

NAVAL HISTORY DIVISION

LIEUTENANT HOWARD B. BERRY, JR., U. S. NAVY, DECEASED

Howard Burton Berry, Jr., was born in Long Beach, California, on January 17, 1917, son of Captain Howard B. Berry, USN, and Mrs. (Hilda Heine-mann) Berry. He entered the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, on appointment at large, on July 23, 1934, and was graduated and commissioned Ensign in the U. S. Navy on June 2, 1938. He was subsequently promoted to Lieutenant (junior grade) on June 2, 1941; and to Lieutenant, to date from June 15, 1942.

After graduation from the Naval Academy in June 1938, he was assigned to the USS NEW MEXICO, in which he served as a junior officer until September 9, 1939. During the next year he served successively in the USS HENDERSON, a unit of Naval Transport Service, and the USS TATTNALL, a destroyer of the Special Service Squadron. Reporting to Headquarters, Fifteenth Naval District, on September 14, 1940, he was ordered to the U. S. Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut, for instruction in submarines, and upon completion of the course was ordered to the Electric Boat Company, New London Ship and Engine Works, Groton, Connecticut, where he assisted in fitting out the USS MACKEREL.

He joined the MACKEREL upon her commissioning, March 31, 1941, and was serving in that submarine at the outbreak of World War II in December of that year. Detached on February 15, 1943, he assisted in fitting out the USS CISCO, and on May 10, her commissioning date, reported for duty on board that submarine, having qualified as a Submariner on March 8, 1943. The CISCO left Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on June 9 for exercise, then operated between Portsmouth, Newport, Rhode Island, and New London, Connecticut until July 25. She arrived in the Panama Canal Zone on August 2 and departed for Australia on August 7.

On September 1, 1943, the CISCO put in at Brisbane, Australia, on September 1, 1943, and after a few days of patrol in that area, headed for Port Darwin, arriving there on September 18. Two days later she left Port Darwin for a 25-day patrol from which she never returned.

Lieutenant Berry was officially determined to be missing in action as of November 6, 1943, when the CISCO failed to return from her war patrol in the South China Sea. In compliance with Section 5 of Public Law 490, as amended, death is presumed to have occurred on January 8, 1946.

Lieutenant Berry was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal, and was also entitled to the American Defense Service Medal with Bronze "A"; the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal; and the World War II Victory Medal.

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