

COMMANDER DESTROYER SQUADRON FOURTEEN



CAPTAIN S. L. RUSK

Operational control of the MULLINNIX being shifted from DESRON THIRTY-TWO to DESRON FOURTEEN, Captain Rusk flew his flag as Commodore on the MULLINNIX from 15 January 1969 until the end of the cruise.

For our first two patrols on the gunline, Captain Rusk served as Gun Line Commander (Commander, Task Unit 70.8.9) and was in charge of all ships providing naval gunfire support in South Vietnam. During our third and final patrol he was called upon to serve upon a board of investigation in Subic Bay, Philippines.

Captain Rusk entered the naval service in May, 1943. He graduated from the U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipman School of the University of Notre Dame in September, 1943. From September, 1943 until November, 1945 he deployed with the Eighth Amphibious Force in the Mediterranean aboard USS LCI (L) 48, serving as Executive Officer, and then as Commanding Officer. He has served as an instructor in CIC and AIC with Fleet Training Group, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. From this he went to the USS HOLDER (DD-819) in July, 1950 on which he served as Operations Officer. In March 1952, he was transferred to the University of Virginia as an Associate Professor of Naval Science

for the NROTC program.

In August, 1954, Captain Rusk went to the USS STEINAKER (DD-863) as Executive Officer, where he remained until February 1956 when he was ordered to the staff of COMSIXTHFLT as an Aide and Flag Secretary.

From December, 1957 until November, 1959, Captain Rusk served on the staff of COMTRALANT. He became Commanding Officer of the USS MASSEY (DD-778) after leaving staff duty.

In December, 1961, Captain Rusk went to the U. S. Naval Destroyer School, Newport, R. I. which he helped establish, as Head of the Operations Department. He became Executive Officer in July, 1963 and stayed on as a student from August, 1964 until June, 1965.

From there he went on to serve as Commander of Destroyer Division 601 from July 1965 until September 1966. From October 1966 until July 1968 he served as an inspector for Operating Forces in the Office of the Naval Inspector General.

In August, 1968, Captain Rusk assumed command of Destroyer Squadron Fourteen.