BM3 HUBERT LEE BLANKENSHIP - 29 August 1950 to 1954





I Hubert Lee Blankenship "Red" was born 13 May 1932 at Covington, Tennessee. I had red hair and gray eyes. I enlisted in the U. S. Navy at Memphis, Tennessee in June 1950, and attended boot camp at San Diego, California.

As a SA, I was received for duty on board USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) on 29August 1950 when I was assigned to the 1st Division. Over time, I advanced to BM3.

I went on three cruises to Korea. That makes me a survivor!!

We were in Wonsan Harbor taking fire from those 8" Russian tanks when we had to come out for the battle wagon, which went in but didn't stay long. She said she was afraid she would run aground when she came out. We were still tied to the ammunition supply ship. The battle wagon made so big of a wave we had to untie before we were finished taking on ammo.

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