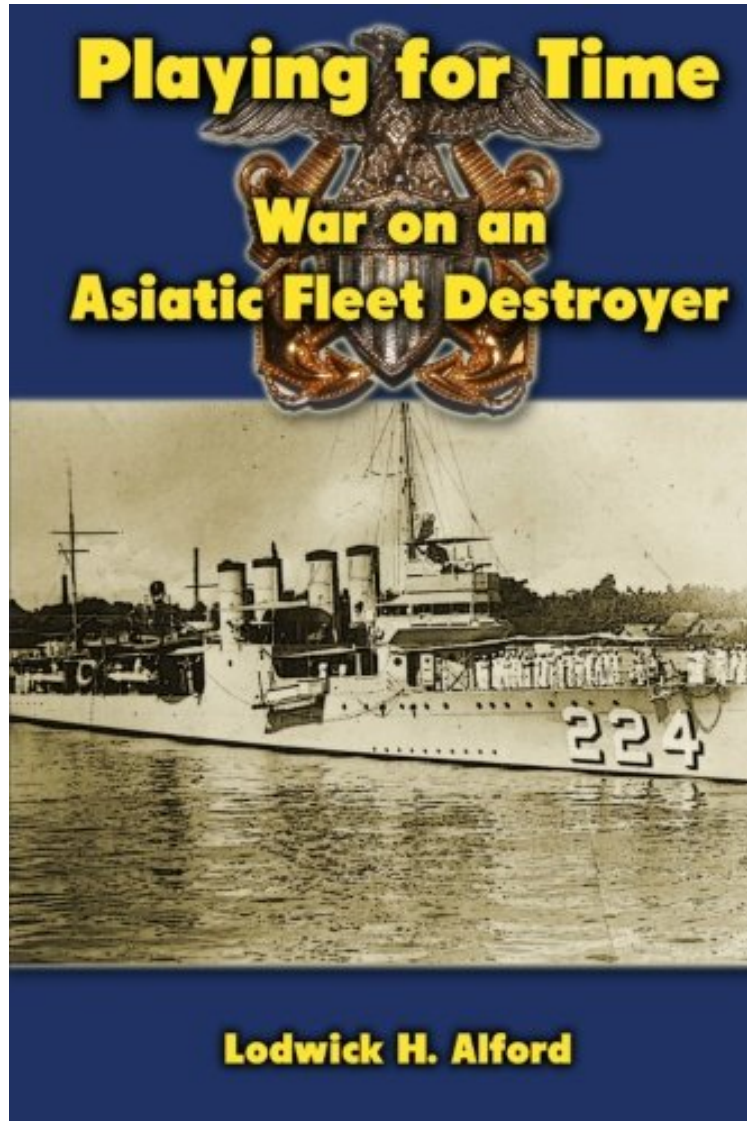


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commanders and the thoughts and aspirations of the fighting men involved, as well as recognition deserved, but not given, to several of his countrymen. I read *Playing for Time* in concert with author Tom Womack's excellent and highly detailed *The Allied Defense of the Malay Barrier 1941-1942* and found that Alford filled in many blanks and added much meaning and human emotion to the early war of which he was a part. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. *Playing for Time* By R. L. Mahan *Playing for time* by Capt Alford USN RET. Is a book I have wanted to read my whole life. Let me say up front that my father served on board the USS Stewart DD-224 during the time covered in the book as an RM3. So I had a personal interest in it's story. There are some nice works that cover the events that overcame the US Asiatic Fleet in the early days of World War 2. *The Lonely Ships* By Edwin P. Hoyt is one such work. *Playing for time* is different in that instead of covering the plans made by the Admirals in how to confront a vastly superior enemy. It is about the thoughts and feelings of the crew of one of the ships trying to carry out those plans. Always with the hope that the US Pacific Fleet would come to their aid and the bitter feelings when they realized that was not going to happen. It is the story of proud men and ships sailing into certain defeat even with the knowledge that their sacrifice can no longer serve a useful purpose. There is also a good bit of information of the Stewart's use by Japan after being raised and refitted as a patrol boat. The story of the USS Stewart DD-224 is one of the strangest in Naval History. Shoot up and bombed by Japan, scuttled by the US, re-floated by Japan, re-captured by the US and sunk for the last time by it's own US Navy off San Fransisco as a Bombing target. Hollywood couldn't make that up. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I love information about early american fighting after Pearl Harbor and ...By Steven Leenerts I love information about early american fighting after Pearl Harbor and this book is full of it. A great book about the naval battles of the Asiatic Fleet in the Dutch East Indies and the only American warship to be captured by the enemy in World War 2.

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