

Photos courtesy of: Iris Collins (Daughter of Edmond (Hap) Close. Hap served aboard the Fred T. Berry as a Machinist Mate from 1959 to 1961.



Interesting letter of recommendation of that time !



U.S.S. FRED T. BERRY (DDE-858)
CARE OF FLEET POST OFFICE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

6 September 1961

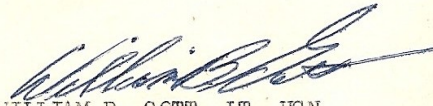
To Whom It May Concern

This is to certify that Edmond Riley Close has worked aboard the U.S.S. FRED T. BERRY (DDE858) in the Engineering Department in the following duties.

- (a) Operation and repair of steam turbine main engines. (600 psi at 850°F superheated steam.)
- (b) Operation and repair of turbo-generators (450kw).
- (c) Operation and repair of numerous auxiliary steam and electric pumps.
- (d) Operation and repiar of solo shell double effect low pressure evaporators.

Close has also qualified himself, through hard work and constant study, to supervise his assigned engineroom for extended periods of time, both at sea operating and inport during repair or overhaul. He always displays a sincere interest in his assigned work and is responsible for the outstanding material condition of his machinery.

Close is highly recommended to peform work on steam propulsion plants. I will be glad to further discuss his qualification at any time.

