

U.S.S. San Diego

- Crescent Boat Company newspaper advertisement for 25 cent round trip ride to visit "The Pride of the Pacific Fleet, U.S.S. San Diego." Features photograph of the ship. Possible date near September 14, 1914. Cut and pasted; no date or named newspaper.
- September 14, 1914 news clipping from the San Diego Union entitled "San Diego Reaches Home Port For Unveiling of Magic Name; Mayor's Daughter Will Be Sponsor at Rechristening." Photos of stern of the big warship showing the new nameplate "San Diego", Capt. Ashley H. Robertson, members of crew with ship's mascot, "Sailor", and view of Cruiser "San Diego" entering her home port.
- April 15, 1914 newspaper clipping from the San Diego Union advertising that the U.S. Cruiser San Diego is open to visitors everyday, launching from the Star Boat House Foot of Market Street. Photo of cruiser featured.
- September 17, 1914 The San Diego Union front page "San Diego Favored As Advance War Base. Allies Surround Germans Under General Von Kluck at Amiens. Thousand Flags Wave O'er Harbor Honoring Pride of Pacific Fleet." Photo of USS San Diego with flags and a hydroplane flying over. Cruiser was christened the preceding day by Miss Annie May O'Neill, the daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Charles F. O'Neill, "a typical daughter of the southland." Photos of Miss Annie May and Rufus Choate, President of the Chamber of Commerce.
- August 31, 1945 Los Angeles Examiner news page full of photos: "Thrill of Freedom. Allies in Japan Liberated. Yanks Take Over. Yokosuka. 'San Diego' Docks." Includes photo of the Cruiser U. S. S. San Diego "flagship of Rear Admiral Oscar C. Badger, commander of Task Force 31, moves into a dock at the Yokosuka naval base. She was the first American warship to dock at Japan since the beginning of the war. It was here that the Jap battleship Nagato was bombed."
- October 17, 1945, Navy Day Section front page of The San Diego Union full color picture of the U. S. S. San Diego with heading "Well Done, Navy." Footer reads "Welcome 3rd Fleet" with President's Message beneath picture of the Cruiser.
- Same picture as above of Cruiser, but in blue in white on cover of San Diego Club Life. "Honoring the Officers and Men Of Our Services Afloat on this VICTORY NAVY DAY October 27, 1945." Under the picture of the U.S.S. San Diego reads "see page 6 for details."
- October 27, 1945 Sunrise Edition of The San Diego Union: "Truman to give Foreign Policy Talk Today. CITY WELCOMES 3RD FLEET. Noted Fighting Ship Reaches Harbor on Last Lap From Tokyo. Famed Cruiser Arrives Here. Thousands See San Diego Make Port for Two-Day Celebration." Photo of arrival of ship featured on front page.
- City of San Diego Ordinance No. 2255 (New Series):
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM PF \$1250.00 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE FUND OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND ENGRAVING OF A SILVER SERVICE, TO BE USED ON THE U. S. S. SAND DIEGO.
Approved by City Attorney, Jacob Weinberger. Adopted on September 16, 1941.

- Invitation from the Bethlehem Steel Company Shipbuilding Division, Fore River Yard, Quincy, MA requesting "the honor of your presence at the launching of the U.S.S. San Diego on Saturday, July the twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and forty-one at quarter after one o'clock, Daylight Saving Time. Sponsor Mrs. Percy J. Benbough." Also includes business card-sized invite to luncheon at the Neighborhood Club, Quincy, immediately following launching.

- July 26, 1941 The Tribune-Sun front page featuring photo of Mayor Benbough's wife, Percy J., with heading "Mayor Benbough's Wife Christens Swift Warship." "Smiling as she swings the traditional bottle of champagne to christen the new U.S.S. San Diego, Mrs. P. J. Benbough, wife of San Diego's mayor, sponsors the speedy new warship at its launching today at Quincy, Mass. " "U.S. S. SAN DIEGO LAUNCHED; TO HAVE DESTROYER SPEED. 600-Ton Vessel Second to Carry City's Name; New Navy Design Used."

- April 21, 1938 letter to Mr. Allen H. Wright, City Clerk, City of San Diego, from Vera Ward, Secretary to California Senator William Gibbs McAdoo, U.S. Senate, Committee on Appropriations, replying to March 30 letter transmitting a city resolution urging that one of the new naval vessels be named for the City of San Diego.

"Senator McAdoo took this matter up with the Secretary of the Navy and I quote for your information from his reply:

'The name 'San Diego' will be given consideration with others when funds are appropriated for the construction of additional cruisers.

The Department appreciates your interest."

One page, front and back cover. Document No 307724. filed April 26, 1938.

- April 13, 1938 letter to Allen H. Wright, City Clerk, San Diego, from Congressman Ed. V. Izac, M.C., 20th Dist. Calif., Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., stating that he made further representations to the Navy Department about the naming of a vessel the "U.S.S. San Diego," and have received a response from the Honorable Claude Swanson stating that it will be given consideration with others when the time arrives for name assignments..

One page, front and back cover. Document No. 307576, filed April 18, 1938. Filed in "Wansley Housh File" (Addison E. Housh, Vice Mayor of the City of San Diego) April 19, 1938.

- April 11, 1938 letter to Mr. Allen H. Wright from Claude Swanson, Department of the Navy, acknowledging his letter regarding Resolution No. 67353 adopted by the San Diego City Council stating their desire to have a cruiser named San Diego. Confirms consideration at the right time.

One page, front and back cover. Document No. 307575, filed April 13, 1938

- April 4, 1938 letter to Mr. Allen H. Wright, City Clerk, City of San Diego, from Congressman Ed. V. Izac acknowledging receipt of same as above. "Please be assured I shall do whatever I can to further this wish as expressed in Resolution Number 67353."

