

# U.S.S. COLLETT DD-730

The USS COLLETT was built by the Bath Iron Works at Bath, Maine and commissioned May 16, 1944, at the Boston Naval Shipyard. She was named in honor of LCDR John A. Collett, USN, who died in the Battle of Midway. Appropriately, her first skipper was CDR J. D. Collett, USN, brother of LCDR Collett. During World War II the COLLETT participated in the occupation of Iwo Jima, Okinawa, the bombardment of Oki-Daito, the neutralization of Japanese airpower and shipping in the Philippine area and final operation off the home islands of the Japanese Empire. When the Korean War began in 1950, the COLLETT was serving with Destroyer Division Ninety-One in the Western Pacific, and was immediately sent to Korea to take part in and support that action. In September, 1950, these ships took part in the landing at Inchon and won fame as the "Sitting Duck Division" by anchoring within battery range of the shore and firing at shore installations. Early in 1960 the COLLETT entered Long Beach Naval Shipyard for a conversion under the Fleet Rehabilitation and Modernization program, to an Anti-Submarine Warfare ship with the installation of a helicopter landing platform and modern torpedoes. Active in Anti-Submarine work since that time, the COLLETT is capable of destroying enemy submarines without putting herself within range of the submarine's torpedoes. Close ASW tactics are also possible using deck-launched torpedoes and small Hedgehog rockets.

