

CHARLES JOHN ELLIS
Ex-LIEUTENANT COMMANDER
U. S. NAVAL RESERVE

NAVAL HISTORY DIVISION

Charles John Ellis was born in Opelouses, Louisiana, on September 14, 1913, son of Benjamin Robert and Pamela (Robertson) Ellis. Prior to entering the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, on June 13, 1932, he attended High School in Augusta, Georgia, and Marion Military Institute, Marion, Alabama. He was a member of the Crew at the Naval Academy and resigned as a Midshipman, U. S. Navy, on June 5, 1936. On March 21, 1942 he accepted appointment as Lieutenant (jg) in the U. S. Naval Reserve. He was promoted to Lieutenant on October 1, 1942, and to Lieutenant Commander on October 17, 1944. On October 19, 1949 he resigned his commission in the Naval Reserve.

Active duty in the Naval Reserve began in March 1942 during the early period of World War II, when he returned to the Naval Academy for a month's instruction. From April of that year until September 1944, he was assigned to the Bureau of Aeronautics, and to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Air), Navy Department, Washington, D. C., where he had duty in connection with the Pre-Flight Program and Naval Aviation Physical Training Program. He was next ordered to duty afloat in the USS ENTERPRISE and served aboard that aircraft carrier in the Pacific War Area from November 1944 until the cessation of hostilities in August 1945.

Reporting in August 1945 to the U. S. Naval Pre-Flight School, Athens, Georgia, he served there briefly before being released from active duty, effective December 5, 1945. He returned to his former employment with the General Electric Company in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and his resignation from the Naval Reserve became effective on October 19, 1949. He is now located in Tampa, Florida, as Manager of the Apparatus Department of General Electric Company.