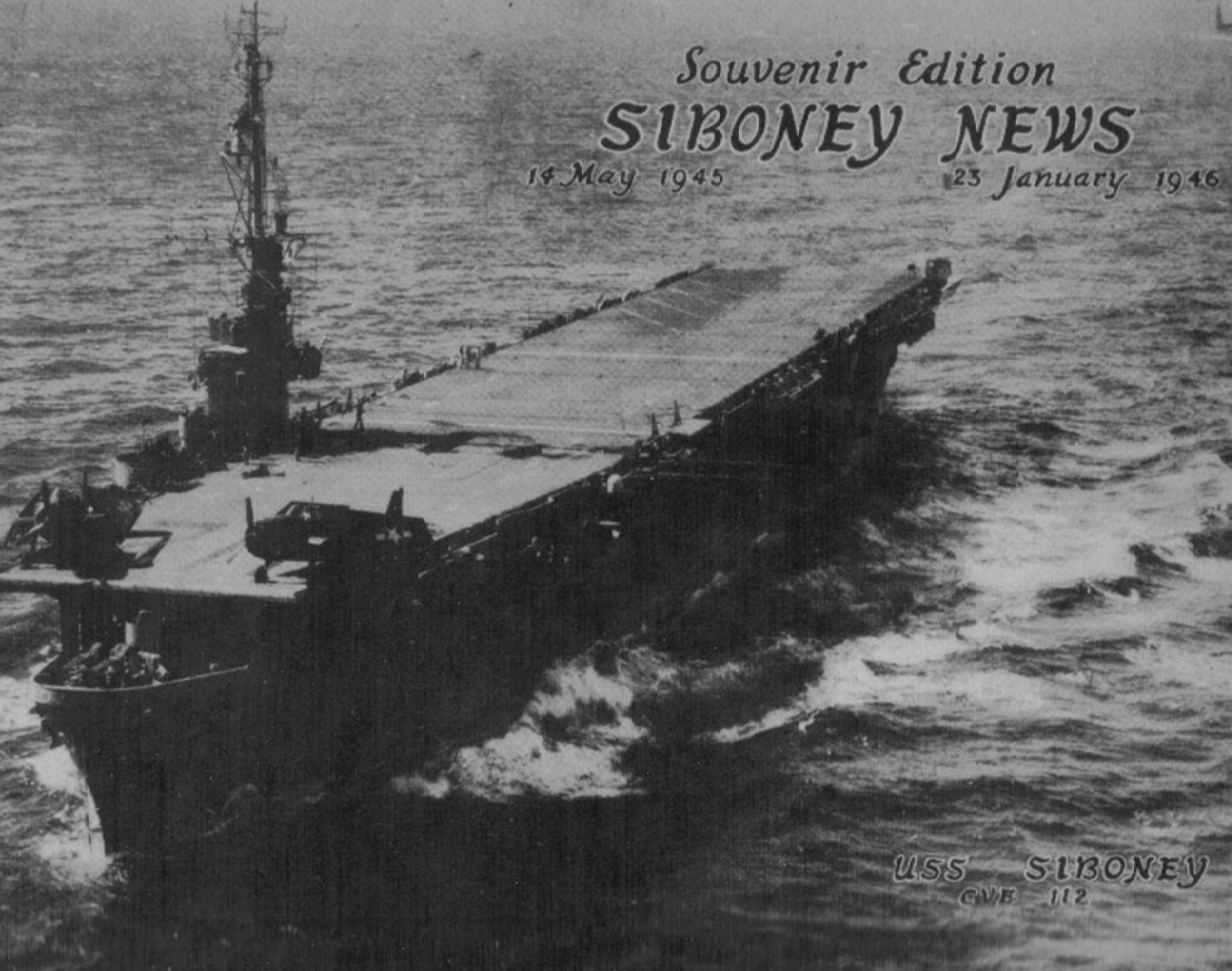


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Above: Captain Ring at his station on the bridge takes a bearing on the ships ahead.

Below: Commander Nieberle cuts a huge cake in celebration of his thirty-ninth birthday, 3 September 1945. Looking on is Commander M. T. Rosser, (MC), USNR, now Captain Rosser, senior medical officer.



# FOREWORD

It is believed that the USS SIBONEY was one of the first, if not the first, major warship to reach the forward area after cessation of hostilities. Having departed San Diego on 8 August 1945, the vessel was just one day from Pearl Harbor when the surrender of Japan was announced officially, 14 August 1945. The dramatic events of a single week leading up to the surrender had been summarized by the Captain in his address to the ship when leaving San Diego: First the entrance of Russia into the war, then the atomic bomb, and now the SIBONEY, the Sunday Punch!

Having been launched at Todd Pacific Shipyards, Inc., Tacoma, Washington, on 9 November 1944, the USS SIBONEY was commissioned on 14 May 1945 and Captain Stanhope Cotton Ring, USN, Coronado, California, assumed command with Commander C. F. Nieberle, USN, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as executive officer.

On 31 May 1945, the vessel departed Seattle enroute to San Diego for shakedown duty and yard availability. Air Group THIRTY SIX reported on board 15 June 1945.

When operations were completed on 28 June 1945, and the SIBONEY was readied for combat by Commander Operational Training, Pacific Fleet. After shakedown availability and loading of stores completed, the vessel was enroute from San Diego to Pearl Harbor on 8 August 1945. The course of the voyage is illustrated on pages eight and nine of this booklet, which is dedicated to the officers and men who have served their ship so ably in the accomplishment of their war assignments. Highlights of the cruise, which lasted until 23 January 1946, are illustrated throughout.

During her tour of duty in the Pacific, the SIBONEY has been flagship for two Rear Admirals: Rear Admiral Calvin T. Durgin, USN, Commander Escort Carrier Forces, and Rear Admiral Dixwell Ketcham, USN, Commander Carrier Division Seven.

Returning to San Diego on 23 January 1946, the SIBONEY moored at the Naval Station, North Island, to await her next assignment. On 2 February 1946, Captain Onahan Gallery, USN, relieved Captain Ring to become the second commanding officer of the USS SIBONEY.

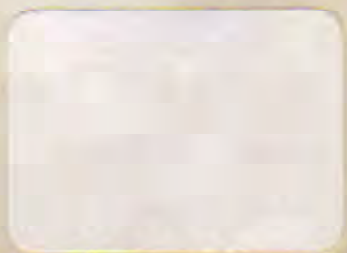
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Below: Captain Gallery takes over the command of the SIBONEY from Captain Ring at exercises on 2 February 1946. In this picture, Captain Gallery addresses officers and crew. The new commanding officer is one of four Gallery brothers in the U. S. Navy.





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