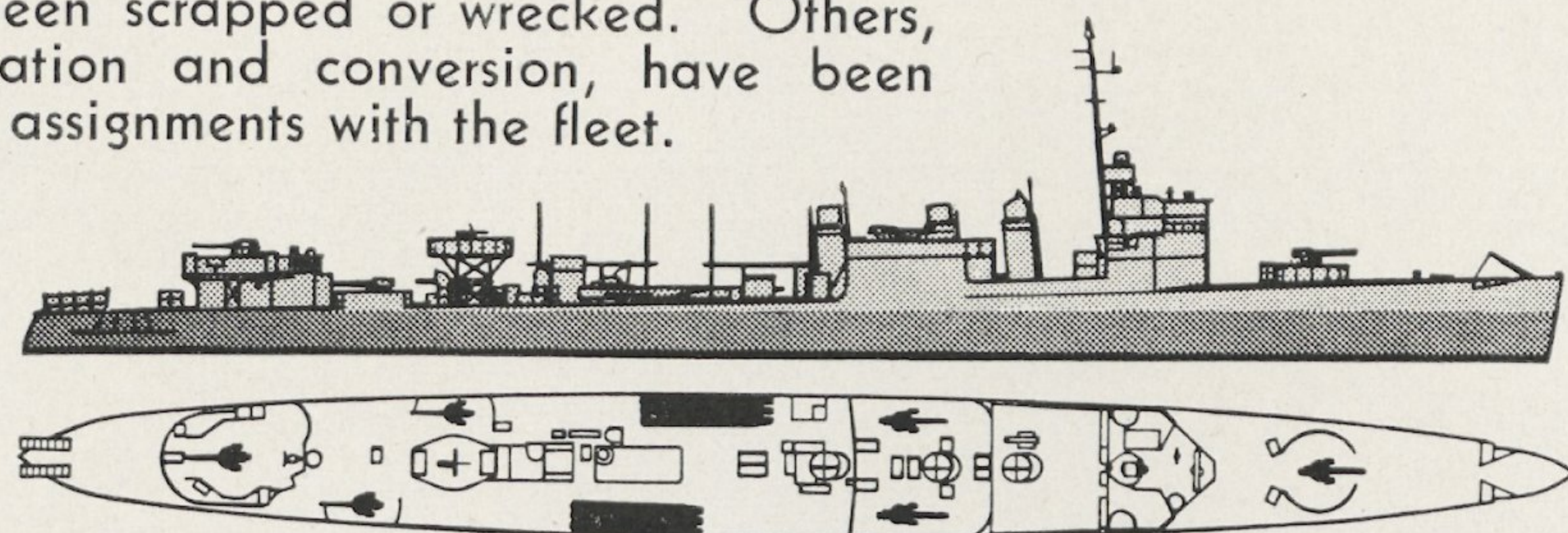


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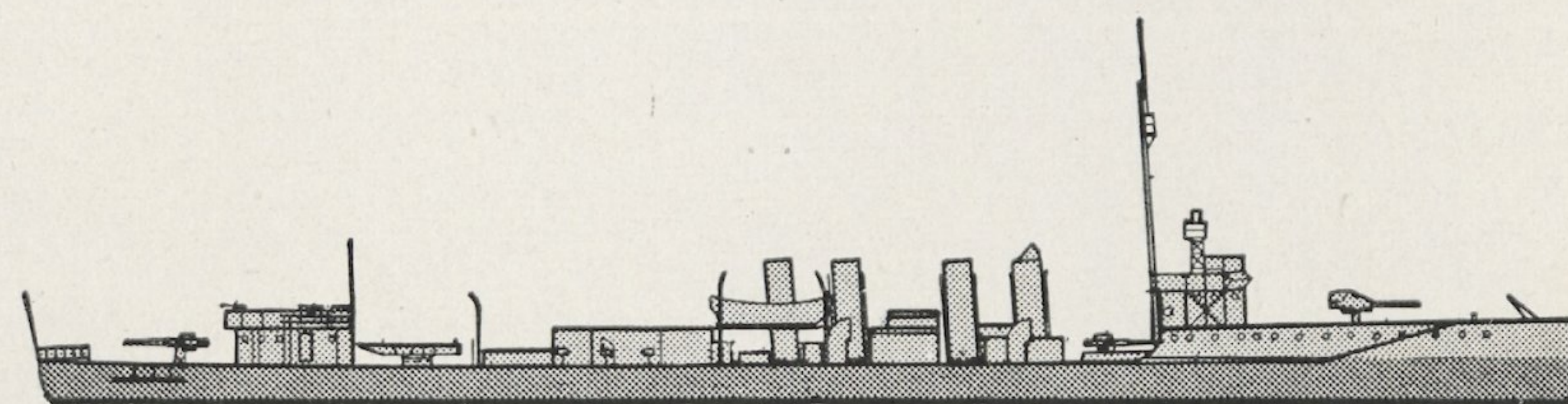
FLUSH DECKERS—DD

The building program of 1917-21 produced a large fleet of "flush deck" destroyers. Many of these have been scrapped or wrecked. Others, after modification and conversion, have been given special assignments with the fleet.



