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On 01/17/08 Paul Ledlow said:

To anyone interested. SN David Johnson, who was Targabarun about 1971, passed away on 08Nov07

On 05/19/07 John (aka JJ) Powers said:

Class of 1970. Nelson, Hotaling, Cotter, Gisclair, Landefeld, Rugirello, O'Shall, Nadeau and American Chop Suey compliments of Jack Steingas - alas, memory fails me. Who remembers the incredible collection of mutant dogs - Beano, Bear, Buke. Burying the liquor just before inspection. Chief Oliver's Painted Shoes. German tourist girls - met up with some of them in Germany on my way back stateside. Love to hear from you dudes.

On 05/11/07 Andy Boyda said:

I was stationed at kargabarun 1976 to 77. With the cyprus thing shutting down ops at the time, had some geat times traveling and seeing the history. CWO Ray White, thanks for covering for the Ets while we explored the Aegean coast. Anyone recall our Boston Whaler cruise from Europe to Asia on Columbus day, 1976? Andy Budda

On 03/26/07 Phil Platter said:

Were you ever stationed at LORSTA Carolina Beach? Checkout 'Reunion News' for 6/2/07 reunion

On 11/25/06 Jack Fitts said:

I remember the group well (Ali, Fez, Mahmet, Yakup - he was our house boy), and fondly remember the trips to Istanbul. I had fun while stationed there. It is with me til this day as you can see from my e-mail address. Its an address that I will never forget.. Rember Charlie Brown Stadium?? I was there from mid 1965 until mid 1966 (my memory is going quick). Our cook was 'mooeystinko' - he had to leave early because of a death in his family. I remember the beer busts when we roasted a goat (couldn't find a pig over there); and I fondly remember pasting the walls of my room with Playboy Playmate photographs. When the Commander from Naples pulled an annual inspection he leaned his head in my room, did a double take and said 'son, how do you sleep'. I also remember one of our Enginemen running into the backstop at Charlie Brown stadium chasing a foul ball - he had a 3-5' gash in his face that our HM stitched up rather than going into Istanbul. I was a member of the Targagrund Rod & Gun Club (big woop) which was formed primarily to purchase pistols, etc for when we returned stateside. I also remember logistics trips to Istanbul, staying in the Istanbul Hilton (I still have hangers from some of the trips), trips to the bazaar to purchase pipes and Chia (sp?) sets for transport to the other MedSec units (Sardinia, Libya, Rota, etc) in exchange for tapestry, etc. Let me hear from some of the folks who served there in the mid 60's. I reported a year or two after the CO who shot himself with his .45. Officially it was supposedly an accident, but the truth was he shot himself. The story I heard was his wife sent him a dear John letter at the time he was scheduled to rotate back stateside. I've talked enough. Let me hear from you guys.

On 08/10/06 Philip (Judge) Miller said:

I was there in 79, I was the one (along with Monty Emerson) who left right after the ol' man and the XO did a room inspection.

On 05/22/06 Kevin Baker said:

I was there 81-82. My first duty posting after school. What a wake up call it was for a little city boy. We had some great parties at the beach. Best one I remember is when our Chief left and to celebrate his desk went up in flames. The next day everybody was 'sure' he had pack it in his bags for home.

On 10/10/05 Jay said:

I was stationed at Targabarun from 10 March 69 through 20 March 70, same period Larry Nelson was there. I was an ET. I have a few pictures and other memorabilia. If I remember correctly we worked 4 on and 20 off round the clock unless you had liberty. Those who worked 4 to 8 on tues, thurs and sundays got to go on the mailrun to some army base.

On 10/06/05 bill said:

tuslogdet52,i was ther nov 73 to nov 74.et3 bill new.had 'phyllis' in my room.tom lake,sheehan,hendred,carleton,russo,they evacuated the post office because they thought one of the letters i sent was a bomb,(not so funny at the time)had great times away from the station on liberty.

On 10/05/05 jeff dilauro said:

stationed there 87-88

On 07/12/05 nazli said:

i'm not military but i grew up there in 'yegen sahil sitesi 1' and i remember when i was around eight years old (appx 1990) i ran upto two american soldiers sitting on a bench by the beach and suprised them with my english. 'philly girl' they called me, since i was born in philadelphia. though i live in texas, i used to go every summer to visit my grandparents. anyway, i never saw those two soldiers again. i still think of that moment once in a while and it's quite a suprise to come across this site. any of you people those two nice soldiers?

