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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **GAISER**

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: **GALA**

EDWARD

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

B.T.C. #10 (BASTIC TRAINING CENTER), GROUP 1181, BARRACKS 668

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Lindley Air Field (Greensboro, North Carolina) - Lindley AF was part of the Army Air Force Training Command and served as a training center for aviation pilots

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **GALLAGHER**

JOSEPH

P.

Address: 100 BROOKSIDE DRIVE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

44TH DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant

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

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **GALLEY**

RICHARD

J.

Address: 2244 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: AOM 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

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

C.A.S.U. 53 (CARRIER AIRCRAFT SERVICE UNIT)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class

Base Assignments:

Norman, Oklahoma - Naval based trained in Advanced Aviation, Combat Aircrewman Training and Aviation Metalsmiths / Navy Technical Training Center for Aviation Ordnance

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI) (Whidbey Island, Washington) - The Whidbey Island NAS was established in February 1941 to re-arm and refuel Navy patrol planes defending Puget Sound / The station also taught Aerial Gunnery for the various weapons used in fighters and bombers

Floyd Bennett Field (Brooklyn, New York) - Opened in June 1930, Bennett Field was named after Floyd Bennett, a noted aviator who had visualized an airport at Barren Island before he died in 1928 / Floyd Bennett Field was a hub for naval activities and was the busiest Naval Air Station during World War II

Miscellaneous:

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

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

Aviation Ordnance (AVORD) is the procurement and technical aspects of machine guns, including mounts, sights,



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fittings and ammunition / Other aviation ordnance items included larger caliber guns, bombs, bomb racks, bomb sights, pyrotechnic signaling devices, air launched torpedoes, aircraft torpedo launching equipment, and training devices which include miniature practice bombs

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Name: GARLAND

CLARENCE W.

Address: 3085 SENECA STREET

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

Unit / Squadron:

146TH A.A.F. BASE UNIT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Selfridge Field, Michigan - Located in Harrison Township, Michigan / Selfridge Field was one of thirty-two Air Service training camps established after the United States entry into World War I in April 1917 / On 29 March 1943, the 332d Fighter Group of the Tuskegee Airmen completed its move to Selfridge / The commander of the Tuskegee's European and Mediterranean operations was Colonel Benjamin O. Davis Jr., the first black officer to graduate from West Point in the 20th century, and later the first black Air Force general / The 477th Composite Group was formed at Selfridge on 15 January 1944 to train Tuskegee Airmen with Republic P-47 Thunderbolt fighters and North American B-25 Mitchell bombers

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **GARLAND**

KENNETH

M.

Address: 3085 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "C", 11TH BATTALION, FIELD ARTILLERY (FA)
HEADQUARTERS, SEVENTH ARMY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	1 BATTLE STAR
AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL
ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL - GERMANY	MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: CARBINE

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal) Kenneth M. Garland earned a Battle Star for combat action during the Rhineland, Germany campaign

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:

Kenneth M. Garland was born in Veazie, Maine, but moved to West Seneca and graduated from West Seneca High School / After the war, Garland became an accountant for Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. where he worked for more than 20 years / Kenneth M. Garland passed away on 20 November, 2019 at the age of 95 years old

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

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Name: **GARLAND**

LINWOOD

A.

Address: 3085 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

SQUADRON 24 M.A.G. (MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP), 1ST M.A.W. (MARINE AIR WING)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant

Base Assignments:

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: **GARLINGER**

E.

A.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **GARRISON**

ROBERT

G.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: 2ND LT.

