



**USS MONTICELLO**

**LSD 35**

**COMMISSIONING  
CEREMONY**

**29 March 1957**

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# USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35)

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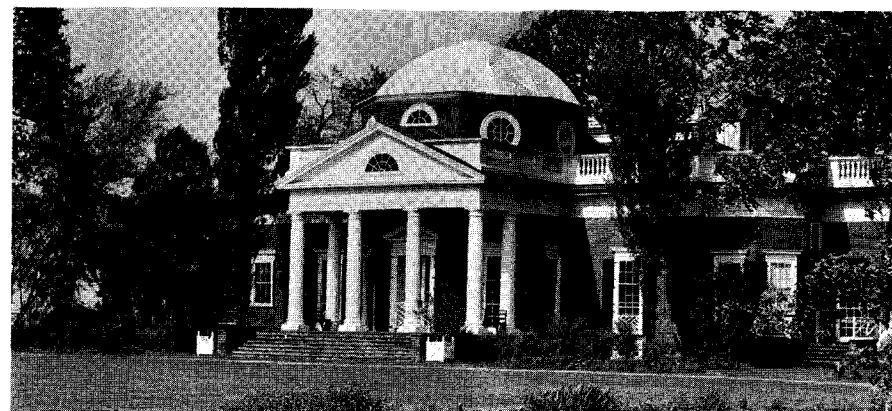
**INGALLS SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION**  
PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI

## — STATISTICS —

KEEL LAID ..... 6 June 1955  
LAUNCHED ..... 10 August 1956  
SPONSOR ..... Mrs. Harry R. Sheppard  
COMMISSIONED ..... 29 March 1957  
LENGTH—OVERALL ..... 510 Ft.  
BEAM ..... 85 Ft.  
DRAFT ..... 17-34 Ft.  
LIGHT DISPLACEMENT ..... 6880 Tons  
LOAD DISPLACEMENT ..... 12100 Tons  
SHIP'S COMPANY ..... 15 Officers and 280 Enlisted  
ARMAMENT ..... 8 Mounts Twin 3" plus 10 Mounts Twin 20 MM  
SHAFT HORSEPOWER ..... 24000 H. P.  
SPEED ..... In Excess of 23 Kts  
DOCK WELL ..... 48 Ft. x 395 Ft.

### LANDING CRAFT OR VEHICLE CAPACITY:—

3 LCU's  
or 6 BARC's  
or 20 LCM's  
or 40 LCVP's  
or 56 LVT's  
or 59 DUKW's  
or 90 2½ Ton Trucks  
Plus 4 Helicopters and 4 Ship's Boats



Monticello—the top-of-the-mountain home of Thomas Jefferson from 1770 until his death in 1826, was beautifully and uniquely designed by Jefferson himself. An example of the Classical Revival type of architecture, the mansion is distinguished by many evidences of Jefferson's ingenuity.

There, near Charlottesville, Virginia, at the age of 33, Jefferson lived at the time he phrased The Declaration of Independence. It was also his home when he later directed the purchase of the Louisiana Territory in 1803; promoted the Lewis and Clark expedition, and favored the Embargo Act of 1807.

The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association in 1923 bought and later restored Monticello. Today it is preserved as a national memorial and patriotic shrine.

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USS MONTICELLO is the eighth of eight super Landing Ships Dock, of the THOMASTON (LSD 28-Class) built and being built by The Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation for the United States Navy. It is the third time in Naval history a ship has been named MONTICELLO and, by coincidence, Jefferson was the third President of the United States.

The first ship to carry the name USS steamer MONTICELLO served with the Union Fleet during the Civil War from 1861-65. The USS MONTICELLO (AP-61) was the second vessel so named, the former Italian Passenger Liner SS Conte Grande. As the Monticello, she was a troop transport ship.





DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

My dear Captain Hodgson:

On the occasion of the commissioning of the USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35) as the eighth Landing Ship, Dock built since World War II, it gives me great pleasure and satisfaction to extend my sincerest congratulations to you and your ship's company.

