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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **SAGER**

ALBERT

H.

Address: 10 DOSTER PLACE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, T.C. SCHOOL

762ND RAIWAY SHOP BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMAN: M-1 RIFLE

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Albert H. Sager was a Light Truck driver during his service

Base Assignments:

Camp Plauche (New Orleans, Louisiana) - Camp Plauche was originally known as Camp Harahan / It was renamed in honor of Major Jean Baptiste Plauche, who served under Andrew Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans / During World War II, Camp Plauche was, first, a staging area for troops, then, an Army training facility and, later a POW camp for German and Italian prisoners

Miscellaneous:

Private First-Class Albert H. Sager was inducted into the Army on 28 July 1944 and received his Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army on 8 July 1946

The 762nd Railway Shop Battalion was activated 15 October 1942 at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana



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Name: **SAGER**

R.

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: **SAGER**

W.

L.

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: SALISBURY

CHESTER

S.

Address: 21 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

SEARCH LIGHT BATTERY, FOURTH DEFENSE BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technical Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

World War II searchlights formed part of a system of aircraft detection linking locator devices, searchlights, and anti-aircraft (AAA) guns / The locators sent electronic information to the lights and guns, which in turn tracked the target in synch with each other / Once a locator of any of the aforementioned types had "locked on" to an aerial target, the concept was for both lights and guns to be trained on the target (via the height and distance data received from the locator) so the target could be nearly simultaneously illuminated and then destroyed / Locators were first based on sound and heat detection, and ultimately radar became the preferred method of target acquisition / Units were generally separate, but advances in radar technology late in the war saw the integration of radar into both searchlight and AAA gun designs

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: SANDERSON

HAROLD

R.

Address: 19 TAMPA DRIVE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CAPT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS HCTG (HARBOR CRAFT TRAINING GROUP)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Captain

Base Assignments:

Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida - Camp Johnston, located in Carrabelle, Florida, opened in September 1941 as Camp Carrabelle and was later named after Colonel Gordon Johnston, a well decorated soldier who served in the Spanish-American War in Cuba with the Rough Riders, in Philippine-American War, and World War I / The camp served as an amphibious training base housing around 10,000 troops at one time and rotating between 24,000 and 30,000 soldiers from 1941 through 1946

Miscellaneous:

For the Normandy invasion the US Army created the Harbor Craft Companies to man it's small supply craft, mostly barges, cranes, and tug boats / The harbor craft company was a military unit organized for the purpose of ferrying cargo from freighters and transports arriving in theaters of operation / Cargo from ships were loaded by Transportation Corps port company personnel onto barges / Tugs, tow boats, or marine tractors then propelled the barges to the shore for unloading



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Name: SAUER

RODNEY

Address: 9 MAPLEWOOD AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

701, ARMY AIR BASE UNIT, SECTION "C", 1072 GUARD SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Wright Field (Dayton, Ohio) - The base's origins begin with the establishment of Wilbur Wright Field on 22 May and McCook Field in November 1917, both established by the Army Air Service as World War I installations

Miscellaneous:



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Name: SAWYER

JEAN

B.

Address: 19 ALMONT AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

811TH A.A.T. B.U. (ARMY AIR TRANSPORT BASE UNIT), SECTION "A", COMPANY "C", 2ND TRAINING BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Ft. Benning, Georgia - In late 1918, the U.S. Army established a new camp for the Infantry School of Arms south of Columbus on the Bussey Plantation / The camp was named in honor of Henry Lewis Benning, a Columbus native who served as a Confederate general during the American Civil War and later as a justice of the Georgia Supreme Court

Lawson Field, Fort Benning - In 1919, the Army created a rudimentary landing field at Benning and named the airfield in honor of Capt. Walter R. Lawson, a Georgia native who had been killed in the crash of a Martin MB-2 at McCook Field, Ohio on 21 April 1923. Lawson served with the 41st French Escadrille during World War I, had one victory, and received the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in action / For all of the war, a Troop Carrier Group (TCG) was always present at Lawson conducting training and providing aircraft for Parachute Training School

Camp Ritchie, Maryland - During World War II, Fort Ritchie became the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Training Center, the first time in the history of the U.S. military that it had a facility for this type of centralized intelligence training / Once soldiers arrived, they were told not to identify themselves as "military intelligence" to anyone, not even their families. Thousands lived and worked at Fort Ritchie during World War II. The Army conducted signal intelligence training, instruction regarding interrogation techniques and close-combat training (in a mock German village constructed at the site) throughout the war. More than 10,000 students graduated from the Army's intelligence program at Fort Ritchie by the end of the war

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **SCHAEFER**

HOWARD

C.

Address:

UNION ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

623RD PORT COMPANY, 491ST PORT BATTALION, T.C. (TRANSPORTATION CORP)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 491st Port Battalion was activated in early 1943 at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation in southern Pennsylvania / The purpose was to train GI Soldiers as stevedores to load and unload cargo vessels any place in the world needed for war operation

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Name: **SCHAFFER**

DONALD E.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

230TH PORT COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **SCHAFFER**

THORVALD K.

Address: 35 BARNSDALE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

449TH ORDNANCE HEAVY AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE COMPANY, 159TH ORDNANCE BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Thorvald K. Schafter was an instructor in the Tank Corps at Fort Knox, Kentucky

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:

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: **SCHALLER**

NORMAN

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "D", 207TH INFANTRY TRAINING BATTALION

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:

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: **SCHAMBERS**

HOWARD

G.

Address: 1725 CENTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "D", 66TH ARMORED REGIMENT, 2ND BATTALION, 2ND ARMORED DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

BRONZE STAR

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Technical Sergeant Howard G. Chambers received the Bronze Star for heroics on the battlefield and was Honorably Discharged from the U. S. Army at Fort Dix, New Jersey

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 66th Armor Regiment was the oldest Armored unit in the United States Army, tracing its lineage to the beginning of the Tank Service in February 1918 under the command of Col. George S. Patton / It was first activated in the Regular Army as the 66th Infantry Regiment (Light Tanks) / In December 1942, the regiment participated in the amphibious invasion of French Morocco in North Africa and led the division's entry into Casablanca / The regiment participated in the invasion of Sicily and through fierce fighting earned the unit six battle streamers during the war / In 1944, the three battalions of the regiment went into action on the European Continent, with the landing on Omaha Beach on 9 June 1944 / Four days later the regiment (as part of Combat Command A of the 2nd Armored Division) fought through elements of the German 6th Fallschirmjager Regiment and elements of the 17th SS Panzergrenadier Division southwest of Carentan, France at the Battle of Bloody Gulch / The regiment fought across France to the German border with the rest of the division and the U.S. Third Army, but was diverted north to counter the German advance during the Battle of the Bulge, assisting in the destruction of the 2nd Panzer Division and capturing Houffalize, Belgium

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 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

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Name: **SCHASEL**

JOHN

W.

Address: 1048 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS 49TH A.A.A. BRIGADE (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

BRONZE STAR

6 BATTLE STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private John W. Schasel earned 6 Battle Stars for combat action in the European Theater

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: **SCHATTNER**

E.

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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Name: **SCHATTNER**

F.

G.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **SCHAUB**

ARNOLD

A.

Address: 2900 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "G", 222ND INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Camp Gruber, Oklahoma - The base is named after General Edmund L. Gruber, an artillery officer and general in the United States Army who died in 1941 / During the course of World War II Camp Gruber provided training to infantry, field artillery, and tank destroyer units that went on to fight in Europe

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: **SCHAUB**

FRANCIS

A.

Address: 32 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

532ND F.A. BATTALION (FIELD ARTILLERY)

717TH C. A. BATTERY (COASTAL ARTILLERY)

64TH A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

6 BATTLE STARS

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Francis A. Schaub was assigned overseas for 44 months and participated in the battles for Christmas Island, Saipan (Mariana Islands), Tinian (Mariana Islands), Leyte, Luzon and the Philippines earning his 6 Battle Stars

Base Assignments:

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

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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A Marksmanship Badge is a military badge of the United States Armed Forces presented to personnel upon



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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: **SCHAUB**

JOSEPH

A.

Address: 121 THORNDALE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/4

Unit / Squadron:

3414TH ORDNANCE M.M. COMPANY (MEDIUM MAINTENANCE)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **SCHAUB**

SYLVESTER A.

Address: 32 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: SSML. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS SWANSON (DD-443)
3RD FLEET, 5TH FLEET, 7TH FLEET
ATLANTIC FLEET

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON
10 BATTLE STARS AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL
PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Ship's Service Man Third-Class (Laundryman) Sylvester A. Schaub earned 10 Battle Stars for combat action during his service in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

A Ship's Serviceman (SH), was involved with the daily operation of the retail and service activities of an afloat or ashore supply department / Ship's Serviceman performed duties as a laundryman, barber, ship's store operator, bulk storeroom custodian, or records keeper

USS Swanson (DD-443) was a Gleaves-class destroyer of the United States Navy, named for Secretary of the Navy Claude A. Swanson / The Swanson participated in the Atlantic and Pacific campaigns / In October 1942, the Swanson joined the invasion fleet sailing for French North Africa and the invasion of Casablanca / After the Casablanca landings, Swanson returned to Atlantic convoy duty until July 1943, when she joined the Sicily invasion force / In Pacific campaigns, she provided screen cover for the Carrier Task Force during the Philippines landings / In 1944 and early 1945, the Swanson was engaged in air-sea rescue of downed fliers, antisubmarine patrol, and radar picket patrols between Iwo Jima and Saipan / Commissioned on 29 May 1941 and decommissioned on 10 December 1945

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intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the European Theater (to include North Africa and the Middle East) and was awarded for any service performed between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946 / The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was awarded as a service ribbon throughout the entire Second World War

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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 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: **SCHERER**

WILLIAM

H.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "A", 759TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

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

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Name: SCHEUENEMAN

HENRY E.

Address: 733 MILL ROAD

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

Unit / Squadron:

560TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON, 43RD SERVICE GROUP

338TH SERVICE SQUADRON, 315TH GROUP

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 5 BATTLE STARS

DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION BADGE UNIT CITATION

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Henry E. Scheueneman was assigned to the Overseas Replacement Depot in Greensboro, North Carolina in July 1945 after spending 33 months in the European theater of operations / Scheuneman saw action in Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, Sicily, and Italy earning 5 Battle Stars

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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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



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concurrently, the unit can be awarded an honorary title, a mention on the flag or a decoration

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Name: SCHEUNEMAN

ARTHUR

G.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS CARTER HALL (LSD-3)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

4 BATTLE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL W/2 BRONZE STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class Arthur G. Scheuneman served aboard the USS Carter Hall from 18 September 1943 thru 18 May 1946, earning 4 Battle Stars for action in combat

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:

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 Carter Hall (LSD-3) was an Ashland-class dock landing ship in the United States Navy, named in honor of Carter Hall, the Millwood, Virginia estate of Lt. Col. Nathaniel Burwell / Participated in the battle of Leyte Gulf in 1944 / In 1945, the Carter Hall took part in the invasions at Brunei Bay and Balikpapan (Borneo) / Commissioned on 18 September 1943 and decommissioned on 12 February 1947

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Name: SCHIFFHAUER

FRANCIS

A.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "E", 406TH INFANTRY, 102ND INFANTRY DIVISION, 9TH ARMY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL PURPLE HEART

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Francis A. Schiffhauer was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received on the battlefield

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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

The 102nd infantry Division was activated on 15 September 1942 at Camp Maxey, Texas and shipped overseas on 12 September 1944 / The division saw 173 days of combat during the campaigns for the Rhineland and Central Europe and earned 4 Distinguished Unit Citations / The 102nd pushed within 48 miles of Berlin, but had to halt its advance on orders / It patrolled and maintained defensive positions until the end of hostilities in Europe / The 102nd Infantry Division returned to the United States on 11 March 1946 and the division was inactivated on 23 March 1946

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Name: **SCHILLING**

GORDON

N.

Address: 33 BAYBERRY AVENUE

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

M.O.T.G. 81 (MARINE OPERATIONAL TRAINING GROUP), 9TH AIR WING, 4TH MARINE AIR WING

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Gordon N. Schilling served in the Pacific area from May 1945 to November 1945

Base Assignments:

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune (Jacksonville, North Carolina) - Construction began in April 1941 and the base was named in honor of the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, John A. Lejeune / The 1st Marine Division set up at Lejeune in September 1941 / Camp Lajeune was used as the East Coast amphibious training facility and training camp to prepare Marines for infantry combat

Cherry Point, North Carolina - Commissioned in 1942, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point or MCAS Cherry Point is a United States Marine Corps airfield located in Havelock, North Carolina / Cherry Point's primary World War II mission was to train units and individual Marines for service to the Pacific theater / The air station also served as a base for anti-submarine operations, with an Army Air Corps (22d Antisubmarine Squadron) and later a Navy squadron each being responsible for the sinking of a German U-boat just off the North Carolina coast during 1943

Edenton, North Carolina - Marine Operational Training Group and Marine Corps Air Station

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: **SCHILLING**

RAYMOND

Address: 391 EAST CENTER ROAD

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: M.M. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "H", 3RD BATTALION, 17TH MARINES

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Machinist's Mate First-Class

Base Assignments:

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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: SCHLEHR

J.

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: **SCHLEHR**

R.

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: SCHLEHR

ROBERT

R.

Address: 80 BARNSDALE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

554TH SIGNAL DEPOT COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technical Sergeant Robert R. Schlehr was assigned to Army Forces, Western Pacific (AFWESPAC) Command Base, "R", in Batangas, located on the southwestern part of Luzon, Philippine Islands

Base Assignments:

Fort Jackson, South Carolina - Fort Jackson was named for Andrew Jackson, a United States Army General and President of the United States of America who was born in the border region of North and South Carolina / Throughout World War II, the post was used to train new recruits / The fort also provided lodging for units awaiting overseas shipment, participating in maneuvers, conducting planning, coordinating draftees, and providing support / Additionally, it served as headquarters for the state's prisoner-of-war (POW) camps

Miscellaneous:

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Name: SCHLICHER

MARVIN J.

Address: 94 DIRKSON AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

AREA HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT

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: **SCHLICHER**

WILLIAM

J.

