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“MIGHTY MONTY”

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FOREWORD

This so-called War Diary is an honest attempt to record a brief chapter in the young life of a gallant ship.

No effort has been made to glamourize her deeds; no claim has been made that she fought the war single-handed; no single incident or group has been intentionally emphasized or omitted.

The MONTY" was a workhorse from the Solomons, through the Marianas, the Philippines, the Nansei Shoto, and into Japan proper — for thirty-six long months she successfully fulfilled her missions.

So for posterity we preserve herewith her experiences, as seen from her decks and from her spotting planes.

WAR DIARY OF CL 57 U.S.S. MONTPELIER

SEPTEMBER, 1942 - DECEMBER, 1945

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This heraldically correct Coat of Arms depicts the Green Mountains, principal topographical feature of Vermont, for whose Capital the U.S.S. MONTPELIER is named.

Surmounted thereupon is a crowned eagle, an exact replica of the crest of the Empress Augusta, wife of Germany's William I, who gave her name to Empress Augusta Bay. As Flagship of Task Force 39, the U.S.S. MONTPELIER played the principal role in defeating a Japanese Task Force off Empress Augusta Bay in the grand surface finale of the South Pacific Campaign.

Fringing its base are coral cockershells, significant of the vast expanse of the blue Pacific, wherein the U.S.S. MONTPELIER fought gallantly throughout World War II.

THE FLAG

As Flagship of Cruiser Division 12, MONTPELIER flew from her main truck the two-star flag of the Division Commander.

Left: AARON S. MERRILL
REAR ADMIRAL, USN
First Commander of
Cruiser Division 12

Right:
ROBERT W. HAYLER
REAR ADMIRAL, USN
Second Commander of
Cruiser Division 12



REAR ADMIRAL RALPH S. RIGGS, Third Commander of Cruiser Division 12,
and Staff

THE SHIP

Left: WILLIAM A. GORRY
CAPTAIN, USN
Present Commanding
Officer

Right:
RAY A. MITCHELL
COMMANDER, USN
Present Executive
Officer



CAPTAIN GORRY and his Heads of Departments

FORMER CAPTAINS

HARRY D. HOFFMAN
CAPTAIN, USN
Third Commanding Officer



ROBERT G. TOBIN
CAPTAIN, USN
Second Commanding Officer



LEIGHTON WOOD
CAPTAIN, USN
First Commanding Officer



BOX SCORE

Excerpts from
WAR RECORD of USS MONTPELIER
on file in
Office of the Secretary of the Navy
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- (1) Date of commissioning.....9 September, 1942
- (2) Personnel who were aboard during any of the following operations are authorized to wear one star for each operation they were in.
1. Rennel Island
 2. Consolidation of the Solomon Islands
 3. New Georgia Operation
 4. Treasury-Bougainville Operation
 5. Marianas Operation

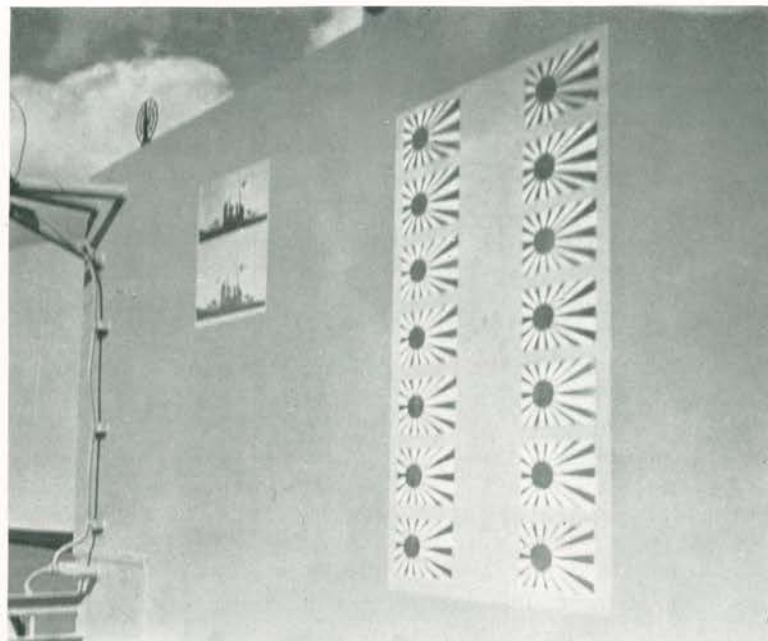
Authority to wear stars for the following engagements is being requested.

1. Capture and Defense of Guadalcanal
2. Bismark Archipelago Operation
3. Leyte Operation
4. Luzon Operation
5. Lingayen Gulf Operation

After further assessment it is possible the ship will be given credit for participation in the following additional operations.

1. Consolidation of Philippine Islands
2. Borneo Operation
3. Neutralization of East China Sea
4. Occupation of Japanese Empire

- (3) The number of enemy units sunk or accredited assistance given in the sinking of enemy surface units.....2 sunk
2 assists
- (a) Kula Gulf, 5/6 March, 1943.....1 sunk, 1 assist
- (b) Empress Augusta Bay, 1/2 November, 1943
1 sunk, 1 assist
- (4) The number of enemy aircraft shot down or accredited assistance in the shooting down of enemy aircraft..fourteen



<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Plane</i>	<i>Operation</i>
29 Jan., 1943	Rennel Island	1	Betty	Guadalcanal
2 Nov., 1943	Off Empress Augusta Bay	5	Vals	Bougainville
19 June, 1944	West of Guam	1	Judy	Marianas (First Battle of Phil. Sea)
27 Nov., 1944	Leyte Gulf	4	Zekes Oscars	Leyte
15 Dec., 1944	Sulu Sea	1	Judy	Mindoro
15 Dec., 1944	Sulu Sea	1/2 *	Jill	Mindoro
15 Dec., 1944	Sulu Sea	1/2	Zeke	Mindoro
7 Jan., 1945	West of Manila Bay	1/2	Sally	Luzon
8 Jan., 1945	West of Manila Bay	1/2	Nick	Luzon
* Sure assist.	Total	14		

- (5) Any outstanding performances participated in by the ship while in actual contact with the enemy..... fourteen
- (a) 6 March, 1943 — Just prior to conducting night bombardment of Villa-Stanmore Plantation of Kolomban-gara Island, this ship as flagship of a cruiser-destroyer task force engaged and sank two (2) Japanese warships believed to be light cruisers or large destroyers, and then proceeded with bombardment according to schedule (First combat use of Mark 8(FH) Radar).
- (b) 29 June, 1943 — In deepest penetration of Japanese controlled areas to date, this ship as flagship of a cruiser-destroyer task force bombarded the Buin-Faisi, Shortland Island Area off Bougainville preparatory to the offensive against Munda, which turned the tide of the Solomon Islands Campaign.
- (c) 2 November, 1943 — This ship as flagship of a cruiser-destroyer task force engaged a large force of Japanese heavy and light cruisers and destroyers attempting to destroy our amphibious forces off Empress Augusta Bay. The enemy lost heavily in ships sunk and damaged and was forced to retire after a two-hour running night sea battle, now called the Battle of Empress Augusta Bay. Our amphibious forces were unmolested.
- (d) 2 November, 1943 — Following closely after the Battle of Empress Augusta Bay, this ship successfully repelled a dive-bombing and strafing attack by approximately seventy (70) Japanese "VALS," shooting down five while receiving only one bomb hit.
- (e) 14-15 June, 1944 — This ship bombarded enemy positions on the East Coast of Saipan, concentrating on gun positions covering Magicienne Bay. A 5" shell from this ship entered a Japanese 5" twin turret through a gun port causing an explosion which put the Jap battery out of action and permitting our ships to enter Magicienne Bay without opposition.
- (f) 27 November, 1944 — While supporting ground operations of Leyte Island, P. I., this ship was attacked almost simultaneously by four Japanese suicide planes, all of which were shot out of the air close aboard with the debris of one plane actually landing on board.
- (g) 12-17 December, 1944 — During this period this ship was engaged in operations as a member of the Heavy Covering Group in support of landings on Mindoro Island, P. I., on 15 December, 1944. The ship underwent constant air attacks, repulsing them all without sustaining damage. This ship was credited with one "sure assist" plus one "shot down."
- (h) 5 January-1 February, 1945 — As a member of Task Group 77.3, this ship acted as a covering unit in support of the landings in Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P. I., and subsequent occupation and defense of Luzon Island, undergoing air attacks on 7, 8, and 10 January, being credited with two (2) "sure assists."
- (i) 13-17 February, 1945 — As a part of Task Group 77.3, this ship conducted preparation, counterbattery, support, and harassing fire against enemy positions on Bataan Peninsula, Corrigedor Island, and the Manila Bay Area, in support of the landings in Mariveles Bay on Bataan Peninsula and on Corrigedor Island.
- (j) 28 February, 1945 — As a unit of the Fire Support Group, this ship covered the minesweeping and landing operations at Puerto Princessa, Palawan, P. I.
- (k) 14-24 April, 1945 — As a unit of Task Group 74.2, this ship conducted a preliminary bombardment to the

seizure and occupation of Parang and Cotobato Areas, Mindanao Island, P. I.

- (l) 9-12 June, 1945 — As a unit of Task Group 74.2 (Distant Covering Group), this ship provided protection for the amphibious landings during the seizure, occupation, and defense of Brunei Bay Area, Borneo, Netherlands East Indies.
- (m) 17 June-1 July, 1945 — As a part of Task Group 74.2, this ship bombarded the defenses of Balikpapan, Borneo, N. E. I., for a continuous period of fifteen days, covering minesweeping and underwater demolition operations, and providing FOX-Day fire support for Allied amphibious landings.
- (n) 16 July-7 August, 1945 — As a member of Task Force 95, this ship engaged in the first surface sweeps of the East China Sea and Yellow Sea. Buckner Bay, Oki-

nawa, Nansei Shoto, served as a base of operations, and remained under attack until the end of the war.

- (6) Outstanding performances since end of war.....four
 - (a) 14-15 September, 1945 — Served as flagship of the Evacuation Task Unit (TU 56.5.2) during the recovery of Allied Military Personnel at Wakayama, Honshu, Japan.
 - (b) 25-26 September, 1945 — Served as flagship of the Fire Support Unit (TU 51.3.12) during the occupation of the Wakayama-Kobe-Osaka Area, Honshu, Japan.
 - (c) 6-7 October, 1945 — Served as flagship of the Gunfire Support Unit (TU 51.3.12) during the occupation of Hiro and Kure, Honshu, Japan.
 - (d) 22 October, 1945 — Served as flagship for the Area Support Unit (TU 51.3.3) during the occupation of Matsuyama, Shikoku, Japan.

GUNNERY



FIRST DIVISION

First Division Responsible for Turrets I and II

Lt. J. S. Stillman, USNR
 Lt. (jg) A. G. Wallace, USNR
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 Ens. F. B. Sessions, USN
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 Alderman, R. T., S1/c
 Alexander, T. L., S1/c
 Aragon, N. M., S1/c
 Atkins, V. D., S1/c
 Ayles, P. M., S1/c
 Bailey, H. A., S1/c
 Baker, R. R., S1/c
 Barker, R., S2/c

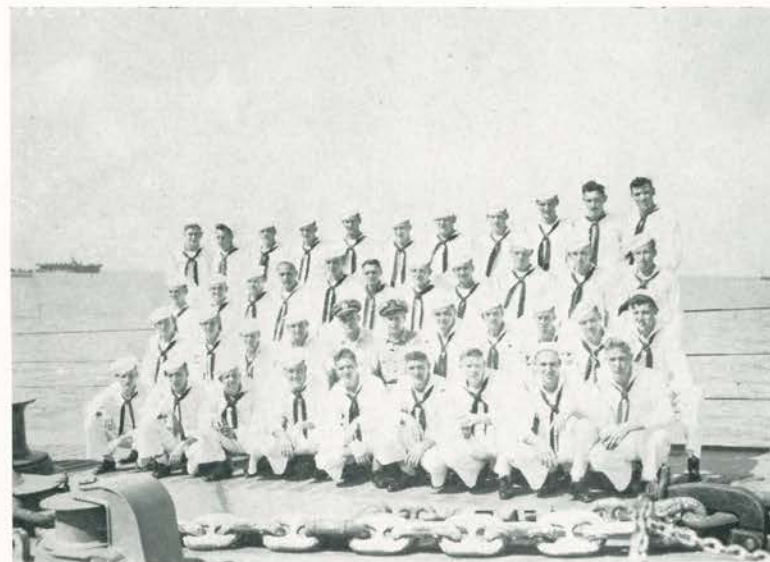
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 Brotilor, F. E., S2/c
 Bruce, F. G., S1/c
 Bruscato, A., S2/c
 Campbell, R., S1/c
 Champine, L. C., S1/c
 Crawford, B. L., S1/c
 Dobbs, W. F., S1/c
 Eakins, R. L., S1/c
 Fortunat, G. C., S1/c
 Frye, E. W., S1/c
 Fuller, D. B., GM2/c
 Gangi, J. V., GM3/c

Gutgsell, J. D., S1/c
 Hadrava, R. F., GM2/c
 Hallas, J. F., S1/c
 Hance, J. S., GM3/c
 Hanson, C. V., GM2/c
 Haney, A. E., S1/c
 Hendricks, D., S1/c
 Herring, I. H., GM3/c
 Hocker, P. E., S2/c
 Hock, J., S2/c
 Hunt, R. R., S1/c
 Hunt, W. M., Cox.
 Jester, H. E., S1/c
 Johnson, B. R., S2/c

Kelshiemer, H. L., GM3/c
 Kocen, J., GM3/c
 Koep, B. B., S1/c
 Krotky, J. C., TC1/c
 Leach, L. E., S2/c
 Long, R. C., S2/c
 Mangus, T. J., S1/c
 Marable, W. N., BM2/c
 McFall, H. G., S1/c
 Miller, J. B., Cox.
 Moore, E. J., S1/c
 Nyman, C., S2/c
 Pierce, B. L., BM1/c
 Reid, D. C., S1/c

Rogatski, A. H., S2/c
 Santangelo, F. V., GM3/c
 Shouks, D. W., S1/c
 Stefanoni, P., S2/c
 Stokely, C. C., S1/c
 Street, M. R., S1/c
 Switchenko, M. J., S1/c
 Taormina, T., S1/c
 Tatinger, J. A., S1/c
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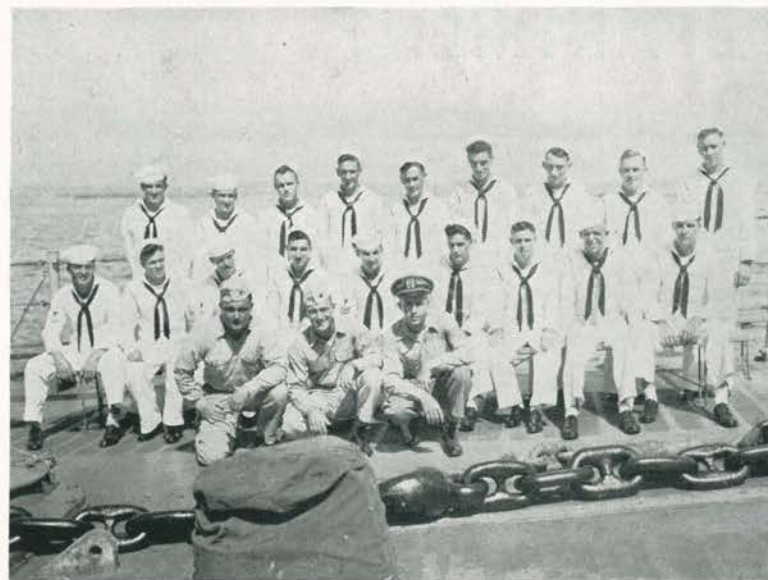
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Alexander, W. C., S1/c
Anglin, M. E., S2/c
Arcand, D. J., S2/c
Asbury, R. S., GM3/c (T)
Bailey, E. P., S2/c
Banner, W. T., GM3/c (T)
Beever, E. C., S1/c
Boswell, M. (n), S1/c
Bowe, D. W., S1/c
Brodnax, J. W., GM2/c (T)
Brown, G. A., BM2/c (T)
Buster, T. H., S2/c
Canter, J. W., S2/c

Carlen, C. F., S2/c
Ceglarek, D. J., S1/c
Clark, D. L., S1/c
Conway, G. T., S1/c
Crain, J. R., S1/c
Culp, M. D., S2/c
Dunn, H. L., S2/c
Durrance, C. J., Cox.
Eggers, A. R., S1/c
Ely, C. J., S1/c
Evavold, I. R., S1/c
Farquahar, R. E., S1/c
Farrell, A. N., Jr., S2/c
Farren, F. G., BM2/c
Farrier, J. D., S2/c
Finnell, J. J., BM2/c
Gordon, C. L., Jr., GM2/c

