



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



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **MAASS**

GEORGE

C.

Address: 29 CHAMBERLIN DRIVE

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **MACHEMER**

LOUIS

H.

Address: 3036 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: C.C.S.

Unit / Squadron:

119TH N.C.B. (NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Chief Commissary Steward

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Seabees / After the attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, 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 / During the Second World War, the Seabees performed in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters of Operation

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Name: MACHIN

EDWARD H.

Address: 80 LAFAYETTE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

CASUAL COMPANY 108TH

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: MACHIN

GERALDINE C.

Address:

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

Unit / Squadron:

713TH W.A.A.C. BASE (WOMEN'S ARMY AUXILIARY CORPS), HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Geraldine Machin served in the Army from 20 March 1943 to 5 August 1943

Base Assignments:

Hamilton Field, California - Hamilton Airfield was named for First Lieutenant Lloyd Andrews Hamilton of the 17th Aero Squadron, awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism at Varssonaore, Belgium, in leading a low level bombing attack on a German airdrome 30 miles behind enemy lines on 13 August 1918

Miscellaneous:

The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps was established in May 1942 to increase the strength of the Army to fight World War II / Within a year the Corps had 60,000 women, the equivalent of approximately 3 divisions, performing jobs in administration, communications, and logistics (maintenance, repair and supply) / The Corps reached a peak strength of 100,000 officers and enlisted women in April 1944 / A few years after the war, Congress integrated that WAC into the Regular Army of the United States (1948).



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Name: **MACKELLAR**

JAMES

E.

Address: 450 MAIN STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: F. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

RECEIVING STATION BARRACKS, N.O.B. (NAVAL OPERATING BASE), 18TH DIVISION
HEADQUARTERS

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Fireman First-Class

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **MACKEY**

G.

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: **MACLEAN**

JOHN

K.

Address: 133 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: LT.

Unit / Squadron:

N.A.F. (NAVAL AIRCRAFT FACILITY)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Lieutenant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **MACLEAN**

ROBERT

D.

Address:

BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

712ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 448TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 6 BATTLE STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Robert Maclean was attached to an aerial unit of the 8th Air Force near Norwich, England

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

During World War II, the 448th Bombardment Group was an Eighth Air Force B-24 Liberator unit in England / The group entered combat on 22 December 1943, and until April 1945 served primarily as a strategic bombardment organization, hitting such targets as aircraft factories in Gotha, ball-bearing plants in Berlin, an airfield at Hanau, U-boat facilities at Kiel, a chemical plant at Ludwigshafen, synthetic oil refineries at Politz, aircraft engine plants at Rostock, marshalling yards at Cologne, and a Buzz-bomb assembly plant at Fallersleben / The group took part in the intensive campaign of heavy bombers against the German aircraft industry 20–25 February 1944 / The 448th Bombardment Group flew its last combat mission on 25 April 1945, attacking a marshalling yard at Salzburg, Austria

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



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Name: **MAHAR**

ROBERT

G.

Address: 2432 BERG ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: A/S

Unit / Squadron:

SQUADRON "D", SECTION 3, 2199TH A.A.F. BASE UNIT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Presbyterian College - Clinton, South Carolina

Miscellaneous:



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Name: MAJEWSKI

JOSEPH

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

346TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

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: MALE

HORACE

A.

Address: 11 KRON AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

620TH PORT COMPANY, 491ST PORT BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Hoarace Male participated in the battle for New Guinea in the Pacific Theater

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The New Guinea (Netherlands East Indies) campaign was a World War II military campaign carried out by Australian and American forces against the Japanese Imperial Army on the island of New Guinea between 1942 and 1945 / In the initial phase in 1942, the Empire of Japan invaded the Australian-administered territories of the New Guinea Mandate (23 January) and Papua (8 March) and overran western New Guinea (beginning 29/30 March), which was a part of the Netherlands East Indies. In the second phase, the Allies cleared the Japanese first from Papua, then the Mandate and finally from the Dutch colony.

The New Guinea campaign of the Pacific War lasted from January 1942 until the end of the war in August 1945 / The campaign between Allied and Japanese forces began with the Japanese assault on Rabaul on 23 January 1942 / Fighting in some parts of New Guinea continued until the war ended in August 1945

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Name: **MALLEY**

WALTER

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: **MALLION**

WILLIAM

E.

Address: 927 SENECA CREEK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

5TH ARMY, 34TH DIVISION, 168TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 1ST BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

EXPERT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class William Mallion, a field lineman while serving in Italy, won the Bronze Star for volunteering to repair a break in the communication wire between the Engineer Battalion and combat elements under intense fire. Private Mallion worked for five hours repairing the lines which were continually being broken or severed

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 168th Infantry Regiment fought in the battles for Algeria-French Morocco, Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Monte Cassino, Anzio, Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley, Italy

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

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

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

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

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Name: MALLON

ELMER

A.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/4

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 114TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **MALLY**

GEORGE

A.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Mountain Home, Idaho - The air field officially opened on 7 August 1943 and began training U.S. Army Air Forces crews for World War II

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **MANDZIAK**

FRANK

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: **MANDZIAK
HENRY**

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **MANDZIAK
WALTER**

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **MANNER**

EUGENE

W.

Address: 41 TUDOR BOULEVARD

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Eugene Manner received an Honorable Discharge after an injury to his knee

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **MANNER**

RICHARD

J.

Address: 41 TUDOR BOULEVARD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: 1ST LT.

Unit / Squadron:

U.S. ARMY SIGNAL CORPS, 8TH SIGNAL MAINTENANCE SHOP

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

First Lieutenant Richard Manner served in Great Britain from 1942 - 1943

Base Assignments:

Fort Totten, Long Island - Located on the north shore of Long Island, the fort was named for General Joseph Gilbert Totten (1788-1864), Chief Engineer of the United States Army, regent of the Smithsonian Institution, and co-founder of the National Academy of Science

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: MARCKLINGER

R.

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: MARTIN

MILFORD

J.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 2/3

Unit / Squadron:

T.S. #9

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class

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:



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Name: MARVIN

S.

K.

Address:

BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 541ST PARACHUTE INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Mackall, North Carolina - Originally named Camp Hoffman, the facility was renamed Camp Mackall in honor of Private John Thomas (Tommy) Mackall who served in the 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment. During the Allied invasion of North Africa in the airborne segment called Operation Torch, he was mortally wounded in an attack by French Vichy aircraft as his aircraft landed near Oran. Wounded in the attack, he was evacuated to Gibraltar, where he later died on 12 November 1942

Miscellaneous:

The parachute infantry regiments were among the most highly decorated US Army units of World War II / The parachute infantry regiments were the first U.S. troops to liberate a town in France; spearhead the invasion of Sicily in the first American mass combat jump to fight at the forefront of six major campaigns (Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Normandy, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Germany); and to jump into Normandy during the invasion of France by Allied troops



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Name: **MASON**

RICHARD

O.

