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USS NEREUS AS-17 CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY



TUESDAY

13 JULY 1971

ON BOARD

UNITED STATES SHIP NEREUS AS-17
NAVAL STATION, SAN DIEGO, CALIF.



CAPTAIN ROBERT W. DICKIESON, USN

Captain DICKIESON enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1942 and was appointed to the Naval Academy in 1944 by the Secretary of the Navy. After graduation, he served aboard the USS OBERON and the USS CHIKASKIA before entering the submarine force in 1949. Captain DICKIESON has attended the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School and the University of California to earn a master's degree in physics and has graduated from both Nuclear Power School and Guided Missile (Polaris) School. He has served as executive officer of the USS STICKLEBACK (SS415), USS BREM (SS243), and the USS SCAMP (SSN508). He has commanded the following nuclear powered submarines: USS SCALPIN (SSN 590), USS U. S. GRANT (SSBN 631) (BLUE), USS KAMAHAMEHA (SSBN 642) (GOLD), USS MARIANO G. VALLEJO (SSBN 658) (BLUE), and came to NEREUS from the Fleet Submarine Training Facility with headquarters at the Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Captain DICKIESON's next assignment will be on CINCPAC Staff in Hawaii.

Captain DICKIESON is married to the former Alice Theresa DONNELLY.



COMMANDER C. DOUGLASS FLETCHER, USN

C. Douglass FLETCHER was born 17 October 1927 in Moberly, Missouri. After serving two years in the fleet, he entered the U.S. Naval Academy in 1947. Upon graduation in 1951 he was assigned to the USS DENNIS J. BUCKLEY (DER 808) where he served until January 1953 when he reported to the U.S. Navy Submarine School, New London, Connecticut. Upon completion of the officers course, he reported to the USS PIPER (SS 409). In January 1956 he reported to the USS TIRANTE (SS 420) where he served until August of 1957. Upon leaving TIRANTE, he reported to the Graduate School of the University of Washington for post graduate training in Oceanography. This in turn was followed by two years in the U.S. Navy Special Projects Office, Bureau of Weapons, Washington, D.C. From the Special Projects Office he was assigned as the Executive Officer of the USS ALBACORE (AGSS 569).

In February 1962, he reported to the U.S. Naval Fleet Sonar School, Key West, Florida where he served as head of the Submarine Training Division. In December 1963, he assumed command of the USS TRUTTA (SS 421).

In February 1966, Commander FLETCHER attended the Armed Forces Staff College and upon graduation he was assigned to the Staff of the Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet. In August 1967, he became the first Chief Staff Officer of the newly formed Submarine Development Group One. He reported for duty as Executive Officer USS NEREUS (AS 17) in August 1969.

Commander FLETCHER is married to the former Miss Daisy N. Jenkins of Yorktown, Virginia. The FLETCHERS currently reside on Point Loma with their three daughters.

Change Of Command

Program

Parade the Colors
NATIONAL ANTHEM
Post the Colors

INVOCATION

Lieutenant Commander Elbert N. Carpenter, (CHC), U.S. Navy

REMARKS

Rear Admiral Edward W. Cooke, U.S. Navy
Commander Submarine Flotilla One

REMARKS AND READING OF ORDERS BY

Captain Robert W. Dickieson, U.S. Navy

READING OF ORDERS BY

Commander C. Douglass Fletcher, U.S. Navy
Commander Fletcher Relieves Captain Dickieson

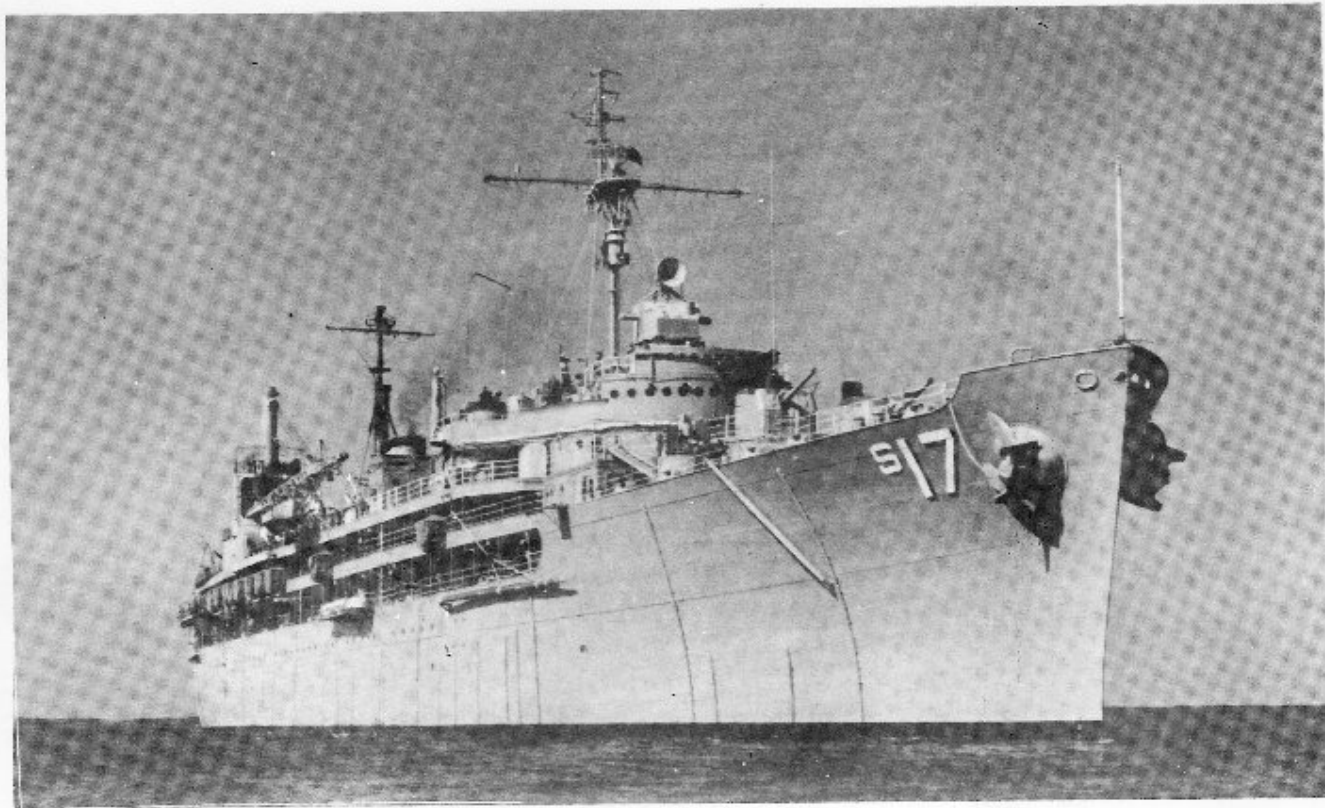
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and in the Cabin Mess



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