

EXECUTIVE OFFICER



COMMANDER
CHARLES W. SMYERS

Commander Smyers, BOSTON's Executive Officer, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and grew up at Point Breeze before he entered the Navy. He attended Peabody High School in Pittsburgh and entered the Naval Academy in 1938.

He was graduated from Annapolis in 1942 and was ordered directly to the Pacific Fleet. He spent most of his wartime duty on board the USS MINNEAPOLIS and USS NEW JERSEY in the Pacific. Since the war, he has served primarily in the Atlantic Fleet, serving in cruisers, carriers and destroyers and participating in eight cruises to the Mediterranean. Additionally, he has been assigned ashore as an instructor of Ordnance and Gunnery at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the U. S. Naval Academy. Before reporting to USS BOSTON, he was Commanding Officer of the Naval Ammunition Depot in Hingham, Massachusetts.

Commander Smyers is married to the former Miss Polly Whites, also from Pittsburgh. Until her marriage, she resided in Stanton Heights. The Commander's parents, Mr and Mrs. Charles W. Smyers, still reside at 634 Kirtland Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.



COMMANDER
ROBERT S. LEWELLEN

Commander Lewellen reported aboard at Thessaloniki in October to relieve Commander Smyers as Executive Officer. Having served mainly in Pacific waters, this was the Commander's first Mediterranean deployment since World War II.

Graduating in 1943 from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Commander Lewellen reported aboard USS QUICK (DD-490) and before reassignment fifty-one months later, was made Executive Officer. QUICK operated as a convoy escort in the Northern Atlantic until the close of World War II, when she was converted to a DMS and transferred to the Pacific Fleet.

Before reporting aboard BOSTON the Commander had had command of USS VAMMEN (DE-644) and USS BUCK (DD-761). His most recently completed tour of duty was as Naval Attache at Colombo, Ceylon.

Commander Lewellen, a native of Owensboro, Kentucky, is married to the former Miss Jane E. Stettler of Indianapolis, Indiana and has two children. The Lewellens now live in Scituate, Massachusetts.