Address:

CLARK STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

1850TH SERVICE UNIT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Camp Chaffee, Arkansas - The camp was named after Major General Adna R. Chaffee Jr., an artillery officer who, in Europe during World War I, determined that the cavalry was outmoded and, unlike other cavalry officers, advocated for the use of tanks / In addition to providing a training facility for US soldiers, Fort Chaffee served as a POW camp, housing 3,000 German prisoners of war

Miscellaneous:



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Name: SCHLOSSIN

HERBERT

L.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

781ST BOMBER SQUADRON, 465TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL
W/7 BRONZE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

2 UNIT CITATIONS

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN - SUB MACHINEGUN

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN - CARBINE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN - PISTOL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Herbert L. Schlossin served in Italy

Base Assignments:

McCook Air Field, Nebraska - McCook Army Airfield was activated on 1 April 1943 and is located southwest of Lincoln, Nebraska / McCook provided final training of heavy bomber crews for the B-17 Flying Fortress, Consolidated B-24 Liberator and Boeing B-29 Super Fortress / 15,000 servicemen and 500 civilians were stationed at McCook / Bomber crew members received final proficiency training at the field before deployment in North Africa, Europe, and Pacific Theater of Operations

Pantanella Air Field (Apulia, Italy) - The airfield opened in February 1944, and became home to two Heavy Bomber Groups of the 15th Air Force / B-24 Liberators from Pantanella participated in both strategic and tactical bombing missions throughout southern and eastern Europe

Miscellaneous:

Activated in 1943, the 465th Bombardment Group was a highly-decorated unit that served primarily in the Mediterranean, African, and The Middle East Theater of World War II

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),



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Medium (M), and Light (L) / Groups which combined bombers of differing categories into a single administrative organization were designated "Composite" groups

The Consolidated B-24 Liberator was an American heavy bomber, designed by Consolidated Aircraft of San Diego, California / Often compared with the better-known Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, the B-24 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 built by the Ford Motor Company, the B-24 Liberator still holds the distinction as the most-produced American military aircraft

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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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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



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small arm for the American military during World War II

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Name: SCHMIDT

GEORGE

V.

Address: 186 ALLENDALE ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "G", 264TH INFANTRY

66TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private George V. Schmidt served in the European Theater with the 66th Infantry Division

Base Assignments:

Camp Rucker, Alabama - The fort was located mostly in Dale County, Alabama and was named for a Civil War officer, Confederate General Edmund Rucker / The post was the primary flight training base for Army Aviation / During the latter part of the Second World War, several hundred German and a few Italian prisoners-of-war were housed on the post

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Name: SCHMIDT

GLENN

A.

Address: 3985 SENECA STREET

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Glenn A. Schmidt was sworn into military service 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:



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Name: SCHMIDT

JOHN

L.

Address: 1468 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: M.M. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

STATION FORCE B-148, N.A.B.D. (NAVAL ADVANCED BASE DEPOT), 30TH N.C.B. (NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Machinist's Mate Second-Class John L. Schmidt served in Pearl Harbor, the Philippine Islands, China and Guam (Marianas Islands)

Base Assignments:

Davisville, Rhode Island - The Navy acquired property at Quonset Point on Narragansett Bay in 1939 and built Naval Air Station Quonset Point / In 1942, adjoining properties were developed for training Seabees, including the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) at Davisville

Miscellaneous:

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Name: SCHMIDT

JOHN

V.

Address: 850 CENTER ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A.M.M. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

S.R.B. #1 (SEAPLANE REPAIR BASE)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Aviation Machinist Mate Second-Class John V. Schmidt enlisted in the Navy on 18 September 1942 and saw foreign service beginning in June 1943

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Aviation Machinist's Mates are United States Navy aircraft engine mechanics that inspect, adjust, test, repair, and overhaul aircraft engines and propellers / More specifically, ADs install, maintain, and service various aircraft engine types as well as various accessories, gear boxes, related fuel systems, and lubrication systems; determine reasons for engine degradation using various test equipment; perform propeller repairs; handle and service aircraft ashore or aboard ship; and can also serve as aircrewman in various types of aircraft

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Name: SCHMIDT

KENNETH J.

Address: 77 FREEMONT AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "I", 358TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL PURPLE HEART
UNIT AWARD - CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Kenneth J. Schmidt enlisted in the Army on 6 November 1942 / Private Schmidt was wounded in action during a battle in France

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 358th Infantry Regiment was activated on 25 March 1942 at Camp Barkeley, Texas / The 358th participated in the campaigns for Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe / The regiment received 2 Presidential Unit Citations for their combat action and also received the French Croix de Guerre with Palm for action in France / The 358th Infantry Regiment was inactivated on 26 December 1945

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The unit award of the Croix de guerre with palm was issued to military units whose men performed heroic deeds in combat and were subsequently recognized by headquarters

Name: SCHMIDT

LAVERN

G.

Address: 77 FREEMONT AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "D", 72ND MEDICAL TRAINING BATTALION, A.S.F.T.C. (ARMY SERVICE FORCES TRAINING CENTER)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Lavern G. Schmidt entered the Army on 29 March 1943

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:



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Name: **SCHMIDT**

MELVIN

W.

Address: 95 ORCHARD AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 344TH F.A. BATTALION (FIELD ARTILLERY), 90TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL W/ARROWHEAD 5 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Melvin W. Schmidt served in the U.S. Army from 1 March 1943 through 8 December 1945, which included 23 months of overseas duty / Private Schmidt was stationed in England for a short period before earning his Battle Stars, seeing action in France, Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, and Czechoslovakia

While in an Army Convalescent Hospital with pneumonia, Private Melvin Schmidt, a scenic designer, made several mural-like sketches for the walls of his hospital ward to help cheer up the other patients

Base Assignments:

Fort Dix (Trenton, New Jersey) - Fort Dix was established in 1917 and named for Major General John Adams Dix, a veteran of the War of 1812 and the Civil War / Dix served as a training and staging ground during World War II and a demobilization center after the war / 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

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

Fort George 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 was used as a World War II recruit training post / In



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September 1943, the first shipment of 1,632 Italian and 58 German prisoners arrived at Fort Meade

Camp Shanks (Orangetown, New York) - Camp Shanks, named after Major General David Carey Shanks (1861–1940), served as a point of embarkation for troops departing overseas during World War II / Dubbed “Last Stop USA,” the camp housed about 50,000 troops spread over 2,040 acres and was the largest World War II Army embarkation camp, processing 1.3 million service personnel including 75% of those participating in the D-Day invasion / In 1945 Camp Shanks housed German and Italian prisoners of war (POW)

Miscellaneous:

Melvin W. Schmidt graduated from East Aurora High School where he became interested in art / Schmidt was the first Cazenovia District Boy Scout to earn a merit badge in art

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

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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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



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lowest): Expert, Sharpshooter, and Marksman

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Name: **SCHMIDT**

MILTON

H.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

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

USS TICONDEROGA (CV-19)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class Milton H. Schmidt served in the Atlantic Theater and the Pacific Theater

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

Mercer Field (Trenton, New Jersey) - Field was established in 1907 and during World War II, the field was used to test TBF Avenger bombers for the United States Navy

Roosevelt Naval Air Field (Long Island, New York) - In 1919, the field was renamed in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt's son, Quentin, who was killed in air combat during World War I / Roosevelt Field was the takeoff point for many historic flights in the early history of aviation, including Charles Lindbergh's 1927 solo transatlantic flight. It was also used by other pioneering aviators, including Amelia Earhart and Wiley Post

Naval Air Station Alameda (Alameda, California) - Station was used for air support training, fleet radar operator's school, celestial navigation trainer school, and aviation storekeeper school / In April 1942, the USS Hornet (CV-8) entered Alameda to load the 16 B-25 aircraft that would take part in the Doolittle Raid on Japan

Hollister Naval Auxiliary Air Station (Hollister, California) - Hollister Air Station served as an operational training



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base for torpedo and fighter squadrons

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 Ticonderoga (CV-19) was an Essex-class aircraft carrier / Deployed to the Pacific in the fall of 1944, the Ticonderoga took part in strikes across the Philippines and South China Sea / Damaged by a pair of kamikazes in January 1945, it returned to active duty in April / Resuming operations, Ticonderoga mounted numerous strikes against Japan in the final weeks of World War II / Commissioned on 8 May 1944 and decommissioned on 9 January 1947

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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 December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946

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: SCHMIDT

NORMAN

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: LT. COL.

Unit / Squadron:

522ND QUARTERMASTER BATTALION

585TH BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Lieutenant Colonel

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: SCHMIDT

NORMAN

F.

Address: 77 FREEMONT AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

2072 QUARTERMASTER TRUCK COMPANY, AVN (AVIATION)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Norman F. Schmidt enlisted in the Army on 6 August 1942

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: SCHMIDT

ROY

N.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/4

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS, 176TH SIGNAL REPAIR COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Activated on 13 January 1941 as the 2d Signal Repair Company and redesignated on 7 August 1941 as the 176th Signal Repair Company / The 176th Signal Repair Company saw action on New Guinea

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 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

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Name: SCHMITT

MARCELLE

M.

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: **SCHNATTER**

EDWARD

W.

Address: 64 FLOHR AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

90TH SIGNAL CORPS.

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The United States Army Signal Corps was established in 1860 and was used in World War II to coordinate swift and accurate communication for air, ground, and naval units required more sophisticated technology and service / The Signal Corps developed, tested, provided, and managed communications and information systems support for the command and control of combined arms forces / The Signal Corps pioneered in the development of radar to detect approaching aircraft as well as mobile communications and deciphering machines / In addition to its primary role in military transmissions, the unit also played a key role in producing training films for army and civilian personnel, and documenting combat missions / During World War II, noted Hollywood producers, directors, and photographers (such as Darryl Zanuck, Frank Capra, John Huston, and George Stevens) all served in the Signal Corps

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Name: **SCHNATTER**

FREDERICK G.

Address: 64 FLOHR AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 793RD M.P. BATTALION (MILITARY POLICE)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 793rd Military Police Battalion was activated at Camp Maxey, Texas on 26 December 1942

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: SCHNECKENBERGER

LLOYD

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: A/C

Unit / Squadron:

2528TH A.A.F. (ARMY AIR FORCE) BASE UNIT, SECTION "H"

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Air Cadet Lloyd Schneckenberger served as a mechanic working on planes / The war ended before Cadet Schneckenberger could be assigned to the front lines

Base Assignments:

Midland, Texas - Midland Army Airfield operated as a Bombardier training school for the United States Army Air Forces from 1942 until 1945

Miscellaneous:

The Air Cadet Pilot Training Program was originally created by the U.S. Army to train its pilots / Graduates were usually graded as flight officers (warrant officers) / Cadets who graduated at the top of their class were graded as second lieutenants / Aviation cadets who washed out of pilot training were sent to navigator or bombardier school / Aviation cadets who washed out of navigator or bombardier training were usually sent to Flexible Gunnery School to become aerial gunners / The U.S. Army created almost 3,000 enlisted pilots from 1912 to 1942



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: SCHNECKENBERGER

MARY

Address:

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

M.C.W.R. (MARINE CORPS WOMEN'S RESERVE) BATTALION, COMPANY "C"

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Camp Lejeune, North Carolina - On May 1, 1941, the Marine Corps. Established a base, then known as Marine Barracks New River, North Carolina / Near the end of 1942, the base took on a the name of Camp Lejeune, named in honor of the 13th Commandant and Commanding General of the 2nd Army Division in World War I

Miscellaneous:

The Marine Corps Women's Reserve was officially established on 13 February 1943. The first director of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve was Major Ruth Cheney Streeter / By the end of World War II, 85% of all enlisted U.S. Marine Corps personnel assigned to Headquarters were women / The women were assigned to over 200 different jobs, among them: radio operator, photographer, parachute rigger, driver, aerial gunnery instructor, cook, baker, quartermaster, control tower operator, motion picture operator, auto mechanic, telegraph operator, cryptographer, laundry operator, post exchange manager, stenographer, and agriculturist.



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: SCHNEIDER

HOWARD

E.

Address:

MAIN STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

2ND BATTALION, 401ST GLIDER INFANTRY, 325TH GLIDER INFANTRY REGIMENT, 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PURPLE HEART MEDAL

4 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE

DUTCH CITATION

BELGIUM CITATION

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Howard E. Schneider was wounded in combat action and received the Purple Heart / Sgt Schneider was also recognized for his accomplishments on the battlefield by the French, Belgium and Netherlands governments

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Howard Schneider was a graduate of Ebenezer High School in West Seneca / After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Army, Schneider worked for Acme Markets / Schneider was a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge and an Assistant Fire Chief at Vigilant Fire Company / Howard E. Schneider passed away on 24 January 2009 at the age of 90 years old

The 401st Glider Infantry was reconstituted on August 16th, 1942 as an Airborne Infantry Regiment at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana / It consisted of two battalions that would land in gliders or by transport aircraft into a landing zone secured by paratroop forces

The 82nd Division was organized on 25 August 1917, at Camp Gordon, Georgia. Since its initial members came from all 48 states, the unit acquired the nickname All-American, which is the basis for its famed "AA" shoulder patch / The 82nd Airborne participated in combat operations in Sicily, Salerno, Normandy, Operation Market Garden in the Netherlands and the Battle of the Bulge / During World War II, 1,619 Airborne soldiers were killed in action and 6,560 soldiers were wounded in action



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The Purple Heart is a United States military decoration awarded in the name of the President to those wounded or killed, while serving with the U.S. military

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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

The Croix de Guerre (Cross of War) is a military decoration of France, created in 1915 and commonly bestowed on foreign military forces allied to France / The Croix de guerre may either be awarded as an individual or unit award to those soldiers who distinguish themselves by acts of heroism involving combat with the enemy / The medal is awarded to those who have been "mentioned in despatches", meaning a heroic deed or deeds were performed meriting a citation from an individual's headquarters unit / The unit award of the Croix de guerre with palm was issued to military units whose men performed heroic deeds in combat and were subsequently recognized by headquarters



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Name: **SCHNORR**

ROBERT

Address: 686 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: COAST GUARD

Rank: S. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS WORCHESTER PF-62 (PATROL FRIGATE)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class Robert Schnorr completed his basic training at Manhattan Beach and transferred to Graton, Connecticut where he studied radar and received his diploma on 28 February 1944 / Seaman Schnorr was transferred to Norfolk, Virginia for additional training

Base Assignments:

United States Coast Guard (U.S.C.G.) Station Manhattan Beach (Brooklyn, New York) - USCG Basic Training and Petty Officer Rating Training Facility where 43,000 recruits trained during World War II

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

The USS Worcester was used for anti-submarine patrol work along America's shore during the war / Patrol Frigates were also used as weather ships and many were assigned escort duty across the Atlantic to the European theater

Operating as part of the United States Navy, the United States Coast Guard was given the mission to patrol and protect the shores of the United States, with a large role looking for enemy German submarines in the Atlantic Theater / The Coast Guard also rescued survivors from naval vessels near the U.S coast whether it be attacked merchant ships or sunken German U-Boats



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Name: **SCHOCH**

EDWIN

F.