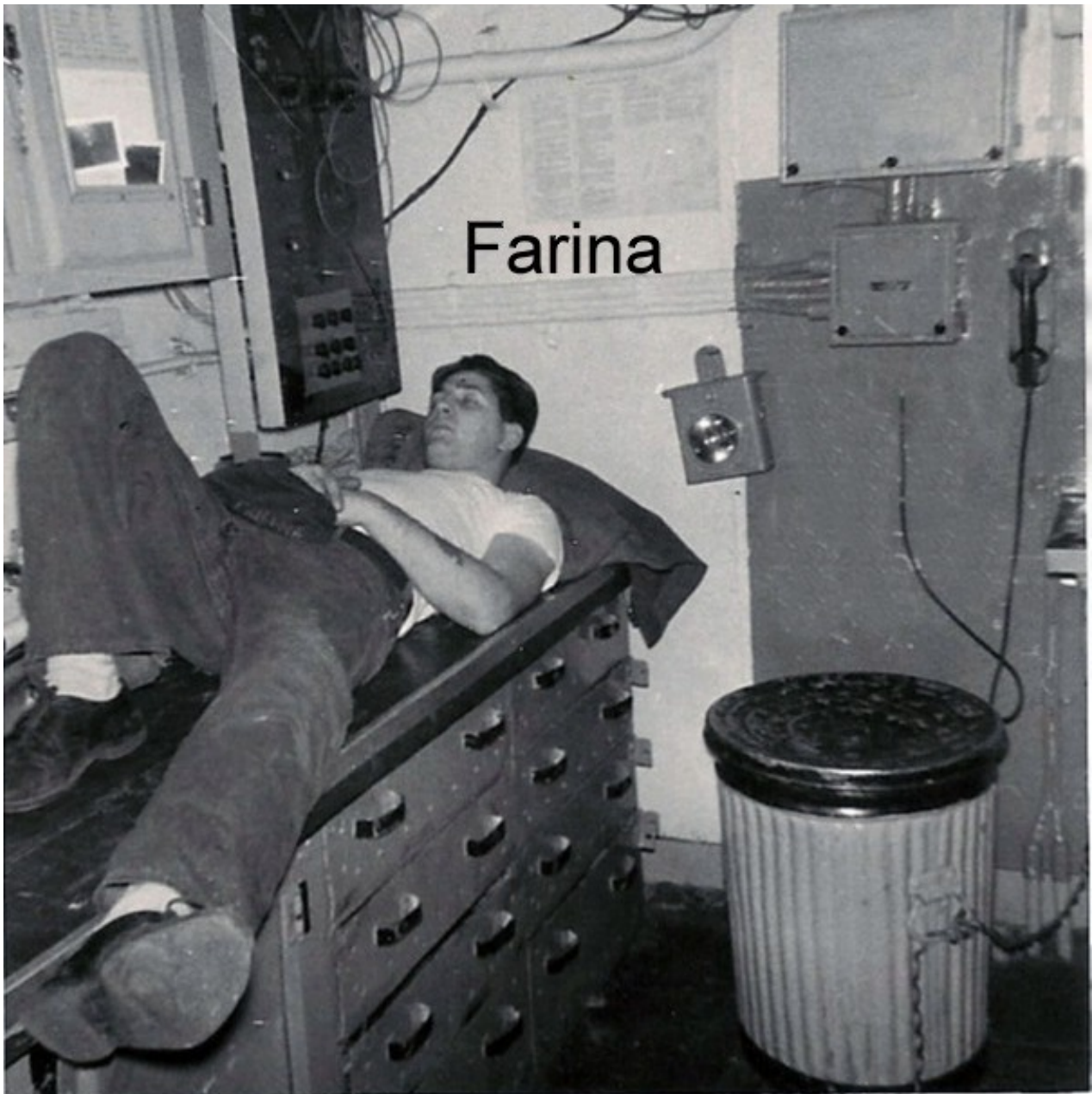

WILLIAM B. GOTT, LT, USN
ENGINEERING OFFICER
U.S.S. FRED T. BERRY (DDE858)

Uniform of the day ...Optional!



San Juan, March 1960, Porter, Burgio, James, Pearce, Rose, Ron (Golec)

What we all did when we could!

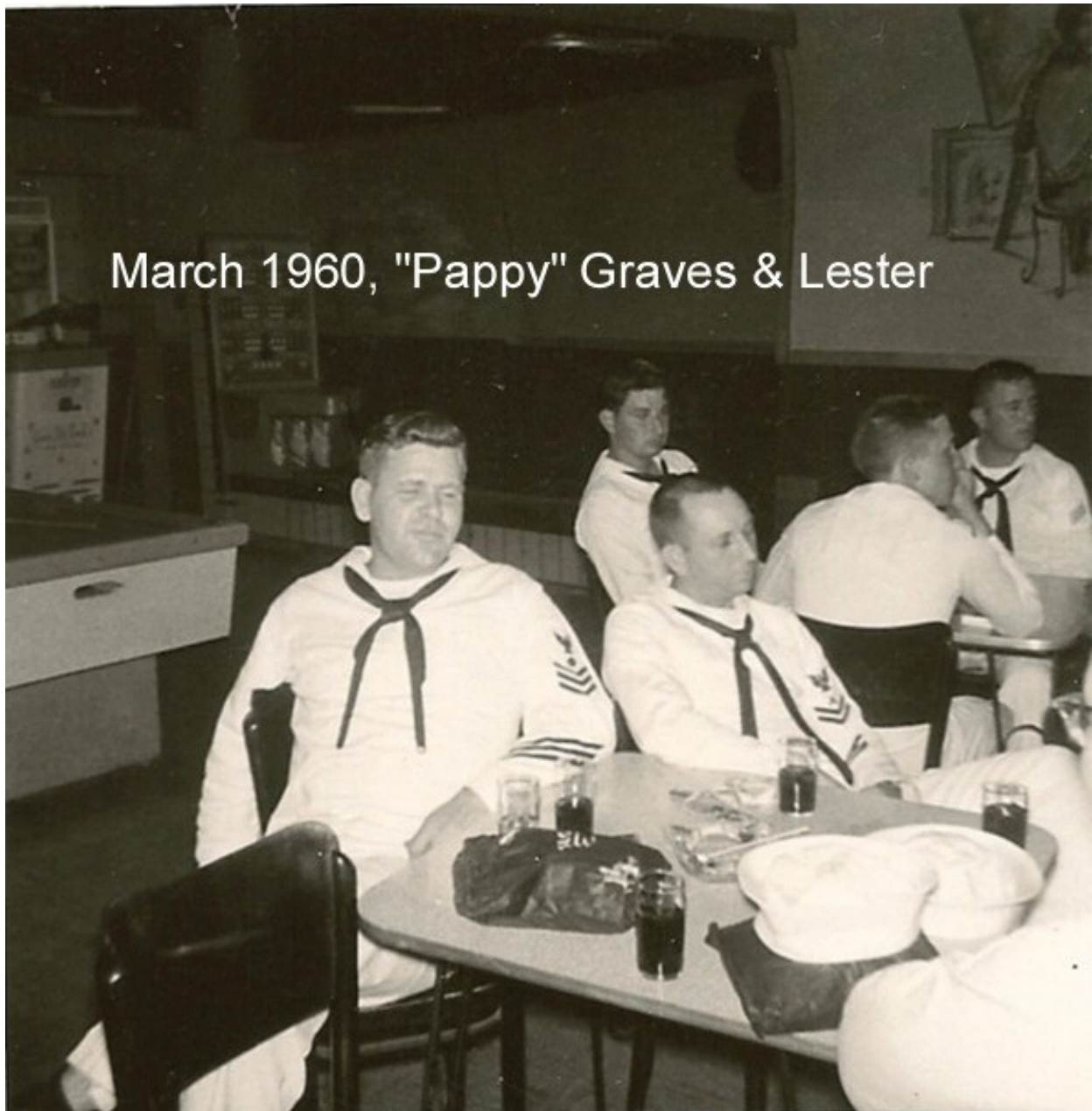


On the Fantail!