Address: 658 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

839TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 487TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

Medals / Citations:

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS AIR MEDAL WITH 3 OAK
LEAF CLUSTERS

AIR WINGS

AVIATION BADGE

E.A.M.E. MEDAL WITH 4 STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMAN: RIFLE

SHARPSHOOTER: PISTOL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff-Sergeant Richard Mason trained as a pilot at Maxwell Field, Alabama and a gunner in Denver, Colorado / Mason received his pilot wings at Alamogordo, New Mexico / Sergeant Mason served with the 8th Air Force in England / Sergeant Mason participated in air raids over Northern France, Normandy and the German Rhineland

Base Assignments:

Maxwell Field, Alabama - Located 2 miles west of Montgomery, Maxwell Field was opened in 1918 and was named in honor of Lieutenant William C. Maxwell, an Alabamian killed in an aircraft accident in the Philippines / During World War II, Maxwell was the home of Headquarters Southeast Air Corps Training Center (SEATC), which was responsible for all U.S. Army Air Forces (AAF) operational training in the eastern United States

Alamogordo Army Air Field - Alamogordo, New Mexico - The field's mission was to train pilots for Boeing B-17 Flying Fortresses, then Consolidated B-24 Liberators

Miscellaneous:

The 839th Bombardment Squadron deployed to European Theater of Operations (ETO) and assigned to the 8th Bomber Command in England in April 1944 / The 839th Squadron engaged in long-range strategic bombardment of enemy targets in Occupied Europe and Nazi Germany, attacking transportation, industrial, oil industry and other targets / The squadron engaged in tactical bombardment of enemy forces in France in support of the Operation Overlord landings in Normandy, and the subsequent breakout at St-Lo, France in July 1944 / Changed aircraft from B-24 Liberators to B-17 Flying Fortresses in July 1944 and continued to attack enemy formations and armor during the Battle of the Bulge, January 1945 / Continued bombardment of strategic targets until the



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Germany surrendered in May 1945

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

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

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

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

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Name: **MATCHULET**

JOHN

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "E", 207TH BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Blanding, Florida - The camp created in 1939 and named in honor of Lieutenant General Albert H. Blanding, who commanded the 2nd Florida Infantry during the Mexican Border Service in 1916 and 1917

Miscellaneous:



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Name: MAURER

HERBERT

C.

Address: 120 EDSON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

339TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **MAW**

GEORGE

E.

Address: 43 LAFAYETTE AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

13TH SPECIAL N.C.B. (NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION), D-4

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Seabees / After the attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, 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 / During the Second World War, the Seabees performed in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters of Operation

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **MAYER, JR.**

GEORGE J.

Address: 2426 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

ARTILLERY UNIT

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technical Fifth-Grade (Corporal) George J. Mayer Jr. (age 23), was overseas less than three months when he was Killed in Action on 12 June 1944 while serving as a radioman with an artillery unit in the European Theater of Operations / Corporal Mayer entered the Army on 5 November 1942

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

George Mayer was a graduate of West Seneca High School / Employee of the American Magnesium Corp prior to military service

Artillery were large weapons such as cannons and rocket launchers, which came in many forms during World War II and were widely used as offensive weapons of tremendous destructive power by the Allies / Artillery weapons included Big guns, or cannons, that fired projectiles from a long barrel in a low, flat trajectory; Mortars were cannons that fired exploding shells in a high, arcing trajectory that lets them travel over obstacles such as hills or enemy defenses; Howitzers that fired a mid-velocity projectile along a curved trajectory; and Rocket launchers, which fire unguided missiles as both weapons and signals

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Name: MAZURKIEWIEZ

ARTHUR E.

Address: ISLAND PARK

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS, 9TH, 155 MM GUNS BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 155mm Gun M1 and M2 (later M59), widely known as Long Tom, were 155 millimeter caliber field guns used as a heavy field weapon / The gun could fire a 100 lb shell to a maximum range of 13.7 miles, with an estimated accuracy life of 1,500 rounds.

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **MCCADDEN**

ROBERT

D.

Address: 16 SCHOOL STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

832ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 486TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **MCCALL**

FRANK

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: MCCARTHY

JEREMIAH

R.

Address: 105 EDSON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

21ST 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: **MCCLAIN**

NEAL

J.

Address: 150 EDSON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: 1ST SGT

Unit / Squadron:

A.A.A. (A.W) BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY) (AIR WARNING)

Medals / Citations:

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Haan, California - Camp Haan was opened in January 1941 as a Coast Artillery Antiaircraft Replacement Training Center / In March 1942 Camp Haan was reorganized as an Army Service Depot and in late 1942 a prisoner of war camp was built here for 1,200 Italian Prisoners of War

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: **MCCLAIN**

THOMAS

G.

Address: 150 EDSON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 691ST TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Livingston, Louisiana - Located on the Rapides Parish and Grant Parish line in north Louisiana, north of Pineville, Louisiana, the camp was open from 1940 to 1945 and was first known as Camp Tioga. It was renamed Camp Livingston in honor of Chancellor Robert R. Livingston, negotiator of the Louisiana Purchase / During World War II, thousands of Japanese, German and Italian prisoners of war were kept in internment camps at Camp Livingston and Camp Claiborne. In 1942, the first Japanese POW of the war, Kazuo Sakamaki arrived at Camp Livingston. Sakamaki was the only surviving crewman of a mini-submarine used in the attack on Pearl Harbor

Miscellaneous:

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

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Name: **MCCLURE**

JOSEPH

J.

Address: 931 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

452ND MILITARY POLICE

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Joseph McClure was inducted into the Army on 28 March 1943 and trained at Fort Custer, Michigan / McClure later was stationed at Fort Polk, Louisiana before heading to Europe / In May 1944, Private McClure's unit transferred German Prisoners of War to Georgia

Base Assignments:

Fort Custer, Michigan - Camp Custer was built in 1917 for military training during World War I / Named after Civil War cavalry officer General George Armstrong Custer / More than 300,000 troops trained there, including the 5th Infantry Division (also known as the "Red Diamond Division") which was sent to Iceland in 1942 to protect the North Atlantic convoy routes, and in 1944 landed in France shortly after D-Day

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

Miscellaneous:

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: **MCCORMICK**

GERALD

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS BASE "B", SIGNAL SECTION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **MCCORMICK**