On 07/10/05 Canan T. said:

We were the owners and used to operate the market (Altinisik Market) in the then seasonal village from '89 - '91. Targabaran is an incorrect term, and Kargaburun (crow's nose) is a term that was only used by the military and the Americans. Turks know the area as 'Yegen Sahil Sitesi 1' (Nephew's Beach Neighborhood). It is now surrounded by pretty holiday homes and rather ugly apartment buildings on the other side of the highway. The highway is under construction and will be several lanes wide. It is still a military zone, but not manned by the Turkish forces. I was there June/July 2005 and can post some pictures when available on this forum. I know some of the people from '89, '90; Bruce, Shannon, Mark... and Peter, of course!

On 03/11/05 Andy Carleton said:

It changed from Targabarun to Kargabarun while I was there from Sep '74- Sep '75. I think I remember being told that the original 'T' spelling was a mistake. Hi Mark Bradner, I'd forgotten your name until I just saw it here. I think I have a picture of you somewhere in my photo album. And Carly too. I'd forgotten about the sailboat rescue. Thanks for the memories!

On 03/03/05 Raymond White. CWO4 said:

Not really sure how the T became a K but on all the maps I have found show it to be spelled with a K. The translation means Crows Point according to Ali in 1976-77. The last time I visited him at his home in 77, most of his furniture had military markings on it, most of which was in better condition than the stations.

On 01/31/05 Bill Rummel, SK2 said:

I was in Targarbarun (what's this 'K' spelling?) in 1967 at time of Israeli/Egyptian June War. I see the name Yakup in a post. If I'm not mistaken wasn't he a houseboy, or something? I can't believe Mehmet Ali Dinc was still the interpreter in 1972!! Man he must live like a king in Tekirdag.

On 01/27/05 Mark Bradner said:

Wow! Now this takes me back... I was stationed at Kargabarun from 12/72 to 12/73 and I'm sitting here remembering a lot of the guys you are talking about. That was over 30 years ago... Heavy sigh... I remembered a couple other people not mentioned, Carly Hendred and then there was Bill Brewer who tried to sail a 16' day sailer with me from the air base at Karamursel (sp?) back to the station. The mast broke when we got to Istanbul and we had to be rescued by locals on an island in the Bosphorous. Ha! what fun, we spent half the Summer repairing the mast and the boat...

On 12/31/04 Raymond White said:

Hope you all had a great Holiday Season and a Merry Christmas, now, HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR

On 06/10/04 Rob Brannon said:

Just recently, I was startled by something, and blurted out 'SHITFUCKPISS!' Got to laughing about old Yakup, think those were the only English words he knew!

On 05/13/04 Dan Parker said:

C'mon!! Seven years of postings and I'm the only one from 1980!!?!?!

On 02/27/04 G.B. Sackett said:

I was there in 1985 as the ETC. Thought Turkey was great until stationed at Lampedusa later. I'd visit either but Lampedusa would be my first choice.

On 09/07/03 Joe Cardinale said:

Greetings to the 81-82 crew from Joe Cardinale , an ex marine ET at the station in those ol martial law days in tuslog det 52. Flo you ol dog, how ye farin these days, you gave us plenty of hell but we gave it back double. My brothers Frank Oliveira, Robinson, Polack John , Sorgani and all the rest of you Ioranimals, you too Fezzie and Mahmet, I'll never forget you, and remember my motto 'Dog eat Dog'! By the by, Joe Lukinich, I didn't know you were stationed there too!!!

On 07/14/03 Rick Audy said:

I was there in 84-85, looking to see if anyone knows how to get in touch with the last translator. His name is Aykut Tolunay, Thanks in advance, Rick Audy

On 11/12/02 Dan Parker said:

Where is Harry Godwin, Andy Irrizarry and the rest of the boys from 1980??

On 04/30/02 Andy Carleton said:

I was there in 73-74. I remember Novobilsky (he taught me a little Turkish), Randy Kidd, Harry Diehl, Jim Sweat, George Cawthon, one of my roomies: Steve Evans from Texas, Ali, Fez, Mahmet, Yakup, my girlfriend Monolika, Rudy Hermosa building a sailboat, ET1 Russo buying a car so he wouldn't be trapped on the base. I think he even had his family living off base somewhere (Tekirdag?). Trips to Istanbul were fun, I still have a nice collection of onyx and brass and sheepskin coat that I outgrew long ago. I heard Pete Middlekauff was married and living in Pennsylvania.

On 02/24/02 Randy Kidd said:

Was there from 73 to 74.It was the best year I spent in the Coast Guard.

