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"Darling, guess what I've just found.."

At sea aboard the USS REEVES in the dusty and sometimes cool Persian Gulf isn't always without some of the comforts of home. LTJG Michael G. Matacz, Damage Control Assistant aboard the REEVES and his band of HT's, rigged up three jacuzzies (hot baths) for the crew on the O1 level aft, during a Sunday holiday routine.

The jacuzzies were made from inverted covers for the P250 pumps, with some slight modifications. HT3 Tony Connell, HMFN Chuck Finn and HT3 Vinci Vidal stripped and repainted the covers and helped LTJG Matacz with the modifications. First four bolts were placed in the corners and sealed with epoxy to prevent leakage. Hose clamps were placed on the bolts and a hose run through the clamps and out of the cover. With the hoses in place they put pop-rivets in the hoses spaced about every four inches. They then punched a hole in the rivet to allow the air to escape. To supply the air they ran a hose from the LP Air fitting on the fantail and strung it to each of the three covers with a petcock on each so the individual could control the amount of bubbles.

For heat they strung a hose from the O2 level starboard shore steam riser. Using the ship's auxillary steam at 150 pounds pressure they manually inserted the hose into the tub and cracked the valve, allowing steam to heat the water to a comfortable temperature.

Because the jacuzzies can be easily moved and installed LTJG Matacz says with jest, "Our motto is, have jacuzzies, will travel."

by JOSN Richard Martin



ENS E.D. LAMKIN, MEDICAL SAFETY OFFICER

JACKPOT

REEVES schedule of morale, recreation and welfare activities began the week of 30 March with a chess tournament. Taking first place was III Owens; HT1 Steitz placed second and PNSN Gross tied for third with SH1 Romero.

Backgammon is progressing well this week, while cribbage competition begins April 13. Saturday night bingo is drawing more crewmembers each week—those cash prizes look more appealing as Australia draws

closer.

We have regular bingo, letter bingo, blackout bingo, four corner, and picture frame bingos," explained caller CTRL Abbott, "We really have a good response and would like to see more." His goal is to sell 200 cards a night. All money taken in goes back to the players.

Other upcoming, events include Acey Ducey, spades, dominoes checkers and electronic games. See RP3 Lamkin for details.

more relaxing.

HERE AND NOW

If you like Japan and are interested in extending your overseas tour of duty or if you are undecided as to what you want to do; there are some new incentives to remain here and extend your overseas duty.

The choices of incentives: 1. \$50.00 a month during the period of extension even if TAD from the ship. (Payment is retroactive to 1 JAN 81). 2. 15 days R and R leave, non-chargeable plus round trip transportation to CONUS at government expense. (These overseas extension incentives are in addition to entitlements for members without dependents who have back to back overseas tours and may travel to CONUS on leave between duty stations at government expense). 3. 30 days leave R and R, non-chargeable; without government expense travel to CONUS.

All enlisted personnel are eligible whether married or not, but there are some guidelines to determine whether you qualify. You must have already completed an area tour in Japan, (Hawaii tour if stationed on REEVES prior to homeport change), two years unaccompanied and three years accompanied. All extensions must be in Japan and must be of Type 3, (overseas

shore duty that counts as sea duty for rotation, like Misawa and Okinawa) or Type 4, (ship homeported here like REEVES). Extension must be for 12 months or more.

Some amplifying guidance on using the incentives are as follows: Members electing the 15 day R and R plus transportation option may combine this absence with additional annual leave at the discretion of the commanding officer. Entitlements are authorized for each and all 12 month extensions approved but must be used prior to transfer to next command.

In order to be considered you must extend a minimum of 12 months beyond the tour prescribed in your current Permanent Change of Station orders. If necessary an enlistment extension will be required for personnel whose EAOS would preclude serving an additional 12 months. Enlistment extensions must be signed prior to receipt of the elected incentive. All requests should be submitted 8 to 10 months prior to PRD (tour completions) and no later than six months before PRD.

by N1 Donald Frazier
and JOSN Richard Martin

MORE THAN JUST FOOD

Besides our fare of four meals a day (including MIDRATS), the Mess Specialists are trying to provide the crew with something different by staging special events and meals.

The MS's staged the first cookout of our cruise on the fantail Sunday afternoon, March 29. The menu included, Bar-B-Q Spareribs, Bar-B-Q Chicken, charbroiled franks, hamburger patties, broiled Italian sausage, baked beans, potato chips, and sandwich fixings. Slews of chocolate and oatmeal cookies for desert and to wash it all down, good-old, ice cold soda pops. The MS's led by MSCS Andrew Toms and MSC Rene Reyes have another fantail cookout scheduled for May 2.

