

REAR ADMIRAL LLOYD H. CHANDLER, U. S. NAVY, DECEASED

Lloyd Horwitz Chandler was born in Washington, D. C., on August 17, 1869, son of William Eaton Chandler, one time Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of the Navy under President Arthur, and U. S. Senator from New Hampshire, and Mrs. (Anne Carolina Gilmore) Chandler, daughter of New Hampshire's Governor Joseph H. Gilmore. He attended private schools and entered the U. S. Naval Academy on appointment as Naval Cadet from the Second District of New Hampshire on September 4, 1884, at the age of fifteen. He was graduated in June 1888, and served the two years at sea, then required by law, and was commissioned Ensign from July 1, 1890. He subsequently advanced to the rank of Rear Admiral on November 23, 1919, and was commissioned Rear Admiral on the Retired List (by Act of June 21, 1930), having retired in the rank of Captain after 30 years' service, on December 17, 1921.

After graduation from the Naval Academy in 1888, he served successively in the USS BOSTON, the USS PORTSMOUTH, and the USS CONCORD. On June 1, 1893, he reported to the Secretary of the Treasury for duty on board the Coast Survey Schooner EAGRE. He had duty at the Naval Academy from September 1894 until June 1896, during which time he participated in the summer cruise on board the USS MONONGAHELA. He next had sea duty, assigned consecutively to the USS MARBLEHEAD, USS MINNEAPOLIS and USS SAN FRANCISCO, participating in the Spanish-American War in the latter. He served from November 1898 to April as Inspector of Equipment for various ships including the CONNECTICUT, and as Inspector of Ordnance at Bath, Maine, for Bath Iron Works.

In May 1899 he joined the USS MACKENZIE, and from June 29 until August 21, 1899, commanded that vessel. He served briefly on board the USS SCORPION and after eight months' duty in the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., reported in June 1900 to the USS MASSACHUSETTS. In October of that year he returned to the Bureau of Ordnance, and in July of the next year reported to the Torpedo Station, Newport, Rhode Island, thence to command of the USS BAILEY. He assumed command of the USS DECATUR at her commissioning on May 12, 1902, and on June 5 was given command of the first Torpedo Flotilla, consisting of five destroyers, for a trip from Norfolk, Virginia, to Manila, P. I., in 1903-1904.

In April 1904 he was ordered to Tokyo, Japan, as Assistant to the U. S. Naval Attache, at the U. S. Legation there, and later that month reported to the Commander China Station, for brief duty. On return of the Naval Attache in August of that year, he was ordered to Washington, D. C., for temporary duty in the Office of Naval Intelligence. He served in the Bureau of Ordnance from January 1905 until June 1906, with additional duty under instruction in the Compass Office, Bureau of Equipment. At her commissioning on September 29, 1906, he joined the USS CONNECTICUT, and served as her Executive Officer briefly before being detached for duty as Aid on the Staff of the Commander in Chief, Atlantic Fleet. On May 15, 1908 he reported to the Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, where he served until November 1911.

Assuming command of the USS SALEM on November 7, 1911, he had additional temporary duty in command of the USS ILLINOIS from May 20, 1912, until the departure of the SALEM from Boston, and continued as Commanding Officer of the ILLINOIS until November 2, that year. He then commanded the USS NEBRASKA for a month, returning to command the ILLINOIS from December 16, 1912, until September 5, 1913. That month he began a tour of duty at the Naval Academy as Head of the Department of Ordnance and Gunnery, remaining there as Commandant of Midshipmen from June 5, 1915, until October 20, that year.

He served for a month as a Member of the General Board, Navy Department, and on December 4, 1915, assumed command of the USS NEW HAMPSHIRE. He commanded that battleship throughout most of the World War I period, being detached on October 14, 1918, to serve as Chief of Staff to Commander Battleship Force ONE, Atlantic Fleet. He was awarded the Navy Cross, with the following citation:

"For exceptionally meritorious service in a duty of great responsibility as Commanding Officer, USS NEW HAMPSHIRE and as Chief of Staff to the Commander of Battleship Force ONE, Atlantic Fleet."

Detached from staff duty on April 15, 1919, he completed a course of instruction at the Naval War College, and in the rank of Rear Admiral, served as a Representative of the Navy Department on the U. S. Geographic Board in 1920-1921. He was assigned to the Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, duty as Hydrographer, during the period June 23, 1920 until July 28, 1921, and on July 22, 1921, was relieved from duty as Representative on the U. S. Geographic Board. He served as Commander Train, Atlantic Fleet, from July 30, until December 10, 1921, after which he was relieved of duty, pending his retirement, effective December 30.

In addition to the Navy Cross, Rear Admiral Chandler had been awarded a Special Letter of Commendation by the War Department, and had the Spanish Campaign Medal (USS SAN FRANCISCO), and the World War I Victory Medal, with Escort Clasp (USS NEW HAMPSHIRE).

Admiral Chandler died in Washington, D. C., on January 17, 1947