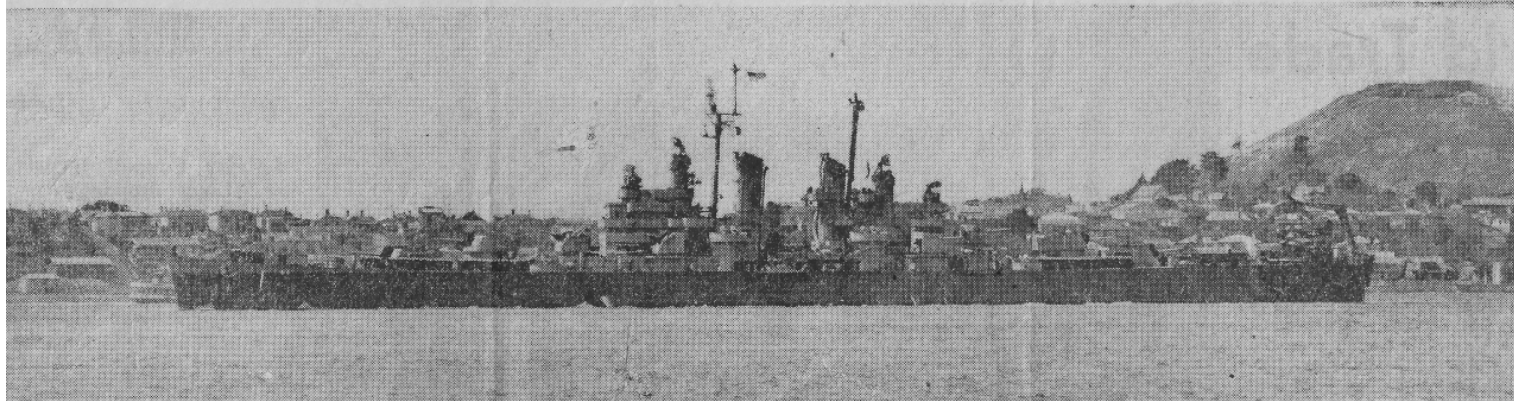


Modern American Cruiser Arriving At Auckland This Afternoon



THE VINCENNES

10,000 TON WARSHIP

VICE-ADMIRAL ON BOARD

With the sun shining on her imposing bulk of superstructure, the 10,000-ton American cruiser Vincennes moved up Rangitoto Channel shortly before two o'clock this afternoon and dropped anchor in the stream. She will berth at Prince's wharf later this afternoon.

The cruiser brought to New Zealand for his fourth visit this year Vice-Admiral Paul Hendren, Commander of the South Pacific Area and Force, who will go to Wellington next week on official business.

Features of the Vincennes, in addition to her considerable superstructure, are the two treble turrets for'ard and aft and two smaller turrets on either side of the batteries. There are a number of anti-aircraft guns.

When she came up the harbour the Vincennes was flying the vice-admiral's flag—two white stars on a blue background—and the American ensign.

The ship's arrival attracted many Aucklanders to the waterfront.

Arrangements for allowing the public on board the ship, if any, will be made later.

There will be an exchange of visits between Vice-Admiral Hendren and civic and Service representatives following the berthing of the ship. First to call on the vice-admiral will be the United States Consul in Auckland, Mr. John C. Fuess. Other callers this afternoon will be Commodore W. K. D. Dowding, R.N., naval officer in charge at Auckland, the captain superintendent of the Devonport naval dockyard, Captain D. A. Bingley, R.N. (retired), the captain of the New Zealand cruiser Gambia, Captain R. Edwards, R.N., and Auckland Harbour Board representatives.

To-morrow at 9 a.m. the Officer Commanding the Northern Military District, Brigadier A. B. Williams, will go on board the cruiser and will be followed by the senior R.N.Z.A.F. officer in Auckland, Group-Captain C. C. Hunter. Vice-Admiral Hendren will then return the calls, calling on the Mayor, Mr. Allum, at 10.15 a.m. Mr. Allum will visit the ship at 11.30. A reception at Milne and Choyce's Reception Hall will be held by the Consul from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Several concerts will be given by the large band that is carried in the ship, including a lunch-hour recital in the Town Hall on Thursday, a recital in the Auckland Hospital grounds on Saturday afternoon and another on Sunday afternoon at the Parnell Rose Gardens.