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**FORREST OREN REDNOUR, SHIP'S COOK SECOND CLASS, USCG**

FORREST OREN REDNOUR was born in Cutler, Illinois on May 13, 1923. He was killed in action June 13, 1943.

REDNOUR enlisted in the United States Coast Guard at Chicago, Illinois on June 19, 1941 and served continuously until the time of his death. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for services as set forth in the following citation:

"For heroic conduct while serving aboard a U. S. C. G. C. ESCANABA during the rescue of survivors from a torpedoed ship in North Atlantic waters. Despite the menace of possible enemy submarine action, REDNOUR risked his life in the black icy waters of the Atlantic to aid in the rescue of unconscious and helpless survivors. Realizing the danger of being crushed between the rafts and the ship's side or of being struck by a propeller blade if the engines backed, he swam in under the counter of the constantly maneuvering ESCANABA and prevented many floating survivors from being caught in the suction of the screws, in one instance retrieving a loaded raft. REDNOUR'S gallant and voluntary action in subjecting himself to pounding seas and bitter cold for nearly four hours contributed to the rescue of 145 persons and his courageous disregard for his own personal safety in a situation of grave peril was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Next of kin: Mrs. Ruth Harriet Rednour—Wife, 656 North Lockwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

## Commissioning Order of Events

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1. The ship's company takes <sup>1</sup>parade stations on stern of ship.
2. The Supervisor of Shipbuilding arrives on Board.
3. The bugler sounds attention.
4. The Supervisor of Shipbuilding reads the orders to place the ship in commission.
5. The crew faces forward. The bugler sounds "Attention." The band plays "The Star Spangled Banner". The salute is rendered.
6. The Ensign, the Jack and Commission Pennant are hoisted smartly at the first note of the National Anthem.
7. The Crew faces inboard.
8. The Supervisor of Shipbuilding delivers the ship to the Commanding Officer.
9. The Commanding Officer reads his orders and assumes command of the ship.
10. The Commanding Officer gives the order to set the watch.
11. The Supervisor of Shipbuilding is invited to address the ship's company.
12. The Chaplain offers an Invocation.
13. The Commanding Officer dismisses the crew, and the guests are invited aboard to inspect the ship.
14. The Supervisor of Shipbuilding leaves the ship at his pleasure, with side honors.

