



**CAPTAIN ROY A. GANO, USN  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
17 July 1951 to 29 May 1952**

His friendly manner, attention to duty, and consideration for others will long be remembered by all those who have had the pleasure of serving under his command. Alert and firm in his control of all matters affecting the ship's missions, he inspired confidence in all of us that his leadership would be calm, considered, responsive and constant. His confidence in his officers and crew brought forth every effort on their part to merit that trust. Some men are taught to become leaders, some gain it through time and experience, while a chosen few are endowed by nature. Captain Gano falls into this latter category. In his parting speech to the crew, he made the statement which most endeared him to the hearts of his men: "We have all had the opportunity to make life long friends."