

USS KANAWHA (AO-1)

Displacement 5,723 t.(lt) 14,800 t.(fl)

Dimensions - Length 475' 7", Beam 56' 3", Draft 26' 8".

Speed 14 kts. Complement 317

Armament - two single 5"/38 dual purpose gun mounts, two twin 40mm AA gun mounts, two twin 20mm AA gun mounts

Propulsion system unknown

Operational and Building Data

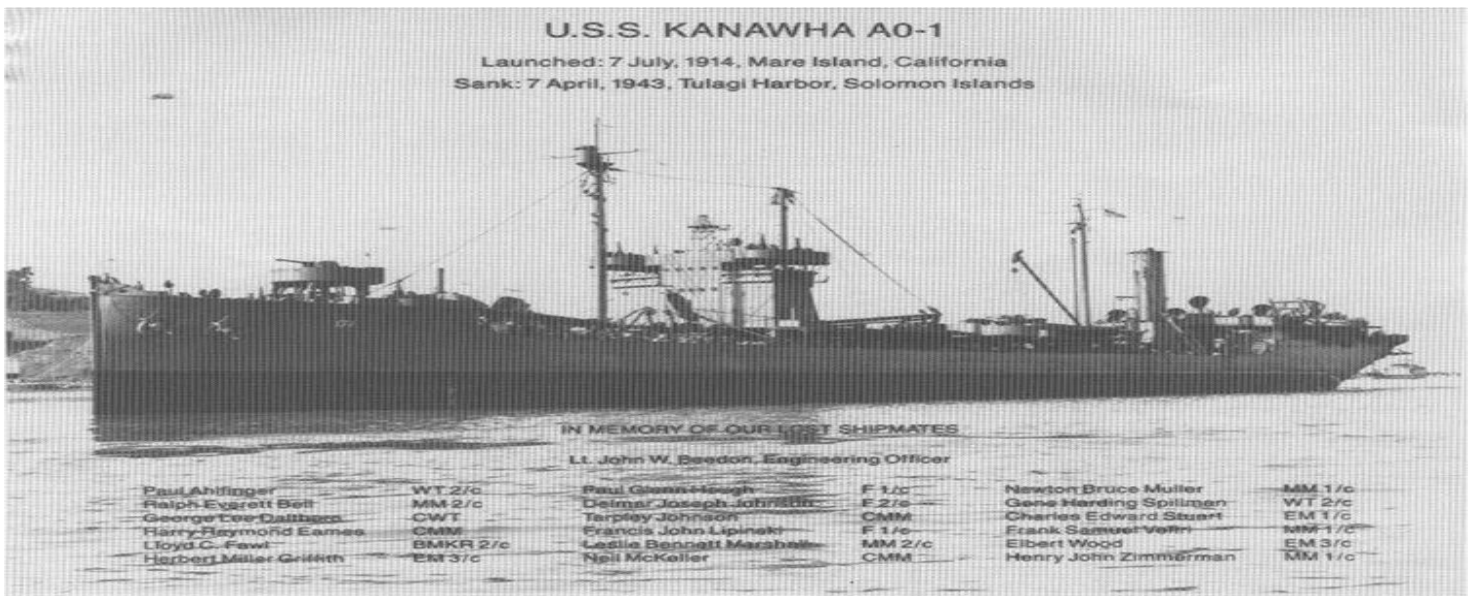
Laid down, 8 December 1913, at Mare Island Navy Yard, Vallejo, CA.

Launched, 11 July 1914 and commissioned USS Kanawha, 5 June 1915

Designated (AO-1), 17 July 1920, Decommissioned, 18 December 1929

Laid up in the Reserve Fleet, Recommissioned, 5 June 1934

Fate - sunk by Japanese aircraft Tulagi Harbor 0400, 8 April 1943



The big American fleet oiler AO-1 *USS Kanawha* sits upright near the entrance to Tulagi Harbour at about 60 metres (200 ft). As a warship, it was heavily armed with guns on the bow, bridge, midships and stern. Because of the limited bottom time, dives are conducted from the submerged mooring lines on either the bow or the stern.



Bow Depth Range - 40 - 50m



Stern Depth Range - 50 - 60m

