



**UNITED STATES SHIP
THOMAS C. HART
DESTROYER ESCORT 1092**

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Built by
Avondale Shipyard, Inc.
Westwego, Louisiana

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Keel Laid 8 October 1971
Christened and Launched 12 August 1972
Commissioned 28 July 1973

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SPONSOR
MRS. REGINALD BRAGONIER



A destroyer is a lovely ship, probably the nicest fighting ship of all.

Battleships are a little like steel cities or great factories of destruction. Aircraft carriers are floating flying fields. Even cruisers are big pieces of machinery, but a destroyer is all boat.

In the beautiful clean lines of her, in her speed and roughness, in her curious gallantry, she is completely a ship, in the old sense.

— John Steinbeck

THOMAS C. HART: THE SHIP

USS THOMAS C. HART is named in honor of Admiral Thomas C. Hart, United States Navy, and is the first ship ever to bear his name. She is one of a series of 27 single purpose destroyer escorts being built by Avondale Shipyards, Inc. under multiple year ship procurement contracts awarded in 1964 and 1966. The keel was laid on 8 October 1971, and the ship was launched on 12 August 1972 under the sponsorship of Mrs. Reginald Bragonier, eldest granddaughter of the late Admiral Hart.

The ship is specially designed for locating and destroying enemy submarines and can screen support forces and convoys at long range from home bases.

THOMAS C. HART is outfitted with the most recent electronic equipment for detecting and/or communicating with ships, submarines, and aircraft. Main features include the ship's two sonar (underwater sound detection) systems. One, mounted in the hull at the bow, is capable of gaining surface or sub-surface contacts at extremely long ranges. The other is a variable depth capability and is towed astern.

THOMAS C. HART's principal armament is the homing torpedo. Placed in the general vicinity of an enemy submarine, the torpedo will seek-out and destroy its target. The three systems installed or programmed for the ship to deliver the torpedo to the

target area include torpedo tubes, the ASROC (Antisubmarine Rocket) launcher, and the LAMPS (Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System), a manned helicopter.

Other major armament includes the 5"/54 rapid fire gun, having a primary purpose of anti-air and anti-surface defense. It is also effective for shore bombardment in support of forces from beachheads to several miles inland.

THOMAS C. HART reflects significant improvements in habitability as compared with other ships in the Fleet today. Virtually all compartments are air-conditioned. The Ship's Store, laundry, and barber shop represent vast improvements over older counterparts. Berthing spaces are outfitted with bunk-locker combinations, reading lamps, and recreation tables. A crew's lounge is designed into the ship, and other habitability improvements will be made throughout the ship in the near future.

The ship is 438 feet long with a beam of 47 feet, maximum draft of 25 feet, and has a full load displacement of 4,100 tons. She is powered by a single five-bladed propeller driven by steam turbines developing 35,000 shaft horsepower which are capable of propelling the ship at speeds in excess of 27 knots (more than 30 miles per hour). THOMAS C. HART is manned by 17 officers and 228 enlisted men.



"All hands hated to lose this good skipper in a bad storm. He had fought with determination, patience and circumspection. He could make prompt decisions in the midst of confusion and defeat and get the most out of his men."

—Rear Admiral Samuel E. Morrison, U.S.N.R. (Ret.),
discussing Admiral Hart as he was
relieved as Commander, U.S. Asiatic Fleet.

THOMAS C. HART: THE MAN

Thomas Charles Hart was born on June 12, 1877 in Genesee County, Michigan. He became the heroic Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet whose distinguished naval career spanned 52 years and three major wars and was followed by service as a United States Senator.

Following graduation from the Naval Academy with the Class of 1897, Admiral Hart served in the battleship MASSACHUSETTS and took part in the Battle of Santiago, Cuba, as engineering officer of the yacht VIXEN. After duty in the wooden steam frigate HART, FORD and battleship INDIANA, he taught Ordnance and Gunnery at the Naval Academy from 1902-1904. He was then assigned to the battleship MISSOURI.

Admiral Hart's first command was the destroyer LAWRENCE, followed by command of the destroyer HULL. His next assignment was to the Bureau of Ordnance, followed in early 1909 by a tour as Aide to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy. He later was Ordnance Officer of the battleship VIRGINIA; Gunnery Officer of the battleship NORTH DAKOTA; and Executive Officer of the battleship MINNESOTA.

In February, 1916, the Admiral rose to command of a submarine division and took two such divisions into European waters in World War I, during which he rose to the rank of captain. In April, 1917, he assumed command of the Submarine Base at New London, Connecticut, and followed as commanding officer of the cruiser CHICAGO; and as Chief of Staff of the Atlantic Submarine Force. He commanded the cruiser MISSISSIPPI and served as commander of all Atlantic Fleet submarine divisions before achieving flag rank in 1929.

The Admiral became Superintendent of his *alma mater*, the Naval Academy, in 1931, commanded a cruiser Scouting Force in 1935 and served on the Navy's General Board in 1936.

Then, after achieving the four stars of a full Admiral, Thomas C. Hart relieved Admiral Harry E. Yarnell as Commander-in-Chief of the U. S. Asiatic Fleet in July, 1939. Samuel Eliot Morison, the noted naval historian, described Hart at the time of his assumption of the Fleet command: "Small, taut, wiry and irascible, Admiral

Hart had the reputation in the Navy of being very much of a strict disciplinarian. He was respected as a student of the art of war and as an administrator."

As General Douglas MacArthur's naval counterpart, Admiral Hart was responsible for the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans. His small fleet fought valiantly against the Japanese, but the Fleet Commander was forced to leave Manila and travel to Surabaya in a submarine when the overwhelming odds against Allied success in opposition to the Japanese onslaught became apparent.

It was at this point that the first attempt at a combined command in the Pacific was made, consisting of American, British, Dutch and Australian elements and called "Abda." The Admiral became its naval commander, struggled with the problems inherent in the combined command, and fought hard before his duty was interrupted by orders to return to Washington in 1942.

Though Admiral Hart was transferred to the retired list on July 1, 1942, he continued active duty as chairman of the Navy Department's Board of Awards; and as a member of the General Board, which acted principally on matters specifically referred to it by the Secretary of the Navy, and drafted many of the executive orders on naval matters which later came from The White House.

In February, 1944, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox appointed the Admiral to examine witnesses and take testimony "pertinent to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor." This duty took him through the Pacific Ocean Areas from which he returned in April, 1944. He continued as a member of the General Board until February 9, 1945, when he was relieved of active duty to accept appointment as a United States Senator from Connecticut.

Admiral Hart became a Republican member of the Senate on February 15, and ably served the nation until his term of office expired on January 3, 1947 (he did not seek election in 1946). During his tenure, the Senator supported terminal leave pay for enlisted men returning from the war, and sought legislation granting benefits to American prisoners of war.

On July 4, 1971, at the age of 94, Admiral Thomas C. Hart died at his home in Sharon, Connecticut.



THE TRADITION OF THE SPONSOR

Mrs. Reginald Bragonier

The origin of the christening and launching ceremony for seagoing ships goes far back in antiquity—at least 4,000 years, and the practice has now become so widespread as to represent an almost inviolable tradition. The christening of ships and boats by a special person is practiced today by all nations in one form or another.

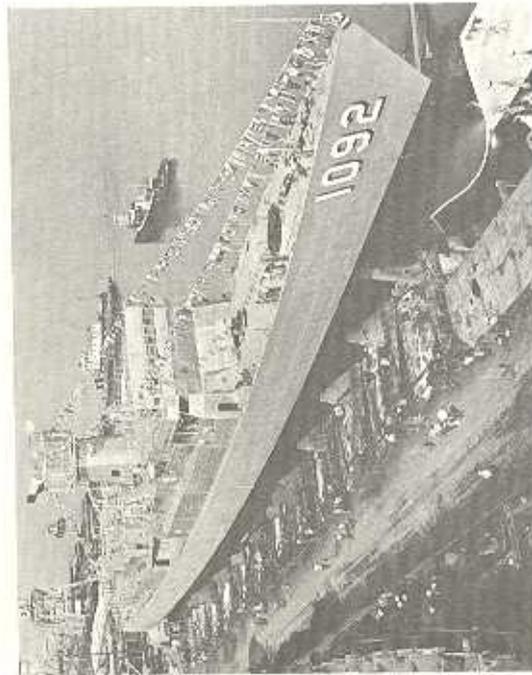
Until the early 19th century, ships of the U. S. Navy were christened by men, usually by breaking a bottle of wine, brandy, or Irish whiskey over the bow of the ship. The first U. S. Navy ship to be christened by a woman was the frigate *CONCORD*, launched in 1828. Unfortunately, the sponsor's name is lost to us. She is remembered only as "a young lady of Portsmouth," but she began a powerful tradition: during the past 70 years there have been only two known female sponsors.

