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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **EARDMAN**

ROBERT A.

Address: 64 CENTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

9TH AIR DEPOT GROUP, SUPPLY SQUADRON
STATION AAF 595
HQ 2ND BASE SERVICE SQUADRON, 444TH AIR SERVICE GROUP

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL
PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION	UNIT CITATION
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL	MARKSMAN MEDAL: M-1 RIFLE

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Robert August Eardman honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force / SSGT Robert Eardman served as a Supply Technician

Robert Eardman was Honorably Discharged from the Army - Air Force on 23 December 1945

Base Assignments:

Station AAF 595, Honington, England - RAF Honington was a Royal Air Force station located in Suffolk, England and used as a bomber station during the Second World War / In June 1942, the airfield was transferred to the USAAF and was upgraded to a Class A Bomber base / The Honington airfield was returned to the RAF in February 1946

Miscellaneous:

Robert A. Eardman entered into Active Service on 2 October 1942 / Robert August Eardman passed away on 12 December 2005 at the age of 84 years old and is interred at Saint Johns Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

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The Presidential Unit Citation, originally called the Distinguished Unit Citation, is awarded to units of the United States Armed Forces for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy on or after 7 December 1941

A unit citation is a formal, honorary mention by high authority of a military unit's specific and outstanding performance, notably in battle / Similar mentions can also be made for individual soldiers / Alternatively or concurrently, the unit can be awarded an honorary title, a mention on the flag or a decoration

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Name: **EBELING**

ERNEST

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

391ST BOMBER GROUP, 573RD BOMBER SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION
W/6 BRONZE STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Ernest Ebeling honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force / CPL Ernest Ebeling served in England, France and Belgium

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Ernest Ebeling passed away on 17 February 1987 at the age of 74 years old and is interred at Hillcrest Cemetery and Mausoleum, Hamburg, New York

The 391st Bomber Group was activated in January 1943 and trained with the Martin B-26 Marauder / The group moved to England in January-February 1944 and joined the Ninth Air Force, the American contribution to the tactical air forces that were to support the D-Day landings / The bomber group entered combat on 15 February 1944, and was used to attack transport links, V-weapon sites and airfields across France and the Low Countries / On D-Day and D+1 the group attacked German coastal defenses on the invasion beaches / From then until September the group attacked transport and communications links, fuel dumps and German troop concentrations and supported the breakout at St Lo in July 1944 / The 391st Bomber Group received the Distinguished Unit Citation for action in Germany (23-26 December 1944)

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ribbon throughout the entire Second World War

Bronze service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

The Distinguished Unit Citation was established on February 26th 1942, making it possible for the Secretary of War to issue citations in the name of the President of the United States to units of US Armed Forces and their Allies for heroism in action against an armed enemy from December 7th 1941 onwards / The unit must display such gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps in accomplishing its mission under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions as to set it apart and above other units participating in the same campaign

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Name: **EBELING**

R.

L.

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

R. L. Eveling honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **EBER**

ARTHUR

C.

Address: 72 DELLWOOD ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: COX

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Coxswain Arthur C. Eber honorably served in the United States Navy/ COX Eber served with the amphibious forces and took part in the invasion of Normandy and two subsequent landings / COX Arthur Eber was killed in the "Line of Duty" auto accident while driving a truck from the American Headquarters at Bremen to Kiel, Germany on 17 July 1945

The sister of Arthur Eber, Women's Army Corps (WAC) Sergeant Lorraine Eber, was stationed in Paris, France and attended the memorial service for Arthur Eber in Margraten, Germany

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Arthur Eber attended Amherst Central High School and worked for the Linde Air Products Corporation before entering the service in June 1943 / Arthur C. Eber was 20 years old at the time of his passing and is interred at Acacia Park Cemetery, North Tonawanda, New York

In World War II, Naval pilots of landing craft were referred to as Coxswains / The coxswain was in charge of the vessel and all personnel on board / A coxswain controlled the boat's steering, speed, timing and fluidity / The primary duty of a coxswain was to ensure the safety of those in the boat

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Name: **EBER**

LORRAINE

Address: 72 DELLWOOD ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sergeant Lorraine Eber honorably served in the United States Women's Army Corps (WAC) / SGT Lorraine Eber was stationed in Paris

The brother of Lorraine Eber, Coxswain Arthur C. Eber was killed in a truck crash and perished near Bremen, Germany / Lorraine Eber attended a memorial service for her brother in Bremen and the funeral service in Margraten, Germany

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **EBERHARDT**

CARLTON

W.

Address: 35 BENSON AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

NICHOLAS GENERAL HOSPITAL

727TH A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT) BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN - MACHINE GUN

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private Carlton Wilbur Eberhardt honorably served in the United States Army / PVT Carlton Eberhardt was a general clerk for Battery "B", 727th Anti-Aircraft Battalion / PVT Eberhardt was also stationed at Camp Atterbury where he worked in the Medical Branch / Private Eberhardt served in the Army for 3 years and 1 1/2 months before being honorably discharged

Base Assignments:

Bowman Field (Louisville, Kentucky) - During World War II, Bowman Field was one of the nation's most important training bases as well as the nation's busiest airport / The facility became known as "Air Base City" when a bomber squadron moved in and more than 1,600 recruits underwent basic training in a three-month period / The United States Army Air Forces' school for flight surgeons, medical technicians, and flight nurses also called Bowman Field home

Camp Atterbury (Edinburgh, Indiana) - Established in 1941, the camp was named in memory of William Wallace Atterbury, a New Albany, Indiana, native who received a Distinguished Service Medal for his contributions during World War I / During World War II, Camp Atterbury's primary mission was to provide combat training for the U.S. Army / Numerous auxiliary and service units, as well as four U.S. Army divisions, trained at the camp between 1942 and 1944 / Wakeman Hospital Center, the camp's 6,000-bed hospital and convalescent center, became the largest in the Fifth Service Command / It trained medical personnel and treated an estimated 85,000 patients during the war / Between 1943 and 1946, a portion of the camp was used as an internment compound for an estimated 15,000 soldiers, most of them Italian and German prisoners of war (POW) / Camp Atterbury also served as an Army Separation Center / In December 1968, the U.S. Army discontinued its use as a military installation

Miscellaneous:



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Prior to military service, Carlton Eberhardt worked at Winegar Hardware on Seneca Street in Buffalo / After his Honorable Discharge from the US Army, Carlton Eberhardt was employed by New York Central Railroad and Meissner Glass Co. in West Seneca, then worked for the Customs Division of the United States Postal Service until his retirement in 1974 / Carlton Wilbur Eberhardt passed away on 15 December 1997 at the age of 74 years old and is interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York

In the years from 30 June 1943 to 30 June 1945 the Medical Department trained 189 General Hospitals, 74 Field Hospitals and 61 Station Hospitals for overseas service / In 1945, when the peak of overseas shipments occurred, the War Department sent 81 General, 35 Field, and 8 Station Hospitals to the various Theaters of Operations (European, African and Asiatic-Pacific) / By May 1945, when the peak in Hospital beds overseas was reached, there were 335,000 fixed beds and about 87,000 mobile beds in all Theaters

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A Marksmanship Badge is a military badge of the United States Armed Forces presented to personnel upon successful completion of a weapons qualification course or high placement in an official marksmanship competition / The U.S. Military's Marksmanship Qualification Badges are awarded in three grades (highest to lowest): Expert, Sharpshooter, and Marksman

