

battleship saved her by destroying the Jap battery.

That was just one incident. From March 21 to April 10, while hunting submarines in mine-infested waters, she repeatedly drove off dive-bombers; rescued 17 survivors of another ship, fought a fire raging in one of our LSTs and knocked down an enemy plane seconds before it could dump a bomb on her decks.

At that time she was operating just 218 miles east of the Jap-held China coast.

Many of her crew members were on duty 16 to 20 hours a day during the crucial stretch, during which the ship fired 125 rounds of main battery shells, 3,700 rounds through secondary batteries and 72 anti-submarine projectiles.

Midshipman Donald E. Hughes, USNR, is half way through Midshipman's school at Columbia University.

He was on a destroyer in the South Pacific for 14 months as soundman. After getting into the V-12, he attended Willamette University for eight months and University of Washington for eight months before going to Midshipman's school in New York.

Donald worked as a rock checker and later was assistant man on a survey party.

Lt. Col. G. C. Hester wrote to Mr. S. H. Probert on May 9, 1945 from somewhere on the Pacific. The Colonel said the boat had a 4th dimension movement and he thought the Navy did it on purpose, as after a few weeks of those ups and downs the men were willing to fight the devil himself in order to get their feet on solid ground again.

Capt. Malcolm G. Smith, United States Air Force, recently reported on conditions in the Philippines. A great number of the buildings in Manila have been destroyed and it will require several years to rebuild the city. Malc said the weather was hot and sticky but after a year and a half in Arizona he can take it. The boys in the squadron are all very anxious to finish the Japs and come home but they know that it will take several months to complete the job.

Lt. Henry Jullum, USN, after three years in the Hawaiian Islands is now
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