



Captain
CARLTON C. LUCAS, USN
Commanding Officer

Captain Lucas graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1931 and was designated Naval Aviator in 1934. During World War Two, he was in command of the U.S.S. GARDINER'S BAY, participating in the battles of Okinawa and Saipan, for which he was awarded the Bronze Star during the Okinawa action. He was executive officer of the U. S. S. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, 1949-1950, and after being promoted to Captain in 1951, served as the Bureau of Aeronautics Representative at Bethpage, Long Island. The Captain makes his home in Garden City, Long Island.

COMMANDING OFFICER

Since brushing off the mothballs the "T" has sailed under the helm of three commanding officers. Captain Raymond N. Sharp and Commander Gordon W. Smith were first and second in command in January, 1952 when the TRIPOLI set sail once more. In September 1952 at Yokosuka, Japan, Captain Forsyth Massey as-

sumed command and upon return to the Atlantic in February 1953, Commander Smith was relieved as executive officer by Commander William F. Laffey. Our present commanding officer, Captain Carlton C. Lucas, took command at Mobile, Alabama, in July 1953.

Commander
WILLIAM F. LAFFEY, USN
Executive Officer

Commander Laffey, a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy, class of 1940, won his wings in 1943. Since then he has served aboard the cruiser TUSCALOOSA, and the battleship NORTH CAROLINA. More recently he has served in the capacity of executive officer of PBM Squadron 215 and at the Ford Instrument Company Office of Naval Inspector of Ordnance.

