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Henry Francis Carlson, Commander, USN

Enrolled in the U. S. Naval Reserves Class 4 in April, 1917, first active duty Philadelphia Navy Yard, in May, 1917. Transferred to Naval Aviation Ground School at MIT, Boston in October, 1917, and later to Pensacola, Florida for flight training. Commissioned Ensign, March, 1918. Served as flight and gunnery instructor at Pensacola during the remainder of World War I. January, 1920, transferred to Atlantic Fleet Air Detachment, USS *Shawmut*, remaining with that activity for the next three and one-half years. In June, 1923, transferred to Naval Air Station, Anacostia as Photographic Officer and test pilot, conducting flight tests in connection with development of power type catapults. August, 1924, transferred to Naval Air Station Pensacola with duties as flight instructor and later In charge of the Photographic School. September, 1927, transferred to USS *Lexington* fitting out at Fore River, Quincy, Mass., serving, onboard that vessel as Photographic Officer and Air Intelligence Officer until July, 1930. Then transferred to Naval Air Station, Coco Solo in Command of Torpedo Squadron THREE, and later in Command of Patrol Squadron TWO which in February, 1932, flew from Coca Solo to San Diego to take part in Fleet Maneuvers. June, 1932, transferred to USS *Indianapolis* fitting out at Camden, New Jersey. Served as Senior Aviator on the *Indianapolis* until June 1934, when transferred to Cruiser Division SIX in command of Scouting Squadron ELEVEN. June, 1935, transferred to Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, serving one year as Executive Officer of Ground School and two years as Officer in Charge of Ground School. June, 1938, transferred to Battleship Division, THREE in Command of Observation Squadron THREE. June, 1939, transferred to Patrol Wing FOUR, Seattle, Washington, in Command Patrol Squadron FORTY-THREE. June, 1940, transferred to Naval Air Station, Pearl Harbor, as Operations Officer.

Duty Assignment Chronology

Enrolled In Naval Reserve Force May 1917. Commenced aviation training at Ground School, MIT, October 1917 and flight training at Pensacola January 1918. Commissioned Ensign USNRF March, 1918, and served through remainder of World War at Pensacola as flight instructor. Entered regular Navy as Lieutenant (jg) in 1921.

Assignments and duties as follows:

- 1/20-6/23 Atlantic Fleet Air Detachment (Pilot and Photographic Officer).
- 6/23-8/24 NAS Anacostia (Photographic Officer).
- 8/24-7/27 NAS Pensacola (Flight Instructor and in Charge of Photo School).
- 7/27 -7/30 USS *Lexington* (Photographic and Air Intelligence Officer).
- 7/30 -7/31 NAS Coco Solo, Canal Zone (Operations Officer).
- 7/31-6/32 Fleet Air Detachment Coca Solo & NAS, San Diego. (Command, VP2-F).
- 6/32-6/34 USS *Indianapolis* (Senior Aviator).
- 6/34-6/35 Cruiser Division 6, USS Louisville (Command VS11-S).
- 6/35-6/38 NAS Pensacola (XO and Officer-in-Charge, Ground School).
- 6/38-6/39 Battleship Division THREE (CO, Observation Squadron THREE).
- 6/39-6/40 Patrol Wing FOUR, Seattle, Washington (CO, Patrol Squadron FORTY-THREE).
- 6/40-?? NAS Pearl Harbor (Operations Officer).