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Name: **EBERHARDT**

DONALD

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

MILITARY POLICE DETACHMENT

TRANSPORTATION CORPS

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private Donald Eberhardt honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Fort Slocum, New York - Located at the western end of Long Island Sound in New Rochelle, New York, Fort Slocum was named after Major General Henry Warner Slocum (1827-1894), a distinguished U.S. Civil War veteran who commanded the XII Corps at Gettysburg and served later in Congress / For the early part of World War II, its Overseas Staging Area remained the key activity at Slocum / From 1942 to 1944, Fort Slocum was the site of the Atlantic Coast Transportation Corps Officers' Training School / The mission of the school was not to teach transportation skills, but to make lieutenants (and soldiers) out of railroad men and other transportation specialists

Miscellaneous:

The Military Police provides expertise in police, detainment and stability operations in order to enhance security and enable mobility / In World War II, Military Police soldiers moved traffic along the Burma Road, supported amphibious operations on Normandy beachheads, and managed enemy prisoners of war from Italy to the South Pacific



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ROBERT

H.

Address: 35 BENSON AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

625TH CLEARING COMPANY

9TH U.S. ARMY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 3 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL W/KNOT

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth Class (Corporal) Robert H. Eberhardt honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Robert Eberhardt served for 17 months as the Company Clerk - Medical Corp and Medic during the Battle of the Bulge / The unit that Corporal Eberhardt served, was responsible for the liberation of Concentration Camps near Berlin, Germany / Corporal Eberhardt received 3 Battle Stars for combat action in Northern France, the Rhineland and Central Europe

Corporal Robert H. Eberhardt entered into military service on 6 October 1942 until his Honorable Discharge on 17 January 1946

Base Assignments:

Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky - 250,000 soldiers trained at Camp Breckenridge during World War II / Camp also served as a Prisoner-of-War camp, where 3,500 German prisoners were housed

Miscellaneous:

The Ninth Army was activated just eight weeks before the June 1944 Normandy landings, the Ninth Army was one of the main U.S. Army combat commands used during the campaign in Northwest Europe in 1944 and 1945 / It was commanded at its inception by Lieutenant General William Simpson / It had been designated Eighth Army, but on arrival in the United Kingdom it was renamed to avoid confusion with the famous British formation of the same designation / All American field armies in the European Theatre of Operation were designated with odd numbers, even numbered field armies served in the Pacific Theatre of Operations

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Good Conduct Knots (Loops) are awarded by the U.S. Army to indicate multiple decorations of the Army Good Conduct Medal and are worn as attachments to the medal and ribbon / Good Conduct Knots are bronze, silver or gold clasps with knot emblems to indicate the number of awards received / A bronze clasp with two knots is given upon the recipient's second award and an additional knot is added for each consecutive award / At six awards, a silver clasp with one knot replaces the bronze clasp and at 11 awards a gold clasp with one knot replaces the silver



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Name: **EBERHARDT**

WARREN

J.

Address: 14 WOODWARD DRIVE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 66TH INFANTRY TRAINING BATTALION, SECOND PLATOON

COMPANY "E", 119TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 30TH DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PURPLE HEART

2 BATTLE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Warren J. Eberhardt honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Warren Eberhardt was drafted into the Army in August 1944 and served through 1945

Sent to Europe, Private Eberhardt, a rifleman, was the Lead Scout for his platoon of Infantry / One night on patrol, Eberhardt and another scout opened a barn door and discovered six German soldiers / Eberhardt took the Germans prisoner / PFC Warren J. Eberhardt earned 2 Battle Stars for combat action in Central Europe

On August 3, 1945, while on a scouting mission on the front lines in Germany, Private Eberhardt took an artillery round resulting in a leg wound, facial injuries and a shrapnel wound to his hand

Private First Class Warren J. Eberhardt received two battle stars and the Purple Heart for his action in combat during the Rhineland campaign

Base Assignments:

Camp Wolters, Texas - Located northeast of Mineral Wells, Texas, Camp Wolters was opened in 1925 as a National Guard training area under the guidance of General Jacob F. Wolters / During World War II, Camp Wolters, was for a time, the largest infantry replacement training center in the United States / During WWII over 200,000 Infantry trainees cycled through Camp Wolters / The original buildings of "Old" Camp Wolters were converted into a P.O.W. camp for German prisoners from North Africa

Miscellaneous:

Prior to being drafted, Warren J. Eberhardt was a graduate of Ebenezer High School and had been planning to



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attend college / After being Honorably Discharged from the Army, Eberhardt enrolled at the University of Buffalo in 1946 and graduated in 1948 with a degree in Accounting / Warren J. Eberhardt passed away on 22 August 2016 at the age of 90 years old and is interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York

Infantry refers to soldiers moving and fighting on foot, armed with hand weapons such as rifles, machine guns, grenades, mortars, etc.

The 119th Infantry regiment landed in Europe on 13 June 1944 and saw combat action in Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe until the collapse of Germany on 8 May 1945

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The Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to infantrymen and Special Forces Soldiers in the rank of Colonel and below, who personally fought in active ground combat while assigned as members of an infantry, Ranger or Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller, any time after 6 December 1941

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Name: ECKERT

CHARLES

W.

Address: 1224 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "F", 24TH C.A. (COASTAL ARTILLERY) (HEADQUARTERS)

188TH COASTAL ARTILLERY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Charles W. Eckert honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Coastal artillery is the branch of armed forces concerned with operating anti-ship artillery or fixed gun batteries in coastal fortifications

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Name: **ECKERT**

CHARLES

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "D", 188TH C.A. (COASTAL ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sergeant Charles Eckert honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: ECKERT

J.

E.

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

J. E. Eckert honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **EDMUNDS**

HARRY

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Harry Edmunds honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: EDWARDS

HARRY R.

Address: 282 KNOX AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

FLIGHT ENGINEER, GUNNER

15TH AIR FORCE, 55TH BOMB WING, 465TH GROUP, 781ST SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL AIR MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Harry R. Edwards honorably served in the Army-Air Force / SSGT Harry Edwards was a flight engineer and gunner aboard a B-24 Liberator aircraft stationed at Pantanella Air Base, Italy / In July 1944, SGT Edwards was awarded the Air Medal for his service aboard his aircraft

Base Assignments:

Pantanella Air Base (Cerignola, Apulia, Italy) - Opened in February 1944, the Air Base became home to two Heavy Bomber Groups of the 15th Air Force, composed of 6 squadrons in total / Both Bomb Groups (464BG(H) and 465BG(H)) flew the B-24 Liberator and participated in both strategic and tactical bombing missions throughout southern and eastern Europe / Over time both Groups earned two Distinguished Unit Citations / Airfield remained in operation until end of war, closing in July 1945

Miscellaneous:

Harry R. Edwards was a former student at Technical High School / Prior to his induction into the Army, Edwards was employed by the Farnham Manufacturing Company

Often compared with the better-known Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, the B-24 Liberator was a more modern design with a higher top speed, greater range, and a heavier bomb load; it was also more difficult to fly, with heavy control forces and poor formation-flying characteristics / The B-24 ended World War II as the most produced heavy bomber in history. At over 18,400 units, half by the Ford Motor Company, it still holds the distinction as the most-produced American military aircraft