JAMES

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

775TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 463RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HEAVY)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 463rd Bombardment Group (H) was activated on 1 August 1943 and was one of the last two B-17 units to go into training for overseas service in the European Theatre of Operations / The 463rd Bomber group entered combat on 30 March 1944 with the bombing of the airdrome at Imoski, Yugoslavia. Thirty-nine planes dropped 117 tons of bombs / The group flew a total of 156 missions in 1944 primarily against targets in Italy, Germany, Austria, Romania, Yugoslavia and Greece / During mid-1944, the 463rd Group aircraft attacked lines of communication in the campaign to liberate Rome / The Bomber Group participated in the invasion of southern France in August 1944 by striking many targets, including bridges and gun positions / In March 1945, thirty-one planes from the 463rd Bombardment Group, flew the longest (1,800 miles roundtrip) escorted heavy bombardment mission in the history of the European Theatre of Operations with a raid on the Daimler-Benz tank works in Berlin / The Bombardment group flew 6,966 sorties, dropped 16,868 tons of bombs, destroyed 80 enemy aircraft, while losing 106 planes in combat missions / The 463rd Bombardment Group were awarded two Presidential Unit Citations

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Bomber aircraft assigned to the "Heavy" Bombardment group consisted of the B-17 Flying Fortress and B-24 Liberator aircraft

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

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Name: MCCORMICK

PAUL

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: F. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

SUBMARINE BASE, 128TH E&R

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Fireman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **MCCREERY**

JOHN

Address: 89 ORCHARD AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: LT.

Unit / Squadron:

U.S.N.R. (UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE), ARMED GUARD

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Lieutenant John McCreery was commissioned as an Ensign on 30 November 1942 / Promoted to Lieutenant (j.g.) 1 March 1944

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: MCDONALD

ROBERT

F.

Address:

UNION ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

ORDNANCE DEPOT

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: MCINTYRE

RICHARD

F.

Address:

Service Branch: MERCHANT MARINE

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

SS NARBO

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Liberty ships carried 75% of the cargo used by our armed forces 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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: MCKELLAR

JAMES

L.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: E.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS HAROLD J. ELLISON (DD-864)

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Electrician's Mate Third-Class James McKellar was stationed in Oran, Algeria and Palermo, Sicily

Base Assignments:

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

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

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

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

Philadelphia Naval yard - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - The naval yard developed and produced new materials, instruments of communication, electronic tracking, and weaponry / The yard had a naval air field where workers produced aircraft and participated in the development of the first atomic bomb



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Miscellaneous:

The USS Harold J. Ellison (DD-864), a Gearing-class destroyer, was named for Ensign Harold John Ellison (a Buffalo, New York native), a naval aviator who died during the Battle of Midway / The Ellison did not see combat action during World War II / Commissioned on 23 June 1945 and decommissioned on 1 October 1983

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

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



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: MCKELLER

JAMES

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: F. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

NAVY 157, DIVISION 6

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Fireman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: MCNAMARA

HAROLD F.

Address: 125 TAMPA DRIVE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS DELTA (AK-29/AR-9)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

From July 1941 to May 1942, the USS Delta carried cargo from east coast ports to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Puerto Rico; Bermuda; Argentina; Newfoundland, Halifax, and Nova Scotia, Canada; and Reykjavík, Iceland / On 1 July 1942, Delta was reclassified as AR-9, and converted to a fleet repair ship / Commissioned on 16 June 1941 and decommissioned 5 March 1947

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **MECKLENBERG**

ELMER

F.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **MEIDES**

F.

O.

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: **MEIERS**

CARL

F.

Address: 104 DIRKSON AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "K", 410TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Howze, Texas - Camp Howze was an infantry replacement training center located adjacent to the town of Gainesville in Cooke County, Texas. It was named for Major Robert Lee Howze, a Medal of Honor recipient / With a capacity of 39,963 soldiers, the camp was one of the largest training centers in the country / The mission of Camp Howze was to prepare several hundred thousand soldiers for both the European and Pacific campaigns / Divisions that were trained at Camp Howze included the 84th, 86th, and 103rd Divisions of the U.S. Army / The camp also housed as many as 3000 Prisoners of War

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **MEISSNER**

BERNARD

N.

Address: 273 RESERVE ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/4

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "F", 85TH CAVALRY RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON (MECHANIZED), 5TH ARMORED DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 5 BATTLE STARS
AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL
MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (CARBINE)

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant) Bernard Meissner earned his Battle Stars during campaigns for the Ardennes, Central Europe, Normandy, the Rhineland and northern France / Sergeant Meissner was Honorably Discharged from the Army on 15 October 1945

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The Fifth Armored Division's record of achievement is unsurpassed by that of any other division. And the ratio of its casualties to such achievement is the lowest in the entire United States Army / It was the Fifth Armored which devised the married formation of tanks and infantry; it led the Normandy breakthrough; it sprang the Falaise trap which meant the death of the Seventh German Army and the Field Marshal who commanded it. The Fifth Armored was the first division to reach the Eure River, the Seine, and cut off thousands of Germans

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

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Name: **MEISSNER**

ROBERT

H.

Address: 106 COLUMBIA PARKWAY

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

Unit / Squadron:

ADVANCED NAVIGATION SCHOOL, 456TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

Medals / Citations:

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Second Lieutenant Robert Meissner was award the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement in aerial flight" while on a bombing mission with the 456th Bombardment Group over Northern Italy in February 1945

Base Assignments:

Ellington Army Air Field - Houston, Texas - Ellington was primarily a pilot training center, but navigators and bombardiers, as well as aviators from other countries, also trained here / Because the field was operational prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor, 7 December 1941, one of every ten Army pilots went through its flying school in the first two years of the war / Later, the Army Air Force ran an advanced navigator training school at Ellington

Miscellaneous:

The 456th Bombardment Group was a highly-decorated unit that flew 249 bombing missions from Italy while assigned to the Fifteenth Air Force / The Group earned two Distinguished Unit Citations for valor in combat and participated extensively in the strategic bombing campaign against oil production targets including Ploiești, Romania, that resulted in high bomber losses

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 Distinguished Flying Cross is a military decoration awarded to any officer or enlisted member of the United



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States Armed Forces who distinguishes himself or herself in support of operations by "heroism or extraordinary achievement" while participating in an aerial flight

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Name: **MENDYK**
JOSEPH

Address: 41 BARNSDALE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 29TH T.M. BATTALION, 3RD PLATOON

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Grant, Illinois - Camp Grant was a U.S. Army facility located in the southern outskirts of Rockford, Illinois named in honor of General Ulysses S. Grant / Camp Grant was an induction and basic training center / The camp served as a medical training post for draftees and it was estimated that 100,000 medical corpsmen were trained at the camp / Camp Grant also served as a POW detention center with an estimated 2,500 POWs

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **MENICHELLI**
VINCENT

Address: TERRACE BOULEVARD

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

Unit / Squadron:
SECTION "P", BARRACKS 615, 3507TH ARMY AIR 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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Name: MEREDITH

EDWARD

R.

