

ADMIRAL OSBORNE BENNETT HARDISON, native of North Carolina and A. B.

of this University at the age of eighteen, he went on to graduate from the United States Naval Academy in time to serve in World War I on the U.S.S. Texas. Joining the Naval Air Force as pilot in 1921, he served on many carriers and rose to the rank of Rear Admiral and Aviation Officer on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet. In World War II, he won the Navy Cross and Legion of Merit for his exploits as Commander of the U.S.S. Enterprise in the Battles of Santa Cruz and Solomon Islands. His talent for organization and his interest in education manifested themselves in his appointment as Chief of Naval Air Primary Training, in which capacity he helped establish the Pre-Flight School on this campus and was influential in carrying through the program which turned out pilots for the host of carriers that played such an important part in winning the War in the Pacific.

Carrying on a great tradition, he has ably demonstrated in his long career the contributions made by the sons of this state and University to the Armed Services of this Nation in peace as well as war.

By vote of the Faculty and the Trustees of the University of North Carolina we confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Laws.

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