Since women have become sponsors, champagne has become the accepted christening medium. Tradition has it that water was used in the first attempt to launch the *CONSTITUTION*, but "Old Ironsides" would not move and it took three attempts to launch her.

The sponsor holds a special place in the hearts of the men who sail the ship she christens, for her spirit is said to enter the ship at the time of launching and remain there forever.

Our Sponsor and Special Person, Mrs. Reginald Bragonier, is with us for our commissioning ceremony today. We are proud and honored to have her and her family join us on this momentous day in the lives of us all.

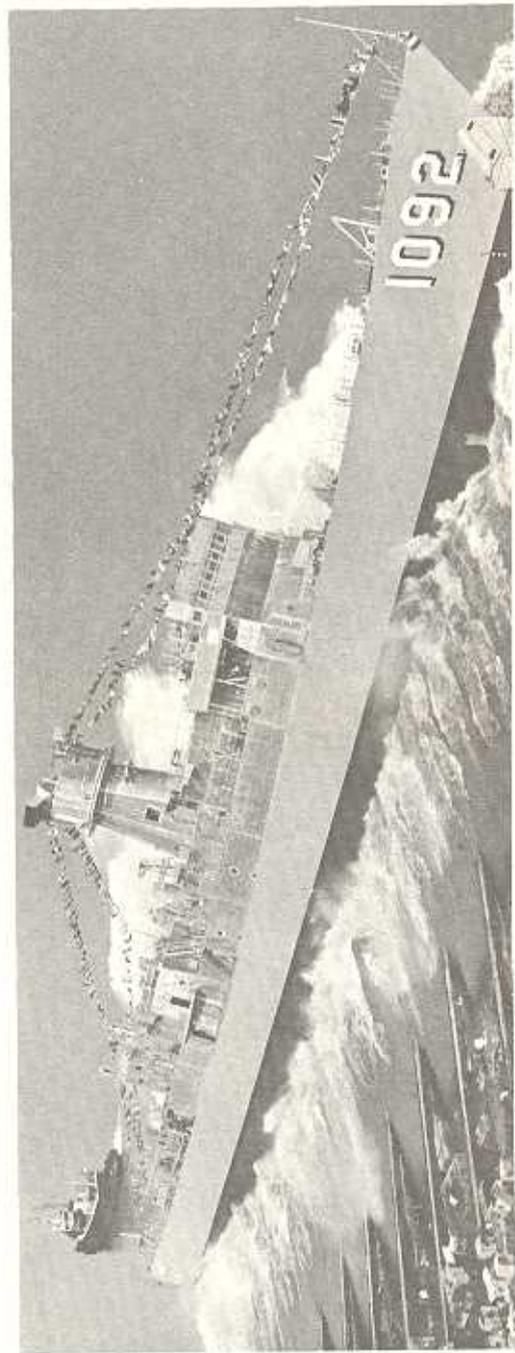
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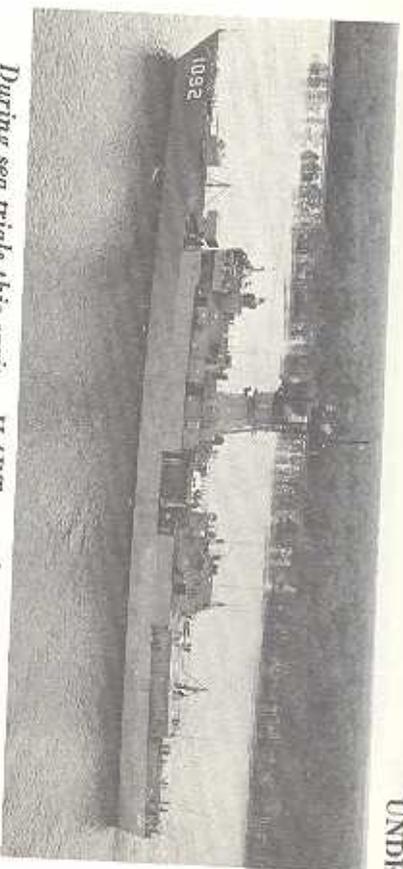
THOMAS C. HART prior to launching at Avondale Shipyard, Westwego, Louisiana. QSS-26 sonar dome is visible forward, below the water line.



The ship's sponsor, Mrs. Reginald Bragonier, eldest granddaughter of the late Admiral Hart, at the moment of christening.



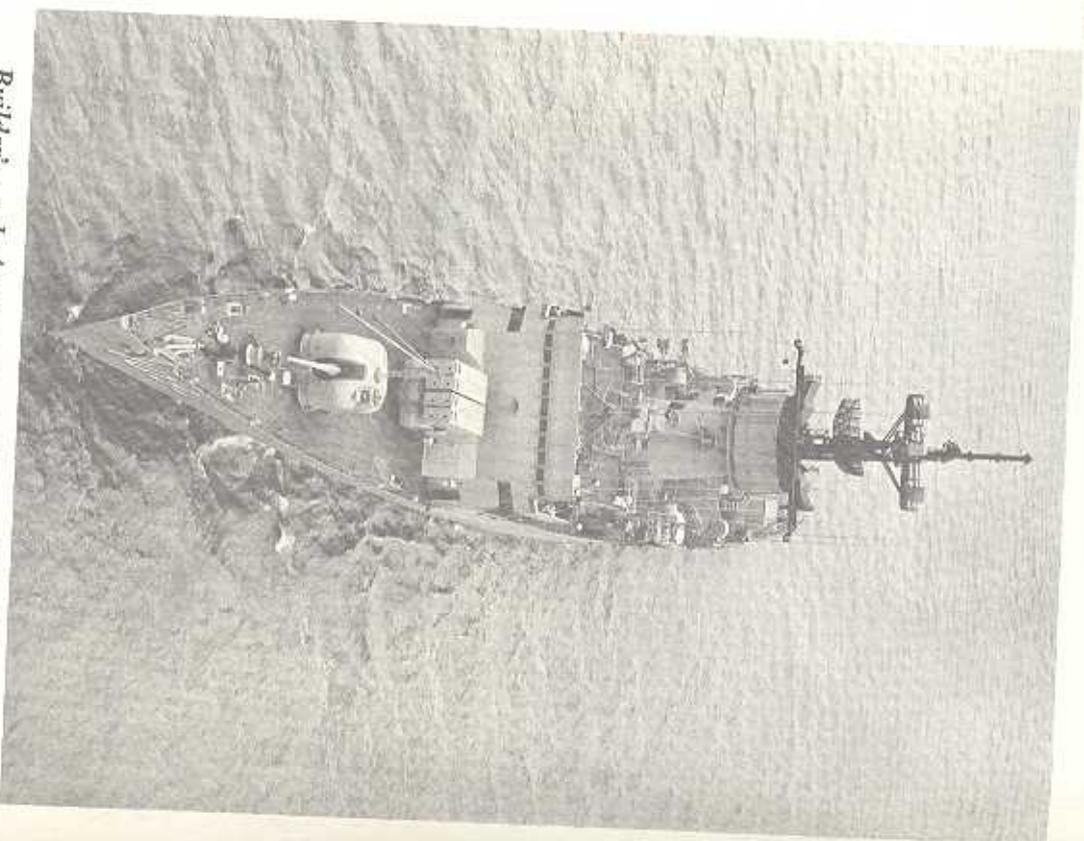
Side-launched into the Mississippi River north of New Orleans. Though it appears as if *HART* is being battered by the entry, side-launching actually causes less stress than the more-traditional stern-launch method.



During sea trials this spring, HART travelled slowly down the flood-swollen Mississippi River.



On delivery trip from Acandale, Louisiana to Boston, HART sped at top speed for three days as a final test of the propulsion system.



Builder's and Acceptance Trials put THOMAS C. HART's capabilities to the test.

THE SHIP'S INSIGNE

The shield created for the USS THOMAS C. HART (DE 1092) symbolizes the mission of the first ship to bear Admiral Hart's name and recreates the substance of the Hart family crest. It was designed after consultation with members of the ship's company.

