

ASTRONIS OF CONTRA

CAPTAIN R. B. MOORE, USN

Commanding Officer

- U.S. Naval Academy, 1932
- USS COLORADO
- VO-3 USS MISSISSIPPI
- Pensacola, Flight Training, 1936
- VO-4 USS MARYLAND
- VS-42 USS RANGER
- Pensacola, flight instructor
- . VO-6 USS NORTH CAROLINA
- World War II
 - __ C.O., V-S One D-7
 - -A.O. USS INDEPENDENCE
 - -X.O., USS PETROF BAY
- Naval War College
- Naval Air Bases 10th Naval District
- . X.O., NAS Norfolk
- Staff Comairlant
- Office of CNO Washington, D.C.
- . C.O., USS SIBONEY

DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit; Purple Heart; Presidential Unit Citation; Philippines Liberation Medal; Pacific Area Medal with nine stars; Atlantic Area Medal; American Defense Service Medal with one star; and the World War II Victory Medal.



COMMANDING OFFICER
U. S. S. SIBONEY (CVE-II2)

To All Hands:

The strides that have been made in the past year in making the SIBONEY an efficient, clean, happy, and livable ship are remarkable. This has been accomplished in a spirit of cheerful willingness which is unsurpassed. We have come a long way in a short time and have done an all around job of which we can always be justly proud.

Our missions have been many and we have operated with many different commands. These operations have taken us to many parts of the world and have made it possible for us to visit an unusually large number of foreign ports. We will always be able to look back upon our days aboard the SIBONEY as days spent in accomplishing any and all missions in an outstanding manner. We will never need a reminder of this. However as time rolls on some of the pleasant ports that we visited may dim in memory. This book is published in hopes that these pleasant memories may be easily revived and that the association of outstanding accomplishment and interesting events may be readily recalled in days to come.

This journal is published at a most fitting time. The ship is to be inactivated. She is not being inactivated because of a lack of efficiency but because modern aircraft have become too fast and too large to operate from her relatively small deck. We can see her put away with pride, knowing that she finished up her active career at the peak of efficiency. Also, we can take with us to other ships and stations or to other walks of life the many lessons that we have learned in the spirit of accomplishment while serving aboard her.

I would like to take this opportunity to compliment each and every one of you on a job done in a most outstanding manner.

Good luck and smooth sailing always,

R. B. MOORE, Captain, U. S. Navy, Commanding