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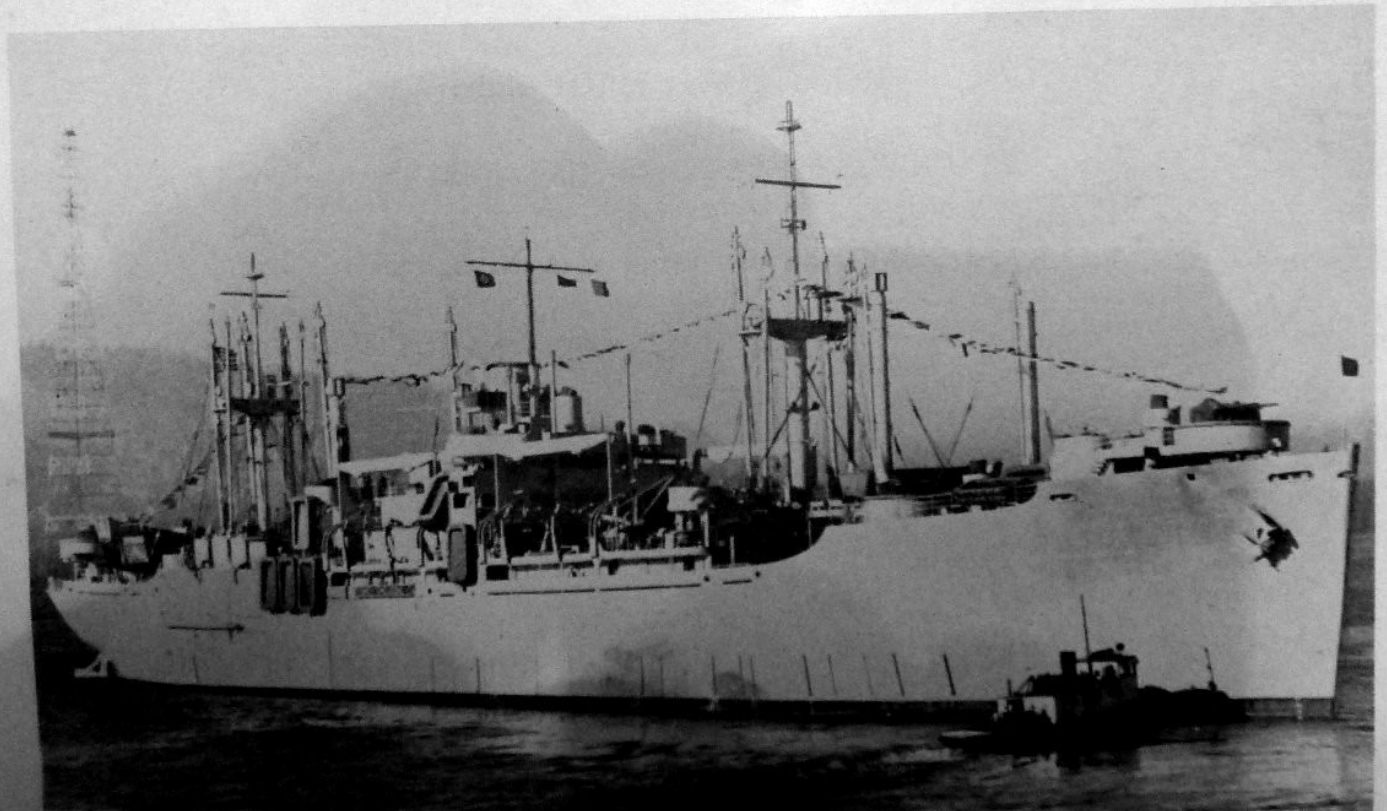
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U.S.S. KINGSBURY



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THIS IS YOUR SHIP

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COMMANDER JOHN H. HUGHES, USNR,
Prospective Commanding Officer
and the Officers and Men of the
UNITED STATES SHIP KINGSBURY
request the honor of your presence at the
COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

at

The Naval Station
Astoria, Oregon

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COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

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Assembly of Crew

Music by the Band

The Commanding Officer, Naval Station, Astoria, is Received at the Gangway

Prayer by Chaplain T. J. Richter, USNR.

Commissioning Orders and Remarks by Captain A. R. Ponto, USN.

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COMMISSIONING OF SHIP

Band plays the National Anthem.

National Ensign, Jack, and the Commission Pennant are hoisted

The Command is transferred to Commander John H. Hughes, USNR.

Reading of Orders and Remarks by Commander John H. Hughes, USNR.

The Watch is Posted by Lieutenant D. P. Farris, USNR.

