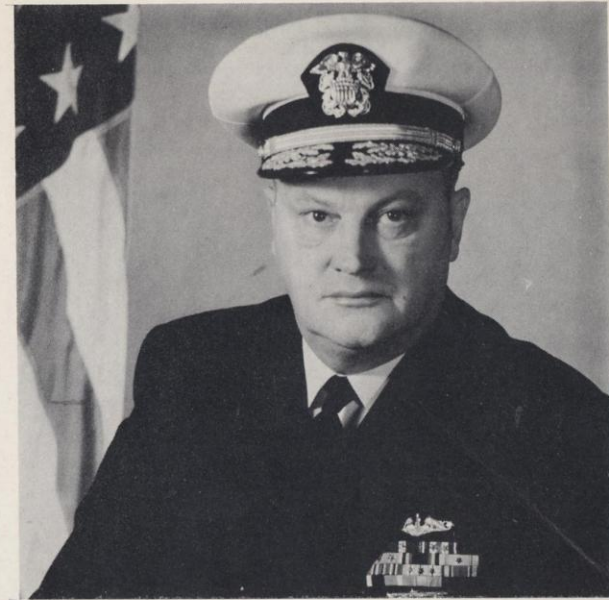


**UNITED STATES SHIP
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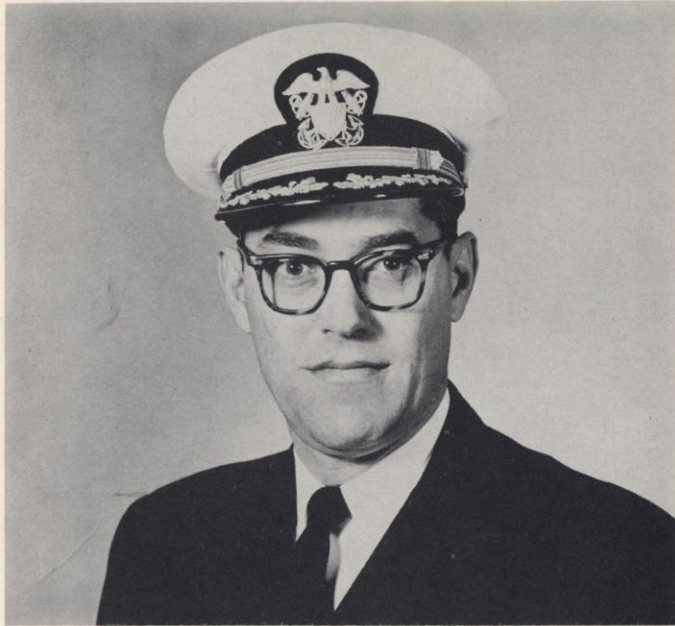


REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM B. SIEGLAFF, USN

Rear Admiral William B. Sieglaff, Commander Cruiser Division TWO, graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1931. During World War II he earned a distinguished combat record as the Commanding Officer of the submarine TAUTOG against the Japanese in the Pacific.

During the latter months of the war RADM Sieglaff served on the Staffs of Commander Submarine Forces, Pacific, and later as Force Engineer and as Flag Secretary.

RADM Sieglaff is authorized to wear the following decorations: The Navy Cross with Gold Star, the Silver Star Medal with two Gold Stars, the Legion of Merit with Gold Star, the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon (USS TAUTOG), American Defense Service Medal, Fleet Clasp, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

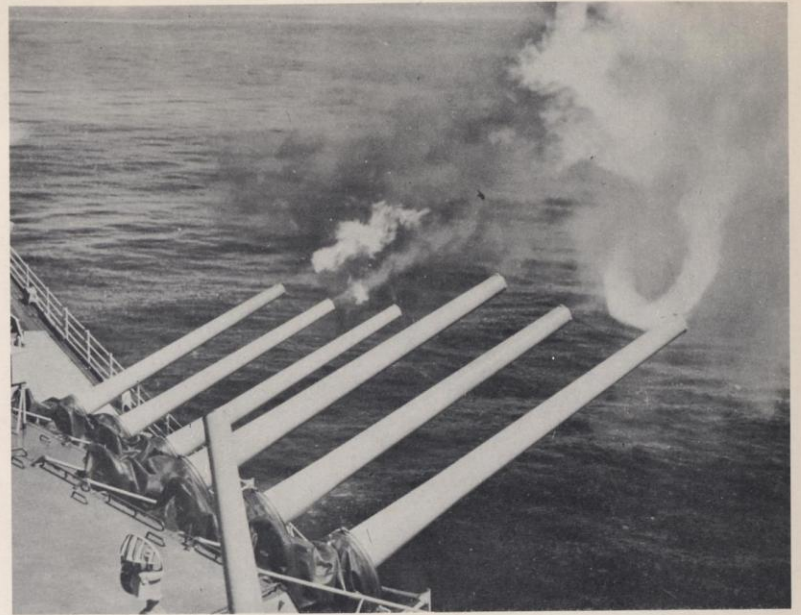


CAPTAIN FRED G. BENNETT, USN

A graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy with the class of 1936, Captain Bennett has commanded the USS NEWPORT NEWS since 15 July 1960.

