



United States Naval Shipyard
Brooklyn, New York



March 2, 1946

JOHN W. BYNG
Commander, U. S. N.
Executive Officer

DEPARTMENT HEADS

ROBERT E. COOMBS, Jr.
COMMANDER, U. S. N.
Air Officer

ROBERT S. CAMERA
COMMANDER, U. S. N.
Navigator

ROBERT H. WESCOTT
COMMANDER, U. S. N.
Engineer Officer

ORVILLE E. HARDCASTLE
COMMANDER, U. S. N. R.
1st Lieutenant and Damage Control Officer

GEORGE L. BLOCK
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, U. S. N.
Gunnery Officer

RUSSELL S. THOMSON
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, U. S. N. R.
Communication Officer

CHARLES G. ROBINSON
COMMANDER (MC), U. S. N.
Senior Medical Officer

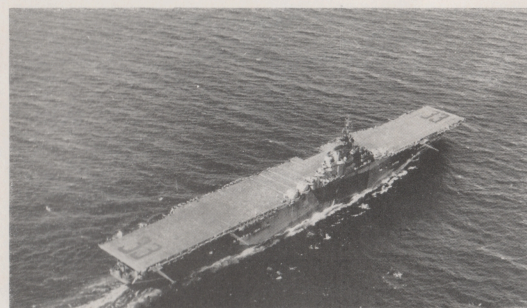
FRANCIS A. BURKE
COMMANDER (ChC), U. S. N.
Senior Chaplain

FRANKLIN W. OTT
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, (SC), U. S. N.
Supply Officer

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Commissioning Program

U. S. S. KEARSARGE



UNITED STATES NAVAL SHIPYARD
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

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U. S. S. KEARSARGE



Built By
NEW YORK NAVAL SHIPYARD
Brooklyn, New York

Keel Laid 1 March 1944

Launched 5 May 1945

COMMISSIONED 2 MARCH 1946

SPONSOR
MRS. AUBREY W. FITCH

REAR ADMIRAL MONROE KELLY, U. S. Navy
Commandant Third Naval District

REAR ADMIRAL F. A. DAUBIN, U. S. Navy
Commandant U. S. Naval Base

REAR ADMIRAL F. R. HAEBERLE, U. S. Navy
Commander New York Naval Shipyard

CAPTAIN F. J. McKENNA
Commanding Officer

Commissioning Ceremony

Band Selections.

The Prospective Commanding Officer reports readiness to proceed with the commissioning to the Administrative Officer.

Invocation by the Naval Shipyard Chaplain.

The Administrative Officer reads the commissioning directive and directs that the ship be placed in commission.

The Prospective Commanding Officer directs the Executive Officer to place the ship in commission.

As the National Ensign, Jack, and Commission Pennant are hoisted together, the band plays the National Anthem. (Marine Guard present arms. Division Officers bring divisions to "Hand Salute".)

The Administrative Officer turns the ship over to the Commanding Officer.

The Commanding Officer reads his orders and assumes command of the U. S. S. KEARSARGE.

The Commanding Officer directs the Executive Officer to set the watch.

The Commanding Officer directs that the flag of the Senior Officer Present be broken. As this is done, the appropriate honors are rendered.

The Commanding Officer introduces the Sponsor.

The Commanding Officer introduces the Commander, New York Naval Shipyard.

The Commanding Officer introduces the principal speaker.

The Executive Officer reports to the Commanding Officer that the watch has been set.

Presentation of awards.

The Commanding Officer addresses the ship's company.

Benediction by the Ship's Chaplain.

The Commanding Officer orders "Pipe Down".

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