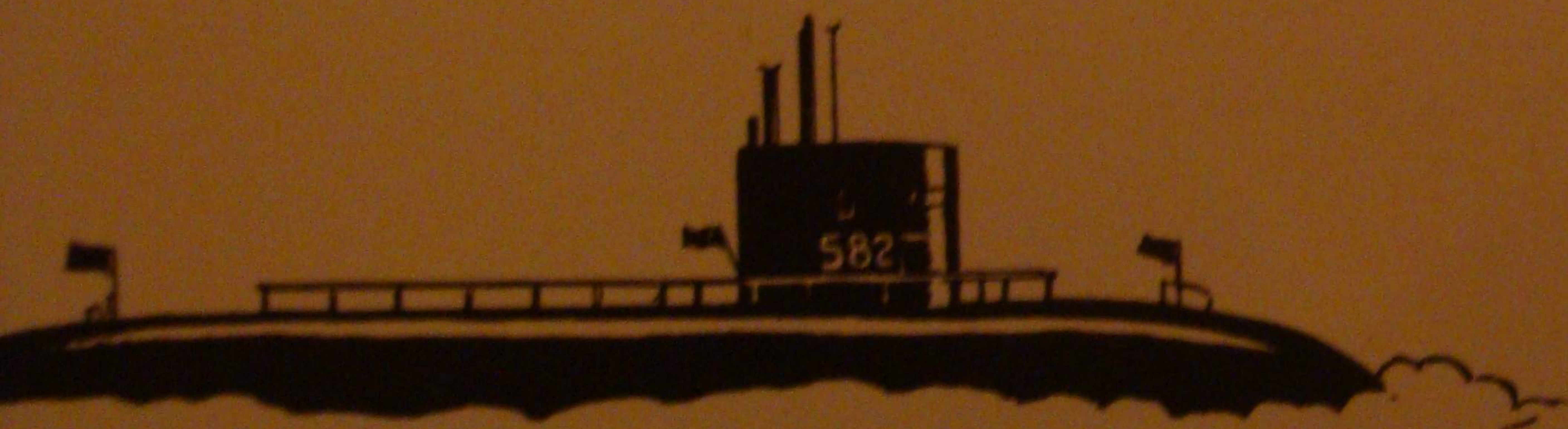


**LAUNCHING**  
**USS BONEFISH**

**(SS-582)**

**NOVEMBER 22, 1958**



**NEW YORK SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION, CAMDEN, N. J.**

## THE SHIP

With the launching of the USS BONEFISH, SS-582, New York Shipbuilding Corporation will have constructed every type of combatant craft for the U. S. Navy. The keel for this vessel was laid on June 3, 1957.

While conventionally powered, this 1,700 ton ship presents a very unconventional hull form. Patterned after the USS ALBACORE, submarines of this hull form are capable of high sustained speeds and extreme flexibility of maneuvering while submerged.

## THE SPONSOR



Mrs. Lawrence L. Edge of Atlanta, Georgia is the widow of Commander Lawrence L. Edge, USN. Mrs. Edge is accompanied on this occasion by her son, Lawrence L. Edge, Jr., and by her daughter, Miss Sarah Edge, who will act as the sponsor's attendant at the launching ceremony.

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ARRIVAL OF SPONSOR'S PARTY ON PLATFORM

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The ship being launched today is the second submarine in the U. S. Navy's history to bear this name.

The first USS BONEFISH (SS-223) was commissioned in New London, Connecticut on May 31, 1943 and after completing training operations engaged in her first war patrol out of Darwin, Australia in September, 1943 under command of, then, Lieutenant Commander Thomas W. Hogan, USN.

In this and subsequent war patrols, the BONEFISH proved the mettle of her officers and crew as she wreaked havoc on Japanese merchant and naval shipping in the South Pacific.

On June 13, 1944, Lieutenant Commander Lawrence Lott Edge, USN relieved Commander Hogan as commanding officer of the BONEFISH and immediately thereafter the vessel departed from Fremantle for her fifth war patrol. On this and subsequent war patrols in the Pacific, in the Western Carolines, and in the Okinawa operations, the BONEFISH was awarded Navy unit commendations for outstanding heroism in action. Commander Edge was the recipient of the Bronze Star and the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism as commanding officer.