Green, E. E., S1/c
Green, L. M., S1/c
Gregory, A. A., S2/c
Grimes, H. C. C., S1/c
Grose, F. A., S1/c
Grynuik, F. A. TC, 1/c (T)
Hamilton, H. W., BM2/c
Henceroth, H. R., Jr., S1/c
Herman, A. R., S2/c
Hickman, J. C., S2/c
Higgins, M. P., S1/c
Horg, R. H., S1/c
Hubbard, K. P., S1/c
Jones, F. F., GM2/c
Journell, A. R., S2/c
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Larose, L. I., S1/c

Lawellin, L. C., S2/c
Madison, S. S., S1/c
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Marker, J. W., S2/c
McKean, P. M., S1/c
Means, A. W., Jr., S1/c
Mill, M. L., S1/c
Neal, E. (n), S2/c
Parker, N. W., S2/c
Paulauski, O. W., Cox.
Potrzeba, V. (n), BM1/c
Rader, J. E., S2/c
Reed, O. R., Cox.
Roland, A. M., S1/c
Russel, R. R., S2/c
Schafer, J. M., S1/c
Schneider, N. W., S1/c

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Skrzecz, J. A., S1/c
Smart, H. A., S1/c
Smart, H. O., S1/c
Snyder, F. A., S1/c
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Swift, R. D., GM3/c (T)
Swords, W. E., S2/c
Tackett, H. (n), S1/c
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Trovato, C. W., S2/c
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THIRD DIVISION

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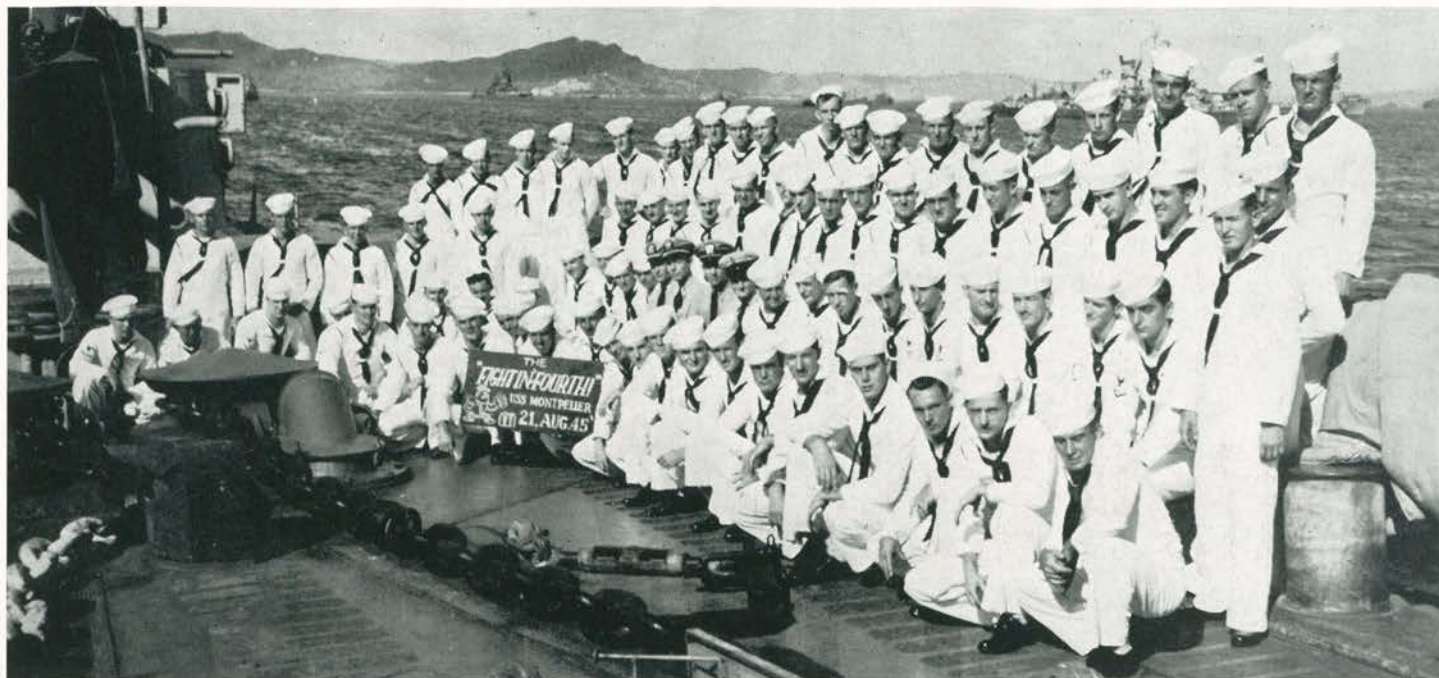
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 Bullinger, R. C., S1/c
 Burke, P. E., S1/c
 Byers, R. E., S2/c
 Calvert, H. C., S2/c
 Campbell, L. H., S1/c
 Chabot, R. J., S2/c

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 Conway, A. B., S1/c
 Compton, G. L., S1/c
 De Sherlia, L. W., S1/c
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 Flannagan, J. F., S1/c
 Fredericks, H., S1/c
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 Gulden, R. C., Cox.
 Guzensky, E., S1/c
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 Johns, H. M., S1/c
 Johnson, J. C., S1/c
 La Bussiere, L. P., S1/c
 Large, R. E., S2/c
 Leasure, H. D., S2/c
 Lechlitter, S. M., S2/c
 Le Grand, H., CM1/c
 Leonard, B. C., S2/c
 Looser, H. W., S1/c

Lopez, H. F., S2/c
 Lutz, E. L., S2/c
 Lybeck, H. E., S1/c
 Malys, M. J., S2/c
 McDaniels, G. B., S1/c
 McDonald, R. L., S1/c
 McMahon, T. G., S1/c
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 Moats, H. E., S1/c
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 Southworth, C. D., S1/c
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 Steele, C. E., S1/c
 Swisher, J. L., S2/c
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 Webb, P. V., S1/c
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 Willson, R. E., S1/c
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 Ens. R. N. Krause, USNR
 Angel, W. F., S2/c
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 Bailey, C. J., S1/c
 Bailey, H. J., S1/c
 Bales, D. D., S2/c
 Barsh, J. M., S1/c
 Battersby, J. R., S1/c
 Bennett, L. H., S1/c
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 Britton, E. D., Cox.
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 Bunton, G. F., S2/c

Cox, M. S., S1/c
 Darga, C. R., S1/c
 De Lorenzo, E. E., S1/c
 Dinsmore, R. A., S2/c
 Dixon, S. R., GM1/c
 Dunn, J. M., S1/c
 Dunne, T. J., GM3/c
 Easter, W. R., S1/c
 Foose, R. F., S1/c
 Garner, W. C., Cox.
 Green, R. A., S2/c
 Griffith, S. M. (Jr.), S1/c
 Hall, K. R., CTC (AA)
 Haltiwanger, W. R., S2/c
 Hauer, R. B., S1/c

Hershey, M. L., S1/c
 Hicks, C. E., S2/c
 Hinkle, D. E., S2/c
 Hulsey, M. E., S1/c
 Johnson, J. P., S2/c
 Johnson, V. A., S1/c
 Jones, W. H., S2/c
 Klutz, H. E., S1/c
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 Le Cun, J. M., S1/c
 Leigh, J. R., S1/c
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 Mervine, L. W., GM3/c
 Mollie, W. G., Cox.

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FIFTH DIVISION

Fifth Division Mans Mounts 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, and 410

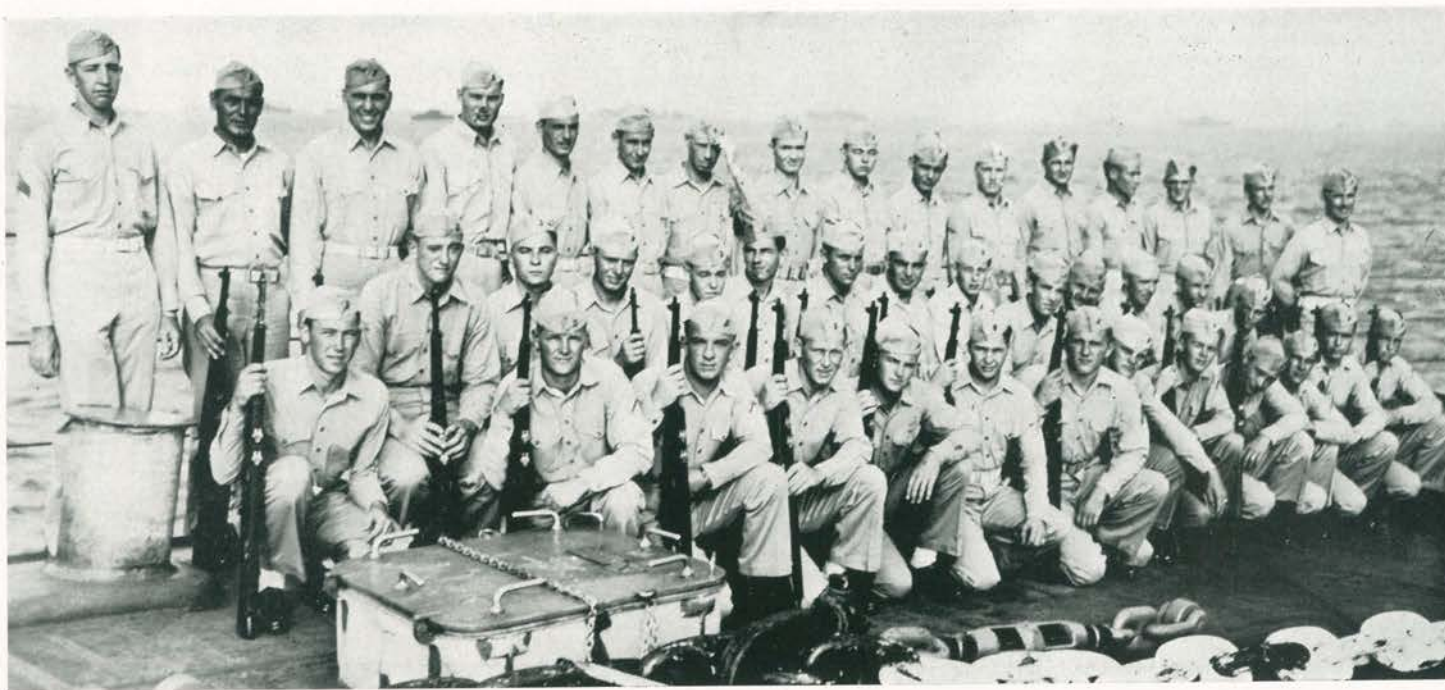
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 Adkins, J. H., S1/c
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 Livingston, B. J., S1/c
 Martin, D. W., S1/c
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 McConnell, J. W., S2/c

McElhone, F. J., S2/c
 McFarlan, D., S2/c
 Messinger, H. S., S1/c
 Myers, C. A., S2/c
 Noel, D. M., S1/c
 Ohrt, D. T., S2/c
 Olson, E. L., S2/c
 Osterbrink, R. W., BM2/c
 Ray, G. B., S1/c
 Renteria, J. A., S2/c
 Rhodes, H. C., S1/c
 Rudzik, J. E., S2/c
 Sceals, J. E., S1/c
 Sharp, N. E., S1/c
 Shelton, S. C., S1/c
 Smith, M. L., S1/c
 Siske, H. J., S1/c

Spotts, F. E., S2/c
 Stahlhut, W. F., S1/c
 Stone, W. G., S1/c
 Stoyka, F., S2/c
 Summerlin, A. T., Cox.
 Snook, J. A., S2/c
 Thomas, P. N., S2/c
 Tomlinson, A., S1/c
 Tweedie, H. M., S1/c
 Vasquez, M. N., S2/c
 Webster, B. R., S2/c
 Witt, R. R., GM3/c
 Wood, G. D., S1/c
 Wood, T. G., S1/c
 Wooten, F. E., S1/c
 Wyatt, G., S1/c



SIXTH DIVISION

Sixth Division (Marine Detachment) Mans All 20mm Guns

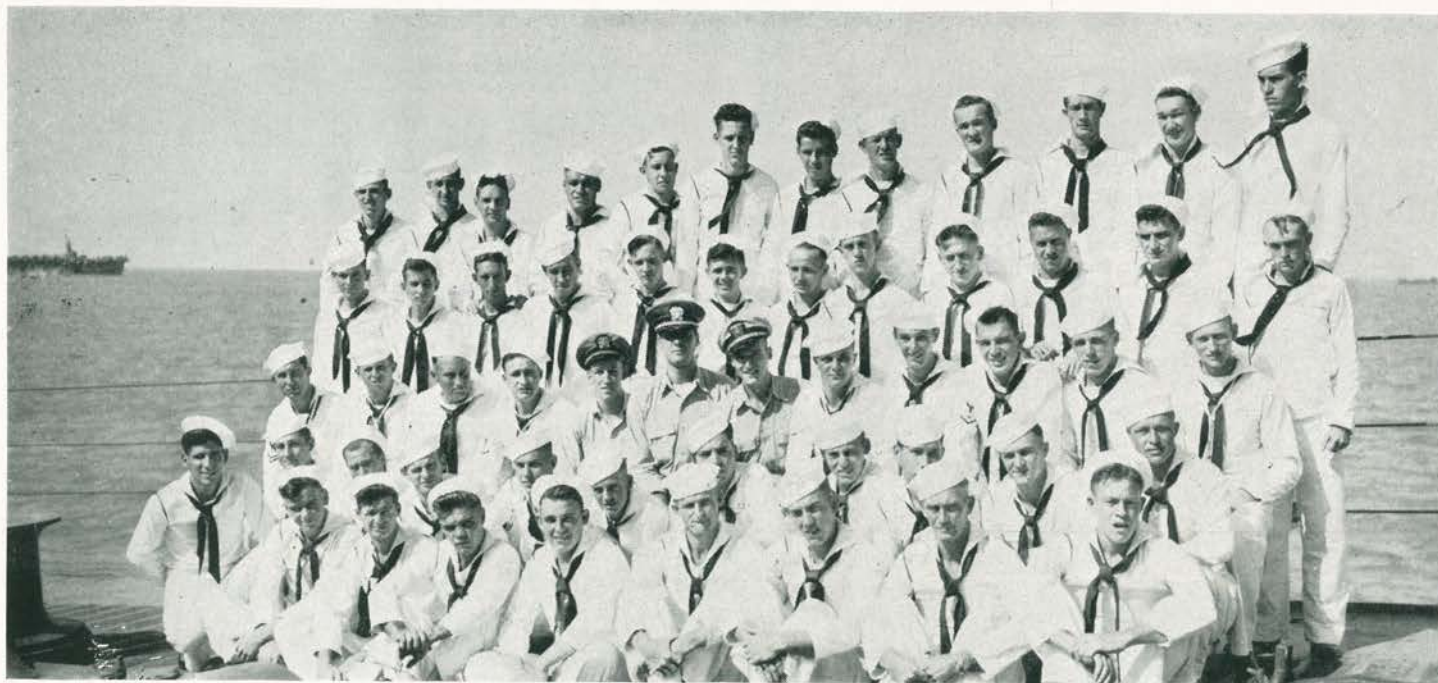
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1st Lieut. B. C. Turner, USMC
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Cardella, J. J., Corp.
Caufield, A. R., FM1c
Dennis, D. D., PFC.
Doney, R. E., PFC.

Feeny, J. E., PFC.
Ferguson, T. E., PFC.
Gibbons, F. S., Corp.
Graves, F. E., 1st Sgt.
Groschke R. M., Ack
Hogan, J. O., PFC.
Hogan, W. M., PFC.
Hulse, W. L., PFC.
Hume, E. H., PFC.

Johnson, B. G., Pvt.
Kalb, G. D., PFC.
Kiehart, J. S., Pvt.
Larkin, R. F., Sgt.
Koepke, R. V., Corp.
Lawson, J. E., Pvt.
Lynch, L. F., PFC.
Meyer, R. A., PFC.
Muma, G. S., PFC.

Nicholls, D. A., Pvt.
Opdycke, E. W., PFC.
Orlowski, V. E., PFC.
Parrish, P. C., Pvt.
Pickard, K. R., PFC.
Potts, M. M., Corp.
Reaka, L. E., PFC.
Rhea, L. H., FM1c
Romanko, R. R., Pvt.

Shafford, L. E., Pvt.
Simon, E. J., PFC.
Van Derhagen, F. R., PFC.
Vorhies, K. G., PFC.
Wason, M. S., Corp.
Wilfong, R. L., PFC.
Willett, R. R., Jr., Corp.
Woodbury, S. E., GySgt.
Young, H. R., Pvt.



