CAPTAIN JOHN F. COLLINGWOOD USN COMMANDING OFFICER USS SANCTUARY (AH-17)

Captain John F. Collingwood was born September 9, 1918, in North Bend, Washington. He graduated from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering and Commissioned Ensign in the Naval Reserve May 24, 1941. He began active duty immediately and transferred to the Regular Navy in 1942.

Captain Collingwood served five years in destroyers during World War II followed by three years as the Commanding Officer of Destroyer escorts and the USS Wantuck (APD-125). After a tour on the staff of Commander, Western Sea Frontier, Captain Collingwood spent two years in command of the USS

SMALLEY (DD-565). He then served on the staff of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project in Washington, D.C., followed by a year as a student at the Naval War College. Tours on the staff of Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces Europe, Commander of Destroyer Division Twelve, Chief of Staff to Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Flotilla Nine and Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans to Commander, Caribbean Sea Frontier preceded his coming to the SANC-TUARY.

Captain Collingwood is married to the former Cecile Parker of Boston, Mass.

