

Commanding Officer



COMMANDER O. D. Tideman

Commander Tideman entered the Navy in 1943 and attended Duke University as a student in the V-12 Program. He was commissioned in July 1945 from U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School at Columbia University and transferred to the Regular Navy in 1947. The three years following commissioning he served on minesweepers, participating in mine clearance operations in Japan.

In 1948, he reported to the USS HARLAN R. DICKSON (DD-708) and served as Operations and CIC Officer. After two and one half years aboard the DICKSON he assumed command of the USS HORNBILL (AMS-19).

Commander Tideman attended General Line School in Monterey, California in 1953. He remained in Monterey as a student in the Communications Curriculum of the Naval Postgraduate School. During the next four and one half years he had communications assignments; first, as Communications Officer on the Staff of Commander Mine Force, Pacific Fleet, and then aboard the USS WORCESTER (CL-144).

In 1959, he returned to the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School as a CIC and Tactics Instructor in the General Line School. After two years ashore, Commander Tideman was ordered to sea as Executive Officer of the USS LEONARD F. MASON (DD-852), a ship homeported in Japan. During this tour, in December 1961, he was promoted to his present rank. In June 1962, he reported to Commander Mine Flotilla One as Chief Staff Officer.

In July 1963, Commander Tideman received orders to attend the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island as a student in the Naval Warfare Course. Following graduation from the War College, he reported to the USS BARRY in July 1964 to assume command.