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Officers Lieut. Otto C. Zimmerman, USN, left, executive officer, and Lieut. Comdr. Archie C. Kuntze, USN, skipper of the high speed transport Begor, are pictured on the bridge of their vessel. Lieut. Comdr. Kuntze is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy, class of 1942 and participated in the Okinawa campaign in 1945. He has commanded the Begor since March, 1951. Lieutenant Zimmerman, a reservist, was recalled to active duty last April and has served aboard the Begor since August. In this picture the officers are looking over Mare Island instead of the Korean coast.

Begor Will Get Skipper Today

Lieut. Comdr. George B. Hamilton, Jr., USN, of Newton, Mass., will assume command today of the USS Begor, one of the U.S. Navy's high speed transports, now berthed at Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

He will relieve Lieut. Comdr. Archie C. Kuntze, of Sheboygan, Wis., who has been ordered to duty of the staff of the Seventh Fleet commander, aboard the battleship USS Iowa, now in western Pacific waters.

Commander Hamilton has been the executive officer of the destroyer USS Kidd, now undergoing overhaul at the shipyard, and makes his home at Coronado where Mrs. Hamilton and the two Hamilton children are now residing.

The new skipper, a graduate of Naval Academy, '42, served in the Asiatic Pacific theater during World War II, and had just returned from Korea where he earned an engagement star on his Korean service medal.

Commander Kuntze also is a veteran of World War II. He and Mrs. Kuntze also make their home at Coronado.

Meanwhile Naval authorities announced the Begor will be moored at the Naval Reserve Training Center at the foot of Sonoma boulevard on Armed Forces Day, May 17, for inspection by the public.

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