



# 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:**

Commissarymen prepared meals for enlisted sailors in galleys on the ship and shore bases in the general mess / They purchased food from approved sources, stored food stuffs and distributed to the galleys for preparation and kept accountability records

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:**

Private

**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 C. 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:**

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



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**Name:** **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 D. Maclean was attached to an aerial unit of the 8th Air Force near Norwich, England / Sgt Maclean earned 6 Battle Stars for combat action in Europe

**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

A bombardment group or bomb group was a group of bomber aircraft the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) during World War II. It was the equivalent of an infantry regiment in the Army Ground Forces / A bombardment group was the key tactical control and administrative organization for bombers in all theaters of operation / U.S. bomb groups were numbered and classified into four types: Very Heavy (VH), Heavy (H), Medium (M), and Light (L) / Groups which combined bombers of differing categories into a single administrative organization were designated "Composite" groups

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**Name:** MAHAR

ROBERT

G.

**Address:** 2432 BERG ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** A/C

**Unit / Squadron:**

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

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Aviation Cadet

**Base Assignments:**

Presbyterian College (Clinton, South Carolina)

**Miscellaneous:**

The Aviation Cadet Pilot Training Program was originally created by the U.S. Army to train its pilots / The U.S. Army Air Corps Training Center (USAACTC) was at Duncan Field, San Antonio, Texas from 1926 to 1931 and Randolph Field from 1931 to 1939 / Two more centers were activated on 8 July 1940: the West Coast Army Air Corps Training Center (WCAACTC) in Sunnyvale, California and the Southeast Army Air Corps Training Center (SAACTC) in Montgomery, Alabama / In 1939 there were only 55 enlisted pilots in the then-U.S. Army Air Corps (USAAC) / Due to the shortage of pilots in 1941, enlisted men were allowed to apply to flight training / After demand lifted in mid-1944, the requirements went back to college-educated or college graduate candidates / Enlisted pilots were called flying sergeants / Graduating enlisted pilots were graded as flight staff sergeants while pilots who graduated at the top of their class were graded as flight technical sergeants / They were usually assigned to flying transport and liaison aircraft / The U.S. Army created almost 3,000 enlisted pilots from 1912 to 1942 / Seven pre-War enlisted pilots and four World War II enlisted pilots became U.S. Air Force generals



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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:**

Private First-Class

**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

1 BATTLE STAR

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Hoarace A. Male earned 1 Battle Star for combat action 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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The World War II Victory Medal was first issued as a service ribbon referred to as the "Victory Ribbon" / By 1946, a full medal had been established which was referred to as the World War II Victory Medal / The medal commemorates military service during World War II and is awarded to any member of the United States military, including members of the armed forces of the Government of the Philippine Islands, who served on active duty, or as a reservist, between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946

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

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*Name:* **MALLEY**

**WALTER**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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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:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

BRONZE STAR

EXPERT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class William E. 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 / PFC 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

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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



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## 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

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, 44TH DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

3 BATTLE STARS

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant) Elmer A. Mallon was a radio operator and combat infantryman / Sgt Mallon served in Central Europe, Northern France and the Rhineland earning 3 Battle Stars for combat action

**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:*

Sergeant

*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:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

19TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 318TH FIGHTER GROUP

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON W/4 BRONZE STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Frank Mandziak was assigned overseas for three years / Cpl Mandziak was stationed in Hawaii, Saipan (Mariana Islands), and Ie Shima (Okinawa)

Corporal Mandziak also participated in the air offensive against the Central Pacific Mandates of Ryukyus, a chain of Japanese islands that stretch southwest from Kyushu to Taiwan

**Base Assignments:**

Ie Shima Auxiliary Airfield - Located off the northwest coast of Okinawa Island in the East China Sea, the airfields on Ie Shima were built by the Japanese prior to the American invasion and subsequent Battle of Okinawa in April 1945 / It was seized by elements of the United States Army 77th Infantry Division after intermittent bombardment of the island by the United States Navy Fifth Fleet from 25 March through 16 April when the invasion of the island commenced / By 14 June 1945, the airfield was repaired and fighter squadrons were operating from the airfield / Ie Shima proved to be an ideal base for the support of operations on Okinawa and for preparing later attacks on the Japanese homeland

