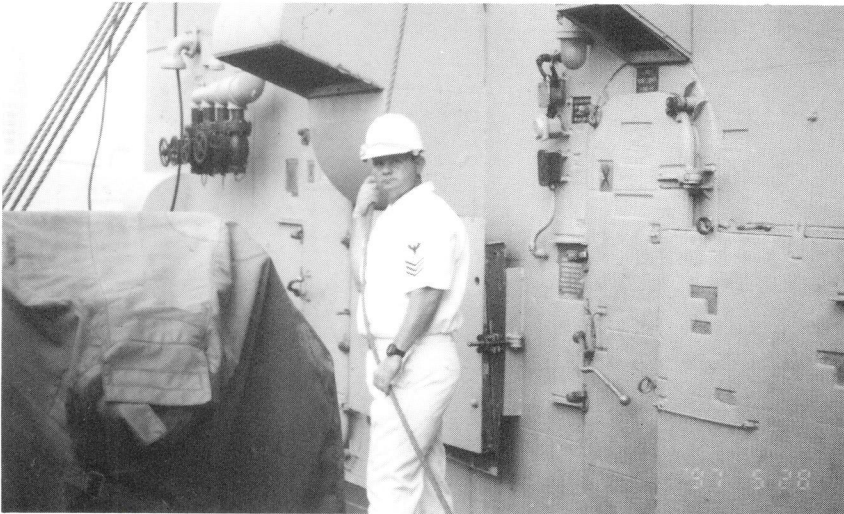






(left)
Time is set aside for training



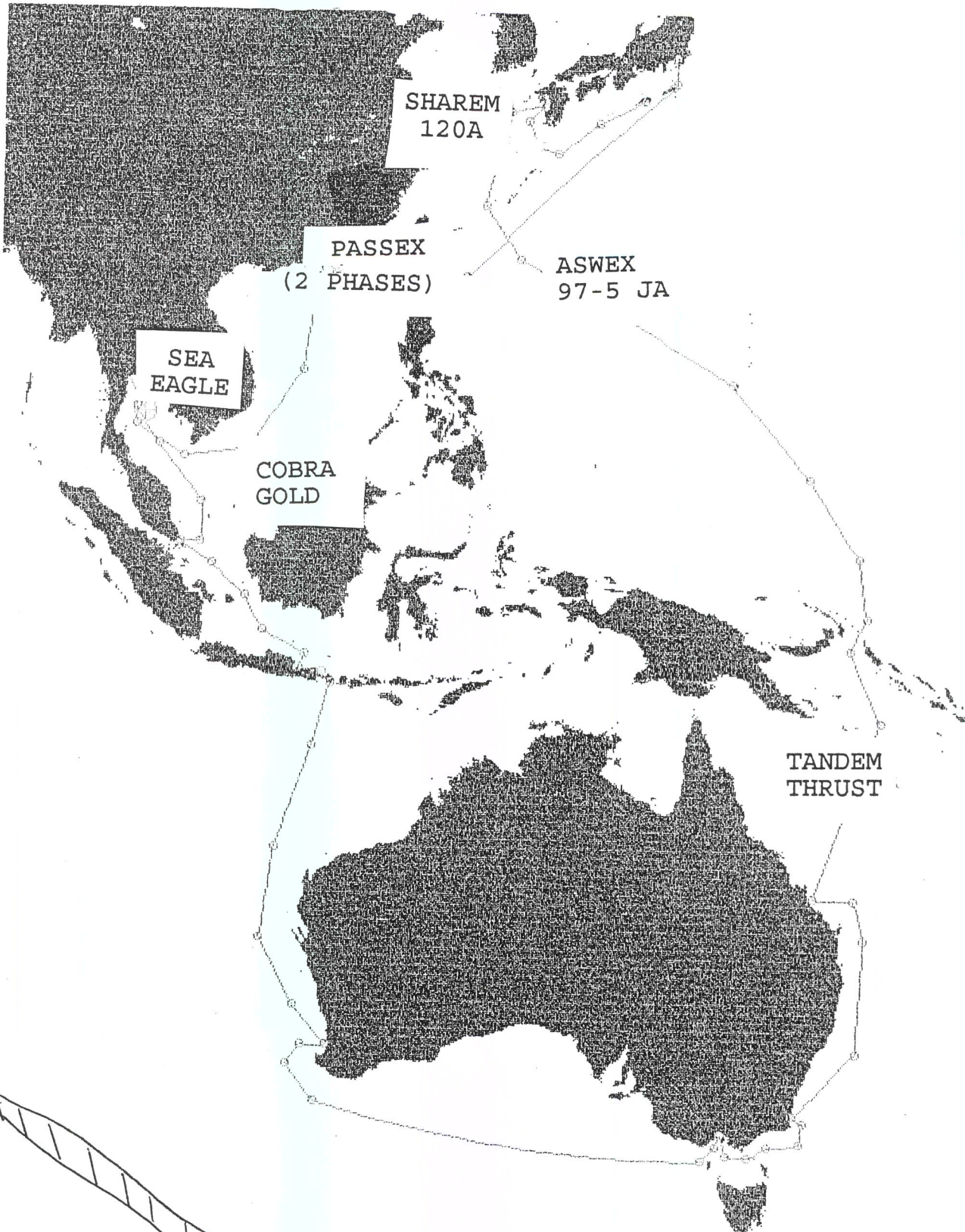
USS Curts Senior Sailor of the Year

(below)
The last US warships to see a British Hong Kong



(left)
It's good to be back





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(2 PHASES)

ASWEX
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SEA
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GOLD

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38 SPECIAL

SHIP'S CHARACTERISTICS

Built By Todd Pacific Shipyard
San Pedro, California

Keel Laid 1 July 1981

Christened 6 March 1982

Commissioned 8 October 1983
Long Beach Naval Station, California

Displacement 4100 tons

Length 453 feet

Beam 47 feet

Complement 22 Officers
15 Chief Petty Officers
195 Enlisted

Propulsion Two General Electric LM 2500
Marine Gas Turbine Engines (40,000 shaft horsepower)
*One Controllable Reversible Pitch Propeller
*Two 350 Horsepower Electric Diesel
Auxiliary Power Units

Auxiliaries Four 1000 Kilowatt Ship's Service
Diesel Generators

Speed over 28 knots

Aircraft Two SH-60B LAMPS MK III Helicopters

Armament MK 13 Guided Missile Launcher
HARPOON Anti-Ship Missiles
Standard Anti-Aircraft Missiles
Mk 75 76 mm/62 cal Rapid Firing Gun
Mk 32 ASW Torpedo Tubes (Two Triple Mounts)
Mk 15 Close-In Weapons System

Combat Systems AN/SPS-49 Air Search Radar
AN/SPS-55 Surface Search Radar
Mk 92 Fire Control System
AN/SLQ-32 Electronic Warfare System
SRBOC Decoy System
AN/SLQ-25A Torpedo Countermeasure System
AN/SQS-56 Sonar
AN/SQQ-28 Sonobuoy Processor
AN/SQR-19 Tactical Towed Array Sonar



*COMMANDER MICHAEL S. FRICK
UNITED STATES NAVY*

Commander Michael S. Frick, USN, is originally from Fort Meade, Maryland. He enlisted in the Naval Service in August 1971 under the Nuclear Power Program and received his commission in June 1977. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Naval Postgraduate School.

Upon commissioning, Commander Frick served his initial tour as the Main Propulsion Assistant and then Weapons Officer on USS CARPENTER (DD 825) until her decommissioning in February 1981. Commander Frick was then assigned as Officer-in-Charge of a Mobile Training Team responsible for transfer of the EX-USS CARPENTER (DD 825) to the Turkish Navy.

Upon completion of that assignment he reported to the United States Naval Postgraduate School in May 1981 where he studied Anti-Submarine Warfare Systems Technology. Graduating in September 1983, he reported to the Surface Warfare Officer Department Head course in Newport, Rhode Island. Following the Department Head course, Commander Frick reported to USS HENRY B. WILSON (DDG 7) as Engineer Officer until August 1986 and then to USS WILLIAM H. STANDLEY (CG 32) as Engineer Officer until February 1988.

His next assignment was as Deputy Program Manager for the Surface Ship Torpedo Defense Program at Naval Ocean Systems Center, San Diego, CA. In June 1990, he reported to USS LEFTWICH (DD 984) as Executive Officer where he participated in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Commander Frick's next assignment in January 1992 was Chief Staff Officer for Commander, Destroyer Squadron Thirty-One. He next reported to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations where he served first as Head, Surface ASW Weapons section and then as Financial Coordinator for the Theater Air Defense Division. Commander Frick assumed command of USS CURTS on 15 March 1996.

Commander Frick's personal awards include the Bronze Star (with Combat "V"), the Meritorious Service Medal (with Gold Star), the Navy Commendation Medal (with three Gold Stars), the Navy Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon and various service and campaign Medals/Ribbons.

Commander Frick is married to the former Lisa M. Powell of Severna Park, Maryland and they have four children, Jennifer, Shannon, Brian and Meghan.



Lieutenant Commander Christopher J. Kisbert
United States Naval Reserve

Lieutenant Commander Christopher J. Kisbert, USNR, of New Bedford, Massachusetts, graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Science in biology. He earned his commission through Officer's Candidate School in October 1982.

He served onboard USS COPELAND (FFG 25) from June 1983 until April 1986, first as the Ordnance Officer and later as the Damage Control Assistant. On his next command, USS GRIDLEY (CG 21), he served as Navigator between May 1986 and January 1988. He also instructed at Officer Candidate Preparatory School from March 1988 until April 1990. After department head school, he reported to USS RENTZ (FFG 46) as Chief Engineer from November 1990 until June 1992. He then served as Staff Material Officer (N4) for Commander, Destroyer Squadron 9 between May 1993 and October 1995. Before reporting to USS CURTS in February 1997 as the Executive Officer, he served as Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Center, Missoula, Montana from November 1995 to November 1996.

Lieutenant Commander Kisbert's awards include the Navy Commendation Medal (with two gold stars) and various other personal and unit awards.

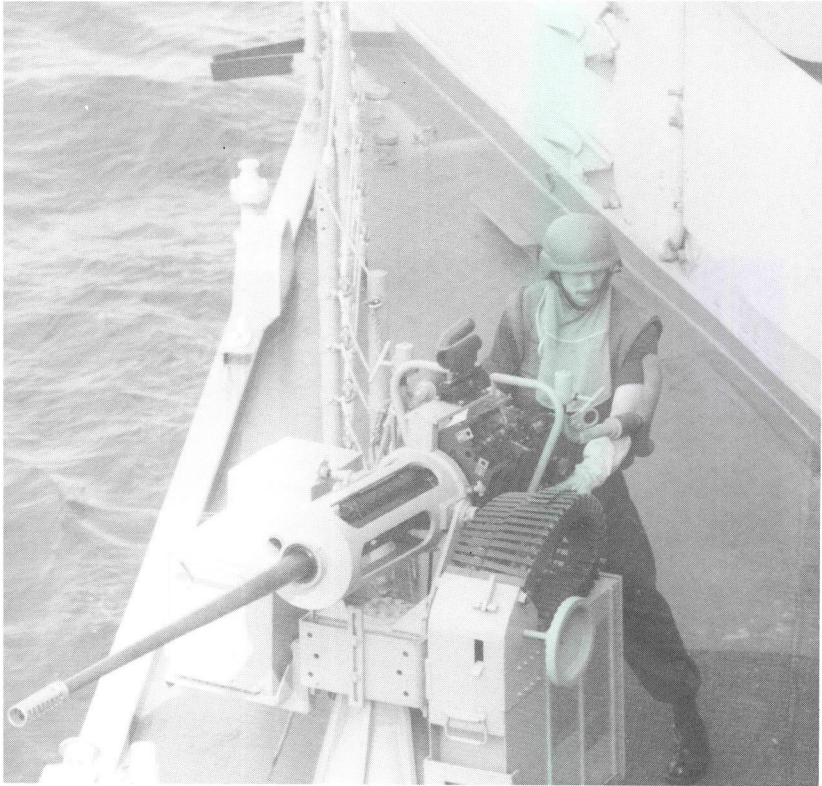


Naval Success Stories

Master Chief Hospital Corpsman Surla is the first Command Master Chief of the CURTS. He is the senior enlisted leader to the Commanding Officer on all matters concerning enlisted policy. He reported onboard April 2, 1997. He believes this cruise book depicts what a sailor does, "Serve our country, sail and see the world"

GO NAVY!

Electrician Mate Senior Chief Nepomenceno came to the USS CURTS from Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, where he was the Equal Opportunity Advisor. He served onboard CURTS as the Senior Enlisted Advisor, along with numerous other collateral duties. Senior Chief Nepo is currently on the USS CURTIS WILBER.



Watches, planned
Maintenance, and practice are all parts of
sea life.



CBS Dept are the folks that make cruise liners into a warships

(below)
PAC-firers and smiles

(above and below)
VBSS & SSDF

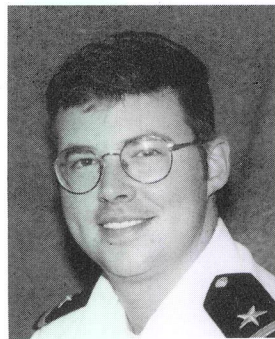


COMBAT SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT

The combat systems department is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and repair of the ships weapons and sensor systems. They are responsible for ensuring the ship is ready for any combat situation that might arise.



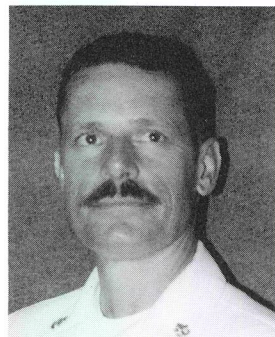
LT Beltz



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CWO2 Burnette



GMC(SW) Wiles



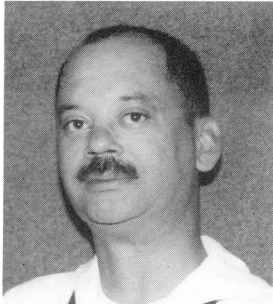
FCC(SW) Wastart



CA DIVISION



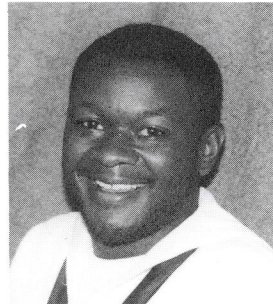
SONAR TECHNICIAN (STG): The sonar techs are responsible for the search, detection, and localization of enemy submarines. They operate and repair sonar and the associated equipment.



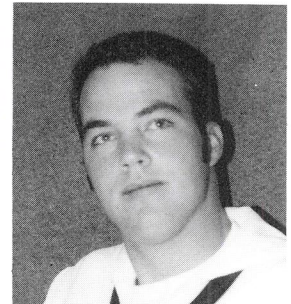
STG1(SW) Cochran



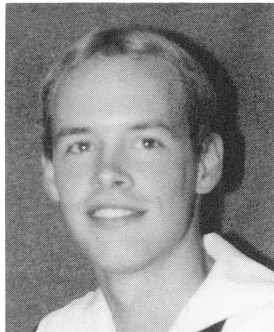
STG1(SW/AW) Andel



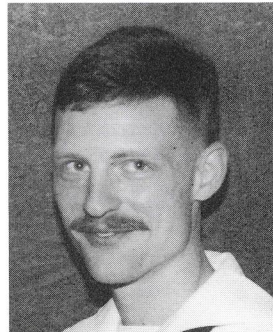
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STG2(SW) McNamara



STG2 Fermanich

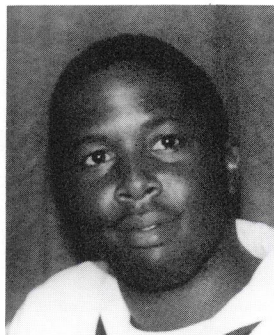


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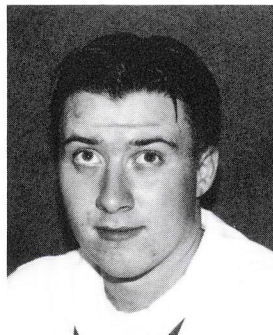
TORPEDOMANS MATE (TM): Maintain and operate the MK 32 torpedo tubes and associated equipment. Prepares and loads torpedoes for launch during anti-submarine operations.



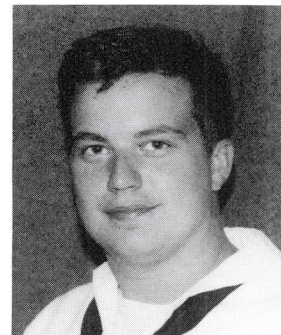
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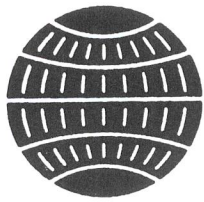
STG3 Davis



STGSN Cluff



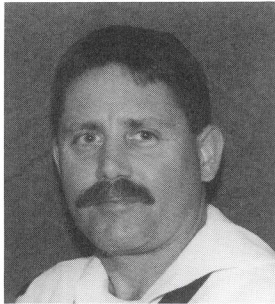
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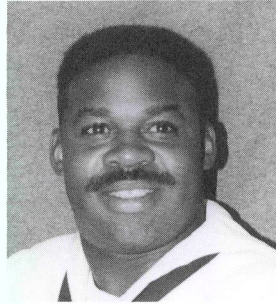
CE DIVISION



ELECTRONICS TECHNICIANS (ET): Responsible for the maintenance and repair of shipboard radio communications, radar, and peripheral equipment.



ET1(SW) Ransom



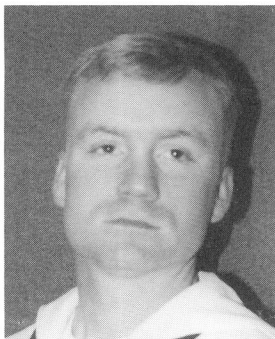
IC1(SW) Quick



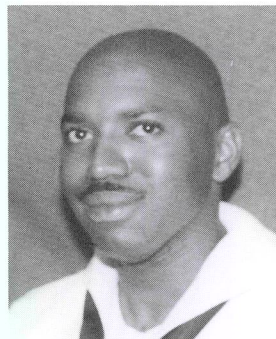
ET2(SW) Gauen



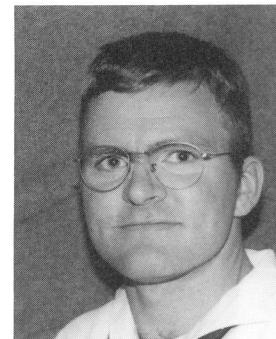
ET2 Belhumeur



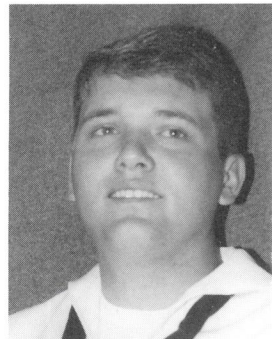
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IC2 Thomas



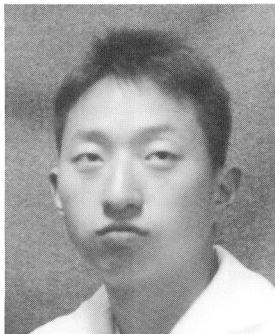
ET2 Black



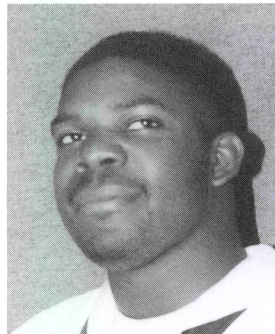
ET3 Tackett

DATA SYSTEMS TECHNICIANS (DS): Responsible for the maintenance and repair of shipboard computers and peripheral equipment.

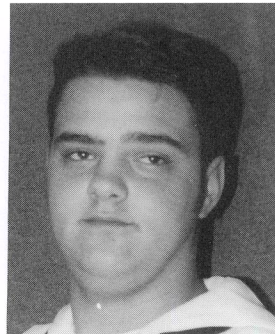
INTERIOR COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN (IC): Maintain and repair shipboard communication equipment, alarm and warning systems, and navigation equipment.



DS3 Hwang



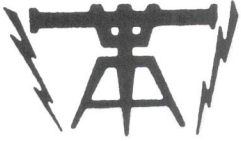
ICFN Weathers



ICFN Christesen



ET3 Fletcher

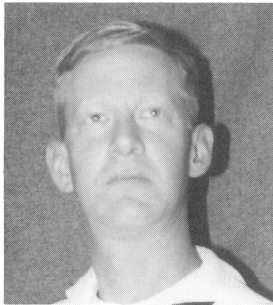


CW DIVISION

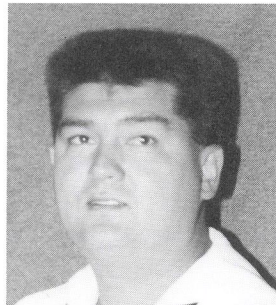


GUNNER'S MATE "GUNS" (GMG): Operate and maintain the MK 75 76mm/62 caliber gun mount. These men also maintain all small arms on the ship.

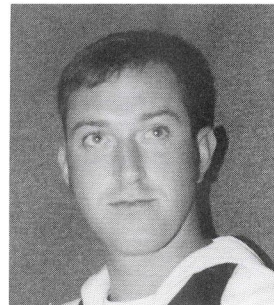
GUNNERS MATE "MISSILES" (GMM): Maintain and operate the MK 13 Guided Missile Launching System. Assist GMG'S in maintaining small arms locker.



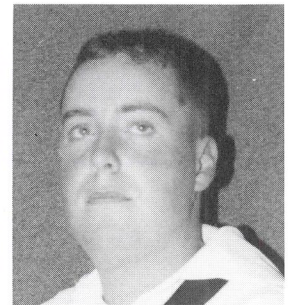
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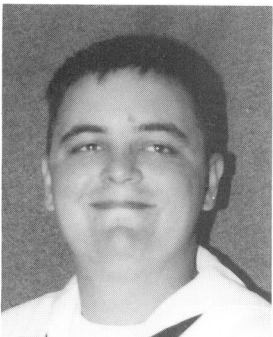
FC2 Wilmerton



FC2 Rathjen



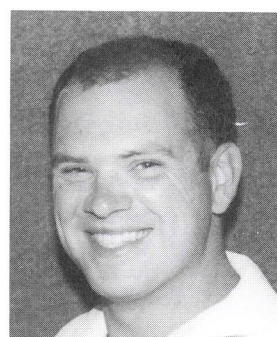
FC2 Cosgrove



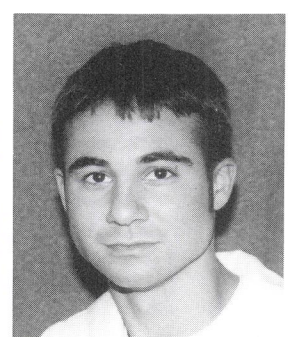
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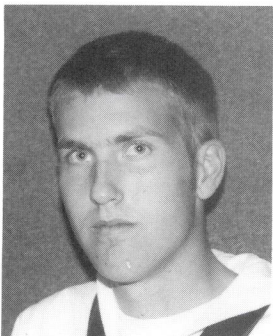


FC3 Barr

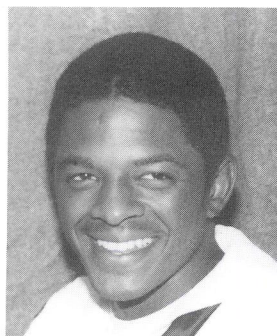


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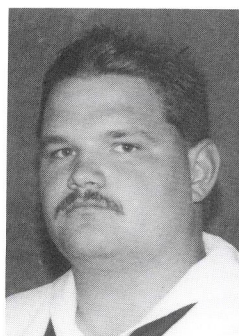
FIRE CONTROL TECHNICIAN (FC): Operate and maintain the MK 92 fire control system as well as operate and maintain the CIWS.



