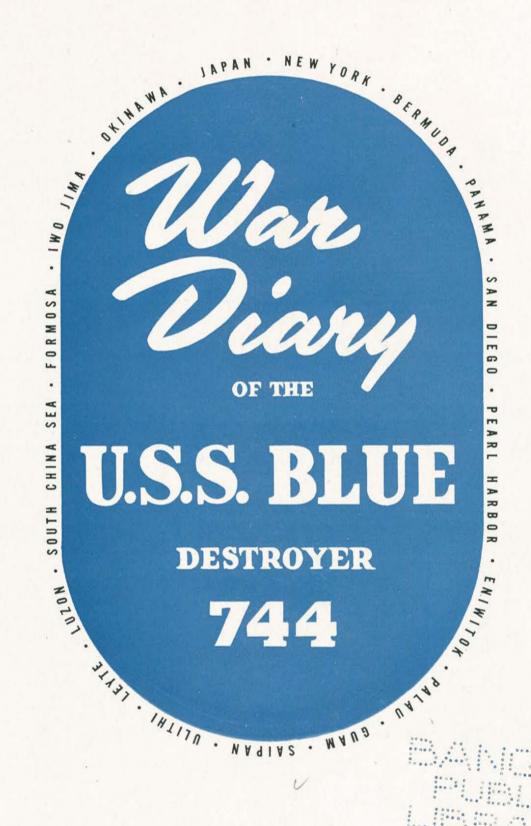
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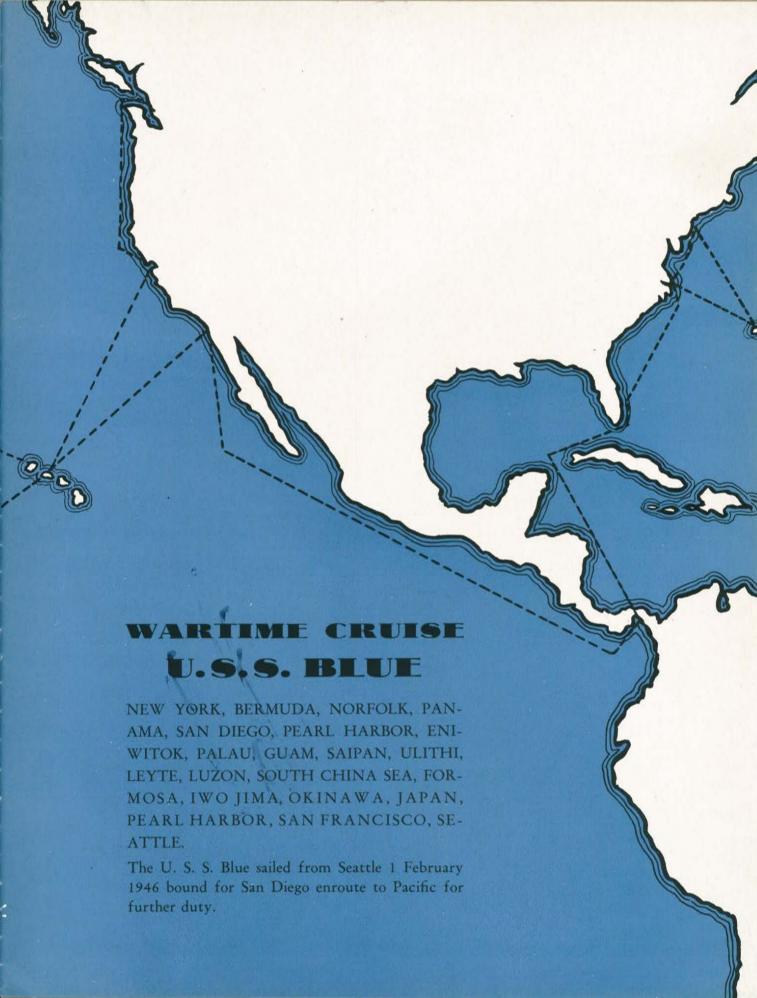
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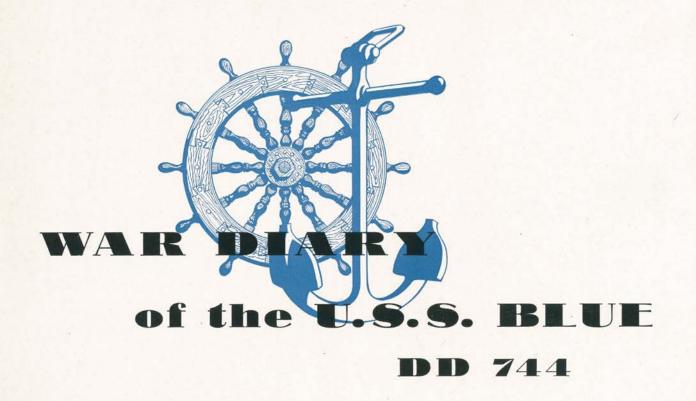












