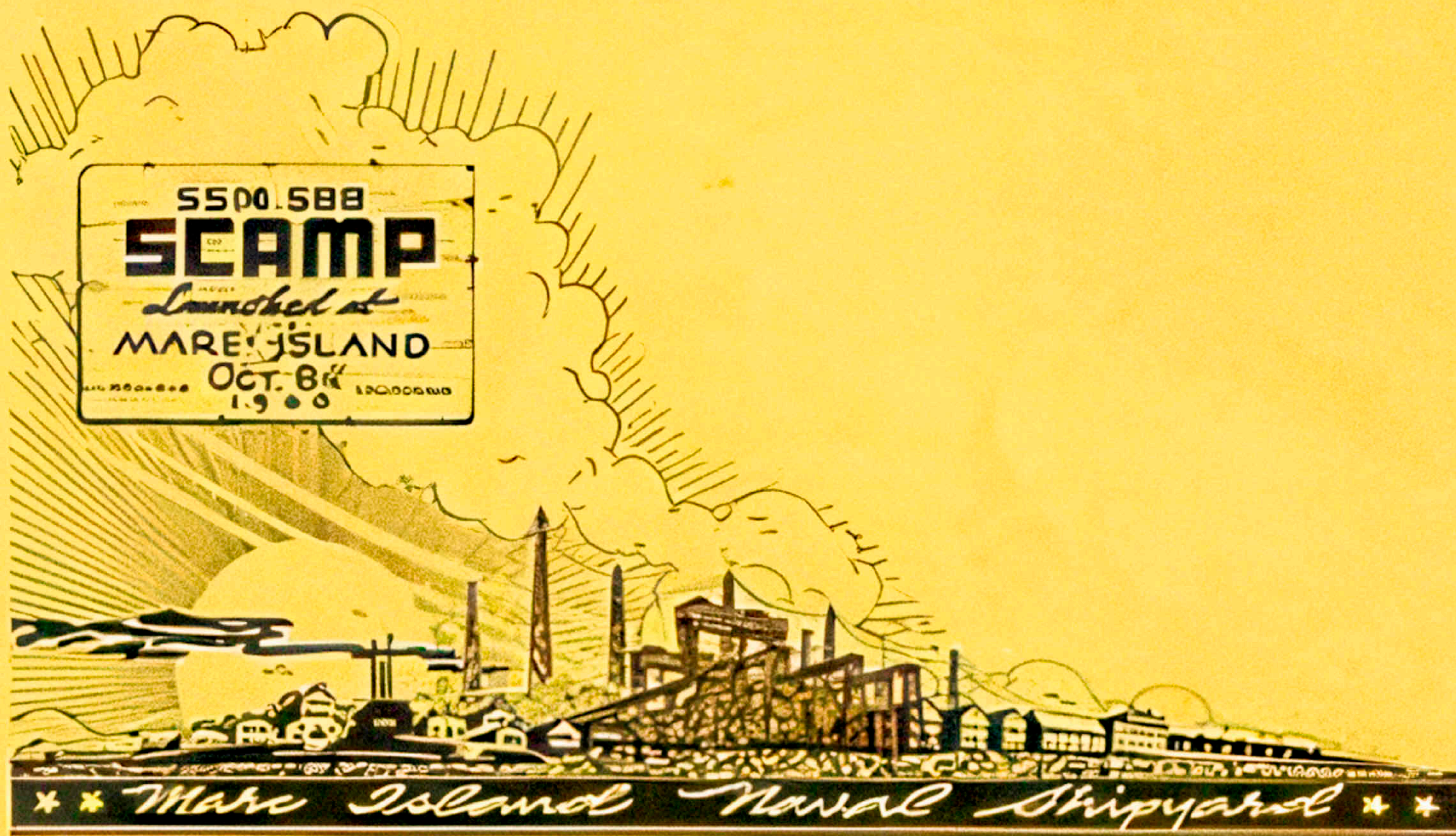

Launching Program

U.S.S. SCAMP

SSN 588



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MARE ISLAND NAVAL SHIPYARD

MRS. JOHN C. HOLLINGSWORTH. SPONSOR

THE SHIP

The SCAMP becomes the Navy's 21st launching of a nuclear-powered submarine. SCAMP is Mare Island's fourth A-sub, being preceded by the SARGO, HALIBUT, and THEODORE ROOSEVELT. Three others will follow (PERMIT, PLUNGER, and another Polaris-firing submarine of the LAFAYETTE Class). SCAMP is an "attack" submarine, torpedo-armed, 252 foot long, and displaced about 3500 tons. The keel of SCAMP was laid 23 January 1959. When commissioned next year, she will be commanded by Commander Walter N. Dietzen, Jr., USN, of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

This is the second submarine to be named SCAMP. SCAMP is an important food fish found off Florida and in the West Indies, a member of the BACALAO, or grouper family.

The first SCAMP was launched in July 1942 in the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, N. H. In her first seven war patrols in the Pacific she sank five enemy vessels totalling 34,108 tons, including the Japanese submarine I-24.