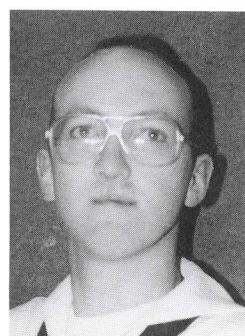
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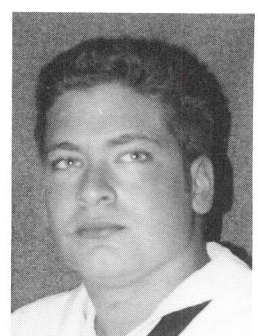
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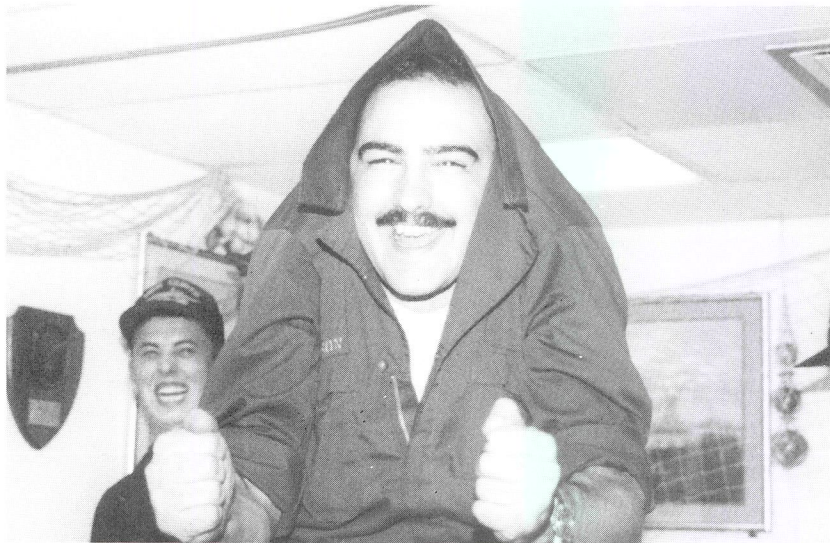
GMMSN Rand



GMGSN Prieur



(above)
"I've been
grimmed"

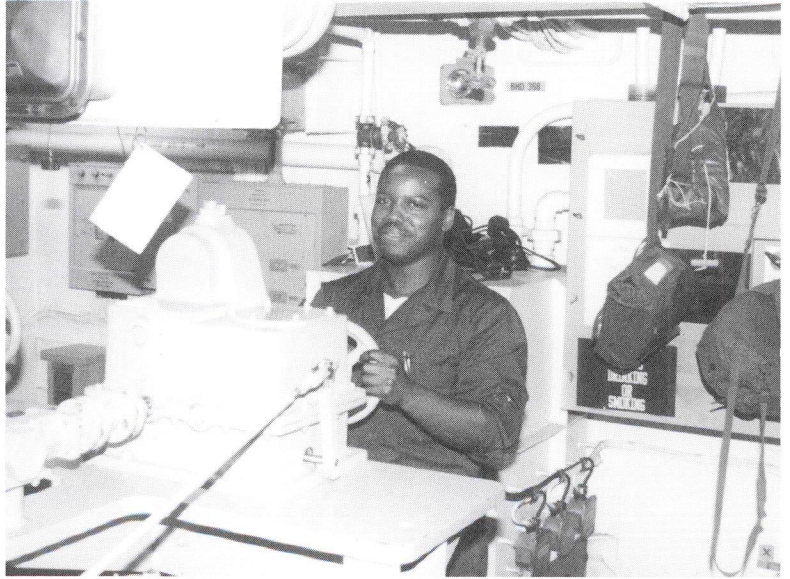


Long working hours are a norm, but people learn to make the most of it





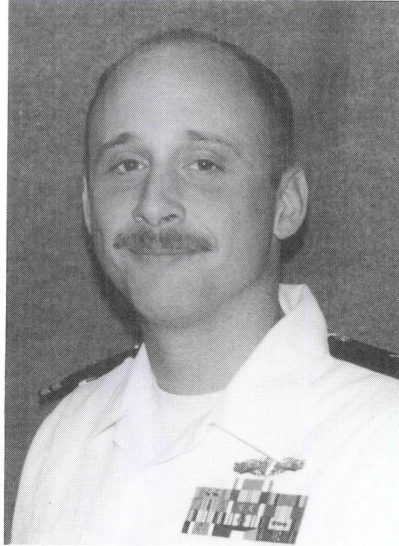
Either you are a snipe or
you are a passenger



(above and left)
Now man aft steering

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

The Engineering Department is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and repair of the ships main propulsion and auxiliary equipment.



LT Zobel



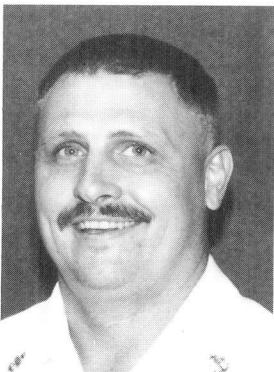
LTJG Strader



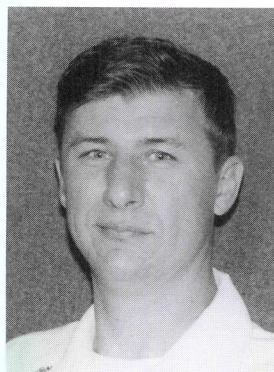
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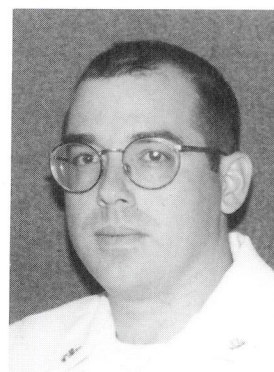
CWO2 Woodard



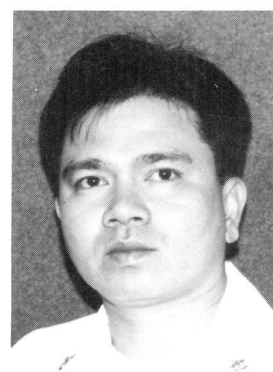
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EMC(SW) Miller



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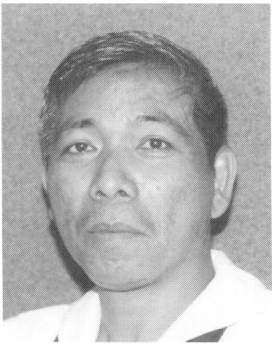


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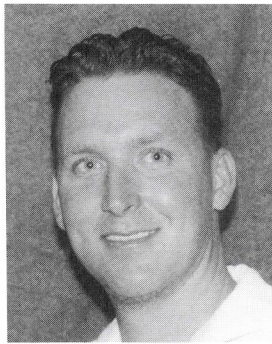


A DIVISION

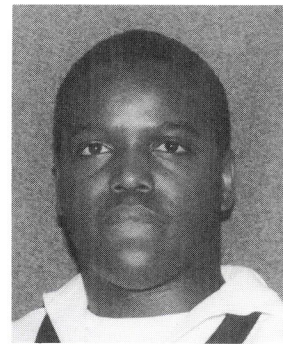
ENGINEMEN (EN): Maintain various systems which provide the necessary support for the crew. These include potable water, air conditioning, and the maintenance of the diesel engines which provide the ship with electricity.



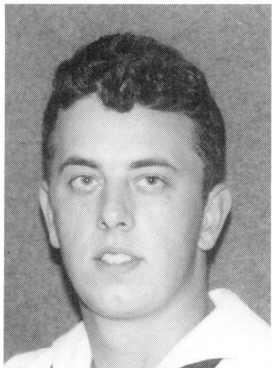
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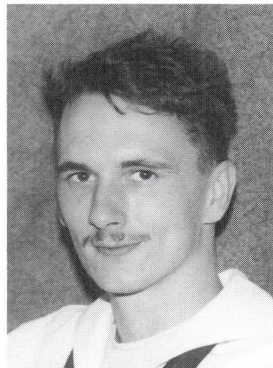
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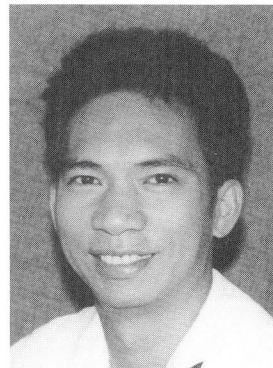
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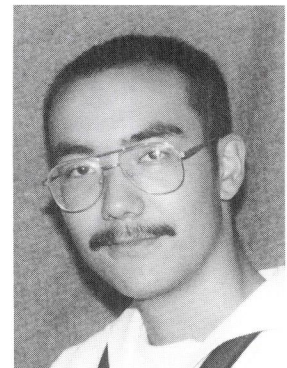
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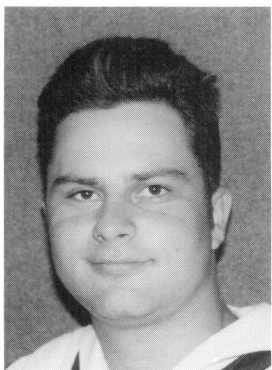
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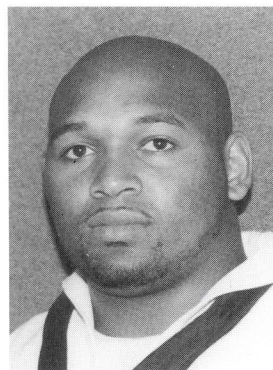
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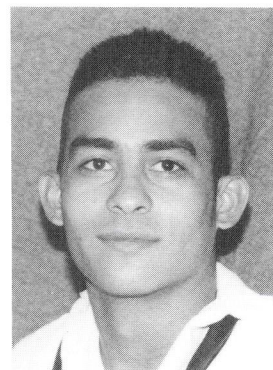
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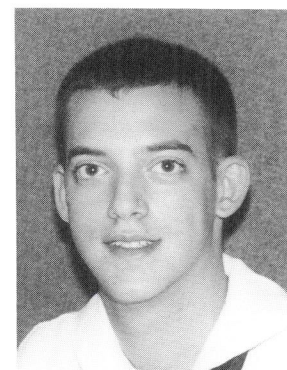
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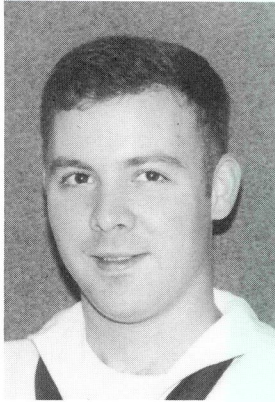
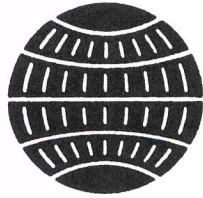
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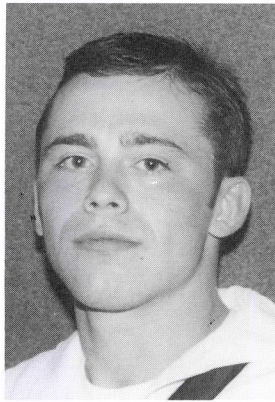
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E DIVISION

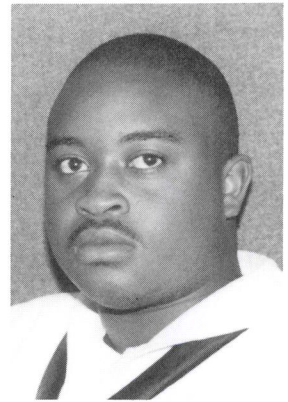
ELECTRICIAN'S MATE (EM): Responsible for the operation, repair and maintenance of motors, generators, and the power and lighting distribution systems.



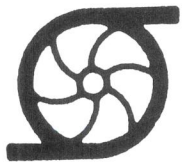
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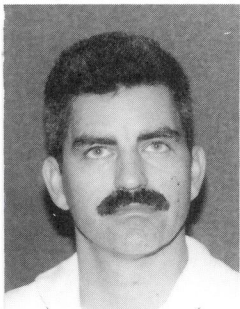


EMFA Render

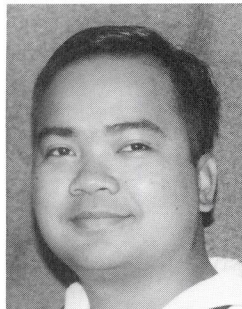


M DIVISION

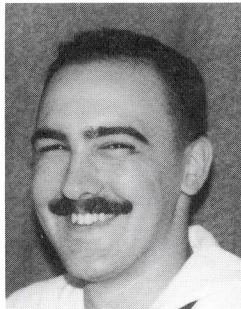
GAS TURBINE (GS): Responsible for the operation and maintenance of the ships main propulsion. They are also responsible for many of the LM-2500 associated sub-systems.



GMS1 Minor



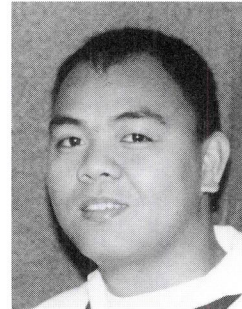
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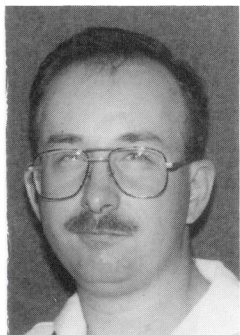
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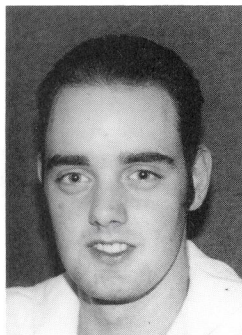
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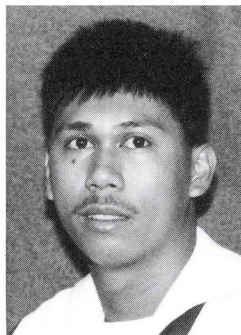
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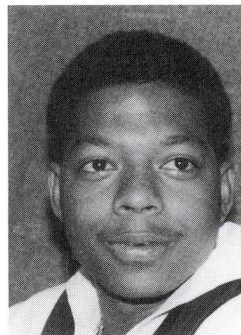
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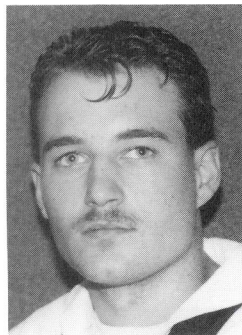
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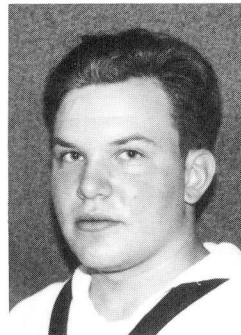
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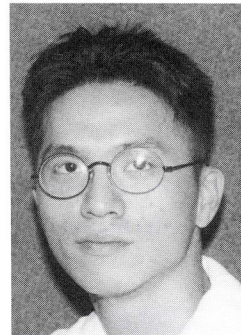
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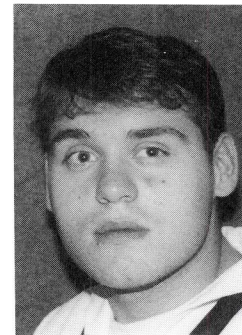
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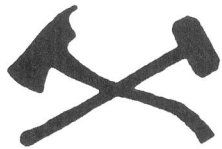
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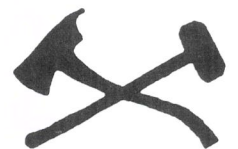
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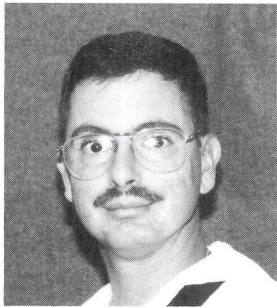
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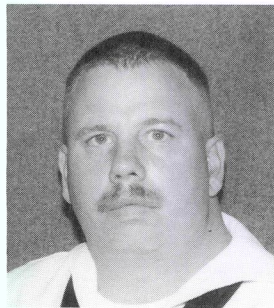
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DAMAGE CONTROLMEN (DC): They are responsible for the damage control equipment and are key leaders in training the ships crew in all aspects of damage control.



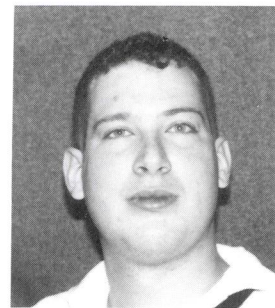
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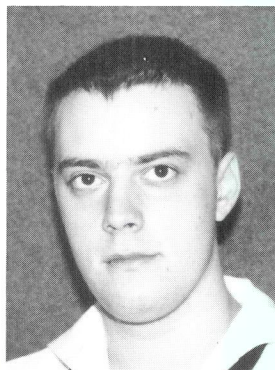


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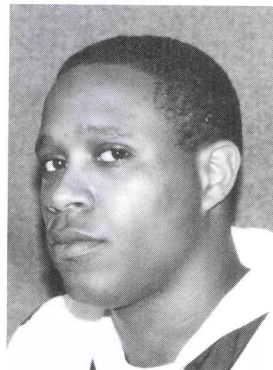


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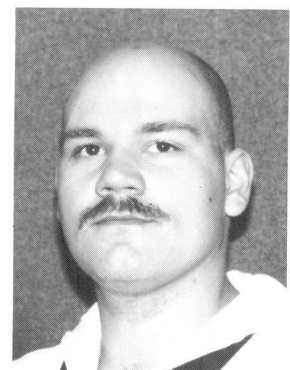
HULL TECHNICIANS (HT): Maintain and repair the ships hull and piping systems and aid in the training of the ships crew in damage control.



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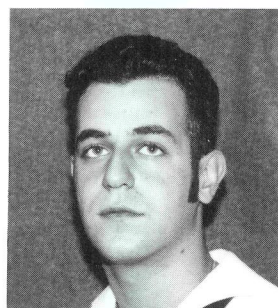


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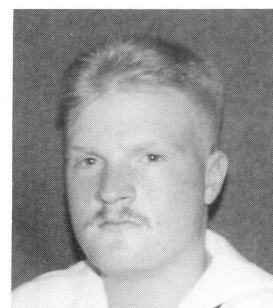


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MACHINERY REPAIRMEN (MR): Are the ships machinists. They make precision repairs to machinery and are often called upon to manufacture emergency parts from scratch.



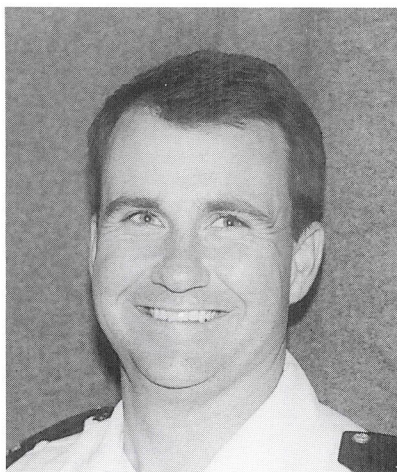
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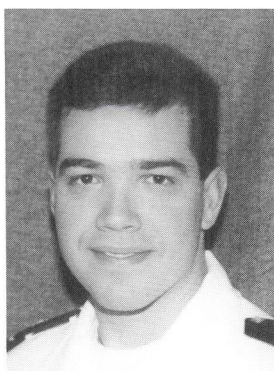
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OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

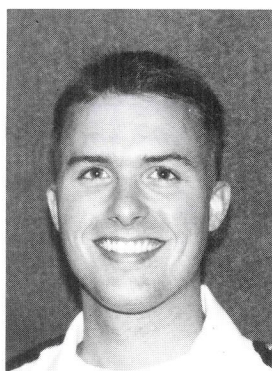
The operations department is responsible for the operation of the ships sensors, the safe navigation of the ship, external electronic and visual communication, hull maintenance and preservation, deck seamanship, and helicopter operations.



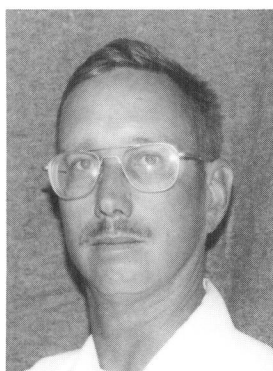
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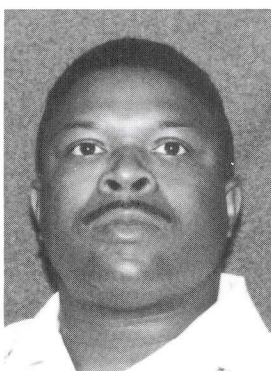
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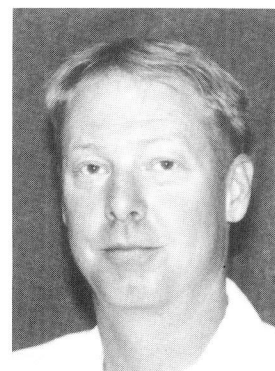
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BMCS(SW/AW) Briggs



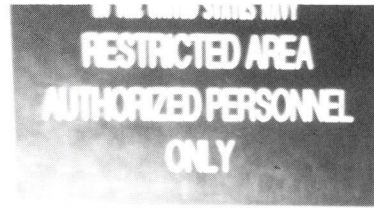
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OSC(SW) Young



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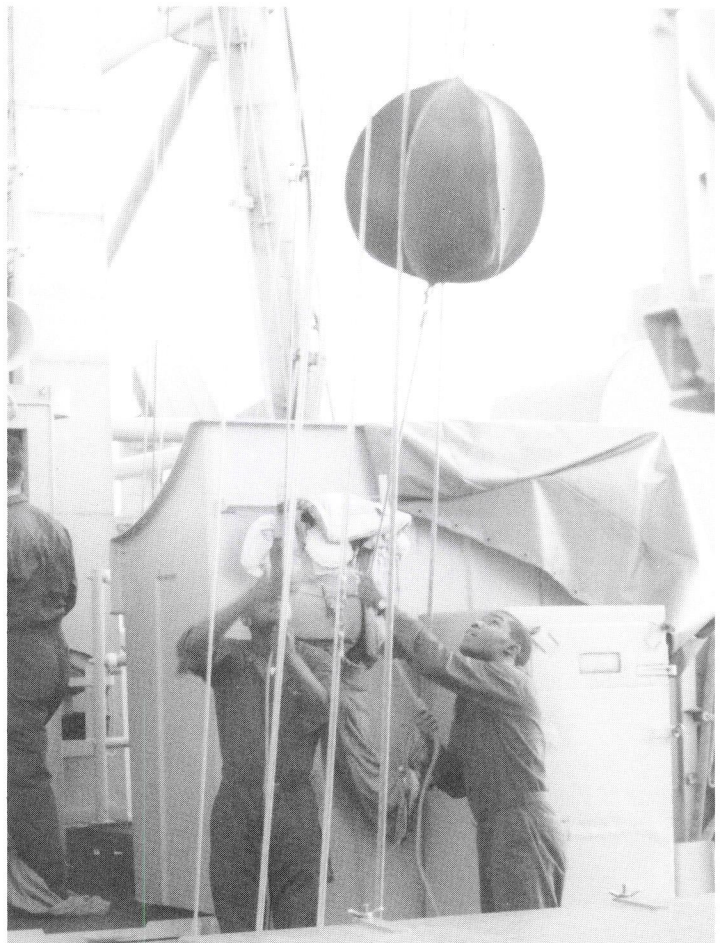


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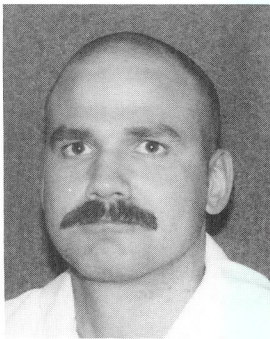
When the ship has things to do, Operations Department makes sure it gets done



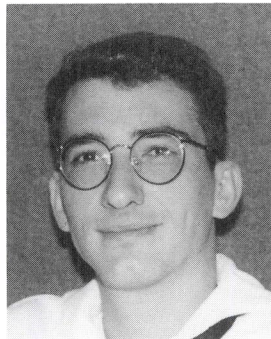


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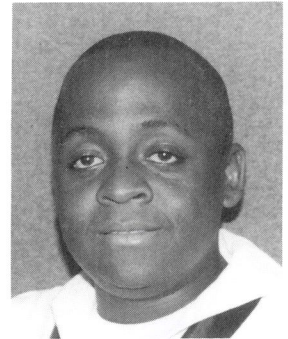
OPERATION SPECIALISTS (OS): Operate radars, identification equipment, communication equipment, control fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft. Make recommendation's to the Commanding Officer, Tactical Action Officer, and Officer of the Deck concerning tactical employment of the ship and its weapon status.



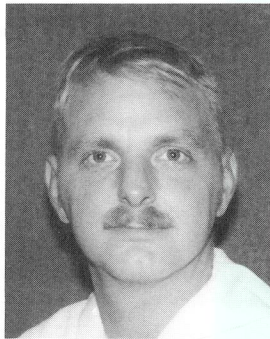
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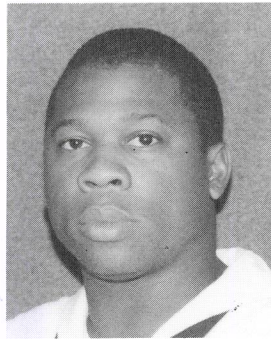
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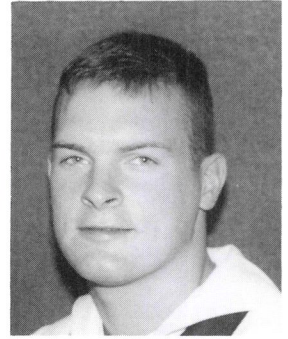
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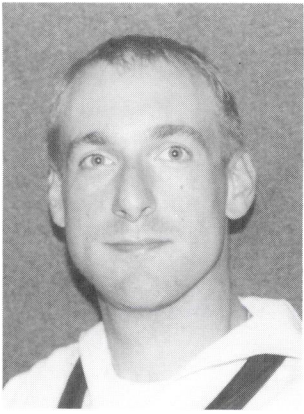
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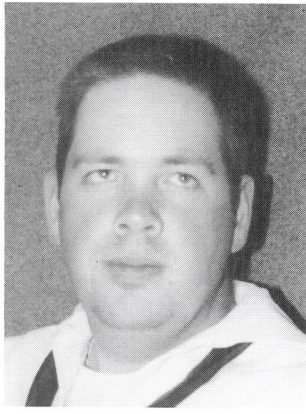
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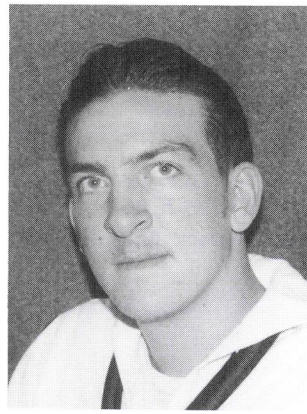
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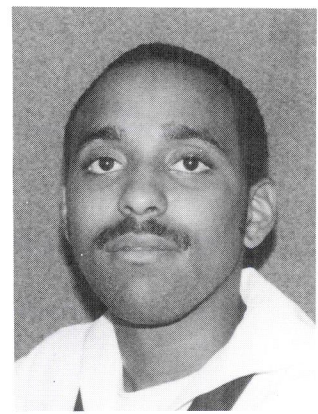
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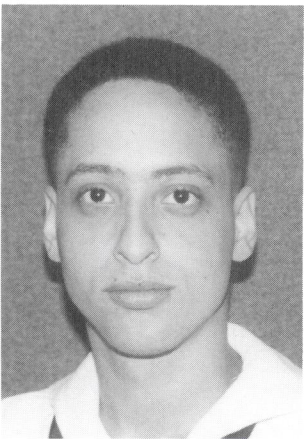
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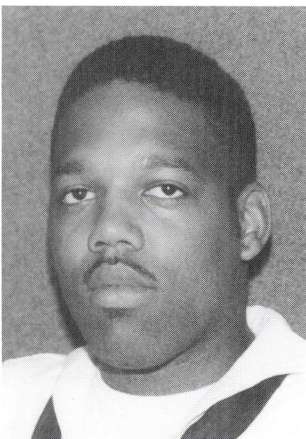
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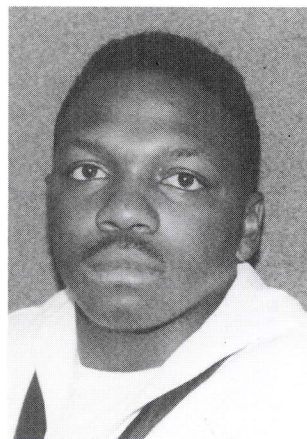
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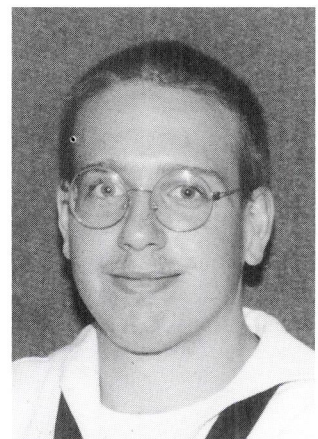
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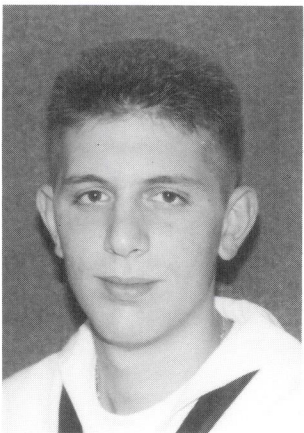


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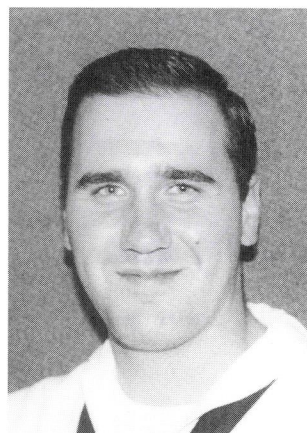
ELECTRONIC WARFARE TECHNICIANS (EW): Intercept and interpret data from electronic signals. Inform the Commanding Officer and Officer of the Deck of threat signals and recommend appropriate counter measures.



