



Captain Herbert G. Claudius

Commander Herbert G. Claudius, USN, was born in Omaha, Nebraska and graduated from Omaha's Central High School in 1926. The next four years were spent at the University of California, Berkeley, California, where the Captain was studying Business Administration and Naval Science with the Naval ROTC unit. Graduation from Cal. in 1930 meant a BS degree in business and an Ensign's Commission in the U. S. Naval Reserve dated 19 June 1930. Captain Claudius performed the duties of Division Officer, Executive Officer, and Commanding Officer between 1930 and 1940 while he was active in the organized reserve in San Francisco. The Captain has been on active duty since 1940, having been commissioned Commander in August 1943 and having transferred from USNR to USN in July 1946.

Captain Claudius has had many interesting assignments in the last ten years as the following list demonstrates:

Executive Officer Naval Reserve Training Base, Yerba Buena Island, California.

Personnel Officer, Staff Commander Patrol Forces, Treasure Island, California.

"OUR CAPTAIN—

Commanding Officer U.S.S. P.C. 566.

Commanding Officer U.S.S. Haste (PG94).

Commanding Officer U.S.S. Austin (DE15).

Commanding Officer U.S.S. Runels (DE793).

Commanding Officer U.S. Naval Station
Argentina, Newfoundland.

Executive Officer Naval ROTC, Oregon State
College, Corvallis, Oregon.

Commanding Officer U.S.S. Floyd B. Parks
(DD884).

The Captain took Command of our ship on 16 July 1949 in San Diego and brought us through the long summer and early fall of 1949, during which time we were being trained for Operation MIKI and for a tour of duty with the Seventh Fleet in the Far East. During his cruise in the "Floyd B." Captain Claudius has had very little time to be with his wife, daughter and son, who have been living in Oakland, California, their misfortune having been our good fortune. He has brought us over 35,000 miles of water, some dangerous, some not so dangerous, but all requiring the utmost of his efforts. It is not by chance that reports reach us from one of the large aircraft carriers we operated extensively with that the PARKS is the best "Can," she, the carrier, had ever worked with. At the close of this cruise we can look aft at our record and be proud. Even as this book goes to press we look forward to another cruise with Captain Claudius and the promise of many leagues of good sailing with the best damn Skipper in DesPac."