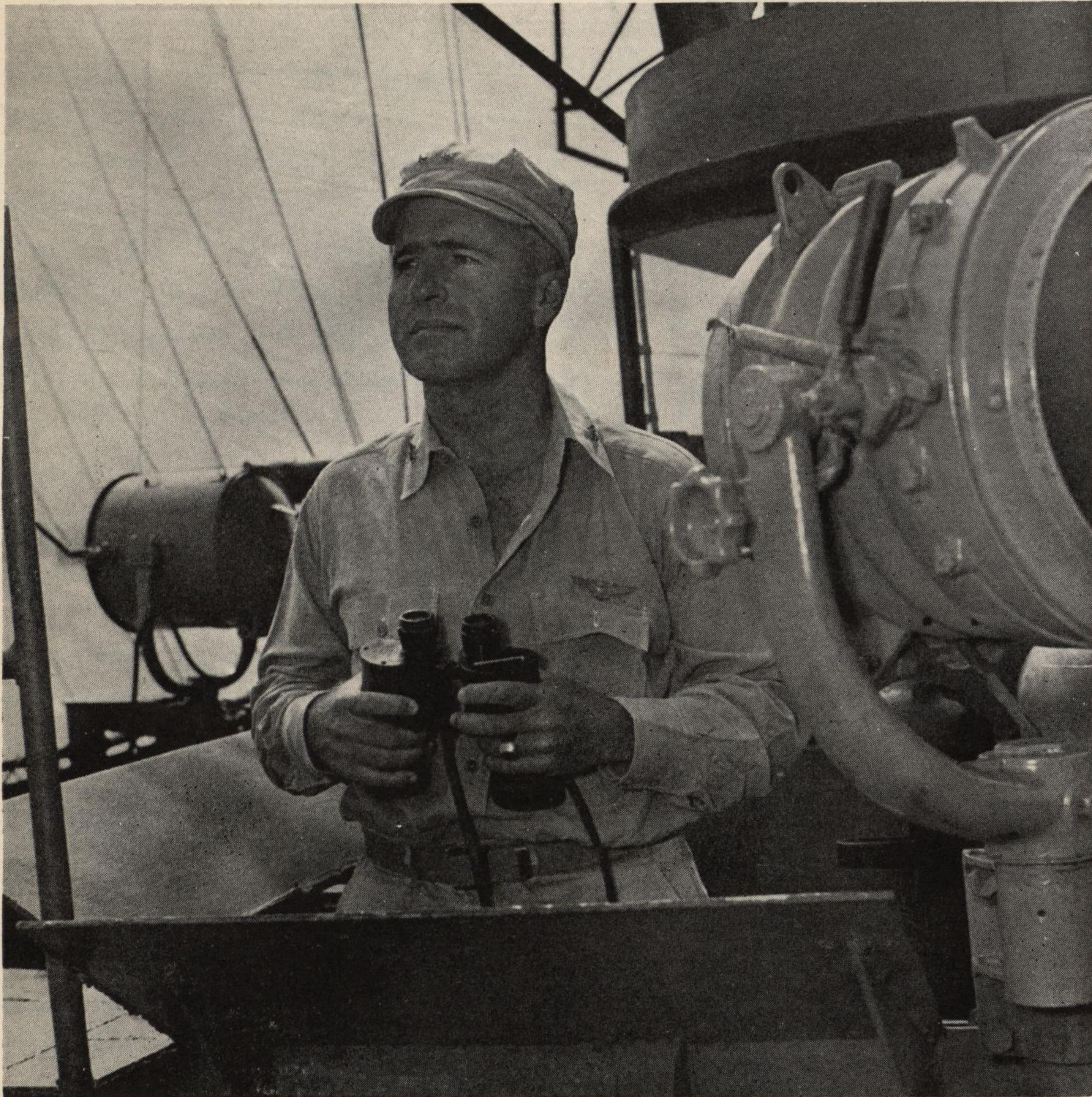
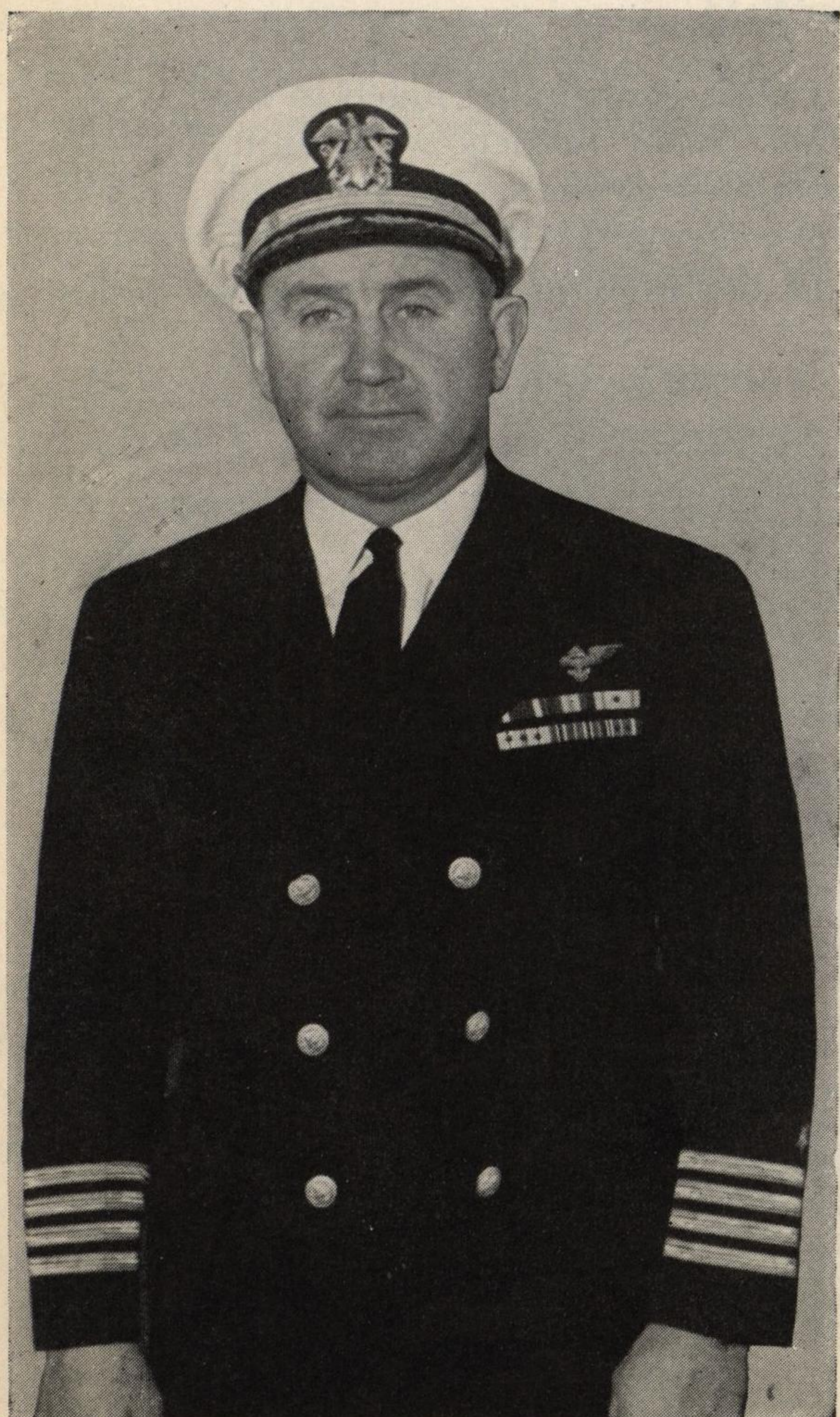


