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Anthony Cooper : HMAS Bataan, 1952: An Australian Warship in the Korean War before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised HMAS Bataan, 1952: An Australian Warship in the Korean War:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Not your usual ship history By JimKnight With the recent tragic sinking of the South Korean warship 'Cheonan' by North Korea, this book is a timely look at the naval side of the Korean War 60 years ago. The story is about an Australian Tribal class destroyer, but it could equally tell the story of

just about any allied warship operating in those waters - US, British, or Canadian - many of which are mentioned in the book. The author's angle is that his father served on Bataan in 1952, and his letters are one of the major sources used. However, the book is a lot better than a mere memoir, as it is extensively researched from Australian archives and from a broad reading of all the relevant Korean War and naval literature. His father was also the source of the book's photos, very few of which have been seen before, many of which are like tourist snaps taken on the frontline. These visual sources add authenticity to the book's narrative of what it was like being at war in the navy in the mid 20th Century. The navy in the Korean War did not suffer the losses the army had to endure, but there was still plenty of risk, as the story makes clear. Bataan was ambushed by a communist shore battery at the start of her tour and hit by a 76mm shell. The author's account of that action makes gripping reading. He also includes lots of screw-ups in this 'warts and all' account of combat service, with mechanical breakdowns and collisions and conflicts with higher command. The ship's captain, Commander 'Braces' Bracegirdle, was a piratical figure famous in the Australian Navy from his combat service in WW2, judging by the author's account was quite a character - they'd be very few like him left in today's navy, I'd say. This story is honest, entertaining, funny, critical. It makes a serious contribution to naval history. Highly recommended.

A unique account of Australia's involvement in the Korean War, this record tells the story of destroyer HMAS Bataan's 1952 tour of duty. Written from two contrasting perspectives—namely from a “lower deck” seaman and an “upper deck” commander—this narrative draws on a variety of archival sources, including the ship's monthly log, a collection of poetry written aboard the ship during the war, letters, and photographs. Peppered with intimate insights from the unpublished notebooks, this chronicle will entice those interested in naval and military history.

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