The galley crew hosted a birthday party on March 31 for men who had birthdays in January, February or March. The birthday celebration was held at 1600 in the Enlisted Dining Facility. All the celebrants got "Head-of-the-Line" privileges plus "steak-to-order." Celebrants seemed to have a fine time with Captain Egerton cutting the birthday cake and everyone singing happy birthday. The galley crew plans on having a birthday party for the men every month.

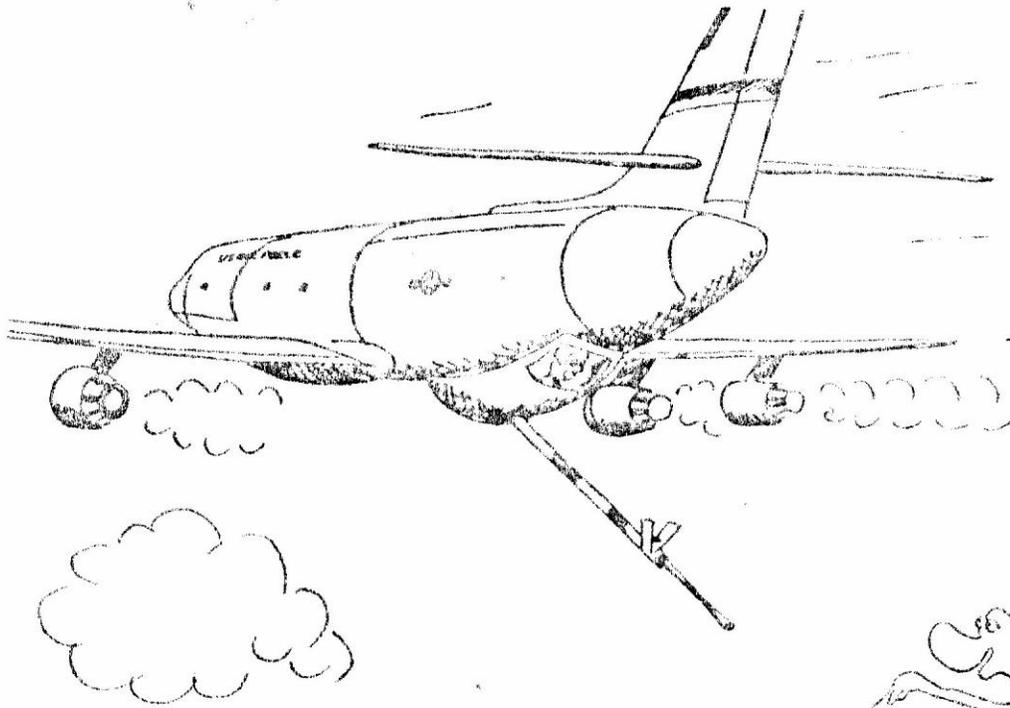
GOING UP

2nd Class Petty Officer Mark W. Schroeder, a Data Systems Technician, reenlisted April Fools Day in the computer room with Captain Egerton performing the ceremony. Petty Officer Schroeder signed a four year reenlistment (one and a half years of new obligated service) and received a Selective Reenlistment Bonus of \$6,700, (before taxes).

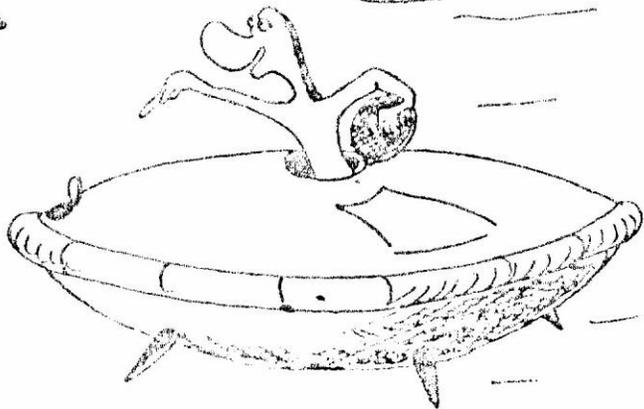
Petty Officer Schroeder transfers to the USS BAINBRIDGE (CGN-25) in August for a 12 month tour. Following that tour, will be shore duty.

REEVES says welcome aboard to the six new crewmembers who joined us last Sunday. DS1 George Baillargeon, MM2 Larry Jewell, OSSN Samuel Booth Jr., OS3 James Holter, YNSA Jamie Harris and OSSR Scott Walker.





