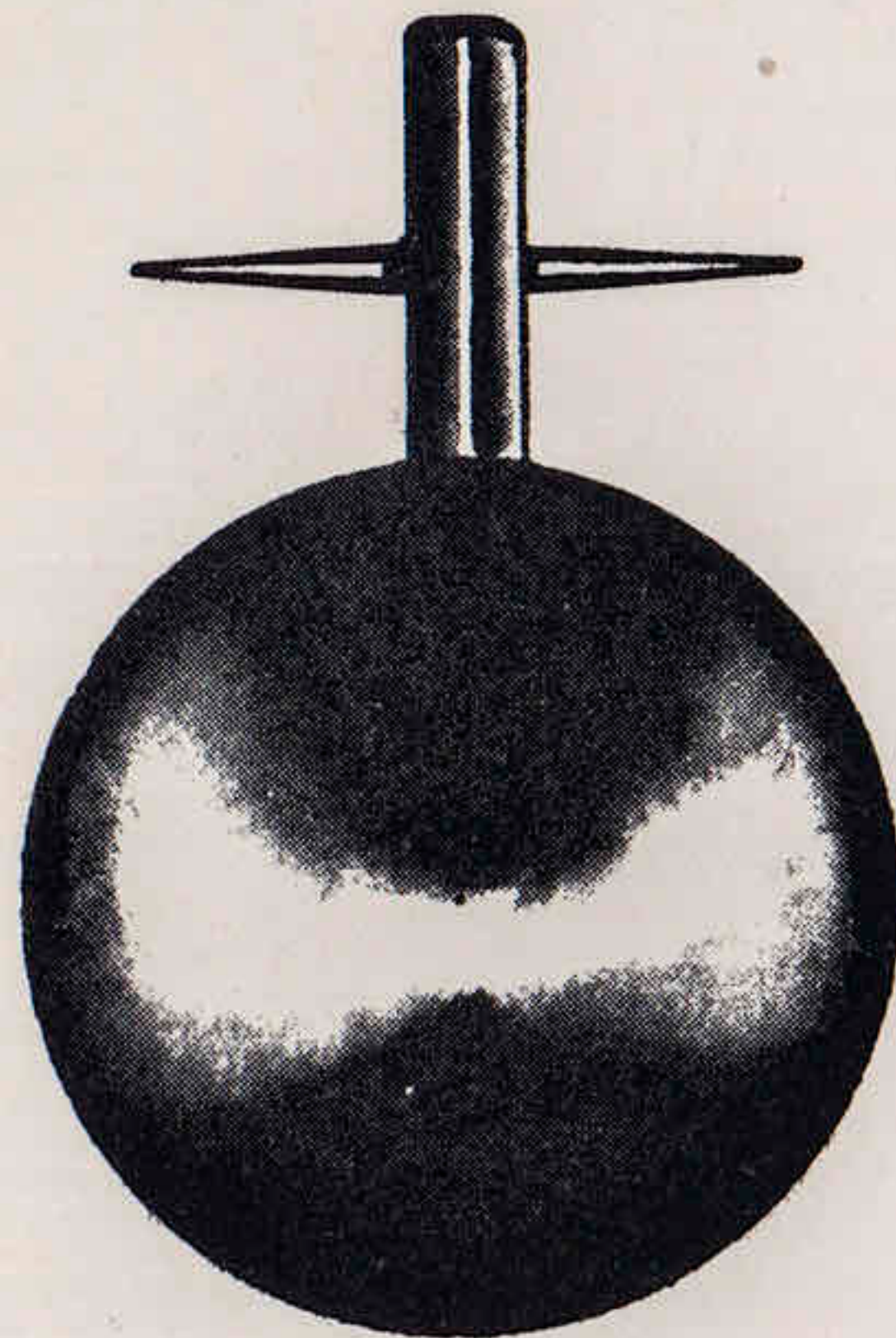
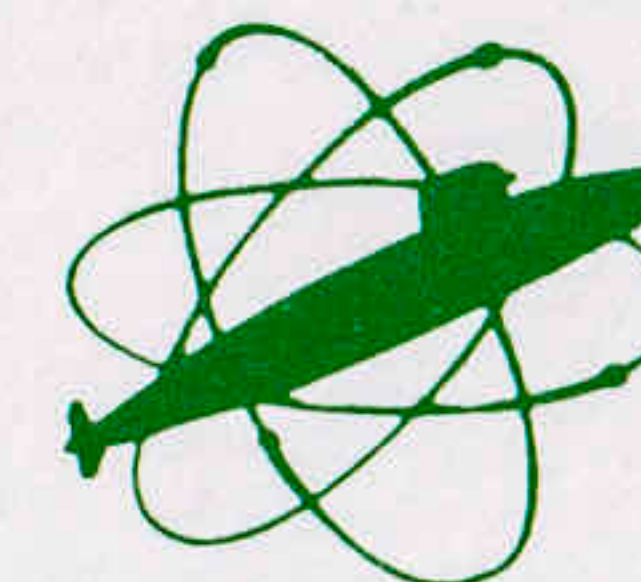
