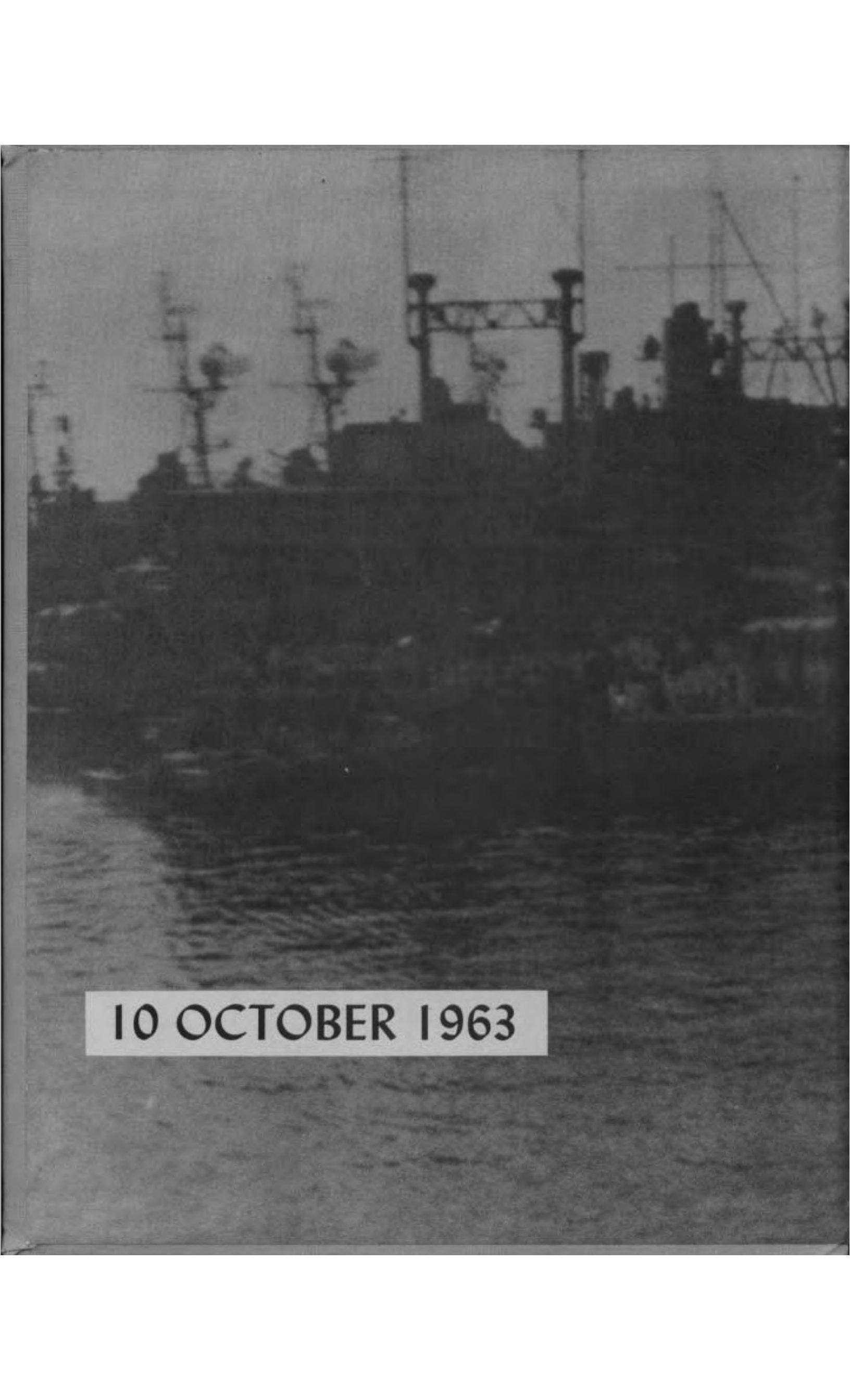




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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the families and friends we left behind. It is hoped that through these pages they can share some of our experiences.

The Staff

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COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON 23

Captain Carl R. Dwyer, USN

Captain Carl R. DWYER, COMDESRON 23, was born in Edgerton, Kansas. After an education that included an Associate of Arts degree in Engineering from Oklahoma A and M College, Commodore DWYER entered the United States Naval Academy. He was commissioned Ensign in the class of 1938. He then attended Submarine School and in 1942 was designated a submariner.

During World War II, Commodore DWYER served on the USS SAURY (SS 189) and commanded the USS PUFFER (SS 268).

When the war ended he went to the United States Naval Academy as an instructor in electronics. Since then he has commanded the USS REQUIN (SS 481), USS FISKE (DD 842) and USS ROOKS (DD 804). He has also served twice on staff duty with OPNAV and has been Commodore of DESDIV 132. In July 1963, Commodore DWYER assumed his present billet of Commander Destroyer Squadron TWENTY-THREE.

Among his many medals and decorations, Commodore DWYER wears the Navy Cross, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with Combat Distinguished Device and Gold Star, the Letter of Commendation with Combat Distinguished Device and the Army Presidential Unit Citation.

