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APPENDIX

The Executive Officer of CASU-44, Lieutenant Commander Richard Harold Lachman, (A)L, USNR, was born on 25 Dec. 1917, in El Paso, Texas. He graduated from Beverly Hills High School in 1935 and from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1940 with a B.S. degree.

From May 1940 until Jan. 1941 he was a Junior Detail Design Engineer with Lockheed Aircraft Corporation.

Lieutenant Commander Lachman entered the Navy on 27 Jan. 1941, as Ensign, DE-V(G), and was immediately assigned to the Section Base, San Diego. He was further assigned from the Section Base to Minesweeper AMc 12 (Grouse) until 27 May 1941. On the Grouse he performed all types of ship duty as Executive Officer.

From May 1941 until March 1942, Lieutenant Commander Lachman was the Engineering Officer of Aviation Repair Unit No. 1 assigned to Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va.

Between March 1942 and July 1943, he was the Engineering and Training Officer of the Advanced Base Aviation Training Unit at Naval Air Station, Norfolk.

From July 1943 until 27 April 1944, he was the Engineering and Maintenance Officer of CASU-17 which ultimately landed at Tarawa. On 27 April 1944, he was assigned to CASU-44 and has been with this unit since that date as Maintenance Officer and more recently as Executive Officer.

Lieutenant Commander Lachman served as Maintenance Officer during the most trying days experienced by the unit and demonstrated during this time perseverance and loyalty which played no small part in the success of operations in the face of most trying conditions. He is extremely industrious and possesses a thorough knowledge of aircraft maintenance. Stepping into the position of Executive Officer, he adapted himself well to this important position.