

NAVAL HISTORY

CAPTAIN ADELBERT R. EVERS, UNITED STATES NAVY

Adelbert Ray Evers was born in Dayton, Ohio, on September 28, 1914, son of A. D. and Elizabeth (Swandener) Evers. He attended Benjamin Franklin High School in Los Angeles, California, and received the Associate Degree of Arts from Los Angeles City College. Prior to entering active Naval service, he was employed by the Electrical Construction Company of Los Angeles. On December 15, 1940 he enrolled in the V-7 Reserve Midshipmen's School at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, and upon graduation was commissioned Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve, May 15, 1941. Advancing progressively in rank, he subsequently attained that of Captain, to date from July 1, 1960, having transferred from the Naval Reserve to the Regular Navy on September 2, 1946.

After receiving his commission in May 1941, he reported the next month on board the USS RIGEL and was serving in that repair ship, undergoing alterations at Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii, when the Japanese attacked the Naval Base there on December 7, 1941. In March 1942 he transferred to the USS CALDWELL to serve as Engineer Officer, Gunnery Officer, First Lieutenant and Executive Officer during the Aleutians, Marshalls, Gilberts, Hollandia, Leyte and Borneo operations and in the 1943 and 1944 Asiatic-Pacific raids. "For heroic service as Engineer Officer on board the USS CALDWELL during operations against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of the Philippine Islands on December 12, 1944..." he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V." The citation further states in part:

"Rendering valuable service when his ship was seriously damaged during an aerial attack, (he) directed the work of fighting raging fires and, after he himself had been wounded, courageously made a tour of the entire damaged area to secure information that aided in the taking of proper measures to save his ship..." He was also awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received during this action.

Detached from the CALDWELL in July 1945, he next attended the General Line School, and in June 1946 joined the USS MASSEY as Executive Officer. In August 1947 he assumed command of the USS MUIR and from May 1948 to June 1951 served as Anti-Submarine Warfare Tactical Officer and Training Officer with the Surface Anti-Submarine Development Detachment. He next commanded the USS ROBINSON and in July 1952 reported as Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Officer on the staff of Commander Training Command, Atlantic. He was assigned to the USS HELENA during the period January 1955 to July 1956, when he assumed command of the USS EVERETT F. LARSON.

Returning to duty ashore, he served in the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., between May 1958 and March 1960, when he became Commander Destroyer Division TWENTY-TWO. In June 1961 he reported as Chief of Staff and Aide to Commander Cruiser Division FOUR.

In addition to the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V," and the Purple Heart Medal, Captain Evers has the American Defense Service Medal with Bronze "A"; American Campaign Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one silver star and four bronze stars (nine operations); World War II Victory Medal; National Defense Service Medal; and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one star.

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