Unit / Squadron:

24TH HEADQUARTERS, 2ND ARMY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Second Lieutenant

Base Assignments:

Camp Shelby, Mississippi - Camp Shelby was established in 1917 and named in honor of Isaac Shelby, Indian fighter, Revolutionary War hero and 1st Governor of Kentucky / Camp also served as a holding center for German Prisoners-of-War

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **GARRISON II**

PHILIP

B.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

6TH ENGINE OVERHAUL SQUADRON

REPAIR SQUADRON, 27TH AIR DEPOT GROUP

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

1 BATTLE STAR

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

THE WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Philip B. Garrison was an airplane mechanic, stationed at Shepherd Field, Duncan Field and Pinecastle Air Base

Staff Sergeant Philip B. Garrison earned a Battle Star for combat action in the New Guinea Campaign / SSgt Garrison was stationed at Biak Island, New Guinea in November 1944 / SSgt Garrison also served in the Dutch Indies and Tokyo, Japan

SSgt Garrison served in the Army-Air Force from 8 December 1941 to 6 December 1945

Base Assignments:

Kelly Field, Texas - Located outside of San Antonio, the Field was named in honor of 2d 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 / 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

Shepherd Field (Wichita Falls, Texas) - Opened on 17 October 1941 as a United States Army Air Corps training center, the base was named in honor of Texas Senator John Morris Sheppard, a supporter of military preparations before World War II / During World War II, Sheppard Field conducted basic training and also trained glider mechanics, technical and flying training instructors and B-29 Superfortress flight engineers / In addition to the basic flying training, the base also provided advanced pilot training / Sheppard Field reached its peak strength of 46,340 people while serving as a separation center for troops being discharged following World



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War II from September through November 1945 / Sheppard Field was deactivated 31 August 1946, but was reactivated 15 August 1948 to supplement Lackland AFB, Texas, as a basic training center renamed as Sheppard AFB

Duncan Field (San Antonio, Texas) - In 1925, Kelly Field #1 was renamed Duncan Field in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Duncan / Formerly stationed at Kelly Field, Duncan died in an airplane accident at Bolling Field in Washington, D.C. / Duncan Field conducted training, maintenance, command, and supply functions / In March 1943, Kelly Field and Duncan Field were reunited under the name of Kelly Field with the primary mission of maintenance and supply

Pinecastle Army Airfield (Orlando, Florida) - On 1 January 1943, Pinecastle Army Airfield became a sub-base of Orlando Army-Air Base / Pinecastle supported the training mission of Orlando AAB / Two bomb squadrons of the 9th Bombardment Group and 5th Bombardment Group operated from Pinecastle during the war / In 1943, Pinecastle AAF was used as an Air Force General Maintenance and Supply Depot facility / On 7 May 1958, Pinecastle AFB was renamed McCoy Air Force Base in memory of Colonel Michael N. W. McCoy who was killed on 9 October 1957 in the crash of a B-47 Stratojet

Miscellaneous:

Repair Squadrons maintained airframes, aircraft engines, and accessories integral to the plane; these accessories included such equipment as propellers, hydraulic and electrical systems, carburetors, and generators

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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: **GARWOOD JR.**

ROBERT

P.

Address: 22 BAYBERRY AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 339TH INFANTRY, 85TH (CUSTER) DIVISION, 5TH ARMY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL
W/1 BRONZE STAR

PURPLE HEART

1 BATTLE STAR

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER / EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Robert P. Garwood was wounded in the leg by an S-Mine (also known as "Bouncing Betty") in May 1944 during action in the village of Minturno, Italy during the Italian Campaign / Private Garwood earned a Battle Star for combat duty during the Rome-Arno campaign

Embarked for the combat zone aboard the SS John Clarke and returned to the United States on the SS Cristobal

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The German S-mine (Schrappnellmine, Springmine or Splittermine in German), also known as the "Bouncing Betty", is the best-known version of a class of mines known as bounding mines / When triggered, these mines launch into the air and then detonate at about 2 ft 11 in / The explosion projects a lethal spray of shrapnel in all directions / The S-mine was an anti-personnel landmine developed by Germany in the 1930s and used extensively by German forces during World War II / It was designed to be used in open areas against unshielded infantry

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Name: **GATES**

ROBERT

B.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **GATTIE**

CLARENCE A.

Address:

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

Unit / Squadron:

22ND PORT SURGICAL HOSPITAL, 5TH AIR FORCE

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

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: **GATTIE**

WALTER

E.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "E", ARMORED

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: GEBHARD

G.

Address: CLINTON STREET

Service Branch:

Rank: NAVY

Unit / Squadron:

V-12 SCHOOL

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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



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Name: **GEIER**

CARL

J.

