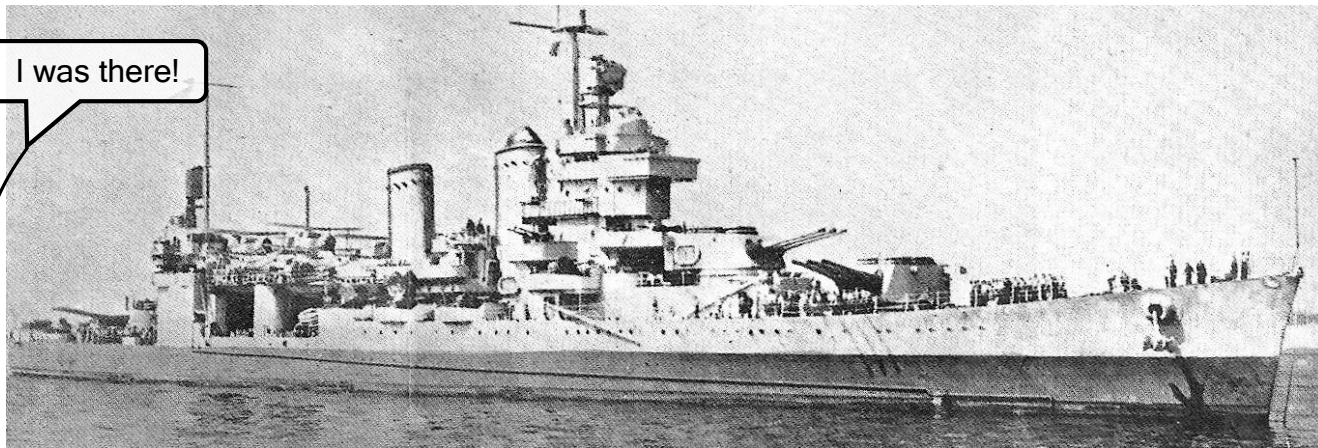


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NAVAL TASK FORCE PLANES
SINK OR DAMAGE 16 JAP
SHIPS

GUAM, July 10, 1945

United Press revealed that a powerful United States Task Force was "on the loose" and American warplanes had sunk or damaged 16 more Japanese ships.

Vice Admiral John S. McCain, Commander of the fast carriers in Admiral William F. Halsey's famed 3rd Fleet sent a dispatch from aboard his flagship saying, "The present mission of this powerful Task Force is to wipe out Japanese airpower and shipping."

GUAM, JULY 12, 1945

Carrier and land based planes totaling upwards of 1500 roared over the Japanese homeland Tuesday to give the war battered country its heaviest day of aerial drubbing.

There was every reason to believe the onslaught was continuing Wednesday especially by carrier planes from the

speedy and powerful 3rd Fleet Naval Task Force that sent more than 1000 of its fighters, dive bombers, torpedo carrying aircraft again at Tokyo's many airfields. The United States 3rd Fleet fairly begged for battle off Japan Tuesday. The carriers were protected by battleships, cruisers and destroyers and steamed close to Japan's main Island of Honshu.

GUAM, July 29, 1945

Admiral William F. Halsey's 3rd Fleet carrier planes, possibly 1500 strong, smashed anew at Japan's inland sea in another great dawn offensive Saturday after sinking or damaging 306 enemy vessels and destroying 370 planes in a record two day assault.

Since July 23rd the 3rd Fleet has sunk or damaged 725 Japanese combatant and Merchant ships and destroyed or damaged 926 planes.

JAPS TO SIGN SURRENDER
TODAY!

YOKOHAMA, Sep. 2, 1945

U.S. troops in swelling numbers stood at Tokyo's gates today and allied dignitaries were arriving in Yokosuka for Sunday's surrender ceremonies.

Admiral Halsey and Admiral Nimitz were present, first setting foot on Japanese soil when they inspected Yokosuka naval base earlier in the day. Many other officers will be present for the surrender today on the battleship Missouri.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 1946

By Directive dated November 1946, U.S.S. AMSTERDAM, (CL 101) was placed out of commission, in reserve attached to the U. S. Pacific Reserve at San Francisco. The ship was later sold for scrap. She earned one battle star in engagements against Japan, 10 July to August 1945.