



West Seneca Answers the Call to Arms Residents in World War II



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **RADDER**

CHARLES E.

Address: 4951 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "K", 327TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Charles E. Radder served in Italy as part of the 327th Infantry

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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The 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment was a light infantry parachute insertion fighting force of the United States Army / The regiment was called to active duty during World War II on 25 March 1942 at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana / In August 1942 the 325th was redesignated the 325th Glider Infantry Regiment / The regiment was not committed to combat until they conducted a landing at Salerno, Italy, on 15 September 1943 / It was not by glider but by landing craft / After service in the Italian Campaign, the regiment deployed to England and conducted further training in preparation for Operation Overlord / Conducting a glider-borne assault on 7 June 1944, the day after the initial Normandy landings, the regiment fought in Normandy for over a month, sustaining heavy casualties before being withdrawn to England / On 9 June 1944 the 325th earned its first and only Medal of Honor of the war, belonging to Private First Class Charles N. DeGlopper

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CLIFFORD

Address: 4951 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: 2ND LT.

Unit / Squadron:

SQUADRON E, BACHELOR OFFICER QUARTERS 757

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Second Lieutenant

Base Assignments:

Chatham Field, Georgia - Chatham Army Airfield, named for its Georgia county location, was activated on 19 September 1943 / Located near Savannah, Chatham Field was used as a bomber and crew training base for B-24's and fighter aircraft

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **RADDER**

ELSWORTH

Address: 4951 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 793RD MILITARY POLICE BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

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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Name: **RADDER**

HERMAN

Address: 4951 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

3854TH QUARTERMASTER GAS SUPPLY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps was responsible for procuring and delivering various supplies to units in all theaters of war during World War II / Quartermaster units were charged with providing food (steady supply of food and rations), clothing, petroleum products (gasoline, kerosene, aviation fuel, diesel oil, fuel oil and petroleum-based lubricants) and general supplies (diverse items as rope, soap, candles, knives, forks and spoons, etc.) to troops stationed in the United States and to the far-flung armed forces around the world / More than 32,000 officers, officer cadets and key enlisted personnel received their training at the Quartermaster School between 1 July 1940 and 3 December 1945 / The physical conditioning of entrants was emphasized from the beginning of the training program / In addition, the rigorous military training entailed learning to use all armed methods of protection, crawling through simulated battlefields, taking refuge in foxholes (of their own digging), making technical decisions regarding rations, and learning every aspect of ammunition supply points (ASPs)

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Name: **RADDER**

HOWARD

Address: 4951 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

5TH GENERAL HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	3 BATTLE STARS
AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL	GOOD CONDUCT RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) Howard Radder earned 3 Battle Stars for combat action during the European Campaign

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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military duty between 8 September 1939 and 7 December 1941

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ROBERT

J.

Address: 4951 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 451ST A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

5TH ARMY

7TH ARMY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 6 BATTLE STARS

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER / EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Robert J. Radder saw combat action in Anzio (Italy), Belgium and in North Africa earning 6 Battle Stars

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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The Battle of Anzio began on 22 January 1944 and concluded with the fall of Rome on 5 June 1944 / The campaign was part of the Italian Theater of World War II

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Name: **RADDER**

WARREN

V.

Address: 56 ORCHARD AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "A", 838TH A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Camp Hulen, Texas - Located near Palacios, Texas, Camp Hulen supported the largest concentration of troops for field training in the United States military / The camp was renamed for Major John A. Hulen (1871–1957) / German prisoners of war were housed at Camp Hulen from 1943 to 1945

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Name: **RADOTAVICH**

CHARLES

Address: 1566 BERG ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 35TH SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 35th Signal Communications Battalion provided critical battlefield communications in support of combat operations worldwide during World War II

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Name: RAHN

EDWARD J.

Address: 25 LUDWIG AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

6TH GENERAL HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	2 BATTLE STARS
AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL	GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER / EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Edward J. Rahn earned two Battle Stars for action in combat

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **RAINS**

JAMES

A.

Address: 56 LAFAYETTE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T-5

Unit / Squadron:

REGIMENT HEADQUARTERS, 164TH INFANTRY
23RD INFANTRY DIVISION (AMERICAL DIVISION)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON W/2 BRONZE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL W/1 BRONZE STAR

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: RIFLE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Class James A. Rains joined the Americal Division as a replacement Cook on Bougainville, in the Solomon Islands, and stayed with the division all the way to Japan

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

James A. Rains entered into Active Service on 15 February 1943 and was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Army on 5 December 1945 / James Rains was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 2940

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The 23rd Infantry Division, commonly known as the Americal Division, of the United States Army was activated 27 May 1942 on the island of New Caledonia / This division was the only division formed outside of United States territory during World War II / The Americal Division fought in the New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, Bougainville and Leyte (Philippines) campaigns / The Americal Division suffered 981 soldiers Killed in Action (KIA) and 3,052 injured as a result of combat / The Americal Division returned to the United States on 21 November 1945, and was inactivated on 12 December 1945 / It was reactivated on 1 December 1954 as the 23rd Infantry Division, retaining the name "Americal" as part of its official designation

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military



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who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945 / Bronze service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

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

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 either an infantry, Ranger or Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller, any time after 6 December 1941

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: **RAMSDELL**

HOWARD

C.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **RAPPOLD**

ARTHUR

W.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/4

Unit / Squadron:

INFANTRY, COMPANY "B", 4TH PLATOON

13TH TANK BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMAN: M-1 RIFLE

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant) Arthur W. Rappold was an Automotive Mechanic and participated in the Po Valley Campaign (Italy)

Base Assignments:

