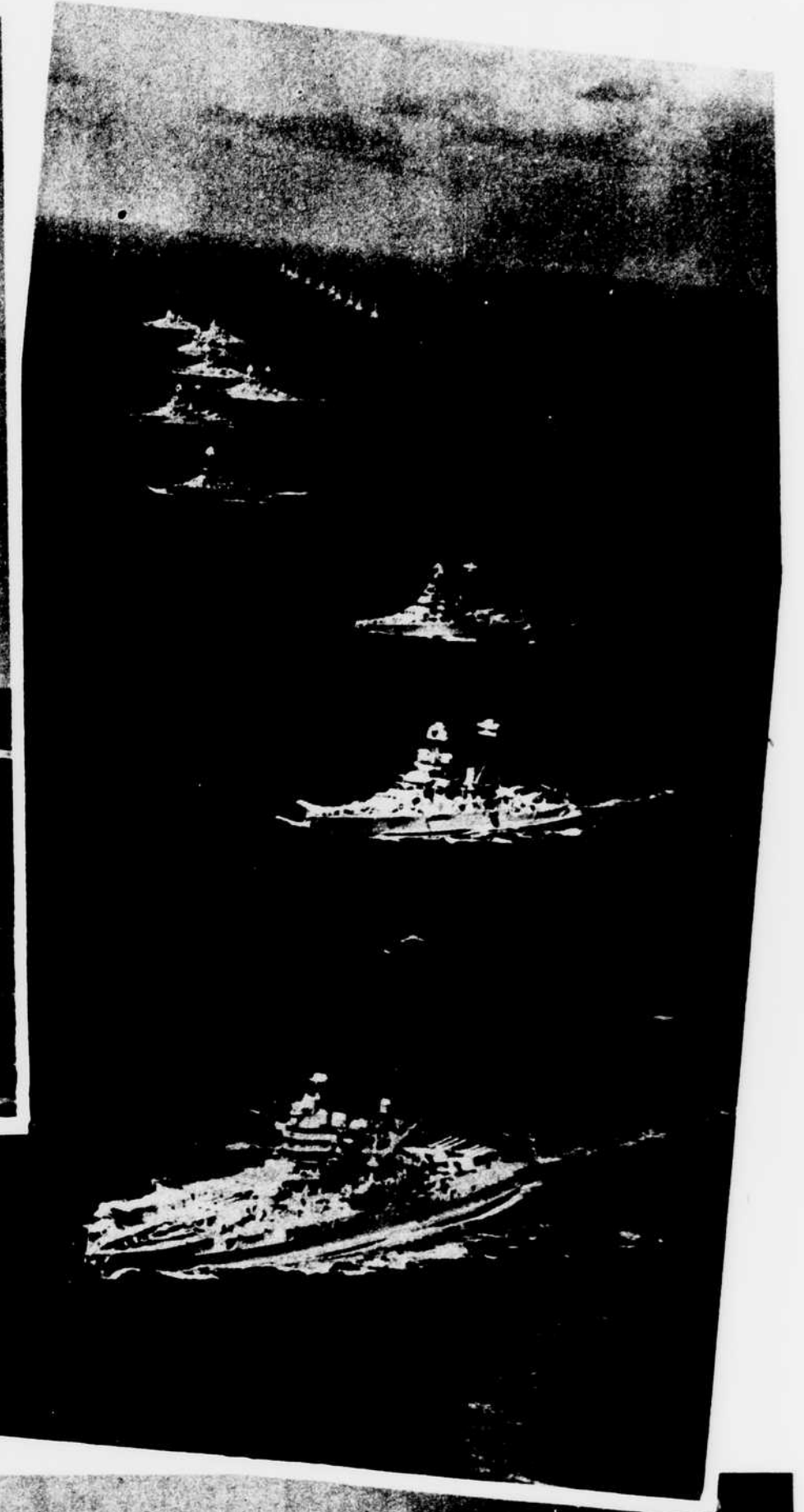


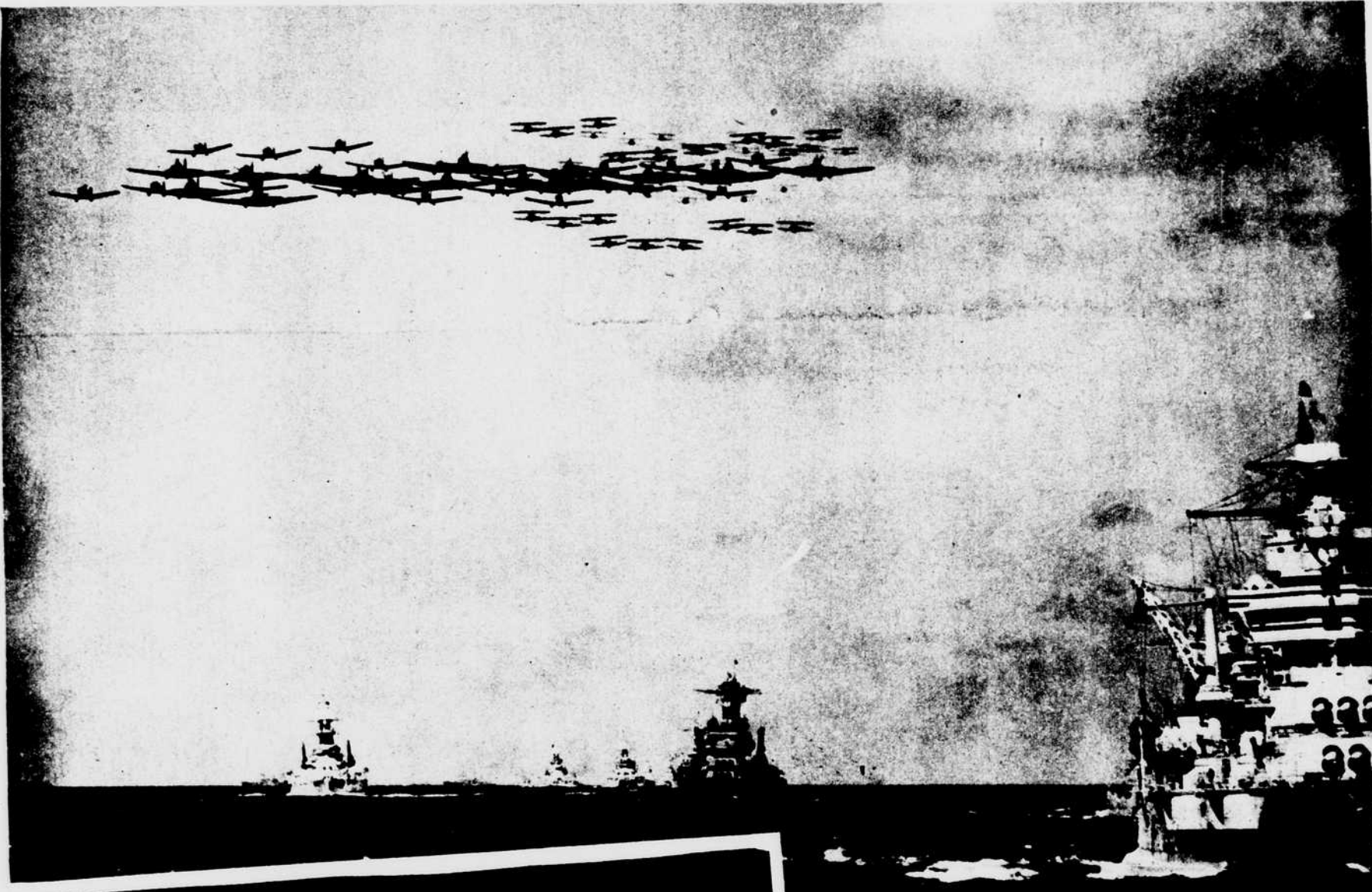
Navy Keeps 'On Toes' in Warring World



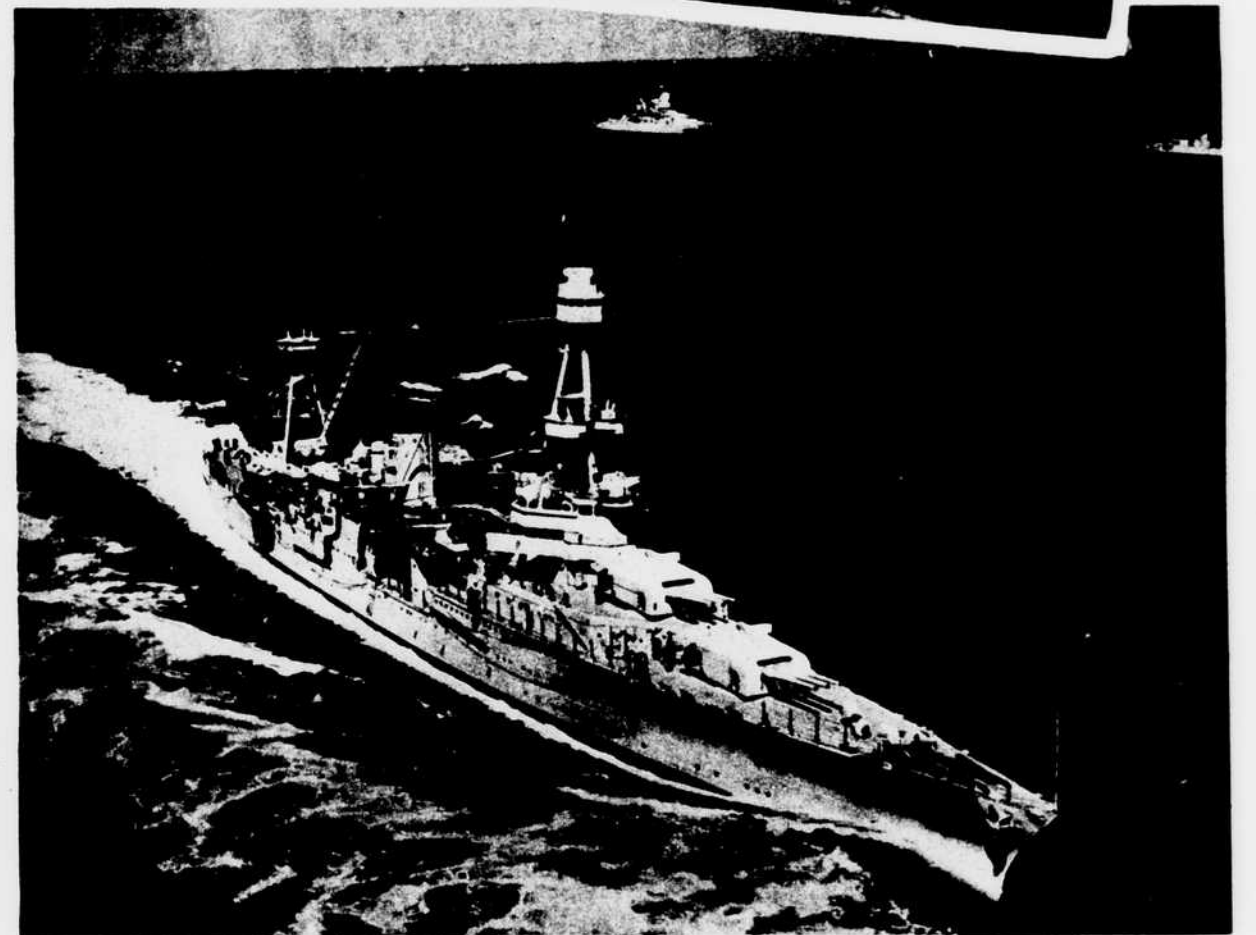
Navy Day, next Friday, will find the Nation's first line of defense fit and ready for the heavy responsibilities falling upon it in these days of great nations at war. It keeps that way by periodic maneuvers that co-ordinate all elements of the fleet—surface, air and undersea—into a smooth fighting force. Here's the battle line of the fleet in recent tactical maneuvers off the California coast, during which these pictures were made. The 10 battleships in the line are headed by the New Mexico.



