



Fanning

(CG-11)



Builder: Newport News Shipbuilding Company, Newport News, VA
Commissioned (USN): 21 Jun 1912
Acquired (CG): 7 Jun 1924
Commissioned (CG): 30 May 1925
Decommissioned: 12 Aug 1930
Displacement: 742 tons
Dimensions: 293'10" overall x 27' x 9'5"
Machinery: Direct-drive turbines, 3 screws, 12,000 hp, 29.5 knots.
Complement: 6 officers, 82 men
Armament: 3 3"/50, 1 1-pdr.

Design & Service

A total of thirty-one Navy destroyers were lent to the Coast Guard for enforcing Prohibition. Adapting these vessels to service was thought to be less costly than building new ships. In the end the rehabilitation of the vessels became a saga in itself because of the exceedingly poor condition of many of these war-weary ships. In many instances it took nearly a year to bring the vessels up to seaworthiness. Additionally, these were by far the largest and most sophisticated vessels ever operated by the service and trained personnel were nearly nonexistent. As a result, Congress authorized hundreds of new enlistees. It was these inexperienced men that generally made up the destroyer crews. USCGD *Fanning* was one of the pre-World War I 742-ton "flivvers". All were capable of over 25 knots, an advantage in the rum-chasing business. They, however, were easily outmaneuvered by smaller vessels. The destroyers' mission, therefore, was to picket the larger supply ships ("mother ships") and prevent them from off-loading their cargo onto the smaller, speedier contact

boats that ran the liquor into shore. *Fanning* was among the first group of destroyers loaned to the Coast Guard. She was stationed at New London, CT.

Operational Highlights

7 Jun 1924 Transferred from US Navy at Philadelphia Navy Yard.

30 May 1925 Commissioned at New York Navy Yard.

31 May 1925 Arrived at permanent duty station in New London.

30 Jan 1930 Ordered laid up at New London after target practice.

1 Apr 1930 Laid up at New London and decommissioned.

12 Aug 1930 Ordered towed to Philadelphia Navy Yard.

24 Nov 1930 Returned to US Navy at Philadelphia Navy Yard.

