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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic USS Drum (SS-228)

and or common

2. Location

street & number Battleship Parkway not for publication

city, town Mobile vicinity of

state Alabama code 01 county Mobile County code 097

3. Classification

Table with 5 columns: Category, Ownership, Status, Present Use, and other. Includes checkboxes for public, occupied, museum, etc.

4. Owner of Property

name USS Alabama Battleship Commission

street & number Battleship Parkway

city, town Mobile vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Department of the Navy

street & number Naval Sea Systems Command

city, town Washington state DC 20362

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

USS Drum (SS-228) was built by the U.S Navy Yard at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. She was launched on May 12, 1941, and was commissioned on November 1, 1941.

USS Drum is a fleet-type submarine (built to maintain speeds averaging 17 knots) of the Gato class. The deck is teakwood, and the submarine's exterior is painted black and haze grey. USS Drum is a pre-snorkle submarine, operating underwater on batteries, and powered by a diesel electric system.

Specific ship data concerning USS Drum is:

Length: 312 feet                      Displacement: 1526 tons surface / 2424 tons submerged

Beam: 27 feet                          Draft: 15 feet

Speed: 20 knots surface/9 knots submerged

Design Depth: 300 feet      Crew: 7 Officers and 72 Enlisted

Armament: Ten Torpedo Tubes, 6 forward and 4 aft, with 14 reloads, total 24 torpedoes; 1 5"/25 caliber gun; 1-40mm gun; 1-20mm gun.

USS Drum is now moored with the Battleship USS Alabama at Battleship Alabama Memorial park in Mobile, Alabama. USS Drum is in excellent condition and retains her World War II integrity.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
prehistoric	archeology-prehistoric	community planning	landscape architecture	religion
1400-1499	archeology-historic	conservation	law	science
1500-1599	agriculture	economics	literature	sculpture
1600-1699	architecture	education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military	social
1700-1799	art	engineering	music	humanitarian
1800-1899	commerce	exploration settlement	philosophy	theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	communications	industry	politics government	transportation
		invention		other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1941-1945      **Builder Architect** Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

In the conflict against Japan in World War II, the role and importance of the submarine forces of the United States cannot be overestimated. American submarines sank more than 600,000 tons of enemy warships and more than 5,000,000 tons of merchant shipping, thus destroying much of Japan's ocean commerce. This was accomplished by a force that never numbered more than two percent of naval personnel engaged in the war. The American submarine war against Japan created a blockade that denied her the oil, iron ore, food, and other raw materials she needed to continue to fight. By 1945 this submarine war made it impossible for any Japanese ship to sail the ocean. Without this commerce and the raw materials it supplied to her war effort, Japan found it impossible to continue the war outside of the homeland.<sup>1</sup>

USS Drum represents the U.S. submarine forces that fought against Japan in World War II for the following reasons:

1. USS Drum was the first of the Gato class of submarines to be completed by the United States before World War II. The Gato class was the standard design for American fleet submarines at the beginning of the war. The Gato class and its successor, the Balao class, bore the brunt of the fighting against Japan during the war. Gato class submarines were successful boats that proved to be fast, strong, well armed, and suited to the long range patrols necessary to fight in the Pacific.
2. USS Drum conducted 13 War Patrols and sank 15 Japanese ships totaling more than 80,000 tons. USS Drum was awarded 12 battle stars for her World War II service.
3. USS Drum is in excellent condition and retains her World War II integrity.

