

Coquille

HOMER ROSE - U.S. NAVY

Jan. 1941 to Jan. 1946 - Boatswains Mate

Boatswains Mate. Served in the Pacific area, Pearl Harbor, Coral Sea, Midway, Borneo on USS Worden DD352. The biggest battle the Navy has ever been in, surface battle that is. USS Killen - Bombed Nov. 1, 1944 - Seventeen mates died. Typhoon struck. Japanese struck. Fueded between U.S. Destroyers & Japan Air Force, clear to Okinawa. Ship full of holes, patched ship at Leyte, but patch began to peel and ship leak.



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ELAINE GRAY McCARTHY U.S. NAVY

25 Oct. 1944 to 25 July 1946

Ensign, Nurse Corp. Served in the U.S. Naval Hospital near Seattle, Washington. I was assigned to the Naval Hospital in Seattle, Washington, 10 miles north of the city. I received an honorable discharge and was released from active duty in San Francisco, California.



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EDWARD D. McCARTHY U.S. ARMY

July 1942 to Nov. 1945

Medical Corp. Served in Scotland, England, France, and Germany. Prisoner of war Aug. 1944 at St. Malo, France. Took command of 87 prisoners, went to Germany, wounded, established only permanent "Bridgehead" on the Elbe. Met the Russians near Czechoslovakian border. Left Marseille, France Nov. 30, 1945 for Boston, Massachusetts.



GAYLORD FLUG - U.S. NAVY

Mar. 1945 - Apr. 1946

Sea Bees, Machinists mate, heavy equipment operator. Served in the U.S., Pearl Harbor, Tinian and Guam, Pacific. Remembers the thrill of seeing the big "2 stacker" U.S.S. Manhattan, coming in to haul us home. Saw the first passenger plane that landed on a runway we built at Guam. Saw plane on the way to Japan for peace. We made a camera and took pictures with film we cut up in strips.



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WARREN W. WILSON U.S. NAVY

Dec. 1941 - Sept. 1945

Lt. AAF. Coxswain in charge of deck hands. Served in the Pacific, Guadalcanal, Solomons, Wake Island, and Midway. Remember the Battle of Leyte Gulf, Oct. 25, 1944. Engaged unit of Japanese ships, Battle Ship Yamato, 3 other battle ships, 7 cruisers, 12 destroyers. Battle lasted 3 hrs. Kamikaze suicide plane sunk us. Awarded Pres.

Unit Citation, 12 Letters of Commendation, 5 Battle Stars, received Purple Heart. Battle of Midway.



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BOYD STONE - U.S. AIR CORPS

July 1943 to Dec. 1945

Clerk/Typist, Jeep & Truck Driver, Plane Checker, Forklift Drive. Served in New Guinea, Philippines and Japan. Help! I've been drafted! USS Monticello to New Guinea, bombing raids, ground alerts, snipers, suicide planes, booby traps, gas threats, Japanese caves. Truckloads of GIs on the way to front lines. Dropping of atomic bombs and relief felt in knowing we wouldn't have to attempt invasion on Japan. War casualties after the war from alcoholism, depression, mental disorders, suicides etc.



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