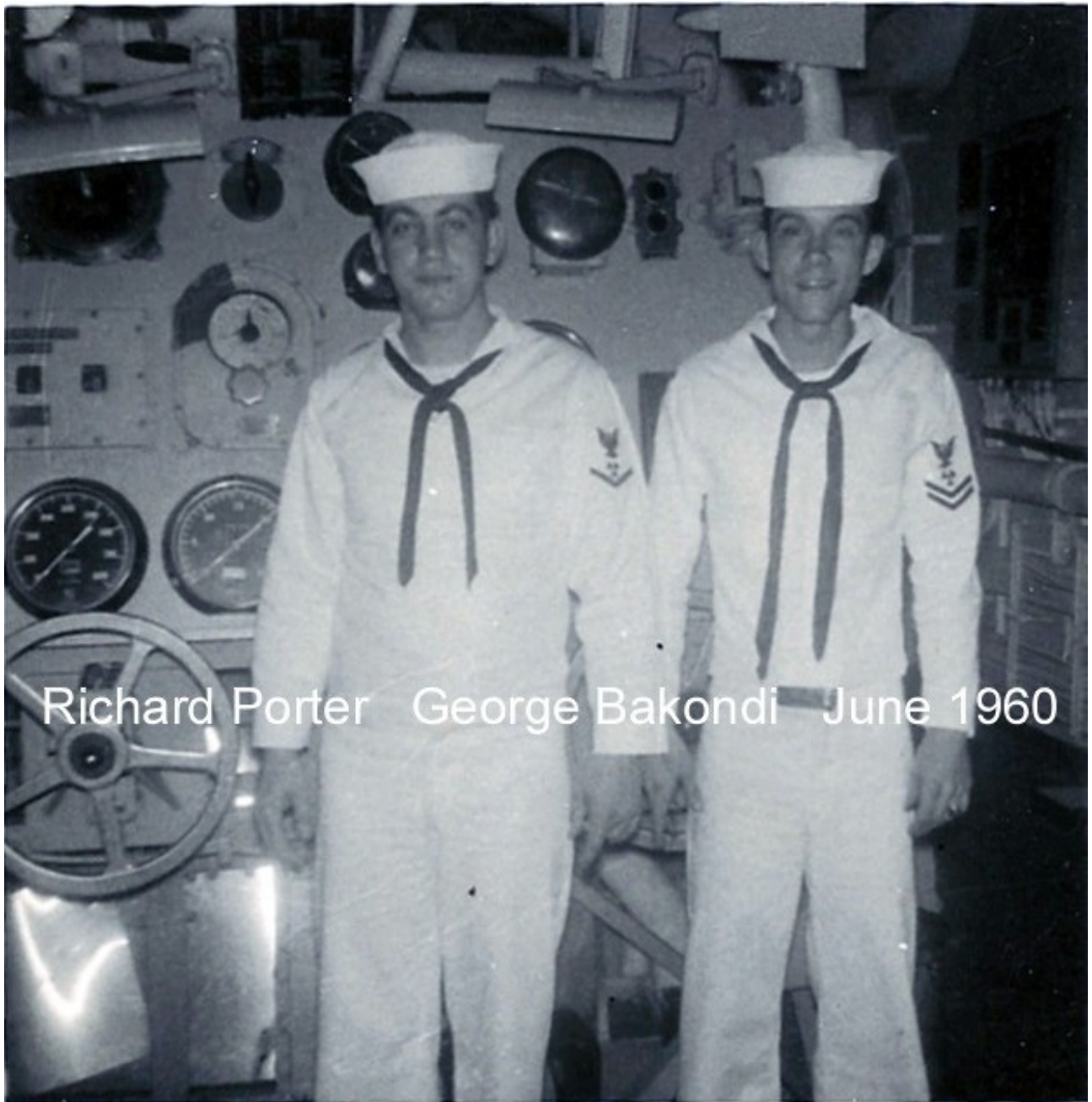


June 1960, Harold King

I remember Lester, he was the cleanest
Gunners Mate in the fleet!

