

VICE ADMIRAL FRANK BALDWIN
SUPPLY CORPS, U. S. NAVY, RETIRED

NAVAL HISTORY DIVISION

Born in Pennington, New Jersey, on November 19, 1880, Frank Baldwin attended Pennington Preparatory School and the Stewart School in Trenton, prior to his appointment in 1906 as Assistant Paymaster, with rank of Ensign in the Supply Corps of the U. S. Navy. After graduation from the Navy Pay Officers' School he reported for duty as Assistant to the general store keeper at the Navy Yard, New York, New York. In 1907-1910 he served in the USS SCORPION, USS LOUISIANA, USS ARETHUSA and USS YANKTON. He then had two years shore duty as Assistant to the Accounting Officer, Boston Navy Yard, and as Pay Officer at Portsmouth Navy Yard, with additional duty in charge of accounts of the vessels SOUTHERY and WISCONSIN, and was Pay Officer at the Naval Prison.

In 1912-1915 he had successive service in the battleships KANSAS and OHIO, and was Supply Officer of the Naval Training Station, Newport, Rhode Island, prior to and during the first year of World War I. In 1918 he served in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., and later with the U. S. Naval Railway Batteries, commanded by Rear Admiral C. P. Plunket, participating in the Aisne-Marne and Meuse-Argonne Campaigns in France. He received a Special Letter of Commendation for service "at the front with the 14-inch Naval Batteries which were sent to France, and rendered valuable service during the war."

After the Armistice, he served as Supply Officer of the USS NEW YORK, and later as Cost Inspector for the First Naval District and Accounting Officer, Boston Navy Yard. From April 1926 until February 1928 he was assigned to Asiatic Station, on board the USS ISABEL, as Aide and Patrol Supply Officer of Yangtze Patrol commanded by Rear Admiral H. H. Hough. For the next four years he served as Disbursing Officer and Officer in Charge of the Accounting Division, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Washington, D. C. In 1932-1934 he had duty as Supply Officer on the staff of the Commander, Destroyers, Scouting Force, on board the USS RALEIGH, serving consecutively under Rear Admiral (now Fleet Admiral) William D. Leahy and Rear Admiral Adolphus E. Watson. He then returned to duty in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts and later was Accounting Officer at the Boston Navy Yard.

He completed the Senior Course at the Naval War College in May 1937, then returned to the Navy Department to serve first in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, later in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Shore Establishments Division), and throughout the entire World War II period as Director, Cost Inspection Service, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts. For the latter service he was awarded the Legion of Merit and received a Letter of Commendation, with Ribbon, from Secretary of the Navy Forrestal.

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Transferred to the Retired List on December 1, 1944, having reached the statutory age for retirement, he was directed by Secretary of the Navy Forrestal to continue on active duty as Director of Cost Inspection Service with no break in service. This duty continued until June 30, 1950, when he was released from all active duty. In April 1951 he was recalled to active duty to serve as Chairman of the Navy Contract Adjustment Board in the Office of Naval Material, Navy Department. In February 1953 he was assigned additional duty as Chairman of the Navy Emergency Facilities Depreciation Board and is continuing to serve as Chairman of these two Boards at the present time.

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PERSONAL DATA:

Education: Pennington Preparatory School; Stewart School, Trenton, New Jersey; Navy Pay Officers' School, Washington, D. C.; Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, Senior Course

PROMOTIONS:

July 10, 1906	Appointed Assistant Paymaster, rank of Ensign, SC, USN
February 2, 1909	Lieutenant (jg), SC, USN
August 22, 1912	Lieutenant, SC, USN
August 29, 1916	Lieutenant Commander, SC, USN
June 10, 1926	Commander, SC, USN
June 2, 1927	Captain, SC, USN
September 15, 1942	Rear Admiral, SC, USN

DECORATIONS AND MEDALS:

Special Letter of Commendation (Silver Star) (World War I)
Legion of Merit (World War II), as Director of Cost Inspection Service from August 25, 1941, to October 15, 1945
Letter of Commendation (Ribbon) from Secretary of the Navy Forrestal (World War II, as Director of Cost Inspection Service)
Cuban Pacification Medal; Mexican Service Medal
World War I Victory Medal, Naval Battery Clasp (Two Battle Stars; Aisne-Marne and Meuse-Argonne Campaigns)
Yangtze Service Medal
American Defense Service Medal; American Campaign Medal
World War II Victory Medal; National Defense Service Medal

CHRONOLOGICAL TRANSCRIPT OF SERVICE:

Jul 1906	Sep 1906	Navy Pay Officers' School, Washington, D.C.
Oct 1906	Nov 1906	Navy Yard, New York, N.Y. (Assistant to General Store Keeper)
Nov 1906	Jan 1907	Navy Yard, Boston, Mass. (Assistant to General Store Keeper)
Jan 1907	Oct 1907	USS SCORPION
Oct 1907	May 1908	USS LOUISIANA

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May 1908	Sep 1909	USS ARETHUSA
Nov 1909	Jun 1910	USS YANKTON (Pay Officer)
Jul 1910		Navy Yard, Boston, Mass. (Assistant to Accounting Officer)
Aug 1910	Jul 1912	Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N. H. (Pay Officer; additional duty SOUTHERY, WISCONSIN and Naval Prison)
Jul 1912	Feb 1915	USS KANSAS
Feb 1915	Sep 1915	USS OHIO (To settle accounts)
Oct 1915	Jan 1918	NTS, Newport, Rhode Island (Pay Officer; additional duty BOXER)
Feb 1918		Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Navy Department
May 1918	Dec 1918	Naval Battery, Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and St. Nazaire, France
Jan 1919		Fourth Naval District, Philadelphia, and home w/o orders
May 1919	Jul 1921	USS NEW YORK (Supply Officer)
Jul 1921	Oct 1921	Bureau of Supplies and Accounts
Oct 1921	Nov 1925	Cost Inspector, First Naval District (including Bethlehem Ship-building Corporation; Electric Boat Company)
Mar 1926	Jan 1928	Asiatic Station (Cavite, P. I.; Supply Officer, Yangtze Patrol and USS ISABEL)
Mar 1928		Receiving Ship, San Francisco, Calif.
Mar 1928	May 1932	Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Navy Department (Disbursing Officer)
May 1932	Aug 1934	Destroyers, Scouting Force (Staff)
Sep 1934	Jun 1936	Navy Yard, Boston, Mass. (Accounting Officer)
Jun 1936	May 1937	Naval War College, Newport, R.I. (student)
Jun 1937	Aug 1938	Bureau of Supplies and Accounts
Aug 1938	Mar 1939	General Inspector, Supply Corps, Atlantic Coast
Apr 1939	Aug 1941	Office of Shore Establishments, Navy Department
Aug 1941	Jun 1943	Officer in Charge, Naval Cost Inspection Service, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts)
Jun 1943	Jun 30/50	Director, Naval Cost Inspection Service, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts
Dec 1/44		Transferred to the Retired List of U.S. Navy
Apr 3/51		Recalled to active duty as Chairman, Navy Contract Adjustment Board, Office of Naval Material, Navy Department

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Feb 19/53

Additional duty as Chairman, Navy
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Advanced to Vice Admiral on the Re-
tired List, by virtue of special
commendation for performance of
duty in actual combat.

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