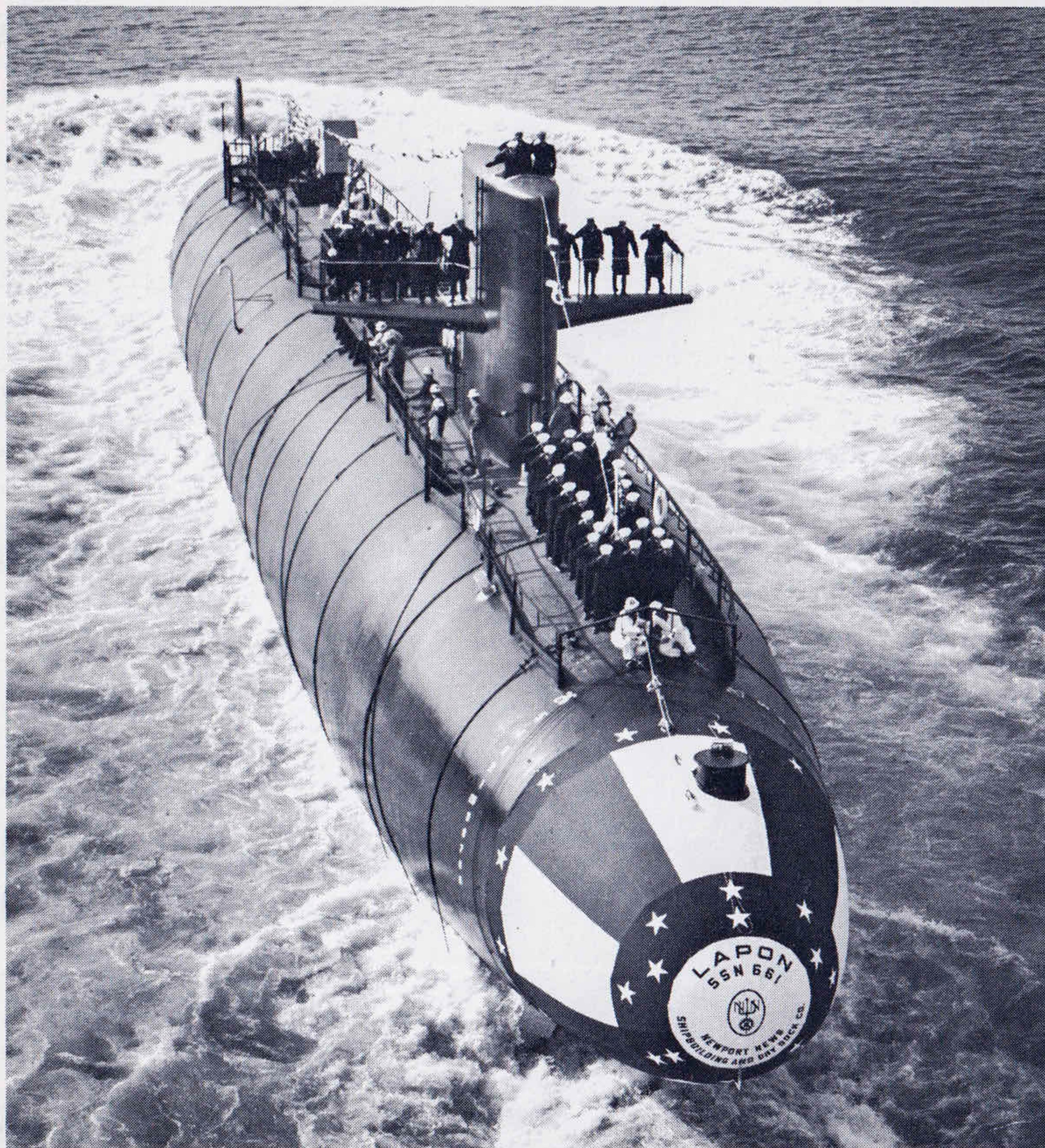