SEVENTH DIVISION

Seventh Division Mans Mounts 41, 42, 43, and 44

Lt. (jg) W. L. Corlew, USNR
 Ens. A. S. Coriell, USNR
 Ens. A. C. Kurtz, USNR
 Alexander, T. R., S2/c
 Barefoot, S. L., S1/c
 Barhight, R. W., S1/c
 Bearden, S. B., S1/c
 Beavers, G., S2/c
 Bennett, W. P., S1/c
 Bush, H. R., S2/c
 Bustamante, S. S., S1/c
 Campos, E., S1/c
 Collins, O. B., S1/c

Cooper, S. E., Sp. (A)1/c
 Davidson, G. A., S1/c
 Davis, T. E., GM3/c
 Foss, C. L., S1/c
 Frazier, H. M., S1/c
 Freeman, R. W., S1/c
 Fuoco, F., Cox.
 Gallagher, P. D., Cox.
 Gedling, K. J., S1/c
 Gilbert, H. D., S1/c
 Glover, R. W., GM3/c
 Hansborough, H. W., Cox.
 Heggie, D., S1/c

Helpa, E. S., S1/c
 Hendry, E. B., BM2/c
 Hess, L. R., S1/c
 Hileman, G., S2/c
 Joyce, J. V., S1/c
 Lark, S., S2/c
 Leonard, C. W., S1//c
 Littell, J. A., S1/c
 Lopez, M., S1/c
 Lotz, R. J., S1/c
 Lund, R. Q., S1/c
 McCrary, W. P., S1/c
 Mendez, A., S1/c

Moley, J. S., S2/c
 Mosley, L., S1/c
 Murphy, L. C., S1/c
 Naig, T. R., S2/c
 Nichols, W. H., S1/c
 Parrish, E. G., S2/c
 Pedigo, D. C., S1/c
 Rewis, R. B., S1/c
 Scott, W. L., S1/c
 Shook, P. D., Cox.
 Sias, H., S1/c
 Smith, H. M., S1/c
 Stewart, C. E., S2/c

Stroud, O. E., S2/c
 Taylor, C. A., S1/c
 Vincil, S. W., S1/c
 Walters, J. N., Cox.
 Welch, R. C., GM2/c
 White, W. T., S1/c
 Williams, A. C., S1/c
 Williams, D., S1/c
 Williams, S. G., S1/c
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 Worrell, H. B., S1/c
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FOX DIVISION

Fox Division Mans All Fire Control Equipment

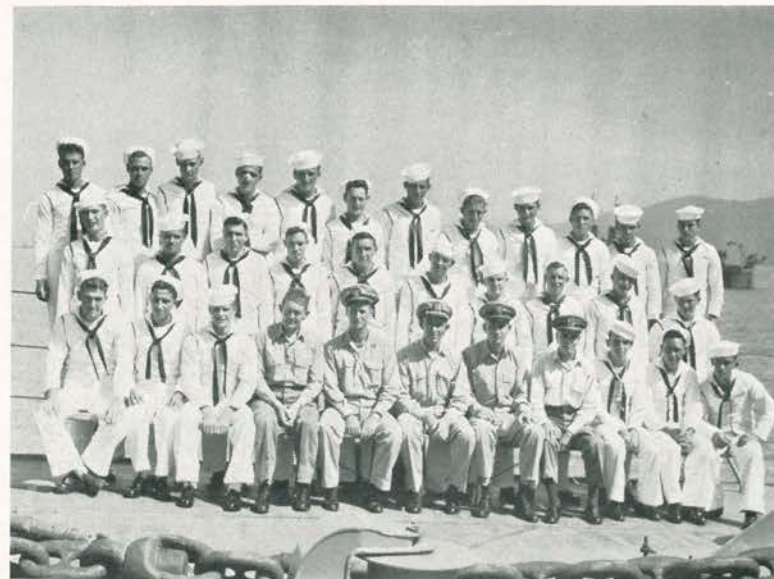
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 Ens. W. A. Kinnaman, USN
 Ens. R. J. Barnes, USN
 Chief Gunner M. T. Brown, USN
 Abbott, C. B., S1/c
 Abbott, J. E., S1/c
 Adams, G. L., S1/c
 Albertson, J. J., FC3/c
 Anderson, C. G., S1/c
 Anderson, R. G., S2/c
 Asbury, C. E., S1/c
 Atkinson, H. R., BM1/c
 Baker, C. L., S1/c
 Barr, W. E., FCO3/c
 Barrett, H. W., S1/c
 Bartholoma, R. I., S1/c
 Battecock, J. M., GM2/c
 Beatty, J. O., S1/c
 Bechtold, R. C., S1/c

Bizzel, O. R., S1/c
 Blue, E., FC3/c
 Bowers, P. M., S1/c
 Bostwick, G. L., S2/c
 Brown, J. W., S1/c
 Callan, J. P., FCO3/c
 Carlson, E., S1/c
 Carrere, M. J., Cox.
 Chapman, W. A., S1/c
 Chawk, R. A., S1/c
 Claussen, F. J., FCO1/c
 Collingham, W. R., FC2/c
 Delp, R. L., S1/c
 Dobson, D. C., S1/c
 Dodson, W., S2/c
 Dutton, D. D., S2/c
 Feldt, R. V., FC3/c
 Harrison, J., FC3/c
 Heathman, G. W., S1/c

Heilman, A. T., Yeo3/c
 Heine, T. E., FC3/c
 Heppe, R. H., S2/c
 Hofmeyer, P. W., S2/c
 Howe, J. W., S1/c
 Huffman, W. L., S2/c
 Ireland, T. W., S1/c
 Kerstetter, W. L., FC3/c
 Lagarbloom, D. J., S2/c
 Leach, L. E., S2/c
 Lentz, M. K., S2/c
 Linnebach, L. A., S1/c
 Lockman, D., S1/c
 Lockman, R. M., S2/c
 Malcom, G. I., S1/c
 Marsh, C. B., S1/c
 Mattingly, J. A., S1/c
 McIntyre, A. D., S1/c
 Melloy, F. M., FC2/c

Mercer, C. V., FC2/c
 Metz, M., S1/c
 Miller, C. J., FC2/c
 Mix, L. G., S2/c
 Moats, N., S1/c
 Modock, G., S1/c
 Moriarty, G. P., S1/c
 Morrow, B. M., FC3/c
 Mosley, W. N., FC3/c
 Neuroth, O. L., S1/c
 Norris, C. B., S1/c
 Nunn, L. D., FC3/c
 Oswald, W. C., FC2/c
 Saffley, A. E., FC3/c
 Sealey, B. R., S1/c
 Scully, G. F., FCO3/c
 Skoda, E. J., S2/c
 Spivey, R. L., S1/c

Stevenson, A. M., S1/c
 Stockdale, C. L., S1/c
 Stockholm, E. E., CFC
 Tandy, C. L., CGM
 Taylor, D. E., S2/c
 Teich, H. E., S1/c
 Tew, J. W., FC2/c
 Thrash, V. J., S1/c
 Towey, D. B., FC1/c
 Wagner, H. E., FC2/c
 Wainscott, E. J., S1/c
 Warburton, I. S., Yeo2/c
 Waters, R. L., S2/c
 Wicketts, C. W., S1/c
 Wilson, R. D., S2/c
 Wilson, T. D., S1/c
 Woodward, J. L., S2/c
 Young, L. D., S2/c



ITEM DIVISION

Item Division Mans All Radars, CIC, and Lookout Stations

Lieut. J. D. Atkins, Jr., USNR
 Lieut. C. G. Heyd, USNR
 Lieut. W. K. McMurray, USNR
 Ens. J. M. Jones, USNR
 Ens. A. N. Barker, USNR
 Adams, R. D., S2/c
 Alarid, A. G., S2/c
 Alvey, P. E., S1/c
 Anderson, J. S., S2/c
 Anderst, A. J., RdM3/c
 Andress, E. J., S2/c
 Ayers, H. D., S1/c
 Bamburg, H. L., RdM3/c
 Barker, K. Q., RdM3/c
 Barndt, S. Y., S2/c
 Barrios, S. T., S1/c

Beck, J. M., RT2/c
 Benevides, M. V., S1/c
 Bernard, C. W., RdM3/c
 Bilz, J. B., RT3/c
 Blackwood, L. E., S1/c
 Chapin, R. G., S2/c
 Clarkin, W. J., BM2/c
 Czajkowski, C. E., S1/c
 Davies, W. L., S2/c
 Davis, E. G., S1/c
 Dieman, R. L., Cox.
 Dowtin, W. J., S2/c
 Durand, W. F., S1/c
 Evans, J. E., CRT
 Farrell, W. J., S1/c
 Farvour, B., RdM3/c

Fleener, F. O., RdM2/c
 Forintos, E. E., S2/c
 Funk, W. N., RT3/c
 Gallagher, J. A., RdM3/c
 Gallagher, W. A., S1/c
 Gaunt, G. A., S1/c
 Gillian, C., S2/c
 Glins, A., S2/c
 Green, L. C., S1/c
 Greenberger, A. W., RdM3/c
 Grimshaw, G., RdM3/c
 Habada, A. L., RdM2/c
 Hall, W. A., S2/c
 Hard, W. H., RT3/c
 Helton, E., S2/c
 Henley, E., S2/c

Hensley, R. O., S2/c
 Hennant, T. E., RdM3/c
 Husband, W. J., RdM2/c
 Kammes, D. C., RdM3/c
 Leach, K. A., S2/c
 Lightfoot, O. W., RdM2/c
 Mason, D. L., S2/c
 McFarland, C. V., RT2/c
 Meek, G. O., RdM3/c
 Miesel, F. R., RT3/c
 Murphy, E. M., RdM3/c
 Murphy, W. J., RdM3/c
 Myrick, L. J., S1/c
 Nelson, G. L., RdM2/c
 Perkins, J. H., S2/c
 Peterson, J. A., S1/c

Pierce, K. D., RdM3/c
 Priest, W., RT2/c
 Raglin, B. B., RdM3/c
 Selph, W. L., S1/c
 Smith, E., S1/c
 Solli, M. W., S1/c
 Stanek, A. J., RdM3/c
 Stillwell, J. R., RdM3/c
 Tarbet, D. C., S2/c
 Thomas, R. A., S2/c
 Wendland, D. L., S2/c
 Wheeler, J. B. O., RdM3/c
 Winkle, R. E., RdM3/c
 Wood, H. R., RdM2/c
 Young, C. D., S1/c
 Zustiak, M., RdM3/c



VICTOR DIVISION

Victor Division Maintains Planes, Hangar, Catapults

Lieut. D. E. Watts, USNR
 Ens. H. F. Moore, USNR
 Ens. G. I. Mastrangelo, USNR
 Bond, E. C., ARM3/c
 Bryan, F. O., ACMM
 Burch, T. V., AOM2/c

Chizmar, G., ARM3/c
 Cockrell, D. W., AMM3/c
 Goswick, F. M., PR2/c
 Harris, E. H., S1/c
 Kenndey, J. F., S1/c
 King, H. V., AM1/c

Lakner, L. F., AMM2/c
 Parks, J. V., AMM3/c
 Scott, M. P., AOM3/c
 Tompkins, R. E., S1/c
 Vallez, A. J., S1/c
 Young, J. L., S1/c

ENGINEERING



ABLE DIVISION

Able Division Maintains All Auxiliary Machinery

Lt. (jg) J. M. Marston, USNR
Ch. Mach. R. T. Danklefsen, USN
Ballo, E. J., F1/c
Barbuti, S. R., MM3/c
Bardwell, N. J., MMR1/c
Barnett, J. A., F1/c
Bartimole, F. L., Y2/c
Braun, K. I., M2/c
Campbell, R. J., CM

Cox, K. E., S2/c
Day, C. E., M3/c
Engel, J. T., S2/c
Fischer, W. A., MM3/c
Fowler, M. L., MMR1/c
Galante, S. F., MM3/c
Glimsdale, C. E., MM3/c
Haylett, D. R., MM2/c
Hillen, W. D., MoMM3/c

Hyde, J. B., CMoMM
Israel, A. A., F1/c
Jacksto, A. N., MoMM2/c
Jarrett, R. M., F1/c
Jensen, C., MM3/c
Johnson, R. H., F1/c
Jones, C. W., F1/c
Kinslow, J. F., MM3/c
Luessenheide, R. F., MM3/c
Meulenberg, F. H., MoMM3/c

Mihalyfi, S., MM3/c
Miguez, O. J., F2/c
Miller, C. E., MM2/c
Miller, C. F., M3/c
Moore, R. G., MM2/c
Mullins, R. L., S2/c
Root, L. P., MM3/c
Santulli, S. G., MM3/c
Scott, J. J., F1/c

Shafer, C. M., MM3/c
Snodgrass, J. B., Y3/c
Snyder, B., S1/c
Sorensen, N. N., MoMM1/c
Szkodny, C., MM2/c
Tortorella, A., MM3/c
Whelan, W. L., F1/c
Yaikow, I. F., F2/c
Zimmer, R. J., F1/c

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BAKER DIVISION Baker Division Maintains the Boilers

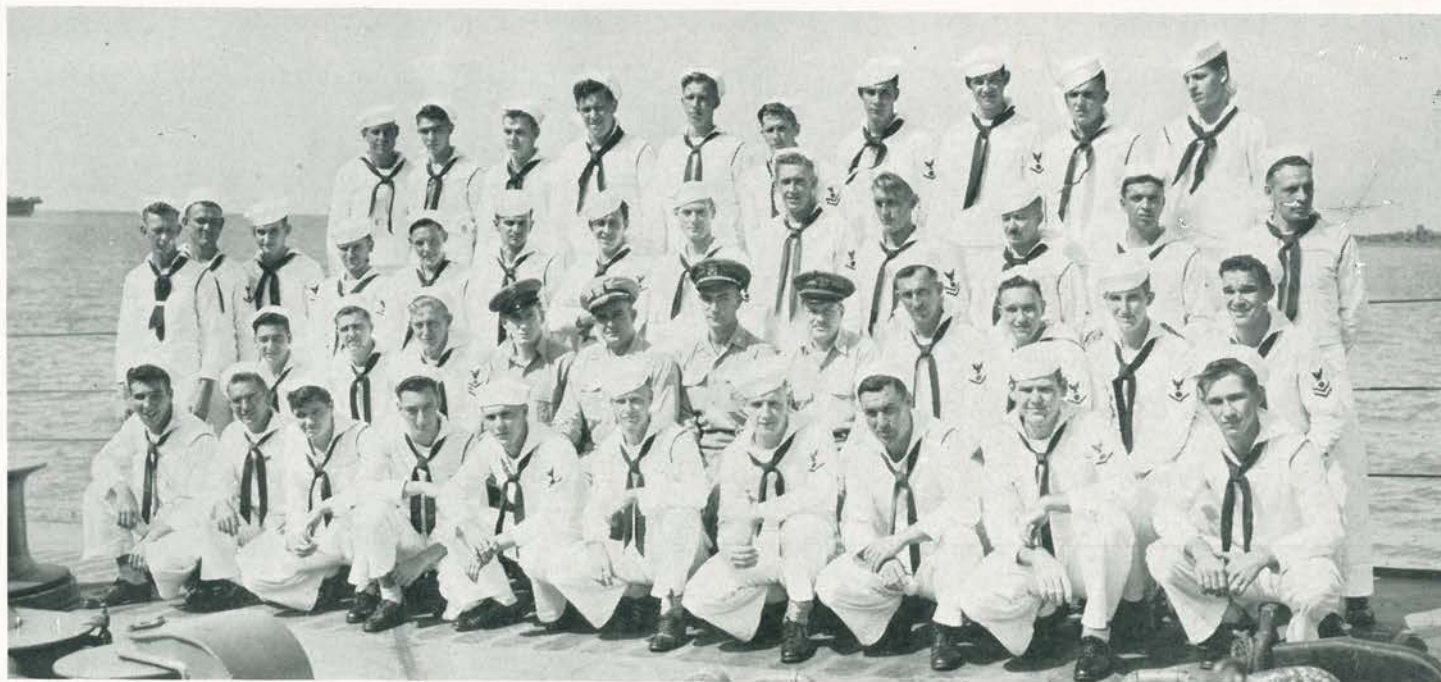
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 Aron, E., S2/c
 Arrendondo, A., S2/c
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 Bedard, J. W., B2/c
 Black, R. J., F1/c
 Brumbaugh, W. E., F1/c
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 Chinnes, E. D., WT1/c
 Claus, T. J., F1/c
 Colona, S., MM2/c
 Cornwall, C. L., F1/c

Cox, R. M., MM3/c
 Craig, C. G., WT2/c
 Cremins, D. J., Jr., MM3/c
 Crowder, B. G., MM3/c
 Danes, H. O., WT2/c
 Davis, G. L., MM2/c
 DePino, F. R., Jr., WT2/c
 Dobroka, E. M., F1/c
 Flamant, P., F1/c
 Fleming, J. L., WT1/c
 Freyer, K. J., F1/c
 Gaines, C. A., WT2/c
 Gittleman, I. L., F2/c
 Glass, J. W., WT3/c
 Green, W. D., WT3/c
 Greenhalge, F. S., WT1/c

Griffin, J. F., MM1/c
 Harms, C. H., CWT
 Harville, J. B., F2/c
 Heller, D., CWT
 Hill, H. H., F1/c
 Hoyt, W. L., WT2/c
 Humphrey, F. F., B3/c
 Illion, R. G., F1/c
 Johnson, J. R., WT2/c
 Jones, C., B1/c
 Kettenhoffen, R. F., WT3/c
 Kinnin, L. H., WT2/c
 Levin, F. J., Jr., WT2/c
 Lowe, J. F., F1/c
 Luck singer, H. R., CMM
 Marshall, J. E., F2/c
 Marvin, W. F., Jr., WT3/c

