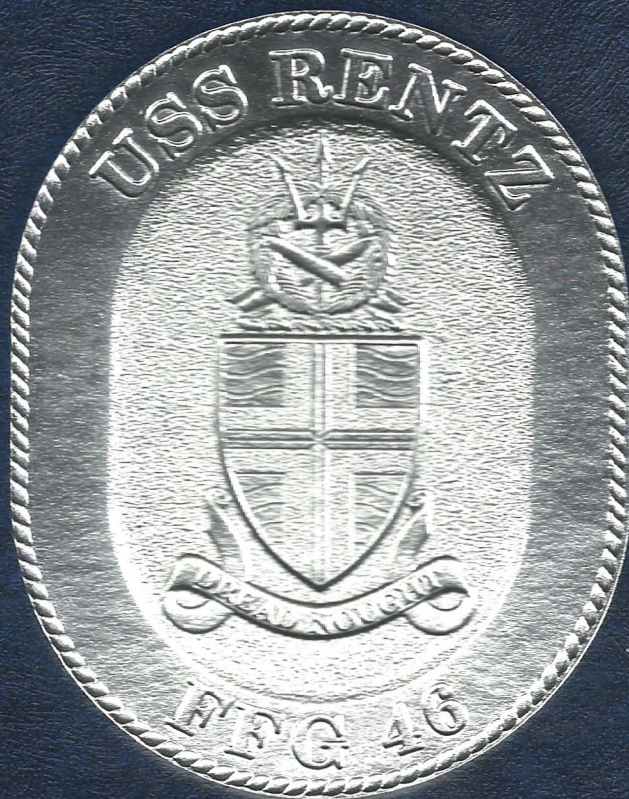


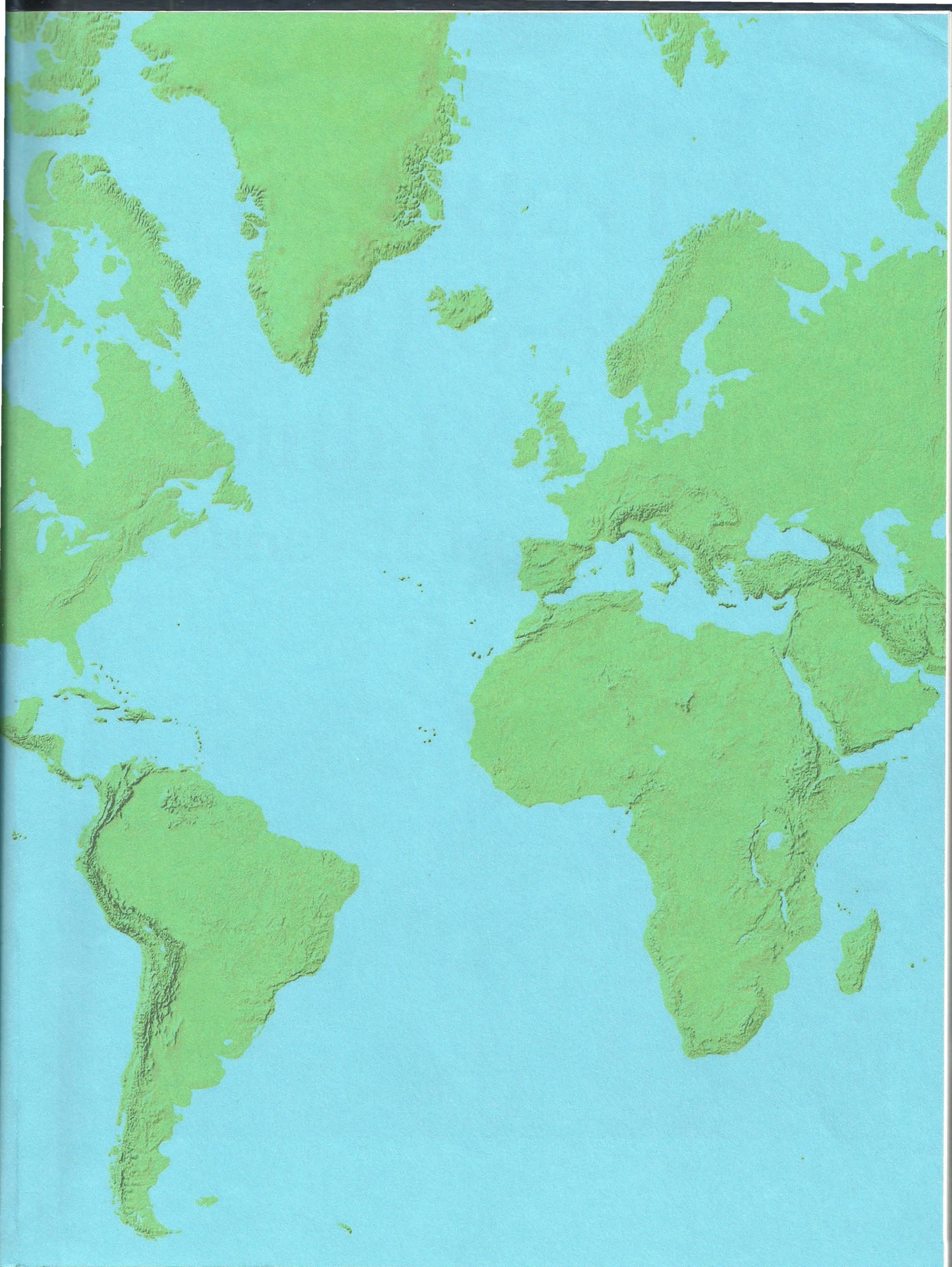
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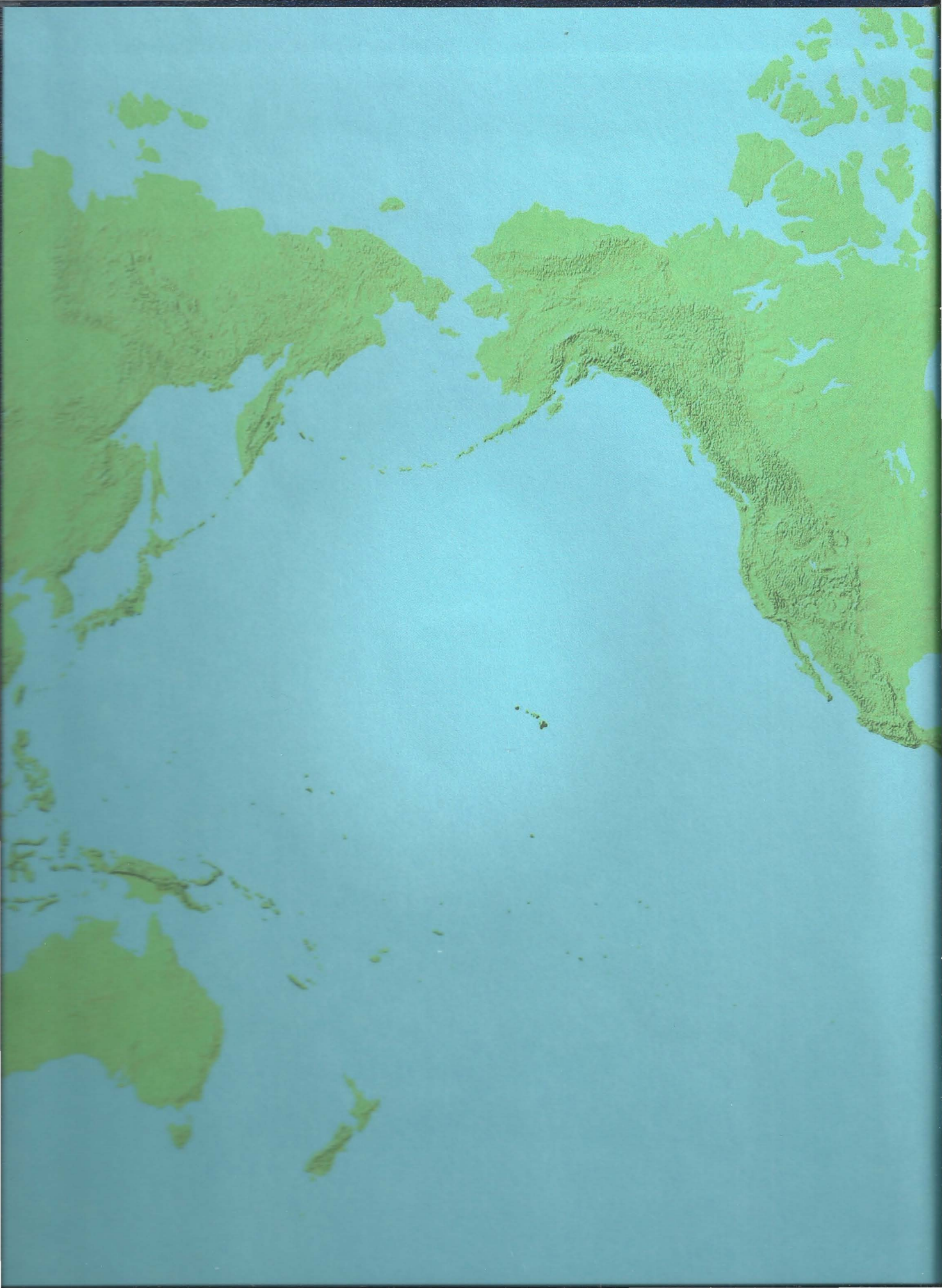
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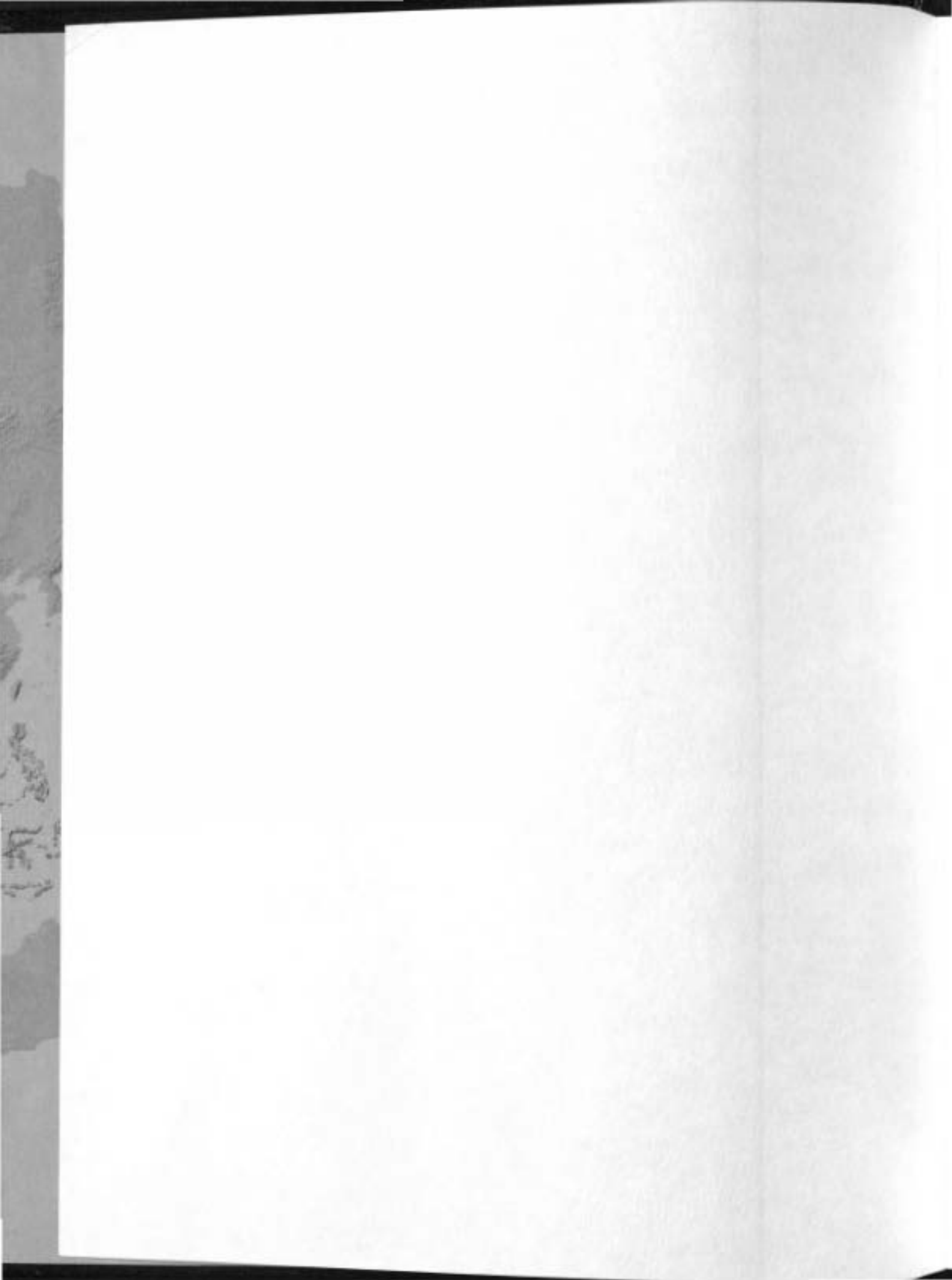


