



**"DESTROYERMAN HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A PROUD PEOPLE. THEY HAVE BEEN THE ELITE. THEY HAVE TO BE PROUD AND THEY HAVE TO BE ESPECIALLY SELECTED, FOR DESTROYER LIFE IS A RUGGED ONE. IT TAKES PHYSICAL STAMINA TO STAND UP UNDER THE RIGORS OF A TOSsing DD. IT TAKES EVEN MORE SPIRITUAL STAMINA TO KEEP GOING WITH ENTHUSIASM WHEN YOU ARE TIRED AND FEEL THAT YOU AND YOUR SHIP ARE BEING USED AS A WORKHORSE. IT IS TRUE THAT MANY PEOPLE TAKE DESTROYERS FOR GRANTED AND THAT IS ALL THE MORE REASON WHY DESTROYERMEN CAN BE PROUD OF THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS."**

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