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Dear Mr. Campbell,

For a number of years I have had a keen interest in the various classes of American destroyers and the destroyer actions in the Solomons. My interest in these subjects started while in high school (early 1960s) when I read Tin Cans by Theodore Roscoe. Since then I have tried to collect what information I can about the ships and the actions they participated in.

The FRANK E. EVANS was a member of the ALLEN M. SUMNER class. She was built by Bethlehem Steel (Staten Island) and was commissioned on February 3, 1945. By June, the FRANK E. EVANS had arrived off Okinawa for the closing stages of that campaign. After some postwar duty, she departed the Far East on March 6, 1946. I am trying to collect some World War II information on the FRANK E. EVANS, and I am wondering if you might be able to help me. Can you tell me which destroyer division (desdiv) she was assigned to? Did this assignment ever change? Was she ever the flagship of her division? Do you recall if the ship ever had a nickname or any artwork painted on either of her stacks? At the same time, do you remember the various camouflage patterns the ship wore during her time in the Pacific? Mr. H. G. Nichols was kind enough to send me your address. Any help you could give me would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

Respectfully yours,

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