

## Howard L. Collins



Rear Admiral Howard L. Collins was born October 26, 1903, in Brockton, Massachusetts. After graduating from high school he was selected to enter the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. Upon his graduation June 1st, 1924, he received his Commission as Ensign, USN.

His first duty assignment was the battleship USS Utah, where he served a year before reporting to the destroyer USS Overton. Admiral Collins remained aboard the Overton until 1927, when he reported to the Naval Torpedo School at Newport, Rhode Island. In July, 1929, he was assigned to the submarine tender USS Camden, where he served until May, 1931, when he returned to Annapolis to attend the Naval Post Graduate School.

During World War II, Admiral Collins served on the staff of Admiral Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet, as Operations Officer. In January, 1945, he assumed command of Destroyer Squadron Ten, where he remained until 1946 when he was ordered to Washington, D.C. to serve on the War Plans Committee for the Joint Chiefs of staff. In September, 1949, he assumed command of the heavy cruiser USS Helena. Upon completion of this assignment, he returned to Washington, D.C., as a member of the staff of the National War College. In 1953 he became Commander, Military Sea Transportation Service, Pacific Area, and in November, 1955, assumed command of Cruiser Division One.

On 3 January, 1957, Rear Admiral Robert H. Rice relieved Rear Admiral Howard L. Collins as ComCruDiv 1. The full dress change of command ceremony took place on board the Division Flagship, Bremerton, at Yokosuka, Japan. Admiral Collins proceeded to Washington to assume duties as Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for Logistics.