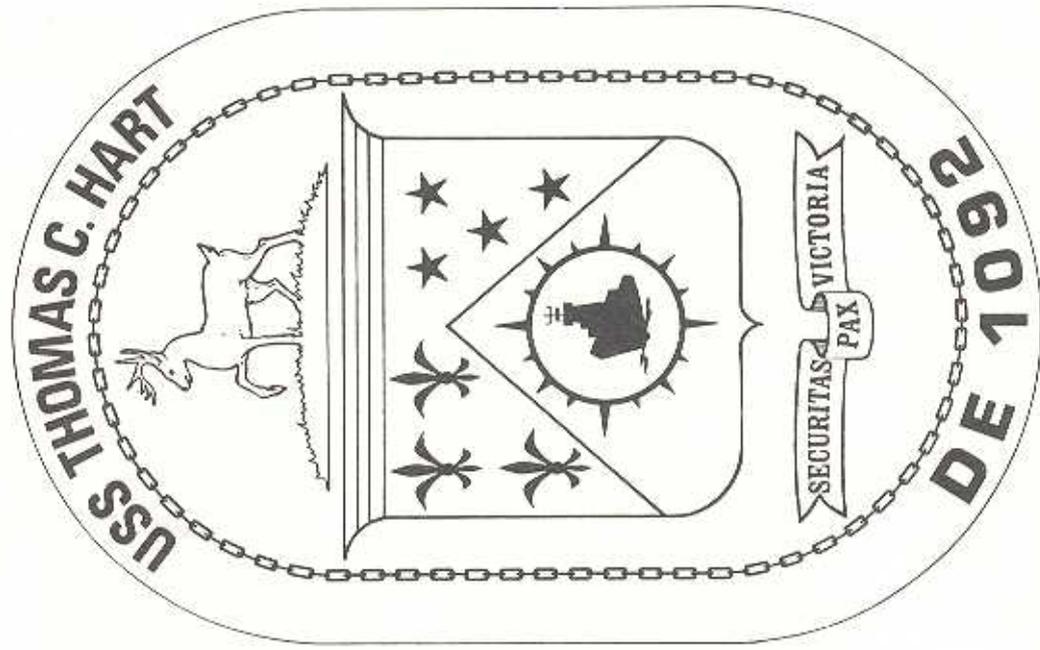
The horned stag, a "hart," is found on the family shield. The fleur-de-lis is also found on the coat of arms, and the three presented here represent faith, wisdom and valor, as well as the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, the locale in which HART's keel was laid and the majority of her construction was completed.

The four stars represent the rank of Admiral attained by Thomas C. Hart.

The compass rose surrounding the distinctive silhouette of the DE-1078 class ocean escort represents the Navy's world control of the seas and HART's capability to respond in the nation's service whenever and wherever she is needed.

The Latin words "Securitas, Pax, Victoria," are translated "Security, Peace, Victory." Their use was inspired by a passage from a speech delivered by President John F. Kennedy in June, 1963:

Control of the seas means security,
control of the seas means peace,
and control of the seas can mean victory.



SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
The Honorable John W. Warner

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20350

27 July 1973



Lieutenant Commander Ronald J. Forst, USN
POO, THOMAS C. HARR (DE-1092)
Boston Naval Shipyard
Boston, Massachusetts 02129

Dear Captain:

Congratulations on your new command and best wishes to you and to your crew on the commissioning of THOMAS C. HARR (DE-1092).

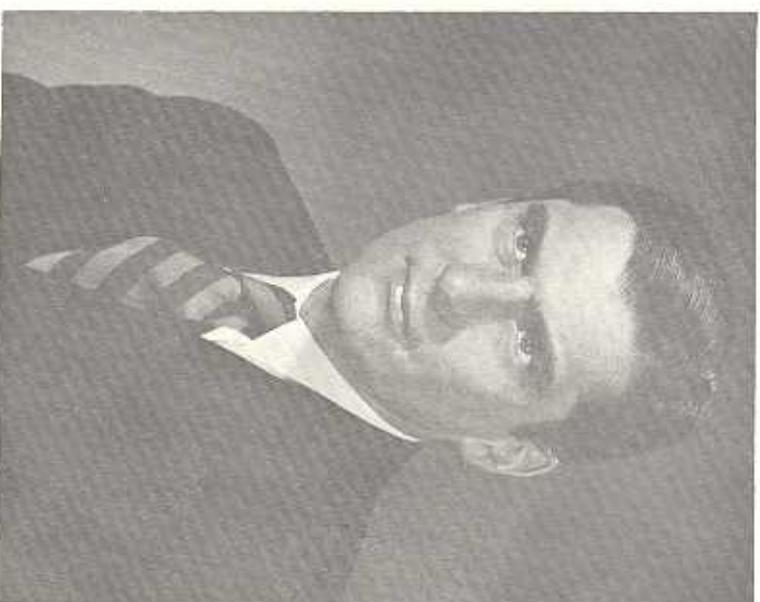
You have been entrusted with a versatile new warship, specifically designed for optimum antisubmarine performance and equipped with the most advanced devices for locating and destroying an undersea enemy. It will be your proud responsibility, and that of every man who sails with you, to combine your ship's technical qualities with the spirit of initiative and competence which has always been the mark of the true destroyerman.

In designing new ships such as THOMAS C. HARR we have endeavored to continue to improve living conditions for the line men who sail them. I know that you share this interest. Although improvements have been made over earlier designs, there is always a need for new ideas in this important area. I hope that you and your crew will continue to develop innovations in habitability improvements and forward your recommendations for consideration. I would like to receive an advance copy of any such submissions. Our men constitute our most vital asset. As we seek their finest performance, their individual and collective welfare deserves our most active interest.

The future will hold many challenges, and I know that THOMAS C. HARR will do her full share to meet them. May success and good fortune be yours.

Sincerely,


John W. Warner
Secretary of the Navy



Best wishes to the crew and men
of USS THOMAS C. HARR (DE-1092)
John W. Warner
Secretary of the Navy

CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN



In the office with many of our (1968-1971) friends & more (1971-1973) with all
best wishes for many successful careers and happy homecomings.

Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.
Admiral, U.S. Navy
Chief of Naval Operations



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

27 July 1973

Dear Captain:

My best wishes go to you and to your ship's company on the commissioning of THOMAS C. HART (DE-1092).

Your new ship honors the memory of Admiral Thomas Hart, Commander in Chief of the Asiatic Fleet during the first grim days of World War II. As a junior officer, he fought at Santisago in 1898. Going on to steadily increasing responsibilities, he served in World War I in combat ships ranging from battleships to patrol craft. Shore duty involved a variety of assignments, from teaching and staff work to membership on the Navy's General Board. When war broke out in the Pacific, Admiral Hart's Asiatic Fleet joined other Allied naval forces in fighting a gallant delaying action against great odds. You inherit a fine tradition of service in peace and war. I know that THOMAS C. HART will take up the proud burden of service to country and carry it on in his spirit.

Your selection as Commanding Officer of THOMAS C. HART is a tribute to your past performance and attests to your ability to meet the challenge of Command, the most cherished experience of a Naval career. You know the truth of Admiral Arleigh Burke's remark that any ship is "good because of the people in her; without them, she is an inert mass of steel." Our need for highly motivated, experienced personnel has never been greater. I urge you to be keenly aware of the welfare of your men. There is no substitute for a crew who is well informed and whose talents are recognized. I encourage you to delegate responsibility down to the lowest level and in so doing develop a real sense of being part of what I know will be, one of our Navy's finest fighting units.

On behalf of the Navy, I welcome THOMAS C. HART to the fleet.

Sincerely,

E. R. Zumwalt, Jr.
E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.
Admiral, U.S. Navy

Lieutenant Commander Ronald J. Forst, USN
PCO, THOMAS C. HART (DE-1092)
Boston Naval Shipyard
Boston, Massachusetts 02129

COMMANDER IN CHIEF
UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET
Admiral Ralph W. Cousins, USN



To the crew of the USS Thomas C Hart,
with our best wishes

Ralph W. Cousins
Admiral, U.S. Navy
CINCPACFLT



COMMANDER IN CHIEF ATLANTIC
AND
COMANDANTE EN JEFE U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET

29 June 1973

Dear Lieutenant Commander Forst,

On the occasion of the commissioning of USS THOMAS C. HART (DE 1092) I extend to you and to all hands my congratulations and best wishes.

THOMAS C. HART joins the Atlantic Fleet Cruiser-destroyer Force during a period of growing emphasis on "leaner and trimmer" seapower and at a time when U. S. naval forces face a mounting challenge on the world's oceans. New construction ships like THOMAS C. HART are designed to meet this challenge and will be key elements of the Navy of the 1970's.