On 02/22/02 Bob Landefeld '70-'71 said:

New e-mail address

On 12/17/01 Raymond White, CWO4 said:

Ray Bergeron & Mr. Crawford were at Kargabarun when I left. I have been in touch with Ray but have not been in contact Mr. C. I remember when Ali and I went to the airport to pick up the new CO Ali thought he was a new SN. He looked like he was about 15 or 16 years old. He turned out to be well suited for the job. If you had known what was going on between the Turkish Hiarchy and us, your tour would not have been as enjoyable as it was. There was always something going on that needed to be smoothed out or covered up to keep someone out of jail. We were fortunate to have Mr. Crawford there during that period of Embargodom. Of course after the Turkish Officer shot me (twice in two weeks) our negotiations became considerably easier. We were also lucky to have two Turkish Commanding Officers in a row that spoke English, and were sympathetic to our situation and and liked Americans.

On 07/05/01 John Foster said:

i moved and have a new e mail address

On 06/10/01 Dan Parker said:

E-mail address change

On 01/26/01 Larry Nelson said:

I was at Targabarun from Jan. '69' to Mar. '70'. Definitely remember JJ Powers and a few others. Sorry to hear that the station no longer exists. Let me know if anyone else was there about that time. At that time I was an EM2.

On 09/22/00 Bob Landefeld said:

In case anyone from 1960 remembers the music of the CO, JJ Powers, I have his 'Turkey Blues' and 'I met a man from Georgia' on tape. He is accompanied by Pete Peters on bongos and a couple of guys on guitars and the rest of the crew in the background.

On 09/09/00 Shakey said:

Tried to contact John T Ellie but E-mail address here is no good. If you read this message me. Shakey

On 09/09/00 Shakey said:

Was here in 63-64. Made ETC here. Left a week or so before CO committed suicide, glad I missed that. Great memories of the beach patio and bus loads of girls from Istanbul joining us for weekends of fun and and waterskiing. By the way, yes it was called det52 and also Targaarun at that time. 'my unit patch says that'. I was sitting on the floor in room copying tapes and drinking beer with a group of us when someone burst in and said Kennedy's been killed, took a long time to convince us it wasnt just BS.

On 08/11/00 John Halter said:

Served at Kargabarun (Crow's Nose) from Feb 75 to Mar 76. Billy (Club Med) Wittenmeyer was CO, Joe Phillips XO. Whenever Billy left for the club on the weekends Joe brought in his girls from Istanbul. Great times! Remember the beach shack, streaking the Turkish CO, the Turks shutting the station down, trips to the southern coast, and long walks in the surrounding countryside. Hello to Sparky Novabilsky. Where are Pete Middlekopf, Russ Harnisch, John Williams, Dean Johnson, and especially Art Dick 'King of the River'?

On 06/16/00 Bill said:

Stationed at LORSTA Kargabarun in 1994. Lots of fond and exciting memories. We transferred the base to the Turks on Sept. 2 at 1300. First or the Med Sewa chain

On 04/20/00 BILL HUGHES said:

BILL HUGHES WAS STATIONED AT TARGABARUN IN 1960. FRED SANDERS I REMEMBER YOU. I OFTEN THINK ABOUT HOW YOU RIGGED UP THE XMAS TREE LIGHTS. WE DID HAVE FUN IN THE 6 BY RUNS.

On 12/04/99 John T Elle said:

Interesting reading, I was there in '63 to about Feb. '64. Targabarun, as I remember officially did not exist under that name, but that was a long time ago and who can be sure. The names others have mentioned are all familiar, and bring back many happy memories of the local natives and their towns. As I read this, names come back Red, Doc Carlin, and others with fond memories. The commanding officer committed suicide while I was there, not a good memory. The man he replaced who I can not remember was a bloody Arse, but those memories are best forgotten. The moral was poor during those times, but also the duty was good if you chose to make it so. Rotating (every 3 weeks) 'passes' to Istanbul were instituted then and had many a good time there. That was an interesting and different time in my life, sad to hear it no longer exists.

On 05/04/99 Bill Novobilsky said:

I was EM2/EM1 at Kargaburun (it changed from T to K sometime while I was there) May '73 to May '74 and back as EM1/EMC from May '75 to December '76. COs I remember were JG Milo, Willy Wittmeier with his Canadian passport and diesel fueled Mustang, and Wynn Harper. There was also a Mr. Crawford. Among the crew, Rudy Hermosa, Jim Sweat, George Cawthon, Ray Bergeron, Juan Sacula. Ali Dinc, Mehmet and Yakup, of course.

On 05/02/99 Dan Parker said:

'Enjoyed' Turkey from Feb '80 to Feb '81...Unbelievably didn't end up in Turkish prison.

On 03/16/99 Bob Landefeld said:

Had a good time on the 'Turkish Riviera' from '70 to '71.

