

= USS Chew (DD @-@ 106) =

USS Chew (DD @-@ 106) was a Wickes @-@ class destroyer in the United States Navy during World War I and World War II . She was named in honor of Samuel Chew .

From 1918 to 1922 , Chew operated along the East Coast of the United States on patrol and training duties , including escorting a transatlantic voyage of Curtiss NC seaplanes . In 1940 , she was recommissioned and operated out of Pearl Harbor . During the 7 December 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor , she brought her guns to bear against aircraft of the Empire of Japan , and two of her men were killed helping to man the Pennsylvania . For the remainder of the war , Chew operated out of the port on escort and patrol duties , until she was decommissioned in 1945 .

= = Design and construction = =

Chew was one of 111 Wickes @-@ class destroyers built by the United States Navy between 1917 and 1919 . She , along with seven of her sisters , were constructed at Union Iron Works shipyards in San Francisco , California using specifications and detail designs drawn up by Bethlehem Steel .

She had a standard displacement of 1 @, @ 060 tonnes (1 @, @ 040 long tons ; 1 @, @ 170 short tons) an overall length of 314 feet 5 inches (95 @. @ 83 m) , a beam of 31 feet 9 inches (9 @. @ 68 m) and a draught of 8 feet 6 inches (2 @. @ 59 m) . On trials , Harding reached a speed of 35 knots (65 km / h ; 40 mph) . She was armed with four 4 " / 50 caliber guns and twelve 21 @-@ inch torpedo tubes . She had a regular crew complement of 113 officers and enlisted men . She was driven by two Curtis steam turbines powered by four Yarrow boilers .

Specifics on Chew 's performance are not known , but she was one of the group of Wickes @-@ class destroyers designed by Bethlehem Steel , built from a different design than the ' Liberty type ' destroyers constructed from detail designs drawn up by Bath Iron Works , which used Parsons or Westinghouse turbines . The non- ' Liberty ' type destroyers deteriorated badly in service , and in 1929 all 60 of this group were retired by the Navy . Actual performance of these ships was far below intended specifications especially in fuel economy , with most only able to make 2 @, @ 300 nautical miles (4 @, @ 300 km ; 2 @, @ 600 mi) at 15 knots (28 km / h ; 17 mph) instead of the design standard of 3 @, @ 100 nautical miles (5 @, @ 700 km ; 3 @, @ 600 mi) at 20 knots (37 km / h ; 23 mph) . The class also suffered problems with turning and weight .

Chew was the first and only ship commissioned in the U.S. Navy named for Samuel Chew , who had been a Continental Navy officer killed in the Revolutionary War .

= = Service history = =

Chew was launched on 26 May 1918 out of San Francisco , sponsored by F. X. Gygax . She was commissioned on 12 December 1918 under the command of Commander J. H. Klein Jr .

She sailed for the East Coast of the United States on 21 December 1918 , and arrived in port at Newport , Rhode Island on 10 January 1919 . After brief repairs at port in New York City , New York and refresher training at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base , she cleared New York on 28 April and embarked as an escort during the first transatlantic seaplane flight , made by Curtiss NC @-@ 4 aircraft . Following this duty , she visited to the Azores , Gibraltar , Malta , and Constantinople before returning to New York on 5 June . After repairs , she steamed for San Diego , California , leaving New York on 17 September and arriving in San Diego on 12 October . Beginning on 19 November 1919 , she was placed in reduced commission , operating only infrequently with Naval reservists of Reserve Division 10 until she was placed out of commission on 1 June 1922 .

At a part of the mobilization effort preceding the U.S. entry into World War II , Chew was recommissioned on 14 October 1940 , assigned to Defense Force , 14th Naval District . She arrived at Pearl Harbor on 17 December 1940 which she made her home port . She spent the next year conducting patrols and had training duty from Pearl Harbor . She was assigned to Destroyer Division 80 , with sister ships Allen , Ward , and Schley .

On the morning of 7 December 1941 , Chew was moored in Berth X @-@ 5 , alongside Allen and

the decommissioned Baltimore , which was being used for storage . At the outbreak of the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Empire of Japan that morning , Chew brought one of her 3 " / 23 caliber guns online and began firing at 08 : 03 , under the command of her executive officer . At 08 : 11 , two of her .50 caliber machine guns were also brought online and began firing . The 3 @-@ inch (76 mm) gun scored one Japanese aircraft shot down and two damaged , and the machine guns observed no hits . Chew maintained continuous fire from these weapons until 09 : 34 , when the last of the Japanese aircraft departed . She then got underway and began patrolling for Japanese submarine activity , just southwest of the port entrance buoy . She pinged eight possible contacts and dropped 28 depth charges , which her commander , H. R. Hummer , Jr . , reported two Japanese submarines destroyed . Subsequent evidence does not suggest Chew struck any Japanese submarines . In the chaos of the attack , a number of Chew crew members also disembarked and came aboard nearby Pennsylvania , which was in drydock , to assist in manning guns , forming ammunition trains , and fighting fires . Aboard Pennsylvania , two Chew crewman were killed in defending the ship , Seaman Second Class Matthew J. Agola and Fireman Third Class Clarence A. Wise .

From 1941 through the end of World War II , Chew operated out of Pearl Harbor on patrol . She took on periodic escort duties among the Hawaiian Islands and on training duty for submarines . She made occasional trips to San Francisco and Seattle escorting convoys and screening for other Navy ships , inter @-@ island escort , and submarine training duty . Following the end of the war , she departed Pearl Harbor on 21 August 1945 and arrived at Philadelphia 13 September . She was decommissioned there on 10 October 1945 , and sold for scrap on 4 October 1946 . Chew received one battle star for World War II service .