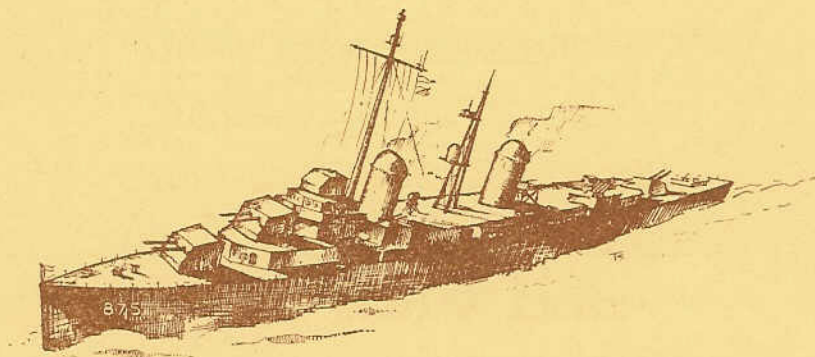


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This ship was named in honor of Pharmacist's mate third class Henry Warren Tucker, United States Naval Reserve, who was born in Birmingham, Alabama on 5 October 1919, and enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve on 24 June 1941. Tucker was called to active duty on 1 July 1941, and assigned to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Pensacola, Florida. On 15 January 1942, he reported on board the U. S. S. NEOSHO for duty.

The U. S. S. NEOSHO was lost following a Japanese aerial attack on 7 May 1942. For his actions during this attack and the subsequent sinking of the NEOSHO, Tucker was awarded the Navy Cross, one of the highest tributes that can be paid by his country, with the following citation:

"For extraordinary heroism and distinguished service in the line of his profession following the attack on the U. S. S. NEOSHO by enemy Japanese aerial force on 7 May 1942. With complete disregard for his own life, Tucker swam between the various life rafts carrying tannic acid in his hand in order to treat the burns of the injured men. He hazarded the dangers of exposure and exhaustion to continue his task, helping the injured into boats but refusing a place for himself. Tucker was subsequently reported as missing in action and it is believed he lost his life in his loyal and courageous devotion to duty. His valorous actions enhance and sustain the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The ship was sponsored by his mother, Mrs. Henry Walton Tucker of York, Alabama.

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