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The U.S.S. Gregory (DD-802) is the second ship in the U.S. Navy to bear the name, the first being the Destroyer No. 82 which served in the first World War and was later converted into a destroyer-transport and designated APD-3. The first Gregory served in the early days of World War II and in September of 1942 she was sunk off Guadalcanal.

The second U.S.S. Gregory was built to perpetuate the name. She was constructed at the Seattle-Tacoma Shipyards, at Harbor Island, Seattle, Washington, and was delivered to the Navy and commission on 29 July 1944 as DD 802.

The Gregory participated in the capture and occupation of Iwo Jima and later went on to the landing. At the war's end the Gregory was de-commissioned in accordance with the then-current at demobilization program.

The Gregory was recommissioned 27 April 1951 to participate in the United Nations campaign in Korea. Since that time she has completed five tours of duty in the FAR EAST.

The Skipper

Comander Joseph P. Rizza, USN



The skipper is a graduate of the Pennsylvania (1)Ma***** Academy in Philadelphia and (2)holds?? (3)a Bachelor of Arts in (4)____ (5)____ from the University of Washington, Seattle Washington where he was made a member of Phi Beta (6)Kappa.

THE SKIPPER

Commander JOSEPH P. RIZZA, USN

The Skipper is a graduate of the Pennsylvania Maritime Academy in Philadelphia, and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Service from the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, where he was made a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He is also a licensed master mariner.

During the early part of World War II he served as Operations Officer of the USS HENRIKSON (APA-551) while conducting assault landings on the Marshall Islands. Later, he served as Executive Officer of the USS LANNER (APA-60), making assault landings on New Guinea, the Philippines, and Okinawa. At the war's end he served as Executive Officer of the USS MERVINTH (APA-203), making "magic carpet" runs, bringing the soldiers and marines back to the States. As Executive Officer of the USS HOYD THOMAS (DD-764) he made a round-the-world tour, after which he was made Commanding Officer of the USS SPANISH (DD-694).

He has attended the General Line School, and the Command Staff Course at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island.

Prior to reporting aboard the GREGORY as Commanding officer he served as Aide and Flag Secretary to Commander Amphibious Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. He has commanded the GREGORY since 7 October 1974, during which time he also has served two tours of duty in Vietnam and steered some 92,000 miles.



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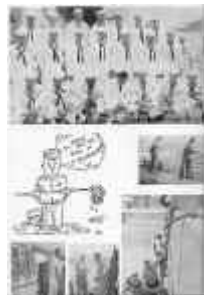
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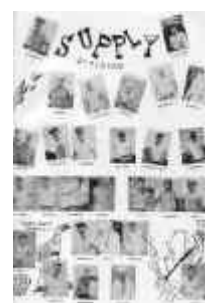
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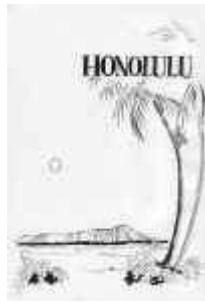
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