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CAPTAIN B. CHIPMAN
UNITED STATES NAVY

A native of Massachusetts, Captain Briscoe CHIPMAN was graduated from the Naval Academy and commissioned an Ensign in 1935. He has served at sea in cruisers, destroyers, amphibious ships and on various staff assignments. He was appointed to Captain in 1954.

During World War II he saw action in escort of convoys in the North Atlantic. While Captain CHIPMAN was aboard the USS MADISON (DD-425) from April 1940 until March 1943, he served with the British Home Fleet in the early part of 1942 and participated in the first North African Landing, November 1942. He commanded USS COLE (DD-155) during the invasion of Sicily and Salerno. In March 1944 he reported as Training Officer of Naval Training Center, Miami, Florida. From January 1946 until December 1946 he served as Executive Officer and later as Commanding Officer of USS SAMUEL CHASE (APA-26). His next duty was on the Staff of COMPHIBGRU TWO. Later on the Staff of CINCLANTFLT he served as Fleet Amphibious Warfare Officer and as Assistant Fleet Operations Officer until October 1951 when he assumed command of USS EATON (DDE-510). His next duty was as Commander of CORTDES DIV 42.

From August 1954 until December 1956 he was Commanding Officer and Director of the Atlantic Fleet ASW Tactical School, having assumed command upon establishment of the school. Subsequently he reported as Chief of Staff to COMCARDIV 14 in which capacity he served until January 1958.

Under the command of Captain CHIPMAN, TACONIC participated in various amphibious operations including the initial landing in Lebanon. During the period of 16 July through 6 October 1958 TACONIC served as Flagship of Admiral J. L. HOLLOWAY, CINCSPECOMME. For his contribution in the Lebanese Operation Captain CHIPMAN received a letter of commendation from CINCSPECOMME.

Captain CHIPMAN's decorations include the Legion of Merit with Combat "V"; Navy Commendation Ribbon; Special Breast Order of Yen Hui (Chinese Nationalist); in addition he has various Area Campaign Medals and Service Medals.



**CAPTAIN T.H.W.CONNOR
UNITED STATES NAVY**

Captain Terrill H. W. CONNOR was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and commissioned an Ensign in 1937, and was appointed to Captain in 1955.

His initial assignment was aboard the Battleship IDAHO. During World War II he served aboard the Destroyers MAC LEISH and LANDALE and on the Staff of ComCruDiv ONE. Captain CONNOR also served as Chief of Staff of Cruiser Division FOURTEEN during this period.

He has commanded two destroyers, the Destroyer Leader MITSCHER, the Secretary of the Navy's Yacht SEQUOIA, and Escort Destroyer Division TWENTY-TWO.

Since completing a course of instruction at the Naval War College, Captain CONNOR has served with the Staff of Commander Operational Development Force, Atlantic Fleet, as Director of the Anti-Submarine Warfare Division.

Captain CONNOR's decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with "V" and Gold Star; the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with seven Stars; the European-African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with three Stars; and several other Area Campaign Medals and Service Medals.

HISTORY

TACONIC was built by the North Carolina Shipbuilding Corporation at Wilmington, North Carolina, early in 1945. She was commissioned at Brooklyn, N.Y., on 16 January 1945.

After commissioning, TACONIC was assigned to the U. S. Atlantic Fleet Amphibious Force. She has served as Flagship for either the Commander Amphibious Force, Commander Amphibious Group TWO, or Commander Amphibious Group FOUR, except for brief periods.

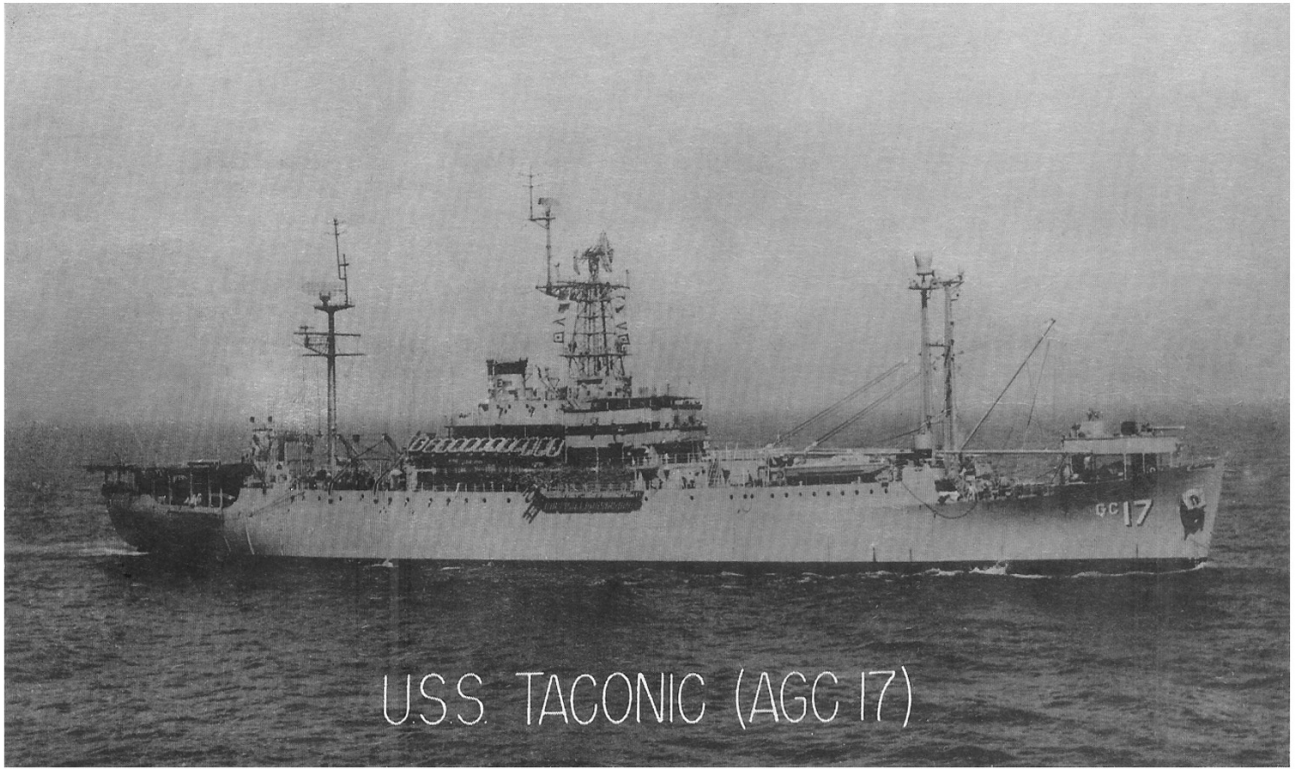
TACONIC has participated in many exercises in the Norfolk, Virginia, Camp Pendleton, Virginia, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Caribbean, and Gulf of Mexico areas, and has served four tours with the U. S. SIXTH Fleet in the Mediterranean.

In July 1958 TACONIC was present at the initial landings in Lebanon. From 16 July until she departed the Lebanon Area, TACONIC served as Flagship of Admiral James L. Holloway, USN, Commander in Chief, Specified Command Middle East.

TACONIC is named for the TACONIC Mountains which are located in New England and in New York, and are part of the range of the Appalachian system. The small village of Taconic, Connecticut, is located in the northwest part of the state.

FORMER COMMANDING OFFICERS AND DATES ASSUMED COMMAND

CAPT. C.G. CHRISTIE	1/16/46	CAPT N. LUCKER, JR.	6/18/53
CAPT T.L. GREENE	7/26/47	CAPT A.C. PERKINS	4/3/54
CAPT G.W. PATERSON, JR.	4/16/48	CAPT J.E. STEVENS	12/7/54
CAPT W.V. DEUTERMANN	7/2/49	CAPT S.P. MONCURE	1/12/56
CAPT R.F. SCOTT	7/21/50	CAPT W.V. PRATT	2/14/57
CAPT A.H. GRAUBERT	7/7/51	CAPT B. CHILPMAN	2/19/58
CAPT G. RICHARDSON	6/7/52		



USS TACONIC (AGC 17)