

Japanese Warship Names

Battleships

Asahi- The "rising/morning" sun.

Chinyen- "Striking from a long range."

Fuji- Named after the celebrated Japanese mountain Fuji-yama.

Fuso- "Land of divine Mulberry trees" an old name for Japan.

Hatsuse- An area in Japan celebrated for it's Maple woods.

Mikasa- A sacred mountain.

Shikishima- Old poetical name for Japan.

Yashima- "Japan" old poetic name.

Cruisers

Adzuma- A mountain with a poetical history.

Akashi- A seaside town near Kobe.

Akitsushima- An old poetic name for Japan.

Asama- Volcanic mountain.

Chihaya-

Chitose- 10,000 years or "long life."

Chiyoda- A name for a shoguns castle or an emperors palace. A place to live for 10,000 years.

Hashidate- A port in Japan.

Idzumo- A province of Japan.

Idzumi- A county of Japan.

Itsukushima- An island off Japan. "Established Island."

Iwate- A province of Japan.

Kasagi- A mountain.

Kasuga-

Matsushima- An island off Japan.

Naniwa- Named after a palace belonging to the Emperor.

Niitaka- "Two Hawks." Name of a sacred mountain.

Nisshin-

Otowa-

Saiyen- "Help from a distance"

Suma- A village close to Akashi.

Takachiho- Named for a sacred place in Japan.

Takasago- Name of a poetical town.

Tatsuta- Name of a mountain "Dragon Field/River."

Tokiwa- Evergreen.

Tsukushi-

Tsushima- An Island between Japan and Korea.

Yaeyama- "Double Mountain."

Yakumo-

Yoshino- "Cherry blossom." Named after a mountain noted for it's beautiful cherry trees.

Destroyers

Akatsuki- "Dawn."

Akebono- Autumn clouds.

Arare- "Hail."
Ariake-
Asagiri- "Morning Mist."
Asashiwo- "Morning high tide."
Fubuki- "Snow storm."
Harusame- "Spring Rain."
Hayatori-
Ikazuchi- "Thunder."
Inadzuma- "Lightning."
Kagero- "Shimmering Mist."
Kasumi- "Haze."
Murakumo- "Cloud cluster/gathering clouds."
Murasame- "Scattered showers."
Niji- "Two temples."
Oboro- Dim/misty.
Sazanami- Curling waves.
Shinonome- Daybreak cloud.
Shirakumo- "White clouds."
Shiranui- "Phosphorescent foam."
Usugumo- "Thin/misty clouds."
Yugiri- "Evening Mist."

Gunboats

Akagi- "Red castle." A mountain in Japan.
Atago- A mountain near Kyoto.
Maya- A mountain north of Kobe.
Oshima- "Large Island."