



CAPT. O. L. LIVDAHL, USN, *Com Des Ron 12*

Captain Orlin Lester Livdahl Com Des Ron 12. Born September 14, 1903 in North Dakota. Graduated from the United States Naval Academy 1926.

Served in U.S.S. CLAXTON in squadron 40T in the Mediterranean, September 1937 to August 1938, during the Spanish revolution.

Served as gunnery officer for one year prior to World War II and the first year and a half of the war. Participated in all the early engagements in the Pacific. Served from April 1943 to August 1944 on the Staff of Commander SEVENTH Fleet as Gunnery and Training Officer, then to the Bureau of Ordnance as section chief of Underwater Ordnance, Research and Development. As Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. MARQUETTE in 1948, served in the Mediterranean with the United Nations Forces in the early peace attempts in Israel.

Reported to his present assignment, Commander Destroyer Squadron TWELVE on 5 January 1951. Prior assignment was Director of Naval Reserve, FIFTH Naval District.

Captain Livdahl has the following awards: Silver Star, Commendation Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Pacific Defense, Pacific Area Campaign, American Theater, World War II Victory Medal, German Occupation, Expert Pistol.