

USS MCGOWAN (DD-678)

Named for Rear Admiral Samuel McGowan (1870–1934).

Served in the Pacific Theater of Operations in WWII

Received Nine Battle Stars for World War II Service

Assigned to Destroyer Squadron DesRon 54

Involved in 10 Landings and 6 Invasions

Invasions Participated In:

Saipan, Leyte, Iwo Jima, Tinian, Palau Islands & Okinawa

Score Card:

2 Japanese Planes, 1 Japanese Destroyer & 1 Battleship

Captain: William R. Cox USN - 3/29/44 to 6/22/45

Awarded the Following:

Navy Cross, Bronze Star & Gold Star Medal as C/O

USS McGowan DD-678 - Fletcher-Class Destroyer

Builder: Federal Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co., Kearny, N.J.

Crew: 319 Speed: 38 knots (70 km/h)

Displacement: 2,050 tons Length: 376 ft 6 in (114.7 m)

Beam: 39 ft 8 in (12.1 m) Draft: 17 ft 9 in (5.4 m)

Laid Down: June 30, 1943 Launched: November 14, 1943

Commissioned: December 20, 1943

Decommissioned: April 30, 1946

Armament:

5 × 5 in .38 Guns (127 mm), 10 × 40 mm AA Guns,

7 × 20 mm AA Guns, 10 × 21 in. Torpedo Tubes,

6 × Depth Charge Projectors, 2 × Depth Charge Tracks