Commissioning
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NUCLEAR
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U.S.S.
LAPON
SSN 661

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KEEL LAID: 26 July 1965

LAUNCHED: 16 December 1966

SEA TRIALS: 8 October 1967

COMMISSIONED: 14 December 1967.

LENGTH: 292 Feet

MAXIMUM DEPTH: In excess of 400 feet

MAXIMUM SPEED: In excess of 20 knots

DISPLACEMENT: 4,060 Tons

SHIP'S COMPLEMENT: 106 Officers and Men

NUMBER OF TORPEDO TUBES: 4

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INTRODUCTION OF BUILDER'S REPRESENTATIVE

Captain Felix Caracciolo, USN
Supervisor of Shipbuilding

DELIVERY OF THE SHIP

Mr. Donald A. Holden, President
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ACCEPTANCE OF THE SHIP FOR THE NAVY

Vice Admiral Arnold F. Schade, USN
Commander, Submarine Force
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COMMISSIONING OF THE SHIP

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Commandant, Fifth Naval District, Band

ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND AND SETTING OF THE WATCH

Commander Chester M. Mack, USN

BREAKING OF THE PERSONAL FLAG OF AND RENDERING HONORS TO

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Mr. Russell Murray II
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Systems Analysis)

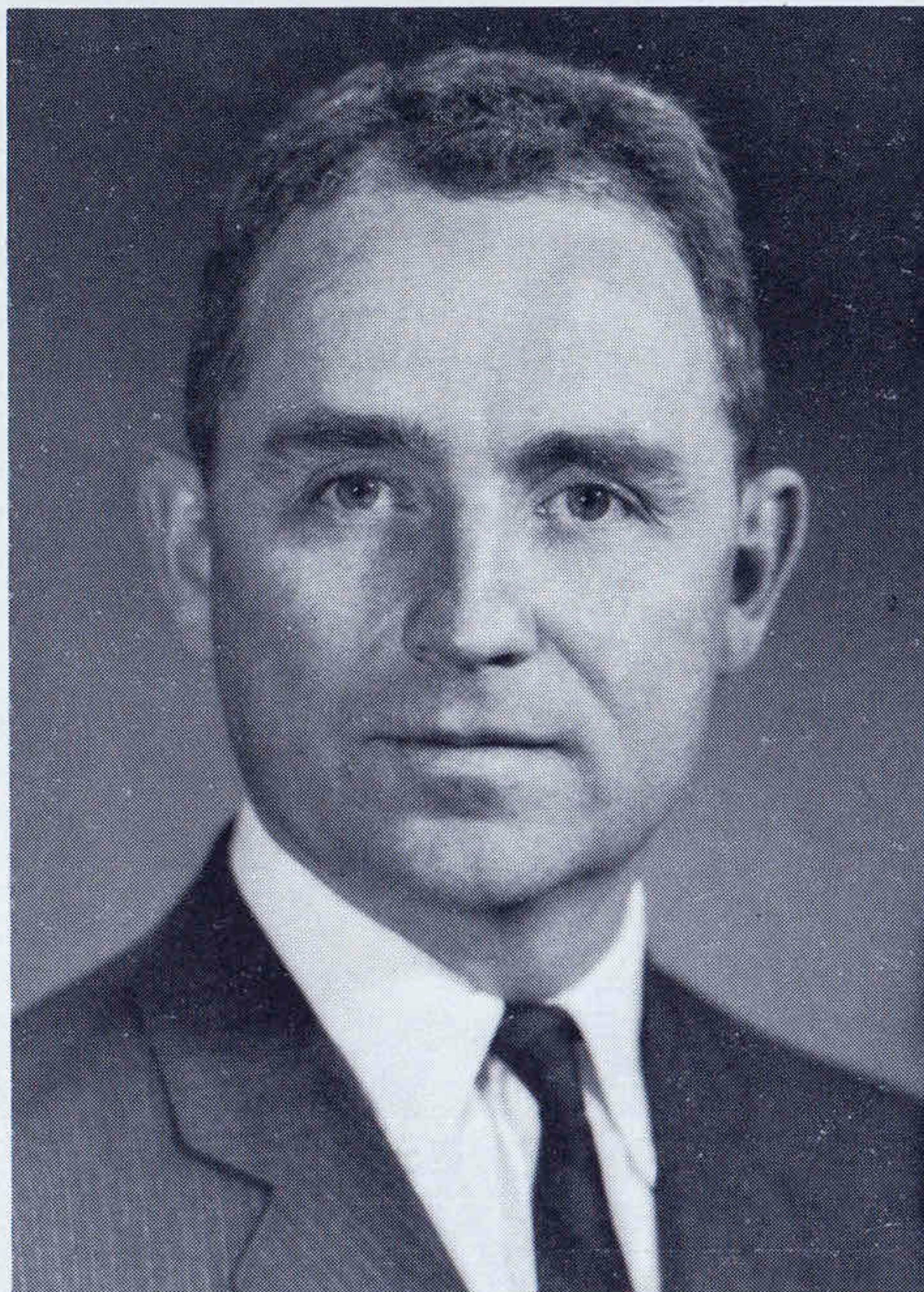
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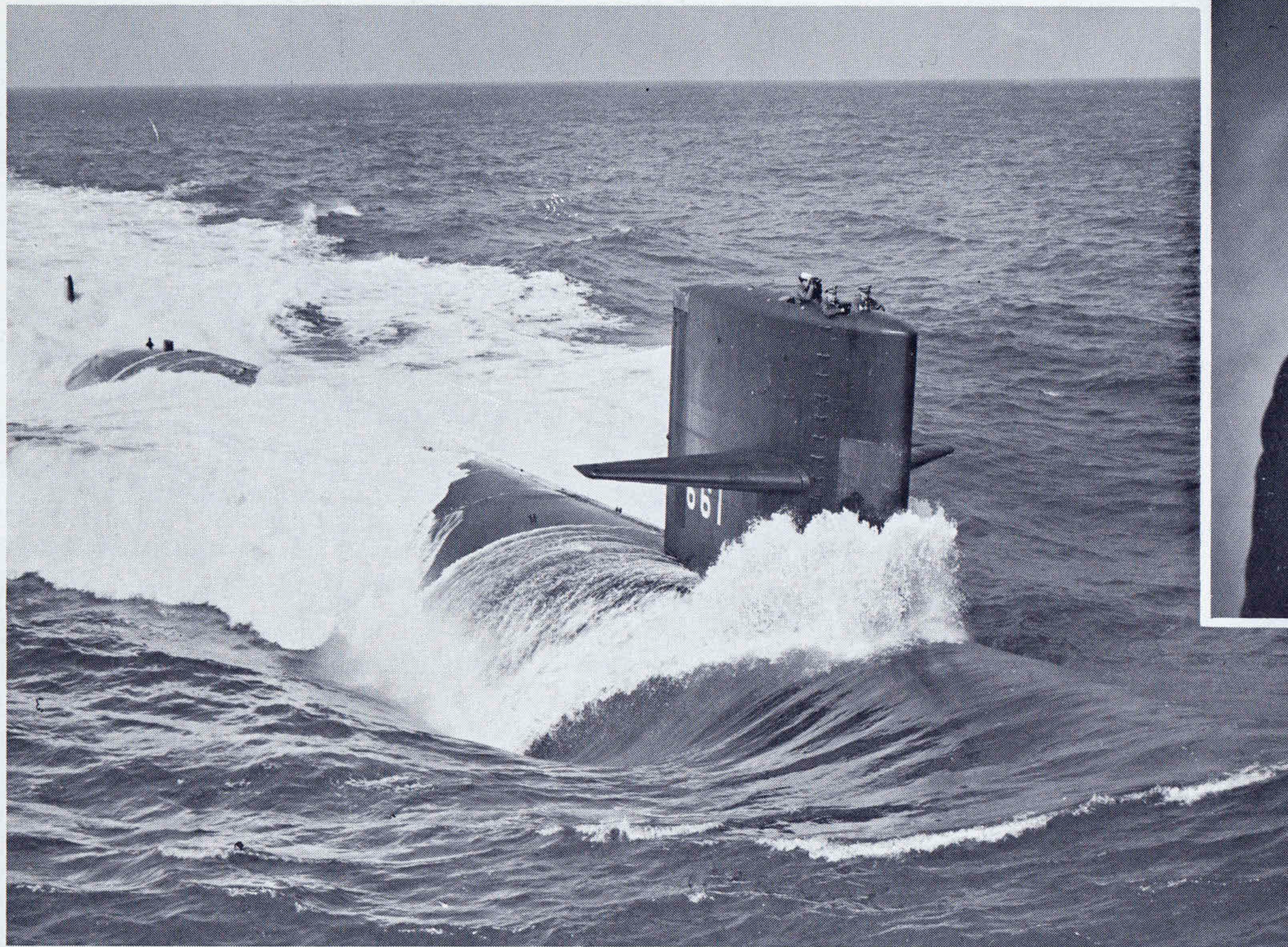
MR. RUSSELL MURRAY II

