

TIDEWATER Arriving

Captain Elias B. Mott II was born October 4, 1908 at Rockaway, New Jersey. He graduated from Annapolis in 1930. Having served on carriers, minelayers, cruisers, tankers, transports, as Ship's Superintendent at Mare Island, California, as Gunnery Officer on the USS ENTERPRISE in 1943, with the Bureau of Ordnance, he headed a Naval Ordnance Group at the A-Bomb test at Bikini in 1946. Captain Mott served as Chief Staff Officer of Service Force, SIXTH Fleet for two years before assuming command of the Tidewater on March 25, 1954.

