



REAR ADMIRAL O. D. WATERS, JR.
COMDESFLOTONE

THE **PRAIRIE** HAS BEEN MY FLAGSHIP NOW FOR SIX MONTHS, TENDING THE DESTROYERS OF THE FLOTILLA HERE IN THE FAR EAST.

IT WAS YOUR JOB TO SEE THAT THE DESTROYERS REMAINED AS READY AS WE COULD KEEP THEM TO DO THEIR JOBS AS THE INDISPENSIBLE SHIPS OF THE **SEVENTH** FLEET. YOU PROVIDED THE ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE TO KEEP THEM ACTIVE DURING THEIR TIMES ALONGSIDE. THE SHIP HAS DONE IT'S JOB WELL. I AM PROUD OF YOU AND THE **PRAIRIE**.

WELL DONE AND SMOOTH SAILING.