Address:

CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miami, Florida - Naval Air Station was commissioned in 1940

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **GENDRON**

HAROLD

R.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: R.M. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

MOBILE COMMUNICATION, UNIT 6, 7TH FLEET (FLAGSHIP)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Radioman Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

A Radioman was responsible for transmitting and receiving radio signals, and processing all forms of telecommunications through various transmission media aboard ships, aircraft and at shore facilities / Responsible for the proper handling and destruction of classified material / Radiomen were also responsible for periodic maintenance of the communications equipment, to include transmitters, receivers and antennas

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Name: GERLACH

RONALD

E

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CAPT

Unit / Squadron:

102ND A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT) BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

PURPLE HEART

COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Captain Ronald E. Gerlach joined the 102nd anti-aircraft battalion in December 1940 and went overseas in February 1942 / Gerlach was promoted from First Lieutenant to Captain in an infantry regiment in the Pacific and graduated from Officer School in Australia in April 1943 / Captain Gerlach was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and the Purple Heart, from wounds he received in action

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 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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Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller, any time after 6 December 1941

Name: **GERMAIN**

CHESTER

G.

Address: **87 BURCH AVENUE**

Service Branch: **MARINE CORPS**

Rank: **PFC**

Unit / Squadron:

BUREAU OF SUPPLIES AND ACCOUNTS, NAVY DEPOT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Cleveland, Ohio

Miscellaneous:

The Bureau of Supplies and Accounts functions included purchasing, storage, issue, and shipping of supplies (with certain exceptions) for the Navy / The Bureau controlled certain special "Funds"; it administered supply activities, and storehouses; it administered transportation of Navy property and of household effects of naval personnel; it procured and loaded cargoes, and when necessary, chartered ships to carry them / The Bureau administered the disposal of unneeded material / The Bureau also supervised or participated in the development of special materials, allowance lists, and methods of preserving and packaging Navy materials / It supervised vastly expanded storage and transportation programs



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Name: **GERMAIN**

KENNETH

W.

Address: 56 WESTMINSTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/4

Unit / Squadron:

SERVICE BATTERY, 898TH F.A. BATTALION (FIELD ARTILLERY)

75TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

3 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fourth-Class (Sergeant) Kenneth W. Germain saw combat action in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, earning 3 Battle Stars

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:

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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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **GICK**

C.

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: GICK

HAROLD

W.

Address: 36 WICHITA ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "B", 133RD A.A.A. GUN BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Harold W. Gick was stationed at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese attack on 7 December 1941

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 antiaircraft gunners by providing accurate information about the range, speed, and altitude of incoming enemy planes

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: GICK

RICHARD

Address:

GARDEN AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: M/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 6TH GENERAL HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Master Sergeant

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **GIESE**

E.

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: GIFFORD

JACK

K.

Address: 18 AVENUE B

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "E", 534TH E.B. & S.R. (ENGINEER BOAT & SHORE REGIMENT)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 534th Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment, a unit of the 4th Engineer Special (Amphibian) Brigade was activated on February 1, 1943, at Fort Devens, Massachusetts / The 4th ESB arrived in New Guinea on May 18, 1944, and participated in the assaults on Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies (15 September 1944) and Lingayen Gulf, Luzon (9 January 1945) / The brigade was inactivated in Japan on 15 April 1946

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



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Name: **GILCHRIST**
WILLIAM

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "D", 517TH A.A.A. GUN BATTERY (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: GILL

ANTHONY

Address: 3618 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 3RD BATTALION, 331ST INFANTRY, 83RD DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PURPLE HEART

5 BATTLE STARS

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Anthony Gill was wounded in action on 3 March 1944 during fighting in Germany after earning 5 battle stars for combat action across Europe

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Anthony Gill attended Ebenezer High School three years prior to enlisting in the Army

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: GILL

JOHN

Address: 3618 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: COX

Unit / Squadron:

USS GUAM (CB-2), 6TH FLEET

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

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

1 BATTLE STAR

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Coxswain John Gill earned a battle star during the liberation of the Philippine Islands

