



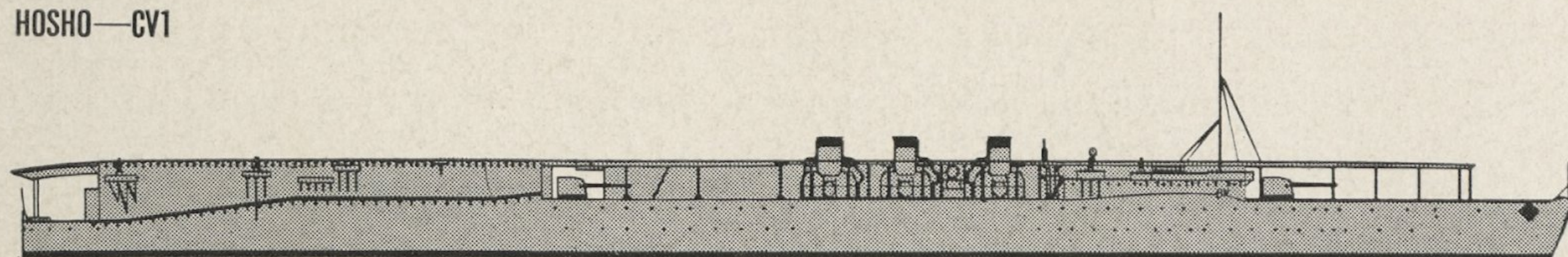
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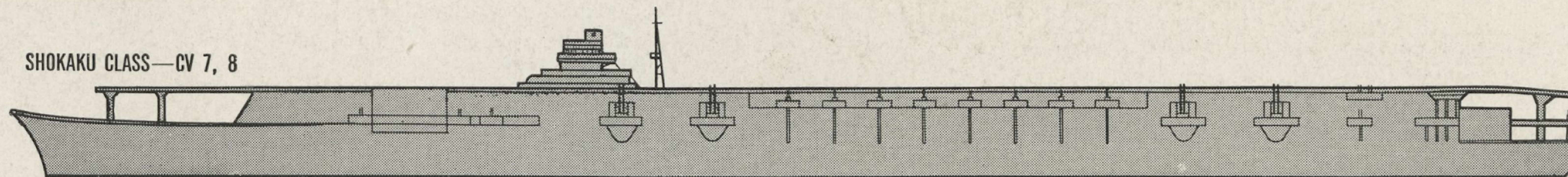
HOSHO—CV1



