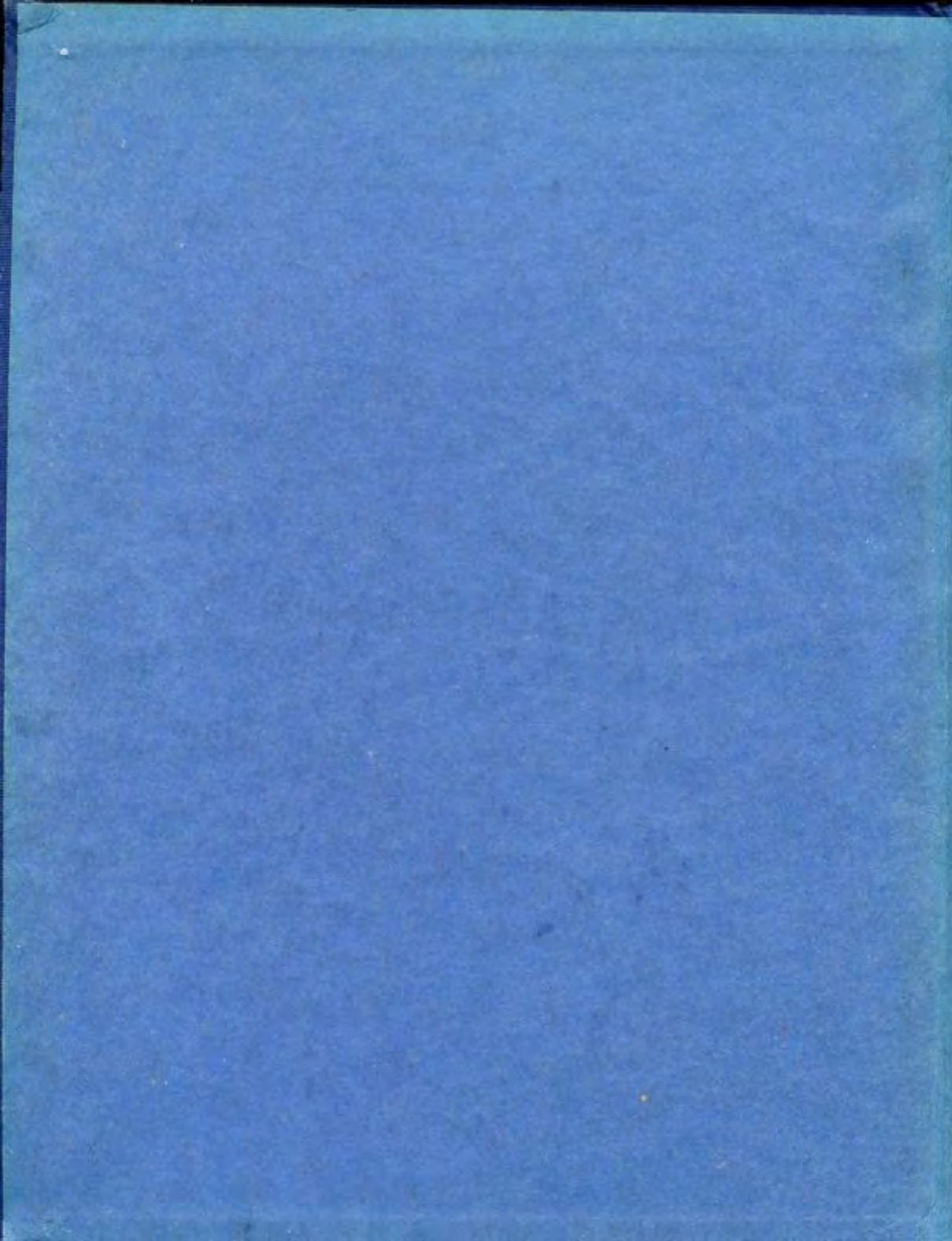


U.S.S. NICHOLAS









U. S. S. NICHOLAS (DD449)

Destroyer

NAMED FOR MAJOR SAMUEL NICHOLAS, U.S.M.C.

BUILT BY THE BATH IRON WORKS CORP., BATH, MAINE

AUTHORIZED MAY 17, 1938

KEEL LAID MARCH 3, 1941

LAUNCHED FEBRUARY 19, 1942

FIRST COMMISSIONED JUNE 4, 1942

ENGINE MILES STEAMED FROM DATE OF COMMISSIONING TO

VJ DAY 236,405 MILES



IT IS WITH REGRET THAT I SAY GOOD-BYE
FOR I SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER WITH DEEP AFFECT-
ION THE FINEST SHIP'S COMPANY OF THEM ALL. I
HAVE ALWAYS BEEN EXTREMELY PROUD OF OUR SHIP,
COMPLETELY CONFIDENT IN HER ABILITY, AND VERY
HAPPY IN MY ASSOCIATIONS ABOARD HER. I AM
GRATEFUL FOR HAVING HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF
SERVING WITH SUCH AN OUTSTANDING FIGHTING
ORGANIZATION AND FOR THE LOYALTY AND CO-
OPERATION YOU HAVE GIVEN ME.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND BRING YOU ALL
HAPPINESS AND GOOD FORTUNE.

