

COMMANDER CRUISER DIVISION SIX



REAR ADMIRAL R. F. STOUT
UNITED STATES NAVY

Rear Admiral Richard F. Stout was piped aboard the USS MACON last April 27, 1953 as Commander, Cruiser Division Six.

The 51 year old Admiral was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1924. From then until 1941 he served in various capacities aboard such ships as the USS NEW YORK, TRENTON, NIAGARA, RICHMOND, SMITH THOMPSON, JOHN D. FORD, GUAM, and the CONCORD.

In 1941 he assumed command of the USS HULL in the Pacific. Under his command the HULL participated in action at Pearl Harbor and Midway during the Japanese attack on December 7; in air action off Bougainville in 1942; in the Salamaua-Lae raid; in the Guadalcanal-Tulagi landing; and in the capture and defense of Guadalcanal.

Admiral Stout was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", the Silver Star, and Gold Star during this period.

Later he served as Chief of Staff to Commander, Operational Training Command Pacific. In August 1947 he returned to the Naval Academy as Head of the Department of Seamanship and Navigation.

In January 1950, the Admiral assumed command of the USS TOLEDO and served in that command for a year and was awarded the Legion of Merit and another Gold Star in lieu of his third Bronze Star Medal, both with Combat "V".

From the TOLEDO, Admiral Stout reported to the Office of Chief of Naval Operations. He served there as head of the Foreign Branch, Naval Intelligence Division until August 1951 when he became Assistant Director of the Naval Intelligence Division. Since June 1952 he had served as acting director of that Division.

On March 16, 1953, Rear Admiral Stout was detached from duty in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and ordered to the MACON as ComCruDiv Six.

Both Admiral and Mrs. Stout, the former Virginia Hollinger, are from Trenton, New Jersey.