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FOOTNOTES

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**PHOTOGRAPHS:**

**Drum (U.S.S.), Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama**

**Identification:**

4. Forward torpedo room  
(\*No pictures #1-3)



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SS228



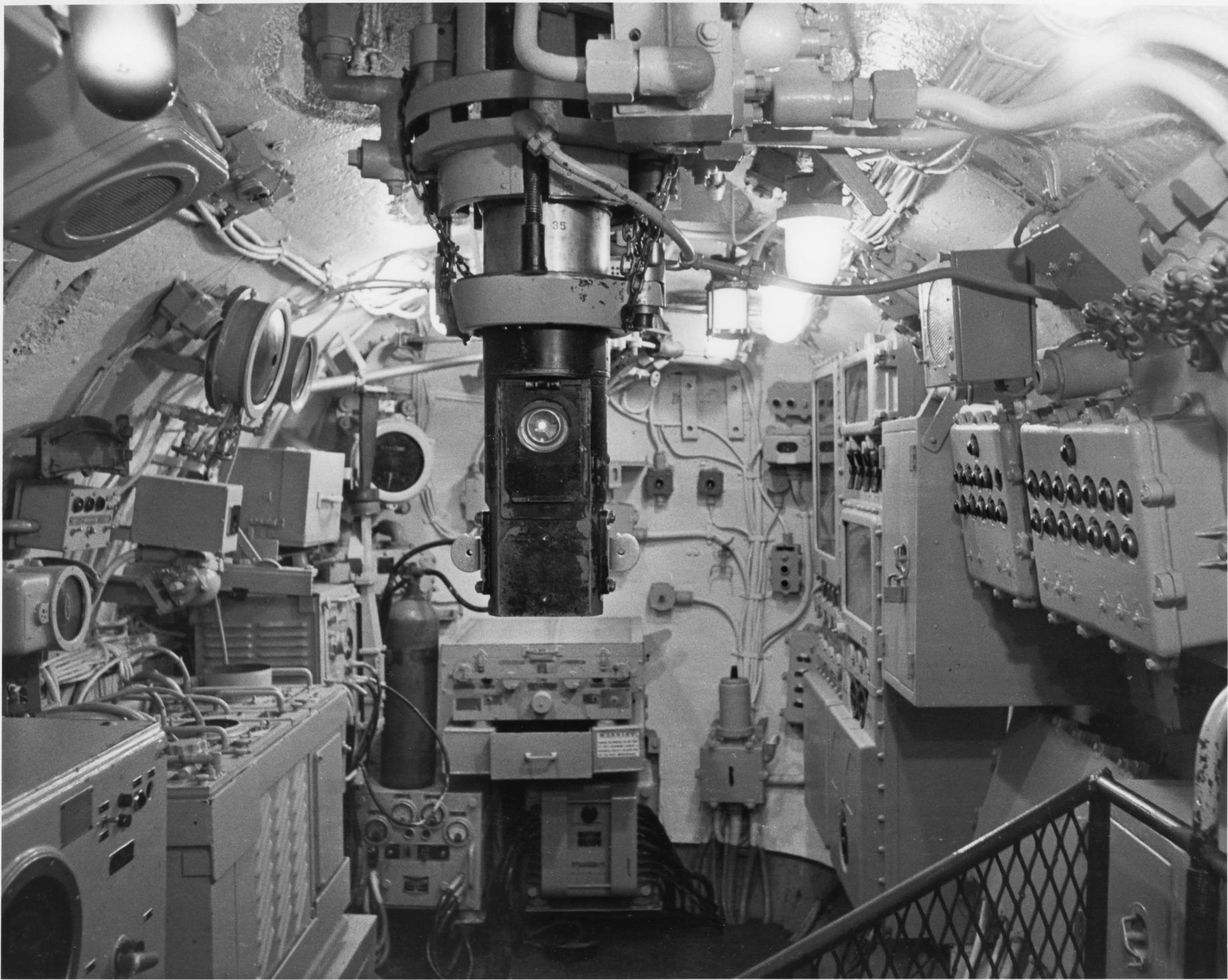
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1. USS Drum
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6. Conning Tower
7. Photo #2

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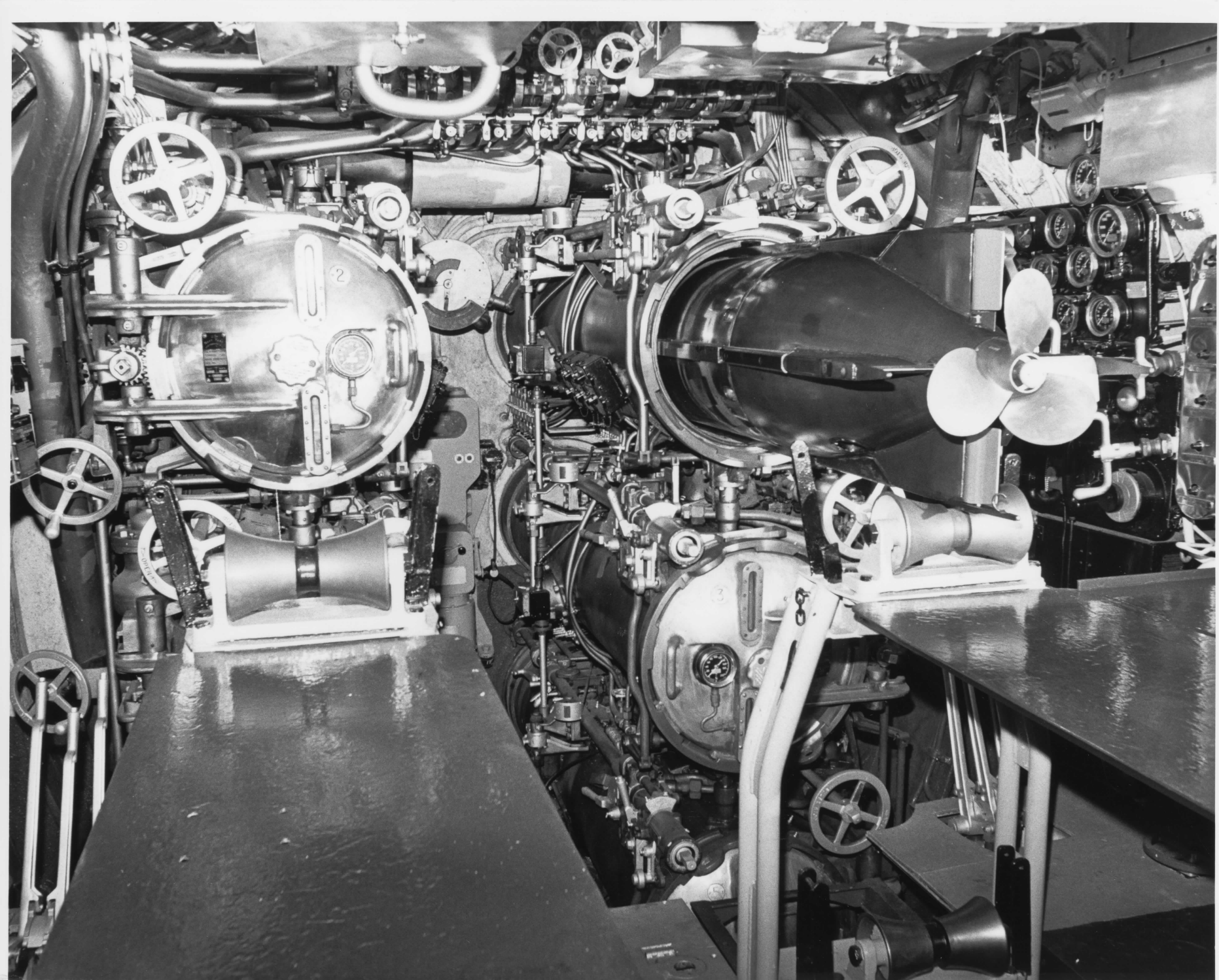
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6. Periscope, Upper Control Room
7. Photo #3

