



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



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HAAS

NORMAN F.

Address: 25 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

DIVISION HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

BRONZE STAR

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Norman Haas was awarded the Bronze Star Medal in recognition of his outstanding performance of duties during the German campaign

Base Assignments:

Camp Campbell, Kentucky - The camp was named in honor of Union Army Brigadier General William Bowen Campbell, the last Whig Governor of Tennessee / Constructed in January 1942, Camp Campbell was developed to accommodate one armored division and various support troops / From the summer of 1942 until the end of World War II, Camp Campbell was the training ground for the 12th, 14th and 20th Armored divisions, Headquarters IV Armored Corps and the 26th Infantry Division

Miscellaneous:

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

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Name: **HABERER**

ALFRED

N.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

SECTION "A", 3007TH ARMY AIR FORCE, BASE UNIT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Kirtland Air Field, New Mexico - Located southeast of Albuquerque, New Mexico, the airfield was named in honor of the early Army aviator Col. Roy C. Kirtland / The field provided advanced flying training in "AT" (advanced trainer) trainer aircraft and transition training in combat-ready aircraft, primarily the B-17 Flying Fortress and the B-24 Liberator

Miscellaneous:

The Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress was a four-engine heavy bomber aircraft developed in the 1930s for the United States Army Air Corps / The B-17 was 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 Consolidated B-24 Liberator was a heavy bomber, designed by Consolidated Aircraft / 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 by the Ford Motor Company, it still holds the distinction as the most-produced American military aircraft



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Name: **HABERER**

R.

L.

Address:

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

624 M.A.G. (MARINE AIR GROUP), 62 F.M.F. (FLEET MARINE FORCE), 9TH AIR WING

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

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 (22nd 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

Miscellaneous:

The United States Fleet Marine Forces (FMF) were combined general and special purpose forces within the United States Department of the Navy that were designed in engaging offensive amphibious or expeditionary warfare and defensive maritime employment / During World War II, the Fleet Marine Force had units in the western Pacific assigned to the United States Asiatic Fleet



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Name: HACKFORD

LEIGH C.

Address: 85 ORCHARD AVENUE

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

Unit / Squadron:

STATION HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Amarillo Army Air Field - Amarillo, Texas - Amarillo AAF was one of the largest installations in the Western Technical Training Command, established for training 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

Miscellaneous:

In the years from June 30, 1943 to June 30, 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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RICHARD H.

Address: 85 ORCHARD AVENUE

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

Unit / Squadron:

A.T.C. (AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Lieutenant Colonel Richard Hackford was the commanding officer of the Air Force Base in Nome, Alaska / Lt. Col. Hackford was also a graduate of West Point

Base Assignments:

Marks Army Airfield - Nome, Alaska Territory - Opened 1 July 1942 / Used by Air Transport Command as a refueling and servicing airfield for Lend-Lease aircraft being flown to Siberia by Soviet Red Air Force pilots and for air defense of the western coast of Alaska

Minneapolis Field - Minneapolis, Minnesota - Field was used for training pilots and aircrews

Miscellaneous:

The Air Transport Command (ATC) was a global instrument of the United States Army Air Forces with the mission 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: HACKFORD

ROBERT

R.

Address: 85 ORCHARD AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: LT.

Unit / Squadron:

B.E.C. 57

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Lieutenant Robert Hackford was an instructor at O.C.S. (Officer Candidate School)

Base Assignments:

Fort Sill, Oklahoma - Fort Sill was founded in 1869, under the original name Camp Wichita / Fort was later renamed in honor of Brigadier General Joshua W. Sill, who was killed during the American Civil War / The Field Artillery School trained its own fixed wing pilots as field artillery spotters

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **HAGEMAN**

CLIFFORD

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: HAGEMAN

ELMER

H.

Address: 33 ORCHARD AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

624TH ORDNANCE A.M. COMPANY (AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Elmer Hageman entered the service on 1 February 1942

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The mission of the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps 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: HAGEMAN

NORMAN

Address: 33 ORCHARD AVENUE

Service Branch: MERCHANT MARINE **Rank:** 3RD MATE

Unit / Squadron:

U.S.M.S. (UNITED STATES MARITIME SERVICE) O.S.