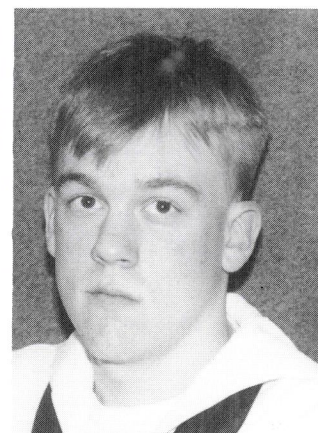
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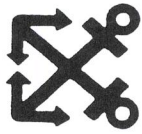
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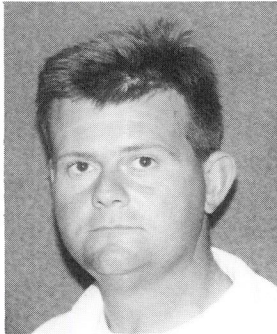


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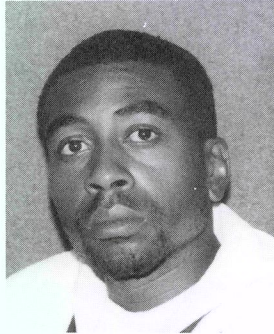


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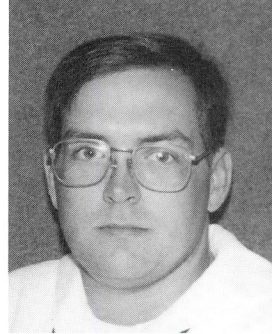
BOATSWAIN'S MATE (BM): Oldest rate in the Navy. Responsible for all deck seamanship evolution's, cleanliness, and preservation of the ships exterior. They also provide lookouts for unknown air and surface contacts, pilot the RHIB boat and are helmsman for the ship.



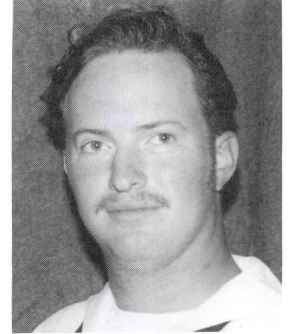
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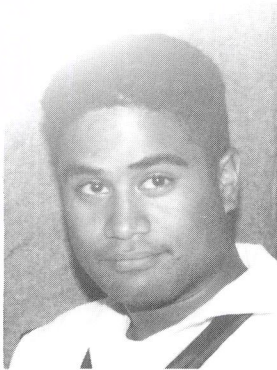
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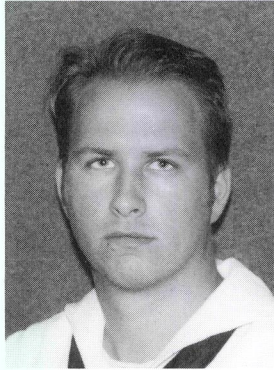
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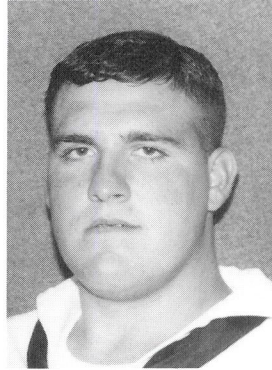
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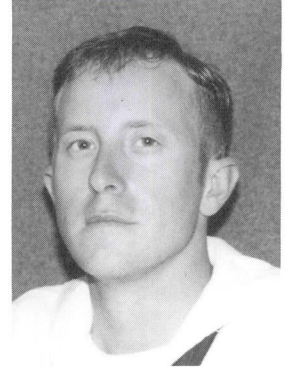
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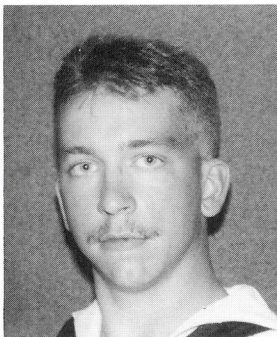
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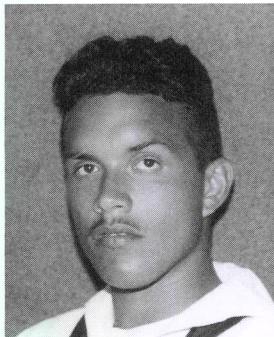
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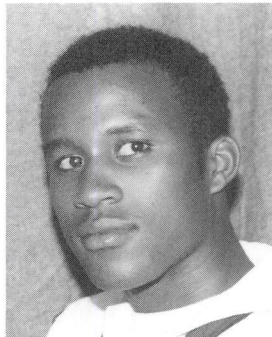
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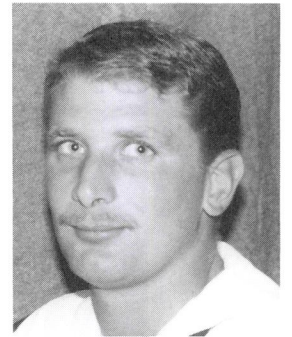
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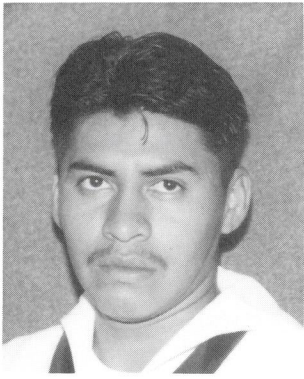
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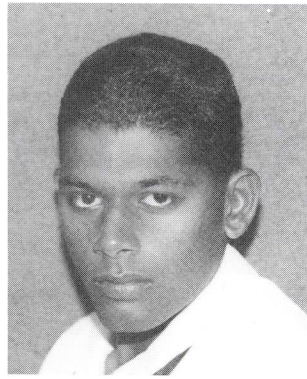
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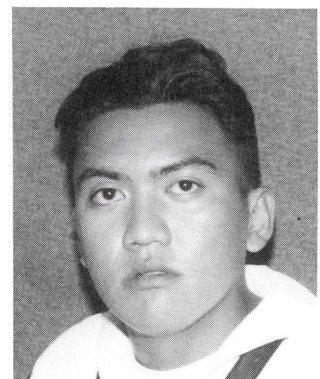
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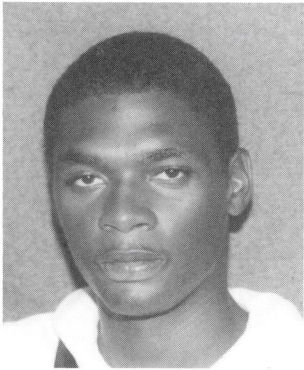
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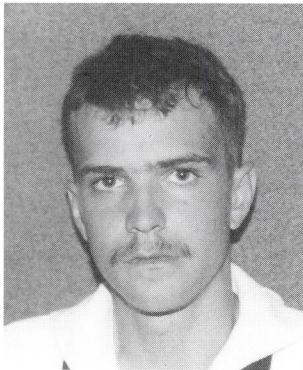
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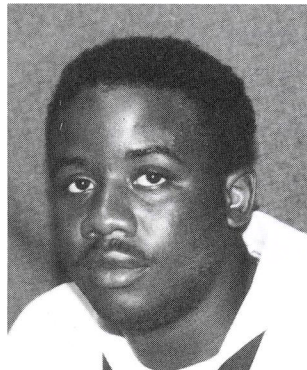
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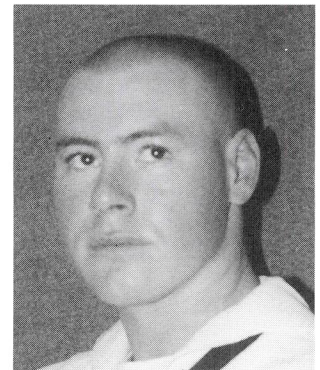
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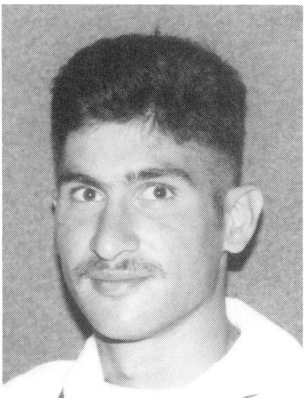
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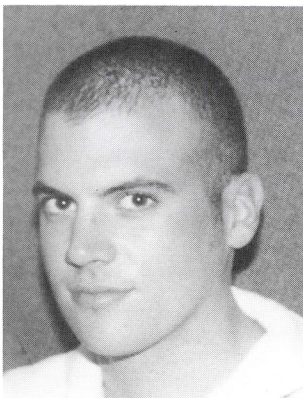
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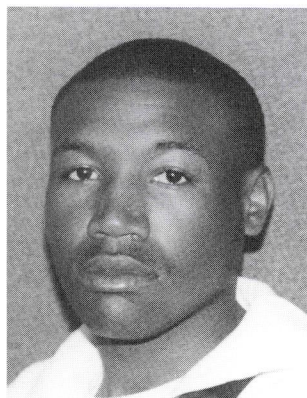
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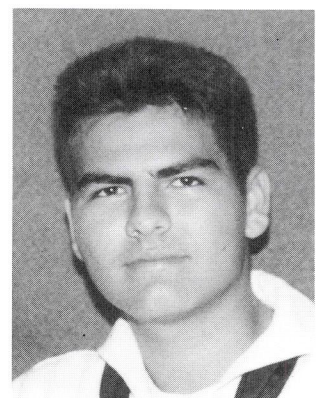
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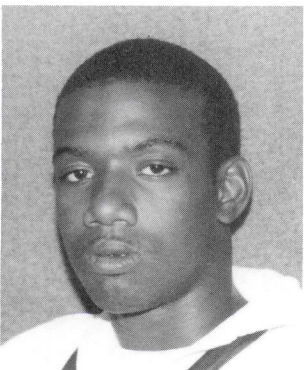
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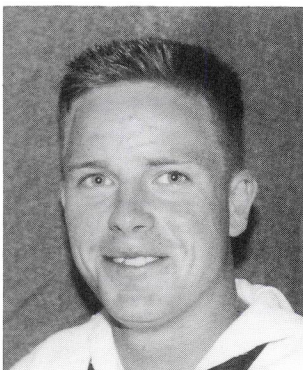
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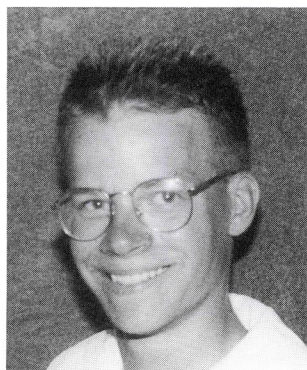
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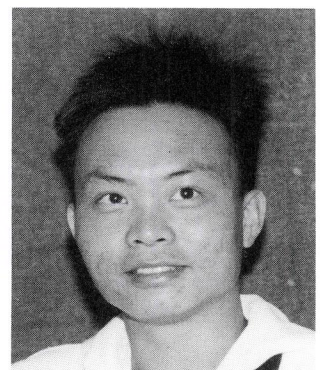
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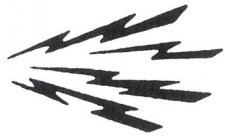
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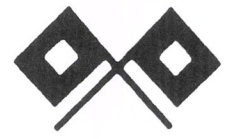
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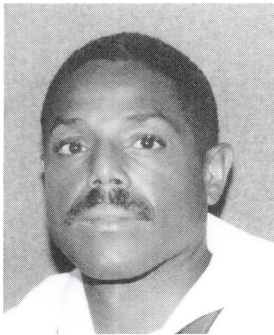
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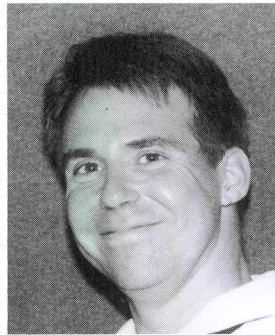
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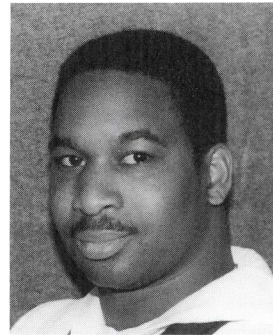
RADIOMEN (RM): These men are responsible for providing and maintaining long range communications between the ship and Fleet Commanders. Also responsible for the tactical communications within the Battle group.



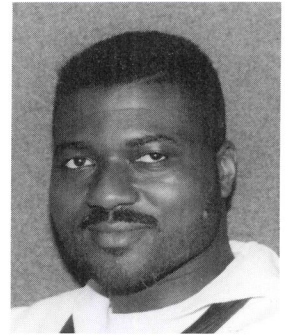
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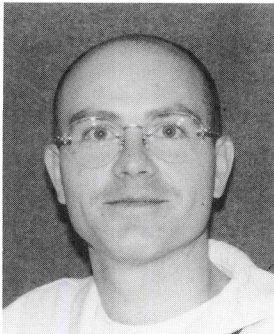
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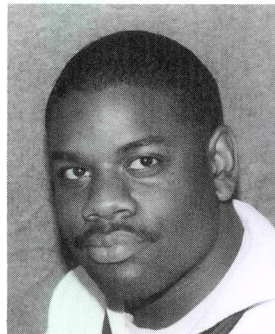
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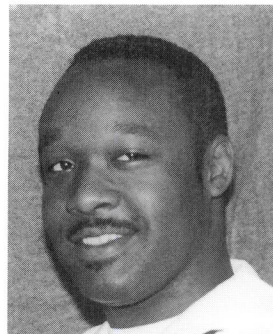
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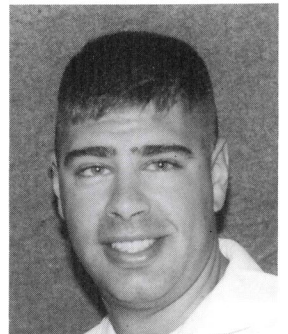
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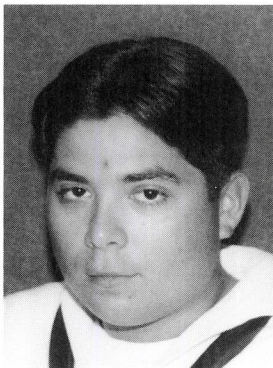


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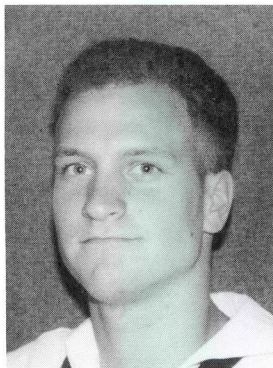


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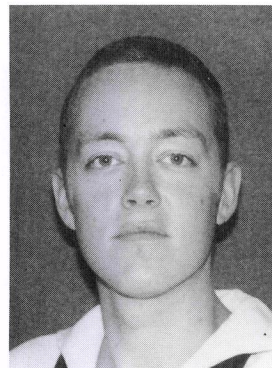
SIGNALMEN (SM): Responsible for all visual communications including signal light, flag hoists, semaphore, and pyrotechnics. When not involved in communications, function as lookouts.



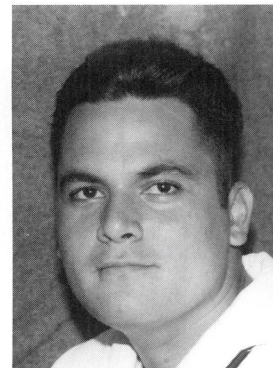
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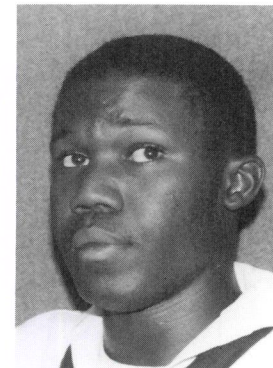
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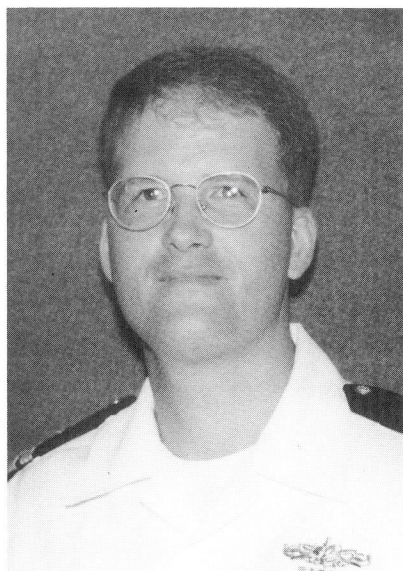
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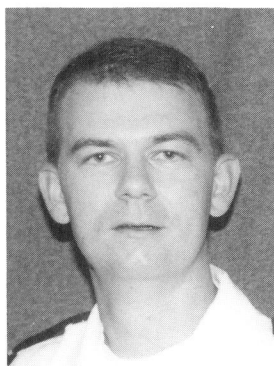
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SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

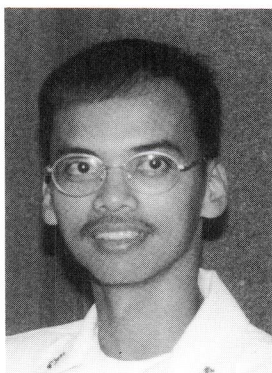
The Supply Department is composed of many rating and provides numerous services to the crew including the stocking, ordering and receiving of all the parts and supplies necessary to keep a ship running smoothly. They are also responsible for providing many services to the crew such as postal services, laundry and barber services.



LT Nystrom



LTJG Erickson



SKC(SW) Manlutac



MSC Suarez

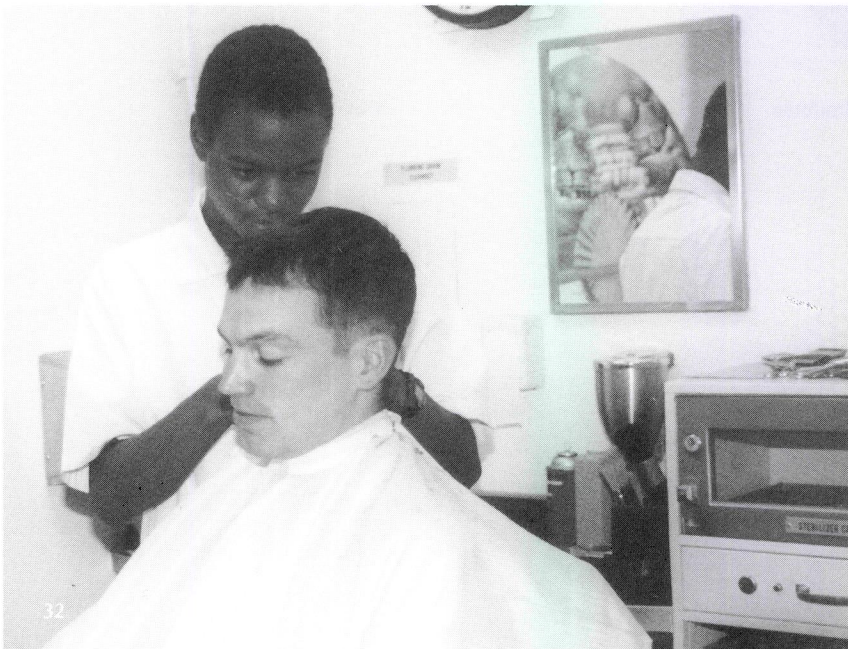


(left)
You need the parts by when?

Supply Department ensures the ship has both guns and butter



(below)
Customer Service

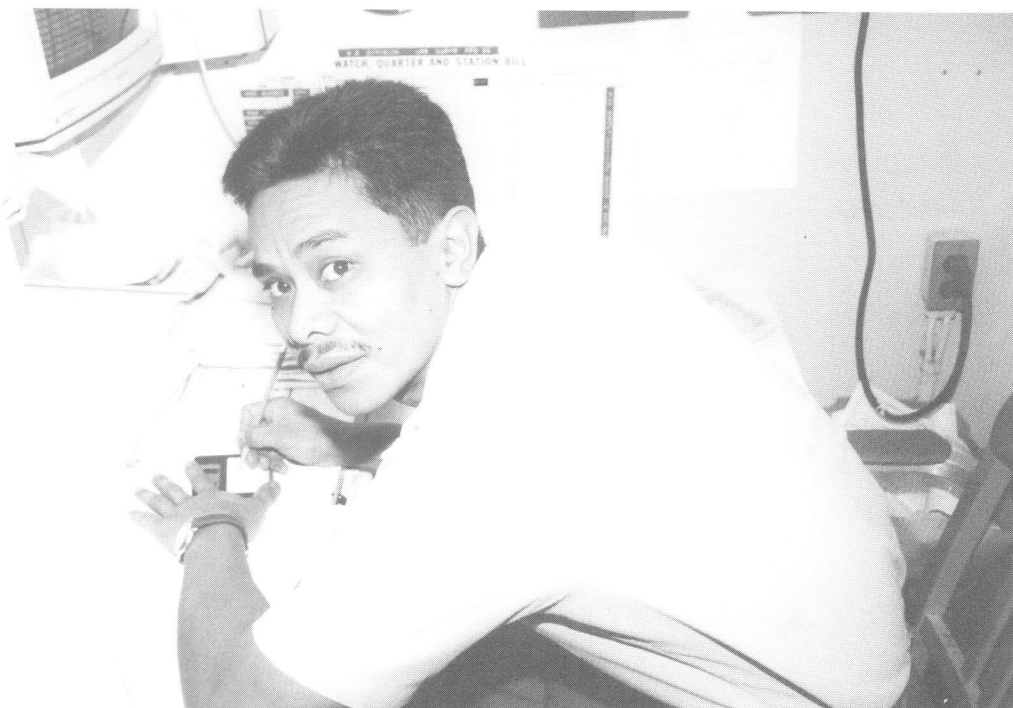




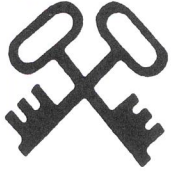
(above)
Start setting up for lunch



(right)
Parts are onboard

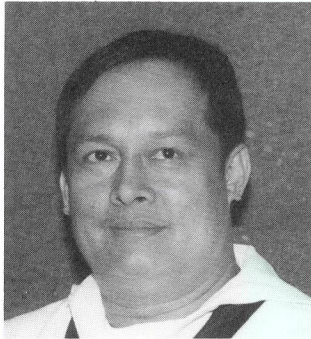


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You still need 60 days of stores
onboard?

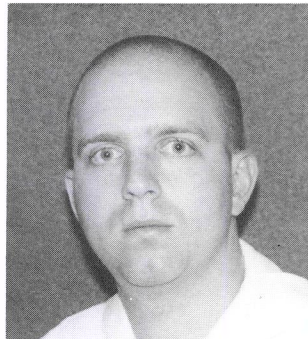


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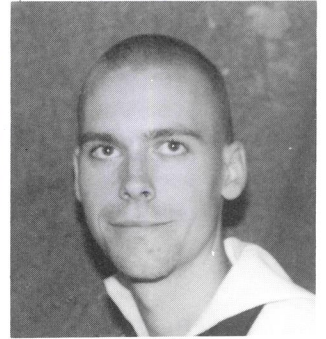
STOREKEEPERS (SK): Order, receive, issue and store the ships operating and maintenance supplies, and they maintain the ships budget.