It is your privilege to serve in the newest and one of the finest ships in our Navy. The USS MONTICELLO is named after the home of Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States, author of the Declaration of Independence and one of the great statesmen during the infancy of our nation. Serving in a ship named after the historic home of this great and brilliant man should be an inspiration to all hands.

I am confident that the MONTICELLO will set high standards and maintain them, that it will prove to be an efficient fighting unit of the fleet and that you and your crew will become an unbeatable team in our powerful Amphibious Force.

To each of you I wish good sailing and God's help in the important tasks which you will be called upon to perform.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles S. Thomas*

Captain James T. Hodgson, USN  
Commanding Officer  
USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35)  
c/o Commandant, Sixth Naval District  
U. S. Naval Base  
Charleston, South Carolina



*To the officers and men of the U.S.S. Monticello, with  
best wishes for a successful cruise and in appreciation  
of their loyalty, enthusiasm and hard work for this  
wonderful Navy Force.*

*Orlyth Beach*

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## THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

The commissioning ceremony of a new Navy ship is the official birthday of her naval career. The ceremony involves the acceptance of the ship by the Secretary of the Navy, or his designated representative, as being built to his satisfaction and ready to be commissioned. The ship, having thus become a part of the U. S. Navy, is turned over to the designated representative of the Secretary of the Navy and by his order, is placed in commission. After this order is given, the National Anthem is played as the Commission Pennant and Union Jack are run up simultaneously to the masthead when the Ensign is broken. The Commanding Officer then assumes command of the ship, promulgates the ship's organization and orders, and sets the first watch. A crew of naval officers and men assume responsibility for her safekeeping and for the accomplishment of her naval mission in peace and war, during her commissioned life.

## THE MISSION OF AN LSD

The primary mission of an LSD is to transport combat loaded boats, craft, vehicles and tanks to be landed on early assault waves on enemy beaches. In addition to 350 troop billets, the ship also possesses facilities for accommodating several troop-cargo carrying assault helicopters. She has a capacity for emergency hull damage repairs to landing craft and ships to LSM size, as well as large patrol sea planes. Its armament, electronics, and speed make it the top performer in the Amphibious Forces. Its versatility and efficiency embracing a multitude of amphibious tasks make this class ship very much in demand by the Fleet, the Army, the Marine Corps and the Sea Transportation Service.