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The Air Medal is awarded to anyone who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Armed Forces of the United States, and has distinguished themselves by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight / Subsequent awards are annotated with the traditional oak leaf clusters



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Name: EDWARDS

MILDRED

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: 1ST SGT

Unit / Squadron:

W.A.C. DETACHMENT BARRACKS (WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

First Sergeant Mildred Edwards honorably served in the United States Women's Army Corps

Base Assignments:

Aberdeen Proving Grounds (Aberdeen, Maryland) - Aberdeen Proving Ground is the Army's oldest active proving ground, dating back to World War I / The proving ground at Aberdeen was used for proof-testing field artillery weapons, ammunition, trench mortars, air defense guns, and railway artillery / The mission was later expanded to include the operation of an Ordnance training school and developmental testing of small arms

Miscellaneous:

The Women's Army Corps (WAC) was the women's branch of the United States Army / It was created as an auxiliary unit, the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) on 15 May 1942 and converted to full status as the WAC on 1 July 1943 / About 150,000 American women eventually served in the WAAC and WAC during World War II / They were the first women other than nurses to serve with the Army



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Name: EDWARDS, JR.

CHARLES

R.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

1379TH BASE UNIT, AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sergeant Charles R. Edwards, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force

Base Assignments:

Dow Field (Bangor, Maine) - Created in 1927 as the commercial Godfrey Field, the airfield was taken over by the U.S. Army just before World War II and renamed Godfrey Army Airfield and later Dow Army Airfield to honor James Frederick Dow, an Army Air Corps pilot whose bomber collided with another near Mitchel Field on Long Island, New York, on 17 June 1940 / In 1942, the mission of the field became servicing long-range B-17 Flying Fortress and, later, B-24 Liberator heavy bombers and other combat aircraft before they flew via the Great Circle Route to Prestwick Airport, Scotland; and airfields in Northern Ireland / One of the B-17s that passed through Dow became the most famous B-17 of the war, the Memphis Belle / In 1944, more than 8,400 aircraft passed through Dow, and about 2,150 in January through May 1945 / The field was renamed Dow Air Force Base in 1947, when the new U.S. Air Force took over many Army air assets

Miscellaneous:

Air Transport Command (ATC) was a United States Air Force unit that was created during World War II as the strategic airlift component of the United States Army Air Forces / It had two main missions, the first being the delivery of supplies and equipment between the United States and the overseas combat theaters; the second was the ferrying of aircraft from the manufacturing plants in the United States to where they were needed for training or for operational use in combat. ATC also operated a worldwide air transportation system for military personnel / Inactivated on 1 June 1948, Air Transport Command was the precursor to what became the Military Air Transport Service in 1948 and was redesignated Military Airlift Command (MAC) in 1966

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Name: **EGAN**

JOHN

D.

Address: 120 BARNSDALE AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A.S

Unit / Squadron:

V-12 NAVAL TRAINING UNIT, U.S.N.R. (UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Apprentice Seaman John Daniel Egan honorably served in the United States Navy / In July 1943, AS John Egan attended Pre-Medical School in Rochester, New York

Base Assignments:

University of Rochester (Rochester, New York) - The V-12 Navy College Training Program was designed to supplement the force of commissioned officers in the United States Navy during World War II / Between July 1, 1943, and June 30, 1946, more than 125,000 men were enrolled in the V-12 program in 131 colleges and universities in the United States

Miscellaneous:

An Apprentice Seaman knew naval drill duties, how to tie knots and stood watch

The purpose of the V-12 program was to grant bachelor's degrees to future officers drawn from both the U.S. Navy and the Marine Corps. / Once they completed their baccalaureate program, the next step toward obtaining a Navy commission was to attend a U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School where the future officer was required to complete the V-7 program, a short course of four months, including one month spent in indoctrination school / Graduates from the midshipmen schools were commissioned as ensigns in the U.S. Naval Reserve and the majority entered into active duty with the U.S. fleet



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Name: **EGLOFF**

RALPH

F.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Ralph F. Egloff honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Ralph Egloff worked as an electrician out of local 41, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, from 1949 until his retirement in 1977 / Egloff was honored with a 70-year service pin by the Local 41 Retirees Club / Ralph Egloff was a member of the Fort Erie Fish & Game Club and a member of the 3483rd Veterans Club / Ralph F. Egloff passed away on 12 October 2002 at the age of 90 years old and is interred at Saint Johns Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945 / The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal awarded Bronze service stars to all services for participation in designated campaigns and a bronze arrowhead device was awarded for participation in designated Army amphibious and airborne combat assaults

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performed military duty in the American Theater of Operations during World War II / The requirements for the American Campaign Ribbon were for service within the American Theater between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946 / The American Campaign Medal was issued as a service ribbon only for the entirety of the Second World War, and was only made a full-sized medal in 1947

Name: **EGNER**

T.

R.

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

T. R. Egner honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **EHINGER**

JAMES

E.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 9TH BATTALION, INFANTRY REPLACEMENT TRAINING CENTER (I.R.T.C.)

COMPANY "A", 3214TH SERVICE COMMAND UNIT (SCU) (ASTAP)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Captain James Edward Ehinger honorably served in the United States Army / CPT James Ehinger served as a Medical Doctor

James Ehinger was deployed to Korea during the Korean War

Base Assignments:

Ft. McClellan (Anniston, Alabama) - Originally named Camp McClellan, it was established in 1898 / During World War II, it was one of the largest U.S. Army installations, training an estimated half-million troop / At peak, there were officially 2,170 officers and 42,126 enlisted personnel at Fort McClellan / The station complement tripled in number; this complement included two detachments of the Women's Army Corps (WAC) / During the war, Fort McClellan became the temporary home for many captured enemy soldiers; a 3,000-capacity Prison Internment Camp for prisoners of war (POWs) was built in 1943 / The camp also served to receive prisoners who would go on to three other POW camps in Alabama / At the end of the war in Europe, the camp at Fort McClellan held 2,546 men / A cemetery on the reservation marks 26 German and 3 Italian prisoners of war who died while in captivity / Ft. McClellan was closed on 20 May 1999

New York Medical College (New York, New York) - Founded in 1860, the college offered the military specialized medical courses

Miscellaneous:

James Ehinger was a graduate of Colgate University / Ehinger took his medical training at the New York Medical College at Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital and did his internship at Mercy Hospital / Dr. James Ehinger was one of the founders of the modern emergency medical services system in Erie County / Between service in the Army



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during World War II and the Air Force in the Korean War, Dr. James Ehinger joined his father in general practice in Ebenezer, continuing there until 1970, when he and four other doctors formed the Southtowns Physicians Group and took over the operation of the emergency room at Mercy Hospital / With the late Dr. Matthew Burke, James Ehinger established the first paramedic unit in the area at Mercy Hospital in 1974, started the first fixed-wing medical evacuation program in the state in 1979 and helped found Mercy Flight in 1981 to bring emergency cases to hospitals via helicopter / In the years prior to his retirement in 1988, Dr. Ehinger worked in the Mercy Hospital Ambulatory Care Center / Dr. Ehinger routinely went on emergency calls to fires and accidents and manned medical stations at sports stadiums and the Erie County Fair / Dr. Ehinger continued to act as a medical monitor for Mercy Flight until 1992 / Dr. Ehinger was a former member of the West Seneca Lions Club and a life member of the Vigilant Volunteer Fire Company of West Seneca, where he helped found the First Aid Simulation Team / Dr. James Edward Ehinger passed away on 22 October 1994 at the age of 72 years old and is interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York

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Name: **EHINGER**

ROBERT

Address:

MAIN STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S2C

Unit / Squadron:

ROCHESTER MEDICAL SCHOOL

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class Robert Ehinger honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Strong Memorial Hospital (Rochester, New York)

Miscellaneous:

Seamen served as members of damage control or emergency and security alert teams / They participated in Navy ceremonies and took part in underway replenishment (transferring supplies from ship to ship at sea), and they worked with qualified personnel to gain job training and experience / A Seaman was knowledgeable in naval drill duties, knots, steering and signaling / Also stood watch and handled gunnery duties



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: EICH

HOWARD

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

361ST SERVICE SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Howard Eich honorably served in the Army-Air Force

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: EISS

HAROLD D.