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JUNE 16, 2003 -- DECEMBER 16, 2003







USS RENTZ

FFG-46

South PAC 2003

16 June - 16 December 2003



COMMANDER GEORGE SNAVELY RENTZ CHC, USN



Born on July 25, 1882 in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, George Snavely Rentz graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, was ordained by Presbytery of Northumberland in 1909, and pastored churches in Pennsylvania and New Jersey for eight years. Following entry of the United States in World War I, he was appointed acting chaplain with the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade and assigned to the 11th Regiment of Marines in France until 1919. He attained the rank of Commander in 1924. Among his sea Duty assignments, he served in USS FLORIDA (BB-30), USS

WRIGHT (AV-1), USS WEST VIRGINIA (BB-48), and USS AUGUSTA (CA-31). In 1940, when the USS HOUSTON (CA-30) relieved AUGUSTA as flagship of the Asiatic Fleet, Commander Rentz transferred to the new arrival. It was aboard the cruiser he served so devotedly and enthusiastically, providing the ship's crew and officers with great hope and promise. During an Allied attack on February 4, 1942, HOUSTON was under severe air attack. Commander Rentz spurned cover and circulated among the crew of the anti-aircraft battery, encouraging them. It was noted that crew members at the guns "... saw this man of God, walking fearlessly among them, they no longer felt alone." In the Flores Sea, during this attack, HOUSTON took a direct hit that disabled turret III and killed 48 men. Less than a month later HOUSTON was in the Battle of Java Sea with the Australian light cruiser HMAS PERTH. Both ships were outnumbered by a Japanese troop convoy but they persisted in an ensuing melee of fire, causing such confusion as to have a Japanese destroyer fire a spread of torpedoes that passed by the allied cruisers and caused four Japanese troopships close inshore to sink. All in all, the involvement was no match for the wounded PERTH and HOUSTON; the Japanese attack on these two cruisers caused them to sink; but they went down fighting to the last second. It was during this abandonment of HOUSTON that Commander Rentz entered the water and attained partial safety along with other crewmembers on a dangerously over loaded Carley float. Aware of the extreme overcrowding and dangerous over loading, he attempted to relinquish his space and life jacket to wounded survivors nearby, declaring "You men are young, I have lived the major part of my life and I am willing to go." No one would oblige the generous, fearless chaplain. After several attempts of leaving and being brought back by his shipmates, he uplifted them with prayers and songs until, ultimately, he succeeded in tying his lifejacket on a wounded Sailor who did not have one. The mortally wounded Houston sunk shortly after midnight on March 1, 1942. Shortly after, in the dark of night, Commander Rentz courageously slipped away into the sea

For his selfless bravery following the loss of HOUSTON in Sundra Strait the night, he was awarded posthumously, the Navy Cross – the only Navy Chaplain to be so honored during World War II.

SHIP'S HISTORY

The Officers and Men of RENTZ welcome you aboard the "Pacific Fleet's Finest Battle Frigate." Rentz is the fortieth ship of the Oliver Hazard Perry (FFG-7) class Guided Missile Frigate, the most numerous class of major combatants built for the Navy since World War II. RENTZ was built by Todd Pacific Shipyards Corp. of San Pedro, CA. Her keel was laid September 18, 1982, she was launched July 16, 1983 and Commissioned at Long Beach Naval Station June 30, 1984. In December 1985, RENTZ shifted to her present homeport of Naval Station San Diego.

RENTZ is a multi-mission platform capable of conducting Anti-Air, Anti-Surface, Anti-Submarine Warfare. Being "multi-mission" capable makes RENTZ uniquely qualified to protect Battle Groups, Amphibious Task Forces, military & merchant shipping or operates independently. RENTZ is also capable of Visit, Board, Search and Seizure, Counter-Narcotics and surveillance operations.

RENTZ' Combat System is a computerized command and control system which fully integrates the ship's sensors and weapons to instantaneously recognize, evaluate and react to potential threats with minimal human intervention.

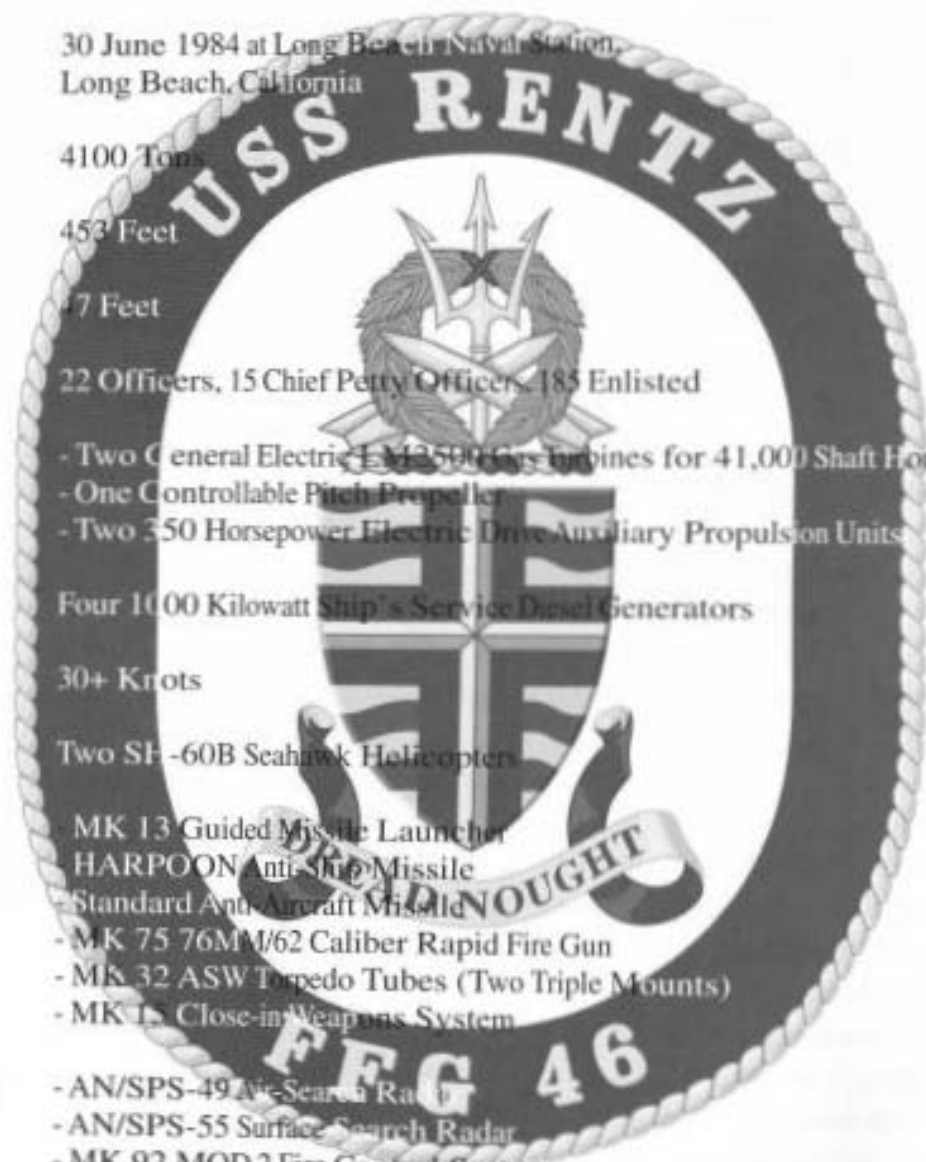
The ship's main propulsion system consists of two gas turbine engines, originally designed for use on the DC 10 and C-5 Galaxy aircraft, adapted for shipboard use. She is also equipped with 2 auxiliary propulsion units, each a retractable, 350 horsepower electrically driven motor, which are used for emergency propulsion and for precision maneuvering when mooring to or getting underway from a pier.

