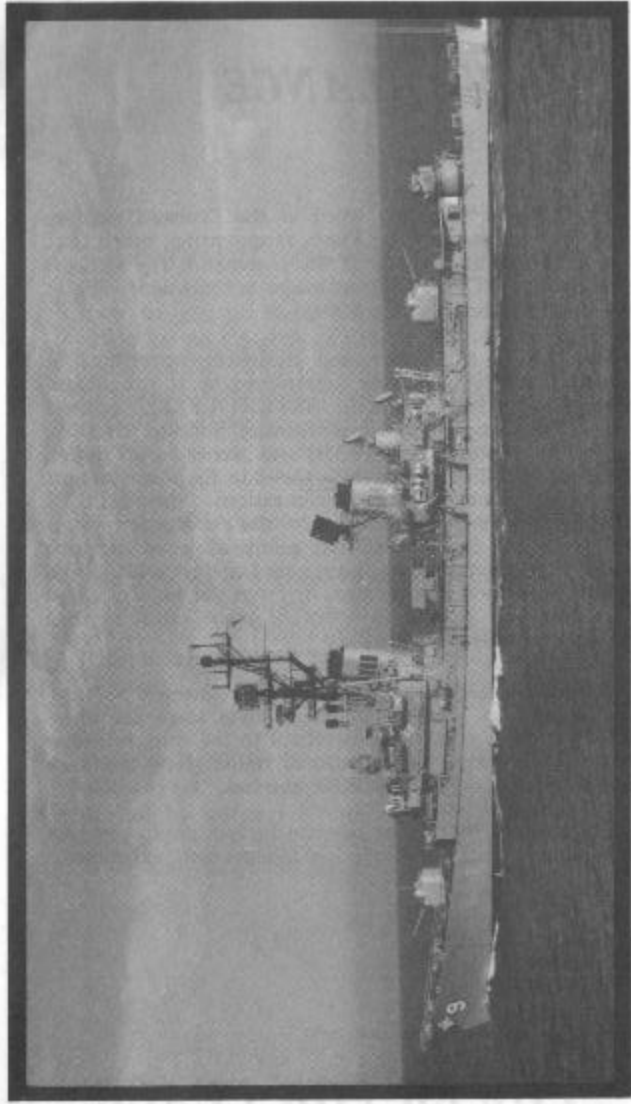




USS TOWERS (DDG-9)

VIGILANCE

VIGILANCE is a key word in the Cruiser-Destroyer Force, United States Pacific Fleet, representing, more than any other word, the essence of this command. The Officers and men of CRUDESPAC maintain a constant vigil as guardians of the freedom of the seas.

The tempo of cruiser and destroyer operations in the Eastern Pacific is largely determined by the tempo of operations in the Western Pacific. SEVENTH FLEET cruisers and destroyers engage in Naval Gunfire Support (NGFS), conduct Search and Rescue (SAR) and carrier escort duties. NGFS provides allied troops with accurate firepower against enemy troop movements or concentrations. When on SAR station, destroyers and frigates patrol the Far Eastern waters ready to launch helicopters and rescue downed aviators. Destroyers on carrier escort duty, guard against attack from beneath the sea, on the surface, or from the air. They also provide lifeguard service in event of plane crash or man overboard from the carrier.

Ships returning from deployment go through a "turn-around cycle" in EastPac which involves leave for crewmembers, repairs, refitting or overhaul to the ship, refresher training and a period of operational training and readiness usually as units of a FIRST FLEET exercise.

Cruisers and destroyers operate in task groups, as part of task forces, and sometimes on independent assignment.

POWER FOR PEACE

USS TOWERS (DDG 9) is the 4th ship of the CHARLES F. ADAMS Class of destroyers the newest and largest destroyers ever to join the fleet. The ship was commissioned on June 6, 1961 at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington; keel laid April 1, 1958; launched April 23, 1959. The ship was named after the late Admiral John H. Towers, the Navy's third Naval Aviator, and later Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, and Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

The ship's overall length of 437 feet with a beam of 47 feet gives a full load displacement of about 4500 tons. Four boilers will produce over 70,000 shaft horsepower, giving the ship a speed over 30 knots. Use of aluminum for the superstructure permits greater flexibility of design and provides the necessary balance for new and heavier weapons which use the all welded high-strength steel hull for an unyielding platform.

USS TOWERS is equipped with the latest armament for anti-air and anti-submarine operations. This firepower is controlled by intricate electronic systems coupled with radar and sonar detection and tracking equipment. The ship is designed for a complement of 350 officers and men.

WELCOME ABOARD



COMMANDER CRUISER-DESTROYER FORCE

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

The Cruiser-Destroyer Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet (CRUDESPAC) is commanded by a senior Rear-Admiral with headquarters in San Diego, California. The San Diego-based destroyer tenders rotate as Flagship.

The primary mission of COMCRUDESPAC is to provide combat ready ships to Commander, First Fleet in the Eastern Pacific and Commander, Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific. In accomplishing this mission, COMCRUDESPAC commands a Force of about 100 warships and 40,000 officers and enlisted personnel. This force is maintained at the highest state of training, readiness, discipline and morale to the end that the optimum degree of battle proficiency is achieved prior to deployment.

CRUDESPAC is organized into four flotillas. There are two Cruiser-Destroyer Flotillas homeported in San Diego and one homeported in Long Beach; each of these flotillas is commanded by a Rear Admiral. Destroyer Flotilla Five, homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, is commanded by a senior Captain. A typical flotilla is composed of four or five destroyer squadrons, a cruiser, a destroyer tender and two or three guided missile frigates. These destroyer squadrons are trained and equipped for either anti-air or anti-submarine warfare, however, all units retain the traditional destroyer versatility to conduct effective operations against threats from the air, on the surface or from beneath the seas.

FORCE FOR FREEDOM

FIREPOWER



VERSATILITY



VIGILANCE



SPEED

TEAMWORK