VERY SINCERELY,

D.C. Lyndon

D.C. LYNDON, COMDR. USN
COMMANDING OFFICER



IN LOOKING BACK OVER THE PERIOD OF
WORLD WAR II AND THE RECORD OF THE "NICK", IT
IS MY EARNEST HOPE THAT YOU FEEL AS PROUD AS
I DO TO BE ABLE TO SAY, "I WAS A NICHOLAS MAN!"

R. Townshend, Jr.

L.T. COMDR. R. TOWNSHEND, JR.
EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

U.S.S. NICHOLAS . . . OFFICER PERSONNEL

SQUADRON COMMANDERS AND PERIOD SERVED ABOARD NICHOLAS

F. X. McINERNY, <i>Captain</i> , U.S.N.	March 9, 1943—August 7, 1943
T. J. RYAN, <i>Captain</i> , U.S.N.	August 7, 1943—October 3, 1943
A. D. CHANDLER, <i>Captain</i> , U.S.N.	October 3, 1943—July 18, 1944
J. K. B. GINDER, <i>Captain</i> , U.S.N.	July 18, 1944—June 30, 1945
H. B. HENEBERGER, <i>Captain</i> , U.S.N.	August 21, 1945

COMMANDING OFFICERS AND PERIOD SERVED ABOARD NICHOLAS

W. D. BROWN, <i>Commander</i> , U.S.N.	June 4, 1942—January 26, 1943
A. J. HILL, <i>Commander</i> , U.S.N.	January 26, 1943—December 10, 1943
R. T. S. KEITH, <i>Commander</i> , U.S.N.	December 10, 1943—February 6, 1945
D. C. LYNDON, <i>Commander</i> , U.S.N.	February 6, 1945

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND PERIOD SERVED ABOARD NICHOLAS

A. J. HILL, <i>Lieutenant Commander</i> , U.S.N.	June 4, 1942—January 26, 1943
L. L. SNIDER, <i>Lieutenant Commander</i> , U.S.N.	January 26, 1943—August, 1943
J. P. COLEMAN, <i>Lieutenant</i> , U.S.N.	August, 1943—March 26, 1944
R. TOWNSHEND JR., <i>Lieutenant Commander</i> , U.S.N.R.	March 26, 1944—September 12, 1945
A. G. HAMILTON JR., <i>Lieutenant Commander</i> , U.S.N.	September 12, 1945



Destroyer Squadron 21 . . . Roster of Ships

U. S. S. NICHOLAS	Flagship	<i>Presidential Citation</i>
U. S. S. O'BANNON		<i>Presidential Citation</i>
U. S. S. RADFORD		<i>Presidential Citation</i>
U. S. S. FLETCHER		
U. S. S. TAYLOR		
U. S. S. JENKINS		
U. S. S. LAVALLETT		
U. S. S. STRONG	<i>Lost in Action</i>	
U. S. S. CHEVALIER	<i>Lost in Action</i>	
U. S. S. HOPEWELL		
U. S. S. ROSS		