In 1986 RENTZ was the first American warship to conduct an official port visit to the People's Republic of China since 1949. In July 1987 RENTZ deployed to the Arabian Gulf, in support of Operation Earnest Will, and spent over three months escorting commercial tankers in the Gulf and through the Strait of Hormuz. Since 1987, RENTZ has deployed to the Arabian Gulf five additional times. In 1995, RENTZ participated in and was the only USN Asset to complete, the inaugural Cooperation Readiness and Training Cruise (CARAT). In May 1997, RENTZ deployed to the Arabian Gulf as a Middle East Force (MEF) deployer where she conducted exercises and supported USN sanctions against IRAQ. In January 2000, RENTZ deployed for her first cruise of the new millennium to the Arabian Gulf in support of UN Sanctions and recorded the largest seizure (80,000 metric tons) to date of illegal IRAQI gas oil.

RENTZ has operated throughout the Pacific and Indian Oceans, and has conducted 7 major deployments to the Arabian Gulf. Her ports of call have included: Pearl Harbor, Japan, Guam, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, Philippine Islands, Indonesia, Bali, Malaysia, Brunei, Sri Lanka, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Australia, Mexico, and Canada.

SHIP'S CHARACTERISTICS

Built by:	Todd Pacific Shipyards Corporation Los Angeles Division, San Pedro, California
Keel Laid:	18 September 1982
Christened:	16 July 1983
Commissioned:	30 June 1984 at Long Beach Naval Station, Long Beach, California
Displacement:	4100 Tons
Length:	453 Feet
Beam:	47 Feet
Complement:	22 Officers, 15 Chief Petty Officers, 185 Enlisted
Propulsion:	- Two General Electric LM2500 Gas Turbines for 41,000 Shaft Horsepower - One Controllable Pitch Propeller - Two 350 Horsepower Electric Drive Auxiliary Propulsion Units
Auxiliaries:	Four 1000 Kilowatt Ship's Service Diesel Generators
Speed:	30+ Knots
Aircraft:	Two SH-60B Seahawk Helicopters
Armament:	MK 13 Guided Missile Launcher HARPOON Anti-Ship Missile Standard Anti-Aircraft Missile - MK 75 76MM/62 Caliber Rapid Fire Gun - MK 32 ASW Torpedo Tubes (Two Triple Mounts) - MK 11 Close-in Weapons System
Combat Systems:	- AN/SPS-49 Air Search Radar - AN/SPS-55 Surface Search Radar - MK 92 MOD 2 Fire Control System - AN/SLQ-32 Electronic Warfare System - AN/SQS-56 Sonar - MK 36 SRBOC Decoy System - AN/SLQ-25A Torpedo Countermeasure System - AN/SQQ-89 ASW Integration System - LAMPS MK III Weapon System - SQR-19 Tactical Towed Array Sonar - NTDS







**COMMANDER
JEFFREY DAVID FREDERICK
Commanding Officer
USS RENTZ (FFG-46)**

Commander Frederick is a 1985 Graduate of the New York Maritime College where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Meteorology and Oceanography as well as an NROTC commission.

Upon commissioning he reported to his first shipboard assignment in USS HARRY W. HILL (DD-986) in San Diego, California, where he served as Damage Control Assistant and Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer. Following his departure in 1989, he attended Department Head School and reported to USS JOHN YOUNG (DD-973), also out of San Diego, California. After serving over two years as the Combat Systems Officer, he transferred to the Pre-Commissioning

Unit of USS JOHN S. McCAIN (DDG-56) in Bath, Maine, where he served as Combat Systems Officer.

After the Ship's commissioning and home-port shift to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, CDR Fredrick completed his tour and transferred to Surface Warfare Officer School where he became the Academic Director for the Division Officer Course in December 1995. His next tour took him across the street to become a student at the U.S. Naval War College where he earned his Master Of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. From December 1998 until March 2000 he served as Executive Officer in USS VALLEY FORGE (CG-50). CDR Fredrick was then assigned to the Surface Warfare Division of the OPNAV Staff (N76) where he was the Resource and Requirements Officer for Future Ships.

CDR Fredrick's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, the Navy Commendation Medal with three gold stars and various unit and service awards.





**LIEUTENANT COMMANDER
GREGORY L. ANDERSON**
Executive Officer
USS RENTZ (FFG-46)

Lieutenant Commander Anderson was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. He graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1989 and was commissioned as an Ensign through the NROTC program.

After completing Surface Warfare Officer School – Division Officer Course in Newport, Rhode Island, he was assigned to USS TATNALL (DDG-19). Lieutenant Commander Anderson met USS TATNALL (DDG 19) while deployed in the Mediterranean Sea where he served as Gunnery Officer from July – December 1990. He transferred to USS ROBERT G. BRADLEY (FFG-49) in Charleston, South Carolina, and

served from December 1990 – January 1994 as M-Division Officer, Communications Officer, Auxiliaries Officer, and Ordnance Officer. While aboard USS ROBERT G. BRADLEY (FFG-49), he conducted an overseas deployment to the Arabian Gulf and Red Sea and one month Counter Drug Operations. In 1994, Lieutenant Commander Anderson transferred to USNS KANAWHA (TAO-196) homeported in Norfolk, Virginia where he served as Officer in Charge of the Military Detachment. While serving aboard USNS KANAWHA (TAO-196), he participated in Operations Uphold Democracy and a Mediterranean Deployment.

In 1995, Lieutenant Commander Anderson attended Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California where he earned his Master of Science in Operations Analysis. Upon completion of his postgraduate degree, he transferred to Surface Warfare Officer School for the Department Head Course. He served his first Department Head tour as Operations Officer aboard USS HAWES (FFG-53), homeported in Norfolk, Virginia, from May 1998 until Nov 1999. The ship completed a 3-month deployment in the Caribbean Sea conducting Counter Drug Operations. Lieutenant Commander Anderson went on to complete a 4 month AEGIS school curriculum before reporting to USS LEYTE GULF (CG-55) as Operations Officer where he served from March 2000 until October 2001. He completed his Master of Art in National Security and Strategic Studies in November 2002. Lieutenant Commander Anderson completed the requisite Prospective Executive Officer courses and is currently assigned as Executive Officer aboard USS RENTZ (FFG 46).

He is married and has two sons.





COMMAND MASTER CHIEF SURFACE WARFARE WILLIAM J. GOETZ

Master Chief Petty Officer Goetz was born August 11, 1963 in Keokuk, Iowa. He enlisted into the United States Navy on April 27, 1981. He completed Basic and Apprenticeship Training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

His assignments include: USS ALAMOS (AFDB 7), Holyloch Scotland, promoted to Boatswain's Mate Third Class Petty Officer; USS WHIPPLE (FF 1062), Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, promoted to Boatswain's Mate Second and First Class Petty Officer, and qualified Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialists; Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois, where he served as a Recruit

Division Commander, promoted to Chief Petty Officer; USS CUSHING (DD 985), Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, qualified Junior Officer of the Deck; USS PORT ROYAL (CG 73), Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, promoted to Boatswain's Mate Senior Chief Petty Officer and he earned his Officer of the Deck at Sea qualification; Naval Technical Training Center, Corry Station, Pensacola, Florida, promoted to Master Chief Petty Officer and selected for the Command Master Chief Program. He attended the Senior Enlisted Academy, Class 100, in Newport, Rhode Island, where he received the Peter Tomich Distinguished Graduate Award. He assumed Command Master Chief duties on board the USS RENTZ (FFG 46), home-ported in San Diego, California on 15 April 2002.

His personal awards include: Four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals; Two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals; Navy Unit Citation; Two Meritorious Unit Citations; Nine Battle Efficiency awards; Five Good Conduct Medals; National Defense Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Seven Sea Service Deployment Ribbons; Expert Pistol and Rifle Medal.

Master Chief Petty Officer Goetz' family consists of his beloved wife and his two sons. His oldest son is currently serving on active duty in the Submarine Community. GO NAVY!



