

USS COLLETT – Timelines & Shipmates of 1946-49

(Compiled with the help of many COLLETT shipmates)

History of the Ship Prior to 1946

The USS COLLETT is named in honor of LCDR John Austin COLLETT, a naval aviator whose TBF aircraft was lost in the fierce battle of Santa Cruz in the Pacific on 26 October 1942. Keel was laid by the Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine on 16 Oct 1943 as a 2200-ton Sumner class destroyer; 376 feet in length, 40 feet abeam. She was commissioned on 16 May 1944 at the Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston, MA.

COLLETT remained in continuous commission as an active ship of the fleet and saw action in WWII providing gunfire support, radar picket patrol, anti-submarine patrol, and carrier escort – per “Welcome Aboard” Brochures and Cruise Books.

Overview of 1946-1949

Following WWII, COLLETT alternates between WESTPAC cruises as a member of the 7th Fleet and local operations along the west coast of the US – per the “Decommissioning Ceremony.”

COLLETT’s first WESTPAC cruise was in 1946-47 – Per <http://www.multied.com/Navy/destroyer/Collettd730.html> via Art Horsch.

In 1946, Harry S. Truman has been President since 1945 and remains so until 1953.

Timelines & Shipmates

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