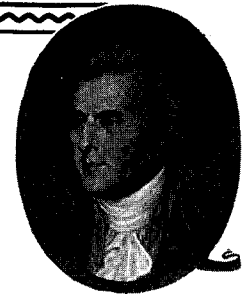
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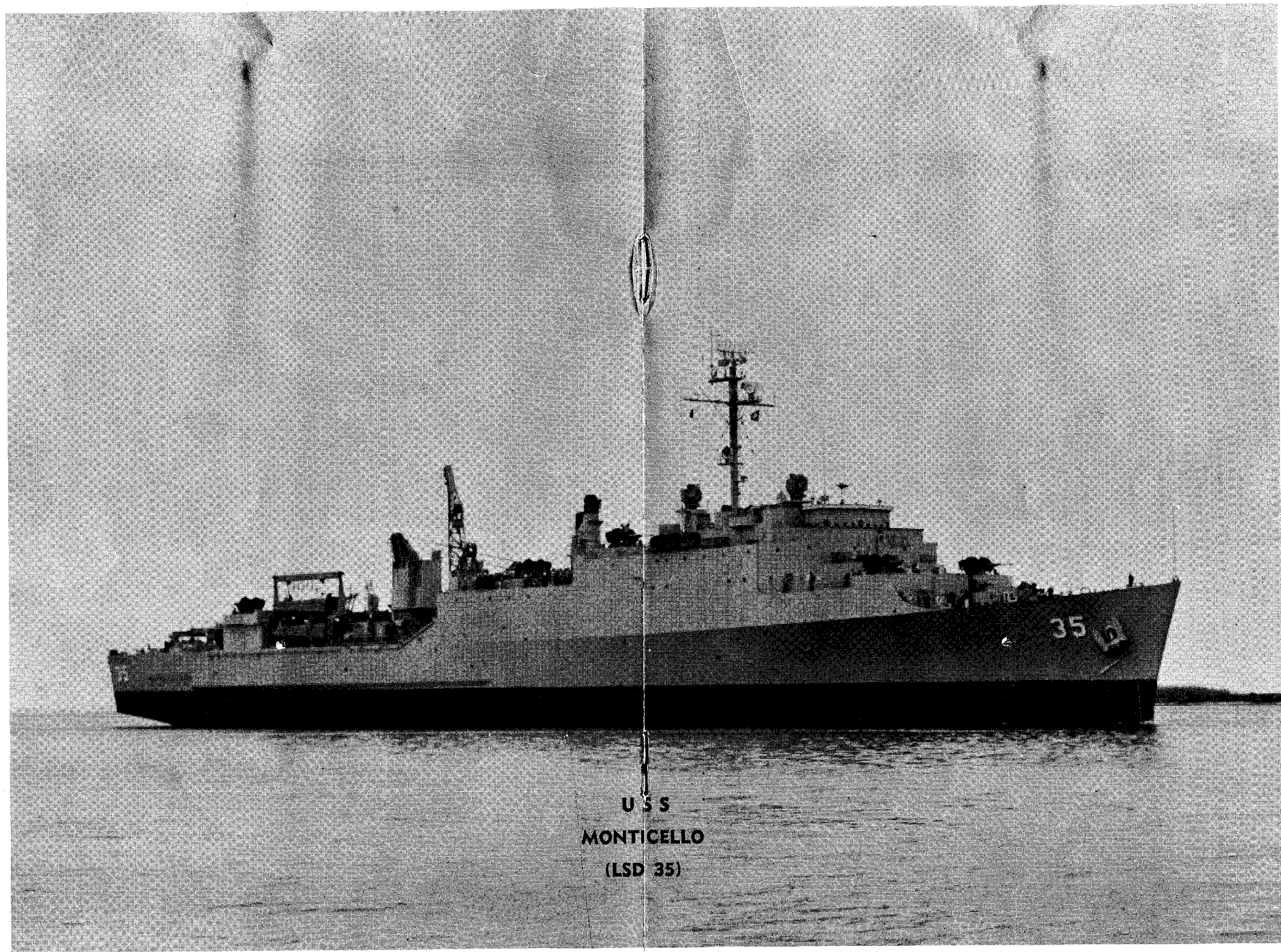
## Commissioning Ceremonies USS MONTICELLO (LSD 35)



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| Band Selections .....  | Washington County High School Band<br>(Mr. Troyce Hoggle—Director)                        |
| Invocation .....   | Rev. Cyril Vlamynck<br>St. John's Episcopal Church  |
| Introduction of Distinguished Guests and<br>Corporation Officials .....  | CAPT H. M. HEISER, USN<br>Supervisor of Shipbuilding, USN and Naval Inspector or Ordnance |
| Reading of Navy Department Order to Commission the<br>USS MONTICELLO (LSD 35) .....                                      | CAPT H. M. Heiser, USN  |
| Commissioning .....  | CAPT H. M. Heiser, USN  |
| (The band plays the National Anthem, and the Ensign is broken.<br>The Commission Pennant and the Jack are hoisted)       |   |
| Reading of the Commanding Officer's Orders .....   | CAPT J. T. Hodson, Jr., USN   |
| Assumption of Command and Activation of<br>Ship's Organization .....   | CAPT J. T. Hodson, Jr., USN   |
| Setting of the First Watch .....   | CDR J. P. Sullivan, USN   |
| Benediction .....  | Rev. Cyril Vlamynck   |
| The Commanding Officer invites the guests to inspect the ship and<br>partake of the Commissioning Cake and Refreshments. |   |
| Band Selections .....  | Washington County High School Band  |

