

# Rear Admiral William Kirk Scammell

**R**EAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM KIRK SCAMMELL was born in Washington, D. C., on December 3, 1889. He was appointed as a cadet in the U. S. Coast Guard on May 23, 1908, and received his commission as Ensign January 18, 1911.

His first assignment, upon graduation from the Coast Guard Academy, was the cutter THETIS, in Honolulu, T. H. He was subsequently transferred to duty in the Bering Sea aboard the cutter TAHOMA.

After a tour of duty in Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, Washington, he was ordered to sea duty as Executive Officer of the USS PRINCESS MATOIKA during World War I.

Following the war he was assigned to duty in Gulf of Mexico, on the Mississippi River, and in Alaskan waters on the cutters COMANCHE, YOCONA, BEAR and ALGONQUIN.

In October, 1926, he assumed command of the destroyer CUMMINGS, based in New London, Conn. Leaving this station in May, 1929, he was assigned to the cutter SEMINOLE.

His next assignment ashore was as Commander SECTION BASE TEN, and Commander Puget Sound Patrol Area. In June, 1932, he became Chief of Staff of the Northwestern Division, Seattle, Washington.

Returning to sea duty in April, 1934, he served as Commanding Officer of the cutter NORTHLAND, on duty with the Bering Sea Patrol. His next assignment was that of Chief of Staff of the Jacksonville and Charleston Districts.

From August, 1941, to May, 1942, he was in command of the USS WAKEFIELD, after which he became Superintendent of the Maritime Service Training Station, Fort Trumbull, New London, Connecticut. In October, 1942, he was designated Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Training Station at St. Augustine, Florida, and upon termination of this assignment he became District Coast Guard Officer of the Eighth Naval District. He was relieved of this command in March, 1945, and was assigned as District Coast Guard Officer, 12th Naval District, San Francisco, California.