Fill 'er up!



Time to Reflect

Eight REEVES crewmembers recently took part in a Navy - Air Force exchange program with their counterparts at Riyadh.

Following a morning flight to the base on 7 APR, the sailors received a tour of the facilities and flew a mission aboard the B-52 AWACS aircraft.

Meanwhile the Air Force got a taste of life at sea aboard REEVES, which was surely a different experience for them.

The REEVES group included LTJG Wheat, LTJG Hickman, ENS Yoshihara, EW2 Koscielski, DS2 Schroeder, OS2 Bracken, OS2 Young and OS3 Munn.

Their lodging was the Al Yamamah Hotel. During their free time the navymen had an opportunity to do some shopping and sightseeing in Riyadh.

"It was an enlightening experience," commented LTJG Hickman, "Also an interesting experience to see the Arab way of life."

by LTJG Chuck Daniels

Commander Middle East Force, RADM Robert W. Chowning and five members of his staff, CAPT Julian, CDR Barker, LT Alex-nathy, YNL Jackson, RM2 Zibley, and YN2 Jordan departed REEVES

yesterday morning after a five day stay. RADM Chowning was our immediate Operational Commander, and REEVES served as his Flagship during the period he was aboard.

REEVES conducted a turnover of duties with the USS TOWERS (DDG-9), as the Radar Picket ship in the Persian Gulf, yesterday morning at Sitra Anchorage, Bahrain and proceeded out of the Persian Gulf through the Strait of Hormuz to rejoin the MIDWAY Battle Group in the Arabian Sea.

REEVES is scheduled to conduct a TERRIER

missile shoot off Diego Garcia on the 25 and 26 of April. On May 4 and 5, REEVES is scheduled to participate in Exercise BEACON SOUTH 81-2 with U.S. Navy, Royal Australian Navy, Royal Australian Air Force, and New Zealand Navy forces, followed by a visit to Fremantle, Australia, for five days, from May 6 to 10.

Take
stock
in America.



A New Life for a High-Flying Bird

A Chinese man rapped on the door of the missionary doctor's house. The doctor noticed the cataracts on his eyes, so he operated. Afterwards the Chinese man left the Christian hospital without offering to pay and without voicing a single word of gratitude. Strange action for a man who owed his sight to another's skill and compassion. A few days later the same man stood rapping at the same door. When the nurse opened the door, she saw the Chinese man holding a long rope. Holding the rope were dozens of Chinese who had cataracts on their eyes. The man did not know how to say "thank you," but he did know how to BE THANKFUL.

Action speaks louder than words. This is Holy Week, and a number of services have been planned. These services provide an excellent opportunity for you to BE THANKFUL.

A special addition to the Sunday morning worship are the REEVES HARMONIZERS. MSCS 1005 has organized a twelve voice choir with electric guitars and an electric organ. This choral group is open to all interested personnel. Another way to praise the Lord and to BE THANKFUL.

Try it!

- 12 APR --- PALM SUNDAY -----0900 ----- EDF
- 16 APR --- HOLY THURSDAY -----1900 ----- UCC
with communion
- 17 APR --- GOOD FRIDAY -----1200 ----- UCC
Ecumenical Service
- 19 APR --- EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE ----- FANTAIL
with communion
- 19 APR --- EASTER SERVICE -----0900 ----- EDF

- Sport -

Are you looking for something better to do this summer than roam the hunch? Why not catch a Japanese Baseball game - The Major League season will be well underway when the ship returns to Yokosuka.

Yokohama's "Taiyo Whales" are close, less than an hour and a half by train from Yokosuka; directions should be available at the base tour office.

A number of differences will be evident to the American seeing his first game in Japan. The stadiums are cleaner than their stateside counterparts. Japanese fans appear more subdued and will toss a pop foul or home run ball back onto the field rather than take home a free souvenir.

Between innings cheerleaders shout exhortations through huge megaphones. There is more than hot dogs for nourishment; vendors are everywhere selling countless varieties of food and drink - Yakisoba, fried rice, Tempura, Sake, whiskey, soda or beer.

There's also the chance to see some Americans in action. Roy White, Felix Millan, and Carlos May are just a few who have brought their talents to the Land of the Rising Sun.

Watching a Japanese baseball game isn't quite like seeing the Yankees and Red Sox clash in the midst of a hot pennant race, but it can be a lot of fun.

by LTJG Chuck Daniels



The Naked Truth

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