As her first commanding officer, your task is to ready this ship to confront, engage and overcome the challenges that lie ahead. The reputation she earns will reflect the dedication and professionalism of all hands; your personal resourcefulness and individual leadership will help set that reputation in the tradition of the Cruiser-destroyer forces.

I am confident THOMAS C. HART will prove a valuable addition to the U. S. Atlantic Fleet. Welcome and good luck.

Sincerely,

Ralph W. Cousins
RALPH W. COUSINS
Admiral, U. S. Navy

Lieutenant Commander Ronald J. Forst, U.S. Navy
Prospective Commanding Officer THOMAS C. HART (DE 1092)
194 Jones Street
Middletown, Rhode Island 02840



**CRUISER-DESTROYER FORCE
UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET**
Newport, R. I. 02840

27 July 1975

Dear Captain Forst,

As USS THOMAS C. HART (DE-1092) breaks her commissioning pennant and joins the active forces of the United States, it is a distinct honor to convey to you, your officers and men a hearty "welcome" to the Cruiser Destroyer Force.

You join us at a time when the nation is becoming increasingly aware of its dependence upon our sea-going forces. As American shore based military establishments diminish in number around the world, maintaining our sea lines of communication takes on added importance. The Soviet Navy continues to make impressive advances in size, versatility and quality giving them great capability for sea control in their own interest. The resulting challenge before every member of the Naval Service is to make maximum use of the resources available to maintain effective control of the seas to support the interests of the United States, our allies and other peaceful nations.

USS THOMAS C. HART has been designed and built to help meet that challenge. She carries the finest anti-submarine weaponry and detection devices in existence. You, your officers and men have the exciting task of turning this fine assemblage of equipment and machinery into an efficient fighting war-fleet.

To you and your crew I extend my sincere best wishes for meeting the challenge in a professional and proudful way.

Sincerely,

R. S. WENTWORTH, Jr.
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy

Lieutenant Commander Ronald J. Forst, U. S. Navy
Commanding Officer
USS THOMAS C. HART (DE-1092)
Care of Fleet Post Office
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**COMMANDER CRUISER-DESTROYER FORCE
UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET**
Rear Admiral Ralph S. Wentworth, Jr., USN





COMMANDANT, FIRST NAVAL DISTRICT
Rear Admiral Richard E. Rumble, USN



COMMANDER, BOSTON NAVAL SHIPYARD
Captain Russel L. Arthur, USN



COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON TEN
Captain James W. Martin, USN

John Joseph Moakley is serving his first term as a Representative from Massachusetts' Ninth Congressional District. Elected to the 93rd Congress by a 3,000 vote plurality in November, 1972, his victory marks the first time in 20 years that an Independent has successfully run for the U. S. House of Representatives.

Born on April 27, 1927, Congressman Moakley enlisted in the Army at age 15 and served in the South Pacific during World War II. After the war he attended the University of Miami, Florida, where he became a champion light heavyweight boxer. Congressman Moakley's political career began at age 25 when he elected a Massachusetts State Representative. He rose to become Majority Whip in the House during the seven-year incumbency which lasted from 1953 to 1960. While serving in the state legislature he graduated from Suffolk University Law School and earned the Massachusetts Bar.

In 1966, Mr. Moakley was elected State Senator and held that office through 1970. While in the Senate he chaired seven committees, including Urban Affairs, Boston Harbor Islands and Causes Prevention of Crime and Violence.

Returning to the City of Boston, Mr. Moakley led the ticket as a Democrat in the 1971 elections for the Boston City Council. As Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and Finance he was responsible for record reductions in the city's fiscal budget and sponsored resolutions on environmental, end-the-war, housing and consumer affairs matters.

The 46 year old Congressman, who is known as "Joe" in his district, serves on the House Committee on Banking and Currency and the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

He lives with his wife Evelyn at 1812 Columbia Road, Boston.

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

The Honorable John J. Moakley
United States Representative
Ninth Congressional District, Massachusetts



Military Airs

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Arrival of Official Party

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Invocation

Captain Mark P. Sullivan, CHC, USN
Senior Chaplain, First Naval District

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Welcoming Remarks and Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Captain Russel L. Arthur, USN
Commander, Boston Naval Shipyard

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Commissioning Address

The Honorable John J. Moakley
*United States Representative
Ninth Congressional District, Massachusetts*

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Introduction of the Commandant, First Naval District

Captain Russell L. Arthur, USN
Commander, Boston Naval Shipyard

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Reading of the Commissioning Directive

Rear Admiral Richard E. Rumble, USN
Commandant, First Naval District

*The White
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tes Ship Hart

Ceremony

Commissioning
The National Anthem, raising of the National Ensign,
Union Jack and Commission Pennant

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Assumption of Command
Lieutenant Commander Ronald J. Forst, USN

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Setting the First Watch
Lieutenant Commander Robert I. Soupiset, USN
Executive Officer

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Commanding Officer's Remarks
Lieutenant Commander Ronald J. Forst, USN

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Presentation of Gifts

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Benediction
The Very Reverend Francis B. Sayre
Dean, Washington Cathedral

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Military Airs

THE COMMANDING OFFICER
Lieutenant Commander Ronald J. Forst, USN



The responsibility of the commanding officer for his command is absolute, except when, and to the extent, relieved therefrom by competent authority, or as provided otherwise in these regulations. The authority of the commanding officer is commensurate with his responsibility.

— U. S. Navy Regulations, 1973

Lieutenant Commander Ronald John Forst was born in Brooklyn, New York on May 5, 1935. He graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point, New York in August, 1958 with a B.S. degree in Marine Transportation, a Third Officer's License from the U. S. Coast Guard, and a commission as Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve.

His first assignment came in November, 1958 as Deck division officer on the amphibious command ship MOUNT MCKINLEY (AGC-7), and was followed by a tour as Officer-in-Charge of the U. S. Navy Branch Oceanographic Office, Wilmington, California from 1960-1962.

After augmentation to the regular Navy, Lieutenant Commander Forst reported to the destroyer COGSWELL (DD-651) in 1962 as Weapons and Operations Officer. In September, 1964 he began a postgraduate course of study at Texas A & M University which led to a Master's degree in Physical Oceanography in 1966.

In July, 1966, as Lieutenant Forst, he commanded the USS HICKMAN COUNTY (LST-825) in Vietnamese waters, then reported as Assistant Weapons and Gunnery Officer on the cruiser OKLAHOMA CITY (CLG-5). In December, 1968 he became Executive Officer of the destroyer PUTNAM (DD-757) and served until July, 1970 when he was assigned as Aide and Flag Secretary to the Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet. It was from this position that he assumed the duties of Prospective Commanding Officer of THOMAS C. HART (DE 1092) in early 1973.

In addition to the National Defense Service Medal, Lieutenant Commander Forst holds the Combat Action Ribbon, the Vietnam Service Ribbon with two bronze stars and the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation.

Lieutenant Commander Forst is married to the former Paula M. Crean of Port Chester, New York. The Forsts reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia, with their four children: Alison, Tracy, Jon and Christopher.

Lieutenant Commander Robert Irl Soupiset, Jr. was born on February 24, 1937 in Clayton, New Mexico, and graduated from St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kansas in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Arts. He interrupted graduate study at Denver University to attend the U. S. Naval Officer Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island, and was commissioned an Ensign in November, 1960.

From Newport, he reported to the Naval Communications Station in San Miguel, Republic of the Philippines, and later became officer in charge of the message center at Cubi Point.

After a brief tour on the staff of Commandant, 13th Naval District, Seattle, Washington, Lieutenant Commander Soupiset attended the Naval Mine Warfare School, Charleston, South Carolina, in fall, 1963. He then became Surface Operations and Plans Officer for Mine Division 83, Charleston. On promotion to Lieutenant, he reported to the U. S. Naval Destroyer School, Newport, graduated in June, 1965 and became Weapons Officer on the USS WALKER (DD-517).

In May, 1967, Lieutenant Commander Soupiset reported to Coronado, California for a three month course in counterinsurgency prior to a one year tour as senior advisor to Vietnamese River Assault Group 28. From South Vietnam he reported to the staff of Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla Eight in Norfolk, Virginia as Surface Operations Officer.

From December, 1970 to May, 1971, Lieutenant Commander Soupiset attended the Navy's Surface Missile Officer School in Dam Neck, Virginia, then reported aboard the USS WILLIAM H. STANDLEY (DLG-32) as Operations Officer.

In addition to the National Defense and Vietnamese Service Medals, Lieutenant Commander Soupiset holds the Combat Action Ribbon, the Vietnamese Campaign Medal with six campaign stars and the Navy Unit Commendation with star. He was awarded the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross and the Vietnamese Staff Service Honor Medal by the Republic of Vietnam.

