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CO's Corner... D.A. Jones

In the few weeks since I assumed command of the Naval Communication Station, Diego Garcia, Commander Miller's assessment of the performance of individuals and of the Communication Station as an operational unit has been reconfirmed numerous times. Professionalism in every aspect of the performance of the men and women assigned to NAVCOMMSTA is clearly the norm. I am extremely pleased to be here, and look forward to a very rewarding year.

As we set about providing the essential and critical support to fleet units and the supporting facilities located here on Diego Garcia. I urge each man and woman here to carry the "baton" with pride and anticipation that your successor will be as capable as each of you. Nothing can be

accomplished without each member of the team doing his or her part of the overall task. I cannot overemphasize the importance of the individual to our total effort.

One of the highest priorities is to ensure that individuals each have the opportunity to achieve their own successes and satisfaction enroute to command goals and objectives. Personal growth, professional growth and individual satisfaction both on the job and in recreation activities are key ingredients to team progress. I look forward to improved opportunities in each of these critical areas during my year here.

While recognizing the hardships associated with the extended separation from friends and loved ones, there is no axiom which says we cannot enjoy our experiences during our tour here. I trust that each of you will make the best of the situation and seize every opportunity to make your time here a positive influence in your life.

I thank each of you for the support you gave CDR Miller. He left here with the full knowledge that it was your dedication, skills, and tenacity that made his tour so successful.

As we face the challenges ahead, I am confident that these same characteristics will make my tour both successful and highly enjoyable.



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Petty Officer and Sailor of the Quarter



SKI Penny PHILLIPS and RMSN Michael SUMMERS were recently chosen as the NAVCOMMSTA Petty Officer and Sailor of the Quarter for the period October through November 1983. Petty Officer PHILLIPS, a native of Farragut, Iowa, works in the NAVSECGRU Department supply office. Seaman SUMMERS works at SATCOM and hails from Tifton, Georgia. Selection for this honor reflects a great deal of pride and confidence in these two individuals by their respective departments. Congratulations to each of these fine sailors. Good luck in your continued naval careers.

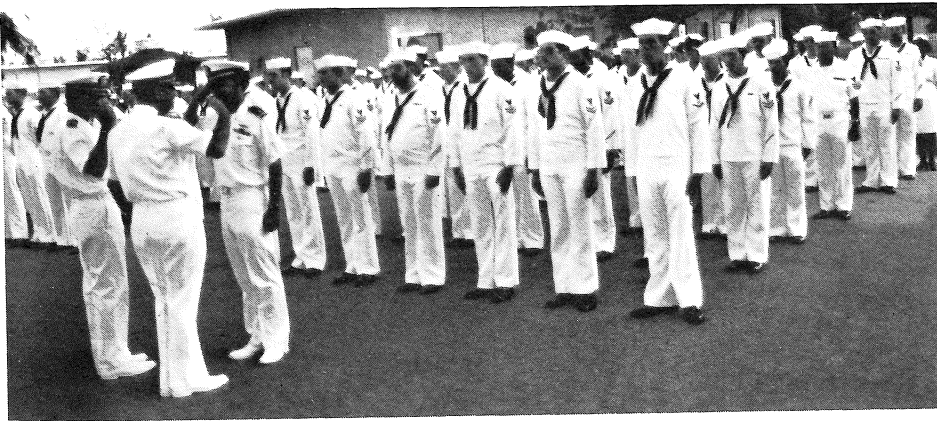
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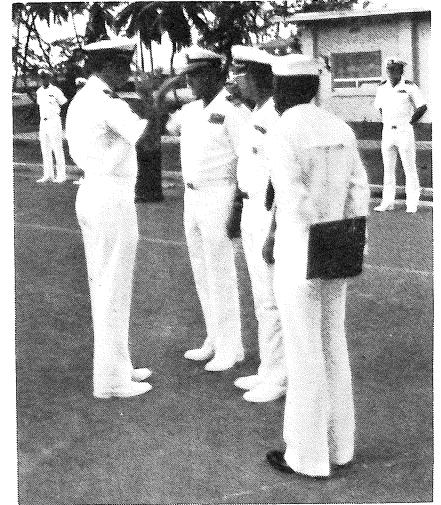
How many times have you observed an organization in which there is little relationship between morale and the effectiveness of an organization? I daresay not very often. Invariably, poor morale will doom even the most well managed endeavor to failure. The need to be concerned for the morale and personal welfare of all the people who make up an organization is therefore paramount. NAVCOMMSTA Diego Garcia is no exception to the foregoing discussion, however, the peculiarities of Diego Garcia itself have a unique impact on traditional views of morale. Dealing with these issues has certainly occupied a considerable portion of my first four months as Executive Officer.

One of the most difficult aspects of our existence here in Diego Garcia is the separation from family and friends which we all must endure for a year. The island is not an easy place to reach from either coast of the United States

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ENS Henderson greets CDR Miller and CDR Jones as T-Site awaits Commanding Officer's Personnel Inspection



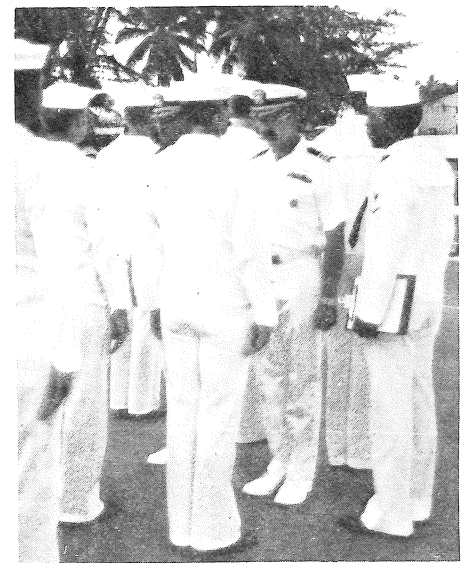
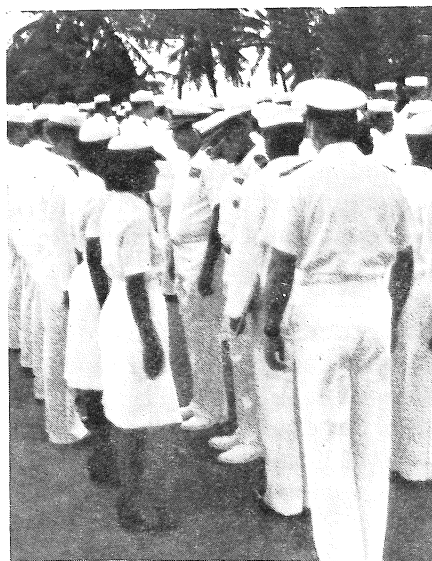
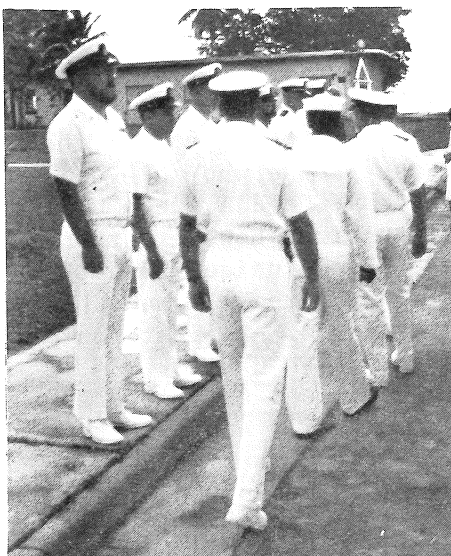
LT Lafont receives word that C-Site looked good

