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Campbell's;

Well thanks for your note and the information on Capt. Meyer. I boarded the Evans in SF naval yard in Jan. 50 but I believe I boarded her at a birth in SF and later I was on her when we moved into the naval yard. Anyway 41 months later, I got off in Sasebo Japan to start the trek home to come on home. I enjoyed my ship life and I have lots of good memories of the days on the Evans(good and bad).

I hope you all are doing alright. Me, I hate retirement; nothing to do and my wife works all day, so it is just me and two cats, which probably don't like me. I may get to teach a class in Biology in September at the High School where I retired from-I hope, as this would give me something to do, which I need. I think I might go places, but I have to carry my oxygen machine, to use at night, and this does not make traveling easy, as it is rather large and heavy; I can not take it on an airplane as they say no. I do go places, but overnight I drive so I can take the oxygen with me. I don't have to use oxygen during the day much, and I can around in my car just fine, go to town and do things, which does give me something to do..

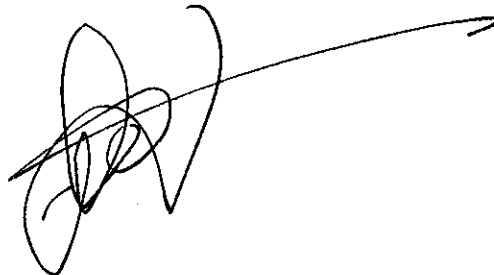
Tom's article on the two officers standing watch in the Motor Whale Boat I remember because Lee and I stood on the 01 deck and made a few comments to them like you finally had to do something. Lee and I did not know why they were there and we both thought that we had to investigate; so when it got dark, we looked inside, hoping to find something, which we did not.

I don't know if I am going to make the next meeting-I would give anything to see some of my old shipmates and talk, which I am good at, but I have to drive and from where I live, it is 700 miles just to get out of Texas, and then cross two states- other people come further, but maybe they don't have to carry an oxygen machine to use at night. I haven't given up hope, as I may find a way.....

Well I guess I will close for now; I promise I will write again and please me in touch with all of the news-Have a good Easter and take care of yourselves.

My very Best to you all

Cato

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