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Periscope, UPPER CONTROL ROOM,  
USS DRUM  
March 1985

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FORWARD TORPEDO ROOM, USS DRUM  
March 1985

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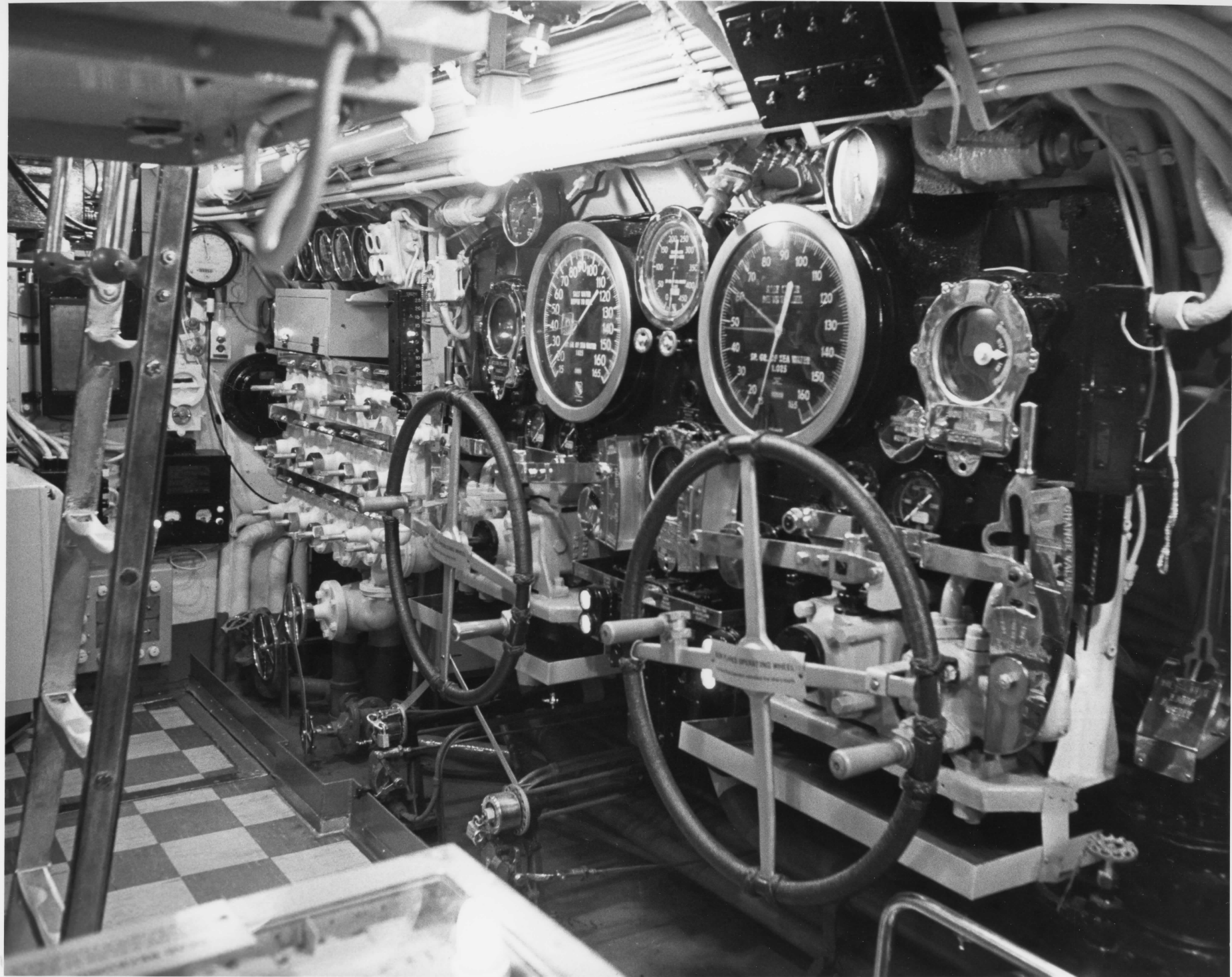
