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Brick Location: C1

Sea School

Marine Barracks

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

Portsmouth, VA 1956

Following a weekend liberty at Sea School in Portsmouth, VA, one of our students came back with a black eye. His explanation to his fellow students was that a girl hit him and gave him the shiner.

During a clean-up time on Monday, our Captain came through and saw the very noticeable blemish. He asked the young man how this unfortunate accident happened. This time the marine hesitantly explained that he ran into the edge of a door.

The Captain, sensing that this reason was not the truth, began laughing so hard that tears welled up in his eyes. He turned to walk into his office, and, finding it difficult to see, promptly ran into the edge of his door.

We then ended up with two members of our unit with shiny black eyes.

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