Address: 1167 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: LT.

Unit / Squadron:

V.F. 19 (FIGHTER SQUADRON)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Lieutenant Edwin F. Schoch served a fighter pilot in the Pacific Fleet

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

VF-19 was an aviation unit (Fighter Squadron) of the United States Navy / Known as the "Satan's Kittens", the unit was formed in July 1944 and based aboard the carrier, "Lexington" / VF-19 was credited with 155 "kills" (enemy aircraft shot down)

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Name: **SCHRADER**

EARL

R.

Address: 18 AVENUE B

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

S.S. DANIEL HUGER (LIBERTY SHIP #0129)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The Liberty Ship freighter SS Daniel Huger was named after Mr. Daniel Elliott Huger (28 June 1779 - 21 August 1854), a United States Senator from South Carolina

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 D. Roosevelt

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Name: SCHRAFT

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: **SCHRENK**

FREDERICK

Address: 96 WILDWOOD AVENUE

Service Branch: MERCHANT MARINE **Rank:** S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

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

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Name: SCHROEDER

DONALD R.

Address: 27 RESERVE ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: G.M. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Gunner's Mate Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Balboa Park (San Diego, California) - During World War II, Balboa Park, a 1,200-acre urban cultural park, was handed over to the Department of the Navy to be used as a barracks and training ground and was an extension of Naval Medical Center San Diego / The park was renamed Camp Kidd, after Rear Admiral Isaac Kidd / Buildings within the park were used for multiple purposes, including hospital wards, training facilities, and barracks / After the attack on Pearl Harbor, many of the wounded were transported to Camp Kidd's hospital wards / Camp Kidd also served as a Reception Center for sailors until 1944

Miscellaneous:

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

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Name: **SCHROEDER**

FRANKLIN

J.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/3

Unit / Squadron:

880TH ORDNANCE H.A.M. COMPANY (HEAVY AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

5 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

MERITORIOUS SERVICE PLAQUE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Third-Grade (Staff Sergeant) Franklin J. Schroeder earned 5 Battle Stars for combat action in Europe

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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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 military duty between 8 September 1939 and 7 December 1941



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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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Name: SCHROEDER

GUSTAVE

R.

Address: 3545 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: M/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

10TH REPLACEMENT DEPARTMENT, HEADQUARTERS

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL LEGION OF MERIT

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Master Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **SCHROEDER**

HERMAN

T.

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: **SCHROEDER**

IRVING E.

Address: 81 TINDLE AVENUE

Service Branch: MERCHANT MARINE **Rank:**

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Mariner Irving S. Schroeder served by supplying necessary equipment to troops overseas

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: SCHUESSLER

ARTHUR

W.

Address: 138 EDSON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: MAJOR

Unit / Squadron:

336TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 95TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, 8TH AIR FORCE

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

BRONZE STARS W/OAK LEAF CLUSTER

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Lieutenant Arthur W. Schuessler enlisted in the Army-Air Force in September 1942 and was stationed in Rome, New York / In 1944, Lieutenant Schuessler was enrolled in Bombardier School in Big Springs, Texas where he was recognized as an "Outstanding Student", receiving the Certificate of Merit

Lieutenant Schuessler's first mission, serving as a bombardier, came in September 1944 during a bombing run over Merseburg, Germany / His B-17 plane was hit by ground fire, forcing them to land, but the crew was able to fix the aircraft and they all returned safely to base.

In October 1944, Lieutenant Schuessler and his crew were flying over Bohlen, Germany when his B-17 Bomber Flying Fortress was hit by heavy ground flak / Damage to the plane was too extensive to continue with the mission and the crew was ordered to bail out / Lieutenant Schuessler was taken prisoner by the German Army and first shipped to Stalag Luft III, the Prisoner of War camp in Sagan, Germany and then transferred to Stalag VII A, a Prisoner-of-War (POW) camp in Moosburg, Germany.

In April 1945, General Patton's Third Army liberated the camp and the freed Lieutenant Schuessler was flown to LeHarve, France and then transferred back to Fort Dix, New Jersey / Arthur Schuessler was promoted to Major and received an Honorable Discharge in September 1945.

Major Arthur Schuessler received a Bronze Star for combat action in Northern France and a Bronze Star for action in the Rhineland / Major Schuessler joined the Air Force Reserves, retiring in May 1967

Base Assignments:

Rome Air Depot (Rome New York) - Throughout World War II, Rome Air Depot provided training in aircraft engine maintenance and repair, and trained air depot groups in engine repair



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Big Springs, Texas - Army-Air Field opened during World War II as the Big Spring Bombardier School, a training base for bombardier pilots

Alexander, Louisiana - Camp Beauregard near Pineville was established in 1917, when the War Department authorized more than thirty such camps around the country to train troops for World War I. The camp was abandoned after the war in 1919 and given to the state, but returned to the US Army during World War II

Miscellaneous:

When the Prisoner-of-War camp in Moosburg, Germany was liberated by the American Army, a West Seneca native, Captain Theodore Meyer, was named as Supervisor of the camp

The 95th Bombardment Group (Heavy) was activated on 15 Jun 1942 and transferred to England, Mar-May 1943, and assigned to the Eighth Air Force / In July 1943, the B-17's assigned to the Group bombed harbors, industries, marshalling yards, cities and other strategic objectives in Germany, which continued until V-E Day / The 95th Bombardment Group received 3 Distinguished Unit Citations for its action against enemy forces

The Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress was a four-engine heavy bomber aircraft primarily employed by the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) in the daylight precision strategic bombing campaign of World War II against German industrial and military targets / The B-17 aircraft was a high-flying, long-range bomber that was able to defend itself, and to return home despite extensive battle damage / The B-17 aircraft established itself as an effective weapons system, dropping more bombs than any other U.S. aircraft in World War II / Of the 1.5 million metric tons of bombs dropped on Germany and its occupied territories by U.S. aircraft, 640,000 tons were dropped from B-17 Flying Fortresses

Shortly after the beginning of World War II in September 1939, a POW camp called Kriegsgefangenen-Mannschafts-Stammlager (Stalag) VII A was established north of Moosburg, Germany / Originally it was planned for 10,000 prisoners, but by the end of the war some 80,000 Allied soldiers were detained in the main camp / In 1945, US troops occupied Moosburg and liberated the POWs

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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

An oak leaf cluster is a miniature metal device worn by members of the uniformed services of the United States on medals and ribbons issued by the United States Army, Air Force, and Department of Defense to denote subsequent decorations and awards / It is bronze or silver in appearance, formed as a twig of four oak leaves



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with three acorns on the stem. The bronze oak leaf cluster represents one additional award

Name: SCHULDT

PAUL

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

85TH MEDICAL SUPPLY PLATOON

5TH SQUADRON M.S.T.S. (MILITARY SEA TRANSPORTATION SHIPS)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Robbins Field, Georgia - The base is named in honor of Brig Gen Augustine Warner Robins, the Air Force's "father of logistics" / Throughout World War II (1941-45), 23,670 employees repaired almost every kind of AAF aircraft, including B-17s, C-47s, B-29s, B-24s, P-38s, P-47s, and P-51s / Its training facilities turned out nearly 60,000 field repair mechanics for every theater of war / The workforce supplied every kind of part necessary to keep AAF planes flying, especially spark plugs / It also maintained thousands of parachutes, aircraft electronic and radio systems, and AAF small arms

Miscellaneous:

The Military Sea Transportation Service (MSTS), a component of the United States Navy, became solely responsible for the Department of Defense's ocean transport needs / The United States Military Sea Transportation Service had the responsibility for providing sealift and ocean transportation for all US military services as well as for other government agencies / The Military Sea Transportation Service ships were made up of a core fleet of ships owned by the United States Navy and others under long-term-charter augmented by short-term or voyage-chartered ships



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Name: **SCHULLER**

HERBERT

P.

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: SCHULTZ

HOWARD J.

Address: 101 BARNSDALE AVENUE

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

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Howard J. Schultz spent 10 months as part of the aircraft ground crew

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:



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Name: SCHUTRUM, JR.

VICTOR H.

Address: 45 BROOKSIDE DRIVE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: R.T. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS COLAHAN (DD-658)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

9 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL W/2 BRONZE STARS

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Radio Technician Second-Class Victor H. Schutrum, Jr. earned 7 Battle Stars during naval engagements in the Pacific Theater and 2 Battle Stars during the campaign to liberate the Philippine Islands

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Radio Technicians were responsible for equipment used to send and receive messages, long range radar, and calibration of test equipment / Technicians maintained, repaired, calibrated, tuned, and adjusted electronic equipment used for communications, detection and tracking, recognition and identification, navigation

USS Colahan (DD-658) was a Fletcher-class destroyer of the United States Navy, named for Commander Charles E. Colahan (1849–1904) / In 1944, she operated on radar picket, shore bombardment and fire support duty during the bombardment, capture, and occupation of Guam and the massive Battle for Leyte Gulf / Commissioned on 23 August 1943 and decommissioned on 1 August 1966

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 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



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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

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: SCHWAB

ALBERT

R.

Address: 3601 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: MERCHANT MARINE **Rank:**

Unit / Squadron:

US MARITIME TRAINING STATION, BARRACKS B-2

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Brooklyn, New York

Miscellaneous:

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Name: SCHWAB

CLARENCE J.

Address: BULLIS ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

188TH GENERAL HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 188th General Hospital was activated 25 June 1943 at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas

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Name: SCHWAB

JAMES

E.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 133RD A.A.A. BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal

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: SCHWAB

JOSEPH

E.

Address: 225 BULLIS ROAD

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Joseph E. Schwab was sworn into military service 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:



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Name: SCHWARTZ

JOHN

C.

Address: 372 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

MEDICAL CORPS.

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private John C. Schwartz was sent to the European theater of operations several time where he saw combat action

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 compound, and a separation center

Miscellaneous:

The U.S. military in World War II had an organized, structured system for evacuation and treatment of casualties that stretched from frontline foxholes to hospitals in the United States homeland, based on medical care echelons / Sick or wounded individuals would be transported from one echelon to another as rapidly and efficiently as possible, subject to conditions which often prevented optimal handling, to optimize their care and potential to return to duty / The ability of the American military system to provide medical aid and treatment to its personnel was a source of strength and increased morale, an important factor in ultimate victory

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Name: SCHWARTZ

JOSEPH

Address: 3622 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

3507TH BASE UNIT (TRANSPORT SQUADRON)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Kessler Field, Mississippi - The base is named in honor of aviator 2d 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

Sioux Falls, South Dakota - During World War II, the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) established numerous airfields in South Dakota for training pilots and aircrews of USAAF fighters and bombers

Miscellaneous:



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Name: SCHWARTZ

RAYMOND C.

Address: 372 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "C", 245TH C.A. (COASTAL ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL PURPLE HEART

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Raymond C. Schwartz saw combat action during the Italian campaign and suffered a shoulder injury in battle

Base Assignments:

Fort Hancock, New Jersey - The coastal artillery base defended the Atlantic coast and the entrance to New York Harbor / In 1893, Fort Hancock installed the nation's first disappearing gun battery at Battery Potter / It played a vital role during World War II guarding the entrance to New York against German U-Boat attacks during the Battle of the Atlantic

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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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: SCHWARTZ

STANLEY

F.

Address: 372 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S.F. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

76TH BATTLE FLEET

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Shipfitter Second-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

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: SCHWARTZ

WILLIAM

J.

Address: 372 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: G.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

SS ROBERT LUCKENBACH

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Gunner Mate Third-Class William J. Schwartz was credited with shooting down a German plane while serving on the "SS Robert Luckenback" / Gunner Mate Schwartz had his ship torpedoed by a German submarine and was tossed overboard / Gunpowder from one of the ship's big guns got in his left eye and he was unable to see out of that eye for about a week / He survived on a raft for 5 days with nothing to eat but fish and water

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The SS Luckenbach was built in 1944 the Western Pipe & Steel Company of California, San Francisco / Sea Runner standard ship type C3-S-A2 built for United States Maritime Commission

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Name: SCHWARTZMEYER

GERALD R.

Address: 223 AURORA AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS PHOENIX (CL-46)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-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 Phoenix, a Brooklyn-class light cruiser named in honor of the capital city of the state of Arizona / The Phoenix supported the 1st Cavalry Division in a reconnaissance-in-force on Los Negros Island on 29 February 1944 with General Douglas MacArthur on board during the course of the operations / The ship also participated in the battle of Leyte Gulf, Philippines / The USS Phoenix earned nine battle stars for World War II service / Commissioned 3 October 1938 and decommissioned on 3 July 1946



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Name: SCHWARTZMEYER

MELVIN E

Address: 223 AURORA AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

L.S.T. 699 (LANDING SHIP, TANK)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

4 BATTLE STARS

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class Melvin E. Schwartzmeyer earned 4 Battle Stars for combat action in the Pacific / Seaman Schwartzmeyer served on LST 699 as a gunner in the Pacific Theater

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

Landing Ship, Tank (LST) is the military designation for naval vessels created during World War II to support amphibious operations by carrying significant quantities of vehicles, cargo, and landing troops directly onto an unimproved shore

LST-699 was commissioned on 5 June 1944 and participated in the Leyte and Luzon and Mindanao Island landings / LST 699 was decommissioned, 24 June 1946 and sold for scrap on 5 December 1947 / LST 699 earned three battle stars for World War II service

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Name: **SCHWARTZMEYER**

R.

