

CAPTAIN DAVID S. CRAWFORD, USN

COMMANDING OFFICER

Taking command of the powerful heavy cruiser, USS FALL RIVER on her commission July 1, 1945, brought the greatest distinction in an already colorful career to Captain David S. Crawford, U.S.N.

Born in the rolling hills of Muncy, Pennsylvania, Captain Crawford attended the United States Naval Academy, and was a member of the class of 1919, which was graduated a year early in accord with the accelerated program of World War 1.

His first duty as a commissioned officer was aboard the battleship Nebraska, on escort duty in the Atlantic during the First World War. For the next two years, he was Gunnery Officer of the destroyer Buchanan, and later took a similar post on the USS PHILIPS, also a destroyer of the Atlantic Fleet.

Returning to battleship duty on the USS ARIZONA in 1921, Captain Crawford spent one year in the secondary battery, and then three years in the fourteen inch main battery.

He attended the post-graduate school of ordnance at the Naval Academy for one year and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for two years. Upon completion, he was assigned to the USS ALTAIR as Ordnance Repair Officer and Navigator.

The first command for Captain Crawford was the destroyer USS CONYNGHAM, which he captained from 1938 to 1939. He then became, until the beginning of the war, Operations Officer on the staff of Admiral Pye. Since then he has been on duty in the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, Washington, D.C., for two years, and then 18 months as planning officer on the staff of the Seventh Fleet under Admiral Kincaid.

The present residence of Captain and Mrs. Crawford is in Coronado, California. They have three children, Leighton, Seaman First Class, who is on active duty as a radio striker with the Pacific Fleet; Glenn, age 15; and Carol, age 12, both of whom are attending school in Coronado.