

NAVAL HISTORY DIVISION

CAPTAIN WALTER G. BACON, SUPPLY CORPS UNITED STATES NAVY

Walter Griswold Bacon was born in Sommerville, Massachusetts, on April 14, 1906, son of George C. and Linnie A. (Smith) Bacon, both now deceased. He was graduated from the University of Redlands, in California, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Economics, and was subsequently employed as District Representative, Zellerbach Paper Company, in Orange County and Long Beach, California. Commissioned Lieutenant (junior grade) in the U. S. Naval Reserve on February 23, 1938, he began active naval service on January 5, 1941, transferred to the U. S. Navy in the rank of Commander in 1946, and was promoted to Captain, SC, USN, to date from July 1, 1954.

From January to May 1941 he was under instruction at the Supply Corps School, Washington, D. C., after which he was assigned to the Allotment Division, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Navy Department, until September 1942. In October he reported to the USS CROATAN (CVE-25) and served as Supply Officer of that carrier escort vessel during submarine killer operations in European-African waters until November 1943. After a month's service as Supply and Fiscal Officer at the Naval Air Station, Santa Ana, California, he reported in January 1944 to the Field Branch of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, for a tour of duty as Officer in Charge of the Allotment Division. Detached late in 1945, he served from February until July 1946 as Stores Officer at the Naval Supply Depot, San Diego, California.

During the period July 1946 until April 1947 he was Officer in Charge, Terminal Leave Disbursing Office, at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois, then for two years served as Officer in Charge, General Supply Department, Naval Supply Center, Pearl Harbor, T. H. Upon his return from Hawaii in May 1949, he became Officer in Charge of the Naval Material Center's Office in New York City. He left there for California in November 1951, and from December of that year until July 1954 served as Supply and Fiscal Officer of the Naval Ordnance Test Station, Inyokern.

He was a student at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D. C., from August 1954 to June 1955, and for three years thereafter served as Supply Officer of the Naval Air Station, North Island, San Diego, California, with additional duty as Supply Officer on the Staff of the Chief, Naval Air Bases, Eleventh Naval District. He returned to the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Navy Department, in August 1958, and for thirteen months served as Deputy Assistant to the Chief of Supply Management.

In October 1959 he reported for duty as Executive Officer of the Naval Supply Center, Norfolk, Virginia, and in May 1961 assumed command of the Naval Supply Depot, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

In February 1963 he was ordered detached for duty as Officer in Charge of the Naval Purchasing Office, Los Angeles, California.

Captain Bacon has the American Defense Service Medal; the American Campaign Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal; World War II Victory Medal; and the National Defense Service Medal.

A baseball enthusiast, Captain Bacon's chief hobby is electronics.