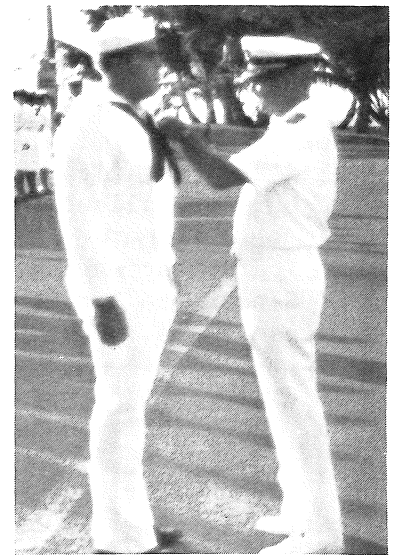
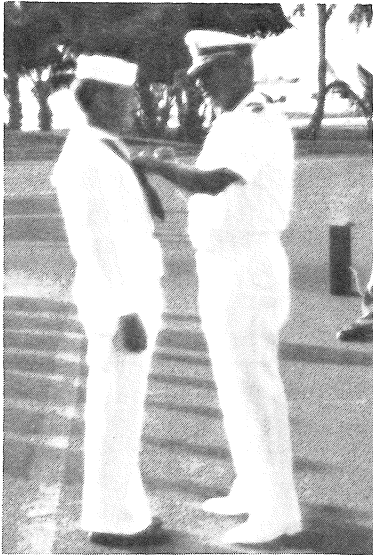
NCS CHANGE OF COMMAND

18 August 1983 was very important for the men and women of NAVCOMMSTA Diego Garcia. As All Hands stood by awaiting the inspection of outgoing Commanding Officer CDR W.P. Miller, there was a sense of sadness in the air. The high morale, undying spirit, and pride in NCS was in large part due to the professional and tireless efforts of CDR Miller. The loss of such a fine Commanding Officer is never a happy occasion. To you, CDR Miller, the sailors of NAVCOMMSTA wish you fair winds and following seas. It was an honor to serve under you. Best of luck to you, sir!

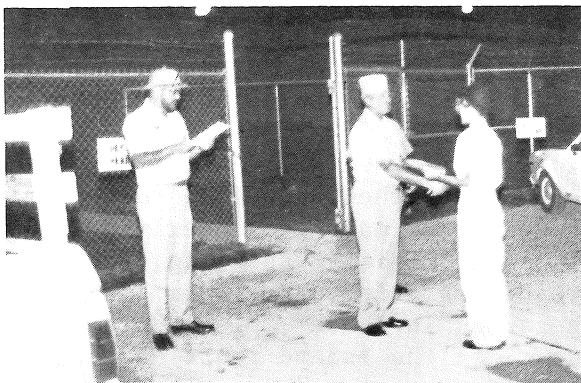
On this day, CDR D.A. Jones assumed command of NCS. He inherits a command full of enthusiastic people who take great pride in NAVCOMMSTA and seek to make the command a better place to work, live, and play. Welcome aboard, sir, and we assure you that we will uphold the fine traditions set down by the many fine sailors that did their part to make NAVCOMMSTA Diego Garcia the showplace of the Indian Ocean.

Below (Left to right): CDR Miller inspects C-Site CPO's; CDR's Miller and Jones give C-Site careful scrutiny as LT Lafont looks on; R-Site standing proud and tall

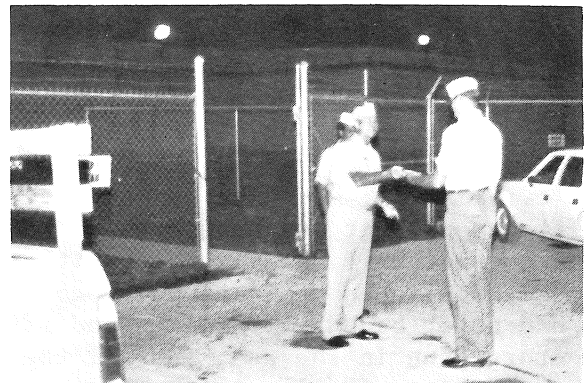




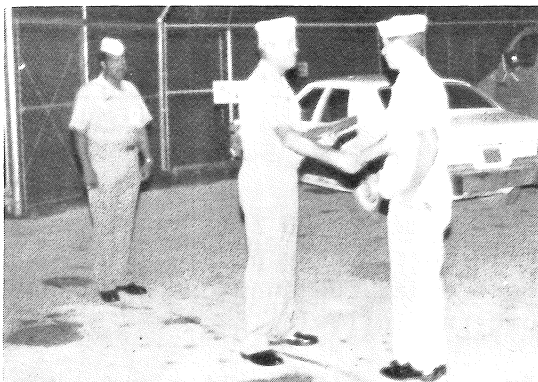
CDR Miller bestows his last three awards as CO of NAVCOMMSTA Diego Garcia: (L to R) CTT1 Fisher accepting the Navy Achievement Medal; Bill Guzman receiving a Letter of Appreciation; ET2 Bennett accepting the Navy Achievement Medal



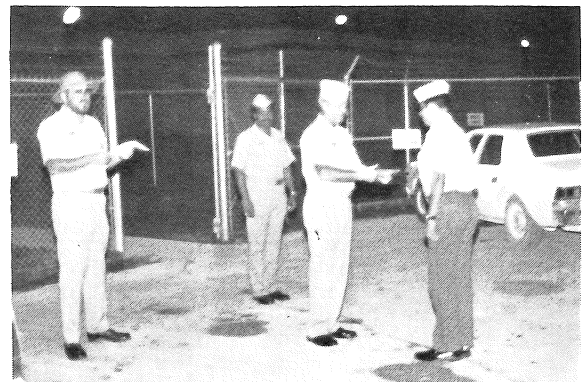
CTR2 Bowles gets her First Award of the Navy Good Conduct Medal



CTA3 Leo Leamy receives plaque for Sailor of the Quarter (Jan through Mar 1983)



CTR1 Lamora accepting COMNAVSECGRU Letter of Commendation



CTO2 Guajardo receives COMNAVSECGRU Letter of Commendation

Career Information

Since reporting aboard Fantasy Island in early July and subsequently assuming the duties of Department Career Counselor, I have been delightfully pleased at the numbers of people taking an active interest in their career pipeline. Many first-term personnel enter my office, however, and request duty which is not in congruence with prescribed tour rotation. Some guidance to follow before submitting your duty preference sheet is as follows:

- a. Tour rotation for CT's assigned to Diego Garcia (CTT,M,O,& R) is two consecutive OUTUS tours to one CONUS tour. At times, tour rotation breaks are granted on a case-by-case basis. This is the exception, however, and not the rule.
- b. CTA branch personnel assigned to Diego Garcia realize a one in-one out tour rotation. Many individuals in all branches elect to remain overseas.
- c. If considering a career in the Navy, take a good long look at the job, not just the location. Many of our remote sites offer an individual duties and responsibilities which reach far beyond the scope of his/her paygrade. This will not only help you progress more rapidly, it plays an important role before selection boards.
- d. Work through your Division Career Counselor. Each of my retention assistants have years of experience in many facets of their particular rating as well as in different locations throughout the world. He/she may steer you in a career direction that you had not previously given much thought. Additionally, you may have thoughts on going to Germany, Scotland, Japan, etc., but really don't know very much about the country. Again, your divisional career counselor may have spent a tour there, or can put you in touch with someone in your division who has, and can provide valuable insight on a prospective tour of duty.
- e. Finally, don't be swayed by the opinions of others when selecting your duty preferences. What may have been a "bad" tour for one person may have underlying reasons which had actually nothing to do with the tour itself. Personally speaking, some of the worst things I had heard about Diego Garcia upon receiving orders were from individuals who had never been here. To me and many, many others on "The Rock", Diego Garcia is an adventure, fun in the sun, and all the other things we on the island sport as slogans on our T-shirts (Well, almost all the other things!!!).

My door is always open, the coffee's hot, and the information binders are at my fingertips. This is my first tour of career counseling, and each time an individual enters my office I find that I too, learn a little more.