Morgan, C. W., MM3/c
 Morgan, G., F1/c
 Morrison, M. H., WT3/c
 Neighbors, J. H., F2/c
 Overgaard, H., WT1/c
 Overman, F. F., Jr., WT1/c
 Pack, L., Jr., MM2/c
 Persons, O. A., F1/c
 Pipe, E., F1/c
 Praeg, H. E., F1/c
 Pruitt, R. L., WT2/c
 Ramage, J. W., F1/c
 Rauscher, E. F., Jr., MM3/c
 Reed, D. T., F2/c
 Risselada, S. J., WT3/c
 Rodgers, J. E., WT2/c

Romain, R. J., F1/c
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 Schofield, D. K., F1/c
 Schowe, H. E., WT1/c
 Sebastian, W. A., WT2/c
 Short, E. H., WT3/c
 Simms, E. A., WT2/c
 Smith, J. R., WT2/c
 Stamler, J. A., WT2/c
 Stearns, J. L., WT2/c
 Terry, J. B., F1/c
 Turner, C. M., Sr., WT3/c
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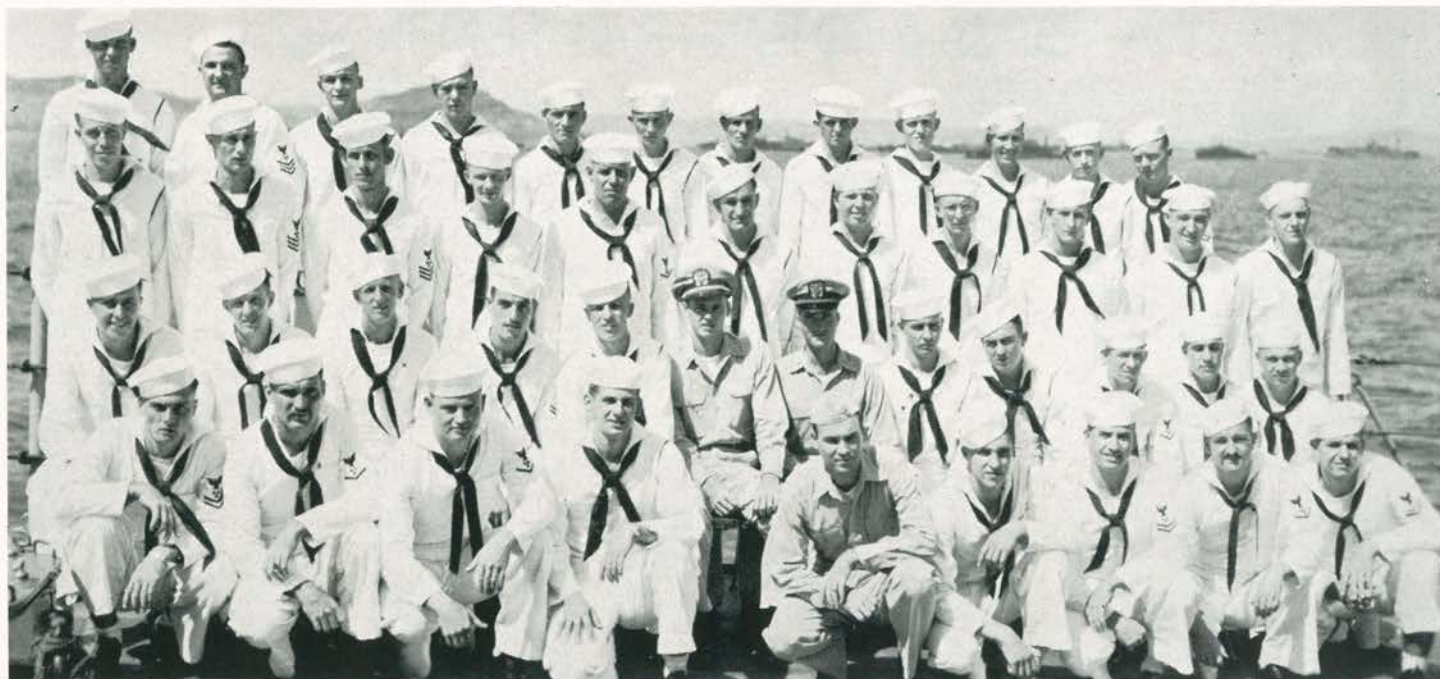
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Lieut. E. J. Servant, USNR
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 Brown, K. R., F1/c
 Buskey, E. H., EM3/c
 Dempsey, P. L., EM3/c
 Flanagan, M. P., EM1/c
 Freeburg, K. G., EM1/c
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 Helms, M. L., EM2/c
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 Kollar, K. E., EM3/c
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 Masica, G. J., EM2/c
 Massie, C. E., F1/c
 Michalezyk, W. A., EM3/c
 Miller, D. A., EM2/c
 Miller, F. D., EM2/c
 Minnick, L. H., EM3/c
 Moliere, J. R., F2/c
 Neve, G. L., EM2/c
 Nichols, J. H., F2/c
 Nighbert, G. J., F1/c
 Olsovsky, S. C., EM2/c
 Owings, L. G., EM3/c
 Pedro, F. A., F2/c

Peterson, C. E., F1/c
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 Plunkett, F. T., EM3/c
 Putman, R. A., F2/c
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 Rauert, H. M., EM3/c
 Renfro, E. A., EM3/c
 Richards, W. U., F2/c
 Robinson, D. W., EM3/c
 Rockovich, N., F2/c

Rockwood, W. W., F1/c
 Rudolph, R. C., F1/c
 Salmon, G. W., F2/c
 Schierburg, R. J., EM3/c
 Schroeder, V. C., F1/c
 Sokall, A., F1/c
 Summers, C. E., C. EM.
 Thompson, L. R., EM2/c
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MIKE DIVISION

Mike Division Maintains Main Engines

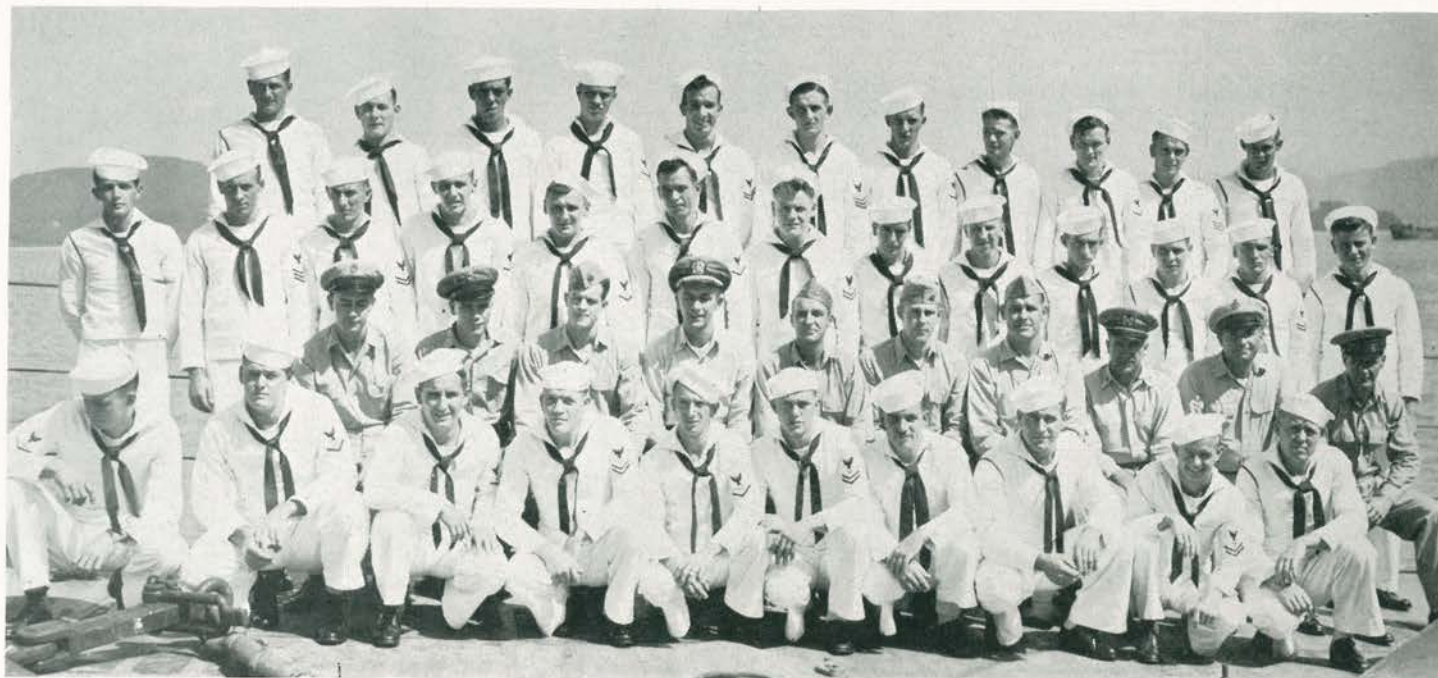
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 Bird, H. P., MM3/c
 Brumbaugh, R. E., F1/c
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 DeMyer, T. F., F1/c
 Dorothy, C. C., Jr., MoMM3/c
 Evanko, J. P., MM1/c
 Friemann, W. G., MM1/c

Gage, D. W., MM3/c
 Graefe, E. A., MM2/c
 Harbour, B. L., MM1/c
 Hay, J. J., MM3/c
 Hickman, C. W., MoMM3/c
 Kittell, R. P., MoMM2/c
 Koehler, J. G., F1/c
 Lambert, C. P., F1/c
 Lavelly, G. H., F2/c
 Lotti, L. B., MM3/c
 McNiell, S. R., MM3/c
 Merkley, A. A., F2/c

Minderman, E., MM3/c
 Moore, C. H., MM3/c
 Nichols, G. B., F1/c
 Pearson, W. E., MM2/c
 Pelant, C. F., Jr., MM2/c
 Perron, J., F2/c
 Petruska, J. S., MM3/c
 Poirier, J. M., F2/c
 Reeves, M. A., CMM
 Rein, L. A., F1/c
 Ryan, W. J., F2/c
 Shields, G. H., MM3/c

Stefanik, J. J., F2/c
 Stevens, F. H., F1/c
 Sullivan, G. J., F2/c
 Tabberer, H. H., MM1/c
 Valcourt, A. J., MM2/c
 VanWormer, E. A., MM(s)3/c
 Weber, J. F., MM2/c
 Wells, F. W., MM1/c
 Wilkey, G. G., F2/c
 Wonders, D. C., F2/c
 Zimmerman, M. T., F2/c

C & R DEPARTMENT



ROGER DIVISION

Roger Division Maintains Hull, Mans Damage Control Stations

Ens. F. P. Willette, USNR
 Ens. M. B. Berkey, USNR
 Bos'n R. D. Cox, USN
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 Arnold, J. L., Ptr2/c
 Barthelette, A. W., SF2/c
 Bartscher, K. E., SF3/c
 Beach, L. L., BM1/c
 Bell, J. L., S1/c

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 Chewning, C. L., Y3/c
 Crew, C. E., SF3/c
 Cronin, J. F., CCM
 Dagley, V. E., CM3/c
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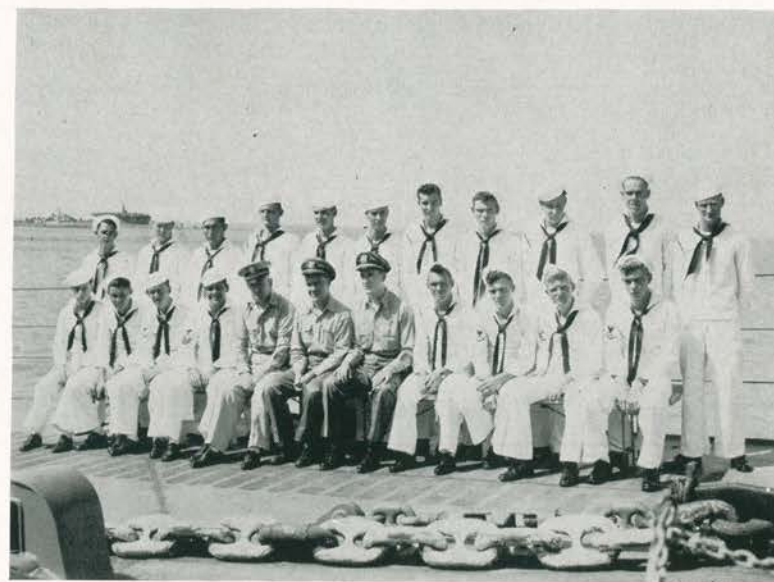
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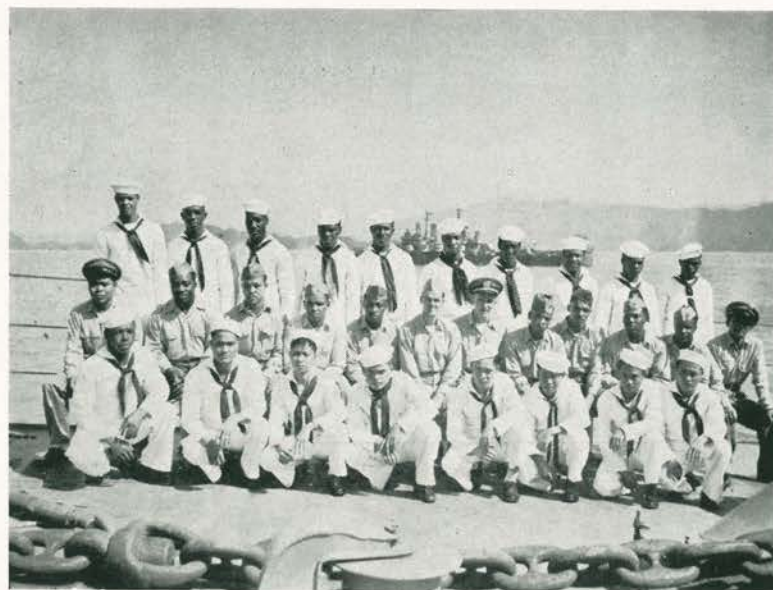
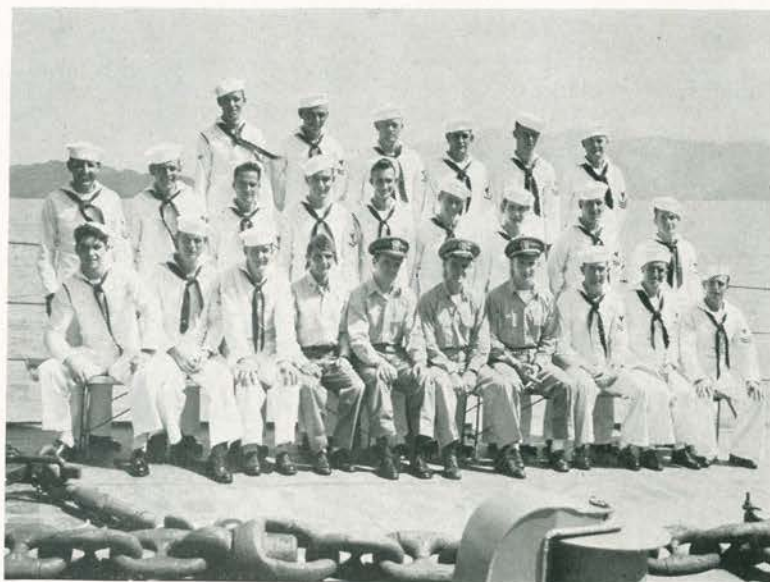
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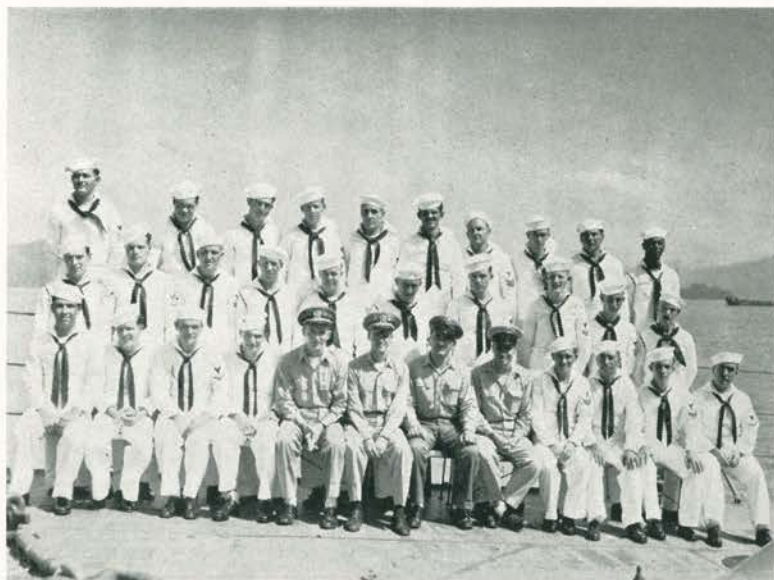
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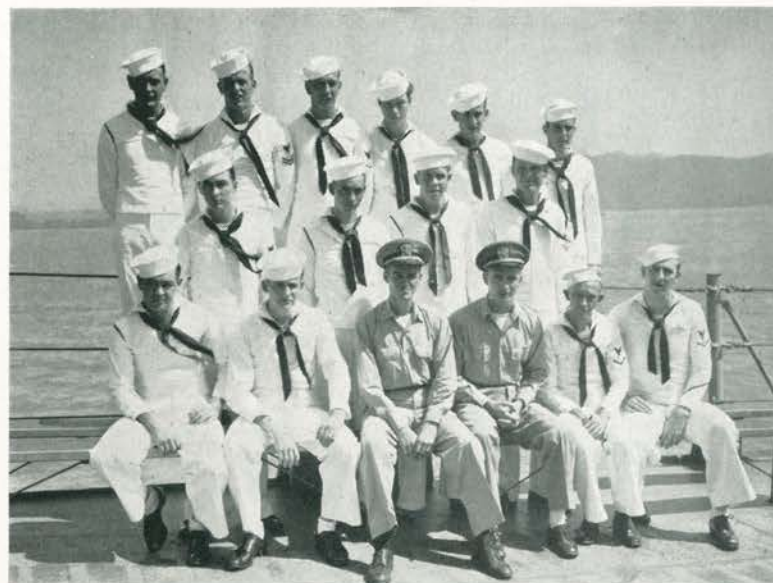
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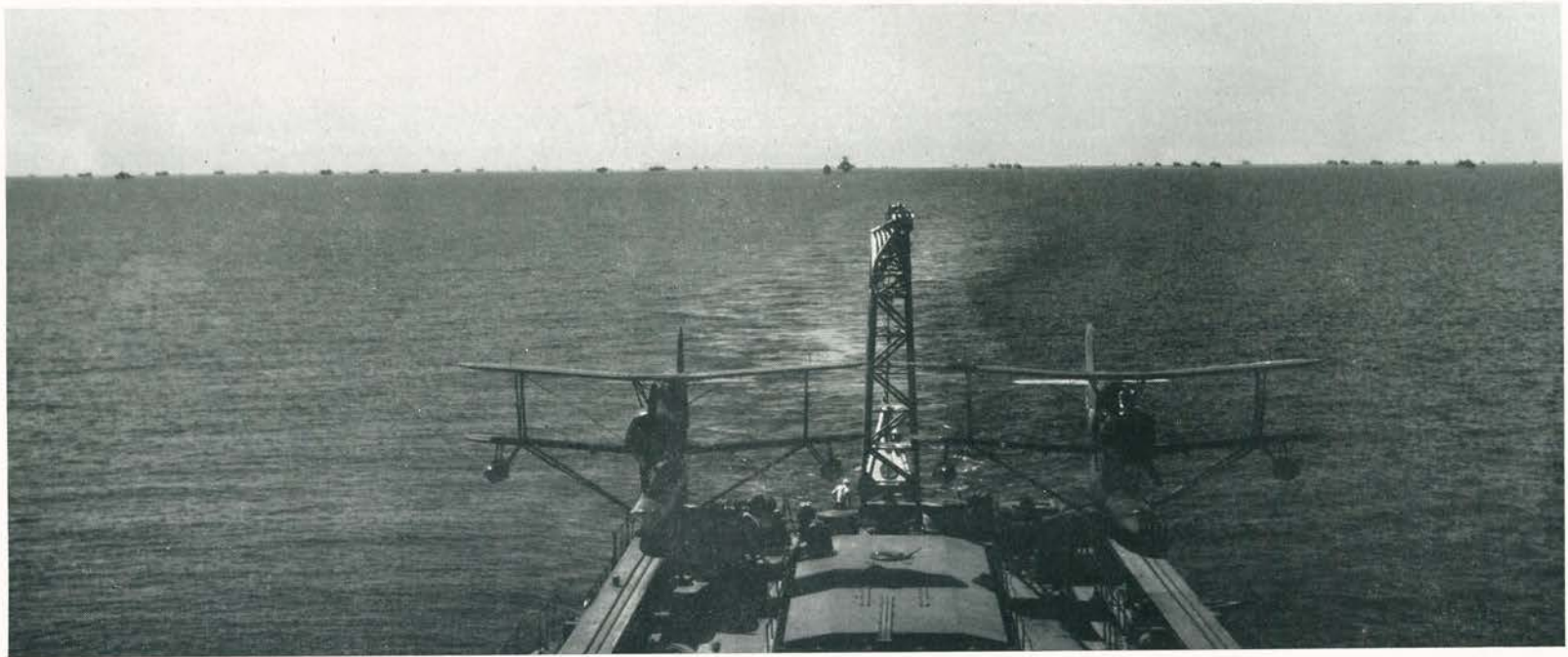
MISSIONS OF A CRUISER