Address: 100 ROSE AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: M/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

541ST QUARTERMASTER, DEPOT COMPANY, SUPPLY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Master Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps was responsible for procuring and delivering various supplies to units in all theaters of war during World War II / Quartermaster units were charged with providing food (steady supply of food and rations), clothing, petroleum products (gasoline, kerosene, aviation fuel, diesel oil, fuel oil and petroleum-based lubricants) and general supplies (diverse items as rope, soap, candles, knives, forks and spoons, etc.) to troops stationed in the United States and to the far-flung armed forces around the world

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Name: **MERTHAN**

ALPHONSE

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: **MERTHAN**

RAYMOND

Address:

UNION ROAD

Service Branch: **ARMY**

Rank: **PVT**

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 289TH ENGINEERING COMBAT REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Robinson, Arkansas - Originally known as Camp Pike, the camp was renamed in 1937 for the late U.S. Senator Joseph Taylor Robinson of Arkansas

Miscellaneous:

Engineering Combat Battalions built bridges, destroyed bridges (when necessary to stop an enemy advance), built and maintained roads, cleared towns, planted mines, and defended roadblocks in the face of oncoming tank columns



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Name: **MERZIG**

JOHN

E.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", A.S.T.U. (ARMY SPECIALIZED TRAINING UNIT), SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

St. Louis, Missouri

Miscellaneous:

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis, MO maintains World War II Selective Service Records. During WWII, the Selective Service System conducted six draft registrations; these records are held collectively in two groupings at the NPRC. The first group contains records from the 4th Registration, known as the "Old Man's Registration" or the "Old Man's Draft," for those men whose year of birth was from April 28, 1877 to February 16, 1897. The second group contains the Selective Service Records of the remainder of the WWII registrants, born from February 17, 1897 to July 31, 1927



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Name: **MERZIG**

WALTER I.

Address: **HIGHLAND AVENUE**

Service Branch: **ARMY**

Rank: **PFC**

Unit / Squadron:

310TH STATION COMPLEMENT SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: MESSENGER

CHARLES

W.

Address: 49 BROOKSIDE DRIVE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: S/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 333RD ENGINEERING REGIMENT

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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Name: MESSINA

JOSEPH

L.

Address: 3882 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS, 868TH A.A.A. (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY), A.W. (AIR WARNING)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC 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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Name: **METZ**

CHESTER

J.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Chester Metz was inducted into the Army in January 1943 / Private Metz served as an infantryman and was part of the invasion force to liberate France from the German forces

Private First-Class Chester J. Metz was Killed in Action on 4 July 1944 in Normandy, France.

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Chester Metz was employed by the Houde Engineering Division before joining the military

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: **METZGER**

WILLIAM

P.

Address: 45 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/3

Unit / Squadron:

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

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Third-Grade (Staff Sergeant)

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:

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

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

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



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and was only made a full-sized medal in 1947

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



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Name: **METZLER**

FRED

P.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "D", 5TH BATTALION, A.S.F.T.C. (ARMY SERVICE FORCES TRAINING CENTER), 1ST
PLATOON

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Fort Belvoir, Virginia - First authorized in 1917 as Camp Humphries and renamed Fort Humphries in 1922 after Major General Andrew A. Humphries, distinguished U.S. Civil War veteran and Chief of Engineers (1866-79) / Renamed Fort Belvoir in February 1935 in recognition of the Belvoir plantation that once occupied the site / Fort Belvoir was the home to the Engineer Replacement Training Center (ERTC) / Fort Belvoir trained an average of 5,000 engineer soldiers per month during the height of World War II

Miscellaneous:



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Name: MEUTSCH

CHARLES

G.

Address: 2743 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: T/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS, 7TH ARMY AIRWAYS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (A.A.C.S.)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technical Sergeant Charles Meutsch saw action in Saipan (Northern Mariana Islands) and Morotai (Netherlands East Indies)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The Army Airways Communication System (AACS) played an important part in the war effort. The AACS built "Highways In The Sky" that provided routes for aircraft to follow. These highways consisted of radio beacons that gave aircraft a course to follow over their route. These highways, both stateside and overseas, were a tremendous help for aircraft to get from point to point and also aided bombers to find their way home after missions. The AACS also provided Air Traffic Control Towers, Ground Controlled Approaches, Direction Finding and Long Range Air Navigation Stations

The Battle of Saipan was a conflict that occurred in the Pacific Theater on the 15th of June, 1944. It was crucial for the United States Military to have an airfield on the island Saipan because it was close enough for B-29 Superfortresses to launch attacks against Japan. By the end of the month long battle, approximately 3,000 marines were killed, another 13,000 wounded or MIA, and approximately 29,000 Japanese troops had been killed

The Battle of Morotai, part of the Pacific War, began on September 15, 1944, and continued until the war ended in August 1945. The fighting began when United States and Australian forces landed on the south-west corner of Morotai, a small island in the Netherlands East Indies (NEI), which the Allies needed as a base to support the liberation of the Philippines later that year. The invading forces greatly outnumbered the island's Japanese defenders and secured their objectives in two weeks. Japanese reinforcements landed on the island between September and November, but lacked the supplies needed to effectively attack the Allied defensive perimeter.



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Intermittent fighting continued until the end of the war, with the Japanese troops suffering heavy loss of life from disease and starvation

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Name: MEYER

FRANK

X.

Address: 45 HARLEM ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS HANCOCK (CV-19), DIV-V-5

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

USS Hancock (CV/CVA-19) was one of 24 Essex-class aircraft carriers / The Hancock was commissioned 15 April 1944, and served in several campaigns in the Pacific Theater of Operations, earning four battle stars / In October 1944, during the battle for Okinawa, aircraft from the Hancock destroyed seven enemy aircraft on the ground and assisted in the destruction of a submarine tender, 12 torpedo boats, 2 midget submarines, four cargo ships, and a number of sampans / In October 1944 October, she launched planes against airfields and shipping at Laoag, Aparri, and Camiguin Island in Northern Luzon. Her planes struck the islands of Cebu, Panay, Negros, and Masbate, pounding enemy airfields and shipping / When the formal surrender of the Japanese government was signed on board battleship Missouri, Hancock's planes flew overhead / Decommissioned 9 May 1947

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Name: MEYER

THEODORE O.

Address: 72 INNES ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CAPT.

