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PREFACE

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And, for those who served our country during World War II, we say "THANK YOU"

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TEAM TWENTY-FIVE

Underwater Demolition Team TWENTY-FIVE began training as a team in October of 1944. In spite of the fact that increased physical requirements necessitated the dropping of many veterans because of minor physical defects or because of age limitations, the team still had a nucleus of three officers and thirty men just returned from the most hazardous of all demolition operations, Omaha Beach in Normandy. Lieutenant Walter COOPER, one of these three officers, was appointed as Commanding Officer of the team.

Upon completion of the Fort Pierce phase of the training, Team TWENTY-FIVE received the customary ten days delay en route before having to report to San Bruno, California. Loading its equipment aboard the U.S.S. METEOR, the team arrived at Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. on 16 March 1945. An LSM transported the unit from there to the Demolition Base on Maui, T.H. Here the team entered into its advanced training.

Team TWENTY-FIVE's four month sojourn on this island was terminated with orders to depart for Oceanside, California on 21 July to partake in the cold water program there. Japanese offers to capitulate brought an abrupt end to this proposed training, and Team TWENTY-FIVE, as most other teams, hastily departed for Pearl Harbor aboard the U.S.S. KNUDSON (APD-101). The orders were to join the THIRD Fleet which was on its way to Tokyo Bay.

As a unit of the FIRST Division of the Underwater Demolition Squadrons, which was prepared to make a reconnaissance in the Sagami Wan area, an adjunct of Tokyo Bay, APD-101 left Pearl Harbor on 24 August. On the eve of arrival at the destination, however, a dispatch from Admiral HALSEY belayed this operation. On 4 September the APD (101) dropped anchor off the Yokosuka Naval Base, where Lieutenant COOPER was informed that Underwater Demolition Teams EIGHTEEN and TWENTY-ONE had been assigned all work in that area. The team, consequently, had the opportunity to go ashore to see Yokosuka and Yokohama.

On 20 September the APD 101 received orders to act as OTC in proceeding to

Guam with APD 106 and APD 107. There the ship took as much demolition gear as it could, after which she left for San Diego, California with Commander D.L. KAUFFMAN aboard, who was to be in charge of organizing the permanent Underwater Demolition Base at the Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, California. Disembarking there on 11 October, Team TWENTY-FIVE was assigned to aid Commander KAUFFMAN in this task. On 13 November 1945, the team was decommissioned.

<p style="text-align: center;">MUSTER LIST OF OFFICERS UNDERWATER DEMOLITION TEAM TWENTY-FIVE</p>

Ensign ARVESON
 Ensign BRADY
 Ensign CATES
 Lieutenant (jg) COOPER
 Ensign DABBS
 Ensign HARTFIELD
 Ensign LANDIS
 Lieutenant (jg) MORRISEY
 Ensign PALMOWSKI
 Ensign SCHMIDT
 Ensign SQUIRE

<p style="text-align: center;">MUSTER LIST OF ENLISTED MEN UNDERWATER DEMOLITION TEAM TWENTY-FIVE</p>

MARKHAM, J.H.	CGM	HALL, C.T.	GM1c
PATRICK, J.C.	GM2c	DIMARTINO, J.P.	S1c
CICERONE, W.W.	S1c	COTTRELE, J.S.	S1c
STAUDER, K.	S1c	BROWN, J.M.	Cox
DORASH, L.S.	S1c	GERNON, G.O.	S1c
JOHNSON, L.H.	S1c	COOMBS, R.H.	S1c
COGAN, W.D.	F1c	DUBROC, J.J.	BM1c
LUTTRELL, G.P.	MoMM3c	DANIELS, R.E.	S1c
MULDER, L.E.	F1c	VEREEOEKE, W.J.	S1c
BORIS, E.J.	PhM1c	MORELAND, J.H.	RT3c
WALTERS, L.J.	Y3c	CURLEY, E.R.	SC1c
SHAFFER, J.H.	CpHM	STROOP, W.T.	PHoM2c

COLLINS, D.S.	StM1c	WILKLESTEIN, H.M.	SC2c
CHOFFIN, J.W.	GM3c	HILL, C.W.	
BOWREN, W.F.	GM2c	HODGKINS, C.W.	GM3c
ANDERSON, R.M.	GM3c	ZIMMERS, J.M.	GM3c
DOWNIE, N.W.	GM3c	HOPPER, C.J.	GM3c
PALMOSKI, J.A.	GM3c	McCRANIE, H.I.	F1c
BLAIR, J.H.	S1c	GRADY, R.	GM3c
BOWMAN, R.	BM2c	MARTIN, D.A.	F1c
MASSALONE, A.V.	S1c	McCASLIN, L.B.	S1c
CALDWELL, J.E.	GM3c	DARCY, F.Y.	CGM
DRACZ, S	GM1c	KIRKPATRICK, D.	MoMM2c
LEDIEN, H.R.	EM1c	CHANDLER, R.J.	MM1c
OSBOURNE, R.E.	S1c	PITTS, J.C.	S2c
ROSS, R.E.	S2c	ROY, E.E.	F2c
SIMMONS, R.W.	GM3c	PRIVETT, J.C.	S2c
PETRONZIO, D.	S2c	KENYOU, J.R.	F2c
HESLIN, J.L.	F2c	CARY, W.L.	S2c
GOLD, J.F.	SC1c	WALCZAK, L.U.	MoMM3c
McKINNLEY, J.B.	MoMM2c	VAUGHN, W.M.	Cox
BRANTLEY, R.V.	GM2c	MEHRLE, W.R.	S1c
FRANK, R.V.	S1c	HARVEY, W.W.	CM3c
SNODGRASS, D.E.	S1c	GIBBS, L.D.	CM1c
DOYLE, M.C.	S1c	MEYER, M.	MM2c
JAYCOX, W.R.	S1c	SCARPITTI, S.	S1c
DOMBROSKI, M.J.	S1c	KEELING, P.R.	MoMM2c
ENGLES, R.R.	GM2c	LEE, W.H.	S1c
LEE, R.E.	S1c	ROGERS, L.W.	S1c
WILLIAMS, B.C.	S1c	ROBERTS, J.J.	S1c
FRANKLIN, R.J.	S1c	LEBLANC, F.L.	S1c
SULLIVAN, M.J.	F1c	SEARY, R.S.	F1c
HARDY, J.C.	GM3c	MORGAN, G.E.	S1c
WATKINS, J.D.	S1c	SEAL, F.I.	S1c