



THEIR GUNS WERE ALWAYS READY

PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY OF THE MIGHTY IOWA-CLASS BATTLESHIPS – THE WORLD’S MOST POWERFUL WARSHIPS. THIS IS THE FIFTH INSTALLMENT COVERING THE USS NEW JERSEY - PART TEN

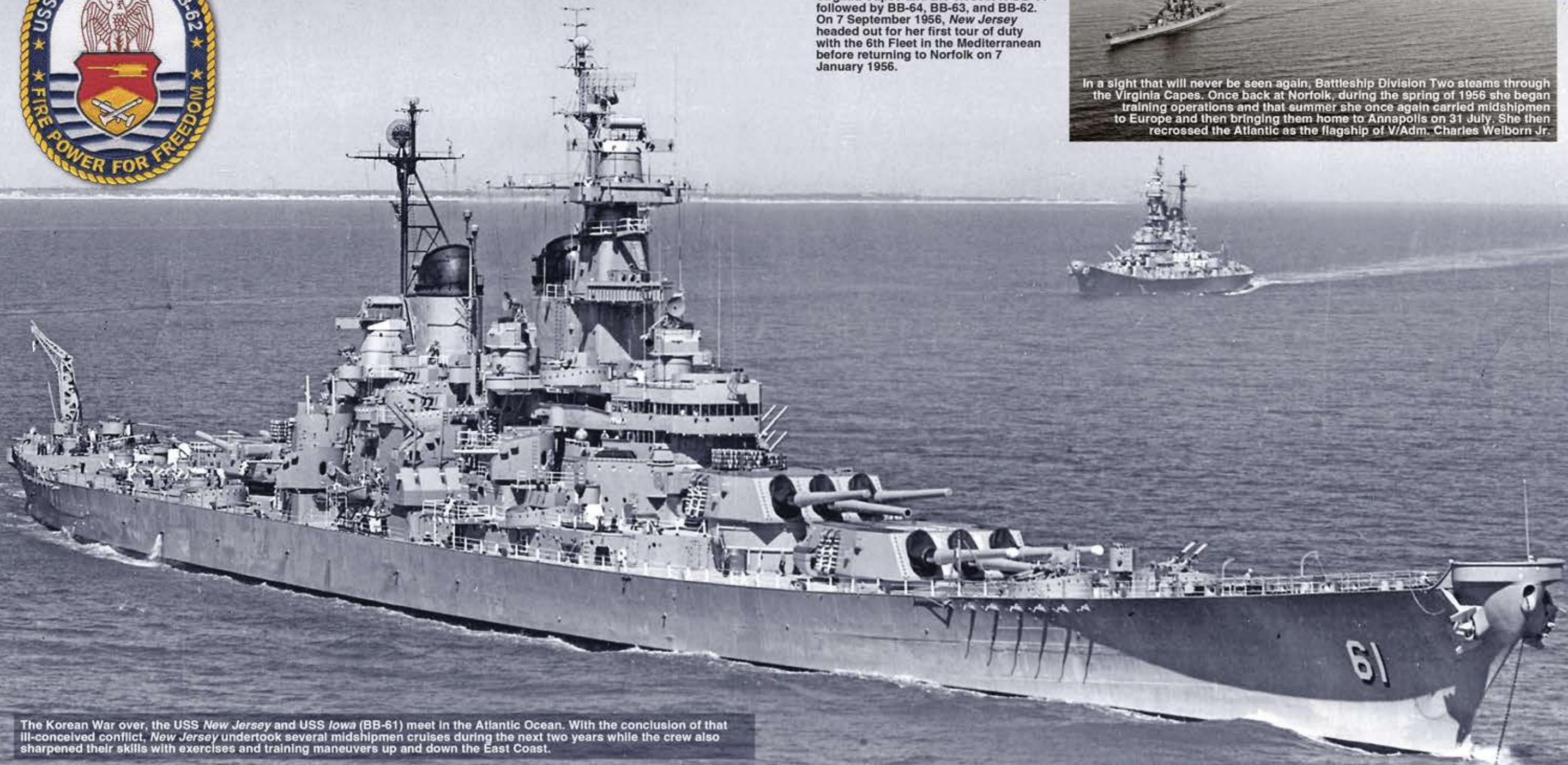
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Battleship Division Two: In line abreast formation on 7 June 1954, this was the only occasion that all Iowa-class battleships were photographed together. The photo took place in the Virginia Capes and the closest is BB-61 followed by BB-64, BB-63, and BB-62. On 7 September 1956, *New Jersey* headed out for her first tour of duty with the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean before returning to Norfolk on 7 January 1956.



In a sight that will never be seen again, Battleship Division Two steams through the Virginia Capes. Once back at Norfolk, during the spring of 1956 she began training operations and that summer she once again carried midshipmen to Europe and then bringing them home to Annapolis on 31 July. She then recrossed the Atlantic as the flagship of V/Adm. Charles Welborn Jr.



The Korean War over, the USS *New Jersey* and USS *Iowa* (BB-61) meet in the Atlantic Ocean. With the conclusion of that ill-conceived conflict, *New Jersey* undertook several midshipmen cruises during the next two years while the crew also sharpened their skills with exercises and training maneuvers up and down the East Coast.