

USS CAPE GLOUCESTER CVE-109



# **USS CAPE GLOUCESTER CVE - 109**

**ex WILLIPA BAY**

**Type : Commencement Bay**

**Builder : Todd - Pacific ( Allis Chalmers ) Seattle, Wash.**

**Keel Laid : 1 - 10 - 44**

**Launched : 9 - 12 - 44**

**Commissioned : 3 - 5 - 45**

**Air Units : MCVG - 4      VMF - 351, & VMTB - 135**

**CVE - 109 JOINED THE 3rd. FLEET, AND ITS PLANES FLEW COMBAT AIR PATROL AGAINST JAPANESE SUICIDE PLANES OFF OKINAWA. THEN IT TOOK PART IN AIR RAIDS AND PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE OF SHIPPING AND AIR FIELDS ALONG THE CHINA COAST. CVE - 109 AIDED RECOVERY OF ALLIED PRISONERS OF WAR ON KYUSKU AND HELPED IN THE " MAGIC CARPET " OPERATION.**

**ON NOVEMBER 5, 1946 WAS WITHDRAWN FROM SERVICE; RESERVE FLEET.**

**ON JULY 1, 1960 CVE - 109 RETURNED TO OFFICIAL LIST AGAIN ONE MONTH AFTER BEING STRICKEN FOR THE FIRST TIME ON 1 JUNE 1960. SHE WAS NOT REACTIVATED.**

**SHE WAS RECLASSIFIED CVHE. 109 IN 1955, THEN RECLASSIFIED TO AKV.9 IN 1959. HER FATE IS UNKNOWN AS OF THIS DATE.**



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