

OTIS R. COLE Jr.

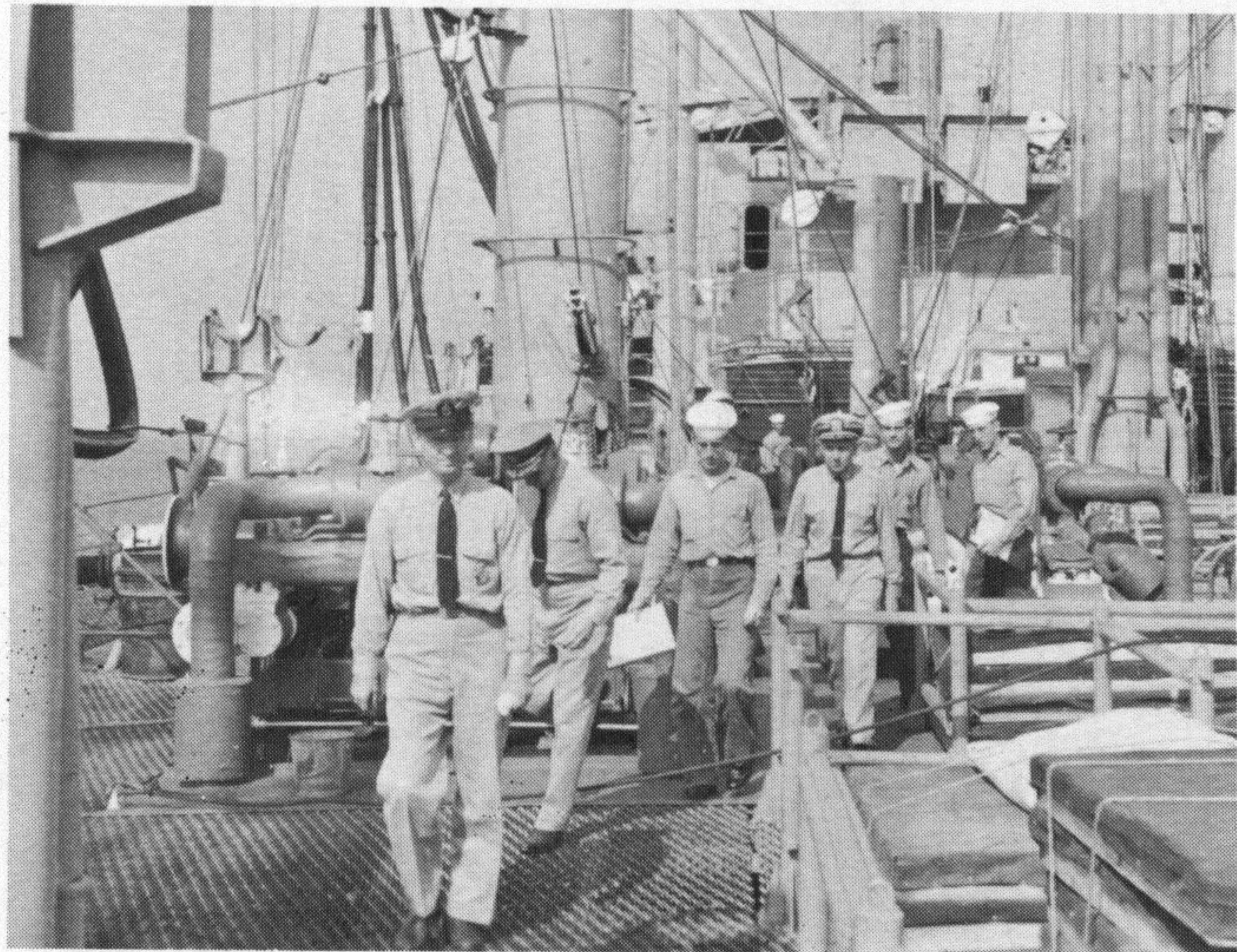
Captain, USN

Commanding



Otis R. Cole, Jr., was born in New York, N. Y., in 1915 and attended Manlius Preparatory School and Severn Preparatory School before entering the Naval Academy in 1932.

After graduation in 1936, Ensign Cole was assigned to the USS CHESTER, a unit of Cruiser Division 5, Scouting Force. In 1938 he was ordered to Asiatic Station, where he served in the USS STEWART and USS MARBLEHEAD. In 1940 he completed the Submarine School, New London, Conn., and was



assigned to the USS CACHALOT. He was at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked in 1941, and took part in the Battle of Midway, Second Battle of the Philippine Sea, and the sweep in the China Sea. Lt. Cole served aboard the CACHALOT until 1943, when he became Commanding Officer of the USS O-8.

Promoted to Lieutenant Commander in December of 1943, he was assigned as Executive Officer (and prospective Commanding Officer) of the USS ANGLER during her fifth (successful) war patrol in the Pacific in early 1944. On November 21, 1944, Commander Cole assumed command of the USS DACE. He was awarded the Silver Star Medal and the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" for outstanding service in command of the DACE, during her sixth and seventh war patrols, respectively.

Detached from command of the DACE in late 1945, Commander Cole commanded the USS CABRILLA and the USS CABEZON. Reporting to Balboa, Canal Zone, in 1948, he served first as Executive Officer of the station there, and from late 1949 to the fall of 1950 on the staff of the Commandant, Fifteenth Naval District.

Commander Cole commanded the USS EVERSOLE from November 1950 until January 1952, serving seven months in that vessel in the Korean War Zone. His next tour of duty was at the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va., after which he was assigned as Chief Staff Officer of Service Squadron One, based at San Diego. From 1953 to 1955 he was assigned to the office of the Chief of Naval Operations. In 1955 he was promoted to Captain and attended the Naval War College.

After graduation from the War College Captain Cole commanded Mine Squadron Four at Charleston, S. C. In 1957 he became a member of the faculty of the Armed Forces Staff College and in July of 1959 assumed command of the TRUCKEE.

In addition to the Silver Star Medal and the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", Captain Cole has the China Service Medal; the American Defense Service Medal, Fleet Clasp; the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with four engagement stars; the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two stars; the American Campaign Medal; and the World War II Victory Medal.