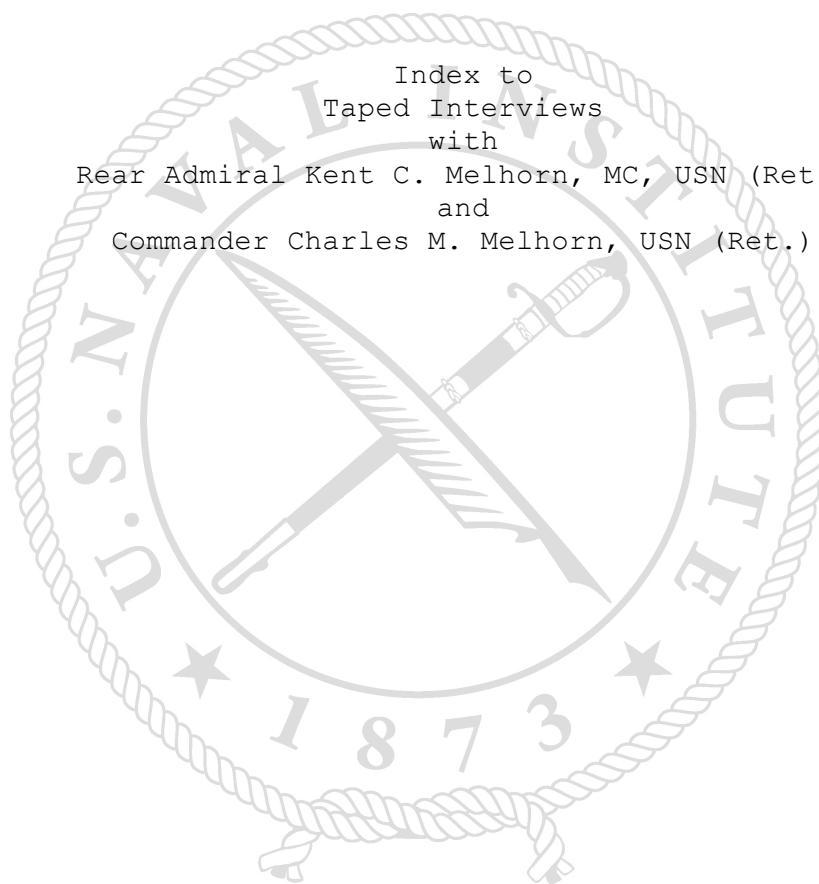


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As extremely capable commander of a destroyer squadron wreaked havoc on American cruisers with very little effort at the Battle of Tassafaronga in November of 1942, pp. 102-103.

Teruzuki, HIJMS

After this destroyer was damaged during Guadalcanal action at Tassafaronga in December of 1942 PT-44 with Melhorn aboard passed her, only to become an easy target when she went up in flames, pp. 106-107.

Ticonderoga, USS (CVA-14)

Large number of accidents and fatalities during Mediterranean cruise in 1955, pp. 143-146; struck U.S. destroyer while in port near Beirut, Lebanon, when a mooring line broke in mid-1950s, pp. 146-150.

Training, Naval

Shipboard duty and three months of land-based classes as path for commissioning for those in the V-7 program in early 1940s, pp. 78-80; armed guard school held at the U.S. Naval Academy in 1941 to prepare naval officers for transatlantic convoy duty aboard merchant vessels, p. 80; boat officers train with Marines in the San Diego area in mid-1942, pp. 83-85.

Ultra

See: Intelligence

Tone, HIJMS

Japanese heavy cruiser assigned as a target to Melhorn's squadron on 24 July 1945, but eluded their torpedoes, pp. 126-127.

Torpedo plane operations

While with an operational training squadron in the mid-1940s Melhorn is involved in a midair collision, pp. 120-125; as commanding officer of a squadron deploys aboard USS Cowpens (CVL-25) in 1945, pp. 125-132; sinking of Japanese battleship Haruna by Melhorn's squadron on 28 July 1945, pp. 126-127; even after atomic bombs dropped in August of 1945 sent on raids in Japan, pp. 127-128; participation in ceremonial flyover and other tasks after Japanese surrender, pp. 129-132.

Turner, Rear Admiral Richmond K.

As commander, Amphibious Force South Pacific and a good friend of Melhorn's father, facilitates an ill ENS Melhorn's removal from Colhoun (APD-2) to get medical attention to August of 1942, pp. 90-91; assigns Melhorn to a motor torpedo (PT) squadron in November of 1942, p. 93.

Uniforms, naval

Insistence of the commanding officer of the transport Colhoun (APD-2) that his officers wear service whites regardless of duty, even during the Guadalcanal landings in August of 1942, pp. 86-88.

V-7 Program

Melhorn's experiences going through this three month path to commissioning in 1940, pp. 78-80.

Vireo, USS (AM-52)

Upon sighting of a Japanese task force in October, 1942 all hands were removed from this elderly minesweeper to the safety of the accompanying destroyer Meredith (DD-434), which was subsequently attacked and sunk; Melhorn was one of a crew later sent to retrieve the Vireo as she floated, unmanned, in the Pacific, pp. 92-93.

Wabash, USS (screw frigate)

Melhorn's first duty station after graduating from the Naval Medical School in 1908 was aboard this receiving ship at the Boston Navy Yard, and it was while serving in Wabash that he had his first contact with a Naval Academy-graduated officer, pp. 3-4.

Webb, Rear Admiral Ulys R., MC, USN

Caused Melhorn to be detached prematurely from the San Diego Naval Hospital in the mid-1930s after he refused to allow dental care privileges for Webb's wife, pp. 56-57.

Williams, First Lieutenant Ernest C. "Bill", USMC

Melhorn assesses Williams as greatest soldier he has ever known and describes his heroic capture of a fort held by rebels in Santo Domingo in 1917, pp. 11-12; model for character in play "What Price Glory?," p. 12; assignments arranged by influential member of Congress, p. 13.

Woolley, Mary E., Ph.D.

As U.S. delegate to the World Disarmament Conference in 1932 was a vociferous pacifist who did not command much attention to her demand for unilateral disarmament, pp. 47, 49-50.

World Disarmament Conference; Geneva, Switzerland 1932

Melhorn's recollections of meetings attended while on temporary attachment to the General Board of the Navy, pp. 47-50.

World War II

Guadalcanal campaign (August to November, 1942), pp. 86-100; Battle of Tassafaronga (November to December, 1942), pp. 102-108; use of the atomic bomb in mid-1945, pp. 127-128; Japanese surrender in August of 1945, pp. 129-132.



Yankee, USS (screw steamer)

Melhorn's experiences abandoning ship after the Yankee ran aground 23 September 1908 in Buzzards Bay, pp. 4-6.