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM



RENTZ

COMBAT SYSTEMS



Combat Systems Officer
LT GARCIA

AIR



AIR Department OIC
LCDR CRUMP

SUPPLY



Supply Officer
LT WILHELM
Supply Corps



DEPARTMENTS

OPERATIONS



Operations Officer
LT SANTIAGO

ENGINEERING



Chief Engineer
LT GARCIA

NAV/ADMIN



Navigator
LTJG DeMEYER



CA DIVISION



ENS WEAVER
Anti-Submarine
Warfare Officer



LTJG HARDIE
Anti-Submarine
Warfare Officer



STGC(SW) DAVID
Leading
Chief Petty Officer



STG2(SW) DUNCKER
Leading Petty Officer



STG2(SW) TAPP



STG2(SW) WITTS



TM2 DePAUL



STG2(SW) OTEY



**STG2(SW)
BOLLINGER**



TM3 GARCIA



STG3 SNIVELY



STG3(SW) CHAPA



STG3 MARTINO



TM3 NGUYEN

SONAR TECHNICIAN

ST's are responsible for underwater surveillance as well as assistance in safe navigation and search, rescue, and attack operations. They operate and repair sonar equipment. They search, classify, track and prosecute underwater objects and repair ASW fire control equipment and underwater telephones.

TORPEDOMEN'S MATE

TM's maintain underwater explosive missiles, such as torpedoes and rockets, that are launched from surface ships, submarines, and aircraft. TM's also maintain launching systems for underwater explosives. They are responsible for the shipping and storage of torpedoes and rockets.

CE DIVISION



LTJG TINCHER
Electronics Readiness
Officer



**ETC(SW)
RODRIGUEZ**
Leading
Chief Petty Officer



IC1(SW) URQUIJO
Leading Petty Officer



ET1(SW) MANIKAN



ET2(SW) JACKSON



IC2 JUMP



ET2(SW) DAIGLE



IC2 HASSON



ET3(SW) LAPITAN



ET3 ALEXANDER



ET3 GREEN



ET3 REED

ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN

ETs are responsible for electronic equipment used to send and receive messages, detect enemy planes and determine target distance. They must maintain, repair, calibrate, tune, and adjust electronic equipment used for communications, detection, and tracking, recognition, and identification.

INTERIOR COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN

ICs operate and repair electronic devices used in the ship's interior communications system--SITE TV systems, public-address systems, electronic megaphones, and other announcing equipment--as well as gyrocompass systems.

CF DIVISION



LT GOLDBERG
Fire Control Officer



LTJG CARDWELL
Fire Control Officer



FCC(SW) REED
Leading
Chief Petty Officer



FC1(SW) PERLEY
Leading Petty Officer



FC2(SW) WELLS



FC3 BONDS



FC3 ABAD



FC3 KODET



FC3 ANDERSON



FC3(SW) REID



FC3 BAHENA

FIRE CONTROLMAN

FCs maintain the control mechanism used in weapons systems on combat ships. Complex electroic, electrical, and hydraulic equipment is required to ensure the accuracy of guided-missile and surface gunfire control systems. FCs are responsible for the operation routine care, and repair of this equipment, which includes radars, computers, weapons-direction equipment, target designation systems, gyroscopes, and rangefinders.

CG DIVISION



LTJG ARBULU
Gunnery Officer



ENS HAYLE
Gunnery Officer



GMC(SW) FISHER
Leading
Chief Petty Officer



GM1(SW) PECK
Leading Petty Officer



GM2(SW) FRIEDEL



GM3 VARSHO



GM3 DICKINSON

GUNNER'S MATE

NAVY GMs operate, maintain, and repair all gunnery equipment, guided-missile launching systems, rocket launchers, gunn, gun mounts, turrets, projectors, and associated equipment. They also make detailed casualty analyses and repairs of electrical, electronic, hydraulic, and mechanical systems. They test ordnance components, and test and inspect ammunition and missiles and their personnel in the handling and stowage of ammunition, missiles, and assigned ordnance equipment.

OI DIVISION



ENS VOSS
COMBAT INFORMATION
CENTER OFFICER



OSC(SW) FAUVER
Leading Chief Petty
Officer



CITC(SW) BEACHUM



OS1(SW) WYMAN
Leading Petty Officer



OS1(SW) BREIDENBACH



OS1(SW) PROCTOR



EW2(SW) LEWIS



OS2(SW) PRIESTER



OS2(SW) BEUMELER



OS2(SW) CALDWELL



OPERATIONS

OSs operate radar, navigation and communications equipment in shipboard combat information centers (CICs) or bridges. They detect and track ships, planes and missiles. They also operate and maintain identification friend or foe (IFF) systems, electronic countermeasures (ECM) equipment and radio-telephones.

SPECIALST

ELECTRONIC WARFARE TECHNICIAN

EWs operate and maintain electronic equipment used in navigation, target detection and location and for preventing electronic spying by enemies. They interpret incoming electronic signals to determine their source. EWs are advanced electronic technicians who do wiring, circuit testing and repair.



EW2(SW) MOSER



OS2(SW) GREGORY



CTT2(SW) PARTRIDGE



OS2(SW) LOPEZ



OS2 HAWK



OS2 GALLEGOS



OS3 BROWN



OS3 RAMIREZ



OS3 HUBBARD



OS3 STRICKLAND



OS3 GOMEZ-RAMIREZ



EWSN SINGER



ENS JURIONAS
First Lieutenant



LTJG MILLER
First Lieutenant



BMC(SW) ROBINSON
Leading
Chief Petty Officer



BMI(SW) MOYNIHAN
Leading Petty Officer



BM2(SW) MITCHELL



BM2 DAVIS



BM2 HENDERSON



BM3 DOTTA



BM3 HERMOSILLO



BOATSWAIN'S MATE

BM's train and supervise personnel in all activities relating to marlinspike, deck of boat seamanship, and the maintenance of the ship's external structure and deck equipment. They act as petty officers in charge of small craft and may perform duties of master-at-arms, serve in or take charge of gun crews and damage control parties.



BM3 WALTERS



BM3 SIMMONS



BM3 LAWSON



BM3 CARREON



BM3 PUSHA



SN HILL



SN GUN



SN TORRES, M



SN SALEHI



SN WEITHERS



SN FELLS



SN HOLLINS



SN FERANDO



SA BRUNDIDGE



SN RIVERA-ALONSO



SN CUMMINGS



SN FARLEY



SN JONAS



SN DEGUZMAN, G



SN DEGUZMAN, A



SN MURCIAZULE



SN STODGSDILL



SN BERYMAN



SN GOULDMAN



SN HAYDEN

OC DIVISION



LTJG FABRIZIO
Communications Officer



ITC(SW) WILLIAMS
Leading
Chief Petty Officer



IT1(SW) LaPOINTE



IT2(SW) PALACIOS



IT2(SW) ALDAHONDO



IT2(SW) TESTERMAN



IT2 BEAUDRY



IT2 JOHNSON



IT2 ELMER



IT3(SW) CORNWELL



ITSN HARGRESS

INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN

Formerly known as Radioman (RM). Naval activities often involve people working at many different locations on land and at sea. ITs operate the radio communications systems that make such complex teamwork possible. ITs operate radio-telephones and radio-teletypes, prepare messages for international and domestic commercial telegraph, and send and receive messages via the Navy system, including satellites and antennas. ITs also are responsible for all computer systems, network administration (including LAN hardware), peripheral operations and systems modifications.

AIR DEPARTMENT



LT BOEHME
MAINTENANCE
OFFICER



LT HOLMES
PILOT



LTJG LAMBERT
PILOT



LTJG VALDES
PILOT



AMC (AW/SW) DeCASTRO
AIR DEPARTMENT LCPO



AVIATION STRUCTURAL MECHANIC

AMs maintain and repair aircraft parts(wings, fuselage, tail, control surfaces, landing gear and attending mechanisms) working with metals, alloys and plastics. They also maintain and repair safety equipment and hydraulic systems.



AM1(AW) SLOANE



AM1(AW) CONTRERAS



AT1(AW/SW) BRAESSLER



AVIATION ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN

Modern aircraft depend on radio, radar and other electronic devices for rapid communications, effective navigation, controlled landing approaches and neutralizing enemy equipment and tactics. ATs are responsible for the test, maintenance and repair of this equipment.



AD2 UEEDA



AE2 BRADY



AE2 ELLIOT



AVIATION ELECTRICIAN'S MATE

AEs maintain, adjust and repair aircraft electrical power generating and converting systems; lighting, control and indicating systems; and can install and maintain wiring and flight and engine instrument systems.



AW2 LOPEZ



AW2 THOMAS



ELECTRONIC WARFARE TECHNICIAN

AWs operate airborne radar and electronic equipment used in detecting, locating and tracking submarines.

AWs also operate radars to provide information for aircraft and surface navigation and act as helicopter-rescue crewmen, as well as part of the flight crew on long-range and intermediate-range aircraft.



AZ2 WOOD



AT3 MASON



AVIATION MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATIONMAN

The many clerical, administrative and managerial duties necessary to keep aircraft maintenance activities running smoothly are handled by the AZs. They plan, schedule and coordinate the maintenance workload, including inspections and modifications to aircraft and equipment.



AM3 MAGOITTA



AE3 PADILLA



AVIATION ELECTRICIAN'S MATE

AEs maintain, adjust and repair aircraft electrical power generating and converting systems; lighting, control and indicating systems; and can install and maintain wiring and flight and engine instrument systems.



AD3 DOMKA



ADAN CATANO



ADAN MARK



AVIATION MACHINIST'S MATE

ADs are assigned to billets concerned with maintaining turbo-jet aircraft engines and associated equipment or to any one of several types of aircraft maintenance activities. ADs maintain, service, adjust and replace aircraft engines and accessories, as well as perform the duties of flight engineers.

