

U. S. S. B A D O E N G S T R A I T

COMMISSIONING PROGRAM

★ **14 - NOVEMBER - 1945**

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Almighty and Everlasting God, we humbly beseech Thee to look with Thy divine favor upon the exercises of this hour. Grant to hallow this ship constructed and dedicated to express our nation's power and will. Bestow Thy blessing upon its mission to defend and uphold the precious traditions and achievements of the Star-Spangled Banner here unfurled. Accept our supplications, we pray, for all those who shall serve here, that in their going forth and in their coming in no evil befall them, nor mischief come nigh to hurt their souls. Through all the changes and chances of this mortal life bring us, we pray, by Thy mercy to the sure haven of Thine everlasting Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. — *Amen.*



Naval Action in Badoeng Strait

February 19-20, 1942

In the dark days of early 1942, powerful Japanese forces were pushing steadily southward. On the eighteenth of February the enemy landed on the southeast coast of Bali, seizing the airfield. Use of this field exposed the entire sea area south of the Barrier Islands to air attack. Reconnaissance revealed enemy cruisers and transports in Badoeng Strait southeast of Bali.

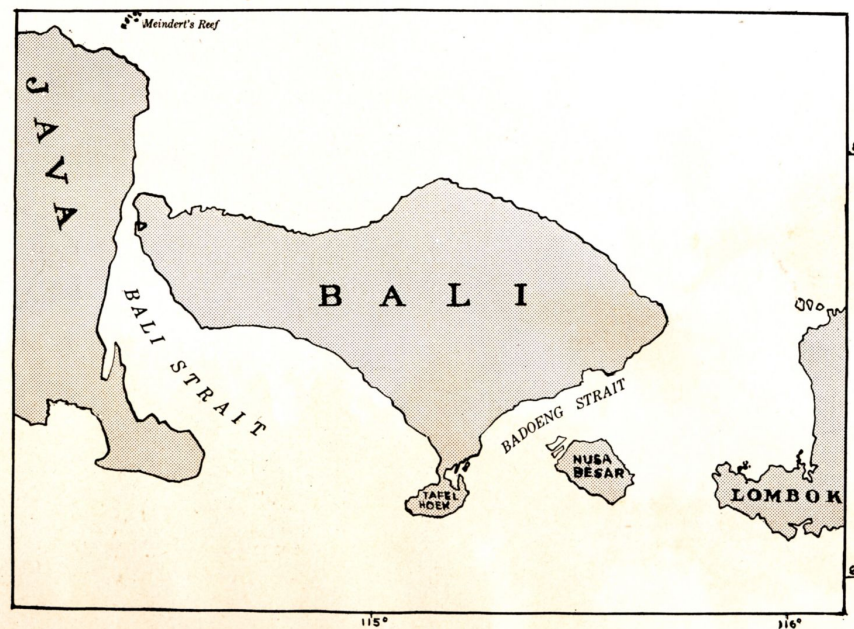
On the night of 19 February, our small but gallant forces rushed to attack. From Tjilatjap on the south coast of Java came two Dutch cruisers accompanied by a Dutch destroyer and two United States destroyers, knifing their way between two heavy enemy forces, our ships inflicted serious damage on Japanese shipping. Although accurate reporting of damage is difficult in a night battle, it is known that in an hour's engagement two or three enemy vessels were set on fire and an enemy cruiser torpedoed. Further casualties were brought the enemy by the fact that our ships passing between two forces caused the enemy to fire on his own ships. Their cross-fire endangered our ships but the risk was amply justified by the damage inflicted on themselves. Two enemy destroyers were believed sunk and another damaged at this time.

Several hours later, early on the morning of 20 February, a second wave consisting of three United States destroyers with a

Dutch cruiser arrived on the scene from Soerabaja. In the engagement which followed one enemy ship, possibly a cruiser, was blown up and another vessel sunk by gunfire. Sure torpedo hits were registered on ships of unknown class.

The engagement cost the loss of a Dutch destroyer while two Dutch cruisers were damaged. One of our destroyers was also hit.

Our ship will bear the name U.S.S. BADOENG STRAIT in honor of those men and ships who fought so courageously to defend their country's honor in the face of overwhelming odds.