- copies of Resolution No. 67353, including certification, City of San Diego, regarding U.S.S. San Diego:

WHEREAS, no vessel of the United States Navy today bears the name of "San Diego" and no vessel has borne such a name since the loss of the U.S.S. San Diego on July 18, 1918, when it struck an mine and sank off Long Island, New York: and ..."

Certification page states passed and adopted by Council on March 29, 1938.

- Resolution 56376 Requesting U. S. Government to name Light Cruiser No. 38 "San Diego." Document No. 268476, filed May 4, 1931. Adopted by Common Council on May 4, 1931. Book 56 Page 31.

- Resolution 60591 Requesting U.S. Navy to give name of "San Diego" to new naval vessel. Document No. 284431, filed August 16, 1933. Adopted by City Council on August 22, 1933. Book 57 Page 370.

- August 3, 1918 letter from U.S. Congressman William Kettner to Allen H. Wright, City Clerk, San Diego, forwarding letters received from Secretary Daniels regarding the 're-naming a boat — rather naming a new boat for San Diego, to take the place of the U.S.S. San Diego. I shall take up this matter again with the Secretary within a short time." Signed William Kettner.

Attached copy of letter misdated July 27, 1915 (see below) to "My dear Congressman" Kettner from Josephus Daniels Secretary: "I have received your esteemed favor of July 23rd, enclosing the telegram from the City Council of San Diego, California. I appreciate very much the feeling of the citizens of San Diego over the loss of the U.S.S. San Diego, and their desire that another vessel be named after their city. I shall give the suggestion very careful consideration."

Document No. 117068, filed August 9, 1918: "William Kettner Enclosing copies of letters from Secretary Daniels re naming a war vessel after the "San Diego" recently sunk." Presented and Ordered filed by Common Council on August 14, 1918.

- July 30, 1918 letter from The Secretary of the Navy, Washington, Josephus Daniels, to Allen H. Wright, Office of the City Clerk, San Diego: "My dear Sir: I have received your esteemed favor of July 22nd enclosing a copy of the resolution of the city Council of San Diego in the matter of naming a new naval vessel after your city to take the place of the cruiser just lost, and I shall be glad to give the matter careful consideration. I appreciate fully the feeling of the citizens of San Diego in the matter. Signed by Josephus Daniels."

- July 22, 1918 letter to the Honorable Louis J. Wilde, Mayor of the City of San Diego from The McGee-For-Governor Executive Committee, San Diego, by E. E. Hendee, requesting for Charles A. A. McGee that the Common Council of the City of San Diego pass appropriate legislation for the erection of a suitable monument in the memory of those who were lost upon the Cruiser San Diego as speedily as possible.

Document No. 116817, filed July 23, 1918. Presented and ordered filed by Council on July 24, 1918.

- Resolution No. , City of San Diego, dated July 22, 1918, including certification, expressing ...?

- February 5, 1915 letter to Allen H. Wright, City Clerk, San Diego, from Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, confirming receipt of his Wright's letter of January 28, 1915, inclosing eight copies of the Common Council of San Diego Resolution expressing sympathy to the relatives of the unfortunate men who lost their lives in the recent accident aboard the U.S.S. San Diego. A copy of the resolution will be sent to the next of kin as requested. Signed by Josephus Daniels.

Two pages, including cover. Document No. 86315, filed February 11, 1915. Presented and Ordered Filed by Council on February 15, 1915.

- February 1, 1915 letter from the U. S. S. SAN DIEGO, Captain, U. S. Navy, Commanding, A. H. Robertson to Allen H. Wright, City Clerk, San Diego:

“In behalf of the officers and men of the vessel under my command, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your kind and thoughtful resolution in connection with the recent deaths on board the San Diego, copies of which are being posted throughout the ship for the information of the crew.” Signed A. H. Robertson.

Two pages, including cover. Document No. 86009, filed February 3, 1915. Presented to Common Council and ordered filed February 3, 1915

- Resolution No. 19100 “WHEREAS, The Great Ruler of the Universe has, in His infinite wisdom, removed fro their shipmates on board the U. S. S. San Diego, our fellow laborers in the Nation’s upbuilding.

Oscar J. Wyatt, El Centro, Californi,a
William F. Elliott, Brooklyn, N. Y.,
Amabus L. Hardee, Joplin, Mo.,
Clifford A. Western, Davenport, California,
Charles W. Peterson, Racine, Wis.
William H. Miller, Downs, Kansas,
Darrell L. Varnarde ,Port Arthur, Texas and
George Ohm, Utah, Nebraska.

WHEREAS, The City of San Diego feels a personal interest in the lives and welfare of the officers and crew of the U. S. S. San Diego, making it fitting that we record our appreciation of the dead and injured thereon; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the removal by death from among their shipmates and from the ranks of the Nation, leaves a vacancy and broken friendships that will be deeply realized by all and prove a loss to the Navy and our Country,

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Memorial be presented the Commanding Officer of the U. S.S. San Diego, and that copies be furnished the wives, mothers or sweetheart of each of the honored dead.

RESOLVED, That our Flag remain at half mast over the City Hall during the interment.

Two pages, including cover. Document No. 85821, Filed January 27, 1915. Memorial in Honor Of The Dead and Injured On Board The U. S. S. SAN DIEGO. Adopted by Common Council on January 27, 1915.

- Message from the Mayor dated January 27, 1915: Resolution In Re the Dead on U. S. Warship “San Diego.” Document No.85809?, filed January 27, 1915.