SHIP'S COMPANY OFFICERS

WHO SERVED ON BOARD THE NICHOLAS

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| F. J. BECTON, <i>Lt. Commander</i> , U.S.N.(21) | J. H. MATHESON, <i>Lt.</i> , U.S.N.R.(21) |
| W. BROWN, <i>Lt. Commander</i> , U.S.N.R.(21) | R. M. MATTHEWS, <i>Lieutenant</i> , U.S.N.R. |
| J. F. CARRUTHERS, <i>Lieutenant</i> , U.S.N.R. | C. A. MITCHELL, <i>Lieutenant</i> , U.S.N. |
| W. W. CASEBOLT, <i>Ensign</i> , U.S.N. | R. MONTGOMERY, <i>Lieutenant</i> , U.S.N.R. |
| S. DAVIDSON, <i>Boatswain</i> , U.S.N. | L. K. MORRISON, <i>Lieutenant</i> , U.S.N.R. |
| W. J. DOYLE, <i>Lieutenant (MC)</i> , U.S.N.R. | H. NIKKEL, <i>Ensign</i> , U.S.N.R. |
| G. E. DUBOURDIEU, <i>Lieut. (JG)</i> , U.S.N.R. | E. H. POWELL, <i>Lieut. (JG)</i> , U.S.N.R.(21) |
| J. C. EVERETT, <i>Lieutenant</i> , U.S.N.R. | H. PRINDLE, <i>Lieutenant</i> , U.S.N.R.(21) |
| E. G. FANNING, <i>Lieutenant (JG)</i> , U.S.N. | O. B. RAILEY, <i>Lieutenant</i> , U.S.N.R. |
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| J. C. FITCH, <i>Lieutenant (JG)</i> , U.S.N.R.(21) | R. J. REIDELER, <i>Lieutenant</i> , U.S.N.R. |
| L. W. FLEMING, <i>Lieutenant</i> , U.S.N.R.(21) | J. D. ROSZELL, <i>Lieutenant</i> , U.S.N.R. |
| W. H. FROST, <i>Ensign</i> , U.S.N.R. | W. H. SALISBURY, <i>Lieutenant</i> , U.S.N.R. |
| W. H. GABELMAN, <i>Lieutenant</i> , U.S.N.R. | D. J. SCHEIDER, <i>Ensign (SC)</i> , U.S.N.R. |
| J. N. GARDNER, <i>Lieutenant</i> , U.S.N.R. | R. J. SCOTT, <i>Lieutenant (JG) (SC)</i> , U.S.N.R. |
| R. H. GRANT, <i>Lieutenant</i> , U.S.N.R.(21) | J. T. SEXTON, <i>Lieutenant</i> , U.S.N. |
| E. R. GRIMM, <i>Lieut. (JG) (SC)</i> , U.S.N.R. | K. C. SINCLAIR, <i>Ensign</i> , U.S.N.R. |
| G. M. GROSHART, <i>Lieut. (MC)</i> , U.S.N.R. | E. A. SOKOLSKI, <i>Lieutenant (JG)</i> , U.S.N.R. |
| A. C. HANSMANN, <i>Ensign</i> , U.S.N. | J. J. SPITTLER, <i>Lieut. (JG)</i> , U.S.N.R. (21) |
| M. HARLEY, <i>Lieutenant (JG)</i> , U.S.N.R. | J. H. STONE, <i>Lieutenant</i> , U.S.N.R. |
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| J. R. KELLY, <i>Ensign</i> , U.S.N.R. | R. D. TURPEN, <i>Lieutenant (JG)</i> , U.S.N.R. |
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| P. T. KROEGER, <i>Lieutenant</i> , U.S.N.R.(21) | P. B. WALKER, <i>Lieutenant</i> , U.S.N.R.(21) |
| D. L. LASSELL, <i>Lieutenant</i> , U.S.N. | J. H. WINDLE, <i>Ensign</i> , U.S.N.R. |
| V. H. McWHORTER, <i>Lieut. (JG)</i> , U.S.N.R. | J. A. WYMAN, <i>Lieut. (JG)</i> , U.S.N.R.(21) |
| | R. M. YOUNG, <i>Lieutenant (JG)</i> , U.S.N.R. |

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ADAMS, G. W., FIC	BODINE, H. S., SM2C	CIRONE, J. J., COX
ADKINS, N. H., SIC	BOLING, L. D., FIC	CIZIN, J. F., TMIC
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AHLERS, R., COX	BORING, N. M., SIC	CLASPILE, W. F., S2C
AINSWORTH, R. L., SKIC	BORN, E. H., SKD3C	CLEVELAND, C. C., S2C
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 LAWRENCE, C. L., sic
 LAYMAN, G. A., gm1c
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 LEBEAU, W. P., wt3c
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 LEEHOVEN, A. R., mm2c
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 LESKO, J. J., sic
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 LIAN, F. J., rm3c
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 LONG, J. M., sic
 LOUCKS, R. C., sic
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 LUPEZ, F., os2c
 LUQUE, E. R., s2c
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 MALAGO, F., sic
 MARKS, L. E., sic
 MARLOW, R. D., sm3c
 MARONEY, F. J., cfc
 MARTIN, F. D., sic
 MARTIN, F. J., sic
 MARTIN, J. W., mm2c
 MASTERS, H. J., rm3c
 MASTRANTONI, V., s2c
 MAURICIO, E. J., wt2c
 MAYES, I. J., sic
 MAYEUX, D. J., em1c
 MAZZE, L., qm2c
 McCARTHY, W., sic
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In Memoriam



ROBERT LEE MOIR

Sonar Man Third Class

FURMAN FOX

Gunners Mate Second Class



These men gave their lives for their country

during a dive bombing attack off

Guadalcanal, Feb. 1, 1943

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF OPERATIONS OF THE U.S.S. NICHOLAS

