

CAPTAIN SAMUEL C. ANDERSON
UNITED STATES NAVY

NAVAL HISTORY DIVISION

Samuel Clay Anderson was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on February 20, 1907, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Anderson of Osawahomie, Kansas. He entered the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, on June 22, 1925, on appointment from the state of Iowa, and was graduated and commissioned Ensign on June 6, 1929. Through subsequent promotions he attained the rank of Captain on January 1, 1951, to date from March 30, 1945, having previously served in that rank (temporary) during World War II.

Following graduation from the Naval Academy in June 1929, he was assigned to the USS IDAHO, and served as a junior officer in that battleship, a unit of Division 4, Battle Fleet, until October 1930. He then reported to the USS LOUISVILLE building at the Puget Sound, Washington Navy Yard, and served aboard from her commissioning in March 1931 until June 1933, while that cruiser operated with Cruiser Division 5 of the Scouting Force.

He continued sea duty from June 1933 until April 1936 in the USS DEWEY, and for two years thereafter he served as Assistant to the Naval Inspector of Ordnance at Rochester, New York. He had duty aboard the USS ENTERPRISE from June 1938 to September 1951, and when the United States entered World War II in December of that year, he was serving as Executive Officer of the USS WORDEN, in the Pacific. As such he participated in action at Pearl Harbor, Midway, Guadalcanal-Tulagi and Eastern Solomons (Stewart Island), before his detachment in March 1943.

On March 15, 1943, her commissioning date, he assumed command of the USS McCOOK, and during the year following, took her on convoy trips to Casablanca, French Morocco; Trinidad; and Ireland. In March 1944 he reported to the Navy Department, Washington, D. C., to serve for two years in the Office of the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet. He received a Letter of Commendation "For outstanding service in the performance of his duties as Assistant to the Fleet Operations Officer at Headquarters of the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, from March 12, 1944 to October 10, 1945....."

He was attached to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations for a few months before reporting in April 1946 as Assistant Naval Attache and Assistant Naval Attache for Air at Shanghai, China. After his detachment in June 1947 he assumed command of the USS ANDROMEDA (AKA-15), remaining in command until September 1948. A student at the Naval School of General Line, Monterey, California, he completed the postgraduate course in Naval Administration, Island Government, and in February 1949 reported as Deputy High Commissioner, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and Chief of Staff (Administration) on the staff of Commander Naval Forces, Marianas.

After sea duty from September 10, 1951 until June 1952 in command of the USS MONTROSE, he returned to the Navy Department for duty as Head of the Policy Control Branch, Naval Intelligence Division, in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Operations), his present assignment.

In addition to the Commendation Ribbon, Captain Anderson has the American Defense Service Medal, Fleet Clasp; the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal; the American Campaign Medal; and the World War II Victory Medal.

