

U. S. S. WAHOO (SS 565)



Commissioning  
Ceremonies

30 May 1952

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard  
Portsmouth, N. H.

The Prospective Commanding Officer, officers and crew of the U. S. S. WAHOO (SS565) join in welcoming all guests to the Commissioning of the Navy's newest submarine, the U. S. S. WAHOO.

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## U. S. S. WAHOO

Nine years ago the first WAHOO blazed a trail of glory and destruction in the service of our country. Under the command of Commander Dudley W. Morton she was the first submarine to sink an entire convoy. Her terse report made during her third patrol is typical of the fighting ship she was, "In 10 hour running gun and torpedo battle destroyed entire convoy of two freighters, one transport, one tanker. All torpedoes expended. Returning home." For her action during this patrol she was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation.

Twenty enemy ships were resting on the ocean bottom as a result of her lethal spray of torpedoes and gunfire before she made the supreme sacrifice. Today the name which has become submarine legend is our heritage.

With the commissioning of the WAHOO the Navy has a new warrior in its fight against aggression. She and her sisters are believed to be the most advanced submarines in the world. Though the details are classified it may be stated that she will be faster, deeper diving, more maneuverable, of greater endurance and capable of far more diversified employment than the present classes of Fleet and Guppy types.

On this Memorial Day we pay tribute to our valiant comrades of the first WAHOO who gave their lives in the service of our country. We can not replace them. Rather, it is our duty to keep alive in our memory the high traditions of skill, devotion to duty and country which they have given our nation; and to pass these traditions on untarnished to those who follow us.

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Keel laid ..... 24 October 1949

Launched ..... 16 October 1951

Commissioned ..... 30 May 1952

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Built by the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard,  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

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Mrs. Harry W. Hill  
*Sponsor*

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REAR ADMIRAL JOHN L. McCREA, U. S. Navy  
*Commandant First Naval District*  
and  
*Commander Portsmouth Naval Base*

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CAPTAIN EDWARD C. CRAIG, U. S. Navy  
*Commander Portsmouth Naval Shipyard*

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COMMANDER EUGENE P. WILKINSON, U. S. Navy  
*Commanding Officer, U. S. S. WAHOO*

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## PROGRAM

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*Musical Selection* Traip Academy Band

Arrival of Official Party

*Invocation* Lieutenant W. F. Doyle, CHC, USN

*Address* Captain E. C. Craig, USN

*Remarks* Captain L. N. Blair, USN

*Orders to commission  
USS WAHOO* Rear Admiral J. L. McCrea, USN

*Attention to Colors* Marine Bugler

*Hoisting of Ensign, Union  
Jack, Commission Pennant*

*National Anthem*

*Orders to take command  
of the USS WAHOO* Commander E. P. Wilkinson, USN

*First Watch is set*

*Benediction* LCDR A. L. Murray, CHC, USNR

*Band Selections* Traip Academy Band



## SHIP'S OFFICERS

Commander Eugene P. Wilkinson, USN  
 Lieutenant Commander Reuben F. Woodall, USN  
 Lieutenant Harvey E. Lyon, USN  
 Lieutenant (jg) Howard N. Larcombe, Jr., USN  
 Lieutenant (jg) John D. Johnson, Jr., USN  
 Lieutenant (jg) Donald P. Buhner, USN  
 Lieutenant (jg) George H. Sullivan, USN  
 Lieutenant (jg) Harry D. Train, II, USN

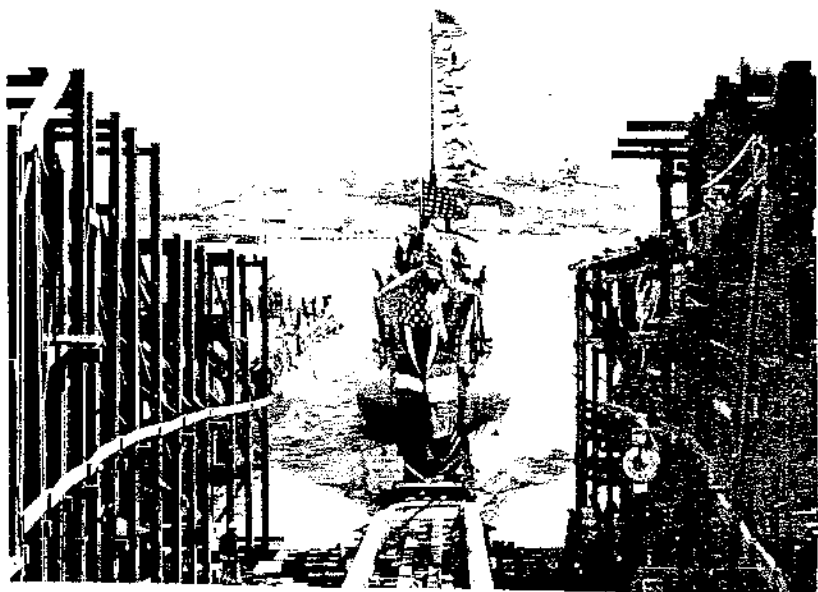
## CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

