

COMMANDER LYTTLETON B. ENSEY, U. W. NAVY

Lyttleton Brockenbrough Ensey was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on April 17, 1918, son of Fred W. and Etta Brockenbrough Ensey. He attended Baltimore City College and Severn Preparatory School prior to entering the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, on appointment from his native state on June 16, 1937. There as a Midshipman he participated in Lacrosse, Cross Country and Gym, and was a member of the Radio Club. He was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science with the Class of 1941 which, due to the National Emergency was graduated on February 7, 1941, and was commissioned Ensign in the U. S. Navy on that date. Through subsequent advancement, he attained the rank of Commander, to date from July 1, 1951.

Prior to entering the Naval Academy he had twenty months in 1936-1937 as a member of a Baltimore Naval Reserve Unit. After graduation in February 1941, he was assigned to the USS TRACY (DM-19), in which he had duty as a junior officer before the outbreak of World War II and as Gunnery Officer, Communicator and First Lieutenant during the period December 1941 through October 1942. In December 1942 he joined the USS RINGGOLD (DD-500), and in that destroyer served a year as Gunnery Officer, and a year and one-half as Executive Officer. In the TRACY at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked the Fleet there on December 7, 1941, he later participated in the Guadalcanal Tulagi landings (including First Savo).

On board the RINGGOLD from her commissioning in December 1942, during her shakedown cruise and subsequent operations in the Pacific, he took part in the Pacific raids of 1943, the Gilbert Islands operation; the occupation of Kwajalein, Majuro Atolls and Eniwetok Atoll, in the Marshall Islands; the Hollandia operation; Morotai landings; the capture and occupation of Guam; Leyte landings; assault and occupation of Iwo Jima and FIFTH Fleet raids on Honshu and Nansei Shoto; and FIFTH and THIRD Fleet raids in support of the Okinawa Gunto operation.

He was awarded a Letter of Commendation, with Ribbon and Combat "V," for "distinguished service in the line of his profession during the attack on the U. S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, T. H., by Japanese forces on December 7, 1941, in the performance of his duties as Officer of the Deck of the USS TRACY in a most efficient manner..."

From May 1945 until July 1946 he served as Executive Officer and Senior Instructor at the Gunnery School, Fleet Training Center, Pearl Harbor, T. H. and had similar duty at the San Diego Gunnery School from July 1946 until November 1947. That month he joined the Staff of Commander Training Command, Pacific Fleet, to serve a year as CIC and Electronics Officer. In January 1949 he became Executive Officer of the USS JOHN R. PIERCE (DD-753), and remained at sea in that capacity until October 1950.

Following a tour of duty in the Bureau of Naval Personnel (Warrant Officer Detail), Navy Department, Washington, D. C., he assumed command, on April 15, 1953, of the USS KIDD (DD-661) at San Diego. Under his command, the KIDD served a week as Gunnery School Ship, and on her way to port from

gunnery exercises on April 21, was rammed by a Swedish freighter, the HAINAN, out of Goteberg. No one was hurt on either ship, but the V-shaped hole in the starboard side of the KIDD necessitated another dry-docking in April and May 1953. On October 24, 1953 she left San Diego with Destroyer Division 152 for the Far East, and arrived in Yokosuka, Japan, on November 20, and subsequently was engaged in patrolling the waters off the East Coast of Korea. Commander Ensey remained in command until July 2, 1955, during which period the KIDD made a return voyage to San Diego and rejoined forces in the Western Pacific early in 1955. After her return to the San Diego Harbor in May 1955, he was relieved and detached.

He remained in the San Diego Area, attached to Headquarters, Eleventh Naval District, until ordered in November 1956 to Headquarters, Military Sea Transportation Service, Pacific Area, thence to duty in command of the USS KASKASKIA (AO-27). Under orders of October 11, 1957, he now serves as Commanding Officer of the Fleet Gunnery School, Naval Station, San Diego, California.

In addition to the Commendation Ribbon with Combat "V," Captain Ensey has the American Defense Service Medal, Fleet Clasp; the American Campaign Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, with two silver stars and one bronze star (11 operations); the World War II Victory Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Korean Service Medal; United Nations Service Medal; and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one star.

Captain Ensey was married to Miss Alicia Hartwell of Honolulu, T. H., on April 16, 1942. They have four children: Martha Lee, Gale B., Charles H. and Elizabeth H. Ensey. The official family residence is 835 Pomona Avenue Coronado, California. Captain Ensey's parents reside in Owings Mills, Maryland.

Captain Ensey is a member of the American Radio Relay League (amateur radio) and a stamp collector.

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