

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

UNITED STATES SHIP RANDOLPH (CV15)

Monday 9 October 1944.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

14-16

Moored starboard side to berth 2 Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia, with 7 wire and 5 manila lines, receiving fresh water and telephone service from the dock. Boilers #1 and #5 in use for auxiliary purposes. At 1400 the crew was mustered at quarters on the flight deck and in the presence of Vice Admiral H. F. Leary, USN, Captain W. D. Brereton, USN, and guests of the officers and crew of the ship, commissioning ceremonies were conducted as follows: A brief address by Mr. J. B. Woodward of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company at which time he tendered the ship to the Navy; acceptance of the ship for the Navy by Captain W. D. Brereton, USN. Upon acceptance of the ship, Captain W. D. Brereton, USN, directed Captain F. L. Baker, USN, to place the ship in commission. The national anthem was played and colors and commission pennant broken. The marine guard then presented arms, three ruffles and flourishes were sounded, the Admiral's March was played by the band, and the commission pennant was lowered simultaneously with the breaking of the flag of Vice Admiral H. F. Leary, USN. The chaplain then gave the invocation. Captain W. D. Brereton, USN, made a brief address and turned the ship over to Captain F. L. BAKER, USN, who then read his orders, BuPers Serial Pers-3160-MZ-5 dated 20 June 1944 and accepted the ship. The watch was set. The Captain introduced Vice Admiral H. F. Leary, USN, who awarded medals and citations as follows: To Holloway, C. J. Jr., RdMLc, Presidential Unit Citation; Lopez, J. F. Jr., CM2c, Commendation Ribbon; Venker, F. H., MM3c, Navy and Marine Corps Medal. The Captain addressed the crew and upon completion of his address, directed the Executive Officer to pipe down, concluding the ceremonies. Following the ceremonies, a repast was served for guests of the officers and the crew. At 1425, Vice Admiral H. F. Leary, USN, left the ship, his flag was lowered and the commission pennant broken.

Paul P. Blackburn, Jr.
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Commander, U. S. Navy

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Moored as before. 1645 - Pursuant to P.C.O. letter of 18 September 1944, STEVENS, L. A., CAM(T), USN, 368 19 90, reported aboard for duty in charge of the following named men: HUTCHINGS, J. S., AM2c, V6 USNR, 706 21 72; MC CUTCHEON, B. E., Slc, USN, 311 70 71; TIPTON, W. C. Jr., AM2c, V6 USNR, 636 29 72; and YANOFSKY, R., AM3c, V6 USNR, 826 29 72. (Bags, hammocks, and records in their possession). 1830 - USS CORE, CVE-13, stood up the channel and passed close aboard to port.

G. H. Whisler
G. H. WHISLER
Lieutenant, USN

20-24

Moored as before.

O. A. Wyman
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Lieut(jg) USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

Felix L. Baker
FELIX L. BAKER, Captain U. S. N. COMMANDING.

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