CTAC (SW) Joseph Streer
NSGD - C Site

GUARD III

The Guaranteed Assignment Retention Detailing Program (GUARD III) is one of the most misunderstood programs in the Navy's retention effort. Many people think that any duty they desire can be obtained through reenlistment under the auspices of GUARD III. This is not so. From the Retention Team Manual come the following facts:

- a. The first guaranteed assignment is used during the first enlistment - the second can be used anytime up to the twenty-fifth year of service;
- b. May not be under PCS orders at time of application;

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Coconut Courier Editor Riles Texas Tempers



As clear evidence that the COCONUT COURIER is a widely read and far-reaching journal of note, the Public Affairs Office recently received an editorial letter from the Fort Worth/Dallas, Texas area which complained of geographical discrepancies. Specifically, the letter took offense at the comment in the July 83 issue that CTT1 Fisher hailed from the Dallas/Fort Worth area vice the Fort Worth/Dallas area. Seems that the Fort Worth area residents were livid at playing second fiddle to Dallas. The letter demanded a public apology and prompted the following response from the NAVCOMMSTA Public Affairs Officer:

LT Ray K. Fisher
Fort Worth Police Department
Vice and Narcotics Section
1000 Throckmorton Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Dear Sir,

The staff of the "Coconut Courier" sincerely appreciates your editorial comments. Needless to say, glaring discrepancies such as the error you noted cannot be condoned by a truly professional journal. As a result of your input, the Editor-in-Chief has been severely chastised and assures the command that errors of this type will never again occur.

Please forward our apologies to the City of Fort Worth.

Sincerely,


Duane M. LAFONT
Lieutenant USN

(Editors Note: Sorry about the discrepancy Foat Wuth! That particular mistake will never be made by this Editor again. Can I come home now, Dad?)

Editorial Notes... by Mike Fisher

I hope that each of you enjoyed this edition of the COURIER, and as usual, you must understand that all is in fun. Finding someone to dump on is never a problem; I must, however, arrange to have duty on the day of my Hail and Farewell. I don't like angry mobs!

As my transfer date draws inexorably closer, it is with a great deal of sadness and reluctance that I must turn over the reins of the COURIER to a new Editor. As of this printing, it has not been determined who that person will be, but I'm sure that he/she will carry on the tradition of ensuring that the paper remains an entertaining vehicle with which to enlighten the world about the "Hot-Spot of the Indian Ocean".

For those of you who managed to grace the pages for the past few months (Sorry I forgot to ask permission, ya'll!), I want to thank you for your good sportsmanship and sense of humor. Maybe in the years to come, we will look back on our stint on Diego Garcia and say, "You know, I guess those were the good old days."

Notes from 22 Division...

by CT02 Dan Guajardo

Greetings from the world of 22 Division! First off, we'd like to welcome aboard some new ops. CTOSA Rick "The Crip" KING comes to us from NTTC Pensacola. Rick loves to fly high on the basketball court. He's just got to get his landings down pat. CT02 Ron "Mitch" MITSCHER comes to us from Edzell, Scotland. Both ops are the newest members of section three. Section One is sad to bid farewell to CTOSN Cindy MAINE, and CTOSN Lou DEPASQUALE. Cindy is headed for Edzell in November, while Lou is headed for Misawa, Japan in December. Cindy just took the Third Class test while Lou has been hitting the books via the University of Maryland. Best of luck!

Section One has celebrated some birthdays recently; CT03 Tom GUSSIE just went over the hill (24), CTOSN Mike "Krak the man with the plan" KRAKOWIAK (19), CTOSA Andrew "Woody" WOODSON (20), and CTOSN DEPASQUALE, who is now legal in every state. Last, but certainly not least, goodbye to CT01 Carla BAMBEY. Carla, who will soon be dayworking, is the anchor of ZWC-1 and I'm sure they'll miss her come November. Just watch out for CIMS, guys!

Moving on to Section Two, we welcome two new ops. The first CT02 "Captain Kirk" HENDERSON coming from section One. Kirk just received his second Good Conduct Award. From Section Four comes CT03 Bernie WARGO. Bernie, whose husband Dave is a Marine, dreams of the day when she'll be an officer's wife (she doesn't have to wait long, as Dave will be attending Officer Candidate School soon!). As for the rest of the section, CTOSN Mike "Conan" SLAVIN has been mastering the art of tech control, while CT03 Johnny "Killer" KENNEDY, CT01 "Dangerous Donald" KNAPP, and CTOSA "Racquet" Bryant RUMMEL have been trying to grasp the game of racquetball. Cut-throat is the game and boy these guys are insane! "Dangerous Don", the old-timer, gave the youngsters a lesson in the first game of the best of three, "Racquet" took the second, and the third was cancelled due to lack of oxygen. You guys just have to lay off the BUD's! Section Three has a new member; CTOSN Kevin FIELDS comes from Section One, and was recently selected as Naval Security Group Department's Sailor of the Quarter. The rest of the section are old hands, CT02 Robin WARREN, CT03 Paulette JONES, and CTOSN Ron "Barney" BARNHART. Rob reenlisted on the 26th of September, and has orders to NAVCAMS, EASTPAC via Pensacola. Good luck, Robbie!

Last but not least (didn't I say that already?) we have the day staff. CT0C "The Tyrant" BRYKCZYNSKI recently reenlisted; of course we all know that he did it for the T-shirt. CT01 Bill LEBLANC has taken over M&R; keep the CIMS rolling there Bill. Finally, we are losing the old vets of the division. First off we'd like to say goodbye to CT03 Mike "Spike" SHEAR. "Spike" is headed for NAVCOMMU LONDON. I'm sure NSGD will miss the ole degenerate, but I'm sure he'll feel right at home punking out in London. CT02 Dan Guajardo (Me!) is headed for the Comm Center in Pensacola, Florida. Well, that's it for this issue.



CDR Miller reenlists CT0C Brykczynski as CDR Jones and LCDR Snell look on. Sorry XO, still no shirt!!!

CT0C Brykczynski reenlisted in the Navy on 16 August 1983 in the conference room at C-Site. The ceremony was attended by all of his friends at NSGD, with a cake-cutting episode afterwards that you had to see to believe (See photo at right).

Good show, Chief Ski. We're proud to have you in our Navy a little longer.



Now really, Chief! Is that any way to cut a cake?



Section 2

NSGD

First of all, we in Section Two bid farewell to CTR2 Mary CAVANAGH and CTR2 Don GALES. Mary is off to Rota, Spain. Peppi, look out! Don is taking his very pregnant wife Tammy to Augsburg, Germany. Last, but certainly not least, we want to say so long to CTCR Tom SCANLON, who is leaving our paradise for Homestead, Fla. We will miss you all.

Welcome additions to our team, CTR1 Mick JAMES and CTRSN Tracy TRUITT joined us from the old Section One. Also, the section would like to hail CTCRS Peterson into the division. Welcome aboard, Senior!

In July, a few of us had the opportunity to spend a few hours of our break with Resusci Annie when we were qualifying in CPR. We are going to start taking her to the beach so she can catch a few rays.

In the middle of August, the section organized an after-the-eve beverage softball game. Eighteen of us batted our way through four hours of carefree ball. The next day nobody could remember which team won. I wonder why?

Well, if it's not ballgames, it's movies in CTRSN Barry GUCKES' mod. "Tell me a story, Jack."

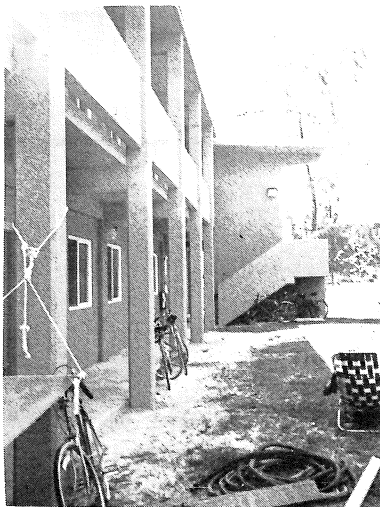
All fun and no work makes Johnnie and Bill unqualified guys. There has been a lot of cross-training going on during our strings. Everyone is interested in broadening their horizons. CTRSN GUCKES and CTRSN TRUITT took the Third Class test. We are confident that the section will have two new Third Classes in January.