Address: 87 SUMMIT AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Harold Daniel Eiss honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Harold Eiss enlisted in the Army on 17 February 1942 and went overseas in June 1942, serving in Alaska and the Pacific Theater of Operations

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Harold Daniel Eiss passed away on 1 August 1967 at the age of 56 years old and is interred at Mount Hope Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945



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Name: EITEL

TRUMAN

C.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

8TH AIR FORCE, 467TH SERVICE SQUADRON, 314TH SERVICE GROUP

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Truman C. Eitel honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force

Base Assignments:

Chanute Field, Illinois - Chanute Field was located about 130 miles south of Chicago / The field was established on 21 May 1917 and was named in honor of Octave Chanute (1832–1910), a pioneer aeronautical engineer and experimenter, and friend and adviser to the Wright Brothers / Chanute Field was one of thirty-two Air Service training camps established after the United States entry into World War I with the primary mission of Air Force technical training / Chanute was closed on 30 September 1993, ending its reign as USAF's third oldest active base and oldest Technical Training Center

Rome Air Depot (Rome, New York) - On 1 February 1942, the Rome Air Depot was activated and throughout World War II the depot provided aircraft engine maintenance and repair, and trained air depot groups in engine repair / In 1948, the Depot was renamed Griffiss Air Force Base in honor of Lt. Col. Townsend Griffiss (1900–1942), a Buffalo native and 1922 West Point graduate who, in 1942, became the first U.S. airman to be killed in the line of duty in the European Theatre of World War II when the Consolidated B-24 Liberator in which he was flying was shot down by friendly fire over the English Channel

Syracuse Army-Air Base, Syracuse, New York -During World War II, the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) established numerous airfields in New York for training pilots and aircrews of USAAF fighters and bombers

Ardmore Army-Air Base, Oklahoma - Ardmore Army Airfield was officially activated on 2 August 1942 and was active during World War II for glider training and as a heavy bomber training airfield / The base was used in the early years of the Cold War as a troop carrier base / The Airfield closed on 31 March 1959



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Charleston Army-Air Base, North Charleston, South Carolina - Charleston Army Air Base was activated on 22 October 1942 and renamed Charleston Army Air Field on 15 June 1943, initially the base served mainly as an air depot training station, providing the final phase of training to service groups and air depot groups departing home for the war overseas / B-24 Liberator crews received their final phase of training before heading to the European Theater

RAF Atcham, Shrewsbury, England - Initially built for RAF Fighter Command, during the Second World War its primary use was by the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) Eighth Air Force / It was mainly the home of the 495th Fighter Training Group, where pilots were trained to fly Republic P-47 Thunderbolts although a few also were trained to fly twin-engine Lockheed P-38 Lightnings for both Eighth and Ninth Air Force units / Atcham continued to see use as a training base until it was returned to the RAF in March 1945

RAF Honington, England - Located near Suffolk, RAF Honington was transferred to the USAAF in June 1942 and was upgraded to a Class A Bomber base during World War II / In 1946, the Honington base was the last USAAF station to be returned to the RAF

Miscellaneous:

Truman C. Eitel passed away on 11 August 2010 at the age of 94 years old and is interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York

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The American Defense Service Medal (also referred to as the Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon) was a military award of the United States Armed Forces intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty between 8 September 1939 and 7 December 1941

The World War II Victory Medal was first issued as a service ribbon referred to as the "Victory Ribbon" / By 1946, a full medal had been established which was referred to as the World War II Victory Medal / The medal commemorates military service during World War II and is awarded to any member of the United States military, including members of the armed forces of the Government of the Philippine Islands, who served on active duty, or as a reservist, between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946

A Marksmanship Badge is a military badge of the United States Armed Forces presented to personnel upon successful completion of a weapons qualification course or high placement in an official marksmanship competition / The U.S. Military's Marksmanship Qualification Badges are awarded in three grades (highest to lowest): Expert, Sharpshooter, and Marksman



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Name: ELDERMEYER

RAYMOND L.

Address: 2125 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: WT3C

Unit / Squadron:

USS SHADWELL (LSD-15) (LANDING SHIP, DOCK)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

1 BATTLE STAR

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Watertender Third-Class (WT3C) Raymond L. Eldermeier honorably served in the United States Navy / WT3C Raymond L. Eldermeier's ship, the USS Shadwell, was hit by a Japanese aerial torpedo on 24 January 1945 / Watertender Eldermeier earned his Battle Star in the campaign for the Lingayen Gulf (Philippine Islands) / Eldermeier also served with the Occupational Forces in Japan at the end of World War II

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

A Watertender is a crewman aboard a steam-powered ship who is responsible for tending to the fires and boilers in the ship's engine room / Maintained, repaired, and overhauled boiler system

The USS Shadwell (LSD-15) was a Casa Grande-class dock landing ship, named after Shadwell plantation, Albemarle County, Virginia, the birthplace and early home of Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence and third President of the United States / On the evening of 24 January 1945, while sailing with a task group south of Siquijor Island, in the Philippines, the Shadwell was attacked by three torpedo bombers / Two were downed by the convoy's combat air patrol, but the third escaped into the darkness / It soon returned, swooping down from the hills on the island, and continued its attack / The convoy's anti-aircraft guns brought the enemy down, but not before he was able to release his torpedo / The air-dropped torpedo struck Shadwell just forward of amidships on the starboard side, tearing a hole in her bottom 60 feet wide / The landing ship was taking water badly and soon began to sink / The convoy steamed on while two destroyers stood by to evacuate her crew if necessary / Shadwell's crew worked frantically to save their sinking ship and, by morning, their efforts were rewarded / Shadwell was steaming under her own power, steering for Leyte by trick wheel / Of the more than 500 men aboard Shadwell at the time, there were no fatalities and only three casualties, all only slightly injured / The USS Shadwell received one Battle Star for duty in the Pacific Theater during World War II /



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Commissioned on 24 July 1944 and decommissioned on 10 July 1947

A dock landing ship (also called Landing Ship, Dock or LSD) is an amphibious warfare ship with a well dock to transport and launch landing craft and amphibious vehicles / A ship with a well deck (docking well) can transfer cargo to landing craft in rougher seas than a ship that has to use cranes or a stern ramp

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945

Battle (Combat) Stars were presented to military personnel who were engaged in specific battles in combat under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

The Philippine Liberation Medal was a military award of the Republic of the Philippines presented to any service member, of both Philippine Commonwealth and allied militaries, who participated in the liberation of the Philippine Islands between the dates of 17 October 1944 and 2 September 1945 / The Philippine Liberation Medal is intended to recognize military service in the last days of World War II when the military of Japan was driven from the Philippines and then to eventually surrender in September 1945 / To be awarded the medal, a service member must have served in the Philippines for at least thirty days during the eligible time period



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Name: ELLIS

CLIFFORD

H.

