

NAVAL HISTORY DIVISION

REAR ADMIRAL CLEMENS VINCENT RAULT DENTAL CORPS, U.S. NAVY, RETIRED

Clemens Vincent Rault was born on August 11, 1896 at New Orleans, Louisiana, the son of Mrs. Sophie (Umbach) Rault and the late Joseph E. Rault. He attended Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama, and received his Doctor's degree from Loyola University Dental School at New Orleans, in 1918. He enrolled in the United States Naval Reserve Force in December 1918, serving on active duty from October 1918 to January 1919, and was discharged on April 23, 1919. The next day he was appointed Assistant Dental Surgeon in the Dental Corps of the U. S. Navy, with the rank of Lieutenant (jg), to date from December 26, 1918. He subsequently advanced to the rank of Rear Admiral, to date from August 7, 1947 (date later changed to November 9, 1942). He was transferred to the Retired List of the U. S. Navy in that rank on July 1, 1950.

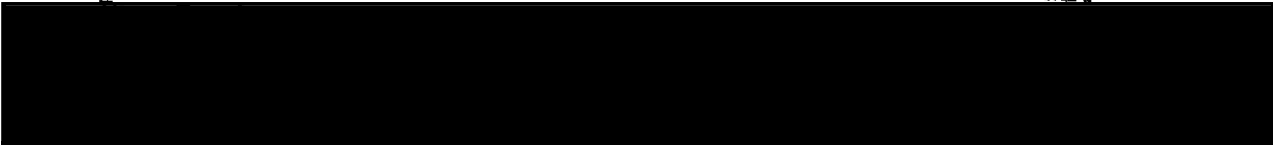
Reporting in June 1919 for temporary duty in the Sixth Naval District, Charleston, South Carolina, he served from July of that year until February 1922, with the First Brigade of the Marine Expeditionary Forces in Haiti. He next had duty at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, serving there until May 1924, after which he served at sea in the USS PITTSBURGH. From February 1926 to October 1927 he was assigned to the Naval Dispensary, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., remaining in Washington to serve as Instructor at the Naval Medical School until October 1929.

Consecutive duty between December 1929 and September 1931 aboard the USS PITTSBURGH and USS HOUSTON, preceded his assignment until January 1932 with the Fourth Regiment of the Marine Expeditionary Force, Shanghai, China. In April 1932 he reported to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Department, where he served until September 1936. Next ordered to Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, he did graduate work at the School of Dentistry, and received his Master's degree in 1937.

From April 1937 until March 1939 he served successively on board the USS RELIEF, USS MEDUSA, and the USS MARYLAND. In May 1939, began a tour of duty at the Navy Yard, New York, which extended throughout the World War II period, except the period from April 1944 to October 1945, when he served as District Dental Officer, Third Naval District, New York, New York. Assigned next as Dental Officer in Command, Naval Dental School, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, he served there until February 1948. He then reported as Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, for Dentistry, and Chief of the Dental Division, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Department, remaining there until relieved of all active duty, pending his retirement on July 1, 1950.

After retirement, Dr. Rault was appointed Dear of the Georgetown University Dental School. On September 17, 1953 he was named to a 9-member Public Health Advisory Council by the District of Columbia Commissioners to advise the District and stimulate public interest in public health matters, in a Reorganization Program for the City of Washington, D. C.

Rear Admiral Rault has the World War I Victory Medal; the Haitian Campaign Medal; the Marine Expeditionary Medal with numeral "2"; the Yangtze Service Medal (USS HOUSTON); the American Defense Service Medal; the American Campaign Medal; the World War II Victory Medal; and the National Defense Service Medal.



He is the author of numerous articles on professional and naval subjects, and is a member of the following organizations: American Dental Association; Delta Sigma Delta and Omicron Kappa Upsilon Fraternities; Fellow of the American College of Dentistry, and a member of the International Association for Dental Research.