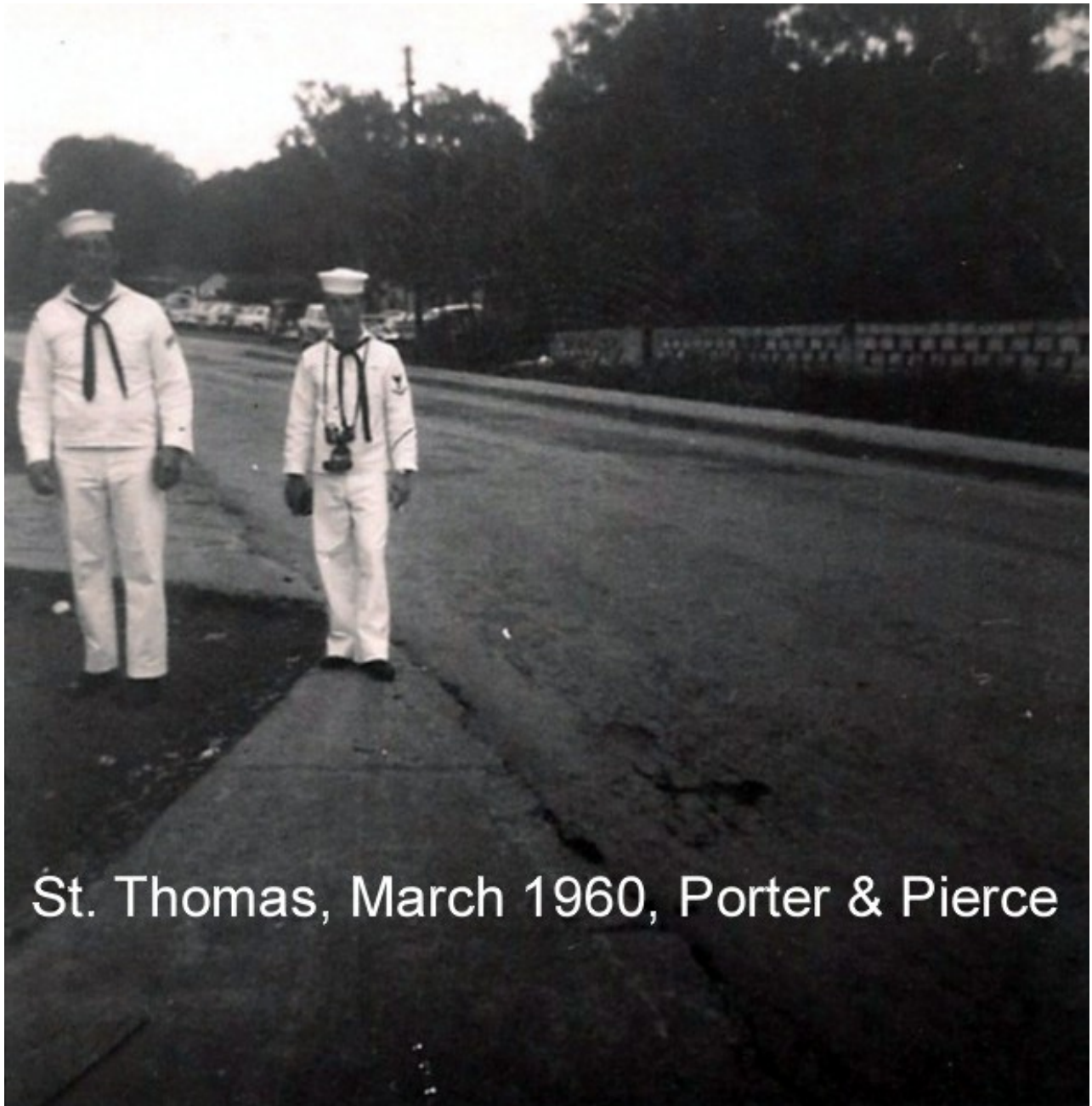


Engine room throttle?



Richard Porter George Bakondi June 1960

Lucky there was no traffic!



Who's the Lady?

San Juan, 1960, James, Rose, Me (Hap),
Gable, Golec, Rosik, Ski, Galager, Burgious
Shipmates - (clockwise from top left photo)