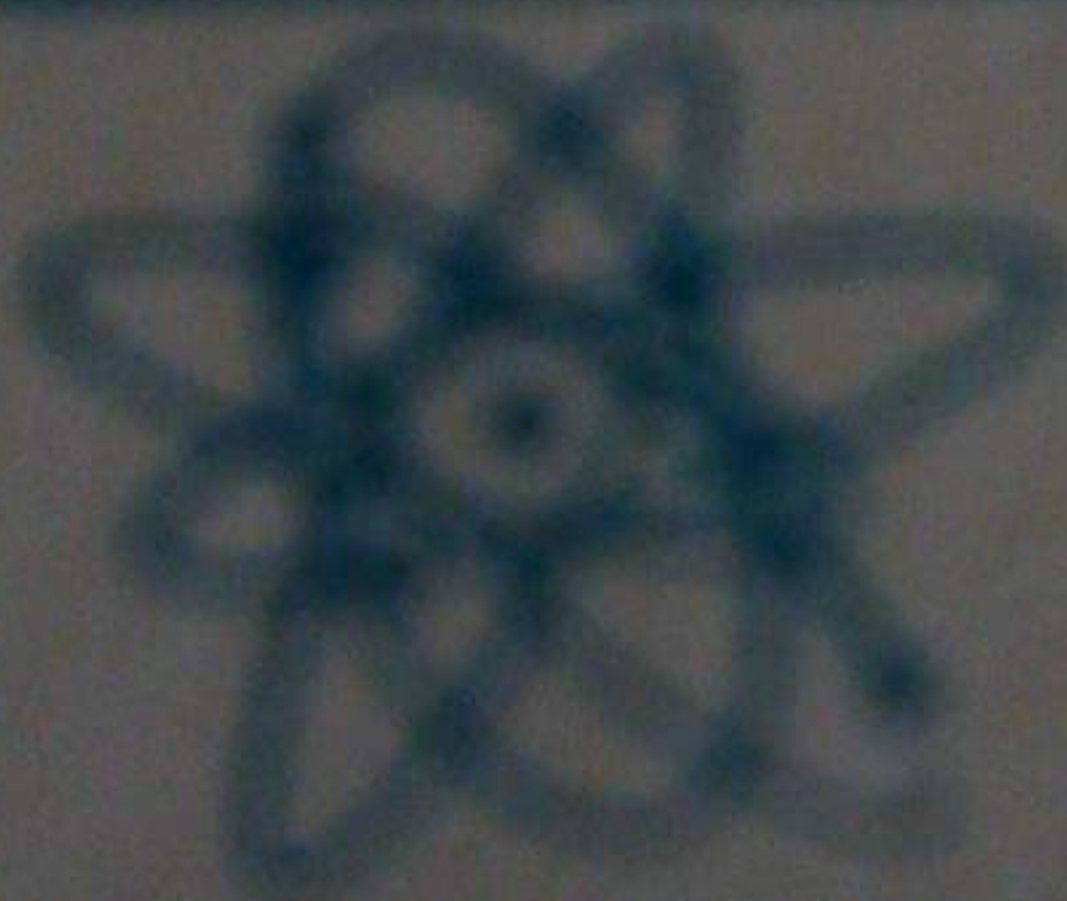
On May 28, 1945, BONEFISH departed Guam with eight other submarines as a "wolf-pack" and successfully transited mine fields through Tsushima Strait to enter the Sea of Japan for offensive patrol off the west central coast of Honshu. This patrol was most successful and on June 18, the BONEFISH received permission to conduct a submerged daylight ap-

proach in Toyama Wan, a bay further up the Honshu coast. On the evening of June 24, 1945, the submarines of this war patrol waited in vain for a contact report from BONEFISH and on July 30, 1945 she was presumed lost.

Commander Lawrence Lott Edge was posthumously awarded a Gold Star in lieu of a second Navy Cross for heroic service while commanding officer of the BONEFISH during her seventh war patrol and a second Gold Star in lieu of a third Navy Cross for service as set forth in the following citation:

"For extraordinary heroism as Commanding Officer of the USS BONEFISH during the Eighth War Patrol of that vessel in the Japan Sea off the west coast of Honshu, Japan. Fully aware of the extreme dangers involved, Commander Edge left port in his veteran submarine on 28 May 1945 to conduct one of the first war patrols to be made in this area. Boldly penetrating strong anti-submarine barriers, he entered the supposedly inviolable waters of the Japan Sea and, with superb skill and daring, maneuvered the BONEFISH into shallow, confined waters to launch his devastating torpedo attacks against enemy targets vital to Japanese war effort. Striking with devastating speed and precision, Commander Edge succeeded in sending two valuable ships to the bottom despite strong hostile countermeasures. While continuing this smashing offensive, overwhelming counterattacks were encountered which caused the loss of this outstanding submarine and her gallant commanding officer. A forceful and inspiring leader, Commander Edge, by his brilliant seamanship, initiative and indomitable perseverance, maintained in the face of tremendous odds, contributed essentially to the infliction of extensive damage and destruction on the enemy during this urgent mission and to the success of our sustained drive to force the capitulation of the Japanese Empire. His courage and resolute devotion to duty throughout reflect the highest credit upon himself, his intrepid command and the United States Naval Service."

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