

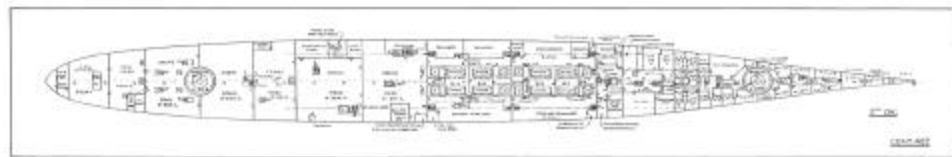
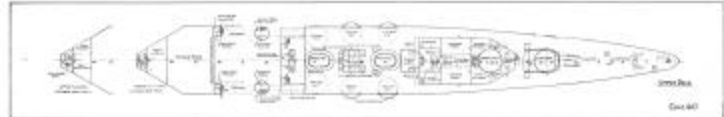
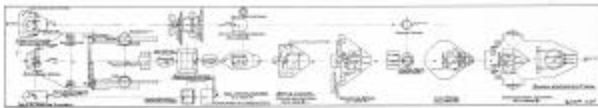
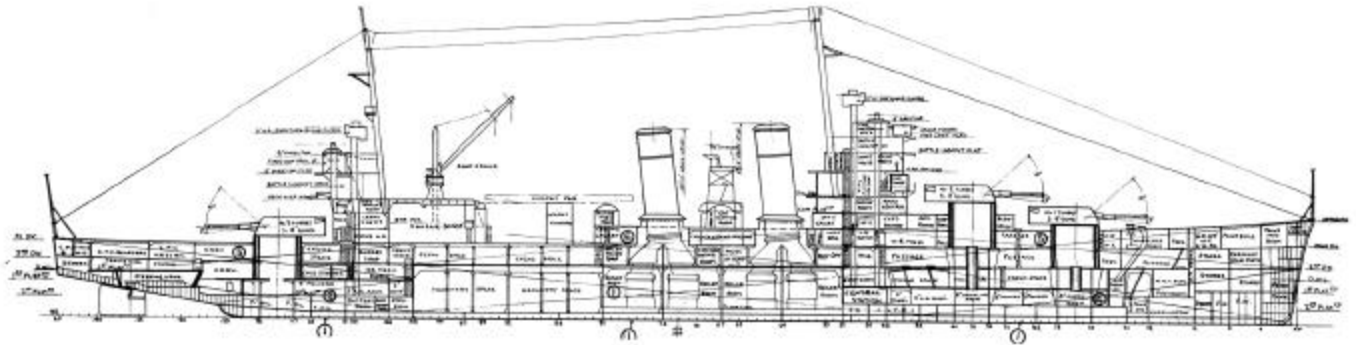
# USS TUSCALOOSA (CA-37)

Built by: New York Shipbuilding Co.  
 Contract No.: 407  
 Keel laid: 3 September 1931  
 Launched: 15 November 1933  
 Commissioned: 17 August 1934  
 Decommissioned: 13 February 1946



USS Tuscaloosa shown in 1935

Tuscaloosa received seven battle stars for her World War II service:  
 Russian Convoy operations: 1942  
 North African occupation: Actions off Casablanca: 1942  
 Special operations: Norway raid: 1943  
 Invasion of Normandy (including bombardment of Cherbourg): 1944  
 Invasion of Southern France: 1944  
 Iwo Jima operation: 1945  
 Okinawa Gunto operation: 1945



The above drawings are negatives of a set of small blueprints used in the construction of the Tuscaloosa. These small blueprints were known as "pocket plans" and were carried around during construction typically by a foreman or a supervisor of the shipyard.