This is a pictographic story of a destroyer of the United States Navy during World War II. It is a story of the life of the BLUE from the time of her launching in New York in November, 1943, to the end of the war in Tokyo Bay in September, 1945, and the first months of the peace.



THE U.S.S. BLUE DD 744

N NOVEMBER 30, 1943, the destroyer Blue was launched in the Bethlehem Steel Shipyard, Staten Island, New York. She

went into commission on March 20, 1944, in the New York Navy Yard, Brooklyn, New York, with nineteen officers and 335 enlisted men aboard.

The Blue was one of the first 2,200 ton super-destroyers to be commissioned in the navy, and was named after the 1,500 ton U. S. S. Blue (DD387), which was sunk in the Solomon Islands Campaign in 1943. The first Blue was named in honor of the late Admiral Victor Blue and his son, Lieutenant-Commander John Stuart Blue, who was killed in action in the South Pacific.

In April, the Blue went to Bermuda for a month shakedown cruise, after which she returned to New York for alterations. On July 6, she left New York for Norfolk, Virginia. There she joined another destroyer, a destroyer-escort, and the aircraft carrier Ranger, with whom she steamed to Pearl Harbor, by way of the Panama Canal.

The ship was in the Canal Zone two days. Upon leaving Panama, during the morning of July 16, she entered Pacific waters and steered a course for San Diego. After three days in port at San Diego, she departed from the United States bound for the combat areas of the Western Pacific. The date was July 28, 1944.

The first stop out of the states was Pearl Harbor. There the Blue left the Ranger and proceeded in company with three other carriers, the Intrepid, Enterprise, and Independence, to Eniwetok Atoll, which was the fleet anchorage at that time.

At Eniwetok, the Blue joined the fighting units of the fleet in the powerful carrier Task Force 58, with whom she operated during the remaining twelve months of the war. Task Force 58 (and alternately T. F. 38, when Admiral Halsey was present as Commander Third Fleet) was composed of the newest and fastest ships in the United States Navy, a few of which were the "fighting Ladies" Hornet, Wasp, Intrepid, Bunker Hill, Essex, Lexington, Franklin, Randolph, and Ticonderoga; the battleships New Jersey, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Alabama, Washington, and South Dakota; plus dozens of cruisers, and more than one hundred destroyers.

Three days after Task Force 58 sortied from Eniwetok, it crossed the equator. Neptunus Rex and his trusty shellbacks initiated many lowly pollywogs while the ships were in his royal domain of Latitude 00-00 degrees.

Thus, it was a salty group which turned northward the next day to launch the initial assaults on Palau and the Philippines. The opening of the Philippine Campaign in September, 1944, was the beginning of combat experience for the Blue.

After a month of striking the Japs in the Philippine Sea, the ship was temporarily detached from the task force for special duty trips to Guam, Eniwetok, Saipan, and Ulithi. Ulithi, in the West Caroline Island, became the fleet anchorage and was used as such for seven months. There, in October, the Blue joined the eight other destroyers of her squadron, "Desron 61."

