

Scholly, F. R.

F. R. Scholly Is Full Navy Commander

KEY WEST, FLA.—Notification was received last week of the elevation of Lieut.-Comdr. F. R. Scholly, executive officer of the naval air station, to the rank of full commander. The promotion was announced by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox. Commander Scholly is the oldest officer from the point of service in this area. He came to Key West before there was a naval air station here, reporting on Dec. 2, 1940, as commanding officer of base air detachment.



COMMANDER SCHOLLY

In this short period of less than three years Comander Scholly has played an important part in the development of the naval air station. During that time the Navy has spent more than ten million dollars, bringing about the transition of barren Trumbo Island into one of the finest and most valuable air bases in the Caribbean area.

The naval air station recently expanded to include the new Boca Chica Auxiliary air base.

Much of the credit for this vast undertaking is attributed to Comander Scholly's splendid background in the field of aeronautics.

Commander Scholly received his education at Lehigh University in his home-town of Bethlehem, Pa. He was given his degree in 1926 and shortly thereafter became interested in aviation and tied his future in with the Naval Air Service. He was given his primary flight

training at Rockaway Beach, L. I., and advanced training at the Naval Air Station in Hampton Roads, Va.

His first assignment after receiving his wings was aboard the USS Marblehead, attached to the aircraft squadron of the Atlantic fleet. From July, 1930, to June, 1935, he was associated with the Reserve Aviation Squadron based at Philadelphia.

Following this duty, he was ordered to the Naval Reserve Air Base in Philadelphia as executive officer of the station. His next assignment was at Pensacola, where he served as chief flight instructor until given duty in Key West in 1940.

Commander Scholly is well liked by his fellow officers and enlisted men.

Born in Philadelphia, he spent most of his youth in Bethlehem. At college he was an active member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. He enjoys spending his time off duty with his wife and three children, Cynthia, Phillip and Stephen.

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