

S.S. Golden Bear, was built 1945 at Kaiser Yards, Providence, R. I., 7000 tons. As the S.S. Mellena, she served in the war in the Pacific as a troop transport for the U. S. Navy. She was rechristened by Virginia Warren.

# California Maritime Academy Triple Ceremonies

Saturday, September 7, will long be remembered as one of the greatest days in the 16 years of the Academy's history. The triple-treat observance that day included the rechristening of the Training Ship Golden Bear, followed by the dedication of the memorial gymnasium, and completed by the graduation ceremonies of the class of September, 1946.

The Honorable Earl Warren, Governor of California, addressed the assemblage at the graduation exercises; Rear Admiral D. B. Beary, USN, Commandant of the 12th Naval District, welcomed the graduates into the services as well as Commodore Norman L. Owen of the U. S. Maritime Service, head of the training organization of the War Shipping Administration.

## The Rechristening of the Training Ship

The christening of the new training ship, formerly the USS Mellena, AKA 32, took place with an assembly on the forecastle of the ship. The Superintendent of the Academy, Captain Claude B. Mayo, USN, presented the official guests, including Governor Warren, Admiral Knight, Admiral Beary, Commodore Queen and the sponsor, Miss Virginia Warren. After the invocation of

ferred by Captain W. H. Rafferty, USN, Chaplain of the Mare Island Navy Yard, the crash of champagne against the hull, rechristened the Mellena as California Training Ship, Golden Bear.

## Dedication of the Memorial Gymnasium

The memorial gymnasium, which houses the newly completed swimming pool in one wing, was begun at graduation last year, when the cornerstone was laid by Captain Mayo, Admiral Tisdale, and General Hansen. At that time the names of those men who had given their lives in World War II were inscribed on metal plates and placed

in a vault within the cornerstone. This graduation saw the completion of the memorial ceremony as Edward Johannessen, president of the Alumni Association, read off the honor roll of fellow alumni of his who will never again grace the Academy with their honored presence. Then the memorial plaque was unveiled and the chaplain pronounced benediction.

## Graduation Exercises

The traditional processional marked the opening of the graduation ceremonies, followed by an offering of the Midshipmen Chorus under the direction of Kenneth Dick. After Invocation by Captain Rafferty, was an address of welcome by Captain J. E. Brenner, USN, member of the Board of Governors of the Academy. Governor Warren was the guest speaker and offered the graduates "Godspeed from the State of California," followed by an address by Roy E. Simpson, director of Education. Then came the welcoming to the services by Rear Admiral Beary and Commodore Queen, after which A. E. Stowe, operating manager of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company welcomed the Class of '46 to the shipping world, followed by a response by Midshipman Captain William F. Schill and Midshipman Chief Engineer Denny McLeod. Capt. Henry Blackstone, chairman of the Board of Governors, and Commodore Queen pre-





## Superintendents of Two Merchant Marine Schools



Captain Malcolm E. Grossman, USMS, superintendent of U. S. Maritime Service Training Station, Alameda, California, was the speaker of the day at the opening of the Harbor Day Exhibit at the Ferry Building in San Francisco.



Captain Claude B. Mayo, USN (Retired), superintendent of California Maritime Academy, Vallejo, California, addressing the Class of '46.

sented the licenses, commissions and diplomas to the class.

The program was brought to a close by the Superintendent, Captain Mayo, with "Salute and Farewell" to the graduates.

### Graduation Ball

California Maritime Academy graduates of the class of September 7, 1946, held their formal graduation dance on the evening of September 6, at the Berkeley Tennis Club. Special decorations in keeping with the realm of Neptunus Rex adorned the dance hall.

A reception line composed of Cadet-Midshipman Captain William F. Schill and Cadet-Midshipman Chief Engineer Denny A. McLeod, with class officers and their ladies greeted the guests. Many of the young ladies who were escorted by the cadet-midshipmen came from various parts of California to attend the Academy's formal ball of the season.

Refreshments were served and music was furnished by Murry Peterson's Orchestra. Many distinguished guests and friends of the Academy were in attendance.

The dance committee was headed by Cadet-Midshipmen Rushton O. Backer and Richard A. Valentine.

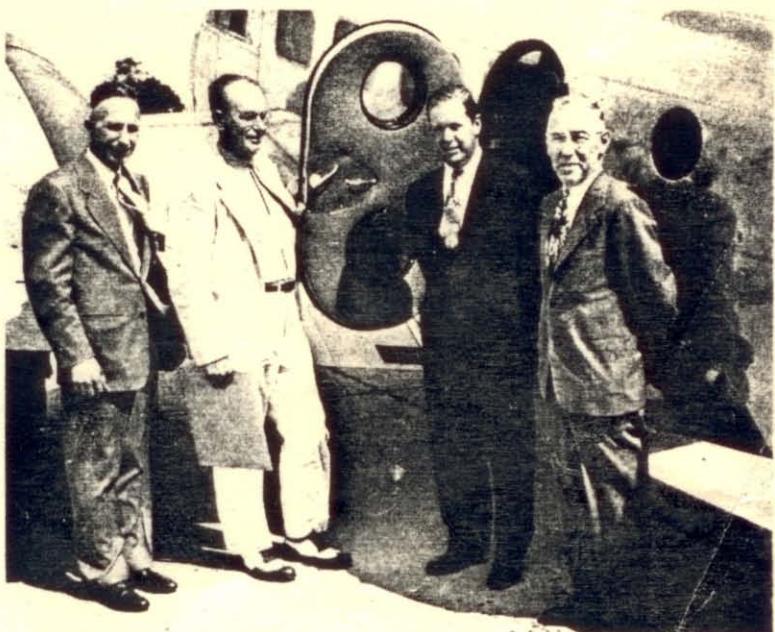
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