



**USS Tripoli Commissioning in October of 1943**

Chaplain O. E. Sporrer is pictured above at the Commissioning Ceremonies of the Tripoli, at Astoria, Oregon, on October 31, 1943. Chaplain Sporrer also served as Editor of the "Tripoli Tripe" newspaper aboard the "T" and wrote a column called "Padre's Patter". The first issue of the Tripoli Tripe was published on August 14, 1943. Photo provided by shipmate Willard Gosnell.

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**Submarine Pens at St. Nazaire**

The tripoli visited St. Nazaire, France a number of times during the 50's. The Submarine Pens were an impressive sight as the "T" entered the harbor. The photo, above, taken during WWII, shows the opening of the Sub-Pen facility in a ceremony conducted by German Vice-Admiral Donitz on June 30, 1941.

Answers to Navy Rate questions on page 4.

- (1) Ship's Serviceman
- (2) Storekeeper
- (3) Signalman
- (4) Yeoman

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