From: Commanding Officer
To: Chief of Naval Personnel

Subject: Fitness Report, 1 January to 30 June 1945, ENt 2, M. MITCHELL, Ensign 1028 113-076.

1. It is requested that the following statement be included as a part of the fitness report of subject man for the period designated.

2. Ensign Mitchell served as executive and general officer aboard this ship, which, during the six-month period, sailed from the states to Leyte Gulf, P.I., and then participated in the entire campaign in the Philippines from 26 March through the end of the period.

3. During this period the ship participated in the following engagements as a fire support ship:

   a. 26 March - Invasion of Kwa Shima in the kurama setto.
   b. 29 and 30 March - Support of Underwater Demolition Teams in operations off main beaches of Kwa Shima.
   c. 1 April - Invasion of Kwa Shima. In this operation, five men were killed and nineteen wounded aboard the ship when one of the ship's mortars exploded aboard the ship.
   d. 15 April - Invasion of Le Shima
   e. 15 May - Sarrying fire on City of Saha, Kwa Shima.
   f. 7 June - Invasion of Naya Shima.
   g. 17 and 18 June - Sarrying fire on Southern tip of Kwa Shima.

During this period the ship was subjected to many enemy air raids and was credited with shooting down one twin-engine bomber on 31 April 1945.

Ensign Mitchell performed his duties at all times in a very commendable manner, which contributed to the effectiveness of the fighting power of the ship.

Harold C. Murphy