Designed originally as a commerce raider, the Light Cruiser came into its own in World War II, and proved itself *THE* most versatile weapon in the war of movement across vast Pacific spaces.

In addition to seeking out and destroying the enemy fleet, the CL's were used to shepherd invasion convoys to their destinations; to protect mine sweepers and underwater demolition teams; in pre-invasion clearances of mine fields and beach

obstacles; to provide AA coverage for carriers; to neutralize landing beaches prior to invasion; to provide landed troops with artillery support by day and starshell illumination by night; and to shield the beach-head from interference by enemy surface and air.

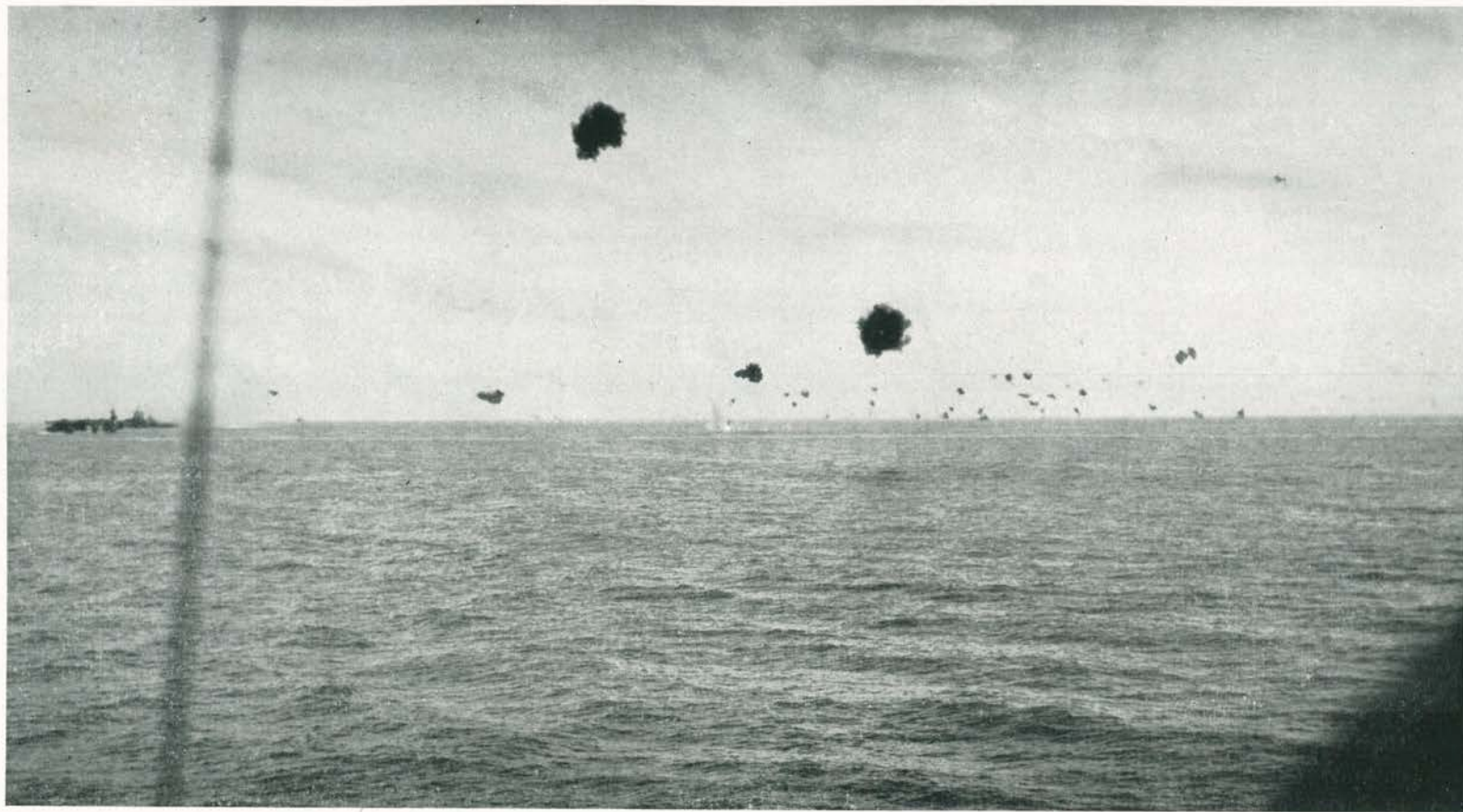
On this and the following pages, MONTPELIER is shown performing each of these myriad "Missions of a Cruiser".



Escorting invasion convoy to Parang, Mindanao, P. I., April 1945. Note: Headquarters ship (AGC) preceded by Destroyer-Escort (DE) in center foreground; Destroyer-Escort Transports (APD's) in foreground; Landing Craft, Infantry, (LCI's),

Landing Ships, Tank (LST's), and Landing Ships, Medium (LSM's) in middleground; Attack Transports (APA's and AKA's) in background. A Landing Ship, Dock (LSD) plus Tugs (AT's) are hull down.

AA FIRE SUPPORT FOR CARRIERS



Providing A.A. protection for carrier during invasion of Mindoro (December 1944). Jap Torpedo Bomber, a "Jill", attacking Manila Bay has just been splashed by combined fire of

MONTPELIER and COLORADO (beyond CVE). Note wake of the Carrier's evasive maneuver to avoid the aerial torpedo dropped by the "Jill."

FIRE SUPPORT FOR MINE SWEEPERS



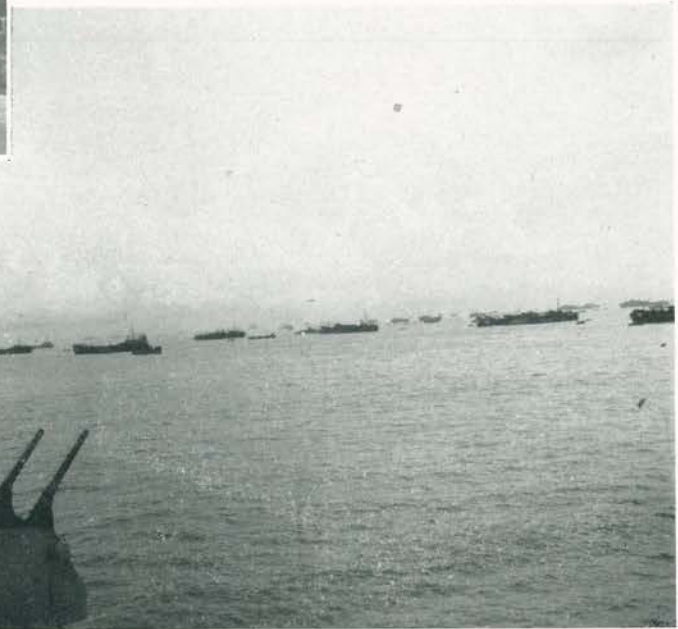
MONTPELIER lies to, as protection of Mine Sweepers against shore batteries (February 1945). Here YMS's are clearing Mariveles Harbor, prior to the landing on and recapture of

Bataan Peninsula. From this harbor the survivors of Bataan fled to doomed Corrigedor in 1942. Note swept mine being exploded by gunfire.



NEUTRALIZATION OF BEACHES

From MONTPELIER's spotting plane we see Balikpapan, Borneo, N.E.I., under bombardment by units of CruDiv 12. This slow, deliberate neutralization continued for 15 days (June 1945), after which the Australian Expedition Force landed without opposition.



PROTECTING THE BEACHHEAD

At Saipan this huge Amphibious Convoy lies at anchor under the protection of MONTPELIER's guns (June-July 1944), while consolidation of beach-head continues. By night, warships retired to seaward to intercept possible surface threats from the direction of Tokyo.



CALL FIRE

At Pollock Harbor, Mindanao, P. I. (April 1945), MONTPELIER delivers a salvo at a gridded target at the request of Eighth Army's shore fire control party. This is so-called "indirect" fire, in which the target is not visible.



DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FLEET

MONTPELIER's main battery firing against Jap surface force in battle of Empress Augusta Bay (November 1943). Jap fleet was repulsed with known loss of one Cruiser and four Destroyers. This running night battle lasted over three hours.

AIR ATTACKS

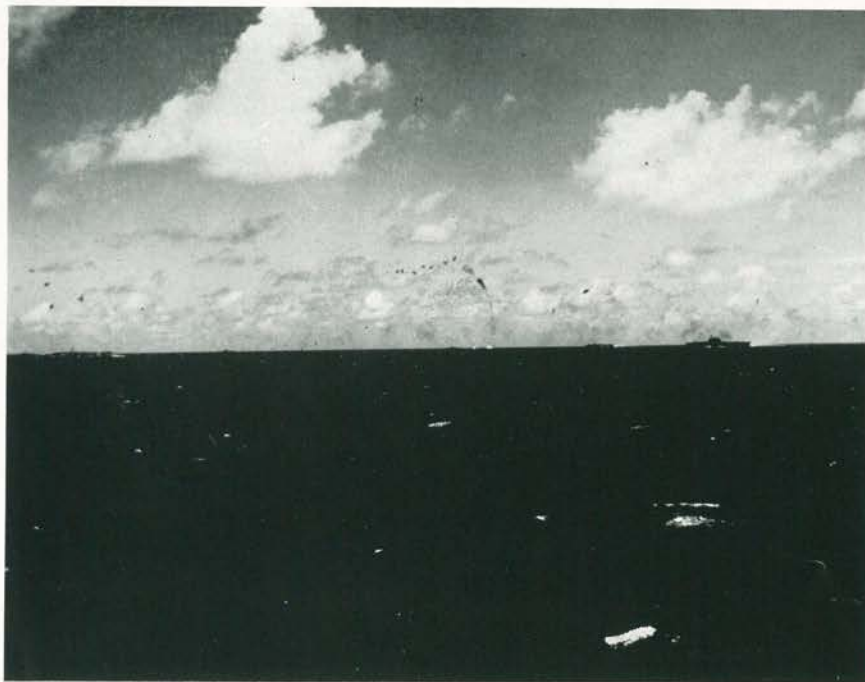
MONTPELIER's air actions fall logically into three phases. Phase I in the Solomon Islands found all ships "snooped" (shadowed) during their nightly runs up "the Slot". Snoopers rarely attacked, but were content merely to tag along. Phase I was culminated on 1 November, 1943 in a mass daylight attack when 67 "Vals" from Rabaul attacked Task Force 39. No damage was sustained by our ships, while 17 enemy planes were destroyed, of which MONTPELIER is credited with 5. Un-

fortunately, no pictures are available of this phase.

Phase II embraced the Marianas campaign, climaxed by the Battle of the Philippine Sea, in which planes and ships of Task Force 58 accounted for more than 400 enemy planes in a single day. This air-sea action of June, 1944 has been dubbed by carrier airmen as the "Marianas Turkey Shoot." One turkey, credited to MONTPELIER, is shown splashing on this page.

Phase III follows on succeeding pages.

BATTLE OF PHILIPPINE SEA



MONTPELIER downs a "Judy" in battle of Philippine Sea (June 1944) Large Carrier at right is the work-horse ENTERPRISE, of Presidential Citation fame. CVL at left is PRINCETON, later sunk during Philippines invasion. Other renowned ships in this Task Group (TG 58.4) not shown in picture were INDIANAPOLIS, carrying Admiral R. A. Spruance, Commander 5th Fleet; and new LEXINGTON, carrying Vice Admiral Marc Mitscher, Commander Task Force 58.

KAMIKAZE (PHASE III)

Dubbed by the Japanese as Kamikaze ("Divine Wind"), suicide planes of the Philippine campaign comprise a phase unto themselves.

On memorable 27 November, 1944, MONTPELIER, in her first Kamikaze attack accounted for four planes within two minutes. All were attempting to crash into the ship, but only one succeeded — this a ricochet hit in which no personnel were critically injured.

Other attacks followed throughout the invasions of Mindoro and Luzon, the MONTPELIER adding five more skins to her belt.

The succeeding pages show the 27, November attack and others.



This Kamikaze pushes over into his one-way dive, intent upon joining his ancestors at the Yasukuni Shrine, the Jap's happy hereafter for suiciders.