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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Name: SCHWARZENHOLZER

EDWARD

Address: CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

SS TOTECO

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Edward Schwarzenholzer served as an Armed Guard aboard the SS Toteco

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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

The European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Campaign Medal was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on 6 November 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt / The medal was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the European Theater (to include North Africa and the Middle East) and was awarded for any service performed between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946 / The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was awarded as a service ribbon throughout the entire Second World War often carried much more. Liberty ships were nicknamed "ugly ducklings" by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt



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Name: SCHWEIKART

ART

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 65TH MEDICAL BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

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:

The U.S. military in World War II had an organized, structured system for evacuation and treatment of casualties that stretched from frontline foxholes to hospitals in the United States homeland, based on medical care echelons / Sick or wounded individuals would be transported from one echelon to another as rapidly and efficiently as possible, subject to conditions which often prevented optimal handling, to optimize their care and potential to return to duty / The ability of the American military system to provide medical aid and treatment to its personnel was a source of strength and increased morale, an important factor in ultimate victory



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Name: SCHWING

LOUIS

J.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: C.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

C.B.M.U. 573 (CONSTRUCTION BATTALION MAINTENANCE UNIT)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Carpenter's Mate Third-Class Louis John Schwing was based at Espiritu Santo in the New Hebrides where he was attached to the 1056th Construction Battalion Detachment (C.B.D.), Stevedore

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Louis J. Schwing worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company prior to entering into the U.S. Navy on 26 March 1945 / Louis Schwing was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 2940

A Carpenter's Mate used hand and power tools / Took charge of ship ventilation, painting, watertight control, drainage and understand shoring and drydocking

Seabees: After the attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, and the use of civilian labor in war zones became impractical so the Navy created Construction Battalions (from which the abbreviation "C.B." became Seabees) / The Seabees have a history of building bases, bulldozing and paving thousands of miles of roadway and airstrips, bridges, roads, gasoline storage tanks, and Quonset huts for warehouses, hospitals, and housing

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

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Name: SCOTCHER

EDWIN

R.

Address: 3065 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

M.D.N.T.U. (MARINE DETACHMENT NAVAL TRAINING UNIT)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

University of Redlands, California - In July, 1943 the Navy V-12 unit, composed of 631 men reported to the University for officer candidate training

Miscellaneous:

The purpose of the V-12 Navy College Training 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 / The V-12 Navy College Training Program was initiated in 1943 to meet both the immediate and long-range needs for commissioned officers to man ships, fly planes and command troops called to duty in World War II / Between 1 July 1943, and 30 June 1946, more than 125,000 men were enrolled in the V-12 program in 131 colleges and universities in the United States

Graduates in the V-12 Program from the Marine Corps reported directly to boot camp and were later enrolled in a three-month Officer Candidate Course. Once they completed the training, participants received their commission as Marine Corps second lieutenants



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Name: **SCOTCHER**

ROBERT

C.

Address: 3065 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

SQUADRON OFFICE, 3365TH SIGNAL SERVICE BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Vancouver Barracks, Washington - Established in 1879, the oldest fort on the West Coast and the most historic in the Northwest / Vancouver Barracks provided troops in the Indian Wars, Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II

Miscellaneous:

The United States Army Signal Corps (Signal Service) developed, tested, provided, and managed communications and information systems support for the command and control of combined arms forces

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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

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Name: **SCOTT**

HOLLIS

T.

Address: 4117 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

A.O. 27-B-45 (AVIATION ORDNANCE)

N.A.T.T.C. (NAVAL AIR TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:

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The Naval Air Technical Training Center provided highly classified airborne electronics maintenance training (radar, sonar, and other types of electronic systems) for many thousands of Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, and Royal Air Force personnel



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Name: **SECORD**

HENRY

F.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

230TH PORT COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **SECORD**

JEREMIAH

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY 115-08-U, U.S.N.T.C. (UNITED STATES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

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:

Naval Training Centers (NTC) 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: **SEGER**

ARTHUR

L.

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: **SEELEY**

DONALD

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: SEELEY

DWIGHT

L.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: SEIBERT

CLARENCE E.

Address: 29 AURORA AVENUE

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

Unit / Squadron:

48TH A.D. HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON (AIR DEPOT)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC -PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Kelly Field, Texas - Located outside of San Antonio, the Field was named in honor of 2nd Lieutenant George Edward Maurice Kelly, who died during a training run / Between January 1939 and March 1943, over 6,800 men graduated from Kelly's Advanced Flying School and approximately 1,700 additional pilots graduated from various other courses in the Instructor's School / The mission of base turned to overhauling, repairing and modifying thousands of Army aircraft, including B-17s, B-25s, B-29s, P-51s, and the C-47 cargo plane

Dinjan Airfield (Assam, India) - Dinjan Field's mission was the air transport of supplies, personnel, equipment and aircraft within India and China during World War II

Miscellaneous:

The 48th Air Depot was activated on 13 March 1942 and assigned to Dinjan Airfield, Assam, India and Bengal Air Depot, India

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Name: SEIBERT

JOSEPH

F.

Address: 386 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CV-31)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

2 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN RIBBON

WORLD WAR II RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class Joseph F. Seibert earned 2 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

Newport, Rhode Island - The U.S. Naval Base at Newport served as a PT-Boat (Patrol Torpedo) training center, a torpedo training school and a Naval Air Training Center

Bremerton, Washington - The city of Bremerton was heavily involved in shipbuilding, repair and maintenance required for the Pacific war effort

Miscellaneous:

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The USS Bon Homme Richard (CV/CVA-31) was an aircraft carrier and the second US Navy ship to bear the name, being named for John Paul Jones's famous Revolutionary War frigate by the same name / Jones had named that ship, usually rendered in more correct French as Bonhomme Richard, to honor Benjamin Franklin, the American



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Commissioner at Paris / During the latter part of World War II The Bon Homme Richard joined in the attacks on Okidaitōjima (islands southeast of Okinawa) in June 1945 and then served with the 3rd Fleet during the air strikes against Japan from 2 July 1945 to 15 August 1945 / The USS Bon Homme Richard earned 1 battle star / Commissioned on 26 November 1944 and decommissioned on 9 January 1947

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Name: SEILER

GLEN

H.

Address: 55 DIRKSON AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: A/C

Unit / Squadron:

FLIGHT CREW

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Air Cadet

Base Assignments:

Grider Field (Pine Bluff, Arkansas) - Grider Army Air Field was a World War II Army Air Corps training facility , named posthumously in honor of World War I pilot John McGavock Grider

Miscellaneous:

The Air Cadet Pilot Training Program was originally created by the U.S. Army to train its pilots / Graduates were usually graded as flight officers (warrant officers) / Cadets who graduated at the top of their class were graded as second lieutenants / Aviation cadets who washed out of pilot training were sent to navigator or bombardier school / Aviation cadets who washed out of navigator or bombardier training were usually sent to Flexible Gunnery School to become aerial gunners / The U.S. Army created almost 3,000 enlisted pilots from 1912 to 1942



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Name: SEIVERT

ROBERT

S.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A.O.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

C.A.S.U. 33 (CARRIER AIRCRAFT SERVICE UNIT), COMPOSITE SQUADRON 94

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Aviation Ordnanceman Third-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

An Aviation Ordnanceman operated and handled aviation ordnance equipment / The Ordnancemen were responsible for the maintenance of guns, bombs, torpedoes, rockets, and missiles / Duties included the stowing, issuing, and loading of munitions and small arms

A Carrier Aircraft Service Unit (C.A.S.U.) was comprised of machinist mates, ordnancemen, medalmen, electricians, hospital corpsmen, cooks, bakers, and seamen / They were not assigned to and specific squadrons / Squadrons in need of replacements, usually fighter, scout, bomber, or torpedo squadrons, came to the C.A.S.U. for replacement personnel

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Name: **SELIG**

A.

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **SEMLITSCH**

EDWARD

J.

Address: 1083 CENTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

ENGINEER COMPANY, DEMONSTRATION REGIMENT, INFANTRY-ENGINEERING-
RECONNAISSANCE DETACHMENT

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY RIBBON

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN - CARBINE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN - .50 CALIBER
MACHINE GUN

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant

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:

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

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 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



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Name: **SEMLITSCH**
RAYMOND

Address: 1083 CENTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY **Rank:** CPL

Unit / Squadron:
2623RD SIGNAL SERVICE REGIMENT
850TH SIGNAL SERVICE REGIMENT, 314TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 2 BATTLE STARS
WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT - RIFLE
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Raymond Semlitsch earned 2 Battle Stars for combat action in the European Theater

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The United States Army Signal Corps was established in 1860 and was used in World War II to coordinate swift and accurate communication for air, ground, and naval units required more sophisticated technology and service / The Signal Corps developed, tested, provided, and managed communications and information systems support for the command and control of combined arms forces / The Signal Corps pioneered in the development of radar to detect approaching aircraft as well as mobile communications and deciphering machines / In addition to its primary role in military transmissions, the unit also played a key role in producing training films for army and civilian personnel, and documenting combat missions / During World War II, noted Hollywood producers, directors, and photographers (such as Darryl Zanuck, Frank Capra, John Huston, and George Stevens) all served in the Signal Corps

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

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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

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

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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Name: **SERWOCKI**

WILLIAM J.

Address: 25 MATEJKO STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 88TH GLIDER INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER - RIFLE

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 88th Glider Infantry was designated on 24 September 1942 and served mainly in Central Europe

Glider infantry was a type of airborne infantry in which soldiers and their equipment were inserted into enemy controlled territory via military glider rather than parachute / Gliders could land troops in greater concentrations precisely at the target landing area / The glider, once released by the pulling aircraft at some distance from the actual target, was effectively silent and difficult for the enemy to identify / Larger gliders were developed to land heavy equipment like anti-tank guns, anti-aircraft guns, small vehicles, such as jeeps, and also light tanks

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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

Name: SETLOCK

BENEDICT

P.

Address: 2048 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

N.A.T.T.C. - A.O.M., SQUADRON 21 (NAVAL AIR TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER, AVIATION ORDNANCE)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Corporal Benedict P. Setlock was attached to the Marine Air Wing III, Marine Aircraft Group (MAG) 34

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:

The Naval Air Technical Training Center provided highly classified airborne electronics maintenance training (radar, sonar, and other types of electronic systems) for many thousands of Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, and Royal Air Force personnel

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: **SEXTON**

MICHAEL

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: **SHANAHAN**

FRANCIS

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: SHEA

LEWIS

O.

Address: 488 MAIN STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: M/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

121ST SIGNAL RADIO INTELLIGENCE COMPANY (SIGNAL CORPS)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

COMMENDATION (PERSONAL)

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMAN MEDAL: MO3 (MAUSER) RIFLE

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Master Sergeant Lewis O. Shea was inducted into Active Service on 13 May 1941 / MSGT Shea served as a Radio Intelligence Control Chief

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Lewis O. Shea was Honorably Discharged from the Army on 22 July 1945

The 121st Signal Battalion was formed in 1898 as part of the United States Army Signal Corps and provided signal support to the 1st Infantry Division during World War II

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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



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Name: SHEARER

H.

G.

Address: 39 HILLCREST DRIVE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

4126 B.J.S.

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

San Bernardino Army Air Field (San Bernardino, California) - During World War II, San Bernardino Army Airfield provided administrative and logistical support for the United States Army Desert Training Center and its mission was to train United States Army and Army Air Corps units and personnel to live and fight in the desert

Miscellaneous:



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Name: SHERIFF

JOHN

Address: 180 CENTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "G"

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Camp Plauche (New Orleans, Louisiana) - Camp Plauche was originally known as Camp Harahan / It was renamed in honor of Major Jean Baptiste Plauche, who served under Andrew Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans / During World War II, Camp Plauche was, first, a staging area for troops, then, an Army training facility and, later a POW camp for German and Italian prisoners

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **SHOEMAKER**

FRANK

H.

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: SHOEMAKER JR.

EDWARD J.

Address: 74 ORLEANS AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: F. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS DOYLE (DD-494)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 2 BATTLE STARS

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Fireman First-Class Edward J. Shoemaker earned 2 Battle Stars for combat action in the Atlantic

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 USS Doyle (DD-494/DMS-34) was a Gleaves-class destroyer / During the Invasion of Normandy, the Doyle performed minesweeping activities and on 6 June 1944, she gave fire support to the landing forces on D-Day / Commissioned 27 January 1943 and decommissioned 19 May 1955

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Name: **SIEBERT**

RAYMOND

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

TROOP "F", 36TH CAVALRY, RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON - MECHANIZED

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Raymond Siebert served with the 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized) and fought in the Battle of the Bulge

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Reconnaissance in the armored divisions was performed by the armored reconnaissance battalion (in the heavy division) or by the cavalry reconnaissance squadron, mechanized (in the light division) / The traditional function of a mechanized reconnaissance outfit was to determine and report the location, composition, and intentions of opposing enemy forces

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Name: **SIEBOLD**

NORBERT

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: SIEN

STANLEY E.

Address: 301 FOUNTAIN STREET

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

Unit / Squadron:

1042ND SIGNAL COMPANY, 63RD SERVICE GROUP, 13TH AIR FORCE

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON W/2 BRONZE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Stanley E. Sien served in the Philippine Island campaign

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Established on 14 December 1942 at Plaine Des Gaiacs Airfield, on New Caledonia, the 13th Air Force saw combat in the Pacific Theater of World War II / It engaged in operations primarily in the South Pacific, attacking enemy forces in the Solomon Islands, Gilbert and Marshall Islands campaigns; Mariana and Palau Islands campaigns and the Philippines campaign (1944–45)

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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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 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: SIMMONS JR.

THOMAS

N.

Address: 325 ALLENDALE ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A/S

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Apprentice Seaman

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:

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: SIMON

HENRY

A.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 3RD PLATOON, 26TH I.T.B.

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

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 (POW) / Camp Croft was closed in 1947

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **SIZE**

MICHAEL

H.

Address: 110 ONONDAGA AVE.

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S.K. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Storekeeper Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Camp Endicott (Davisville, Rhode Island) - After the attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, and the use of civilian labor in war zones became impractical so the Navy created Construction Battalions (from which the abbreviation "C.B." became Seabees) / The Seabees have a history of building bases, bulldozing and paving thousands of miles of roadway and airstrips, bridges, roads, gasoline storage tanks, and Quonset huts for warehouses, hospitals, and housing

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: SKORA

WALTER

A.

Address: 595 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

F.A.R.T.C. (FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENTAL COMMAND), 4TH PLATOON

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: SLOMINSKI

HENRY

J.

Address: 82 SUMNER PLACE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 205TH BATTALION, INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

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: **SMARIO**

PETER

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: **SMEEDING**

EDWIN

C.

