On 07/22/07 Bill Albright said:

Bill Albright (ruffrocks_7606@msn.com) Got to Niigata in Aug. '53 from Pusan at request of ETC Joe Anson who got out in '56 and later came back in and went on up to CWO-4. Joe is retired and lives in a small town outside of Koror in Palau. On Niigata. The BM1 was Tommy Morrison who used to go at it with the same guard who threw ET1 Jerry Simpkins out of the SUMO ring. only Tommy used to win most of the time. (very embarrsing for the guard). I really loved my tour there but the CDR in Tokyo needed a senior tech in Miyako as most everyone was leaving at same time. By the way there are some small snakes on Miyako and I still have one in a bottle of alcohol. I is about 2 1/2' long and 1/4 ' thick with blue eyes. Saw some a little bigger but didn't try to catch them. The first Co I was with was LT. Rudy Roberts and he was relieved by his classmate George Adamson who was on a skin diving trip with me when I ran into a Portaguese Man of War that wrapped around my left elbow and shoulder. Very Very unforgetable incident. Had welts for a long time. ETC who came down a coupe of months later was Neil Endsley who went on to W-4 and direct commission to LT. and later on was the oldest LCDR in the CG. Saw him a few times while was in the Yard on the Southwind in '67, '68 & '69 as ETCM. '69.

On 02/11/05 Jerry Simpkins said:

Served on the Niigata, Japan LORAN station from May-53 toAug-53...just the trailers, 1small bldg and 7 men...got our meals from the Air Force base...Niigata was a large city...we were on the beach outside of town...the skippers quarters and office were on the base...saw him twice...the day I arrived and the day I left...never got to the wild part of town...too busy..Korea was going on at the time and we had lots of communications...we were supposed to employ local people so we hired 3 guards...no fence... no gate... but we always had a guard sitting in a chair out on the beach...none of them spoke english...one was an amature sumo wrestler...he would throw me out of the circle and then throw me back in...he had me by at least a hundred pounds but it was fun...good duty at the time...God bless and have a great day

On 03/19/01 Dennis Lamont said:

Spent 1960 at Niigata. ET3 The only CG STA with 'burmashave' signs at the entrance. What a great liberty town !!!!

On 02/03/98 Scriven, James R. said:

I was stationed at Niigata in 1956 and 1957 as an EN 2.Is my motorcycle still there?

On 10/04/97 A PETRI, ETC said:

I was there also, in '57/58 I believe, who could forget that place, Yoju banchi (14th st.) and all.

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