Ft. Benning, Columbus, Georgia - Fort Benning was established in October 1918 and named after Henry L. Benning, a brigadier general in the Confederate States Army during the Civil War / During World War II Fort Benning had 197,159 acres with billeting space for 3,970 officers and 94,873 enlisted persons

Fort Blanding, Clay County, Florida - Camp (Fort) Blanding was established in 1939 on 30,000 acres as a training facility for the Florida National Guard after its previous training base (Camp Foster) on the St. Johns River near Jacksonville had been taken over by the Navy for Naval Air Station Jacksonville / The new camp was named for Albert H. Blanding, who had been commissioned in the Florida National Guard in 1899, and was then a Major General and Chief of the National Guard Bureau / In 1940, as the threat of war increased and the United States Army was built up, Fort Blanding became a Federal facility housing two infantry divisions plus auxiliary units / Between 1940 and 1943, nine US Army infantry divisions trained at Fort Blanding, including: 1st Infantry Division, 29th Infantry Division, 30th Infantry Division, 31st Infantry Division, 36th Infantry Division, 43rd Infantry Division, 63rd Infantry Division, 66th Infantry Division, and 79th Infantry Division / In 1943, Fort Blanding became an Infantry Replacement Center, training soldiers to be sent to existing infantry divisions as replacements, providing a high percentage of the replacements sent to Army combat units / During WWII more than 800,000 soldiers where trained at Fort Blanding / The base was a holding center for 343 Japanese, German, and Italian immigrant residents of the United States

Miscellaneous:



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JAMES

E.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private James E. Rappold was a tank driver and tank mechanic

Base Assignments:

Fort Knox, Kentucky - A new Armored Force (Tanks) was established in July 1940 with its headquarters at Fort Knox / It was responsible for establishing armored formations, doctrine, and training in the use of armored vehicles

Miscellaneous:

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Name: RAPPOLD

RAYMOND N.

Address: 36 FLOHR AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** CPL

Unit / Squadron:

510TH FIGHTER-BOMBER SQUADRON, 405TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

In March 1944, the 510th Fighter Bomber Squadron moved to RAF Christchurch, England, and began combat operations / During World War II, the 510th moved to mainland Europe with the advance of Allied troops, flying from Picauville and Saint-Dizier, France, Ophoven, Belgium, and Kitzingen, Germany / The unit was credited with 39 kills

The 405th Fighter Bomber Group was assigned to Ninth Air Force in England, flying its first combat mission on 1 May 1944 / The group received a Distinguished Unit Citation for a mission in France on 24 September 1944; answering a request from Third Army for support near Laneuveville-en-Saulnois, two squadrons flying on instruments through rain and dense overcast, were directed by ground control toward a furious tank battle where, in spite of severe ground fire, one squadron repeatedly bombed and strafed enemy tanks; the second squadron, unable to find this target because of the weather, attacked a convoy of trucks and armored vehicles; later the same day, the third squadron hit warehouses and other buildings and silenced ground opposition in the area / The group flew its last mission in early May 1945

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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Name: RASALAWSKI

EDWARD

Address: 265 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Edward Raslawski passed away while in the service

Base Assignments:

Pope Field, Fort Bragg - North Carolina - In 1918, Congress established Camp Bragg, an Army field artillery site named for the Confederate General Braxton Bragg / An aviation landing field was added a year later / The War Department officially established "Pope Field" in 1919, and it ranks as one of the oldest installations in the Air Force / Camp Bragg became a permanent Army post renamed Fort Bragg.

Miscellaneous:



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Name: RASALAWSKI

GEORGE

Address: 265 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "D", 197TH A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: RASALAWSKI

JOE

Address: 265 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

759TH BOMBER SQUADRON, 459TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 459th Bombardment Group was one of a number of B-24 Liberator groups assigned to the 15th Air Force flying out of Italy in 1944 and 1945 / Based out of Giulia Air Field (Italy) the 459th Bombardment Group, a member of the 304th Bombardment Wing, flew missions in Italy, France, the Balkans, Austria and Germany / The 459th Bombardment Group received a Distinguished Unit Citation for leading the 304th Wing through enemy interceptors and intense flak to raid an airfield and aircraft assembly plant at Bad Voslau (Austria) on 23 April 1944

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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Name: RASALAWSKI

JOHN L.

Address: 265 BURCH AVENUE

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

Unit / Squadron:

SECTION "E", CREW 133

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Westover Field, Massachusetts - The installation was named for Major General Oscar Westover who was commanding officer of the Army Air Corps in the 1930s / Westover was killed on 21 September 1938 in the crash of his high-speed Northrop A-17AS at Lockheed Aircraft's air field in Burbank, California / The mission of Westover was to organize and provide initial training to new combat units / Pilots, navigators, bombardiers, flexible gunners and other aircrew would arrive and be assigned to newly organized squadrons and groups

Miscellaneous:



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Name: RASP

PAUL

C.

Address: 4648 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: G.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

S/S JAMES J. HILL (LIBERTY SHIP #0494)

USS KASAAN BAY (CVE-69)

USS BOWFIN

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Gunner's Mate Third-Class Paul C. Rasp served in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters

Base Assignments:

Naval training Station - Sampson, New York

Lido Beach

Miscellaneous:

Paul C. Rasp was employed by Curtis Wright prior to entering the U.S. Navy on 27 July 1943 / Paul Rasp was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 2940

Gunner's Mates were responsible for the operation and maintenance of torpedo systems, gun mounts, and other ordnance equipment, as well as small arms and magazines / Gunner's Mates worked with electrical and electronic circuitry; mechanical, hydraulic and pneumatic systems