Address: 372 MAIN STREET

Service Branch: COAST GUARD

Rank: B.M. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

COAST GUARD CUTTER

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Boatswain's Mate First-Class

Base Assignments:

Fort Trumbull (New London, Connecticut) - In 1775 Governor Jonathan Trumbull recommended the building of a fortification at the port of New London to protect the seat of the government of Connecticut / Built on a rocky point of land near the mouth of the Thames River on Long Island Sound, the fort was completed in 1777 and named for Jonathan Trumbull, who served as Connecticut's governor from 1769 to 1784

The Coast Guard Academy moved to Fort Trumbull in 1932 / Fort Trumbull also served as the Merchant Marine Officers Training School from 1939–1946 and trained most of the Merchant Marine officers who served during the Second World War.

Miscellaneous:

Boatswain's Mates trained, directed and supervised personnel in ship's maintenance duties in all activities relating to marlinspike (a tool used to help tie large knots), deck, boat seamanship painting, upkeep of ship's external structure, rigging, deck equipment and boats / Boatswain's Mates took charge of working parties; performed seamanship tasks; acted as petty officer-in-charge of picketboats, self-propelled barges, tugs, and other yard and district craft / Directed salvage operations / Operated and maintained equipment used in loading and unloading cargo, ammunition, fuel, and general stores / Took charge of and supervised Underway Replenishment procedures and equipment / Were integral to ship's navigation and served as ship's Helmsman

Operating as part of the United States Navy, the United States Coast Guard was given the mission to patrol and protect the shores of the United States, with a large role looking for enemy German submarines in the Atlantic Theater / The Coast Guard also rescued survivors from naval vessels near the U.S coast whether it be attacked merchant ships or sunken German U-Boats



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Name: **SMEEDING**

RICHARD C.

Address: 372 MAIN STREET

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

USS INTREPID, DIVISION 7

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

USS Intrepid (CV/CVA/CVS-11), also known as The Fighting "I", is one of 24 Essex-class aircraft carriers built during World War II / The ship carried 90-100 aircraft / Because of her prominent role in battle, she was nicknamed "the Fighting I", while her often ill-luck and the time spent in dry dock for repairs earned her the nickname "the Dry I" / The Intrepid has one of the most distinguished service records of any Navy ship, seeing active service in the Pacific Theater including the Marshall Islands, Truk, Leyte Gulf, and Okinawa / Commissioned 16 August 1943 and decommissioned 22 March 1947 (later recommissioned 9 February 1952)

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: **SMEJA**

JULIA

A.

Address: 3580 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: 1ST LT.

Unit / Squadron:

A.T.C. (AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

First Lieutenant

Base Assignments:

Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base (Fairfield, California) - The base served as home for medium bombers and fighters assigned to defend the West Coast during World War II / The first runways were initially used by Army and Navy fighter planes for takeoff and landing practice / The base was renamed Travis Air Force Base in 1951 for Brigadier General Robert F. Travis, who was killed on 5 August 1950 when a B-29 Superfortress on which he was acting as command pilot crashed 5 minutes after takeoff, killing General Travis and 18 others

Miscellaneous:

The Air Transport Command (ATC) mission was to meet the urgent demand for the speedy reinforcement of the United States' military bases worldwide during World War II, using an air supply system to supplement surface transport. ATC also operated a worldwide air transportation system for military personnel



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Name: **SMITH**

BERNARD

W.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technical Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The mission of the Engineering Construction Battalions was to build facilities in preparation for those to follow / The Battalion followed the front lines constructing roads, railroad bridges, hospitals, and other infrastructure needed by the advancing Armies

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: **SMITH**

CHARLES

G.

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: SMITH

CHRIS

M.

Address: 2 OSGOOD AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: F/O

Unit / Squadron:

31ST FIGHTER SQUADRON

309TH SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Flight Officer

Base Assignments:

Pierre Army Air Base (Pierre, South Dakota) - After World War II, the base reverted back to civilian control and renamed Pierre Regional Airport

Miscellaneous:

A Flight Officer was a United States Army-Air Forces rank used during World War II, from 1942 to 1945; the rank being created on 10 September 1942 / On 5 November 1942 military glider pilots were commissioned flight officers after the completion of their training / The new rank insignia was nicknamed "the blue pickle"

The 31st Fighter Squadron had an outstanding record, flying Spitfires and Mustangs in the 8th, 12th and 15th Air Forces / The Squadron entered World War II as the first American Fighter Group to participate in the European Theater of Operations / The 31st Fighter Squadron ended the war as the top scoring Allied fighter group in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations and the fifth highest overall for the Air Force with 570 1/2 confirmed aerial victories / It chalked up a number of 'firsts', including the first American Fighter Squadron to land in Algeria, first American Fighter Squadron to be based on Sicily and first American Fighter Squadron to be based on Malta

The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (EAME) was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on 6 November 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt / The medal was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the European Theater (to include North Africa and the Middle East) and was awarded for any service performed between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946 / The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was awarded as a service



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ribbon throughout the entire Second World War



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Name: SMITH

EARL

E.

Address: 559 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: C.W.O.

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST ARMY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Chief Warrant Officer

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Warrant officers are highly skilled, single-track specialty officers / Warrant officers can and do command detachments, units, activities, vessels, aircraft, and armored vehicles, as well as lead, coach, train, and counsel subordinates / However, the warrant officer's primary task as a leader is to serve as a technical expert, providing valuable skills, guidance, and expertise to commanders and organizations in their particular field

The First Army is the oldest and longest established field army of the United States Army / The First Army saw action in Normandy, Cherbourg, Paris, Battle of the Bulge and Remagen / The First Army reached the Elbe River on 18 April 1945, where the advance halted, as that was the agreed demarcation zone between the American and Soviet forces. First Army and Soviet forces met on 25 April 1945

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Name: SMITH

EDWARD J.

Address: 190 KNOX AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A.A.M.

Unit / Squadron:

N.A.T.T.C. (NAVAL AIR TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER)

NAVAL AIR SERVICE, FIGHTER SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Aviation Machinist's Mate

Base Assignments:

Memphis, Tennessee - The Naval Reserve Aviation Base was officially commissioned in 1942

Miscellaneous:

Aviation Machinist's Mates are United States Navy aircraft engine mechanics that inspect, adjust, test, repair, and overhaul aircraft engines and propellers / More specifically, ADs install, maintain, and service various aircraft engine types as well as various accessories, gear boxes, related fuel systems, and lubrication systems; determine reasons for engine degradation using various test equipment; perform propeller repairs; handle and service aircraft ashore or aboard ship; and can also serve as aircrewman in various types of aircraft

The Naval Air Technical Training Center provided highly classified airborne electronics maintenance training (radar, sonar, and other types of electronic systems) for many thousands of Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, and Royal Air Force personnel



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Name: SMITH

EDWIN

F.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST BATTALION, 6TH ARMORED INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 6th Armored Infantry landed in North Africa on 21 December 1942 and landed in Italy on 28 October 1943

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FLOYD C.

Address: 25 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "D", 31ST REPLACEMENT BATTALION, 8TH REPLACEMENT DEPOT
133RD INFANTRY, 34TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL PURPLE HEART

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Floyd C. Smith was Killed in Action (KIA) on 28 June 1944

Private Floyd C. Smith is interred at Sicily-Rome American Cemetery (Nettuno, Italy)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Floyd C. Smith joined the Army on 22 April 1943

133rd Infantry, 34th Infantry Division participated in the battle for Tunisia (Africa) and in Italy at Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, North Apennines and Po Valley

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Name: SMITH

HAROLD

C.

Address: 35 BENSON AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/4

Unit / Squadron:

MEDICAL DETACHMENT, 33RD GENERAL HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 2 BATTLE STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant) Harold C. Smith served as a medic from 1940 until 1945 / Sergeant Smith participated in the battle for the Northern Apennines (Italy) and the Rome-Arno campaign, earning 2 Battle Stars / Sgt Harold Smith also served in Casablanca, Africa and on a medical ship in the Mediterranean Sea

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The Battle for the Northern Apennines was the biggest battle of materials ever fought in Italy with over 1,200,000 men participating in the battle

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: SMITH

HARRY

B.

Address: 164 EDSON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

78TH CAVALRY RECONNAISSANCE

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT -RIFLE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT - GRENADE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER - CARBINE

EXPERT: DRIVER

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Harry B. Smith served with the Army Cavalry in Europe

Base Assignments:

Camp Pickett, Virginia - Located near the town of Blackstone, the camp is named for the United States Army officer and Confederate General George Pickett / The Camp was used as a training facility for recruits / A total of approximately 6,000 German prisoners were sent to Camp Pickett beginning in January 1944

Miscellaneous:

Reconnaissance in the armored divisions was performed by the armored reconnaissance battalion (in the heavy division) or by the cavalry reconnaissance squadron, mechanized (in the light division) / The traditional function of a mechanized reconnaissance outfit was to determine and report the location, composition, and intentions of opposing enemy forces

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Name: SMITH

KENNETH

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

522ND FIGHTER-BOMBER SQUADRON, 27TH FIGHTER-BOMBER GROUP

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 27th Fighter-Bomber Group were transferred to North Africa in November 1942 / Flying the P-40 Warhawk, the Group began operations with the Twelfth Air Force in June 1943 and served in the Mediterranean theater until the end of the war / Converting to the P-47 Thunderbolt aircraft, the 27th supported ground forces during the conquest of Sicily and covered the landings at Salerno / The group took part in the invasion of Southern France and assisted the Seventh Army's advance up the Rhone Valley / The Twelfth Air Force assisted in the Allied drive from France into Germany during the last months of the war

The Curtiss P-40 Warhawk was an American single-engine, single-seat, all-metal fighter and ground-attack aircraft that first flew in 1938 / Between 1941 and 1944, the P-40 played a critical role with Allied air forces in three major theaters: North Africa, the Southwest Pacific and China / It also had a significant role in the Middle East, Southeast Asia, Eastern Europe, Alaska and Italy / The P-40's performance at high altitudes was not as important in those theaters, where it served as an air superiority fighter, bomber escort and fighter bomber

The Republic P-47 Thunderbolt was one of the largest and heaviest fighter aircraft in history to be powered by a single piston engine / It was heavily armed with eight .50-caliber machine guns, four per wing / When fully loaded, the P-47 weighed up to eight tons, and in the fighter-bomber ground-attack roles could carry five-inch rockets or a significant bomb load of 2,500 pounds / The P-47 was very effective as a short-to-medium range escort fighter in high-altitude air-to-air combat and, when unleashed as a fighter-bomber, proved especially adept at ground attack in both the World War II European and Pacific Theaters / The P-47 was one of the main United States Army Air Forces fighters of World War II



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Name: SMITH

MARVIN

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

89TH AVIATION ENGINEERING COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

THE EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN
MEDAL W/3 BRONZE STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Marvin Smith participated in the Air Offensive in Normandy, Southern France and Europe

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Engineer aviation regiments and battalions were designed to construct and maintain air bases / Aviation engineers included engineer airborne aviation battalions, which were designed to be air transportable; to repair airfields captured by airborne forces

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Name: SMITH

MERRELL

C.

Address:

SENECA & TRANSIT RD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

G.F.R.S. (GROUND FORCE REINFORCEMENT SYSTEM), REPLACEMENT POOL

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Merrell C. Smith 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:

Miscellaneous:

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MILTON

D.

Address: 25 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

SS TRADE WIND

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class Milton D. Smith served as an Armed Guard aboard the Liberty ship, the SS Trade Wind

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

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

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **SMITH**

NORMAN

H.

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: SMITH

OLIVE

M.

Address: 164 EDSON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

4620TH S.U. (SERVICE UNIT), W.A.C. DETACHMENT (WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Camp McCoy, Wisconsin - Located near Sparta, the original camp was split into two sections: Camp Emory Upton and Camp Robinson / In 1910, the Army renamed the entire tract "Camp Bruce E. McCoy" for Robert Bruce McCoy, a retired major general who first proposed the area as a training ground and bought part of the property on which the fort stands / In 1926, the name of the post was shortened to "Camp McCoy" / During World War II, Camp McCoy was used as a training facility for units from across the United States that were preparing to enter combat / The post was also used as a prisoner-of-war (POW) camp during the conflict

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: **SMITH**

R.

W.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: LT.

Unit / Squadron:

461ST ARMY-AIR FORCE (A.A.F.) BASE UNIT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Lieutenant

Base Assignments:

Lemoore Army Air Field, California - Lemoore Army Air Field, located nine miles southwest of Lemoore, California, was a dirt air field usable only in dry weather, but was used by the AAF Western Flying Training Command as a processing and training field

Miscellaneous:



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RALPH

N.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

WESTERN TECHNICAL TRAINING COMMAND

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Amarillo Army Air Field (Amarillo, Texas) - The base was activated in April 1942 for the training of air crew and ground mechanics to service B-17 Flying Fortress aircraft / From 1943 to 1945 basic training and special courses of instruction were conducted, and the school was later designated to train technicians and flight engineers for B-29 aircraft in addition to the B-17 technical training / Flying operations were also inaugurated / In addition to the technical training, basic military training was also conducted at Amarillo beginning in the spring of 1943.

Miscellaneous:

The Western Technical Training Command (W TTC) was established for the initial basic training of recruits and technical training / Assigned Air Bases in Texas specialized in aircraft maintenance and civil engineering; bases in Colorado specialized in weapons and photography; bases in Nebraska specialized in engine mechanics; and bases in Utah were assigned to Quartermasters technical school



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Name: SMITH

RALPH

R.

