



# THEIR GUNS WERE ALWAYS READY

OUR PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY OF THE MIGHTY IOWA-CLASS BATTLESHIPS – THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL WARSHIPS. THIS IS THE SECOND SEGMENT ON THE USS MISSOURI (BB-63) - **PART FOURTEEN**

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Impressive bow wave created during a high-speed shakedown run in the Chesapeake Bay.



Crewmen and other attendees salute the colors as the *Missouri* is placed in commission on 11 June 1944. Photo was taken from the battleship's after deck with 16-inch turret #3 in the foreground.



USS *Missouri* (BB-63) during battle practice in Chesapeake Bay on 1 August 1944. The Measure 32/22D camouflage paint is particularly evident from this angle.



Commissioning booklet for the *Missouri*.