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## On The Evening News

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On the evening news  
I saw an ad  
for a drug with a designer name  
that will treat  
non-small cell lung cancer.  
Is that what you had?  
I know you had lung cancer -  
cigarettes a sailor's only companion  
during the long, dark midwatch  
on a destroyer in the Pacific.  
But was it non-small cell?  
Because if it was,  
and if today were the day  
you called to tell me  
the tests results were back,  
I could save you because  
I saw an ad  
on the evening news.

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