Address: 99 ROSE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 71ST INFANTRY, 44TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

3 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

EXPERT INFANTRYMAN COMBAT BADGE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT - RIFLEMAN

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER - CARBINE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Ralph R. Smith earned 3 Battle Stars for combat action in the European Theater

Base Assignments:

Camp Phillips, Kansas - Camp Phillips was established in the latter part of 1942, and was named in honor of Colonel William A. Phillips, one of the co-founders of the city of Salina, Kansas / The post was used as a training center and P.O.W. Camp until its closing in the fall of 1945

Camp Chaffee, Arkansas - The camp was named after Major General Adna R. Chaffee Jr., an artillery officer who, in Europe during World War I, determined that the cavalry was outmoded and, unlike other cavalry officers, advocated for the use of tanks / In addition to providing a training facility for US soldiers, Fort Chaffee served as a POW camp, housing 3000 German prisoners of war

Miscellaneous:

44th Infantry Division was designated on 16 February 1942 and sent to Fort Lewis Washington, where it participated in defense of the West Coast for the remainder of 1942 / In September 1944 the 44th was deployed to Europe where it participated in the battles for Northern France (25 July – 14 September 1944); the Rhineland (15 September 1944 – 21 March 1945); Central Europe (22 March 1945 – 11 May 1945); and Ardennes-Alsace (16 December 1944 – 25 January 1945) / The 44th Infantry Division earned 4 Distinguished Unit Citations for their actions during combat

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 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 Expert Infantryman Badge was created during World War II to enhance the morale and prestige of service in the infantry / Specifically, it recognizes the inherent sacrifices of all infantrymen, and that, in comparison to all other military occupational specialties, infantrymen face the greatest risk of being wounded or killed in action

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Name: SMITH

RICHARD

Address: 17 KLAS AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** F/O

Unit / Squadron:

823RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (MEDIUM)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

PURPLE HEART

AIR MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Flight Officer Richard Smith went Missing in Action (MIA) on 3 November 1943 / Richard was declared "Missing In Action" when his B-25 was hit by Japanese anti-aircraft fire and crashed into Astrolabe Bay, New Guinea during the war / Some reports stated that the crew were seen in a raft and possibly shot by Japanese soldiers on the Island of Bili Bili / Flight Officer Richard Smith was later reclassified as Killed in Action (KIA)

Flight Officer Richard Smith is honored at the Manila American Cemetery (Manila, Philippines) on the Tablets of the Missing on which are recorded the names of 36,286 American missing service personnel

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

A Flight Officer was a United States Army-Air Forces rank used during World War II, from 1942 to 1945; the rank being created on 10 September 1942 / On 5 November 1942 military glider pilots were commissioned flight officers after the completion of their training / The new rank insignia was nicknamed "the blue pickle"

During World War II the 38th Bombardment Group was a medium bombardment group operating in the Southwest Pacific Area (SWPA) as a B-25 Mitchell unit assigned to Fifth Air Force / It was one of the first combat organizations of the United States Army Air Forces to be deployed to the Pacific Theater when elements took part in the June 1942 Battle of Midway using the Martin B-26 Marauder medium bomber / The 38th Bombardment Group was awarded four Distinguished Unit Citations for its combat service in Papua (Buna and Gona, 23 July 1942 to 23 January 1943); New Britain (Cape Gloucester, 24–26 December 43); New Guinea (Jefman-Samate-Sorong, 16–17 June 1944); and Leyte (Ormoc Bay, 10 November 1944) / The Group also received recognition from the government of the Philippines with an award of the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation



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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

The Martin B-26 Marauder was a World War II twin-engine medium bomber built by the Glenn L. Martin Company / First used in the Pacific Theater in early 1942, it was also used in the Mediterranean Theater and in Western Europe / The aircraft received the reputation of a "Widowmaker" due to the early models' high rate of accidents during takeoff and landings / The B-26 became a safer aircraft once crews were re-trained, and after aerodynamics modifications (an increase of wingspan and wing angle-of-incidence to give better takeoff performance, and a larger vertical stabilizer and rudder) / The Marauder ended World War II with the lowest loss rate of any USAAF bomber / A total of 5,288 aircraft were produced between February 1941 and March 1945

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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



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Name: SMITH

ROBERT

C.

Address: 55 KLAS AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 3RD E.T., A.S.F.T.C. (ARMY SERVICE FORCES TRAINING CENTER)
88TH DIVISION, 31ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL

MARKSMAN MEDAL: M1 RIFLE

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Robert C. Smith served from 24 April 1945 to 22 October 1946 / Private Smith served in Austria, Czechoslovakia and Italy with the 88th Division, 31st Infantry Regiment and also served in Yugoslavia with the Trieste Forces, 88th Blue Devils / Private Robert Smith served as a Heavy truck Driver

Base Assignments:

Fort Belvoir, Virginia - First authorized in 1917 as Camp Humphries and renamed Fort Humphries in 1922 after Major General Andrew A. Humphries, distinguished U.S. Civil War veteran and Chief of Engineers (1866-79) / Renamed Fort Belvoir in February 1935 in recognition of the Belvoir plantation that once occupied the site / Home of the 212th Military Police Detachment

Miscellaneous:

The 88th Infantry Division was an infantry division created nearly "from scratch" after the implementation of the draft in 1940 and was one of the first all-draftee divisions of the United States Army to enter the war / By the end of World War II the 88th Infantry fought its way to the northernmost extreme of Italy / In early May 1945 troops of its 349th Infantry Regiment joined the 103d Infantry Division of the VI Corps of the U.S. Seventh Army, part of the 6th Army Group, which had raced south through Bavaria into Innsbruck, Austria and Vipiteno in the Italian Alps / The 88th Infantry Division served on occupation duty in Italy and the Territory of Trieste



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: SMITH

ROLAND

E.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "C", 977TH F.A. BATTALION (FIELD ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 5 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER / EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Roland E. Smith earned 5 Battle Stars for combat action in the European Theater

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: SMITH

WALDO

E.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

SECTION "F", MILITARY POLICE, 125TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Dover Army Air Field (Dover, Delaware) - In early 1942, three B-25 Mitchell bomber squadrons arrived at Dover with the mission to patrol the Atlantic coast and conduct anti-submarine patrols / In 1944, Dover Field was chosen as a site to engineer, develop, and conduct classified air-launched rocket tests / The information collected during these experiments resulted in the effective deployment of air-to-surface rockets in both the European and Pacific combat theaters

Miscellaneous:

The 125th Fighter Squadron arrived in England in June 1944 and deployed to France in August 1944

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: **SMITH**

WOODROW

Address: 1314 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

UNIT 5, EAST BASE

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Great Falls Army Airfield (Great Falls, Montana) - Base was renamed "Malmstrom Air Force Base" in 1955

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **SMITH JR.**

FRANK

Address: 108 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "D", H&S BATTALION (HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Tonopah Army Airfield (Tonopah, Nevada) - Through 31 November 1943, Tonopah AAF aided in the training of 8 bombardment squadrons and 12 fighter squadrons / The first planes to arrive were Bell P-39 Air Cobra training fighters and by the beginning of 1943 there were 227 officers and 1,779 enlisted men at the field

Miscellaneous:



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Name: SMITH JR.

WAYNE

E.

Address: 25 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 359TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 359th Infantry was activated on 25 March 1942 at Camp Barkeley, Texas / The 359th Infantry participated in the campaigns for Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe / The regiment received 2 Presidential Unit Citations for their combat action and also received the French Croix de Guerre with Palm for action in France / The 359th Infantry Regiment was inactivated on 26 December 1945

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Name: **SMOOT**

ROBERT

E.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 128TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 32ND DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON W/1 BRONZE STAR

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL (JAPAN)

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 128th Infantry Regiment, as part of the 32nd Infantry Division, broke through the Japanese lines at Buna ("Bloody Buna") New Guinea; defeated Japanese General Adachi's divisions at Saidor and Aitape, New Guinea; defeated the Japanese Imperial First Marines in Leyte (Imperial First Marines only loss in 200 years); and pierced the Yamashita Line in Luzon / The 128th Regiment and 32nd Division were still in combat action when the cease fire order came on 15 August 1945 / The 32d Infantry Division had been in combat 654 days - more than any U.S. Division in any war

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

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 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



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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

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 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

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: **SNYDER**

ROBERT

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: **SOLLY**

DONALD J.

Address: 3903 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: COAST GUARD

Rank: S. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

GALLEY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Manhattan Beach Training Station (Brooklyn, New York) - United States Coast Guard (USCG) Basic Training and Petty Officer Rating Training facility where 43,000 recruits trained during World War II

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

Operating as part of the United States Navy, the United States Coast Guard was given the mission to patrol and protect the shores of the United States, with a large role looking for enemy German submarines in the Atlantic Theater / The Coast Guard also rescued survivors from naval vessels near the U.S coast whether it be attacked merchant ships or sunken German U-Boats



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **SOLLY**

GILBERT

J.

Address: 1403 UNION ROAD

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: **SOLLY**

HENRY

G.

Address: 581 SENECA CREEK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: T/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

432ND FIGHTER SQUADRON, 475TH FIGHTER GROUP

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technical Sergeant Henry G. Solly was the Crew Chief for the Lockheed P-38 Lightning fighter aircraft / Sergeant Solly served in New Guinea, Philippines

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The Lockheed P-38 Lightning was a World War II American fighter aircraft built by Lockheed / The P-38 was used in a number of roles, including dive bombing, level bombing, ground-attack, night fighting, photoreconnaissance missions, and extensively as a long-range escort fighter when equipped with drop tanks under its wings / The P-38 was the only American fighter aircraft in production throughout American involvement in the war, from Pearl Harbor to Victory over Japan Day

During World War II, the 475th Fighter Group (Satan's Angels), in combat for approximately two years, completed 3042 missions, (21,701 Sorties) and shot down 551 Japanese aircraft / During the war, the Group took part in seven campaigns, and was awarded three Distinguished Unit Citations for outstanding performance of duty in action and produced 42 "Aces" in the South Pacific combat area / The 475th Fighter group was the first all Lockheed P-38 group and was formed overseas in Australia

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: **SOLLY**

LAVERN

W.

Address: 3903 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: LT.

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", OFFICERS SCHOOL, A.G.F. REPLACEMENT DEPOT #2 (ARMY GROUND FORCES)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Lieutenant

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

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **SOLLY**

RAYMOND F.

Address: 1403 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

880TH ORDNANCE COMPANY, H.A.M. (HEAVY AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE), 3RD ARMY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

5 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN - RIFLE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Raymond F. Solly earned 5 Battle Stars for combat action in the European Theater

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: **SOLLY**

RICHARD

F.

Address: 581 SENECA CREEK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

4TH PLATOON, FIELD ARTILLERY TRAINING REGIMENT

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

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **SOLLY**

WALTER J.

Address: 581 SENECA CREEK ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

U.S. NAVY RECEIVING STATION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Navy Yard (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) - The yard has its origins in a shipyard on Philadelphia's Front Street on the Delaware River that was founded in 1776 and became an official United States Navy site in 1801 / During World War II, the yard employed 40,000 people who built 53 ships and repaired 574 / The yard built the famed battleship "New Jersey" and its 45,000-ton sister ship, "Wisconsin"

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: **SOLLY JR.**

WILLIAM

A.

Address:

MAIN STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

337TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 331ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Dalhart Army Airfield , Texas - Dalhart Army Airfield opened in May 1942 with the mission to perform glider training / In 1943, The base mission was changed to B-17 Flying Fortress and B-24 Liberator Heavy Bomber aircrew replacement training / In 1944, the mission of Dalhart was again changed to B-29 Superfortress training as crews were needed in the Pacific Theater for the strategic bombardment of Japan

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

The 331st Bombardment Group (Heavy) was activated on 6 July 1942 and assigned to the 2nd Air Force / Redesignated 331st Bombardment Group (Very Heavy) in July 1944 and trained for combat with B-29's / Moved to Guam, April-June 1945, and bombed Japanese-held Truk late in Jun 1945 / Flew first mission against the Japanese home islands on 9 July 1945 and afterward operated principally against the enemy's petroleum industry on Honshu / In 1945, the 331st bombed the coal liquefaction plant at Ube, the Mitsubishi-Hayama petroleum complex at Kawasaki, and the oil refinery and storage facilities at Shimotsu / The group received the Distinguished Unit Citation



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: SOLOMON

CHARLES J.

Address: 1899 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

NAVY 138, ACTIVITY 14

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: SOLOMON

FRANCIS

P.

Address: 1899 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

7TH REGIMENT, 155TH GUN BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

On 18 September 1942 the 7th Marine Regiment landed in the Solomon Islands on Guadalcanal / For four long months the regiment relentlessly attacked the Japanese defenders and repulsed banzai charges and suicidal attacks / During the Battle of Guadalcanal the heroism of Medal Of Honor recipient "Manila John" Basilone, Mitchell Paige, and Navy Cross recipient Lewis "Chesty" Puller, represented the actions of the Marines of the 7th Marine Regiment / The 7th Regiment was called upon to storm the Japanese-held islands in the Pacific / The Seventh Marine Regiment fought in such places as Eastern New Guinea, New Britain, "Bloody Peleliu" and the island fortress of Okinawa / The 7th Marines saw intense fighting on the island of Okinawa where they would sustain 700 Marines killed or wounded in the fighting to take Dakeshi Ridge and another 500 killed or wounded in the fighting near Wana Ridge



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Name: SOLOMON

GEORGE E.

Address: 1899 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

112TH INFANTRY MEDICAL DETACHMENT, 28TH DIVISION, 1ST ARMY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 3 BATTLE STARS
PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private George E. Solomon saw action on the battlefields of France, Northern France and the Rhineland earning 3 Battle Stars / Private Solomon embarked for Europe on the SS Santa Paula and returned back to the United States on the Queen Elizabeth

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

The SS Santa Paula was one of the most active transports of World War II, making 28 overseas trips within a four year span

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Name: **SOLOMON**

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **SOLOMON**

MILDRED

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: **SOMMERFELD**

EDWARD

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: **SOMMERSDORF**

OTTO

F.

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: SONNELITTER

ROBERT

J.

Address: 75 KLAS AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, P.W. CAMP (PRISONER OF WAR)

HEADQUARTERS 8TH ENGINEERING GROUP

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sergeant

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:

In the United States, at the end of World War II, there were 175 Branch Camps serving 511 Area Camps containing over 425,000 prisoners of war (mostly German) / The camps were located all over the US but were mostly in the South because of the higher expense of heating the barracks in other areas / Eventually, every state (with the exceptions of Nevada, North Dakota, and Vermont) had POW camps

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Name: **SONNER**

PAUL

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: **SONNER**

PETER J.

Address: 1282 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

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

Unit / Squadron:

247TH A.A.F. BASE UNIT, O.T.U (OPERATIONAL TRAINING UNIT)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Smoky Hill Army Air Field (Salina, Kansas) - During World War II, "Smoky Hill Army Airfield" (AAF) became significantly historic as it was in the first group United States Army Air Forces B-29 Superfortress bases for initial training on the aircraft in the summer of 1943 / The base was home to the first B-29 combat wing of World War II and engaged in the first long-range strategic bombardment of the Japanese Home Islands beginning in March 1944 from bases in India

Miscellaneous:



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Name: SONNER

THOMAS

G.

Address: 1282 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "G", 7TH INFANTRY, THIRD DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PURPLE HEART

1 BATTLE STAR

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Thomas G. Sonner was wounded by rifle fire while engaged in combat in Italy / Private Sonner received a Battle Star for his action while serving in Italy.