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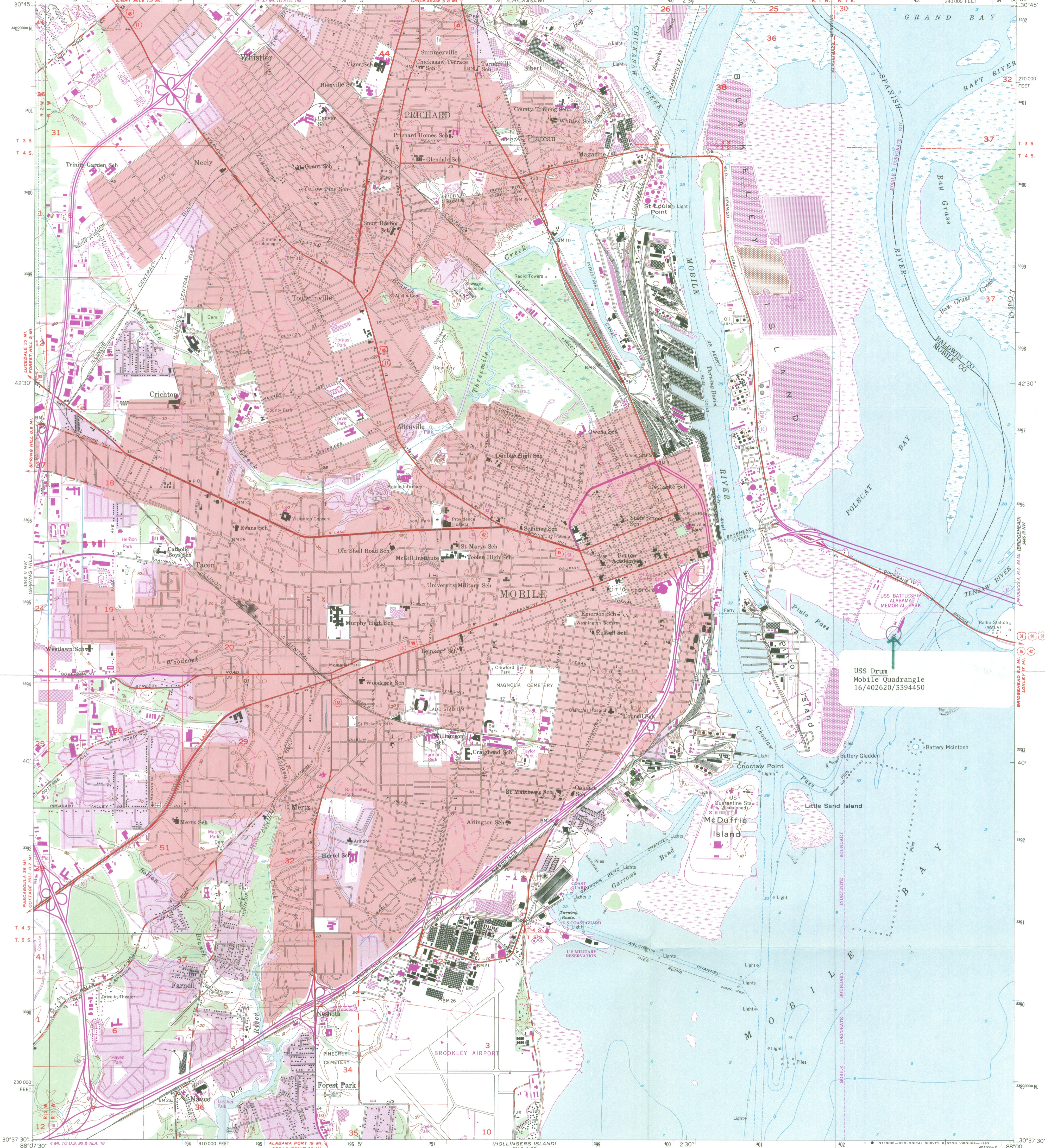
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1. USS Drum
2. Mobile, Alabama
3. USS Alabama Memorial Commission
4. 1985
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6. Lower Control Room
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LOWER CONTROL ROOM, USS DRUM