Russell Murray was born in Woodmere, New York, in 1925. He entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1943, and enlisted in the United States Army Air Force as an aviation cadet after completing his freshman year. In 1946, he returned to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he received the degree of B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering in 1949, and the degree of M.S. in Aeronautical Engineering in 1950.

Upon completion of further graduate study, he joined the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation in the capacity of guided missile flight test engineer. In 1954, he took part in the formation and became the Assistant Chief of Grumman's Operations Analysis Group, which conducted research in such General Purpose Forces areas as tactical strike operations, air defense, and anti-submarine warfare.

Mr. Murray joined the Department of Defense in November 1962 as a consultant. In April 1963, he was appointed Assistant Deputy Comptroller (Systems Analysis) and, in September 1964, Deputy Comptroller for General Purpose Forces, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary (Systems Analysis), Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller). In December 1965, he was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Systems Analysis). In that position, Mr. Murray's responsibilities were in the area of the Department's General Purpose Programs. In August 1967, Mr. Murray was appointed Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Systems Analysis).

At present, Mr. Murray and his wife, the former Sally T. Gardiner, reside with their three children at 213 Wilkes Street, Alexandria, Virginia.



CHESTER M. MACK
COMMANDER, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER

USS LAPON (SSN 661) UNDERWAY

OFFICERS

COMMANDER CHESTER M. MACK, USN
Commanding Officer

LCDR Robert U. Myers	EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LCDR John H. MacKinnon	NAVIGATOR
LT Ralph L. Tindal	ENGINEER OFFICER
LT David C. Morency	MAIN PROPULSION ASST.
LT Jonathan C. Warthin	WEAPONS OFFICER
LT Christopher C. Calligan	SONAR OFFICER
LTJG Hugh R. Adair	DAMAGE CONTROL ASST.
LTJG John B. Mouw	COMMUNICATOR
LTJG William G. Thompson	FIRST LIEUTENANT
LTJG John K. Glenn, Jr.	ELECTRICAL OFFICER
LTJG Ralph E. Fronczkowski	SUPPLY OFFICER

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

Chief of the Boat QMC (SS) John W. Hicks

RMCS (SS) William G. Burchell	EMC (SS) Glenn J. Hanson	ICC (SS) Billie C. Swearingen
STC (SS) Donald E. Coleman	FTGUC (SS) Emrick K. Koslovic	STC (SS) John C. Thomson
MMC (SS) Alton M. Davis	YNC (SS) John W. Pinkerton	YNC (SS) Theodore G. Ward
ETC (SS) John C. Golliday	MMCS (SS) Richard E. Sidle	