Private Sonner embarked for Africa aboard the Liberty ship "Abraham Lincoln", when the ship's convoy was attacked by German bombers about a day and-a-half past the Strait of Gibraltar in the Mediterranean Sea / Approximately 500 troops were crowded below the thin steel deck plates of the "Lincoln" while the engagement was in process / The evening sky blazed with the fire of tracers and bursting shells / One German bomber targeted the "Lincoln" and as it began its bombing run, a British Spitfire appeared and started firing on the German aircraft / The German aircraft continued on its course and when it was about a half-mile from the ship, the Spitfire climbed rapidly and disappeared into the clouds / The stern gunner aboard the "Abraham Lincoln" opened fire on the German and scored a direct hit on the bomber which disappeared from the sky in the shell burst.

Private Sommer returned to the United States on the Hospital Ship "Chateau Thierry" and received further treatment for his wounds at the England General Hospital in New Jersey.

Base Assignments:

England General Hospital (Atlantic City, New Jersey)

Miscellaneous:

The 7th Infantry trained in the Mojave Desert in preparation for its planned deployment to the African theater, but later redeployed to the Pacific theater



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The Chateau Thierry was a troop transport that served with the US Army and US Navy / Originally built for service during the First World War, the ship arrived too late to see service in that war, but operated as an army transport, USAT Chateau Thierry, between the wars / With America's entry into World War II, the vessel was transferred to the US Navy and redesignated USS Chateau Thierry (AP-31) / In 1943 she was transferred back to the Army and converted into a hospital ship, USAHS Chateau Thierry, in which role she was to serve for the remainder of the war / Chateau Thierry was one of the 12 hospital ships that were involved in the Invasion of southern France / The hospital ship also saw service in the Pacific / The Chateau Thierry was decommissioned on 9 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: SOUTHARD

JAMES

D.

Address: 42 KLAS AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: MO.M.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

U.S.S. PC-787

U.S.S. SC-1005

U.S.S. PC-623

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

2 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Motor Machinist's Mate Third-Class James D. Southard earned 2 Battle Stars for combat action in the Pacific Theater

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 PC-623 and PC-787 were submarine chasers used by the U.S. Navy to escort convoys, repel enemy planes, and track down and destroy Japanese submarines

USS SC-1005 was a submarine chaser that served in the United States Navy during World War II

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Name: **SOVINSKY**

CHARLES

J.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

SECTION T-5-1 BARRACKS, 606 L/P SERVICE SCHOOL, U.S.N.T.C. (UNITED STATES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Great Lakes, Illinois - The Great Lakes Naval Training Center, located in North Chicago, was the largest single training facility for the U.S. Navy / During the course of World War II, Great Lakes supplied about a million men, just over a third of all personnel who served in the U.S. Navy

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: SOVINSKY

LAWRENCE T.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: G.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

CREW 4766, HUT "Q" 100, A.T.B. (AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING BASE)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Gunners Mate Third-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:

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

Amphibious Training Bases (A.T.B.) were established to meet wartimes demands for trained landing craft crews / The A.T.B. provided a shore base for the operations, training, and support of naval amphibious units



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Name: SOVINSKY

STEPHEN

C.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "D", T.D. BATTALION 627 (TANK DESTROYER)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) served in Hawaii after the Pearl Harbor attack on December 7, 1941

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

A tank destroyer is a type of armored fighting vehicle armed with a gun or missile launcher, and is designed specifically to engage enemy armored vehicles / Tanks are generally armored fighting vehicles designed for front-line combat which combines operational mobility and tactical offensive and defensive capabilities and perform all primary tasks of the armored troops on the battlefield; whereas the tank destroyer is specifically designed for taking on and destroying enemy armor



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Name: **SOVINSKY**

WILLIAM

J.

Address: 1892 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "A", 658TH F. A. BATTALION (FIELD ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN - CARBINE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN - M-1 RIFLE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Fort Jackson, South Carolina - Fort Jackson was named for Andrew Jackson, a United States Army General and President of the United States of America who was born in the border region of North and South Carolina / Throughout World War II, the post was used to train new recruits / It also provided lodging for units awaiting overseas shipment, participating in maneuvers, conducting planning, coordinating draftees, and providing support / Additionally, it served as headquarters for the state's prisoner-of-war camps

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: SPACE

EDWARD

G.

Address: 28 INNES ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

1805TH SERVICE UNIT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Camp Hearne, Texas - Camp Hearne was a World War II Prisoner-of-War Camp located north of Hearne, Texas / 4,800 Prisoners-or-War (POW) from North Africa, Sicily and Italy were incarcerated at Camp Hearne until the end of the war

Miscellaneous:



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Name: SPACE

FRANCIS

J.

Address: 28 INNES ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

1ST BATTALION, PARA-GLIDER INFANTRY, 11TH AIRBORNE, 11TH PARACHUTE MAINTENANCE
COMPANY INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC RIBBON W/3 BRONZE STARS AND 1
BRONZE ARROWHEAD

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL W/2 BRONZE STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Glider infantry was a type of airborne infantry in which soldiers and their equipment were inserted into enemy controlled territory via military glider rather than parachute

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

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

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Name: SPACE

JOHN

G.

Address: 3220 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: SPACE

WILLIAM

G.

Address: 28 INNES ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS GOLDEN CITY (AP-169)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC 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

The USS Golden City was 7,440-ton La Salle-class transport / The Golden City participated in the initial assault at Leyte and Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines / Golden City received four battle stars for World War II service / Commissioned on 29 May 1944 and decommissioned 10 August 1946

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Name: **SPENCE JR.**

ASHLEY

Address: 42 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

BARRACKS 1859, SQUADRON T-1, 422 A.A.F. BASE UNIT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Tonopah Army Air Field, Nevada - Through 31 November 1943, Tonopah AAF aided in the training of 8 bombardment squadrons and 12 fighter squadrons / In September 1943 the base expanded to provide training for the Consolidated B-24 Liberator aircraft

Miscellaneous:

The Consolidated B-24 Liberator was an American heavy bomber, designed by Consolidated Aircraft of San Diego, California / Often compared with the better-known Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, the B-24 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 built by the Ford Motor Company, the B-24 Liberator still holds the distinction as the most-produced American military aircraft



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Name: SPIEGEL

CARL

R.

Address: 3754 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: T/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

SQUADRON R, 347TH BATTALION, 9TH PHOTO TECHNICAL SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER - CARBINE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT - MACHINE GUN

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technical Sergeant Carl R. Spiegel served in Guam and attached to the United States Strategic Tactical Air Force

Base Assignments:

Key Field (Meriden, Mississippi) - Key Field is named in honor of brothers Al and Fred Key who broke the record for sustained flight (653 hours and 34 minutes) in a Curtis-Robbins monoplane / The brothers devised a method of air-to-air refueling / Key Field was the home of the 39th Army Air Force Base Unit

Miscellaneous:

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Name: SPIEGEL

HARRY

H.

Address: 3754 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 648TH ENGINEERS, 2821ST ENGINEER BASE PHOTO MAPPING COMPANY
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Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

BRONZE STAR

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER- RIFLE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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

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

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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The American Defense Service Medal (also referred to as the Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon) is 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 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: **SPILSBURY**

FRANC A.

Address: 89 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

CASUAL COMPANY 62

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

EXPERT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER - RIFLE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN - MACHINE GUN

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Franc A. Spilsbury 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:

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

The Expert Infantryman Badge was created during World War II to enhance the morale and prestige of service in the infantry / Specifically, it recognizes the inherent sacrifices of all infantrymen, and that, in comparison to all other military occupational specialties, infantrymen face the greatest risk of being wounded or killed in action

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Name: SPOOR

JOHN

R.

Address: 201 MELROSE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

10TH INFANTRY BATTALION, 4TH ARMORED DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART W/OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant John R. Spoor (33 years old) was Killed in Action (KIA) while serving with an armored division in Germany on 25 February 1945 / SSgt Spoor had been previously wounded in July 1944 during combat action in Lessay, France

Staff Sergeant John R. Spoor in interred at Luxembourg American Cemetery (Hamm, Luxembourg)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Born in England, John R. Spoor graduated from South Park High School and was employed by the Lehigh Valley Railroad prior to enlisting in the Army on 6 January 1941

The 10th Armored Division (nicknamed "Tiger Division") was an armored division of the United States Army in World War II / In the European Theater of Operations the 10th Armored Division was part of both the Twelfth United States Army Group and Sixth United States Army Group / the 10th Armored moved to Mars-la-Tour, France where it entered combat on 2 November 1944 containing enemy troops in the area / Later that month, the 10th participated in the capture of Metz / After fierce fighting, the 10th Armored Division moved to the Siegfried Line and led the Third Army into Germany on 19 November 1944

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 / The bronze oak leaf cluster represents one additional award



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Name: **SPORK**

FREDERICK K.

Address: 25 WESTMINSTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/4

Unit / Squadron:

SERVICE COMPANY, BASE SECTION, REPLACEMENT TRAINING COMMAND

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

1 BATTLE STAR

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN - M-1 RIFLE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN - MACHINE GUN

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

NORTH AFRICA /EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant) Frederick K. Spork served in North Africa and Europe and earned his Battle Star during combat action in Italy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **ST. CLAIR**

NORMAN

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: LT. COL.

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Lieutenant Colonel

Base Assignments:

Richmond, Virginia

Miscellaneous:



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Name: ST. JOHN

RAY

R.

Address: 112 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS, 300TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN - RIFLE

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Camp McCain, Mississippi - Camp McCain was established in 1942 as an Infantry training post in Grenada County, Mississippi and named after Major General Henry P. McCain / Over 7,700 German prisoners-of-war (POW) were housed at the camp during the war

Miscellaneous:

The 300th Infantry Regiment was activated on 10 December 1942 at Ft. Benning, Georgia under the Replacement & School Command to serve as a crack demonstration regiment for the Infantry School and then moved to Camp McCain Mississippi on 4 April 1944

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: **STADLER**

JOSEPH

G.

Address: 3454 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "D", 16TH C.A. (COASTAL ARTILLERY), 180TH COAST ARTILLERY BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

1 BATTLE STAR

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

DRIVER'S MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) Joseph G. Stadler earned a Battle Star for combat action in the Pacific Theater

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: **STADLER**

LEONARD

Address: 3454 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **STADLER**

VINCENT

W.

Address: 3454 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

3RD BATTERY "C", 740TH A.A.A. BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

1ST ARMY, 3RD ARMY

9TH AIR FORCE

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

4 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Vincent W. Stadler earned 4 Battle Stars for combat action in the European Theater

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: STANKOVICH

A.

F.

Address: 263 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

QUARTERMASTER

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal

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: **STANLEY**

W.

P.

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: **STEEB**

GLEN

R.

Address: 146 AURORA AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

1322ND S.U. (SERVICE UNIT), P.W. CAMP (PRISONER OF WAR), TROOP SECTION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Fort George 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 was used as a World War II recruit training post / In September 1943, the first shipment of 1,632 Italian and 58 German prisoners arrived at Fort Meade

Miscellaneous:

In the United States, at the end of World War II, there were 175 Branch Camps serving 511 Area Camps containing over 425,000 prisoners-of-war (mostly German) / The camps were located all over the US but were mostly in the South because of the higher expense of heating the barracks in other areas / Eventually, every state (with the exceptions of Nevada, North Dakota, and Vermont) had POW camps



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Name: STEFFENHAGEN

RONALD A.

Address: 3864 CLINTON STREET

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

Unit / Squadron:

84TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 78TH FIGHTER GROUP

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	6 BATTLE STARS
AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL
DISTINGUISHED UNIT BADGE WITH 1 OAK LEAF CLUSTER	GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Ronald A. Steffenhagen served with the Duxford Airdrome in England and earned 6 Battle Stars during combat action in the European Theater

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 78th Fighter Group was activated at Baer Field, Indiana in January 1942 / It initially trained for combat with P-38's and served as part of the west coast air defense organization / The Fighter Group moved to England in November 1942 and was assigned to the Eighth Air Force / The 78th Fighter Group claimed 338 air-to-air and 358 air-to-ground aircraft destroyed

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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 / The bronze oak leaf cluster represents one additional award

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Name: **STEIN**

ALTON L.

Address: 278 NORTH AVENUE

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

Unit / Squadron:

64TH T.C. SQUADRON (TROOP CARRIER GROUP)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 64th Transport Group was activated on 4 Dec 1940 and used C-47's for training and flying transport missions in the US / The 64th Group aided the Allied offensive in Burma, being awarded a Distinguished Unit Citation for flying unarmed over rugged enemy territory to carry food, clothing, medical supplies, guns, ammunition, and mules to the combat zone and to evacuate wounded personnel

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: **STEIN**

KENNETH

Address: 132 BARNSDALE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

15260 CASUAL COMPANY 12

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Kenneth Stein was a Radio Communication expert.

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **STEIN JR.**

HERBERT

J.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

12TH AMORED DIVISION, 23RD TANK BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Herbert J. Stein Jr. served with the 12th Armored Division, 23rd Tank Battalion, Headquarters Company, in the European Theater of Operations

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Activated on 15 September 1942, the 12th Armored Division was an armored division that fought in the European Theater of Operations in France, Germany and Austria, between November 1944 and May 1945 / In early 1943 the division adopted the nickname "The Hellcats", symbolizing its toughness and readiness for combat / The 12th Armored Division was one of only ten U.S. divisions (and only one of two U.S. armored divisions) during World War II that had African-American combat companies integrated into the division / One of the African American soldiers, Staff Sergeant Edward A. Carter, Jr. was awarded The Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in combat during World War II, and was later awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously / The 12th Armored Division was deactivated on 3 December 1945

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Name: **STEINSHOLT**
ODMUND

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 817TH T.D. BATTALION (TANK DESTROYER)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The tank destroyer battalion was a type of unit equipped with armored tank destroyers. The tank destroyers were formed as a counter force to massed formations of enemy armored units (tanks/armored vehicles)

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Name: **STERLACE**

ANGELO

Address: 129 BARNSDALE AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

ARMED GUARD

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class Angelo Sterlace attended Gunnery School in Shelton, Virginia.

Base Assignments:

Shelton, Virginia - Base was the home for Armed Guard School

Brooklyn, New York - During World War II, the Brooklyn Navy Yard played a pivotal role in the American war effort, building battleships and aircraft carriers, repaired over 5,000 ships, sent troops and supplies to fronts across the globe

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: STEVENS

DONALD

E.

