



THEIR GUNS WERE ALWAYS READY

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OUR PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY OF THE MIGHTY IOWA-CLASS BATTLESHIPS – THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL WARSHIPS. THIS IS THE FIFTH INSTALLMENT COVERING THE USS MISSOURI (BB-63) - PART SEVENTEEN



Magnificent photo of *Renshaw* and *Missouri* as President Truman is piped aboard for the Navy Day luncheon. The Navy Day Fleet Review celebration was one of the largest in history.



Crewmen paraded at quarters as the *Missouri* steams toward New York City for the Navy Day Fleet Review. Note the small radar antenna atop BB-63's armored conning tower at the bottom of the photo.



Interesting high-angle view of USS *Renshaw* (DD-499) alongside the *Missouri* on 25 October 1945. *Renshaw* was transferring President Harry Truman to the battleship for the huge Navy Day celebrations held in New York City. The photo shows the armament of both ships to advantage.



The war is over! The *Missouri* was back in the United States and tugs are seen pushing the battleship away from the pier at the Naval Shipyard Annex at Bayonne, New Jersey. This sea-level view shows the beautiful sleekness of BB-63.