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Third-Mate Norman Hageman entered service school on 15 March 1944

Base Assignments:

Fort Trumbull - New London, Connecticut - Opened on 1 September 1942, Fort Trumbull takes its name from Jonathan Trumbull, Connecticut's Revolutionary wartime governor / The U.S. Maritime Service Officer Candidate School at Fort Trumbull graduated 15,473 Merchant Marine officers in 76 classes between 1939 and 1946

Miscellaneous:

In time of war or national emergency, the U.S. Merchant Marine becomes vital to national security as a "fourth arm of defense." Merchant ships bear the brunt of delivering military troops, supplies and equipment overseas to our forces and allies operating as an auxiliary unit to the Navy



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Name: **HAGNER**

ROBERT

J.

Address: 91 WILDWOOD AVENUE

Service Branch: COAST GUARD

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

USS GENERAL M. C. MEIGS (AP-116)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The USS General M. C. Meigs (AP-116), was a 11,828-ton troop transport / She played an important role in moving the Brazilian Expeditionary Force to Europe, making a series of voyages between the United States, Brazil, North Africa, and Italy / In October 1945 the transport joined the "Magic Carpet" fleet and during the next four months brought combat veterans back to the United States from France, India and Japan / Commissioned in June 1944 and decommissioned in March 1946

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: **HAHN**

ARTHUR

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: **HAINDEL**

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: HAIST

JAMES

E.

Address:

Service Branch: COAST GUARD

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

U.S. COAST GUARD BARRACKS

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Townsend Inlet, New Jersey

Miscellaneous:

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Name: HAKES

RALPH L.

Address: 2474 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

155TH A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY), OPMS DETACHMENT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Davis, North Carolina - Camp Davis was built in 1940 and named for Statesville native Maj. Gen. Richmond P. Davis (1866-1937) / Originally designed predominantly as an Army coast artillery training center, Camp Davis hosted antiaircraft and seacoast defense training / Members of the Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASPS) flew planes that towed the targets used in antiaircraft exercises / The installation also served briefly as the home of the army's first Barrage Balloon Training Center from 1941 to 1942

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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Name: HALLADAY

PAUL

B.

Address: 74 FLOHR AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

1991ST ENGINEERING COMPOSITE PLATOON

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

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 / Different categories of engineers were under a single administrative organization and designated as "Composite" groups

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Name: **HAMM**

LEONARD L.

Address: 46 LUDWIG AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: CADET

Unit / Squadron:

UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:

On 7 December 1941, Navy reserve sailors from Minnesota aboard the USS Ward fired the first U.S. shots of World War II by sinking a Japanese mini-submarine outside the entrance to Pearl Harbor / Over the course of the ensuing four years, the Navy would grow from a force of 383,150 to one that at its peak numbered 3,405,525, the vast majority of them reservists, including five future U.S. presidents



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Name: **HAMM**

ROBERT E.

Address: 46 LUDWIG AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE **Rank:** 2ND LT

Unit / Squadron:

326TH BOMBER SQUADRON, 92ND BOMBER GROUP

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Second Lieutenant Robert Hamm was a bombardier stationed at a base near Podington, England where he took off for his first bombing mission over Europe / On 26 November 1943, Lt. Hamm's aircraft was downed by enemy fire over Germany and the entire crew perished / Lieutenant Robert Hamm's remains were never recovered

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 326th Bomber Squadron was activated as a B-17 Flying Fortress heavy bomb squadron in early 1942 / In the fall of 1943 the squadron began long range raids, which resulted in heavy losses. One of these missions was flown on Thursday, 14 October 1943, against the ball bearing plants at Schweinfurt, Germany. For what was to become a famous mission called "Black Thursday", the 326th led the group in the lead wing with 21 aircraft; one 326th Squadron and two other Group aircraft aborted, and of the 12 group aircraft that made it back to England, only 3 came home that day / Some of the notable successes of the squadron included missions against German troop concentrations in Normandy after D-Day / On 24 July 1944 the Squadron participated in a raid that virtually destroyed the elite "Panzer Lehr" armored division outside St. Lo. In support of Operation Cobra 1,800 aircraft targeted a narrow front. Artillery positions were wiped out, tanks overturned and buried, infantry positions flattened and all roads and tracks destroyed. This broke up the German defenses such that they could be penetrated / Another notable success was a raid against the virtually indestructible German submarine pens at IJmuiden. Using the British Disney bomb, a rocket-propelled "bunker buster", the Squadron destroyed these pens in a single raid after hundreds of conventional bombs dropped in earlier raids had failed / The 326th Bomber Squadron flew its last mission of the Second World War on 25 April 1945 / By the end of the war against Germany, the group had flown over 300 combat missions, 154 aircraft missing in action and more than 150 returned with battle damage that it would not fly again



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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 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: **HAMP**

WESLEY

R.

