



Colahan off Diamond Head

Photo by PH2 Don C. Smith

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Courtesy of Charles Flannery

This is my favorite *USS Colahan* photo. The ship is plowing a blue sea with-in sight of Hawaii's Diamond Head. Unlike photos showing the *Colahan* moored or docked in port, this one places her in action, with bow waves and a trailing wake as she maneuvers. The photo was taken in 1963 and it now introduces the *Colahan* on *DestroyersOnline.com*. Three years later the Navy would sink her as a target ship 40 miles southwest of San Diego. "The Japs couldn't sink her, so the U.S. Navy did it," commented a *Colahan* veteran sourly. True. She won 13 battle stars in her 23-year history and was never even dented by her enemies. — **Jackson Sellers, March 2005**