

## *Our Skippers....*



Captain Turner F. Caldwell, Jr., USN, Commanding Officer  
September 1959-August 1960

Captain Turner F. Caldwell, Jr., was born in Narbeth, Pa., on Nov. 17, 1913. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1935 and was assigned to flight training at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., two years later after serving tours aboard the USS *Saratoga* and USS *Hull*. He received his Naval Aviator's wing in 1938.

Capt. Caldwell served in Scouting Squadron-5 aboard the first USS *Yorktown* until the unit was decommissioned in 1942. In 1944 and '45 he commissioned and commanded the Navy's first night carrier air group, CVGL-N-41 on the USS *Independence*. Postwar assignments include tours with the Bureau of Aeronautics; USS *F.D. Roosevelt*; Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Md.; Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Paris; and the Office of Chief of Naval Operations. He also attended the National War College, Washington, D.C., in 1955 and '56.

Before taking command of *Ticonderoga* in September of 1959, Capt. Caldwell was skipper of the USS *Valcour*. He was relieved as C.O. of *Ticonderoga* in August of this year. His present duties are with the Chief of Naval Operations.

Capt. Caldwell held the world speed record for a short time in 1947. He is also the first Naval Aviator to fly at supersonic speeds.

He is married to the former Miss Helen Glidden of San Diego. They have four children: Marcia, 16; Turner F. III, 11; Denise, 7; and Jeremy, 5. They now reside in McLean, Va.

Captain Robert F. Farrington, USN, Commanding Officer,  
August 1960



Captain Robert F. Farrington was born in Yonkers, N.Y. on July 12, 1914. He attended high school in Watertown, N.Y. and then the Cochran-Bryon Prep School at Annapolis before entering the Naval Academy. He was graduated in June of 1937 and commissioned Ensign.

After serving on the USS Mississippi for two years he was assigned to Pensacola Naval Air Station for flight training. Designated a Naval Aviator in April 1940, he reported to Torpedo Squadron-2 aboard the USS Lexington. He was attached to this unit at the outbreak of World War II. With Torpedo Squadrons 2 and 12 Capt. Farrington saw much action in the Pacific and was awarded the Navy Cross and Gold Star, and the Distinguished Flying Cross and Gold Star. His citations laud him for repeated heroism during various Pacific campaigns.

Following a tour of postwar duty in Washington, D.C., Capt. Farrington served aboard the USS Ranger and Wright. He was later assigned to the Chief of Naval Air Training in 1948 and then assumed command of CVG-15 during the Korean Conflict.

For his service during Korea, operating from the USS Antietam, he was again decorated. This time receiving the Bronze Star Medal with combat "V" and the Air Medal and a Gold Star. Between Oct. 9, 1951 and March 17, 1952 he completed 40 missions in the Korean area.

Capt. Farrington, who commanded the USS Salisbury Sound before coming to the Ticonderoga, is married to the former Miss Virginia Savage of Fort Smith, Ark. They make their official residence in Watertown with their three sons: Howard F. II, Richard. and Robert F. Jr.

## ....and Execs.



Captain John R. Mayher, USN, Executive Officer

Captain John R. Mayher was born in Omaha, Neb. He attended college at Omaha University and also Baker University in Baldwin City, Kan.

Entering the Navy in January of 1941 under the Naval Air Cadet program, he was commissioned Ensign and designated a Naval Aviator six months later.

Capt. Mayher served with Composite Squadron-4 during World War II where he saw duty as Operations Officer and Executive Officer. He was also leader of the fighter component of the unit.

In 1946 he was ordered to the Naval Air Reserve Training Command at Glenview III., where he served as CV Training Officer. After three years in that billet he received duty under instruction at Combat Intelligence Center School at Glenview for four months.

At the conclusion of this training Capt. Mayher was sent to Fleet Air Wing Training Unit Pacific as CIC Officer and Officer-in-Charge of Air Control School and also as a VF pilot.

In January of 1952 he reported to General Line School at Monterey, Calif., for the 12-month course there. He later served as the Naval Liaison Officer for the Air Force's Tactical Air Command.

Capt. Mayher is married to the former Miss Gloria J. Vaughan of Lake Forest, Ill. They have three sons, John Jr. Herbert and Peter.

He was promoted to his present rank of captain shortly before being relieved as Executive Officer of Ticonderoga in July of this year.

Commander Edward F. Gallagher, USN, Executive Officer



Cdr. Edward F. Gallagher entered the Naval Service as a Seaman in June 1937. Fourteen months later he became a Midshipman at the U. S. Naval Academy. The scheduled four years at Annapolis was cut to three-and-a-half as his class was accelerated and graduated two weeks after Pearl Harbor.

Upon gradation he reported to the Gunnery Department aboard the USS North Carolina which at that time, was the fleet's first new battleship in 20 years. During his tour, the ship engaged in nine major campaigns and saw action from Guadalcanal to the Marshall Islands. The ship was hit at the Battle of East Solomons and received a torpedo in the same engagement in which the carrier Wasp was sunk. The North Carolina accounted for 14 planes during this engagement; Cdr. Gallagher's anti-aircraft sector was credited with three of them.

After earning his wings and serving in the Japanese Occupation, he returned to Annapolis as a graduate to study aeronautical engineering, specializing in the stability and control of guided missiles. He continued his studies at MIT and received a Masters Degree in 1950. He has seen duty with the carriers FDR, Tarawa, and Midway as well as tours with Air Development Squadron-Two and the Armament Test Division at the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Md.

Cdr. Gallagher reported to the Ticonderoga in August after an assignment with the Bureau of Weapons in Washington. He is married to the former Miss Carmen Martin of Pensacola, Fla. The Gallaghers now make their home with their five children in Coronado, Calif.