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "I", 3RD BATTALION, 106TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT, FIRST ARMY

Medals / Citations:

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

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Theodore Meyer was attached to the 106th Field Artillery Regiment. He made First Sergeant and served in the Pacific Theater until 1943. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant at the Tank Destroyer Officer Candidate School at Camp Hood, Texas. In March 1944, Lieutenant Meyer graduated from the Military Intelligence Training Center, Camp Ritchie, Maryland and was sent to Germany, where he served with the First Army. In the spring of 1944, Meyer was promoted to Captain and was named supervisor of the captured Moosburg concentration camp in Germany, where 7,000 Nazis were held prisoner. Captain Meyer, the only American stationed at the camp, rescued a cameraman when he was attacked by a group of prisoners in the camp

Base Assignments:

Fort Hood, Texas - Located in Killeen, Texas, the fort is named after Confederate General John Bell Hood / Its origin was the need for wide-open space to test and train with World War II tank destroyers / During the war years, North Fort Hood housed nearly 40,000 troops and 4,000 prisoners of war

Camp Ritchie, Maryland - During World War II, Fort Ritchie became the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Training Center, the first time in the history of the U.S. military that it had a facility for this type of centralized intelligence training. The Army found the site appealing for intelligence training because of its proximity to Washington, DC, its remote location, and because the physical features of the camp and surrounding terrain were conducive to training / The Army conducted signal intelligence training, instruction regarding interrogation techniques and close-combat training (in a mock German village constructed at the site) throughout the war. More than 10,000 students graduated from the Army's intelligence program at Fort Ritchie by the end of the war

Miscellaneous:

Theodore Meyer was born in Hanover, Germany and was immigrated to the United States when he was 3 years old / Meyer left Seneca Vocational High School in 1942 to enlist in the Army



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A West Seneca native, Lieutenant Arthur Schuessler, was held as a Prisoner-of-War by the Germans at the Moosburg camp. Once the camp was liberated by the American forces and under control of Major Theodore Meyer, Lieutenant Schuessler was able to be shipped home

Shortly after the beginning of World War II in September 1939, a POW camp called Kriegsgefangenen-Mannschafts-Stammlager (Stalag) VII A was established north of Moosburg. Originally it was planned for 10,000 prisoners, but at the end of the war some 80,000 Allied soldiers were detained in the main camp and its labor camps

In 1945 US troops occupied Moosburg and liberated the POWs. Until 1948 the camp served as Civilian Internment Camp No. 6 with up to 12,000 German prisoners who were accused of having supported the Nazi dictatorship

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

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Name: MEYER

WALTER

Address: 72 INNES ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: P.O. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

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

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Petty Officer Second-Class was stationed on the Island of Saipan in the Mariana Islands

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:

Naval Training Centers 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: MIANO

LAWRENCE J.

Address: 3457 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: LT.

Unit / Squadron:

USS WEEHAWKEN (CM-12)

U.S.N.R. (UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The USS Weehawken was originally a car ferry converted to a minelayer and commissioned on 30 September 1942 / The minelayer dropped anchor in Casablanca harbor on 1 December 1942 and laid a defensive minefield off Casablanca, North Africa / Decommissioned 11 December 1945

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Name: **MICHAEL**

E.

B.

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: MIKESELL

CARL E.

Address: 1501 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 184TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

BRONZE STAR WITH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

ASIATIC -PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Carl E. Mikesell entered the service on 27 December 1942. Sergeant Mikesell, while briefly stationed in Hawaii, was a member of the guard of honor for President Franklin Roosevelt during the president's visit to Hawaii in 1944.

In July 1943, Sergeant Mikesell was part of the military initiative to recapture the Pacific islands from the Japanese. Mikesell was a veteran of four Pacific combat campaigns: Attu, Kwajalein, Leyte and Okinawa. Sergeant Carl Mikesell was wounded in action twice, in the battles of Kwajalein and Ormac

On 2 May 1945, Sergeant Carl Edwin Mikesell was Killed in Action during the battle for Okinawa

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Carl Mikesell was a former student of South Park High School and worked for the Buffalo Tank Corporation before entering the military

The Battle of Okinawa was fought on the Ryukyu Islands of Okinawa and was the largest amphibious assault in the Pacific War of World War II. The 82-day-long battle lasted from early April until mid-June 1945 / Four divisions of the U.S. 10th Army (the 7th, 27th, 77th, and 96th) and two Marine Divisions (the 1st and 6th) fought on the island. Their invasion was supported by naval, amphibious, and tactical air forces / The battle resulted in the highest number of casualties in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Based on Okinawa government sources, Japanese forces lost 77,166 soldiers, who were either killed or committed suicide, and the Allies suffered 14,009 deaths (with an estimated total of more than 65,000 casualties of all kinds)



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

An oak leaf cluster is a miniature metal device worn by members of the uniformed services of the United States on medals and ribbons issued by the United States Army, Air Force, and Department of Defense to denote subsequent decorations and awards. It is bronze or silver in appearance, formed as a twig of four oak leaves 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 Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to infantrymen and Special Forces Soldiers in the rank of Colonel and below, who personally fought in active ground combat while assigned as members of an infantry, Ranger or Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller, any time after 6 December 1941

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Name: MILLER

DONALD A.

Address: 31 AURORA AVENUE

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

Unit / Squadron:

3RD AIR FORCE REPLACEMENT CENTER

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Second Lieutenant Donald Miller received his Air Force Wings and commission as a Bombardier on 1 July 1944 at Carlsbad, New Mexico

Base Assignments:

Plant Park, Florida - Army Air Field

Carlsbad Army Air Field - Carlsbad, New Mexico - Carlsbad was part of the Army Air Forces Training Command / One interesting incident at the Air Field involved the use of Mexican free-tailed bats as a weapon. The "Bat Bomb Incident", as it is known, occurred in 1943 and was the result of a project by Dr. Lytle S. Adams to attach tiny explosive devices to bats in order to use them as a type of bomb against Japanese cities. While testing the "weapon" at the Carlsbad Army Airfield, some of the bats accidentally escaped and roosted underneath a fuel truck. The ensuing explosions "incinerated the test range" and set some buildings on fire, but apparently no one was harmed

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **MILLER**

MERLE

E.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

BARRACKS 524, 1ST GROUND SUPPORT

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Laredo Army Air Field - Laredo, Texas - Opened on 23 September 1942 as Laredo Army Airfield, cadets were taught aerial gunnery for B-17 Flying Fortress and B-24 Liberator duty, training on the .50 and .30 caliber Browning machine guns

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **MILLER**

S.

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: **MILLER JR.**

W.

F.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: MINAZZI

HERBERT

P.