Destroyer Squadron Sixty-One was assigned to Task Force 38/58 for duty in November, 1944. That month, and the month following, the task force launched repeated air strikes against Luzon and Formosa in support of the Philippine invasions. On December 19, off Luzon, the ships were caught in a violent typhoon in which three destroyers, the Hull, Spence, and Monaghan were sunk. The Blue was so badly damaged that she had to return to Ulithi for repairs.

The ship was ready for sea early in January, in time for the Third Fleet's daring thrust into the South China Sea. The fleet steamed through the Bashi Channel, between Luzon and Formosa, and turned southward to strike shipping and military installations along the French Indo-China Coast. These strikes were followed by air attacks on Hong Kong and Canton, but further air operations were halted by adverse weather conditions. In the center of the South China Sea, the fleet was caught again in a typhoon. In this storm, the Blue was damaged worse than before, so she limped through the Mindoro Surigao Straits, in the Philippines, back to Ulithi for more repairs.

After two weeks alongside a destroyer tender in Ulithi, the ship was ready for action again. She got underway with Task Force 58 in February to conduct the First and Second Carrier Attacks on Japan, which were supporting strikes for the invasion of Iwo Jima. The task force provided air cover for the marines on Iwo until the beginning of March, at which time the ships returned to Ulithi to prepare themselves for one of the most difficult battles in which the navy has ever fought, i. e., the Okinawa Campaign.

The Blue participated in the Okinawa Campaign from March 15 to June 5. In support of the invasion and capture of Okinawa, the Blue fired shore bombardments on Okino Daito Shima and Minami Daito Shima and shot down several Jap planes. The aircraft were all suicide planes, the type which sank or damaged over two hundred ships of the fleet.

The Okinawa Campaign ended for the Blue on June 5, a day in which the task force had retired southeast of Okinawa to refuel from tankers. It was during that day that twenty-one of the ships were damaged in a devastating typhoon. The Blue was one of the ships damaged. Another was the cruiser Pittsburgh; she lost her entire bow. The Blue was ordered to escort the tug which towed the Pittsburgh's bow to Guam. After a week with the "Suburb of Pittsburgh," towed at a speed of only three knots, the Blue was relieved by another destroyer so that she could proceed to Leyte Gulf for repairs.

A destroyer tender in Leyte Gulf repaired the storm damage to the ship in time for her to get underway with the Third Fleet on July 1 for the final naval operation of the war. The men aboard the ship did not realize then that the next port which they were to enter would be Tokyo Bay. During July and August the carrier groups launched continual strikes against the home islands of the Japanese Empire, particularly Honshu and Hokkaido. For these operations T. F. 38 was joined by carriers, battleships, cruisers, and destroyers of the British Pacific Fleet.

On July 22, by orders of Admiral Halsey, "Desron 61" was temporarily detached from its duty of screening the carriers. The squadron was directed to make a high speed anti-shipping sweep into Sagami Wan, the entrance to Tokyo Bay. While entering the Wan in column at thirty knots, the ships spotted a Jap convoy shortly before midnight and immediately opened fire with torpedoes and five-inch guns. The Blue was credited with assisting in the sinking of three Jap ships in this engagement. "Desron 61" was the first group of surface vessels to penetrate "the mouth of the dragon."

Other units followed to bombard Honshu with sixteeninch guns; the B-29's and carrier planes continued to rain death on the homeland night and day; Russia declared war on Japan; the atomic bombs were dropped; and as a result the enemy sued for peace on August 15. At that time the Third Fleet was operating about one hundred miles from Tokyo, off the coast of Honshu. Jap armies, and ships, and planes began surrendering to the forces of the United States. On August 27, the largest submarine in the world, the Japanese I-400, surrendered to the Blue south of Hokkaido. The prize crew from the ship which went aboard the sub to take it into port found that the I-400 carried three seaplanes in addition to her full complement of torpedoes and anti-aircraft guns. The ship was proud that one of her last acts in the war was the capture of the enemy's largest underseas monster. The following week she steamed into Tokyo Bay on V-J Day, September 2, 1945, after being at sea for sixty-three consecutive days. The ship was anchored only a thousand yards from the battleship Missouri aboard which the surrender was signed. During the ceremony, an armada of army and navy planes, in a spectacular display of air power, flew over the mass of Allied ships anchored in the bay.

