Charles Craft

Charles Craft (May 9, 1902 – September 19, 1968) was an English-born American film and television editor. Born in the county of Hampshire in England on May 9, 1902, Craft would enter the film industry in Hollywood in 1927. The first film he edited was the Universal Pictures silent film, "Painting the Town". Over the next 25 years, Craft would edit 90 feature-length films. In the early 1950s he would switch his focus to the small screen, his first show being "Racket Squad", from 1951–53, for which he was the main editor, editing 93 of the 98 episodes. He would work on several other series during the 1950s, including "Meet Corliss Archer" (1954), "Science Fiction Theatre" (1955–56), and "Highway Patrol" (1955–57). In the late 1950s and early 1960s he was one of the main editors on "Sea Hunt", starring Lloyd Bridges, editing over half of the episodes. His final film work would be editing "Flipper's New Adventure" (1964, the sequel to 1963's "Flipper". When the film was made into a television series, Craft would begin the editing duties on that show, editing the first 28 episodes before he retired in 1966. Craft died on September 19, 1968 in Los Angeles, California.