

COMMANDER WILLIAM HUBBARD CARPENTER,
UNITED STATES NAVY, DECEASED

Commander Carpenter was born on January 29, 1904, in New York, New York, the son of William E. Carpenter and Mrs. Christine Hubbard Carpenter. He attended the Kew Forest High School, Flushing, New York, and the Army-Navy Preparatory School, before his appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, from his native state in 1922. Graduated and commissioned Ensign on June 3, 1926, he attained the rank of Commander to date from December 30, 1941. He was appointed Captain, for temporary service, to rank from November 15, 1945, reverting to Commander on January 1, 1948.

Following graduation in 1926, Commander Carpenter remained at the Academy for the short course in aviation and in September 1926 joined the USS FLORIDA. Detached from the FLORIDA in June 1928, he proceeded to the Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut, for the course in submarines. He was under instruction there between July and December 1928, after which he reported to Commander, Submarine Division EIGHT, and was assigned to the USS S-8. Continuing service in the S-8 until May 1930, he had consecutive duty in the USS O-9 and USS HOUSTON.

Commander Carpenter served aboard the USS S-41 for a month, during June and July 1941, and thereafter joined the USS S-30 for another month's duty. He reported aboard the USS BEAVER in August 1931, serving in that auxiliary submarine tender until detached in May 1933, for duty at the Naval Training Station, Hampton Roads, Virginia. In June 1935, he was assigned to the USS FOX and from October 1938 to April 1940, had service at the Bethlehem Steel Company, Shipbuilding Division, Quincy, Massachusetts. Duty in connection with fitting out the USS WALKE, at the Navy Yard, Boston, Massachusetts, followed. He was detached in April 1941, before that destroyer was commissioned and assigned to the USS MISSISSIPPI as Assistant Gunnery Officer and later Gunnery Officer.

Relieved of duty aboard the USS MISSISSIPPI in May 1944, Commander Carpenter reported to the Amphibious Training Command, U. S. Atlantic Fleet for further assignment. In September 1944 he assumed command of LSM Flotilla FIVE and for meritorious service while commanding that amphibious group was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and a Gold Star in lieu of a Second Bronze Star Medal with the following citation:

BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (With Combat "V")

"For meritorious achievement as Commander of LSM Flotilla FIVE during the assault and capture of Iwo Jima,

BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (Cont'd)

Volcano Islands from February 19 to March 3, 1945. Handicapped by heavy seas and high winds which made the handling and beaching of LSMs extremely difficult and caused them considerable damage, Captain (then Commander) Carpenter capably directed his ships in landing troops, supplies and equipment onto beaches under intense enemy fire. By his rapid and efficient evacuation of casualties he contributed materially to the saving of many lives. His aggressive leadership, sound judgment and untiring devotion to duty throughout this period were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

GOLD STAR in lieu of a Second Bronze Star Medal:(Combat "V")

"For meritorious service as Commander of a Flotilla of Landing Ships during operations against enemy Japanese forces prior to and during the amphibious assault of Okinawa from March to April 1945. Exercising great initiative and professional ability, Captain (then Commander) Carpenter skillfully organized and directed the employment of his group in the landing of assigned troops on enemy-held beaches and, in the face of intermittent air attacks and hostile mortar and major caliber artillery fire during the assault phase of this operation, courageously supervised the beaching and unloading of his ships at the objective. By his leadership and devotion to duty, he contributed materially to the success of the Okinawa campaign, and his actions throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Returning to the United States, Commander Carpenter commanded the Fleet Training Group, New York, New York, from January 1946 to February 1947. Thereafter he was assigned to the Planning Section of the Hydrographic Officer, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. During September and October 1947 he had temporary duty in the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, after which he was assigned to the Naval Examining and Naval Retiring Board, Washington, D. C.

Commander Carpenter died at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, on December 4, 1948, and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia on December 9.

