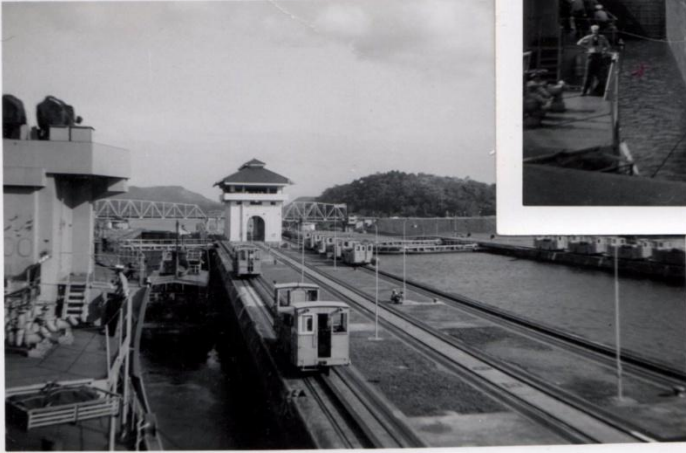
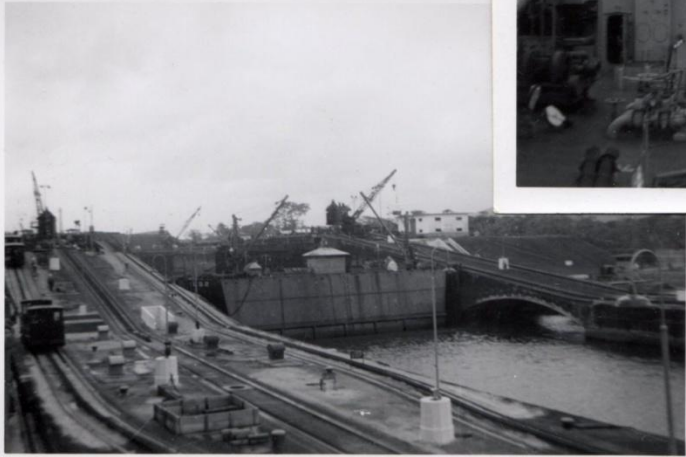
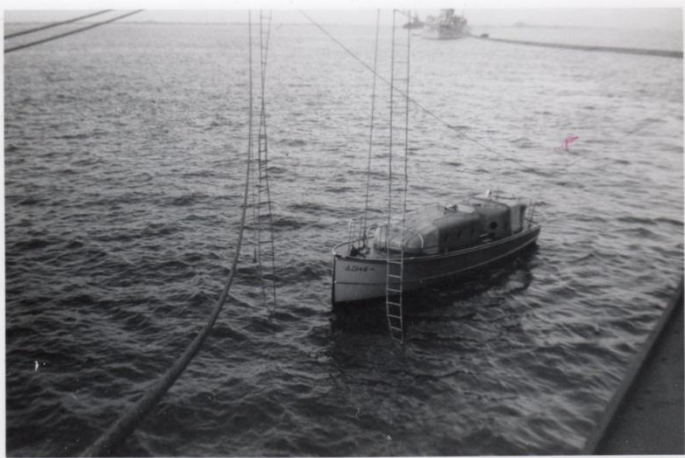




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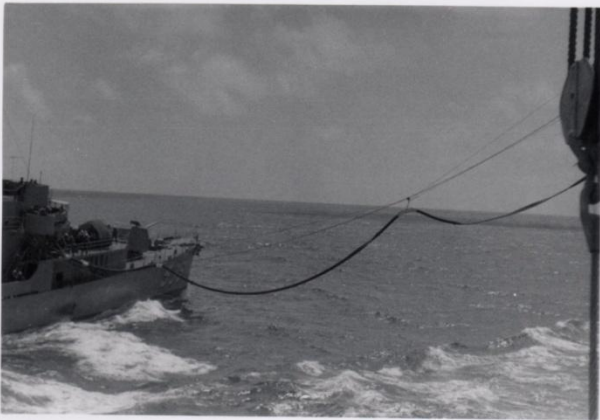
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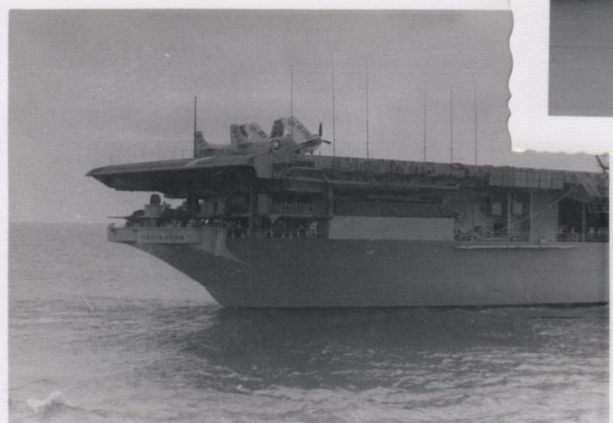
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AO-148 Ponchatoula

Neosho Class Fleet Oiler: Laid down, 1 March 1954, at New York Shipbuilding Corp., Camden, NJ; Launched, 9 July 1955; Commissioned **USS Ponchatoula (AO-148)**, 12 January 1956; Decommissioned, circa 1970s; Placed in service with MSC as **USNS Ponchatoula (T-AO-148)**, late 1970s; Placed out of service, (date unknown); Struck from the Naval Register, 31 August 1992; Title transfer to MARAD, 1 May 1999; Laid up in the National Defense Reserve Fleet, Suisun Bay, Benecia, CA.; Final Disposition, fate unknown

Specifications: Displacement 11,600 t.(lt); Length 655'; Beam 86'; Draft 35'; Speed 20kts; Complement 324; Armament, one single 5"/38 dual purpose gun mount, four twin 3"/50 gun mounts, .50 cal machine guns; Propulsion, steam turbine.