Address:

Service Branch: COAST GUARD

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

U. S. COAST GUARD BARRACKS "G"

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Jersey City, New Jersey

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **HAND**

F.

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: **HAND**

T.

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: HAREN

MICHAEL J.

Address: 99 CHAMBERLIN DRIVE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "L", 113TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

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 / A total of approximately 6,000 German prisoners were sent to Camp Pickett beginning in January 1944

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: HARRIS

C.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

UNIT 2179, FIELD HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **HARSCH**

ALFRED E.

Address: 154 CHAMBERLIN DRIVE

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

Unit / Squadron:

339TH SERVICE SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technical Sergeant Alfred Harsch spent 43 months overseas and then was reassigned to the air field in Rome, New York

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:

An Air Service Squadron would service one combat group, and to operate a base complete with finance service, fixed communications, medical dispensaries, interior guard, utilities, firefighting and motor transport

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Name: HART

CHARLES

C.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

471ST ENGINEERING MAINTENANCE COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: HART

CHESTER E.

Address: 2637 SENECA STREET

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

Unit / Squadron:

3508TH A.A.F. BASE UNIT, SECTION "L", BARRACKS 1457

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Truax Air Field - Madison, Wisconsin - Located six miles northeast of Madison, the field was named in honor of Lieutenant Thomas L. Truax, USAAF, a Wisconsin native who was killed (along with his wingman, Lieutenant Speckman) in a P-40 training accident during poor weather in San Anselmo, CA on November 2, 1941, just before the United States' entry into World War II / Used by the Army Air Force Eastern Technical Training Center, a major school operating at Truax AAF for training radio operators and mechanics, and later expanded to training in radar operations, control tower operations and other communications fields for the Army Airways Communication Service

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **HARTNETT**

JAMES E.

Address: 136 EDSON STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: PH. M. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS HENRY T. ALLEN (APA-15)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Pharmacist's Mate Second-Class James Hartnett was an Honor Student in his examinations

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

USS Henry T. Allen was built as a United States Army transport, declared surplus and saw commercial service until reacquired by the Army and then transferred to the Navy in December 1941 / After initial Navy classification as the transport AP-30 the ship was reclassified to APA-15, A Harris-class attack transport that served with the US Navy during World War II

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: **HARTNETT**

JOSEPH T.

Address: 136 EDSON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

918TH ORDNANCE H.A.M. COMPANY (HEAVY AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE)

159TH ORDNANCE BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:

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Name: HASSE

FRED

H.

Address: 300 BARNSDALE AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A.S.

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY 362

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Apprentice Seaman Fred Hasse entered boot camp at Sampson Naval Training Station on 5 June 1944

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:

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HASSELBECK

JOSEPH

M.

Address:

FISHER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

887TH SIGNAL CORPS. DEPOT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Fairfield Army Air Base - Fairfield, California - Originally named Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base, construction began on Travis Air Base in June 1942 / By the end of World War II, Fairfield-Suisun AAB had become the West Coast's largest aerial port. The airlift of troops and supplies to occupied Japan and Korea, and the processing of war-weary returning GI's, had become its primary mission

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 develops, tests, provides, and manages 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: HAUCK

MEARL L.

Address: 158 CHAMBERLIN DRIVE

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

Unit / Squadron:

SECTION "S", BARRACKS 207, 202ND BASE UNIT

Medals / Citations:

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

AIR MEDAL WITH 3 OAK LEAF CLUSTERS

DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Technical Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Galveston Army Airfield - Galveston, Texas - Galveston Army Airfield opened in 1941 and was used as the headquarters for planes flying antisubmarine patrols / Air-crew training was also conducted there / As the war continued, the base gained importance, and a number of heavy bombardment units and fighter planes were stationed there / During 1944 the field was used as an instructors' indoctrination center to train overseas veterans as military instructors

Miscellaneous:

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 November 11, 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. Subsequent awards are annotated with the traditional oak leaf clusters

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 with three acorns on the stem. The bronze oak leaf cluster represents one additional award, while the silver oak leaf cluster is worn in lieu of five bronze oak leaf clusters

The Presidential Unit Citation, originally called the Distinguished Unit Citation, is awarded to units of the United



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States Armed Forces for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy on or after 7 December 1941

Name: HAWKINS

C.