Address: 790 CENTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "A", 355TH A.A.A. BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Clifford H. Ellis honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

With much of World War II fought in the air, anti-aircraft weapons were weapons that could specifically direct their offense against air targets / The mission of the Anti-Aircraft Artillery units were to detect hostile aircraft and destroy them / Radar aided anti-aircraft gunners by providing accurate information about the range, speed, and altitude of incoming enemy planes

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Name: ELLIS

HAROLD

D.

Address: 790 CENTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 7TH A.I.B.A.

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Harold D. Ellis honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Harold Ellis participated in the American offensive in Germany where he earned the Combat Infantry Badge

Base Assignments:

Fort Polk, Louisiana - Fort Polk was located approximately ten miles east of Leesville, Louisiana and was named in honor of the Right Reverend Leonidas Polk, the first Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana, and a distinguished Confederate general in the American Civil War / While primarily a training facility, Camp Polk also served as a military prison for Germans captured during World War II / The first prisoners of war (POWs), who began arriving in Louisiana in July 1943, were from the Afrika Korps, Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's troops who fought in North Africa

Miscellaneous:

Prior to entering the Army, Harold D. Ellis attended the University of Buffalo

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The Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to infantrymen and Special Forces Soldiers in the rank of Colonel and below, who personally fought in active ground combat while assigned as members of an infantry, Ranger or Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller, any time after 6 December 1941



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: ELLIS

HARVEY

A.

Address: 790 CENTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

748TH SQUADRON, 457TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

6 BATTLE STARS

UNIT CITATION

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Harvey A. Ellis honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force / SGT Harvey Ellis earned six battle stars for combat action in Europe

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

A bombardment group or bomb group was a group of bomber aircraft the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) during World War II / It was the equivalent of an infantry regiment in the Army Ground Forces / A bombardment group was the key tactical control and administrative organization for bombers in all theaters of operation / U.S. bomb groups were numbered and classified into four types: Very Heavy (VH), Heavy (H), Medium (M), and Light (L) / Groups which combined bombers of differing categories into a single administrative organization were designated "Composite" groups

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A unit citation is a formal, honorary mention by high authority of a military unit's specific and outstanding



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performance, notably in battle / Similar mentions can also be made for individual soldiers / Alternatively or concurrently, the unit can be awarded an honorary title, a mention on the flag or a decoration

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: ELLIS

WILLARD E.

Address: 790 CENTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

2121ST AAF BASE UNIT, SECTION A-I

3704TH AAF BASE

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Willard E. Ellis honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force

Base Assignments:

Gulfport Field, Mississippi - Established in April, 1942, Gulfport Field was used as an Airplane Mechanics' School for the Army-Air Force Technical Training Command / Its mission was to prepare mechanics quickly and efficiently to meet the needs of the War

Kessler Field (Biloxi, Mississippi) - The base was opened on 25 August 1941 and named in honor of aviator 2d Lt Samuel Reeves Keesler Jr., a Mississippi native killed in France during the First World War / The base served as a basic training center and trained in airplane and engine mechanics / Keesler Field focused upon specialized training in Consolidated B-24 Liberator maintenance until mid-1944

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **ELVERS**

LOUIS

E.

Address: 23 LANGNER ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S1C

Unit / Squadron:

N.A.T.T.C. (NAVAL AVIATION TECHICAL TRAINING CENTER), CLASS S-11, BARRACKS 64

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class Louis E. Elvers honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Naval Air Station Jacksonville (Jacksonville, Florida) - More than 10,000 pilots and 11,000 air crewmen earned their "wings of gold" at the air station during World War II / The Naval Air Station also served as a prisoner-of-war compound which housed more than 1,500 German prisoners of war

Miscellaneous:

Seamen served as members of damage control or emergency and security alert teams / They participated in Navy ceremonies and took part in underway replenishment (transferring supplies from ship to ship at sea), and they worked with qualified personnel to gain job training and experience / A Seaman was knowledgeable in naval drill duties, knots, steering and signaling / Also stood watch and handled gunnery duties



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Name: **EMMINGER**

ERWIN

Address: 93 DIRKSON AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT - RIFLE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER - PISTOL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Erwin Emil Emminger honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Erwin Emminger entered the Army after V-J Day

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Erwin Emil Emminger passed away on 21 June 1998 at the age of 69 years old and is interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York

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Name: **ERB**

DONALD J.

Address: 1535 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

1ST FIGHTER GROUP, 27TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Donald J. Erb honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force / SSG Donald Erb was assigned as a Radio Mechanic who performed maintenance and repair work on airborne and ground radio equipment

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Donald J. Erb passed away on 11 November 1972 at the age of 57 years old and is interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York

The 1st Fighter Group deployed to England in 1942 / During the summer of 1942, the 1st Fighter Group flew training missions and occasional fighter sweeps over the skies of France / In November 1942, the group moved to Algeria, North Africa, where it provided aerial support against German occupied territories / In August 1943, air attacks increased against southern Italy in preparation for Allied landings at Salerno / In August 1944, the fighter planes of the 1st Group provided air support for the Allied invasion of Southern France / During nearly three years of combat flying, from 31 August 1942, to 6 May 1945, the 1st Fighter Group flew over 21,000 sorties on 1,405 combat missions

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Name: ERBES

HOWARD E.

Address: 96 SENECA CREEK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

3RD PLATOON, INFANTRY COMPANY "A", 30TH BATTALION, 1ST REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private Howard E. Erbes honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Fort McClellan, Alabama - Fort McClellan, originally Camp McClellan, was a United States Army post located adjacent to the city of Anniston, Alabama / During World War II, it was one of the largest U.S. Army installations, training an estimated half-million troops / Camp was named in honor of Major General George B. McClellan, General-in-Chief of the United States Army 1861-1862, and Governor of New Jersey 1878-1881

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **ERBES, SR.**

KENNETH C.

Address: 96 SENECA CREEK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 5TH TANK BATTALION
16TH ARMORED DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	1 BATTLE STAR
AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL	MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT - MACHINE GUN
MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER - RIFLE	MECHANIC'S MEDAL
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL	

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fourth Class (Sergeant) Kenneth C. Erbes, Sr. honorably served in the United States Army / SGT Kenneth Erbes earned a battle star for combat action in the European Theater

Base Assignments:

Fort Knox, Kentucky - A new Armored Force (Tanks) was established in July 1940 with its headquarters at Fort Knox / The mission of Fort Knox was to establish armored formations, doctrine, and training in the use of armored vehicles

Camp Chaffee, Arkansas - Camp Chaffee was established in western Arkansas in September 1941 / During World War II, in addition to providing a training facility for US soldiers, Fort Chaffee served as a POW camp, housing 3000 German prisoners of war

Miscellaneous:

Kenneth C. Erbes, Sr. passed away in October 1974 at the age of 55 years old and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna, New York

The 5th Tank Battalion landed in France 16 February 1945 / Entered Germany 19 April 1945 and Czechoslovakia on 8 May 1945

The 16th Armored Division was an armored division of the United States Army in World War II / In its one and only combat operation, the 16th Armored Division liberated the city of Pilsen in western Czechoslovakia



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(modern Bohemia in the Czech Republic)

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Name: ERNST

ALLAN

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Corporal Allan C. Ernst honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Allan C. Ernst passed away in June 1988 at the age of 70 years old and is interred at Lancaster Rural Cemetery, Lancaster, New York



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Name: ERNST

CHESTER

R.