S-1 DIVISION



SKC(SW) CIFUENTES
Leading
Chief Petty Officer



SK1(SW) PINTOR



SK1(SW) CLEMENTE



SK2(SW) McKINNEY



SK2(SW) ARNOLD



SK3(SW) ERUOTOR



SKSN KUIPERS



STOREKEEPER

SKs are the Navy's supply clerks. They see that needed supplies are available including everything from clothing and machine parts to forms and food. SKs have duties as civilian warehousemen, purchasing agents, stock clerks and supervisors, retail sales clerks, store managers, inventory clerks, buyers, parts clerks, bookkeepers and even fork lift operators.

S-2 DIVISION



ENS STEFFEN
Food Service Officer



MSC (SW) FAULTRY
Chief Petty Officer



MS1(SW) CABLE
Leading Petty Officer



MS1(SW) BROOKS



MS2 RICHARD



MS2 GRIFFITH



MS2 HERNANDEZ-TOREZ



MS3 WALKINS



MS3 GARCIA



MSSN CARROL



MSSR SMALL

MESS MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST

MSs operate and manage Navy dining facilities and bachelor enlisted quarters. They cook, bake, order, inspect and stow food in Navy dining facilities ashore and afloat. They maintain food service; prepare spaces and equipment; and keep records of transactions and budgets for food service in living quarters ashore.

S-3 DIVISION



SH1(SW) GLADNEY
Leading Petty Officer



SH2 SAETEURN



SH3 ACEVEDO



SHIP'S SERVICEMAN

Serving afloat, NAVY SH's manage barber shops, ship stores, vending machines and laundry services.



DK1(SW) SACRE



PC2(SW) WITTOCK



DISBURSING CLERK

DKs maintain the financial records of Navy personnel.

They prepare payrolls, determine transportation entitlements, compute travel allowances and process claims for reimbursement of travel expenses. DKs also process vouchers for receiving and spending public money and ensure accounting data is accurate. They maintain fiscal records and prepare financial reports and returns.



POSTAL CLERK

The Navy operates a large postal system manned by Navy PCs, who have similar duties to their civilian counterparts in the U.S. Postal Service. PCs send mail on its way; collect postage-due mail; prepare customs declarations; collect outgoing mail; cancel stamps.

They also perform a variety of record-keeping and reporting duties, which include maintaining an up-to-date directory service and locator file.

NX DIVISION



QMC(SW) JOHNSON



YNC(AW) CULLINS



YN2(SW) MEDINA



QMB JUDSON



QMSN THOMAS



SN WADDING



QUARTERMASTER

QMs assist the navigator and officer of the deck (OOD), steer the ship, take radar bearings and ranges, make depth soundings and celestial observations, plot courses and command small craft. Additionally, they maintain charts, navigational aids and oceanographic publications and records for the ship's log.



YEOMAN

YNs perform secretarial and clerical work. They deal with visitors, telephone calls and incoming mail. YNs organize files and operate copy machines and order and distribute supplies. They write and type business and social letters, notices, directives, forms and reports. They maintain files and service records.



PN1(SW) DINIS



PNSN MAGNUSKI



PERSONNELMAN

PNs provide enlisted personnel with information and counseling about Navy jobs, opportunities for general education and training, promotion requirements and rights and benefits. PNs keep records up to date, prepare reports, type letters and maintain files.



NCI(SW) JONES
Command Career Counselor



NAVY COUNSELOR

NCs offer vocational guidance on an individual and group basis to Navy personnel aboard ships and at shore facilities. They assess the interests, aptitudes, abilities and personalities of individuals.



HMI KING
Independent Duty
Corpsman



HM3 VAKALA



HOSPITAL CORPSMAN

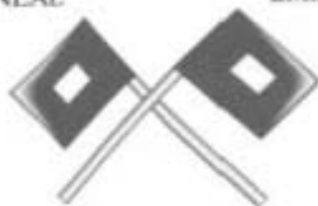
HMs assist medical professionals in providing health care to service people and their families. They serve as pharmacists, medical technicians, food service personnel, nurse's aids, physician's or dentist's assistants, battlefield medics, X-ray technicians and more. An HM's work falls into several categories: first aid and minor surgery, patient transportation, patient care, prescriptions and laboratory work, food service inspections and clerical duties.



SM3 McNEAL



SMSN BOND



SIGNALMAN

SMs send and receive various visual messages, handle and route message traffic, operate voice radio and repair visual signaling devices. They also render honors to ships and boats and serve as navigators.

A-GANG



AUXILIARIES OFFICER
LTJG LINDAHL



GSCS(SW) MASTERBERGEN
Leading
Chief Petty Officer



MACHINISTS MATE

Continuous operation of the many engines, compressors and gears, refrigeration, air-conditioning, gas-operated equipment and other types of machinery afloat and ashore is the MM's job. They are also responsible for the ship's steam propulsion and auxiliary equipment and the outside (deck) machinery. MMs also may perform duties involving some industrial gases.



EN2(SW) ANDRES
Leading Petty Officer



EN2(SW) JAUREGAI



EN2 MADDOX



EN3 MAYLE



EN3 DITMORE



EN3 DEMINGS

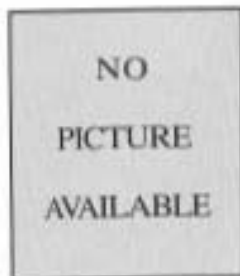


ENGINEMAN

Internal combustion engines, diesel or gasoline, must be kept in good order. This is the responsibility of ENs. They also maintain refrigeration, air-conditioning, distilling-plant engines and compressors.



ENFN ADAMS



ENFN SHARPE



ENFN TOLER



FR INIGUEZ

E Division



ENS HAYES
ELECTRICAL OFFICER



ENS HAYES
ELECTRICAL OFFICER



EMC(SW) RICHARDS
Leading
Chief Petty Officer



EM2 DEARDORF



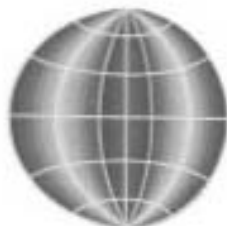
EM2 BAILEY



EM3 VALENCIA



EM3 FEHR



ELECTRICIAN'S MATE

The operation and repair of a ship's or station's electrical power plant and electrical equipment is the responsibility of EMs. They also maintain and repair power and lighting circuits, distribution switchboards, generators, motors and other electrical equipment.

R-Division



ENS TIMMONS
DAMAGE CONTROL
ASSISTANT



DCC(SW) NELSON



HTC(SW) JACOB



HT1(SW) IVERSON



MR2 HUSKY



HT2(SW) PAULY



DC3 BEAVER



HT3 ALDRIDGE



DC3 HERMIDA



DC3 ACOSTA



DCFN BOLEN



DCFN WAYNE

DAMAGE CONTROLMAN

DCs perform the work necessary for damage control, ship stability, fire-fighting and chemical, biological and radiological (CBR) warfare defense. They instruct personnel in damage control and CBR defense and repair damage-control equipment and systems.

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MRs are skilled machine tool operators. They make replacement parts and repair or overhaul a ship's engine auxiliary equipment, such as evaporators, air compressors and pumps. They repair deck equipment, including winches and hoists, condensers and heat exchange devices.

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RENTZ IN THE NEWS

Rentz, HSL-45 Thwart Drug Smuggling Outfits

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From USS Rentz Public Affairs

EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN (NNS) — During a 72-hour period, USS Rentz (FFG 46) and its embarked helicopter and U.S. Coast Guard Detachment thwarted two drug-smuggling outfits in the Eastern Pacific, by intercepting one logistic support vessel and two high speed vessels, also known as go-fast vessels (GFV), specifically built for transport of narcotics.

In early August, as Rentz conducted counter-drug patrols, the ship's helicopter from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 45, sighted a Go-Fast boat departing a refueling rendezvous with a fishing vessel. The fishing vessel was serving as a Logistics Support Vessel (LSV).

"In the Eastern Pacific, fishing vessels are often used to refuel go-fast vessels. The long distance from Colombia to Mexico requires a minimum of three refuelings," explained the officer in charge of embarked U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) 104. "It's very rare to catch a go-fast vessel and an LSV engaged in the refueling process."

The crew of the GFV, realizing they had been spotted by the helo, prepared to scuttle the boat by dousing it with fuel, donning life vests and setting the vessel on fire before abandoning ship. Rentz crew recovered all five personnel from the GFV and attempted to extinguish the fire.

"The team made a heroic attempt to combat the fire, using all of the skills they've learned in training. It was impressive to watch them in action," said the Rescue and Assistance Team's Scene Leader, Hull Technician 1st Class Richard Iverson.

The ship's helicopter reported that the crew of the support vessel was also dumping fuel overboard and dousing their vessel in a possible attempt to scuttle itself. As the fire on the GFV grew out of control, Rentz broke off its firefighting efforts and maneuvered to intercept the LSV. Then, members of LEDET 104 embarked on Rentz boarded the fishing vessel. Once the LEDET was aboard the LSV, they took command of the vessel and proceeded back to the last known position of the burning GFV with Rentz. Rentz searched the debris field left by the GFV and was able to recover 37 kilograms of cocaine. The crews of the GFV and the LSV were taken into custody.

Recalling the event, Electronic Warfare Specialist 3rd Class Brian Partridge was most impressed with the teamwork that was evident. "It's great to watch all of the coordination of the air assets and surface assets working simultaneously to 'take care of business,' putting out the fire, recovering the GFV crew, and tracking and boarding the LSV."