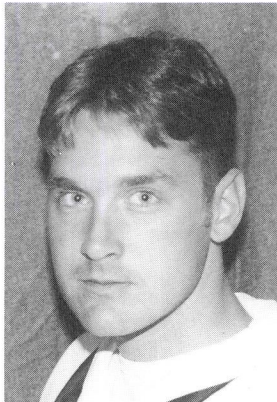
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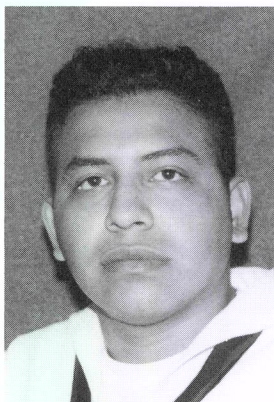
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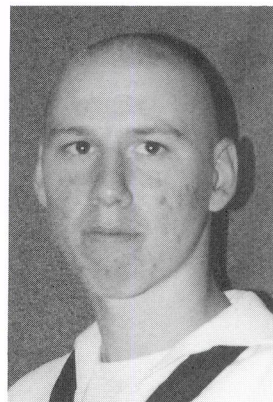
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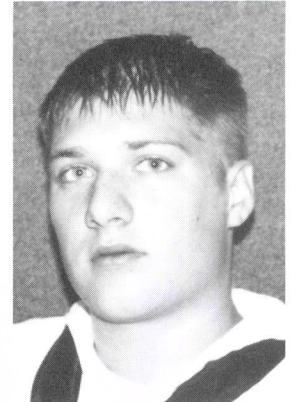
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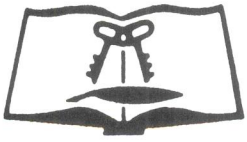
SKSA Crespo



SKSA Leavitt



SKSA Waters

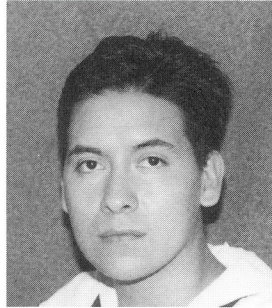


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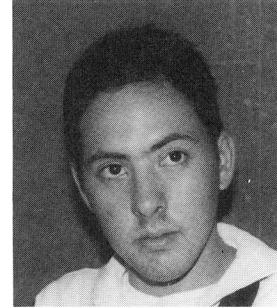
MESS MANAGEMENT SPECIALISTS (MS): Responsible for the preparation of meals for the crew. They are responsible for the food sanitation, positive customer service and play a major role in the crews morale.



MS1 Dalusong



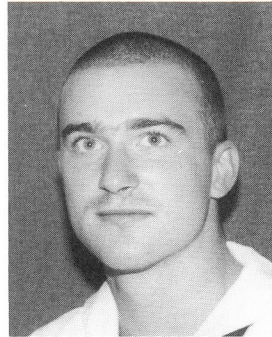
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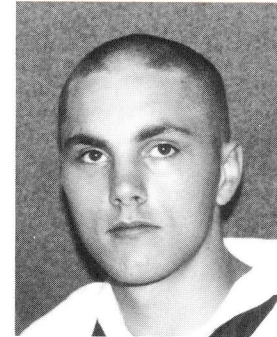
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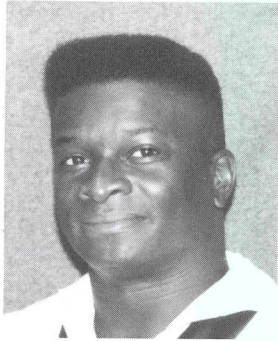
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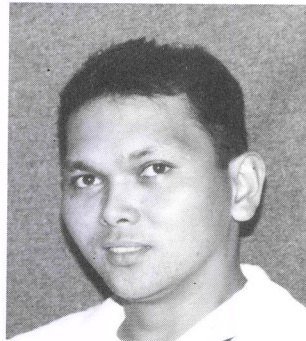
S-3/S-4 DIVISION



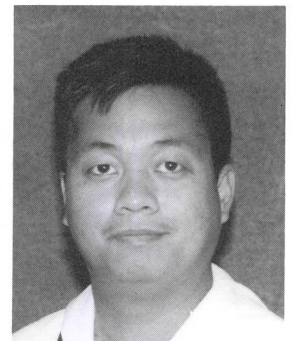
SHIPS SERVICEMEN (SH): Operate the ships store, barber shop, laundry, and soda and candy machines. Profits generated in the ships store go toward the ships recreation fund.



PC1 Wilder



SH2 Gebilaguin

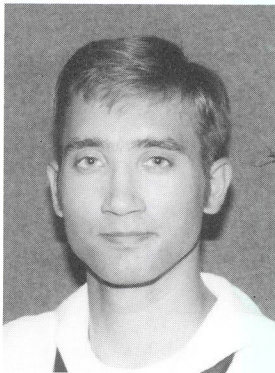


DK2 Lagarde

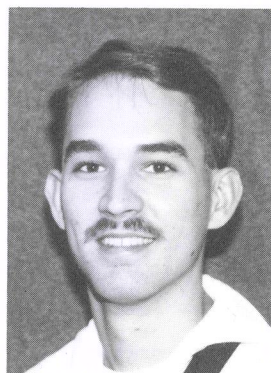
HOSPITAL CORPSMEN (HM): Are responsible for providing health care to the crew. Also responsible for performing sanitation inspections of food services areas and crew living spaces.

POSTAL CLERK (PC): Operate Navy post offices, perform postal counter work, process mail, and maintain postal equipment.

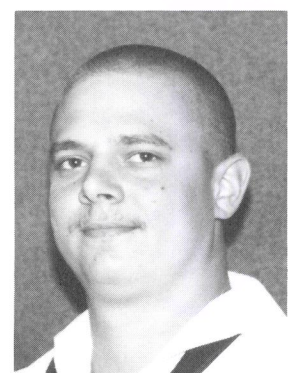
DISBURSING CLERK (DK): Are responsible for keeping the crew's pay record up to date and paying the ships crew.



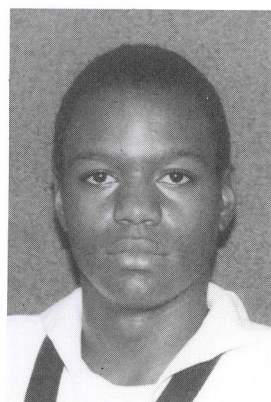
HM3 Keller



SH3 Class



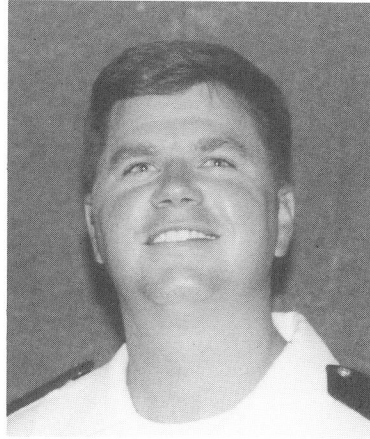
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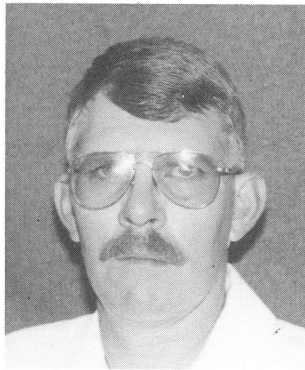
SHSA Daughtrey



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



LT Nilsson



MAC(SW/AW) McCain

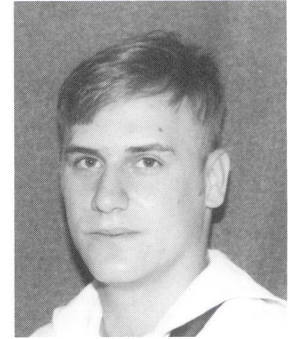
The Executive Department is responsible for the administrative organization of the ship. Their responsibilities include proper record keeping, assisting the crew with administrative requests and maintaining administrative structure. Additional responsibilities of the department is safe navigation, maintaining good order and discipline, and educational services for the crew.



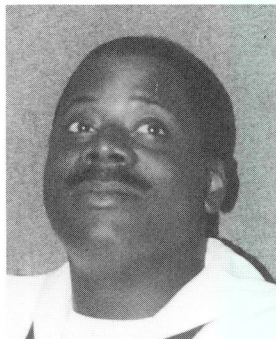
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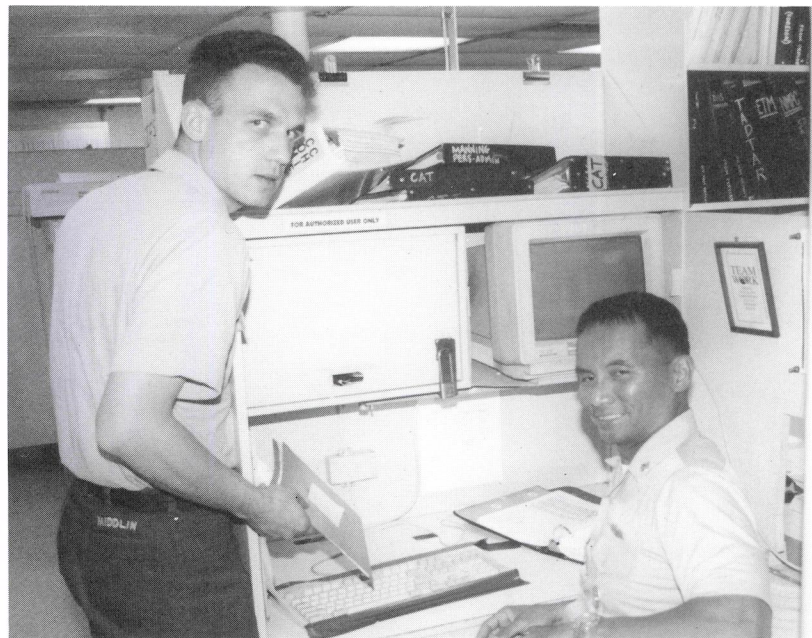
QM1(SW) Jenkins



QM3 Carter



QMSN McFayden



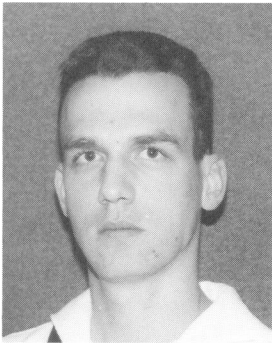
QUARTERMASTER (QM): Responsible to the Navigator and Commanding Officer for the safe navigation of the ship in inland water and open oceans. Accomplishes this task by the use of celestial and electronic plotting of the ships position.



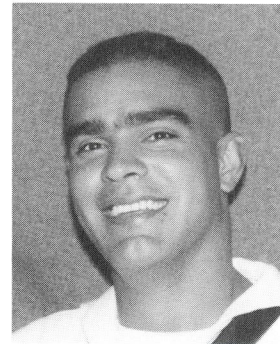
XX Division



YEOMAN (YN): Are responsible for the ships files, incoming and outgoing corresponding, records, maintaining up to date directives and maintenance of officer service records.

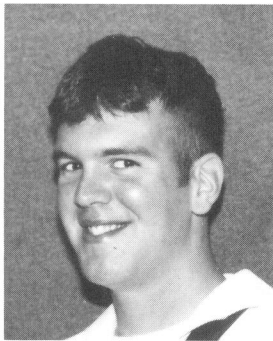


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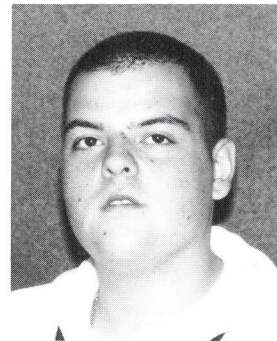


PN2(SW) Roberts

PERSONNELMAN (PN): Are responsible for the custody and maintenance of enlisted service records and determine eligibility for promotion and awards.

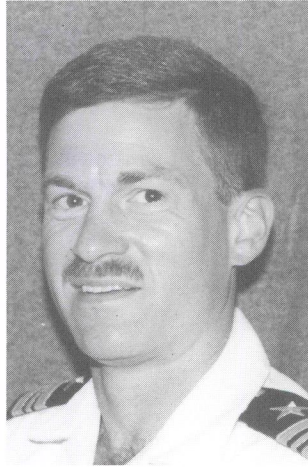


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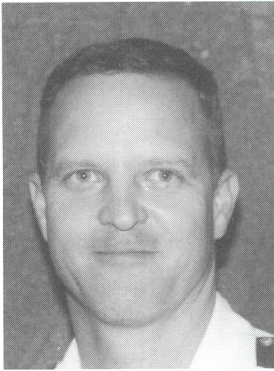


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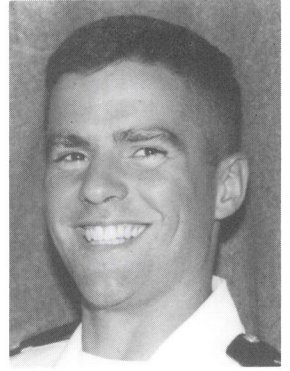
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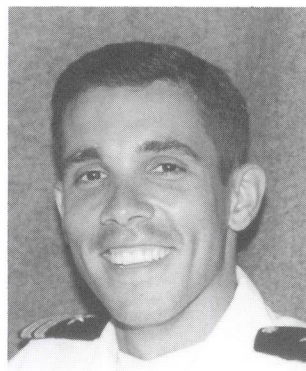
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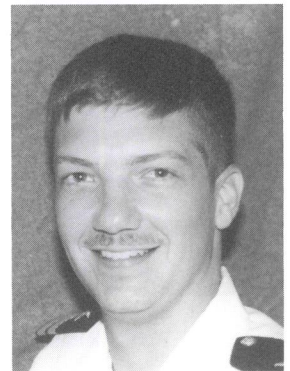
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LT Wojcik



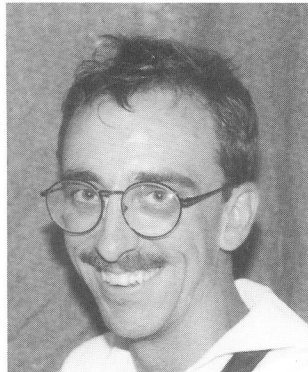
LT Strong



LT Ouelletee



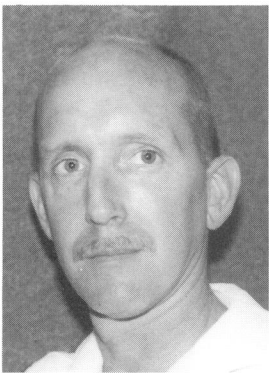
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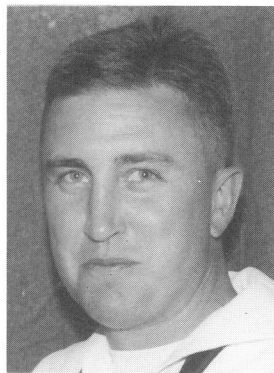
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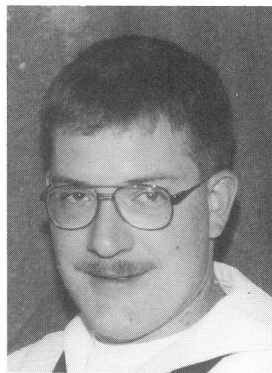
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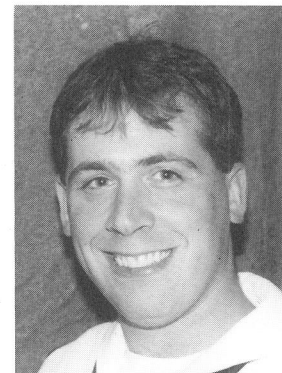
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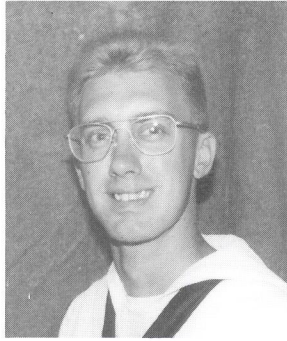
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AMS2 Cook



AD2(AW) Whitney



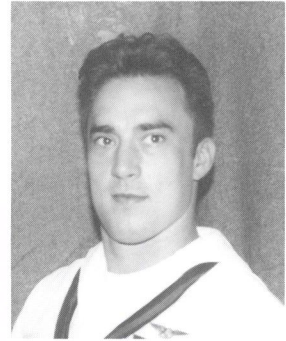
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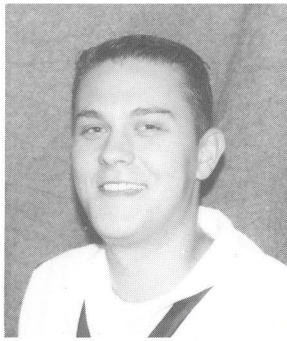
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AE2 Rohe



AW2(AW/NAC) Ibarra



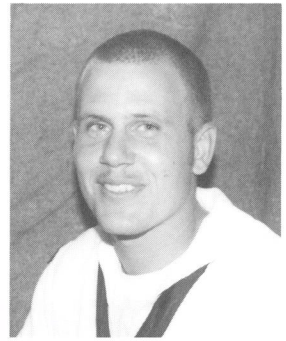
AW2(AW/NAC) Hash



AD3 Tijam



AT3 Lillis



AMSAN Ownes



PHASE SHOULD BE FINISHED UP
TOMORROW, WHEN IS THE
FUNCTIONAL CHECK FLIGHT?

USS CURTS FFG 38

38 SPECIAL

PLAN OF THE DAY

FRIDAY, 23 MAY 1997 (J.D. 143) UNDERWAY FOR MID CYCLE ASSESSMENT AND TRANSITEX ONE

COMMANDING OFFICER: CDR FRICK
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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

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ADVISOR: RMC(SW) CARLISLE
CAREER COUNSELOR: GMC(SW) WILES
DRUG AND ALCOHOL

PROGRAM ADVISOR: STG1(SW/AW) ANDEL
UNIFORM OF THE DAY: SUMMER WHITES
OFFICERS AND CPO'S: SUMMER WHITES
E-6 AND BELOW: SUMMER WHITES

PRESCRIBED WORKING UNIFORM
WORKING KHAKI
DUNGAREES

SENIOR/JUNIOR SAILORS OF THE YEAR: BM1(SW) JOHNSON/SK3 NELSON
SAILORS OF THE FOURTH QUARTER
SENIOR: BM1(SW) JOHNSON
JUNIOR: SHSN DURAN

SAILORS OF THE FIRST QUARTER
SENIOR: STG1(SW/AW) ANDEL
JUNIOR: BM3 STRZELECKI

SUNRISE: 0630
SUNSET: 1900

DIVISION OF THE WEEK: OC/CE
DUTY HEAD: CREW'S COMPLEX 1

ALL HANDS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND OBEYING ORDERS CONTAINED IN THE PLAN OF THE DAY. THE FOLLOWING IS AN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL DAILY ROUTINE.

THINK SAFETY

FRIDAY, 23 MAY

0001-0400 NIGHT STEAM PKG
0600 MANDO PT
0630-0830 CROSSDECK 1 (PAX TRANSFER)
0800 MEDICAL TRNG (STRAGGLERS)
0800 OC/CE PERSONNEL INSPECTION
0830 SET THE UNREP DETAIL
0900 RAS W/USNS GUADALUPE
TBD OC/CE ZONE INSPECTION
1000 BASIC DC EXAM
1030 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
1300 SSDF TRNG
1300 WEEKLY DEPT HEAD MTG

1300 ESWs TRNG: SURFACE SHIPS' SONAR
(STG1(SW/AW))
1330 SAFETY COUNCIL MTG
1400 RETENTION COUNCIL MTG
TBD LINKEX
TBD JAMEX
TBD BREAKLOCKEX
1700-2000 RLQ (HS14)
1830 ADV DC TRNG
1845 DAILY OPS BRIEF
1900 ESWs TRNG: SURFACE SHIPS' SONAR
(STG1(SW/AW))
1900-2000 DC DINQ TRNG
2100-2300 LINKEX

38 SPECIAL MENU

BREAKFAST

OVEN FRIED BACON
GRILLED HAM

LUNCH

STEAK AND CHEESE SANDWICH
BARBECUED PORK

DINNER

SOUTHERN FRIED CATFISH
BEEF STEW

THOUGHT OF THE DAY: AN OPTIMIST GOES TO THE WINDOW EVERY MORNING AND SAYS "GOOD MORNING GOD." THE PESSIMIST GOES TO THE WINDOW AND SAYS "GOOD GOD, MORNING."

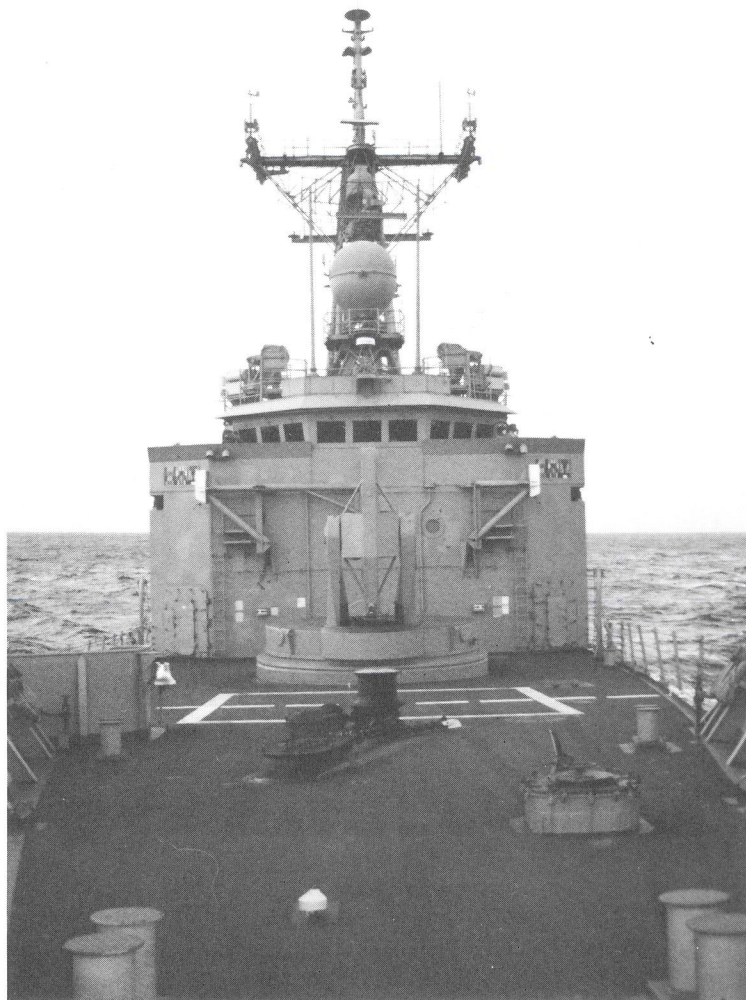
MIDSHIPMEN: FIRST CLASS MIDSHIPMEN (RECOGNIZED BY THE EAGLE AND ANCHOR COLLAR DEVICES), ARE TO BE TREATED AS JUNIOR OFFICERS. THEY ARE TO BE EXTENDED THE SAME COURTESIES AS AN ENSIGN.

CRUISEBOOK NOTE: THE THEME FOR THE CRUISEBOOK HAS BEEN CHANGED TO INCLUDE ONLY THE DEPLOYMENT. IT'S TIME TO START GETTING THOSE PICTURES THAT YOU WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN YOUR CRUISEBOOK TURNED IN TO THE COMMITTEE. FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE A CRUISEBOOK COMMITTEE MEMBER OR GMC(SW) WILES.

TYPHOON SEASON: CONDITIONS OF READINESS (COR):

COR IV-POSSIBLE THREAT OF 50 KTS WIND WITHIN 72 HOURS
COR III-DESTRUCTIVE WINDS POSSIBLE WITHIN 48 HOURS
COR II-DESTRUCTIVE WINDS ANTICIPATED WITHIN 24 HOURS
COR I-DESTRUCTIVE WINDS OCCURRING OR ANTICIPATED WITHIN 12 HOURS

GUEST CHEFS: A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GUEST CHEFS: BMCS(SW) BRIGGS, BM1(SW) JOHNSON, SM1(SW) BROWN.



UNDERWAY LIFE



TODAY'S FIT TIP: LISTEN TO BACK TALK. PAY IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO TWINGES OF PAIN IN THE BACK OF THE WAIST, OR DOWN ONE LEG, OR TO A SORE BACK WHEN WALKING. THEY'RE NOT NORMAL TO THE AVERAGE, HEALTHY BACK.

HONG KONG NOTE: THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE (RHKP) ARE THE LOCAL POLICE. OFFICERS WHO HAVE RED SHOULDER TABS SPEAK PASSABLE ENGLISH. DO NOT GET INTO A CONFLICT WITH THE RHKP. IF YOU ARE ARRESTED BY THE RHKP, REQUEST SHORE PATROL ASSISTANCE BY DIALING (2802-0403/2802-0430). IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU KNOW THE NUMBERS FOR SHORE PATROL HEADQUARTERS BEFORE GOING ON LIBERTY. IF ANYONE IS ARRESTED, NAVY CONTRACTING DEPARTMENT (NCD) HONG KONG MUST BE NOTIFIED AND WILL INTERCEDE ON YOUR BEHALF. IN CASE OF AN ARREST, THE SHORE PATROL OFFICER WILL SEND A SENIOR ENLISTED FROM THE SHORE PATROL DETAIL TO THE POLICE STATION TO OBSERVE THE PROCESSING AND TO ADVISE YOU OF YOUR RIGHT NOT TO MAKE A STATEMENT. THE SHORE PATROL REPRESENTATIVE ALONG WITH THE NCD STAFF WILL ENDEAVOR TO HAVE YOU RELEASED TO THEIR CUSTODY AND RETURNED TO THE SHIP.

