

COMMANDING OFFICER



Captain Charles J. Maguire, USN...Naval Academy, Class of 1921. Served in *Wisconsin* in World War I as midshipman. Upon being commissioned an Ensign in 1920, assigned to *North Dakota* followed by destroyer duty in *Robinson*, *Cowell*, *Edsall* and *Case* including two years duty in the Near East during the Greek-Turk War. In 1926 commenced postgraduate training leading to a Master of Science degree from Harvard in 1928. Then followed two years in charge of the Navy's weather service during which time he wrote a book on meteorology. In 1930 ordered to flight training at Lakehurst. Upon designation as naval aviator assigned to rigid airship *Los Angeles*. Returned to general service in 1934, reporting to the light cruiser *Concord*. Commanded destroyer *Zane* in 1937 and 1938 and served as Gunnery Officer of the *West Virginia* in 1939 and 1940. Following a tour of duty in Naval Operations, ordered in 1942 to command of the Naval Air Station, Richmond, Fla. Returned in August 1943 to Naval Operations as head of the Airship Section. In June 1944 assigned to the staff of the Commander Seventh Fleet. Awarded the Legion of Merit for his services as Plans Officer during the Philippine campaign. Reported to the *Cleveland* in June 1945, and led this ship during the closing days of the war in the East China Sea and the occupation of Japan.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Commander Melvyn H. McCoy, USN...Naval Academy Class 1927. After graduation, he served over three years in the battleship *West Virginia*, during which time he also served two tours of six months temporary duty with the American Electoral Mission in Nicaragua. Then followed three and one-half years destroyer duty in the *Elliot* and *Waters*. In July, 1934, he commenced a post-graduate course in radio engineering, receiving a Master of Science degree from the University of California. He was then ordered to the *Brooklyn* as Communication Officer. After three years in the *Brooklyn*, he was ordered to the 16th Naval District as Radio Material Officer and was captured on Corregidor, 6 May 1942. After being in several Japanese prison camps, he engineered and led a successful escape and brought back the first eye-witness story of the atrocities and starvation inflicted upon American prisoners in the Philippines, as well as valuable military information. For this he was awarded the Army's Distinguished Service Cross. Then followed one year of shore duty in command of Naval Radio Activities, Bainbridge Island, Washington. In December 1944, he again returned to sea duty in the Pacific as Executive Officer of the *Cleveland*. He obtained a large measure of revenge when the *Cleveland* took part in the bombardment and recapture of Corregidor.