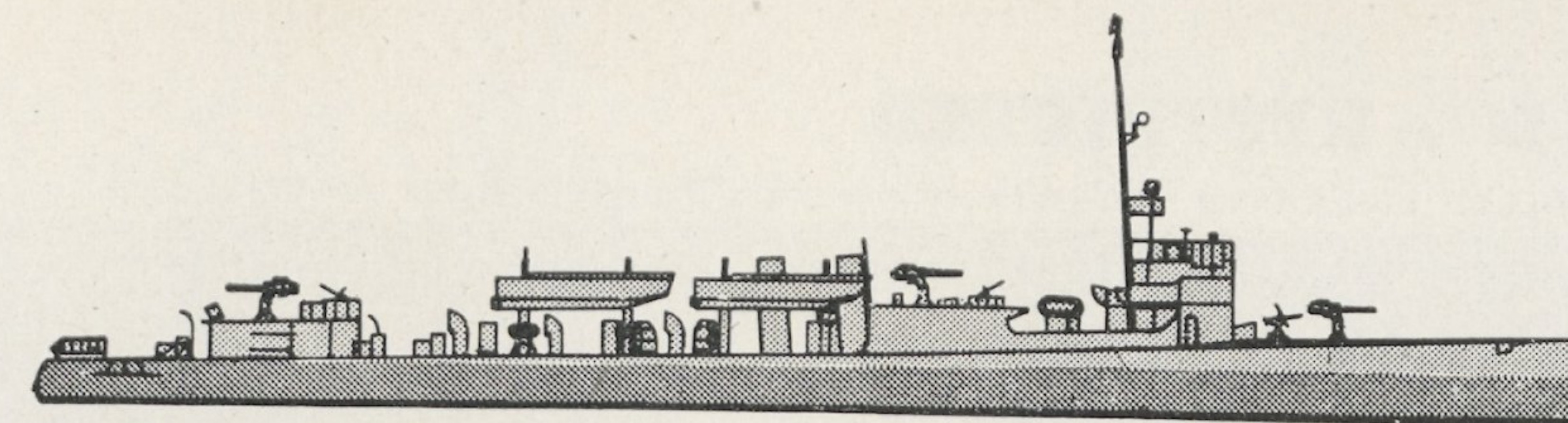
Those retained as Destroyers by the Navy have almost all been altered to three stacks with a modified armament arrangement amidship.

In September 1940, 50 went to the United Kingdom in exchange for naval bases, and were renamed for cities common to both Great Britain and the United States. While alterations were made by the British, including reduction of stacks to three in some ships, these retain their original appearance more than any others. ▼



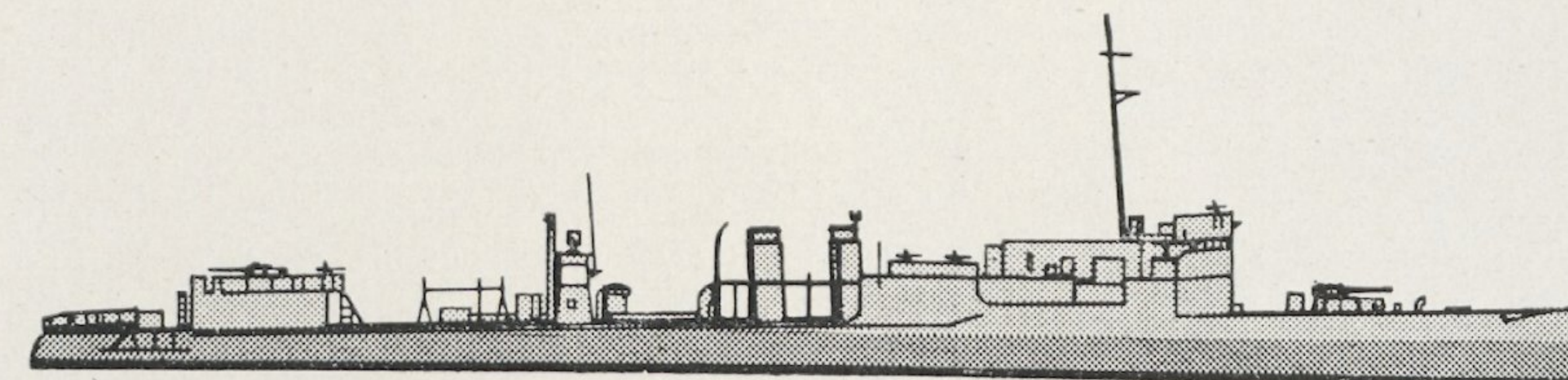
ALLEN—DD 66

The ALLEN is the only remaining vessel of the high-forecastled "1,000-tonners" built in 1917. It is still on Fleet duty; displaces 920 tons, is 315 feet, 3 inches overall.



