

USS *Idaho* (BB-42) 1 January 1942

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Resting on the keel blocks in Dry Dock Number Four,
In Portsmouth Yard, Virginia, and the nation is at war.
Receiving all our services, water, phone, and steam,
From the people of the Navy Yard, whose kindness we esteem.
Present in the yard with us, they look so very neat,
Are units large and various of our Atlantic Fleet.
Commander Battleship Division Five, the S.O.P. Afloat,
Is located in U.S.S. NEW YORK, a rugged battle-boat,
Also here to do the work, tug, crane, barge, and raft,
The unsung workers of the Navy, "Yard and district craft".
With friendly aid we'll fight the war, there is nothing we shall fear,
Perdition to our Axis foes, to all friends a Happy New Year.

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