The USS Kasaan Bay (CVE-69) was a Casablanca class escort carrier and served in the Atlantic and Pacific campaigns / During the invasion of southern France, the Kasaan Bay carried out a variety of missions in support of the landings and fighting inland / In January 1945, the Kasaan Bay was assigned to the Pacific Fleet and sailed to Pearl Harbor, Guam, and Ulithi with planes and replacements for other ships of the Fast Carrier Task Force / Commissioned on 4 December 1943 and decommissioned on 6 July 1946

Liberty ships were named after prominent (deceased) Americans, starting with Patrick Henry and the signers of



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the Declaration of Independence / The Hill was named after James Jerome Hill (16 September 1838 - 29 May 1916), who was a Canadian-American railroad executive / He was the chief executive officer of a family of lines headed by the Great Northern Railway, which served a substantial area of the Upper Midwest, the northern Great Plains, and Pacific Northwest / Because of the size of this region and the economic dominance exerted by the Hill lines, Hill became known during his lifetime as The Empire Builder

The Liberty ships, a vast new fleet for the war effort, were built in a national "Virtual Shipyard" that harnessed skills, resources, and facilities all across America / From 1941 to 1945, the United States increased its shipbuilding capacity by more than 1,200% and produced over 2,700 Liberty Ships, 800 Victory Vessels, 320 T-2 Tankers, and various other commercial and naval auxiliary vessels for a total of 5,200 ships constructed for the period / A Liberty ship was designed to carry about 10,000 tons of cargo, but in wartime conditions often carried much more / Liberty ships were nicknamed "ugly ducklings" by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt

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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

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



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Name: RASP

VINCENT

R.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: F. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

E.R. SHOP 1-A (ENGINEERING & REPAIR), SUBMARINE BASE - NAVY 128

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

SUBMARINE COMBAT PIN W/2 STARS

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Fireman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

A Fireman was responsible for keeping the fires burning in the ship's boilers which were used to make steam / A Fireman would work on the ship's engines and their auxiliary machinery, ensuring they ran correctly and performed maintenance / Operated, adjusted and repaired pumps

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Name: **RAUSCH**

JOHN

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

159TH INFANTRY, CANNON COMPANY, FOURTH ARMY CORPS

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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



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Name: RAUSCH

RAYMOND J.

Address: 145 DUERSTEIN STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: MO.M.M. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS CISCO (SUBMARINE SS-290)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

PURPLE HEART

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Motor Machinist's Mate First-Class Raymond J. Rausch served on the submarine, USS Cisco / On 28 September 1943, the USS Cisco was attacked by antisubmarine forces of the Imperial Japanese Navy, 954th Naval Air Squadron west of Mindanao (Philippines) / The sub was lost with all 76 hands on board / Motor Machinist's Mate First-Class Raymond J. Rausch was reported missing at sea on 15 November 1943 when his submarine was sunk by Japanese aircraft / Raymond J. Rausch was reclassified as Killed in Action (KIA)

Motor Machinist's Mate First-Class Raymond J. Rausch is honored at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial (Manila, Philippines) on the Tablets of the Missing on which are recorded the names of 36,286 American missing service personnel

Base Assignments:

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

The USS Cisco (SS-290) was a Balao-class World War II era submarine, was the only ship of the United States Navy to be named for the cisco, a whitefish of the Great Lakes / She put out on her first war patrol 20 September 1943, but never returned / The Cisco was commissioned on 10 May 1943 and sunk by Japanese aircraft west of Mindanao, 28 September 1943



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The Purple Heart was instituted in 1782 by George Washington and is the first and oldest military American decoration / The Purple Heart is awarded to military service members wounded or killed in action, in the latter case posthumously



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Name: **REAGAN**

JOHN

K.

Address: 2459 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S.K. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

PIER 92

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Storekeeper Third-Class

Base Assignments:

New York City, New York - Receiving ship station

Miscellaneous:

Storekeepers were tasked with maintaining ship or company military supply stores / Their responsibilities generally included purchasing and procurement, shipping and receiving, and issuing of equipment, tools, consumable items or anything else obtained through the Naval Supply System



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Name: REAUTZEL

HARRY

Address: 161 DUERSTEIN STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

SIDN-A5

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **REBMAN**

EDWIN

J.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

60TH WEATHER SQUADRON, 1461ST A.A.F. BASE UNIT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Minneapolis, Minnesota - The Weather Squadron had overall responsibility for planning, providing, and/or arranging weather support for the United States Army

Miscellaneous:

During the early years of World War II, weather information was needed to support fleet operations in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters and to analyze weather conditions for combat engagements / Military forces were able to use weather conditions to their advantage, but they also provided examples of engagements where the weather was ignored, to the detriment of the participants / Radar was developed to identify weather systems and using weather conditions, help maximize the efficiency of aircraft takeoff from carriers



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Name: RECHLIN

CLARENCE H.

Address: 390 COLLINS AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 286TH C.A. BATTALION (COAST ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Fort John Custis (Cape Charles, Virginia) - Established in 1940 as Fort Winslow to complement Fort Story in protecting the entrance to Chesapeake Bay, the fort was renamed Fort John Custis in 1942 after Captain John Parke Custis, USA

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: RECHLIN

EDWARD

H.

Address: 390 COLLINS AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "D", 17TH ARMY

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: RECHLIN

NORMAN E.

Address: 390 COLLINS AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A.S.

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY 315-D11-B-119, U.S.N.R. (UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Apprentice Seaman

Base Assignments:

Camp Peary, Virginia - During World War II, beginning in 1942, the United States Navy took over a large area on the north side of the Virginia Peninsula in York County, Virginia which became known as Camp Peary, initially for use as a Seabee training base / The mission of Camp Peary changed as the war progressed and a new need presented itself to the U.S. Navy. It became a stockade for special German prisoners-of-war (POWs) / The POWs kept at Camp Peary were not just an ordinary sort, but rather, many came from captured German submarine and ship crews which the Germans had thought lost at sea with crews presumed dead / It was important for Nazi authorities to be unaware of their capture, since that also meant secret code books thought lost at sea may also have been compromised, so extra secrecy was necessary

Miscellaneous:

An Apprentice Seaman was knowledgeable in naval drill duties, knots, steering and signaling / Also stood watch and handled gunnery duties



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Name: RECHLIN

THEODORE

A.

