



CDR GEORGE A. GOWEN, USN, entered the Navy in October 1940 via the Pennsylvania Nautical School. In November 1940 he reported to the U.S.S. SANTEE (AO-29) as Ass't Engineering Officer. In April 1942 he reported to the U.S.S. CHEVALIER, where he served as both Assistant Engineering Officer and as Engineering Officer. From December 1943 until February 1945 he was Engineering Officer of the U.S.S. HENLEY, after which he became an instructor in steam engineering at Cornell University.

In July 1945 he began a 26 month tour of duty as Officer-in-Charge, Steam Engineering School, Newport, R.I. Following this he was a student at Cornell, and attended the General Line School, Newport, R.I. In July 1950 he became Executive Officer of the U.S.S. KEPPLER, and in April 1951 became Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. INGERSOLL. From October 1952 until June 1955 he served in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations. In July 1955 CDR. Gowen became Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. JOHN S. McCAIN (DL-3), in which capacity he served until relieved on 9 July 1957 in Hong Kong, B.C.C.

CDR WILLIAM D. OWEN, JR. graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1941. During World War II he participated in most of the major naval engagements both in Europe and in Asia. After the war ended, CDR. Owen attended the Post Graduate School at Annapolis and served on the staff, Battleship-Cruiser Force, Pacific Fleet, and on the staff Joint American Military Advisory Group, Europe, London. During the Korean War, he commanded the U.S.S. GATLING (DD671). Prior to assuming command of the McCAIN, CDR. Owen served as Officer in Charge of the Northern California and Nevada District recruiting and Officer Procurement program.