Base Assignments:

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

Naval Training Station (NTS), 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

Naval Training Station (NTS), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Personnel Support Center (PSC), Lido Beach, Long Island, New York - Support Center processed discharged Naval personnel

Miscellaneous:

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

USS Guam (CB-2) was an Alaska-class large cruiser named for the island of Guam / The USS Guam participated in



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operations off Okinawa in March–July 1945, including providing anti-aircraft defense for the carrier task force and conducting limited shore bombardment operations / Commissioned 17 September 1944 and decommissioned 17 February 1947

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Name: GILL

JOSEPH

F.

Address: 3618 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

U.S. CLAIMS SERVICE, HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION (PBS)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

4 BATTLE STARS

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL - ITALY

GOOD CONDUCT

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technical Sergeant Joseph F. Gill served in Italy, first in the Allied Force Headquarters with the Claims Service and later with the Judge Advocate Section, Claims Division, at the Headquarters of the Peninsular Base Section / Sergeant Gill earned 4 battle stars for combat action during the Italian Campaign

Base Assignments:

Peninsular Base Section (Naples, Italy) - Base provided for the hospitalization for American troops

Miscellaneous:

The Peninsular Base Section organized medical services, including hospitalization and evacuation and medical supplies and was the largest base organization in the theater, both in terms of personnel and in terms of the number of fixed beds under its control

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

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Name: GILMOUR

EDWARD

A.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

60TH INFANTRY, 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Edward A. Gilmour was Killed in Action (KIA) on 23 Mar 1943 and is interred at the North Africa American Cemetery (Tunis, Tunisia)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Prior to enlisting in the Army on 8 January 1941, Edward A. Gilmour was employed as a Fireman

Participating in three wars on three continents, the 60th Infantry Division has played a conspicuous role in the achievements of 5th Division in World War I and 9th Infantry Division in World War II and Vietnam / The 60th Infantry spearheaded the November 1942, Allied invasion of French Morocco at Port Lyautey during Operation Torch / During the Allied invasion of Sicily, the 60th Infantry continued its victorious ways, culminating in the famous Silent March ("Ghost March"), where the regiment infiltrated enemy lines and broke open the last of the German resistance / On 11 June 1944, the 60th Infantry debarked at Utah Beach on the Cotentin Peninsula, Normandy, France / On 12 June, driving hard toward the St. Colombe in France, the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry completely outdistanced the rest of the 9th Division / For a time, the 60th Regiment was believed to be lost but actually had overrun the German defenses in the face of murderous fire and had cut the main highway to the northwest / Instead of withdrawing, the battalion set up a bridgehead on the Douve River and held the position for seven hours until the rest of the 9th Division caught up to them, thus facilitating the cutting of the peninsula / In France during June 1944, the 60th Infantry led the way for the 9th Division as it spearheaded the American advance out of the beachhead that cut the Contentin Peninsula / After the bitter and bloody struggle in the Huertegen Forest, the 60th Infantry fell back to the Monschau area where its efforts won it a third Presidential Unit Citation in the snow and bitter cold of the Battle of the Bulge / The 60th Infantry then was the first to capture the Schwammanuel Dam on the Roer River / Continuing south, the regiment was one of the first to cross the Rhine at Remagen / The 60th Infantry was inactivated in November 1946 while on occupation duty in Germany



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Name: **GITCHELL**

ED

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

POST HEADQUARTERS, 1253RD RD., S.C.S.U.

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Camp Upton (Long Island, New York) - Camp Upton was named after Emory Upton, a Union general of the Civil War and was created in 1917 to house and train soldiers for the United States / The camp was used by Army in the mobilization of 1940 that preceded the American entry into World War II and later housed a convalescent and rehabilitation hospital / 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

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **GITCHELL**

GEORGE

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

B 23, U.S.N.T.C. (UNITED STATES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:

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

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



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Name: **GLAGOLICH**

GEORGE

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

36TH PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

During World War II, the 36th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron operated primarily in the Southwest Pacific Theater, providing aerial reconnaissance and intelligence information over a wide area of the theater in numerous campaigns / In 1945, the squadron performed reconnaissance missions over Formosa as well as the Philippines / The squadron earned the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation for its combat operations during the Liberation of the Philippines in 1944–1945

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Name: **GLASER**

WILLIAM

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **GLEED**

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **GLEISNER**

ROBERT

W.