THE BIRTH OF THE BADOENG STRAIT

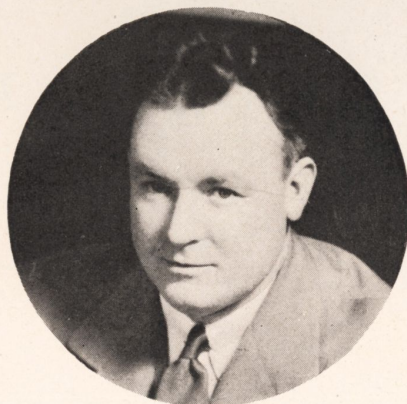


O. A. TUCKER, Vice-President and General Manager, Todd Pacific.
MRS. C. L. LANDIS. MRS. T. H. BINFORD, Sponsor.

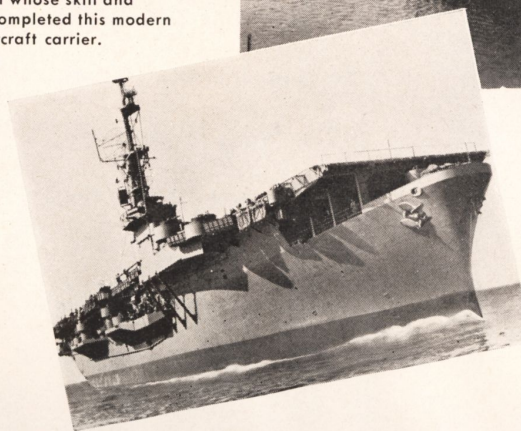
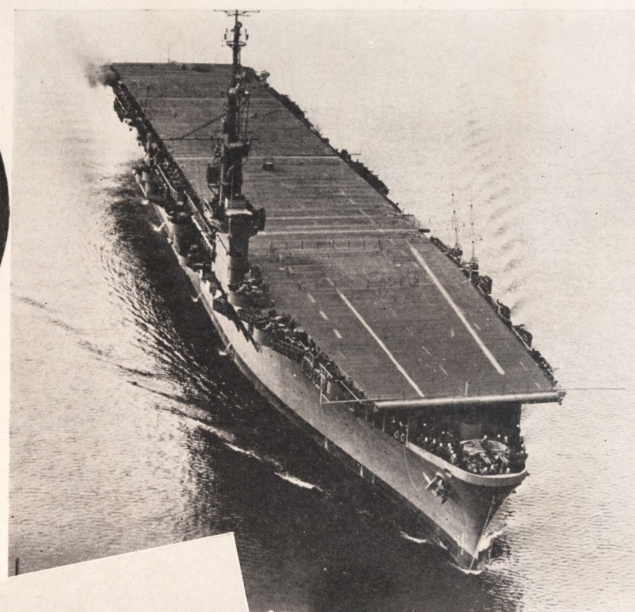
A new day was coming awake at Tacoma, Washington, early last February 15th as the new escort carrier U.S.S. BADOENG STRAIT slid from her Todd Pacific launch-ways and sped seaward on her maiden voyage. Mrs. T. H. Binford, wife of Captain Binford, formerly director of enlisted personnel at the Bureau of Ships, Washington, D. C., came from her Coronado, California, home to christen the ship. She was attended in the colorful ceremonies by her sister, Mrs. C. L. Landis. O. A. Tucker, Todd's vice-president and general manager, was in charge of launching.



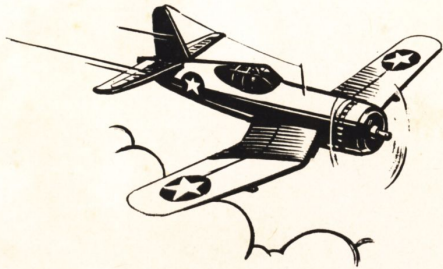
...SHE BECOMES A MAN OF WAR



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President and Treasurer
Commercial Iron Works,
Portland
Representing the many men and
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efficiency completed this modern
aircraft carrier.

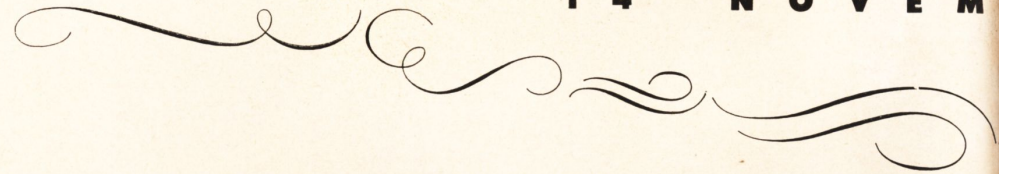


The hull was towed to the shipbuilding yard of the Commercial Iron Works at Portland, Oregon. Here the skill and efficiency of the men in this organization brought forth this modern aircraft carrier, a fighting ship, to take her place in the world's most powerful fleet.



