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An auxiliary aircraft carrier, probably the former ARGENTINA MARU. The flight deck tapers toward the bow on the starboard side only, forward of the stack and island. Four starboard gun platforms can be seen forward of break in flight deck, with two on fantail. The open stern is unusual in carrier design. Air currents created in this pocket would make plane landings difficult. Note small craft tied to stern. This is the first use of camouflage noted on a Japanese carrier.

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The former YAWATA MARU, a passenger vessel which has been converted to use as an auxiliary aircraft carrier. Note the plane elevator near the fantail.