Rentz continued to patrol its assigned area, and 72 hours later, a Maritime Patrol Aircraft sighted another GFV. Rentz launched her helicopter to aid in tracking the small vessel. The GFV was lost on radar temporarily, but the airborne surveillance from a U.S. Navy P-3 Orion aircraft, provided the necessary information to keep track of the go-fast.

"Great coordination with the U.S. Navy P-3 Orion. We wouldn't have been able to find the GFV without their help. Great teamwork!", said HSL-45 pilot, Lt. j.g. Jeff Valdes.

Both aircraft were able to track the small craft until Rentz could reach their location. As Rentz closed the distance, the GFV crew made preparations to abandon their boat and set it on fire. Rentz quickly came alongside the GFV and used aqueous film forming foam to prevent the fuel from igniting. Rentz deployed her own small boat to recover the crew of the GFV. LEDET personnel boarded the GFV and began to examine the contents of the boat. Eighty-seven bales of cocaine, totaling almost two and a half tons were recovered from the go-fast vessel.

Outstanding teamwork, joint service coordination, and professionalism culminated in a very successful 72 hours for Rentz and the Coast Guard LEDET 104. The dedication and determination of all hands involved contributed to a progressively successful war on drugs.

RENTZ IN THE NEWS

Rentz Nets Fourth Drug Bust, Receives Praise from U.S. Attorney

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By Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command Public Affairs

ABOARD USS RENTZ, At Sea (NNS) — During a counter-narcotics patrol in the Eastern Pacific, USS Rentz (FFG 46) and its embarked helicopter and U.S. Coast Law Enforcement Detachment, recently conducted their fourth major drug interdiction, which yielded the seizure of 7,710 pounds of narcotics and the detention of seven suspected drug traffickers.

"The USS Rentz is conducting one of the most successful counter-narcotics tours in recent memory, having participated in at least four separate multi-ton cocaine interdictions that will be prosecuted in the Middle District of Florida," said Paul Perez, U.S. attorney general for the Middle District of Florida. "We applaud their efforts, along with the rest of the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard, to move the battle-line for the war on drugs from the streets of the United States to the waters of the Eastern Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea." Rentz's most recent interdiction operation initiated with the investigation of a radar contact believed to be a suspected drug smuggler. Rentz deployed its embarked helicopter, Lonewolf 47, for a positive visual identification before closing it.

After complying with all pre-boarding procedures and obtaining permission to board from proper authorities, the embarked Coast Guard Law Enforcement Det. 106 boarding team conducted an initial safety inspection, checking the seaworthiness of the vessel and looking for possible scuttling devices.

After completing the initial search and investigation, the boarding team began conducting at-sea space accountability of the vessel and discovered an 8-by-15-foot void between the engine room and aft steering, where a second tank with cargo was concealed. The boarding team obtained samples of the suspected contraband, which tested positive for cocaine. At this point, Rentz was directed to detain the fishing vessel and its crew.

Since the beginning of its deployment, Rentz has become a major asset in the war on narco-terrorism. The San Diego-based frigate's operations have prevented almost 14,000 pounds of cocaine from reaching the U.S. coasts.

"The success of our team is due in large part to the preparation and training we did ahead of time," said Cmdr. J.D. Frederick, Rentz commanding officer. "We had some intensive U.S. Coast Guard training arranged through Afloat Training Group, Pacific, prior to deploying, and we took the time to learn how interagency partnership operates."

In a culmination of interagency coordination, Rentz posted another victory in our war on drugs. Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) 2nd Class Clay Boswell, a member of the Visit, Board, Search and Seizure team, summed up the success. "It is an amazing feeling, having a position directly responsible for keeping tons of cocaine off our streets."

RENTZ IN THE NEWS

Navy Ships Rescue Injured Diver During Counter-Narcotics Operations

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By Ensign Joël Jackson, USS McCampbell Public Affairs

ABOARD USS McCAMPBELL (NNS) — Nov. 25, while deployed on counter-drug operations in the Eastern Pacific, USS McCampbell (DDG 85) and USS Rentz (FFG 49) worked together to conduct a long range Search and Rescue (SAR) mission and rescue a diver in the operating area who was suffering from decompression sickness.

Jose Hernandez, a 40-year-old Panamanian civilian, experienced decompression sickness, commonly called the "bends," while diving off an island 350 miles off the coast of Costa Rica. Through the coordination of U.S. Coast Guard District 11, he was transferred by small boat from his diving vessel to the motor vessel Dietlev Lauretzen, and then again to Rentz. Rentz and McCampbell then headed towards each other to facilitate a medical evacuation by helicopter.

"Battlecat 25," an SH-60B helicopter from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 43, Detachment 5 deployed aboard McCampbell, flew to Rentz to pick up the patient. Battlecat 25 returned to McCampbell with the patient, and McCampbell continued east at top speed while McCampbell medical personnel treated Hernandez. After a 200 mile high-speed transit by McCampbell, Battlecat 25 launched again and dropped Hernandez off at Tocumen International Airport in Panama City, Panama. From Tocumen airport, Hernandez was turned over to civilian medical staff and taken by ambulance to the National Hospital to be treated in a decompression chamber.

This medical evacuation was an especially challenging evolution for Battlecat 25. Due to Hernandez's condition, the helicopter had to maintain an altitude of only 200 feet while transporting him. The helicopter flew both during the day and at night with only 3 percent illumination, for nearly five hours at under 200 feet. A Navy P-3 Orion plane provided overhead coverage and communications relay for Battlecat 25 as it flew from McCampbell to Panama City.

Lt. j.g. Patrick Cliggett, one of the pilots of Battlecat 25, described the medical evacuation as "a great experience both professionally and personally. Professionally, it was a great hands-on experience flying into a foreign port and working with various assets under strenuous limitations. Personally, it was rewarding to help save somebody's life."

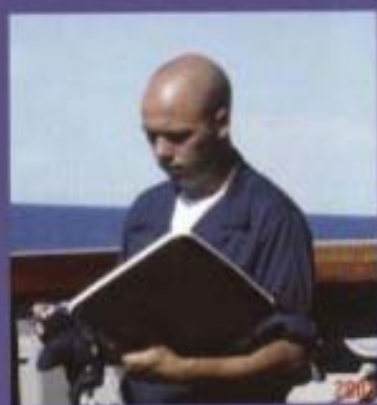
The success of the SAR mission is credited to Coast Guard District 11, Joint Interagency Taskforce - South, Rentz, McCampbell, and HSL-43, Det. 5, and their outstanding coordination of surface and air assets to rescue Hernandez.





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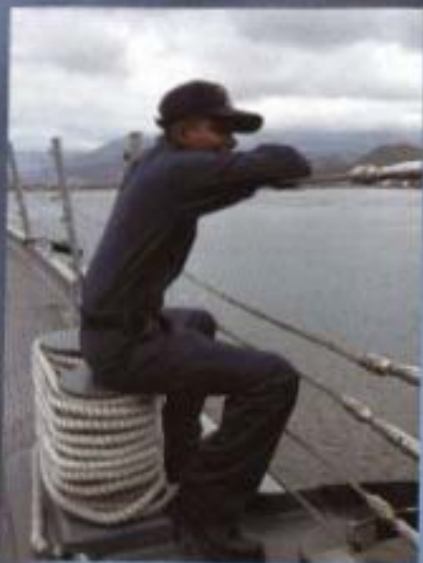


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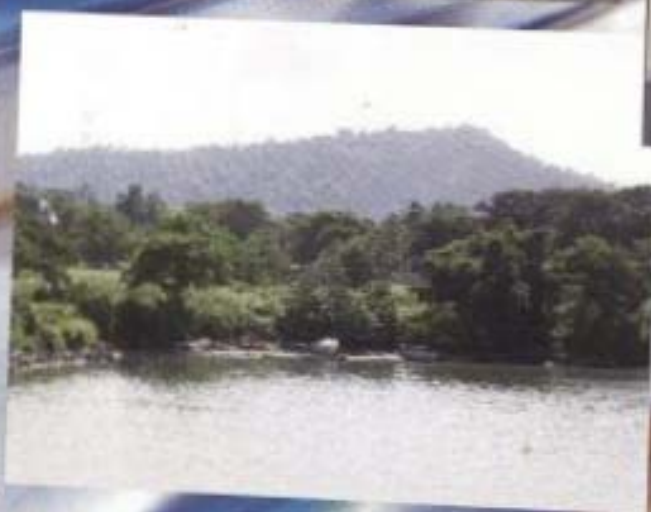


