

UNITED STATES NAVY, DECEASED

Philip Andrews was born in New York City on March 31, 1866. In 1882 he was appointed a Naval Cadet by Honorable A. A. Hardenborg, Congressman from the Seventh District of New Jersey. He completed the course at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, in June 1886, and after serving two years at sea, then required by law, was commissioned Ensign on July 1, 1888. Through subsequent promotions he attained the rank of Commander on May 27, 1909, and on January 1, 1912, he was appointed Chief of the Bureau of Navigation with the accompanying rank of Rear Admiral. Upon detachment he assumed his permanent rank of Commander, was promoted to Captain from March 26, 1913, and was commissioned regular Rear Admiral to date from November 13, 1919. He served in the temporary rank of Vice Admiral from June 21, 1923 to October 10, 1925; was transferred to the Retired List in the rank of Rear Admiral on March 31, 1930, having reached the statutory retirement age, but continued active duty until relieved on June 16, 1930.

Following graduation and two years' sea duty in the USS BROOKLYN, and the USS PENSACOLA, he was commissioned Ensign in 1888 and assigned to the Coast Survey attached to the steamer BLAKE. In May 1891 he was transferred to the USS CHICAGO and in August of that year became a Watch and Division Officer of that cruiser. He had instruction at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, and after a short course in ordnance at the Navy Yard, Washington, D.C., reported on February 23, 1893 for a tour of duty in the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, Washington, D.C., which lasted until January 29, 1895.

Sea duty which followed included service aboard the USS RALEIGH, USS NEWARK, USS COLUMBIA, and USS BROOKLYN: and staff duty attached to the USS BALTIMORE and USS BENNINGTON. On November 8, 1898, he became Inspector of Ordnance, South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and in May of the next year was detached for further sea duty. Successive service in the USS PENSACOLA, USS SOLACE and USS PETREL was preceded by duty on Asiatic Station attached to the USS CASTINE from December 1900 to May 1901, and command of the USS WOMPATUCK from May 19, 1901 until June 1902. For six months he served as Navigator of the USS NEW ORLEANS, and for two months thereafter on the Staff of Commander in Chief, Pacific Station.

He was ordered on February 9, 1903 to the Training Ship NEW YORK, and served as her Flag Lieutenant until August 1904. He reported on September 1 to the Naval War College and completing the course of instruction on December 30 of the same year reported to the Navy Department, Washington, D.C., where he had duty first in connection with the General Board, later in the Bureau of Navigation, and again with the General Board.

On March 17, 1907 he reported to the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, Camden, New Jersey, for duty in connection with fitting out the USS KANSAS, and joined that battleship on her commissioning, April 18, 1907. He made the world cruise, 1908-1909, in the KANSAS, and after detachment on May 7, 1909, served until October of the same year at the Naval War College. After a period of duty as Aide to the Secretary of the Navy, Navy Department, Washington, D.C., he was commissioned Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, and served as such in the rank of Rear Admiral, until March 26, 1913.

Brief temporary duty with the General Board, Navy Department, preceded command of the USS MONTANA from May 4 until July 23, 1913, and of the USS MARYLAND until December 31, 1914. On January 2, 1915 he became Commandant of the Naval Training Station, San Francisco, California, with additional duty as Supervisor of the Twelfth Naval District and Senior Member of a Board to survey vessels on the Pacific Coast. When relieved of command of the Naval Training Station, San Francisco, he again had a course of instruction at the Naval War College, and on March 29, 1917 joined the staff of Commandant, Fifth Naval District, Norfolk, Virginia, for duty until January 1918.

Assuming command of the USS MISSISSIPPI on January 31, 1918, he commanded that battleship through most of the remaining period of World War I, and from September 24, 1918 until March 12, 1919 was in command of the U.S. Naval Base, Cardiff, Wales. During the latter period he was also in command of a detachment consisting of the USS CHESTER, USS AYLWIN and USS WICKS, known as the Baltic Detachment, to visit German Baltic ports. On March 22, 1919 he assumed command of U.S. Naval Forces Operating in Eastern Mediterranean, USS OLYMPIA, and later USS PITTSBURGH, flagships. His title was changed on August 7, 1920 to Commander U.S. Naval Detachment in Adriatic.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for "exceptionally meritorious service in a duty of great responsibility as Commanding Officer of the USS MISSISSIPPI, and later, as a Rear Admiral in command of the U.S. Naval Base, Cardiff, Wales, and Commander of the U.S. Naval Forces in the Adriatic."

Returning to the United States via Vienna, Prague and Paris, he reported June 30, 1921, to Hampton Roads, Virginia, and served as Commandant of the Navy Yard, Norfolk, Virginia. He had additional duty from January 1923 as Commandant, Fifth Naval District and Commandant, Naval Operating Base, Hampton Roads, until relieved on May 21, 1923. Taking passage from New York to Cherbourg, France, in June 1923, he assumed command of U.S. Naval Forces, Europe, on June 21, in the rank of Vice Admiral.

On October 10, 1925, he was relieved of that command, and upon his return to the United States reported as Commandant, First Naval District, with additional duty as Commandant of the Navy Yard, Boston, Massachusetts. He was transferred to the Retired List of the Navy on March 31, 1930, but continued in his assignment until relieved of all active duty on June 16, 1930. He died on December 18, 1935

Rear Admiral Andrews had in addition to the Distinguished Service Medal, the Spanish Campaign Medal; Philippine Campaign Medal; World War I Victory Medal, Overseas Clasp; and the Grand Cross of the Order of the Savior by the Greek Republic.

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