

## VICE ADMIRAL FORREST P. SHERMAN, U. S. NAVY



Vice Admiral Sherman was born in Merrimack, New Hampshire, 30 Oct. 1896. He graduated from Melrose High School and entered Massachusetts Institute of Technology when appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy in 1914. He graduated with distinction, second in a class of 203 and was commissioned an Ensign in June 1917. During World War I, rapid promotions brought him to the rank of senior lieutenant by 1920; by 1930 Lieutenant Commander. 1937, Captain, 1 January 1942; Rear Admiral, 3 April 1943 and Vice Admiral, 28 December 1945. During World War I, he served in the Mediterranean aboard the USS NASHVILLE, MURRAY, REID, and Commanded the USS BARRY. In June 1922 he reported to Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, for flight training and has served continuously with aviation since. In 1923 he joined Aircraft Squadrons, Battle Fleet, and reported aboard USS AROOSTOOK. In June 1926 he enrolled at the Naval War College, Newport, R. I. His next assignment was at the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp., Quincy, Mass. where the USS Lexington was being fitted as an Aircraft Carrier and served on her from her commissioning until December 1928 when he joined Scouting Squadron 2 aboard USS SARATOGA. In May 1929 he was transferred to duty as aide and flag secretary on the staff of Rear Admiral Henry V. Butler, Commander, Aircraft Squadron, Battle Fleet until June 1930. A tour of duty as instructor in Seamanship and Flight tactics at Annapolis followed. Re-assigned to the SARATOGA, his squadron distinguished itself in Aircraft Gunnery. He personally won the Navy "E" in both dive bombing and fixed guns. In June 1933 he reported to the Bureau of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.

and was in charge of the Aviation Ordnance Section until June 1936. When he joined the USS RANGER as navigator. A year later he was transferred as aviation officer on the staff of Admiral Claude C. Block, Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, and served in that assignment until 1940. From February 1940 until February 1942 Vice Admiral Sherman had duty in the War Plane Division, Chief of Naval Operation, Washington, D. C. and was a member of the U.S. Canada Joint Permanent Defense Board. He assumed command of the USS WASP in May 1942 and was in command until she was sunk by enemy action 15 September 1942. Following the sinking of the WASP, he became Chief of Staff. Admiral Sherman represented the Navy in the initial surrender conferences with the Japanese at Manila in August 1945 and was present with Fleet Admiral Nimitz aboard the Missouri during the formal surrendering exercises in Tokyo Bay. In October 1945 he was assigned duty as Commander Carrier Division 1, and later ordered to duty as Deputy Chief of Naval Operation, Washington, D. C. where he was responsible for plans, operation, intelligence and joint activities including cooperation with the State Department in politico-military affairs. On 22 December 1947, he was ordered to duty as Commander, Naval Forces Mediterranean. Vice Admiral Sherman holds the Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Purple Heart, Victory Medal, American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific Area, and World War II Victory Medal. The Government of Great Britain has awarded him the decoration of Companion of the Order of the Bath.