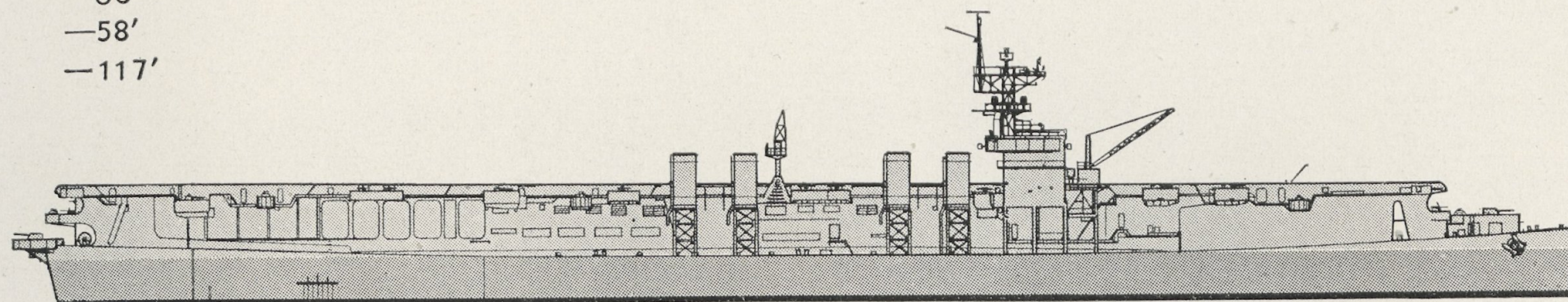


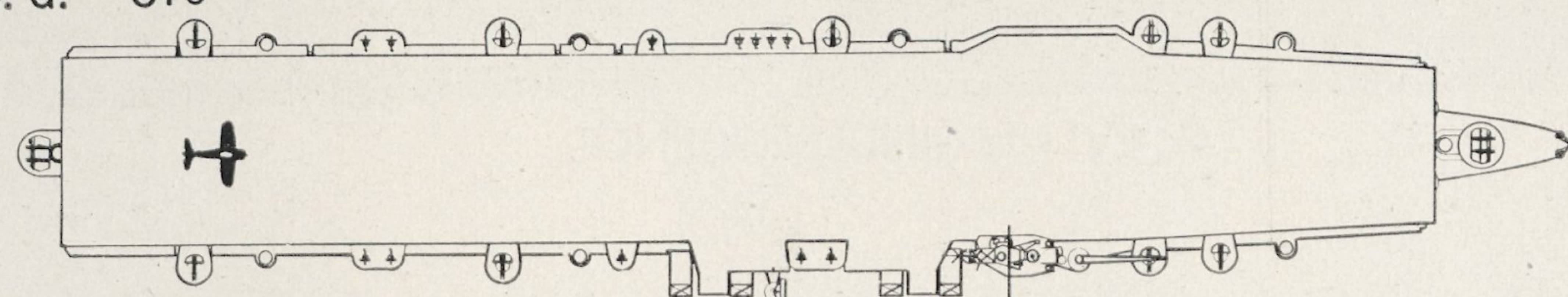
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Deck. —46'
 Bridge —68'
 Stack —58'
 Mast —117'



Length o. a.—610'



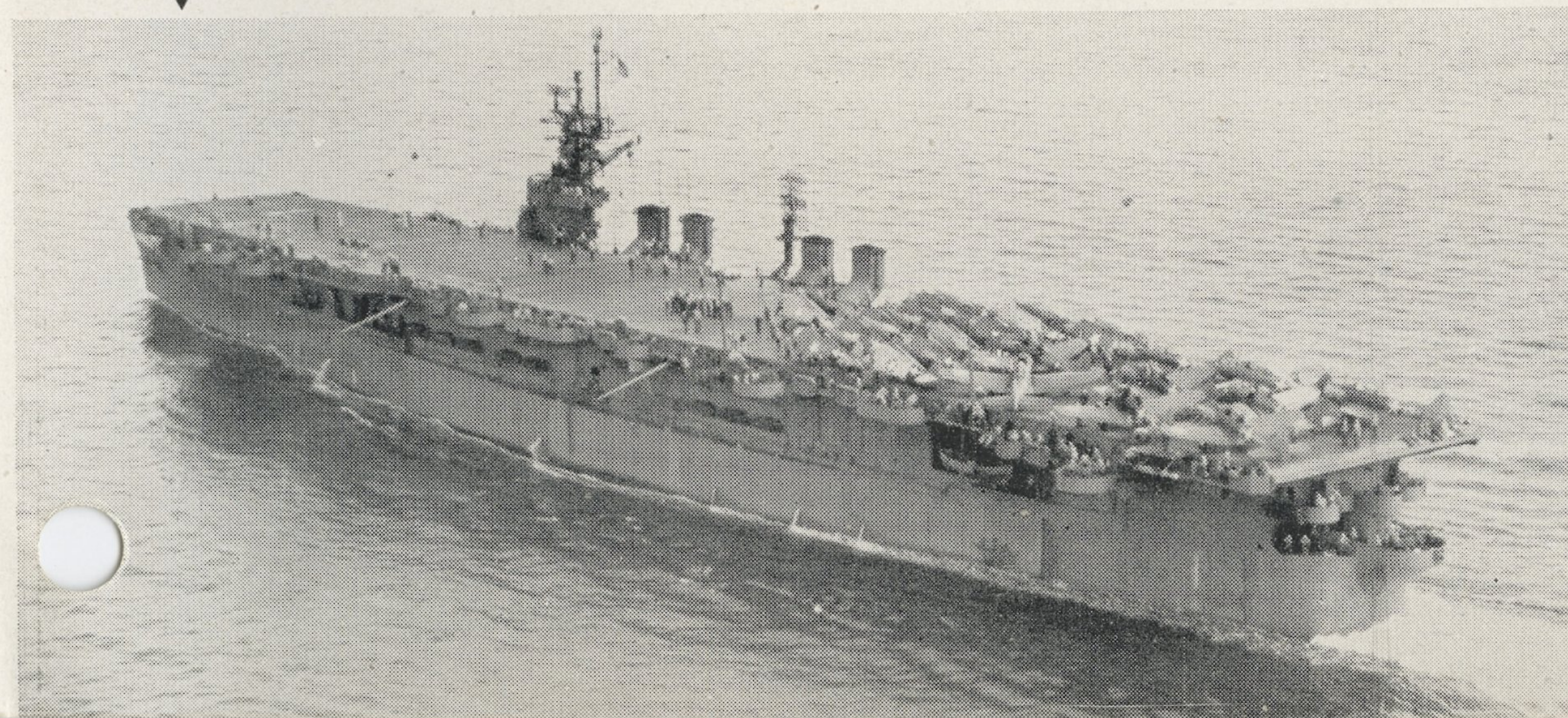
INDEPENDENCE CLASS—CVL

Converted from CL (CLEVELAND Class) hulls as an emergency measure, these ships are a unique design not found in other navies. The short flight deck is limited by the fine lines of the cruiser hull.

Observer's note:

- 4 prominent square starboard stacks (hinged).
- CVE box bridge and trestle mast.
- Enclosed freeboard up to flight-deck.
- May be mistaken for CVE's.

▼ CVL 23—PRINCETON 5-31-43. Note transom stern.



▼ CVL 25—COWPENS 7-17-43. Planes carried are F6S's TBF's, and SBD's.