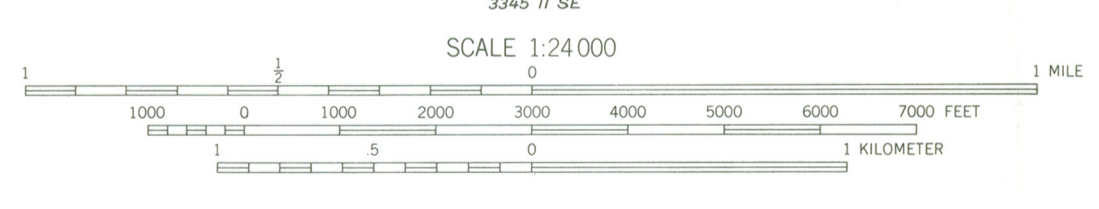
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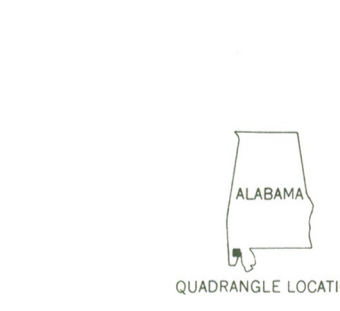
USS Drum  
Mobile Quadrangle  
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Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs  
Topography by plane-table surveys 1938-39. Revised 1953  
Hydrography from USCGS Chart 1266 (1:80,000)  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Alabama coordinate system,  
west zone  
Red tint indicates areas in which only  
landmark buildings are shown  
Dashed land lines indicate approximate locations  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 16, shown in blue  
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983  
move the projection lines 17 meters south and  
1 meter east as shown by dashed corner ticks

UTM GRID and 1982 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET  
There may be private inholdings within  
the boundaries of the National or  
State reservations shown on this map



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—GULF COAST LOW WATER DATUM  
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE  
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER  
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 1 FOOT  
THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———  
○ Interstate Route ○ U. S. Route ○ State Route

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Purple tint indicates extension of urban area

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JUL 23 1985

Honorable Howell Heflin  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Heflin:

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You will have at least 60 days before the meeting of the Advisory Board to submit your views in writing if you so desire. After the 60-day period, we will submit the nominations and your comments to the Advisory Board and then inform the Secretary of the Board's recommendations for his final action.

To assist you in considering this matter, we have enclosed a copy of the regulations that govern the National Historic Landmarks Program. They describe the criteria for designation (Sec. 65.4), the effects of designation (Sec. 65.2), and specify how you may comment on a proposed designation (Sec. 65.5(d)(4-5)). Should you wish to comment, please send your comments to Mr. Edwin C. Bearss, Chief Historian, National Park Service, History Division (418), P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127.

Sincerely,

/Sgd/Jerry L. Rogers

Associate Director

Enclosures

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Sincerely,

/s/ Edwin C. Bearss

Edwin C. Bearss  
Chief Historian

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USS Alabama Battleship Commission  
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Mobile, Alabama 36601

PROPERTIES STUDIED FOR NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION

1. USS Alabama, Mobile, Alabama
2. USS Drum, Mobile, Alabama

As a private owner of the properties identified above you may concur in or object to designation. Your comments may govern whether or not the properties will be designated. You can find guidance for your comments in Section 65.5(d)(4-5) of the enclosed regulations.

In commenting on the possible designation of the above indicated properties you can find guidance in Section 65.5(d)(4) of the enclosed regulations.

The above properties will be considered for possible designation as National Historic Landmarks by the National Park System Advisory Board at a meeting tentatively scheduled for the last week in September, 1985, in Washington, DC. Should you wish to obtain information about the meeting, or about the National Historic Landmarks Program, please contact Ben Levy at the National Park Service, History Division (418), P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127, 202-343-8164 or FTS-343-8164.

If you have questions about the studies, you may contact Dr. Harry A. Butowsky at the same address, 202-343-8168 or FTS-343-8168.



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20013-7127

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Memorandum

TO: The Secretary

THROUGH: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks

FROM: Acting Director, National Park Service

*[Handwritten signature]* 1/7/86  
(Sgt) P. Danly Smith

SUBJECT SUMMARY: Designation of 22 Warships Associated with World War II as National Historic Landmarks -- Request for Secretarial Action

DISCUSSION: The National Park System Advisory Board, at a meeting on November 5, 1985, recommended designation as National Historic Landmarks of the 22 warships associated with World War II in the Pacific listed in the attachment. The studies nominating these properties for Landmark designation were prepared in partial fulfillment of the requirements of Public Law 95-348.

In accordance with National Historic Landmarks Program regulations, the Board reviewed those nomination studies and found that these 22 vessels meet National Historic Landmarks Program criteria. The Board members voted unanimously to recommend these designations, which represent 22 of the 25 vessels proposed for Landmark status in the National Historic Landmark theme study "Warships Associated with World War II in the Pacific." No objections to these designations have been raised by any of the parties required to be notified of Landmark nomination proposals.

