

The Commanding Officer, Officers and Crew
request the honour of your presence
at the commissioning of the
Submarine

U. S. S. Ling

at the Navy Yard, Boston, Massachusetts
on Friday the eighth day of June
nineteen hundred and forty-five
at two-thirty o'clock

Please present this card at Main Gate

U. S. S. LING
(SS297)



COMMISSIONING PROGRAM

NAVY YARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

8 JUNE 1945

ORDER OF EVENTS



The Commandant of the First Naval District and the Boston Navy Yard, Rear Admiral Felix Gygax, 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 George G. Molumphy, 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.

Presentation of Ship's bible by Chaplain.



Presentation of Awards by the Commandant

Lt. David W. Oberlin, USNR.,—Silver Star Medal.

Lt. (jg) Keith R. Van Gorder, USN.,—Bronze Star Medal.

Lt. David W. Oberlin, USNR.,—Commendation Ribbon

Lt. Oliver F. Steenman, USN.,—Commendation Ribbon.

CGM Charles R. Young, USN.,—Presidential Unit Citation

CMoMM Kenneth L. Robinson, USN.,

—Army Distinguished Unit Badge.

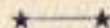
CEM Leland M. Ezell, USN.,

—Army Distinguished Unit Badge.

The Commandant makes a brief inspection and departs.

The Commission Pennant replaces the Admiral's Flag.

The ceremony is completed.



LING

(*Molva Vulgaris*)

A fish of the family Godidae, which is entirely recognized by its long body, two dorsal fins, (of which the anterior is much shorter than the posterior), single long anal fin, separate caudal fin, a barbel on its chin and large teeth in the lower jaw and on the palate. It usually is from 3 to 4 feet in length but individuals 5 to 6 feet in length have been found and some 70 pounds in weight. The Ling is found in the North Atlantic from Spitzbergen and Iceland southwards to the coast of Portugal. Its proper home is the North Sea especially on the coast of Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Great Britain and Ireland.

The U. S. S. LING was launched at the Cramp Shipbuilding Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 15 August 1943, and sponsored by Mrs. Edward J. Foy. It is the first submarine to bear this name.



PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

- COMMANDER G. G. MOLUMPHY, U. S. N.
Commanding
- LIEUTENANT D. W. OSERLIN, U. S. N. R.
Executive Officer
- LIEUTENANT O. F. STEENMAN, U. S. N.
Engineering Officer
- LIEUTENANT (jg) H. C. FIELDS, U. S. N. R.
Torpedo Officer
- LIEUTENANT (jg) R. K. BOLTER, U. S. N.
Commissary Officer
- LIEUTENANT (jg) W. F. BOYER, Jr., U. S. N.
Gunnery Officer
- LIEUTENANT (jg) K. R. VAN GORDER, U. S. N.
First Lieutenant
- LIEUTENANT (jg) A. E. JACOBSON, Jr., U. S. N. R.
Communications

LEADING CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

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| L. M. EZELL, C. E. M. | C. TROUP, CMoMM |
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