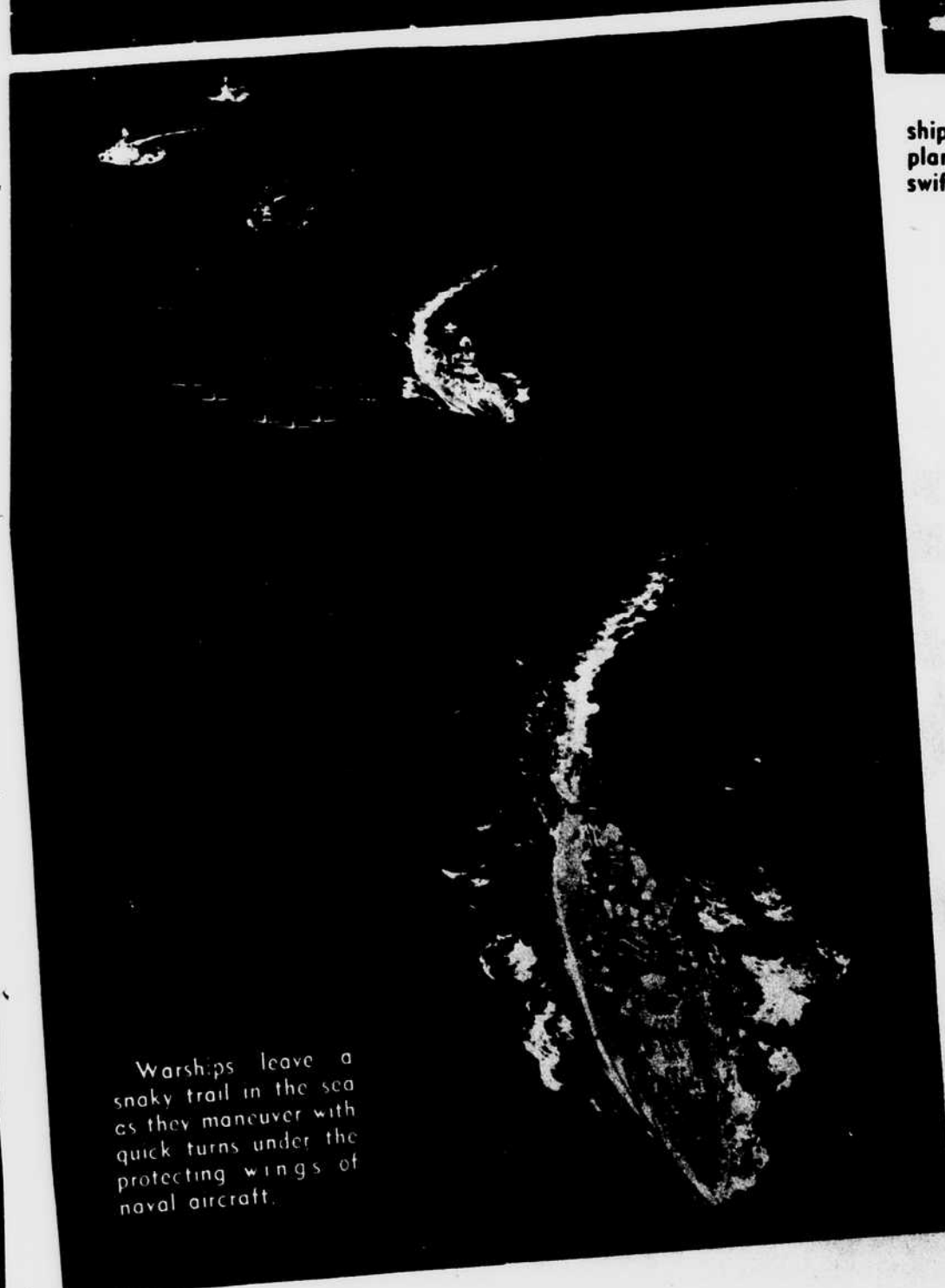
(Right) Battleships executing a sharp right turn. You're looking at the backbone of Uncle Sam's naval power in those 10 ships.



