

175 Fletcher-Class Destroyers

Battle star notes: Sixty-five of the 175 *Fletchers* earned more battle stars in World War II than did the *USS Colahan*. If the Korean War is included, the number of ships that outperformed the *Colahan* shrinks to an even dozen. All battle star data in this chart comes from the *Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*, eight thick volumes prepared by the Navy Department over a period of three decades, 1958 to 1989. As presented here, the battle star data is solid for WWII and the Korean War but incomplete for the Vietnam War. The alphabetical dictionary's early volumes were published before and during the Vietnam War, and they have not yet been updated. Where can I find the missing information for ships that fall early in the alphabet? Damned if I know. The Naval Historical Center perhaps. Also, the dictionary provided no battle star info at all on four *Fletchers* — the *Conway*, the *McCord*, the *Miller* and the *Hunt*. I hate it when that happens.

The *Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships* is a fine source of information on warships, but it is not infallible. Re *USS Kidd*. (Get data from Tim Rizzuto.)

Hull	Ship	Builder	Keel Laid	Completed	Battle Stars		
					WWII	Korea	Viet
445	Fletcher	Fed	2 Oct 41	30 Jun 42	15	5	0
446	Radford	Fed	2 Oct 41	22 Jul 42	12	5	4
447	Jenkins	Fed	27 Nov 41	31 Jul 42	14	1	0
448	LaVallette	Fed	27 Nov 41	12 Aug 42	10	0	0
449	Nicholas	Bath	3 Mar 41	4 Jun 42	16	5	0
450	O'Bannon	Bath	3 Mar 41	26 Jun 42	17	3	0
451	Chevalier	Bath	30 Apr 41	20 Jul 42	3	0	0
465	Saufley	Fed	27 Jan 42	9 Aug 42	16	0	0
466	Waller	Fed	12 Feb 42	1 Oct 42	12	2	2
467	Strong	Bath	30 Apr 41	7 Aug 42	2	0	0
468	Taylor	Bath	28 Aug 41	28 Aug 42	15	2	6
469	DeHaven	Bath	27 Sep 41	21 Sep 42	1	0	0
470	Bache	BethSI	19 Nov 41	14 Nov 42	8	0	0
471	Beale	BethSI	19 Dec 41	23 Dec 42	6	0	0
472	Guest	BosNY	27 Sep 41	15 Dec 42	8	0	0
473	Bennett	BosNY	10 Dec 41	9 Feb 43	9	0	0

