Arthur W. Radford, Admiral, USN

Date of Designation: November 1920   NA#2896

Dates of Active Duty: June 1916 -1 August 1957

Duty Assignment Chronology

6/16-12/18	USS *South Carolina* .
12/18-6/19	Division ONE, Battleship Force ONE, Atlantic Fleet, (Aide on Staff)
7/19-10/19	Division ONE, Pacific Fleet (Aide on Staff and Flag Lieutenant)
10/19-4/20	Train, Pacific Fleet (Aide and Flag Lieutenant)
4/20-11/20	NAS Pensacola, FL. (Instruction).
11/20-10/21	NAS Pensacola, FL.
10/21-11/23	Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department
11/23-3/25	Aircraft Squadrons, Battle Fleet.
4/25-6/27	VO Squadron ONE, Aircraft Squadrons Battle Fleet.
7/27-3/29	Naval Air Station, San Diego, CA.
4/29-11/29	Aircraft Squadrons, Battle Fleet; additional duty Commanding Alaskan Aerial Survey detachment.
11/29-7/30	USS *Saratoga*.
7/30-5/31	VF Squadron ONE-B, Aircraft Squadrons, Battle Fleet (Commanding).
5/31-5/32	Aircraft, Battle Force, U.S. Fleet (Aide and Flag Secretary).
6/32-8/35	Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department
8/35-6/936	USS *Wright* (Navigating Officer).
6/36-6/37	Aircraft, Battle Force (Staff).
6/37-5/40	NAS Seattle, Washington (Commanding Officer).
5/40-5/41	USS *Yorktown* (Executive Officer).
5/41-7/41	Office of Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department.

8/41-11/41	TENTH Naval District (establishment NAS Trinidad B .W. I. , and duty as CO.
12/41-4/43	Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department.
4/43-7/43	Carrier Division TWO.
7/43-12/43	Carrier Division ELEVEN (Division Commander).
12/43-1/44	Aircraft, Pacific Fleet (Chief or Staff and Aide).
1/44-10/44	Office of CNO, Navy Department (Assistant DCNO for Air) (Additional duty alternate member Special Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee on Reorganization of National Defense).
11/44-8/45	Carrier Division SIX, U.S. Pacific Fleet (Commander).
9/45 -1/46	Fleet Air Seattle, Washington (Commanding Officer.
1/46-2/47	Office of CNO (DCNO for Air).
3/47-12/47	SECOND Task Fleet (Commander).
1/48-4/49	VCNO, Navy Department.
4/49-6/53	CINCPACFLT and High Commissioner, Trust Territory of Pacific Islands.
6/53	Chairman, JCS, Washington, D. C.
8/55	Reappointed, Chairman, JCS Staff.
8/1/5757	Retired in rank of Admiral, highest rank held while on active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

Admiral Radford has served in three wars. He was on board the USS *South Carolina*, a battleship of the Atlantic Fleet, and was Aide and Flag Lieutenant to Commander Battleship Division ONE during World War I. He served in the Navy Department's Bureau of Aeronautics and Naval Personnel and in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
early in World War II, and as Commander Carrier Divisions 11 and 6, and on the Staff of Commander Aircraft, Pacific, during the latter part or that war. At the outbreak of Korean hostilities he was serving as Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet, later being given the responsibility of the Marianas-Bonin Area and the Philippines-Formosa Area.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, on February 27, 1896, he entered the Naval Academy from Iowa in 1912, after attending high school in Grinnell, Iowa. He was graduated and commissioned Ensign in 1916 and assigned to the USS *South Carolina*. After the Armistice which ended World War I, he had staff duty until April 1920, then had flight training and was designated Naval Aviator #2896 in November of that year. Assigned next to the newly established Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department, he subsequently served with aviation units of the tender *Aroostoo*k, and the battleships *Colorad*o and *Pennsylvania*.

From July 1927 until March 1929 he was attached to the Naval Air Station, San Diego, after which he headed the Alaskan Survey Detachment, investigating forest and mineral

resources in Alaska. He joined the *Saratoga* in November 1929, and commanded that carrier's Fighting Squadron ONE from July 1930 to May 1931, then served on the Staff of Commander Aircraft Battle Force, still attached to the *Saratoga*. Another tour of duty in the Bureau of Aeronautics preceded sea duty as Navigator of the tender *Wright*, and further duty on the Staff of Commander Aircraft, Battle Force. He commanded the Naval Air Station, Seattle, from June 1937 until May 1940, and for a year thereafter was Executive Officer of the carrier *Yorktown*.

Following World War II, he was ordered to the Navy Department to assist in planning the post-war Navy. In December 1945 he became Deputy CNO (Air) and after a year in command of the SECOND Task Fleet, returned to the Navy Department as Vice Chief of Naval Operations. He served as Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet, and High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, prior to and during the Korean conflict, and in addition was given increased responsibilities concerning Military Assistance Programs in Southeast Asia. In June 1953 he was appointed Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, by the President, and on August 15,1955, was reappointed for a second term. He was retired August 1,1957.

PROMOTIONS :

5 July 1912	Midshipman
3 June 1916	Ensign
1 July 1917	Lieutenant (jg) (Temporary)
1 January 1918	Lieutenant (Temporary)
3 June 1919	Lieutenant (is)
1 July 1920	Lieutenant
17 February 1927	Lieutenant Commander
1 July 1936	Commander
2 January 1942	Captain (Temporary)
1 January 1942	Captain
21 July 1943	Rear Admiral (Temporary)
7 August 1947	Rear Admiral (Permanent)
25 May 1946	Vice Admiral (Temporary
7 April 1949	Admiral

DECORATIONS AND MEDALS :

Distinguished Service Medal
Gold Star in lieu of Second Distinguished Service Medal
Gold Star in lieu or Third Distinguished Service Medal
Gold Star in lieu of Fourth Distinguished Service Medal
Legion of Merit with Gold Star in lieu of Second award
Presidential unit Citation
Navy Unit Commendation
Victory Medal, World War I -Atlantic Fleet Clasp
American Defense Service Medal with Fleet Clasp
American Campaign Medal
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
World War II Victory Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one bronze star
Companion of the Order of the Bath by Government of
    Great Britain