Address:

MAIN STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S.F. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Shipfitter Third-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

A Shipfitter worked on materials such as high-tensile steel and high yield strength steel / Shipfitters fabricated, assembled and erected all structural parts of a ship, coordinated all fixed tank work performed on submarines and ships, and coordinated all sonar dome work / Shipfitters also used heavy machinery, such as plate planners, shears, punches, drill presses, bending rolls, bending slabs, plate bevelers, saws, presses up to 750 tons, angle rolls (vertical and horizontal), dogs and wedges / Shipfitters were responsible for hydro and air testing of tanks and compartments, as well as performing grinding, drilling and fit-up operations on submarines and surface crafts



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Name: **RECKTENWALT**

LELAND

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: REED

HARVEY J.

Address: 92 LIND AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T-4

Unit / Squadron:

212TH ORDNANCE M.A.M. COMPANY (MEDIUM AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON W/2 STARS

BRONZE MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

SOLDIERS MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

MARKSMAN BADGE: CARBINE

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Harvey J. Reed Automotive Wheel Vehicle mechanic / Corporal Reed, with help from several other soldiers, braved flames and exploding ammunition to rescue a pilot whose plane crashed in Mangaldan, Luzon (Philippine Islands) and was awarded the Bronze Medal for valor under enemy fire

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Harvey J. Reed was inducted into the U.S. Army on 22 October 1942 and was Honorably Discharged on 18 January 1946

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

The U.S. Army Ordnance Corps mission was to support the development, production, acquisition, and sustainment of weapon systems, ammunition, missiles, electronics, and ground mobility material during World War II to provide combat power to the U.S. Army

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The Soldier's Medal is an individual decoration of the United States Army. The Soldier's Medal is awarded to any person of the Armed Forces of the United States or of a friendly foreign nation who, while serving in any capacity



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with the Army of the United States distinguished himself or herself by heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy

Name: **REED**

RICHARD

A.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **REGAN**

JOHN

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

U.S.A.T. THOMAS H. BARRY (UNITED STATES ARMY TRANSPORT SHIP)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Only ships owned, under long term bareboat charter or allocation to the Army, first through the Quartermaster Corps and later the Transportation Corps, were formally designated as a U.S. Army Transport (U.S.A.T.) / The Transportation Corps is responsible for the movement of personnel and materiel by truck, rail, air, and sea

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Name: REICH

CLARENCE W.

Address: 75 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A.M. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

N.A.T.T.C. (NAVAL AIR TRAINING CENTER), BUILDING #16

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Apprentice Metalsmith Second-Class Clarence W. Reich was a Aviation Metalsmith instructor

Base Assignments:

Norman, Oklahoma - Naval based trained in Advanced Aviation, Combat Aircrewman Training and Aviation Metalsmiths

Miscellaneous:

An Aviation Metalsmith repaired and maintained airplanes and aircraft parts other than engines and ordnance



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Name: REICHLÉ

EDWARD

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Mitchel Field (Long Island, New York) - Established in 1918 as Hazelhurst Aviation Field #2, the facility was renamed Mitchel Field in honor of former New York City Mayor John Purroy Mitchel who was killed while training for the Air Service in Louisiana / In 1940 Mitchel Field was the location of the Air Defense Command, a command charged with the mission of developing the air defense for cities, vital industrial areas, continental bases, and military facilities in the United States

Miscellaneous:

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Name: REICHLÉ

LOREN

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Walla Walla Army Air Base (Walla Walla, Washington) - Walla Walla was used to train pilots how to fly B-17 bomber airplanes / One well known plane, the "Memphis Belle" became the first B-17 to complete 25 missions in Europe / In 1943, Walla Walla became a training base for B-24 Liberator crews

Miscellaneous:

The Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress was a four-engine heavy bomber aircraft primarily used in the daylight precision strategic bombing campaign of World War II against German industrial and military targets / During World War II, the B-17s dropped 640,036 tons of bombs on European targets



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Name: REID

JOHN

F.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

I.R.T.C. (INFANTRY REPLACEMENT TRAINING CENTER), 4TH SERVICE COMMAND, PERSONNEL CENTER

Medals / Citations:

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER - CARBINE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER - RIFLE

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Fort Gordon (Augusta, Georgia) - Formerly known as Camp Gordon, the fort was first established in July 1917 and then reconstructed in July 1941 / The fort was home to three divisions during the war: the 4th Infantry, the 26th Infantry, and the 10th Armored / From October 1943 to January 1945 Fort Gordon served as an internment camp for foreign prisoners of war / From May 1945 until April 1946 the U.S. Army Personnel and Separation Center processed nearly 86,000 personnel for discharge from the Army

Miscellaneous:

At an Infantry Replacement Training Center (I.R.T.C.), 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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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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The M1 carbine was a lightweight, easy to use .30 carbine semi-automatic carbine that was a standard firearm for the U.S. military during World War II / The M1 carbine gained generally high praise for its small size, light weight and firepower, especially by those troops who were unable to use a full-size rifle as their primary weapon / A total of over 6.1 million M1 carbines of various models was manufactured, making it the most produced small arm for the American military during World War II

Name: REINARD

JOHN

C.