474	Fullam	BosNY	10 Dec 41	9 Feb 43	7	0	0
475	Hudson	BosNY	20 Feb 42	13 Apr 43	9	0	0
476	Hutchins	BosNY	27 Sep 41	17 Nov 42	6	0	0
477	Pringle	CharNY	31 Jul 41	15 Sep 42	10	0	0
478	Stanly	CharNY	15 Sep 41	15 Oct 42	9	0	0
479	Stevens	CharNY	30 Dec 41	1 Feb 43	9	0	0
480	Halford	PSNY	3 Jun 41	10 Apr 43	13	0	0
481	Leutze	PSNY	3 Jun 41	4 Mar 44	5	0	0
498	Philip	Fed	7 May 42	21 Nov 42	9	5	0
499	Renshaw	Fed	7 May 42	5 Dec 42	8	5	6
500	Ringgold	Fed	25 Jun 42	30 Dec 42	10	0	0
501	Schroeder	Fed	25 Jun 42	1 Jan 43	10	0	0
502	Sigsbee	Fed	22 Jul 42	23 Jan 43	10	0	0
507	Conway	Bath	5 Nov 41	9 Oct 42	?	?	?
508	Cony	Bath	24 Dec 41	30 Oct 42	11	2	0
509	Converse	Bath	23 Feb 42	20 Nov 42	11	0	0
510	Eaton	Bath	17 Mar 42	4 Dec 42	11	0	0
511	Foote	Bath	14 Apr 42	22 Dec 42	4	0	0
512	Spence	Bath	18 May 42	8 Jan 43	8	0	0
513	Terry	Bath	8 Jun 42	27 Jan 43	7	0	0
514	Thatcher	Bath	29 Jun 42	10 Feb 43	12	0	0
515	Anthony	Bath	17 Aug 42	26 Feb 43	7	0	0
516	Wadsworth	Bath	18 Aug 42	16 Mar 43	7	0	0
517	Walker	Bath	31 Aug 42	3 Apr 43	6	2	3
518	Brownson	BethSI	15 Feb 42	3 Feb 43	1	0	0
519	Daly	BethSI	29 Apr 42	10 Mar 43	8	1	0
520	Isherwood	BethSI	12 May 42	12 Apr 43	5	0	0
521	Kimberly	BethSI	27 Jul 42	22 May 43	5	1	0
522	Luce	BethSI	24 Aug 42	21 Jun 43	5	0	0
526	Abner Read	BethSF	30 Oct 41	5 Feb 43	4	0	0
527	Ammen	BethSF	29 Nov 41	12 Mar 43	8	0	0
528	Mullany	BethSF	15 Jan 42	10 May 43	7	0	0
529	Bush	BethSF	12 Feb 42	10 May 43	7	0	0
530	Trathen	BethSF	18 Jul 42	28 May 43	8	1	0
531	Hazelwood	BethSF	11 Apr 42	18 Jun 43	10	0	0
532	Heermann	BethSF	8 May 42	6 Jul 43	9	0	0
533	Hoel	BethSF	4 Jun 42	29 Jul 43	5	0	0
534	McCord	BethSF	17 Mar 42	19 Aug 43	?	?	?
535	Miller	BethSF	18 Aug 42	31 Aug 43	?	?	?
536	Owen	BethSF	17 Sep 42	20 Sep 43	9	2	0
537	The Sullivans	BethSF	10 Oct 42	30 Sep 43	9	2	0
538	Stephen Potter	BethSF	27 Oct 42	21 Oct 43	10	0	0
539	Tingey	BethSF	22 Oct 42	25 Nov 43	8	5	0
540	Twining	BethSF	20 Nov 42	1 Dec 43	8	5	0
541	Yarnall	BethSF	5 Dec 42	30 Dec 43	7	2	0
544	Boyd	BethSP	2 Apr 42	8 May 43	11	5	0
545	Bradford	BethSP	28 Apr 42	12 Jun 43	12	6	0
546	Brown	BethSP	27 Jun 42	10 Jul 43	13	2	0
547	Cowell	BethSP	7 Sep 42	23 Aug 43	11	2	0
550	Capps	Gulf	12 Jun 41	23 Jun 43	7	0	0
551	David W. Taylor	Gulf	12 Jun 41	18 Sep 43	8	0	0
552	Evans	Gulf	21 Jul 41	11 Dec 43	5	0	0
553	John D. Henley	Gulf	21 Jul 41	2 Feb 44	6	0	0
554	Franks	SeaTac	8 Aug 42	30 Jul 43	9	0	0

