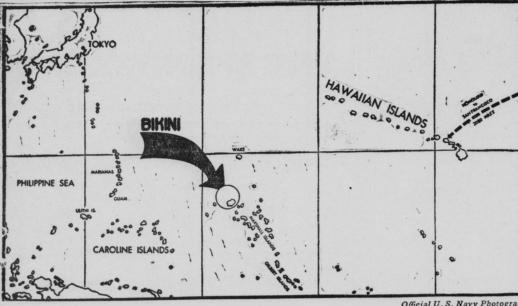
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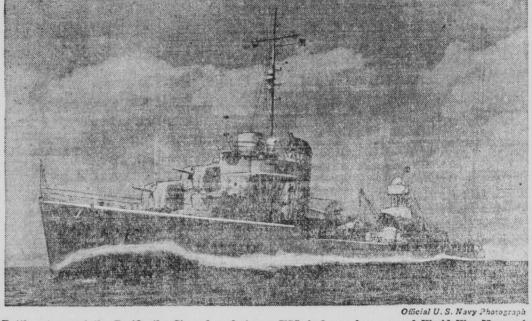
They'll feel the destructive force of the atomic bomb! Here are seven of the 97 target ships to be tested in Operation "Crossroads," atomic bomb tests scheduled for June 30. The scene will be Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Island group.

The tests will be conducted by an Army-Navy-Civilian group under the Navy's Vice Admiral W. H. P. Blandy. An A-bomb will be exploded above the ships, followed by a surface test and a deepwater explosion later. Total personnel strength for the operation will reach 37,000, the Navy crews of the operating and target ships constituting the majority.

Represented here are seven of the combatanttype ships to be used in the tests.

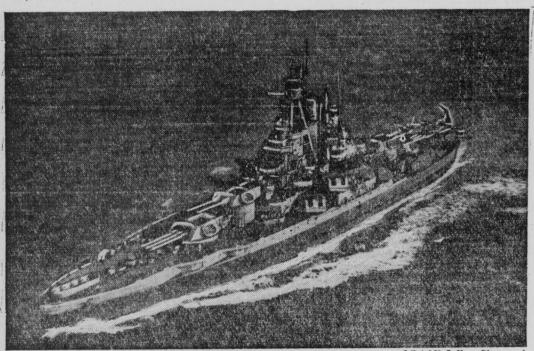


Bikini Atoll, Central Pacific isle, where the tests will be conducted. Bikini is in the perimeter of the Marshalls, bitterly contested chain of islands wrested from the Japanese early in the war.

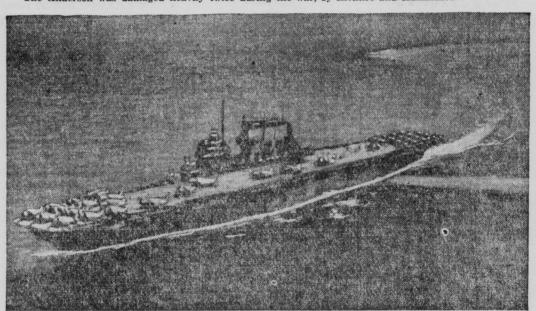


Battle-veteran of the Pacific the Sims-class destroyer USS Anderson has a proud World War II record based on participation in the Battles of Midway, Coral Sea, and Santa Cruz, and in support of the landings at Tarawa, Guadalcanal, Kwajalein, Kiska, Sansapor, Morotai, and Leyte. The vessel also rescued more than 1,000 officers and men from the sinking carriers Lexington, Yorktown, Wasp, and Hornet.

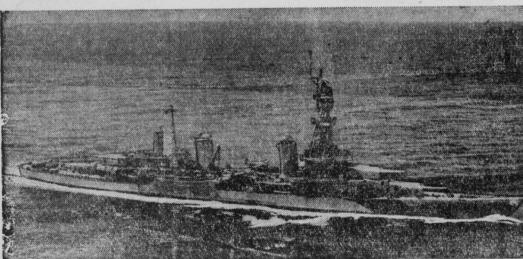
The Anderson was damaged heavily twice during the war, by shellfire and Kamikazes.



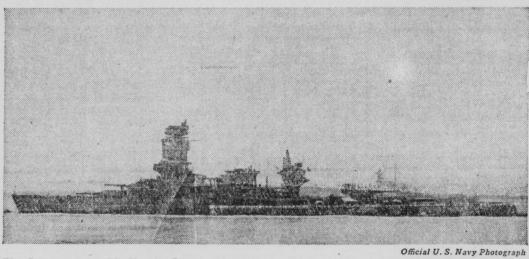
One of the four United States' battleships in the target unit will be the two-war veteran USS Nevada. For the Nevada, this test will be a return to the scene of one of her war-time targets, nearby Jaluit Atoll. During the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor, the Nevada was the only capital ship to get underway, and since then she has lent her firepower to invasions at Attu, Normandy, Southern France, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. She performed 52 missions at Normandy and five more at Cherbourg in the invasion of Southern France.