I recommend that you approve the Board's recommendation and designate all 22 vessels on the attached list as National Historic Landmarks.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Denis P. Galvin

Attachment

Approve *[Handwritten signature]*

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Date 1-14-86

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared by: Laura Feller ext.: 343-8167

WARSHIPS ASSOCIATED WITH WORLD WAR II IN THE PACIFIC  
NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK THEME STUDY

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

ESSEX CLASS

1. USS Intrepid (New York, New York)
2. USS Yorktown (Charleston, South Carolina)

BATTLESHIPS

NORTH CAROLINA CLASS

3. USS North Carolina (Wilmington, North Carolina)

SOUTH DAKOTA CLASS

4. USS Alabama (Mobile, Alabama)
5. USS Massachusetts (Fall River, Massachusetts)

DESTROYERS

FLETCHER CLASS

6. USS Kidd (Baton Rouge, Louisiana)
7. USS Cassin Young (Boston, Massachusetts)
8. USS The Sullivans (Buffalo, New York)

ALLEN M. SUMNER CLASS

9. USS Laffey (Charleston, South Carolina)

SUBMARINES

GATO CLASS

10. USS Silversides (Chicago, Illinois)
11. USS Drum (Mobile, Alabama)
12. USS Cobia (Manitowoc, Wisconsin)
13. USS Cod (Cleveland, Ohio)

BALAO CLASS

14. USS Bowfin (Honolulu, Hawaii)
15. USS Pampanito (San Francisco, California)
16. USS Lionfish (Fall River, Massachusetts)
17. USS Becuna (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

TENCH CLASS

18. USS Torsk (Baltimore, Maryland)

MINESWEEPERSADMIRABLE CLASS

19. USS Hazard (Omaha, Nebraska)

20. USS Inaugural (St. Louis, Missouri)

TORPEDO BOATS

21. PT 796 (Fall River, Massachusetts)

LIBERTY SHIPS

22. SS Jeremiah O'Brien (San Francisco, California)

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**JAN 23 1986**

Memorandum

To: Chief, Branch of Registration, National Register  
From: Chief Historian **/s/ Edwin C. Bearss**  
Subject: Recent Designations of 22 Warships and Tinian as National Historic Landmarks

On December 30, 1985, the Secretary of the Interior designated the Tinian Landing Beaches, Ushi Point Field, and North Field on Tinian Island as a National Historic Landmark. On January 14, 1986, he designated the following 22 warships as National Historic Landmarks, as a result of a theme study of warships associated with World War II in the Pacific:

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TORPEDO BOATS

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LIBERTY SHIPS

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Attached are copies of the Landmark nomination studies that were prepared in support of these designations. Please note the date of Landmark designation on the National Register listings of these properties.

Attachments

- cc: 418 Butowsky
- 001 Reading File
- 400 Reading File
- 418 DESIGNATIONS (NHL General)

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# DEPARTMENT of the INTERIOR

## news release

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

For Release March 3, 1986

Anita Clevenger 202/343-7394

Harry Butowsky 202/343-8155

### INTERIOR SECRETARY DESIGNATES 22 WARSHIPS NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS

Secretary of the Interior Don Hodel has announced the designation of 22 warships associated with World War II in the Pacific as National Historic Landmarks. The National Historic Landmarks are located in the States of Alabama, California, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Wisconsin.

Secretary Hodel said, "These warships represent key elements of the American fleet used in World War II in the Pacific. The success of the fleet depended on the successful operation of its many ships, each performing a specialized mission to accomplish the overall objective of ending the war."

The large fleet of warships included aircraft carriers, battleships, destroyers, submarines, minesweepers, torpedo boats, and liberty ships.

The Historic Sites Act of 1935 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to recognize historic places judged to have exceptional value to the Nation. Landmark recognition encourages preservation efforts by State, local, and private agencies and groups. Once the Secretary designates a National Historic Landmark, its owner is invited to apply for landmark recognition. This takes the form of a certificate signed by the Secretary and a bronze plaque attesting to the significance of the property. The owner agrees to observe simple preservation precepts with respect to the property and receives technical advice and assistance from preservation experts if needed.

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(Attached is a list and description of the 22 designated National Historic Landmarks.)

## DESIGNATED NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS

o Aircraft carriers. USS Intrepid (New York City) and USS Yorktown (Charleston, South Carolina). These are Essex class aircraft carriers that represent the role and power of the aircraft carrier as the principal capital ship of the Navy after 1941. Both ships have been altered from their World War II configuration with the addition of angled flight decks.

o Battleships. USS North Carolina (Wilmington, North Carolina), USS Alabama (Mobile, Alabama), and USS Massachusetts (Fall River, Massachusetts). These represent the role of the American battleship which changed from the principal capital ship of the Navy to a support ship designed to protect and screen the fast Essex class carrier battlegroups.

o Destroyers. USS Kidd (Baton Rouge, Louisiana); USS Cassin Young, (Boston, Massachusetts); USS Sullivans (Buffalo, New York); and USS Laffey (Charleston, South Carolina). These four destroyers were all purpose ships ready to fight off attacks from the air, on the surface, or from below the sea. USS Laffey is particularly significant because of her action on April 16, 1945, when she fought one of the most famous destroyer-Kamikaze duels of the Pacific War. During this action USS Laffey managed to shoot down 11 of the attacking planes while being hit by 5 Kamikazes and 2 bombs, killing 32 and wounding 71 of her crew. USS Laffey was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for this action.