On her maiden patrol out of Pearl Harbor she had on board a distinguished passenger in the person of Vice Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, USN, COMSUB-PAC, who left the SCAMP at Midway. On 7 April 1944 the SCAMP suffered extensive hull damage from an enemy bomb off Davao Gulf. Heroic damage control by the officers and men saved the ship and she returned to the U. S. for repairs. She left Pearl Harbor on her eighth patrol on 16 October 1944. Last heard from on 9 November off Tokyo Bay.

THE SPONSOR

Mrs. John C. Hollingsworth of New London, Connecticut, is the widow of the late Commander Hollingsworth, who commanded the first SCAMP when it was lost off Tokyo Bay in November 1944. She has as her Matron of Honor, Mrs. Tom S. Sutherland of San Francisco. She is the widow of the late Lieutenant Sutherland, who was the Executive Officer of the earlier SCAMP.

THE SPEAKER

Vice Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, USN, (Ret), of Los Gatos, California, a native of Midland, Virginia, graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in June 1912; advanced through the grades to Rear Admiral in May 1943 and Vice Admiral in October 1943. He served in submarines from 1914 to 1928; was a member of the U. S. Naval Mission to Brazil 1929-31; commanded SubDiv 13 from 1935 to 1937; was Chief of Staff for ComSub U. S. Fleet 1939-41. In 1941 and 1942 he was Naval Attache in London, England. In 1942-43 he was ComSub Southwest Pacific Force, and from February 1943 to December 1945 he was ComSubPacFlt.

His decorations include the DSM with two stars, the Legion of Merit, Order of Orange Nassau (Netherlands), and Companion of the Bath (Great Britain).

THE HONORARY KEEL-LAYERS

The keel of the SCAMP was authenticated on 23 January 1959 by Rear Admiral L. V. Honninger, USN, Shipyard Commander. The Honorary Keel Layers on that occasion were senior employees of Mare Island, with total service indicated:

John A. Gray, Machinist—48 yrs. 10 mos.

Ernest D. Nichols, Adm. Asst. to Shipyard Cdr.,—48 yrs.

Bryant R. Smith (now retired)—46 yrs. 8 mos.

Edwin P. Houdeman (now retired)—45 yrs.

U. S. S. SCAMP LAUNCHING PROGRAM TIME SCHEDULE

- 9:00 A. M. Muster Launching Crew on Station.
- 12:00 M. First Rally.
- 12:15 P. M. Second Rally.
- 12:30 P. M. Third Rally.
- 1:10 P. M. Commence Removal of Keel Blocks.
- 1:50 P. M. Captain P. F. Straub, Jr., USN, Production Officer, introduces Mr. H. L. Graybeal, Chief Design Engineer; Mr. E. W. Martinez, Master Rigger and Laborer; and Mr. J. N. Honodel, Master Woodworker, who will speak informally to visitors on progress of launching operations.
- 2:20 P. M. Sponsor's Party Arrives on Building Ways; Honors: Marines will "Present Arms", Band will make flourishes, Band plays Admirals' March.
- 2:25 P. M. Remove forward dagger shores. Load trigger.
- 2:30 P. M. Captain Straub presents Rear Admiral L. V. Honsinger, USN, Commander, Mare Island Naval Shipyard.
- Rear Admiral Honsinger introduces guests. Remarks.
- Rear Admiral Honsinger introduces Speaker, Vice Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, USN, (Ret).
- Launching prayer by J. C. Connolly, CDR, CHC, USNR.
Band plays National Anthem.
- Production Officer orders "Clear Building Ways." Three long blasts on siren.

FINAL PROCEDURES

- 3:00 P. M. Production Officer reports "Ready in All Respects for Launching," to Shipyard Commander.
- "Ready" buzzer signal from Launching Officer to Assistant Launching Officer. Start 40-second countdown. Sponsor and Shipyard Commander in position at bow.
- "Stand-by" buzzer: signal from Assistant Launching Officer to Launching Officer---Ten seconds until launch. Sponsor has bottle in hand.
- Mr. A. W. Lunstedt, Master of the Transportation Shop, releases trigger and launches SCAMP.
- Sponsor breaks bottle on bow, "In the name of the United States of America, I christen thee SCAMP."

THE SHIPYARD

The submarine being launched today is the 31st to be built in the Mare Island Naval Shipyard in its 106 year history. Mare Island's first submarine was the earlier NAUTILUS, built in 1928. The SCAMP is the 498th craft to be built in this shipyard, beginning with the gunboat SAGINAW in 1858-60.

The men and women of Mare Island have served their country for the more than a century which has elapsed since the immortal Admiral (then Cdr.) David Glasgow Farragut founded the Shipyard on 16 September 1854. These generations of Americans have witnessed the transition of the Navy from sail to coal to oil to nuclear-power; from wood and copper, to iron and rivet, to steel and electric welding.

They are dedicated individuals whose goals are set on horizons still unexplored and whose daily challenge is to give the Navy a better product at less cost to the taxpayer.