

COMMANDER SAMUEL FRANCIS ALLISON
UNITED STATES NAVY

Samuel Francis Allison was born in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, on September 19, 1907, son of Dr. Herbert Allen Allison and Mrs. Rosa May (Wagner) Allison. He received his early education from the Susquehanna University Academy, in Selinsgrove, graduating in 1918, and after teaching in the Tioga County High School, Tioga Consolidated School District, and coaching basketball there, he returned to Susquehanna University, where he was a student and laboratory assistant for a year. After graduation in 1927, he attended George Washington University Law School in Washington, D. C., from 1927 to 1930, during which period he was employed as a gas chemist at the National Bureau of Standards. He did postgraduate work and was a staff member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Cambridge, receiving his Master of Science degree in 1932.

Accepting a commission in the United States Naval Reserve as Lieutenant (jg), effective April 28, 1941, he was employed by the U. S. Patent Office. He was called to active duty on May 29, 1941, and was subsequently promoted to Lieutenant in 1942; to Lieutenant Commander on March 1, 1944; and to Commander, to date from November 5, 1945. He transferred from the Naval Reserve to the U. S. Navy on July 13, 1946.

Reporting for active duty in the Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department, on June 16, 1941, he served in that Bureau until January 1947, during which period, throughout World War II and after the cessation of hostilities, he frequently travelled to various plants in the United States in connection with aircraft equipment. For three years thereafter he served with the Joint Research and Development Board, Washington, D. C. He returned to the Bureau of Aeronautics in December 1949, and served until July 1951 as Program Information Specialist in the Industrial Planning Division. He is now under orders of July 18, 1951, to the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia.

Commander Allison has the American Defense Service Medal; the American Campaign Medal; and the World War II Victory Medal.

Commander Allison is a member of the Alpha Chi Sigma, Phi Mu Delta, and Delta Theta Phi fraternities, and is a former president of the latter, a legal fraternity. He is also a member of the Washington Society of M. I. T.