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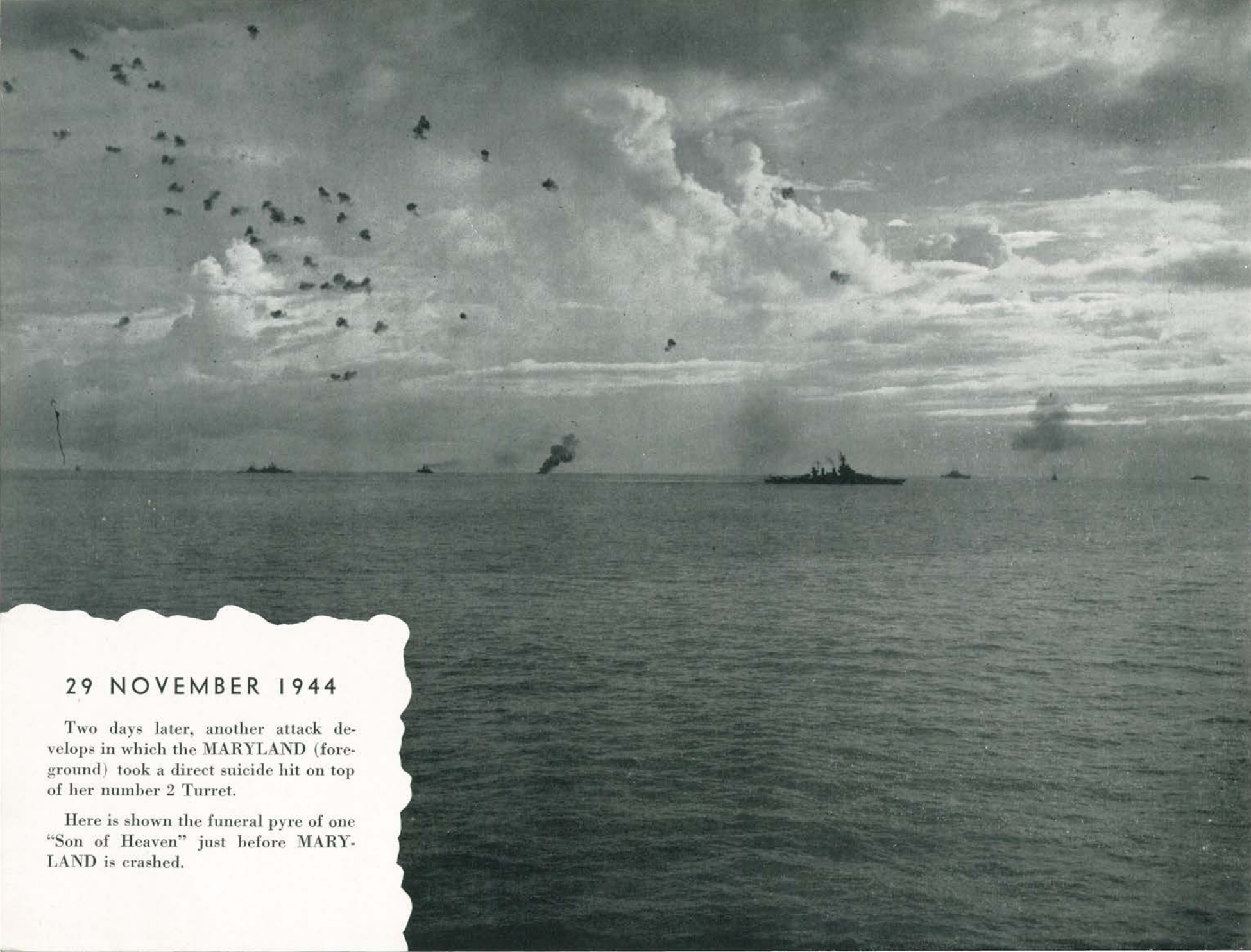
27 November 1944: Miss number 1 overshoots from port to starboard. Grazing Turret III, he crashes into Leyte Gulf as his bomb detonates. Miss number 3 crashed with its bomb, twenty-five yards off port bow. (No picture available.)



MISS NO. 2

27 November 1944: Miss number 2 may be called a "near miss!" In a very steep dive, he splashes abeam of Mount 53, and showers starboard side with fragments.

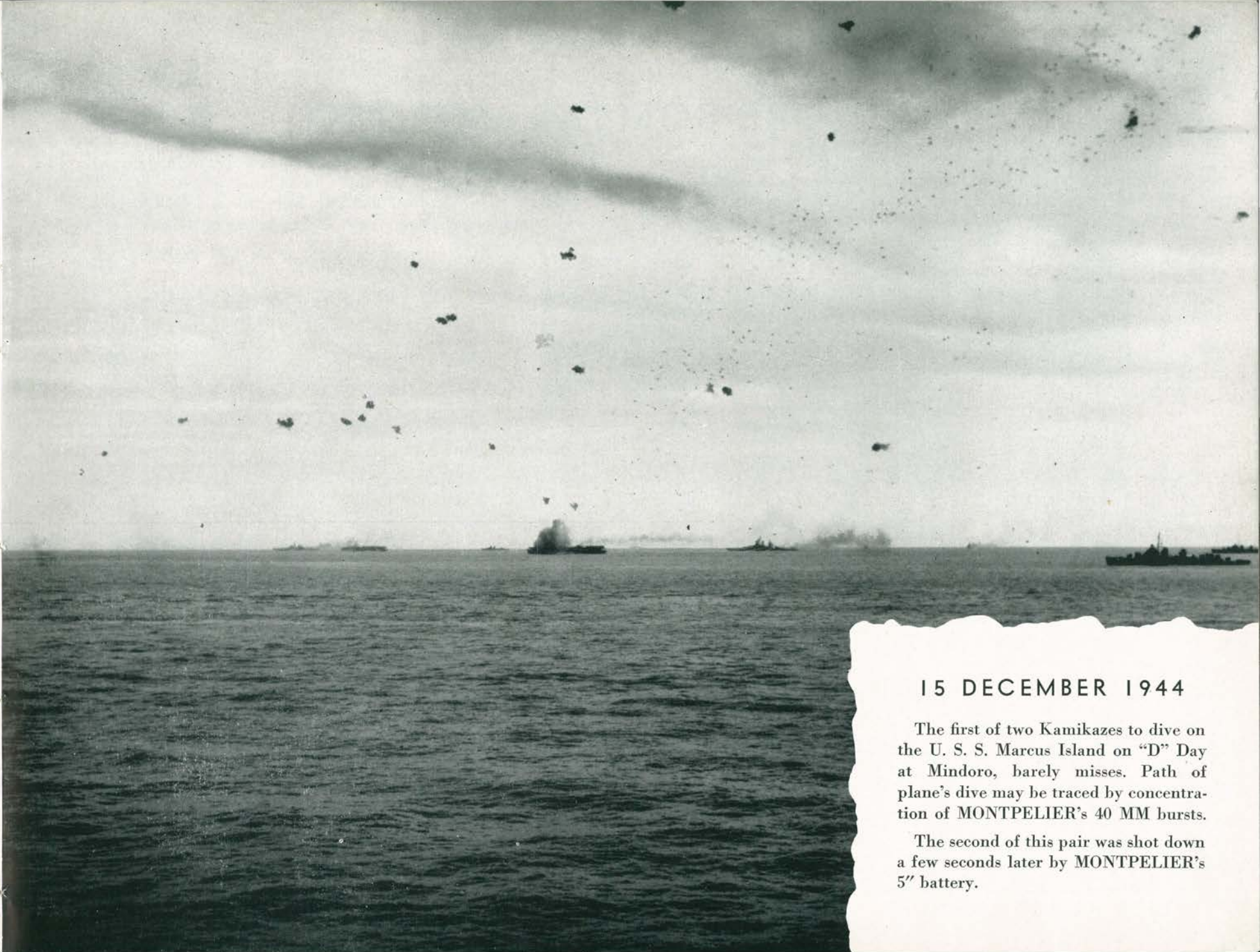
Plane number 4 scored a ricochet hit (see "Battle Damage").



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Two days later, another attack develops in which the MARYLAND (foreground) took a direct suicide hit on top of her number 2 Turret.

Here is shown the funeral pyre of one "Son of Heaven" just before MARYLAND is crashed.



15 DECEMBER 1944

The first of two Kamikazes to dive on the U. S. S. Marcus Island on "D" Day at Mindoro, barely misses. Path of plane's dive may be traced by concentration of MONTPELIER's 40 MM bursts.

The second of this pair was shot down a few seconds later by MONTPELIER's 5" battery.

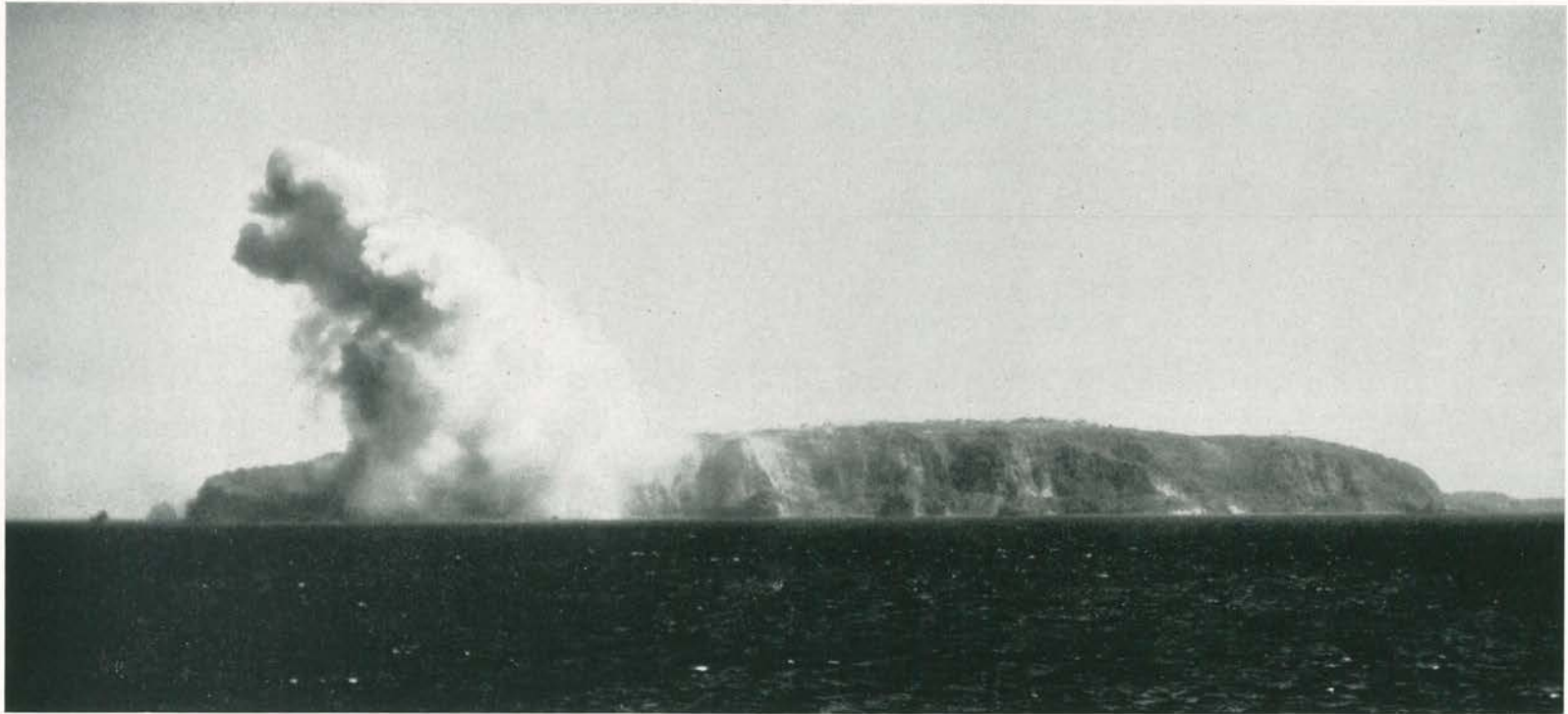
SHORE BOMBARDMENTS

Cruisers are the most mobile of all heavy artillery, and consequently have been used for bombardment work in every major landing in the Pacific War.

The MONTPELIER bombarded fourteen different enemy held strongholds from the Solomons through the Marianas and

Philippines, and she always more than held her own against enemy shore batteries from which she often drew fire.

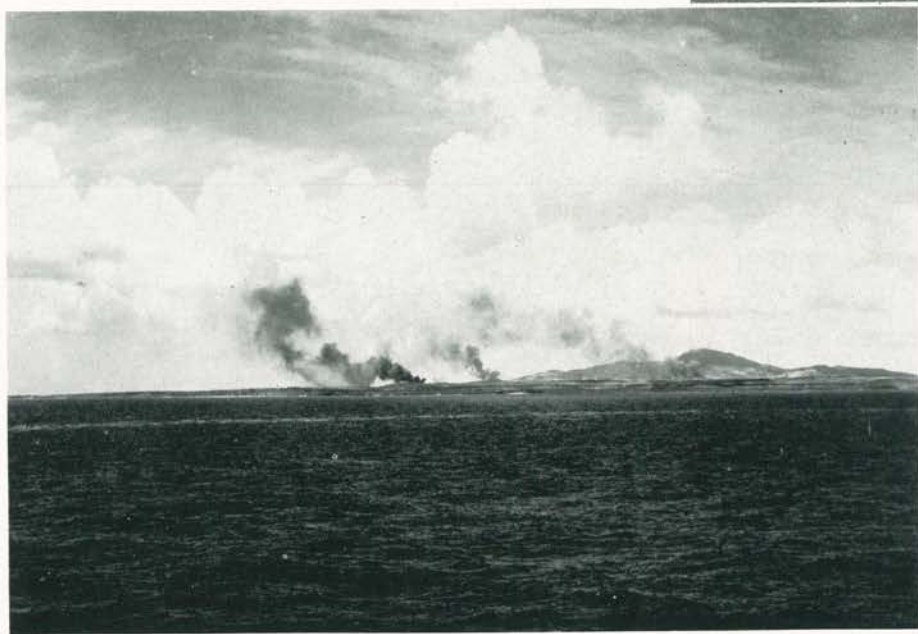
Several times straddled but only once hit in such engagements, she emerged from World War II as one of the peers of shore bombardment.



MONTPELIER hits the jackpot in bombardment of Corregidor (15 February 1945). An ammunition dump goes up from one of her point blank salvos. Two days of neutralization

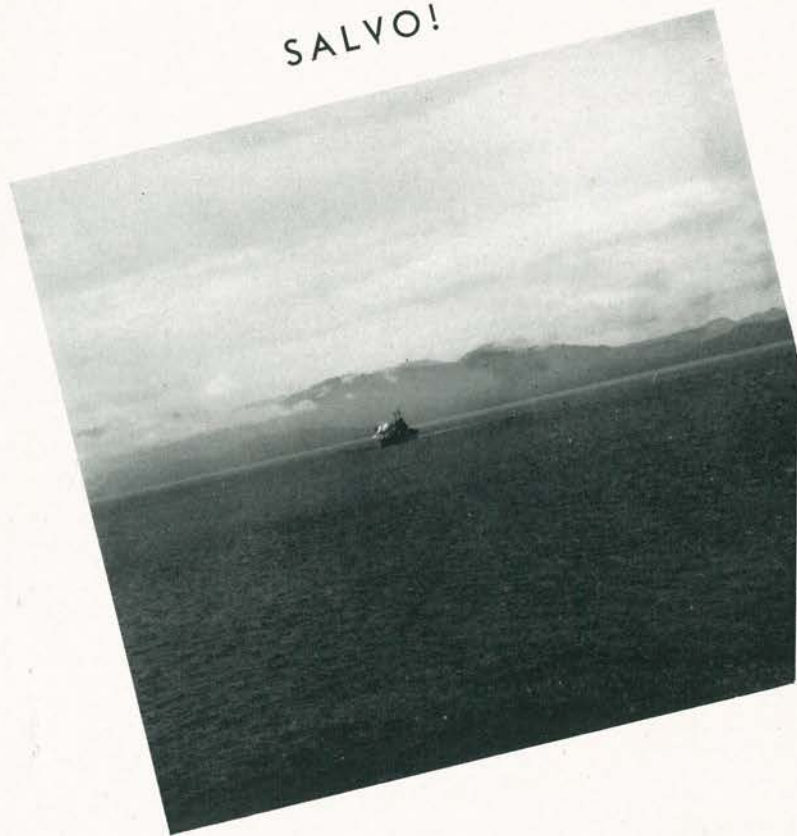
went into "The Rock" before paratroopers recaptured this symbolic geodetic mass to which the survivors of Bataan had fled in the first few days of the war.

June-July 1944: Saipan's West coast, showing invasion fleet anchored off Charan Kanoa. MONTPELIER has just hit an oil stowage tank at Garapan. Saipan was secured after 27 days of bitter fighting.