555	Haggard	SeaTac	27 Mar 42	31 Aug 43	3	0	0
556	Hailey	SeaTac	11 Apr 42	30 Sep 43	6	2	0
557	Johnston	SeaTac	6 May 42	27 Oct 43	6	0	0
558	Laws	SeaTac	19 May 42	18 Nov 43	9	2	0
559	Longshaw	SeaTac	16 Jun 42	4 Dec 43	9	0	0
560	Morrison	SeaTac	30 Jun 42	18 Dec 43	8	0	0
561	Prichett	SeaTac	20 Jul 42	15 Jan 44	8	2	0
562	Robinson	SeaTac	12 Aug 42	31 Jan 44	8	0	0
563	Ross	SeaTac	7 Sep 42	21 Feb 44	5	0	0
564	Rowe	SeaTac	7 Dec 42	13 Mar 44	3	0	0
565	Smalley	SeaTac	9 Feb 43	31 Mar 44	3	1	0
566	Stoddard	SeaTac	10 Mar 43	15 Apr 44	3	0	3
567	Watts	SeaTac	26 Mar 43	29 Apr 44	3	0	0
568	Wren	SeaTac	24 Apr 43	29 Jan 44	3	0	0
569	Aulick	Orange	14 May 41	27 Oct 42	5	0	0
570	Charles Ausburne	Orange	14 May 41	24 Nov 42	11	0	0
571	Claxton	Orange	25 Jun 41	8 Dec 42	8	0	0
572	Dyson	Orange	25 Jun 41	30 Dec 42	11	0	0
573	Harrison	Orange	25 Jul 41	25 Jan 43	11	0	0
574	John Rodgers	Orange	25 Jul 41	9 Feb 43	12	0	0
575	McKee	Orange	2 Mar 42	31 Mar 43	11	0	0
576	Murray	Orange	16 Mar 42	20 Apr 43	11	0	0
577	Sproston	Orange	1 Apr 42	19 May 43	5	1	3
578	Wickes	Orange	15 Apr 42	16 Jun 43	5	0	0
579	William D. Porter	Orange	7 May 42	6 Jul 43	4	0	0
580	Young	Orange	7 May 42	31 Jul 43	5	0	0
581	Charrette	BosNY	20 Feb 42	18 May 43	13	0	0
582	Conner	BosNY	16 Apr 42	8 Jun 43	12	0	0
583	Hall	BosNY	16 Apr 42	6 Jul 43	8	0	0
584	Halligan	BosNY	13 Nov 42	19 Aug 43	6	0	0
585	Haraden	BosNY	9 Nov 42	16 Sep 43	5	0	0
586	Newcomb	BosNY	19 Mar 43	10 Nov 43	8	0	0
587	Bell	CharNY	30 Dec 41	4 Mar 43	12	0	0
588	Burns	CharNY	9 May 42	3 Apr 43	11	0	0
589	Izard	CharNY	9 May 42	15 May 43	10	0	0
590	Paul Hamilton	CharNY	10 Jan 43	25 Oct 43	7	0	0
591	Twiggs	CharNY	20 Jan 43	4 Nov 43	4	0	0
592	Howorth	PSNY	26 Nov 41	3 Apr 44	5	0	0
593	Killen	PSNY	26 Nov 41	4 May 44	2	0	0
594	Hart	PSNY	10 Aug 43	4 Nov 44	2	0	0
595	Metcalfe	PSNY	10 Aug 43	18 Nov 44	3	0	0
596	Shields	PSNY	10 Aug 43	8 Feb 45	0	3	0
597	Wiley	PSNY	10 Aug 43	22 Feb 45	0	0	0
629	Abbot	Bath	21 Sep 42	23 Apr 43	8	0	0
630	Braine	Bath	12 Oct 42	11 May 43	9	0	0
631	Erben	Bath	23 Oct 42	28 May 43	6	4	0
642	Hale	Bath	23 Nov 42	15 Jun 43	6	0	0
643	Sigourney	Bath	7 Dec 42	29 Jun 43	9	0	0
644	Stembel	Bath	21 Dec 42	16 Jul 43	9	3	0
649	Albert W. Grant	CharNY	30 Dec 42	24 Nov 43	7	0	0
650	Caperton	Bath	11 Jan 43	30 Jul 43	10	1	0
651	Cogswell	Bath	1 Feb 43	17 Aug 43	9	0	0
652	Ingersoll	Bath	18 Feb 43	31 Aug 43	9	0	0
653	Knapp	Bath	8 Mar 43	10 Jul 43	8	0	0