Address: 148 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: G.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS WILLMARTH (DE-638)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

5 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Gunner's Mate Third-Class Robert W. Gleisner earned 5 Battle Stars for combat action aboard the USS Willmarth

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:

Robert W. Gleisner entered the Navy on 3 August 1943

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

The USS Willmarth was a Buckley-class destroyer escort named in honor of Ensign Kenneth Willmarth (1914-1942), who was killed in action when the cruiser Vincennes was sunk during the Battle of Savo Island on 9 August 1942 / The Willmarth participated in the liberation of the Philippine and Okinawa Islands / Commissioned on 13 March 1944 and decommissioned on 26 April 1946

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Name: **GOETZ**

EDWIN

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: GOMEZAK

HENRY

A.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "F", 30TH INFANTRY

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: **GORSKI**

ANTHONY E.

Address: 85 STANTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 23RD INFANTRY REGIMENT, 2ND DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	3 BATTLE STARS
WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL	COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE
DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION	GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER / EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Anthony E. Gorski earned 3 Battle Stars during combat action / PFC Gorski served from 1943 to 1945

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **GOTTLIEB**

EDWARD

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: **GOULD**

GERARD

G.

Address: 113 DIRKSON AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

1260TH S.C.S.U. P.R.P. - SUPPLY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Fort Dix, New Jersey - Unit was part of the United States Army that trained soldiers on how to feed troops during wartime

Miscellaneous:



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Name: GRABENSTATTER

DONALD H.

Address: 1300 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

RECEIVING STATION

USS MISSION BAY CVE-59

Medals / Citations:

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

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class

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, repairing over 5,000 ships, and shipped 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

USS Mission Bay (CVE-59) was a Casablanca-class escort carrier of the United States Navy / Named for Mission Bay, California, she was the only U.S. Naval vessel to bear the name / The Mission Bay was commissioned on 13 September 1943 / In February 1945, Mission Bay was ordered to sail in the direction of Gibraltar to meet and escort the heavy cruiser returning in convoy from the Yalta Conference with President Franklin D. Roosevelt onboard / The Mission Bay performed antisubmarine duty in the North Atlantic from 29 March to 14 May during Operation Teardrop (Operation Teardrop was a United States Navy operation of World War II conducted during April and May 1945 to sink German U-boats approaching the United States East Coast that were believed to be armed with V-1 flying bombs) / The Mission Bay training pilots off the African coast in May 1945 / The USS Mission Bell was decommissioned on 1 September 1958 and sold for scrap in April 1959



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Name: GRABENSTATTER

HARRY

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: GRACE

ANTHONY

Address: 422 COLLINS AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 822ND A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY), A.W. BATTALION (AIR WARNING)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Camp Haan, California - Camp Haan was opened in January 1941 / In March 1942 Camp Haan was reorganized as an Army Service Depot and in late 1942 a prisoner of war camp was built for 1,200 Italian Prisoners of War / In April 1945, German POWs arrived at Haan to replace the Italians / Camp Haan had an 800-bed debarkation hospital which received wounded coming in from the Pacific theaters of operation / Camp Haan, at its peak, had a population of 80,000

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: GRADL

ROBERT

A.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 861ST AMERICAN ENGINEERING BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal

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

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Name: **GRAEBER**

EUGENE

W.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: MO.M.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS LAMONS (DE-743)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Motor Machinist's Mate Third-Class