**Miscellaneous:**

The Battle of Saipan was a battle of the Pacific campaign of World War II, fought on the island of Saipan in the Mariana Islands from 15 June to 9 July 1944 / The Allied invasion fleet embarking the expeditionary forces left Pearl Harbor on 5 June 1944, the day before Operation Overlord in Europe was launched / The U.S. 2nd Marine Division, 4th Marine Division, and the Army's 27th Infantry Division, commanded by Lieutenant General Holland Smith, defeated the 43rd Infantry Division of the Imperial Japanese Army, commanded by Lieutenant General Yoshitsugu Saito / The loss of Saipan, with the death of at least 29,000 troops and heavy civilian casualties, precipitated the resignation of Prime Minister of Japan Hideki Tōjō and left the Japanese archipelago within the range of United States Army Air Forces B-29 bombers



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**Name:** **MANDZIAK**

**HENRY**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

613TH BOMBARDMENT SUADRON

514TH AIR ENGINEER GROUP

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON W/4 BRONZE STARS

1 BATTLE STAR

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant Henry Mandziak served on both the European and Pacific war fronts

Sergeant Henry Mandziak participated in the air offensive in Okinawa and against the Central Pacific Mandates of Ryukyus, a chain of Japanese islands that stretch southwest from Kyushu to Taiwan / Sergeant Mandziak earned a Battle Star for combat action in the Battle of Ryukyus

**Base Assignments:**

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**Miscellaneous:**

Based in England, the 613th Bombardment Squadron the Lead Squadron in the bombing of Bremen, Germany on 26 November 1943 / On December 1st, 1943 the 613th flew it's second mission / The target was Sloingen, Germany located in the heart of the heavily defended Ruhr Valley / Within the city the specific target was a manufacturing plant responsible for a good percentage of Germany's aircraft parts / The airplane engine works at Paris was the object of the 3rd mission on 5 December 1943 / From December 1943 through May 1944, the 613th bombed assigned targets in France and deep into Germany



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

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**Name:** **MANDZIAK**

**WALTER**

**E.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

1612TH ORDNANCE COMPANY

431ST AIR SERVICE GROUP

401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL    DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION  
W/6 BRONZE STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Corporal Walter E. Mandziak was stationed in Puerto Rico for six months before being transferred to England with the 431st Air Service Group for 21 months

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

An Ordnance Company is the branch of an armed force that procures, maintains, and issues weapons, ammunition, and combat vehicles

The 401st Bombardment Group flew B-17 Flying Fortresses from Deenethorpe, Northamptonshire, from November 1943 to June 1945 / Starting their missions at that time meant the focus was very much on the coming invasion attempt of France planned for the following summer / The Group won two Distinguished Unit Citations / The first, awarded to the whole of the 1st Bomb Division, was for an unescorted raid on aircraft factories at Oschersleben on 11 January 1944 / The second was awarded to the Group for a raid on Leipzig on 20 February 1944

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ribbon throughout the entire Second World War

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

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

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**Name:** **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 W. 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 J. 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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**Name:** MARTIN

MILFORD

J.

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** S. 2/C

**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:**

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



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**Name:** MARTINA

SAVERIO

J.

**Address:** 1299 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

**Service Branch:**

**Rank:**

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

Saverio J. Martina was sworn into military service at 8:10am on Tuesday, 27 July 1943 at the Fire Hall Located at Indian Church Road and Union Road in the hamlet of Gardenville

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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**Name:** **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:**

Sergeant

**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:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL  
W/4 BRONZE STARS

AVIATION BADGE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER - PISTOL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS AIR MEDAL WITH 3 OAK LEAF  
CLUSTERS

AIR WINGS

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: RIFLE

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Staff Sergeant Richard O. 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 was stationed in England with the 8th Air Force (1077th Airborne) as a belly turret gunner / 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



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and armor during the Battle of the Bulge, January 1945 / The 839th Bombardment Squadron continued bombardment of strategic targets until the surrender of Germany 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