OCTOBER 1942	Engaged in the occupation, supply and defense of Guadalcanal area. Repelled six aerial attacks and engaged in five bombardments of enemy positions on Guadalcanal.
23 JANUARY 1943	Led first cruiser-destroyer task force to bombard enemy positions Vila Stanmore Plantations, Kolombangara Island, British Solomon Islands.
5 MARCH 1943	Led cruiser-destroyer task force in bombardment of Munda Point, British Solomon Islands.
15 MARCH 1943	Led destroyer task group into Kula Gulf to bombard Kolombangara Island, B. S. I.
13 MAY 1943	Led cruiser-destroyer task force into Kula Gulf to bombard Kolombangara Island and New Georgia Island, B. S. I.
16 JUNE 1943	Assisted in repelling an air attack of 125 Japanese planes off Guadalcanal.
5 JULY 1943	Led cruiser-destroyer task force into Kula Gulf to bombard Kolombangara Island and New Georgia Island covered the landing of troops at Enogai Inlet, B. S. I.
6 JULY 1943	Participated in the first battle of Kula Gulf. Later rescued U.S.S. Helena survivors. For this action against the enemy, this ship was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation.
12 JULY 1943	Participated in the second battle of Kula Gulf.
16 JULY 1943	Led covering force in the rescue of U.S.S. Helena survivors from Vella Lavella Island, B. S. I.
15 AUGUST 1943	Covered the first landing of American troops on Vella Lavella Island, B.S.I.
17 AUGUST 1943	Participated in the Battle of Vella Gulf.
18-26 AUGUST 1943	Operated against the Tokyo express and Japanese barge traffic off Kolombangara and Choiseul Islands, B.S.I.
19-23 NOVEMBER '43	Operated with battleship and carrier task force covering the landing and occupation of Makin, Tarawa, and Apemama Islands in the Gilbert Island Group.
4 DECEMBER 1943	Participated in carrier task force raids on Kwajalein and Wotje Islands in Marshall Group.
10 FEBRUARY 1944	Participated in the occupation and defense of the Marshall Islands.
22 APRIL 1944	Covered the first landing of American forces at Aitape, New Guinea.

LIST OF OPERATIONS - Continued

29 MAY 1944	Participated in bombardment on enemy position at Medina Plantation, New Ireland, Bismarck Archipelego.
15 SEPTEMBER 1944	Participated in occupation of Morotai Island, Northern Molukkas.
18 OCTOBER 1944 TO DECEMBER 1944	Participated in occupation and defense of Leyte Island, Philippine Islands.
NOVEMBER 1944	Participated in an anti-submarine action resulting in the probable sinking of an enemy submarine.
6-7 DECEMBER 1944	Participated in sweep of Camotes Sea and bombardment of enemy positions at Ormoc Bay, Leyte Island, in support of the landing of American forces.
31 JANUARY 1945	Participated in the initial seizure and occupation of Luzon Island, Philippine Islands, at Lingayen as part of close covering group in the occupation of Zambales Province, Luzon. Operated as part of the close covering group in the occupation of the Nasugbu area, Luzon Island, P. I.
16 FEBRUARY 1945	Participated in the bombardment and occupation of Mariveles-Bataan Peninsula and Luzon Island and Corregidor Island, as part of the close fire support group.
12 MARCH 1945	Participated in the bombardment and occupation of Zamboanga, Mindanao, as part of the close fire support group and as part of the close support group for minesweeping units prior to the landing.
24 MARCH 1945	Participated in bombardment and seizure of the Cebu City area, Cebu, P. I. as part of the fire support group.
24 APRIL 1945	Participated in bombardment and seizure of Tarakan Island, Dutch Borneo as part of minesweeping group and close fire support group.
17-25 JUNE 1945	Operated as unit of covering force of escort carriers in closing phase of Okinawa campaign.
3 JULY 1945 TO 22 AUGUST 1945	Operated as unit of logistic support group replenishing Third Fleet off Japan.
11-22 AUGUST 1945	Operated with task group 38.4 off Japan participating in carrier strikes against that island.
27 AUGUST 1945	Made first contact with Japanese emissaries off O Shima Island and transferred emissaries from Jap destroyer Hatzakura to U.S.S. Missouri and anchored in Sagami Wan, Japan.
29 AUGUST 1945	Anchored in Tokyo Bay, Japan.
2 SEPTEMBER 1945	Transported high ranking allied military leaders to U.S.S. Missouri for the formal signing of the peace treaty of surrender of the Japanese Empire.
7-14 SEPTEMBER '45	Assisted in evacuation of prisoners of war from Sendai area, Japan.

The Story of the U. S. S. Nicholas

By ROBERT E. TAYLOR, RM2C

On June 4, 1942, the U.S.S. Nicholas, named after Marine Major Samuel Nicholas and bearing the number 449, hugged the docks of the Boston Navy Yard as a green crew of officers and men stood in a drenching downpour to witness a brief ceremony which commissioned her 2,100 tons of steel into the naval service of the United States.

