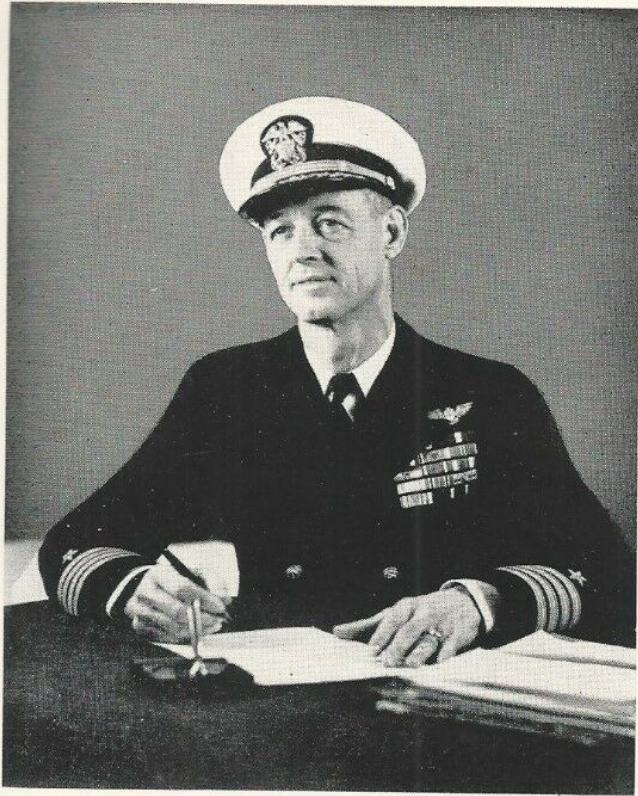


USS SICILY



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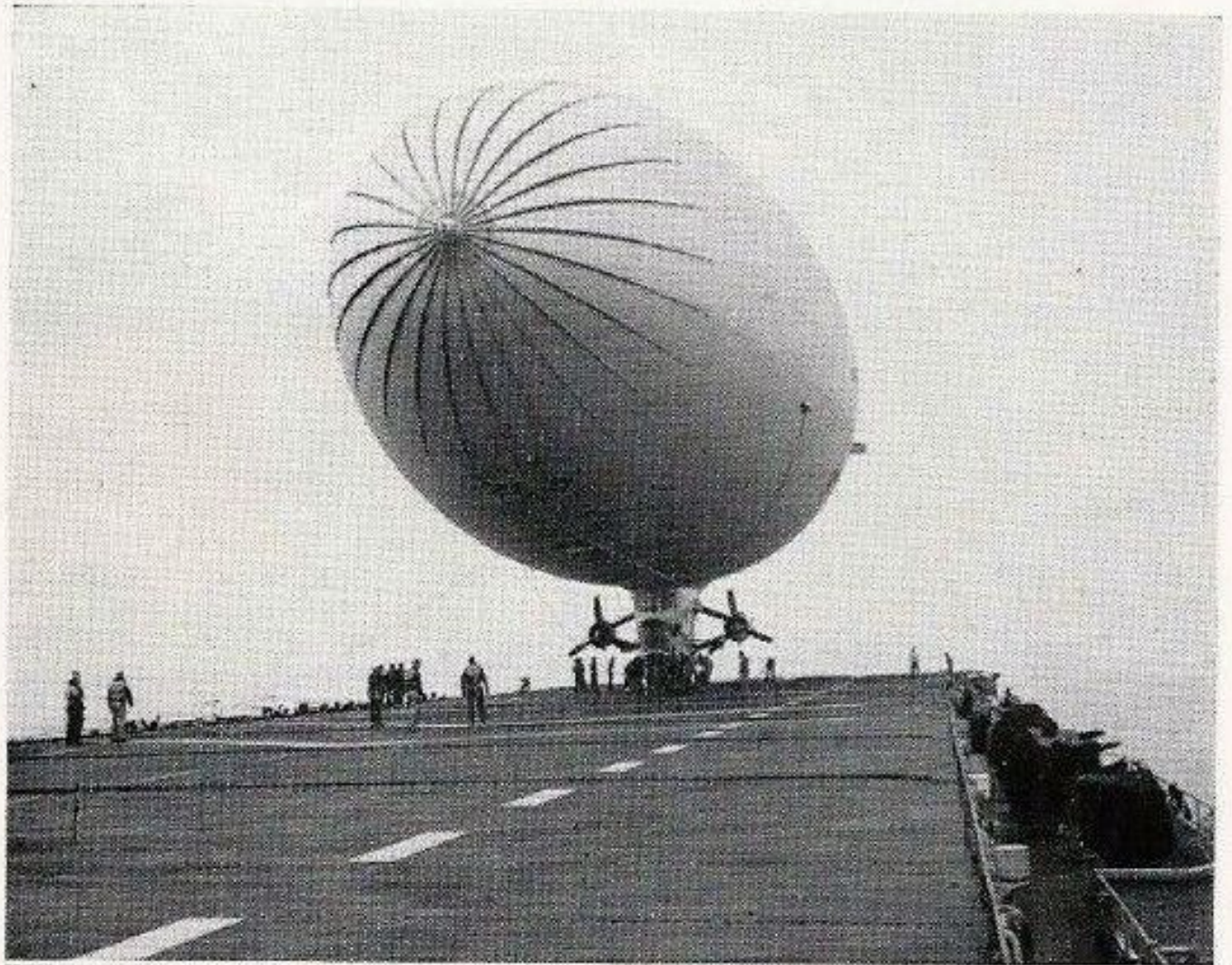
Captain John S. (Jimmy) Thach