Lieutenant Commander Soupiset is married to the former Rosemary Christolon of West Point, New York. The Soupiset's will reside in Norfolk, Virginia with their four children: Shannon, Rayome, Jené and Jason.

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lieutenant Commander Robert I. Soupiset, Jr., USN



The executive officer, while in the execution of his duties as such, shall take precedence over all persons under the command of the commanding officer.

— U. S. Navy Regulations, 1973

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT



OPERATIONS OFFICER
LT W. Scott Slocum, USN
Born: August 18, 1946
Greenwich, Connecticut
Education: A.B., History and Economics,
Princeton University, 1968; Naval De-
stroyer School, 1973
Previous Assignments: USS DYEISS
(DD-880), Electronic Material Officer,
Combat Information Center Officer,
1968-1970; USS DETROIT (AOE-4),
Electronic Material Officer, Operations
Officer, 1970-1972
Hometown: Gladwyne, Pennsylvania



**COMBAT INFORMATION
CENTER OFFICER**
LTJG Robert C. Whitelarch, USN
Born: April 23, 1945
Norfolk, Virginia
Education: B.S., Metallurgical Engineer-
ing, University of Utah, 1971
Previous Assignments: Enlisted service
1964-1967; NESEP Program, 1967-1971;
USS JULIUS A. FUERER (DEG-6),
Communications Officer, 1971-1973
Hometown: Moundsville, West Virginia



COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
LTJG Lee E. Burgess, USN
Born: August 18, 1949
Detroit, Michigan
Education: B.S., Economics, U. S. Naval
Academy, 1971
Previous Assignments: USS MYLES C.
FOX (DD-828), Communication Of-
ficer, Electronic Material Officer, 1971-
1973
Hometown: Livonia, Michigan



ELECTRONIC WARFARE OFFICER
LTJG John E. Culas, USN
Born: October 29, 1948
Joliet, Illinois
Education: B.S., Mechanical Engineering,
University of Notre Dame, 1971
Previous Assignments: USS DETROIT
(AOE-4), Electronic Material Officer,
1971-1973
Hometown: Joliet, Illinois

NAVIGATION DEPARTMENT



NAVIGATOR
LTJG Robert A. Meadowcroft, USN
Born: May 2, 1948
Syracuse, New York
Education: B.S., Management, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 1970
Previous Assignments: Naval Air Basic Training 1970-1971, USS INTREPID (CVS-11), Combat Information Center Division Officer, 1971-1973
Hometown: Fulton, New York

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT



SUPPLY OFFICER
LT Gary J. Angelopoulos, SC, USN
Born: July 28, 1943
Washington, D. C.
Education: B.S., Textile Chemistry, Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science, 1966; Graduate Study, North Carolina State University, 1967-1968; Naval Supply Corps School, 1968
Previous Assignments: USS WICHITA (AOR-1), Disbursing Officer, Food Service Officer, Cargo Officer, 1968-1971; COMMANDER SERVICE GROUP ONE, Senior Inspecting Officer for Annual Supply Inspections, 1971-1973
Hometown: Miami, Florida

NAVIGATION DEPARTMENT



ELECTRONIC MATERIAL OFFICER
ENS Patrick M. Lyons, USN
Born: November 25, 1951
Bethesda, Maryland
Education: B.S., Oceanography, U. S. Naval Academy, 1973
Hometown: Newport, Rhode Island



DISBURSING OFFICER
ENS David B. Wadsworth, SC, USN
Born: November 13, 1949
Oakland, California
Education: B.S., Chemistry, University of California at Berkeley, 1972; Naval Supply Corps School, 1972
Hometown: Houston, Texas

WEAPONS DEPARTMENT



WEAPONS OFFICER

LT John D. McKendrick, Jr., USN

Born: May 2, 1943

Washington, D. C.

Education: Virginia Polytechnic Institute 1961-1962; B.S., Political Science, U. S. Naval Academy, 1966; M.S., Oceanography, Naval Postgraduate School, 1972; Naval Destroyer School, 1973

Previous Assignments: USS DUPONT (DD-941), Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer, 1966-1968; USS ALBERT DAVID (DE-1050), Combat Information Center Officer, 1968-1969
Hometown: Richmond, Virginia



ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE OFFICER

ENS Jared T. Kjelvig, USN

Born: April 11, 1949

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Education: Albert-Ludwig Universität, 1969-1970; A.B., German Literature, Princeton University, 1972

Previous Assignments: USS CHARLES P. CECIL (DD-835), Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer, 1972-1973
Hometown: Sacramento, California



GUNNERY ASSISTANT

LTJG Joel P. Hoxie, USN

Born: December 4, 1948

Waterloo, Iowa

Education: A.B., Political Science, Princeton University, 1971

Previous Assignments: USS GURKE (DD-783), First Lieutenant, Combat Information Center Officer, 1971-1973
Hometown: Waterloo, Iowa



FIRST LIEUTENANT

ENS Kerry B. Long, USN

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Brooklyn, New York

Education: A.B., Political Science, Colgate University, 1972

Hometown: Dix Hills, New York

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

ENGINEER OFFICER

LT Errol R. Hurst, USN

Born: March 17, 1943

Knoxville, Tennessee

Education: B.S., Business Administration, Ball State University, 1966; Naval Destroyer School, 1973

Previous Assignments: USS WEST-CHESTER COUNTY (LST-1167), Damage Control Assistant, Chief Engineer, 1967-1970; USS HARRY F. YARNELL (DLG-17), Damage Control Officer, Navigator, Combat Information Center Officer, Assistant Operations Officer, 1970-1972

Hometown: Kokomo, Indiana



MAIN PROPULSION ASSISTANT

LTJG William K. Boyd, Jr., USN

Born: May 20, 1949

Richmond, Virginia

Education: B.S., Mechanical Engineering, U. S. Naval Academy, 1971

Previous Assignments: USS SHELTON (DD-790), Main Propulsion Assistant, 1971-1973

Hometown: Louisville, Kentucky



DAMAGE CONTROL ASSISTANT

LTJG Ben Moore III, USN

Born: October 13, 1949

Sherman, Texas

Education: A.B., Government, Harvard University, 1971

Previous Assignments: USS GLOVER (AGDE-1), Personnel Officer, Damage Control Assistant, 1971-1973

Hometown: Brawley, California



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May God bless your efforts — all our efforts — with success. May your seas be calm, your storms brief but exciting, your battles victorious, your accomplishments full and enriching.

— Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, USN (Ret.)

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT



Chief Operations Specialist
JOHN D. GORDON

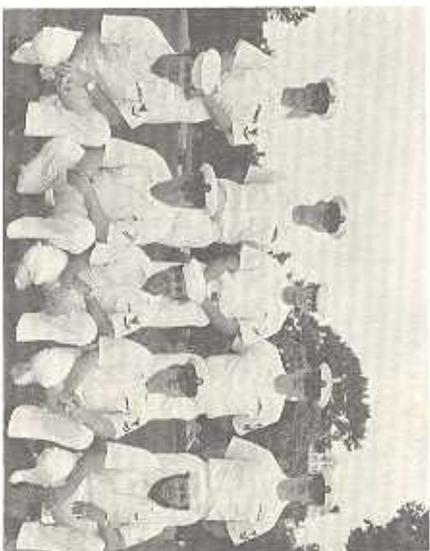


Chief Electronics Technician
PATRICK S. CUMMINS



Chief Radioman
JACK D. MCKINZIE

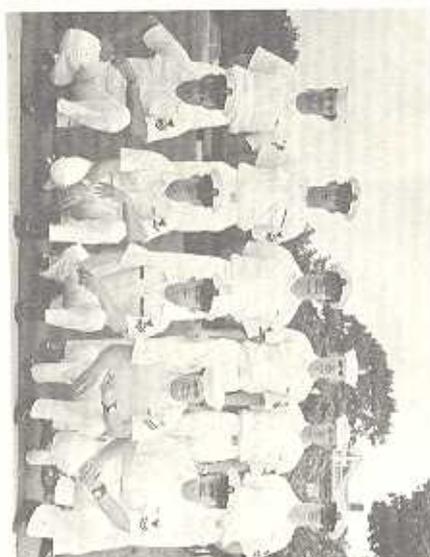
OI DIVISION



OE DIVISION



OC DIVISION



OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

OPERATIONS-COMMUNICATION (OC) DIVISION

Chief Radioman Jack D. McKinzie, Frankfurt, Indiana
Signalman First Class Clayton E. Phillips, Section, Alabama
Radioman Second Class Joe L. Miller, Cassville, Missouri
Signalman Second Class Gerald L. Pope, Brawley, California
Radioman Second Class Delmain R. Taylor, Morgantown, West Virginia
Signalman Second Class Harold M. Unruh, Somerset, Bermuda
Radioman Third Class Stafford E. Cumberledge, Carrollton, Ohio