Entering the South Pacific in September 1942, the Nicholas commenced her combatant activities in the Solomon Islands area, taking part in the defense of Guadalcanal. The Nicholas spent seemingly endless days off that long finger of death. Her powerful guns showered tons of explosives upon the blood-stained beaches, blasting gun positions and scattering concentrations of the monkey-like men from Nippon.

On February 1, 1943, she fought with fury as enemy dive bombers peeled off and thundered downward in their attempts to send the Nicholas to a watery grave. This was her first real taste of war; and although an accompanying destroyer was blown to bits, the "Nick," herself riddled with shrapnel, two men killed and others injured from a near miss, managed to drive off the enemy.

The Japanese navy was still very strong and aggressive. It was well entrenched in the Solomons area and determined to stay there. The Nicholas acquitted herself with honor and distinction in many clashes. Time and time again she met the best the Japs could offer under their favorite conditions of darkness and landlocked waters. It was a difficult and hectic period and all hands on board worked hard to perfect her as a fighting ship.

As American forces moved up through the Solomons, driving before them the Japanese forces, the Nicholas played a part in almost every action. She was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for her actions in the battle of Kula Gulf in July, 1943. This award is the most coveted of all decorations in the navy, and is the mark, not of individual bravery, but of fighting ability, courage, and the teamwork of all members of the crew.

Much has been written about the first battle of Kula Gulf, and the victory that came to our small task force is now history. Outnumbered nearly three to one, our battle fleet pushed its way to victory in

one of the most vicious engagements of the Pacific war.

Who can ever forget the magnificent barrage our cruisers thundered through the black, early morning hours; the ring of fiercely burning enemy ships; the fantastic patterns of red and white tracers that poured endlessly from the powerful guns of our task force. The destroyers sped in to point blank range to loose their torpedoes, then turned away in a blaze of yellow fire from their five inch guns. The Helena survivors who came aboard, cut and bleeding, from the oil soaked waters, lent a hand in the magazines as the Nicholas and a sister ship sent a Japanese cruiser and two destroyers to their death in a series of violent explosions.

In October, the Nicholas joined the newly organized Fifth Fleet and participated, as a part of the greatest armada ever assembled up to that time, in the occupation of the Gilbert Islands. After backing up the landings on "bloody" Tarawa and Makin, she saw action in the December fourth carrier strike on the Marshall Islands.

On December 15 a happy crew stood topside, "bell bottom trousers" flapped briskly in the early morning breeze as the Nicholas steamed under the Golden Gate. That long awaited dream had at last become a reality—liberty and leave in the good old U. S. A. The time went by too rapidly and before we knew it, it was January 21 and the Nick was headed out of San Francisco Bay towards Pearl Harbor. Many of the old faces were gone and new ones had taken their places. We spent a month in Pearl whipping into shape for combat. During this time we made an eventful trip to the Marshall Islands on which we succeeded in damaging an enemy submarine.

Finally in March the Nicholas left Pearl Harbor for her old haunt, Purvis Bay in the Solomons. By this time, the Japanese had been cleared out of this area, and the Nicholas soon received orders to report to the Seventh Fleet then operating in New Guinea.

The Nicholas first went back into combat with the occupation of Aitape, New Guinea in May. Our bombardments and the subsequent landings were in phase with occupation forces driving ashore at Hol-

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landia, just 150 miles further up the coast. It was a bold step which, surprisingly, met with minor opposition and marked the beginning of the end of Japanese power in New Guinea.

Our duties in the period that followed varied considerably. We bombarded enemy positions in New Guinea and New Ireland, participated in anti-submarine sweeps protecting aircraft carriers in their sweeps along and above the Bismarck archipelago, and in September the Nicholas helped in the occupation of Morotai Island in the Northern Molukkas.

We were proud to take part in the return of Americans to the Philippine Islands. On October 24 the Nicholas brought the first resupply echelon into Leyte Gulf. We barely missed getting into the Battle of Surigao Straits, being about thirty miles away. The glow of the gun flashes were clearly visible, and the sky gave the impression that an electrical storm caused by heat lightning was taking place. In Leyte we encountered the Japanese Kamikaze Corps, and our guns took credit for at least one suicidal enemy plane as it attempted to crash into our superstructure.

In December we made one of the night sweeps up through the Camotes Sea, bombarding enemy held Ormoc Bay. All during this period the Nicholas did her share in destroying enemy air forces who attempted to disrupt our invasion. This was a furious phase of the war, one which we all vividly remember.

Shortly after Japanese resistance crumpled in the Leyte area, we continued the victorious advance up through the Philippines. The Nicholas was in the covering force as our flag returned to Luzon Island in the landings at Lingayen Gulf. After backing up several additional landings she played an active part in the landing at Mariveles on Bataan and the occupation of Corregidor.

