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INVOCATION

LIEUTENANT (JG) SAMUEL C. BASS, CHC, U. S. NAVAL RESERVE

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GUEST SPEAKER

CAPTAIN WILLIAM H. PEERENBOOM, U. S. NAVY

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PRESENTATION OF UNIT AWARDS

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COMMANDING OFFICER'S REMARKS

COMMANDER RICHARD H. SCHMIDT, U. S. NAVY

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RETIRE THE COLORS

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SECURE THE WATCH

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PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

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OFFICIAL PARTY DEPARTS

COMMANDING OFFICERS

CDR C. B. ANDERSON
MARCH 1958 - JULY 1959

CDR J. C. HILL III
JULY 1959 - AUGUST 1961

CDR W. H. SHAW
AUGUST 1961 - AUGUST 1963

CDR R. S. TISDALE
AUGUST 1963 - SEPTEMBER 1965

CAPTAIN G. R. NAGLER
SEPTEMBER 1965 - MARCH 1967

CDR D. E. BABCOCK
MARCH 1967 - SEPTEMBER 1968

CDR D. W. KNUTSON, SR.
SEPTEMBER 1968 - MARCH 1970

CDR J. L. KRUMWIEDE
MARCH 1970 - OCTOBER 1971

CDR J. R. CANNON
OCTOBER 1971 - AUGUST 1972

CDR A. J. VIESSMAN
AUGUST 1972 - APRIL 1974

CDR H. S. CLARDY, JR.
APRIL 1974 - MARCH 1976

CDR T. K. ANDERSON
MARCH 1976 - FEBRUARY 1978

CDR P. S. LABYAK
FEBRUARY 1978 - JUNE 1980

CDR T. W. YANKURA
JUNE 1980 - AUGUST 1982

CDR R. H. SCHMIDT
AUGUST 1982 - AUGUST 1983

USS MULLINNIX (DD-944)

United States Ship MULLINNIX is a Forrest Sherman Class Destroyer, whose three rapid fire automatic guns have a fire power greater than any previous destroyer class. She is the last "Destroyer Gun Ship" remaining in the active fleet. MULLINNIX's primary missions are Naval Gunfire Support (Shore Bombardment) and anti-surface warfare. Furthermore, she provides anti-aircraft and anti-submarine warfare protection for larger units.

USS MULLINNIX was built by the Bethlehem Steel Company in Quincy, Massachusetts, and was the first naval vessel named after one of America's most gifted air Admirals of World War II. She is a tribute to Rear Admiral Henry Matson Mullinnix, who was killed in action while serving aboard his flagship, USS LISCOMBE BAY, during World War II. On her commissioning on March 7, 1958, the officers and crew of USS MULLINNIX were presented with Admiral Mullinnix's personal flag and sword by his widow, Mrs. Kathryn Mullinnix. This symbol of naval tradition, which is displayed in the wardroom, represents a standard of excellence for USS MULLINNIX to achieve and maintain.

MULLINNIX gained her reputation as a "steaming can" early in her life. During her first years, she proudly displayed our national ensign in Central and South America as well as the Mediterranean. She escorted USS RANGER around Cape Horn, and was flagship for Commander South Atlantic Force. Upon her arrival in the Mediterranean, USS MULLINNIX was the newest United States destroyer to sail in those waters at that time. During her deployment, she served as flagship for Commander Destroyer Squadron Thirty-Two, and was visited by many dignitaries, including West German Prime Minister Strauss. In December, 1959, she served as the primary escort ship for President Eisenhower's transit from Athens to Toulon, for which the crew of MULLINNIX were personally congratulated by the President for a job well done.

During 1969, MULLINNIX provided gunfire support to United States ground forces in the Republic of South Vietnam. For her excellent performance, she was named "Top Gun" among the gunline destroyers for that year. In May, 1972, MULLINNIX was again called upon to demonstrate the accuracy and power of her guns. Within the first few hours off the coast of Vietnam she fired over five hundred projectiles to successfully support and protect the United States troops. This performance was later recognized in a formal presentation of the Gunnery "E" award for excellence.

