

COMMANDING OFFICER



CDR OWEN A. ROBERTS, USN

Commander Owen A. Roberts, U. S. Navy, assumed command of the USS NEWMAN K. PERRY (DDR-883) on 29 April 1960. Previous to this assignment, Commander Roberts had been Head of the Section for Guided Missile Training in the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D. C. He was Executive Officer of the USS VOGELGESANG (DD-862) which operated with the fast carrier forces of the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean and European waters prior to his assignment to the Bureau of Naval Personnel. During World War II, Commander Roberts served aboard the destroyers DECATUR and TAUSSIG in the Atlantic and Pacific, and early in the Korean conflict he was Executive Officer of an LST which took part in landings on the coasts of Korea.

Commander Roberts is in his seventeenth year of naval service and in his fourth assignment to destroyers. He has also served aboard two LST's, the guided missile developmental ship USS NORTON SOUND (AVM-1), and as Assistant Operations Officer of Task Group 7.1 LOS ALAMOS SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY during certain nuclear tests at the Pacific Proving Grounds and at the Nevada Test Site for which the Presidential Citation was awarded the Laboratory and Commander Joint Task Force Seven personal commendation to Commander Roberts.

He is a graduate of Loyola University, New Orleans, Louisiana, the U.S. Naval Post graduate School in Monterey, California, the U.S. Army Guided Missiles School, Fort Bliss, Texas, and the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia.

While in the Washington Area, Commander Roberts was active in local groups and civic affairs. He is an active member of the McLean Estates Civic Association, the McLean Little League, the Boy Scouts of America, and St. John's Catholic Church Men's Council. He is married to the former Mary Medling of Jackson, Tennessee and the father of two sons and two daughters.