Address: 129 DUERSTEIN STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

N.A.T.T.C. (NAVAL AIR TRAINING CENTER), O.S. 14C

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Kingsville, Texas - Opened in 1942, personnel at the base numbered between 6,000 and 7,000

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: **RESOWSKI**

THADDEUS S.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: REUKAUF

OWEN

C.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

107TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL, 3RD ARMY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

BRONZE STAR

5 BATTLE STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Owen C. Reukauf was awarded the Bronze Star for heroics on the battlefield and earned 5 Battle Stars for combat action

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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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Battle (Combat) Stars were presented to military personnel who were engaged in specific battles in combat



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under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

The Good Conduct Medal is one of the oldest military awards of the United States Armed Forces / The Navy Good Conduct Medal was established in 1869, the Marine Corps version in 1896, the Coast Guard version in 1923, the Army version in 1941, and the Air Force version in 1963 / The medal is awarded to any active-duty enlisted member of the United States military who completes three consecutive years of "honorable and faithful service" / Such service implies that a standard enlistment was completed without any non-judicial punishment, disciplinary infractions, or court martial offenses



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: REUKAUF

ROBERT

W.

Address: 24 STEPHENSON STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: F. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

OPTICAL SHOP

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Fireman First-Class Robert W. Reukauf was sworn into the Navy at 8:10am on Tuesday, 27 July 1943 at the Fire Hall Located at Indian Church Road and Union Road in the hamlet of Gardenville

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

A Fireman was responsible for keeping the fires burning in the ship's boilers which were used to make steam / A Fireman would work on the ship's engines and their auxiliary machinery, ensuring they ran correctly and performed maintenance / Operated, adjusted and repaired pumps

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: **REUKAUF**

ROY

A.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

PHOTOGRAPHIC SQUADRON #4

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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: REYNOLDS

LEALAND

D.

Address: 25 ROSE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

B-7-3 F.A.R.T.C. (3RD BATTALION OF THE 1ST REGIMENT, FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENTAL
COMMAND)

63RD SIGNAL OPERATIONS BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private Lealand D. Reynolds was a Telegraph and Telephone Linesman

Base Assignments:

Fort Bragg, North Carolina - In 1918, Congress established Camp Bragg, an Army field artillery site named for the Confederate General Braxton Bragg / Camp Bragg became a permanent Army post renamed Fort Bragg

Miscellaneous:

Lealand D. Reynolds was inducted in the Army on 27 October 1944 / Private Lealand D. Reynolds received an Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army on 5 August 1946

The Field Artillery is the branch of the army whose mission is to support the infantry by artillery fire, destroying, neutralizing or suppressing the enemy elements that threaten land forces / Increased mobility; fire direction centers, which enhanced their firepower; aerial observation; and radio communications increased the efficiency and accuracy to support ground forces

The 63rd Signal Battalion began when it was constituted in the Regular Army on July 1, 1940, and later activated on June 1, 1941, at Camp Claiborne, LA / The battalion was reorganized and redesignated the 63rd Signal Operations Battalion March 1, 1945, while in Europe



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Name: **RIBBECK**

TAYLOR

R.

Address: 105 TINDLE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private Taylor R. Ribbeck was sworn into the Army at 8:10am on Tuesday, 27 July 1943 at the Fire Hall Located at Indian Church Road and Union Road in the hamlet of Gardenville

Base Assignments:

Charlotte, North Carolina

Miscellaneous:



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Name: RICHARDSON

JOSEPH

A.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: RICHT

RICHARD

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

449TH ORDNANCE H.A.M. COMPANY (HEAVY AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The U.S. Army Ordnance Corps mission was to support the development, production, acquisition, and sustainment of weapon systems, ammunition, missiles, electronics, and ground mobility material during World War II to provide combat power to the U.S. Army

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Name: RICHTER

HENRY E.

Address: 46 SENECA CREEK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** CPL

Unit / Squadron:

SEC. 11 SQUADRON C, B.A.D. #2 (BASE AIR DEPOT 2)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Henry E. Richter's plane was forced down over Switzerland by the Germans and taken as a Prisoner of War (POW)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **RIEGLE**

IRWIN

W.

Address: 66 WESTMINSTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

3704TH A.A. GROUP, BASE UNIT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Kessler Field, Mississippi - The base is named in honor of aviator 2nd Lt. Samuel Reeves Keesler, Jr., a Mississippi native killed in France during the First World War / The Tuskegee Airmen were trained at Keesler, with more than 7,000 black soldiers stationed at Keesler Field by the autumn of 1943 / These soldiers included pre-aviation cadets, radio operators, aviation technicians, bombardiers, and aviation mechanics

Miscellaneous:



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Name: RIENARD

GEORGE

F.

Address: 28 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "G", 289TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

SILVER STAR MEDAL

PURPLE HEART

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class George F. Rienard was awarded the Silver Star for heroics on the battlefield and received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered during combat

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 289th Infantry Regiment was activated 15 April 1943 at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and fought in the Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe campaigns

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

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The Silver Star Medal is the third highest military decoration for valor that can be awarded to any person serving in any capacity with the United States Armed Forces / The medal is awarded for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States

The Purple Heart was instituted in 1782 by George Washington and is the first American decoration / Originally it



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Name: **RILEY**

RAYMOND J.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **ROBERTS**

E.

E.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **ROBINSON**

ANNETTE

M.

Address: 109 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: 2ND LT.

Unit / Squadron:

107TH GENERAL HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Second Lieutenant

Base Assignments:

Fort Dix, New Jersey - Fort Dix is named for Major General John Adams Dix, a veteran of the War of 1812 and the Civil War / Fort Dix served as a reception and training center for men inducted under the draft of 1939 / Ten divisions and many smaller units trained and staged here before entering the battlefields of World War II / At the end of the war, the reception center became the separation center, returning more than 1.2 million soldiers to civilian life

Miscellaneous:

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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Name: **ROBINSON**

DORIS

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A.S.

