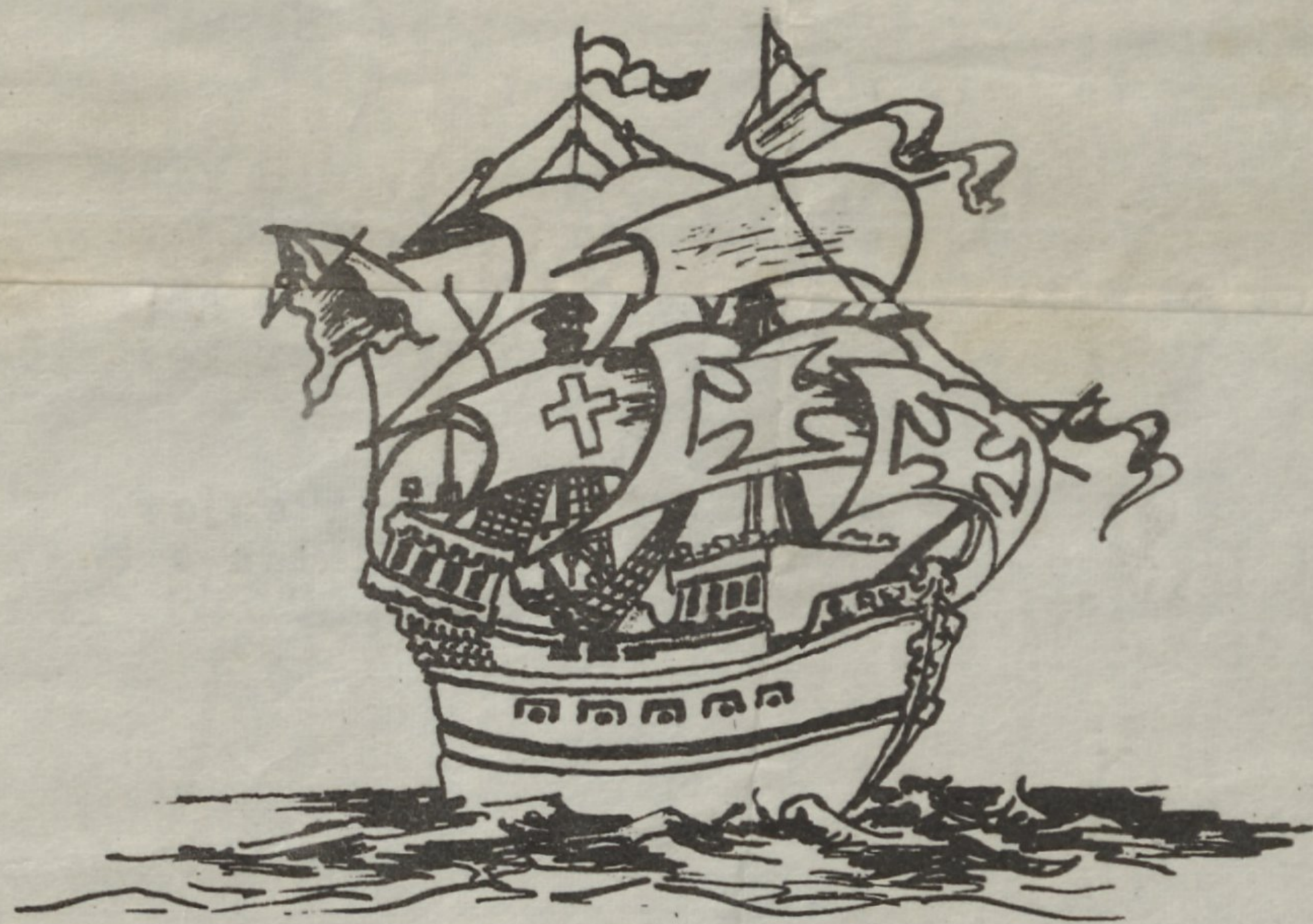


Welcome Aboard!
the



U.S.S. COLUMBUS CA-74

WEEKEND
4 JULY 1953

The Captain, Officers, and Enlisted Men of the U.S.S. COLUMBUS extend a cordial welcome to you, the citizens of Bar Harbor, Maine on this occasion and sincerely hope that you enjoy your visit aboard. In the event that you have any questions concerning the COLUMBUS do not hesitate to ask your guide. He will be happy to help you.

We ask only that during your guided tour of the COLUMBUS you stay with your guide since he will take you on a trip which has been planned in order that you will be able to see sections of the ship which are not restricted.

Once again we hope that you truly enjoy your visit aboard and that you will leave the ship feeling, as we do, that the COLUMBUS "is the finest in the fleet."

HISTORY CA-74

The heavy cruiser COLUMBUS was commissioned in June, 1945, and since that time she has travelled across the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, the Mediterranean, and the Arctic Circle.

On one 15 month cruise the ship covered 62,444 miles, visiting 55 ports in 18 countries or possessions.

Other visitors to the COLUMBUS include the late King George VI of England, King Paul and Queen Frederika of Greece, Prince Bernhardt of the Netherlands, and Crown Prince Olaf of Norway, as well as many other famous guests.

In the past few years the COLUMBUS has served the flagship of the Commander-in-Chief of United States Naval Forces in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic, and the Commander, Sixth Fleet.

For the statistically minded, the COLUMBUS' keel was laid on June 28, 1943, in Quincy, Massachusetts, the launching date was November 30, 1944, and the initial cost was \$39,342,000. The ship has a standard displacement of 17,500 tons, a beam of 69 feet, overall length of 674 feet, and a speed of at least 33 knots.

The COLUMBUS and her 1400 officers and men are commanded by Captain Luther K. Reynolds of Arlington, Virginia.