

U.S.S. PORTLAND

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES WHILE IN CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY:

- (A) 13 NOVEMBER 1942: AFTER A TORPEDO HIT WHICH INFLICTED MAJOR DAMAGE, DEMOLISHING TWO PROPELLERS AND JAMMING THE RUDDER, AND WHILE CIRCLING, NOT UNDER STEERING CONTROL AS A RESULT OF THIS TORPEDO DAMAGE, THE PORTLAND FIRED UPON AN ENEMY CRIPPLED BATTLESHIP AND SANK A CRIPPLED ENEMY DESTROYER.
- (B) 12 OCTOBER 1944 TO 1 MARCH 1945: FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY WEEKS OPERATED CONTINUOUSLY IN ADVANCED AREAS WITH ACTIVE ENEMY, AIR, SURFACE AND SUB-SURFACE OPPOSITION, WITHOUT AVAILABILITY FOR MATERIEL UPKEEP OR REPAIR, PERSONNEL RELAXATION, ADEQUATE REPLENISHMENT OF STORES AND PROVISIONS, OR RECEIPT OF MAIL. PORTLAND, NEVERTHELESS, MAINTAINED HER BATTLE FITNESS DURING THIS PERIOD AND PARTICIPATED IN THE LEYTE LANDINGS, SURIGAO BATTLE, PHILIPPINES CARRIER STRIKES, LEYTE PATROL, MINDORO LANDING, LINGAYEN LANDINGS, LINGAYEN PATROL AND ARMY SUPPORT, CORREGIDOR LANDING, AND INNUMERABLE AIR ACTIONS WITH THE ENEMY INCLUDING MANY KAMIKAZE ATTACKS.