

U.S.S. Tripoli CVE-64

1944? or 1943

## *Escort Carrier*

*USS TRIPOLI CVE - 64*

ex - USS DIDRICKSON

Class : Casablanca ( 50 built )

Builder : Kaiser ( Vancouver ) Nordberg

Keel Laid : 2 - 1 - 43

Launched : 9 - 2 - 43

Commissioned : 10 - 31 - 43

### Service History :

January 1944 Builder's trials, followed by period in dock, during which: explosion ( 1 fatally wounded ); commissioning delayed.

February 1944 Transferred to East Coast

March 1944 VC - 13 on board; TG - 21.15; anti - submarine operations in the area of the Cape Verde Islands.

April 1944 Supply stop in Recife, Brazil, thereafter further anti - submarine operations; returned to the East Coast.

May 1944 VC - 6 on board; anti - submarine operations around the Cape Verde Islands, convoy escort at Nova Scotia.

June 1944 Returned to the East Coast, Until July 1944 Training cruises East Coast.

August 1944 Operations from Recife, Brazil ( one German sub sunk ); Fourth Fleet, TG - 37.7

Sept. 1944 Return to Recife; anti - submarine operations together with USS Mission Bay CVE - 59.

Oct. 1944 A further operation from Recife.

Nov. 1944 Returned to the East Coast.

January 1945 Transferred to the West Coast via the Panama Canal.

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February 1945 Pacific; VCX - 8 transported to Hawaii, aircraft transport to ROI.

August 1945 Training operations from Pearl Harbor until end of war; one "Magic Carpet" mission.

Sept. 1945 Night qualifications cruise from Pearl, until November.

Nov. 1945 One more "Magic Carpet" mission.

January 1946 Transferred to the East Coast.

22 May 1946 Withdrawn from service; Reserve Fleet.

5 January 1952 Reactivated for M.S.T.S., serving aircraft ferry. Total of 44 transport missions to Europe, Mediterranean and Japan in the following six years.

Reclassified CVU - 64 1955

25 November 1958 Withdrawn from service; stricken

Arrived MOJI Jan. 14, 1960 for Scrapping

The TRIPOLI's Air Groups were :

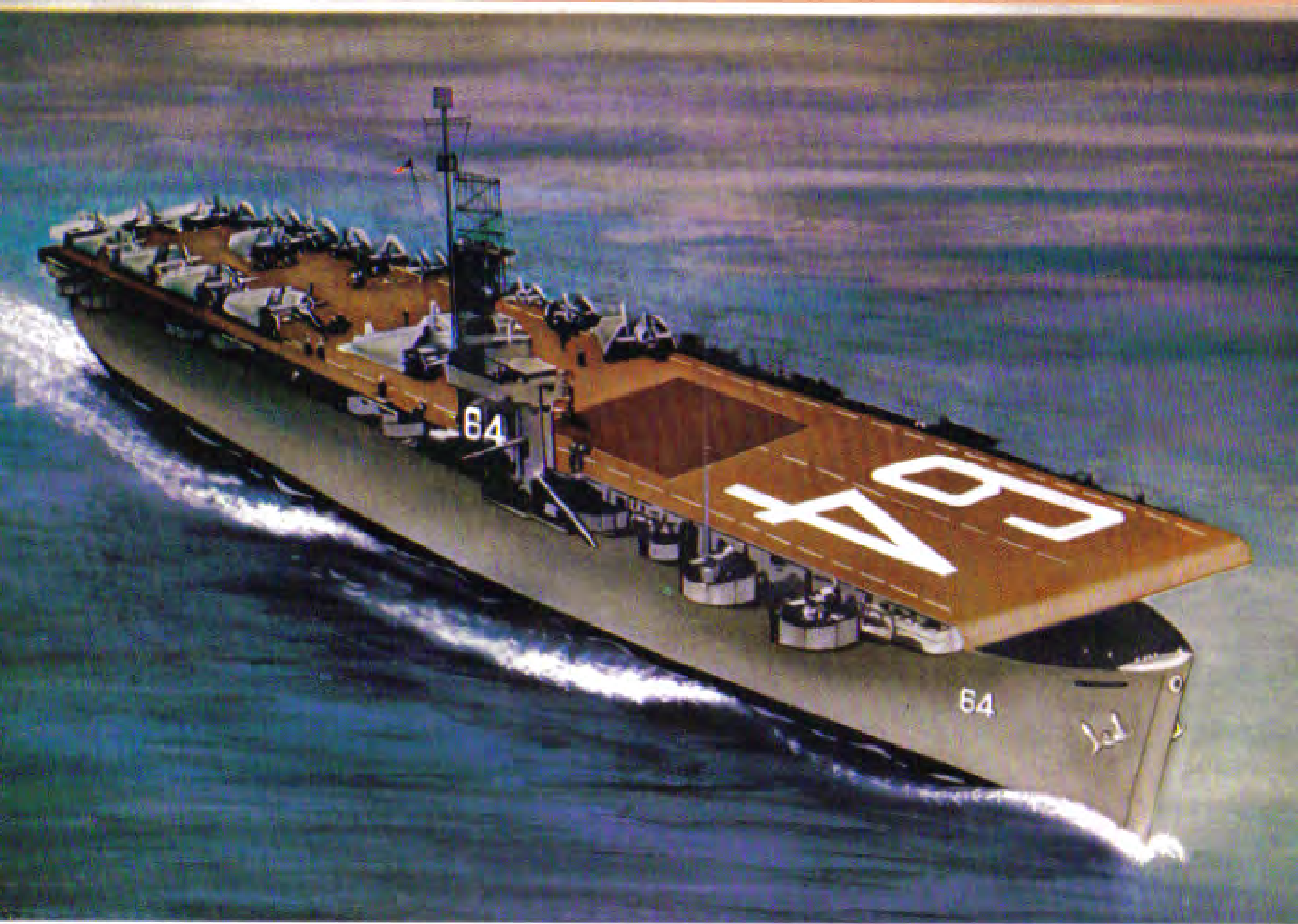
VC - 66 with 10 Fms and TBFs = 13

VC - 13 with 9 Fms and 12 TBFs = 20

VC - 6 with 13 Fms and 17 TBMs = 30

**Special Note: ( 1997 )**

**The name USS TRIPOLI was reassigned to a LPH Carrier (small) in the 60's and has been sitting in a small MothBall fleet at Martinez, California, since the 80's, waiting to be scrapped .**



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