After V-J Day, the ship moved into the large Jap naval base at Yokosuka. Two weeks there gave the crew time to visit Yokohama, Yokosuka, and Tokyo, and procure many Japanese souvenirs for themselves. Then the long awaited trip back home began with the carrier Ticonderoga, the cruiser Tucson, and the destroyer Maddox. On October 5, 1945, the group steamed under the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco.

The ship stayed in San Francisco until after Navy Day, October 27, when she moved to Bremerton, Washington, for overhaul in the navy yard. It was during the overhaul that this book was compiled. It was published in Seattle, in January, 1946, when the ship was twenty-two months old. During those months she has had two commanding officers, Captain Lot Ensey, USN (pictured on the left), who was skipper from commissioning until May, 1945; and Commander Louis A. Bryan, USN (pictured on the right), who relieved Captain Ensey and was still in command at the time of the publication of this book.

In January, the ship was under orders to return to the Western Pacific for peacetime patrol duty, presumably on the China Station based in Shanghai. She returned to foreign duty with a great war record. She is credited with sinking three enemy ships, shooting down four enemy planes, capturing an enemy submarine, participating in two shore bombardments, sinking eleven enemy mines, and rescuing eighteen carrier pilots and air crewmen from the sea. She has earned the American Theater Ribbon, the Pacific Theater Ribbon with six battle stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one star, and the World War II Victory Ribbon.

Thus, these two pages of narrative have told the history of the ship in words; the other pages of the book tell the story in pictures. Five pages, however, contain neither a narrative nor pictures, but they tell far more than either. Those pages contain the names of all the officers and men who have served aboard the ship from the time of her commissioning in 1944 to the publishing of this book in 1946. On the Blue, as on any other ship, it is the men who sail the ship that make her what she is. It is not the steel and iron which make the ship, but the men's thoughts, and sweat, and ideals, and courage, and pride. They make the ship; they are the ship.

Capt. L. Ensey, USN

Capt. L. A. Bryan, USN





The Blue in Action



Night shore bombardment

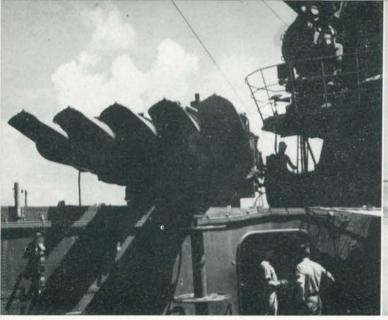


Splash one Jap bomber . . . Burning on the water is the first plane shot down by the Blue . . . In the foreground is the circular wake of a bomb which the plane attempted to drop on the ship.



A suicide plane gets through the ack-ack to a carrier just a few hundred yards from the Blue.



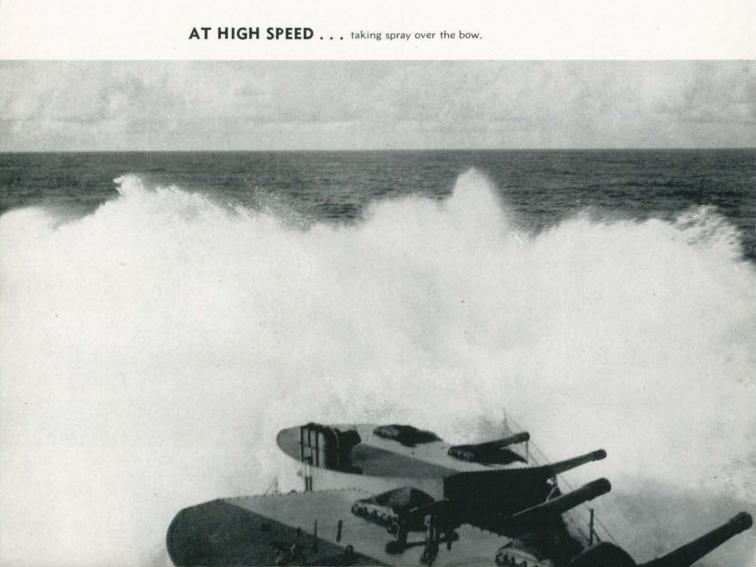




TORPEDOES . . .