J.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

328TH HARBOR CRAFT COMPANY, T.C. (TRANSPORTATION CORPS.)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

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: **HAY**

ROBERT

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: HAYES

EDWARD

P.

Address: 22 WICHITA ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

3083RD ORDNANCE M.V.D. COMPANY (MOTOR VEHICLE DISTRIBUTION)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

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 mission of the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps 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: **HEATH**

HAROLD

A.

Address: 134 WILDWOOD AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

USS JOSEPH HENRY (HULL # 1751)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

New Bedford, Massachusetts - New Bedford had two Army Artillery units stationed near the city for coastal defense

Miscellaneous:

The Liberty ship, USS Joseph Henry was a mine planter, as well as a Signal Corps Cable Ship / 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: **HEGEDUS**

WILLIAM

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: HEINRICH

MARY

B.

Address:

RESERVE ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S.K. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE - HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Storekeeper 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:

Hydrography is the branch of applied sciences which deals with the measurement and description of the physical features of oceans, seas, coastal areas, lakes and rivers, as well as with the prediction of their change over time, for the primary purpose of safety of navigation and in support of all other marine activities, including economic development, security and defense, scientific research, and environmental protection



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HEINRICH

REUBEN

B.

Address:

RESERVE ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

25TH MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Fort Sam Houston, Texas - Located outside San Antonio, Texas, it is named for the first President of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston / Fort Sam Houston originated in 1845 when the Post at San Antonio was established in the Alamo City / The post is the birthplace of military aviation and saw the development of the concept of airborne operations

Miscellaneous:



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Name: HEINTZ

HAROLD

C.

Address: 245 EMPORIUM AVENUE

Service Branch:

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE)



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Name: **HELD**

CHARLES

G.

Address: 2614 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: P.O. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

N.A.T.T.C. (NAVAL AIR TRAINING CENTER), COMPANY "B"

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Petty Officer Third-Class

Base Assignments:

Ward Island - Corpus Christi, Texas - The Navy initiated a major program to train highly qualified technicians to maintain the myriad of electronic systems, particularly radar / The then-uninhabited Ward Island was selected as the site of an advanced school for airborne electronics maintenance

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **HELD**

CHARLES

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

North Bend, Oregon - The Army constructed hangars and airfields at North Bend and blimps moved out of these massive hangars and glided up and down the coast to patrol for enemy ships and submarines

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE)



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Name: HELMBRECHT

JOHN

J.

Address: 114 DUERSTEIN STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S.F. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

104TH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY "C-D"

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Shipfitter Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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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Name: HELWIC

JOHN R.

Address: 114 TINDLE AVENUE

Service Branch: MERCHANT MARINE **Rank:**

Unit / Squadron:

SS J.D. ROSS (HULL #429)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The SS J.D. Ross was a "Liberty ship", a EC2 (Emergency Cargo Size 2) type ship designed for "Emergency" construction by the United States Maritime Commission in World War II / 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

In time of war or national emergency, the U.S. Merchant Marine becomes vital to national security as a "fourth arm of defense." Merchant ships bear the brunt of delivering military troops, supplies and equipment overseas to our forces and allies operating as an auxiliary unit to the Navy



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Name: HELWIC

ROBERT J.

Address: 114 TINDLE AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: PH. M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

NAVY #221

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Pharmacist's Mate Third-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: HENDERSHOT

RICHARD N.

Address: 51 WILKES AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

731ST ENGINEER DEPOT COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

E.A.M.E. MEDAL WITH 2 BRONZE STARS

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER / NORTH AFRICA THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Grade (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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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



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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: **HENEL**

WILLIAM

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: **HENRY**

JAMES

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 745TH A.P.N. BATTALION (ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The need for nurses grew again when the United States entered World War II in 1941. The U.S. Cadet Nurses Corps was created to encourage the recruiting, training and placement of nurses towards the war effort

In the years from June 30, 1943 to June 30, 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: HENZLER

EARL

O.