654	Bearss	Gulf	14 Jul 42	25 Jul 43	1	0	0
655	John Hood	Guff	12 Oct 42	7 Jun 44	1	0	0
656	Van Valkenburgh	Gulf	15 Nov 42	2 Aug 44	3	1	0
657	Charles J. Badger	BethSI	24 Sep 42	23 Jul 43	5	0	0
658	Colahan	BethSI	24 Oct 42	23 Aug 43	8	5	0
659	Dashiell	Fed	1 Oct 42	20 Mar 43	10	0	0
660	Bullard	Fed	16 Oct 42	9 Apr 43	9	0	0
661	Kidd	Fed	16 Oct 42	23 Apr 43	8	4	0
662	Bennion	BosNY	19 Mar 43	14 Dec 43	8	0	0
663	Heywood L. Edwards	BosNY	4 Jul 43	26 Jan 44	7	0	0
664	Richard P. Leary	BosNY	4 Jul 43	23 Feb 44	6	0	0
665	Bryant	CharNY	30 Dec 42	4 Dec 43	7	0	0
666	Black	Fed	14 Nov 42	21 May 43	6	2	0
667	Chauncey	Fed	14 Nov 42	31 May 43	7	2	0
668	Clarence K. Bronson	Fed	9 Dec 42	11 Jun 43	9	1	0
669	Cotten	Fed	8 Feb 43	24 Jul 43	9	1	0
670	Dortch	Fed	2 Mar 43	7 Aug 43	8	1	0
671	Gatling	Fed	3 Mar 43	19 Aug 43	8	1	0
672	Healy	Fed	4 Mar 43	3 Sep 43	8	0	0
673	Hickox	Fed	12 Mar 43	10 Sep 43	9	2	0
674	Hunt	Fed	31 Mar 43	22 Sep 43	?	?	?
675	Lewis Hancock	Fed	31 Mar 43	29 Sep 43	9	2	0
676	Marshall	Fed	19 Apr 43	16 Oct 43	8	4	0
677	McDermut	Fed	14 Jun 43	19 Nov 43	10	5	0
678	McGowan	Fed	30 Jun 43	20 Dec 43	9	2	0
679	McNair	Fed	30 Jun 43	30 Dec 43	8	2	0
680	Melvin	Fed	6 Jul 43	24 Nov 43	10	0	0
681	Hopewell	BethSP	29 Oct 42	30 Sep 43	9	4	0
682	Porterfield	BethSP	12 Dec 42	30 Oct 43	10	4	0
683	Stockham	BethSF	19 Dec 42	11 Feb 44	8	0	0
684	Wedderburn	BethSF	10 Jan 43	9 Mar 44	7	4	6
685	Picking	BethSI	24 Nov 42	21 Sep 43	5	1	0
686	Halsey Powell	BethSI	4 Feb 43	25 Oct 43	7	2	0
687	Uhlmann	BethSI	6 Mar 43	22 Nov 43	7	2	5
688	Remey	Bath	22 Mar 43	30 Sep 43	10	0	0
689	Wadleigh	Bath	5 Apr 43	19 Oct 43	6	0	0
690	Norman Scott	Bath	26 Apr 43	5 Nov 43	5	0	0
691	Mertz	Bath	10 May 43	19 Nov 43	10	0	0
792	Callaghan	BethSP	21 Feb 43	27 Nov 43	8	0	0
793	Cassin Young	BethSP	18 Mar 43	31 Dec 43	4	0	0
794	Irwin	BethSP	2 May 43	14 Feb 44	6	1	0
795	Preston	BethSP	13 Jun 43	20 Mar 44	6	1	0
796	Benham	BethSI	3 Apr 43	20 Dec 43	8	0	0
797	Cushing	BethSI	3 May 43	17 Jan 44	6	2	0
798	Monssen	BethSI	1 Jun 43	14 Feb 44	8	0	0
799	Jarvis	SeaTac	7 Jun 43	3 Jun 44	1	1	0
800	Porter	SeaTac	6 Jul 43	24 Jun 44	1	1	0
801	Colhoun	SeaTac	3 Aug 43	8 Jul 44	1	0	0
802	Gregory	SeaTac	31 Aug 43	29 Jul 44	2	4	0
803	Little	SeaTac	13 Sep 43	19 Aug 44	2	0	0
804	Rooks	SeaTac	27 Oct 43	2 Sep 44	3	2	0

Shipyards:

Bath	Bath Iron Works, Maine
BethSF	Bethlehem Steel, San Francisco
BethSI	Bethlehem Steel, Staten Island, New York
BethSP	Bethlehem Steel, San Pedro, California
BosNY	Boston Navy Yard, Massachusetts
CharNY	Charleston Navy Yard
Fed	Federal, Kearny, New Jersey
Gulf	Gulf Shipbuilding, Chickasaw, Alabama
Orange	Consolidated Shipbuilding, Orange, Texas
PSNY	Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Washington
SeaTac	Seattle-Tacoma (later Todd), Washington