



Painting of George S. Hodges in 1927

### **George S. Hodges, LT, USNRF**

George Seward Hodges was born May 13, 1896 in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, the son of George Schuyler Hodges and Agnes Bacon Hodges. He attended Pontiac High School and the University of Michigan where he received a degree in "A.B." His occupation in civilian life was a manufacturer and developer of light machinery.

During World War I, he entered the military and served as a Naval Aviator at the U.S. Naval Air Station, Killingholme, England. During this service he received a Letter of Commendation from Admiral Sims, Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Europe. The citation stated in part:

"The Force Commander has read with extreme gratification the report of your Commanding Officer giving the details of your heroic conduct in going to the rescue of drowning companions in the accident to seaplane F-2A No. 4067, on October 28, 1918. To go instantly to a drowning comrade's assistance is a gallant act in itself, but to do so repeatedly in the midst of flaming wreckage and gasoline with utter disregard for one's own life is heroic and worthy of the best traditions of our naval service. Accept the Force Commanders commendation for this extremely praiseworthy act."

His decorations include the World War Victory Medal

and Star, the Distinguished Service Medal (Navy). He also received a citation accompanying the Distinguished Service Medal from the Secretary of the Navy, dated November 11, 1920

On June 11, 1927 he married Elizabeth A. Gallegly of Detroit, Michigan. They had two children: James Rennison Hodges and Susan Elizabeth Hodges