



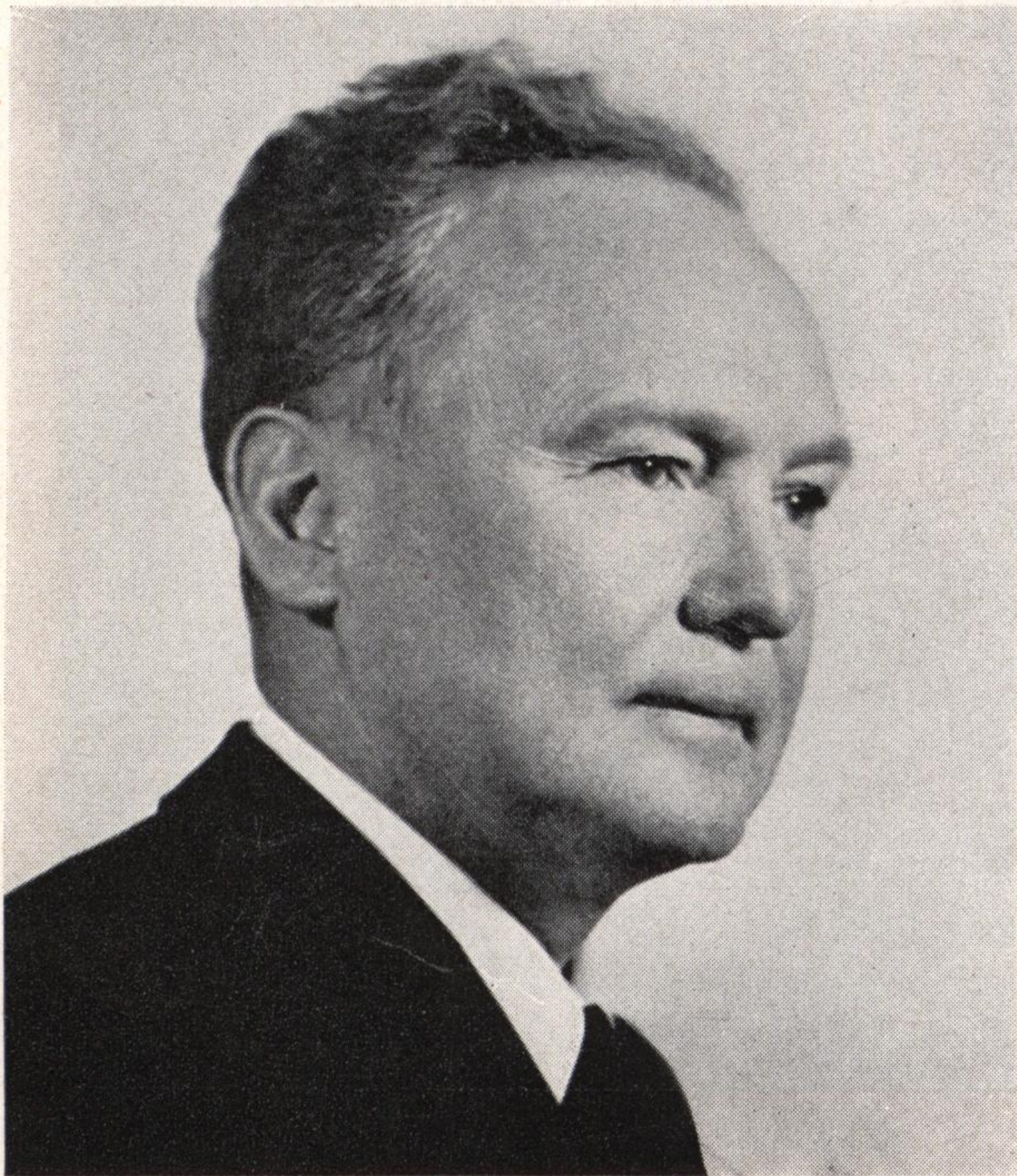
Rear-Admiral R. B. Carney



Rear Admiral R. P. Briscoe

STORY OF OUR CAPTAINS

CAPTAIN R. B. CARNEY put the *Denver* in commission and guided her through the Consolidation of the Southern Solomons and running the "Slot." He was detached on 24 July 1943 and became Chief of Staff to Admiral Halsey with the rank of Rear Admiral. Captain Carney was replaced by Captain R. P. Briscoe who took the ship through the battle of Empress Augusta Bay and was in command when the *Denver* received her torpedo hit. On February 22, 1944, Captain Briscoe was relieved by Capt. A. M. Bledsoe. Captain Briscoe attained the rank of Rear Admiral and became ComPhibGroup 14. Captain Bledsoe brought the ship through all the battles of the second cruise including the Philippine landings until April 6, 1945, when Capt. T. F. Darden took command through the Balikpapan bombardment and brought the ship safely home to the States again. Captain Bledsoe was advanced in rank to Rear Admiral and became ComCru Div. 1



Rear Admiral A. M. Bledsoe