



## CAPTAIN EMMET O'BEIRNE, U. S. NAVY

Captain Emmet O'Beirne was graduated from the Naval Academy in June, 1930 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He later returned to Annapolis in June of 1937 for instruction in Aeronautical Engineering at the Academy's postgraduate school and continued the course at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, receiving the degree of Master of Science in Aeronautical Engineering in June of 1940.

Prior to receiving his master's degree, he underwent flight training at the Pensacola Naval Air Station in Florida where he was designated a Naval Aviator on November 15, 1932.

He was attached to Patrol Squadron 21 as Flight and Executive Officer when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and was awarded the Navy Cross for heroism in close combat with the enemy on the night of November 12-13, 1942.

In August of 1944, he was assigned to the U. S. S. Sangamon (CVE-26), as her Executive Officer. For outstanding services as her Executive Officer, Commander O'Beirne was awarded the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star Medal.

With the siege in the Pacific over and peace restored, he was assigned to duty in Washington, D. C., reporting to the Air Intelligence Division of the Office of Naval Intelligence. Captain O'Beirne then took over as Commanding Officer of the U. S. S. Beiroko (CVE-115) and later was assigned as Chief of Staff and Aide to Commander of Task Group 7.3 at San Diego, California before taking command of the U. S. S. Yorktown on July 15, 1955.