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

USS Lamons (DE-743) was a Cannon-class destroyer escort commissioned on 29 February 1944 / She was named in honor of Kenneth Tafe Lamons, whose brave actions led to his death from wounds received in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941 / The Lamons served in the Pacific Ocean and provided escort service against submarine and air attack for Navy vessels and convoys/ In June 1945, the USS Lamons was part of a screen protecting fueling groups supporting the invasion of Saipan / From October 1944 through March 1945, the USS Lamons participated in the invasion of the Philippine Islands, Iwo Jima and the Okinawa Islands / She returned home after the war with nine battle stars and was decommissioned on 14 June 1946 / The USS Lamons was sold for scrap in October 1973

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Name: **GRAHAM**

ROBERT

H.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

372ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 372nd Bombardment Squadron was formed as a heavy bombardment group in January 1942, trained in the Pacific Northwest under Second Air Force, with B-17 Flying Fortresses / Reassigned to Seventh Air Force in Hawaii, November 1942 and performed performing search and rescue and antisubmarine patrols until January 1943 while transitioning to long-range B-24 Liberator heavy bombers / Deployed to the Central Pacific from Hawaii throughout 1943 for long-range combat bombardment operations against Japanese forces in the Central Pacific; New Guinea; Northern Solomon Islands and Eastern Mandates campaigns / Deployed to the New Hebrides in Melanesia and operated from numerous temporary jungle airfields, engaging in long-range bombardment operations during the Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon and Southern Philippines campaigns until the end of the war in August 1945

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Name: GRASSL

JOSEPH

Address: 1081 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS LST 662 (LANDING SHIP, TANK)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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USS LST-622 was a tank landing ship assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and participated in the Lingayen Gulf landing, January 1945, and the assault and occupation of Okinawa Gunto, from March through June 1945 / LST-662 earned three battle stars / Commissioned 26 June 1944 and decommissioned 14 March 1946

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 / From their combat debut in the Solomon Islands in June 1943 until the end of the hostilities in August 1945, the LSTs performed a vital service in World War II. They participated in the invasions of Sicily (Operation Husky), Italy, Normandy, and southern France in the European Theater and were an essential element in the island-hopping campaigns in the Pacific that culminated in the liberation of the Philippines and the capture of Iwo Jima and Okinawa

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Name: GRAY

CHARLES

J

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

3256TH NAVAL SUPPLY DEPOT (NSD)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First Class Charles J. Gray served in the Okinawa campaign

Base Assignments:

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

Camp Shoemaker, Livermore, California - Camp Shoemaker was a naval personnel training and distribution center designed to handle naval personnel on their way to, or returning from, the Pacific / Camp Shoemaker was also used as a Prisoner of War Camp from 16 August 1945 to 14 May 1946

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **GREASART**

LEROY

Address: 23 WINEGAR PLACE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

MILITARY POLICE

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Leroy Greasert was stationed in England

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: **GREASART**

RUSSELL

C.

Address: 23 WINEGAR PLACE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

294TH QUARTERMASTER SALVAGE REPAIR (QMSR) COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	5 BATTLE STARS
DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION	GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Class (Corporal) Russell C. Greasert was stationed in England, before earning 5 battle stars during combat operations in Europe

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Quartermaster Salvage Repair (QMSR) Companies played an important part in the effort to maintain sustained combat operations during World War II / Salvage operations included the repair and return to supply channels of discarded, damaged, or partially destroyed military equipment and of captured or abandoned enemy property

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Name: GREATBATCH

WILSON

Address: 2749 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A.C.R.M.

Unit / Squadron:

C.A.S.U. (CARRIER AIRCRAFT SERVICE UNIT)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Wilson Greatbatch flew combat missions as a rear gunner in a Navy Dive-Bomber and later, as Chief Petty Officer, taught in the Navy's Radar School / As an Aviation Chief Radioman, Greatbatch worked on shipboard communications and guidance systems

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Wilson Greatbatch attended West Seneca High School / After an Honorable Discharge in 1945, Wilson Greatbatch attended Cornell University as part of the GI Bill, graduating with a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering (B.E.E.) in electrical engineering in 1950; he received a master's degree from the University of Buffalo in 1957 / Greatbatch went on to become an engineer and inventor, developing a lithium-iodide power cell for pacemakers / He held more than 350 patents and was a member of the National Inventors Hall of Fame and a recipient of the Lemelson-MIT Prize and the National Medal of Technology and Innovation / Wilson Greatbatch passed away on 27 September 2011, at the age of 92

