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A compilation of real stories written by more than 90 former officers and sailors who served aboard the USS Johnston DD-821. The stories are in each sailor or officer's own words. Includes stories from commissioning to decommissioning plus WWII, Korean War, Vietnam and the cold war. A must read for any former destroyer sailor or officer or anyone simply interested in U.S. Naval history. Here are some of the comments received for the book: George, Mine arrived today! It is marvelous, a wonderful work you can be proud of assembling and authoring. I'm very much looking to reading it from cover to cover. I intend to tell the Naval Historical Foundation about it, because it will add to their archives of USS JOHNSTON. Well done, shipmate. Mike McCaffree, Rear Admiral U.S.N. Retired George, I received the book yesterday - it's wonderful....thanks for all your hard work in putting it together! Reading the book has brought back some great memories and I also am learning more about the ship's intriguing history. Take care, Al Myers Hello George, Received My copy and want to thank you for doing this job. Excellent ... I am recalling so many events. Sorry I did not respond to your call for "war stories from the USS Johnston". Perhaps if you ever do an update, I can add a couple of pages next time. Great luck with it. Bob O'Dell RM3, USS Johnston DD821, 1952-1955 Hi George, Linda and I had an opportunity to peruse the book and it was obvious that you devoted many hours in development and publishing. We both enjoyed the content immensely and will spend many hours in reading the book. You did a terrific job; well done. Regards, Captain John Mingo George, Got the books yesterday and WHAT A BOOK !!!! Thank you so much for your hard work on the book. The people who did not respond to your request for stories are really going to be sorry they aren't in the book. I'm going to donate one copy to my local library so the public in the Macon area can read about the Johnston. Thanks again for the book, Johnny "Jonesy" Jones George, Got my book last night. It's fabulous!! Thanks for all your work in putting this together! Mike Graziano George, got the book. Have already read most of it. It is really a great history and background of events regarding the Johnston. The book mentions a "Johnston Association". How do I join? The book has triggered many memories of my time on the Johnston. After reading the stories in the book, especially those around the time period I was aboard, it seems my memories sometimes seem to be skewed one way or the other. I guess that happens as we grow older. In any case, it was great to read the stories. I did notice that there were few stories from the Snipes. I have some, so when I get the time, I'll write them down for you, hopefully for an updated version sometime down the road. Thanks again for all you did to put this book together. I know it must have been one helluva task, but, you did good. Paul Johnston I received the book and am enjoying reading the various chapters some which awaken old and almost forgotten memories!!!! Good job you did putting it together. Ray Paquette

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