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USS SEA ROBIN
(SS 407)



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READING OF ORDERS BY CDR D. N. KOLARAS

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COMMANDING OFFICER'S FAREWELL TO THE SHIP

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SHIP'S HISTORY

The keel for USS SEA ROBIN was laid at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire on 1 March 1944. Christened by Mrs. Homer Ambrose, SEA ROBIN was launched on 25 May 1944. Five months after the keel was laid, construction was completed and on 7 August 1944, the commissioning pennant was run up and it has not been lowered. SEA ROBIN then headed for the Pacific Ocean, transiting the Panama Canal and training for war on the way. On 20 November 1944, SEA ROBIN arrived at her new home-port Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Six days later, she left Pearl Harbor bound for the South China Sea and the first of her three successful war patrols. At the end of the war, SEA ROBIN had run up a confirmed score of six enemy vessels sunk (13,172 total tonnage) and seven other ships damaged. During her war patrols SEA ROBIN also picked up two downed American aviators and thirty-three prisoners. She twice shelled enemy held Wake Island with her deck gun while returning from her patrol area. After the war, SEA ROBIN was home-ported in Balboa, Panama Canal Zone. In 1948 she left on a simulated war patrol and became the first submarine to "Round Cape Horn" and circumnavigate South America. In 1949, SEA ROBIN left Balboa for her present home-port of New London, Connecticut, where she became a member of Submarine Division 82 and Submarine Squadron 8. Her first cruise from New London was made in 1950 and took SEA ROBIN to the Mediterranean. That same year she was awarded the "Marjorie Sterret Battleship Award" for being the outstanding ship in the Atlantic Fleet. In 1964, SEA ROBIN received the Coveted Battle Efficiency Award (E). This award was again presented to SEA ROBIN in 1966. SEA ROBIN returned to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in 1951 where she underwent a complete overhaul and face lifting. The result was a GUPPY 1A Class submarine with a streamlined hull, a high capacity battery and a snorkel. These changes, in addition to many smaller details, increased SEA ROBIN's submerged speed and gave her the ability to remain submerged while running her engine. The overall ability of SEA ROBIN to carry out her assigned mission was, therefore, greatly enhanced. On 1 December 1969 Submarine Squadron EIGHT was deactivated and SEA ROBIN was transferred to Submarine Squadron TWO, Submarine Division TWENTY ONE. SEA ROBIN's normal complement consists of 8 officers, 5 chief petty officers and 67 enlisted men. Since her conversion in 1951, SEA ROBIN has made three cruises to Northern Europe, three to the Mediterranean, six cruises to the Caribbean and numerous shorter cruises to such ports as Bermuda, B.W.I. and Halifax, Nova Scotia. When not deployed, SEA ROBIN conducts local training operations out of New London. SEA ROBIN has made her 12,000th dive, thus living up to her nickname, "The Bobbin Robin." Like most other U. S. Submarines, SEA ROBIN is named after a fish. Nature's SEA ROBIN is a small, reddish-brown colored fish with large wing-like pectoral fins.

COMMANDING OFFICERS

	LCDR. P. ^{AUL} C. ^{ELIL} STIMSON	07 Aug 1944-Jun 1948
	CDR D. ^{WGLAS} N. SYVERSON	Jun 1948-Jul 1950
LDR EVGENE P. WILKINSON (2 WEEKS)	→ LCDR A. ^{RCHER} R. GORDON	Jul 1950-May 1952
	LCDR A. ^{LBERT} F. BETZEL	May 1952-Jul 1954
	LCDR R. ^{JOY} E. ^{ARLE} STANDARD	Jul 1954-Jan 1956
	LCDR L. ^{ANDO} W. ZECH	Jan 1956-Nov 1956
	LT J. ^{JOHN} R. ^{DSS} LINDSAY	Nov 1956-Nov 1958
	LCDR C. ^{HAS} HOKE	Nov 1958-Mar 1960
	LCDR P. ^{ETER} H. ^{AMPDEN} FREEMAN	Mar 1960-May 1962
	LCDR F. ^{RANK} E. ^{GLISH} HOLMBERG	May 1962-Dec 1962
	LCDR R. ^{ICHARD} A. ^{LSTAIR} JOHNSTONE	Dec 1962-Sep 1964
	LCDR R. ^{OBT.} E. ^{ARLE} GRODER	Sep 1964-Jun 1966
	• LCDR J. ^{OF} D. ^{ENVER} MCCUNE	Jun 1966-May 1968
	CDR F. ^{RANK} R. ^{BERD} BERKHIMER	May 1968-Dec 1969
	CDR D. ^{EMOSTHENES} N. ^{COLAS} KOLARAS	Dec 1969-Oct 1970