Unit / Squadron:

U.S.N.T.C. WR (U.S. NAVAL TRAINING CENTER - HOSPITAL CORPS SCHOOL)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Apprentice Seaman

Base Assignments:

Bronx (New York City, New York)

Miscellaneous:

A Seaman was knowledgeable in naval drill duties, knots, steering and signaling / Also stood watch and handled gunnery duties

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Name: **ROBINSON**

LEWELLYN E.

Address: 75 SUMMIT AVENUE

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON 51, M.A.B. 5T (MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Majore, California

Miscellaneous:

As an expeditionary force, the Marine Amphibious Brigade is capable of rapid deployment and employment via amphibious shipping and/or strategic airlift



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Name: **ROBINSON**

VERNON

C.

Address: 1635 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 226 BATTALION, 69TH REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Camp Blanding (Jacksonville, Florida) - Camp 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 (POW) compound, and a separation center

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **ROBINSON**

WILLIAM

H.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

70TH INFANTRY, 275TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

15TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

BRONZE STAR

PURPLE HEART

3 BATTLE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL (GERMANY)

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) William H. Robinson served from 1944 to 1946 in the European Theater with the 70th Infantry Division, Company "C", 275th Regiment / Corporal Robinson was awarded the Bronze Star for heroics on the battlefield and earned 3 Battle Stars for combat action / Corporal Robinson received the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster for wounds suffered in battle / Corporal Robinson was also assigned to the 1144th Labor Supervision Company

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

In World War II, the 3rd Infantry Division landed with Gen. Patton's task force in a contested amphibious landing on the coast of Morocco, North Africa overwhelming Vichy French defenders in November 1942 / In 1943, the division invaded Sicily in July, and invaded Italy at Salerno in September, before fighting in France and finally Germany / The division suffered the highest casualty rate of any American Division in World War II / Its exploits are aptly illustrated by its Medal of Honor recipient Audie Murphy, featured in the Hollywood movie, "To Hell and Back"

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1941 and 2 March 1946 / The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was awarded as a service ribbon throughout the entire Second World War

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 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

The Purple Heart was instituted in 1782 by George Washington and is the first American decoration. Originally it was awarded for bravery in action, currently it is awarded to those wounded or killed in action

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 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

The Army of Occupation Medal is 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

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: **ROCHE**

LEO

T.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: ROCHE

THOMAS J.

Address: 267 ALLENDALE ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS MUSKEGON (FRIGATE PF-24)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class

Base Assignments:

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

USS Muskegon (PF-24), a Tacoma-class frigate, was the first ship of the United States Navy to be named for Muskegon, a city on Michigan's west coast / Serving as plane guard and rescue ship as well as relaying weather data, Muskegon on occasion escorted convoys into Boston, joined in anti-submarine operations, and carried ammunition / Commissioned 19 February 1944 and decommissioned on 15 March 1946

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Name: **ROEHR**

LEROY

F.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **ROESER**

FLOYD

O.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

2ND BATTALION, 149TH INFANTRY, 38TH DIVISION, HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON W/3 BRONZE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL W/1 BRONZE STAR

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN - RIFLE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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

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

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Name: **ROGERS**

DONALD

J.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **ROLLINS**

CARL

R.

Address: 210 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/4

Unit / Squadron:

A.P.C. (ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER), 7TH GROUP, 3RD REGIMENT
3187TH SIGNAL SERVICE BATTALION
980TH SIGNAL COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 3 BATTLE STARS
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant) Carl R. Rollins enlisted in the Army and was attached to the Army Signal Corps / Sergeant Rollins landed on Utah Beach, Normandy in August 1944 and was attached to the 980th Signal Company while in Europe / Sergeant Carl R. Rollins earned 3 Battle Stars for his combat actions during the battles for the Ardennes Forest, Central Europe and the Rhineland / Sgt Rollins returned to the United States in 1946 with the 3187th Signal Battalion

Base Assignments:

Camp Reynolds (Greenfield, Pennsylvania) - Originally named Camp Shenango, the name was changed to Camp Reynolds on 21 September 1943, in honor of Pennsylvania Civil War hero General John F. Reynolds, who was killed on the first day of the battle of Gettysburg / Camp Reynolds purpose was to receive, process and forward both officers and enlisted men, who were mostly bound for the European Theater of Operations / During its existence, over 1,000,000 soldiers passed through the camp

Miscellaneous:

An armored personnel carrier (APC) is a broad type of armored, military vehicles designed to transport personnel and equipment in combat zones / Armored personnel carriers are designed primarily for transporting infantry and may be unarmed, or armed with some combination of light, medium, heavy machine guns, or automatic grenade launchers

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Name: RORICH

K.

L.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 276TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri - The post was created in December 1940 and named in honor of General Leonard Wood (former Chief of Staff) in January 1941 / Originally intended to train infantry troops, in 1941 it became an engineer training post with the creation of the Engineer Replacement Training Center

Miscellaneous:

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



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Name: ROSOWSKI

T.

S.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: T/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 72ND BASE DEPOT

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technical Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **ROST**

F.

E.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: ROTH

FREDERICK G.

