

DC2 LEONARD J. NEEDHAM - 25 February 1951 to 52



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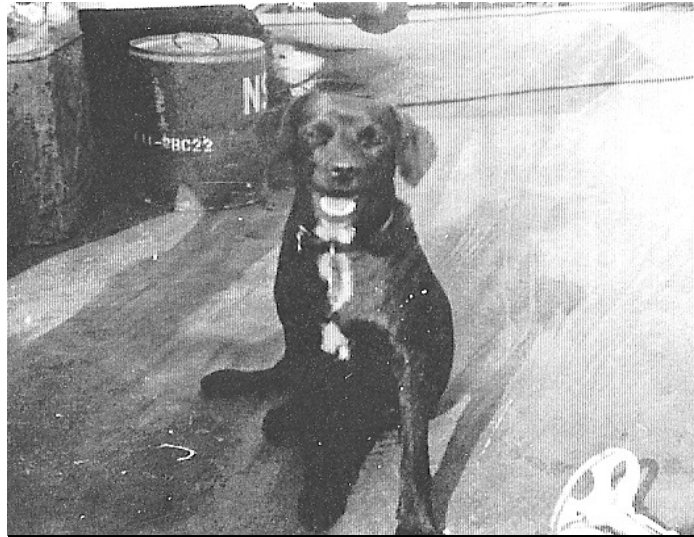
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I Leonard J. Needham "Len" was born 10 November 1929, at Monona, Iowa. I had brown hair and blue eyes. I enlisted in the Navy at Des Moines, Iowa on 9 September 1950, and went to boot camp at USNTC San Diego, California.

I left Philadelphia Damage Control School in December 1950 and went on board USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754). She was at sea off Wonson, Korea. I was transferred from the tanker USS CIMARRON (AO 22), it was 25 February 1951. I left FRANK E. EVANS early in August 1952 with orders to Washington, D.C. for USS WILLIAMSBURG (AGC 369), the presidential yacht, as recommended by Captain Salmon. Also, I wrote the test for 1<sup>st</sup> class, which caught up with me in October 1952. I enjoyed my time on FRANK E. EVANS more than any station or ship I was on.

In regard to our skipper, CDR N. D. Salmon, he was a special sort of a captain. One time in Formosa, we had the stern cable from a buoy get jammed in the strut of the port screw. I went down under the stern and plugged a marlin spike in a loop on the cable and when they cranked forward, all was fine. Captain Salmon hooked me up and handed me a \$5.00 dollar bill and said, "That's diving pay, and you're qualified in your records, but I am entering a recommendation for diver's school." Just one of the events that do stand out. I am proud of the time as a member of FRANK E. EVANS' crew.

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"Swish" Our Mascot



Gunners' Mate & "Swish"



MEL Ira O. McGilbery & MM3 Curtis H. Olson with "Swish" on the Fantail

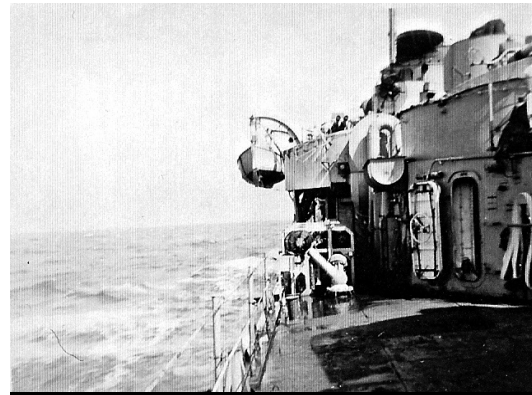


DC2 Leonard Needham with "Swish" on the Bow



20 MM Crew At GQ in Wonsan Harbor

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Life Boat Rigged & Ready for Sea



Refueling at Sea



MT 53 Port, Mail Call

(Left to Right)  
MEW3 Robert Hunt  
MEG2 George H. Damon  
GMM3 Thomas J. Crowley  
FN Bobbie M. King



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GMM3 Thomas J. Crowley  
MEG2 George H. Damon  
ME3 Richard M. Oakes

