

I was a Plankowner, when the South Dakota BB57 was placed into commission, March 20, 1942.

Great ship - Great Time!

I was in the Navy Reserves training on board the USS Newton, 25th Division, Jersey City, New Jersey. We were called to active duty 7/13/1941. As a group we were placed on the USS Swanee, an oil tanker, at that time. We were at Philly Navy Yard at Pearl Harbor and then transferred to the barracks 2/20/1942 waiting to be placed on the USS South Dakota. Went aboard her on March 20, 1942.

On January 25, 1945 the ship came into port for fuel and supplies after a 30 day mission attacking enemy positions with our great carrier force. I was transferred January 26, 1945 to West Coast Receiving Station and from there I was placed on shore duty. Discharged 11/30/45.

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