

Another standby is the Mark 32 torpedo battery, and auxiliary anti-submarine weapon used to launch homing torpedoes.

The 5"/.38 could be used for shore bombardment, engaging enemy torpedo boats or other surface craft, or, as an emergency measure, against aircraft. Dependent upon the Mark 56 fire control system, it has had a high reliability rating since the Second World War. The men who man these mounts have a much easier task than their naval forebearers who fired cannons in anger two centuries ago.