The recapture of Corregidor was probably the most interesting and spectacular operation of the Philippine campaign. "The Rock," as the island is known, guards the entrance to Manila Bay, lying between the Bataan peninsula and the southwestern side of Luzon, where our forces had driven to the Cavite naval base. Mariveles, on the southern tip of Bataan, lies directly opposite the northern end of Corregidor. It was here that the first landing was made.

Corregidor itself, resembling a giant polywog,

rises sharply from the water, its sheer rocky cliffs giving it an impregnable appearance. The extreme southern end consists of a single high peak, which is joined to the main fortress by a long, narrow strip of hilly land, heavy with trees and undergrowth. It was on this center strip that the amphibious units would go ashore.

The cliffs of Corregidor were marked with scores of caves and tunnels bored deep in solid rock. In these caves the Japs had mounted heavy caliber guns ranging from 3 to 8 inch. It was our job to knock out these emplacements. On top, Corregidor was flat and dotted with buildings, storage tanks, large guns and cave entrances, already in poor condition due to the consistent bombings of the army air forces.

For two days the Nicholas, with other destroyers and cruisers, went in to point blank range to draw enemy fire so that we could locate and knock out Japanese gun emplacements. Long lines of tiny minesweeps cut loose hundreds of mines in Mariveles and around Corregidor and we were kept quite busy exploding these obstacles.

On the second day the Japs began to open up and it was necessary to bore in closer and fight it out. The Nicholas knocked out several batteries and escaped without damage. On the third day we landed on Bataan, where, due to accurate firing by our ships and heavy aerial bombardment, there was little opposition.

The morning of the fourth day saw an all out attack upon the rocky fortress. At 7:50 a. m. heavy bombers came over in waves to unload tons of bombs. This was followed by low level strafing attacks. Our group moved in close and poured shells into the caves, and around the landing beaches. At times the entire rock was hidden behind thick clouds of smoke and dirt. At exactly 8:30 long lines of transport planes appeared and lumbered slowly over the rock. As the smoke from the bombardment cleared away, the huge planes dipped lower, one by one, and army paratroops tumbled into space. The sky was filled with red, white, green and black umbrellas, dropping men, supplies and equipment to the flat surface of Corregidor's rooftop. Some men missed their target, dropped past the steep cliffs to the water where PT boats quickly came to the rescue. Corregidor was soon littered with abandoned para-

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chutes, and as the troops began searching out Japs, still more silky puffs floated earthward.

At 10:30 the amphibious forces moved in slowly to the center of the island as destroyers, cruisers and rocket firing craft moved to within 500 yards of the beach, laying down a shattering barrage. Aircraft bombed and strafed, and troops poured from landing barges. Our beachheads were soon established and "Old Glory" flew over Corregidor.

The war was moving at an accelerated pace now, and the Pacific forces ready for new fields to conquer made plans for occupation of the southern and central Philippine Islands which had been bypassed. The first of these bases was Zamboanga located on the southwestern peninsula of Mindanao which juts out into the Sulu Sea. Its harbor facilities and airfields provide excellent bases for the isolation of Borneo and other East Indies islands.

The plan of attack was typical of preceding Pacific operations. The Nicholas with other destroyers, cruisers and minesweeps carried out their bombardments and backed up the landing forces against little opposition. However, every operation seems to be marked by some unusual spectacle and the loss of one of our aircraft provided such for this operation. A group of army Liberators moved in to unload their cargos. One plane, apparently out of formation flying at a lower level was hit with the bomb load from a plane higher up. In a matter of seconds the plane exploded and fell in pieces. It was a horrible sight to see it falling in flames and we watched, holding our breath and giving a silent prayer that parachutes would soon open. At the last moment one parachute opened and came down near the beach. A cruiser plane landed under enemy fire and made a daring rescue.

After Zamboanga the Nicholas participated in the landing on Cebu in the Visayan Group. As we lay off shore the retreating Japanese burned Cebu City, second largest in the Philippines. It was here that we could see the sort of enemy we were fighting; an enemy who when he can no longer wage war against an army must turn and spend his hate and violence upon the civilian population.

When the Seventh Fleet moved into East Indies waters in May, the Nicholas was once again in the fight as she participated in the first landings on Borneo at Tarakan Island. With the occupation com-

pleted the Nicholas returned to Subic Bay, Luzon, with hopes of a journey home. Days dragged by. The fighting at Okinawa, the most furious the navy had ever encountered, was slackening. Finally orders came through and the Nicholas joined the Third Fleet. She became part of an escort carrier force operating off Okinawa making air strikes against the Sakishima Group. The absence of enemy aircraft made the operation uneventful. Before long the battling on Okinawa was over and we were back in port once again. But there was still work to do, as the Third Fleet was preparing for an all-out assault on the Japanese homeland.