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## REFRESHMENTS

SANDWICHES

ASSORTED OLIVES

PICKLES

CELERY HEARTS

COMMISSIONING CAKE — ICE CREAM

GRAPE PUNCH

COFFEE

WARDROOM

MESS HALL

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## SHIP'S OFFICERS

Captain J. T. Hodgson, Jr. ....Commanding Officer  
Commander J. P. Sullivan .....Executive Officer  
Lieutenant E. W. Nunn (SC) .....Supply Officer  
Lieutenant C. A. Haire .....Engineering Officer  
Lieutenant J. S. Courtney .....First Lieutenant  
Lieutenant W. Y. Brubaker .....Operations Officer  
Lieutenant (junior grade) J. C. Wilson .....Communications Officer  
Lieutenant (junior grade) P. R. Anderson .....Gunnery Officer  
Lieutenant (junior grade) T. E. Irvine .....Navigator  
Ensign J. M. White, Jr. ....Disbursing Officer  
Ensign R. M. Inch .....CIC Officer  
Chief Carpenter W. D. McFarland .....Damage Control Assistant  
Chief Machinist H. A. Storey .....Main Propulsion Assistant  
Chief Electrician R. W. Gilbrook .....Electrical Officer  
Chief Boatswain R. L. Marshall .....Assistant First Lieutenant

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## CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

|                  |     |                      |     |
|------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Alexander, J. D. | BTC | Holliday, L. J., Jr. | HMC |
| Anderson, R. R.  | MMC | Nash, J. D.          | MMC |
| Balla, J., Jr.   | FPC | Pudschun, H. C.      | CSC |
| Bennett, H. C.   | EMC | Ruckman, J. L.       | MMC |
| Cuellar, M. W.   | ICC | Stewart, A. W.       | GMC |
| De Young, H. F.  | YNC | Vandenberg, G.       | BMC |
| Gobel, M. R.     | ENC | Wilson, J. M., Jr.   | FTC |
|                  |     | Wilson, O. E.        | SKC |

## THE COMMISSIONING CREW

|                     |      |                     |      |
|---------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| Abramson, K. R.     | SA   | Booten, S. H.       | BM1  |
| Adkins, R. W.       | FN   | Bounds, A. R.       | MR3  |
| Allen, W. D.        | MMFN | Boyles, E. G.       | QM3  |
| Auck, R. G.         | SA   | Bradford, C. M.     | ET1  |
| Baker, M. D.        | RD2  | Brand, W. H., Jr.   | FA   |
| Bare, M. A.         | EM3  | Braxton, A.         | FN   |
| Barker, A. R.       | FA   | Brearton, J. W.     | MM2  |
| Barker, R. W.       | FP1  | Breaux, E.          | EN2  |
| Barlage, C. K.      | BM2  | Brewer, V. A.       | FN   |
| Barrett, T. L., Jr. | EM3  | Brinley, L. T., Jr. | SA   |
| Barrows, W. K.      | FA   | Brown, A. L.        | BM2  |
| Bartz, V. A.        | YN3  | Brown, A. R.        | SN   |
| Beck, K. K., Jr.    | ENFA | Buboltz, R. D.      | MM3  |
| Beckham, G. H.      | ME3  | Buirch, C. L.       | QM1  |
| Beckman, C. A.      | HM1  | Bursch, L. E.       | GM3  |
| Bell, D. E.         | FN   | Butzin, C. E.       | SN   |
| Berdan, W.          | SM3  | Caballero, M. C.    | TN   |
| Berryman, R. B.     | SN   | Caffee, N. E.       | SN   |
| Betz, C. E., Jr.    | SA   | Campbell, W.        | SN   |
| Bonner, H. V., Jr.  | FN   | Case, W. D.         | MMFA |

