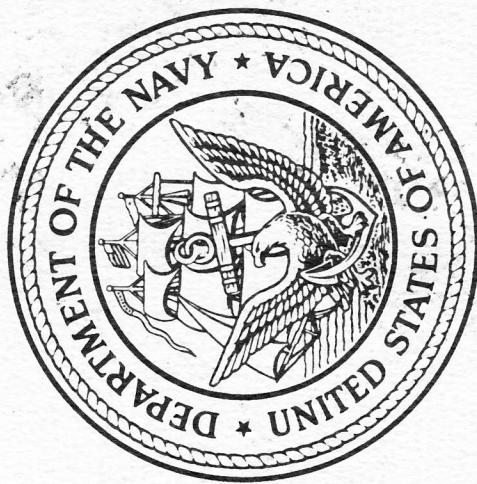
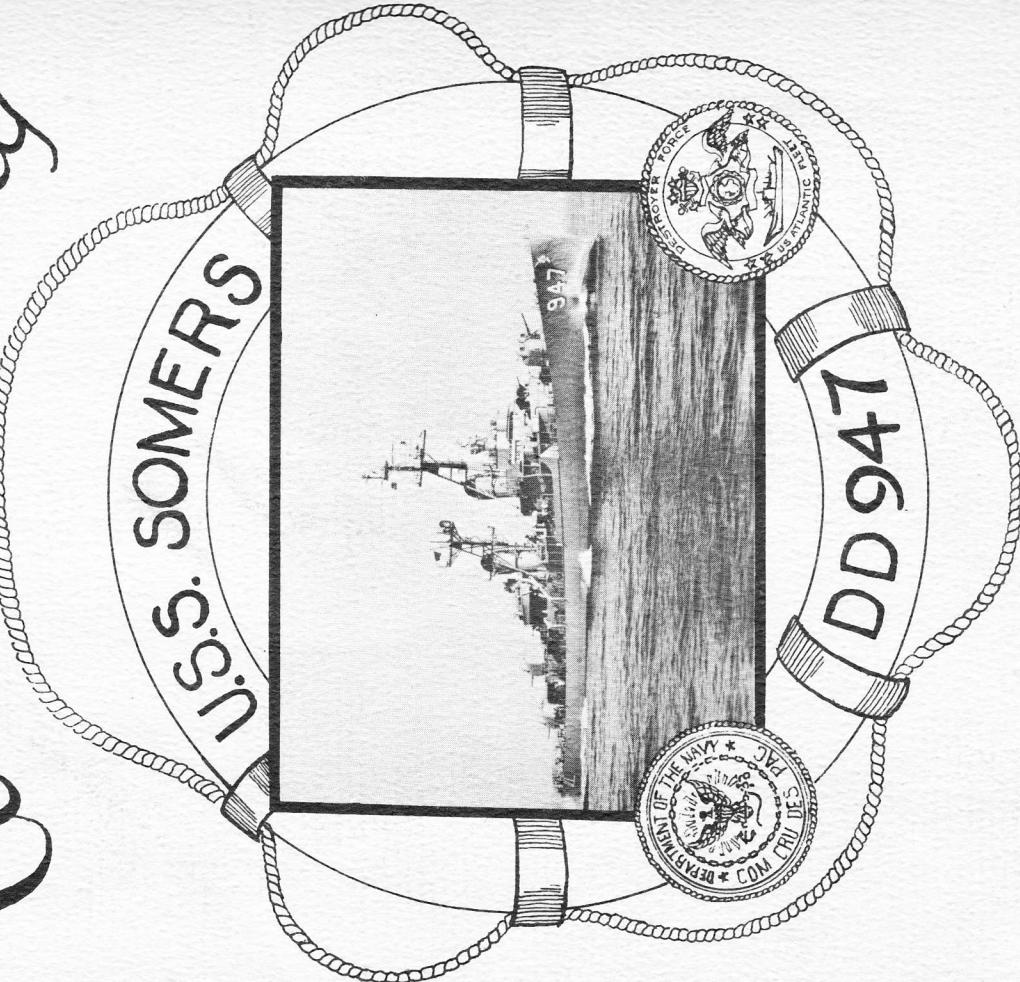