U S S B A D O E N G S T R A I T

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Assembly of Crew

Flag Officers and Supervisor of Shipbuilding, U. S. N.,

Received at Gangway and Escorted to Commissioning Parade

Commissioning Prayer

The Navy Hymn

Delivery of Ship to the U. S. Navy Henry A. White

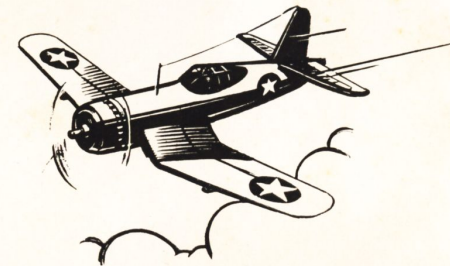
Executive Vice-President
and General Manager
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Acceptance of Ship for the U. S. Navy

by Captain L. D. Whitgrove, U. S. N.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Commissioning Orders and Remarks

by Captain L. D. Whitgrove, U. S. N.

Transfer of Command to Captain Thomas A. Turner, U.S.N.

Order to Command and Remarks, Captain Thomas A. Turner, U.S.N.

Setting of the Watch

Introduction of Guests

Retreat

Refreshments will be served in the Wardroom and Crew's Mess.

Guests are invited to visit parts of ship above Main Deck.



Captain Thomas A. Turner

The Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. BADOENG STRAIT is Captain Thomas A. Turner, U.S.N. A graduate of the United States Naval Academy in the Class of 1924, Captain Turner served aboard the U.S.S. RICHMOND until 1926. The next two years found him serving aboard the U.S.S. NIAGARA engaged in hydrographic survey in the Gulfs of Venezuela and Panama. Returning to the Naval Academy in 1928, he undertook post-graduate work at Annapolis and M. I. T. in aerological engineering, receiving the degree of Master of Science in 1930. In the years 1930 to 1932 he was assigned to the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia. During the following two years he served aboard the U.S.S. WRIGHT and on the staff of Commander Battle Force on the U.S.S. CALIFORNIA. After his next assignment of three years at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, he joined Patrol Squadron 15 in 1937, moving to Patrol Squadron 11 in 1938. As Flight Officer of Patrol Squadron 11, Captain Turner participated in the first non-stop mass long distance flight, made from San Diego, California, to Coco Solo, Canal Zone. As Commanding Officer of Patrol Squadron 52, he was engaged in Anti-Submarine Warfare in the South Atlantic, returning in 1942 to assume command of the Naval Air Station, DeLand, Florida. In 1945 Captain Turner was ordered as Commander

Fleet Air Wing Fifteen in Africa. For his services in this command he was awarded the Legion of Merit. His assignment prior to coming to the U.S.S. BADOENG STRAIT was Commander of the Anti-Submarine Development Detachment, Atlantic.



Commander William C. Murphy graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1934 and joined the U.S.S. HOUSTON. In 1936-1937 he took his flight training at Naval Air Station, Pensacola. Thereafter he served with Bombing Squadron Four, Observation Squadron One and Patrol Squadron Thirty-three, being based on such famous ships as the pioneering U. S. S. RANGER and the U.S.S. PENNSYLVANIA. He joined Fleet Air Wing Three as gunnery officer in 1941, moving to take command of Bombing Squadron One Thirty-three in 1943. Commander Murphy became an Air Group Commander for Fleet Air Wing Twelve in April 1944 and in August of that year was ordered as Executive Officer of the Anti-Submarine Development Detachment, Atlantic. In June 1945 he was assigned to the post he now assumes as Executive Officer of the U.S.S. BADOENG STRAIT.