The Sounding of Retreat

INTRODUCING THE CAPTAIN



COMMANDER JOHN H. HUGHES

Commander John H. Hughes was born in Wales, England. In 1908 at the age of 16 he went to sea and served his apprenticeship aboard a sailing vessel. Our Captain is one of the comparatively few men to have British Masters Certificates for both sail and steam vessels. Throughout World War I he served as an officer aboard various ships of the British Navy. In 1924 Commander Hughes came to the United States and for the following five years lived in Minneapolis, during which time he became an American citizen. In 1929 he went to Philadelphia where he passed an examination for an American Masters License for all oceans. He became Executive Officer for the Baltimore Mail Line in 1930 and in the same year joined the United States Naval Reserve.

In December of 1940 Commander Hughes was ordered to active duty. He was on the first ship to enter the Solomon Islands and made four subsequent landings in that area. He took part in the battle of Tulagi, the Sicilian operations and the Gilberts. During these operations he served as Executive Officer aboard the U. S. S. NEVILLE and the U. S. S. CALVERT, both of the APA class. With this background and experience Commander Hughes is exceptionally well qualified to command the U. S. S. KINGSBURY.

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN

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Officers and men, the one word that keynotes this particular time is the word **new**. We have commissioned a **new** ship. You are **new** to the ship. You are **new** to each other. You are **new** to me, your Commanding Officer. However, as time goes by this word will be less and less prominent in our thoughts. Instead of calling this a **new** ship, calling our duties **new**, we will soon be calling the KINGSBURY **our** ship and the tasks we perform **our** duties. The men you work with will be **my** shipmates and all of you will be my officers and men, **my** crew! When we can use this possessive form of speech, then, and only then, have we arrived at being a **real** ship proud to carry the name KINGSBURY! Then, and only then, will we be able to take our place alongside the other ships of the United States Navy.

We can hasten this arrival. We can hasten it by studying and knowing the ship from stem to stern, by knowing our job thoroughly and then learn all we can about the other man's job. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Don't sit back to enjoy the boat ride. **Be in there working.** Work so hard that you will feel you are on the inside and not a by-stander. Be a valuable man, an **indispensable** man!

Side by side with the above, practice Naval and common courtesy in your relations with your shipmates. Obey orders promptly and cheerfully. A cheerful "Aye, Aye, Sir" goes a long way toward efficiency and a happy ship.

Keep high your personal plane of living. We are fighting for high ideals; live up to the ideals for which you are fighting. Clean speech, clean personal habits put one a long way along the right road.

The latch string of the Captain's Cabin is always out to any man with emergency problems that cannot be satisfactorily settled by his division officer, department head, executive officer. It is expected, however, that the routine established for special requests make the use of this privilege unnecessary, except in rare and urgent circumstances.

The KINGSBURY can be the best ship in the APA class. You can make it the best. It is a high aim, but I am aiming at this goal. Aim with me and we are on our way!

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THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER



LIEUTENANT D. P. FARRIS, USNR

Our Executive Officer was born in Kansas City, Missouri. He graduated in 1940 from William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, and holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree. In August of 1940, Lieutenant Farris enlisted in the V7 Program and attended the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. After being commissioned an Ensign, May 15, 1941, he was ordered to duty aboard the U. S. S. BROOKS. Later he served in the Armed Guard aboard various U. S. Merchant Ships and his last duty before coming to the KINGSBURY was aboard the U. S. S. ROAMER.

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COMMISSIONING PRAYER

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ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, in this hour we call upon Thee to bestow Thy favor and blessing upon this ship which is about to enter the service of our country. May she ever be a symbol of our nation's might, our nation's righteousness and our nation's mercy.

Hear, O Lord, our supplications: As we sail to the uttermost parts of the earth, spread Thy protecting arms over us and shield us from all danger and harm. Fill us with faith in Thy goodness and guidance; endue us with clear eyes, steady hands and high hearts; dispel all fear and suffer not our trust in Thee to fail.

Lord, may our services to our country hasten the day of peace. May the peace which is to come be just to all and lasting so this ship and we who serve on her may not have served in vain.

With a vision of hope in our hearts we set forth. With trust in Thee we shall return and live in peace with all men. Grant these things to us through Thy Holy Name. Amen.

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TAKING OVER COMMAND

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The Command is transferred to Commander John H. Hughes, USNR, by Captain A. R. Ponto, USN.

