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	7/12/02	U.S.S. Frank C. Evans Antisubmarine
FROM:	John F. Jenkins	TO: Tom "Charlie" Nobles

Dear Charlie:

Enclosed you will find some memorabilia of my days aboard the Evans during W.W. II.

1. Copy of our Christmas menu. Inside you will find the names of all who were still aboard at that time. A number of our crew were discharged after Aug. 15, 1945. I don't know how many would still be living since we would all be in our 70's, 80's and maybe 90's. I think Higginbottom and Kunkel are still with ~~us~~ but Lt. Harrier, our firecontrol officer passed away several years ago.

2. Copy of our 1st Anniversary menu. As you can see, we spent most of our time after the war in Korea or China before we came back to the good ole U.S.A.

3. Original copy of the commissioning program on Feb. 3, 1945. Our first Capt. was Harry Smith, and he left the ship shortly after the war ended.

4. Copy of our W.W. II action. We were lucky and always managed to be missed by the Kamikazi. I knew the quartermaster, and he gave me this abbreviated copy of his log. Thought you might be interested.

5. Copy of message we received ending the offensive operations against the Japs. As you can guess, over,

there was quite a celebration aboard ship. We were all glad Pres. Truman gave the orders to drop those bombs. (I didn't know there was that much booze stashed away aboard ship).

6. Picture of Evans anchored in Whang Poo river, Shanghai, China. We spent a good part of our time after the war cruising up and down the China coast collecting and destroying Japanese guns, ammo, etc. The crew managed to confiscate some of the better rifles. We all had one.

7. Picture of Major, our mascot. Seems like every time we had gunnery practice, he would manage to jump overboard. We would then have man-overboard drills. Unfortunately, we were not able to stop one time, and that was the end of Major.

8. Picture of 19 year old John F. Jenkins, KC 3/4. I think this picture was probably taken somewhere along the China coast since I'm wearing a jacket, and it got pretty cold in China during Jan & Feb. (I'm 76 now.) I was discharged June 1946.

I have several albums of pictures and other memorabilia I collected and saved during my time in the Navy and aboard the Evans, and I plan to give it to our War Museum we have in Danville. However, I thought the items I'm sending you would be of interest.

I was called back in during the Korean war, but when they asked ~~if~~ if I wanted to go to the East coast or West coast, you can imagine my answer.

I spent most of my time in the Med. aboard destroyers Rich, New, and Kennedy.

At least I got to see most of the world paid for by Uncle Sam.

Hope they find you doing well. I went through that prostate problem six years ago and seem to be doing O.K. At least my PSA is 0.

Sincerely,
John F. Jenkins