

Escorts

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1957, and in April of that year a new ship and a new Captain began their careers.

U.S.S. LESTER

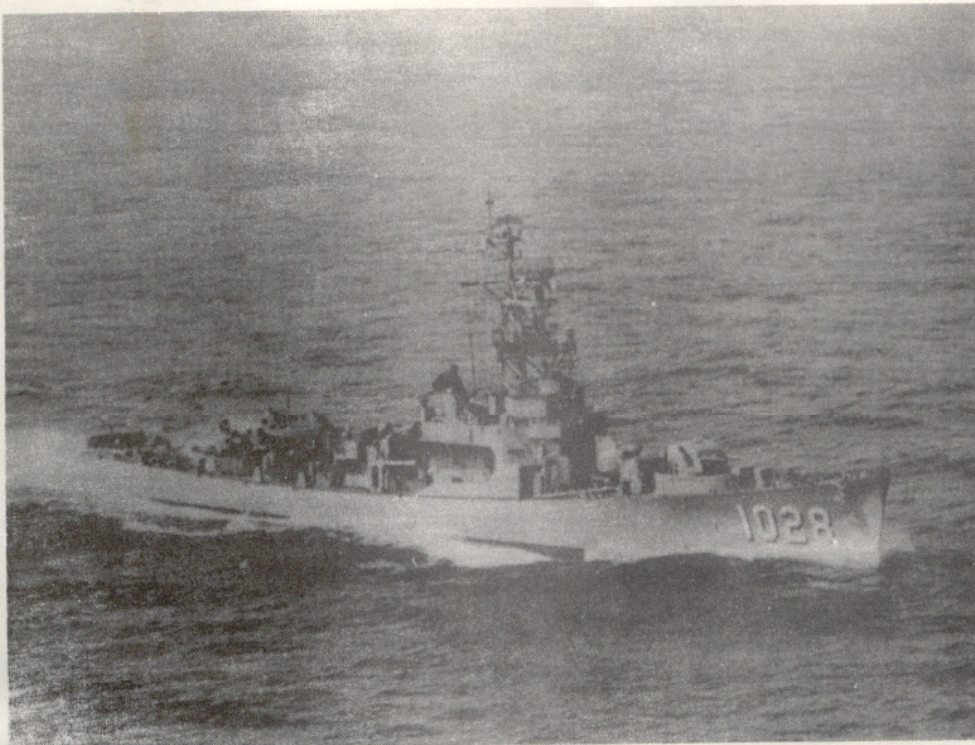
The USS LESTER (DE-1022), which was commissioned on 14 June 1957 at Charleston Naval Shipyard, is one of the first vessels of her size with an all-aluminum superstructure.

Sponsor of the ship at the time of commissioning was Mrs. Fred W. Lester, mother of Congressional Medal of Honor winner Fred Faulkner Lester, the man for whom the ship is named.

In mid February of 1958, when the ships of Escort Squadron FOURTEEN were called to search for survivors of Italian merchant ship SS BONITAS, which sank in a furious storm off Cape Hatteras, the LESTER picked up the two lone survivors and a number of additional bodies.

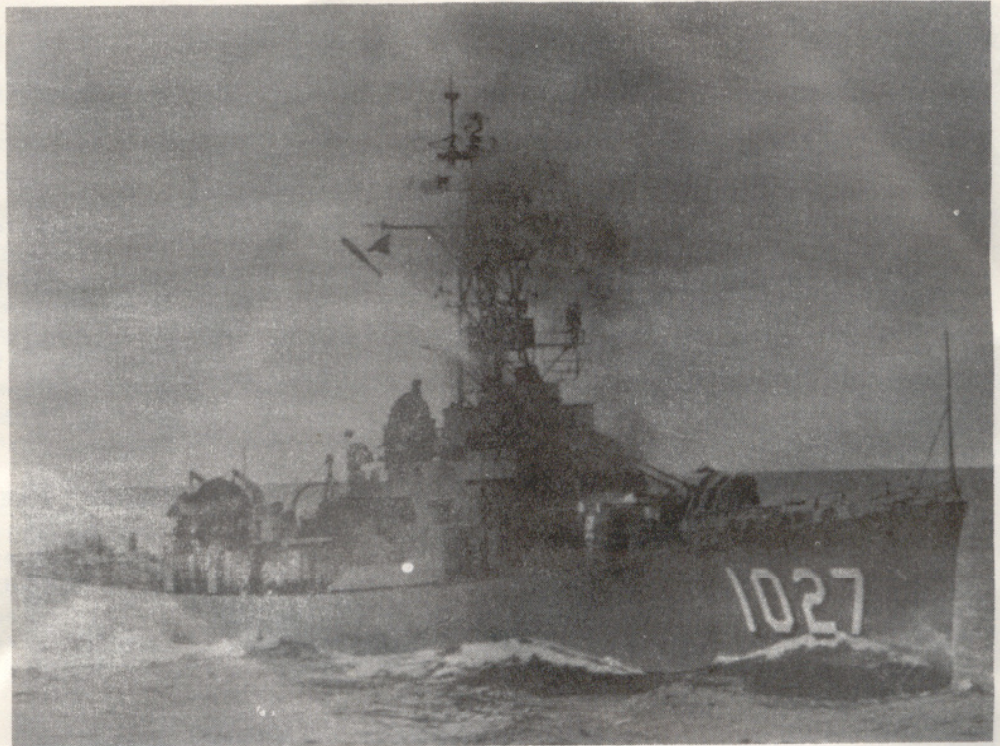
Commanding Officer is LCDR Alfred R. Olsen, Jr., USN, a 1944 graduate of the Naval Academy. He assumed command of the LESTER on 28 April 1958.

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USS VAN VOORHIS (DE-1028)

Flagship of Commander Escort Squadron FOURTEEN



USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027)

Smallest vessel capable of two-blocking FOXTROT flag

U.S.S. J. K. TAUSSIG

The USS J. K. TAUSSIG (DE-1030), launched on 9 March 1957, is the ninth ship of her class to join the Atlantic Fleet.

The ship is named for Vice

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Admiral Joseph K. Taussig, who began his naval career as an Annapolis midshipman in 1895 and continued serving through World War II when his duties included that of Special Advisor to the Secretary of the Navy.

In World War I, as Commander of Division EIGHT which led a group of U.S. destroyers sent to cooperate with the Royal Navy, he replied, when asked when the U.S. ships would

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LCDR A. R. Olsen, Jr.

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