

## **Unauthorized Maintenance**

In the Merchant Marine ships are repaired every 4 to 5 years, but the Navy does it more often due to complex equipment or upgrading equipment.

If you know the "system", known as "CUMSHAW", a lot of extra maintenance can be accomplished. So before entering the shipyard, the ship loads up on extra coffee, 22 cal. ammo, etc. A lot can be accomplished for 5 lbs. of coffee given to the right person, and a "brick" of 22 cal. ammo (1000 rounds) can do wonders!

### **"Right on, CAPT"**

We had just arrived in the "Med" for a 6 month deployment. I called the crew to the fantail and in no uncertain terms told them not to cause problems when they went on liberty.

The first night, in Spain, a seaman from the deck gang got into a fight with a "LaGuardia" (Spanish police). I had minor problems with him in the States. After we got underway and heading south to the Straights of Gibraltar, I held "mast" on the bridge. I am 6 ft. tall, so was the XO and our huge Chief Bosn, who brought the seaman to the bridge. The seaman was a real small fellow.

I was real unhappy that he had caused problems the first night of the deployment. I found him guilty, fined him, busted him and restricted him to the ship. Then, as required, I asked him if he had anything to say. He looked up at me and said, "Right on, Captain". Needless to say, none of us could keep a straight face.

Later on in the cruise, I gave him "Cinderella Liberty" (liberty expiring at midnight).

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