Commander William C. Murphy



CAPTAIN S. W. CALLAWAY, U.S.N.
Officer-in-Charge
Commissioning Detail
Tacoma, Washington



CAPTAIN L. D. WHITGROVE, U.S.N.
Supervisor of Shipbuilding
Portland, Oregon



CAPTAIN W. J. HARRISON, U.S.N.R.
Officer-in-Charge
CVE Pre-Commissioning School
Bremerton, Washington



COMMANDER J. L. RODGERS, U.S.N.R.
Officer-in-Charge
Commissioning Detail
Portland, Oregon



Tribute is due these officers and their organizations. In spite of the many stumbling blocks imposed by demobilization, they have brought the ship to completion and trained officers and men to sail and fight it in the service of our country.



COMMANDER F. D. POWERS, U.S.N.
Representative
West Coast Training Command
Portland, Oregon

U. S. S. BADOENG STRAIT ROSTER OF OFFICERS

Captain THOMAS A. TURNER, U.S.N.
Commanding Officer

Commander WILLIAM C. MURPHY, U.S.N.
Executive Officer

Lieut. Comdr. W. G. BARNES
Lieut. Comdr. S. ADLER (MC)
Lieut. Comdr. J. F. ELLISON (SC)
Lieut. Comdr. L. A. LAURATIS
Lieut. Comdr. R. F. EDGAR
Lieut. J. M. CONNOLE
Lieut. C. W. DUKELOW
Lieut. J. M. DUGAS (DC)
Lieut. J. T. FEMAL
Lieut. H. H. FRIESE
Lieut. J. T. HANNA
Lieut. P. McCURDY
Lieut. L. H. OLSON
Lieut. A. E. FURRY
Lieut. E. KSIAZEK
Lieut. R. M. CALLAHAN
Lieut. E. J. KARPENKO (SC)
Lt. (jg) W. J. BAUGHMAN
Lt. (jg) R. E. BUSH
Lt. (jg) M. J. DANIELSON
Lt. (jg) R. R. GREENE
Lt. (jg) J. F. HANLON
Lt. (jg) L. E. HOLLINGSWORTH
Lt. (jg) M. C. JONES
Lt. (jg) W. F. LOONEY
Lt. (jg) M. A. NAPOLITANO
Lt. (jg) H. F. ROGERS
Lt. (jg) J. W. SHAMBURG
Lt. (jg) D. S. STANDEN
Lt. (jg) W. W. STEWART (MC)

Lt. (jg) D. C. WISE
Lt. (jg) J. D. BREWER
Ensign R. E. BARLETT
Ensign C. S. BOUTON, Jr.
Ensign T. J. COMSTOCK
Ensign E. GONICK
Ensign W. G. HAYDEN
Ensign R. L. HOFFMAN
Ensign T. HURTGEN
Ensign W. S. KAISER
Ensign C. F. LANDIS
Ensign T. J. MEACHAM
Ensign A. MEYER
Ensign W. ROOS
Ensign L. H. SCHULMAN
Ensign M. C. SCHULTZ
Ensign R. K. SMITH
Ensign D. W. WHITTLESEY
Ensign H. P. ZERHUSEN
Ensign D. K. ZENTZ
Ensign C. J. ASBELL, Jr. (SC)
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Ch. Rdo. Elect. J. M. CLARK
Ch. Bos'n C. L. HARVEY
Ch. Mach. C. C. McKINSTRY
APC W. F. ASHE (SC)
Ships Clerk W. R. BECKER
Carp. S. KISIELEWSKI
Mach. C. E. TITUS

HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS



Senior Medical Officer
Lt. Comdr. S. ADLER,
(MC) U.S.N.R.



Air Officer
Lieut. Comdr. W. G. BARNES,
U.S.N.



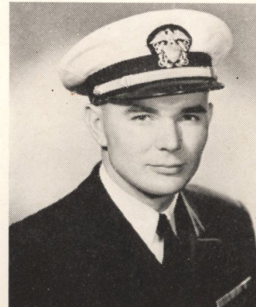
Supply Officer
Lt. Comdr. J. F. ELLISON,
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Navigator
Lieut. H. H. FREISE,
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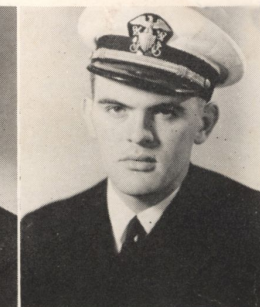
Engineering Officer
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First Lieutenant
Lieut. L. H. OLSON,
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Gunnery Officer
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Communications Officer
Lt. (jg) D. S. STANDEN,
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