Address: 2703 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 5TH PLATOON, 69TH MEDICAL TRAINING BATTALION, ARMY SERVICE FORCES
TRAINING CENTER

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Chester R. Ernst honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Chester Ernst served as Medical Corpsman in the Philippines campaign

Base Assignments:

Camp Barkeley, Texas - Camp Barkeley was a large United States Army training installation located eleven miles southwest of Abilene, Texas / The base was named after David B. Barkley, a Medal of Honor recipient during World War I (a clerical error is believed to have caused the spelling discrepancy) / At its peak, in March 1945, the POW camp housed 840 German prisoners / Camp Barkeley was officially closed in September 1945 and dismantled

Miscellaneous:

Chester R. Ernst passed away in 1981 at the age of 57 years old and is interred at Union Cemetery, Elma Center, New York



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Name: ERNST

ELWOOD G.

Address: 2703 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

10TH STATION HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Class (Corporal) Elwood G. Ernst honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Elwood Ernst was stationed in England

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Elwood G. Ernst passed away in 1991 at the age of 74 years old and is interred at Union Cemetery, Elma Center, New York

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military duty between 8 September 1939 and 7 December 1941

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Name: ERNST

HENRY

J.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

3RD ARMORED DIVISION, BATTERY "A", 68TH FIELD ARTILLERY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Henry J. Ernst honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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The World War II Victory Medal was first issued as a service ribbon referred to as the "Victory Ribbon" / By 1946, a full medal had been established which was referred to as the World War II Victory Medal / The medal commemorates military service during World War II and is awarded to any member of the United States military, including members of the armed forces of the Government of the Philippine Islands, who served on active duty, or as a reservist, between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946

The Army of Occupation Medal was a military award of the United States military which was established by the United States War Department on 5 April 1946 / The medal was created in the aftermath of the Second World War to recognize those who had performed occupation service in Germany, Italy, Austria, or Japan / The original Army of Occupation Medal was intended only for members of the United States Army, but was expanded in 1948 to encompass the United States Air Force shortly after that service's creation / The Navy and Marine equivalent of the Army of Occupation Medal is the Navy Occupation Service Medal



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Name: ERNST

WILLARD

H.

Address: 2703 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/3

Unit / Squadron:

102ND A.A.A. BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY) AW (AIR WARNING)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

4 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Third-Class (Staff Sergeant) Willard H. "Dutch" Ernst honorably served in the United States Army / SSG Willard Ernst fought in four combat operations earning his Battle Stars in the southwest Pacific with the 102nd Anti-Aircraft Unit / Ernst served with the unit for more than two and a half years

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Willard H. "Dutch" Ernst passed away on 6 March 2014 at the age of 93 years old and is interred at Union Cemetery, Elma Center, New York

With much of World War II fought in the air, anti-aircraft weapons were weapons that could specifically direct their offense against air targets / The mission of the Anti-Aircraft Artillery units were to detect hostile aircraft and destroy them / Radar aided anti-aircraft gunners by providing accurate information about the range, speed, and altitude of incoming enemy planes

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military award to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945

Battle (Combat) Stars were presented to military personnel who were engaged in specific battles in combat under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

The American Defense Service Medal (also referred to as the Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon) was a military award of the United States Armed Forces intended to recognize those military service members who had performed



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military duty between 8 September 1939 and 7 December 1941

The Philippine Liberation Medal was a military award of the Republic of the Philippines presented to any service member, of both Philippine Commonwealth and allied militaries, who participated in the liberation of the Philippine Islands between the dates of 17 October 1944 and 2 September 1945 / The Philippine Liberation Medal is intended to recognize military service in the last days of World War II when the military of Japan was driven from the Philippines and then to eventually surrender in September 1945 / To be awarded the medal, a service member must have served in the Philippines for at least thirty days during the eligible time period

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Name: ERNST

WILLIAM

W.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: MM2C

Unit / Squadron:

USS LSM 231

USS LC(FF) 789

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Motor Machinist's Mate Second-Class William Ernst honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Sampson, New York - In the three-and-a-half years of its operation during World War II, the Sampson Naval Training Station trained 411,429 naval recruits before closing in 1946 / The camp was named in honor of a local Seneca County native, Rear Admiral William T. Sampson, from Palmyra, NY, a hero of the Battle of Santiago during the Spanish-American War

PHIP TRA Base (Little Creek, Virginia) - The Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, the largest base of its kind in the world, is the major operating station for the amphibious forces of the United States Atlantic Fleet / During the early phases of World War II the base was literally a combination of farmland and swamps / Four bases were constructed on this area: Camp Bradford, Camp Shelton, U.S. Naval Frontier Base, and Amphibious Training Base. Camps Bradford and Shelton were named for the former owners of the land / The base's location totals 2,120 acres of land and is sited at the extreme northwest corner of Virginia Beach / Little Creek's mission is to provide continuously improving support and services to operating forces and shore commands / Ships of the U.S. Navy Amphibious Forces, LSDs, LPDs and LSTs use pier facilities at Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek / During World War II over 200,000 Naval personnel and 160,000 Army and Marine Corps personnel trained at Little Creek

NTSCH (Naval Training School) (Great Lakes, Chicago, Illinois) - Home of the United States Navy's only boot camp, over one million sailors were trained at Great Lakes during World War II

NTSCH (Naval Training School) (Richmond, Virginia)



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Naval Personnel Redistribution Center (Lido Beach, Long Island, New York)

RS (Recruiting Station) (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

Miscellaneous:

The job of a Motor Machinist's Mate was to operate, maintain, and repair (organizational and intermediate level) ship propulsion machinery, auxiliary equipment, and outside machinery, such as: steering engine, hoisting machinery, food preparation equipment, refrigeration and air conditioning equipment, windlasses, elevators, and laundry equipment / Operated and maintained (organizational and Intermediate level) marine boilers, pumps, forced draft blowers, and heat exchangers; perform tests, transfers, and inventory of lubricating oils, fuels, and water / Maintained records and reports, and performed duties in the generation and stowage of industrial gases

USS LSM-231 (LSM-1 Class Landing Ship Medium) - Landing Ship Medium were amphibious assault ships of the United States Navy in World War II / Of comparable size to Landing Ship, Tank and the Landing Craft, Infantry, there were 558 LSM (Landing Ship, Medium) made for the USN between 1944 and 1945 / LSM-231 was commissioned on 31 October 1944 and assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater / Following World War II, USS LSM-231 was assigned to Occupation and China service in the Far East from September 1945 through December 1945 / LSM-231 was decommissioned on 31 July 1946 and sold as scrap in November 1958