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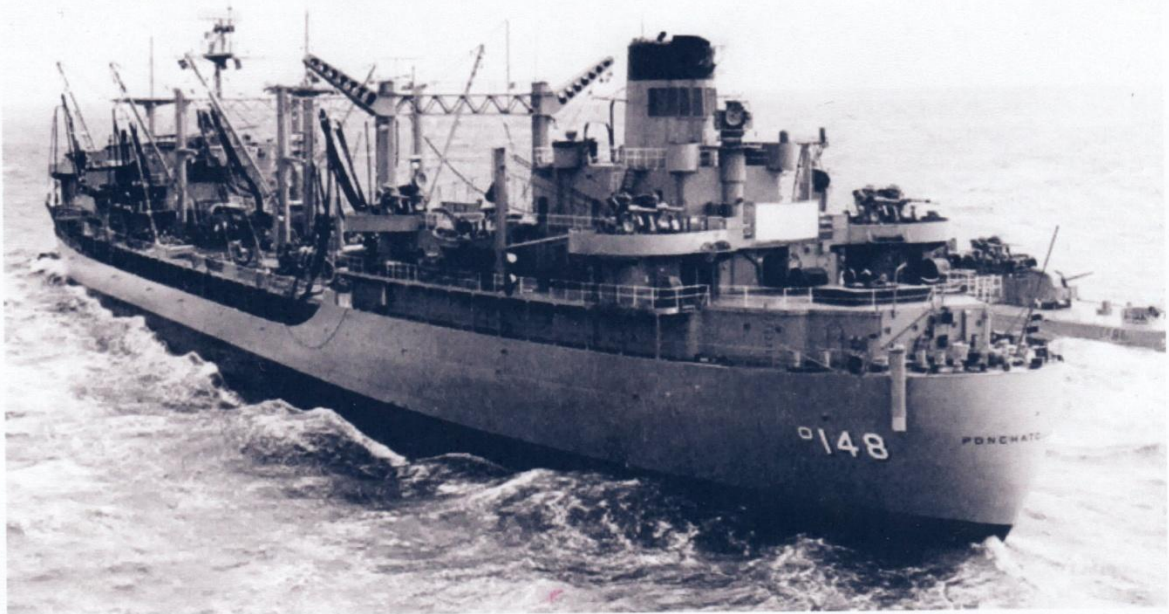
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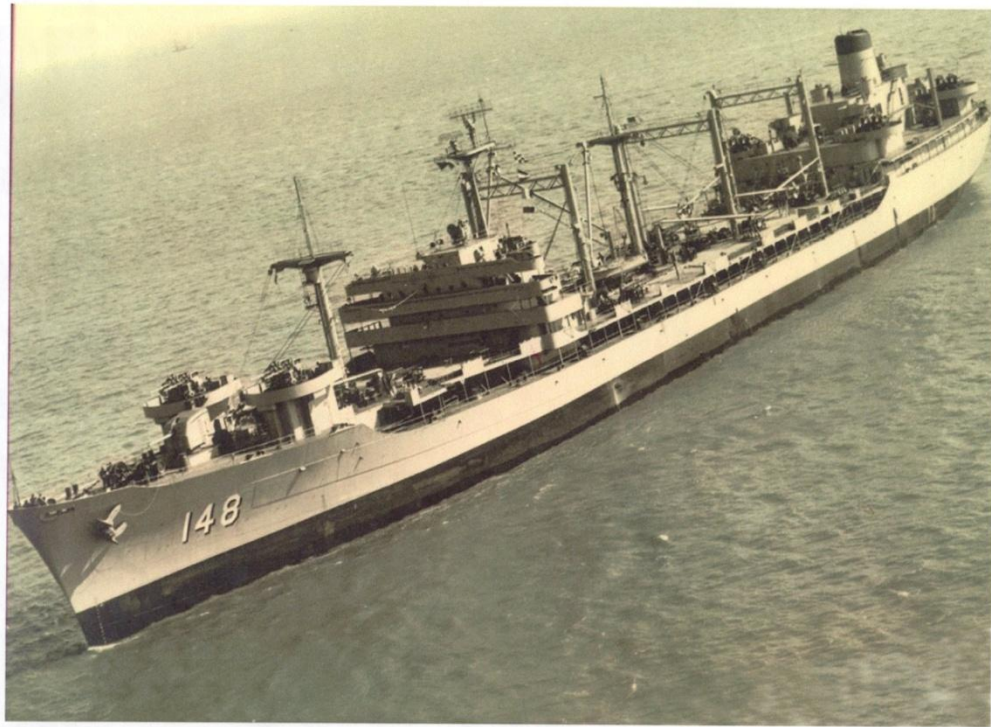
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