ready for firing . . .

... firing!



The Japanese submarine I-400, off Honshu, Japan.

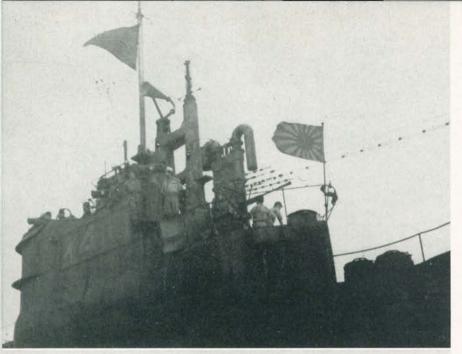
Prize Crew I-400

(below) The prize crew of the Blue boarding the I-400, the largest submarine in the world.









The I-400 carried 160 men and 21 officers. Her armament included twenty torpedoes and three seaplanes.



(Above) Above the conning tower of the Japanese submarine are three radar antennae, the Japanese ensign, and a black surrender pennant.

(Right) Under the flag of the Rising Sun the men from the Blue inspect one of the Jap anti-aircraft machine guns.



TYPHOONS!!!

In heavy seas the Blue rolls below the waves and . . .





. . . ploughs through the waves.

The deck crew gets thoroughly soaked while fueling from a tanker in rough weather.



Running Mates of the Blue





launching . . .

CARRIERS

... recovering



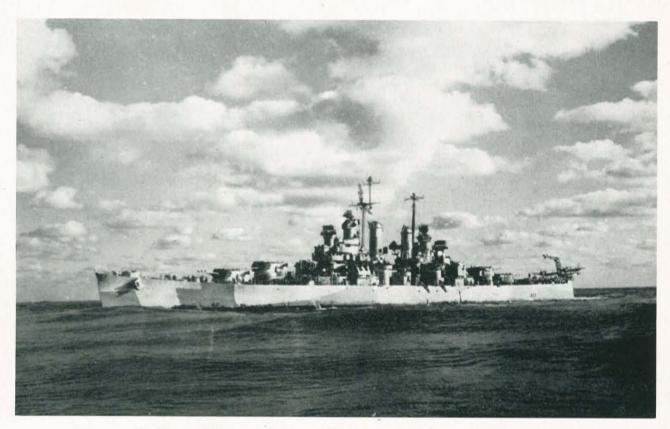


the Iowa Class . . .

BATTLESHIPS

. . . the South Dakota Class

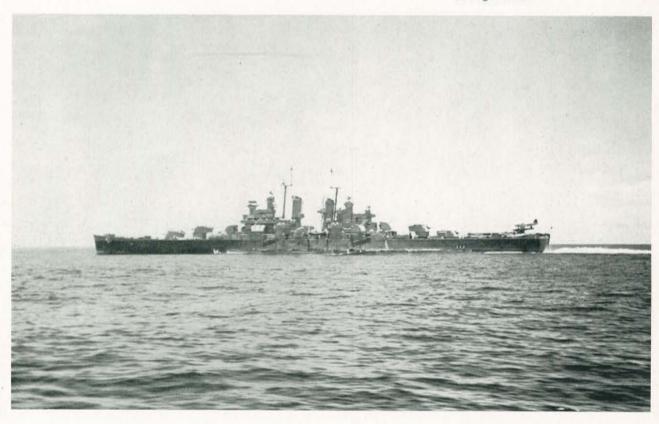




the Cleveland Class . . .

