

COMMANDER EDWARD B. CARSON  
U. S. NAVAL RESERVE

NAVAL HISTORY DIVISION

Edward Bruce Carson was born in Coffeyville, Kansas, on August 8, 1912, son of Edward Belmont and Frances Lucretia (Powell) Carson. He was appointed to the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, on June 11, 1931, from the State of Illinois, and after two years' training resigned July 25, 1933. He subsequently was employed as Investigator for Hooper-Holmes, Dunn and Bradstreet (1933); Methods Engineer, Conlon Corporation (1934-1935); Welding Engineer and Inspector, Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company (1935-1940); and finally as Chief Engineer, Design and Construction, National Machine Works, Chicago, Illinois.

He was appointed Lieutenant (jg) in the U. S. Naval Reserve on July 7, 1942, and subsequently advanced in rank, attaining that of Commander, to date from July 1, 1953.

Upon receiving his appointment in 1942, he was assigned to the District Security Office, Third Naval District, with headquarters in New York City. He remained there until October of that year, after which he had successive instruction at the Submarine Chaser Training Center, Miami, Florida; in the Office of the Inspector of Naval Material, Schenectady, New York, in the Office of the Resident Inspector of Naval Material, Syracuse, New York, and again at the Submarine Chaser Training Center. During April and May 1943 he was attached to the Office of the Industrial Manager, Seventh Naval District, Miami, Florida.

Ordered to the Seattle-Tacoma Shipbuilding Corporation, Seattle, Washington, he had fitting out duty in the USS HAGGARD, and reported on board that destroyer as Engineer Officer upon her commissioning, August 31, 1943. Following a period of shakedown and training, the HAGGARD sailed for the Pacific War Area, where she participated in the occupation of Kwajalein, Majuro and Eniwetok Atolls; the capture and occupation of Guam, Saipan and the Southern Palaus; the landings on Leyte; and the attacks on Luzon, Formosa, the China Coast and Nansai Shoto.

Detached from the HAGGARD in January 1945, he reported the next month as Executive Officer of the USS SHAW. In that capacity he participated in the landings on Palawan Islands, Operations at Nasugbu, and the Visayan Island landings, including Lubang, Ticao-Burias, Panay, Cebu Negros, Masbate, and Bohol. He continued duty in the SHAW following the cessation of hostilities and until that destroyer was decommissioned, October 2, 1945. He was then ordered to the New York Naval Shipyard and detailed as Officer in Charge of Decommissioning Ships at that facility. On October 31, 1946 he was involuntarily released from active duty.

Ordered into active military service, he reported on January 21, 1951 for brief instruction at the CIC Team Training Center, Boston, Massachusetts, and during January and February 1951 had further training at the Fleet Sonar School, Key West, Florida. After reactivation duty in the USS STODDARD, he joined that destroyer as

Executive Officer upon her recommissioning, March 9, 1951. Detached from the STODDARD in December 1951, he next served on the staff of Commander Hunter-Killer Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, and after brief duty (during July 1954) in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., was assigned in September 1954 as Naval Member, Plans Group, Joint American Military Mission for Aid to Turkey with headquarters in Ankara, with additional duty as Navy Liaison Officer in the Commander in Chief, Europe, Contact Office.

Commander Carson has the American Campaign Medal; the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal; the World War II Victory Medal; National Defense Service Medal; and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon.