

U.S.S. SHELTON DD-790

The USS SHELTON is the second ship to bear the name. The first, (DE-407), was sunk at the Battle of Morotai Island. She was named for ENSIGN James A. Shelton who was reported missing in action June 4, 1942 during the Battle of Midway. Built by Todd Pacific Shipyard, Inc., of Seattle, Wash., and commissioned June 21, 1946, SHELTON was assigned to the Pacific Fleet. During the Korean War she operated with Task Force 95, Formosa Patrol Group of Task Force 72, Task Force 96, and Task Force 77. While guarding Yang-Do against attack by the enemy, the SHELTON was taken under fire by five Communist shore batteries and sustained four direct hits. Despite heavy damage, the enemy batteries were stilled after a 35 minute running duel. On July 1, 1960 the SHELTON entered Long Beach Naval Shipyard for a complete face lifting under the Fleet Rehabilitation and Modernization program. An enlarged Combat Information Center, the installation of new Sonar, Radar and communications equipment and the advanced anti-submarine weapons DASH and ASROC have greatly enhanced her potential as a member of the Hunter Killer Task Group.