Until next issue, DE ZWC TWO SIGNING OFF.



CPR Graduation Day for members of Section Two - (L to R) - CTM1 HOWELL, (Instructor), CTRSN CUNNINGHAM, RESUSCI ANNIE, CTM2 SAVAGE, CTR2 CAVANAGH, and CTT1 UNDERWOOD.

CTT1 Priscilla Hobson - Section Two



NCS in new barracks

NAVCOMMSTA recently moved from the old barracks 7 (pictured on the left) into a modern, 3-story UEPH. The new facility is a big improvement over the old quarters (as anyone who had the pleasure of living in the sevens can testify), and should help alleviate the crowded living conditions on Diego Garcia. The new barracks has completely equipped laundry facilities on each deck, and a TV lounge on each floor as well. Minor problems continue to surface, but it is a definitely a major step in the right direction!!!!



TRIVIA QUIZ

Submitted by Bill Fleitz

If you aced the trivia quiz in the last issue, this should prove a little more challenging. Good luck !!!!!

1. Can you name the suspects in the game of Clue?
2. Name the tokens used in the game of Monopoly.
3. What is notable about the USS Enterprise? USS Kearsarge? USS Langley?
4. What is Joe Rosenthal noted for?
5. What is Paul Tibbets Jr. noted for?
6. Who were John and Britt Reid?
7. Do you know who played the following roles on TV: Cauliflower McPugg, George Appleby, Junior (the mean widdle kid), San Fernando Red, and Sheriff Deadeye?
8. TREKKIE SPECIAL - Can you name the position, name and actor/actress who played the part, of the primary crewmembers of the USS Enterprise, in the TV version of Star Trek?
9. Where would you find the words "Ars Gratia Artis", and what do they mean?
10. We all know that Brian Epstein was the manager of the Beatles until his death on August 27, 1967 (don't we?). Can you name the other groups/singers he managed?
11. Can you name the year for which the following were Single of the Year? Hey Jude, Joy to the World, Tie a Yellow Ribbon, Ballad of the Green Berets, Don't Be Cruel, Bridge over Troubled Water, Mack the Knife, The Letter, and I Want to Hold your Hand. How about the singer/artist/group?
12. What is "Sic Semper Tyrannis" and what does it mean?
13. Can you name the last "three" states admitted to the Union, and tell what year they were admitted?
14. By what names are twins Esther Pauline and Pauline Esther (nicknamed Eppie and Popo) better known?
15. What was the Minden?

WASHINGTON (NES)...The Naval Military Personnel Command has announced changes to policies governing transfer to the Fleet Reserve. In the interest of increasing stability and continuity within commands, and to conserve scarce permanent change of station funds, the following policy changes have been made:

- Individuals who are otherwise eligible must now serve two years onboard their present permanent duty station at time of transfer to the Fleet Reserve. Previously, a minimum of one year onboard was required. An exception to this policy will be for Navy people who submit requests for transfer to the Fleet Reserve within 30 days of receipt of PCS orders; those people will be required to serve in their new duty station for a period of one year. (Continued page 13)

Poet's Page

The Man in the Glass Author Unknown

When you get what you want in your
struggle for self,
And the world makes you king for a day,
Just go to a mirror and look at yourself.
And see what THAT man has to say.

For it isn't your father or mother or wife
Who judgement upon you must pass;
The fellow whose verdict counts most in
your life
Is the one staring back from the glass.

Some people may think you a straight-
shootin' chum
And call you a wonderful guy,
But the man in the glass says you're
only a bum
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

He's the fellow to please, never mind
all the rest,
For he's with you clear up to the end;
And you've passed your most dangerous,
difficult test
If the man in the glass is your friend.

You may fool the whole world down the
pathway of life
And get pats on your back as you pass.
But your final reward will be heartaches
and tears
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

Letting Go J.A. Brown

All that's left is the forgetting,
the final letting go.
I held on so tight for so long.
And one by one, my fingers lifted.
The first was shock,
The second was anger,
The third finger lifted was denial.
Then grief - the last was my release
And what I hold now,
In the palm of my hand is ME.

Just a Little Boy

"Jon Michael"

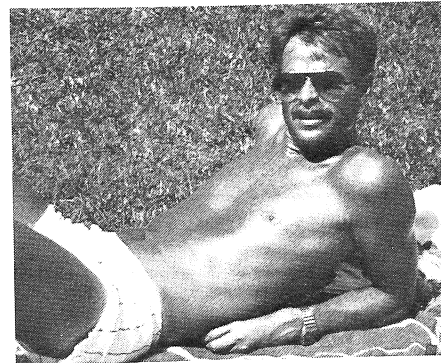
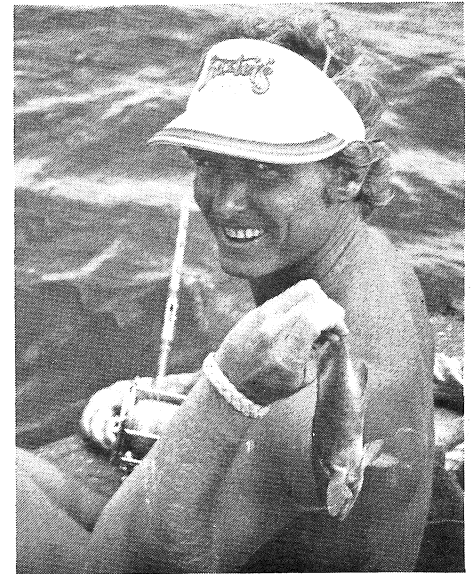
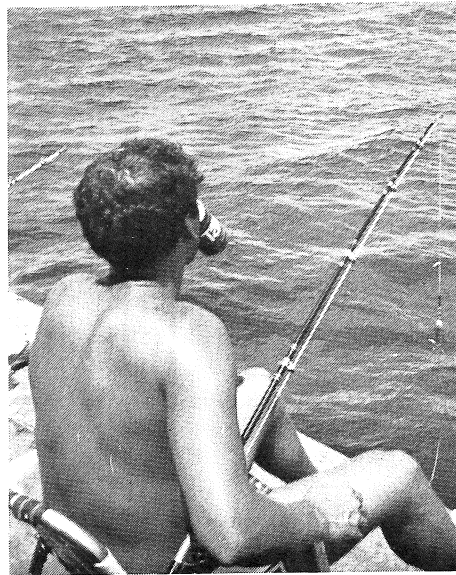
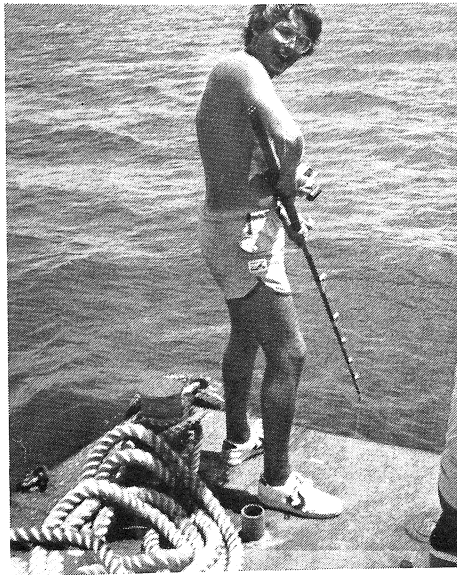
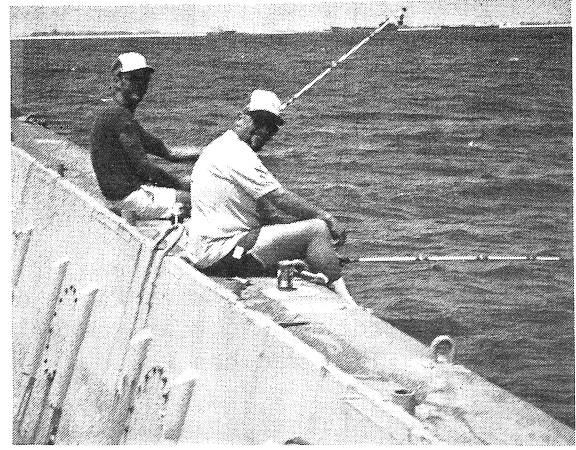
He stands at the plate
with heart pounding fast.
The bases are loaded;
the die has been cast.
Mom and Dad cannot help him
he stands all alone,
A hit at this moment
would send the team home.
The ball meets the plate;
he swings and he misses.
There's a groan from the crowd,
with some boos and hisses.
A thoughtless voice cries,
"strike out the bum".
Tears fill his eyes,
the game's no longer fun.
So open your heart,
and give him a break.
For it's moments like this,
a man you can make.
Keep this in mind,
when you hear someone forget;
He's just a little boy
and not a man yet.

