



GUNNER'S MATES



SHIP'S BASEBALL TEAM

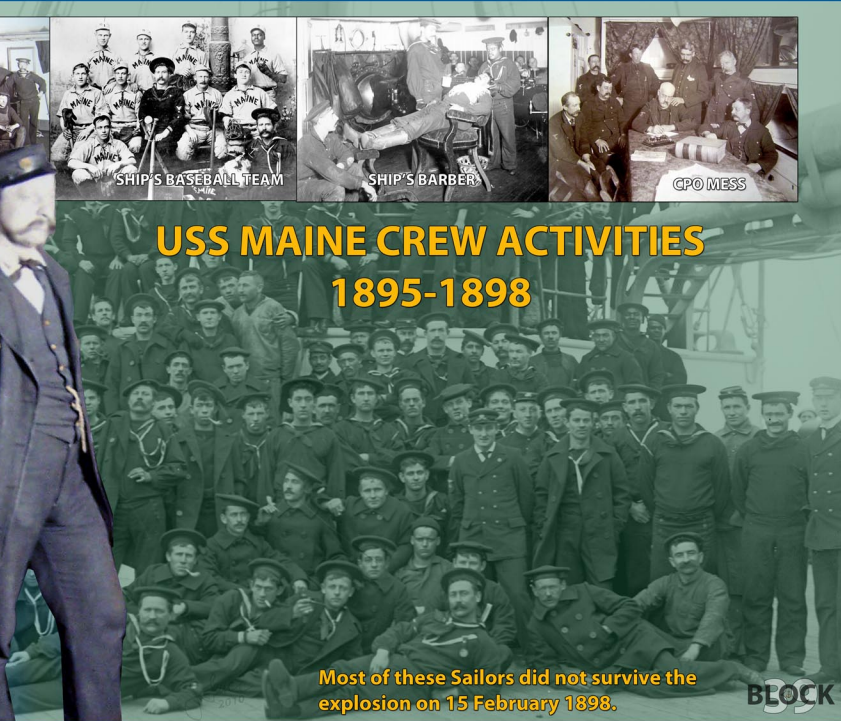


SHIP'S BARBER



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USS MAINE CREW ACTIVITIES 1895-1898



Most of these Sailors did not survive the explosion on 15 February 1898.

Remember the Maine



USS MAINE 1895-1898



1912 The raised wreck of USS MAINE.



The USS Maine memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.



1900 Wreck of USS Maine.

The battleship USS Maine was built at the New York Navy Yard and commissioned in September 1895. Maine operated along the east coast and in the Caribbean. In January 1895, Maine arrived in Cuban waters and anchored in Havana Harbor. Cuba was a Spanish colony. USS Maine was in Havana to protect American interests due to an ongoing Cuban insurrection against the Spanish rulers. On February 15, 1898 an explosion occurred on USS Maine. The ship was destroyed and sank. There were 355 Sailors and Marines aboard and 253 were killed. The cause of the explosion, as a result of speculation in the U.S. press, was blamed on Spain. "Remember the Maine" became a rallying cry in the United States that eventually resulted in the Spanish-American War. The remains of the dead were eventually buried in Arlington National Cemetery. The hulk of Maine remained in Havana Harbor until 1912 when the wreck was raised, inspected, towed out to sea, and sunk in deep water. The two masts from the Maine were salvaged and used to erect memorials at Arlington and the U.S. Naval Academy.

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