

WWII SHIPS

Aircraft Carrier [floating air field] cost about \$4.5B in WWII; 900' length; 100,000-ton displacement; 30 knot speed; carried about 80 planes; most critical, but most vulnerable ship; named after Presidents [except Nimitz]; about 27 ships in WWII;

Battleship [big guns] cost about \$100M in WWII; 860' length; 48,000-ton displacement; 30 knot speed; (12) 14" guns; names after states; about 8 ships in WWII

Cruiser [protector] cost about \$30M in WWII; 600' length; 10,000-ton displacement; 30 knot speed; >8" guns; names after battles; about 80 ships in WWII

Destroyer [escort] cost about \$1M in WWII; 400' length; 1,000-ton displacement; 35 knot speed; (6) 4" guns; small machine guns, torpedoes; sent out to destroy subs; names after fallen navy men; 500 ships in WWII; expendable

Liberty [cargo] cost about \$2M in WWII; 440' length; 10,000-ton displacement; 11 knot speed; names after Americans; main supply ship; 2700 built between 1941-45 [it took 150 days at first & 5 days at the end]

Patrol Torpedo [PT boat] 700 cheap wood boats made in WWII; 80' length; 40 ton displacement; 40 knot speed; small machine guns, torpedoes; this boat was used by JFK [PT 109] & TV shows

See: www.ww2ships.com & www.militaryfactory.com