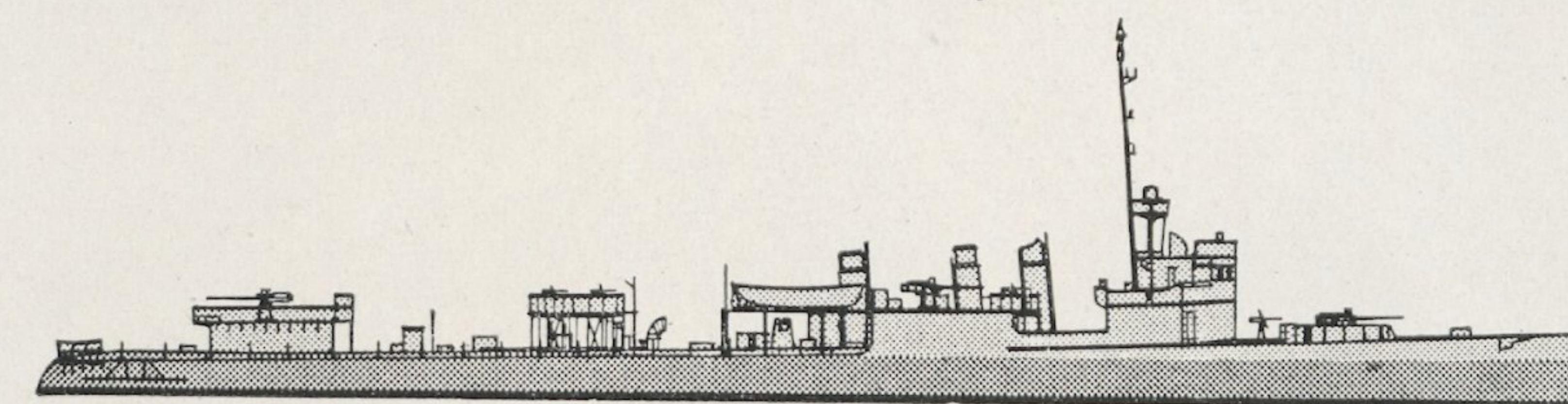
APD—High-Speed (Destroyer) Transports

The forward boilers and stacks have been removed for accommodation space; heavy davits and AA positions added. Twenty-three units were converted, beginning in 1938; others are planned.



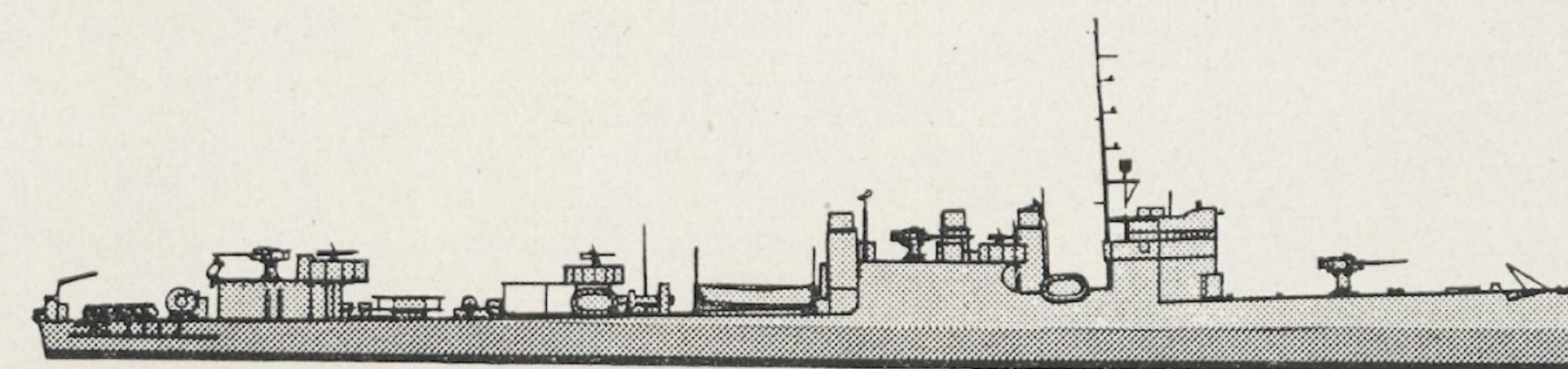
AVD—Seaplane Tender (Destroyer)

The forward two stacks and boilers have been removed, bridge structure extended aft across well and armament and deck aft greatly altered. As these ships are replaced by the new AVP's, they will be transferred to DD or APD duty.



DM—Light Minelayer

Number 4 stack removed and torpedo armament replaced with antiaircraft positions and minelaying gear. Eight units converted, 1930-37—more are planned.



DMS—High-Speed Minesweepers

Converted similar to the DM, except that sweeping gear is installed aft. Seventeen vessels were converted, beginning in 1940, others are now undergoing conversion.

