



OSCAR N. HIBLER, JR.
Commanding

The present Commanding Officer of the USS SOLEY (DD-707) is Commander Oscar N. Hibler, Jr., of Houston, Texas. He is a graduate of Rice Institute and has also completed work at the University of Texas.

During World War II, Commander Hibler saw service in the Pacific in USS KALOLI (AOG-13), USS PEMISCOT (AK-201), USS GENERAL JOHN R. BROOKE (AP-132). He was Commanding Officer of USS PROSPER-PINE (ARL-21). Previous destroyer duty has included duty as Chief Staff Officer for Commander Destroyer Squadron FOUR and a tour as Executive Officer of USS DYESS (DDR-880). His most recent duty before assuming command of the SOLEY was with the Office of Legislative Affairs in Washington.

TO ALL HANDS

In the years to come I hope that most of us will look back on our tour in the SOLEY, and in particular this cruise, with fond remembrance. To that end this book is dedicated. It should also serve to remind us of the vital service performed by the U. S. SIXTH FLEET in bringing the people of America closer to their friends and allies, and our part in that service.

I am proud to have had the privilege of being your Commanding Officer and to all of you in the years to come, wherever you may be, I wish you fair winds and a following sea.

O. N. HIBLER, JR.