On 09/22/98 Robert A Atkinson CHRELE W3 RET. said:

I received information from the Coast Guard Historian about Loran Station Kargaburun. On February 25 1993 the 625ft antenna was destroyed in a ice storm and was never replaced. The station was turned over to the republic of Turkey December 31, 1994.

On 08/16/98 Robert A Atkinson said:

I served Targabarun 1959-60 as Exec Officer Chrele W-2 Is the station still in operation. I would love to have an update on this unit.

On 03/18/98 John R. Foster MK1 (R) said:

was stationed in Kargabarun 79-80. really enjoyed it as i did some sightseeing. Anyone remember the fire in front of the base that almost took out the fuel tanks? Had good memories of the crew- Copeland, Huffman and CO Swanson. Would never give them up for nothing

On 12/29/97 Pat C. Ruggirello said:

Stationed there Apr 70 - July 71. Had great time going to Salty's and visiting the MoCamps done the road in the summer. Meet some very nice German girls who invited a couple of us to visit them.

On 12/16/97 Fred Sanders said:

Hello there former sailors on TUSLOGDET 52. I went there in 1960 EM1, enjoyed having to go into Istanbul every week for

supply run and visit with the local ladies! Was there during the beginning

On 11/29/97 Phil Ryder said:

Was at Kargabarun fm Apr 89-91. Mr. Fahy was CO I beleive and CWO Dungy was XO. MKC was Dennis Turner ET3 Gary Fontenot was there. Thjis was the time Mehmet retired from Yiniciflik

On 11/02/97 Raymond White said:

I also served there but it was known as TUSLOGDET52, Kargabarun or Targabarun depending on what map you looked it up on. ACTEUR didn't know what TUSLOGDET52 meant when I asked them.

On 10/29/97 Bert Amick said:

Looking for old friends from the Coast Guard. I be ET2 then.

On 10/28/97 Phil Platter said:

I was at Det 52 in '59 & '60. I remember Ali very well and corresponded with him for several years. Sorry to here the station is no longer there.

On 08/03/97 Herb Tauscher said:

I served on good old det 52 in 1964 i remember ali and all the rest. the c.o. shot himself when i was there. just a couple days before he was to go home. it was a real mess. moral was not to good.

On 07/24/97 Bill Rummel said:

Glad it was only a year! And, the Egypt/Israeli 7-Day War was a freebie! Mehmet Ali Dinç had the best of GSA furniture! SK2, '66-'67

On 07/22/97 Joe W. Rush said:

The reports you read with Joe Rush's name on them probably dealt with a small extra duty assignment toward the end of my tour. It was Charley's fault, but he'll say the devil made me do it (smmile).

On 07/15/97 Joe Lukinich, Jr. said:

Greetings! I was at TUSLOG 52 in 79. Have many great memories, especially of Istanbul. Many a good log run with Ali. I sure do remember Abe and fes.

On 07/14/97 R.J. CARLIN said:

WENT TO TUSLOG DET 52 IN SEPT 62. SKIPPER WAS JAMES HIDENRACK.ALI WAS INTERP.FEVZI WAS MESS HELPER.CANT REMEMBER XO. DC SEIGEL, EN CURTIS BARNES,SNsBURKE&RIDOCCI, ET PILKINGTON,

On 07/13/97 BMCM Charles R. Schlinke, ret. said:

Dan you better look at a set of your old orders. CGLORSTA Targabarun was commissined in 1959/1960 the first CO was Lt. Sanders. Joe Rush and I were there and so was that damned bear. The Ali you were refering to was most likely Muhammad Ali Dench. Ali was the station intrpreter in 1959 until?? I remember the barber. Had no idea he was a fan of Adloph Hitler.

On 07/03/97 Dan O'Brien said:

I did a tour at LORSTA Kargabarun in '82. Prior to the LORSTA designation the unit was officially referred to as TUSLOG DET 52. Never heard the place called Targabarun though. Never saw any bears

On 06/26/97 Joe W. Rush said:

Ah yes, the bear fight and the pony ride. Seems I do remember something about that. As for the alcohol, I didn't do it, and if I did I ain't guilty. That's my story and I'm sticking with it.

On 06/23/97 Herbert Parkin said:

Served in the Section Office from March 65 to August 69 as Assistant Operations Officer. Made many trips to Targarbarun during that time.

On 06/17/97 BMCM Charles R. Schlinke, (ret) said:

Joe, it seems that it's just you and I. Two Texans that fought the bear, rode the big wild horse and drank all Chief Cambell's grain alcohol. Would really love to hear from Doc Patcrick.

On 01/08/97 Joe W. Rush said:

I have heard that Targaburun is no more. I am a plank owner of the place, being part of the baseline monitor crew in 59. Are there any oldtimers left??

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