



William M. Romberger, Captain, USN (Ret.)
"Bill"

Date of Designation: 15 July 1938 NA # 5714

Dates of Active Duty: 15 September 1936 - 1 Nov. 1962

Total Flight Hours: 6,800

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 520

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 180 Prop: 6,620 VA: 4,000

VT: 100

Combat Tours:

WW II: VT-21 (TBM's), NAS San Diego, CA., Apr. 1943 - Apr. 1944

WW II: VT-17 (TBM's), USS *Hornet* (CV-12), May 1944 - Jun. 1945. Combat missions - 54.

Korea: USS *Philippine Sea* (CVA-47), Aug. 1952 - Dec. 1954. Operations and Executive Officer off Korea;

Aviation Commands:

CO, VT-21, April 1943 - April 1944

CO, VT-17, May 1944 - June 1945

CO, HAW-2, July 1958 - July. 1959 (AJ's and A3D's)

Combat Awards:

Navy Cross

2 Distinguished Flying Crosses

4 Air Medals

Bronze Star

Duty Assignment Chronology

8/36-9/36 Preliminary Flight Training, Naval Air Facility, Philadelphia, PA.

6/37-7/38 Flight Training, NAS, Pensacola, FL.

8/38-12/40 VT-2, NAS San Diego, CA., and USS *Lexington* (CV-2).



1/41-4/41 VT-7, NAS, Norfolk, VA.
5/41-2/42 Instructor, NAS, Pensacola, FL.
3/42-10/42 BuOrd, Washington, D. C.
11/42-5/43 NTS, Newport, RI.
6/43-5/44 CO, VT-21 (TBM's), NAS North Island, CA.
6/44-7/45 CO, VT-17 (TBM's), USS *Hornet* (CV-12).
8/45-7/46 Staff, ComFair, West Coast.
7/46-7/47 Naval Line School, Newport, RI.
8/47-7/48 Aviation Ordinance (R & D), BuOrd, Washington, D. C.
8/48-9/48 Special Weapons School, Sandia, NM.
9/48-12/50 VC-5, Moffett Field, CA., and Norfolk, VA.
1/51-8/52 XO, Naval Ordnance Plant, Indianapolis, IN.
9/52-10/54 Operations Officer and XO, USS *Philippine Sea* (CVA-47).
11/54 -10/56 Director, Armament, ONR, Washington, D. C.
11/56-7/58 Chief of Staff, Heavy Attack Wing TWO (HAW-2), San Diego, CA., and NAS Whidbey, WA.
7/58-7/59 Wing Commander, HAW-2, NAS Whidbey, WA.
8/59-11/62 CNO, Washington, D. C. (OP-05; OP-07 and OP-03).
11/1/62 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Developed MK-30 Torpedo Director, BuOrd, 1942.
- (2) Acquainted Royal Australian Air Force with high speed torpedo drop techniques in March 1943 in Australia.
- (3) July 1948, ordered to VC-5 as Ordinance Officer for first atomic bomb squadron.
- (4) Sept. 1959, designated Naval Ordnance Engineer.