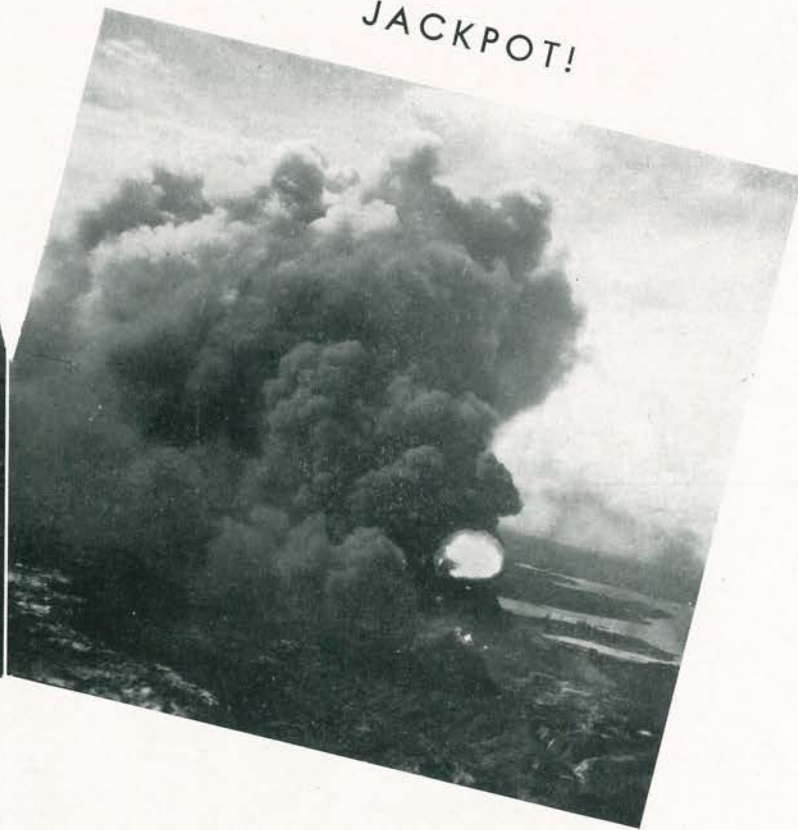
June-July 1944: MONTPELIER bombards Saipan in support of Fourth Marine Division driving Northward along island's East coast. In the background is Mt. Tapotchau, whose slopes were honeycombed with mobile artillery in caves. At extreme left is Nafutan Point where emplacement was located that straddled MONTPELIER on "D"-Day.

SALVO!



MONTPELIER lays a salvo into Puerto Princessa, Palawan, in preparation of landing beach head (February 1945).

JACKPOT!



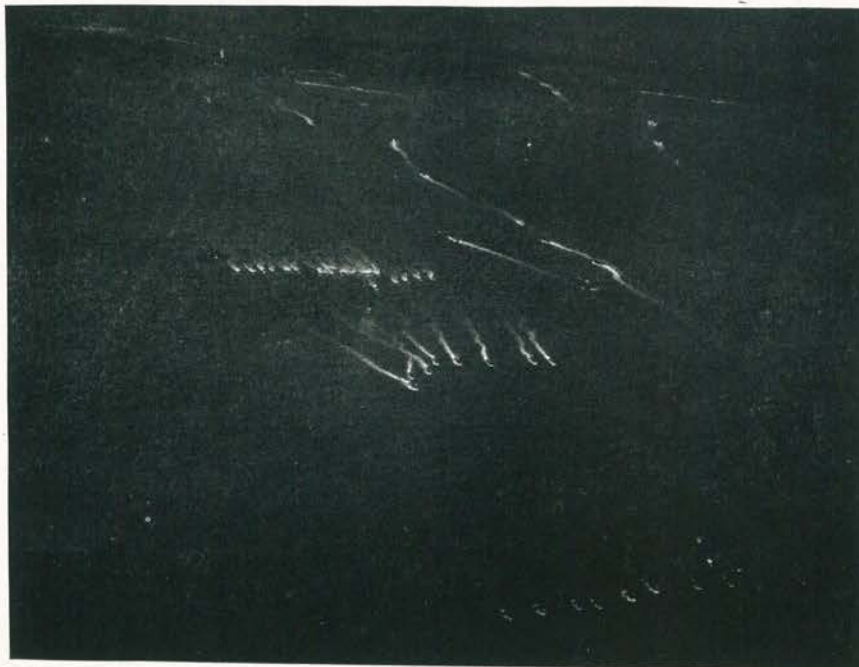
A natural gas plant goes up in flames at Bakikpappan, Borneo, after repeated hits by MONTPELIER's big guns (June 1945).

THE BOMBARDMENT OVER...



Empty ammunition cans and shell cases

...THE ASSAULT FORCES LAND



"Fox"-Day at Balikpapan — 1 July, 1945



BATTLE DAMAGE

Upper left: Starboard catapult smashed by 2 50-kilogram bombs, off Bougainville (2 November 1943).

Lower left: 155 MM shell from shore battery shatters link of starboard anchor at Poperang (20 May 1944). Five Marines were wounded by flying shrapnel.

Above: Dent in bulkhead of Mount 54's handling room from suicide planericochet hit. Shot down 100 yards off port beam, he bounced off water into ship. P. S. He carried no bomb! (27 November 1944).



INCIDENTS OF SHIPBOARD LIFE

GEDUNKS!

"How many, Sailor? And what flavor?"

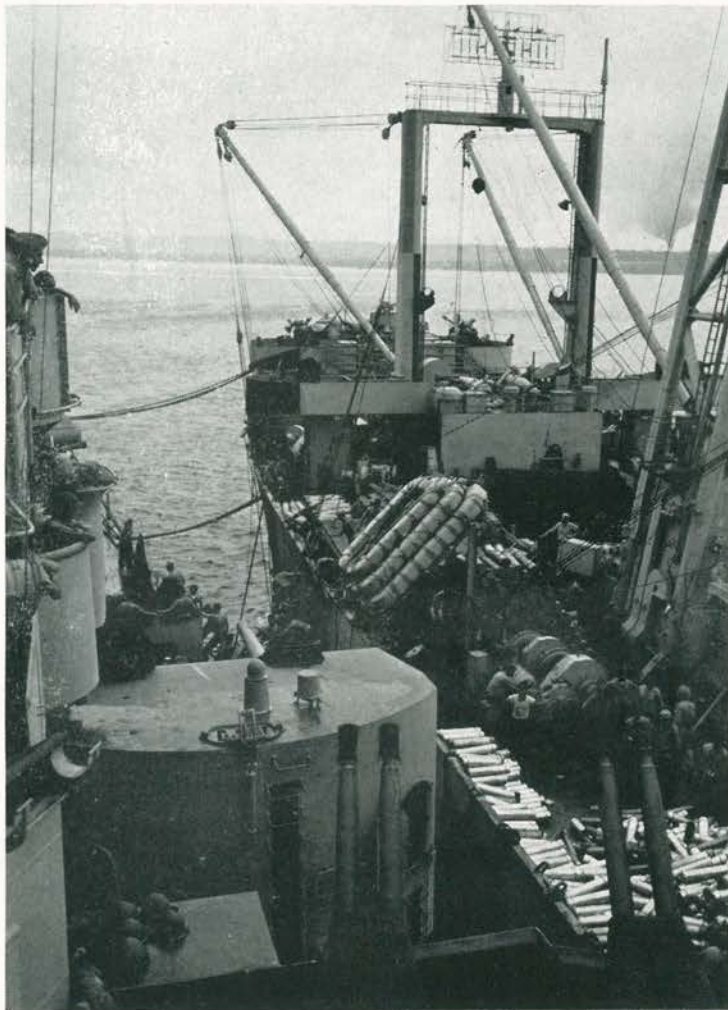


CHOW!

Mess gear has sounded. Starboard chow line has begun to form.

REPLENISHING AMMO

"All hands not on watch lay topside to handle ammunition."



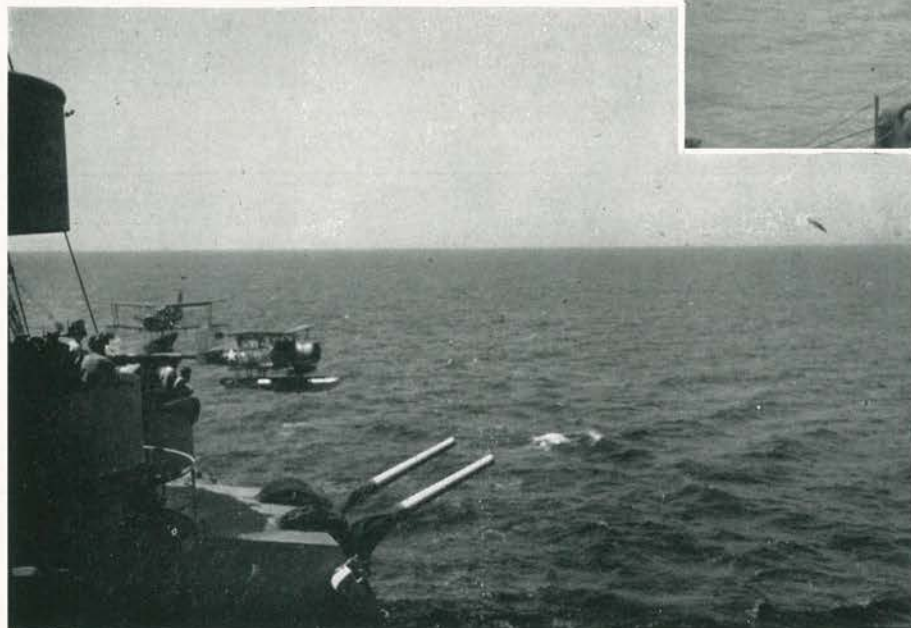
FUELING AT SEA

Here MONTPELIER fuels from KANKAKEE
(January 1944) while underway.



FLIGHT QUARTERS...

One of MONTPELIER's famous "SOC's" at the moment of catapulting. Notice: rigidity of pilot and radiomen, the green flag, catapult officer's "shoot" position, spectators with fingers in ears, Propellor revved up.



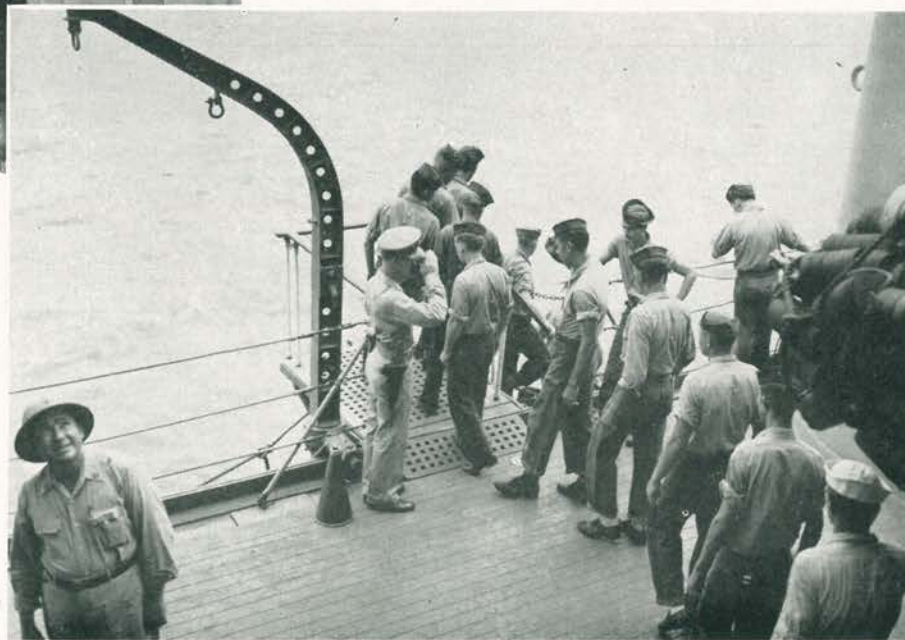
CATAPULT ONE AIRCRAFT

The plane is airborne! It's a good shot — on the uproll. Within 30 yards the plane has been literally hurled into the air at air speed. This obsolete scout-observation type, however antique, more than earned its salt.



HOLDING FIELD DAY

Painting a seldom noticed corner of the main deck, this Third Division sailor is typical of modern deckhands.

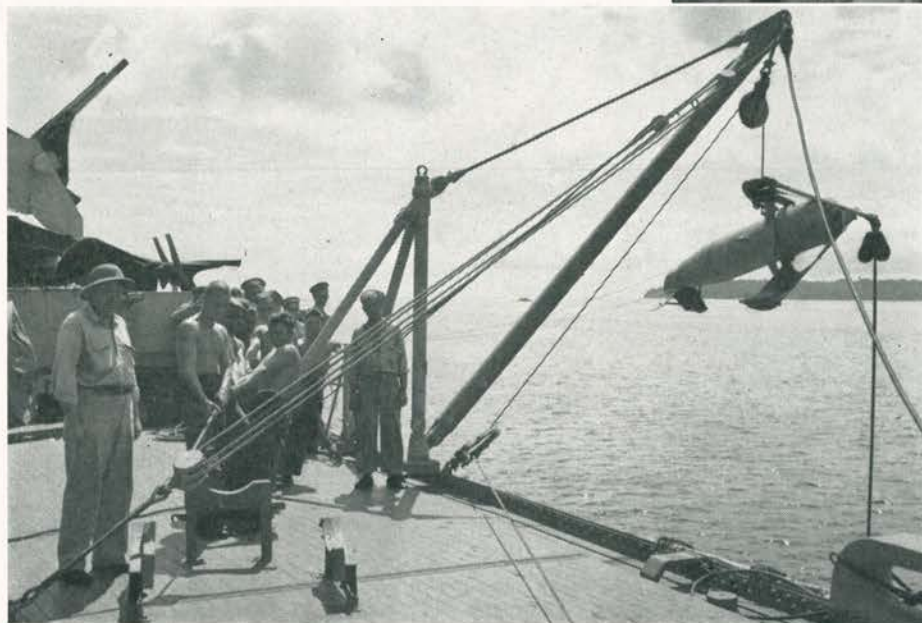


WORKING PARTY

"Now the following divisions send three hands each to the Boatswain's Mate of the watch."

SCRAPING THE BOTTOM

Bottom gets a going over while in A.B.S.D. number 1, First Floating Drydock in South Pacific area. Dock was anchored in Pallikule Bay, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides Group. (January 1944)



PREPARE TO STREAM PARAVANES

First Division deck gang two-blocks port paravane, preparatory to setting carpenter's stopper. At Hathorn Sound, New Georgia Group (May 1944).



CREW'S PAYDAY

Disbursing Officer verifies pay receipt before issuance of the "green."

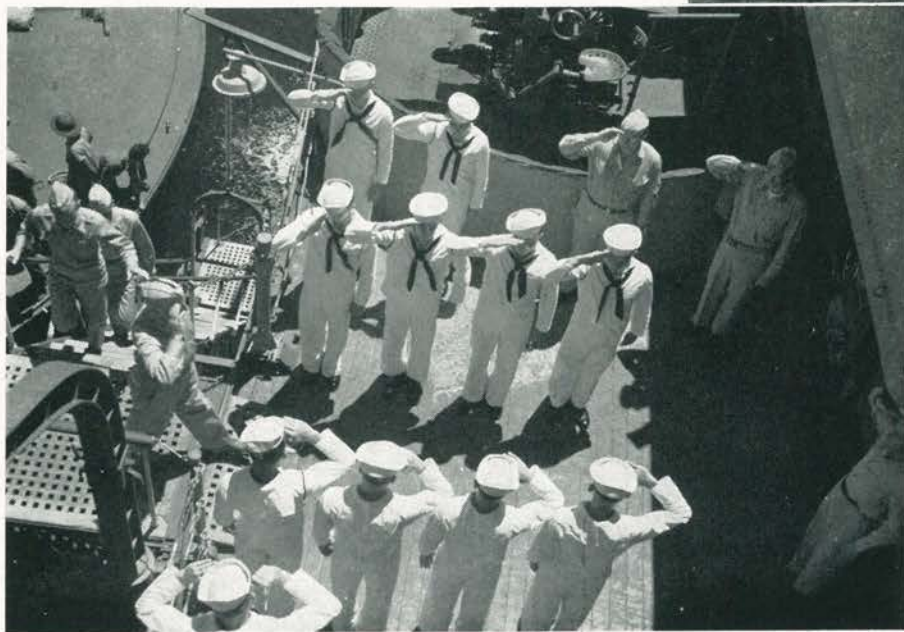


DIVINE SERVICES

Chaplain Robert T. Wilson offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

SWIMMING CALL

Ship's company enjoy a splash over the side at
Mağarin Bay, Mindoro, P. I. (February 1945) —
BRRR!



PIPED OVER THE SIDE

Vice Admiral Aubrey H. Fitch, U.S.N., at that
time ComAirSols, is piped over the side as he
arrives to present Navy Cross to Rear Admiral
Merrill. (December 1943)



THE LIGHTER SIDE

Officer's Club, Port Purvis, Tulagi, B.S.I.

ENTERTAINMENT ON THE FANTAIL



Rapt
Audience



Crdiv 12
Orchestra



A Side-splitter!