Address: 77 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: SO.M. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

US Y.M.S. (AUXILIARY MOTOR MINESWEEPERS) S-57

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sonarman Second-Class Donald E. Stevens served aboard the Auxiliary Motor Minesweeper S-57

Base Assignments:

Brooklyn, New York - During World War II, the Brooklyn Navy Yard played a pivotal role in the American war effort, building battleships and aircraft carriers, repaired over 5,000 ships, sent troops and supplies to fronts across the globe

Miscellaneous:

A Sonarman was a technician responsible for underwater surveillance / They assisted in safe navigation and aid in search, rescue and attack operations / Operated and repaired sonar equipment / Tracked underwater threats and sent tracks to fire control operator for further evaluation and or destruction / Sonar technicians were separated into two categories, STG who are on surface ships and STS who operate on submarines / Sonarman were often referred to as "ping jockeys" on board vessels, after the sound of active sonar

Auxiliary Motor Minesweepers (YMS) were small wooden minesweepers commissioned by the United States Navy for service during World War II / A minesweeper is designed to engage in minesweeping, the use of various mechanisms intended to counter the threat posed by naval mines to keep waterways clear for shipping / Reclassified as AMS in 1947



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Name: **STEVENS**

WILLIAM

B.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: STEVENS JR.

CHARLES E.

Address: 549 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: G.M.3/C

Unit / Squadron:

S.S. JOSEPH R. DRAKE

SS MANGORE

SS RODMAN DRAKE, SS ROBERT FECHNER

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

2 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Gunner's Mate Third-Class Charles E. Stevens Jr. was an armed guard, serving on several Liberty ships / GM Stevens Jr. served in the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters earning 2 Battle Stars for combat action

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The S.S. Joseph Rodman Drake (hull # 0488) was a Liberty Ship / A Liberty ship was designed to carry about 10,000 tons of cargo, but in wartime conditions often carried much more Liberty ships were named after prominent (deceased) Americans, starting with Patrick Henry and the signers of the Declaration of Independence

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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Name: **STIEF**

JOHN

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

328TH BASE UNIT, SQUADRON "U", R.T.U. (REINFORCEMENT TRAINING UNIT)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Gulfport Army Air Field (Gulfport, Mississippi) - Established in April, 1942, Gulfport Army Air 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

Miscellaneous:



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Name: STIERLY

JACOB

A.

Address: 3524 SENECA STREET

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Jacob A. Stierly was sworn into military service 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:



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Name: **STINSON**

IRA

F.

Address: 908 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: LT. COL.

Unit / Squadron:

9TH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND, 1ST A.A.D.A.

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL BRONZE STAR

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Ira F. Stinson was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant at the Officer's Candidate School in April 1942 while at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey / Stinson was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel while serving with the 9th Air Force in France where he earned the Bronze Star

For distinguished service as a chief of an advanced signal section of the Ninth Air Force, Lieutenant-Colonel Ira Stinson received the Bronze Star medal.

A veteran with more than 33 months of oversea duty, Lieutenant-Colonel Stinson served with the Signal Corps in England, France and North Africa, and with a signal construction battalion in Germany

In 1945, the French Croix de Guerre with gilt service star was presented to Lieutenant-Colonel Ira Stinson, while serving as the Assistant Chief-of-Staff for communications and electronics for the 11th Air Force. The award was made by the French Government at the direction of President Charles de Gaul, for exceptional services rendered as signal officer for the First Advanced Air Depot Headquarters in France The citation stated that Stinson erected and maintained communications between May 1944 and February 1945, "under the most severe wartime obstacles". The Colonel received the high French honor in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania where he was stationed after the war.

Base Assignments:

Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey - Fort was named in honor of the soldiers of the American Revolutionary War who died in the Battle of Monmouth / Fort Monmouth consisted of the Eastern Signal Corps Schools (enlisted, officer candidate, and officers) and the Replacement Training Center / The Signal Corps Officer Candidate School (OCS), the major activity on the main post, graduated 21,033 new Signal Corps second lieutenants during the period 1941-1946



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Miscellaneous:

Ira F. Stinson was a graduate of Gardenville High School / Stinson was employed by Niagara Hudson prior to entering the service

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The Croix de Guerre (Cross of War) is a military decoration of France, created in 1915 and commonly bestowed on foreign military forces allied to France / The Croix de guerre may either be awarded as an individual or unit award to those soldiers who distinguish themselves by acts of heroism involving combat with the enemy / The medal is awarded to those who have been "mentioned in despatches", meaning a heroic deed or deeds were performed meriting a citation from an individual's headquarters unit / The unit award of the Croix de guerre with palm was issued to military units whose men performed heroic deeds in combat and were subsequently recognized by headquarters



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Name: **STOCK**

DON

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

521ST COMBAT ENGINEERS COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The Combat Engineers performed most engineering tasks, including demolitions, obstacle emplacement, fortification, and light bridge building

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Name: **STOCK**

KENNETH

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

285TH PORT COMPANY, 517TH PORT BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 517th Port Battalion set foot on Omaha Beach on 8 June 1944 / For the two days prior, the port companies had been unloading the supply ships which had transported them across the channel / The companies of the 517th were scattered in separate camps surrounding St. Laurent-sur-Mer / The men of the 517th first lived in simple foxholes, then built little shacks made from "dunnage," wooden boards used as packing material in ship holds / The battalion's medical staff were housed in an abandoned German headquarters building in town / The day-to-day work of the port companies involved unloading supply ships anchored a few miles at sea / DUKWs (amphibious trucks), barges, and landing craft were filled with material and motored back to shore / On 24 November 1944, the 517th boarded trains at Isigny, France and were transported to Antwerp on the 29th, performing dock work / The 517th Port Battalion was deactivated in 1946

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Name: **STOCK**

MILTON

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

365TH STATION HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal

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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Name: STOTZ

DONALD

F.

Address: 94 WESTMINSTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "B", 740TH A.A.A. BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY), 1ST ARMY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 4 BATTLE STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Donald F. Stotz was stationed in England and earned 4 Battle Stars during combat action in Europe

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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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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Name: **STRESSING**

CLARK

A.

Address: 143 EDSON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

SQUADRON "A", 462ND A.A.F. BASE UNIT (SIGNAL AVIATION)

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER - M1 CARBINE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Western Signal Aviation Unit Training Center, Camp Pinedale (Fresno, California) - Camp Pinedale was the site of one of several temporary detention camps (also known as "assembly centers") located throughout the West that represented the first phase of the mass incarceration of 97,785 Californians of Japanese ancestry during World War II / This facility was intended to confine Japanese-Americans until more permanent internment camps, such as those at Manzanar and Tule Lake in California, could be built in isolated areas of the country / In August 1942, the Assembly Center was terminated and the camp was used by the Air Force primarily as a Signal Training Center for Signal Corps Units (Aviation)

Miscellaneous:

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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

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Name: **STURGES**

JACK

Address: 95 EDSON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

174TH ORDNANCE DEPOT COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Jack Sturges shipped to the Pacific on the USS Mt. Vernon

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

The USS Mt. Vernon was a troop transport ship commissioned USS Mount Vernon (AP-22), 16 June 1941 / During World War II, the USS Mount Vernon operated in both the European and Pacific Theaters / Decommissioned 18 January 1946

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Name: STWORZYDLAK

JOHN

A.

Address: 771 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 205TH BATTALION, 63RD 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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: STWORZYDLAK

S.

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: STWORZYDLAK

THEODORE P.

Address: 42 JOSLYN PLACE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

SECTION "O"

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Kessler Field, Mississippi - The base is named in honor of aviator 2d 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:

Although a resident of Buffalo, Theodore P. Stworzydlak entered military service from Gardenville



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **SULLIVAN**

EARL

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **SULLIVAN**

PAUL

M.

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: SUMNER

NORMAN T.

Address: 2757 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "D", 149TH INFANTRY, 38TH DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

BRONZE STAR

3 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON

WORLD WAR II VICTORY RIBBON

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Norman T. Sumner earned his Bronze Star and 3 Battle Stars during combat action in the Pacific Theater

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

One hundred twenty-two men of the 149th Infantry Regiment were lost when a Japanese Kamikaze suicide plane attacked the Liberty ship "Marcus Daly" in the Leyte Gulf just prior to landing

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 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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **SUMNER**

ROBERT

M.

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: **SUSAK**

J.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: SUTTELL

ALTON

A.

Address: 110 TINDLE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

333RD A.A.A. SEARCHLIGHT (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

589TH ENGINEERING COMPANY, LIGHT PONTOON CO.

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Fort Bliss, Texas - The fort is located in El Paso and named for Mexican-American War soldier William Wallace Smith Bliss / During World War II, Fort Bliss focused on training anti-aircraft artillery battalions (AAA) / The Anti-Aircraft Artillery School was ordered from Camp Davis to Fort Bliss to make the training of anti-aircraft gunners easier

Fort Jackson, South Carolina - Fort Jackson is named for Andrew Jackson, a United States Army General and President of the United States of America who was born in the border region of North and South Carolina / Fort Jackson is the largest and most active Initial Entry Training Center in the U.S. Army, training 50 percent of all soldiers and 70 percent of the women entering the Army / During World War II, more than 500,000 men received some phase of their training at Fort Jackson

Miscellaneous:

A Light Pontoon Company was attached to a division in river-crossing operations, to deliver, construct, maintain, and guard bridges, primarily Bailey Bridges

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Name: SUTTELL

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: **SUTTER**

DALLAS

Address: 12 SCHOOL STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

2069TH QUARTERMASTER TRUCK COMPANY (AVIATION)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Venice Air Field (Venice, Florida) - The air field was used by the Third Air Force as a training airfield where flight training consisted of 80 hours of instruction, which included aerial and ground gunnery, camera gunnery, dive and skip bombing, aerobatics and cross country navigation / Upwards of 200 German prisoners-of-war (POW) were moved to Venice AAF in February 1945

Miscellaneous:

The Quartermaster Truck Company provided motor vehicle transportation for cargo or for personnel / Its personnel and equipment (motor pool) were ready to haul any kind of cargo, any time of day or night, to and from any place that higher authority directed



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Name: SUTTON

RAYMOND A.

Address: SOUTHWESTERN BOULEVARD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** LT.

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
AIR MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Lieutenant Raymond A. Sutton enlisted in the Army-Air Corp the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor / Lieutenant Sutton piloted a P-47 Thunderbolt fighter and saw heavy German resistance over Southern France

Lieutenant Sutton participated in 94 missions over France and Italy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Raymond A. Sutton was a graduate of South Park High School / An employee of the Pullman Company prior to enlisting

The Republic P-47 Thunderbolt was the largest, heaviest, and most expensive fighter aircraft in history to be powered by a single piston engine / It was heavily armed with eight .50-caliber machine guns, four per wing / When fully loaded, the P-47 weighed up to eight tons, and in the fighter-bomber ground-attack roles could carry five-inch rockets or a significant bomb load of 2,500 pounds; it could carry over half the payload of the B-17 bomber on long-range missions / The P-47 was very effective as a short-to-medium range escort fighter in high-altitude air-to-air combat and, when unleashed as a fighter-bomber, proved especially adept at ground attack in both the World War II European and Pacific Theaters

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The Distinguished Flying Cross is a military decoration awarded to any officer or enlisted member of the United States Armed Forces who distinguishes himself or herself in support of operations by "heroism or extraordinary achievement" while participating in an aerial flight, subsequent to 11 November 1918

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



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Name: **SUTZ**

DONALD

R.

Address: 53 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 793RD M.P. BATTALION (MILITARY POLICE)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private

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: **SWALLOW**

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: SWANSON

ROBERT

E.

Address: 160 EDSON STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Third-Class

Base Assignments:

Norfolk, Virginia

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: SWANSON

ROBERT

L.

Address: 17 HILDALE AVENUE

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

V.M.O. 155 (FIXED WING MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The Marine Observation Squadron (VMO) was an observation squadron of the United States Marine Corps which saw extensive action during World War II



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: SWARTZMEYER

RALPH

Address: 46 KIRKWOOD DRIVE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

MOTOR CENTER, BUILDING 868

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Fort Myer, Virginia - Fort Myer traces its origin as an Army post to the Civil War / It has been an important Signal Corps post, an Army cavalry site, the site of the first flight of an aircraft at a military installation, and the first military air fatality / It has also served as the home of Army Chiefs of Staff / During World War II, Fort Myer served as a military in-processing and out-processing station / Troops were also stationed there throughout the war to provide defense to the nation's capital

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **SWIATEK**

THEODORE

Address: 50 BARNSDALE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Theodore Swiatek was taken ill while stationed at Fort Crowder and received a Medical Discharge

Base Assignments:

Camp Upton - Camp Upton was an Army installation located on Long Island, New York and named after Emory Upton, a Union general of the Civil War and was created in 1917 to house and train soldiers / Camp Upton became the site of the Recruit Educational Center, an Army program that enrolled foreign-born, non-English speaking, and illiterate soldiers / Soldiers who graduated were eligible for a three year term of military service, after which they could be naturalized as American citizens

Fort Crowder (St. Louis, Missouri) - Fort Crowder was named in honor of Major General Enoch H. Crowder, provost marshal of the United States during World War I and author of the 1917 Selective Service Act / Originally built to serve as an armor training center but later re-designated as a U.S. Army Signal Corps replacement training center, an Army Service Forces training center and an officer candidate preparatory school, the first of its kind at any military installation / The Fort also served as an infantry replacement center and had a German prisoner-of-war (POW) camp

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: SYMKOWSKI

HARRY L.

Address: INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

10TH STATION HOSPITAL

89TH STATION HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) Harry L. Symkowski served with the 10th Station Hospital while stationed in Ireland and England throughout the war / Corporal Symkowski served for five years and then re-enlisted for four additional years / Embarked for Ireland on the "SS Chateau Thierry" and returned stateside on the "Queen Mary"

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The Chateau Thierry was a troop transport that served with the US Army and US Navy / Originally built for service during the First World War, the ship arrived too late to see service in that war, but operated as an army transport, USAT Chateau Thierry, between the wars / With America's entry into World War II, the vessel was transferred to the US Navy and redesignated USS Chateau Thierry (AP-31) / In 1943 she was transferred back to the Army and converted into a hospital ship, USAHS Chateau Thierry, in which role she was to serve for the remainder of the war / Chateau Thierry was one of the 12 hospital ships that were involved in the Invasion of southern France / The hospital ship also saw service in the Pacific / The Chateau Thierry was decommissioned on 9 September 1943

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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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

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