Address: 93 BARNSDALE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

STATION 7, I.C.W. (INDIA CHINA WING)

A.T.C. (AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Earl Henzler served with the Army-Air Force Ground Crew in India for two years and his unit received a citation from the President for progress made under adverse conditions / Henzler received his Staff Sergeant stripes while serving in India

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The India-China Wing, ATC (ICWATC) was formed from a consolidation of equipment and personnel of former units of the disbanded India-China Ferry Command in December 1942, which had been established in July 1942 by the Tenth Air Force to transport material to China over the Himalaya Mountains ("The Hump")

The Air Transport Command (ATC) was a global instrument of the United States Army Air Forces with the mission 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: **HEPPNER**

VICTOR

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: 2ND LT.

Unit / Squadron:

"A" COMPANY, 121ST INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Second Lieutenant

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: **HERBEIN**

HERBERT

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

A.R.M. (HEAVY MACHINERY REPAIR SHIP), COMPANY 56-B-1

N.A.B. 5 (NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS BASE)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:

The mission of the Naval Amphibious Base was to provide required support services to personnel and ships / The base's combination of operational, support, and training facilities were geared predominantly to amphibious operations, making the base unique in the United States Navy



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Name: **HERMAN**

A.

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: HERMAN

CHARLES L.

Address: RIDGE ROAD

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS **Rank:** SGT

Unit / Squadron:

1ST MARINE AIR WARNING SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Sgt. Charles Herman identified enemy aircraft while stationed in the Pacific

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Charles Herman was the brother of Robert H. Herman, who also joined the Marine Corps.

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Name: HERMAN

HAROLD J.

Address: 3868 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

10TH STATION HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 10th Station Hospital Unit was stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas between June and October 1943

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Name: **HERMAN**

HERBERT

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 69TH SIGNAL BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: HERMAN

ROBERT

H.

Address:

RIDGE ROAD

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

PLATOON 524, 1ST BATTALION, MARINE BARRACKS

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Following his brother, Charles L. Herman, into the service, Robert H. Herman joined the Marine Corps as a rifleman at the age of 17 and served from 1943-1945.

PFC Robert Herman was on his way to Japan for the invasion of the Japanese Islands when the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan in August 1945. The Japanese military forces surrendered shortly after the second atomic blast leveled the city of Nagasaki. PFC Herman was sent to Okinawa, where he would set out food for enemy soldiers who, even the war was over, would not leave their caves. Herman was later transferred to Japan, where he saw firsthand, the devastation left by the atomic bomb on Nagasaki.

Base Assignments:

Parris Island, South Carolina - The first Marine post on the island was established in 1891 / Parris Island is used for the training of enlisted Marines / From 1941 through 1945, the Marines trained 204,509 recruits and at the time of the Japanese surrender, the Depot contained more than 20,000 recruits

Miscellaneous:

After the war, Robert returned home, married and raised three children. Robert Herman worked for Bethlehem Steel for 35 years, retiring in 1983



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Name: **HERPIN**

GUENTHER

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: HERRMAN

DONALD

W.

Address: 33 LOUIS AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

SERVICE BATTERY, 228TH F.A. BATTALION (FIELD ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HERRMAN**

JOHN

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "B", 359TH S.L. BATTALION, A.I.T.C. (ADVANCED INDIVIDUAL TRAINING CENTER)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Gordon, Georgia - Fort Gordon, formerly known as Camp Gordon, was established in 1917 / The post was home to three divisions during the war: the 4th Infantry, the 26th Infantry, and the 10th Armored / The main component of the post was the Advanced Individual Training for Signal Corps military occupational specialties / From October 1943 to January 1945, Camp Gordon served as an internment camp for foreign prisoners of war

Miscellaneous:

Advanced Individual Training, or AIT, is where new soldiers receive specific training in their chosen career path, or Military Occupational Specialty (MOS). The length of AIT training varies depended on the MOS



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HERRMAN

JOSEPH

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

97TH REPAIR SQUADRON, 22 A.D.G. (AIRCRAFT DELIVERY GROUP)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HESS**

CLARENCE

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: **HESS**

FLOYD

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

44TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 44th Evacuation Hospital was activated in August 1942 at Camp Atterbury, Columbus, Indiana / The Evac Hospital served in France, Belgium and Germany / The 44th Evacuation Hospital from 19 June 1944 to 12 May 1945 admitted a total number of 22,648 patients and passed 9,363 through surgery

In the years from June 30, 1943 to June 30, 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: **HESS**

NORMAN

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: HICKOK

WILLIAM

F.

Address: 1176 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

40TH DEPOT REPAIR SQUADRON, MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HILLGER

MARTIN

M.