An Aviation Chief Radioman operated radio transmitting and receiving equipment of naval aircraft and processing all forms of telecommunications through various transmission media aboard ships, aircraft and at shore facilities

A Carrier Aircraft Service Unit is a group of Naval Officers and enlisted men who are assigned to a Naval Air Station or airfield / They were comprised of aviation machinist mates, ordnanceman, metalsmiths, electricians, hospital corpsmen, cooks, bakers, and seaman who are not assigned to a squadron / Fighter, scout bomber or torpedo squadrons that required replacements found then through the C.A.S.U.

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Name: GREGORY

L.

C.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: GREIS

ALBERT

D.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

CANNON COMPANY, 343RD INFANTRY REGIMENT, 86TH DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Class (Corporal) Albert D. Greis received two Bronze service stars for participation in designated campaigns / Corporal Greis served in the European and Pacific theaters

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 343rd Infantry Regiment, 86th Division fought in Italy, Central Europe and Germany

The Infantry is the branch of the army that engages in military combat on foot, distinguished from cavalry, artillery, and tank forces / Also known as foot soldiers, infantry traditionally relies on moving by foot between combats as well, but may also use mounts, military vehicles, or other transport / Infantry make up a large portion of all armed forces in most nations, and typically bear the largest brunt in warfare, as measured by casualties, deprivation, or physical and psychological stress

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

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Name: **GRIEM**

LAWRENCE W.

Address: 55 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "I", 141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT, 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	BRONZE STAR
PURPLE HEART	4 BATTLE STARS
AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL	WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL
COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE	MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT
ARROWHEAD	GOOD CONDUCT

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technical Sergeant Lawrence W. Griem earned his battle stars fighting in the Italian and Central Europe campaigns / TSGT Griem served in the Army from 27 July 1943 until 8 November 1945

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The distinguished lineage of the 141st includes units tracing origins to the Texas Revolution, such as Company A, First Texas, 1836, and other infantry companies of the First Texas formed in the 1870s and 1880s / The 141st U. S. Infantry was officially formed at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, Texas, on October 15, 1917, from Texas troops drawn largely from the 1st and 2d Texas National Guard Infantry Regiments / The first World War II amphibious assault in Europe by any American division was by the 36th Division near Salerno (Paestum area), Italy, on 9 September 1943 / Chaos on the beach led to terrible casualties to the 141st with poor coordination by naval gunfire, allowing German artillery and tanks to dominate the battlefield for the first hours / By 18 September, the Germans had abandoned their positions and the 141st was put in reserve / The regiment continued to fight through Naples-Foggia, Anzio, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe / Over the course of battle, the 36th recorded 1,126 killed, approximately 5,000 wounded (hospitalized), and over 500 missing in action / The Division was decorated with three Medals of Honor, 31 Distinguished Service Crosses, 492 Silver Stars and 1,685 Bronze Stars

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: GRIFFIN

JOHN

M.

Address: 170 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "B", 28TH C.A. (COAST ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Miami, Florida - From 1942 to 1945 Miami Beach played a significant role in WWII / Nearly 500,000 men, including matinee-idol Clark Gable, took over 300 hotels and buildings for housing and training headquarters under the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command / By the time the war ended, one-fourth of all Army Air Force officers and one-fifth of the Air Corps' enlisted men had been trained in "the most beautiful boot camp in America" - Miami Beach

Miscellaneous:

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Name: GRIMMER JR.

