

# The U.S.S. Houston: FDR's Legendary Lost Cruiser and the Epic Saga of a World War II Tragedy

Photo # 80-G-272783 USS Houston under tow after being torpedoed off Formosa, October 1944

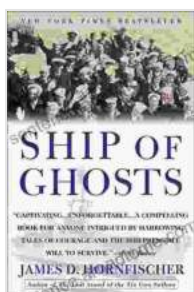


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On February 27, 1942, the USS Houston, a Brooklyn-class light cruiser, was sunk in the Battle of the Java Sea. The ship went down with over 600 crew members, including its captain, Ernest E. Evans. The Houston was

one of the first major US Navy ships to be lost in World War II, and its sinking was a major blow to the American war effort.

The Houston was commissioned in 1930 and named after the city of Houston, Texas. The ship was assigned to the Asiatic Fleet in 1941 and participated in the early battles of the Pacific War. The Houston fought in the Battle of the Java Sea on February 27, 1942, against a Japanese fleet that outnumbered the Allied forces by more than two to one. The Houston was sunk after a fierce battle that lasted for several hours.



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The sinking of the Houston was a major tragedy for the United States Navy. The ship was one of the most powerful cruisers in the fleet, and its loss was a significant blow to the American war effort. The Houston's crew fought bravely against overwhelming odds, and their sacrifice will never be forgotten.

In the years since the sinking of the Houston, the ship has become a legend. The story of the Houston's last battle has been told and retold in books, movies, and documentaries. The ship's crew has been honored for their courage and sacrifice, and the Houston's name has been given to a new class of guided missile cruisers.

The USS Houston was a symbol of American naval power and sacrifice during World War II. The ship's story is one of courage, tragedy, and heroism. The Houston's legacy will continue to inspire generations of Americans for years to come.

### **The Houston's Last Battle**

On February 27, 1942, the USS Houston was part of a Allied fleet that was attacked by a Japanese fleet in the Java Sea. The Japanese fleet outnumbered the Allied forces by more than two to one, and the Houston was quickly overwhelmed.

The Houston fought bravely against the Japanese, but the ship was no match for the superior firepower of the Japanese fleet. The Houston was hit by several torpedoes and bombs, and the ship began to sink.

Captain Ernest E. Evans Free Downloaded the crew to abandon ship, but he remained on the bridge until the very end. The Houston sank beneath the waves with Evans still on board.

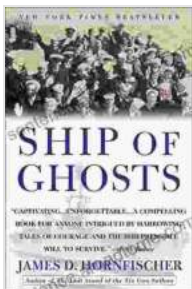
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## The Houston's Legacy

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The Houston's name has been given to a new class of guided missile cruisers. The new Houston-class cruisers are some of the most powerful warships in the world. The Houston-class cruisers are a fitting tribute to the legacy of the USS Houston and the brave crew who served on her.

The USS Houston is also remembered in the city of Houston, Texas. The city has a memorial to the Houston in Hermann Park, and the city's airport is named after the ship. The USS Houston is a reminder of the sacrifices that were made by the men and women who served in World War II. The ship's legacy will continue to inspire Houstonians for generations to come.



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