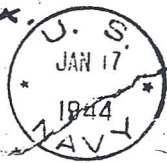


The Commanding Officer, Officers and Crew
request the honour of the presence of
Mrs & Mrs Walter Fisher
at the commissioning of the
U. S. S. Walke
at the Navy Yard, Boston, Massachusetts
on Friday, the twenty-first of January
nineteen hundred and forty-four
at three o'clock

Please present this card
at the Main Gate

No cameras allowed

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Mrs & Mrs Walter Fisher
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Navy Memorial

SKCS William Carson, Jr.
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Providence, RI
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Dear Ray:

Received your material regarding USS Walke. I must say it was outstanding. I was in the first of seven men to go to Bath in November of 1943 to help the USS Walke in readiness for her Commissioning in Jan 1944.

The following to the best of my knowledge were in the first pre-com detail

Rosenbaum WTIC (Rosey)
Sanborn CMI (Sandy)
Gracetta EMI (Gracie)
Carson SKI (Stover)
McPherson SFI (Mac)
Chief Petty Officer LYNCH

(We met Commander Zahm in Bath Maine in the snow.

Later I went to Boston Shepard and met my Supply Officer ENSIGN ALLEN STINGFIELD the only help I had there was a young Seaman James Bocco. I later met a fine SK3 Glen Ketch.

I saved the original ² Commissioning Invitation which I sent to my Aunt & Uncle Walter Fisher, who saved it with other wartime writings of Prairie AD15 and USS Walke DD723. From the USS Walke in June of 44 I was transferred to the 10th Amphibious Force and sent to the Cherbourg Port Area.

Al Mellett BMI and most of the 1st Class aboard Gracie, Sandy, Shu Shu Baby Hopps YMI all pulled liberty in Jackie Cafe in Charlestown Mass.

It was ironic that later on in my career I was Senior Chief Stoverhead on USS DAVIS 937, and seen the Medal of Honor and Edw Davis Picture in the Crews Mess.

I am sending along the Commissioning Invite with the original letter addressed for your keep sake of the USS Walke.

As soon as you let me know, I will send dues to the Walke Organization

Fellow Shipmate
Bill Carson - SKCS
Retired USN.