INTOXICATION: USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM AT ALL TIMES. NEVER LEAVE YOUR SHIPMATE UNATTENDED WHILE SOBER OR INTOXICATED, IN A HOTEL ROOM, BAR, OR RETURNING FROM LIBERTY. DO NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE STREETS, IT IS AGAINST THE LAW. IT IS ALSO AGAINST THE LAW TO SLEEP IN A BAR OR DISCO.

DRUG SITUATION: DRUG LAWS IN HONG KONG ARE STRICT. POSSESSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF NARCOTICS ARE TAKEN AS SERIOUS OFFENSES, RESULTING IN PRISON TERMS FROM 6 MONTHS TO 7 YEARS. THE RHKP HAVE A GREAT NUMBER OF PLAIN CLOTHES POLICE OFFICERS INTERSPREAD THROUGHOUT THE CITY ATTEMPTING TO OBSERVE DRUG ACTIVITY. DRUGS ARE READILY AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG. POPULAR DRUGS ARE MARIJUANA AND ICE-METHAMPHETAMINE. THE PURITY OF ALL DRUGS IS UP TO 97 PERCENT PURE AND UNCUT AND THEREFORE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. THE BOTTOM LINE-DON'T MESS WITH IT. ANY CASE WHERE YOU ARE OFFERED DRUGS SHOULD BE REPORTED TO SOPA-ADMIN SO THAT THE LOCAL POLICE MAY BE INFORMED.

HONG KONG HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL: WHILE INPORT HONG KONG WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISPOSE OF SOME BULK AND PACKAGED HAZARDOUS WASTES. ANY WORKCENTERS WHO PLAN ON DISPOSING HAZARDOUS WASTES IN HONG KONG NEED TO CONTACT SKC(SW) MANLUTAC OR SK1 FAIRBANKS BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS 25 MAY.

1998 VARIABLE HOUSING ALLOWANCE (VHA) SURVEY: THE 1998 VHS SURVEYS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN JUNE. THE TIMELY AND ACCURATE COMPLETION OF THE SURVEY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ENSURE ACCEPTABLE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR SAILORS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE DATA FROM THIS SURVEY WILL BE USED TO ESTABLISH VHA RATES. IN 1997 ONLY 69% OF THE NAVY RETURNED THE SURVEY AND THIS MAY HAVE RESULTED IN INACCURATE VHA RATES WHICH ADVERSELY IMPACTS QUALITY OF LIFE. WE INTEND TO DO BETTER THIS YEAR. BY JUNE, HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AVAILABLE: MONTHLY RENT OR MORTGAGE AMOUNT, AVERAGE UTILITY COSTS, MAINTENANCE COSTS, AND REQUIRED HOUSING COSTS SUCH AS INSURANCE AND/OR MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COSTS. THIS IS ONE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAM WHERE YOUR INPUT DIRECTLY INFLUENCES YOUR PAY AND ALLOWANCES. YOUR PARTICIPATION IS ESSENTIAL AS WELL AS MANDATORY. CURTS' GOAL IS A 100% RETURN RATE.

TRICARE IN YOKOSUKA: HOW WILL TRICARE BE SET UP AT THE U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL YOKOSUKA? AS AN ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARY, YOU WILL NOW RECEIVE HEALTH CARE ON ONE OF THREE TEAMS, RED, BLUE OR GREEN. EACH TEAM IS LED BY A PRIMARY CARE MANAGER AND IS MADE UP OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS, PEDIATRICIANS, INTERNAL MEDICINE SPECIALISTS, NURSES INDEPENDENT DUTY CORPSMEN AND OTHERS. USS CURTS' BELONGS TO THE BLUE TEAM.

HOW CAN I BECOME ENROLLED IN TRICARE PRIME? EACH ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARY WILL BE ASSIGNED TO A TEAM (BLUE FOR CURTS), HOWEVER, ONLY ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES CAN BE ENROLLED IN TRICARE PRIME. ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS ARE AUTOMATICALLY ENROLLED IN PRIME. FAMILY MEMBERS MUST CHOOSE TO ENROLL. ONLY IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS MAY ENROLL.

WHEN SHOULD I ENROLL IN TRICARE? YOU SHOULD ENROLL IN TRICARE PRIME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU HAVE NOT ENROLLED BY JULY 1, 1997, YOU WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY COVERED BY TRICARE STANDARD. UNDER STANDARD, YOU WILL BE LIABLE FOR VARIOUS COSTS IF YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS RECEIVES HEALTH CARE OFF BASE. THEREFORE, ENROLLING IN TRICARE PRIME CAN SAVE YOU POTENTIAL OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE COMMAND MASTER CHIEF.

ESWS NUGGET: THE ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S NUGGET IS: THE BLEED AIR SYSTEM IS FROM THE 16TH STAGE OF THE COMPRESSOR PROVIDES START AIR FOR THE OFF LINE TURBINE, ANTIICING, AND FEEDS THE PRAIRIE MASKER SYSTEM.

TODAY'S NUGGET:-WHAT IS THE START AIR COMPRESSOR (SAC)?

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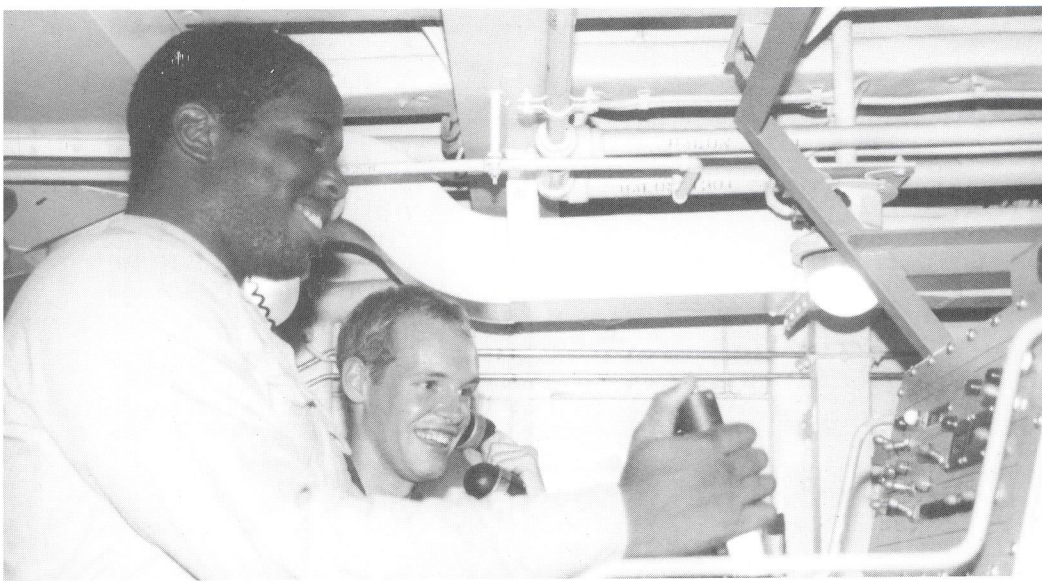
CURTS LIVE IT!



(left)
Curts celebrates her many
departmental "excellence"
awards

(middle left)
Deploying the tactical towed
array sonar

(below)
Visit board search and seizure
(VBSS) team at work



(left)
SM's striking up a conversation



(left)
Royal Thai naval ship during Sea
Eagle exercise

(right)
“This sea and anchor detail ain’t
nothing ...”



(below)
“Get them over when you can”



(below)
Not exactly Mt. Suribachi, but
it’s close



COMMAND & CONTROL

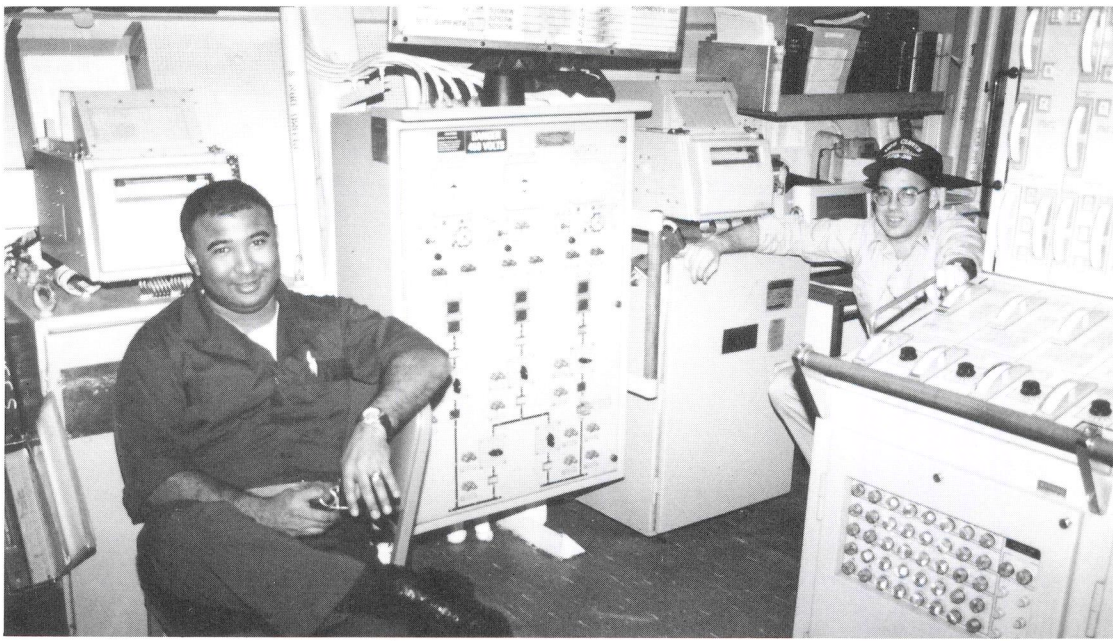


(right and below photos)
Bridge-safe navigation

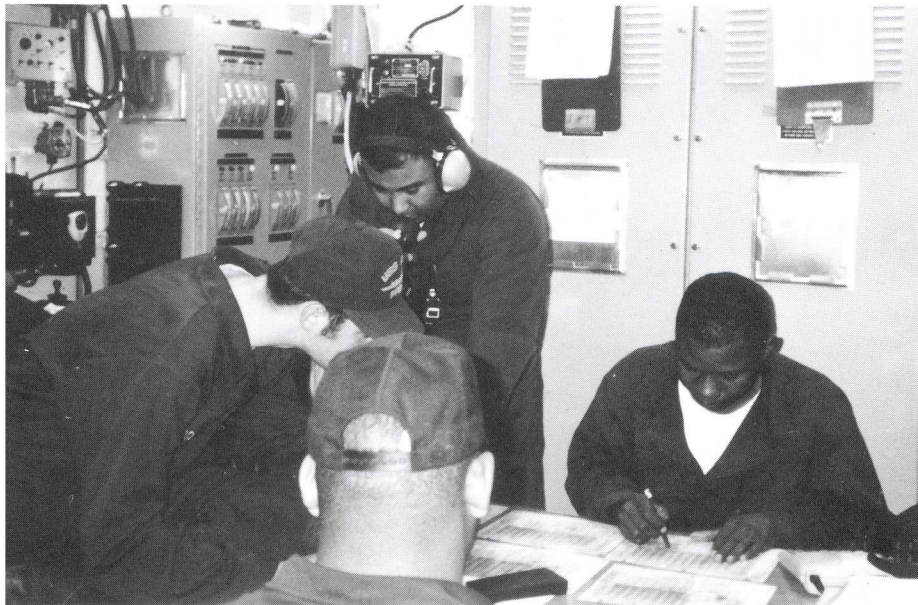


(left and right photos)
Combat Information
Center-tactical employment





Central Control Station-
Engineering plant control



(right)
Sonar Control



(left)
Common Office Complex

(right)
Missile Launcher Control



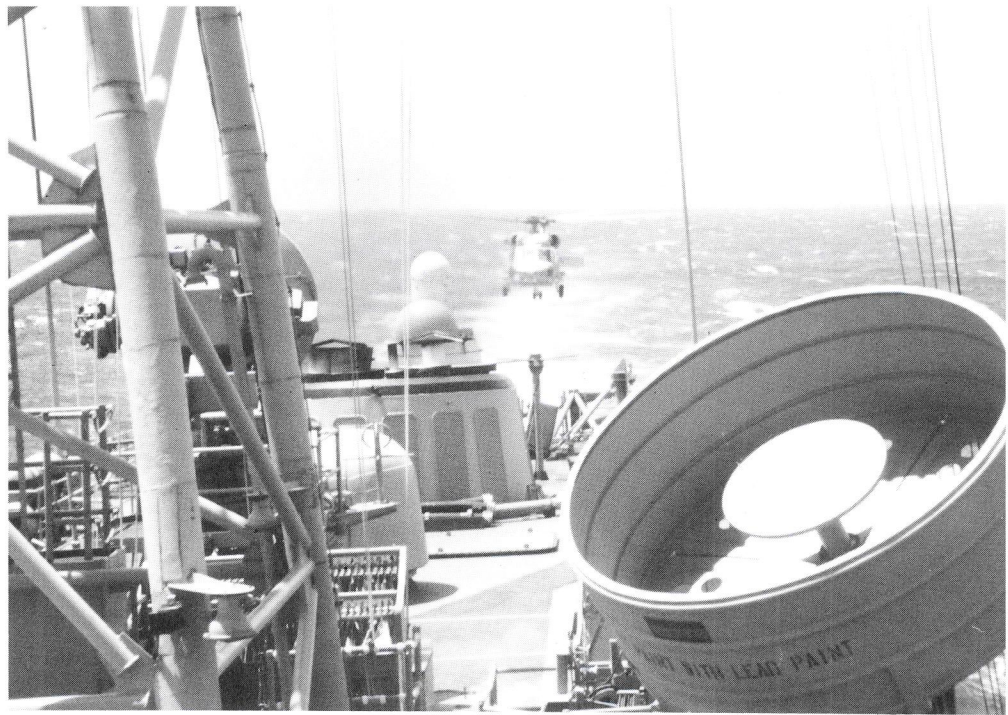


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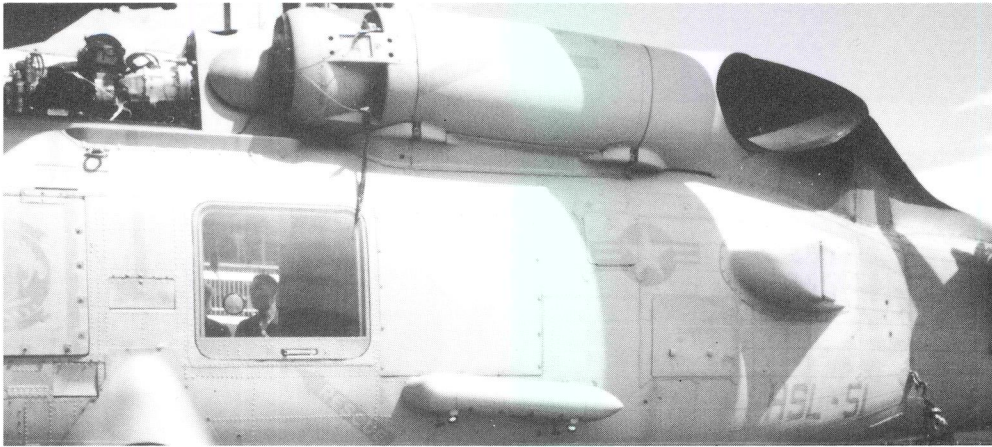
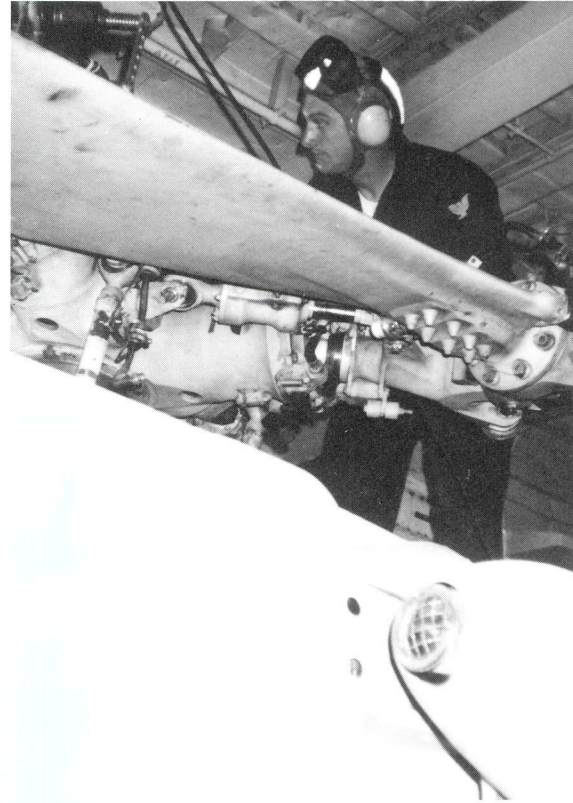
Flight Quarters was almost a daily occurrence onboard, both day and night. Six hundred three flight hours were logged onto Hell-fire 04 and 10, the ship's two SH-60B aircraft.

OPS



AIR MAINTENANCE

ALOT EFFORT GOES INTO MAKING SURE EVERYTHING WORKS



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(above)
Closing within 100 feet of this oiler,
USS CURTS prepares to receive a
refueling probe.



(left and right photos)
A twenty man working party
provides the power to complete this
operation.

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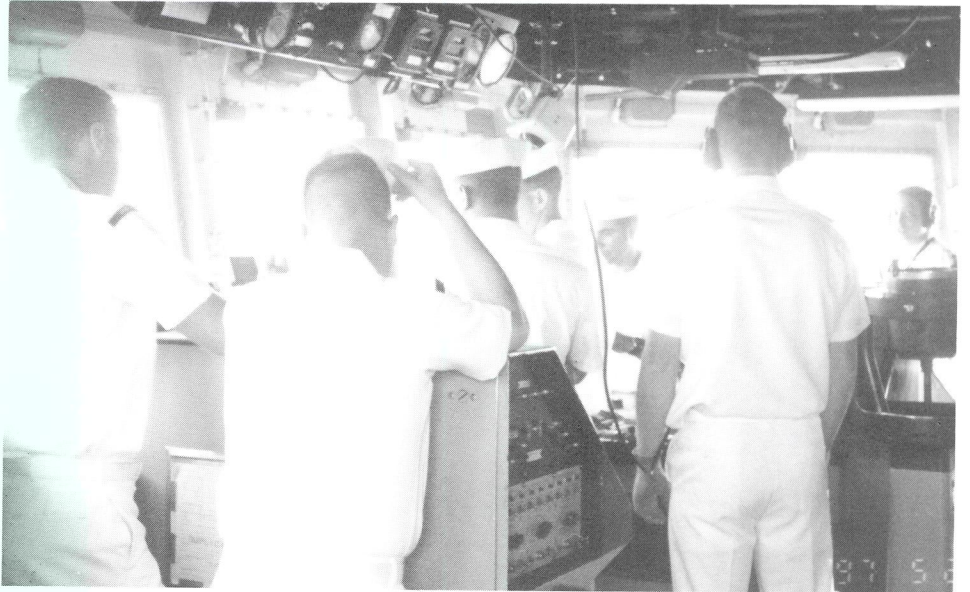


(right)
Underway Replenishment OPS are one of the more dangerous things the ship does routinely, good communications are a must.





(above)
Sailors stand ready to drop the hook.



(right)
The bridge is manned by additional people.



(right)
“... Over all lines!”

ANCHOR DETAIL



(above)
“... hold on line three!”



(left)
Safe navigation is the name of
the game.



(left)
“Stow all lines below.”

(right)
People with goofy hats and good spirits assemble on the mess decks. Bingo is one of the many ways sailors break up shipboard routine.



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(right)
"B-5"





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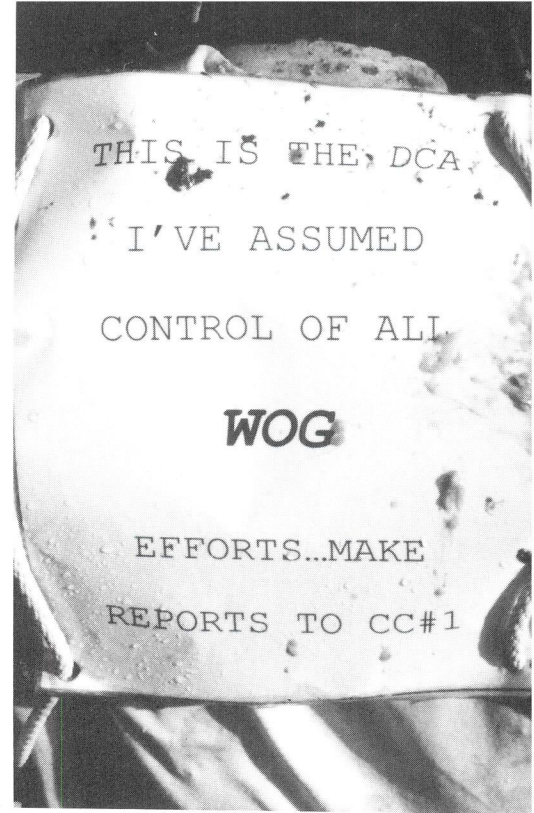
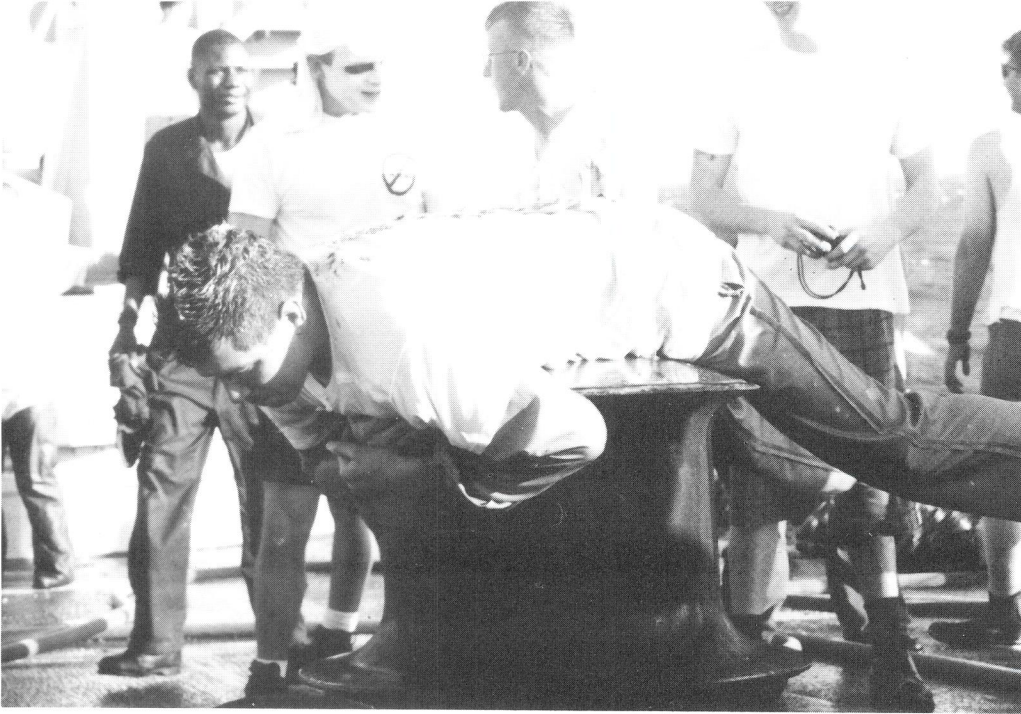
**CROSSING
THE LINE**



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Wash downs, singing, and dancing are all parts of the ceremony.





MMY OGS!

CICO is acts like a radar, as the DCA takes control of the situation at hand.



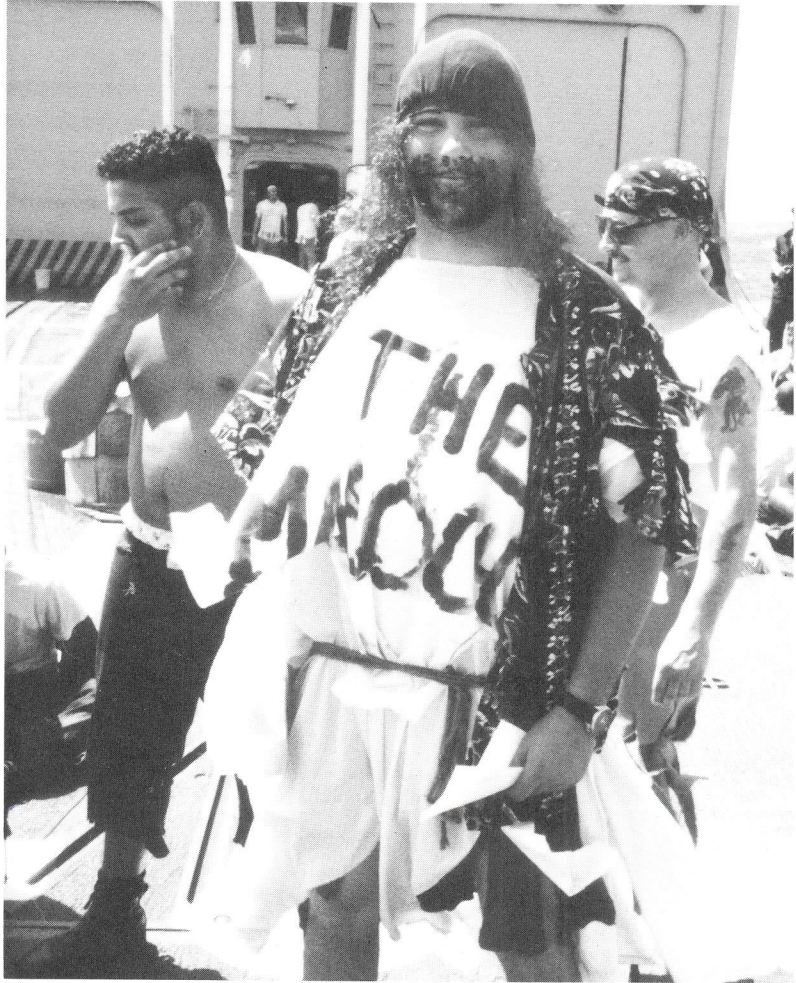
“On your backs, act like dead roaches”
“... Here Flipper, where are you?”





before the head dunking,
after the head dunking.