Commissioning



BOSTON NAVAL SHIPYARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
3 APRIL 1959

COMMANDER EDWARD J. CUMMINGS, JR.
COMMANDING
U. S. S. SOMERS (DD 947)



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OFFICERS



COMMANDING OFFICER

COMMANDER EDWARD J. CUMMINGS, JR., USN

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER PAUL BOLAND, USN

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LTJG G. A. O'REAR, USN Electronics Material Officer
LTJG H. A. FELDMAN, USNR CIC Officer
ENS J. H. MURRAY, USNR Communications Officer

GUNNERY

LTC D. L. GRIMES, USN Gunnery Officer
LTJG P. A. BAKER, USN First Lieutenant
LTJG L. W. FERNALD, JR., USN ASW Officer
ENS W. A. MEYER, USNR Second Division Officer

Commander Edward J. Cummings, Jr., USN, son of Dr. and Mrs. Edward J. Cummings of Washington, D. C. was born in Baltimore, Maryland on 28 August 1920. He attended grade schools in Washington, D. C. and high school at Georgetown Preparatory School, Garrett Park, Maryland. After one year at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. he entered the U. S. Naval Academy in 1939, graduating in June 1942.

Following graduation he reported aboard USS BUCK (DD 420) remaining with her until 9 October 1943 when she was sunk off Salerno. Preceding this action the ship had operated in North Atlantic Convoys, the Mediterranean and African areas, sunk the Italian submarine ARGENTO capturing 46 prisoners, and participated in the invasion of Sicily.

In June 1944 Lieutenant Cummings was attached to USS MISSOURI (BB 63) when she was commissioned at Brooklyn Naval Shipyard and remained with her until 1947. He served on board USS MISSOURI (BB 63) while operating with the fast carrier strike forces in the western Pacific in 1945. On 2 September 1945 he witnessed the formal ending of World War II when the surrender document was signed aboard MISSOURI in Tokyo Bay.

After a tour of duty in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Lieutenant Commander Cummings served with Admiralty, London from 1950 to 1952 while attached to the Staff of Commander in Chief Naval Forces Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean.

During 1952 — 1954, Lieutenant Commander Cummings served as Executive Officer of USS ELLISON (DD 864). On detachment from ELLISON he reported to Bath, Maine, as prospective commanding officer of USS CROMWELL (DE1014). After commissioning he remained on board as commanding officer until 1956. Both ships were units of Destroyer Force, Atlantic Fleet.

His most recent duty has been at the U. S. Navy Field Operational Intelligence Office, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

Commander Cummings is married to the former Ethel Barbara Crean of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Commander and Mrs. Cummings currently reside with their daughter Mary Candace in Arlington, Massachusetts.

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LTJG C. C. REED, USN Engineering Officer
ENS C. HOSTERMAN, USN Damage Control Assistant

SUPPLY

LT R. A. PETRIE, (SC), USN Supply Officer

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NARVAEZ, A. Chief Yeoman
WARD, M. W. Chief Radioman

GUNNERY

KOLLMYER, A. J. Chief Gunner's Mate
STANTON, R. Chief Fire Control Technician

ENGINEERING

ANDERSON, R. Chief Machinist's Mate
BARTOS, E. J. Chief Boilerman
DE LONG, T. Chief Boilerman
HERSMAN, G. J. Chief Shipfitter
TUCKER, E. J. Chief Electrician's Mate
WATKINS, H. F. Chief Machinist's Mate

SUPPLY

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FISHER, D. C. Chief Hospital Corpsman

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HAJNY, J. L., ET1
HILL, V. D., FT1
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FREEMAN, E. M., PN2
GROSELY, F. J., BT2
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KEARON, W. G., FTA2
KELLER, R. W., DK2
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BRIGHT, W. H., SD3
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BORGMAN, J. F., BT3
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