

The U.S.S. Los Angeles belongs to the Navy Recruiters in Seal Beach, Calif., and although its radar antennae sweep convincingly and its gun turrets fire thunderous blank charges, it sees considerably less action in parades than it once did in combat as a Japanese cruiser in Otto Preminger's movie "In Harm's Way". ~~20th Century Fox~~ PARAMOUNT contracted a Pasadena builder to construct the armada of some 30 such vessels for the battle sequences which were filmed in the Pacific off the coast of Mexico. The Jap cruiser was blown-apart down to the hull for the movie cameras, sold to the Navy, and was rebuilt in the guise of the U.S.S. Los Angeles for the float. Although it fires off a good \$800 in blanks yearly in parades, the Seal Beach installation built all the ship's upper parts out of scrap aluminum and spare plywood.

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