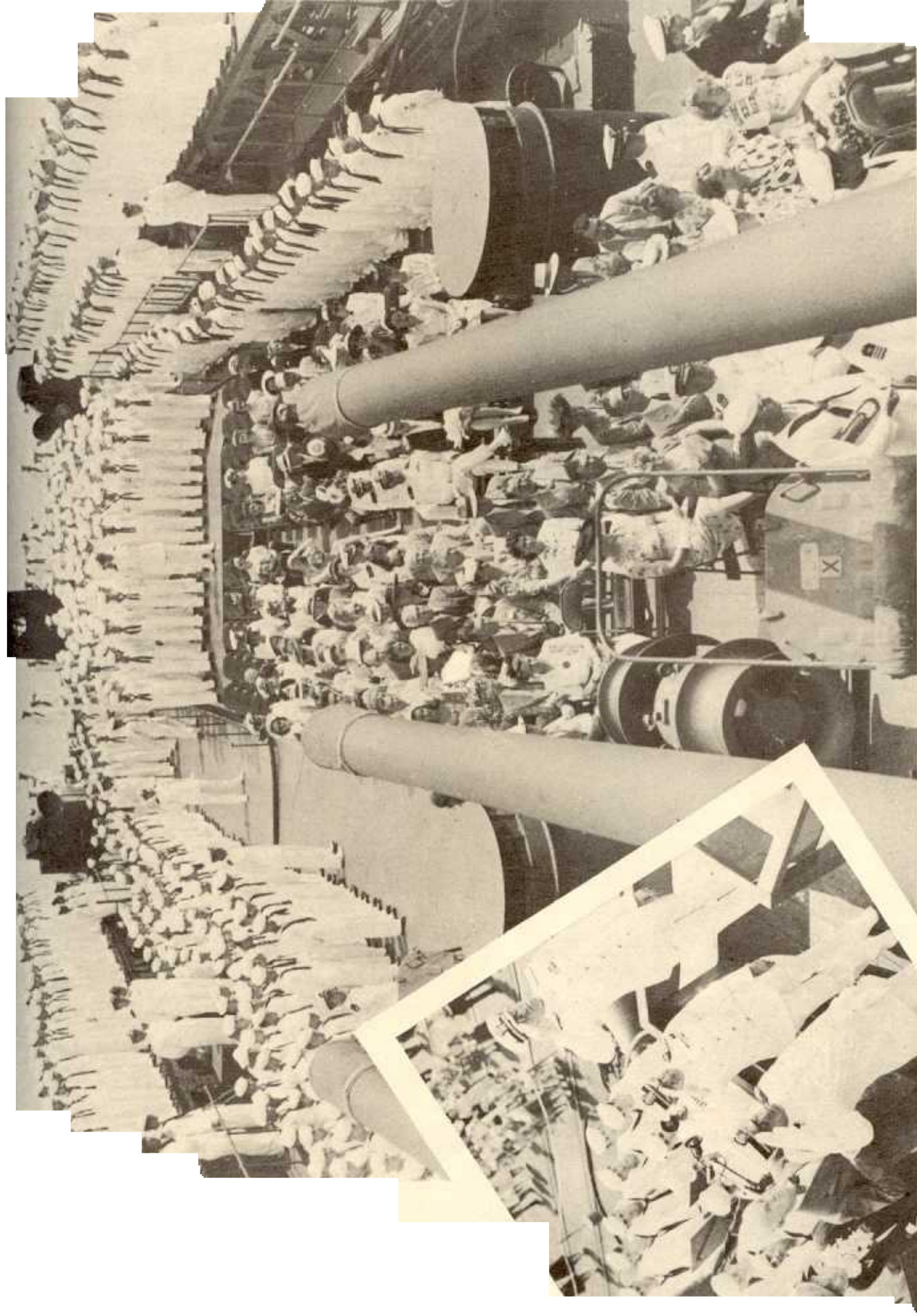




Quarters for Commissioning Ceremony July 1, 1945, Philadelphia Navy Yard

The USS Fall River was commissioned at the Navy Yard and turned over to Captain David Stoltz Crawford, USN 49, of Muncy, Pa., by Rear Admiral Milo F. Draemel, USN, Commandant of the Navy Yard and Fourth Naval District. Built by the New York York Shipbuilding Corporation, the ship was launched August 13, 1944 and sponsored by Mrs. Alexander C. Murray, wife of the Mayor of Fall River, Mass.