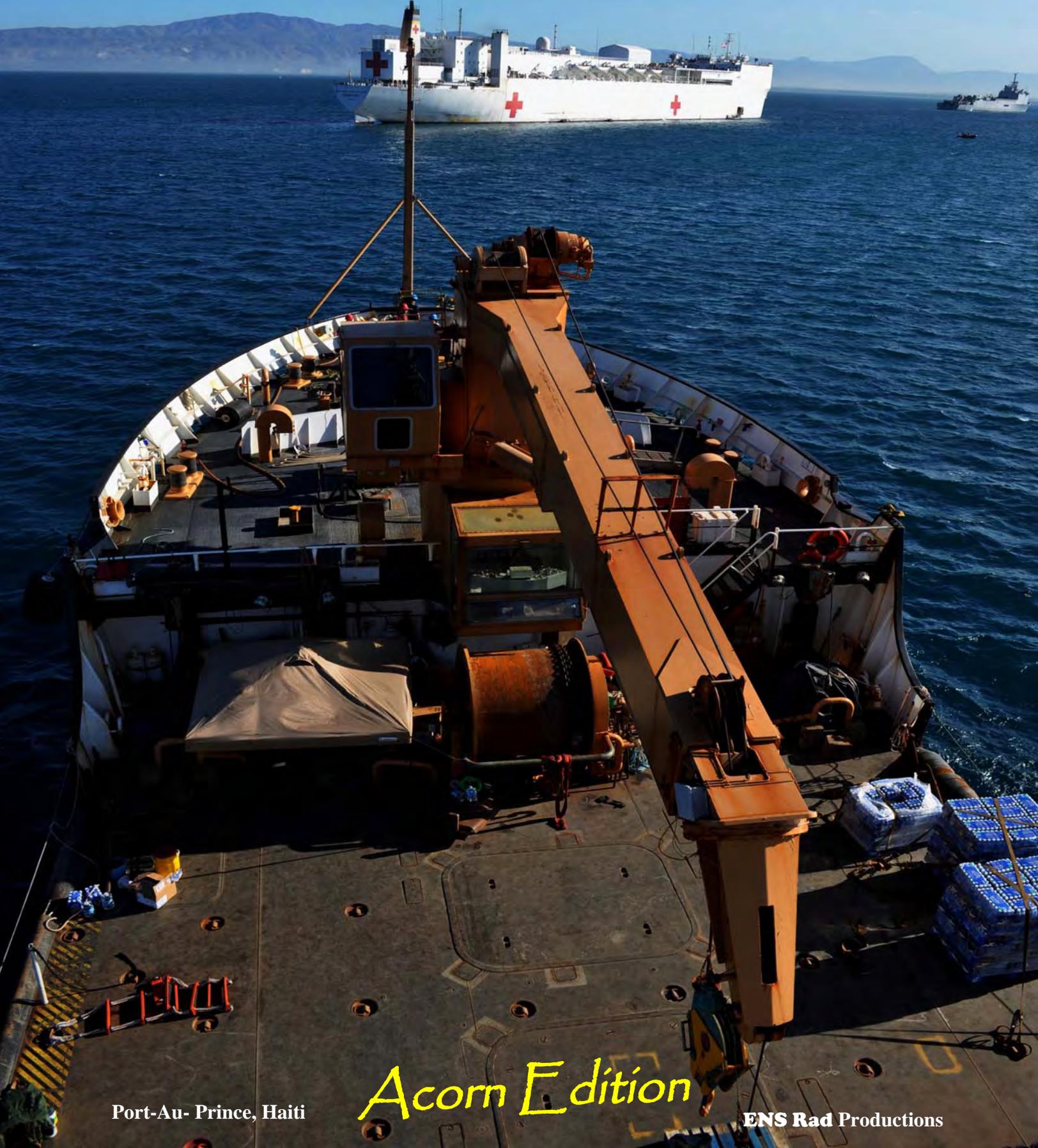




Lil' Shade Tree

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Top: CGC OAK moored starboard side to USNS COMFORT for a potable water transfer. Our 225' long ship is dwarfed by the 894' behemoth of a hospital ship.

Above Right: ET1 Hernandez loves all the action and gives two thumbs up to a smooth mooring evolution.

Above Left & Center: LTjg Ellsworth had the privilege of conning OAK during this unprecedented event in OAK history. Not even medevac helicopter flights hovering directly overhead could break Mr. Ellsworth's concentration & ship driving skills.

Above: EM2 Furr took a brief break to survey the enormous ship alongside and then went right back to work on our small boat.



Top Left: How do you pack 63 civilians, 956 naval hospital staff, 258 naval support staff, and up to 1,000 bed patients into a ship? Call in the COMFORT!

Top Right: BM3 Thompson & MK2 Ragin were on scene to witness and support the entire evolution plus a photography trip.

Above: BM1 Wrigley looks on at Coast Guard history in the making while cruising in one of OAK's small boats.



Top: Members of the Columbian military were all about taking some quality group photos with our medical team shore side.

Above Left & Right: HS1 Roberts & Hunter have spent several days providing family care & pharmacy services for those in need at Killick base. Our ship mates are becoming quite popular among the locals & have even started learning a bit of Creole French.

Left: The dynamic duo continue to provide excellent medical support when the need arises on their daily jaunts to Killick. Many injured victims of the earthquake are still arriving with a variety of ailments.