

New Naval Militia Chief Has Eyes Out for Recruits



COMMANDING OFFICER—Comm. William A. Sessions, right, receives congratulations from his fellow officer, Capt. Douglas P. Stickley, on being appointed commanding officer of the 2d Brigade of the U. S. Naval Reserve.

Comm. William A. Sessions, shipyard and his crew untired, who has just been designated commanding officer of the 2d Brigade of the U. S. Naval Militia, is the commanding officer at his post at the U. S. Naval Militia training center since its establishment in 1907. Of the Center, 52d St. and 1st Ave., his commanders, two have been graduates of the Naval Academy, and the others enlisted men. Commander Sessions himself joined the outfit of which the decoration, which is the Order of the Patriotic War 1st Class, came from Premier Stalin, but he isn't quite sure. One day in 1946, after the war was over, the insignia arrived via the mail.

There was nothing to explain it and to this day he isn't sure how it came about. More prized honors are the Legion of Merit and the five commendations from his own Government. Commander Sessions went on active duty in 1940 and took a number of ships down the St. Lawrence River in the early winter of that year, getting them safely out to sea before the river froze. He was on the first troopship, the U. S. S. Republic, to Ireland.

Rescued U-Boat
Later, in command of the U. S. S. Gandy, Commander Sessions rammed a German submarine off Nantucket, sinking it and capturing 17 prisoners, no mean feat, as the ship was only seven days out of the

2 BORO RESIDENTS HURT IN HEAD-ON CRASH IN MANHATTAN
Two Brooklynites were hospitalized today for injuries received in a 6:30 a.m. head-on collision on Lafayette St., Manhattan, 50 feet north of Prince St.

Mr. Levy, 45, of 1974 60th St., was driving south with four others in his car. Edward Rogge, 37, of 33-64 80th St., was driving north alone.

Mr. Levy was taken to Columbia Hospital with a possible fracture of the chest and internal injuries. Cecile Borrow, 24, of 16 Bay 29th St., was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital with lacerations of the forehead. Other occupants of the Levy car, injured, were Manuel Kronin, 31, of 1149 President St.; Nicholas Discatello, 42, of 39 Ocean Ave.; and Gloria Rose, 28, of 3568 Broadway, Manhattan. Rogge was not injured.



MAN THE GUN!—Warrant Gunner Richard De Grushy instructing Naval Reserve recruits in the operation of a high powered anti-aircraft gun at the Reserve Training Center, 52d St. and 1st Ave.

the excellent leadership which they get. The training increases their capacity. It is also an excellent preventive of delinquency, he believes, taking in real incentive and a constructive outlook.

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