*Trusted, crusty,
honorable shellbacks!*





1997 BEARD GROWING CONTEST

(above)
Best Beard

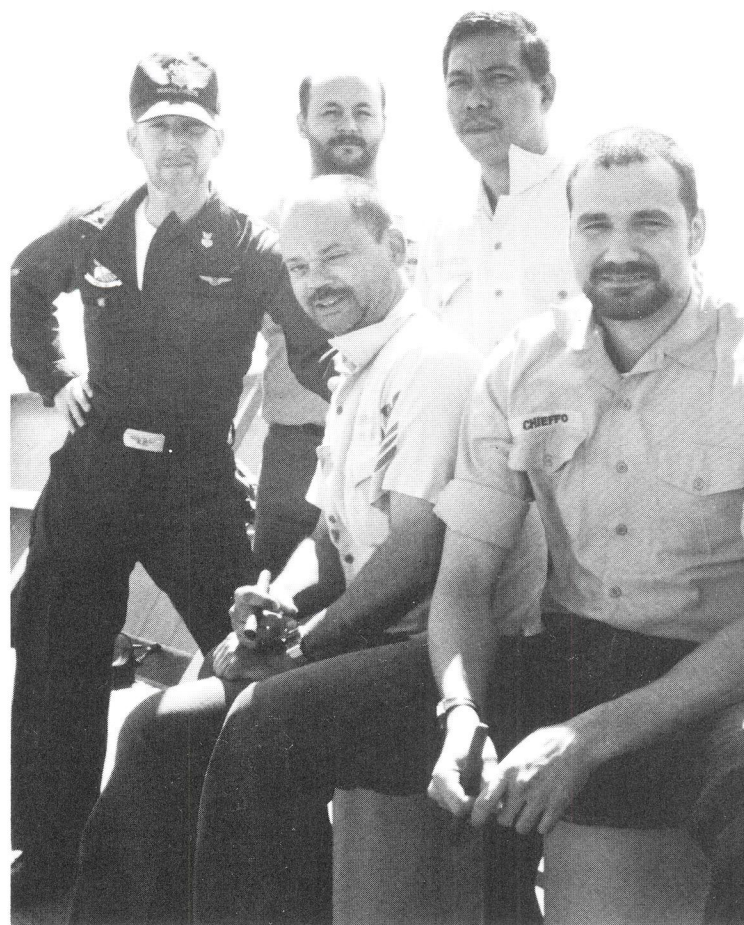
(right)
See no, hear no and say no evil.



(left)
Various winners and runner ups



(above)
Then ... A painting of ol' salts and yarn-spinners on the sloop-of-war *Mohican* in 1888.



(right)
Now ... Living conditions may have changed, but life on sea duty hasn't. Sailors still face separation from loved ones at home.



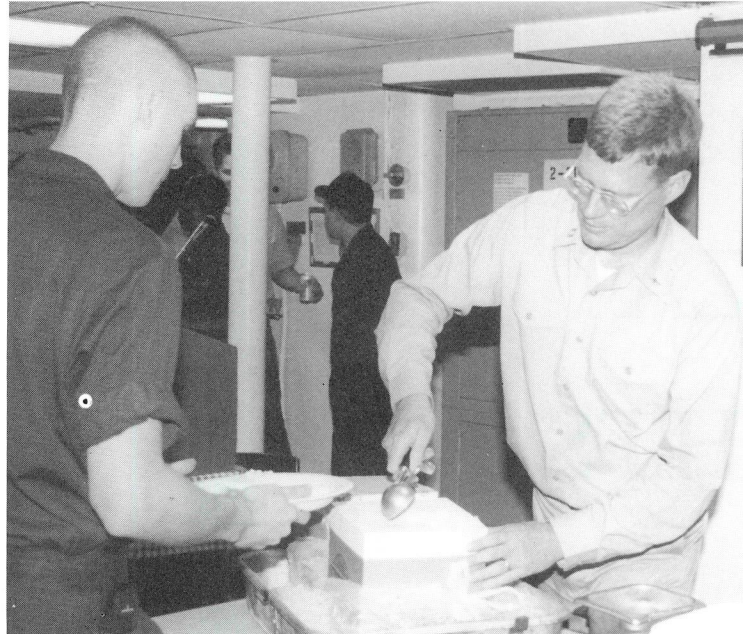
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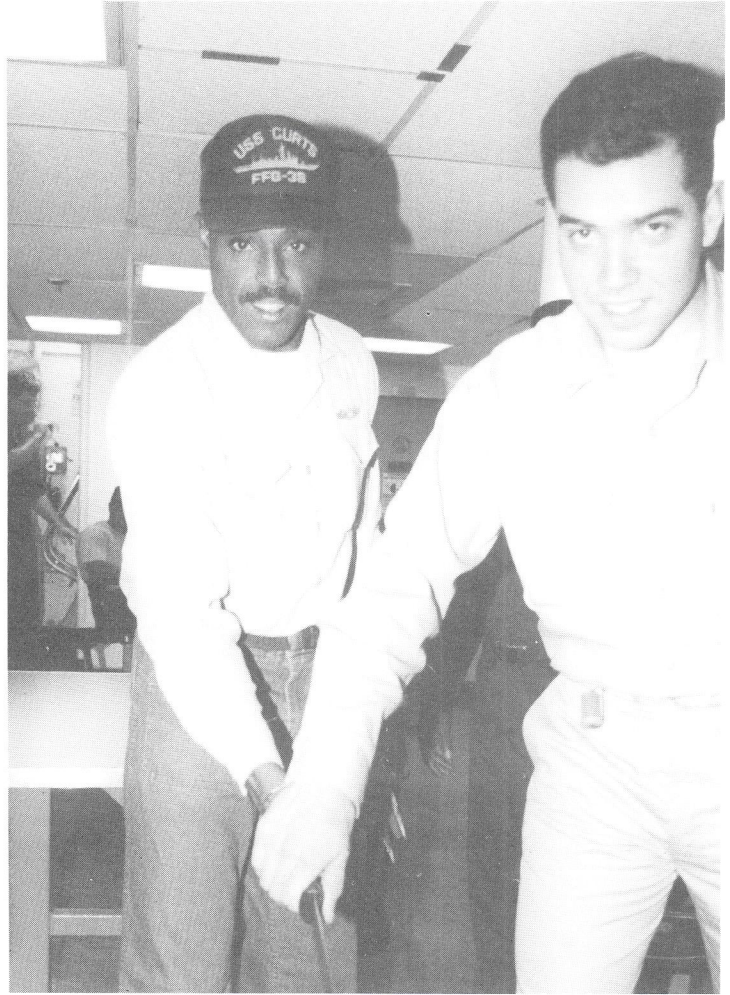


(left)
The mere mentioning of pizza night
increases moral. Could it be the food or
that your supervisor could be serving you.



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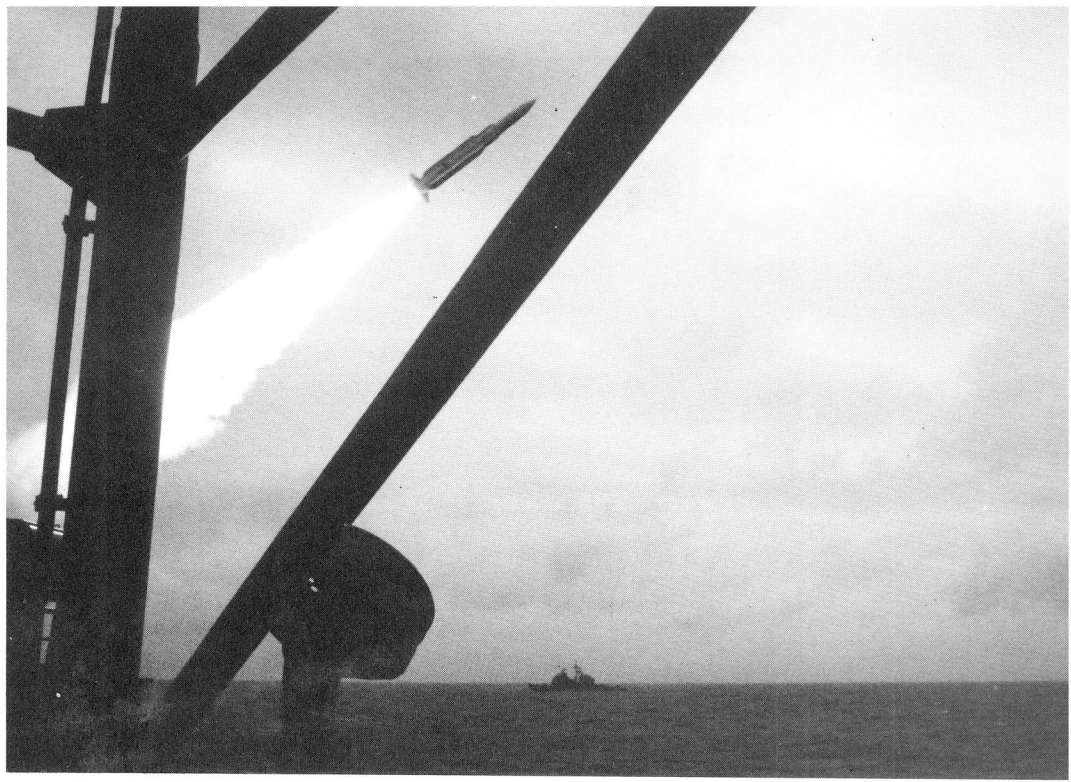
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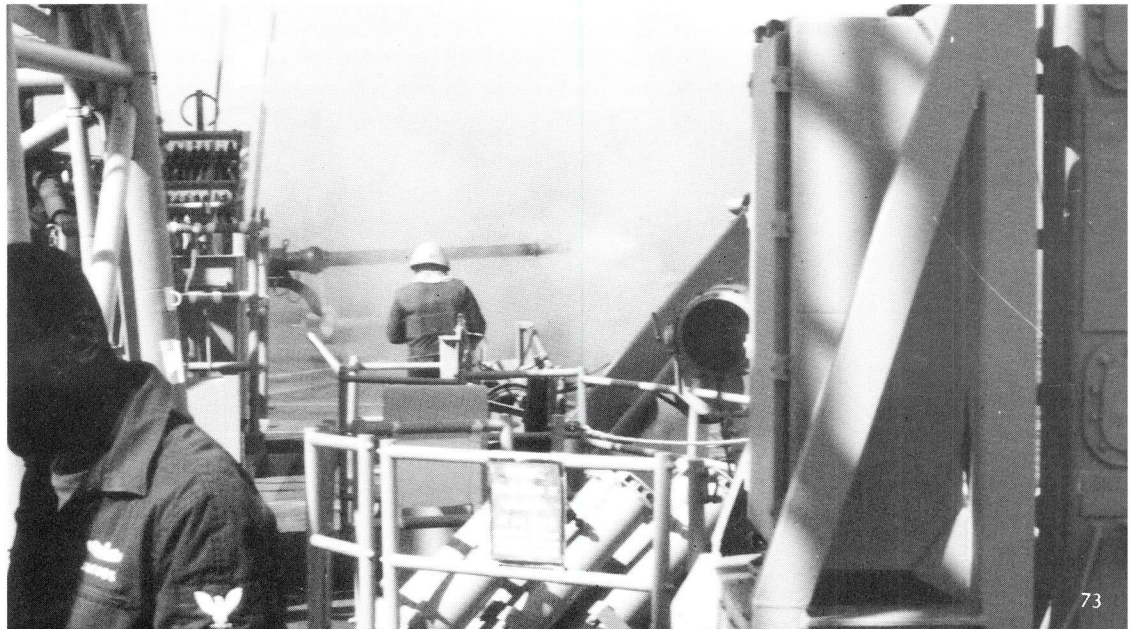


Personnel worked countless hours preparing for the Australian-American Association reception in Melbourne.





To some it was a long four months ...
To others it was just another day at the office.



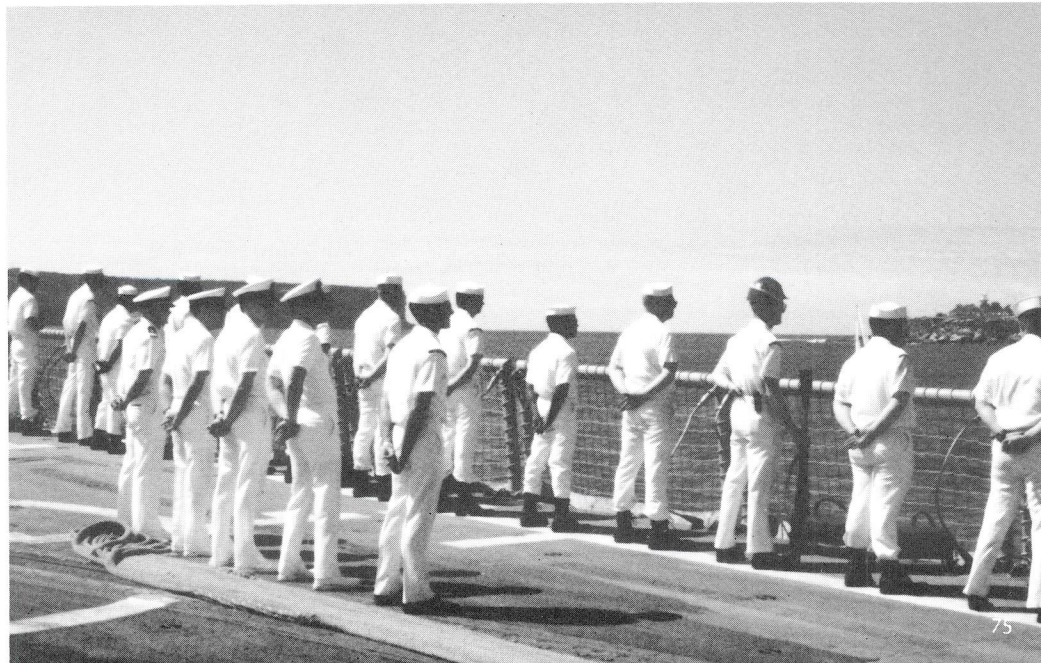
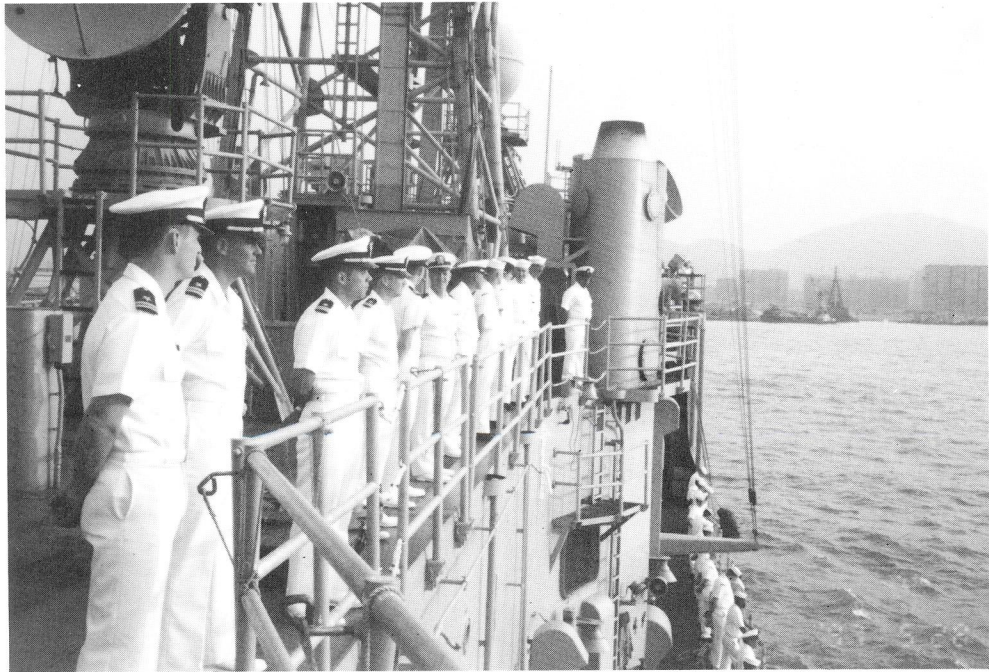


Deployment Numbers Page

Number of months away-4; number of Unrep details-26; number of bingo nights-11; number of loaves of bread-1,160; number of gallons of fuels-1,100,000; number of cans of Pepsi sold-2,304; number of weeks away-16; number of eggs used-41,760; number of helo refuelings-157; number of gallons of wax-82; number of dollars spent on salaries-740,000; number of Port-A-Calls-12; number of report chits-7; number of exercises-5; number of cans of Coke A Cola sold-6,720 (sorry Pepsi fans); number of days away-116; number of hamburger patties-8,986; number of bottles of ketchup-2,784; number of cans of Georgia coffee sold-3,480; number of flight quarters-376; bottles of spray and wipe issued-384; number of ball caps sold-720; number of hours away-2,782; number of cans of Mountain Dew sold-6,920; (sorry Coke and Pepsi fans); number of boxes of breakfast cereal-8,352; gallons of CHT flushed-280,000; rolls of toilet paper-2,784; number of pounds of roast beef-3,024; number of minutes away-166,920; number of Yakisoba freeze dried meals sold-5,568; number of miles traveled 7,137; number of gallons of milk-960; number of gallons of paint used-152; number of people on-board (any given day)-237; number of PMS checks scheduled-6,420; number of slices of paper processed-105,000 (EST); number of seconds away-10,015,200; ...



“Now man the rail”

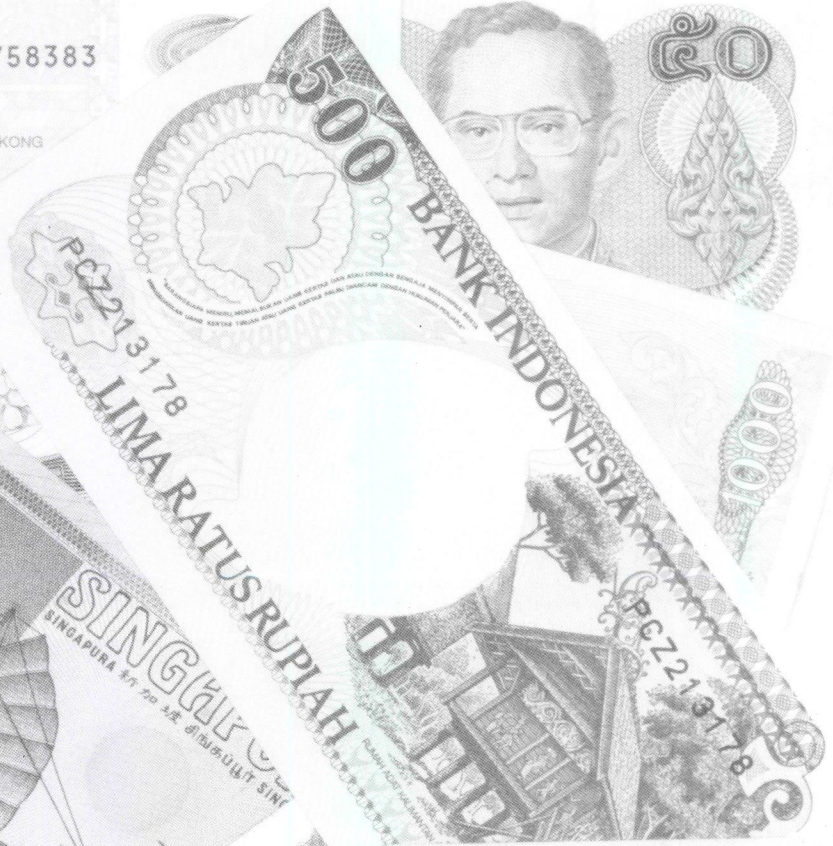


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PORT-A-CALLS

Yokosuka, Japan
15 Feb 97
\$1.00 = 112 Yen

Bali, Indonesia
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Sasebo, Japan
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Surabaya, Indonesia
25 - 29 Apr 97
\$1.00 = 2230 Rp

Guam
1 Mar 97
\$1.00 = \$1.00

Singapore
1 - 5 May 97
\$1.00 = \$1.31 Sing

Gladstone, Australia
22 - 24 Mar 97
\$1.00 = \$1.24 Aussie

Sattahip, Thailand
7 - 8 May 97
\$1.00 = 25 Baht

Sydney, Australia
26 Mar - 01 Apr 97
\$1.00 = \$1.24 Aussie

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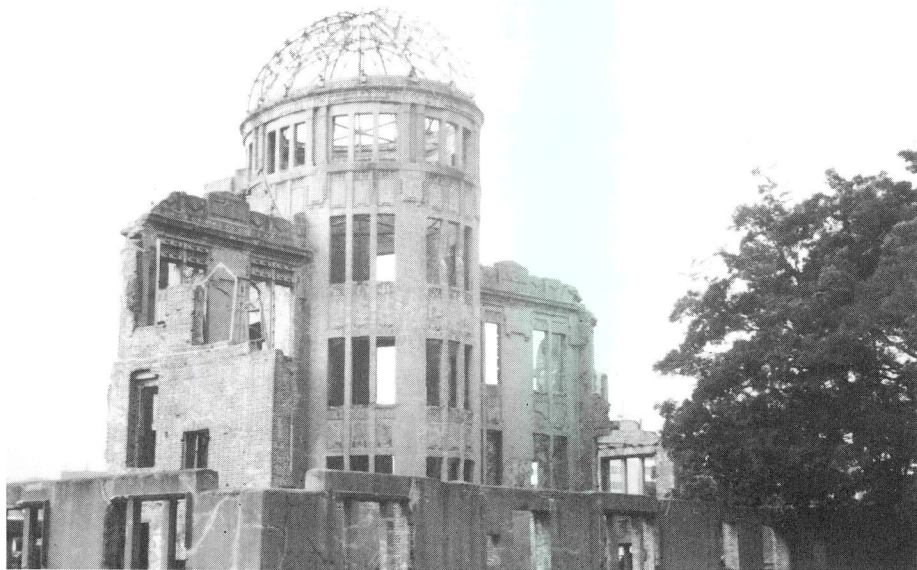
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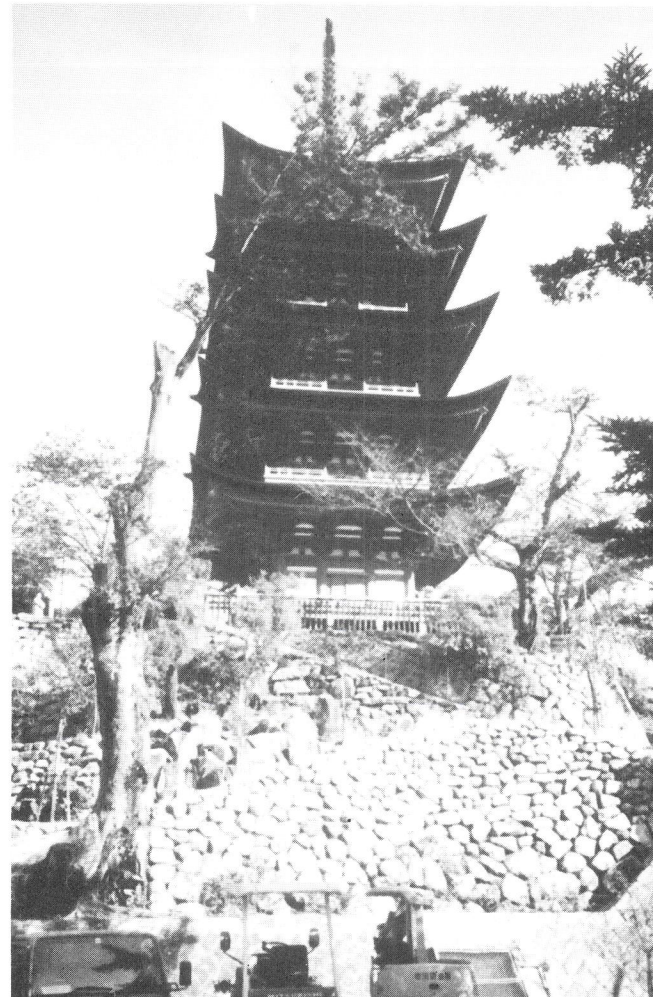
Freemantle, Australia
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FIRST DAY



