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During the full year that I commanded the *Columbus*, October 1948 to October 1949, I was fortunate in realizing the dream of every commanding officer. That dream is to command a smart fighting ship manned by an efficient and competent crew of congenial and happy officers and men. We have spent twelve consecutive months of operations in foreign waters visiting new and interesting ports in fourteen countries of Europe and North Africa. To the ship's company of the *Columbus* I extend my sincere thanks, appreciation and congratulations for a difficult job "WELL DONE".

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