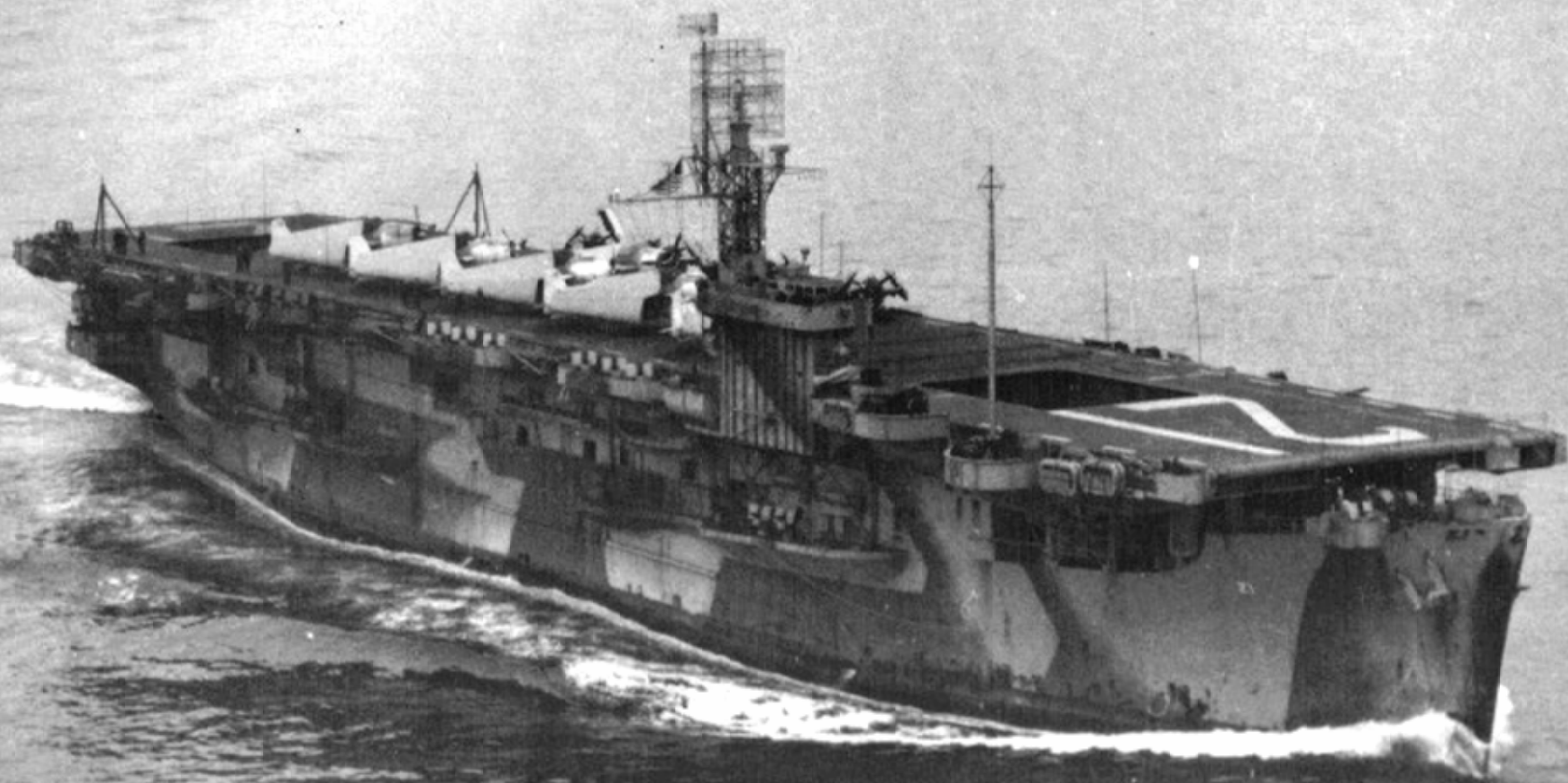


# USS BLOCK ISLAND CVE-21



## USS BLOCK ISLAND (#2)

*Ex: USS Sunset Bay and Launched with this name.*

*Renamed USS BLOCK ISLAND on July 5, 1944 in honor of the Sunken CVE 21.*

*Builder: Todd - Pacific - Seattle, WA.*

*Keel Laid: 10 - 25 - 43*

*Launched: 6 - 10 - 44*

*Commissioned: 12 - 30 - 44*

*Air Unit: MCVG - 1 VMF - 511 & VMTB - 233*

*SHIP'S HISTORY: Block Island #2 took part in the Okinawa Invasion. Following this she went to Borneo and helped in the Balikpapan Operation. She evacuated Allied Prisoners of war from Formosa in early September of 1945.*

*In December of 1945 she returned to the West Coast.*

*In May of 1946 she was withdrawn from Service; Reserve Fleet.*

*From May 1946 to 1950 She was then utilized as a Reserve Station Ship of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD. Used as a floating stationary class - rooms.*

*In 1950 she was again transferred to Reserve status.*

*In April of 1951 Reactivated, and until 1953 was used for Local Flight Operations, on the East Coast.*

*April to June 1953 she was Deployed to Europe.*

*In August of 1954 she was again withdrawn from Service.*

*In December of 1957 she was reclassified as LPH - 1.*

*In June of 1958 Conversion to Helicopter Carrier suspended; instead USS THEITIS BAY became CVHA - 1. And later LPH - 6*

*Fate: In June of 1960 arrived in Japan for Scrapping.*