(Submitted by J. Sandlin - Author
Unknown)

For a change, how about a page that
doesn't mention awards, reenlistments,
or sports? Thanks for the poems, L.W.;
I needed them.

...EDITOR





Upper left: CT03 Wargo and the wind-blown look
 Upper right: CTT1 Pouliot and CTT1 Anderson drowning bait
 Middle left: Look Ma! I caught a Mike boat! (CTT Civilian Dan Lizotte)
 Middle ctr: Whew! This fishin' is hard work! Have to take a nap later. (CTM2 Harsh)
 Middle right: Hienie displays a Brunette-sized whopper!
 Lower left: Oh well, skunked again! (Greg Brunette)
 Lower right: CTT1 Underwood proves that you can troll from a prone position



STAGGER INN

"The Agony of Victory or "The Thrill of Defeat". These opening statements are not typing errors by any means; they are just some of the motto's of last seasons most talked about softball team. Ladies and gentlemen, once again we proudly bring you "THE STAGGER INN".

Yes, the SI returns for season number two after their maiden season saw them go with the excellent record of 18 wins and 15 losses. How may that be if there are only 18 games in a season? Well, the members of the SI feel that winning the coin toss is just as important. A little math will tell you that SI had an unchallenged record of 14 wins and a mere 3 losses when it came to flipping the coin. We will not add our regular season as far as games are concerned.

Headed by CTT1 "Coach" SUMMERS and CTM1 "Pops" SUITER, SI sported a great deal of talent both on and off the field. "Coach" and "Pops" often had their hands full in fulfilling the team rule that everyone plays. A typical SI lineup for a game would include close to, if not more than, twenty players a game!

During a SI game, it was quite possible to have a "Kitten" (CTT3 BRYANT) playing one position and a "Kat" (CTM2 STEWART) at another. A feared double-play combination of "Pink" to "Duck" to "Ski" (CTM2 HASTINGS, CTTSN ALTMAN, CTTSN LIEBEL), a tremendous trio of a "Reverend", an "Ace" and "Say Hey Willie" (CTT3 BISPELS, CTM1 THERRIEN, CTT2 CARRINGTON), and with extra support from "B.S." (CTT3 MURPHY) in shortfield. Our fearless catcher, "Shaver" (ET3 SCOTT) took his bumps and bruises as well. Taking seasonal honors as the best pitcher goes to "KimSan" (CTM1 DONALDSON). Of course we needed an offense and SI could easily rely on "CAM" (CTOSN MAINE), whose seventh inning blast that rolled just beyond the pitcher's mound drove in the winning run in a SI come from behind victory against RESALE. Supplying additional power was "Schnookie", "The Geek", and "Mr. Tower of Power" (CTM2 HARSH, CTM3 GEGENHEIMER, CTM3 BAXTER), and as well "Kool" (CTT2 BRISKEY) himself. Every good team needs additional support both offensively and defensively and SI thanks "Mick" (CTR1 JAMES) and "Boomer" (CTR2 ECKARD) plus batboy "JR." (RMSN SUMMERS) and the "Crip" (RM1 BRADLEY). Late season support came from C-Site tech reps that helped beat T-Site in a crucial game.

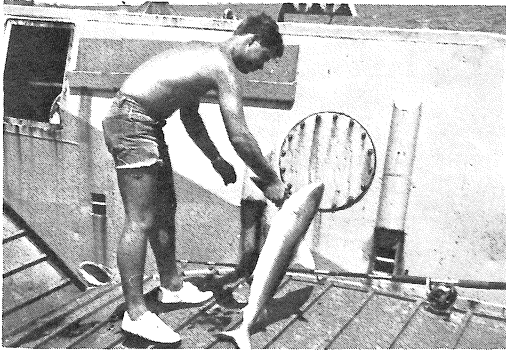
In preparation for the upcoming season, SI welcomes all people to come and join our motley group. Feel free to come and play or join the SI fan club by just watching and having an enjoyable time.

SI gives thanks to our supporters and a special thanks to CTT1 FLEITZ, CTO2 WARREN, CTCRC SCANLON, and CTMSN GENSLER for their additional support. Also, SI bids farewell to CTM1 DONALDSON who took his ability to pitch to Edzell, Scotland and to CTCRC SCANLON who boogied back to the mainland for a tour in Homestead, Florida. Goodbye also to CTT2 "Coppola Bear" COPPOLA for her enthusiasm for the team, and we wish her the best of luck in her return to the civilian world!!!

CTTSN Howie Altman

- Individuals may extend up to six months beyond their projected rotation date at their current duty station in order to complete 20 years of creditable active service for Fleet Reserve eligibility. Previously, a three-month extension was allowed to complete 20 years of creditable active service.

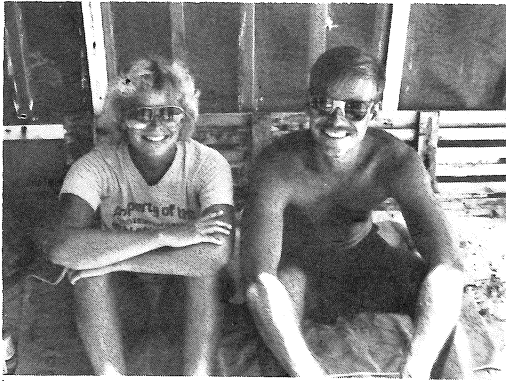
Navy people already in receipt of approved Fleet Reserve transfer dates will not be affected. Additionally, all requests for transfer to the Fleet Reserve submitted to NMPC before Sept 30, 1983, will not be affected by the policy change.



"Glad to meet ya. My name is Wayne Nivens."



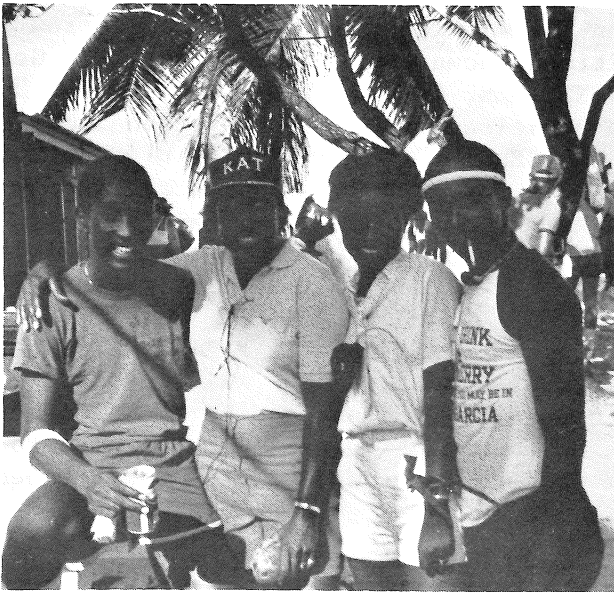
CTT1 "Poon Sniff" Blankenship goes undercover