Address: 2836 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

LST-46 (LANDING SHIP, TANK)

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

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

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON WITH 1 BRONZE STAR

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class Herbert Minazzi was stationed in Plymouth, England / Seaman Minazzi was transferred to the Pacific Theater and participated in the liberation of the Philippine Islands

Base Assignments:

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

Naval Amphibious Base - Little Creek, Virginia - The Amphibious Training Base was the center for all types of amphibious training and the training of ship's crews for LSM (landing ship medium), LCI (landing craft infantry), and LCU (landing craft utility); LCM (landing craft mechanized), and LCVP (landing craft vehicle, personnel) boat crews were trained at Little Creek / During World War II over 200,000 Naval personnel and 160,000 Army and Marine Corps personnel trained at Little Creek / The Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek is the largest base of its kind in the world

Fort Pierce, Florida - This base became the school for some of the most elite teams in the armed forces, such as the scouts and raiders "commandos" and the home of the Navy Underwater Demolition Teams (UDT) and Sea, Air, Land (SEAL) teams, which became the legendary "frogmen"

Lido Beach - Long Island, New York - Naval Training Center and Naval Personnel Redistribution Center

Dartmouth College - Hanover, New Hampshire - The U.S. Navy developed a way to combine college education with military service: the Naval Indoctrination Training School and the V-12 Naval Training Program. Dartmouth became host to the largest of the Navy's V-12 units. On July 1, 1943, some 2,000 enlisted men and an officer



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staff were enrolled at the College / Dartmouth operated like a naval base during World War II

Miscellaneous:

During World War II, LST-46 was assigned to the European theater and participated in the Normandy invasion from 6 June 1944 to 25 June 1944 and the invasion of southern France in August and September 1944 / LST-46 was later transferred to the Asiatic-Pacific theater where she took part in the Okinawa assault in June 1945 / LST-46 earned three battle stars for World War II / Commissioned on 3 November 1943 and decommissioned on 6 June 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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The European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Campaign Medal was a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on 6 November 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The medal was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the European Theater (to include North Africa and the Middle East) and was awarded for any service performed between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946. The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was awarded as a service ribbon throughout the entire Second World War. Bronze service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945. Bronze service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

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



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Name: **MINER**

WESLEY

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: **MIRWALD**

JOHN

A.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

1ST PLATOON, COMPANY "C", 6TH BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Wheeler, Georgia - Camp Wheeler was used as an infantry replacement center from 1940 to 1945. It was named for Joseph Wheeler, a general in the Confederate States of America's Army

Miscellaneous:



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Name: MISKOVSKI
GEORGE

Address: 166 FISHER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY **Rank:** CPL

Unit / Squadron:
471ST ENGINEERS MAINTENANCE COMPANY

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: MISKOVSKI

STEVE

Address: 166 FISHER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

560TH SIGNAL DEPOT COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: MISSEL

ROBERT

C.

Address: 152 WILDWOOD AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class Robert Missel, serving aboard a coast-guard-manned invasion transport, participated in the invasion of Okinawa

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The Battle of Okinawa was fought on the Ryukyu Islands of Okinawa and was the largest amphibious assault in the Pacific War of World War II. The 82-day-long battle lasted from early April until mid-June 1945 / Four divisions of the U.S. 10th Army (the 7th, 27th, 77th, and 96th) and two Marine Divisions (the 1st and 6th) fought on the island. Their invasion was supported by naval, amphibious, and tactical air forces / The battle resulted in the highest number of casualties in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Based on Okinawan government sources, Japanese forces lost 77,166 soldiers, who were either killed or committed suicide, and the Allies suffered 14,009 deaths (with an estimated total of more than 65,000 casualties of all kinds)

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



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: MIZERKIEWICZ

HENRY

E.

Address: 59 OLEAN AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 389TH INFANTRY, 98TH DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC -PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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

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

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

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: **MOELLER**

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: **MOLL**

ROBERT

A.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

1050TH A.A.F. BASE UNIT, SECTION "N"

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Kearns Army Air Base - Kearns, Utah - Throughout World War II the Kearns Air Base served primarily as a training field for Air Corps personnel / in 1942, Kearns Air Base became a basic training center. The training facilities included a grenade-throwing ground, a gas demonstration area, beachhead maneuvers, and a mile-long obstacle course

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **MOLL**

WILBUR

R.

Address:

MILL ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: C.M. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

S.B. NAVY 3100

USS SAUGATUCK (AO-75)

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON WITH 3 STARS

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION RIBBON WITH 1 STAR

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Carpenter's Mate First-Class

Base Assignments:

Treasure Island, California - At the start of World War II the Navy recognized the need for greatly increased naval shipbuilding and repair facilities in the San Francisco Bay area, and in 1940 acquired the property from the private owners, naming it Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. The property became one of the major shipyards of the west coast. It was later renamed Treasure Island Naval Station Hunters Point Annex.

Lido Beach - Long Island, New York - Naval Training Center and Naval Personnel Redistribution Center

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

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 Submarine Base - Mindoro, Philippine Islands

Naval Base Subic Bay - Subic Bay, Philippine Islands - The naval base become a submarine and motor torpedo boat base shortly after the Philippines were liberated



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Miscellaneous:

USS Saugatuck (AO-75) was a Suamico-class replenishment oiler of the United States Navy / During the Battle of the Philippines, the Saugatuck carried fuels and lubricants to fleet units engaged in battle / Commissioned on 19 February 1943 and decommissioned on 29 March 1946

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

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Name: **MOLNAR**

JOSEPH

Address: 328 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

3478TH ORDNANCE M.A.M. COMPANY (MEDIUM AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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

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Name: **MOLYNEAU**

EVAN

W.

Address: 568 MAIN STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: MAJOR

Unit / Squadron:

179TH MEDICAL BATTALION, HEADQUARTERS

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **MONIN**

EDWIN

N.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", PLATOON 5, 35TH SPECIAL N.C. BATTALION (NAVAL CONSTRUCTION)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Seabees / After the attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, 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 / During the Second World War, the Seabees performed in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters of Operation

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Name: **MONNIN**

KENNETH

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: MONTGOMERY

GLEASON

S.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

SERVICE COMPANY, 88TH GLIDER INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Mackall, North Carolina - Originally named Camp Hoffman, the facility was renamed in February 1943 as Camp Mackall in honor of Private John Thomas Mackall. He was born May 17, 1920 in Ohio and grew up in Wellsville, Ohio. He served in Company E, 2nd Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment. During the Allied invasion of North Africa in the airborne segment called Operation Torch, he was mortally wounded in an attack by French Vichy aircraft on his aircraft as the aircraft landed near Oran. Seven paratroopers died at the scene and several were wounded, including Mackall. He was evacuated by air to a British hospital at Gibraltar where he died on November 12, 1942. He had been wounded on November 8, the day that construction began at the camp / Camp Mackall was the Airborne Command Headquarters for U. S. Airborne forces around the world

Miscellaneous:

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



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: MONTGOMERY

HARLEY

W.

