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On 06/16/09 **Tom Maxwell** said:

i served aboard with billy h thomas in 66 and 67. it was good duty. met george hussey hm1 in oakland in the 70's with his wife nita, an itbud girl. i valued the friendship of her father, victor cabugo, and a school teacher from itbud, a mr ponce. be in touch

On 07/08/08 **Billie H. Thomas** said: I served aboard during **66** and ...

MCKM Griffin Send me an e-mail I'd like to share . Sorry to hear about Ebay. I tried to hire him but they wouldn't let me., why the change in heart. I made a mistake when I was aboard, 1-66-9-66. Times MARCHES ON.

On 06/28/08 **Billie H. Thomas** said: I served aboard during **65** and ...

Would like to hear from anyone that served with me from Jan.-65 to Sept. when I had to leave due to Medical reasons. I didn't want to go. EN1

On 04/09/08 **William M. Griffin** said: I served aboard during **1968-1969** and ...

It is with regret that I have to inform you that Jonney Ebay (The engineering assistant) died over the Easter Holladays and was laid to rest in the Inavana Cemitary April 2, 2008. Jonny was 72 and most remimber him as the quite guy over in the engeeneering building. That means that there are only two civilans left alive that were on the station while the US Coast Guard was there. Simo the house boy and Tilino the man I hired after Pedro died. Time is passing and we arn't getting any younger. That care shipmates!

On 03/14/08
Good duty

Stanley Geiger said: I served aboard during 1961 and ...

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' On 02/26/11 **Jon von Kessel** said:

Dear former Batanes Loran Station crewmembers! As I write this note to you, I am sitting along the seashore of Basco using a WiFi internet connection on my little netbook. Yes, something you probably never thought could happen at the home of one of the best 'isolated duty' LORAN stations in the CG. My wife Nelly & I arrived here on 22 Feb and will be staying at her sister's house in Mahatao until 30 April. For those who either do or don't know me, I had the very first motorcycle in Batanes of which I left with Honorio Roberto in Dec '65 when I left here. Today, there are about a thousand of them in Batanes. Honorio has been dead for quite a few years now, but his lovely wife Vavin is doing quite well, yet a bit frail now. Lots of the old friends have died of paluk or the former Gin, as you may recall, they were the favorite beverages of the Ivatan. Now it is either beer or a very nice brandy, known as Matador, which I greatly enjoy. The island recently installed new generators to replace the old Czech built ones that were installed around 1993. Electricity is available 99% of the time. We did have a one-hour 'brownout' three nights ago. Street lights, Cell phones (via two carriers), Satellite TV, motorcycle powered tricycles, jeepneys, really well stocked vs. the former sari-sari stores are all over the place. Fully paved (with concrete) roads from the Airport to Imnabju are making it easy to get around and communicate. Everyone has electricity and most use gas to cook with, except some also use a 'dirty kitchen' like the days you were here. PAL stopped flying here in Jun 1998. Various airlines have served the island for short lives, but now, for a few years there are 2-3/day 32 seater planes operated by Seair that land here with all sorts of tourists from all over the world come to stay in the many little hotels and resorts (Ivatan style, but with class) and there are a few good quality restaurants. You owe it to yourself to come to Batanes to become amazed. Batanes has truly come out of the Dark Ages. It is very beautiful and Mahatao and several other places, including Mahatao's San Carlos church are part of the World Heritage Foundation participant sites. I will be seeing ENCM (MKCM) William 'Mike' Griffin in Itbud this week. Mike has been

living here full-time for several years now and greatly enjoys his big 'estate.' Best of regards to all of you, Sincerely, JON von KESSEL, CWO4(ELC), Ret. JonvK888@gmail.com

On 03/16/08 **Stanley Geiger** said:
I served on Batan in 1960-61.