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Balao class submarines were an improved version of the previous Gato class. They were designed to dive to depth of 400 feet as opposed to the 300 feet for Gato class boats. USS Bowfin, USS Pampanito, USS Lionfish, and USS Becuna are all Balao class submarines.

USS Torsk is the only surviving Tench class submarine that saw service in the Pacific. Tench class boats were improved copies of the previous Gato/Balao classes and represent the final submarine design of World War II. USS Torsk fired the last torpedoes of World War II and is credited with sinking the last Japanese combat ships to be lost in the war.

o Minesweepers. USS Hazard (Omaha, Nebraska) and USS Inaugural (St. Louis, Missouri). Both ships are fleet minesweepers of the Admirable class and represent the role of the many support ships designed to service and protect larger naval vessels in operation. The purpose of fleet minesweepers was to arrive before the main battle fleet and sweep the area for mines. There were the first navy vessels to arrive in a new area and the last to leave.

o Toredodo Boats. PT 796 (Fall River, Massachusetts). PT 796 is a Higgins-type torpedo boat. PT boats were small, fast, and ultimately expendable interdiction ships, armed with torpedoes and machine guns for cutting enemy communication lines, for harassing enemy forces, and for short-range oceanic scouting.

o Liberty Ships. SS Jeremiah O'Brien (San Francisco, California). Liberty Ships were an emergency response to a critical shortage of maritime cargo ships in World War II. Manned by merchant seamen and a naval armed guard, they carried all types of war supplies throughout the Pacific, Indian, Arctic and Atlantic Oceans. More than 2,700 Liberty Ships were constructed during the war.

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SS Jeremiah O'Brien is the sole operable, unaltered survivor of this great fleet of ships built during the war. She represents the largest class of ships constructed by the United States during the war.

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We are pleased to include these properties on the roll of National Historic Landmarks as significant representatives of our nation's heritage.

Sincerely,

s/ Stanley T. Albright

Acting Deputy  
Director

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State Historic Preservation Officer  
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Capt. William J. Diffley, USN (Ret.) "Captain Diffley"  
USS Alabama Battleship Commission  
Battleship Parkway  
P.O. Box 65  
Mobile, Alabama 36601

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Honorable Howell Heflin "Senator Heflin"  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Honorable Jeremiah Denton "Senator Denton"  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Honorable Sonny Callahan "Mr. Callahan"  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Secretary of the Interior designated the following properties National Historic Landmarks on January 14, 1986:

USS Alabama, Mobile, Alabama

USS Drum, Mobile, Alabama

Certificates attesting to the national significance of the properties and the Secretary's designation of them as National Historic Landmarks will be sent to you, as the owner of the properties. You are also eligible to receive bronze plaques to commemorate their designation. Copies of the plaque application form are enclosed. If you wish to request the plaques, please complete the forms in triplicate for each property and return two copies to the National Park Service, History Division (418), P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127. You may retain the third copies for your records. Each certificate and plaque will bear the name of each property as it appears above. If you have questions about the certificates or plaques, please contact James Charleton at the above address, or by telephone (202)343-8165 or FTS: 343-8165.

Owners of Landmarks receive certificates of designation, and, upon application, will also be awarded bronze plaques. We are notifying the owners of the designations and providing the appropriate forms.

March 28, 1986  
(Date)

Chief  
Division of History  
National Park Service  
P.O. Box 37127  
Washington, DC 20013-7127

Dear Sir:

As the owner(s) of USS DRUM (SS 228)  
located in Mobile, Alabama  
(City) (County) (State)

(I, We) hereby make application for a bronze plaque identifying the property as a National Historic Landmark.

1. Fully conscious of the high responsibility to the Nation that goes with the ownership and care of a property classified as having national significance and worthy of National Historic Landmark status, (I, we) agree to preserve, so far as practicable and to the best of (my, our) ability, the historical values of the site that satisfy the criteria for national significance.

2. (I, We) agree to permit periodic inspection of the property by a representative of the National Park Service for the purpose of monitoring its integrity and the nature and degree of any threats thereto.

3. (I, We) agree that, should the Landmark designation ever be revoked in accordance with the procedures outlined in the National Historic Landmarks regulations, the bronze plaque and the certificate of designation will be surrendered upon request to the National Park Service.

4. (I, We) further agree to affix the plaque for public view and in an appropriate manner.

