

TO THOSE WE LEFT BEHIND

A CRUISEBOOK QUITE PROPERLY REFLECTS THE ACTIVITIES OF A SHIP AND HER CREW DURING AN OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT. WITHIN THESE PAGES THE READERS WILL SEE PICTURES OF FOREIGN PORTS, SHIPBOARD EVOLUTIONS, THE CREW AT WORK AND PLAY, AND OTHER OBVIOUS SHIP-RELATED HAPPENINGS. BUT THIS DOES NOT TELL THE WHOLE STORY OF AN OVERSEAS CRUISE. THE DEPARTURE OF A SHIP FROM HER HOMEPORT MARKS THE BEGINNING OF MANY LONELY MONTHS FOR THE CREW, THEIR WIVES, SWEETHEARTS, AND RELATIVES. THIS CRUISEBOOK DOES NOT TANGIBLY DEPICT THAT FACT, BUT IT TOO IS VERY MUCH A PART OF OUR CRUISE MEMORIES. NOT A DAY PASSED WITHOUT REMEMBRANCES OF HOME AND THOSE WE LEFT BEHIND. AND SO WE DEDICATE THIS BOOK TO THOSE THOUGHTS DURING THOSE MONTHS: OUR WIVES, SWEETHEARTS, AND RELATIVES.