Joe hangs out with Doris

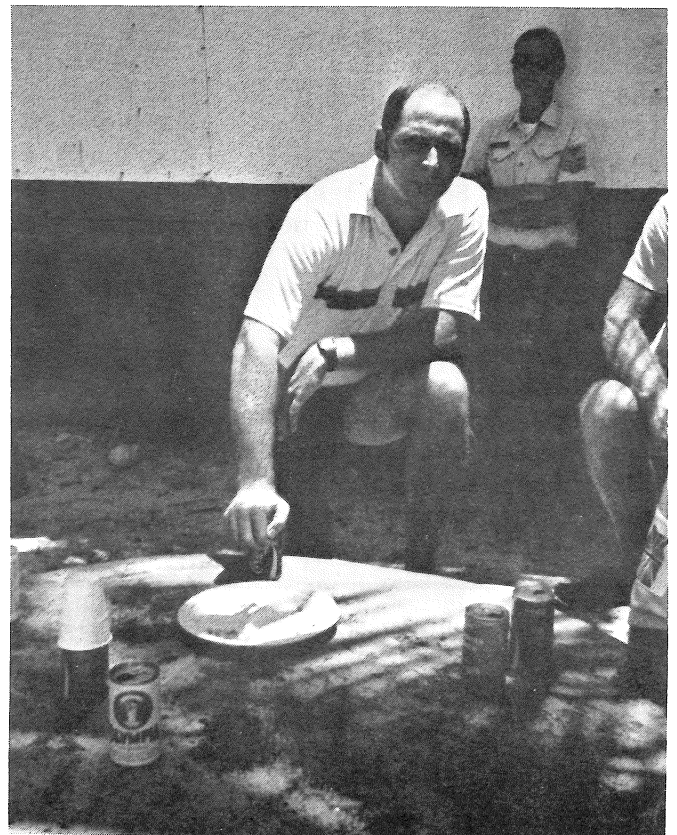


The biggest TEXAS RANGER fan of 'em all!



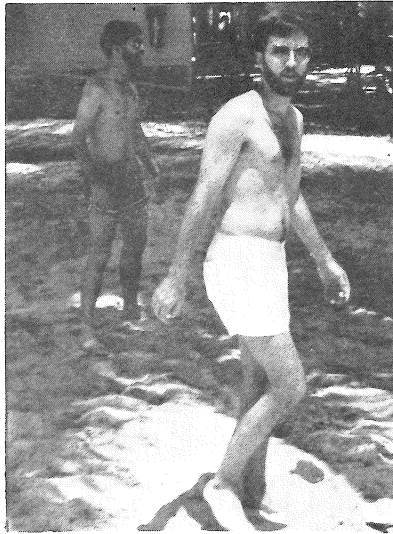
Above: CTT3 Rogers, CTM2 Stewart, CTASA Benjamin and CTT2 Stroud looking cool

Right: Would you buy a used car from this guy? Notice the law in the background keeping close watch on the Cajun

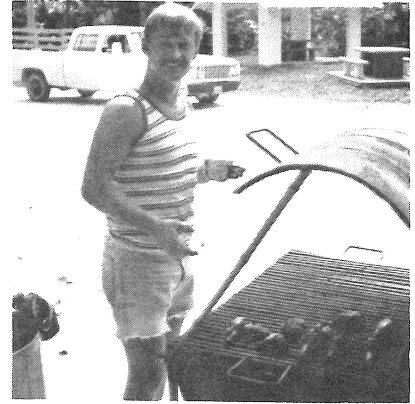




For all you people in Adak, this is the hardest he worked the whole year in Diego Garcia!! (Got you, Dougie!!! See you in the Harbor.)



CTT2 Andy F. Brace soaks up sunshine



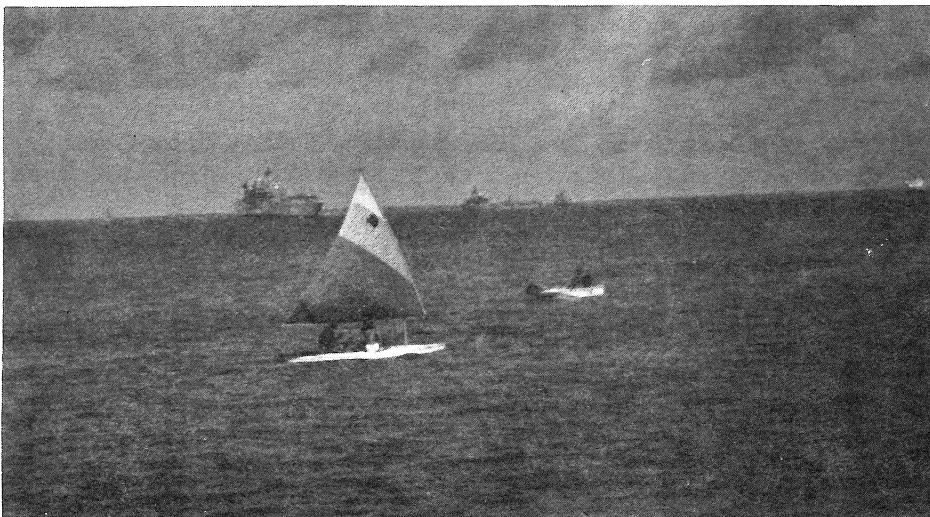
Leaving Larry to watch the chicken is like asking Garfield to watch out for the lasagna!!!!!!!



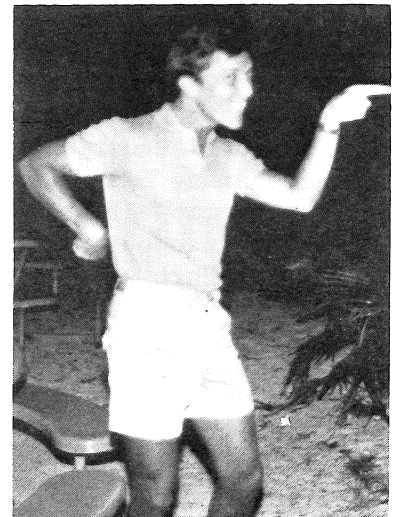
CTT3 Larry, CTTC Curly, and CTTSN Moe!!! I'm sure they kept the plane lively.



CTM1 Howell, CTRSN Jordan and CMT2 McMichael watch CTT1 Muller daintily devour a burger



WHO AM I? "I'm gonna really settle down. Hey Kelly, let's get a sailboat and see if we can outrun the law".



CTT2 Young performs a KING TUT imitation (Not a word, Lange!)

TRIVIA QUIZ ANSWERS:

1. Colonel Mustard, Miss Scarlett, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock, Mrs. White and Professor Plum.
2. Thimble, Iron, Shoe, Dog, Battleship, Top Hat, Cannon and Race Car.
3. First nuclear-powered aircraft carrier; only U.S. battleship not named after a state; First U.S. aircraft carrier.
4. The English ship (flag of truce boat) aboard which Francis Scott Key wrote the "Star Spangled Banner". (September 13-14, 1814 in Baltimore Harbor)
5. He was the photographer who won a Pulitzer Prize for his picture of the U.S. Marines raising the American flag on Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima. (March 15, 1945)
6. Colonel who piloted the B-29 "Enola Gay" that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, August 6, 1945.
7. Texas Ranger John Reid is better known as the Lone Ranger; his grandnephew Britt later became the Green Hornet.
8. They were all roles played by Red Skelton on his radio and TV series.
9. Captain James T. Kirk (William Shatner), First Officer Mr. Spock (Leonard Nimoy), Doctor Leonard McCoy (DeForrest Kelly), Chief Engineer Montgomery "Scotty" Scott (James Doohan), Helmsman Sulu (George Takei), Communications Officer Lt. Uhuru (Michelle Nichols), Ensign Chekov (Walter Koenig), Nurse Christine Chapel (Majel Barrett).
10. They appear in the circle above the lions head in the emblem for MGM films; the words mean "Art for Art's sake".
11. Gerry and the Pacemakers, Billy J. Kramer and the Dakotas, The BeeGees, The Foremosts, and Cilla Black.
12. 1968/Beatles; 1971/Three Dog Night; 1973/Dawn; 1966/SSGT Barry Sadler; 1956/Elvis; 1970/Simon and Garfunkel; 1959/Bobby Darin; 1967/The Boxtops; 1964/Beatles.
13. Shouted by John Wilkes Booth as he leaped to the stage of Ford's theatre after shooting Abraham Lincoln; it means "Thus ever to tyranny".
14. Arizona/1912; Alaska/1959; Hawaii/1959.
15. Twin syndicated columnists Ann Landers and Abigail Van Buren.