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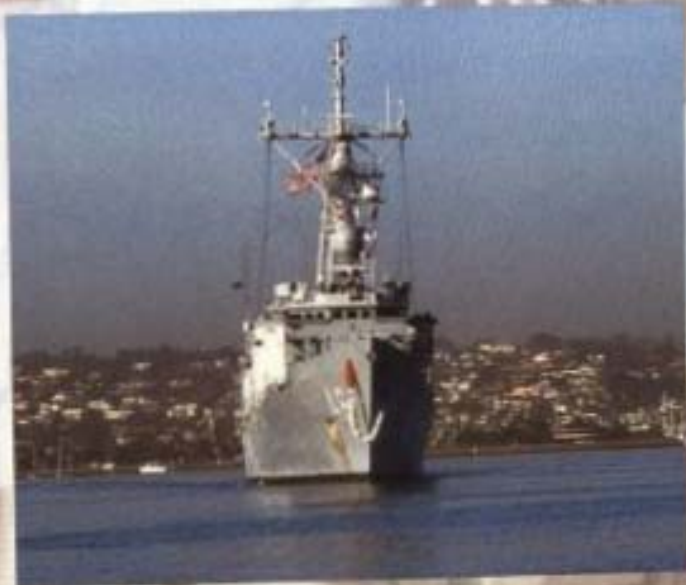
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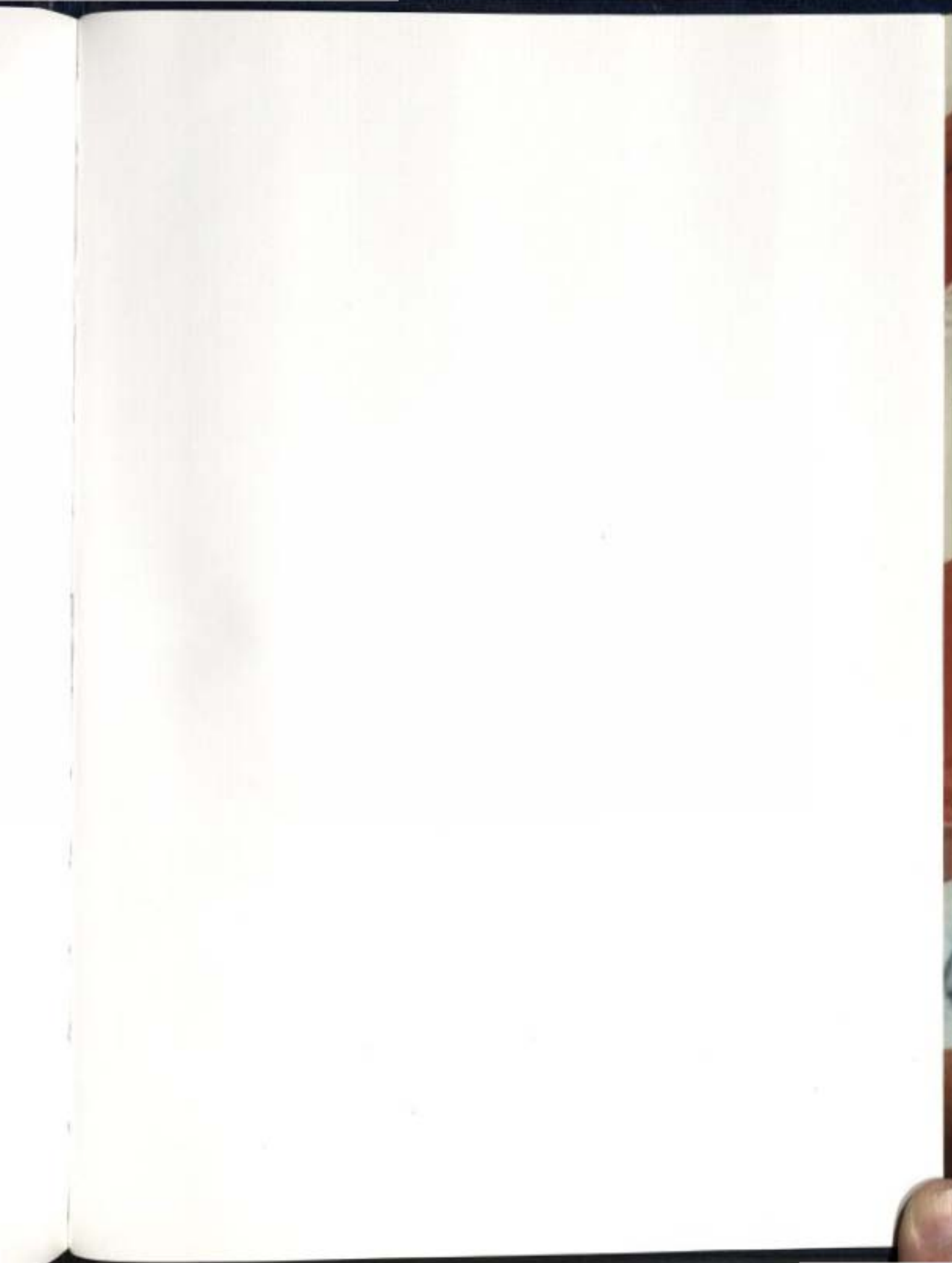
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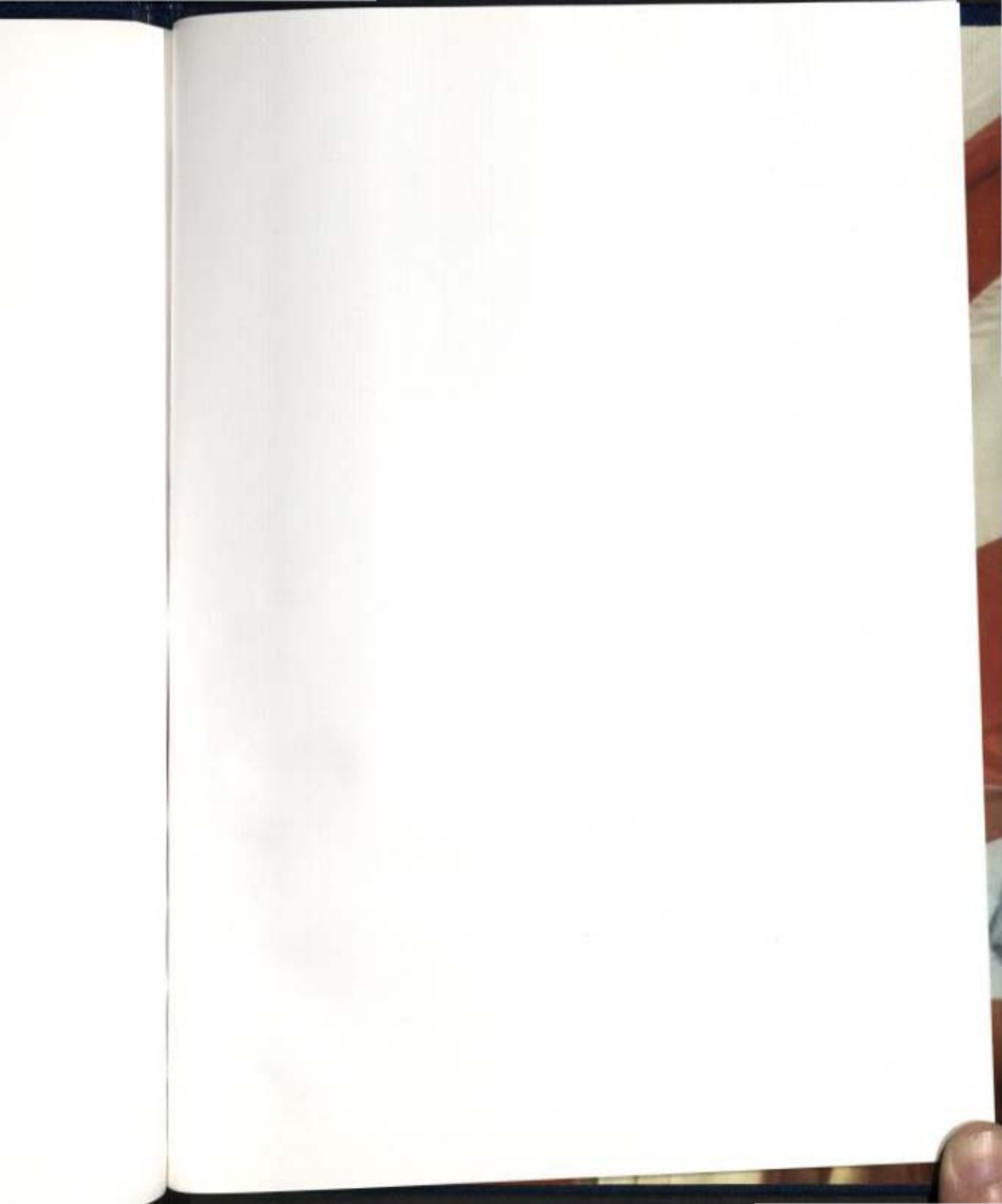