Address: 47 ORCHARD AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

38TH INFANTRY, TRAINING BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

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

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: **MONTGOMERY**

JANE

Address:

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

M.C.W.R. (MARINE CORPS WOMEN'S RESERVE), MARINE CORPS, BASE BARRACKS 337

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

San Diego, California - Base was used to train Marine artillery and armored personnel

Miscellaneous:

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



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **MONTGOMERY**

RODERICK

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "H", 304TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp McCoy, Wisconsin - Located near Sparta, Wisconsin, the original camp was split into two sections: Camp Emory Upton and Camp Robinson / In 1919, the Army renamed the entire tract "Camp Bruce E. McCoy" for Robert Bruce McCoy, a retired major general who first proposed the area as a training ground and bought part of the property on which the fort stands. In 1926, the name of the post was shortened to "Camp McCoy" / During World War II, Camp McCoy was used as a training facility for units from across the United States that were preparing to enter combat. The post was also used as a prisoner-of-war (POW) camp during the conflict

Miscellaneous:

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: **MONTGOMERY**

RUSSELL

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

538TH AIR BASE SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

New Orleans Army Airbase - New Orleans, Louisiana - During World War II, the airfield was used by the United States Army Air Forces and housed the Tropical Weather School in 1945

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **MOONEY**

PATRICK

H.

Address: 60 DWYER STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

505TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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During World War II, the 505th Infantry participated in the battles for Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Normandy, the Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe. The 505th received the Presidential Unit Citation for their action during the retaking of Ste. Mere Eglise, France

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Name: **MOORE**

CHARLES

J.

Address: 247 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 241ST ENGINEERS

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

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

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



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Name: **MOORE**

CLARENCE H.

Address: 3424 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

452ND MILITARY POLICE ESCORT GUARD COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER (M-1 CARBINE)

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Clarence Moore embarked for his initial trip to Europe aboard the USS Wakefield. He made two trips to the United States with prisoners from Europe. The first trip was from England to the United States aboard the ship "Argentina". Moore returned to Great Britain on the ship "Queen Mary". The second trip was from Scotland to the United States aboard the ship "Explorer" / Moore returned to the European Theater aboard the "Queen Mary" and on 8 April 1945 was transferred to the Infantry

Private Moore trained in Europe for the Pacific Theater and embarked at Marseilles, France aboard the USS Callan for the Pacific Front / The USS Callan was recalled to Hampton Roads from a position about 600 miles south of Florida as news was broadcast of the Japanese surrender

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The USS General R. E. Callan (AP-139) was a naval transport ship commissioned on 17 August 1944 / During World War II, the Callan transported passengers in both the Asiatic-Pacific and the Europe-Africa-Middle East Theaters of Operation / Decommissioned on 24 May 1946

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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: **MOORE**

JAMES T.

Address: 62 FLOHR AVENUE

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

Unit / Squadron:

113TH A.A.F. BASE UNIT, 304TH TRAINING WING

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Charleston Army Air Field, South Carolina - Renamed Charleston Army Air Base on 15 June 1943, initially the base served mainly as an air depot training station, providing the final phase of training to service groups and air depot groups departing home for the war overseas / In September 1943 the base changed missions, training B-24 Liberator crews / B-34 Lexington bombers operated out of Charleston AAF, helping defend the eastern seaboard from possible attack

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

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **MOORE**

ROBERT

Address: 247 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

98TH GENERAL HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

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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Name: **MOORE**

WILLIAM

Address: 247 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 174TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Chaffee, Arkansas - Camp Chaffee was established in response to the need for more US troops for the imminent involvement in World War II. Construction on Camp Chaffee was started in September 1941, with troops arriving on the base in December 1941. In March 1956, the name of Camp Chaffee was officially changed to Fort Chaffee in recognition of the permanent nature of the base / During World War II, in addition to providing a training facility for US soldiers, Fort Chaffee served as a POW camp, housing 3000 German prisoners of war

Miscellaneous:

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

The 17th Infantry participated in the Rhineland Campaign (1944–1945), Ardennes-Alsace Campaign (1944–1945) and the Central Europe Campaign (1945)



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Name: MORAN

ALBERT

J.

Address: 367 MAIN STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "D", G.M.C. (GENERAL MILITARY COURSE)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **MORAN**

DAVID

Address: 95 WILDWOOD AVENUE

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: MORAN

J.

A.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

A.G.F. REPLACEMENT POOL (ARMY GROUND FORCES)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **MORAN**
JOHN

Address: 95 WILDWOOD AVENUE

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: MORAN

RITA

Address: 95 WILDWOOD AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

SQUADRON "F", W.A.C. DETACHMENT (WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS)

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Kearney, Nebraska - The Kearney Army Air Base was a training and processing base for the Army Air groups

Miscellaneous:

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



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Name: **MORGAN**

JOHN

B.

Address:

ORCHARD AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: Y. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

N.L.C. (NAVAL LANDING CRAFT), UNIT "X"

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Yeoman Second-Class

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:

Naval Landing Craft were boats and seagoing vessels used to convey a landing force (infantry and vehicles) from the sea to the shore during an amphibious assault / Most renowned are those used to storm the beaches of Normandy, the Mediterranean, and many Pacific islands during World War II

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Name: **MORGAN**

WILLIAM

C.

Address: 247 BULLIS ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 24TH ARMORED ENGINEERING BATTALION, 4TH ARMORED DIVISION, 3RD ARMY

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART MEDAL

5 BATTLE STARS

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant William Morgan sailed to Europe on the USS Thomas Barry / Sergeant Morgan fought in the battles for Normandy, Northern France, Central Europe, the Ardennes and the Rhineland, earning 5 Battle Stars / Sergeant Morgan returned to the United States on the USS Mt. Vernon

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 4th Armored Division of the United States Army was an armored division that compiled a distinguished career in the European theater of World War II / The 4th Armored Division landed at Utah Beach, Normandy on 11 July 1944 and entered combat 17 July 1944 / The 4th Division participated in the Battle of Arracourt and the Battle of the Bulge

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

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

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Name: **MORGENFELD**

GEORGE

R.

Address: 364 MAIN STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 2ND MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE

Medals / Citations:

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

3 BATTLE STARS

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Corporal George Morgenfeld earned 3 Battle Stars during combat action at Normandy Beach, in Northern France and the Rhineland

Miscellaneous:

In the European Theater of Operations, the 2nd Military Railway Service (MRS) was used to control supplies by railroad between Northern France and Germany / The Railway Service handled the maintenance of tracks, rolling stock, engine repair and operation of the trains

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

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

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Name: MORRIS

RICHARD

B.

Address: 312 ALLENDALE ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: LT. (J.G.)