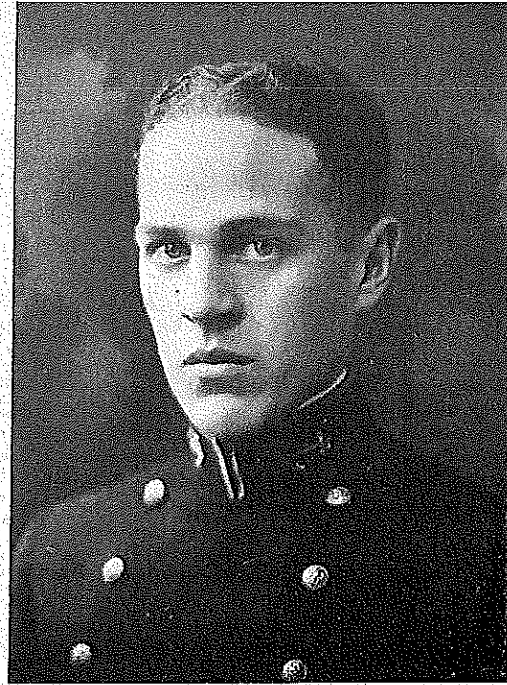
In addition to the Bronze Star Medal with Gold Star, Commander Carpenter had the Yangtze Service Medal; the American Defense Service Medal, Fleet Clasp; the American Campaign Medal; the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal; the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal; the World War II Victory Medal; and the Navy Occupation Service Medal, Asia Clasp.

17 June 1949.

HABIT, according to Swift, makes our actions exact, then sets them. Hubby formed the habit of being unsat Plebe year and spent his next three years in setting it. Once, he stayed sat during the latter half of Youngster year; however, his old habit was not to be denied, the change only worried Carp, so never again (except at the ending of each term) was he sat. How did he stay in? There's the mystery; where there's a will there's a way and our fair young Venus certainly had a will and a way with the Ac Department.

Hubby always wondered why he wasn't born rich instead of so good-looking. He really thinks he leads a dog's life, but just try and get rid of him. There is but one thing that would get him out of the Navy and she is in the dark past. Omar Khayam was right, according to him, and especially the *Thou* part; but who the *Thou* is, in this case, we have never been able to find out. Our fair sailor lad has never really been determined about his selections, and his marcelle has yet to be disturbed over any ONE. *Mais, qui sait?* Some other day, some other girl. Such things have happened!

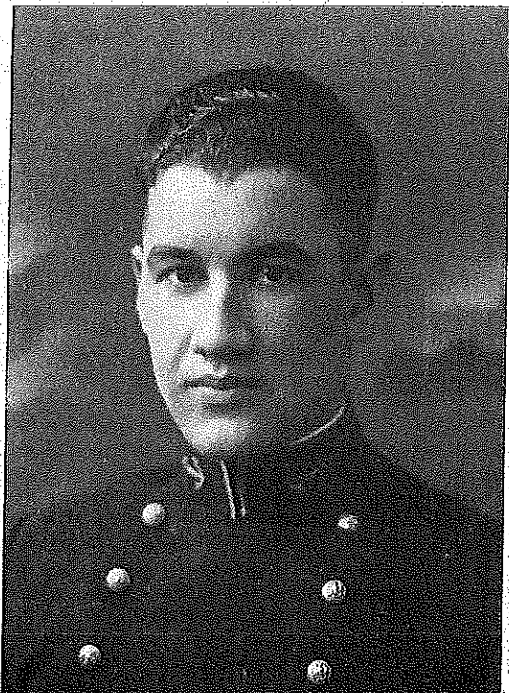
Some far off day we expect to hear Hubby talking to his grandchildren: "Now when I was a Plebe—they trained the football team on raw beef."



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"Hubby" "Carp" "Venus"



FRED LOUIS HAERLIN
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
"Fred" "Nero"



SCENE One: A lone mid is sitting in Bankrupt Hall ferociously trying to bone. Outside, and getting closer, is heard a raucous noise, "There's a bright shining light guiding me home tonight!" and the door opens showing a stocky, wiry-haired, happy looking, youth. Mid at the table looks up with a hurt expression, "For God's sake! Nero, learn all the words and then carry that tune outside and bury it." 'Twas ever thus. Our young satellite from the wilds of Joisey had a peculiar affinity for that one line and just couldn't refrain expressing it.

Never worrying, never bothering to study much, nor having a care about anything, he went through his four years with a broad grin. The Sub-Squad was tiresome, especially when he wanted to be over on Lawrence Field showing the Chief how to catch and knock home runs (April 15, 1925).

"Say, Carp! I think the Chief is going to start me in the next game because he told me today that I was the only man he knew who could stretch a home run into a double."

"Get out of here and let me study. Can't you see I don't know anything about this Juice?"

Baseball Squad (4, 3, 2, 1), ANA (4, 3), N (2, 1).