Captain Bennett's background includes Command of the USS HARWOOD from 1951 through 1952, Destroyer Division 82 in 1955, Engineering Officer at the Naval Gun Factory in Washington, D. C. from 1956 through 1959, and Command of the USS GRAND CANYON from 1959 through 1960.

Captain Bennett is authorized to wear the following decorations: American Defense Service Medal, American Area Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal with three stars, China Service Medal, Navy Occupation Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.



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Facts about the U.S.S. NEWPORT NEWS

Commissioned on 29 January 1949, the NEWPORT NEWS is the U.S. Navy's newest and largest heavy cruiser. She is named in honor of the shipbuilding city in Virginia where she was constructed.

NEWPORT NEWS is 717 feet long and displaces 21,000 tons. Her maximum beam is 75 feet, 6 inches. She is manned by 1400 officers and men.

The ship's main battery consists of nine fully automatic 8 inch 55 caliber guns, mounted in three turrets. Use of case ammunition makes these guns the fastest firing major caliber guns in the world.



3 INCH 50 CALIBER ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS

The secondary and anti-aircraft batteries are made up of 12 dual purpose 5 inch 38 caliber guns and 22 rapid fire 3 inch 50 caliber guns.

Her 120,000 horsepower steam power plant, turning four propellers, is capable of driving her at speeds well in excess of 30 knots.

Virtually a city in itself, the completely air conditioned NEWPORT NEWS can distill 60,000 gallons of fresh water daily, and is capable of generating enough electricity to light a city of 40,000 people.

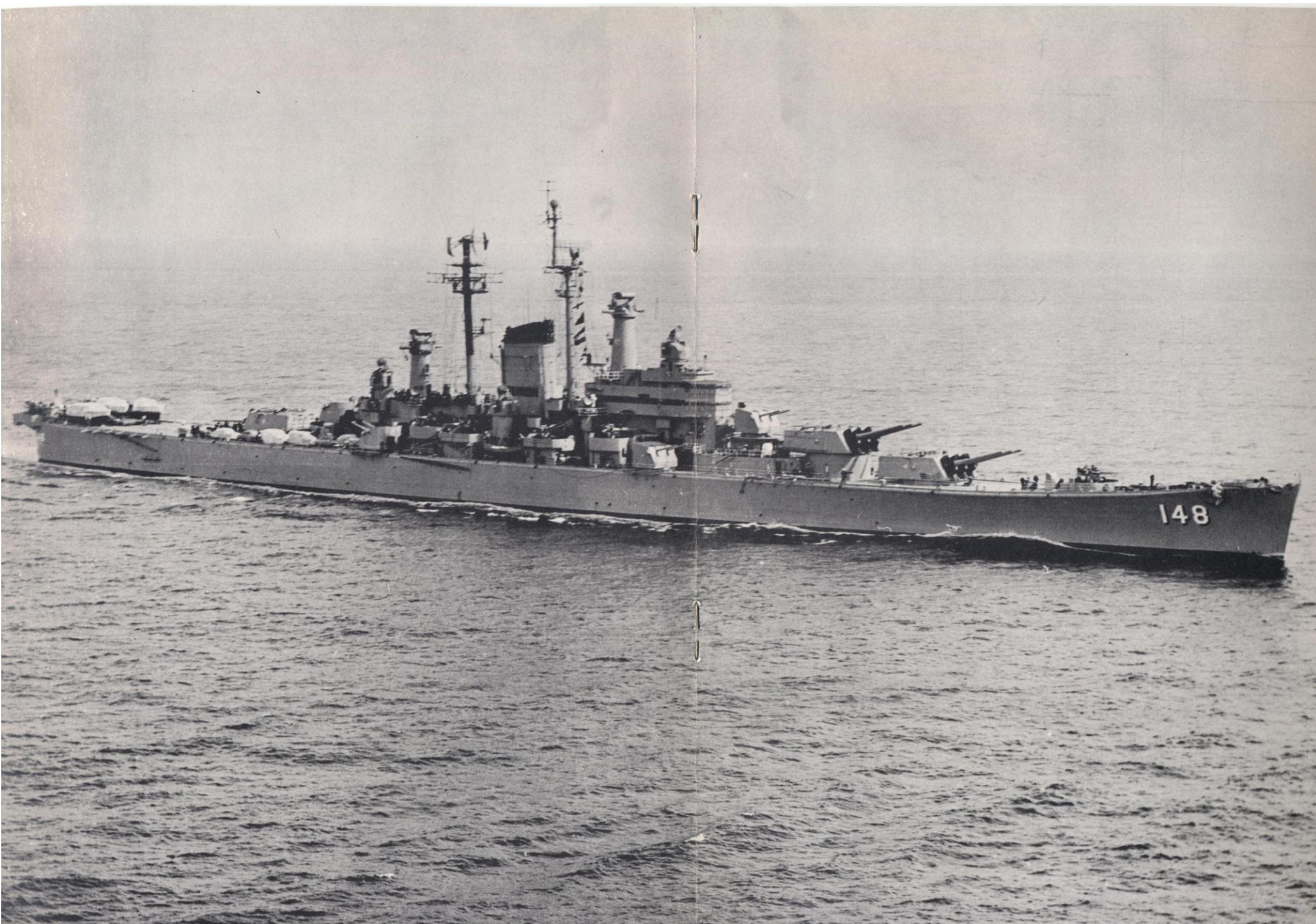


HELICOPTER LANDING ON BOARD

NEWPORT NEWS also carries her own helicopter which is launched and landed from the stern of the ship.

