

USS MCGOWAN

WORLD WAR II DESTROYER DD-678

Named For Rear Admiral Samuel McGowan



USS MCGOWAN INFORMATION CARD

Served in the Pacific Theater of Operations

Received Nine Battle Stars

Assigned to Destroyer Squadron DesRon 54

Involved in 10 Landings and 6 Invasions.

Invasions Participated In

Saipan, Leyte, Iwo Jima, Tinian, Palau Islands, & Okinawa

Score Card

2 Japanese Planes, 1 Destroyer and 1 Battleship

Captain

William R. Cox USN - 3/29/44 to 6/22/45

Awarded Navy Cross, Bronze Star Medal and Gold Star while C/O of the McGowan.

Ship

Fletcher-Class Destroyer

Builder: Federal Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co. Kearny, N.J.

Crew: 319 Speed: 38 knots (70 km/h)

Displacement: 2,050 tons Length: 376 ft 6 in (114.7 m)

Beam: 39 ft 8 in (12.1 m) Draft: 17 ft 9 in (5.4 m)

Laid Down: June 30, 1943 Launched: November 14, 1943

Commissioned: December 20, 1943

Decommissioned: April 30 1946

Armament

5 × 5 in.(127 mm) guns / 10 × 40 mm AA guns,

7 × 20 mm AA guns / 10 × 21 in. Torpedo Tubes,

6 × Depth Charge Projectors / 2 × Depth Charge Tracks



Arthur C. Williams

Fire Controlman 1st/C

Entered the Service: May 15, 1943

Discharged: February 23, 1946

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