MULLINNIX has steamed all over the world, visiting ports from Buenos Aires to Singapore from Bahrain to Izmir, and has engaged in a multitude of diverse operations. These operations included the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, recovery of a two-man Gemini space shot in 1965, NATO operations in the North Atlantic, and duties with the multi-national peacekeeping force in Lebanon in 1982. She has served three tours of active duty in the Western Pacific, several tours of duty in the Indian Ocean, and many deployments to the Mediterranean. Throughout her twenty-five years of service, USS MULLINNIX has lived up to her motto in that she has consistently and effectively been "on guard" defending the freedom of the seas and the people of the free world.



REAR ADMIRAL HENRY MATSON MULLINNIX
UNITED STATES NAVY

REAR ADMIRAL HENRY MATSON MULLINNIX, USN

Rear Admiral Mullinnix, born July 4, 1892, in Spencer, Indiana, was graduated from the Grammar and High Schools of Attica, Indiana, and attended Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, for one year as a member of the Class of 1915, before his appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy from his native state in 1912. He was graduated from the academy and commissioned Ensign in June, 1916, standing first in his class. During World War I he was given temporary promotions to the ranks of Lieutenant (junior grade) and Lieutenant in 1917, being commissioned in those ranks in 1919 and 1920 respectively. Subsequently he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander on July 1, 1926; to Commander on June 30, 1936; to Captain of July 1, 1941; and to Rear Admiral on August 6, 1943, ranking from November 13, 1942.

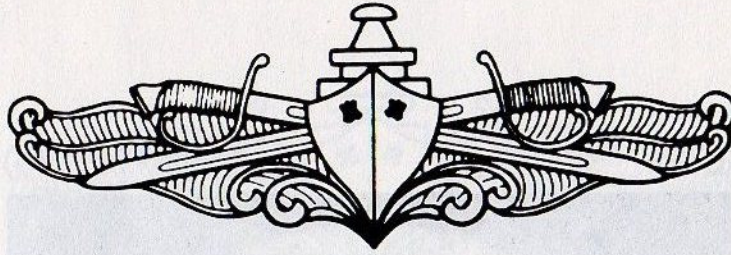
In 1921-23, Rear Admiral Mullinnix completed a postgraduate course of instruction in aeronautical engineering at the Postgraduate School, Annapolis, Maryland, and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, receiving the degree of Master of Science in June, 1923. He then took flight training at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, being designated as a naval aviator on January 11, 1924.

Rear Admiral Mullinnix was aboard USS LISCOMBE BAY as task force commander when she was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine off Makin Island in the Gilbert Islands area on November 24, 1943. He was reported missing in action following that catastrophe and was officially declared dead a year later. For his service in November, 1943, he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

In addition to the Legion of Merit, the Commendation Ribbon and the Purple Heart Medal, Rear Admiral Mullinnix held the Victory Medal with the Destroyer Clasp, the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.



CAPTAIN WILLIAM HENRY PEERENBOOM
UNITED STATES NAVY



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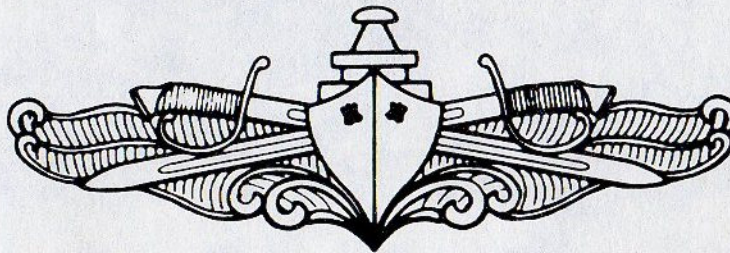
Captain W. H. PEERENBOOM of Columbus, Ohio entered the United States Naval Academy in 1953, and was graduated and commissioned an Ensign on June 7, 1957.