USS LCFF-789 (Landing Craft (Flotilla Flagship)) - Originally commissioned as USS LCI(L)-789 on 4 August 1944, the landing craft was redesignated Landing Craft (Flotilla Flagship) USS LC(FF)-789 on 20 January 1945 / During World War II LC(FF)-789 was assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific theater and participated in the Balikpapan Operation (Borneo), 26 June to 6 July 1945 / Following World War II USS LC(FF)-789 performed occupation duty in the Far East from 2 September 1945 to 15 April 1946 / USS LC(FF)-789 received one battle star for World War II service / LC(FF)-789 was removed from the Naval Register in 1957

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945 / The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal awarded Bronze service stars to all services for participation in designated campaigns and a bronze arrowhead device was awarded for participation in designated Army amphibious and airborne combat assaults

The American Campaign Medal/Ribbon (also known as the (ATO) American Theater of Operations Ribbon) was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on November 6, 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt / The ribbon was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the American Theater of Operations during World War II / The requirements for the American Campaign Ribbon were for service within the American Theater between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946 / The American Campaign Medal was issued as a service ribbon only for the entirety of the Second World War, and was only made a full-sized medal in 1947

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or as a reservist, between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946

Name: **ERTEL**

ROBERT

Address:

Service Branch: (UNKNOWN)

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Robert Ertel honorably served in the United States Military

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **ERTEL**

WALTER

F.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "K", 51ST ENGINEERING BATTALION, ENGINEERING TRAINING SECTION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private Walter F. Ertel honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Fort Lewis (Tacoma, Washington) - Fort Lewis, named after Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis and Clark expedition / Its mission was to protect the coast line of Oregon and Washington / The fort also contained German and Italian Prisoner of War compounds

Miscellaneous:

Walter F. Ertel passed away in 1997 at the age of 87 years old and is interred at Saint Johns Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

Engineering Battalions performed many engineering tasks, including demolitions, obstacle emplacement, fortification, and light bridge building / Engineer general service regiments and battalions performed construction, repair, and maintenance duties of all kinds behind the front lines / When needed, combat engineers also could act as infantry



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Name: **ESCHNER**

EDWARD

G.

Address:

SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: LT. COL.

Unit / Squadron:

23RD GENERAL HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Lieutenant-Colonel Edward G. Eschner honorably served in the United States Army / LT COL Edward Eschner was a Physician and served in Africa and Bagnoli, Italy / Eschner was chief of radiology for the Army's 23rd General Hospital in Northern Africa, Italy and France, attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel / Lt. Col. Eschner and his medical staff handled all casualties from Anedwardzio for the first 48 hours of the Italian campaign / Eschner also served in Vital, France

Edward Eschner later commanded the Army Reserve version of the hospital unit and was a colonel in the New York Army National Guard

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Edward Eschner graduated from South Park High School in 1930 / Eschner completed his pre-medical and pre-engineering studies at the University of Buffalo / Edward Eschner entered UB Medical School, receiving his degree in 1937 / Eschner served his internship and residencies in orthopedic surgery and radiology at Buffalo General Hospital before performing post-graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University and hospitals in Philadelphia / Dr. Eschner was attending radiologist at Niagara Falls Memorial Hospital and DeGraff Memorial Hospital in North Tonawanda and had a private practice in the Falls before he was named director of Meyer Memorial Hospital's radiology department in 1947 / Edward Eschner was director of Radiology at E.J. Meyer Memorial Hospital for 24 years and led the old county hospital's medical staff in the mid-1960s / Edward Eschner was a member of Emulation Lodge #1022 F&AM / Dr. Edward G. Eschner passed away on 17 April 2001 at the age of 88 years old and is interred at Forest Lawn, Buffalo, New York

The Army National Guard (ARNG) is an organized militia force and a federal military reserve force of the United States Army / It is simultaneously part of two different organizations: the Militia of the United States (consisting



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of the ARNG of each state, most territories, and the District of Columbia), as well as the federal ARNG, as part of the National Guard as a whole (which includes the Air National Guard) / It is divided into subordinate units stationed in each state or insular area, responsible to their respective governors or other head-of-government

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Name: **ESCHRICH JR.**

ALLEN

Address: 59 STEPHENSON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

I.R.T.C. (INFANTRY REPLACEMENT TRAINING CENTER)

COMPANY "D" 197TH BATTALION 61ST REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

EXPERT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT - RIFLE

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Allen Eschrich, Jr. honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Camp Blanding (Jacksonville, Florida) - The camp was named in honor of Lieutenant General Albert H. Blanding who commanded the 2nd Florida Infantry during the Mexican Border Service in 1916 and 1917 / Camp Blanding served as an infantry replacement training center, an induction center, a German prisoner-of-war compound, and a separation center

Miscellaneous:

Allen Eschrich, Jr. passed away on 21 November 1989 at the age of 89 years old and is interred at Holy Rest Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York

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At an Infantry Replacement Training Center, new recruits received an intensive 17 week training course prior to be sent into combat / Replacements were trained in preparation for the effort to retake Europe from Nazi Germany

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Name: **ESCOTT**

ROBERT

H.

Address: 79 BARNSDALE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

34TH DIVISION, MILITARY POLICE PLATOON

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

BRONZE STAR

PURPLE HEART

3 BATTLE STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Robert H. Escott honorably served in the United States Army / PFC Robert Escott saw duty in Italy with the 34th Infantry Military Police and was injured in combat / Escott was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic service and earned 3 Battle Stars for engagement in combat

Base Assignments:

Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland - Fort Meade became an active Army installation in 1917 and was named in honor of Major Gen. George Gordon Meade, whose victory at the Battle of Gettysburg proved a major factor in turning the tide of the Civil War in favor of the North / Fort Meade became a training center during World War II and its ranges and other facilities were used by more than 200 units and approximately 3,500,000 Soldiers between 1942 and 1946 / The wartime peak of military personnel at Fort Meade was 70,000 / In September 1943, the first shipment of 1,632 Italian and 58 German prisoners arrived at the POW facility at Fort Meade / By the end of the war, Fort Meade housed about 4,000 German and Italian POWs during World War II

Camp Croft, South Carolina - Located near Spartanburg, South Carolina, the Camp opened in 1940 and was named in honor of Major General Edward Croft (1874-1938), a South Carolinian who had served with distinction as an officer in World War I and retired as Chief of Infantry / As an Army Infantry Replacement Center, the Camp's main mission was training infantrymen to replenish units fighting in World War II / The camp also housed 900 German prisoners of war / Camp Croft was closed in 1947

Miscellaneous:

The Military Police provides expertise in police, detainment and stability operations in order to enhance security and enable mobility / In World War II, Military Police soldiers moved traffic along the Burma Road, supported amphibious operations on Normandy beachheads, and managed enemy prisoners of war from Italy to the South



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The Bronze Star Medal is the fourth-highest individual military award and the ninth-highest by order of precedence in the US Military / It may be awarded for acts of heroism, acts of merit, or meritorious service in a combat zone

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Name: EUBANK

H.

R.

