



CDR LAWRENCE J. FAY

COMMANDING OFFICER



Commander Lawrence J. FAY, was born in Quincy, Massachusetts on July 16th 1926. He received his Ensign's commission in the United States Navy in February 1947 upon graduation from Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

After serving in the Merchant Marine, Ensign FAY reported for active duty in November 1948 and served in the Engineering Department aboard the USS WRIGHT (CVL-49) until he was released from active duty in November 1949.

Lieutenant (junior grade) FAY returned to active duty in October of 1951 and reported to the USS BALTIMORE (CA-68) where he served in various capacities in her Engineering Department.

In July 1953, Lieutenant FAY became a member of Underwater Demolition Team TWO where he qualified as a parachutist. He was next ordered to the USS GALLANT (MSO-489) as Executive Officer in 1956. Promoted to Lieutenant Commander in May of 1958, he assumed command of GALLANT in August of that year.

Lieutenant Commander FAY subsequently served as Mine Warfare Officer at the Key West Test and Evaluation Detachment of OPTEVFOR and then as Aide and Flag Secretary to COMASWFORLANT. He received his promotion to Commander in March of 1963 and reported as Executive Officer of USS HARRY E. YARNELL (DLG-17) in April of 1964. In September, 1965, he was assigned as Commanding Officer, USS BIGELOW (DD-942).

Commander FAY is married to the former Gloria E. Solito of Quincy, Massachusetts. Two children, sons Michael and Lawrence, Junior, were born in 1959 and 1962 respectively.

A graduate of the General Line School at Monterey and the Naval War College, Commander FAY has a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine and Electrical Engineering and holds an unlimited Chief Engineer's license in the Merchant Marine.