Did you get them all? Not even the XO could have guessed them all !!! If you wish to submit a quiz, feel free to do so via the Public Affairs Office. Ensure you include the answers and the source from which the questions/answers came.

DG Sailor Wins Dart Tournament

Gene MCGRATH of NAVCOMMSTA became the new champion of the ComUSNavPhil Darts Tournament after defeating two-time winner Dale Pitman of ComUSFac 2-1 in a sudden-death playoff August 6 at the Coral Inn Dart Room in Olongapo City, RP. ET2 MCGRATH, top-rated among Diego Garcia's throwers, breezed through the tournament, dropping some very tough competition along the way.

Other standouts for the Diego Garcia team were CTM2 Phil HASTINGS of C-Site, and ET3 BEHAN. Both of these guys finished in the top 8 out of 48 dart throwers.

Congratulations to these players. It's good to know that people all over the world now can say that Diego Garcia sports some of the best around! But we here on the rock realized that a long time ago! Good Show!

Classified Ads

- WANTED...Tennessee hill woman; discrete or deaf mute only. Contact EXT 3453 for more information.
- FOR SALE...1982 POZSMINKA sports sedan; Good condition. High mileage but runs well. \$1800. Contact Ext 4154 for more information.
- FOR SALE...Deep sea fishing tackle; good working condition; been wet a lot but hardly any strain on reel. Call Brunette at Ext 4154. (Cont. page 19)

T-Site

T-site lies at the end of the paved portion of DG 1. You don't find much civilization north of the transmitter antenna fields on the eastern half of the island. We spend a lot of the time in transit, as we shared in the last issue of the COCONUT COURIER, now let us tell the tale of an average watch at T-Site.

In this age of integrated circuitry and receivers on a chip, HF communications would seem to be an anachronism. Yet we, the RM's and ET's at T-Site, working with Tech Control, allocate frequencies and manage antennas. The ET's are responsible for upkeep of the gear, however, upkeep and operation of the gear is not the story of T-Site.

T-Site is cooking your own meals on watch. Scrounging in the galley for a mid-night snack, a cheese sandwich, some french fries. RM's and ET's alternate cooking (except for ET3 SMILGIN, who is not allowed in the kitchen).

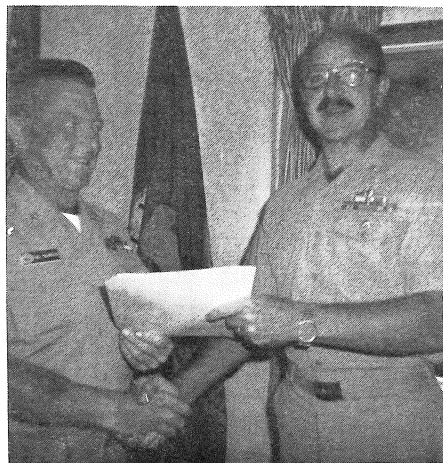
T-Site is an outdoor shower with a view of the ocean. The donkeys pay no attention at all, but tread lightly; ET2 RHOADES is still working on the floor.

T-Site is watching RM1 LEPP peer around the corner of the building, looking for the bus and wondering if he's been left again.

T-Site is RM2 BROWN, working out on the transmitter deck with two cans of grape juice.

T-Site is ET1 LANSHE, tied to a chair and held for ransom, payment being a shipment of homemade chocolate chip cookies from his wife.

We work hard at T-Site, but we enjoy the work because we're family out here. If you happen to find yourself at the end of the pavement one day, drop in for a visit. We'll be happy to show you around. You can say "Hello" to the donkeys on the way out.



ENC WARDEN promoted to present grade



CPO Happenings

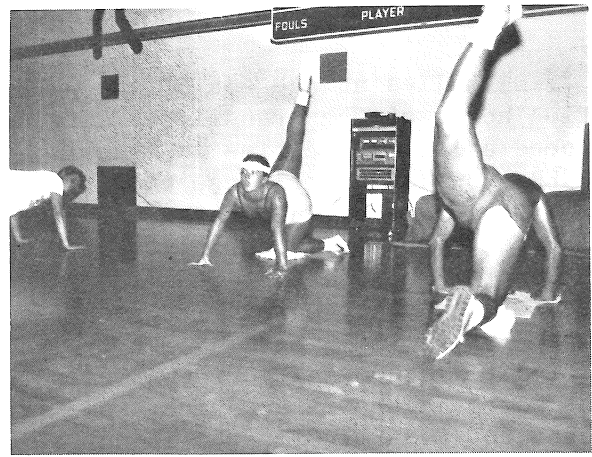
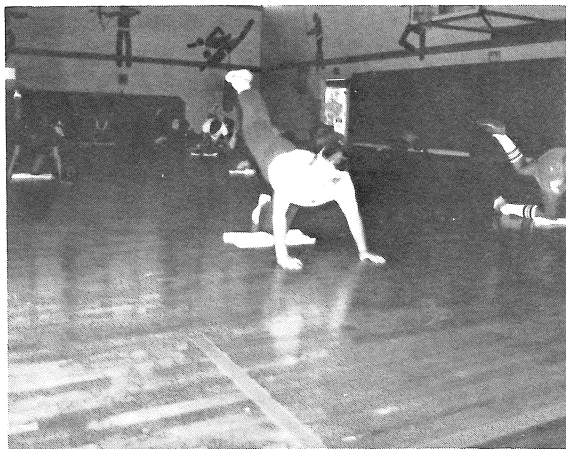
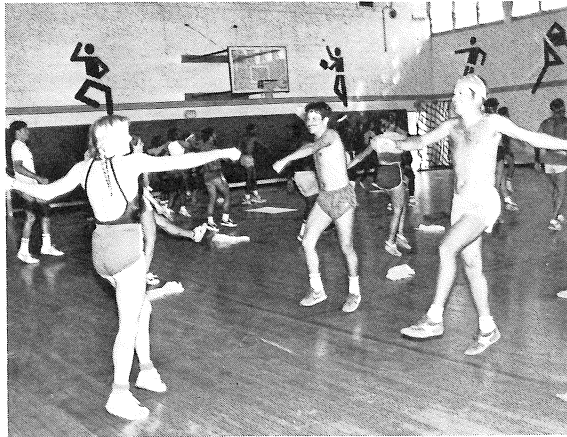
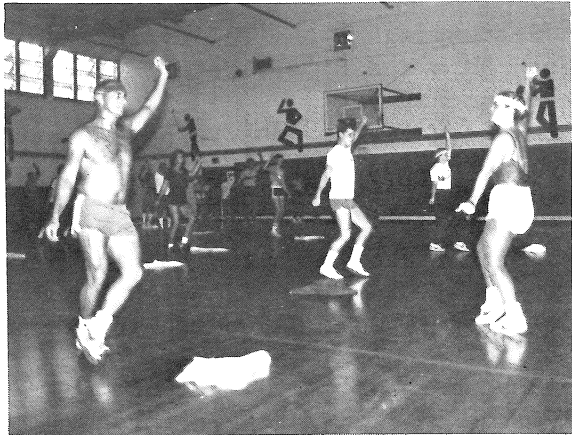


CTTC SUTER and CTAC (SW) STREER frocked to present grade



Aerobics! Fitness can be fun!