CRUISERS

. . . light cruiser



OTHER "TIN CANS" OF DESTROYER SQUADRON SIXTY-ONE





USS COLLETT

USS SWENSON

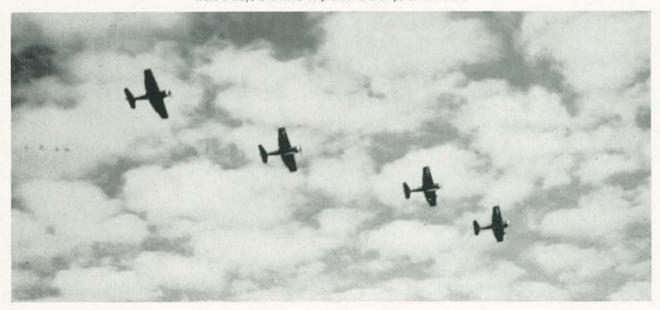




USS TAUSSIG

The four other ships in the squadron, which are not pictured above, are the USS DeHaven (DD 727), USS Mansfield (DD 728), USS Maddox (DD 731), and USS Moore (DD 747).

Other "running mates" of the Blue were the carrier-based fighter planes which were always overhead to protect the ships of the fleet.

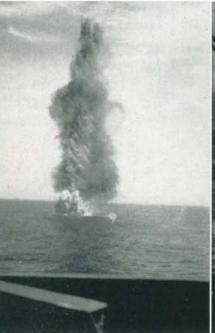






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Picture Sketches of Life Aboard the Blue



Exploding a Japanese mine by rifle fire.



Receiving depth charges at sea from an ammunition ship.



Receiving provisions at sea from a cargo ship.



Rescuing a pilot in his rubber life raft.

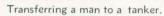


Three minutes after this American aviator was shot down by Jap planes, he was safe aboard the Blue.





Passing mail at sea.





Transferring marines to a transport preparatory to the occupation of Japan.



Swabbing down the deck.





A battleship and destroyer fueling at sea.



CROSSING THE EQUATOR



The Royal Court of Neptunus Rex receiving lowly pollywogs of the Blue into his domain and duly initiating them into the Royal Order of Trusty Shellbacks.



A pollywog is sentenced to the stocks by the Royal Court,

Newly initiated shellbacks display the unmerciful work of the Royal Barber.

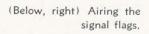


PORT ROUTINE

Destroyers alongside a tender.



The Blue entering a floating drydock for repairs.



(Below) Church services, by both officers and men, being broadcast throughout the ship.









The liberty boat leaves the ship in Ulithi.

Liberty "On the Beach"

The men form a line to receive their ration of beer.



Enjoying a beer party "Pacific style."







The ball players, Chiefs and Officers, after the big game.

On Samar Island, in the Philippines, the Chiefs challenged the Officers to a baseball game. (Left) Captain Bryan at bat.

A picnic lunch of sandwiches and beer followed the game.





Bracketed in the 40mm. guns of the Blue is Mount Fujiyama.



The battered Jap battleship Nagato which was in Tokyo Bay when the Third Fleet arrived.



(Right) The signing of the surrender by the Japanese representatives aboard the battleship Missouri, under the watchful eyes of General MacArthur, Admiral Nimitz, and other Allied military and naval leaders.





Third Fleet carrier planes over Japan.

Yokosuka Naval Base (on Honshu, Japan) where the Blue was anchored for two weeks.



TOKYO STREET SCENES



A liberty party from the Blue poses for a picture in the heart of the Japanese capital.



Downtown Tokyo two weeks after V-J Day.

A Japanese policeman and a laborer look toward the grounds of the Imperial Palace.

A Japanese theater





OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE SHIP'S COMPANY



Officers and the crew assembled on the forecastle of the ship.