Early in July, the "Nick" joined a group of destroyers who together with tankers, ammunition ships, and cargo vessels would act as a replenishing force for Task Force 38. For forty days we steamed through the waters of the western Pacific some 300 miles from the Japanese homeland while the powerful task force shattered Jap installations and destroyed the remnants of a once powerful navy. On August eleventh the Nicholas with two other ships of her squadron received orders to join the fleet carriers.

The Nicholas made her first strike with Task Force 38 on the thirteenth of August. The carrier planes took off just after dawn and roared in toward Japan. Our fighter cover kept vigilant watch and during the day broke up concentrated attacks of enemy planes. By the morning of the fifteenth we heard that the Japanese radio had broadcast their surrender but as no official word had reached us, our strikes prepared to carry out their assignments. Several hours after our planes had taken off, we received word of the surrender, and our aircraft were recalled. However, the Japs were still fighting and we remained alert as our planes were shooting down snoopers most of the day.

The following days were long and filled with suspense. We spent much of our time dodging typhoons while waiting for the surrender plans to be put into effect. Marines and sailors were taken from the task force to make up a landing party, and the Nicholas was assigned to escort the Missouri into Japanese home waters and receive emissaries from a Japanese destroyer.

On August twenty-seventh, the "Nick" went to general quarters just before daybreak and steamed in

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towards Sagami Wan to rendezvous with the Japanese ship. A two-stacked Jap destroyer was soon sighted. The Jap sailors were dressed in olive green uniforms resembling our marine fatigues. Officers dressed much the same but wore black boots. We lay to about 75 yards from the enemy ship and lowered a whaleboat which picked up 2 naval officers, 13 pilots and 6 interpreters. When the emissaries and party came aboard the Nicholas they saluted at the quarter deck and were taken into the wardroom where they were relieved of their swords and thoroughly searched for other arms.

We then went alongside the Missouri and Admiral Halsey appeared on deck while the Japs were transferred to the battleship in a very bright red boatswain's chair. Cameramen and newsmen were everywhere at once.

Pilots were sent to other ships, and we began to enter Sagami Wan, south of Tokyo Bay. The "Nick" steamed close by the Missouri, and as we entered the bay we could see the coastline dotted with buildings. In the distance we saw famous Mount Fujiyama. We anchored in Sagami Bay during the afternoon and when night fell secured from general quarters for the first time since early morning.

The following day was spent transferring more Japanese pilots to other ships of the force, and upon anchoring we prepared for our first movie topside in over 56 days. That night all ships were fully lighted and searchlights swept the sky over a peaceful Japan.

On August twenty-ninth the Nicholas with the Taylor and O'Bannon escorted the Missouri into Tokyo Bay. We anchored off the Yokosuka naval base which was occupied the following day. Landings were very orderly and soon the American flag flew over Japan.

On Sunday, September second, the Nicholas left the dock at the customs house pier in Yokohama to take allied representatives to the Missouri for the signing of the formal surrender documents. It was a proud day for the "Nick". Aboard were such notables as "Vinegar" Joe Stillwell, General Jonathan Wainwright, Jimmy Doolittle, General Spaatz, General Merrill of "Merrill's Marauders," General Lemay of the 21st Bomber Command, and a host of other outstanding American, French, Chinese, Australian,

Dutch, and Russian top ranking military men. As we went alongside the Missouri, Admiral Halsey appeared with Admiral Nimitz to greet our party. At the termination of the ceremonies, we took our guests back to Yokohama and proceeded to our anchorage in Tokyo Bay.

A destroyer's work is never finished, and the Nicholas was soon assigned to a group of ships evacuating prisoners of war along the coast of Japan. This was interesting work and provided us with the opportunity to hear first hand some of the stories of the heroes of Bataan, Corregidor, and Wake Island. The evacuees were transferred to other ships where they were cared for until such time as transportation home could be arranged.

The next few weeks were days of leisure and the Nicholas rocked at anchor in Tokyo Bay waiting patiently for orders which might possibly send us home. Liberty parties were sent ashore at Yokohama, the Yokosuka naval base, and finally into Tokyo. The trip to the heart of the Japanese empire was interesting, although the city was wrecked by fire bombing of the B29's and thousands of carrier aircraft. Tokyo itself, with its winding streets, canals, low buildings, and shuffling hordes of queer costumed Asiatics seemed in most other respects like a large American city. Streetcars, subways, and busses were all running. Subway and streetcar rushes were as much of an ordeal as in New York and Chicago, although here at least an average American had the advantage of having his head in the "fresher" air above the mob. The people were friendly and had high regard for American cigarettes and chewing gum. Good souvenirs were scarce but most of us managed to pick up a few trinkets to serve as mementos. Probably the nicest part of Tokyo was the park surrounding the imperial palace. A silent muddy moat and high brick walls some 300 years old wound around the grounds. Except for this feudal carry-over, its appearance was remarkably similar to many large American city parks.

