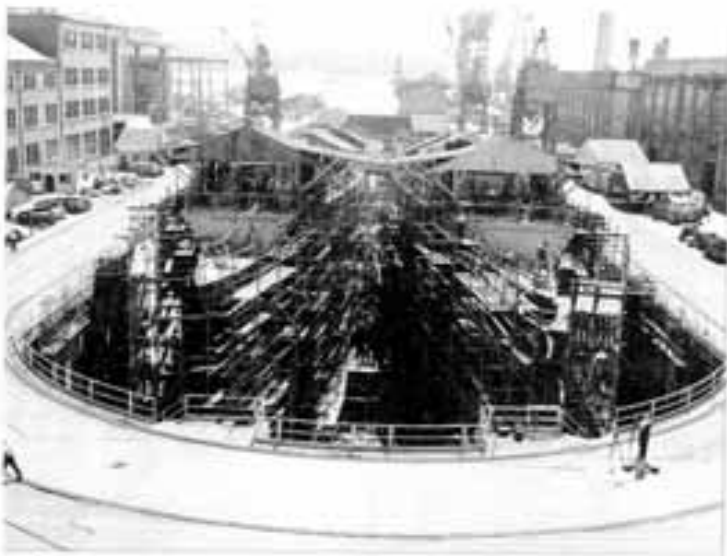
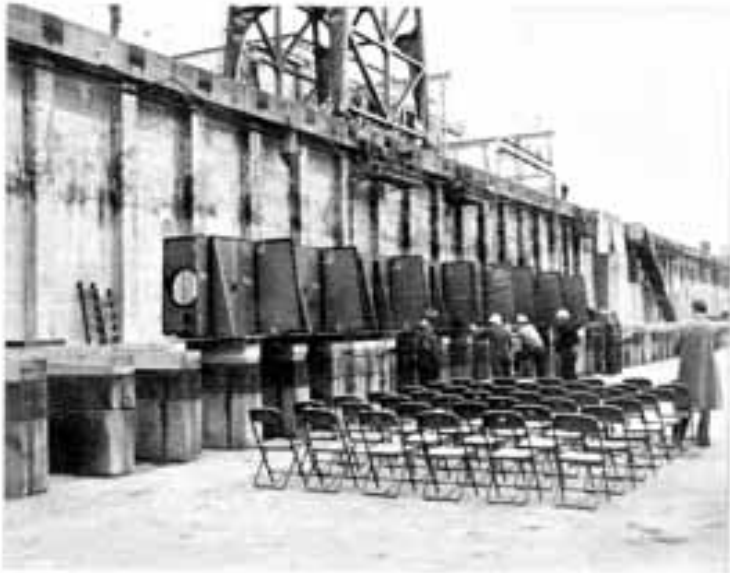


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PRE-COMMISSIONING



USS KING DLG-10



MRS. OLIVER W. VANDEN BERG
CHRISTENS USS KING

MISSION ----- FAST CARRIER TASK FORCE ESCORT
AS ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENSE SHIP
WITH RADAR PICKET AND ANTI-SUB-
MARINE CAPABILITIES.

AUTHORIZED ----- 1956 SHIPBUILDING PROGRAM

KEEL LAID ----- 1 MARCH 1957

ARMAMENT ----- TERRIER MISSILES, 5"/54 AND 3"/
50 ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN BATTERIES,
TORPEDOES AND ANTI-SUBMARINE
WEAPONS.

LENGTH OVERALL ----- 512 FEET, 6 INCHES

BEAM ----- 52 FEET, 5 INCHES

DISPLACEMENT, LIGHT ----- 4,000 TONS

DISPLACEMENT, FULL LOAD ----- 5,600 TONS

DRAFT, FULL LOAD ----- 17 FEET

COMPLEMENT ----- 22 OFFICERS, 350 MEN



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

4 October 1960



My dear Commander Bustard:

I wish to extend my sincere best wishes to you and the officers and men of the USS KING (DLG-10) on her commissioning.

USS KING (DLG-10) is another step forward in the development of combatant ships and is the cumulative result of the combined efforts of many segments of the United States Navy. Upon her and all the ships of the Fleet lie the hopes and aspirations of the Navy. With her overall strength featured by her superior Anti-Air Warfare capabilities, her very existence is a further strong deterrent to aggression.

It has been said that a Navy is only as good as its ships. While this is true, a ship can be only as good as its crew. This has a more specific meaning because before a Navy can be effective, each ship must train for the highest possible combat readiness. To achieve this is the goal before you. I am confident that under the leadership and personal example of you and your officers the highest standards of moral behavior and devotion to duty will be achieved, and that USS KING will meet the challenge of her tasks in defense of our country in such manner as to reflect the highest credit upon the U. S. Navy.

Sincerely yours,

Commander Melvin E. Bustard, Jr., USN
Prospective Commanding Officer
USS KING (DLG-10)
c/o Puget Sound Naval Shipyard
Bremerton, Washington



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

6 October 1960

Dear Captain Bustard:

On the occasion of the commissioning of your ship, USS KING (DLG-10), I extend to you my congratulations on your new command and wish you, your officers and crew the best of luck.

