

# *The* COMMANDING OFFICER



The eventful months of this last wartime cruise of the Samuel Chase have brought us from the black-outs and gun watches of war to peacetime sailing with running lights burning brightly. When together we learned that the war was over and that the enemy had surrendered, I had a sense of deep pride in the ship and in her crew, a pride born of the part we had played in achieving victory.

It is my hope that this pictorial record of our life at sea will bring back to all of us memories of work well done and comradeships not to be forgotten. It is my hope that this book will be to you, as it is to me, a kind of proof in miniature of our nation's strength and courage and greatness.

*Mr Perry*