

While in Yokosuka my POIC had his jaw broken in a bar. Nobody gave use the true story but we were sure it shot his mouth off to the wrong guy; he said he stumbled and fell and broke his jaw. That seems hard to imagine. My POIC was hard to understand with out his mouth wired shut, now it was impossible. This guys credibility was still strong with the command however as he held some stripes. He was still threatening me with everything under the sun. After all this guys ridiculalous acts I do not understand how the command could accept his evalutaions and reports on me.

We stopped and refueled in Honolulu again on the way back. No liberty to speak of during the two days. On the way back one chief put me of report for disobeying an order. I could not leave my watch station in the order he gave and told xx him so. He told me to take a water sample to the oil lab and in effect abandon the boiler with no qualified hand to take it over, for something like a half hour the test would take. We had an evaporator operator on watch but this chief wanted to order me to do the test. I explained all this on the intercom and he wanted that order executed his way, and made a big stink. Once I found I was truly written up I wrote him up for giving improper orders. He couldn't see it that way and an animosity was formed again. The whole deal never made it to mast and was another attempt to get me punished for nothing.

The whole engineering division seemed intent of getting me written up. When we got back to the states I was set up. I was working on applying to San Deigo State University and neede time to go through the administrative hoops to enter the school. I decided to blow my beer money on college credits. That is not the favored course for the use of off time by the military. With the prying into of ones personal life the military entails, i.e reasons for special liberty and all. What I was doing was generally known and an action the crew wanted stopped and could not tolerate. I wanted any sort of releif from my situation and San Deigo State could give me some sort of a feeling of worth that the Navy had been so good at iradicating in my case.

So, one day my POIC had to go ashore and see a lawyer all day as he was up on charges of defrauding the government by claiming a phony dependent. We had to get a 'rainmaker', a water softening demineralizer to pump feed water on board as the distilling plant was torn down along with the boilers. Our crew was decimated as two people left, one broke his hand, Mr. UA was gone to Montana, and the other man left with me had special liberty for the day. I was told only to hook up the rainmaker and nothing else for the rest of the day. That means liberty at liberty call as far as I knew and nobody told me any different. Luring the day I had to repair a cooling water pump that was in serious shape and the ship had no tools for me to fix. I took the pump down and the machine rpairman on board said the coupling he made from some old scrap was no good and the pump could fail in the condition it was in, and had to have the proper parts which were not at hand. I check to see the pump was on order and it had been and nobody was pushing to get a new one. I could only report the discrepancy and was not authorized to expedite a new one through any channels. The pump was so bad it rattled the deck plates and someone had lost the coupling guard. I was stymied on it and no one with authority was interested in getting new one as the thing was written up from way back.

When liberty went down I hit the beach to take care of my business which was of a deadline nature. All well and good and no one told me at the quarterdeck liberty was secured. When I got back the whole story had changed and I found I was set up. Standing orders were manufactured and specific orders were made up and I was on report again. My POIC wrote me up for dereliction of duty and lied as to the orders he hurriedly had given and told the guy who went on special liberty that he had