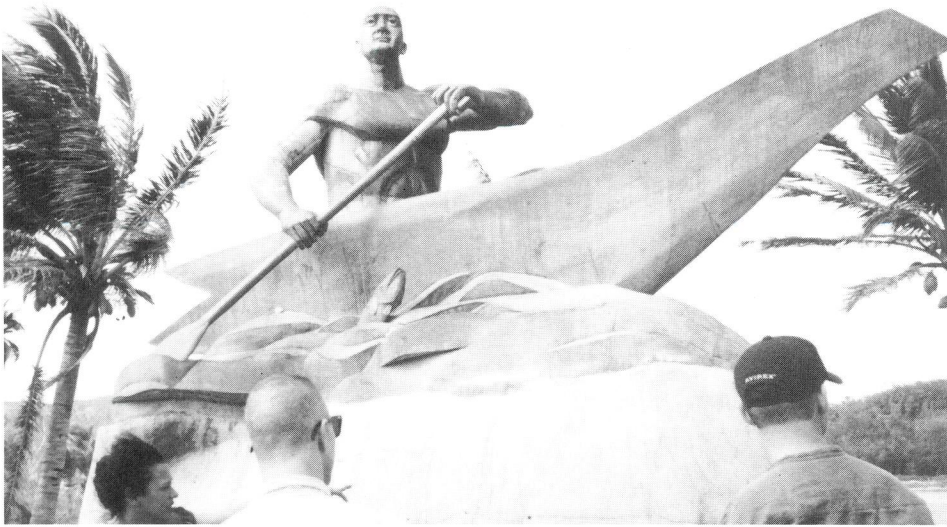


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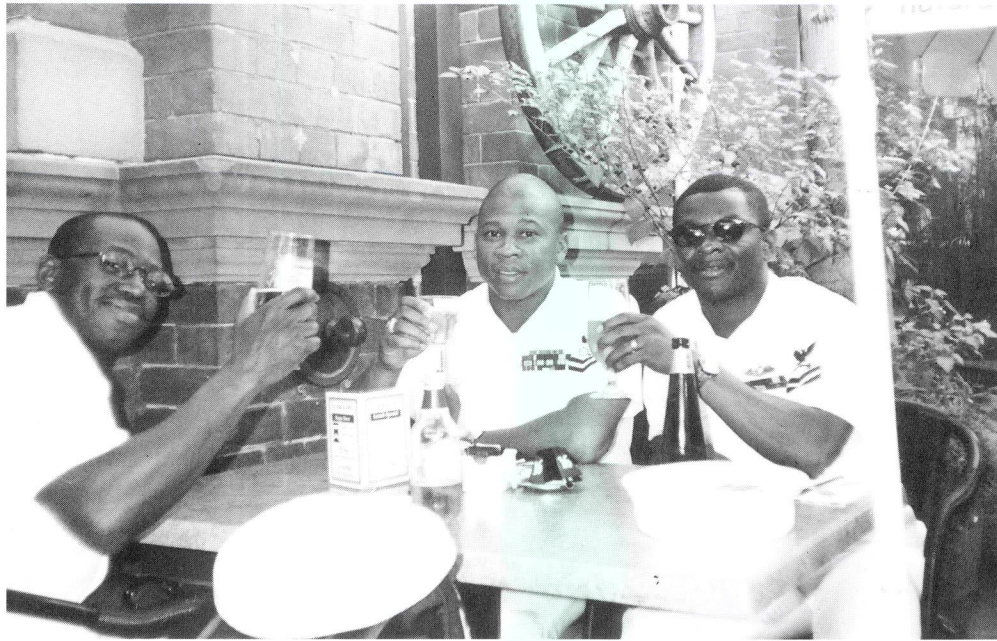


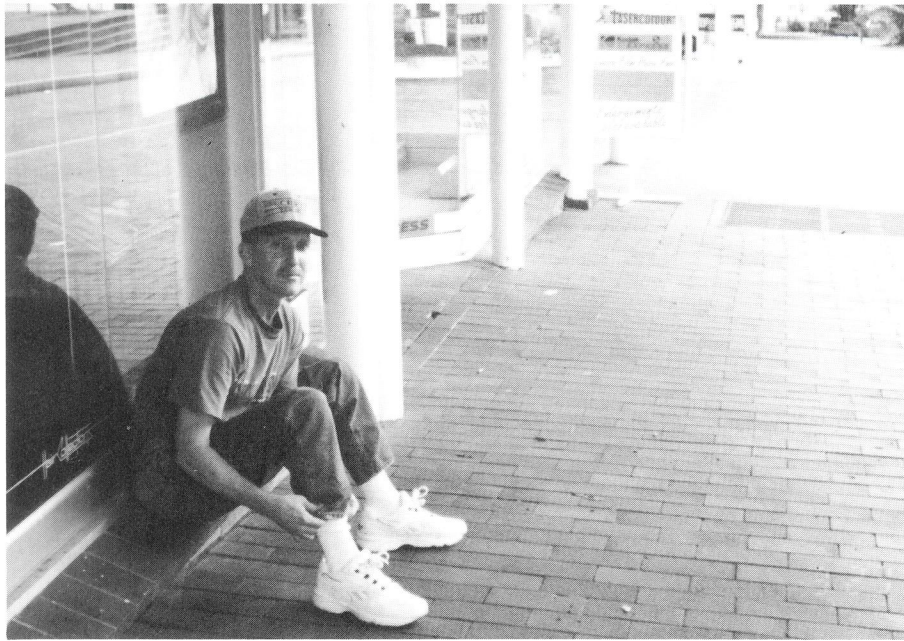
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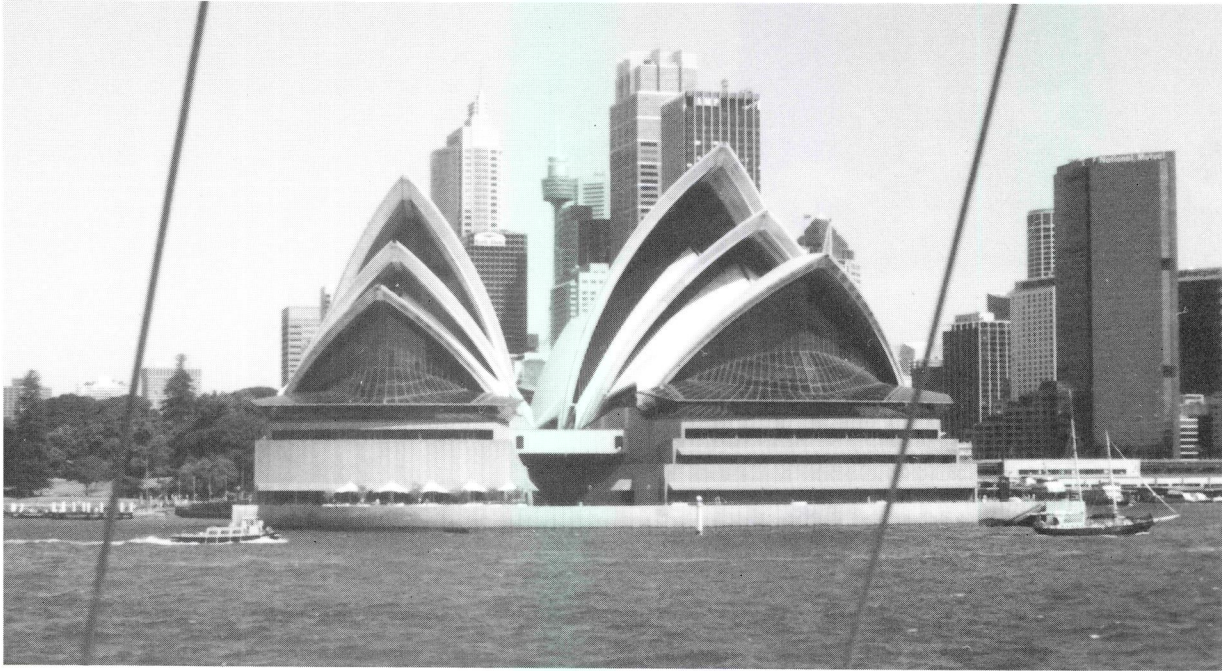


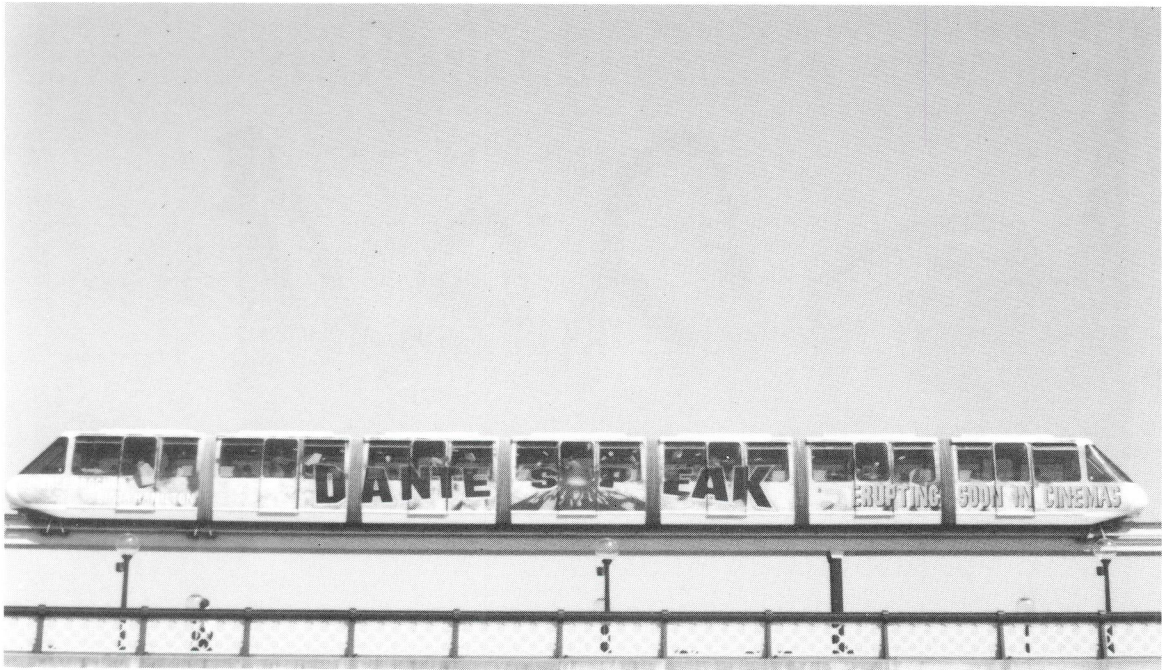
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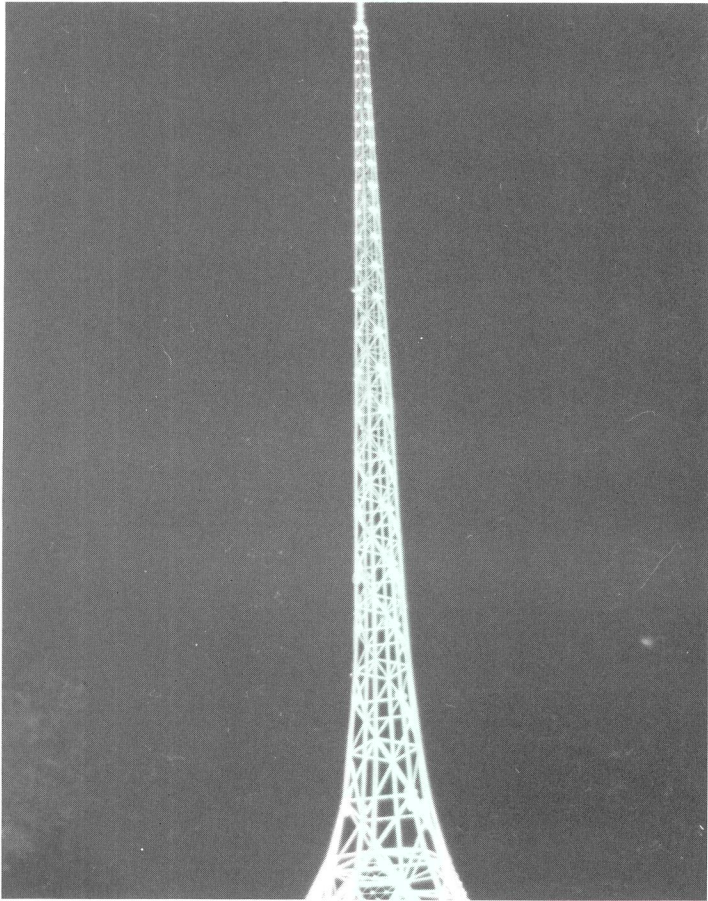


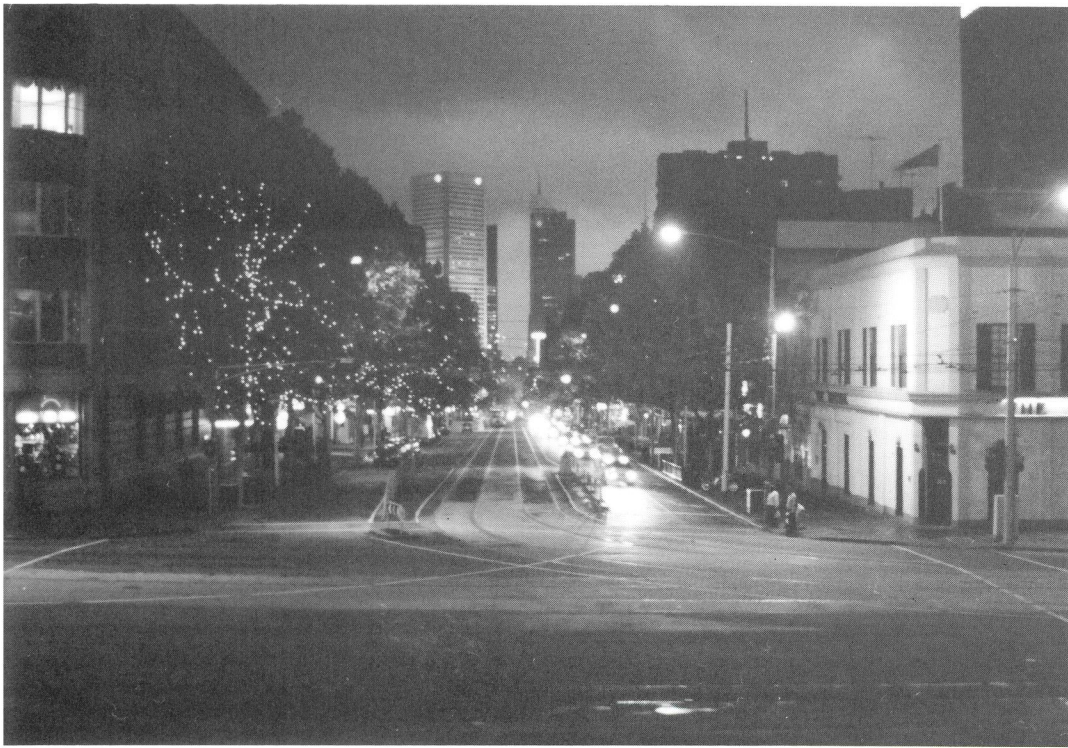


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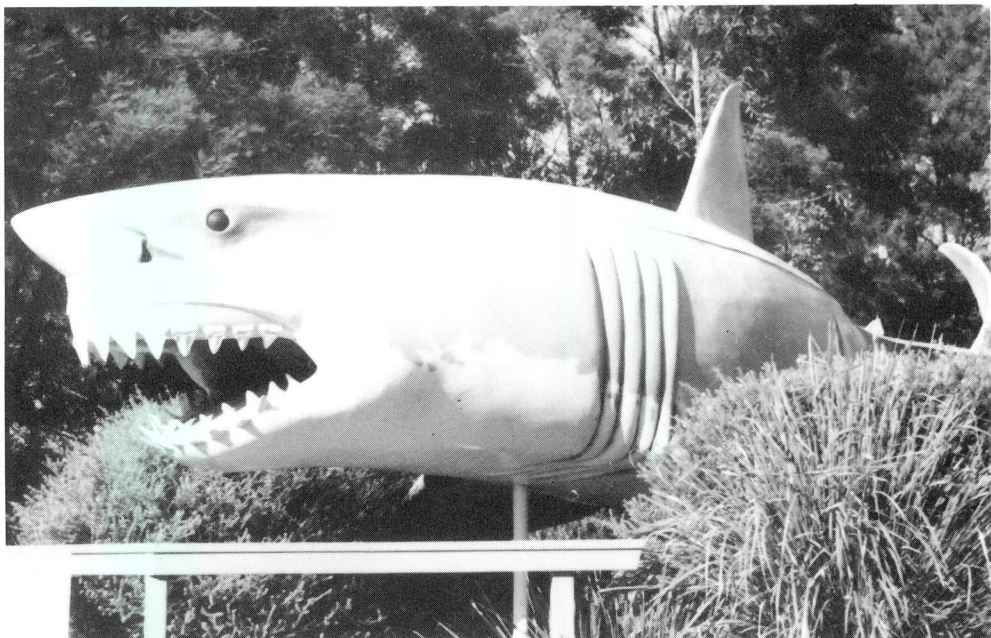
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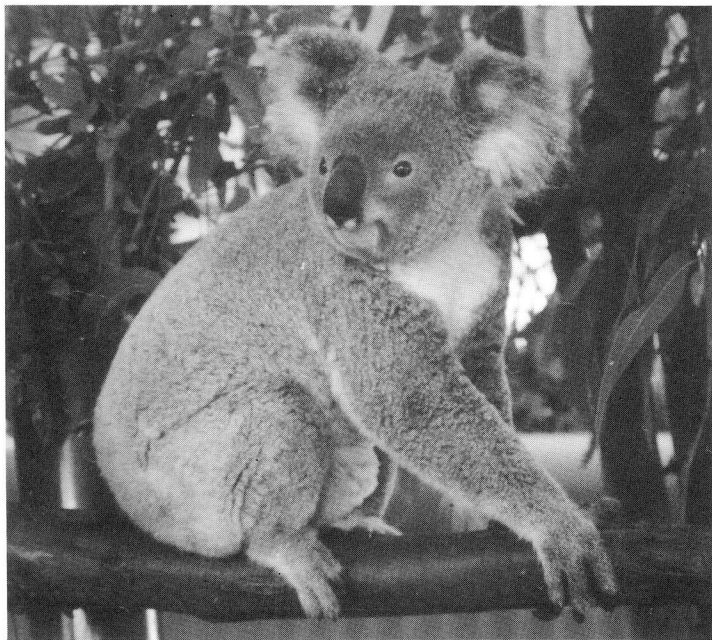


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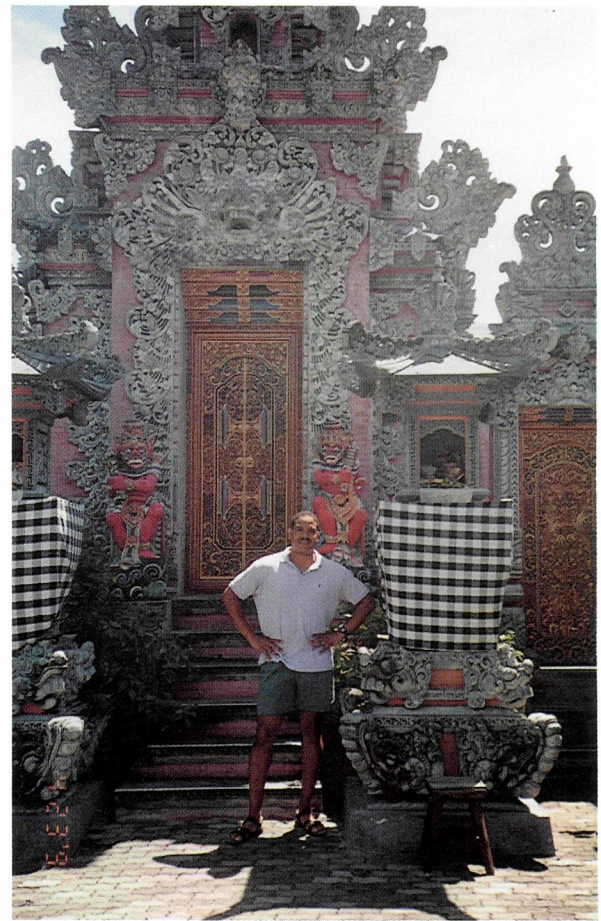


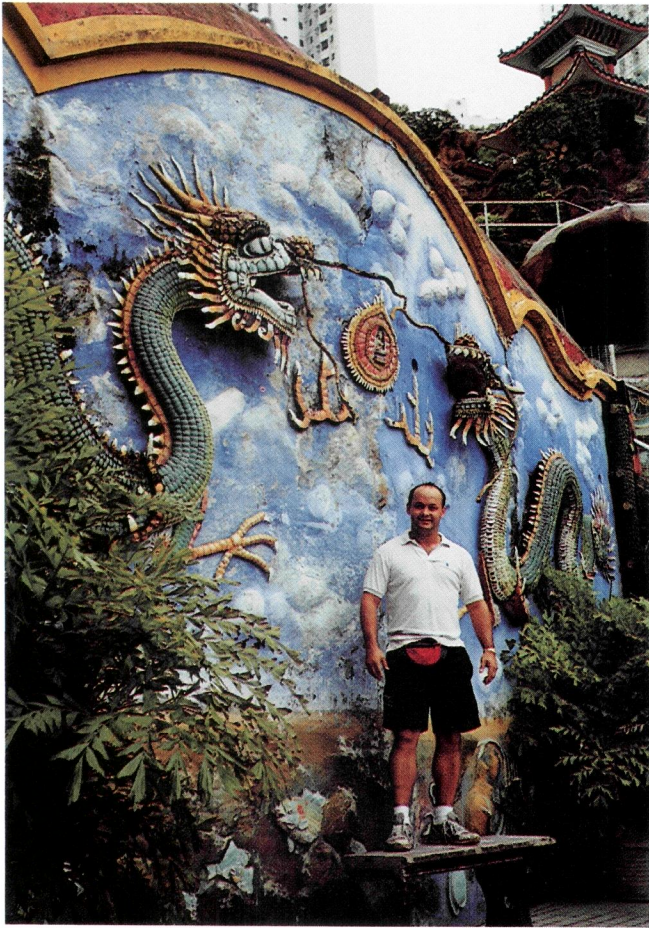






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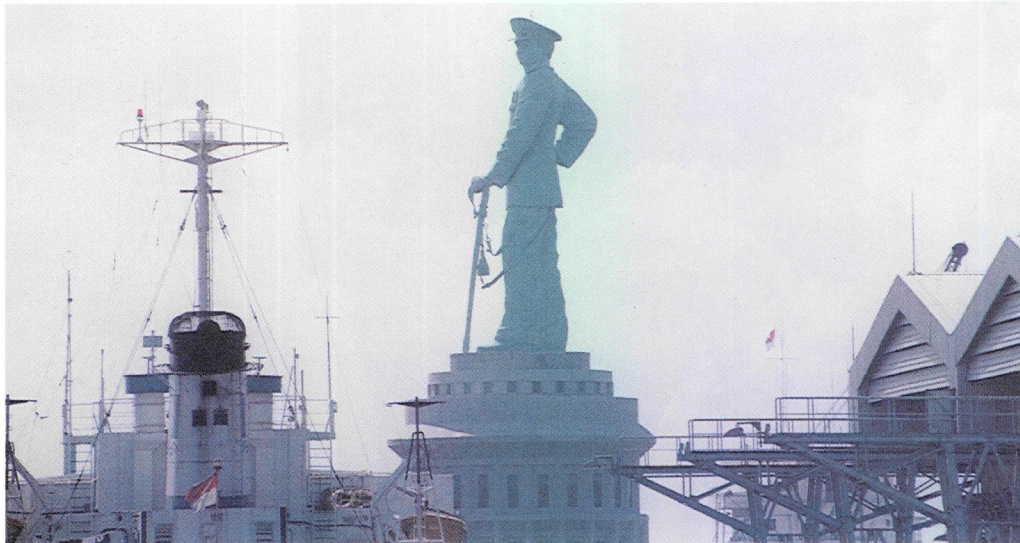




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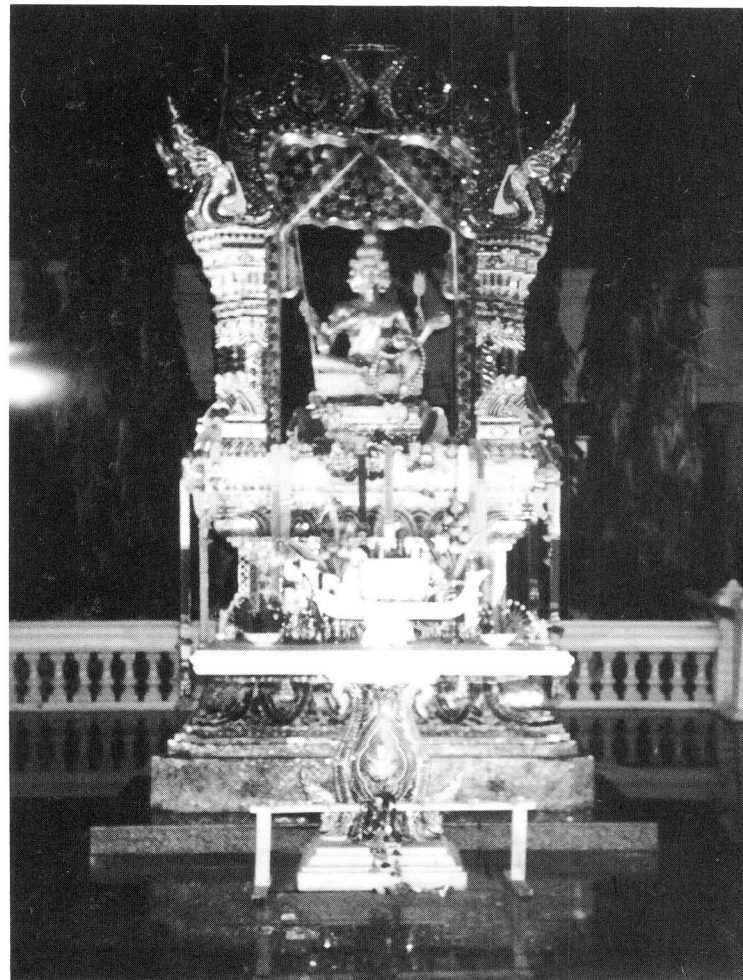
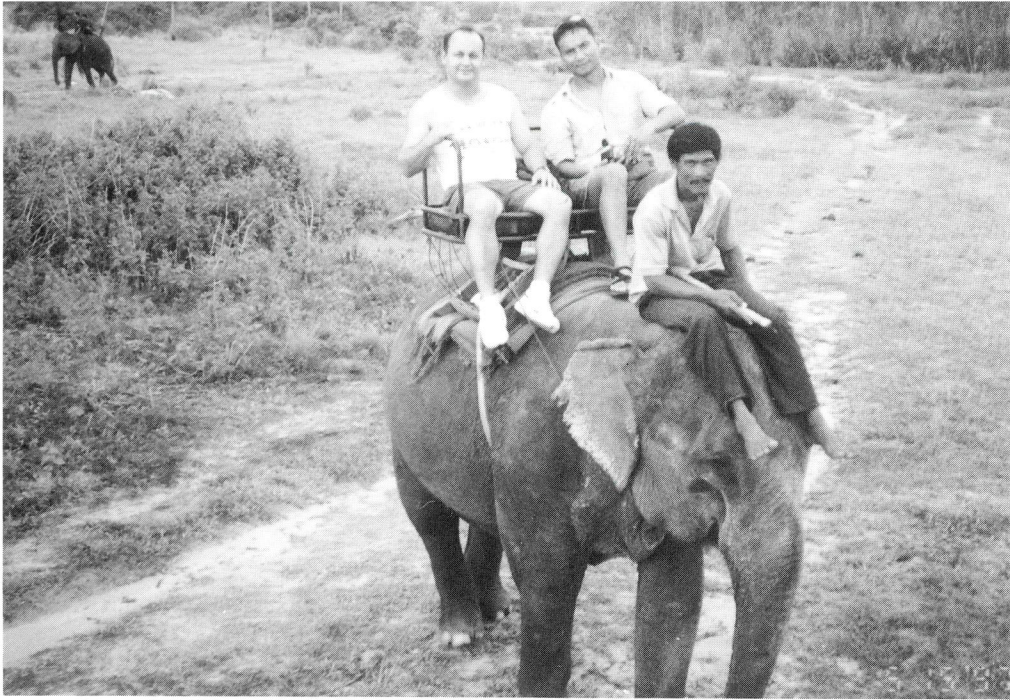


