



CAPT. LUTHER C. HEINZ

Captain Heinz assumed command of the BOSTON on 12 July 1958 while we were anchored at Rhodes. Within 72 hours of his assumption of command, a pleasant and relatively peaceful month in the Mediterranean had been transformed by the simultaneous crises in Lebanon, Jordan, and Iraq.

From this stormy initiation to the BOSTON, Captain HEINZ has led us through the subsequent months which found us operating with both the SIXTH and SECOND Fleets. He has indelibly stamped the impression of his personality on the BOSTON and this has been particularly noted in his concern for the welfare, recreation, training and moral guidance of his crew.

Captain Heinz graduated from the Naval Academy with the class of 1933, and started his career aboard a cruiser, USS MILWAUKEE. Since that first assignment, Captain Heinz has learned cruisers inside and out. He has served aboard no less than five cruisers in almost every possible capacity including gunnery, engineering, and communication on the SAN FRANCISCO and Navigation Officer of the SANTA FE. As Navigator of the SANTA FE, he participated in every major Pacific campaign from Tarawa to the operations leading to the capture of Okinawa.

Captain Heinz's experience has not been restricted to big ships alone. He has commanded USS NORRIS (DD-859), served on the staff of DESLANT, commanded USS MENIFEE (APA-202), commanded Destroyer Division 601, and most recently has been senior aide and administrative assistant to the Chief of Naval Personnel.

The Captain is married and has one daughter, Lisa, born in 1958. His family resides in Boston.