



FS Commandant Blaison



Light Frigate

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

D'Estienne d'Orves class

Length: 80,5 m

Beam: 10,3 m

Draft: 5,m

Displacement : 1300t

Speed : 22 kts

Propulsive power: 2 diesel engines,
6000HP each



OVERVIEW

The FS « Commandant Blaison » is a light frigate of the French Navy Type A69, also known as «d'Estiennes d'Orves »-class. It is the thirteenth unit of this class, commissioned in 1981. These frigates primarily carry out antisubmarine warfare in shallow waters, task force escort ship and most recently used as ocean patrol vessels. All the A69 class ships got their names from World War II heroes. Louis Blaison was born in 1906. He entered Ecole navale in 1925, then has been successively assigned on board 4 French submarines. He commanded the Sybille in 1938. In 1940, he joined the Free French Naval Forces (FNFL) and was in charge of the recommissioning of submarine Surcouf, the largest submarine of the moment. He was commissioned as commander of this unit in October 1941. In charge of the Atlantic convoy protection, he was granted testimony of satisfaction. On February 19th 1942 he was lost at sea with his crew during a mission in Caribbean sea.

The FS « Commandant Blaison » is used in escorting of French SSBN and in various surveillance roles, including counter terrorism or anti-piracy in Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea. In May 3rd 2017, FS "Commandant Blaison" joined EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA.



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