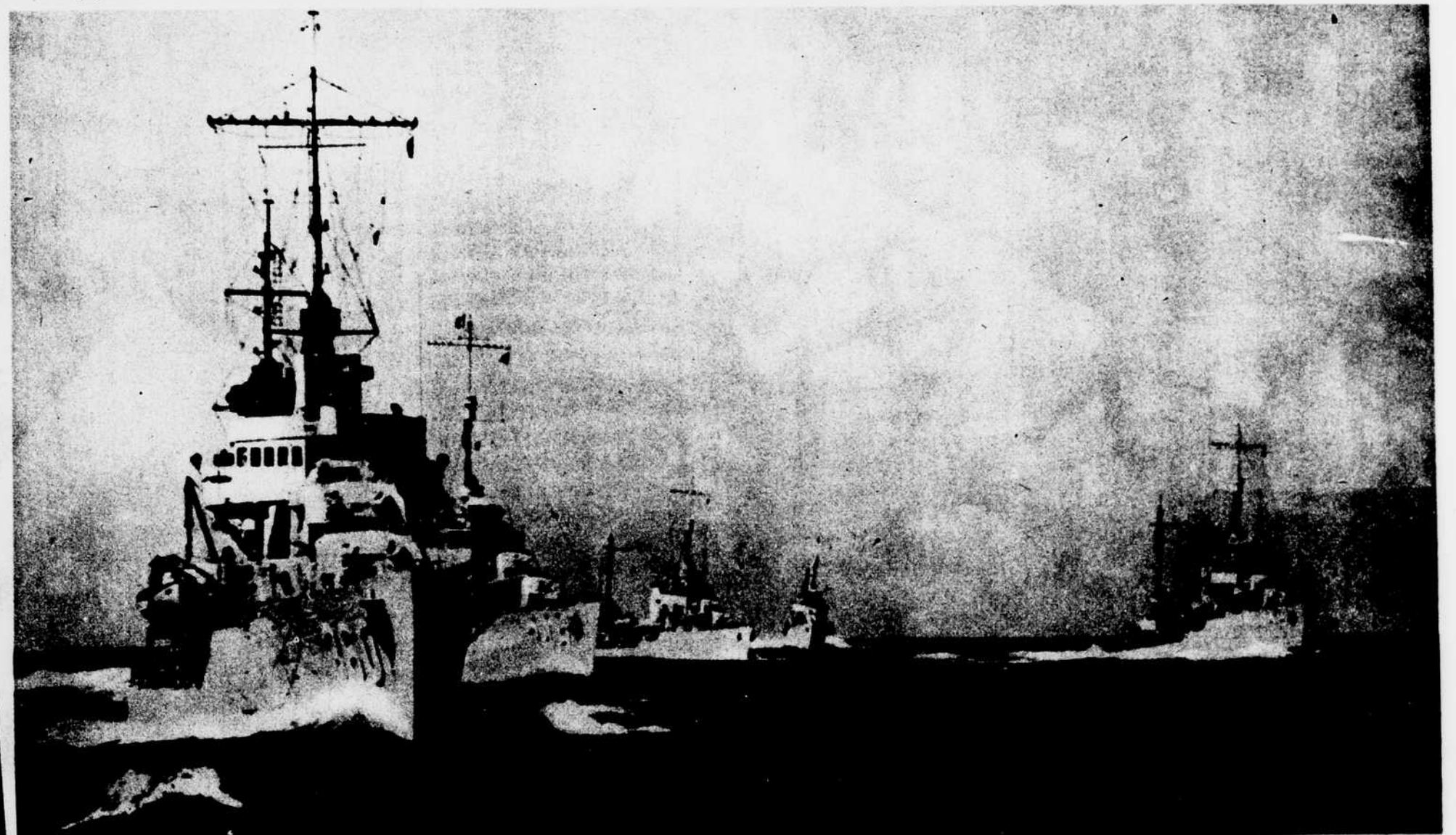
Bombers and scouting planes mass above the battleships. Ever vigilant eyes of the fleet are the scouting planes, and the bombers are ready to join battle with their swift striking power.



Close second to battleships in fighting power are the fleet's heavy cruisers. Here's the U. S. S. Chicago cleaving the sea during a speed run.



Warships leave a snaky trail in the sea as they maneuver with quick turns under the protecting wings of naval aircraft.



Unsurpassed in surface speed are Uncle Sam's newer destroyers. They're using that special asset here in a dizzy bit of close maneuvering. The destroyer Phelps leads at left. Wide World and A. P. Photos.