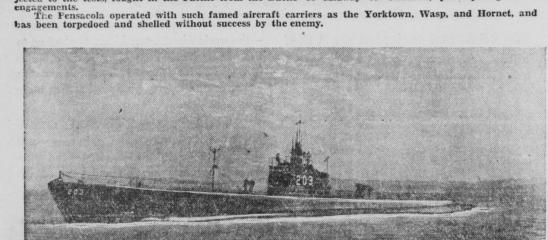
The aircraft carrier Saratoga, oldest in the Navy today, is one of two carriers to undergo the tests. The "Sara," seven times announced sunk by the Japanese, has been in 17 major engagements or air strikes, from the early attacks on Guadalcanal to the final blows against the Japanese home islands. She was torpedoed twice, and at Iwo Jima sustained the heaviest Kamikaze attack on a single ship to that date.



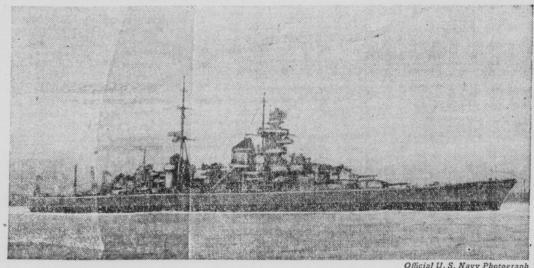
The second of the United States' post-World War One heavy cruisers, the USS Pensacola, commissioned in 1930, was en route to Manila when the Japs struck Pearl Harbor. The cruiser, one of two being subjected to the tests, fought in the Pacific from the Battle of Midway to Okinawa, participating in 12



The Japanese battleship Nagato, flagship for Admiral Yamamoto at the outbreak of the war, was one of Japan's two heaviest pre-war battlewagens. She was commissioned in 1919, and modernized in 1936; fought in the battle for Leyte Gulf in October, 1944, and was heavily damaged by U. S. Navy carrier planes while she lay at the Yokosuka naval base in July, 1945.



Commissioned in January, 1941, the submarine USS Tuna made 13 war patrols. She sank and damaged an estimated 75,000 tons of Japanese shipping and completed three special assignments in 687 days at sea. All but three of her patrols lasted over 50 days, and she is credited with 11 Jap ships sunk and seven damaged.



Official U. S. Navy Photograph
The Prince Eugen, second of the Admiral Hipper class of heavy cruisers built by the Germans for use in World War II, fought several important actions in the Atlantic, Baltic Sea, and English Channel, including the engagement in 1941 which resulted in the sinking of the Bismarck. She also accompanied the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau in their flight from the English Channel in 1942, escaping to Norway. The vessel was later damaged several times by bombs and torpedoes, but has been put in repair for the coming Bikini test.

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Severe Drought In New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., June 27-Effects of increasingly severe between Socorro and Elephant Butte ago and 11 points under the 20 year drought over New Mexico were in South Central New Mexico. He average. pointed up today by a report that added that numerous mountain C. W. McKenzie said forests in 250,000 of the state's 455,000 acres streams were reduced to trickles, New Mexico were drier than at

Department of Agriculture, followed ed only .73 inch, or about 60 per conditions as "explosive." With word that cattle are being shipped cent of normal, the agriculture de-

for irrigation are dangerously low MARRIAGE LICENSES and in at least two instances already

Along the same line, Elliott S Barker, state game warden, reported the Rio Grande also was dry

planted to winterwheat have been with the result that trout are dying any other time in his 11 years as Ethel Nelson, 55, both of Tucson. abandoned for lack of moisture. or falling prey to natural enemies. regional fire chief for the U.S. Armando O. Munoz, 24, and Maria The information, from the U. S. Statewide rainfall in May averag- Forest Service and described timber Mercado, 30, both of Nogales, Sonfrom "distress" areas, where a range partment report stated. Condition half gone, his office has received Fugencio Villegas, 22, Nogales, feed shortage is critical, and that of ranges was placed at 69 per cent reports of 86 fires which destroyed Sonora, and Yolanda Jakez, 19, San most reservoirs impounding water of normal, seven less than a month 18,823 acres.

Sonora, and Carlota Lopez, 38, No- quez, 21, Nogales, Sonora. gales, Arizona.

Jeannie Furrow, 18, both of Tucson. Raul V. Lopez, 29, Nogales, Ari-Jesus Espinoza, 34, Empalme, zona, and Maria del Socorro Byor-

Frank Caceres, 20, Tucson, and Vaughn W. Widener, 19, and Esperanza Durou, 20, Nogales, Son-

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