ZUIHO CLASS—CV 9, 10—SILHOUETTE PROVISIONAL



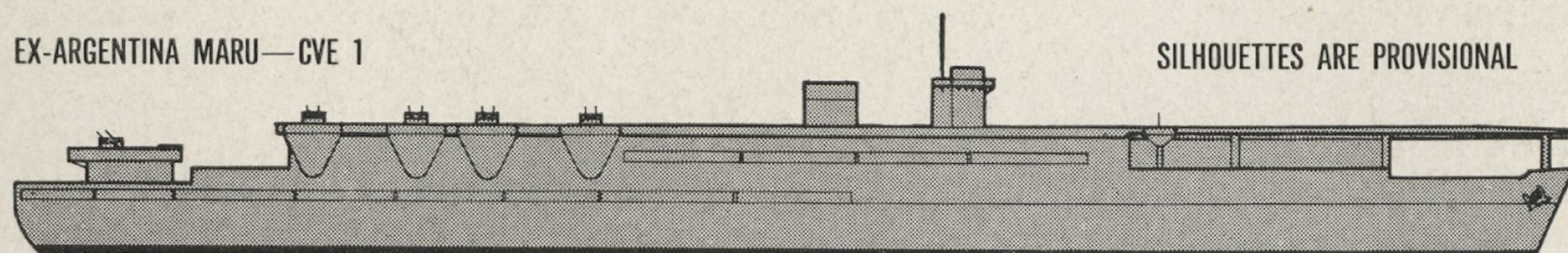
SHOKAKU CLASS—CV 7, 8



CV—AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

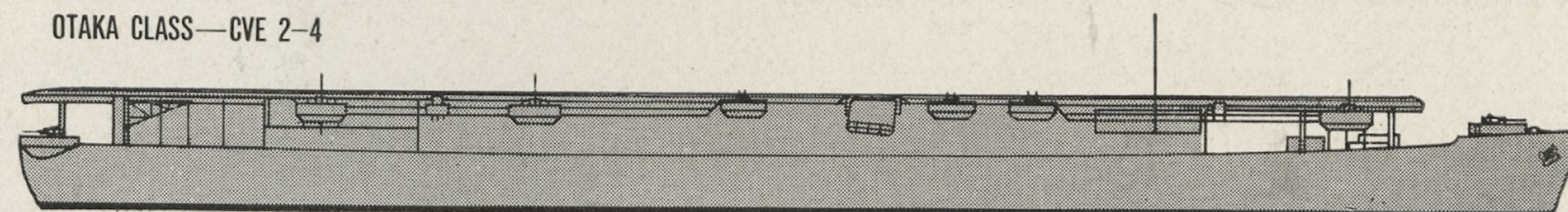
Of the 10 Fleet Aircraft Carriers the Japanese had in operation prior to the outbreak of war 5 or more have been sunk—the Akagi, Kaga, Ryujo, Soryu, and Hiryu, while other units are believed sunk, but unverified.

EX-ARGENTINA MARU—CVE 1



SILHOUETTES ARE PROVISIONAL

OTAKA CLASS—CVE 2-4

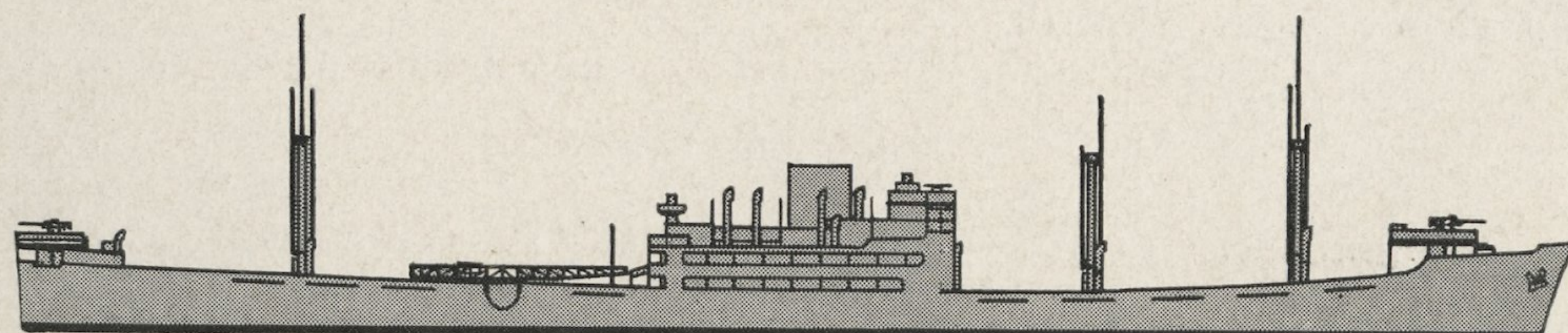


CVE—ESCORT AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

These are the only units on which any appearance data is known. However, specific instances of the conversion of tenders, passenger ships, cargo hulls, and oilers have been reported.

XCVS—APV—CONVERTED MERCHANT SHIPS

KAMIKAWA MARU CLASS—XCVS 1, 3, 7, 9, TYPICAL

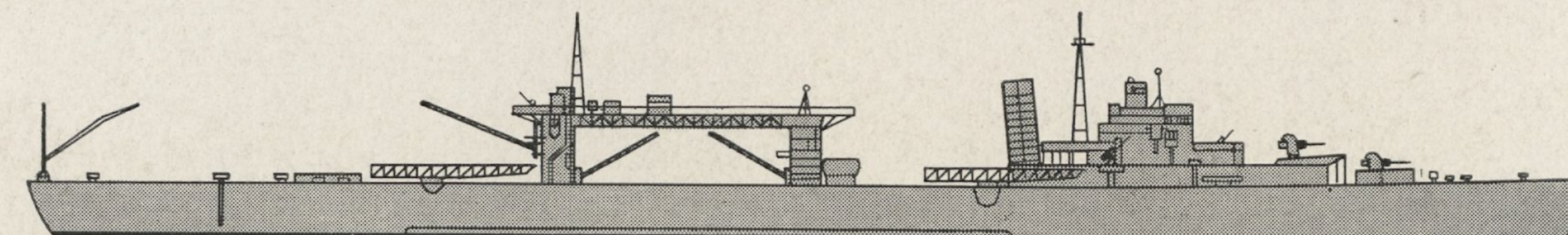


This category includes the 5 large Fleet Seaplane Tenders, the older converted freighters, and a miscellaneous assortment of merchant Ships. The dual function of all of these vessels is the supplying of Operational Seaplane Commands and the ferrying of aircraft.

CVS—SEAPLANE CARRIERS

↓ CHITOSE CLASS—CVS 3, 4

MIZUHO CLASS—CVS 5-7 →



↓ KAMOI—CVS 2—NOTORO—CVS 1 SIMILAR