Radioman Second Class Rafter L. Hoffman, Terrell, Texas
Radioman Third Class Jack D. Torbert, Gurley, Alabama
Radioman Seaman Mark R. Cameron, Denver, Colorado
Radioman Third Class Kurt M. Haunmermeister, Columbus, Mississippi
Signalman Seaman David L. Melton, Richmond, Virginia
Signalman Seaman Apprentice Richard W. Jones, South Yarmouth, Massachusetts

OPERATIONS-ELECTRONICS (OE) DIVISION

Chief Electronics Technician Patrick S. Cummins, Union, Michigan
Electronics Technician Second Class Thomas S. Clark, Crystal Lake, Illinois
Electronics Warfare Technician Second Class Larry W. Hayes,
New Concord, Ohio
Electronics Technician Third Class Billy B. Bennett, San Jose, California
Postal Clerk Seaman Raymond C. Poirier, Albany, Oregon

Electronics Technician Third Class Leslie E. Horner, Mount Wolf, Pennsylvania
Electronics Technician Third Class James H. McDougal, Amarillo, Texas
Electronics Technician Third Class Joseph Repicky, Yonkers, New York

OPERATIONS-INFORMATION (OI) DIVISION

Chief Operations Specialist John D. Gordon, Gainesville, Florida
Operations Specialist First Class William R. Ellet, Virginia Beach, Virginia
Operations Specialist First Class Richard J. Waddingham, Jr., San Jose, California
Operations Specialist Second Class Donny G. Hodgkins, Iowa Park, Texas
Operations Specialist Second Class Gary G. Moore, Covington, Texas
Operations Specialist Third Class James T. Lloyd, Jr., Bemidji, Minnesota
Operations Specialist Third Class Michael J. Walsh, Hempstead, New York
Operations Specialist Seaman Michael J. Miller, Queens, New York

Operations Specialist Seaman Apprentice Mark A. Heidenreich,
Kinmelon, New Jersey
Operations Specialist Seaman Apprentice Erwin S. Rucrup, Summit, New Jersey
Operations Specialist Seaman Apprentice Jerry W. Mitchell, Baxter Springs, Kansas
Operations Specialist Seaman Apprentice James E. Weidon,
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WEAPONS DEPARTMENT



Chief Sonar Technician
MILIARD F. HARRIS

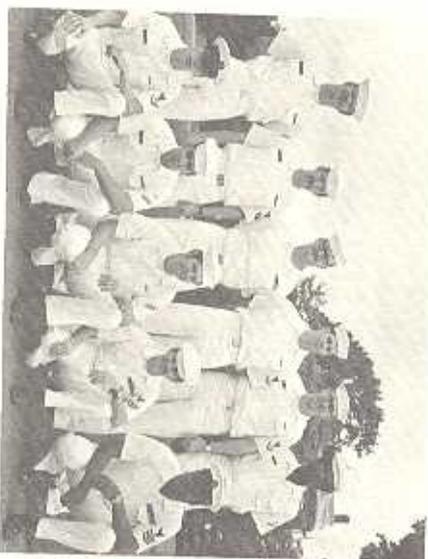


Chief Fire Control Technician
PAUL H. CHASTAIN

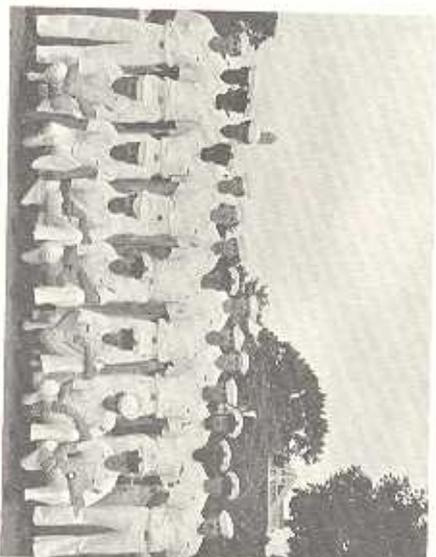


Chief Gunner's Mate
BOBBY A. ROBERTSON

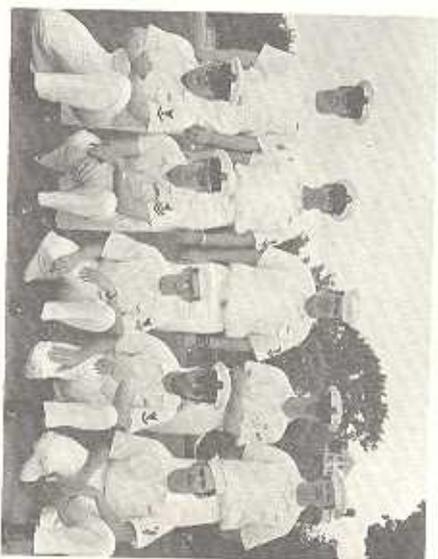
FOX DIVISION



FIRST DIVISION



SECOND DIVISION



WEAPONS DEPARTMENT

ANTI-SUBMARINE (FOX) DIVISION

Chief Sonar Technician Millard F. Harris III, Key West, Florida
Gunner's Mate Technician First Class Simic W. Staton, Jr., Alexandria, Virginia
Sonar Technician Second Class Paul W. Dutton, Dudley, Massachusetts
Sonar Technician Second Class Dennis R. O'Hara, New York City, New York
Sonar Technician Second Class David E. Mallow, Jal, New Mexico
Sonar Technician Second Class Nelson E. Mertz, Lewistown, Pennsylvania
Sonar Technician Third Class David G. Coleman, Rochester, New York
Sonar Technician Third Class Craig A. Cope, East Bangor, Pennsylvania
Sonar Technician Third Class Larry J. Prather, Dayton, Ohio

Sonar Technician Third Class Leonard E. Rausch, McKeesport, Pennsylvania
Sonar Technician Seaman Robert P. Russell, Atlantic City, New Jersey
Sonar Technician Seaman Apprentice Randy C. Groen, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Gunner's Mate Technician Seaman Apprentice Kenneth J. Johnson,
Washington, D. C.
Sonar Technician Seaman Apprentice William E. Lezzer, Levittown, Pennsylvania
Torpedoman Seaman Apprentice Craig P. Miller, Waterloo, Iowa
Sonar Technician Seaman Apprentice David E. Powell, Red Bud, Illinois

FIRST (DECK) DIVISION

Boatswain's Mate First Class Phillip W. Early, Xenia, Ohio
Boatswain's Mate Second Class Willie E. Bassett, Navasota, Texas
Boatswain's Mate Second Class Richard S. Batten, Edgartown, Massachusetts
Boatswain's Mate Third Class Robert S. Brown, Elizabeth, Indiana
Boatswain's Mate Third Class Scott E. Carpenter, Nahant, Massachusetts
Seaman Sylvester L. Anderson, Jr., Detroit, Michigan
Seaman Peter M. Ford, Clinton, Massachusetts
Seaman Robert J. LaBonte, Holyoke, Massachusetts
Seaman Johnny B. Limon, Houston, Texas
Seaman Norman A. Laker, San Antonio, Texas
Seaman Randy L. Mitchell, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Seaman Brian L. Nirdlinger, Jersey City, New Jersey
Seaman Carlton J. Robinson, Rome, Georgia
Seaman Ronald J. Syers, Fountain, Michigan
Seaman Apprentice Ronald E. Baylis, Jr., Silver Spring, Maryland
Seaman Apprentice James D. Davis, Safford, Arizona

Seaman Apprentice Richard D. Fritts, Bernie, Missouri
Seaman Apprentice Leonard A. Higgins, Zanesville, Ohio
Seaman Apprentice Luis Martinez, Brooklyn, New York
Seaman Apprentice Dalmiro Ramirez, East Gary, Indiana
Seaman Apprentice George A. Ruetschi, Jr., Buffalo, New York
Seaman Apprentice Benny R. Reynolds, Calhoun, Louisiana
Seaman Apprentice James E. Schumacher, Fort Angeles, Washington
Seaman Apprentice Bill D. Wimberly, Jr., St. Petersburg, Florida
Seaman Recruit Sidney K. Heathman, Blue Springs, Missouri
Seaman Recruit James M. Johnson, Augusta, Georgia
Seaman Recruit Daniel J. Morgan, Oak Harbor, Washington
Seaman Recruit Dennis E. Posey, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Seaman Recruit Marvin Sims, Clinton, Massachusetts
Seaman Recruit Ronald G. Swiney, Dallas, Texas
Seaman Recruit James A. Zimmerman, Marshfield, Wisconsin