ENLISTED PERSONNEL

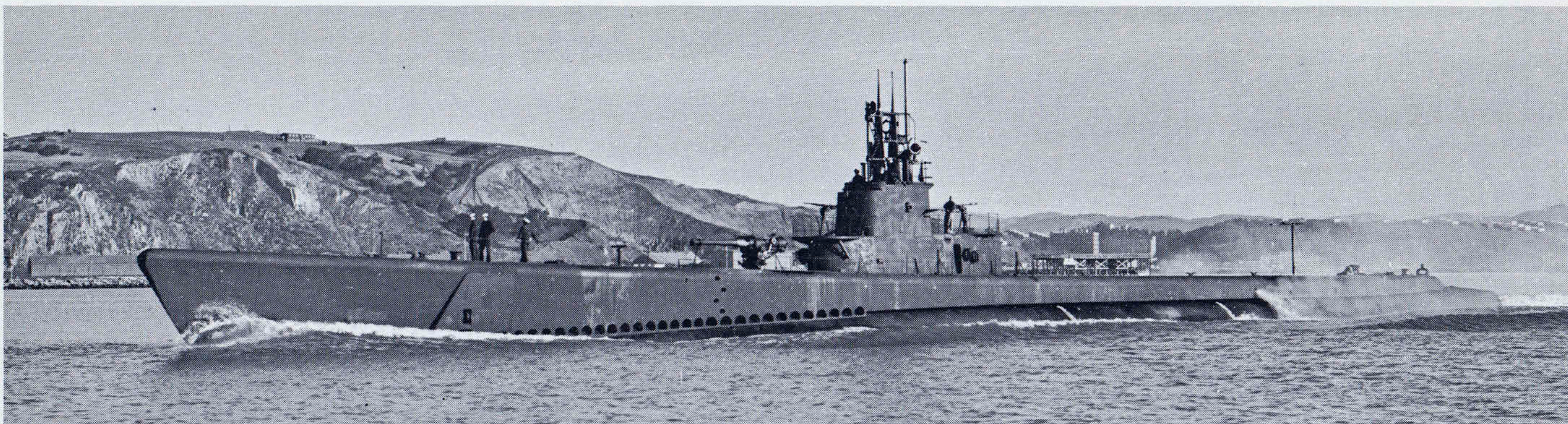
Andresen, Steven Lynn, CS2	Boley, Bobby Eugene, RM1	Burton, Benjamin Franklin, MM1 (SS)
Barber, Ralph Charles, YN2 (SS)	Brodeur, David Thomas, SN	Carbullido, Edward Chaco, SD2 (SS)
Beasley, Philip Ward, EM1 (SS)	Bufis, John Joseph, EM1 (SS)	Carlsten, Arthur William Jr., EM1 (SS)

ENLISTED PERSONNEL (Cont'd)

Carlton, James Edwin, QM3 (SS)
 Casebolt, Jimmy Duane, ETN2 (SS)
 Clark, David Lester, QM1 (SS)
 Coburn, Ronald Curtis, MM1 (SS)
 Cota, Richard Joseph, MM2 (SS)
 Davis, Charles Wayne, SN
 Dawson, Millard Esmond III, ETN2 (SS)
 Dilworth, William Lamar, MM2 (SS)
 Douglas, Robert Eugene, ETN2
 Driscoll, Steven Lynn, MM2
 Drummond, Ronald Charles, MM1 (SS)
 Dye, Karl Ray, MM1 (SS)
 Dykeman, Darold Lon, EM2
 Francia, Anthony Albert, ET1 (SS)
 Grenade, Chester Donald Jr., FTG2 (SS)
 Grill, James Edward, MM1 (SS)
 Hayes, Charles Bonaventure, CS1 (SS)
 Hedinger, Daniel Lee, HM1
 Hess, Frederick Francis, MM2 (SS)
 Hooley, Eldon Laverne, EN1 (SS)
 Johnson, Kenneth Bradley, MM2 (SS)
 Johnson, Thomas Carroll, ET1 (SS)
 Jones, Howard Lee, EM1 (SS)
 Jones, Stephen McLeod, QM3
 Jordan, William Rodney, MM2

Kendall, George Oswald III, SKSN
 Kerr, Thomas Henry, ET1
 Kennamer, Oliver William, IC1 (SS)
 Ketola, Charles William, ETN2
 Kimmel, Dennis Edward, MM2
 Kolenich, Roger Colvin, MM2
 Lascelle, Paul Roger, STS3
 Lefave, William Thomas, ETN3
 Lockwood, Ronald Gary, IC2 (SS)
 Loftin, Burtis Wayne, TM2 (SS)
 Mauras, Marcus Clayton, TM2 (SS)
 McGuirk, Ernest Eugene, CS2 (SS)
 Mitchell, Peter William, RM3
 Mojica, Rogelio Saria, SD3 (SS)
 Mosher, James Thomas, QM2
 Nichols, Marvin Dale, SN
 Noonan, James Francis, RM3
 Ondriska, George, MM2
 Palombella, Frank Anthony Jr., STS2 (SS)
 Pearce, Bobby Ray, ET1 (SS)
 Perry, Dean Bradley, ET1 (SS)
 Petterson, Charles Alan, MM2 (SS)
 Peau, Mervin Edwin, IC2 (SS)
 Reeves, Thomas Allan, MM2
 Salisbury, Donald William Jr., STS2 (SS)
 Scherr, John Rittenhouse, ET1 (SS)

