

Captain Roy Livingston Raney

CAPTAIN ROY LIVINGSTON RANEY's World War II Service career is very closely associated to that of the USS WAKEFIELD. Upon commissioning of the vessel, he was assigned as Executive Officer and remained in this capacity until the ship caught fire in September, 1942. During the interlude between the fire and re-commissioning of the ship, he served as Commanding Officer of the cutter BIBB, a veteran ship in the Battle of the North Atlantic. It was during this assignment that Captain Raney was awarded the Navy Commendation Ribbon for the rescue of 205 men from the torpedoed transport HENRY R. MALLORY off the southwest coast of Iceland. Upon recommissioning of the USS WAKEFIELD, Captain Raney was assigned as Commanding Officer.

Captain Raney is one of the early Coast Guard aviators, having received his "wings" at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. Prior to his World War II Service on the WAKEFIELD, he served as Commanding Officer of the cutter ALGONQUIN and of the Coast Guard Air Stations at Salem, Massachusetts, and Biloxi, Mississippi.

Before his career in Coast Guard aviation, he performed duty in the Pacific Northwest as Commanding Officer of SECTION BASE 12 at Anacortes, Washington, and duty in Alaskan waters with the Coast Guard Bering Sea Patrol Force, as Navigator of the sea-going cutters HAIDA and CHELAN.

His early service career was spent on the Atlantic seaboard, divided between sea duty aboard the cutters TAMPA, OSSIPEE, CHAMPLAIN and the destroyer JOUETT; and shore duty as Commanding Officer of SECTION BASE 14, Block Island, and SECTION BASE 18, Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

Before his appointment as a Cadet, he had attended Mammoth Spring High School, Mammoth Spring, Ark., and Drury College, Springfield, Mo. He was graduated from the Coast Guard Academy and received his commission as Ensign in October, 1924.