Destroyer Squadron 23





COMMANDING OFFICER USS FRANK E. EVANS DD754

COMMANDER NELSON W. SANDERS, USN

Commander Nelson W. SANDERS, USN, was born in Protection, Kansas. He was commissioned Ensign in the Navy in 1943. During World War II he served on board the USS PENSACOLA (CA 24) where he saw combat in the Battles of Coral Sea, Midway and Santa Cruz.

He served on three escort carriers during the late part of the war, filling a variety of billets which included assistant damage control officer, assistant gunnery officer and navigator. These carriers were the USS SOLOMONS (CVE 67), USS CHARGER (CVE 30) and USS POINT CRUZ (CVE 119).

Since the war CDR SANDERS has had a wide variety of duties. He served for 22 months in the Korean combat area as first lieutenant on USS HELENA (CA 75) and as gunnery officer on USS TAUSSIG (DD 746). On another tour of sea duty he was the Executive Officer of USS BLUE (DD 744).

In one tour of shore duty he was field officer and ordnance officer at the U. S. Naval Ammunition and Net Depot at Seal Beach, California. He also served a tour with the Alaskan Command just prior to taking command of the EVANS.

The EVANS is his third command. Previously he commanded the USS CURRIER (DE 700) and USS KNUDSON (APD 101). CDR SANDERS took command of the EVANS on her last cruise in October 1962. In June 1963 he led her to the Annual Ney Memorial Award for the outstanding mess afloat.

Some of the medals which CDR SANDERS wears include the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V, the Purple Heart and the World War II and Korean service ribbons.

CDR SANDERS, his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Wade and Stephen, reside in Long Beach.

SHIP'S



ORGANIZATION



EXECUTIVE



LCDR J. F. DANIS, USN

LCDR J. F. DANIS was our Executive Officer on the cruise until he was relieved at the end of January. He had reported aboard the EVANS during her last cruise in August 1962, coming from a year at the Naval War College in Newport, R. I.

During his tour on board the EVANS he helped guide the ship to the Annual Edward F. Ney Award for the outstanding mess afloat in 1963. His last efforts on board were rewarded by a grade of Excellent for the ship's Annual Administrative Inspection.

LCDR DANIS graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1949. As an Ensign he served on the staff of Commander SEVENTH Fleet on board the battleship MISSOURI, during the Korean War. Subsequent duty assignments took him to the Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey, California, where he received a degree in Engineering; and to OPNAV in Washington, where he worked with atomic energy's application to the Navy. He was also the main propulsion assistant on the USS HORNET (CVS 12).

When he left the EVANS in February he was headed for a short school in Washington and then on to Paris, France, for duty on the staff of Military Aid and Assistance Group.

Some of the decorations which he wears are the Bronz Star Medal, the Korean Service Medal and the United Nations Medal.

OFFICERS



LCDR C. H. LOHR, USN

LCDR C. H. LOHR relieved as Executive Officer at the end of January. He came to the EVANS from the Staff of COMDESRON 23 where he had been the Staff Material Officer.

In 1953 LCDR LOHR was commissioned Ensign through the Regular NROTC program at Miami University of Ohio. His first assignment took him to the USS BORDELON (DDR 887) for duty as Damage Control Assistant. From there he went to Auburn University in Alabama as an NROTC Instructor. He taught Navigation and Engineering for two years, completing his tour in 1957.

His interest in naval intelligence prompted him to seek it as a sub-specialty. First he attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California where he studied naval intelligence for two years. His next stop was Washington, D. C. . Here he served in the Counterintelligence Branch of the Office of Naval Intelligence before going to the Staff of COMDESRON 23.

He also served as the Executive Officer of the USS ACME (MSO 508) from 1957 to 1959. It was there that he had a real chance to use the navigation he had taught at Auburn and to acquire the skill at which the EVANS' quartermasters never cease to marvel.

LCDR LOHR, his wife Jackie, and their three children reside in Long Beach.

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT



The Operations Officer, LT W. L. BRENNEN

The Operations Officer, LT W. L. BRENNEN, heads a large, complex organization. The department consists of two divisions. Their personnel navigate the ship, care for her sick, handle her correspondence, send and receive all of her external communications, operate her radars and maintain most of her electronic equipment.

If it is not the largest department on this ship, it is certainly the most senior. With no less than 6 officers until LT (jg) D. I. O'NEILL left in February, it had only two fewer officers than the rest of the departments combined. Added to

these were two chief petty officers and seven first class petty officers. All this for only two divisions gives an idea of the importance of the job of the Operations Department.

OC Division looks at quarters like the Bureau of Missing Persons. LT (jg) G. A. CHAUNCEY, the Communications Officer, was also OC Division Officer during the cruise. He was assisted in various phases of his division's work by ENS S. A. BARCLAY who ran the Ship's Office and headed the navigation team.

There are six different ratings

The ET's, Top Row from Left to Right: LANDIN, D., W., ETNSN; ORTIZ, L., ETR3; MILLER, R.M., ETNSN; and LUND, R.A., ETN3. Bottom Row, Left to Right: KLIMKIEWICZ, J.W., ETRSN; GAUGL, E.P., SN; ROSCHKE, R.A., ETRSN; and PORTER, A.C., ETR2.

"Yea, Yes. I wanna hold your hand"