## COMMISSIONING CREW (Continued)

|                      |      |                     |      |
|----------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| Cavalier, J. L.      | SN   | Eason, C. R.        | PN2  |
| Chambers, T. F., Jr. | FP1  | Edwards, R. E.      | SN   |
| Chance, E. A.        | DC3  | Edwards, C. F.      | DC1  |
| Charette, W. P.      | ET2  | Elliott, A. D.      | ME2  |
| Christensen, R. J.   | FA   | Elliott, W. T.      | SA   |
| Cipriano, M. J.      | HM3  | Ellis, C. M.        | FT3  |
| Clarkson, J. W.      | SA   | Flowers, R. H., Jr. | SA   |
| Clawson, D. G.       | EMFA | Foster, L. G.       | FA   |
| Clifford, D. C.      | BT2  | Fortier, R. R.      | EMFA |
| Colvin, F. L.        | FA   | Fowler, W.          | SM1  |
| Conley, L. A.        | GM2  | Francisco, D. B.    | FN   |
| Connor, F. W.        | SA   | Frenzier, H. S.     | BM3  |
| Cook, J. B.          | SN   | Gantley, D. C.      | RMSN |
| Coons, J. D.         | EN3  | Gillis, M. E.       | GM1  |
| Cooper, D. R. A.     | DCG3 | Goodson, F. R.      | SN   |
| Corbett, D. L.       | SA   | Gourley, L. G.      | FA   |
| Cornell, L. P.       | SN   | Grandy, R. J.       | SA   |
| Costello, P. R.      | HM2  | Grantet, A. C.      | CS2  |
| Cumino, E. G.        | FTL3 | Grantham, E. B.     | MM3  |
| Cunningham, D. L.    | GM3  | Gray, S. L.         | FP2  |
| Curry, J. W.         | BT2  | Gremme, R. P.       | SA   |
| Curtis, B. D.        | BT3  | Green, J. R.        | RD1  |
| Czuprynski, R. D.    | MM2  | Grosch, H. F.       | BT3  |
| Dail, G. A.          | BM1  | Ground, I.          | BT3  |
| Dalessandro, M. F.   | SA   | Grundruffer, R. L.  | FA   |
| Dandrow, C.          | RM3  | Goodrum, G. R.      | SH2  |
| Daughenbaugh, R. E.  | SA   | Hall, M. J.         | SA   |
| Davis, R. E.         | BT1  | Hamlett, S., III    | EN2  |
| Dean, R. E.          | SN   | Hammond, C. L., Jr. | FT2  |
| Deese, L. R.         | BM2  | Hathaway, W. K.     | SK1  |
| Dennis, J. L.        | EM2  | Hayes, W. R.        | SA   |
| Dillard, J.          | SN   | Hayne, G. H.        | SN   |
| Dioron, J. P.        | PN3  | Henderson, E. J.    | SN   |
| Dover, J. E.         | FA   | Helgeson, G. R.     | FN   |
| Dozier, R. K.        | SN   | Helms, W. L.        | MMFA |
| Ducray, J. K.        | SN   | Henson, C. A., Jr.  | FN   |

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|                      |      |                     |      |
|----------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| Hess, D. G.          | SN   | Lindauer, P. F.     | FA   |
| Hethcox, J. E.       | EM2  | Liwanag, T.         | TN   |
| Hewitt, A.           | SD1  | Liwanag, E. A.      | SD3  |
| Hicks, F. D.         | SN   | Lockett, F. K.      | SN   |
| Hodges, H. F.        | CS1  | Lockhart, H. E.     | SH1  |
| Howard, D. L.        | FN   | Lunderville, R.     | RM1  |
| Hughes, W. R.        | SA   | Maguffin, H. J.     | SH3  |
| Hutchins, P. T.      | SA   | Maloney, R. J.      | FA   |
| Jackson, C. W.       | SN   | Marchbanks, D. G.   | CS2  |
| Jackson, R. H.       | SA   | Markuson, R. F.     | SA   |
| Jasinske, E. P.      | CS2  | Martin, R. C.       | MM3  |
| Johnson, D. I.       | FA   | Mathis, O. L.       | SH3  |
| Johnston, E. D.      | SA   | Mattson, M. W.      | SN   |
| Judge, E. J.         | TEM3 | Mc Conney, R. J.    | SN   |
| Keaton, W. C.        | MM2  | Mc Ghee, W.         | SD3  |
| Kelly, M. B.         | SN   | Miles, J. R.        | SN   |
| Kearney, L. A.       | SA   | Miller, L.          | MM2  |
| Kent, R. C.          | SN   | Miller, S. B.       | MM3  |
| King, A. E.          | FN   | Moore, T. J.        | RD3  |
| King, R. J.          | SM1  | Moran, T. J.        | MRFN |
| Kinsey, D. F.        | MML3 | Mosely, R. J.       | BM3  |
| Kirkley, L.          | SA   | Mucci, J. J.        | ME1  |
| Kirkpatrick, R. E.   | MM3  | Myers, A. W.        | MM2  |
| Kitzmann, W.         | MM1  | Nelson, T. O.       | BT3  |
| Klosowki, R. J., Jr. | FN   | Newell, B. E.       | GM3  |
| Knuth, R. R.         | BTFA | Nicholl, R. E., Jr. | FA   |
| Kuester, D. R.       | SA   | O'Connor, D. R.     | FA   |
| Kumba, P. A.         | SN   | Ohland, W. W.       | FN   |
| Lambeck, H. I.       | SN   | Oliver, T. R.       | RM2  |
| Lamberson, T. A.     | SH3  | Ozene, J. T.        | FN   |
| Lamont, "L" "D"      | EN1  | Parry, H. R.        | MR1  |
| Lane, B. E.          | ET3  | Partlow, L. R.      | FA   |
| Lebakken, L. A.      | SA   | Peters, W., Jr.     | FA   |
| Leon, A.             | DK1  | Piersons, T. L.     | RM5N |
| Light, B., Jr.       | BM3  | Phillips, C. L.     | CS3  |
| Lile, H. C.          | SA   | Plummer, T. L.      | EN3  |