After the Command was transferred to Commander John H. Hughes, USNR, he addressed the following to the officers and men: "Officers, Chief Petty Officers and Men of the Kingsbury, I am glad to see you aboard. We are now members of the latest unit of the United States Navy. We have a tough job ahead of us, but I feel sure that each and every one of you will put your shoulders to the wheel to make this ship an effective and smooth running ship. When we have that, I feel sure that no matter what we tackle there will be no doubt in my mind of the outcome. I am proud to be your Commanding Officer."

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DEPARTMENT HEADS AND STAFF OFFICERS

MEDICAL OFFICER



A. F. X. Friest
Lt. Comdr., USNR

GUNNERY OFFICER



J. G. Storey
Lt. (jg) USN

ENGINEERING OFFICER



W. I. Lenox
Lieut., USNR

NAVIGATOR



H. F. Hawk
Lieut., USNR

FIRST LIEUTENANT



B. B. Bannon
Lieut., USNR

SUPPLY OFFICER



E. W. Plowe
Lieut., USNR

BEACH MASTER



W. A. Hunter
Lieut., USNR

BOAT COMMANDER



J. E. Holstine
Lieut., USNR

COMMUNICATIONS



R. D. Herman
Lt. (jg), USNR

TRANSPORT QUARTERMASTER



R. C. McConville
2d Lt., USMCR

JR. MEDICAL OFFICER



W. D. Seybold
Lt. (jg), USNR

DENTAL OFFICER



G. Landsman
Lt. (jg), USNR

CHAPLAIN



T. J. Richter
Lt. (jg), USNR

ROSTER OF OFFICERS

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Comdr. J. H. Hughes, USNR

Lieut. D. P. Farris, USNR

Lt. Comdr. A. F. X. Frieri, USNR

Lieut. J. E. Holstine, USNR
Lieut. H. F. Hawk, USNR
Lieut. W. A. Hunter, USNR

Lieut. W. I. Lenox, USNR
Lieut. R. A. Stephens, USNR
Lieut. B. B. Bannon, USNR

Lieut. E. W. Plowe, USNR

Lt. (jg) J. G. Fadness, USNR
Lt. (jg) K. C. Lobaugh, USNR
Lt. (jg) T. J. Richter, USNR
Lt. (jg) W. D. Seybold, USNR
Lt. (jg) G. Landsman, USNR
Lt. (jg) R. R. Howell, USNR
Lt. (jg) R. D. Herman, USNR
Lt. (jg) S. C. Higgins, USNR

Lt. (jg) J. L. Woodson, USNR
Lt. (jg) T. W. Porter, USNR
Lt. (jg) D. E. Horne, USNR
Lt. (jg) V. J. Grilli, USNR
Lt. (jg) N. P. Lloyd, USNR
Lt. (jg) J. G. Storey, USNR
Lt. (jg) N. R. Pettinato, USNR
Lt. (jg) E. J. Artist, USNR

Ensign H. W. Anglin, USN
Ensign L. B. King, USNR
Ensign R. E. Weber, USNR
Ensign R. I. Cordts, USNR
Ensign D. R. Davidson, USNR
Ensign H. A. Logan, USNR
Ensign W. F. Day, USNR
Ensign R. Van Arkel, USNR

Ensign A. G. Dire, USNR
Ensign A. D. Evans, USNR
Ensign H. F. Schwartz, USNR
Ensign H. A. Sultenfuss, USNR
Ensign W. E. Wagley, USNR
Ensign G. T. Dare, USNR
Ensign O. A. Tunks, USN
2nd Lt. R. C. McConville, USMCR

Chief Bos'n W. A. Thomasson, USN
Carpenter D. S. Jenkins, USN
Chief Machinist E. Kosmalski, USN

Chief Electrician R. A. Latham, USNR
Pay Clerk R. P. Casey, USNR
Acting Pay Clerk C. F. Fortier, USN

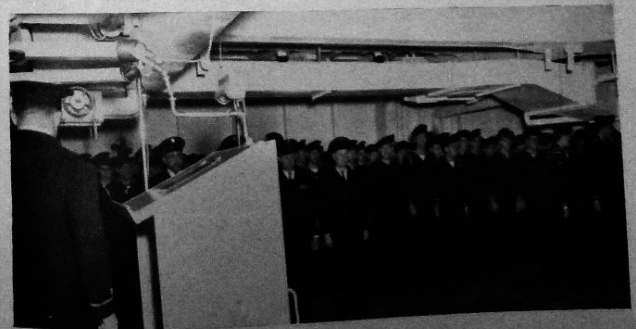
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HOISTING THE COLORS



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SETTING THE WATCH



OFFICERS OF THE U.S.S. KINGSBURY



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CREW OF THE U.S.S. KINGSBURY