The following officers were aboard the ship for duty when she was commissioned March 20, 1944:

Captain L. Ensey, USN

Lt.-Comdr. D. Johnston, Jr., USN

Lt.-Comdr. C. R. Lockwood, USNR

Lt.-Comdr. M. B. Sellers, USNR Lt.-Comdr. C. Taylor, USNR

Lt.-Comdr. J. J. Rowan, USN

Lieut. R. C. Tolerton, USN

Lieut. R. F. Daniel, USNR

Lieut. C. W. Place, Jr., USNR

Lieut. H. J. Blaskowski, USNR

Lt. (jg) R. Sorensen, USN Lt. (jg) C. C. Collie, Jr., USNR

Lt. (jg) R. M. Lenox, USNR

Lt. (jg) G. J. Stephan, USNR

Lt. (jg) W. H. Allen, USNR

Lt. (jg) D. D. Lundquist, USN Lt. (jg) M. W. Walton, USN

Lieut. K. T. Chandler, (MC), USNR Lt. (jg) E. G. Byer, (SC), USNR

The following officers reported aboard the ship for duty, subsequent to the date of commissioning:

Comdr. L. A. Bryan, USN

Comdr. H. S. Graves, USN Lt.-Comdr. Huber, USN

Lieut. M. D. Gastrock, USN

Lieut. P. H. Owen, Jr., USNR

Lt. (jg) L. R. Frederick, USNR

Lt. (jg) J. M. Prewitt, USN

Lt. (jg) G. T. Randall, USN Lt. (jg) W. G. Eaton, Jr., USNR

Lt. (jg) W. E. Homan, (MC), USNR

Lt. (jg) F. D. Mayhoffer, USNR Ens. H. H. Landon, USNR

Ens. E. A. Nelson, Jr., USNR

Ens. R. P. Beaman, Jr., USNR

Ens. J. G. MacDonald, (SC), USNR

Ens. P. G. Garrity, USNR

Ens. J. K. Haugan, USNR

Ens. E. R. Sharpe, USNR Ens. F. G. King, USNR

Ens. D. H. Turp, USNR

Ens. C. A. Salassi, USNR

Ens. M. T. Ford, USNR

Ens. F. E. Ganzlmar, USNR

*Mach. J. W. Hampston, USN

*Rdo. Elect. B. W. Jennings, USN

*Bosn, D. W. Maitland, USNR

The following officers reported aboard the ship for squadron or division staff duty:

Capt. B. F. Brown, USN

Capt. C. K. Bergin, USN

Capt. R. J. Archer, USN

Lieut, T. R. Beal, USNR

Lieut. J. Nonamaker, USNR

Lt. (jg) J. B. Collinson, USNR

*(Aboard the ship at time of Commissioning in Enlisted Status.)

The following men were aboard the ship for duty when she was commissioned:

Albert, Val J., RM3/c, USN Allie, Joseph M., WT2/c, USN Alton, Kerwin G., WT1/c, USNR Amato, Ralph J., BM2/c, USNR Anderson, Charles J., MM1/c, USNR Andrews, James T., GM3/c, USNR Antoniades, Basil W., Cox., USN Barr, William G., RdM2/c, USN Bailey, Noble E., S2/c, USNR Balistere, John R., S1/c, USNR Barber, Oral L., GM2/c, USNR Barr, Arthur C., BM1/c, USNR Bateman, Louis C., S1/c, USNR Bellam, Calvin, S1/c, USNR Benson, Russel A., CMM (PA), USN Berg, John T., CGM (AA), USN Beverly, Kermit, CMM, USN Bialk, Robert, S1/c, USN Billings, Robert P., GM3/c, USN Bittle, Charles L., S1/c, USNR Blodgett, James H., S2/c, USN Bocz, Emil, EM1/c, USNR Botsesten, William F., F1/c, USN Bowling, William L., USN Boyd, Lawrence C., S1/c, USN Boyer, Wilbur R., RM2/c, USNR Boyle, James B., S1/c, USNR Brady, Jake B., TM3/c, USN Braidic, Edward, S1/c, USN Briggs, Frederick, S1/c, USNR Brown, Charles F., S1/c, USN Brown, Morris W., RdM3/c, USNR Brummett, Jack J., S1/c, USNR Bucholtz, Remont F., S1/c, USN Bullock, Theodore, S1/c, USN Burden, John F., S1/c, USN Burns, George F., F1/c, USN Cadwell, Harold, S1/c, USNR Callaway, David G., S1/c, USNR Calo, Joseph E., Cox., USNR Caples, Eddie Al., S1/c, USNR Cappelletti, Mathew, S1/c, USNR Carbonari, Salvatore P., TM1/c, USN Carr, Emanuel, StM2/c, USN Castro, Jesus, WT3/c, USN Chadbourne, Henry G., MM2/c, USN Chamberlain, Estel H., MM1/c, USN Chandler, Wendel V., RdM3/c, USNR Chorey, Albert (n), S1/c, USNR Chirillo, Donald (n) BM2/c, USNR Christensen, Lincoln W., CGM, USN Christian, Frederick, S1/c, USNR Citino, James R., S1/c, USN Clapper, Ray E., S1/c, USNR Clark, Robert L., F1/c, USNR Clinard, Richard, F1/c, USN Coleman, Charles H., S1/c, USNR

