

merchant type ships and will be operated by the Military Sea Transportation Service.

Another ship commissioned now is the *uss Observation Island* (EAG 154) which was commissioned in December. *uss Cloud Jones* (DE 1033), *Cape* (MSI 2) and *Watchman* (AGR 16) are slated for Janu-

ary commissioning. (Actually *Cape* will only be placed in service.)

The guided missile cruiser *Albany* (CG 10), which has been at the Boston Navy Yard since April 1958, started her conversion to a guided missile cruiser (*Talos*) last month. Two other cruisers, *Chicago* (CG 11) and *Columbus* (CG 12), are due

to start their conversion programs during the first half of this calendar year. These ships were formerly CA 123, CA 136 and CA 74.

Also in the field of modernization, *uss Oriskany* (CVA 34) is now undergoing a two-year, 40-million-dollar face-lifting at San Francisco, Calif. For the first time on any ship,

### Fleet Bids Fond Farewell to These Ships Going into Reserve

Some sixty ships were placed Out of Commission In Reserve (OCIR) between January and the latter part of 1958. Part of these ships had started their decommissioning process during 1957.

When a ship reports to the Atlantic or Pacific Reserve Fleet to start the mothballing process, it's considered In Commission In Reserve (ICIR). These ships actually remain in commission for several weeks or months until "buttoning up" is completed.

The crews are gradually dispersed until, by the end of inactivation, or the OCIR date, virtually no one is left on board.

The formal decommissioning occurs on the OCIR date. Sometimes there's a ceremony, but more often there is none; it all depends on the ship and local interest.

Ships retired to the Reserve Fleet during 1958 were the following:

SHIP'S NAME	ICIR (In Commission In Reserve)	OCIR (Out of Commission In Reserve)	SHIP'S NAME	ICIR (In Commission In Reserve)	OCIR (Out of Commission In Reserve)
<i>Mauna Loa</i> (AE 8)	9-16-58	Not decommissioned	<i>Goss</i> (DE 444)	7-11-58	10-8-58
<i>Karin</i> (AF 33)	10-15-58	Not decommissioned	<i>Silverstein</i> (DE 534)	11-5-58	Not decommissioned
<i>Merapi</i> (AF 38)	11-17-58	Not decommissioned	<i>Spangler</i> (DE 696)	7-11-58	10-8-58
<i>Virgo</i> (AKA 20)	1-15-58	5-8-58	<i>George</i> (DE 697)	7-9-58	10-8-58
<i>Algal</i> (AKA 54)	10-1-57	1-2-58	<i>William T. Powell</i> (DE 213)	10-9-57	1-17-58
<i>Uvalde</i> (AKA 88)	9-30-58	1-2-58	<i>Johannie Hutchins</i> (DE 360)	11-25-57	2-25-58
<i>Whiteside</i> (AKA 90)	11-1-57	2-1-58	<i>Rorbach</i> (DE 364)	10-9-57	1-9-58
<i>Yancey</i> (AKA 93)	12-2-57	3-1-58	<i>Neas</i> (DE 424)	11-20-57	1-24-58
<i>Frelan</i> (AKS 28)	1-2-58	4-22-58	<i>Cross</i> (DE 448)	10-7-57	1-2-58
<i>Chimon</i> (AKS 31)	1-22-58	4-22-58	<i>Heyliger</i> (DE 510)	10-1-57	1-2-58
<i>Hazel</i> (AN 29)	12-18-57	2-11-58	<i>Edward H. Allen</i> (DE 531)	10-1-57	1-9-58
<i>Kishwaukee</i> (AOG 9)	1-2-58	4-2-58	<i>Rizzi</i> (DE 537)	11-25-57	2-25-58
<i>Tellair</i> (APA 210)	12-2-57	2-22-58	<i>Osberg</i> (DE 538)	11-25-57	2-25-58
<i>Bowers</i> (APD 40)	10-1-58	Not decommissioned	<i>Thomas F. Nickel</i> (DE 587)	11-26-57	2-26-58
<i>Lloyd</i> (APD 63)	12-3-57	2-28-58	<i>Hemminger</i> (DE 746)	11-25-57	2-21-58
<i>Knudson</i> (APD 101)	10-9-57	1-2-58	<i>Earl K. Olsen</i> (DE 765)	11-24-57	2-25-58
<i>Baldock</i> (APD 132)	11-29-57	2-28-58	<i>Weeden</i> (DE 797)	11-26-57	2-26-58
<i>Burde</i> (APD 133)	12-3-57	2-28-58	<i>Shen</i> (DM 30)	12-57	4-9-58
<i>Weiss</i> (APD 135)	12-2-57	2-22-58	<i>Gwin</i> (DM 33)	1-13-57	4-3-58
<i>Carpellotti</i> (APD 136)	1-9-58	4-21-58	<i>Ashland</i> (LSD 611)	11-1-57	1-25-58
<i>Kenneth Whiting</i> (AV 14)	7-8-58	9-30-58	<i>Croak County</i> (LST 611)	*	5-16-58
<i>Iowa</i> (BB 61)	10-24-57	2-24-58	<i>Hampden County</i> (LST 803)	10-11-57	1-2-58
<i>Wisconsin</i> (BB 64)	11-8-57	3-8-58	<i>Iron County</i> (LST 840)	11-23-57	Diverted to MAP
<i>Albany</i> (ICA 123)	4-1-58	For conversion to CG	<i>Pender County</i> (LST 1080)	9-30-57	1-2-58
<i>Salem</i> (ICA 139)	10-8-58	Not decommissioned	<i>Blackbird</i> (E-MHC 11)	5-19-58	7-15-58
<i>Worcester</i> (ICL 144)	9-3-58	Not decommissioned	<i>Harkness</i> (MHC 12)	2-3-58	4-2-58
<i>Roanoke</i> (ICL 145)	7-1-58	10-31-58	<i>James M. Gilliss</i> (MHC 13)	5-31-58	8-7-58
<i>Philippine Sea</i> (ICV 47)	8-22-58	Not decommissioned	<i>Gull</i> (MHC 46)	11-15-57	1-14-58
<i>Yamoff</i> (IDO 541)	7-1-58	9-30-58	<i>Merganser</i> (MHC 47)	2-3-58	4-2-58
<i>Owen</i> (DD 536)	1-31-58	5-27-58	<i>Waxbill</i> (MHC 50)	5-1-58	6-30-58
<i>Stephen Patter</i> (DD 538)	2-28-58	6-13-58	<i>Courser</i> (MSCO 6)	2-3-58	4-2-58
<i>Erben</i> (DD 631)	2-27-58	6-27-58	<i>Flamingo</i> (MSCO 11)	2-3-58	4-2-58
<i>Stempel</i> (DD 644)	2-3-58	5-27-58	<i>Ostrich</i> (MSCO 29)	1-3-58	3-5-58
<i>Healey</i> (DD 672)	10-3-57	3-11-58	<i>Egret</i> (MSCO 46)	2-3-58	4-2-58
<i>Irwin</i> (DD 794)	10-11-57	1-10-58	<i>Nightingale</i> (MSCO 50)	1-6-58	3-7-58
<i>Ulvert M. Moore</i> (DE 442)	7-1-58	10-10-58	<i>Barfish</i> (SS 310)	5-5-58	8-4-58
			<i>Besugo</i> (SS 321)	1-8-58	3-21-58
			<i>Bonita</i> (SSK 3)	8-15-58	11-7-58
			<i>Roy</i> (SSR 271)	7-58	9-30-58

\* Already in Reserve Fleet in caretaker status