Address: 4597 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CAPT

Unit / Squadron:

QUARTERMASTER CORPS

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

PURPLE HEART

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Captain Frederick C. Roth was held as a Prisoner of War (POW) in the Japanese Philippines' Military Prison Camp #2 on or around 29 November 1943 / Captain Roth later died in captivity aboard a Japanese prison ship

Captain Frederick G. Roth is buried in the Manila American Cemetery (Manila, Philippines)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps was responsible for procuring and delivering various supplies to units in all theaters of war during World War II / Quartermaster units were charged with providing food (steady supply of food and rations), clothing, petroleum products (gasoline, kerosene, aviation fuel, diesel oil, fuel oil and petroleum-based lubricants) and general supplies (diverse items as rope, soap, candles, knives, forks and spoons, etc.) to troops stationed in the United States and to the far-flung armed forces around the world / More than 32,000 officers, officer cadets and key enlisted personnel received their training at the Quartermaster School between 1 July 1940 and 3 December 1945 / The physical conditioning of entrants was emphasized from the beginning of the training program / In addition, the rigorous military training entailed learning to use all armed methods of protection, crawling through simulated battlefields, taking refuge in foxholes (of their own digging), making technical decisions regarding rations, and learning every aspect of ammunition supply points (ASPs)

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The Purple Heart was instituted in 1782 by George Washington and is the first and oldest military American decoration / The Purple Heart is awarded to military service members wounded or killed in action, in the latter case posthumously



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Name: **ROTH**

GEORGE

R.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

125TH QUARTERMASTER, COMPANY SERVICE GROUP AVIATION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN RIBBON

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

3 OVERSEAS SERVICE BARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER / EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class George R. Roth served in England and Africa

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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An Overseas Service Bar indicates a soldier has served six months of service in a combat zone / Service Bars are cumulative, in that each bar worn indicates another six-month period / Time spent overseas is also cumulative, meaning one bar could be earned for two separate deployments totaling six months

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Name: **ROTH**

WILLIAM

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

D-8-3-TR., 443 F.A.R.T.C. (FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENTAL COMMAND)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Fort Bragg, North Carolina - In 1918, Congress established Camp Bragg, an Army field artillery site named for the Confederate General Braxton Bragg / Camp Bragg became a permanent Army post renamed Fort Bragg / Various units trained at Fort Bragg during World War II, including the 9th Infantry Division, 2nd Armored Division, 82nd Airborne Division, 100th Infantry Division, and various field artillery groups

Miscellaneous:

The Field Artillery is the branch of the army whose mission is to support the infantry by artillery fire, destroying, neutralizing or suppressing the enemy elements that threaten land forces / Increased mobility; fire direction centers, which enhanced their firepower; aerial observation; and radio communications increased the efficiency and accuracy to support ground forces



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Name: **ROTHENBERGER**

HAROLD L.

Address: 54 BENSON AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: M.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

U.S NAVAL HOSPITAL

USS LST 626

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Machinist Mate Third-Class Harold L. Rothenberger was sworn into the Army at 8:10am on Tuesday, 27 July 1943 at the Fire Hall Located at Indian Church Road and Union Road in the hamlet of Gardenville / Machinist Mate Third-Class Rothenberger graduated with honors from U.S. Navy Diesel School at Norfolk, Virginia

Base Assignments:

Pensacola Naval Air Station (Pensacola, Florida) - Air Station was the primary training base for all Navy, Marine and Coast Guard aviators and Naval Flight Officers during World War II / Naval aviators from Pensacola NAS were called upon to train the Doolittle Raiders at Eglin Field in 1942 in carrier take-offs in their B-25 Mitchell bombers

Norfolk, Virginia - The aviation service school at Norfolk offered courses in metalsmith work, engine repair, radio repair and ordnance / The advanced base aviation training unit helped sailors develop the skills necessary to maintain all types of aircraft at advanced bases in combat area / The aircraft they completed went to the fleet pool for distribution to squadrons in the process of commissioning

Miscellaneous:

Machinist's Mates were responsible for the continuous operation of the many engines, compressors, gears, refrigeration, and air-conditioning equipment along with other types of machinery onboard ships and shore installations / Responsible for the ship's steam propulsion and auxiliary equipment and the outside (deck) machinery

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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LST 626 (Landing Ship, Tank or tank landing ship) was commissioned on 15 July 1944 / During World War II, LST-626 was assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific theater and participated in the following operations: Leyte landings, Lingayen Gulf landing, Mindanao Island landings, Tarakan Island operation and the Brunei Bay operation / Following the war, LST-626 performed occupation duty in the Far East and saw service in China until early March 1946 / LST 626 was decommissioned on 2 March 1946 and sold for scrap on 25 May 1973 / USS LST 626 earned four battle stars during World War II



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Name: **ROTHENBERGER**

KENNETH

Address: 41 KIRKWOOD DRIVE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S.F. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS CLARENCE K. BRONSON (DD-668)

USS COMFORT (AH-6)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

9 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Shipfitter Third-Class Kenneth Rothenberger served on the USS C. K. Bronson for 15 months and on the USS Comfort for 10 months / Shipfitter Kenneth Rothberger earned 9 Battle Stars for combat action in the Pacific

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, New York, a hero of the Battle of Santiago during the Spanish-American War

Miscellaneous:

A Shipfitter worked on materials such as high-tensile steel and high yield strength steel / Shipfitters fabricated, assembled and erected all structural parts of a ship, coordinated all fixed tank work performed on submarines and ships, and coordinated all sonar dome work / Shipfitters also used heavy machinery, such as plate planners, shears, punches, drill presses, bending rolls, bending slabs, plate bevelers, saws, presses up to 750 tons, angle rolls (vertical and horizontal), dogs and wedges / Shipfitters were responsible for hydro and air testing of tanks and compartments, as well as performing grinding, drilling and fit-up operations on submarines and surface crafts

USS Clarence K. Bronson (DD-668) was a Fletcher-class destroyer of the United States Navy, named for naval aviator Lieutenant (junior grade) Clarence K. Bronson (1888–1916) / The Bronson provided screen cover for strikes supporting the landings on Kwajalein, and raids on Truk, Saipan, and Guam in 1944 / The Bronson escorted cruisers to Iwo Jima for pre-invasion bombardment and fire support to the forces ashore after the assault on 19 February 1945 / Commissioned on 11 June 1943 and decommissioned 29 June 1960



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The USS Comfort (AH-6) was one of three hospital ships built, commanded and crewed by the Navy for the Army. These ships, unlike the Navy hospital ships, were intended for evacuation and transport of patients after primary care had been given. Medical equipment and personnel were provided by the Army / The Comfort received two battle stars for World War II service / Commissioned on 5 May 1944 and decommissioned on 19 April 1946

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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

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The Philippine Liberation Medal is 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: **ROTHENBERGER**

RALPH

C.

