



SHIP OF THE MONTH

## USS CONYNGHAM (DDG 17)

The Norfolk-based guided missile destroyer *Conyngham* not only won the Battle Efficiency "E" and two departmental "E"s this year, but also posted the highest score recorded within the Force.

The coveted Battle Efficiency "E" is one of the most sought after honors among Atlantic Fleet ships. Yet only one ship in each squadron can win, and *Conyngham* took the honor in Destroyer Squadron 26.

This is the second consecutive year that *Conyngham* has won the "E". In addition, last year she won all four departmental awards and this year took "E"s" in Weapons and Operations.

The "E" winner is determined by averaging grades for exercises conducted during the year. The exercises include gunnery, antisubmarine warfare, engineering, communications and operations as well as marks received for smartness and efficiency plus overall performance in fleet operations.

A youngster in the Cruiser-Destroyer Force, *Conyngham* was commissioned on July 13, 1963. She is the third ship to be named *Conyngham* and

is named in honor of Capt. Gustavus Conyngham of the Continental Navy.

The ship completed post shakedown availability in early March of 1964, then headed south for the Caribbean and Operation Springboard.

In August, *Conyngham* had a complete check of her equipment at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, then set course for new adventures on her first Mediterranean cruise.

While in the Mediterranean, the ship conducted a vigorous people-to-people program, patrolled the Cyprus coast for possible evacuation of American personnel during the Cyprus-Turkish dispute, and carried out assigned Sixth Fleet operations.

More recently, the guided missile destroyer participated in Project Power in the Caribbean, and broke all existing records at the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range in the number of missiles fired and number of hits recorded on drone targets. Additionally, she holds the Atlantic Fleet record for a surface gunnery shoot with a raw score of 425.72%.

*Conyngham* is commanded by Cmdr. George B. Lindgren.

# Curtain Closes on Competitive Year 1965; Coveted Battle 'E's' Awarded to Force Winners

Twenty-four ships of the Cruiser-Destroyer Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, won coveted "E" awards for battle efficiency and many more earned recognition for departmental excellence for the competitive year ending June 30, 1965.

In congratulating the officers and men of the winning ships, Rear Admiral Edward A. Ruckner, ComCruDesLant, said, "Your efforts, initiative and professional competence have gained you distinction within the force, and have contributed significantly to the readiness posture of the force during the year."

The Battle Efficiency "E" is awarded to one ship in each squadron. The winning ship, in addition to meeting certain basic requirements, must have the highest score in the squadron in overall battle readiness for the competitive year. This mark is attained by averaging grades for exercises conducted during the year, as well as marks received for smartness and efficiency, plus overall performance in fleet operations.

Departmental excellence awards are presented to ships achieving the highest standards in operations, engineering, weapons and supply.

Award winners display the coveted "E" on the port and starboard sides of the ship's bridge, usually for one year.

## Battle Efficiency Winners And Runners-Up

DesRon 2: *Lind, Rich*  
DesRon 4: *Owens, Manley*  
DesRon 6: *Semmes, Tattnall*  
DesRon 8: *Goodrich, Luce*  
DesRon 10: *F. Sherman,*  
DesRon 12: *R.E. Kraus, Davis*  
DesRon 14: *Ault, Huntington*  
DesRon 16: *Royal, Bigelow*  
DesRon 18: *Byrd, Bainbridge*  
DesRon 20: *Norris, C.P. Cecil*  
DesRon 22: *DuPont, Damato*  
DesRon 24: *Barry, C.S. Sperry*  
DesRon 26: *Conyngham, Yarnell*  
DesRon 32: *Mullinnix, Holder*  
ResDesRon 34: *Keith, --*  
DesRon 36: *Laffey, D.H. Fox*  
CortRon 8: *Cromwell, Van Voorhis*  
CortRon 10: *Taussig, Dealey*  
CortRon 16: *Gary, Calcaterra*  
DesDiv 601: *Perry, Jones*  
DesDevGru 2: *Brownson, H. Purvis*

## Battle Efficiency Winners, Cont.

Cruisers:	<i>Boston, Northampton</i>
Deployed Tender:	<i>Yellowstone, Grand Canyon</i>
Non-Deployed Tender:	<i>Arcadia, Everglades</i>

## Cruiser Departmental Excellence Awards

OPERATIONS	<i>Long Beach</i>
ENGINEERING	<i>Long Beach</i>
WEAPONS	<i>Northampton</i>
SUPPLY	<i>Northampton</i>

## Destroyer, Destroyer Escort and Tender Departmental Excellence Awards

OPERATIONS	ENGINEERING	WEAPONS	SUPPLY
<b>Newport</b>	<b>Newport</b>	<b>Newport</b>	<b>Newport</b>
<i>F. Sherman</i>	<i>F.T. Berry</i>	<i>R.E. Kraus</i>	<i>F. Sherman</i>
<i>R.E. Kraus</i>	<i>R.E. Kraus</i>	<i>Gearing</i>	<i>Dyess</i>
<i>Gearing</i>	<i>C.P. Cecil</i>	<i>Barry</i>	<i>Norris</i>
<i>C.S. Sperry</i>	<i>Keppler</i>	<i>Lester</i>	<i>Mitscher</i>
<i>Calcaterra</i>	<i>Courtney</i>	<i>Taussig</i>	<i>Cromwell</i>
<i>Hugh Purvis</i>	<i>T.J. Gary</i>	<i>T.J. Gary</i>	<i>McCloy</i>
<i>Grand Canyon</i>	<i>Brownson</i>	<i>Hugh Purvis</i>	<i>T.J. Gary</i>
<b>Norfolk</b>	<b>Norfolk</b>	<b>Norfolk</b>	<b>Norfolk</b>
<i>Lind</i>	<i>Lind</i>	<i>Rich</i>	<i>W.A. Lee</i>
<i>Bainbridge</i>	<i>Bainbridge</i>	<i>DuPont</i>	<i>Grand Canyon</i>
<i>DuPont</i>	<i>DuPont</i>	<i>Conyngham</i>	<i>Bristol</i>
<i>Conyngham</i>	<i>Yarnell</i>	<i>Holder</i>	<i>Roberts</i>
<i>Mullinnix</i>	<i>Stormes</i>	<i>J.P. Jones</i>	<b>Norfolk</b>
<i>Beale</i>	<i>Laffey</i>	<i>Willard Keith</i>	<i>Borie</i>
<b>Charleston</b>	<i>Duxbury Bay</i>	<b>Charleston</b>	<i>Bainbridge</i>
<i>Manley</i>	<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>J.C. Owens</i>	<i>Dewey</i>
<i>Tattnall</i>	<i>Snowden</i>	<i>Semmes</i>	<i>Conway</i>
<i>Everglades</i>	<i>Willard Keith</i>	<i>Semmes</i>	<i>J.P. Jones</i>
<b>Mayport</b>	<b>Charleston</b>	<b>Mayport</b>	<b>Charleston</b>
<i>Farragut</i>	<i>Cone</i>	<i>Goodrich</i>	<i>Manley</i>
<i>Ault</i>	<i>Semmes</i>	<i>Ault</i>	<i>MacDonough</i>
<i>Bigelow</i>	<i>Everglades</i>	<i>F. Royal</i>	<b>Mayport</b>
<i>Claude Jones</i>	<b>Mayport</b>	<i>J.R. Perry</i>	<i>Luce</i>
	<i>Luce</i>		<i>J. Ingram</i>
	<i>J. Ingram</i>		<i>Lave</i>
	<i>F. Royal</i>		<i>Sarsfield</i>
	<i>J.R. Perry</i>		