GUNNERY (SECOND) DIVISION

Chief Gunner's Mate Bobby A. Robertson, Greenwood, South Carolina
Gunner's Mate Second Class Dwayne A. Maston, Lockport, Illinois
Gunner's Mate Third Class Stephen J. Baldoni, Eldred, Pennsylvania
First Control Technician Third Class Ronald F. Church, Battle Creek, Michigan
Fire Control Technician Third Class Larry R. Cooper, Springfield, Missouri

Fire Control Technician Third Class Richard J. Ellwein, Cincinnati, Ohio
Fire Control Technician Third Class Paul E. Smith, Gallup, New Mexico
Gunner's Mate Seaman Harry R. McKee, Jr., Dayton, Ohio
Gunner's Mate Seaman Apprentice Robert A. Arnold, Jr., Ayden, North Carolina
Gunner's Mate Seaman Apprentice Ronald L. Fiscus, Potlatch, Idaho

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



Master Chief Boiler Technician
JAMES G. BLAKE



Chief Boiler Technician
JOHN BOZEMAN



Chief Machinist's Mate
RALPH L. DESROSIERS

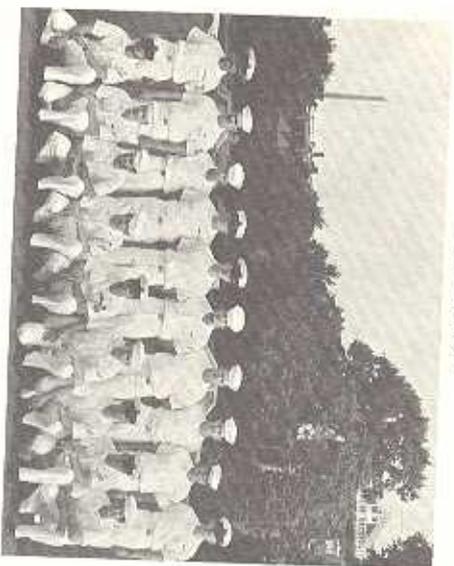


Chief Machinist's Mate
RONALD J. McCLENDON

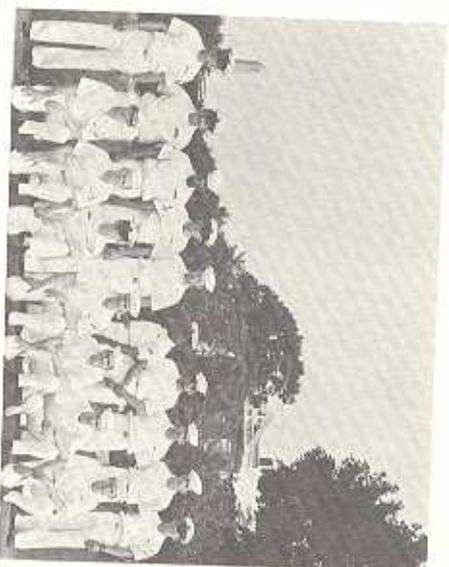


Chief Electrician's Mate
HONORIO C. GOROSPE

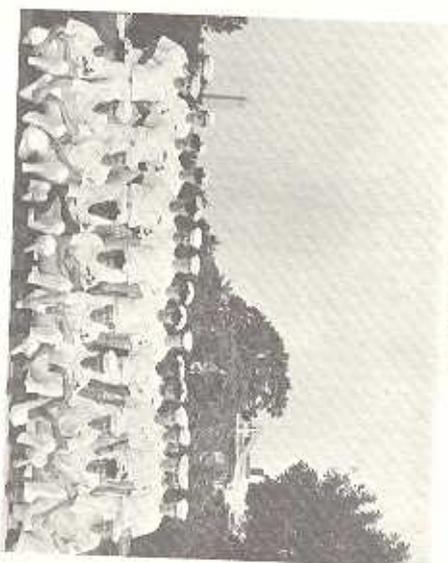
M DIVISION



B DIVISION



R DIVISION



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

MAIN PROPULSION (M) DIVISION

Chief Machinist's Mate Ralph L. Desrosiers, Holyoke, Massachusetts
Chief Machinist's Mate Ronald J. McClendon, Middletown, Rhode Island
Machinist's Mate First Class James Cobbs, Jr., Richmond, Virginia
Machinist's Mate First Class Earl K. Smiley, Brunswick, Maine
Machinist's Mate Second Class Roman R. Marx, Menasha, Wisconsin
Machinist's Mate Second Class Clifton D. Mason, Callaway, Nebraska
Machinist's Mate Second Class Thomas T. Newsome, Great Lakes, Illinois
Machinist's Mate Second Class Howard C. Simmons, Carland, Texas
Machinist's Mate Third Class Daniel T. Pardi, Utica, New York
Machinist's Mate Third Class John S. Rogowski, Cleveland, Ohio
Machinist's Mate Fireman Ronald F. Brown, East Detroit, Michigan
Machinist's Mate Fireman William H. Hagensick III, Pensacola, Florida
Machinist's Mate Fireman Jimmy W. Hall, Hartsfield, Georgia

Master Chief Boiler Technician James G. Blake, Kilgore, Texas

Chief Boiler Technician John Bozeman

Boiler Technician First Class Howard E. Jones, Mexico, Maine

Boiler Technician Second Class Douglas E. DeMalade, Fort Worth, Texas

Boiler Technician Second Class Thomas W. Lucas, Barnsville, Ohio

Boiler Technician Fireman Larry W. Fillers, Greenville, Tennessee

Fireman Rhea D. Jerrill, Thompson, Ohio

Fireman Paul L. McFarland, Abilene, Texas

Fireman Harry R. Rix, Ashburnham, Massachusetts

Boiler Technician Fireman Apprentice William Bacher, Farmingville, New York

Chief Electrician's Mate Honorio C. Gorospe, Middletown, Rhode Island

Engineman First Class David G. Wainer, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Interior Comm. Electrician Robert A. Boyett, St. Petersburg, Florida

Hull Technician Second Class Stephen A. Kosik, Youngstown, Ohio

Hull Technician Second Class Kenneth R. Barber, Tennessee

Electrician's Mate Second Class Samuel E. McLeod, Woodland, Maine

Engineman Second Class Barry J. Mead, Highland, New York

Electrician's Mate Second Class Leeroy A. Rose, Mexico, Maine

Engineman Third Class James S. Farren, Portage, Pennsylvania

Engineman Third Class Roland S. Wilson, Toledo, Ohio

Electrician's Mate Third Class Martin R. Kennedy, Camillus, New York

Machinery Repairman Third Class Constanctin T. Rogasa,
Republic of the Philippines

Machinist's Mate Fireman Donald A. Labrecque, Biddeford, Maine

Seaman James H. Jennette, Brooklyn, New York
Machinist's Mate Fireman Robert A. Scharding, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Fireman Radford E. Whatley, Covington, Georgia
Fireman Apprentice Rox F. Altman, Erie, Pennsylvania
Machinist's Mate Fireman Apprentice Steven R. Cleveland, LaCrosse, Wisconsin
Machinist's Mate Fireman Karl H. Friedrich, Youngstown, Ohio
Machinist's Mate Fireman Apprentice Neal N. Nielsen, Dike, Iowa
Machinist's Mate Fireman Apprentice Gary Simonsen, Stamford, Connecticut
Machinist's Mate Fireman Apprentice Ernest Vitiello, Brooklyn, New York
Machinist's Mate Fireman Apprentice Jimmy R. Wilkenson, Rogersville, Missouri
Machinist's Mate Fireman Apprentice, Michael L. Giesje, Littleton, Colorado
Machinist's Mate Fireman Apprentice Thomas W. Seafield, Chicago, Illinois
Fireman Apprentice Alfred J. Woods, Valley Stream, New York

BOILER (B) DIVISION

Boiler Technician Fireman Apprentice William R. Browning, Jr.,
Chesapeake, Virginia

