

ADMIRAL WOOD TO COMMAND 17TH DISTRICT

AN ALEUTIAN BASE, Alaska, Sept. 8 (AP)—Rear Admiral Ralph Wood, whose naval experience ranges from the floor of the sea to the skies, has been assigned to the North Pacific as commandant of the 17th naval district.

He succeeds Rear Adm. F. E. Whiting, who has served as commandant since the district's creation early this year.

Admiral Wood served as commander of a fleet aircraft with the Southwest Pacific task force which beat back the Japanese to Australia. For the past year he has been in command of the air, Seattle.

The new assignment places him second in command to Vice Admiral Frank J. C. Fletcher, commander of the North Pacific fleet, with direct charge of

Alaskan and Aleutian naval establishments.

After graduating from the naval academy in 1911, Wood served on both submarines and battleships, and took up aviation in 1920. He commanded the first helium inflated blimp in 1921 and subsequently became the first naval wing commander and commander of the famous "high hat" fighter squadron one. He later served on the carriers Saratoga, Lexington and Ranger.

Rear Admiral Ralph Wood, mentioned in the above dispatch, commissioned the Klamath naval air station last winter and has been here on numerous occasions in connection with the local naval establishment. As head of fleet air, Seattle, he participated prominently in the location of a station at Klamath Falls, and the flying activities here have been under his command.

Swan Island Yard To Build Tanker

PORTLAND, Sept. 8 (AP)—The S.S. W. L. R. Emmett, a tanker to be named after the "father" of steam-electric propulsion for ships, will be built in the Swan Island shipyard, the Kaiser Corporation said today.

This will be the first tanker named after a man. Others have been named for places and battles.

LIFE UNDERWRITERS ATTEND LUNCHEON

The Southern Oregon Life Underwriters association met in regular session at a luncheon on Wednesday, September 6, at the Pelican cafe.

Fifteen members were in attendance, with President Martin Swanson officiating. Paul Lee of the Sun Life of Canada, in charge of the program, presented Mitchell Tillotson, of the First National Bank of Portland, as speaker of the day. Tillotson spoke on "Estate Analysis" and the duties of the life underwriter.

Guests for the luncheon were Tillotson, and two new men in the insurance field, Mr. Bates of the Businessmen's Insurance company and Mr. Freeman of the Northern Life Insurance company.

NAMED TO COMMISSION
SALEM, Sept. 8 (AP)—Guy Shumway, McMinnville farmer, was appointed by Governor Snell today to the Yamhill county public welfare commission, succeeding Glen S. Macy, McMinnville, who resigned after serving 11 years.



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