Our Skipper

Our Exec.

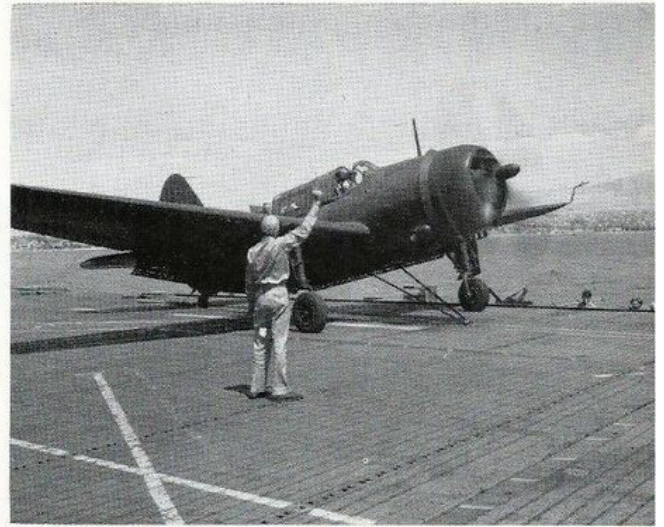


Commander Lester J. Stone





For Memorial Day 1949 the SICILY was sent to Portland, Maine, where the officers and men participated in the Memorial exercises and annual encampment of the Maine Veterans of Foreign Wars.



The unloading of aircraft was seriously hampered by the unusually rough weather and limited port facilities. The crew and officers of the SICILY again showed their willingness to do jobs over and above their supposed capacity.

Many of the aircraft were catapulted from the ship while she was at anchor, and Ship's aviators flew these aircraft to their delivery point. Captain Duerfeldt was the first to be catapulted. This operation resulted in expeditious delivery of the aircraft and allowed the crew to enjoy an additional two days liberty in visiting the historical places of interest in Athens.



And then there was
the Northern Cruise!



After only three weeks in her home port the SICILY was on her way again. This time she was to participate as a close air support carrier on operation Noramex, the annual Navy cold weather operation off the coast of Labrador.





PILOTS MAN YOUR PLANES



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August
1950



Black Sheep
strike.