



AFTER COMMISSIONING IN MAY 1945, STEINAKER MADE HER INITIAL SHAKEDOWN CRUISE TO GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA. SHE THEN RETURNED TO NORFOLK AND UNDERWENT A PERIOD OF INTENSIVE TRAINING, INCLUDING TACTICAL AND ANTI-SUBMARINE TRAINING, ON THE ATLANTIC COAST. UNFORTUNATELY, STEINAKER CERTIFIED TOO LATE TO SEE ANY ACTION IN WORLD WAR II. BETWEEN THE FALL OF 1947 AND THE EARLY SUMMER OF 1952, STEINAKER PARTICIPATED IN FIVE EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN CRUISES. UPON COMPLETION OF THIS FIFTH DEPLOYMENT, SHE WAS PREPARED FOR DECOMMISSIONING AND CONVERSION TO A RADAR PICKET DESTROYER. SHE WAS DECOMMISSIONED ON 1 JULY 1952.

DURING THE OVERHAUL, STEINAKER WAS FITTED WITH THE LATEST EARLY WARNING RADAR FOR USE IN LONG-RANGE DETECTION OF AIRCRAFT. THE CONVERSION COMPLETED, THE STEINAKER WAS RECOMMISSIONED ON 23 FEBRUARY 1953 AT THE NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD, AND DESIGNATED DDR 711 CLASS. FOLLOWING SHAKEDOWN CRUISE TO GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, STEINAKER COMPLETED ONE MEDITERRANEAN DEPLOYMENT, AND VARIOUS TACTICAL AND TRAINING CRUISES IN THE WEST ATLANTIC. ANOTHER SHORT YARD PERIOD WAS COMPLETED DURING SUMMER OF 1955, FOLLOWED BY A THIRD SHAKEDOWN CRUISE AT "GITMO". A HEAVY OPERATIONAL SCHEDULE MARKED BY SIX MED DEPLOYMENTS AND THE REGULAR OVERHAULS OCCURRED BETWEEN 1955 AND 1964.