



U. S. S. DELTA AR-9
U.S.S. DELTA SHIPMATES ASSOCIATION

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Dear Dr. Frankum,

Please pardon the delay in getting back to you regarding your request for information about the ship that served during Operation Passage to Freedom. I'd like to refer you to Mr. James Estes, 5 Crookham Court, Florissant, MO 63033 who served as an officer aboard in 1953-55. Jim was officer in charge of communications making his first tour to Japan in 1953-54, his second in 1954-55. He has more stories about the USS Delta than I do! The Delta was converted from an AK to an AR in 1944.

Hope this helps and I wish you success in your writing of the book.

Sincerely,

Dr. E.T. Sonnleitner, President
USS Delta Shipmates Association