

THOMAS MICHAEL DYKERS '27

RAdm. Thomas Michael Dykers USN (Ret.) died on 13 June 1975 in New Orleans. Private funeral services were held on 16 June.

Entering the Naval Academy from the State of Louisiana, he was graduated in the Class of 1927. He had attended Tulane University for one year prior to coming to the Academy. Upon graduation he went to sea in USS MEMPHIS and subsequently took submarine training in New London in 1931. Except for two years at the NROTC Unit at Georgia Tech, he remained in submarine assignments and in 1942 assumed command of USS JACK (SS-259). In several war patrols the JACK sank eight Japanese ships and RAdm. Dykers earned two Navy Crosses, the Silver Star and the Bronze Star among other decorations.



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In 1949 he retired from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and moved to California where he was technical advisor to movie producers during the filming of the picture, *The Flying Missile*, and later he became writer and producer of the *Silent Service* weekly television series. Leaving the West Coast, he returned to New Orleans and helped oversee the construction of the new Lake Ponchartrain Causeway addition as an engineer for the David Volkert and Associates Corporation.

He is survived by his widow, Margaret, 6026 Benjamin Street, New Orleans 70118; a son, Cdr. Thomas M. Dykers Jr. USN (Ret.) '52, of Bellevue, Washington; a daughter, Mrs. A. B. Clubley of Jackson, Wyoming; his brother, Andrew W. Dykers; and six grandchildren.

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CAPTAIN ARTHUR F. KRAPP
UNITED STATES NAVY

Arthur Elmer Krapf was born in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, on April 8, 1911, son of Albert and Edna (Liery) Krapf. Before entering the United States Naval Academy in 1930 he attended Annapolis (Maryland) High School and the U. S. Naval Academy Preparatory School, Hampton Roads, Virginia. As a Midshipman he was a member of the Radio Club. Graduated and commissioned Ensign on May 31, 1934, he subsequently advanced in rank, attaining that of Captain, to date from July 1, 1953.

Upon graduation from the Naval Academy in 1934, he was assigned to the USS COLORADO, serving in that battleship for two years, after which he attended the Battle Force Torpedo School during July and August 1936. He had further sea duty on board the USS BAINBRIDGE until June 1937, when he was ordered to the Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut, for instruction in submarines at the Submarine School there. Qualifying for submarine duty, he served successively from January 1938 to August 1940 in the USS S-18 and the USS S-23.

In August 1940 he reported for duty in connection with fitting out the USS TUNA at the Naval Shipyard, Mare Island, California. He went on board that submarine upon her commissioning in January 1941 and served until July of that year. He then returned to Annapolis for instruction in Radio (Electronics) Engineering for the next two years, after which he again reported to the Submarine Base, New London for two months' instruction at the Prospective Submarine Commanding Officers School.

He joined the Submarine Force in the Pacific in October 1943 as Prospective Commanding Officer for one war patrol of the USS HADD0, a unit of Submarine Division 122. He later transferred to Submarine Division 121 to command the USS JACK from May 10 until October 9, 1944, during her fifth war patrol (in the South China Sea off the west coast of Luzon) in the Pacific. He has a facsimile of, and ribbon for the Presidential Unit Citation to the JACK, awarded for her First, Third and Fifth War Patrols, the last under his command.

He was awarded the Navy Cross for "...extraordinary heroism in action...as Commanding Officer of the USS JACK during the Fifth War Patrol of that vessel in the waters of the West Coast of Luzon and in the vicinity of Manila, from June 4 to July 14, 1944...sinking a large tanker and three freighters..." He was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for "meritorious achievement...on the Sixth War Patrol...in enemy controlled waters during the period August 6 to August 24, 1944..." and is entitled to the Combat Distinguishing Device "V."

Detached from command of the JACK, he returned in December 1944 to the Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut, for duty as an Instructor on the staff until April 1945. He then reported

for a four year tour of duty in the Bureau of Ships, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., where he was Head of the Communications Equipment Section of the Bureau's Electronics Division.

Between August and December 1949 he attended the advanced management course at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, after which he served as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of the Underwater Sound Laboratory, Fort Trumbull, New London, Connecticut. He remained there until November 1953, when he reported as Comptroller and Industrial Engineering Officer at the Mare Island (California) Naval Shipyard. He was Assistant Director of the Field Services Division, Office of Naval Material, Navy Department, from August 1957 until April 1958, when he was assigned to the Bureau of Ships, Navy Department as Head of the Research and Development Division. In June 1959 he was ordered to duty as Director of the Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D. C.

In addition to the Navy Cross, Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V," and the Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon, Captain Krapf has the American Defense Service Medal; the American Campaign Medal; the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with engagement stars; the World War II Victory Medal; the National Defense Service Medal; and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

Captain Krapf and his wife, the former Wade McCready of Annapolis, Maryland, usually reside at 318 West Street, Annapolis.