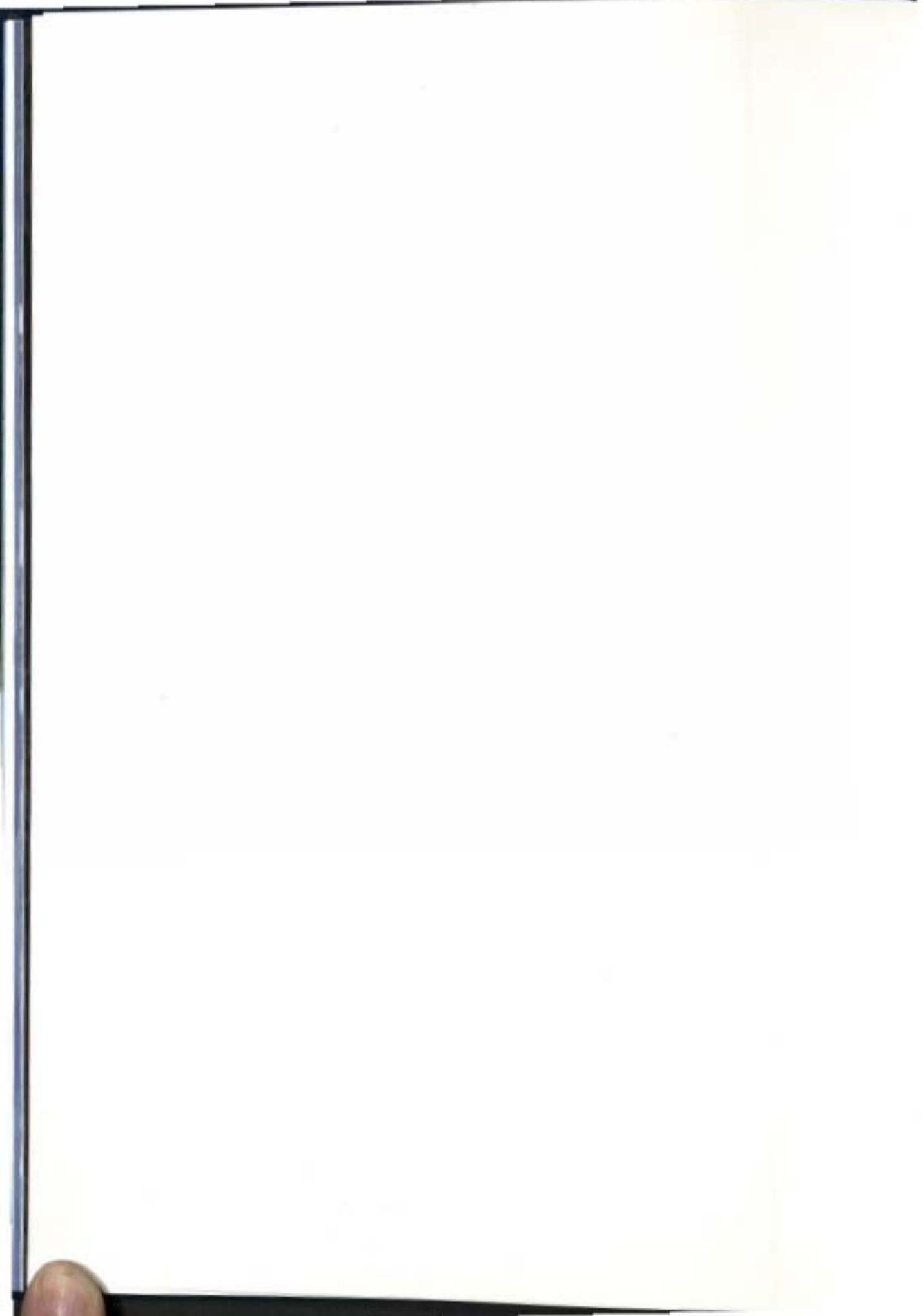
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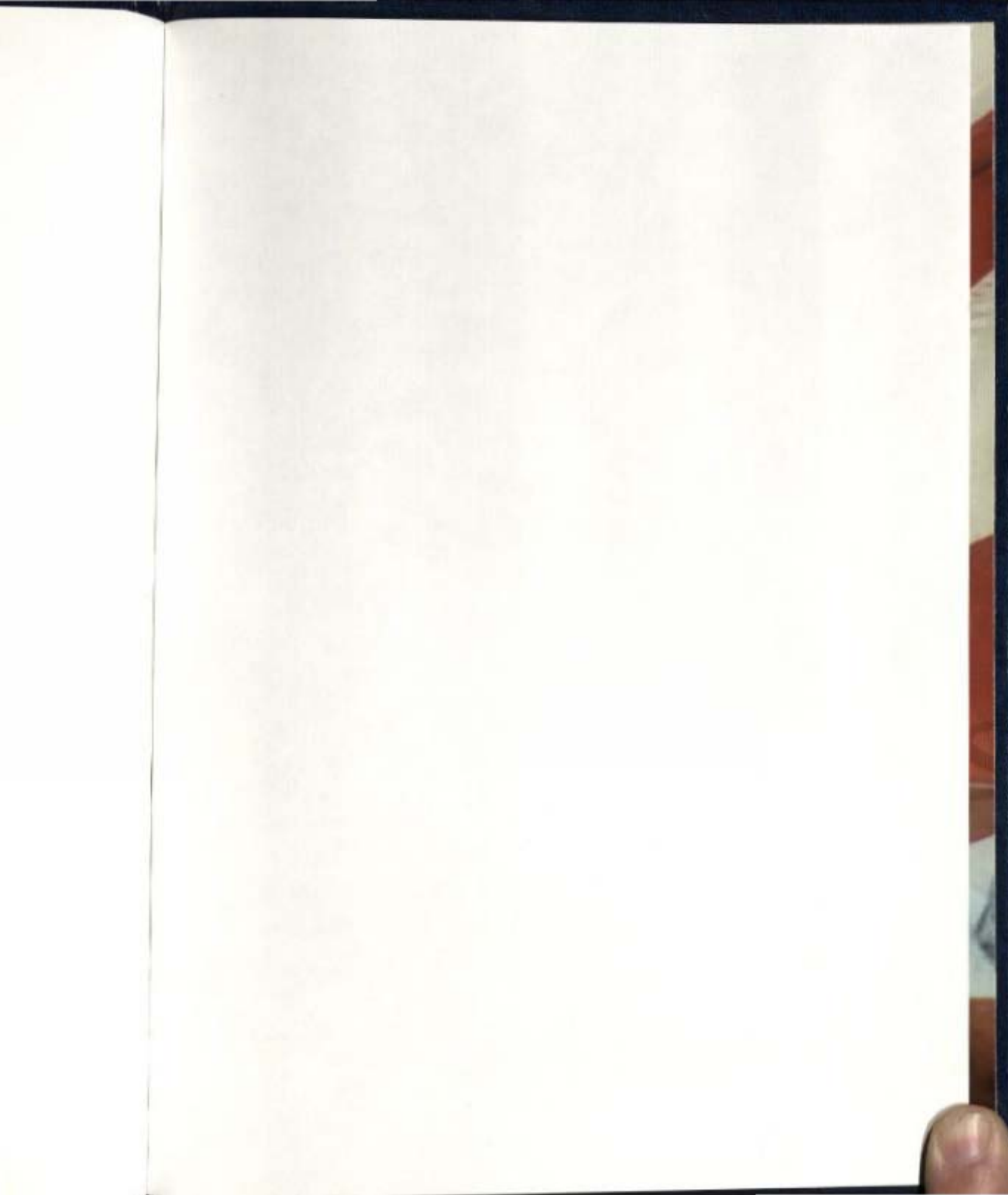






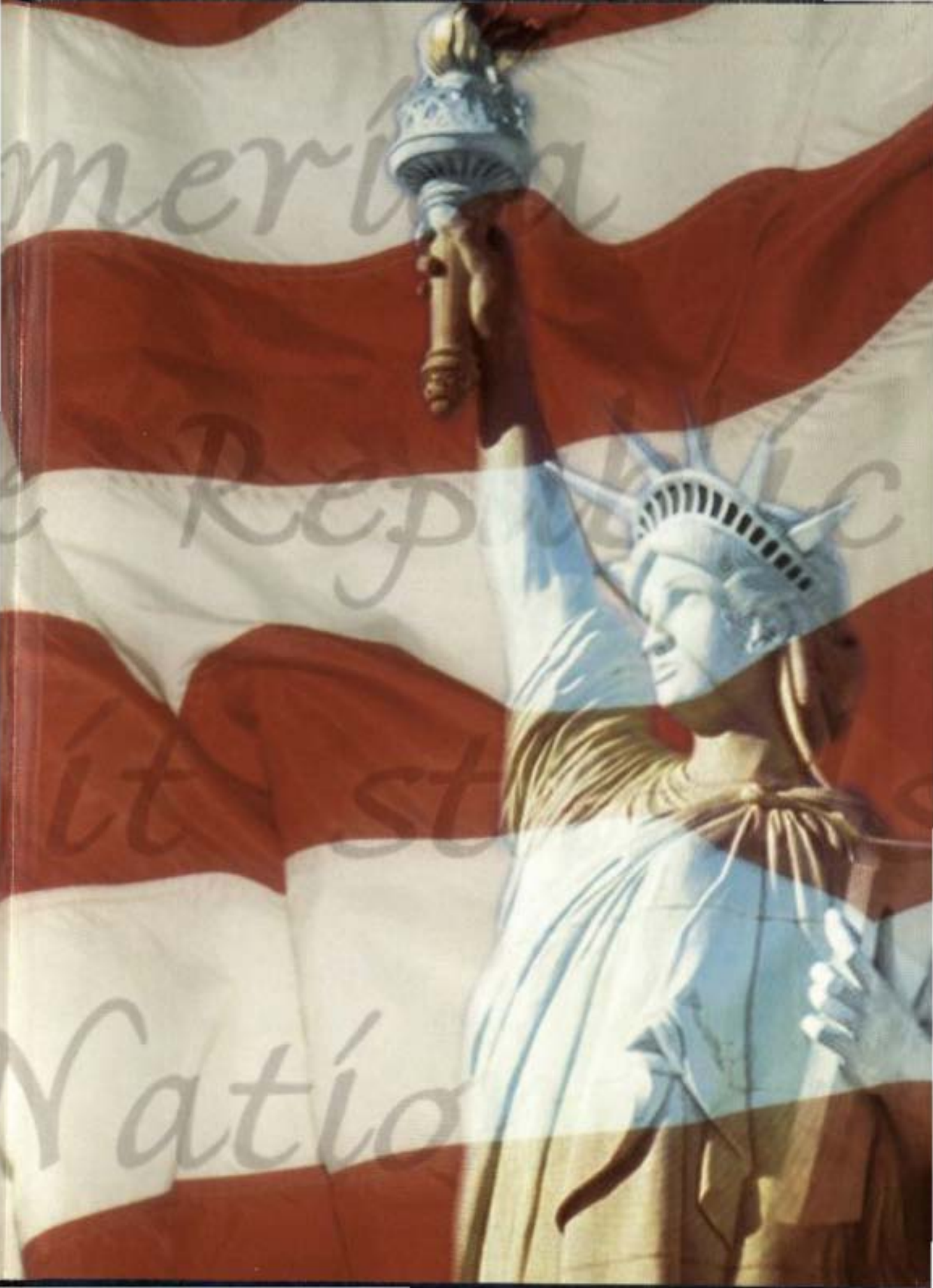








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