

Mr. John Dzubak:

Previous note: This letter has been designed by the help of my friend LCDR Robert Houghton (r), former president of DD-944 USS MULLINNIX Ass; in anticipation of my English possible mistakes.

I am Antonio Moreno and a native of Tarragona, Spain, coastal town 60 miles southwest from Barcelona. As a young boy my father often took me to visit the ships of many navies when they visited our seaport here in Tarragona and I developed a lifelong affinity for those magnificent vessels. I am now retired and 69 years old. Retirement has afforded me the time to search the archives in the offices of our Port Authority and I have been able to catalogue the port visits of all navies in the 20th century with the names of the ships and dates of their visits.

Many friends and acquaintances have encouraged me write a book of historical nature documenting those port visits to Tarragona and I am currently working on just such a book concerning only those ships of the "Foreign Navies at Tarragona 20th century". I've just finished and presented my first book (last 21th January) "Spanish Armada at Tarragona 20th century".

A Spanish friend gave me this ashtray, from the visit of your ship (CDR John Sim Slaughter) to our port in January 9-15, 1954 and I'm very proud to send you a picture of it.

This visit was in company of DDR-711 USS Eugene A. Greene. (CDR Mr. Seyford). Chief of staff flotilla LCDR D. I. Jacobs. The honors by the Spanish navy were made by the gunboat "Magallanes".

My friend received this gift from his uncle, who was a representative of the US consulate in Barcelona during the visit.

Waiting will enjoy this photo, receive warm regards, extended to the rest of crew.

Sincerely, Antonio Moreno, Investigator Naval.

Also attached a pic of Spanish gunboat "Magallanes"

