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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

USS <u>Hazard</u> (AM-240) was built by the Winslow Marine Railway & Shipbuilding Co., Winslow, Washington. She was launched on May 21, 1944, and was commissioned on October 31, 1944.

USS Hazard is a fleet minesweeper of the Admirable class. Admirable class minesweepers were basic minesweepers similiar to the British Bangor class designed to meet minimum requirements for size, speed, and endurance. They were fitted for both wire and acoustic sweeping and could also double as antisubmarine warfare and antiaircraft ships. Admirable class minsweepers formed the majority of American minesweepers built during World War II.

Specific ship data concerning USS Hazard is:

Length: 185 feet Displacement: 900 tons (Loaded)

Beam: 33 feet Draft: 10 feet (Loaded)

Speed: 15 knots Crew: 104 (wartime)

Armament: One 3"/50 caliber deck gun; one rocket launcher; two depth charge

racks; various combinations of antiaircraft guns.

USS <u>Hazard</u> is in exellent condition. The ship was transferred to Omaha with all of her spare parts and equipment intact. The only equipment missing from USS <u>Hazard</u> is the minesweeping cable. All equipment (radio, engines, ovens, electrical systems, plumbing) is fully operational.—USS <u>Hazard</u> still retains its original dishes, kitchen utensils, and stationery. <u>USS Hazard</u> is one of the best preserved and intact warships remaining from World War II. <u>USS Hazard</u> is a virtual time capsule dating from 1945.

USS <u>Hazard</u> is permanently berthed at the Omaha Marina in East Omaha, Nebraska. She is maintained as a World War II museum and memorial.

8. Significance

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The fleet minesweeper was one of the many support ships designed to service and protect the larger naval vessels in operation against the Japanese in World War II.

Although the Japanese had done little mining in the path of the United States navy they were known to have purchased thousands of British and American mines after World War I. Many of these mines were used in the Philippines and in the waters close to Japan where they caused considerable trouble. The purpose of the fleet minesweeper was to arrive before the fleet and sweep the area for mines. Fleet minesweepers remained with the fleet, during operation, constantly sweeping to insure safe operation for the larger ships of the navy. Fleet minesweepers were the first to arrive in enemy waters and the last to leave. Their job, although not glamorous or well known by the American public, was absolutely essential to the safety and success of American naval operations against Japan in World War II.

USS <u>Hazard</u> represents fleet minesweepers that fought against Japan in World War II for the following reasons:

- 1. USS <u>Hazard</u> is an example of an <u>Admirable</u> class fleet minesweeper that fought against Japan in World War II. <u>Admirable</u> class minesweepers formed the largest class of American minesweepers ordered during the war and proved to be one of the most successful classes. They were also employed as patrol and escort vessels.
- 2. USS Hazard earned three battle stars for her World War II service.
- 3. USS <u>Hazard</u> is in excellent condition and is one of the most intact warships surviving from World War II.

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