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|                     |      |                      |      |
|---------------------|------|----------------------|------|
| Preston, R. W.      | SA   | Spencer, H. R.       | BM3  |
| Queener, B. C.      | CS1  | Spicher, J. C.       | SN   |
| Ragsch, G. F.       | SA   | Spry, J. W.          | SN   |
| Raffo, M. L.        | EM1  | Strander, T. C.      | SA   |
| Ramsay, J. E., Jr.  | SN   | Stevenson, R. N.     | MM3  |
| Raymond, R. W.      | END3 | Stiles, J. H., Jr.   | SM3  |
| Reed, R. R.         | RDSA | Sullivan, D. J.      | SN   |
| Reppond, S.         | MM3  | Swanson, C. J.       | SN   |
| Rhode, H. B., Jr.   | MM1  | Swisher, L. R.       | SA   |
| Rhodes, C. E.       | SK2  | Taleon, D. D.        | RM1  |
| Ritchie, F. J.      | BT3  | Tauschek, R. J.      | SN   |
| Rethman, V. M.      | DC2  | Taylor, A. L., Jr.   | FA   |
| Rider, M. E.        | RD3  | Tahan, J. D.         | SM3  |
| Roach, D. L.        | ME3  | Thaxton, C. E.       | IC3  |
| Robbins, R. T., Jr. | FA   | Tingler, J. P.       | SN   |
| Roberson, E. B.     | FA   | Tolentino, M. A.     | FN   |
| Rodeen, S. L.       | MM1  | Tucker, L. W.        | SN   |
| Rognstad, E. J.     | FTFN | Tull, R. C.          | MMFN |
| Rose, R. A.         | SA   | Turley, C. H.        | FA   |
| Rose, S. R.         | TN   | Tyner, A. K.         | SA   |
| Russell, H., Jr.    | SA   | Uytingco, G. G.      | SK3  |
| Scheilein, J. W.    | EM2  | Valle, F. D.         | SN   |
| Schermer, M.        | EMFN | Villareal, L. C.     | TN   |
| Scherr, R.          | SN   | Wagley, M. D.        | RD2  |
| Schmutte, D. E.     | SA   | Wandoloski, R. E.    | SN   |
| Semeyn, D. A.       | FN   | Ward, R. D.          | SA   |
| Sewich, M. W.       | SA   | Weise, R. J.         | FA   |
| Shablin, C. B.      | SN   | Willis, A. D., Jr.   | EM3  |
| Sheeley, E. L.      | RDSA | Witt, E. E.          | SN   |
| Shuman, T. R.       | FT1  | Woodson, W. W.       | SN   |
| Slater, B. R.       | SK2  | Wrigglesworth, C. O. | SN   |
| Smith, C. L.        | GM2  | Wright, D. W.        | SA   |
| Smith, F. A.        | BT3  | Wyatt, L.            | SA   |
| Smith, D. K.        | SN   | Younkin, D. L.       | FN   |
| Sorensen, W. R.     | FN   | Zagurski, G. E.      | QM3  |
| Soyars, W. C.       | SK2  |                      |      |



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