

For my shipmates it is hoped that this book will keep fresh in your memories our experiences during the Med Deployment of the CASCADE from August 1960 until February 1961. For those who did not make this trip, this is an opportunity to see what we did and perhaps to make it easier and more interesting for your CASCADE man to tell you about it.

I can only speak for the portion of the cruise from the 2nd of November until the end. This part of the cruise was not famous for the many ports we visited, for our schedule was changed so that we stayed in Naples until the 9th of February. During our stay in Naples many of us made tours to several very interesting places in the vicinity and also to Rome. A few of us saw some of Italy, but we worked very hard tending destroyers and other ships. It rained a good part of the time, and there were many gales that blew up as we sat in the harbor of Naples. It became pretty much of a grind. We did have two very fine ships' parties at the Flamingo Club at the NATO Headquarters Compound in Bagnoli. The USO in Naples was good to us, and we had a bowling tournament enjoyed by about half of the men on the ship. We also saw a Neapolitan New Year's celebration we will long remember.

In Valencia, Spain, we found much sun and the almond trees in blossom even though it was early February. The SHENANDOAH came to relieve us, and we were off for home.

Foremost in my memories of these months was the tremendous, untiring, and skillful efforts of the officers and men to repair and serve the ships under availability and in port. It was an extremely loyal and dedicated performance which gave me the greatest of pride and which also was recognized and praised by many of my superiors and contemporaries in the Sixth Fleet.

We left Naples with a heaviness in our hearts brought by the death of Eugene Rocque of the Boiler gang. He was well liked by all who knew him. We hoped and prayed that he would rally to survive his injury, but this would not be.

Finally, I would like to thank Chaplain Bliss, the Print Shop, the Photographers, and all others who have participated in the Cruise Book publication. I think you will find this a valuable book, well worth keeping to remind you in future years of our 1960-61 Med Cruise and your shipmates.

CAPTAIN CHARLES HENRY MORRISON JR.

Charles Henry Morrison Jr., assumed command of the destroyer tender U.S.S. CASCADE on 4 November 1960 at Naples, Italy. He is the son of retired Navy Captain Charles H. Morrison and Gertrude Macdonald Morrison who are residing in Coronado, California. He was born in Philadelphia on 19 November 1916 and attended schools in Coronado, California and both Westover High School and Columbia Prep in Washington, D.C. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1938.

While serving in the USS TENNESSEE in the Hawaiian area in 1941 he married the former Barbara Kauli Wentworth.

Captain Morrison's duty assignments have also included the USS ALASKA, USS DOYLE, USS LOWRY, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Whippany,

N.J., Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Va., Commander, Escort Squadron NINE, Bureau of Ordnance, and Chief of Staff to Commander Carrier Division TWENTY. He attended the Naval Post Graduate School in Annapolis, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York and the Thirty-Third Management Program at Harvard Business School.

In addition to the Legion of Merit with Combat 'V', Captain Morrison has the American Defense Medal, Fleet Clasp; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with five stars; American Campaign Medal; World War II Victory Medal; Navy Occupation Service Medal; China Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Korean Service Medal with two stars; United Nations Service Medal; and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

The Captain

