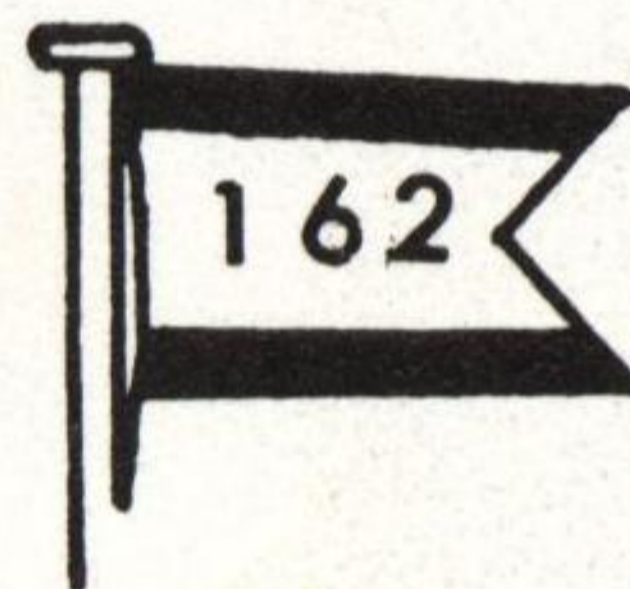




CAPTAIN A.H. McCAIN



Captain Audley Hill McCain USN was born in McCormick, So. Carolina and attended schools and The Citadel College in that state before entering the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. from which he was graduated in 1942.

Upon being commissioned an Ensign in 1942, he served in the destroyers BRISTOL, AULT and BLACK in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, and Pacific during World War II. Assignments during this period included all ship departments, duty on the staff Destroyer Flotilla THREE and Executive Officer of the BLACK. During this period he was promoted through Lieutenant. The period immediately following the war, while continuing to serve as executive officer of BLACK (DD-666); was spent in operations in Northern China and the Yellow Sea, and the occupation of that area.

A three year post graduate course in guided missiles was completed from 1946 to 1949 followed by assignment as executive officer of the destroyer RUSH which operated in the Atlantic, Mediterranean and in the Pacific during the Korean War. After completion of this assignment he spent two years in research and development of weapons systems in the Bureau of Ordnance in Washington

This was followed by a two year assignment at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in France, where he served on the staff of the Supreme Commander. Returning to sea, he assumed command of the destroyer Charles J. Badger followed in 1957 by assignment to and placing in commission as Commanding Officer, the new destroyer BIGELOW, built at Bath, Maine. During this tour in BIGELOW Captain McCain served as flagship of the newly formed Commander South Atlantic Force in that command's initial visits to the African continent in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans and up the Congo River.

This tour at sea was followed by a three year assignment in program management of the Bureau of Ordnance and later the Bureau of Naval Weapons where he dealt principally with the new weapons systems now under construction or being introduced in ships of the Navy. From this assignment he assumed the rank of Captain and command of Destroyer ONE SIX TWO in December 1961.

