

Things here are going pretty well, I am just finishing up the ESWS stuff. I got all of the signatures for my book that I needed and I take my test tomorrow. Hopefully I will be taking my board in about a week or so. I am so done with having this information in my head because I wake up everyday with a headache. Lol. "No pain No Gain" right? Well I remember about 95% of all of the information that I have studied so I am not too worried about my exam, but the board I am a little cautious of.

We crossed the equator 2 days ago and are now like 200Nm south of it. I will officially become a Shellback after participating in the ceremony this weekend so that should be fun. We also get to have a Steel Beach picnic on Saturday so that should be enjoyable as well. To be honest we aren't doing much of anything besides flight ops now. Our mission changed for the third time since we have been out here and so we are too far from land to be able to do our jobs. Nice eh?

43 days down, 120 something days to go. So we are officially like 1/4 of the way done with deployment. Oh yeah, today is my 2 year mark in the Navy as well so that was kind of a booster to my mood today! I really do wish that I had more to tell you because I know that it cannot be that interesting reading the same events over and over again. Unfortunately, as I said before, there has been nothing that has gone on...Well except my watch band breaking today. That was kind of poopy L

So yeah...Waiting on the mail to get here since we have almost 3 weeks worth of mail sitting in Bahrain right now and won't be getting it for another couple of days at least. I sent some mail out to Mike to put into my room. It's just more crap from my rack that I do not use at all and don't need to have it here. I have to send out some letters I have written, but I have just not remembered to go down to my birthing and drop them off at the post office, or S-7. Sorry, ESWS was slipping in there....Sometimes I cannot help it, especially when I have been studying it for like 6 – 7 hours a day. Well I hope to hear from some of you soon and please take care of yourselves.

With Love,

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P.S.- SMALLPOX REALLY ISN'T FUN! It's ITCHY and well, just not very enjoyable :P