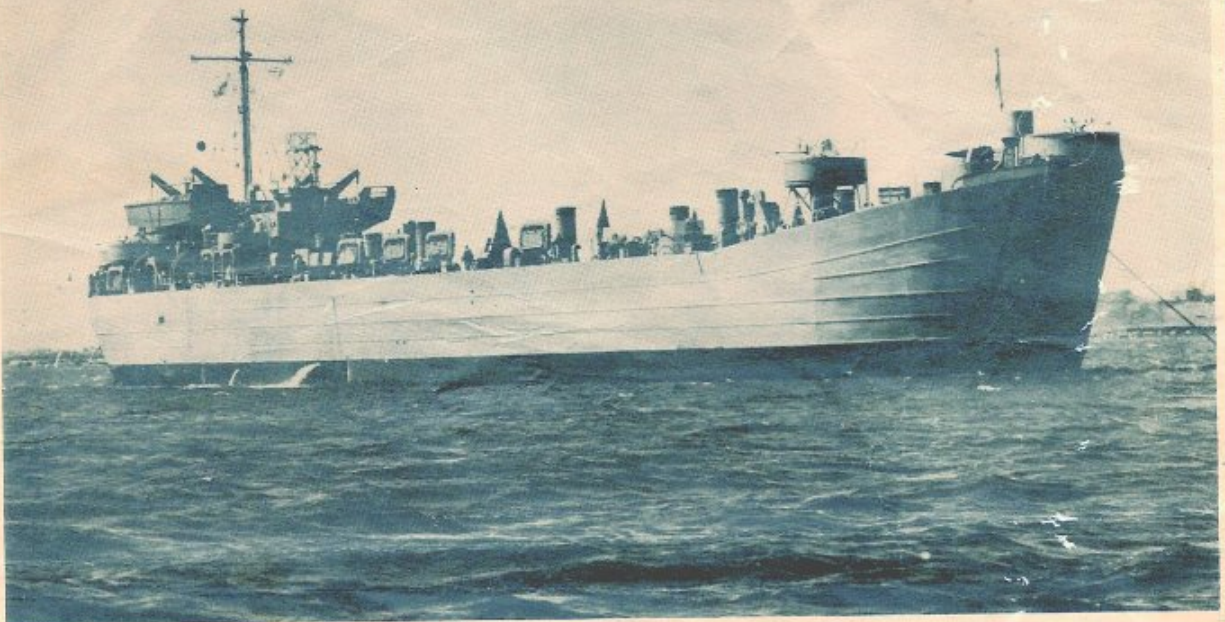


Betty Brooks for her husband Chrucl B. Brooks S2/c USS LST-999



U. S. S. LST 999

May, 1944

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At this solemn moment we are commissioning a ship for the Amphibious Force of the United States Navy, a ship designed to complete the most vital and important program in the history of the United States, that of landing our equipment and fighting forces on enemy beaches all over the world.

This ship whose record has just begun will depend for its future performance entirely upon the training, vigilance, performance and wholehearted cooperation of each individual member of her crew. This is but the first page in the record of a ship and the men who will sail her, and as the pages are added it is our hope that they will be filled with the achievements of her crew whose efforts and courage will round out a record of "operations successfully completed."

From this moment until the day of victory, this ship and its crew have a definite duty to perform—that of doing their utmost to assure this victory.

Commissioning Order of Events

1. The ship's company takes parade stations Amidships.
2. The Commandant's Representative arrives on Board.
3. Attention is sounded.
4. The Commandant's Representative reads the orders placing the ship in commission.
5. The crew faces colors. The salute is rendered.
6. The Ensign, the Jack and the Commission Pennant are hoisted.
7. The Crew faces inboard.
8. The Commandant's Representative delivers the ship to the Commanding Officer.
9. The Commanding Officer reads his orders and assumes command of the ship.
10. He gives the order to set the watch.
11. The Commandant's Representative is invited to address the ship's company.
12. The Commanding Officer dismisses the crew, and the guests are invited aboard to inspect the ship.
13. The Commandant's Representative leaves the ship at his pleasure, with side honors.