Address: 156 RESERVE ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

SQUADRON "A-2"

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Roswell Army Air Field - Roswell, New Mexico - Roswell Field opened in 1941 as an Army Air Corps flying school

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HINES

WILLARD

H.

Address: 17 DOSTER PLACE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

INFANTRY COMPANY "L", 349TH INFANTRY, 88TH DIVISION
1179TH MILITARY POLICE

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL
3 BATTLE STARS

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Willard Hines trained at Camp Blanding, Florida for Heavy Weapons Infantry

Private Hines served with Company "K", 349th Infantry, 88th Division (Blue Devils) with the 5th Army in Italy and transferred to the 1179th Military Police (Airborne) in Italy where his unit kept order in towns and cities as well as traffic control duties and other guard duties

Private Hines was sent to France as an Amphibious Driver in the 3340th Quartermasters. Hines served in France, Germany and Austria receiving 3 Battle Stars for combat

Private Hines traveled overseas on the USS F.C. Black and returned to the United States on the USS Blue Ridge

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 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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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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HITCHENS

CHARLES E.

Address: 3654 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: MERCHANT MARINE **Rank:**

Unit / Squadron:

SS THOMAS CRESAP (HULL #948)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Charles Hitchens served on the Liberty ships SS Thomas Cresap (Hull #948) and also served on the SS Benjamin Williams (Hull #165)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The SS Thomas Cresap was a "Liberty" ship launched on 1 March 1943 and sold in 1947 / The SS Benjamin Williams was launched on 18 November 1944 and wrecked in 1948

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

In time of war or national emergency, the U.S. Merchant Marine becomes vital to national security as a "fourth arm of defense." Merchant ships bear the brunt of delivering military troops, supplies and equipment overseas to our forces and allies operating as an auxiliary unit to the Navy



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HITCHENS**

FRANCES

E.

Address: 3654 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE)



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HOFER**

AL

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: **HOFFMAN**

ALFRED

D.

Address: 21 TINDLE AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: C.C.M.

Unit / Squadron:

3RD N.C.B. (NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION - SEABEES), MU-621

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Chief Construction Mechanic

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HOFFMAN**

P.

V.

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: **HOLDERMILLER**

L.

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: **HOLLFELDER**

ROBERT H.

Address: 1965 RIDGE ROAD

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

Unit / Squadron:

SQUADRON "A", 2606TH A.A.L.B.U.

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

University of Alabama

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HOLLSTEIN

EUGENE

Address: 1131 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: A 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

CLASS 44-26

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Airman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Harlingen Army Airfield - Harlingen, Texas - The mission of Harlingen Army Airfield was to train aerial gunners / Over 48,000 soldiers were trained until the school closed in 1945

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HOLLSTEIN**

HERBERT

W.

Address: 1131 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: F. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS LST-197 (LANDING SHIP, TANK)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Fireman First-Class

Base Assignments:

United States Naval Training Center - Bainbridge, Maryland - The center was activated on October 1, 1942 and named after Commodore William Bainbridge, who commanded the frigate Constitution when it defeated the British frigate HMS Java during the War of 1812 / Used as a Naval Training Center, a total of 24,484 recruit graduates were trained and graduated during World War II

Miscellaneous:

USS LST-197 took part in the Sicily, Salerno, Anzio-Nettuno and Normandy landings and later reassigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and performed occupation duty in the Far East from 19 September to 2 November 1945

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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throughout the entire Second World War

Name: **HOLSTEIN JR.**

BENJAMIN

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE CURTISS WRIGHT CORP., AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HOLZINGER**

ROBERT

D.

Address: 398 MAIN STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A.M.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

HEADRON 9-2 (HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON), P.P.B.

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Aviation Machinist's Mate Third-Class

Base Assignments:

Naval Air Station Weeksville - Elizabeth City, North Carolina - Navy Air Station Weeksville in 1941 provided valuable surveillance by seaplane and dirigible of German U-Boats actively targeting American merchant shipping in East Coast waters

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HOMFAK**

DAVID

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

3233RD ORDNANCE COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

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 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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HOPPER**

LOUIS

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: HORN

HOWARD J.

Address: 197 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

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

Unit / Squadron:

SECTION "P", 3507TH B.U. (BASE UNIT)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HORN**

W.

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: **HORNER**

RICHARD

D.