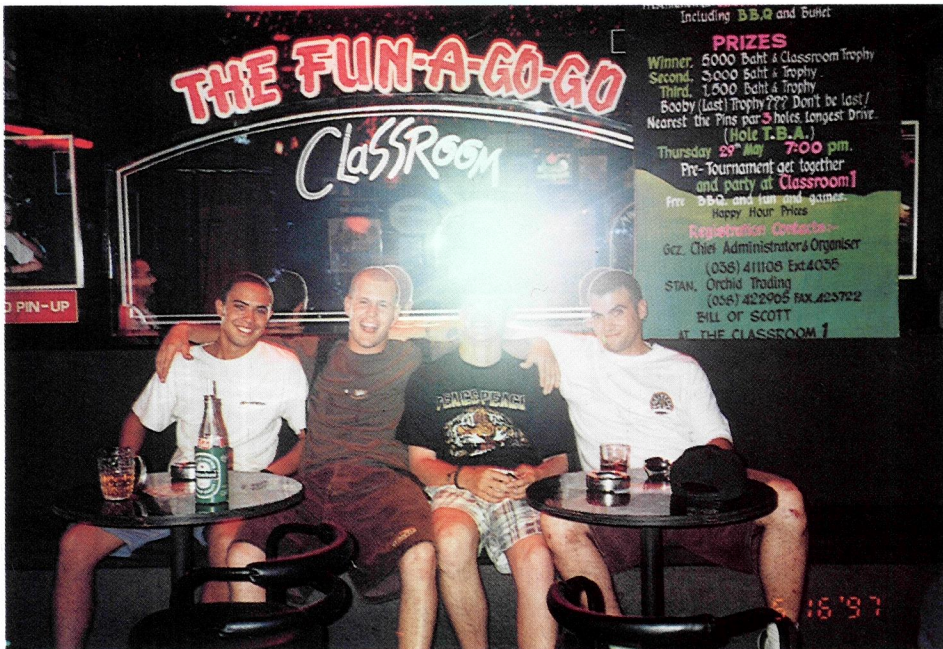
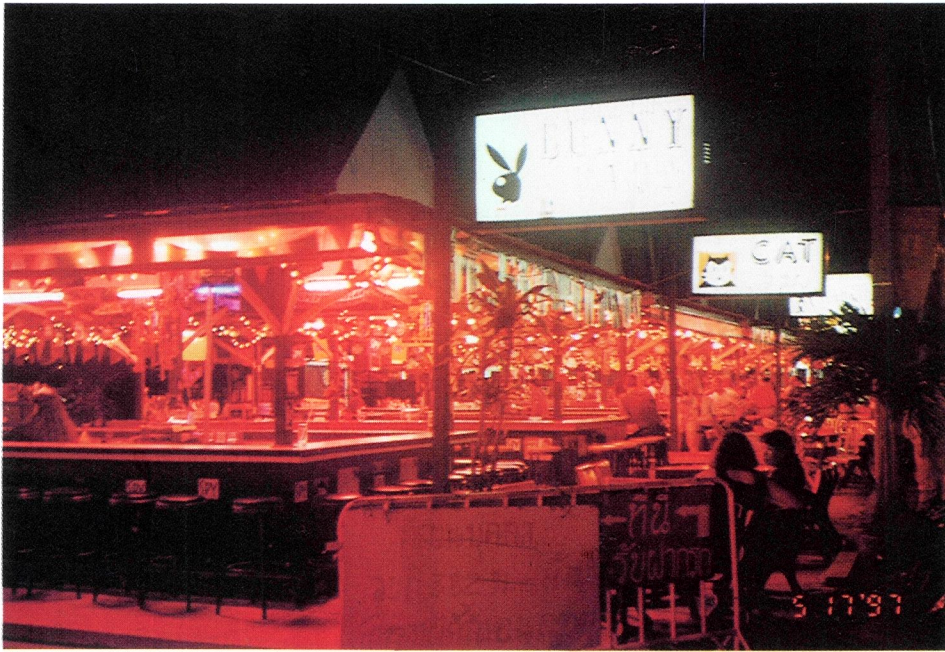


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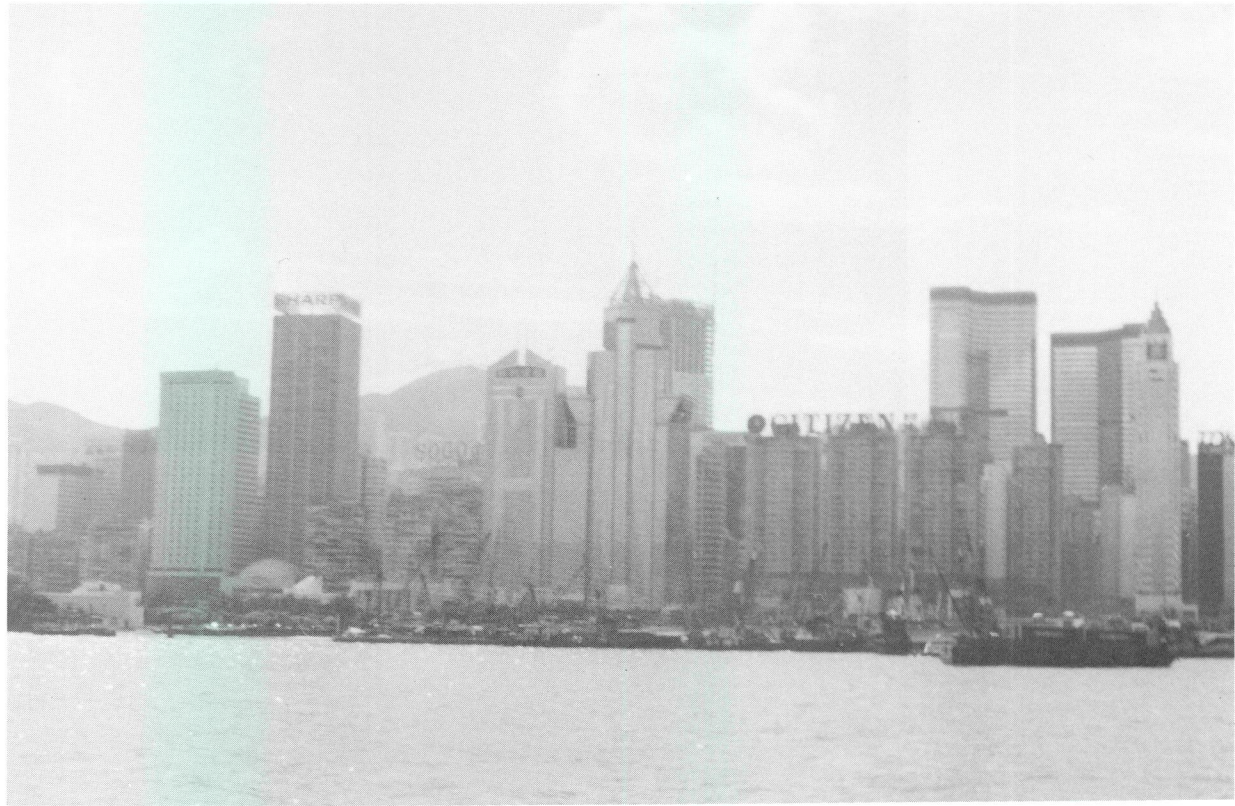




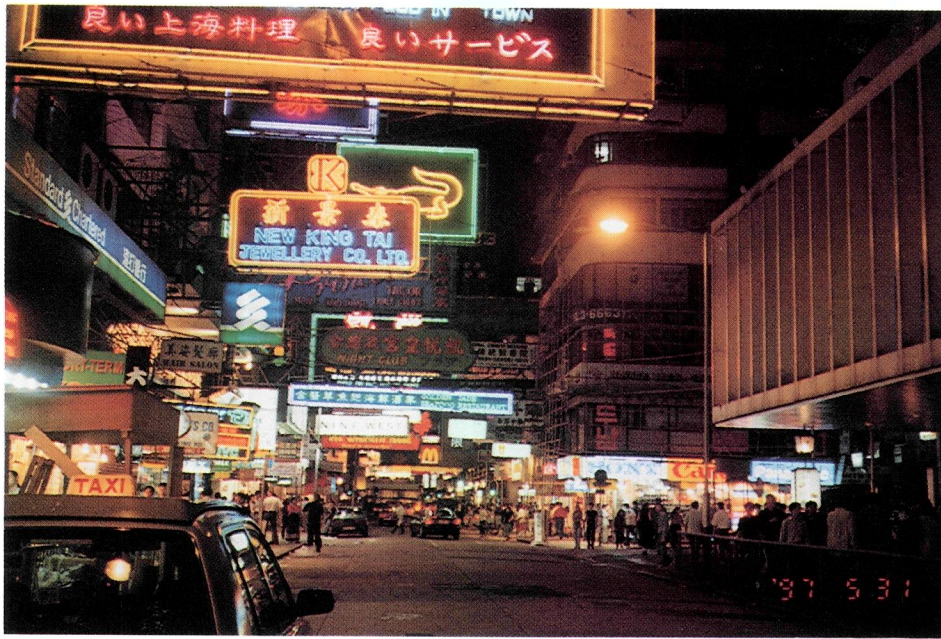




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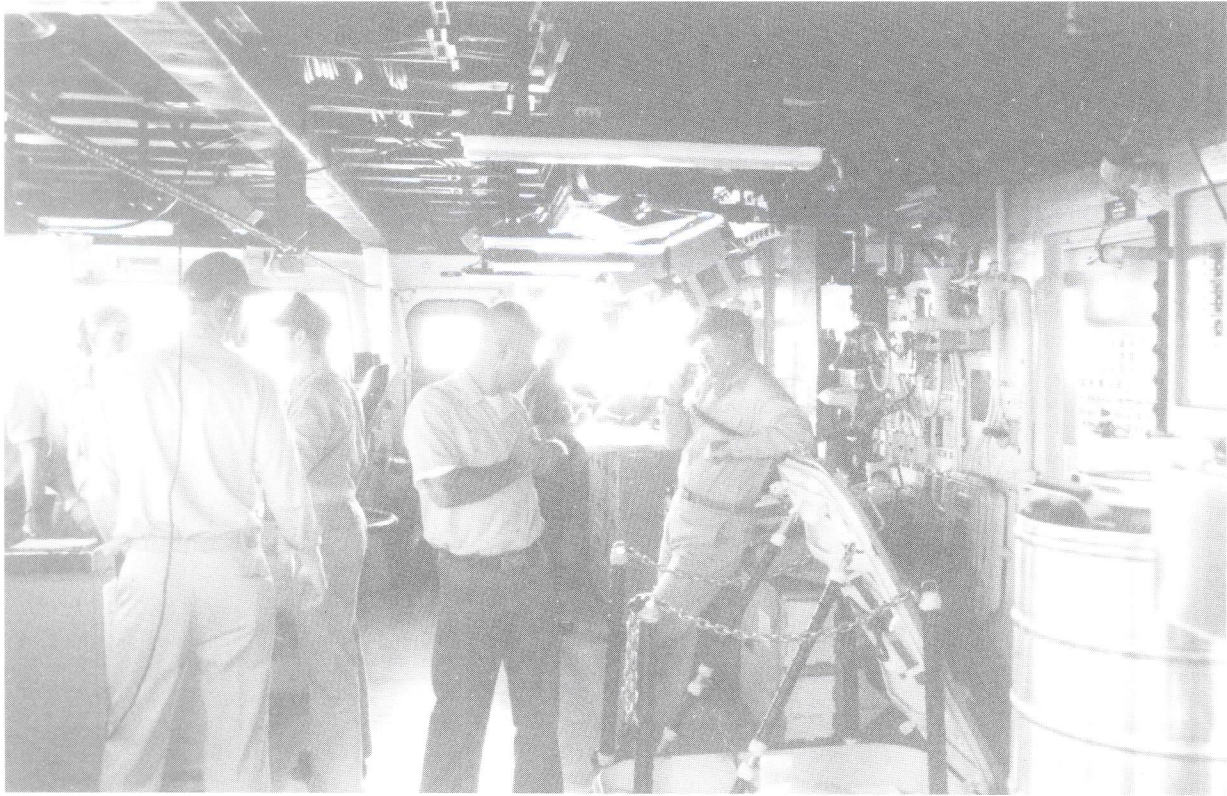












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Good job in a safe evolution today, we will finish up the deployment tomorrow with an early sea and anchor detail. I know you are all excited about going home, but try to get a good nights sleep tonight. That is all.



COMING HOME



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Being gone for four months is a long time, but the reunion makes it worthwhile.

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Welcome home!



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Daddy I missed you





3 June 1997

Dear Sweetie,

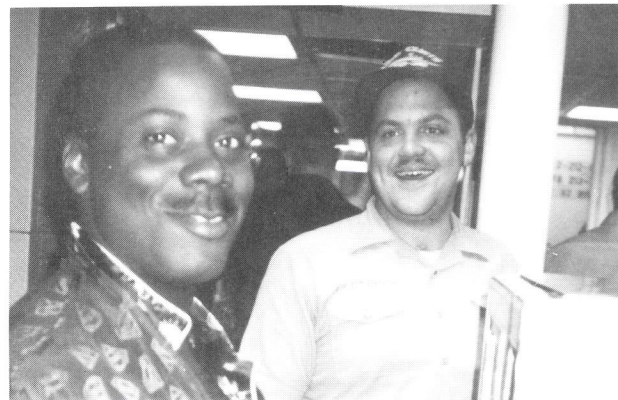
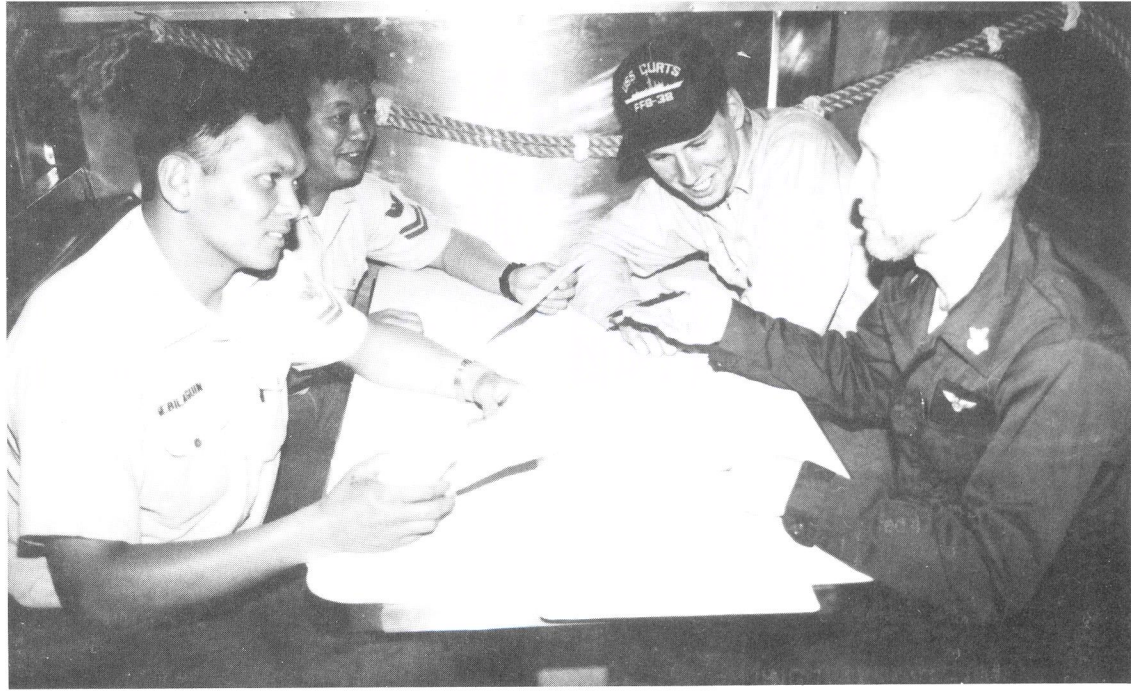
It has been a long four months and it is good to be coming back. It will be so nice to be in a place that I can truly call home. This trip has taught me to appreciate so many little things that I would normally take for granted.

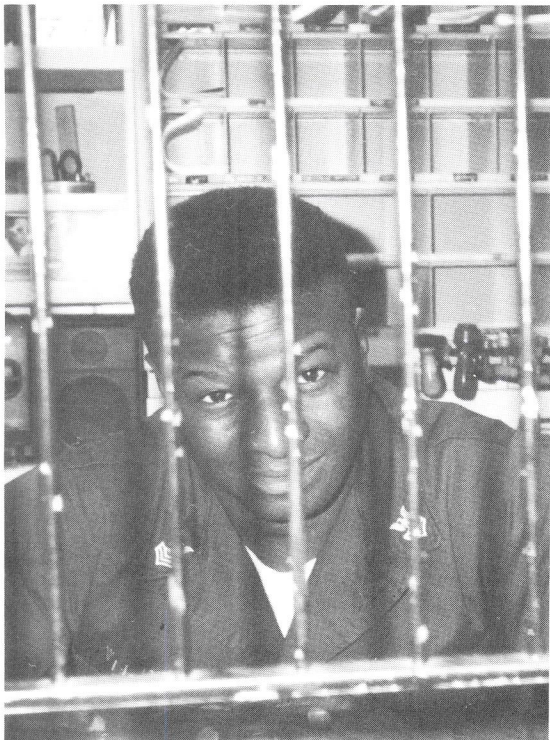
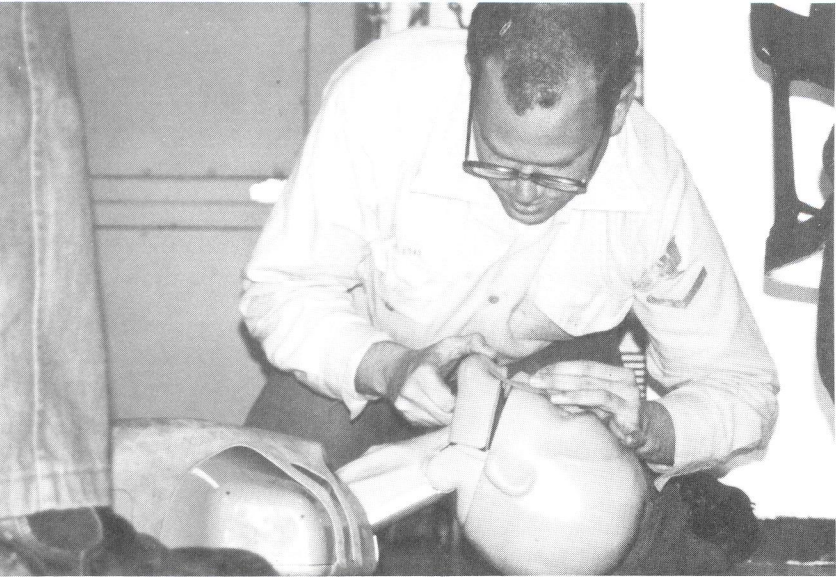
There were times, this last four months, that I didn't write as often as I should have or wanted too. You were, however, always in my thoughts and dreams. Of all the important lessons I learned this trip, I learned I shouldn't ever take you for granted.

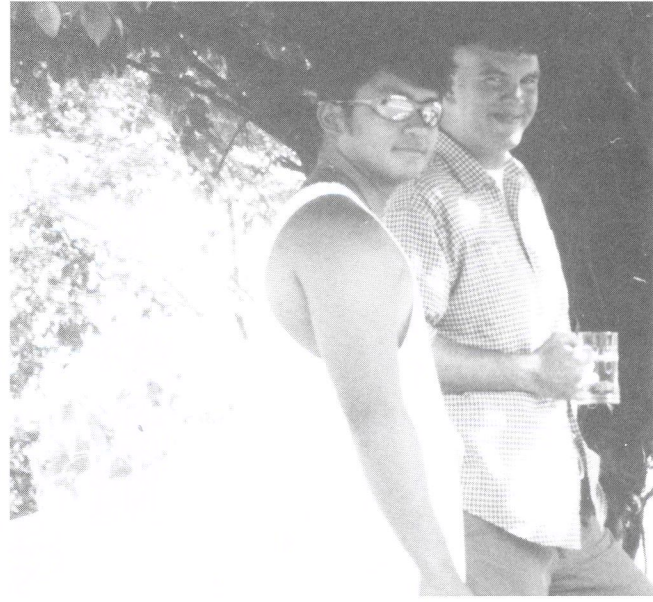
Next week we will be together again. It'll be so special ... just holding you in my arms again. That will be so nice.

Love,



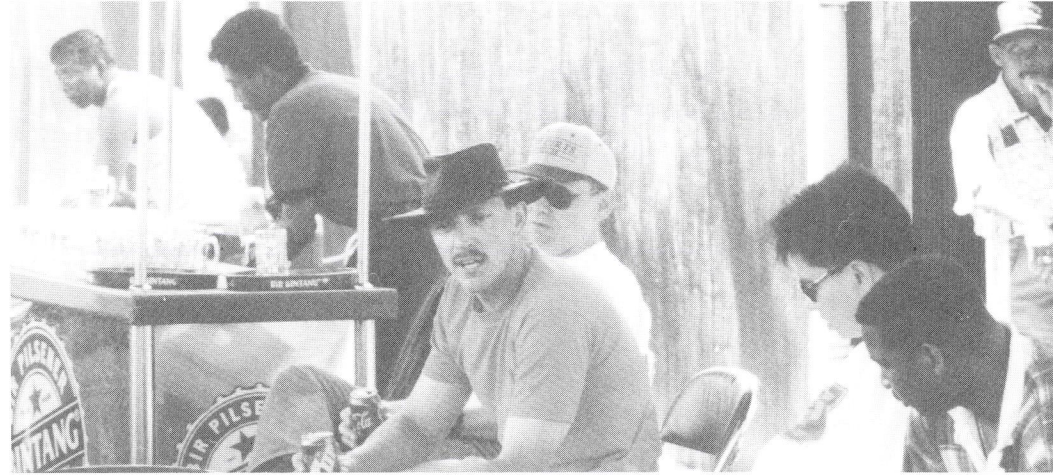






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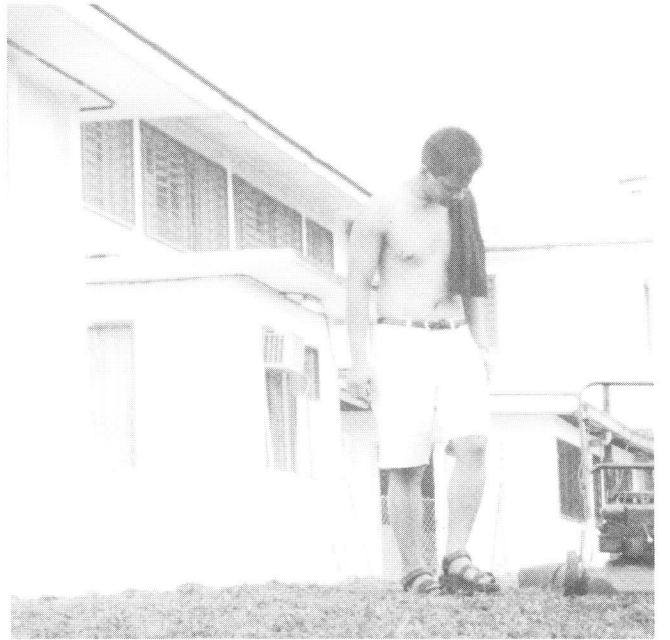




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PEOPLE DOING THE RIGHT
THING...JUST BECAUSE IT'S THE
RIGHT THING TO DO!





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EM3(SS) JACKSON

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