JOHNSON JIVE



Lieut. Bob Johnson (Rita's brother) of U.S.S. COLUMBIA introduces a few original South Pacific ballads, "Take Me Back to New Construction," "Fan-tail Fanny," "Purvis Bay," "C.I.C."

TAKE ME BACK TO NEW CONSTRUCTION

(Tune: approximately that of "Back Home in Indiana".)

Oh Take Me Back to New Construction
That's the place I wanna be —
I want to be a heel
And lay the keel
Of a ship that won't be ready until 1953
I've seen it all — I've been to Sydney
I don't want a Hawaiian lei —
 Oh I've been bangin' ears
 For years and years
 For one thing
Just to be back in the good old U.S.A.
 (I don't mean Norfolk)
Back in the good old U.S.A.

SUBIC BAY

(Tune: "In Waikiki")

Oh, it's a hell of a fine situation
When we ought to be happy and gay
That we're spending our Christmas vacation
In Subic Bay.
Oh, we don't go much for the swimmin'
Or that baseball we never play
But we sure could go for some women
In Subic Bay.
Sailors lie a-dreaming
In their dreams you hear them say
If they took the Japs as a nation
And they wanted to torture them, they
Could send them for the duration
To Subic Bay.

C.I.C.

(Tune: Tea for Two)

Testing, testing, one- two- three
Let's all drop up to C.I.C.
To see what C.I.C. can see tonight.
Fifteen million people there
Each one in the other's hair
Navigator is tearing up his charts in fright
It's me for me and you for you
With a P.P.I. and your S.C. — two
The rain squalls all have I.F.F.'s, but why?
Oh, we could raise a family
Cause we're all fouled up in C.I.C.
Roger, Wilco, C.I.C., aye, aye!!

"IN SYDNEY BY THE SEA"

Memorable Sydney . . . Famous for Woolloomoolloo



AND
GIRLS,
GIRLS,
GIRLS!



CANDID CLOSEUPS

The Flag at work.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT AT WORK



Casualties are hoisted aboard. This man was wounded when his Mine Sweeper was hit by Jap shore battery.



Junior Medical Officer performs emergency operation.

MONTPELIER surgery is held in high regard, not only by the men themselves, but by their wives and sweethearts as well!



CHIEFS ON A WORKING PARTY



CHRISTMAS DINNER

LIKE IN A SCUTTLEBUTT FACTORY



KNOTS AND SPLICES





SHIP CONTROL

Interior of the Pilot House, from which the ship is conned. Here the Officer of the Deck issues an order to the helm. Quartermaster plots in foreground.



DAMAGE CONTROL

Above is Central Station, nerve center of the ship's watertight integrity. First Lieutenant examines a flooding effects diagram, as Central is reported "Manned and Ready."

Key to the operational smoothness of a modern warship is CONTROL. Unfortunately two of the four major types of control, Fire Control and Communication Control, are "RESTRICTED" and may not be depicted.



LIGHTING OFF

Watertender inserts clean burner barrel preparatory to lighting off number 4 boiler.

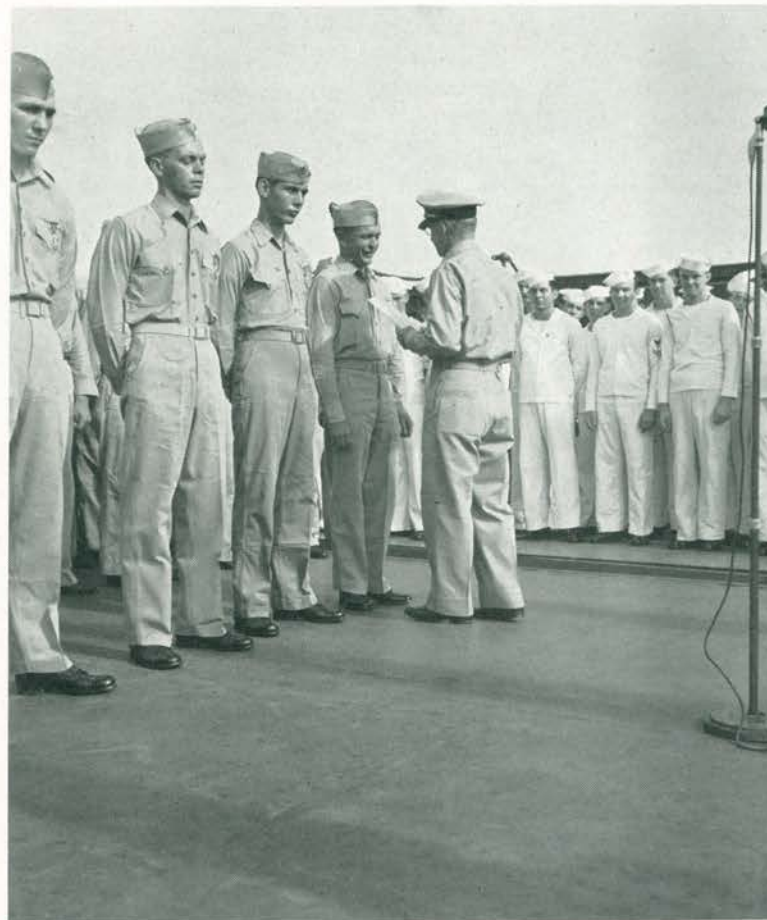
REPAIR WATCH

Interior of "Repair One," with its gadgets and gismos. Close inspection will reveal diver's helmet, portable electric cable, fog nozzles, extinguishers, battle lanterns, hoses and lines galore.



SHIPFITTER AT WORK

This shipfitter is welding up a crack in MONTPELIER's rudder, due to underwater detonation. This is while in Espiritu's floating drydock (January 1944).



PURPLE HEART AWARDS

Rear Admiral Hayler awards Purple Heart to Sgt. (then PFC) Wason, PFC Renner, PFC Hogan; SGT (then CPL) Farrell is receiving Presidential Unit Citation. All recipients were then members of MONTPELIER's Marine Detachment (May 1944).



ALL-SOUTH PACIFIC

This memorable pair, Rear Admiral, Aaron S. "Tip" Merrill (Right), ComCruDiv 12, and Comdr. Arleigh B. "31-knot" Burke (Left), ComDesRon 23, teamed up in Task Force 39, one of the greatest winning combinations of World War II.

Merrill's "Hollywood Cruisers" and Burke's "Little Beavers" terrorized the Japs from Tulagi to Bougainville — immortalized the Cruiser-Destroyer Task Force! (Merrill rode the MONTPELIER, Burke the CHARLES F. AUSBURNE).

CROSSING THE LINE

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IT HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, NEPTUNUS REX, RULER OF THE RAGING MAIN THAT THE U.S.S. MONTPELIER WHICH YOU COMMAND IS STEAMING TOWARD THE EQUATOR AND TO AN UNNAMED PORT BEYOND IT. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WELCOMES, YOU, YOUR SHIP AND ALL SHELLBACKS IN HER, IF THERE ARE POLLYWOGS ABOARD, AIR THEM OUT, DUST THEM OFF, CLAMP THEM DOWN, AND FLEMISH THEM OUT ON DECK FOR INSPECTION. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL INSPECT YOUR SHIP WHEN IT ENTERS HIS REALM. THESE FEW POLLYWOGS THAT HE DEEMS WORTHY WILL BECOME SHELLBACKS. THE REST SHALL BE TOSSED INTO THE DEEP, WITHOUT A DIRGE, WEPT UNHONORED AND UNKNOWN. VERY RESPECTFULLY, SIGNED DAVY JONES: (SECRETARY TO HIS MAJESTY NEPTUNUS REX — RULER OF THE RAGING MAIN).

TOR 1901/JF/UNDERWATERSOUND

FROM: — HIS MAJESTY NEPTUNUS REX DEC 20 '44

TO: — THE COMMANDING OFFICER U.S.S. MONTPELIER CL57

ON LOOKOUT FOR THE EQUATOR

A Lowly Pollywog Watches For the Arrival of Neptunus
Rex and Royal Party

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CROSSINGS

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| (1) 30 December 1942 | (5) 22 December 1944 |
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| (3) 10 March 1944 | (7) 14 June 1945 |
| (4) 6 June 1944 | (8) 2 July 1945 |





ROYAL FAMILY ARRIVES . . .



. . . WITH ROYAL PROSECUTORS



ROYAL POLICEMAN . . .

... AND TRUST BEARS WATCH



... WHILE ROYAL BABY
HAS A DIAPER CHANGE



COURT IS CONVENED
OFFICER POLLYWOGS
FIRST (MMM!)



LOWLY POLLYWOGS
SUMMONED



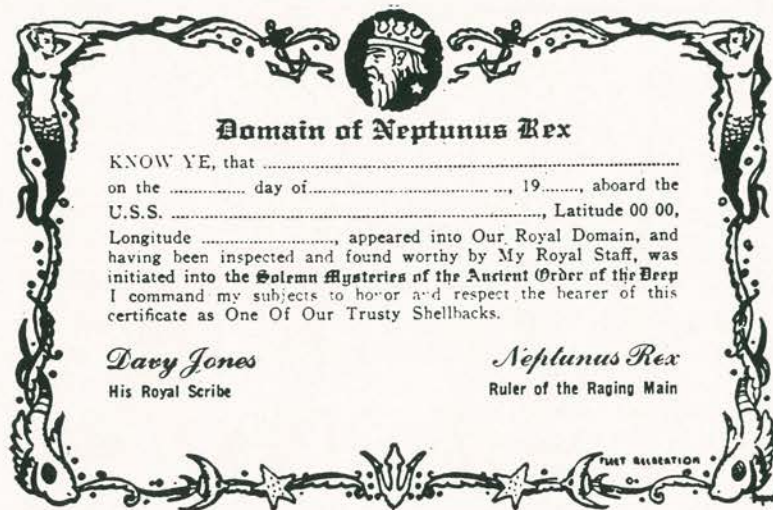
FIRST CULPRIT SENTENCED





ROYAL SURGEON AMPUTATES

AFTER WHICH:



SENTENCED TO RECEIVE THE
"FULL TREATMENT"



ROYAL BARBER SHAVES



WORD IS RECEIVED THAT . . .

Phillips, S1c, radio striker, is first to "get the word" — that Japanese are willing to accept Potsdam Terms (10 August 1945).



. . . JAPS WILL SURRENDER

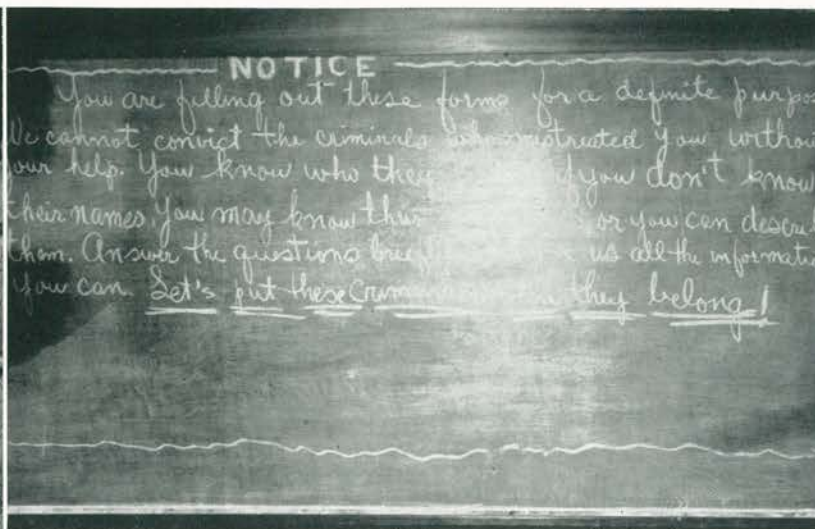
Rear Admiral Riggs receives Japanese Emissaries to arrange for release of Allied Military Personnel in Wakayama Area (September 1945).

PEACE

MONTPELIER was anchored at Okinawa when the surrender came. Occupation duties consisted of prisoner evacuation at Wakanoura, fire support for landings at Wakayama and Hiro-Kure area.



Above: These survivors of Corregidor and Bataan arrive at Wakanoura after release from POW camps.



Above: They are "processed," i.e., registered, questioned, bathed, reclothed, fed, and embarked on Hospital Ships.

Embarkation Jetty

EVACUATION OF ALLIED MILITARY PERSONNEL



FINAL VOLLEY

Marine Detachment renders final honors to Capt. Wood, U.S.N., first Commanding Officer.



BURIAL AT SEA

... "We commit his body to the deep; in sure and certain hope of eternal life" ...

IN MEMORIAM

THOMPSON, William Tallman, Ensign USNR.....1 Jan. 1943
 BEAMON, Fred Dale, S2c. USNR.....11 Feb. 1943
 WOOD, Leighton, Captain, USN.....9 June 1943
 HUFFMAN, Billy Keith, S1c. USNR.....23 June 1943
 DENOYER, Emil Wilbur, S2c. USNR.....26 July 1943
 PRICE, Edward Clifton, BM1c. USN.....11 August 1943

WARREN, Hubert (n), EM2c. USN.....21 May 1944
 MARKER, Paul Eugene, S2c. USNR.....8 July 1944
 LAWSON, Luther Curtis, S2c. USNR.....3 Sept. 1944
 MOSTILLER, Henry Clay, SF3c. USNR.....26 Dec. 1944
 MELTON, ROY (n), S2c. USNR.....29 Jan. 1945
 SALYER, Robert Martin, S2c. USNR.....20 Feb. 1945

An aerial black and white photograph of Hiroshima, Japan, after the atomic bombing. The A River (Arima River) winds through the center of the city, which is mostly in ruins. Several bridges cross the river. On the right side, some large, multi-story buildings remain standing, including the Hiroshima Prefectural Office. The surrounding landscape is flat and desolate, with some sparse vegetation and debris visible.

GRIM REMINDERS

Only a handful of gutted reinforced concrete and steel buildings remain in Hiroshima, the first city to be atomized.

"TO THE JAPANESE NAVY: BOTTOMS UP"



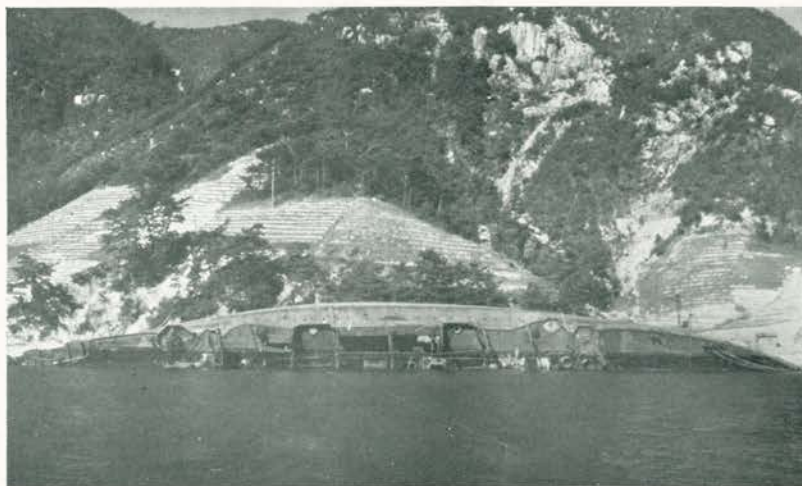
Battleship (with Flight Deck) *Ise*



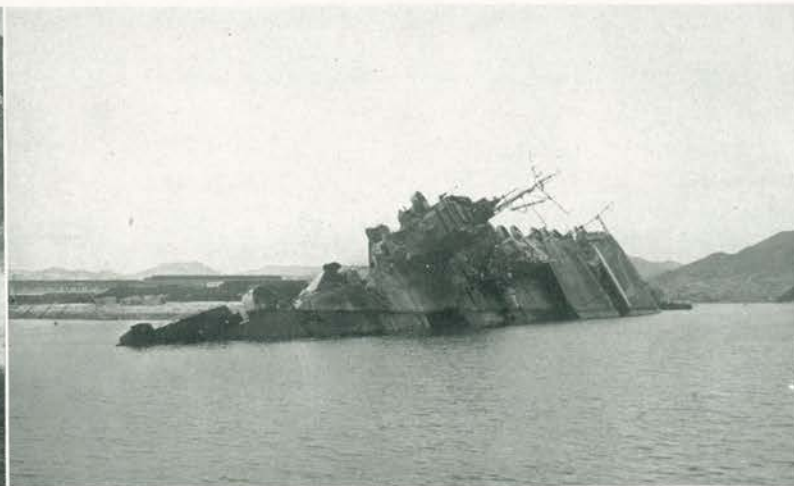
Heavy Cruiser *Tone*

KURE — OCTOBER, 1945

Light Cruiser *Izuma*



Large Carrier *Amaga*



... WHILE THE MIGHTY MONTY IS STILL AFLOAT



"SIGNAL IN THE AIR" . . .



Editor's note: Anyone wishing to know the meaning of this flag hoist, kindly waylay the next Signaller you meet!



The Rising Sun sets. Hiro Wan, Japan.

U. S. Navy.
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