CAPTAIN HENRI DE BALATHIER CLAIBORNE, U. S. MAYY

Captain Claiborne was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, August 11, 1903.

He attended the Jesuit College and the New Orleans Academy, New Orleans, and the Severn School, Severna Park, Maryland, before being appointed to the Maval Academy from Louisiana in June 1922. He graduated and was commissioned Ensign in 1926 and progressed in grade to Captain, August 1, 1943.

After graduating in 1926, Captain Claiborne remained at Annapolis for instruction and later joined the U.S.S. TULSA, operating with the Special Service Squadron. In 1927 he was commanding officer of the landing force from the TULSA in Barra Rio Grande, Nicaragua, during the Nicaraguan Campaign of 1926-28.

Captain Claiborne returned to the United States and after a course of instruction at the Naval Operating Base, Hampton Roads, 'Virginia, joined the U.S.S. TEXAS, WARRANA WARR

Returning to the United States in 1934, Captain Chaiborne had consecutive tours of duty in the Bureau of Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., in the U.S.S. MARBLEHEAD and the U.S.S. RICHMOND. Following duty as nevel intelligence officer, Eleventh Naval District, San Pedro, California, he served as gunnery officer of the U.S.S. OMAHA, which evacuated American refugees from Lisbon, Portugal, in 1940.

On November 6, 1941 while he was still attached to that vessel, the OMAHA attached to that vessel, the OMAHA captured the German motorship ODENWALD, masquerading in the South Atlantic

Theodore E. Chandler, (now Rear Admiral, deceased) identified the motorship as a hostile craft even though she was disguised as the S.S. WILLMOTO of Philadelphia, and was flying the U.S. flag. Although an attempt was made by the Germans to scuttle their ship, a lending party from the OMAHA was sent aboard, effected repairs and took her under her own power to San Juan, arriving eleven days later. After the outbreak of the war in December 1941,

Detached from the OMAHA in August 1942, Captain Claiborne was transferred to duty in the Navy Department, Washington, D. C., where his is now serving as a member of the Joint Intelligence Staff of the combined Chiefs of Staff.

Captain Claiborne has the Nicaraguan Campaign Medal (U.S.S. TULSA), the American Defense Service Medal (U.S.S. OMAHA), and the American Area Campaign Medal (U.S.S. OMAHA).

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