His first duty was as Damage Control Assistant, and later Engineer Officer of USS ARNOLD J. ISBELL (DD 869), a unit of the Pacific Fleet. In November 1959, he reported to the staff of Commander Cruiser Destroyer Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet and served 18 months as Assistant Material Officer. In 1961, Lieutenant Peerenboom reported to USS FRANK KNOX (DDR 742), and served two years as Operations Officer; FRANK KNOX was permanently assigned to the U.S. SEVENTH Fleet at the time. From September, 1963 to December, 1965, Lieutenant Peerenboom pursued graduate studies in Oceanography at the University of Washington, receiving a Master's degree. Following that tour, Lieutenant Peerenboom assumed duties as Executive Officer of USS HAMNER (DD 718). HAMNER served in Vietnam, and during his tour, was the second ship to conduct shore bombardment off North Vietnam. In June, 1967, Lieutenant Commander Peerenboom assumed his first command, USS NEWELL (DER 322), at the beginning of an eight month deployment to Vietnam as a unit of the Market Time Patrol Force as well as the SEVENTH Fleet. On completion of that tour, Lieutenant Commander Peerenboom attended the Armed Forces Staff College, graduating in June, 1969. From July, 1969, to June, 1972, Commander Peerenboom served as the Chairman of the Seamanship and Tactics Department of the U.S. Naval Academy; from there he returned to command, this time as Commanding Officer, USS NOA (DD 841), a unit of the Atlantic Fleet. During his tour, NOA made her third deployment to the Middle East Force. In 1974, Commander Peerenboom assumed command of USS ROBERT H. MCCARD (DD 822), and while her Captain, deployed as part of the UNITAS Force to South America. Commander Peerenboom then attended the Naval War College, graduating with highest distinction in 1975. Following a three year tour at the Bureau of Naval Personnel, where he served as Surface Commander Detailer, Captain Peerenboom reported to the staff of Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group TWO as Operations Officer; in that tour the staff made its first Mediterranean deployment aboard USS AMERICA (CV 66). Captain Peerenboom's next assignment was as Commanding Officer, USS WAINWRIGHT (CG 28); he assumed command in June, 1980. WAINWRIGHT deployed twice to Northern Europe, once to the SIXTH Fleet in the Mediterranean, and made three major SECOND Fleet exercises in the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico during his tour. After being relieved in May, 1982, Captain Peerenboom assumed duty as Commander, Destroyer Squadron FOUR. Captain Peerenboom has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, and two Navy Commendation Medals with combat distinguishing device.

Captain Peerenboom is married to the former Elizabeth Holland of Bellevue, Washington. They have four children, Mary, Kate, Alice and John.



COMMANDER RICHARD HARRY SCHMIDT
UNITED STATES NAVY



COMMANDER RICHARD H. SCHMIDT, USN

Commander Richard H. SCHMIDT, U. S. Navy, was graduated from high school in Logan, Ohio in 1958. Following a year at Ohio State University he entered the U. S. Naval Academy with the Class of 1964 and was commissioned Ensign following graduation. Commander SCHMIDT reported to USS WOOD COUNTY (LST-1178) as Engineer Officer and served in that capacity for the next 2½ years. During his tour, WOOD COUNTY was deployed to the Caribbean during the Dominican Republic Crisis of 1965 and supported operations by landing troops and evacuating over 1,400 U. S. citizens and refugees to Puerto Rico.

Commander SCHMIDT next attended the U. S. Naval Destroyer School and was subsequently assigned to USS WALDRON (DD-699) as Engineer Officer. During his tour, WALDRON participated in deployments in Vietnam, the Mediterranean, the Caribbean and mid-Atlantic operations in support of SSBN missile launches. From August 1969 to December 1970, Commander SCHMIDT was assigned as Executive Officer of USS LEADER (MSO-490). During this period LEADER completed Mine Countermeasures Refresher Training and was awarded the Golden Anchor Award.

In January 1971, Commander SCHMIDT reported to the NROTC Unit at Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, as an Assistant Professor of Naval Science. During this tour he enrolled in study at Georgia State University and was awarded the Degree of Masters of Business Administration in Management in December 1973. From July 1974 to July 1975, Commander SCHMIDT was assigned as one of four Naval Officers attending the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

From September 1975 to January 1977, Commander SCHMIDT served as Executive Officer, USS MYLES C. FOX (DD 829), a unit of the Atlantic Fleet Naval Reserve Force. In February 1977, Commander SCHMIDT reported to Surface Warfare Officers School Command, Newport, Rhode Island, where he served as the Director of Leadership Management Education and Training (LMET) for the Department Head Course until November 1981.

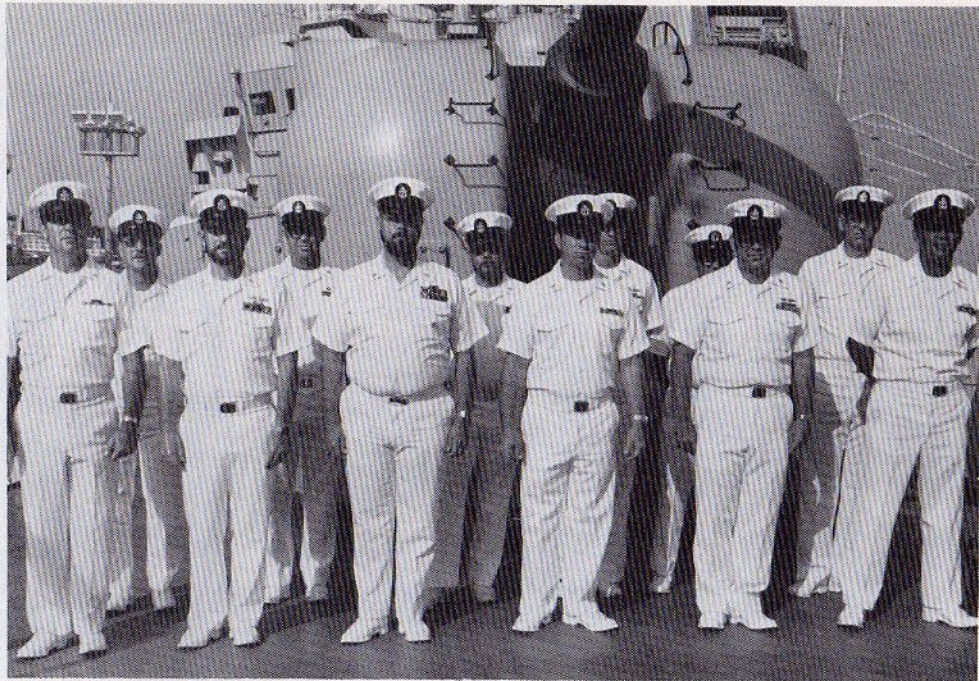
Commander SCHMIDT has been awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" and gold star in lieu of second award, the Navy Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Vietnamese Service Medal with Star, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Commander SCHMIDT is married to the former Sue Dollison of Logan, Ohio. They have one child, Sandra.



OFFICERS

COMMANDER RICHARD H. SCHMIDT COMMANDING OFFICER
 COMMANDER THOMAS J. SMITH EXECUTIVE OFFICER
 LCDR DWIGHT D. DEW CHIEF ENGINEER
 LCDR JOHN P. HEMMER OPERATIONS OFFICER
 LT DAVID L. IRVINE WEAPONS OFFICER
 LT NEIL K. MCPHEETERS A/E DIVISION
 LT KEVIN S. MCCORMACK COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
 LTJG ALTON K. TERKHORN ELECTRONIC WARFARE OFFICER
 LTJG STEPHEN R. PARKER SUPPLY OFFICER
 LTJG DON A. PISACANO MAIN PROPULSION ASSISTANT
 LTJG DARRELL W. PURDY ASSISTANT NAVIGATOR
 LTJG JOHN F. GALLAGHER CIC OFFICER
 LTJG RICHARD D. EMRY ASW OFFICER
 LTJG WALTER E. EAST GUNNERY ASSISTANT
 LTJG MICHAEL J. PEREIRA DISBURSING OFFICER
 ENS ARTHUR J. MAYFIELD MACHINERY DIVISION
 ENS JAMES G. HOUK DAMAGE CONTROL ASSISTANT



CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

BMC(SW) JAMES D. JONES SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR
 MMCS(SW) LARRY E. TENNY M DIVISION LCPO
 BTCS(SW) THOMAS D. MOXLEY B DIVISION OFFICER
 EMCS(SW) RICHARD O. THACKER 3-M COORDINATOR
 STGC(SW) JAMES R. KING AS DIVISION CPO
 MMC(SW) JON E. NEWAY A DIVISION CPO
 MAC(SW) ROBERT P. REHRIG CHIEF MASTER AT ARMS
 PNC STEPHEN L. GRAFF PERSONNEL OFFICER
 ETC DAVID G. HELD OE DIVISION OFFICER
 RMC RICHARD D. BULLOCK OC DIVISION CPO
 MSC MARSHALL J. BASHAM S DIVISION CPO
 SKC DONALD B. MCDOWELL S DIVISION CPO
 OSC KENNETH L. CRABB OI DIVISION CPO
 BTC JOHNNY L. SANTMEYER B DIVISION CPO



SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

MS1(SW) BRIBONERA
SH1 BROWN
MS1 COQUIA
DK1(SW) RAMOS
MS2 BROWN
MS2 KEISTER
SH2 OEHLER
SK2 TUTTLE
SK3 COLLINS
MS3 CLEVELAND
MS3 FOXX

MS3 SCHUBERT
SK3 SYLVESTER
SH3 TRICE
MMSN HAUGER
MSSA BROWN
SHSA MARCUCCI
MSSR PIERCE
SHSN SMITH
DKSA WRAY
SKSA YOUNG



**NAVIGATION/ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT**

YN1 EMBREE

QM1 JENNINGS

HM1 EDWARDS

NC1(SW) JONES

MA1(SW) SABOL

HM2 HAWLEY

QM2 SHERMAN

QM2 COROB

PN3 SMALLWOOD

PC3 DAY

YN3 HARDIN

PN2 PASSARETTI

QM3 HOPPER

PN3 MESSER

YN3 BAKER

QM3 HARRIS

QMSN CHAPPLE

YNSA PENICK



OW/OI DIVISIONS

OS1 PITTMAN

EW2 HICKMAN

EW2 BIRKLE

EW2 VAUGHN

OS2 JONES

OS2 O'CONNELL

OS2(SW) CARL

OS2 KRAJEWSKI

OS2 HUDSON

OS2 PORCH

EW3 ALLEN

EW3 PAYNE

OS3 WATKINS

OS3 JOHNSON

OS3 DRUMMOND

OSSN MASSEY

OSSN JENKINS

OSSN VOAS

OSSA NEAL



OC/OE DIVISION

SM1(SW) BURSEY
SM1 STERLING
ET1(SW) KEITH
ET1(SW) RANDAL
RM1 RICHARDS
ET2(SW) YOHE
RM2 HAYES
ET2 MURPHY
ET2 RENNICK
RM3 FORBES

ET3 KELLY
ET3 LANDERS
RM3 McKENZIE
RM3 SMITH
RM3 SANDS
ET3 BROWN
SM3 EDWARDS
RM3 AVERY
RM3 SNYDER



GUN/FOX DIVISIONS

GMG1 BRANNEN
GMG1(SW) JEWETT
FTG1 BYFORD
FTG2 POND
GMG2 GARRETT
FTG2 ASHBY
GMG2(SW) MALMBERG
FTG2 FOWLER
FTG2 WALKER
GMG2 FUENTES

