



### COMMANDING OFFICER

Captain J. DONALD L. GRANT, U. S. Navy, commanding, U.S.S. COLUMBUS, graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy with the Class of 1930. He served aboard pre-World War II battleships, cruisers and destroyers and was at Pearl Harbor during the Japanese attack. In 1942 he survived the torpedoing of the carrier SARATOGA off Johnston Island, and later that year was assigned to assist in the organization of Allied Naval Forces, South West Pacific. From 1944 to 1945 he was Navigator and Operations Officer of the (then) new large cruiser ALASKA and saw action in the strikes on Tokyo, Okinawa and Iwo Jima. Near the end of 1945 he became ALASKA'S Executive Officer. Since the war Captain Grant has served in varied sea and shore billets, including two ship commands, the senior course of instruction at U. S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, and Chief Staff Officer for the CINCNELM Subordinate Command at Naples. He took command of COLUMBUS at Izmir, Turkey on 18 November 1954.

### EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Commander JAMES A. PRIDMORE, U. S. Navy, Executive Officer, U.S.S. COLUMBUS, is an alumnus of the U. S. Naval Academy, Class of 1937. When World War II broke out he was serving at Manila. He participated in the Pacific battles in the Java Sea, and the later assault on the Philippines. More recently he took part in the Korean conflict. He served as Commanding Officer of the destroyers WILLIAMSON and O'BANNON during the period 1943-1946. Upon completion of a tour of duty in the Bureau of Ordnance, November 1951 to January 1954, Commander Pridmore reported aboard COLUMBUS 9 February 1955.

