

# HULL DEPARTMENT

## ROSTER OF OFFICERS

Rogers, G. P., Commander  
Boswell, R. L., Lieutenant Commander  
Askin, J. F., Lieutenant  
Barden, J. W., Lieutenant (jg)  
Wharton, C. F., Ensign

Voytek, E., Ensign  
Thomas, R., Ensign  
Abramson, Boatswain  
Cease, M. A., Carpenter

The Hull Department of the FALL RIVER is the department responsible for the material upkeep of the hull, hull systems and deck fittings and equipment of the ship. This responsibility includes repairs to the ship's hull (leaks, bent plating, etc.), repairs to furniture, bunks and lockers, upkeep of the boats, crane and rigging, operation of the anchors, repairs to the drainage, fresh water, and firemain systems. This type of work is carried on by the shipfitters and carpenter's mates.

The First Lieutenant, the title of the officer in charge of the Hull Department, is also responsible for the general cleanliness and appearance of the ship. This work is carried out by all hands in the section of the ship for which they are responsible.

After the meals are prepared by the Supply Department the Hull Department is responsible for serving, setting up and cleaning the messing compartments and the cleaning of the mess gear. The cafeteria system is used on the Fall River to expedite meals and conserve space required for messing.

The ship has on board two fire fighting specialists who have had special training in fire fighting. They are responsible for all fire fighting gear, instruction of the crew and elimination of fire hazards and dangerous procedures.

The members of the Hull Department have battle stations in the damage control section of the ship's organization. They man Central Station, which is the Control point for damage control, and repair stations throughout the ship. These repair stations contain hand and power tools, fire fighting equipment, patching material, gas masks, and various protective devices for saving personnel, controlling damage, and making repairs in action.

The war complement of the Hull Department includes shipfitters, carpenter's mates, boatswain's mates, painters, yeomen, fire fighting specialists, athletic specialist and seamen who work with the rated men and learn a specialty.

The messing is handled by seamen assigned to the Hull Department from the other divisions on the ship.