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FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

The final year at the U.S. Naval Communication Station was definitely a challenging one for all who were involved in the dismantling of the facility.

This book is designed to remind us of the base itself, the people with whom we served, the Ethiopians who were a part of our daily life, and the events that took place. In the years to come, the pages of this book will also bring to mind the planning, the frustrations, the inconveniences and the hard work required to phase out this base.

It was certainly an "all hands" evolution---demanding and receiving the fullest dedication of all who were aboard during that traumatic period, from E-1 right up through the chain of command.

Serving aboard a station the size of NavCommSta, we all came to know one another. Perhaps this book will on some future date enable us to remember each other and the events surrounding the final months for the U.S. Navy in Eritres.

If nothing else, it provides me with another opportunity to say farewell and to express my personal thanks to each of you for a job well done.

> C.A. NOGGLE, JR Commanding Officer