Scholtens, William Royce, ETR2 (SS)
 Selby, Don Lee, FN
 Sironen, Larry Duane, TM3
 Slocum, Charles Alfred, SK1 (SS)
 Sowers, Clarence Elza, MM2
 Sparks, James Richard, FN
 Steele, Roland "C", TM1 (SS)
 Sudduth, Gail Riley, TM2 (SS)
 Sutherin, John Paul, MM1 (SS)
 Talbot, John Philip, SN
 Taylor, Hugh Bently, ETN2
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 Taylor, Julius Raymond, MM3
 Thompson, Kenneth Dean, EM2
 Venable, Jerry Dewane, FN
 Warnick, Ronald Thomas, ET1 (SS)
 Weaver, Earnest Lee, SD2 (SS)
 Wesolowski, Richard Dean, STS2 (SS)
 Westover, Stanley Gale, IC1 (SS)
 Whalen, Thomas Joseph, MM2 (SS)
 Whittemore, William Douglas, ST1 (SS)
 Winzenried, Joseph Howard, IC1 (SS)
 Worrell, John Peterson, IC2
 Yates, David Robert, EN1 (SS)
 Zieverink, Raymond David, STS3



HISTORY OF USS LAPON (SS-260)

The first LAPON (SS-260) was commissioned on January 23, 1943. She had an overall length of 311 feet and could carry 24 torpedoes.

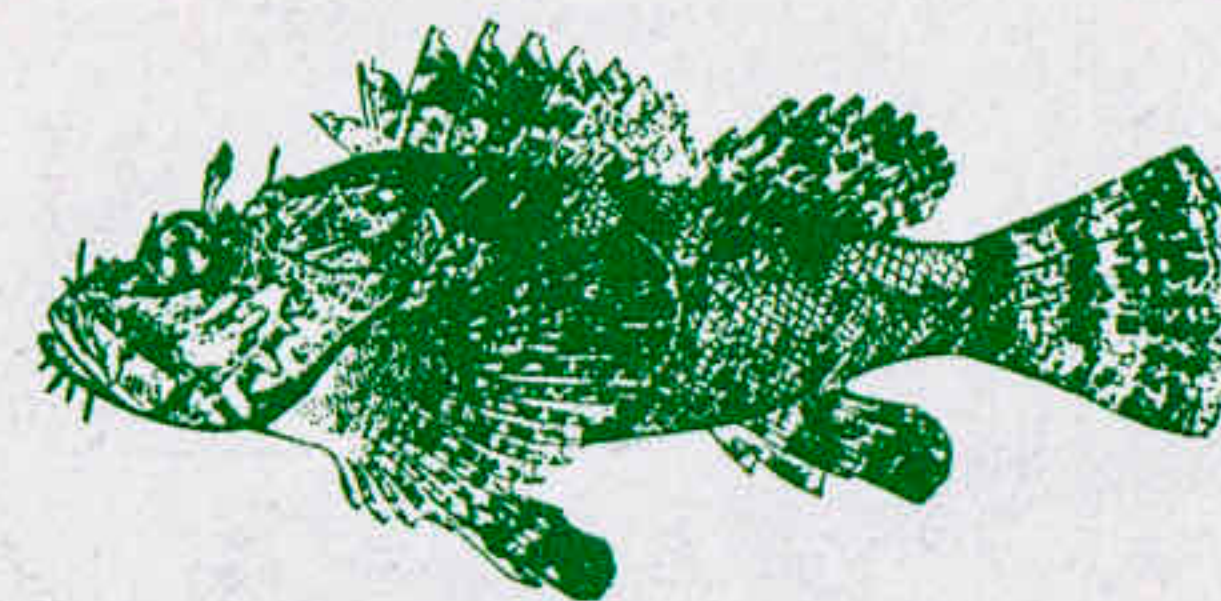
During her service with the Pacific Submarine Force, she made eight war patrols and sank 11 Japanese ships of a total gross displacement of 53,443 tons. On her first patrol, after braving reefs, dodging mine fields and avoiding possible radar contacts, the LAPON was among the first to prove that United States submarines could successfully invade the Sea of Japan. Her illustrious service during the Second World War earned her six battle stars and four Navy Unit Commenda-

tions. The first LAPON was decommissioned on July 25, 1946, and placed in the Reserve Fleet.

LAPON was subsequently reactivated on March 27, 1957, and refitted and modernized for loan to Greece under the terms of the Military Assistance Program. Today, this proud and venerable ship serves the Royal Hellenic Navy as POSEIDON (Y-16).

On March 22, 1965, her name was canceled from the records to permit its being assigned to the new LAPON (SSN 661).

Autographs



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