Conrad, Herbert A., Cox., USNR Conrey, Harry J., GM2/c, USNR Cook, Clarence R., RdM3/c, USNR Correl, Walter B., GM3/c, USNR Corwin, Jav W., EM2/c, USNR Cox, Eugene, Ck1/c, USN Curtis, Alfred A., S1/c, USN Dagutis, Albert P., MM3/c, USNR Damler, Robert E., S1/c, USN Daniels, William, SC3/c, USNR Darmofal, Joseph, EM2/c, USN Daugherty, Robert "T" SM2/c, USN Davis, Edward F., S1/c, USN Decoteau, Noah J., CY, USNR DeLuca, Nicholas J., SSMB3/c, USN Demers, Joseph A. E., MM1/c, USNR Dentino, Albert A., FC3/c, USN DePreist, William S., F1/c, USN Di Giacinto, Attilio, S1/c, USNR Diehl, Herman L., RdM3/c, USNR Dollard, Barton, RdM3/c, USNR Dowd, John P., S1/c, USNR Dragon, Andrew, BM2/c, USNR Dunlap, Thomas S., MM1/c, USN Eason, James L., FC3/c, USNR Eger, Herman (n), S1/c, USNR Egolf, Victor C., S1/c, USNR Emerine, Richard I., CWT, USN Engblom, Robert A., CBM (AA), USNR Ermisch, Walter H., S1/c, USNR Escalambre, Luis, CMM, USN Fay, Lenox E., CFC, USN Ferraro, Vito, WT2/c, USN Fetzer, Robert C., QM1/c, USN Finstrom, Willard O., F1/c, USNR Fletcher, Clarence W., Cox., USN Foehl, James E., MM3/c, USNR Fonti, Anthony R., S1/c, USN Foxall, James I., WT2/c, USNR Freddell, Theodore E., EM3/c, USNR Gardner, William R., Cox., USN Garner, John A., MM3/c, USNR Gerry, James E., F1/c, USNR Garrison, Eugene G., WT1/c, USNR Gessay, Francis, SF3/c, USNR Giacopino, Salvatore, SoM3/c, USN Giberson, Franklin, S2/c, USNR Gilmer, George W., EM2/c, USN Gingery, Marion W., S1/c, USNR Guidice, Joseph A., MaM3/c, USNR Glines, Donald E., S1/c, USNR Golaszewski, Anthony, MM1/c, USN Gorman, Benjamin S., MoMM1/c, USNR Graham, Charles R., QM3/c, USNR Grant, Thomas M., MoMM3/c, USN-I Green, Julius, ST1/c, USN Greene, Edward, EM3/c, USNR Grooms, Benjamin E., S2/c, USNR Grube, Paul J., TM2/c, USN Groupe, Robert R., S2/c, USN

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