Address: 469 MAIN STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

FINANCE OFFICER

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant H. R. Eubank honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

New Orleans, Louisiana

Miscellaneous:

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Name: EULLER

CARLTON

Address: 22 OSCHAWA AVENUE

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

90TH ENGINE CREW, 4TH M.A.W. (MARINE AIR WING)

A.T.C. (ARMY TRAINING CENTER)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Corporal Carlton Euller honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Presque Isle, Maine

Miscellaneous:

The mission of the Marine Air Wing was to conduct air operations in support of the Marine forces which included offensive air support, anti air warfare, assault support and aerial reconnaissance



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Name: **EVANETSKI**

ANDREW

Address: 1895 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: BKR3

Unit / Squadron:

USS WALDRON (DD-699)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

5 BATTLE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Baker Third-Class (BKR3) Andrew Evanetski honorably served in the United States Navy / BKR3 Andrew Evanetski earned 5 Battle Stars for combat action in the Pacific Theater

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

A Baker operated ovens and did any kind of baking

The USS Waldron (DD-699) was a destroyer, named for John C. Waldron, a U.S. Naval aviator who led a squadron of torpedo bombers in World War II / The Waldron spent her entire World War II service with the fast carriers, protecting the carriers while they launched their planes against enemy installations / Commissioned on 7 June 1944 and decommissioned on 30 October 1973

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945

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Name: **EVANS**

GEORGE

A.

Address:

UNION ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 86TH MOUNTAIN INFANTRY REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PURPLE HEART MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private George A. Evans honorably served in the United States Army / PVT George Evans participated in the Italian Campaign in the battles for Rome-Arno, the North Apennines and Po Valley / Private Evans was wounded in action

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **EVANS**

HOWARD

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "D", 161ST MOUNTAIN BATTALION, 40TH REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Corporal George A. Evans honorably served in the United States Army

Base Assignments:

Fort Lewis (Tacoma, Washington) - Fort Lewis was named after Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis and Clark expedition / Its mission was to protect the coast line of Oregon and Washington / The fort also contained German and Italian Prisoner of War compounds

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **EVENS**

LAWRENCE R.

Address: 114 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S2C

Unit / Squadron:

U.S.N.T.C. (UNITED STATES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class Lawrence R. Evens honorably served in the United States Navy

Base Assignments:

Sampson, New York - In the three-and-a-half years of its operation during World War II, the Sampson Naval Training Station trained 411,429 naval recruits before closing in 1946 / The camp was named in honor of a local Seneca County native, Rear Admiral William T. Sampson, from Palmyra, NY, a hero of the Battle of Santiago during the Spanish-American War

Miscellaneous:

Seamen served as members of damage control or emergency and security alert teams / They participated in Navy ceremonies and took part in underway replenishment (transferring supplies from ship to ship at sea), and they worked with qualified personnel to gain job training and experience / A Seaman was knowledgeable in naval drill duties, knots, steering and signaling / Also stood watch and handled gunnery duties

Naval Training Centers introduced recruits to "boot camp" training and indoctrination / The recruits were given a battery of tests to determine their educational and skill levels, then trained in indoctrination, ordnance and gunnery, seamanship, fire fighting, physical training, military drill and shipboard duties



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Name: **EVERETT**

DAVID

C.

Address: 30 WOODBINE AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S1C

Unit / Squadron:

S.S. JAMES MOORE (LIBERTY SHIP, HULL NUMBER 0891)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class David C. Everett honorably served in the United States Navy / S1C David Everett served as an armed guard aboard the S.S. James Moore

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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The SS James Moore was a World War II troopship / During World War II scores of ships carried thousands of troops to and from the United States, Europe, Great Britain, Africa, Asia and Australia / Troopships used during World War II included passenger liners, Liberty and Victory ships, and foreign ships taken over by the USA / Troopships were operated by the Army Transportation Service, with "civilian" mariners; by the U.S. Navy; and the War Shipping Administration

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Name: EVERETT

EARL

T.

Address: 19 ALMONT AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

16TH FERRYING SQUADRON, 555TH BASE UNIT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sergeant Earl T. Everett honorably served in the United States Army-Air Force

Base Assignments:

Love Field (Dallas, Texas) - Dallas Love Field is named after First Lieutenant Moss L. Love. Assigned to the U.S. Army 11th Cavalry, Love died in an airplane crash near San Diego, California on 4 September 1913, becoming the 10th fatality in U.S. army aviation history / Love Field provided basic (level 1) flight training using Fairchild PT-19s as the primary trainer / In September 1942, the Air Transport Command moved to Love Field

Miscellaneous:

The Fairchild PT-19 was an American Fairchild Aircraft monoplane primary trainer aircraft that served with the United States Army Air Forces, RAF and RCAF during World War II / The Fairchild PT-19 provided a more advanced type of aircraft / Speeds were higher and wing loading more closely approximated that of combat aircraft, with flight characteristics demanding more precision and care / Its virtues were that it was inexpensive and simple to maintain



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Name: **EVERINGHAM**

DONALD E.

Address: 283 ALLENDALE ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

MEDICAL SECTION 1570, S.C.S.U., BARRACKS 2279
95TH MEDICAL GAS TREATMENT COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	1 BATTLE STAR
AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL
UNIT CITATION	GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth Grade (Corporal) Donald E. "Bud" Everingham honorably served in the United States Army / CPL Donald Everingham received a Battle Star for his participation in the Battle of the Rhineland / CPL Everingham's company also received a Unit Citation for outstanding performance in battle

Base Assignments:

Fort Lewis (Tacoma, Washington) - Fort Lewis was named after Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis and Clark expedition / Its mission was to protect the coast line of Oregon and Washington / The fort also contained German and Italian Prisoner of War compounds

Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky - 250,000 soldiers trained at Camp Breckenridge during World War II / Camp also served as a Prisoner-of-War camp, where 3,500 German prisoners were housed

Miscellaneous:

Donald E. "Bud" Everingham passed away in 2014 at the age of 91 years old and is interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Orchard Park, New York

The 95th Medical Gas Treatment Battalion - Trained in Chemical Agents, the mission of the 95th was to bathe and treat gas casualties and to provide them with non-contaminated clothing in preparation for return to duty or for further evacuation to the rear / The 95th also provided a combat exhaustion center and a VD treatment center for the army / The 95th Medical Gas Treatment Battalion helped Holocaust survivors at the captured Luftwaffe base at Hillersleben, Germany



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Name: EYRING

ROBERT T.

Address: 58 BELLWOOD AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

165TH STATION HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON W/ BRONZE
ARROWHEAD

1 BATTLE STAR

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: RIFLE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth Class (Corporal) Robert T. Eyring honorable served in the United States Army / CPL Robert Eyring joined the 165th Station Hospital in Hawaii and participated in the invasion of the Philippine Islands as a Ward Attendant / For his action, Corporal Eyring earned 1 Battle Star / CPL Eyring also acted as a Chaplain's Assistant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Robert T. Eyring passed away on 15 October 1965 at the age of 50 years old and is interred at Collins Center Cemetery, Collins Center, New York

In the years from 30 June 1943 to 30 June 1945 the Medical Department trained 189 General Hospitals, 74 Field Hospitals and 61 Station Hospitals for overseas service / In 1945, when the peak of overseas shipments occurred, the War Department sent 81 General, 35 Field, and 8 Station Hospitals to the various Theaters of Operations (European, African and Asiatic-Pacific) / By May 1945, when the peak in Hospital beds overseas was reached, there were 335,000 fixed beds and about 87,000 mobile beds in all Theaters

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