

ADMINISTRATIVE

the Exec



John N. Hughes

Commander U. S. Navy

“Now lay below outside the Executive Officers Office, all of the eight o'clock reports” . . . this was a familiar sound to our ears during the last five years . . . we often wondered what went on down there when those reports layed below . . . well there was always someone there to receive the hot dope from the “H of D's” . . . that man was the Executive Officer, the administrative expert in the MACON . . . his many chores brought him in contact with almost every man aboard ship in one way or another . . . he signed our special requests . . . gave us leave . . . and even gave us a fatherly talk when we did wrong . . . this was the Exec . . . although he was on board a short while, it took him no time to swing into the MACON way of life and he did that well . . . Commander Hughes came to us from the Third Naval District where he was personnel officer of the Receiving Station at Brooklyn . . . it is quite evident why he would be familiar with personnel problems . . . his time at sea was divided between the transport divisions which he commanded and three destroyers, the CASE, HATFIELD, and PARROT, on which he served as assistant engineer, executive officer, and commanding officer respectively . . . he served for a while at the Naval Academy as a Spanish instructor . . . he should have been along in Cuba . . . his quiet way and understanding nature will be remembered by all . . . we wish the Commander good luck in his new job . . . we are sorry that his stay with us was not longer . . .