FN Bobbie M. King





MML1 Elroy A. Degroot & FN Bobbie M. King



MM3 Curtis H. Olson & MEG2 George H. Damon

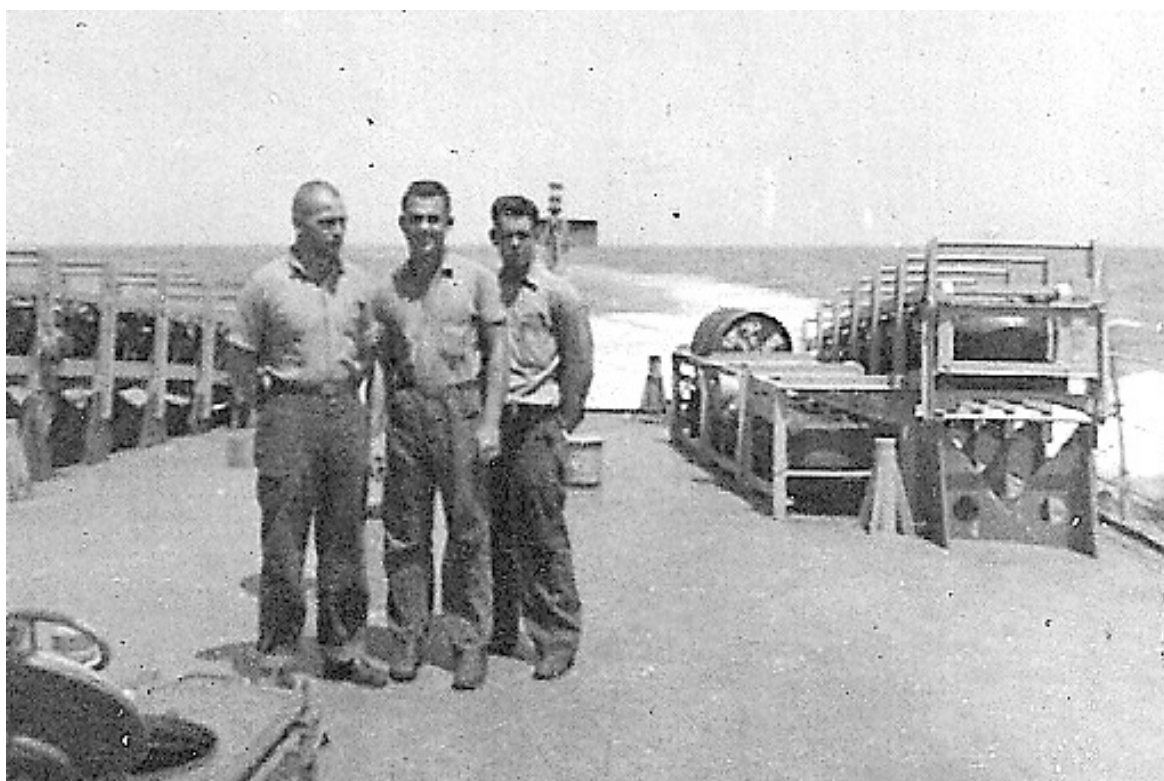


EMC Joseph Busco After-steering



*Japanese water barge alongside. Sasebo*

Japanese Water Tender



FP3 Martin Keen ME3 Charles Lindsey James Posey

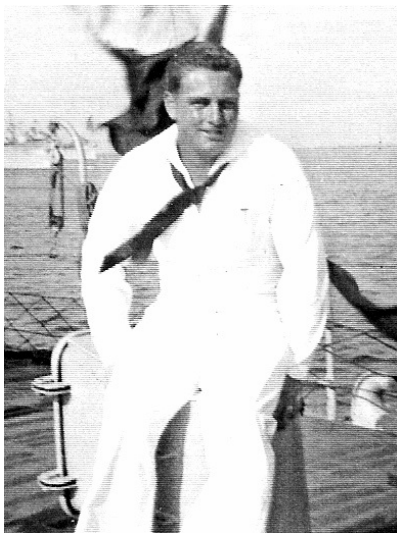
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FN Gerald D. Beavers



FN James L. Kurtz



FP3 Martin Keen



FN James W. Posey, DC3 Loyd R. Chandler  
ME3 Charles W. Lindsay

Sincerely,

Len Needham

P. S. Thank you and all the people who have contributed to this,  
and our great little association.



Len Needham 1986

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