The ship's facilities include a hospital, dental clinic, machine shop, carpenter shop, metalsmith shop and refrigerated spaces which can hold several days' supply of frozen and chilled foods.

In addition, the crew enjoys the convenience of a post office, barber shop, soda fountain, library, tailor shop, clothing store and a ship's newspaper published daily at sea.



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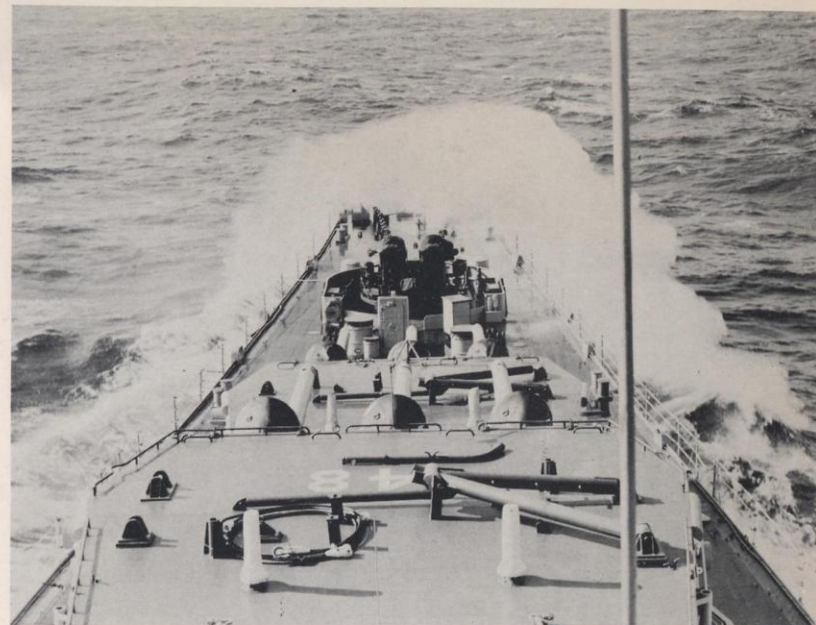


REFUELING AT SEA

Modern methods of refueling and replenishing while underway enable NEWPORT NEWS to remain at sea indefinitely. She can also, in turn, refuel other ships.

No stranger to the Mediterranean and the numerous maritime nations of that area, NEWPORT NEWS has proudly served ten tours of duty with the Sixth Fleet.

She has crossed the Arctic Circle and transited the Panama Canal. She has visited Continental ports in France, Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Portugal, Denmark, Germany, New Foundland and Gibraltar, as well as the islands of Majorca, Capri, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Haiti, Jamaica, Rhodes, Crete, Sardinia and Sicily.



HEAVY SEAS

In any year, NEWPORT NEWS may be assigned to the operational control of one of the various U.S. Fleet or Force Commands, in widely separated areas, clearly demonstrating the flexibility and mobility of seapower.

When deployed to the Sixth Fleet, Commander Cruiser Division Two and the NEWPORT NEWS are under the operational control of Commander Sixth Fleet, available for both NATO and National Tasks.

The primary mission of the ship is to provide the positive air defense required by the Fast Carrier Task Force. However, she also provides accurate gun fire support to Fleet Marine Force landing operations when required. The ship's rapid fire 8 inch guns can deliver a devastating volume of fire equal to that of several World War II type cruisers.



AT ANCHOR IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

As with all other units of the Atlantic Fleet, the NEWPORT NEWS' primary role is that of a preserver of the peace. As a major unit of that Fleet, she makes it possible to maintain the freedom of the seas which is so essential to our NATO Alliance and to our other friends across the seas. Most of the energy of her crew is devoted to this purpose.

MEMENTO PAGE

A PERSONAL MESSAGE

It is my pleasure to welcome you aboard NEWPORT NEWS, Flagship of Commander, Cruiser Division Two. I hope that you enjoy your visit and at the same time, satisfy a natural curiosity concerning our mission in the support of the foreign policy of the United States.

I feel it is important for every one to realize that in addition to our role in helping preserve the freedom of the seas for peaceful purposes, we strive to maintain the friendship of the peoples of this interesting and strategic area and to lend assistance if required. We in the United States are acutely aware of our reliance on the seaways of the world and our need for close and friendly relations with other maritime nations.

I hope this booklet will provide useful information and that it will be a pleasing memento of your visit.

Good to have you aboard