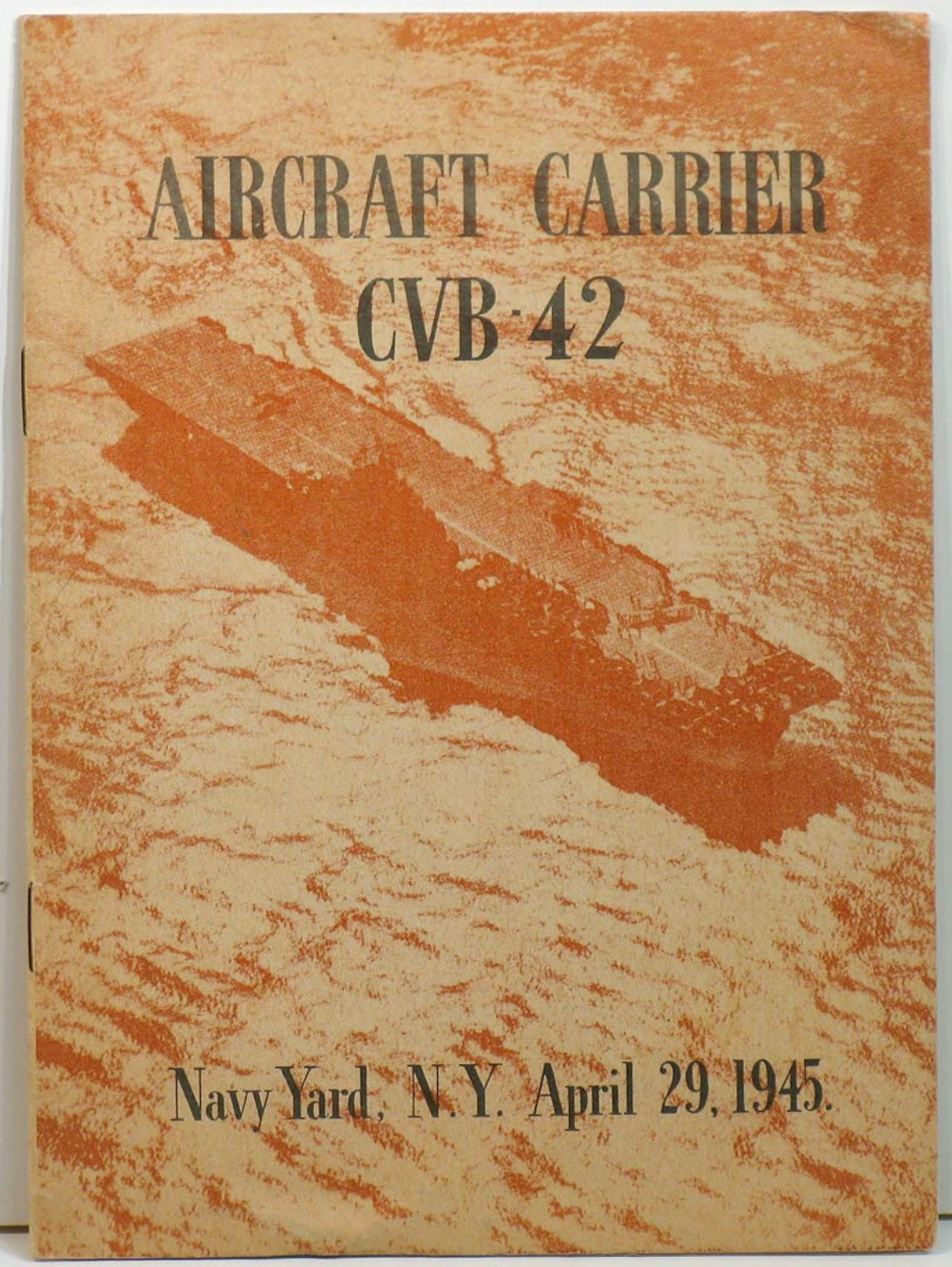


AIRCRAFT CARRIER CVB-42



Navy Yard, N.Y. April 29, 1945.

CHRISTENING
OF THE
AIRCRAFT CARRIER CVB-42

United States Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N. Y.

April 29, 1945



PROGRAM

Music by Navy Yard Band

National Anthem

Invocation by Navy Yard Chaplain

Address by Rear Admiral F. A. Daubin, U.S.N.
Commandant of Navy Yard

Introduction of Sponsor

Address by the Secretary of the Navy
The Honorable James Forrestal

Christening of Vessel by Sponsor

THE SPONSOR

MRS. JOHN H. TOWERS is the wife of Vice Admiral John H. Towers, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet. Admiral Towers was Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics when the CVB-42 was planned as an aircraft carrier.

Born and educated in France, Mrs. Towers graduated from Sorbonne and holds a degree from Oxford. Always interested in aviation, she won her pilot's license six years ago.

Admiral Tower's son is now at Corpus Christi, Texas, training for combat aviation. His daughter is a flier and is the wife of Commander H. D. Riley, now at sea with the Fleet.

For the past two years Mrs. Towers has worked in an aircraft plant in Southern California while Admiral Towers is at sea.

MATRONS OF HONOR

Mrs. W. J. Millican

Mrs. M. A. Nation

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THE standard tonnage of the CVB-42 is 45,000 tons and she will carry more than eighty twin-engine planes and a complement of some 3,000 officers and men. She is safeguarded by heavy armor and intricate watertight compartments and will mount guns up to five inches.

The second ship of a new class, the CVB-42 represents the fastest, largest and mightiest of aircraft carriers in the world.