

USS PETROF BAY CVE-80



USS Petrof Bay (AVG-80)

Laid down as CVE-80

SERVICE HISTORY

March 1944 Pacific; aircraft and personnel transport to Espiritu Santo
April 1944 Transfer of aircraft to Fleet Carriers; Truk
May 1944 Majuro; West Coast
August 1944 Pearl Harbor, TG-32.4; Guadalcanal, Tulagi
September 1944 TU-32.7.3; Peleliu
October 1944 Leyte; TU-77.4.1 ('Taffy 1'), battle off Samar
November 1944 Leyte; TU-77.4.5
January 1945 TG-77.4; Philippines
February 1945 TG-52.19, Iwo Jima
March 1945 Guam, Ulithi; TU-52.1.2 Okinawa
May 1945 Guam
June 1945 West Coast shipyard
August 1945 Pearl Harbor, Tokyo Bay; 'Magic Carpet', also from Guam
January 1946 West Coast

February 1946 Transfer to East Coast
31 July 1946 Withdrawn from service; reserve

AIRCRAFT, SQUADRONS

August-December 1944 VC-76 with 16 FMs and 10 TBMs = 26
January-March 1945 VC-76 with 20 FMs and 12 TBMs = 32
March-April 1945 VC-93 with 16 FMs and 12 TBMs = 28
May-July 1945 VC-90 with FMs and TBMs

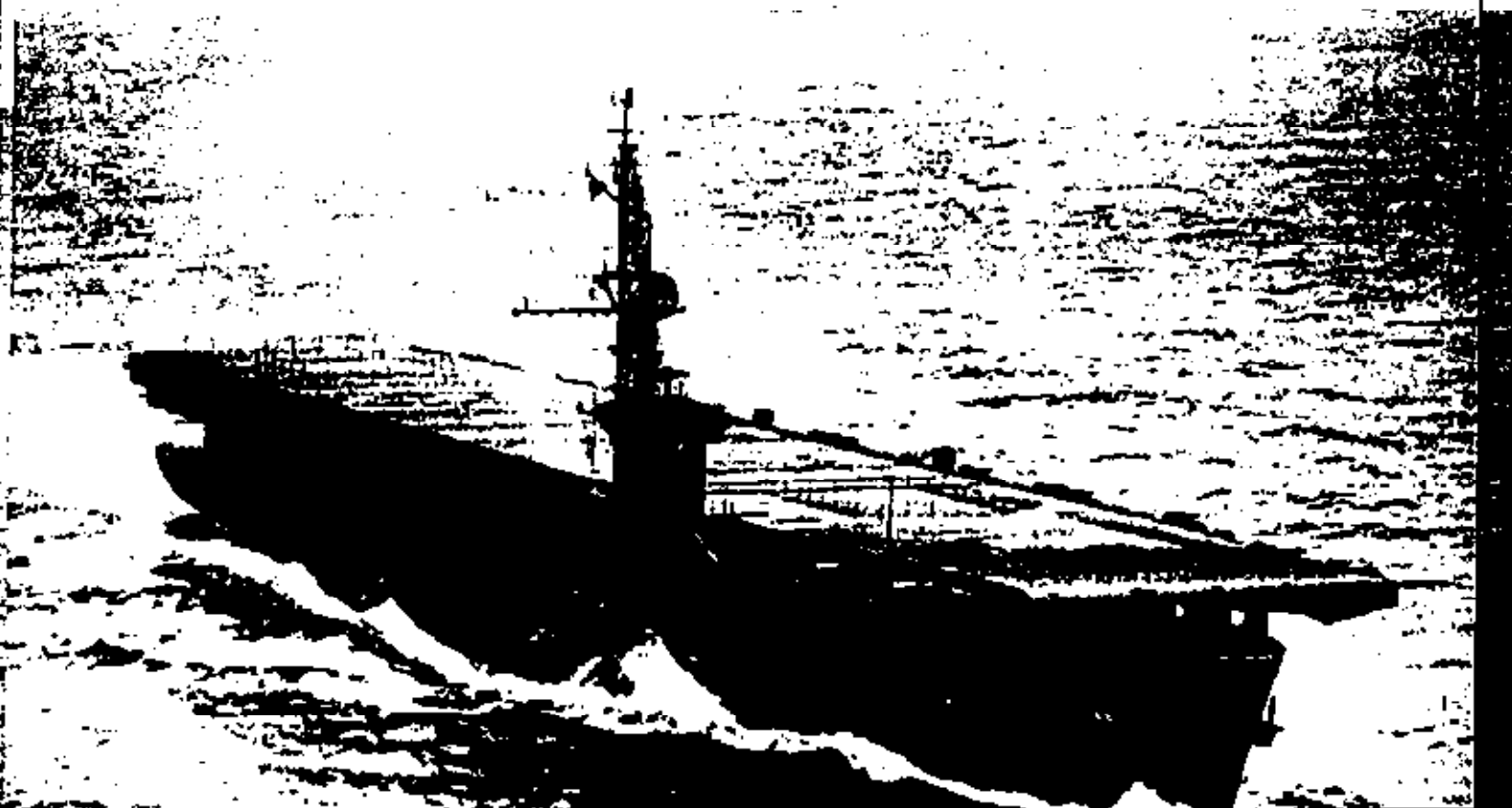
CAMOUFLAGE

March 1944 Presumably Measure 14
1944 Measure 33/10a

RADAR

March 1944 SK, SG, YE

USS *Petrof Bay* (CVE-80), pictured exactly one month after commissioning, on 18 March 1944, without aircraft embarked. Note the rails around the elevator shafts. USN (BZ collection)



This CVE is named after PETROF BAY in the TRHENKOF BAY wilderness, Coordinates are : 56 degrees - 25 min. N. Lat. and 134 degrees - 10 min. W. Long. During the battle of LETTE GULF the Petrof Bay was attached to "Taffy One" Commanded By Vice Admiral T.L. "Tommy" Sprague. Capt. Joseph "Paddy" Kane was skipper, VC - 76 was commanded by Lt. Cdr. James McCauley. "Taffy One" consisted of the Petrof Bay CVE - 80, Sangamon Bay CVE - 26, Swansoo CVE - 27, and the Santee CVE - 29.