

THE COMMANDER BREMERTON GROUP
NINETEENTH FLEET AND STAFF
AND THE COMMANDING OFFICER AND CREW OF THE

U. S. S. ALABAMA

REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF THE PRESENCE OF

AT CEREMONIES TO BE HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLACING OF
THE UNITED STATES SHIP ALABAMA
IN COMMISSION IN RESERVE
AT THE PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD
AT TEN O'CLOCK
ON THE MORNING OF SATURDAY, TWENTY-FOUR AUGUST
NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-SIX

U. S. S. ALABAMA

After a period of shakedown following commissioning on August 16, 1942, the ALABAMA reported to Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, RN, Commander-in-Chief of the British Home Fleet, at Scapa Flow to operate as a unit of that Fleet.

Following her return to the United States, where she spent a ten-day period at the Norfolk Navy Yard in August of 1943, the ALABAMA steamed to the Pacific, where she participated in the following campaigns and engagements:

Gilbert Islands operations, October and November, 1943.

Bombardment of Nauru Island, December, 1943.

Marshall Islands operations, January and February, 1944.

First Truk and Marianas raids, February, 1944.

Palau, Yap and Woleai (in Western Carolines) raids, March, 1944.

Hollandia, New Guinea operation, April, 1944.

Second Truk, Satawan and Ponape raids, May, 1944.

Marianas operations, June and July, 1944.

Capture and Occupation of Southern Palau Islands, August and September, 1944.

Nansei Shoto (Ryukyu Islands), Formosa, Pescadore and Visayan-Luzon raids, October, 1944.

Leyte Operation, October, 1944.

Luzon raids in support of landing operations on Mindoro, Philippine Islands, November and December, 1944.

Operations in support of landing operations on Okinawa, May and June, 1945.

Bombardment of Minami Daito Jima Island, June, 1945.

Attrition and blockade campaign against Japan, July and August, 1945.

Air Strikes on Tokyo Plains, Northern Honshu, Hoddaido. Bombardment of Hitachi-Mito Area.

ALABAMA Bluejacket Company first Naval Company to land on Japan, September, 1945.

Anchored Tokyo Bay, 5 September 1945.

Sixty-seven days after the sortie from Leyte (where our forces had based prior to the last operation) the ALABAMA anchored in Tokyo Bay. Upon arrival there, the members of the ship's company, bluejackets and marines, who had been assigned to the Naval Amphibious Assault Battalion and other details with the Naval Occupation Forces, Tokyo-Sagami area, returned to the ship.

As part of Admiral Halsey's THIRD FLEET, the ALABAMA proceeded to San Francisco by way of Okinawa and Pearl Harbor, arriving on October 15, 1945.

In April the ALABAMA reported to the Commander NINETEENTH FLEET for duty in connection with inactivation and placing in commission in reserve. She commenced her inactivation on 15 April and completed it on 16 August, four years to the day after her commissioning date.

Captain E. H. PIERCE relieved Captain W. B. GOGGINS in November 1945 as Commanding Officer and retained command until 12 August, 1946. On the 12th of August, 1946 Captain E. H. PIERCE was relieved by Commander C. F. BAILEY, USN.

= PROGRAM =

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0955 Official Party arrives.

0958 Band plays "Anchors Aweigh."

1000 Address by the Commanding Officer of the
U. S. S. ALABAMA.

(COMMANDER C. F. BAILEY, USN)

1005 Address by the Commander Bremerton Group,
Nineteenth Fleet.

(CAPTAIN W. M. MOSES, USN)

1010 Address by Rear Admiral George H. Fort,
USN.

(COMMANDANT THIRTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT)

"Star Spangled Banner."

U. S. S. ALABAMA PLANK OWNERS

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OFFICERS

Lieutenant Commander E. R. Blair, Jr., USN
Lieutenant (jg) R. C. Humphreys, USN

DIVISION "E"

Hensley, B. B., CEM
Wilding, J. E., CEM

DIVISION "A"

Hemp, J. E., MM1c
Kight, R. E., S1c
Furman, R. E., S1c

DIVISION "PAF"

Sprissler, B., CMM
Heath, C. W., CWT
Collier, A., WT3c
Mobley, B. R., S1c
Cotten, C. D., CMM
Spagnola, J. P., WT1c

DIVISION "S"

Mizell, J. A., SC1c
Wills, A. E., CCS
Gaipl, J. F., SK1c
Peterson, P. A., SC2c
Finley, L. L., SSML3c
Agnew, I. B., Ck3c
Grissom, R. L., SSML1c

DIVISION "H"

None

DIVISION "MB"

Goulet, L. J., GM2c

DIVISION "AA"

Van Horn, A. D., GM1c
Custer, B. L., GM2c
Chartier, R. J., GM3c

DIVISION "FC"

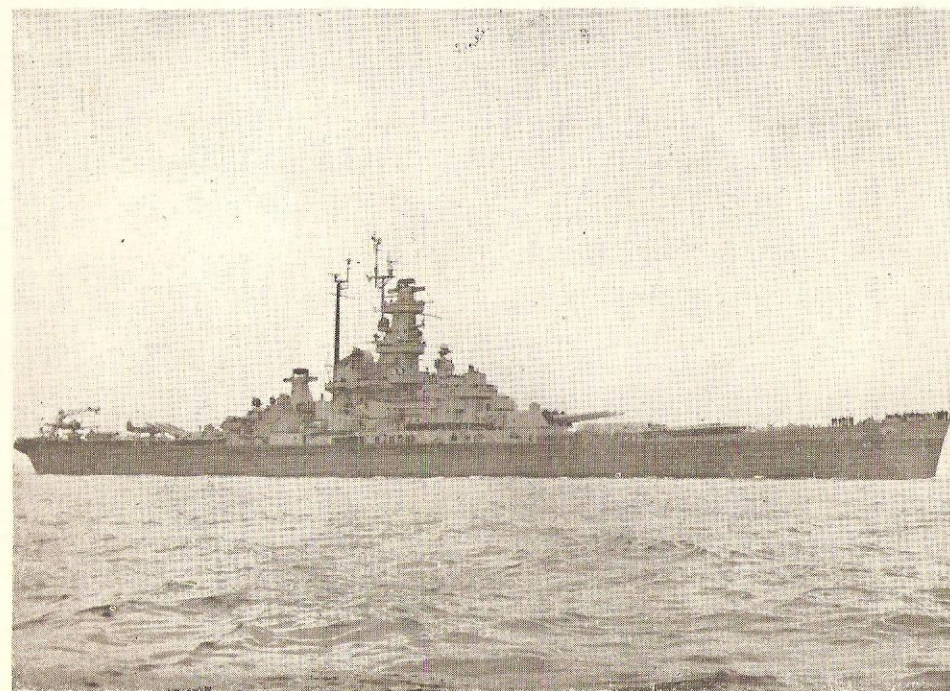
Kelley, H. D., S1c
House, G. F., CFC

CONSTRUCTION

Cobb, J. R., BM1c
Duff, R. A., Jr., SF1c
Tomlinson, F. C., BM2c
West, C. R., BM1c
Breedon, E. (n) BM2c
Burrer, F. A., BM2c
Grissom, R. L., SSML1c
Gyarfus, J. (n) BM2c
Medved, R. L., CSM
Kaufman, J. K., CBM
Burke, C. R., S1c
Hull, T. B., S1c
Clark, R. H., S1c

Inactivation Ceremony

U.S.S. ALABAMA



U.S.S. Alabama

24 August 1946