Sincerely,



W.J. Diffley  
Captain, USN (Ret.)  
Executive Director

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Capt. W. J. Diffley, USN (ret.)  
Executive Director  
U.S.S. Alabama Battleship Commission  
P.O. Box 65  
Mobile, Alabama 36601

Dear Captain Diffley:

We are pleased to have received your applications for the bronze plaques identifying U.S.S. Alabama (BB 60) and U.S.S. Drum (SS 228) as National Historic Landmarks.

The Regional Offices of the National Park Service coordinate the presentation of National Historic Landmark plaques and certificates. Therefore, we are notifying the Southeast Regional Office of your applications, with the request that they proceed to order and provide the bronze plaques and National Historic Landmark certificates.

If you have any questions regarding this or any related issue, you may contact:

Mr. Cecil McKithan  
Southeast Regional Office  
National Park Service  
75 Spring Street, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
(404)221-5185

Sincerely,

**s/Edwin C. Bearss**

Edwin C. Bearss  
Chief Historian

cc: 001 Reading File  
400 Reading File  
418-Plaques and Certificates  
418-U.S.S. Alabama  
418-U.S.S. Drum

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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Southeast Region  
Attention: National Historic Landmark Coordinator

From: <sup>Acting Deputy</sup> Director

Subject: National Historic Landmark Plaque Applications

Single copies are attached of the applications by the owners of U.S.S. Yorktown and U.S.S. Laffey, Charleston, South Carolina; U.S.S. North Carolina, Wilmington, North Carolina; U.S.S. Alabama and U.S.S. Drum, Mobile, Alabama; and U.S.S. Kidd, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for the plaques identifying these National Historic Landmarks.

We ask you to contact the owners and arrange to order and provide the plaques. We will provide the requisite National Historic Landmark certificates.

s/ Stanley T. Albright

Attachments

cc: 001 Mott  
001 Reading File  
400 Reading File  
418-U.S.S. Yorktown (Charleston, SC) (NHL)  
418-U.S.S. Laffey (Charleston, SC) (NHL)  
418-U.S.S. North Carolina (Wilmington, NC) (NHL)  
418-U.S.S. Alabama (NHL)  
~~418-U.S.S. Drum (NHL)~~  
418-U.S.S. Kidd (NHL)  
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## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

P.O. BOX 37127

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20013-7127

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

H34(418)

### Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Southeast Region  
Attention: National Historic Landmark Coordinator

From: Associate Director

Subject: National Historic Landmark Plaques and Certificates

We are transmitting for delivery to the owners the following National Historic Landmark certificates for properties in the Southeast Region:

U.S.S. Alabama (BB-60), Alabama  
U.S.S. Drum (SS-228), Alabama  
U.S.S. Laffey, South Carolina  
U.S.S. North Carolina (BB-55), North Carolina  
U.S.S. Yorktown, South Carolina

The Department would appreciate being advised of arrangements made to present the National Historic Landmark plaques and certificates. Every effort should be made to coordinate ceremonies with the availability of high-level Departmental staff and to secure the participation of Members of Congress who represent the localities.

Please advise Jim Charleton, History Division, FTE 343-8165, of any concerns regarding these certificates.

/Sgd/Jerry L. Rogers

### Enclosures

cc: 001 Reading File  
400 Reading File  
418-Plaques and Certificates  
Deputy Assistant Secretary Smith (FWP)  
418-U.S.S. Alabama (NHL)  
418-U.S.S. Drum (NHL)  
418-U.S.S. Laffey (NHL)  
418-U.S.S. North Carolina (NHL)  
418-U.S.S. Yorktown (NHL)

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Washington, D.C. 20240

H36 (2255)  
IN REPLY REFER TO:

William Tunnell, Jr.  
Executive Director  
USS ALABAMA Battleship Commission  
PO Box 65  
Mobile, AL 36601

JAN 21 2005

Dear Mr. Tunnell:

The National Park Service (NPS) acknowledges the December 29, 2004, receipt of a Final Project Report regarding your Save America's Treasures Grant (#01-02-ML-1203) to assist with the restoration of the USS *Alabama* and USS *Drum*.

The final Work-Cost Budget breakdown included in the Final Project Report summarized the actual costs charged to the grant broken out by budget categories indicates \$500,000 on steel sheet piling and is approved.

Additionally, NPS is in receipt of your December 28, 2004, letter agreeing to assume to responsibility for the continued maintenance of the USS *Alabama* and the USS *Drum*, in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Vessel Preservation. This satisfies Grant Special Condition #19.

The final payment request for **\$10,000** has been approved and sent to our Accounting Operations Center for processing. This grant is now closed. There are no remaining funds available for this project. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Tawana Jackson of my staff at (202) 354-2065 or via email at [tawama\\_jackson@nps.gov](mailto:tawama_jackson@nps.gov).

Sincerely,

**Hampton Tucker**  
Hampton Tucker  
Acting Chief, State, Tribal and Local Programs

cc: AL SHPO  
NR file + 8x10 photos

bcc: 2255 - Tucker, Hill  
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**BASIC FILE HELD IN 2255**

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