USS KING is the newest in a series of Terrier guided missile frigates whose armament will greatly increase the Anti-Submarine and Anti-Air Warfare capability of our Navy. The characteristics of your ship reflect the technological advances which have significantly improved the combat efficiency of the Navy through improved weapons and other epochal changes in combatant ships.

It is your privilege to command one of the finest ships of the finest Navy on earth. The duties and responsibilities which will rest upon your shoulders during the time you have command will be heavy indeed. It will be your duty to weld the fine officers and men who compose your crew into a combat unit ready to carry out any of the many missions which may be assigned your ship. It will be your responsibility to generate the teamwork, the personal skill, and the individual devotion to duty making USS KING the effective fighting unit that she deserves to be. It will be your duty to ensure that each individual who has the honor to serve in your ship will have the personal satisfaction of being an important part of a successful fighting organization of the United States Navy.

As Commanding Officer of your powerful ship, you will realize that you, your ship and each individual in her must be able to respond to any crisis with which the United States may be confronted. You and each one of your ship's company must be able to act swiftly and intelligently just as other men have done in U. S. men-of-war before you. By so doing you will make a personal contribution to the Navy's rich and meaningful tradition. To you and each member of your ship's company, a fair breeze and God's help in the many tasks which you will encounter.

Sincerely yours,

Arleigh Burke
ARLEIGH BURKE

Commander Melvin E. Bustard, Jr., USN
Prospective Commanding Officer
USS KING (DLG-10)
c/o Puget Sound Naval Shipyard
Bremerton, Washington

U. S. S. KING COMMISSIONING *17 November*

BAND SELECTIONS
THIRTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT BAND

INVOCATION
COMMANDER E. C. HELMICH, CHC, USN
CHAPLAIN, PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM A. DOLAN, JR., USN
COMMANDER, PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD

INTRODUCTION OF
REAR ADMIRAL FRANK T. WATKINS, USN
COMMANDANT, THIRTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM A. DOLAN, JR., USN

REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF
REAR ADMIRAL JOSHUA W. COOPER
REAR ADMIRAL FRANK T. WATKINS, USN

ADDRESS
REAR ADMIRAL JOSHUA W. COOPER

READING OF NAVY DEPARTMENT ORDERS TO COMMISSION
KING (DLG-10)
REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM A. DOLAN, JR., USN



DLG-10 CEREMONIES 1960

ENSIGN, JACK AND COMMISSION PENNANT ARE HOISTED AS THE
BAND PLAYS THE NATIONAL ANTHEM. THE SHIP IS NOW
IN COMMISSION

READING OF COMMANDING OFFICER'S ORDERS
COMMANDER M. E. BUSTARD

COMMANDING OFFICER ASSUMES COMMAND

FIRST WATCH IS SET BY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER EARLE MCFARLAND

COMMANDING OFFICER GIVES ORDER FOR THE PERSONAL FLAG OF
COMMANDANT THIRTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT TO BE BROKEN AT THE TRUCK
RUFFLES AND FLOUSHES, ADMIRAL'S MARCH

REMARKS
COMMANDER M. E. BUSTARD, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER

BENEDICTION
COMMANDER A. M. RULINSKI, CHC, USN
CHAPLAIN, U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, BREMERTON

BAND SELECTIONS
THIRTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT BAND



THE COMMISSIONING



THE FLAG GOES UP FOR THE FIRST TIME.



ADM. COOPER AND CAPT. BUSTARD CUT THE COMMISSIONING CAKE



QUARTER DECK ORNAMENT BEING PRESENTED TO CAPT. BUSTARD BY THE CONVAIR REPRESENTATIVE

REAR ADMIRAL JOSHUA W. COOPER, COMMANDER TRAINING COMMAND, UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET, WAS GRADUATED FROM THE U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY IN 1927. HIS DUTY ASSIGNMENTS HAVE INCLUDED COMMAND OF DESTROYERS, A DESTROYER SQUADRON, THE BATTLESHIP IOWA, AND AMPHIBIOUS GROUP THREE AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PRINCIPAL SEA CAMPAIGNS OF WORLD WAR II AND THE KOREAN WAR.

HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE AT WASHINGTON, D.C. PROMOTED TO FLAG RANK AUGUST 1, 1955, HE SERVED AS CHIEF OF NAVY SECTION JOINT U.S. MILITARY AIR GROUP IN GREECE AND LATER IN THE JOINT STAFF, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, HE ASSUMED COMMAND OF THE TRAINING COMMAND, U.S. PACIFIC FLEET IN AUGUST 1960.

HE HOLDS THE NAVY CROSS, THE LEGION OF MERIT MEDAL WITH COMBAT V, THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH COMBAT V AND TWO COMMENDATION RIBBONS.

HE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER RENA M. MC INTOSH OF VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, AND THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN, MRS. KLEBER S. MASTERSON, JR. AND THOMAS COOPER. HE RESIDES AT 266 I AVENUE, CORONADO, CALIFORNIA WITH HIS WIFE AND SON.