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LIEUTENANT (jg) PATRICK JOSEPH WALSH, U.S.N.R.

LIEUTENANT (jg) PATRICK JOSEPH WALSH was born in New York City on January 19, 1908. He died as a result of enemy action in the Atlantic Area, the presumptive date of death being September 13, 1942. He was officially reported missing in action as of September 12, 1942, while serving aboard a merchant vessel when that vessel was shelled and sunk in the Atlantic Ocean.

Lieutenant (jg) Walsh accepted appointment and executed his oath of office as Lieutenant (jg) in the United States Naval Reserve on May 4, 1942, to rank from March 27, 1942. Lieutenant (jg) Walsh reported on May 18, 1942, to the Naval Training School (Local Defense), South Boston, Massachusetts, for temporary active duty under instruction in Armed Guard duties. On June 16, 1942, he reported to the Armed Guard School, Little Creek, Virginia, for instruction and upon being detached on July 22, 1942, transferred to Armed Guard Center, Receiving Station, South Brooklyn, New York, reporting July 23, 1942.

Lieutenant (jg) Walsh was awarded the American Area Campaign Medal, the Purple Heart, and the SILVER STAR MEDAL with the following citation:

"For gallant and intrepid conduct as Commanding Officer of the United States Navy Armed Guard aboard a merchant vessel during an attack on that vessel by an enemy submarine on the night of September 12, 1942. In a surprise attack, launched by the enemy at very close range and in which the vessel suffered severe damage almost immediately, Lieutenant (jg) Walsh was seriously wounded in the throat by shrapnel from one of the first shells fired by the enemy. With complete disregard for his own condition and obviously suffering from loss of blood, he promptly manned his battle station on the bridge in the face of withering machine-gun fire. His courageous devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Commissioning Order of Events

1. The ship's company takes 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 a Benediction.
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.

Lieutenant Commander P. J. TIFFANY, USNR	Commanding Officer
Lieutenant U. P. COOLIDGE, USNR	Executive Officer
Lieutenant B. T. FAIRCHILD, USNR	Gunnery Officer
Lieutenant (jg) C. A. FOREMAN, USNR	First Lieutenant
Lieutenant (jg) H. B. NELSON, USNR	Communications Officer
Lieutenant (jg) T. E. BAGER, USN	Engineer Officer
Lieutenant (jg) E. P. R. NETZEL, USNR	Medical Officer
Ensign D. D. SWETT, USNR	Supply Officer
Ensign J. L. KELLEY, USNR	A.S.W. Officer
Ensign M. A. SHANNON, USNR	C.I.C. Officer
Ensign G. STAVROS, USNR	Recognition Officer
Ensign R. H. MOULTON, USNR	Boat Officer
Ensign U. W. BRICE, USNR	Assistant Engineer Officer