THE COMMAND



REAR ADMIRAL DIXWELL KETCHAM, USN

ADMIRAL DIXWELL KETCHAM graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1920 and became a naval aviator 19 December 1922 after training at Pensacola. After many important tours of duty, 1939 found him Air Officer in the USS SARATOGA. The following year he became Operations Officer of Carrier Division One and later aide and Chief of Staff. In 1943 he commanded the USS CHENANGO. While he was attached to Carrier Division 27 his flag flew from the BLOCK ISLAND masthead. Admiral Ketcham is now Commander, Fleet Air Wing One.



CAPTAIN F. M. HUGHES, USN

CAPTAIN FRANCIS MASSIE HUGHES, Academy Class 1923, made records as quarterback on the football squad and won letters in wrestling and lacrosse. His first sea duty was aboard the USS TEXAS. He achieved his wings March 1931 at Pensacola. After a tour of duty in the USS CHICAGO, he served with air units at Pearl Harbor and aboard three great carriers. His PBV squadron # 25, was the first to get into the air at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941. Still in his pajamas, which he didn't doff for 48 hours, his Catalina careened up the channel and was off on a 1500 mile patrol flight. He commanded squadrons in the combat areas of the Pacific until he came aboard the USS BLOCK ISLAND, CVE 21, 10 March 1944. He is now Chief of Staff to Commander, Fleet Aircraft, West Coast.



CAPTAIN LOGAN RAMSEY, USN

CAPTAIN LOGAN C. RAMSEY graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1918 with the class of 1919. During the last six months of World War I he served aboard the USS TEXAS in the British Grand Fleet. Captain Ramsey became a naval aviator in 1921. When the attack was levelled at Pearl Harbor, Captain Ramsey was Operations Officer of the Patrol Wings based in the Hawaiian Area. In May, 1942 he became Operations Officer at the island of Midway. Subsequently he served as Chief of Staff to Commander Aircraft, Pacific Fleet. 8 March 1943 he became the Commanding Officer of the USS BLOCK ISLAND CVE 21 and served aboard until 10 March, 1944, when he was ordered to duty as Chief of Staff to Commander, Fleet Air, Norfolk. He is now the Commanding Officer, USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN.

CAPTAIN WALLACE MORRIS BEAKLEY, Naval Academy 1924, earned his wings at Pensacola in 1926 after tours of duty in the USS UTAH and the USS MAHAN. Remarkable for his ability as an aeronautical engineer, he took post-graduate courses in this field. At the start of the present war he commanded Fighting Squadron Five and subsequently was Air Group Commander aboard the USS WASP until it was sunk by the enemy submarine attack. He became Air Operations Officer of the Staff of Vice Admiral Towers, COMAIRPAC, and took part in strikes on Marcus and Tarawa made by the USS YORKTOWN and the USS LEXINGTON. After nearly 2 years on the staff of Fleet Admiral King, Captain Beakley 1 August 1945 became Commanding Officer of the BLOCK ISLAND.



CAPTAIN WALLACE M. BEAKLEY, USN