

U. S. S. LANCETFISH

(SS296)



COMMISSIONING PROGRAM

NAVY YARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

12 FEBRUARY 1945

ORDER OF EVENTS



The Commandant of the First Naval District and the Boston Navy Yard, Rear Admiral Felix Gyax, U. S. Navy, goes aboard for commissioning.

The Commandant directs that the ship be placed in commission.

All hands face in the direction that the colors are to be hoisted.

The band plays the National Anthem. Colors and commission pennant are hoisted.

The Admiral's flag is broken and the commission pennant is lowered. (Honors by the band).

The Commandant introduces the Chaplain.

Invocation by Chaplain.

Address by the Commandant.

The Commandant turns the ship over to the Prospective Commanding Officer, Commander Ellis Burton Orr, U. S. Navy.

The Prospective Commanding Officer reads his orders and assumes command.

The first watch is set.

The Commanding Officer reads a letter from the Secretary of the Navy.

The Commanding Officer addresses the Ship's Company.

Presentation of Ship's bible by Chaplain.

Presentation of Awards by the Commandant

Comdr. E. B. ORR, U. S. N.,—*Silver Star and Gold Star in lieu of Second Silver Star.*

Lieutenant E. F. LATHROP, USNR,—*Silver Star.*

THOMAS, W. D., CMoMM, U. S. N.—*Army Distinguished Unit Badge.*

The Commandant makes a brief inspection and departs.

The Commission Pennant replaces the Admiral's Flag.

The ceremony is completed.



LANCETFISH

(Alepisaurus Ferox)

The habitat of the Lancetfish is in the deep waters of the Atlantic and occasionally on the Grand Banks off the Coast of Massachusetts and Nova Scotia. Because of the great depths at which this fish normally lives, it is seldom caught and it is said that only one has been landed in recent years. This one, six feet in length, fought furiously and would never have been taken had it not wandered from its natural deep-water habitat into the relatively shallow waters of the Grand Banks.

The Lancetfish is characterized by a high dorsal fin, and a small adipose fin. The caudal is deeply forked. The pectorals and ventrals are large and pointed. A wide mouth with large teeth makes it a vicious and relentless fighter.

The U. S. S. LANCETFISH was launched at the Cramp Shipbuilding Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 15 August 1943 and sponsored by Miss Beatrice B. Barker. It is the first submarine to bear this name.





PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

Commander E. B. ORR, U. S. N.—Commanding

Lieutenant E. F. LATHROP, U. S. N. R.—Executive Officer

Lieut. N. L. SORENSON, U. S. N.—Engineering Officer

Lieutenant F. W. ADAMS, U. S. N.—Gunnery Officer

Lieut. (jg) J. M. PRUZINSKI, U. S. N. R.—Stores Officer

Ensign C. W. PRESSLER, U. S. N. R.—Commissary Officer

Ensign S. KRAVITZ, U. S. N.—First Lieutenant

Ensign P. C. GALE, Jr., U. S. N.—Communications Officer