Rear Admiral R. A. THEOBALD, U. S. N.
Commandant First Naval District

Captain R. C. GRADY, U. S. N.
Captain of the Yard

Captain A. R. MARRON, U. S. N.
Industrial Manager

U. S. S. LST 999

OFFICERS

Ensign Vernon L. Warner, USN.....Commanding Officer
Lieutenant John F. Herrick, USNR.....Executive Officer
Lieutenant (jg) Alex J. Sater, USNR.....First Lieutenant
Ensign Robert E. Coffman, USNR.....Engineering Officer
Ensign John W. Hitchcox, USNR.....Gunnery Officer
Ensign George W. Marshall, USNR.....Communication Officer
Ensign Cecil S. Miller, USNR.....Stores Officer
Ensign Charles L. Fountain, USNR.....Assistant First Lieutenant
Ensign Rodman A. Frank, USNR.....Assistant Navigation Officer

CREW

Ailing, R. L.....F1MOM
Alfred, J. E.....Cox
Amundson, D. G.....SC3c
Aspinwall, J. M.....S1c
Bacone, R. E.....STM1cNG
Balasz, R. J.....S1Y
Barto, P. R.....S1c
Basch, V. C.....S2c
Baxter, E. L.....SC2c
Beck, R. C.....S1c
Berman, H. L.....F1EMGY
Brooks, C. B., Jr.....S2c
Brookings, C. S.....S2c
Carroll, J.....GM3c
Celesti, J. C.....F1MM
DeMar, C. G.....GM2c
DiFranza, A. J.....SK3c
Easton, W. A.....PhM3c
Edgington, C. E.....S2c
Enright, D. E.....S2c
Eubank, M. E.....F2c
Farmer, J. E.....F1MOM
Fogg, V. R.....S2RM
Gillcash, E. L.....S2c
Graham, W. J.....S2c
Gregorio, F.....S2c
Griffin, E. T.....S2c
Guastella, S. M.....S2c
Gulia, J. S.....S2c
Hagen, E. D.....S2c
Halley, R. E.....F1MOM

Hall, C. C., Jr.....S1RM
Haman, E. S.....S2c
Harding, R. W.....S2c
Harris, T.....S2c
Hayes, R. P.....S2c
Heller, G. O.....S2c
Herge, C. C.....S1c
Holmgren, R. O.....S2c
Hoover, W. D.....F2c
Hopps, R. W.....S2c
Horan, H. G.....F2c
Hughes, J. S.....F2c
Hughes, N.....S2c
Humphrey, R.....S2c
Ingalls, A. H.....F2c
Inglee, R. A.....S2c
Jensen, F. J.....S2c
Johnson, A. F.....F1MOM
Johnson, J. B.....S2c
Kalechitz, G.....S2c
Katzmar, P. A.....MOM3c
King, J. H.....BM2c
Kluck, C. E.....F1Cox
Kowalsky, J.....MOM1c
Laws, J. G.....S2c
Lesniak, J.....Cox
LiCausi, P. J.....F1MOM
Mandella, E. S.....WT2c
Manware, A.....S2c
McGuire, R. H.....F1MOM
Morreale, A. P.....F2c
Nelman, H.....F1MOM

Newton, F. L.....PhM3c
Odem, M. E.....SF3c
Paquette, R. H.....S2c
Paulus, J. F.....F1MOM
Pfersich, J. L., Jr.....S1GM
Pierce, W.....S1GM
Pixley, R. H.....S2c
Poston, D. O.....GM3c
Pratt, N. J.....S1FC
Pratt, H. E.....STM2cNG
Quimby, G. N.....S2c
Reagan, H. D., Jr.....S2c
Rotunno, A. L.....S1SM
Ryan, J. V.....S2GM
Scott, H. L.....PhM2c
Smith, G. W.....S2c
Tukloff, N. J.....MOM3c
Vleck, N. F.....S1RDM
Vogelsang, G. J.....S2c
Wagner, F. J.....SF3c
Wahl, R. B.....F1MOM
Washam, J. F.....SC1c
Weide, E. F.....S2c
Wendel, W. F.....S2c
Wentworth, G. E.....S2SM
Whittet, R. J.....S1c
Whitecotton, R. J.....MOM3c
Wierzbowski, W. J., Jr.....S2c
Wisniewski, S. J.....GM3c
Wolper, A.....S1RM
Zimmitti, C. V.....S1c
Nina.....Ship's Mascot