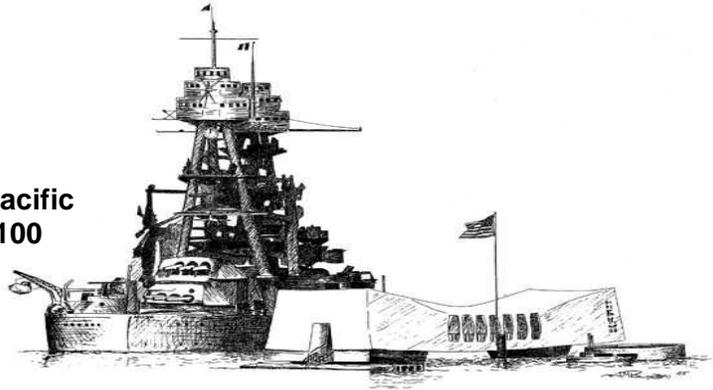


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PORT ROYAL AGROUND

(Pearl Harbor, HI) USS Port Royal (CG 73) ran aground last night about a half-mile south of Honolulu International Airport's Reef Runway.

No one was injured in the incident, which was reported around 9:00 p.m. The extent of damage to the ship and the cause of the grounding just one and one-half mile from the entrance to Pearl Harbor are under investigation.

The Pearl Harbor-based guided missile cruiser, which was commissioned on July 9, 1994, has a crew of about 360. For more information on USS Port Royal visit www.port-royal.navy.mil