

CAPTAIN BURRELL CLINTON ALLEN, JR.
UNITED STATES NAVY

Born in Annapolis, Maryland on January 28, 1909, Captain Allen is the son of Rear Admiral (retired) and Mrs. B. C. Allen of La Jolla, California. He is a graduate of Brunswick School in Greenwich, Connecticut; the Naval Academy and Postgraduate School, Annapolis; and the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia. He has served as an Instructor at the Armed Forces Staff College and the Naval Training Station, San Diego, California, and as Officer in Charge of the Naval Section, Marine Schools, Quantico, Virginia.

Early in his career he had gunnery duties in the battle-ships NEW MEXICO and MARYLAND, served as Gunnery Officer of the destroyers LONG and NOA, and served as Communications Officer of the destroyer tender DOBBIN and on the staff of Commander Battleship Division ONE. After shore duty as Captain of the Yard and District Communication Officer at the Naval Station, Guam, Mariana Islands, he served from May 1940 until September 1941 as Assistant First Lieutenant and Damage Control Officer of the cruiser HONOLULU.

At the outbreak of World War II, he was Engineering and Gunnery Officer of the gunboat CHARLESTON, which participated in operations in the Aleutians in 1942. In 1943 he served as Gunnery Officer on the staff of Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force, in the Southwest Pacific, and in command of LCT Flotilla 7, took part in operations in New Guinea and New Britain. He later commanded LCT Flotillas of the SEVENTH Amphibious Force, and was Task Group Commander for operations in New Guinea and Landing Craft Control Officer at Cape Cretin and Hollandia. For outstanding services he was awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal and Letter of Commendation, each with Combat "V."

On his return to the United States in April 1945, he was assigned to the Logistics Division of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, and in July 1947 assumed command of the USS WASHBURN, an attack cargo ship. After a year in that command and almost three years at the Armed Forces Staff College, he commanded the USS LATIMER (APA-152) assigned to the SIXTH Fleet in the Mediterranean, and later to Northern Operations.

From July 1954 until May 1956 Captain Allen was Chief of Staff to Commander Amphibious Group 3, serving in the Eastern and Western Pacific and participating in the DEW Line Operation in the Arctic. Since June 1956 he has been Commanding Officer of the Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, California.

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PERSONAL DATA:

Born: Annapolis, Maryland, January 28, 1909
Parents: Rear Admiral Burrell C. Allen, USN, Ret., and
Mrs. (Selma Emily Mertz) Allen

Education: Brunswick School, Greenwich, Connecticut; U.S.
Naval Academy (BS, 1930); Naval Postgraduate
School (General Line); Armed Forces Staff
College

PROMOTIONS:

Commissioned Ensign, June 5, 1930
Lieutenant (jg), June 5, 1933
Lieutenant, 1937
Lieutenant Commander, 1942
Commander, 1943
Captain, to date from September 1, 1948

DECORATIONS AND MEDALS:

Legion of Merit, with Combat "V"
Bronze Star Medal, with Combat "V"
Commendation Ribbon, with Combat "V" and Pendant
American Defense Service Medal, Fleet Clasp
American Campaign Medal
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, with 3 stars
World War II Victory Medal
Navy Occupation Service Medal, Europe Clasp
National Defense Service Medal

Legion of Merit: "For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services...as Commanding Officer of a Task Group of Landing Craft Tanks engaged in supplying our forces during offensive operations against enemy Japanese occupied Lae and Finschhafen, New Guinea, and Arawe and Cape Gloucester, New Britain, from September 4 to December 26, 1943... (He) coordinated his task groups with daring and effective tactical skill toward the prompt completion of each assigned mission. (His) outstanding professional ability, sound judgment and untiring devotion to duty contributed materially to successful operations..."

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Bronze Star Medal: "For heroic service as Commander of Task Group SEVENTY-SIX POINT FIVE in action...at Morobe, New Guinea, on September 12, 1943. When hostile aircraft launched a surprise dive-bombing and strafing run over our forces in the Harbor and threatened to delay the departure of an echelon, (he) ...embarked in a small boat and proceeded across the harbor... Assuming temporary command of the echelon, he...directed the forming and departure of the group composed of small escorts and LCT's loaded with artillery, ammunition and rations urgently needed by Allied Troops in combat in the Lae-Salamaua Areas..."

CHRONOLOGICAL TRANSCRIPT OF SERVICE:

Jul 1930	Aug 1930	USS NEW MEXICO (Gunnery duties)
Sep 1930	Apr 1931	Staff, Commander Battleship Division ONE (Communications)
May 1931	Jun 1932	USS MARYLAND (Gunnery)
Jun 1932	Apr 1933	USS LONG (Gunnery Officer)
May 1933	Jun 1934	USS NOA (Gunnery Officer)
Jun 1934	Jun 1936	USS DOBBIN (Communications Officer)
Jul 1936	Jun 1937	Postgraduate School, Annapolis, Maryland (instruction)
Jul 1937	Feb 1938	Naval Training Station, San Diego, California (instructor)
Mar 1938	Apr 1940	Naval Station, Guam, M.I. (Captain of the Yard and District Communication Officer)
May 1940	Sep 1941	USS HONOLULU (Asst. First Lieutenant and Damage Control Officer)
Oct 1941	Dec 1942	USS CHARLESTON (Engineering and Gunnery Officer)
Jan 1943	Aug 1943	Staff, Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force (Gunnery Officer)
Aug 1943	Jan 1944	Commander LCT Flotilla 7 (Commanding Officer; Task Group Commander for operations in New Guinea and New Britain)
Jan 1944	Mar 1945	Commander LCT Flotillas, SEVENTH Amphibious Force (Task Group Commander for operations in New Guinea; Landing Craft Control Officer at Cape Cretin and Hollandia)
Apr 1945	Jul 1947	Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics Division)
Aug 1947	Sep 1948	USS WASHBURN (CO)
Oct 1948	Jun 1951	Armed Forces Staff College (instructor, Plans and Operations Division)
Jul 1951	Sep 1952	USS LATIMER (CO) (SIXTH Fleet for Northern Operations)
Sep 1952	Jun 1954	Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Virginia, Officer in Charge, Naval Section

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Jul 1954	May 1956	Commander Amphibious Group 3 (Chief of Staff) (Service in Arctic with DEW Line Operation)
Jun 1956	present	Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, California (CO)

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