

kids fresh from college and I do miss the days at sea. But, doc, I'm longer a kid and the bones used to creak a bit on those rough days at sea when these kids pitched their pickles over the rail.

Lorathy and Cobby have been here for over a year. They stuck it out four months last year when I was away. We are fairly comfortable in a 2x4 apartment in this semi-tropical spot. This is a rotten old town - as most gulf towns are - but we have enjoyed the sun, the surf and the mild winters if one can enjoy anything under a war cloud.

This base is scheduled to close this summer and I haven't the faintest idea where I will be ordered. It is remotely possible that I will go on inactive duty. On March 27 I had 6 years in two wars in the service and that is a large segment of one's life up to 45.