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Design and Construction

The British destroyers built during World War II were designed to meet the Royal Navy's need for a fast, maneuverable, and heavily armed escort vessel. The ships were typically around 350 feet long and displaced around 2,000 tons. They were powered by two or three steam turbines, which gave them a top speed of around 30 knots.

The destroyers were armed with a variety of weapons, including 4.7-inch guns, torpedoes, and depth charges. They also carried a number of anti-aircraft guns to protect themselves from air attack.

Service History

The British destroyers played a vital role in the Royal Navy's victory in World War II. They served in a variety of roles, including escorting convoys, attacking enemy shipping, and supporting amphibious landings.

The destroyers were often involved in fierce fighting, and many were lost in action. However, they also achieved a number of notable successes. For example, the destroyer HMS Glowworm sank the German cruiser Admiral Graf Spee in 1939, and the destroyer HMS Cossack captured the German submarine U-570 in 1941.

British Destroyers 1939-45: Wartime-Built Classes is a comprehensive and well-illustrated guide to the Royal Navy's destroyers that were built during World War II. The book is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of the Royal Navy or in the design and construction of warships.

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