

# Coquille

## J. B. BRYAN - U.S. ARMY

Feb. 1943 to Dec. 1945

TEC SGT. - Aviation Engineer. Served in the South Pacific, New Guinea to the Philippines. Our outfit was in Manila ready to go for the next landing when they dropped the Atomic Bomb. Feb. 3, 1945 Manila was freed by American troops. Corregidor fell, the next landing would have been mainland Japan. The bomb although horribly destructive, saved millions of Japanese lives, property and American lives.



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## LURALENE ROLLINS - U.S. NAVY

25 June 1944 - 7 Feb. 1946

Bookkeeping Machine Operator. U.S.N. SCH (WR) Bronx, New York NTS (SK-W) Milledgeville, GA, U.S. Naval Station, Seattle, WA, discharge section (WR)NAS, Seattle, WA. Standing at attention and passing in review on Rope Yarn Sunday (1/2 day Saturdays), shore leave in New York City. Death of President Rosebelt and inauguration of President Truman are vivid memories. The crowds in down town Seattle on V.J. Day parade in Seattle.



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## WILTON "Bill" ENDICOTT US NAVY

Sep. 1942 to May 1946

Ship's cook SC 1/C. Served in Farragut, Id.; ACOM 54, COSU "F" 49, Pt. Hueneme, Cal.; ACORN 10, Asiatic Pacific, American area. We were 500 miles off California coast when a Japanese submarine picked us up and tried to get a torpedo in us. It was unable to do so and was later sunk approximately 200 miles from New Caledonia.



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## WILLIAM PAYTON - U.S. ARMY

April 1941 to Sept. 1945

Anti Aircraft gunner. Served in the South Pacific, Okinawa. We were on Leyte and the Japanese Paratroopers landed all around us. The battle for Leyte Gulf was the first appearance of Kamikaze planes. By the time the Leyte struggle ended 2,888 American soldiers were lost. Liberation of the Phillipines was next. It is said that none of them left the island.



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## TOM DRAKE

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## BILL REVELLE - U.S. NAVY

May 1944 to Aug. 1946

Electrician Mate 2/C. Served in the South Pacific. Remembers the transition from civilian life to military regimentation, initial shipboard assignment. First time away from home at 17 yrs. old and arrival at Naval Training School. Friendships developed during service. Return from ship board assignment to hospital at Livermore. Loss of friends in overseas action difficult.



## LESTER REEVES - U.S. ARMY

1941 to 1945-46

Machine Gunner. Germany on the Rhine River, Keyport, Washington near Bremerton. I remember shooting at aircraft. I saw President John F. Kennedy, then I ran into a child after the war, all grown, that I had known in Bremerton during the war. It was a surprise.

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## From the 1944 Riverton High School Annual:

### To Our Boys in the Service

Many former students and young men of the community are now doing their part in the defense of our great country, the United States, of America, on the land, on the sea, and in the air.

Corporal Robert Smith is in the Army Medical Corps at Okmulgee, Oklahoma . . . Robert Scorby is a Japanese prisoner. . . P.F.C. Philip Staten is with the Army in England. . . Cpl. Theron Miller is with the Army at Salt Lake City, Utah. . . Private Lealand McNair is with the Army overseas . . . Master Sergeant Karl Alpine of the Army is in the Windward. . . Private Joe Fetch is with the Army at Georgia. . . Cpl. Bill Goodwin is also a man in khaki some where in Texas. . . Private Warren Smith is with the Army at the University of Detroit . . . Private John Heffley is overseas . . . Private Erwin Pleap is with the Army in Italy . . . Sergeant Quentin Church is with the Army in South Carolina. . . Oran Holbrook another of Uncle Sam's boys is overseas . . . Sergeant Normon Chappell is in the United States . . . Bennie Watson is a Corporal in the Army overseas. . . Sergeant Roy Johnson is with the Army in Oklahoma. . . Ole Chard is with the Army but his address is unknown. . . Gayle Bush is also with the Army . . . Sergeant Dan Smith is in the Army Air Corps in New Mexico . . . Pete Hull and Orville Hull are also in the Army Air Corps . . . Ranald Hanly is a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps in South Carolina . . . Dick Bemetz is with the Army but his address is unknown . . . Eugene Bosco is with the Army Air Corps in Sioux Falls, South Dakota . . . Vance Freeman is in the Service but his address is unknown.

Coxswain James Staten is overseas in the Navy . . . Tom McKinney is also overseas in the Navy . . . Kenneth Rogers is overseas in the Marines . . . Quartermaster 2nd Class Orville Young is overseas in the Navy. . . Gunners Mate 3rd Class Keith Young is overseas in the Navy. . . Max Mullen is in the Navy overseas. . . Orton Standley is in the Navy overseas also George Albertson, . . . Rex Chappell, and Monte Russell. . . Machinist Mate 3rd Class Ralph Herman is in the Navy at Florida. . . Eli Brault is in the C. B's in California. . . James Staten is in the Navy. . . Fred Porter is overseas in the Navy as is Winston Gibson, Chester Davies, Earl Abbot, Philip Childers, Charlie Panter, Lester Davies. . . P.F.C. Verlin Sell is in the Marines overseas. . . Miles Hartwell is with the Merchant Marines at Coos Bay.

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Men And Women Who  
Served In World War II



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