At the end of September those long awaited orders finally arrived. Early in October, the Nicholas hoisted her homeward bound pennant and steamed out of Tokyo Bay with a group of carriers, cruisers, and destroyers. After picking up passengers at Okinawa, our group headed for Seattle via the northern route. October 19 was a great day. We had finally arrived in the United States.



Officers



Chiefs



"S" Division



Steward Mates



Deck Force—1st Division



Deck Force—2nd Division



Deck Force—Ship Fitters



"C" Division—Yeomen



"C" Division—Signalmen and Quartermasters



"C" Division—Radar



"C" Division—Radio



"C" Division—Sonar



"O" Division—Fire Controlmen



"O" Division—Gunners



"O" Division—Torpedomen



"E" Division—Electricians



"E" Division—Water Tenders



"E" Division—Machinists Mates



Doctor and Pharmacists Mates



Odds and Ends



The Flag



Plank Owners

GRANDE ISLAND, P. I.



The Pause That Refreshes



Extra Innings



Steak Fry



"3.2"



Ball Game



"Alf."



New Guinea



Leyte Gulf



CAPTAIN'S INSPECTION





DRY DOCK



Repair Party



Lookouts



40 MM



Kitkun Bay Hit Off Lingayen



U.S.S. Taylor



U.S.S. O'Bannon



O'Bannon Citation—New Guinea



Captain Lyndon Relieves Captain Keith



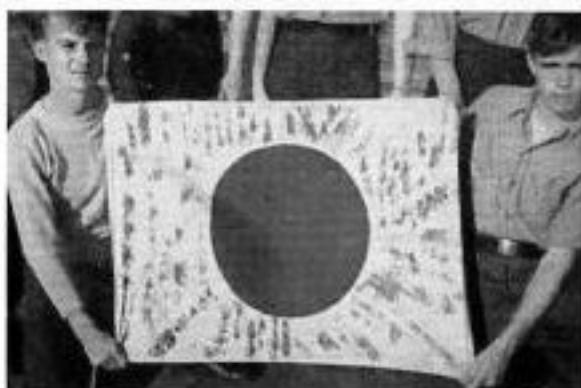
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Jap Prisoners Off Manila—Jan. 1945



Japs Spent 21 Days in This Boat



Trophy of War



Pasig River—Manila



Manila Waterfront



Landing Beach—Corregidor



Corregidor



Fort Drum



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Marivelles Harbor



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Filipinos



Farewell, Subic!



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Task Force "38"



Missouri and Shangri La



Delivery Service to Yorktown



King George V



Making the Formidable



Closing On King George V



U.S.S. Rescue

Surrender!



August 15, 1945. Admiral Halsey stands on deck of the Battleship Missouri, as the Nicholas comes alongside, to transfer Admiral Badger to the U.S.S. Iowa.





Admiral Badger Comes Aboard from Missouri



Missouri Enters Sagami Wan



Closing the "Hatzakara"



Picking Up Emissaries



Pilots at Work



Kornsey on Guard



The Skipper Interrogates



Scottie Looks Mean



Anchored in Sagami Wan

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for service as set forth in the following

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"For outstanding performance in action against enemy Japanese forces off Kolombangara Island, New Georgia Group, Solomon Islands, on the night of July 5-6, 1943. After waging a vigorous battle as part of the small Task Force which destroyed a superior Japanese surface force, the NICHOLAS remained behind with an accompanying destroyer to save the survivors of the torpedoed U.S.S. HELENA. Forced to clear the area on three occasions during rescue operations, she gallantly fought off continuing attacks by Japanese warships emerging from Kula Gulf and, with the other destroyer, sank or damaged an enemy light cruiser and two destroyers with deadly torpedo and gunfire, returning to the area after each onslaught to complete the heroic rescue of more than seven hundred survivors. The valorous achievements of the NICHOLAS reflect great credit upon the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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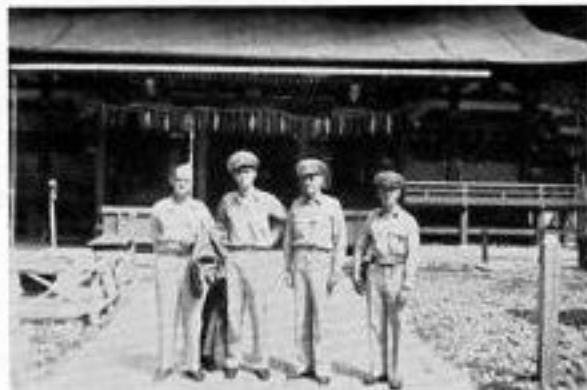
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Liberty Party at Shiogama



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