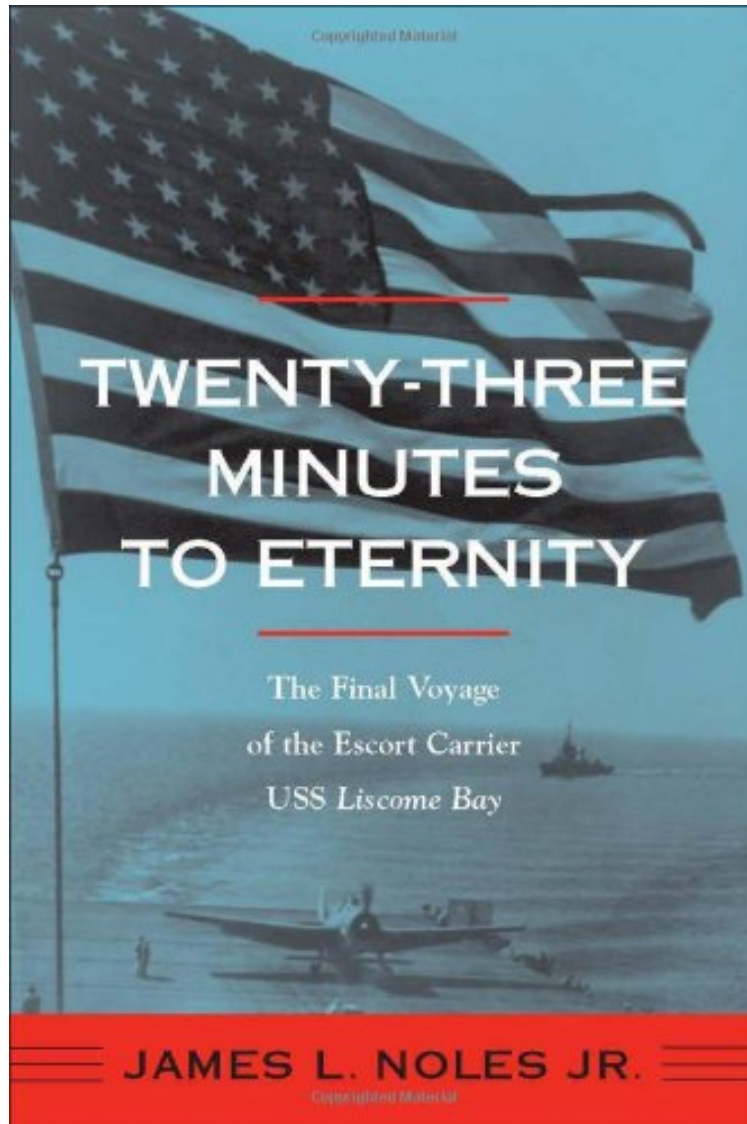


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Stapleton My brother, Roy, was a gunner on a plane on that ship. We never knew how he died. He was declared missing in action for a year before he was declared dead. Reading about the making of that aircraft carrier was very interesting. There were 50 of those "baby" aircraft carriers made, and his was the first that was sunk. The "Babies" were able to maneuver easier than the larger ones. Their mission was to drive the Japanese out of the Gilbert Islands, and they had spent about 4 days bombarding them with bombs and guns. There were several of them there and were encircled by battleships to protect them from submarine torpedo attacks. A submarine was detected, and a couple of the big ships broke the circle to investigate. A torpedo hit the USS Liscombe Bay directly in the center where all the bombs and other ammo was stored. All the planes were still on board, warming up, ready to strike. It took 23 minutes for this ship to sink. My brother was either on his plane or in the area where it was hit. As horrible as it was to read about the terrible things that happened on that ship that day, it did bring me some peace at last, knowing more about the way he was killed. I feel that it was instant, and that he did not have time to suffer pain. I notified my other brothers and sisters about this book. Wonderfully written. Thank You, 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This book held special meaning for me; you see ... By Babs H This book held special meaning for me; you see, my father Radioman 3rd class Harry L. Ward, was aboard the USS Liscome Bay on the day it was torpedoed. For several weeks, no one knew where he was. I have an account of the sinking that was published in the Yank magazine, that dad saved in his photo album, but wanted another perspective of the event. I got it. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. History USS Liscom Bay and crew. By cdI lost my Uncle Donald Smith (seaman 2nd class) on this ship. The book was well written. At times I was overwhelmed by their circumstances, but appreciate knowing what happened to these brave sailors. Thank you to the author for this carefully crafted book.

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