Unit / Squadron:

AVIATION INSTRUCTOR

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Lieutenant (junior grade)

Base Assignments:

Aviation Field - Grosse Ile, Michigan - the Naval Air Station at Grosse Ile was commissioned 7 September 1929 / One of the Navy's largest primary flight training stations for Naval aviators, and RAF pilots. Among the many thousands of Navy pilots who began their careers at Grosse Ile was former President George H. W. Bush

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **MORRISON**

ROBERT

Address: 69 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

356TH T.S. HARBOR CRAFT (TRANSPORT SUPPORT)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technical Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The US Army created the Harbor Craft Companies to man its 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: MOSKAL

JOHN

A.

Address: 134 ELECTRIC AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/4

Unit / Squadron:

3065TH SIGNAL CORPS DIVISION, 8TH ARMY

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON WITH 3 BRONZE STARS

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL WITH 1 BRONZE STAR

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The United States Army Signal Corps was established in 1860 and was used in World War II to coordinate swift and accurate communication for air, ground, and naval units required more sophisticated technology and service / The Signal Corps 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

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945. Bronze service stars were awarded to all services for participation in designated campaigns

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



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service member must have served in the Philippines for at least thirty days during the eligible time period

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Name: **MOWRY**

WILFRED

L.

Address: 241 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

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

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Camp Blanding, Florida - Camp Blanding served as an infantry replacement training center, an induction center, a German prisoner of war compound, and a separation center

Miscellaneous:

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



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Name: **MRGICH**

B.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **MRGICH**

J.

J.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **MUENCH**

JAMES

E.

Address: 100 BARNSDALE AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A.M.M. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON, F.A.W. 14 (FLEET AIR WING)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Aviation Machinist Mate First-Class James Muench trained at Newport, Rhode Island then transferred to Jacksonville, Florida where he studied aviation / In addition to flying, Muench was a flight instructor in San Diego / In September 1941, he received a diploma as an Aircraft Gunner / Aviation Machinist Mate Muench served in the Panama Canal Zone, the Caribbean and South America

Seaman Second-Class - August 1942

Machinist's Mate Second-Class - June 1943

Aviation Machinist's Mate First-Class - April 1944

Base Assignments:

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 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 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: **MULLEN**

JAMES

W.

Address: 1909 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

455TH ORDNANCE EVACUATION 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: MULLEN

RAYMOND W.

Address: 1909 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 771ST TANK BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:

771st Tank Battalion was activated in September 1943 and landed in France in October 1944 / The battalion with its M4 Sherman tanks were attached to 102d Infantry Division and later with the 84th Infantry Division / The 771st Tank Battalion fought in the battle for Ardennes Forest / The battalion was assigned occupation duties in the vicinity of Salzwedel, Germany in May 1945

The M4 Sherman, officially the Medium Tank, M4, was the primary battle tank used by the United States in World War II, and proved to be a reliable and highly mobile workhorse, despite being outmatched by heavier German tanks late in the war / The M4 was the second most produced tank of the World War II era (50,000 vehicles were produced) and commonly known as the M4 Sherman, named after the American Civil War General William Tecumseh Sherman



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Name: MULLENHOFF

PAUL

A.

Address: 36 WICHITA ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: G.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS PLUNKETT (DD-431)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Gunner's Mate Third-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The USS Plunkett (DD-431), a Gleaves-class destroyer, is the only ship of the United States Navy to be named for Rear Admiral Charles Peshall Plunkett / In 1943, the Plunkett operated as a submarine killer off North Africa / In July 1943, she participated in the invasion of Sicily before heading back to North Africa on fire support missions / Supporting the invasion of Normandy on 6 June 1944, she screened the transports off Omaha Beach / On 13 August 1944, the Plunkett sailed in support of "Operation Dragoon", the invasion of southern France. During that operation she carried officials to and from the beaches in addition to performing her screening duties / Commissioned on 17 July 1940 and decommissioned on 3 May 1946

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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: MUMM

GEORGE

F.

Address: 41 OSCHAWA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "L", 179TH INFANTRY

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class George Mumm was wounded on Memorial Day 1944 (July 27th) while engaged in combat operations in Italy

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

George Mumm attended West Seneca High School / Employed at Eich's Bowling Alleys before being inducted into the Army on 23 August 1943

The 179th Infantry Regiment ("Tomahawks") was a light infantry unit that participated in the battles for Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Anzio, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe

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: MUMM JR.

FREDERICK J.

Address: 41 OSCHAWA STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "L", 2ND P.F.R., 8TH BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Ft. Benning, Georgia - Fort Benning was established in October 1918 to provide basic training for Army units and became known as the "Home of the Infantry"

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **MUND**

JAY

E.

Address: 1471 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 335TH A.A.A. BATTALION (ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER / EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

In October 1940, Sergeant Jay Mund enlisted with the 209th Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft (C.A.A.A.) / Inducted into the regular Army on 17 February 1941 and trained at Camp Stewart, Georgia before leaving for foreign shores in April 1942 / Sergeant Mund served in Ireland, North Africa and Italy

Base Assignments:

Camp Stewart, Georgia - During World War II, Fort Stewart was the largest Army installation east of the Mississippi River / In November 1940, the Anti-Aircraft Artillery Training Center was officially designated as Camp Stewart, in honor of General Daniel Stewart, a native of Liberty County, who had fought with Francis Marion during the American Revolution, and who became one of the county's military heroes

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: MURPHY

PAUL

D.

Address: 134 EDSON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

2ND AIR FORCE

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Lincoln, Nebraska - From December 1941, the Second Air Force organized air defense for the northwest Pacific Ocean coastline of the United States (1940–1941) and flew antisubmarine patrols along coastal areas until October 1942 / Beginning in 1942, the mission of Second Air Force became supporting the Army Air Forces Training Command's mission of training of units, crews, and individuals for bombardment, fighter, and reconnaissance operations

Miscellaneous:

The 2nd Air Force was activated on 18 December 1940 and served as both an air defense and a training organization during 1941 / Afterwards it was engaged chiefly in training units and replacements for heavy, and later, very heavy bombing operations



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Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **MURRAY**

RAYMOND W.

Address: 41 PAXFORD PLACE

Service Branch: MARINE CORPS

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 7TH MARINES, 1ST MARINE DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

2 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

GOOD CONDUCT

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (RIFLE)

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT (PISTOL)

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Raymond Murray enlisted in the Marine Corps on 17 November 1941 / Murray was stationed in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for 5 months and in Jamaica for 9 months

Private Murray joined the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division on 1 May 1944 / Private Murray participated in the assault landings and occupation of Peleliu (Philippine Islands) and Okinawa / Murray was wounded in combat on 6 June 1945 during the battle for Okinawa / Murray was evacuated to Camp Pendleton, California on 11 June 1945 to recover from his wounds / Private Murray was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps on 4 December 1945 at the Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois

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

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

Miscellaneous:

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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: MUSIEL

GEORGE

Address: 1534 BERG ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

SQUADRON A-7

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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