



Captain Rodmon D. Smith, USN, of Falls Church, Va., took command of the USS ROCHESTER February 19, 1951. He was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1925 and served on battleships and destroyers until 1929, when he entered submarine school.

He served seven years in submarines before returning to surface craft in 1936. Prior to WWII he commanded the destroyer USS WATERS, and he was gunnery officer of the light cruiser USS HELENA when she was sunk in the 1943 battle of the Kula Gulf.

Captain Smith guided the ROCHESTER through the first three months of her second tour of duty in the Far East, before being ordered to report for duty to the Chief of Naval Personnel. In ceremonies held on board the ROCHESTER in Yokosuka, Japan, January 28, 1952, Captain Smith was detached.

Captain Charles F. Chillingworth, USN, of Washington, D. C., relieved Captain Smith as commanding officer of the ROCHESTER January 28, 1952, and directed the heavy cruiser's operations during the remainder of the Far East tour.

He was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1925. He has served in both submarines and surface craft. During WWII he was awarded the Legion of Merit and three Bronze Stars with combat "V" while serving with Task Force II and Task Force 58 in the South Pacific.

Prior to assuming command of the ROCHESTER, Captain Chillingworth headed the Plans Development Section of the Strategic Plans Division in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

