



## This Week in Indiana History

July 30th, 1945:

The Sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis

After delivering the materials that would be used for the first atomic weapons in world history, the U.S.S. Indianapolis departed for the Philippines, unguarded and without any escort.

Soon after midnight, two Japanese torpedoes struck the battleship. It took only 12 minutes for the ship to go down, taking over 300 sailors with it. In the five days it took to rescue the servicemen, over 900 men were exposed to freezing temperatures and shark attacks, and only 317 survived.

Photo of the U.S.S. Indianapolis, July 10th, 1945



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