John M. Senew, TMC(SS), USN  
 Chief - of - the - Boat

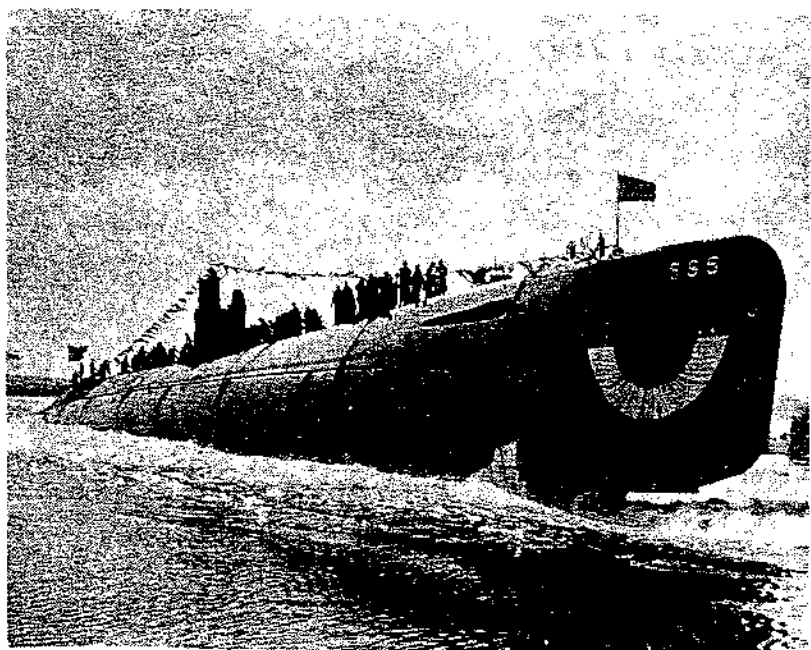
Barcewski, E. R.	ENC (SS)	Marshall, R.	ENC (SS)
Boles, J. B., Jr.	EMC (SS)	Potts, J. N.	HMC (SS)
Drzmaliski, L. F.	EMC (SS)	Taylor, O. A.	FCC (SS)
Fitzpatrick, J. J.	QMC (SS)	Wajda, J.	ENC (SS)

## THE CREW

Adamson, R. P.	SO2 (SS)	Lamb, G. E.	EM3 (SS)
Allen, G. W.	EN3 (SS)	Larsen, M. L.	EN3 (SS)
Baker, K. V.	EN2 (SS)	Leahy, V. J.	EN1 (SS)
Barber, W. G., Jr.	EN2 (SS)	LeBoeuf, G., Jr.	EM3 (SS)
Barrett, W. G.	EM2 (SS)	LeGrys, W. R., Jr.	RM2 (SS)
Barton, C. I.	EM3 (SS)	Lewis, C. A.	QM1 (SS)
Besser, E. E.	CS1 (SS)	Marlin, R. E.	EM2 (SS)
Birkle, J. K.	TM3 (SS)	Masterson, T. R.	FT3
Bishop, W. W.	TM3 (SS)	Maynes, F.	SN
Bolton, K. R.	TM2 (SS)	McCalla, S. M.	SA
Boyle, J. M.	ENFN (SS)	McClintock, R. L., Jr.	EM3 (SS)
Bradlyn, K.	QM3 (SS)	McElwain, A. C.	ET2
Brewer, J. K.	EM3	McEnroe, J. P.	YN1 (SS)
Butler, J. E.	FN	McGee, R. C.	SN
Chase, R. E.	QM2 (SS)	McGehee, E. D., Jr.	FA
Conner, W. E.	SD1 (SS)	McGuire, A. H.	QM3 (SS)
Czarnecki, T. L.	EM3 (SS)	McGowan, E. A.	TM1 (SS)
Deacon, L. A.	ENFN (SS)	Miller, L. B.	EN1 (SS)
Dick, T. G.	RM3 (SS)	Murray, W.	ETSN
Evaas, J. K.	RM1 (SS)	Nix, P. H., Jr.	EN3 (SS)
Ford, W. J.	EN1 (SS)	Pannell, D. M.	EM2 (SS)
Giard, L. E.	MM3	Pittsley, D.	ET1 (SS)
Glenn, R. B.	EN3 (SS)	Riley, H. R.	EN3 (SS)
Guimond, E. E., Jr.	EM1 (SS)	Sandell, O. H.	EN1 (SS)
Gulick, C. H.	RM3	Scholz, F. K.	ENFN (SS)
Hardesty, C. K.	EM2 (SS)	Shea, D. A.	CS2 (SS)
Hatcher, M. D.	ET3 (SS)	Smialek, J. L.	TM1 (SS)
Heriford, C. F.	EM1 (SS)	Spurr, G. C.	FN
Hesse, R. E.	EM1 (SS)	Szymanski, T.	TM2 (SS)
Homan, K. L.	SN	Toler, B. M.	EN1 (SS)
Hopper, V. A.	SN (SS)	Upton, D. A.	CSSN (SS)
Kollar, C. R.	TMSN	Williams, J. D.	SO3
Kurtz, J. W.	EN1 (SS)	Wilson, E. R.	TM1 (SS)
Labrador, M.	SD2 (SS)		



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