Are you looking for a pleasant and entertaining way to get the old body back into shape? If so, CTT3 Kaywin BRYANT and CTT2 Lisa COPPOLA have just the thing for you. Five nights a week

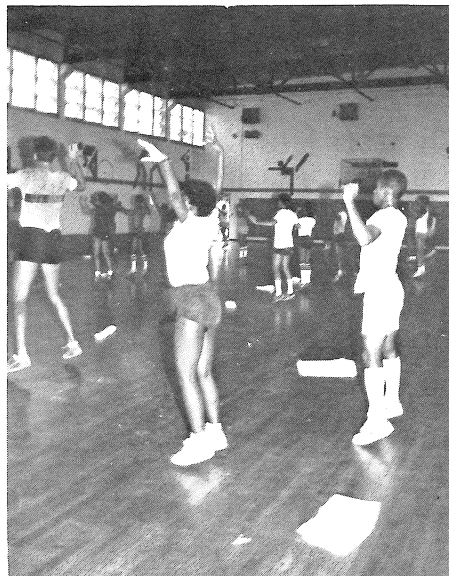


(1730-1830 Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday; 1700-1800 on Thursday) these two ladies conduct classes in Aerobics for anyone on Diego Garcia interested in health and physical fitness.

Just exactly what is Aerobics? The word originates with the Greek root "aero", which means literally, "air". The form of exercise called Aerobics is designed to allow the body to more efficiently use oxygen while at the same time strengthening the cardiovascular (heart and blood vessels) system. Strenuous workouts of this type will result in increased endurance and lung capacity, lower "at-rest" pulse rate, and a general feeling of increased flexibility and good health.

It's not only good for you, but as these photographs illustrate, it can be a lot of fun. Come on out and see what you're missing!

CTT1 Michael Fisher



Executive Officer (continued from page 3)...

and it is frequently even more difficult to get off the island if the need arises. Communication by telephone is both unreliable and expensive. Working hours are long and many of the functions we have to perform are tedious.

It may appear that I have painted a fairly bleak picture of basic conditions as they affect morale, but a glimpse of the people who make up NAVCOMMSTA Diego Garcia quickly shows that quite the opposite is true. I am convinced that Diego Garcia is one of the Navy's best kept secrets. Our working spaces are seeing steady improvements and the upgrades will continue for the foreseeable future. We recently moved virtually the entire command into the island's newest barracks -- a considerable improvement over the quarters we formerly occupied. There are numerous island-wide activities encompassing any area of interest and I see NAVCOMMSTA personnel participating at all levels. Social activities at command, departmental, and divisional levels are routine events. We had a highly successful command party with our British counterparts at the Brit Club on 06 August and we have another one planned for 30 September. The island itself offers unlimited potential for fishing, swimming, shelling, or just soaking up tropical sunshine. Involvement by our people can point to only one thing -- strong morale. To each and every member of NAVCOMMSTA Diego Garcia I say, "Keep up the good work and stay involved!"

Career Planning... (continued from page 6)...

- c. Be within six months of EAOS as extended;
- d. Be eligible for duty requested IAW sea/shore or OUTUS/CONUS rotation pattern established in TRANSMAN;
- e. Be willing to reenlist for four or more years;
- f. Have consistent record of above-average performance;
- g. Be recommended by your Commanding Officer.

Those are just a few of the eligibility requirements for GUARD III applicants. Specific requirements may be obtained from your Career Counselor.

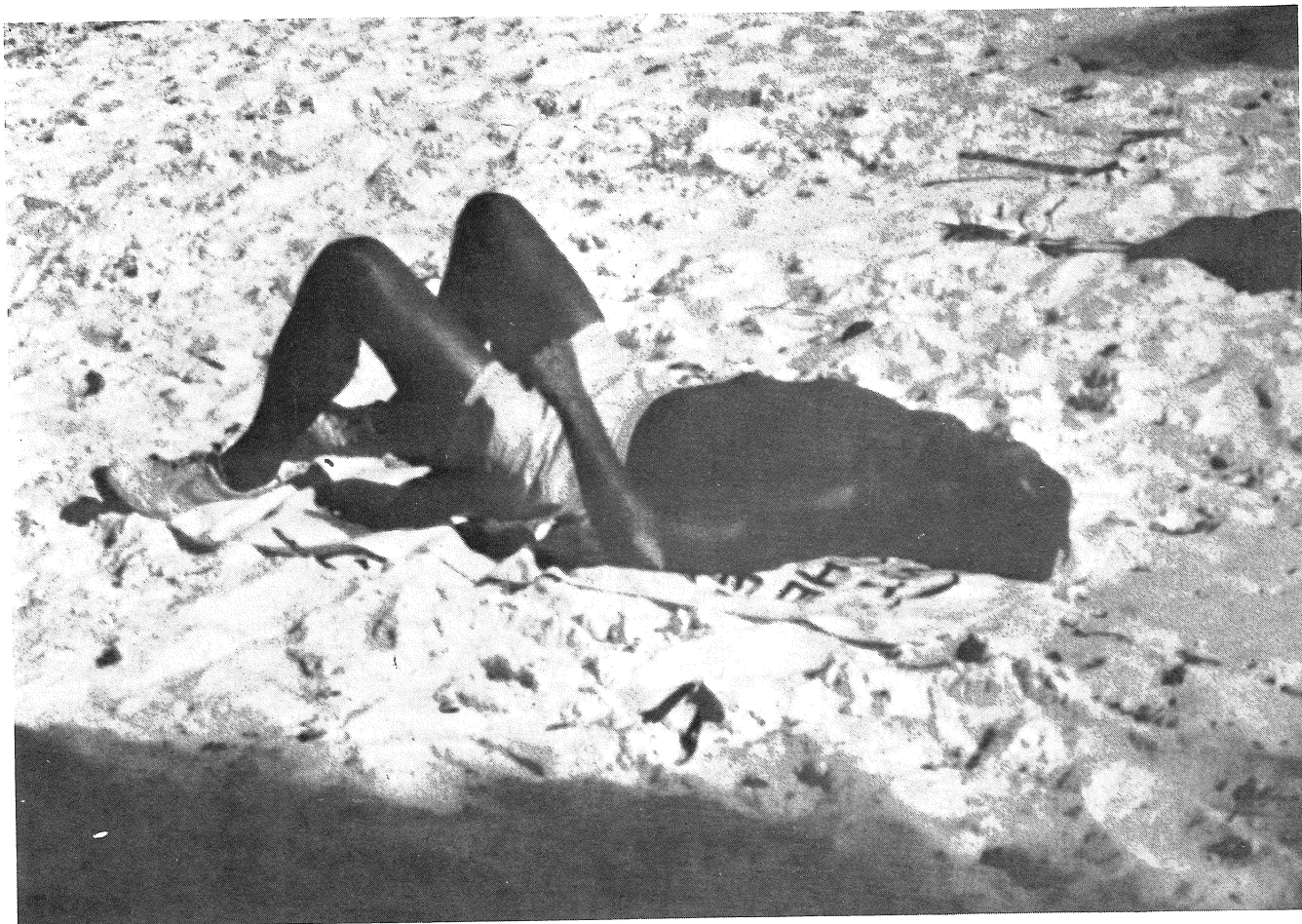
When making a choice for duty, the applicant should keep in mind that a career enhancing decision is much more valuable in the long run than a preferable choice. In other words, type of duty may be more advantageous than location of duty. All things considered, ensure that your choices are of a varying nature. The U.S. Navy encompasses a wide range of opportunities, so take advantage of them.

Talk it over with your Career Counselor.

RM1 Rick Gonzalez
SATCOM - R Site

CLASSIFIED ADS (Continued)...

- TRADE...Entire personal stock of cold remedies for one videotape (VHS) copy of American Gigolo. Contact D.G. at 3453.
- TRADE...Disgruntled Cincinnati Reds fan is throwing out every red item in his wardrobe. Will trade for anything to do with Texas. Call "Wheatie" at 4153.
- WANTED...Contract killer to wipe-out local newspaper Editor. Money is no object and all serious offers considered. For more information, contact anyone in NCS or leave note on third picnic table at Cannon Point.



Contrary to popular belief, a "POZSMINKA" is not a sportscar !!

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