Address: 27 FLOHR AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: P.O. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS FRYBARGER (DE-705)

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

1 BATTLE STAR

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Petty Officer First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

USS Frybarger was a Buckley-class destroyer escort of the United States Navy, named for Private First Class Raymond Frybarger, Jr. (1923–1942), who was awarded the Navy Cross posthumously for his heroism during the Battle of Edson's Ridge on Guadalcanal / The USS Frybarger arrived at Manus Island on 23 January 1945, and began escort duty to and in the Philippines until 30 August. Ports of call for her during this assignment included the Carolines; Lingayen Gulf, Manila, and Zamboanga in the Philippines; Hollandia; and on one voyage, Okinawa / Commissioned on 18 May 1944 and decommissioned on 30 June 1947

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 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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HORNER**

W.

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: **HORNUNG**

HARRY

F.

Address: 29 AURORA AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

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

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HORTON

ELLIS

L.

Address: 132 EDSON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 1ST PLATOON, 32ND SPECIAL BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Endicott - 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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HORTON

HARRY

D.

Address: 132 EDSON STREET

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 17TH MARINES

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 17th Marine Regiment was an engineer regiment of the United States Marine Corps / The 17th Marine Regiment participated in the Battle of Cape Gloucester (Island of New Britain, Territory of New Guinea)

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HORTON

MERLE L.

Address: 22 WILLINK STREET

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS, 5TH MARINES, DIVISION F.M.F. (FLEET MARINE FORCE)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Pendleton - Oceanside, California - The largest Marine Corps base in the country, it was named for Major General Joseph Henry Pendleton who had long advocated the establishment of a West Coast training base / Wartime training facilities at the base included landing craft school, amphibious tractor school, beach battalion school, amphibious communications school, and a medical field service school at the naval hospital at Santa Margarita Ranch

Miscellaneous:

The United States Fleet Marine Forces (FMF) were combined general and special purpose forces within the United States Department of the Navy that were designed in engaging offensive amphibious or expeditionary warfare and defensive maritime employment / During World War II, the Fleet Marine Force had units in the western Pacific assigned to the United States Asiatic Fleet



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HOTCHKISS**

HAROLD

Address: 3890 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

4TH AIRDROME SQUADRON, UNIT 1

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Airdrome Squadrons were designed to provide the minimum number of personnel to run an air base for a limited time. Aviation Engineers would prepare a landing ground, then an Airdrome Squadron would start it running until a combat group, station complement squadron, service squadron, and/or various Army-Air Force units arrived to operate the base

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HOWAK**

RAYMOND

Address: 87 ROBERTS STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

1260TH MILITARY POLICE

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HOWLAND**

ELDRIDGE

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HUBER

EARL

F.

Address: 1371 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, 14TH A.D. (AIR DEPOT)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HUBER

EUGENE

M.

Address: 325 ALLENDALE ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HUBER

GEORGE

H.

Address: 1371 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 13TH ARMORED REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class George Huber was Killed in Action while serving in North Africa

PFC Huber was Lieutenant Colonel John H. Todd's personal driver. Colonel Todd, hero of the American Armored Forces in Tunisia, became known as the "Daddy Rabbit" because he always rode into battle in a tank or half-track which carried a picture of a rabbit and the words "Daddy Rabbit" / Private Huber was with Todd when the Colonel was killed from shrapnel from an 88 artillery shell. Colonel Todd had been standing on a hill working on a plan to trap the Germans when their artillery started firing. The shell landed less than 15 feet from him and the shrapnel caught Colonel Todd, killing him instantly.

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Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HULL

RUSSELL

V.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

661ST ENGINEERS

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HUMES

VERNUM

M.

Address: 32 OSCHAWA AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

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:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HURD

DONALD

H.

Address: 12 SCHOOL STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

49TH FIELD HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 49th Field Hospital was the forerunner of the Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) units that came along in the Korean War / The 49th Field Hospital was transferred to France in August 1944 and spent months of moving across France, setting up and knocking down the field hospital, keeping pace with the Allied forces battling their way across central Europe

In the years from June 30, 1943 to June 30, 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: HURD

FLOYD

L.

Address: 12 SCHOOL STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 25TH BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **HURLEY**

EDWIN

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HUTH

CHESTER

Address:

CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: LT. (J.G.)

Unit / Squadron:

G. NORTH DENTAL DISPENSARY, U.S.N.T.C. (UNITED STATES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Lieutenant (Junior Grade)

Base Assignments:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: HYDER

ARTHUR

W.

Address: 55 FLOHR AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

4144ST AMERICAN SERVICE BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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