Address: 41 KIRKWOOD DRIVE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

"A" BATTERY , 574TH A.A.A. A.W. BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY) (AIR WARNING)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

BRONZE STAR

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Ralph C. Rothenberger was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery in combat while serving in Central Europe and the Rhineland

Base Assignments:

Camp Davis, North Carolina - Camp Davis was built by the United States Army as an anti-aircraft artillery training facility and was manned by about 20,000 officers and men

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: **ROTHENBERGER**

ROY

L.

Address: 41 KIRKWOOD DRIVE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

4TH ORDNANCE COMPANY M.M. (MEDIUM MAINTENANCE), COMPANY "A", 219TH ITB

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON W/ 1 BRONZE STAR

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private Roy L. Rothenberger entered the Army on 19 January 1944 and served as an Instrument Repairman, Fire Control / Private Rothenberger was stationed in Okinawa when the atomic bomb was dropped on Japan / Private Roy L. Rothenberger was Honorably Discharged from the Army on 14 April 1946

Base Assignments:

Fort Ord, California - Fort Ord is near Monterey Bay in Monterey County, California, approximately 80 miles south of San Francisco / Named in honor of Maj. Gen. Edward Ord, a Union Army leader during the American Civil War who also served in the Second Seminole War and Indian Wars / In 1941, the fort was the primary facility for basic training for the Army

Camp Blanding (Jacksonville, Florida) - Camp 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:

The U.S. Army Ordnance Corps mission was to support the development, production, acquisition, and sustainment of weapon systems, ammunition, missiles, electronics, and ground mobility material during World War II to provide combat power to the U.S. Army

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Name: **ROTTERMAN**

FRANCIS J.

Address: 126 TINDLE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** PFC

Unit / Squadron:

SECTION "H", 327TH AH BASE UNIT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Drew Field (Tampa, Florida) - Drew Field was primarily used for advanced combat training of fighter and bomber units prior to their deployment to combat theaters overseas / The major training mission at Drew in 1943 was the training of ground support pilots, using the A-24 Dauntless Dive Bomber (an Army conversion of the Navy Douglas SBD Dauntless)

Miscellaneous:

The Douglas SBD Dauntless U.S. Navy's main carrier-borne scout plane and dive bomber / The SBD Dauntless was an excellent naval scout plane and the world's best dive bomber / It possessed long range, good handling characteristics, maneuverability, potent bomb load capacity, great diving characteristics, defensive armament and ruggedness



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Name: **RUDDY**

CALVIN

W.

Address: 29 TAMPA DRIVE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

N.T.S. N.O.B. DRILL OFFICE (NAVAL TRAINING SCHOOL NAVAL OPERATING BASE)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Camp Bradford (Norfolk, Virginia) - Initially Camp Bradford was a training base for Navy Seabees, but in 1943 it was changed into a training center for the crews of LSTs (Landing Ship Tank) / The camp also provided amphibious assault training for landing large numbers of American troops on foreign shores

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: RUPP

HAROLD P.

Address: 118 BARNSDALE AVENUE

Service Branch: MERCHANT MARINE **Rank:** A.S.

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY 576, UNIT "G"

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Apprentice Seaman Harold P. Rupp served with the Merchant Marine at Fort Trumbull in New London, Connecticut and took his basic training at Sampson, New York

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, New York, a hero of the Battle of Santiago during the Spanish-American War

Fort Trumbull - New London, Connecticut - Fort Trumbull takes its name from Jonathan Trumbull, Connecticut's Revolutionary wartime governor / Fort Trumbull graduated 15,473 Merchant Marine officers in 76 classes between 1939 and 1946

Miscellaneous:

A Seaman was knowledgeable in naval drill duties, knots, steering and signaling / Also stood watch and handled gunnery duties

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Name: **RUSINIAK**

STANLEY

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

NAVY 138, ACTIVITY 7, FLEET AIR WING 2

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class

Base Assignments:

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Name: **RUSSELL**

JAMES

W.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **RUSSO**

WALTER J.

Address: 109 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS C.C.B., 2ND A.D. (COMBAT COMMAND B - ARMORED DIVISION)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **RUST**

EDWARD M.

Address: 374 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: MERCHANT MARINE **Rank:** CPO

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Chief Petty Officer Edward M. Rust served in Australia, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal in the Pacific Theater and Italy in the Atlantic Theater

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: RYAN

HELEN

S.

Address: 32 MAPLEWOOD AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TRAINING CENTER

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Palm Beach, Florida

Miscellaneous:

In June 1943, the Biltmore Hotel in Palm Beach was used for the first dedicated school for the Coast Guard Women's Reserve / SPARs, as it was known for its creed, "Semper Paratus, Always Ready," was created by the U.S. legislature on 23 November 1942, to allow more men to be sent overseas



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: RYAN

JAMES J.

Address: 40 WICHITA ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

FINANCE OFFICE

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Bangor, Maine

Miscellaneous:

The Finance Corps make sure commercial vendors are paid, contractual payments are met, balancing and projecting budgets, paying Soldiers for their service and other financial matters of keeping the Army running

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