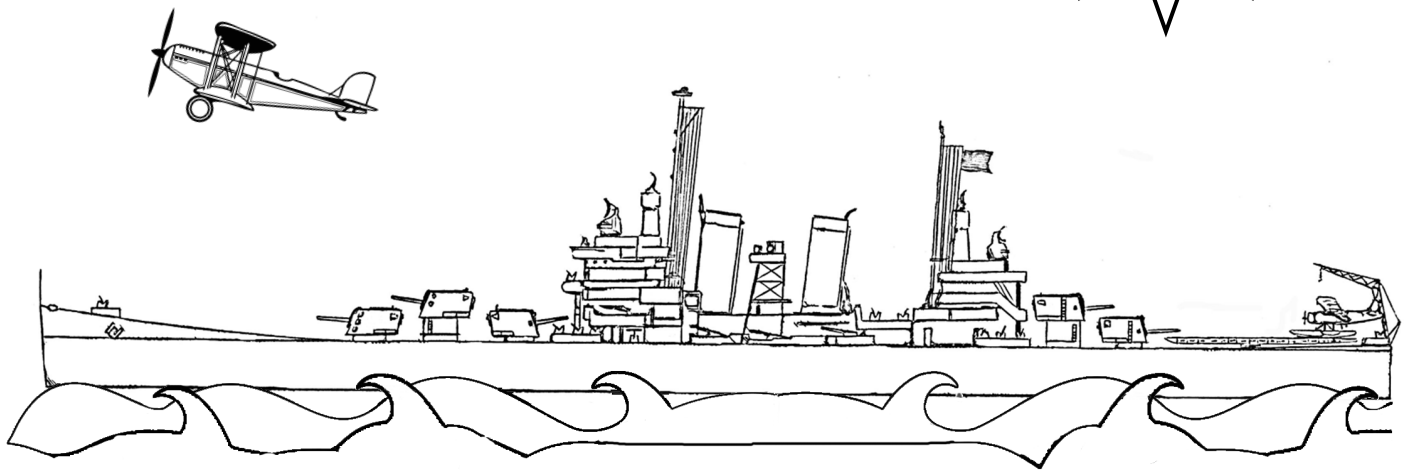
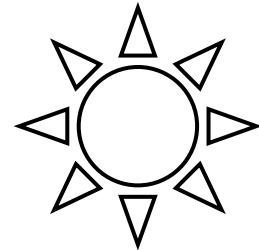


# USS SAVANNAH (CL-42)



USS SAVANNAH (CL-42) was a light cruiser of the Brooklyn class. She was launched on 8 May 1937, and served in World War II in the Atlantic and Mediterranean theatres, earning three battle stars. On 11 September 1943, SAVANNAH was struck by a German radio-controlled Fritz X glide bomb at the Battle of Salerno, Italy. The missile tore through the armored No. 3 gun turret, passed through three decks and exploded in the lower ammunition-handling room. The result of the Fritz X explosion was a gaping hole in SAVANNAH'S keel, a 60-foot gash in her port side seam below the waterline, and more than 200 casualties.

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