Boiler Technician Fireman Apprentice David D. Burrows, New Castle, Virginia

Boiler Technician Fireman Apprentice Paul F. Grenier, Milton, Vermont

Boiler Technician Fireman Apprentice Clyde K. Cossey, Cave City, Arkansas

Fireman Apprentice Michael D. Kraft, Bettendorf, Iowa

Fireman Apprentice Randall S. Sprague, DeKalb, Illinois

Fireman Recruit Victor M. Oquendo, Bronx, New York

Boiler Technician Fireman Apprentice Michael J. Stover, St. Albans, West Virginia

Fireman Recruit Paul W. Snyder, Marlton, New Jersey

REPAIR (R) DIVISION

Interior Comm. Electrician Third Class Philip W. Warmbrodt, Seaside, Oregon

Fireman Michael C. Croft, Savannah, Georgia

Hull Technician Fireman Karl D. Doerr, Foxholm, North Dakota

Interior Comm. Electrician Fireman Elroy J. Foley, St. Paul, Minnesota

Hull Technician Fireman Philip H. Leblanc, Gardner, Massachusetts

Fireman Bruce A. Nothem, Portville, New York

Interior Comm. Electrician Fireman Apprentice Wesley J. Bingenheimer,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Hull Technician Fireman Apprentice Mark R. Cook, Gainesville, Florida

Electrician's Mate Fireman Apprentice Bradford B. Cornell,
Wakefield, Massachusetts

Electrician's Mate Fireman Apprentice Steven L. Critchett, Sun Valley, California

Hull Technician Fireman Apprentice Carey E. Norris, Calera, Oklahoma

Fireman Apprentice Gary D. Smith, Stanford, Illinois

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Chief Yeoman
ANDREW R. KELLY



Chief Quartermaster
JOSEPH G. BRADY

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

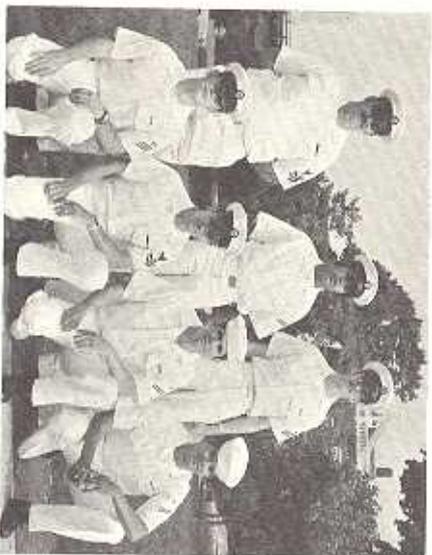


Chief Storekeeper
ANTONIO B. BABAUTA

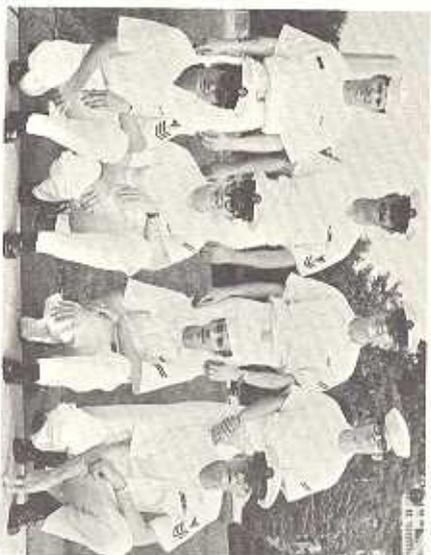


Chief Commissaryman
CHARLES B. PILKENTON

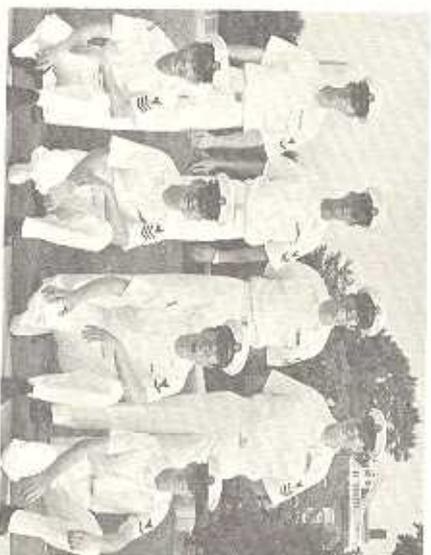
X N DIVISION



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EXECUTIVE AND SUPPLY DEPARTMENTS

EXECUTIVE / NAVIGATION (XN) DIVISION

Chief Quartermaster Joseph G. Brady, Yonkers, New York
Chief Yeoman Andrew R. Kelly, Virginia Beach, Virginia
Personnelman First Class Karl A. Higgins, Kent, Washington
Hospital Corpsman First Class Ronald A. Wilson, St. Louis, Missouri
Quartermaster Second Class Jimmy N. Williams, Leesburg, Florida
Seaman Gregg A. Anderson, Springfield, New Jersey
Hospital Corpsman Robert L. Coleman, Lyle, Minnesota
Quartermaster Seaman Gordon D. Estabrook, Jr., Rindge, New Hampshire
Yeoman Seaman Apprentice John M. Aragon, El Paso, Texas
Yeoman Seaman Apprentice David M. Lundquist, Tujunga, California

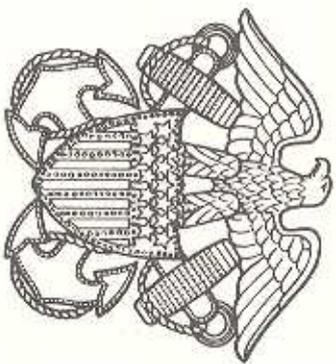
SUPPLY (S) DIVISION

Chief Commissaryman Charles B. Pilkenton, West Covina, California
Commissaryman First Class Clarence H. Bartness, Chesapeake, Virginia
Steward First Class Rodger S. Carig, Wilmington, Delaware
Commissaryman Second Class Charley S. Gonzales, Grace Park, Caloucan City, Philippines
Steward Second Class Baltazar A. Init, Maragondon, Cavite, Philippines
Commissaryman Second Class Michael B. Miller, St. Petersburg, Florida
Steward Third Class Gerard U. Mortel, San Pablo City, Philippines
Commissaryman Third Class Jimmy C. Probst, Pariric, Texas
Seaman Apprentice James E. Belken, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Commissaryman Seaman Apprentice Steven W. Fields, Louisville, Kentucky
Seaman Apprentice Kevin J. Gaffney, Berwyn, Illinois
Steward Seaman Apprentice Gary M. Smith, Boscawin, New Hampshire
Seaman Apprentice Duane R. Bolk, Ashburnham, Massachusetts
Commissaryman Seaman Recruit Michael P. Willis, New Castle, Delaware

Seaman Apprentice James J. Clifford, Hornell, New York
Seaman Apprentice Marvin H. Herrtel, Jr., Woodbridge, Virginia

Chief Storekeeper Antonio B. Rabauta, Agat, Guam
Disbursing Clerk First Class Alfredo E. DeLaPena, Quawa, Illinois
Ship's Serviceman First Class Herman May, Salem, Virginia
Storekeeper First Class Robert M. Starita, Manchester, New Hampshire
Ship's Serviceman Second Class Richard W. Walters, South Bend, Indiana
Storekeeper Second Class Jack A. Fike, Newport, Rhode Island
Storekeeper Third Class Tony Hinojosa, El Paso, Texas
Storekeeper Third Class Richard P. Montoya, Gallup, New Mexico
Ship's Serviceman Third Class William H. Pounds, Bogalusa, Louisiana
Ship's Serviceman Third Class James M. Corn, Anniston, Alabama
Ship's Serviceman Technician Seaman Apprentice Lucas Gonzales, Chicago, Illinois





The Commission

The President of the United States of America: To all who shall see these presents, greeting: Know ye that reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity and abilities of (name), I do, appoint him (rank) in the United States Navy.... This officer will therefore carefully and diligently discharge the duties of the office to which appointed by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging.

And I do strictly charge and require those officers and other personnel of lesser rank to render such obedience as is due an officer of this grade and position. And this officer is to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as may be given by me... or other superior officers acting in accordance with the laws of the United States of America.

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For nearly 200 years, Chiefs before you have freely accepted responsibility... and by their performance commanded the respect of their seniors as well as their juniors.

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—Rear Admiral Julius A. Furor, USN



ETERNAL FATHER

*O Father, King of Earth and Sea,
We dedicate this ship to Thee,
In faith we send her on her way,
In faith to Thee we humbly pray,*

*O bear from heaven our sailors' cry
And watch and guard her from on high.*

*And when at length her course is run,
Her work for home and country done,
Of all the souls that in her sailed
Let not one life in Thee have failed*

*But bear from heaven our sailors' cry
And grant eternal life on high.*

Amen.