GEORGE

J.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

MEDICAL DETACHMENT, 1ST BATTALION ENGINEERING REGIMENT
363 ENGINEERS S.S. (SPECIAL SERVICES) REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **GRISWOLD**

GUY

A.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: MO.M.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS KIDD (DD-661)

USS XMS-159

COM SERVICES DIVISION 102 NAVY 3237

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Motor Machinist Mate Third-Class

Base Assignments:

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

USS XMS-159 (Gulfport, Mississippi) - On 2 June 1942, an Advanced Base Depot was established in Gulfport and the first Seabees started coming through Gulfport / The mission of the Center changed from a receiving organization to a U.S. Naval Training Center in March 1944, and provided for training in basic engineering, diesel, radioman, quartermaster and electrician's ratings

Naval Landing Force Equipment Depot (NLFED), Albany, California - With the onset of World War II, the United States Navy took over Golden Gate Fields racetrack as the "Albany Naval Landing Force Equipment Depot" for the storing and repair of hundreds of landing craft destined for use in the Pacific theater / After the war, Golden Gate Fields resumed horse racing.

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,



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pumps, forced draft blowers, and heat exchangers; perform tests, transfers, and inventory of lubricating oils, fuels, and water / Maintained records and reports, and performed duties in the generation and stowage of industrial gases

USS Kidd (DD-661), a Fletcher-class destroyer, was the first ship of the United States Navy to be named after Rear Admiral Isaac C. Kidd, who died on the bridge of his flagship USS Arizona during the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor / Admiral Kidd was the first US flag officer to die during World War II, and the first American admiral ever to be killed in action / The Kidd was commissioned on 23 April 1943 and departed for the Pacific in August 1943 / Kidd screened carriers making air attacks on Tarawa during the Gilbert Islands invasion from 19 to 23 November 1943 and screened heavy ships and bombarded Roi and Wotje during the invasion of the Marshall Islands in January and February 1944 / Kidd sailed 19 February 1945, to join Task Force 58 (TF 58) for the invasion of Okinawa / Trained and battle wise, Kidd played a key role during the first days of the Okinawa campaign, screening battleships, bombarding shore targets, rescuing downed pilots, sinking floating mines, providing early warning of raids, guarding heavily damaged Franklin (CV-13), and helping to shoot down kamikazes / The USS Kidd was decommissioned on 19 June 1964 and received 12 battle stars for her service / The USS Kidd is a Museum ship in Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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Name: GROELL JR.

JOSEPH

J.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "B", 562ND A.A.A. BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY), A.W. (AIR WARNING)
MOBILE (MBL)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

BRONZE STAR

2 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Joseph J. Groell Jr. fought in the Central Europe and Rhineland campaigns earning two Battle Stars

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: **GROSS**

ALFRED

J.

Address: 3729 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "E", 2ND C.A. BATTALION (COAST ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Fort Story, Virginia - Originally known as Cape Henry Military Reservation, it was officially named on 24 July 1916 for Major General John P. Story, once an artillery commander at Fort Monroe / Coastal artillery batteries were established around the fort to offer protection against hostile shipping entering the Chesapeake Bay

England General Hospital (Atlantic City, New Jersey)

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **GROSS**

ALOYSIUS P.

Address: **FREMONT AVENUE**

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 315TH ENGINEERING COMBAT BATTALION, 90TH DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	5 BATTLE STARS
ARROWHEAD	MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Class (Corporal) Aloysius P. Gross fought in the Northern France and Central Europe campaigns, receiving 5 battle stars for combat action

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Originally organized in November 1921 at San Antonio, Texas, the 315th Regiment was reorganized and redesignated on 30 January 1942 as the 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, an element of the 90th Division (later redesignated as the 90th Infantry Division) / The 315th Engineering Combat Battalion participated in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe

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Name: **GROSS**

DAVID

H.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 66TH BATTALION, 2ND PLATOON

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:



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Name: GROSS

FRANCIS J.

Address: 27 FLOHR AVENUE

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

Unit / Squadron:

463RD SERVICE SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **GROTEVENT**

WILLIAM

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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Name: **GROTH**

HOWARD

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: **GROTKE**

HOWARD

G.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "M", 28TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 8TH DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

4 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Class (Corporal) Howard G. Grotke earned four battle stars during combat action across Central Europe

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



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Name: **GROTKE**

NORMAN

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: GUGGISBURG

A.

E.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: GUGGISBURG

J.

N.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **GUINARD**

LEONARD S.

Address: 24 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

STATION HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

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:

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: **GUNDLACH**

ARTHUR

E.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)
