

LIEUTENANT, JUNIOR GRADE, WILLIAM HAROLD CHAPMAN,  
MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS, UNITED STATES NAVY

NAVAL HISTORY DIVISION

Lieutenant (jg) Chapman was born on March 21, 1919, at Marion, North Carolina, the son of George W. Chapman and Mrs. Mary McKoy Chapman. He attended Marion (North Carolina) High School from 1931 to 1935, Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee between 1935 and 1936 and received his Bachelor of Science degree from Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina in 1941. While attending Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland, he was appointed an Ensign in the Hospital Corps of the U.S. Naval Reserve on October 21, 1942, and on September 9, 1947, transferred to the Hospital Corps of the U.S. Navy. He advanced in grade to the rank of Lieutenant (jg), to date from March 8, 1948. In April 1948, the Hospital Corps designation was changed to the Medical Service Corps.

Following his appointment in the Naval Reserve in October 1942, Lieutenant (jg) Chapman remained at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine until May 1943. He had V-12 training at Johns Hopkins until August 1944, after which he had further instruction at the Pre-Midshipman School, Asbury Park, New Jersey and later at the U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipman School at Columbia University, New York, New York.

From March to June 1945, he attended Gunnery School at the Navy Yard, Washington, D.C., and upon detachment proceeded to New Orleans, Louisiana, assuming duty the same month as Deputy Venereal Disease Control Officer, Eighth Naval District. The following month he became District Venereal Disease Officer, and also was assigned duty as a member of the Joint Army-Navy Local Board for the New Orleans area and Recorder for Joint Army-Navy Disciplinary Control Board in the Eighth Naval District. On April 1, 1948, he reported for duty at the Hematology Facility, Naval Medical Research Institute, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland.

Lieutenant (jg) Chapman is entitled to the American Area Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

He is a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta (pre medical fraternity), and Phi Chi (medical fraternity).

Lieutenant (jg) Chapman is the co-author with Lieutenant Commander Eugene P. Cronkite, Medical Corps, U.S. Navy, of a paper entitled "A Critical Analysis of the Syndrome of Acute Total Body Radiation Illness" which was selected best in competition for the Sir Henry Wellcome Medal and Prize, to be awarded on November 12, 1948, by the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, at the Association's annual convention at San Antonio, Texas.

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