FTG2 O'NEAL
GMG3 PIECHOCKI
GMG3 PRIVETT
FTG3 FUNNEL
FTGSN LITTON
FTGSN HERON
GMGSN SCOTT
GMGSN LOWE
GMGSN SOLONEN



AS DIVISION

STG2 GODZIK
STG2 GOODEN
STG2 MARKLE
TM2 BONNER

TM2 STONE
TM3 LOWE
TM3 ASKEW
STGSN HIRNEISEN



FIRST DIVISION

BM2 MERRILL

BM2 BRIGANTI

BM2 LEONARD

BM3 ROLLINS

BM3 NALLEY

BM2 BRAZEL

BMSN BRINKER

SN ALEXANDER

SN BLACKBURN

SN BLAND

SN CAPERS

SN CARR

SN FELLION

SN GHILARDI

SA HALPIN

SN HARRIS

SN PAYNE

SN RICHARDS

SN RUGGS

SN RUSSELL

SR STATLER

SR BEAL

SR BROOKS

SA COOK

SA ECHOLS

SR ELDRIDGE

SR ELSEY



"B" DIVISION

BT1(SW) ALWELL
BT1(SW) NEFF
BT1(SW) SWEET
BT2 LILLAND
BT2 LOHR
BT2 MAKI
BT2 McKEE
BT2 ROTEN
BT3 MANRY
BT3 PUNDA
BT3 THURMAN
BTFN JONES

BTFN KUHLMAN
FN McCARRY
BTFN PRICE
BTFN SCHROEDER
BTFN VINSON
BTFN WILLIAMS
BTFN FRAZIER
BTFN STEAD
BTFN DOUZART
BTFN ESTELLE
BTFN SETSER



"M" DIVISION

MM1(SW) LHUILLER
MM1 VANDIVER
MM1(SW) THOMPSON
MM1 SCHOEPHOERSTER
MM2 CARROLL
MM3 KJERA
MM3 McCAULEY
MM3 MORGAN
MM3 QUINN
MM3 WILLIS

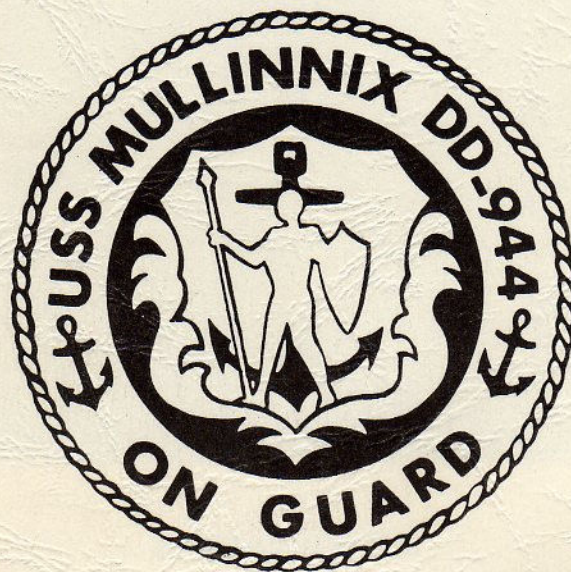
MM3 BETHUREM
MM3 BLALOCK
MM3 COLEMAN
MM2 DENNISON
MM3 ENNIS
MM3 HARWARDT
MM3 HOUGHTON
MMFN MASTIN
MMFN NEISIUS
MMFN TOOMSEN



A/E/R DIVISIONS

EM1 BAUZON
IC1(SW) BRADY
HT1 WOODS
HT1 EGNOR
EN1 KEIRN
HT2 JACKSON
IC2 THERRE
EN3 PERKINS
IC3 SCATLIFFE
EM3 SCHONHOLZ
EN3 TALLMAN
EN3 BAUGHN
IC3 BRASSEL
HT2 COX
HT3 FEUTZ
HT3 SHAFFER
FN MOORE

EMFN MULLER
EMFN MURPHY
HTFN PAGE
EMFN TEETERS
EMFN TREMBLY
HTFN WILLIAMS
HTFN HILDRETH
MR2 ANDERSON
FA SCOTT
FN NEWTON
FR TEVLIN
FA WALDRON
FA COLLINS
FA AKINS
FN DENNY
FN BURROWS



"... Destroyermen have always been a proud people. They have been the elite. They have to be a proud people and they have to be specially selected, for destroyer life is a rugged one. It takes physical stamina to stand up under the rigors of a tossing DD. It takes even more spiritual stamina to keep going with enthusiasm when you are tired and you feel that you, and your ship, are being used as a workhorse. It is true that many people take destroyers for granted and that is all the more reason why the destroyer Captains can be proud of their accomplishments."

Admiral Arleigh A. BURKE