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

An aviator badge is an insignia used to designate those who have received training and qualification in military aviation / Also known as a Pilot's Badge, or Pilot Wings, the Aviator Badge was first conceived to recognize the training that military aviators receive, as well as provide a means to outwardly differentiate between military pilots and the "foot soldiers" of the regular ground forces

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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:**

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:** **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:**

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

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

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:** **MAYER, JR.**

**GEORGE J.**

**Address:** 2426 SENECA STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** T/5

**Unit / Squadron:**

343RD FIELD ARTILLERY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL PURPLE HEART

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

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

Corporal George J. Mayer Jr. is interred at Forest Lawn Cemetery (Buffalo, New York)

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

George J. Mayer Jr. was a graduate of West Seneca High School / Mayer was employed by the American Magnesium Corp prior enlisting in the Army on 5 November 1942

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

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**Name:** 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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**Name:** **MCCADDEN**

**ROBERT**

**D.**

**Address:** 16 SCHOOL STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY - AIR FORCE

**Rank:** T/SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

832ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 486TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

3 BATTLE STARS

AIR MEDAL W/4 CLUSTERS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: 45 CALIBER PISTOL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: 50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: CARBINE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technical Sergeant Robert D. McCadden earned 3 Battle Stars for combat missions flown from England to the European continent on B-24 Liberator and B-17 Flying Fortress bombers

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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The Consolidated B-24 Liberator is an American heavy bomber, designed by Consolidated Aircraft of San Diego, California / The B-24 was used extensively in World War II and served in every branch of the American armed forces as well as several Allied air forces and navies / It saw use in every theater of operations / Along with the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, the B-24 was the mainstay of the US strategic bombing campaign in the Western European theater / Due to its range, it proved useful in bombing operations in the Pacific, including the bombing of Japan / Long-range anti-submarine Liberators played an instrumental role in closing the Mid-Atlantic gap in the Battle of the Atlantic / At approximately 18,500 units, including over 4,600 manufactured by Ford Motor Company, it holds records as the world's most produced bomber, heavy bomber, multi-engine aircraft, and American military aircraft in history



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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 Air Medal is awarded to anyone who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Armed Forces of the United States, and has distinguished themselves by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight / Subsequent awards are annotated with the traditional oak leaf clusters

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

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

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*Name:* **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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**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:**

Private First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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**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:**

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

First Sergeant

**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:**

First sergeants are generally the senior non-commissioned officers of company (battery, troop) sized units, and are unofficially but commonly referred to as "top", "top sergeant", "top soldier", "top kick", "first shirt", due to their seniority and their position at the top of the company's enlisted ranks / First sergeants handle the leadership and professional development of their soldiers, especially the non-commissioned officer development and grooming of enlisted soldiers for promotions / They also manage pay issues, supervise administrative issues, recommend and prepare enlisted soldiers for specialty and leadership schools, reenlistment, career development and they manage the promotable soldiers within the company

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:**

Private First-Class Thomas G. McClain served on tank destroyers in General George Patton's 3rd Army

**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 J. 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:*

Private

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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

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**Name:** **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

A bombardment group or bomb group was a group of bomber aircraft the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) during World War II. It was the equivalent of an infantry regiment in the Army Ground Forces / A bombardment group was the key tactical control and administrative organization for bombers in all theaters of operation / U.S. bomb groups were numbered and classified into four types: Very Heavy (VH), Heavy (H), Medium (M), and Light (L) / Groups which combined bombers of differing categories into a single administrative organization were designated "Composite" groups



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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:**

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

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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **MCCREERY**

**JOHN**

**Address:** 89 ORCHARD AVENUE

**Service Branch:** NAVY

**Rank:** LT. (J.G.)

**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:**

Lieutenant (junior grade), commonly abbreviated as Lt. (j.g.), was a junior commissioned officer rank of the United States Navy and the United States Coast Guard / Lieutenant, junior grade, ranks above ensign and below lieutenant and is equivalent to a first lieutenant in the other uniformed services (the Army, Marine Corps and Air Force)

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**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:**

Private

**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 bore 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:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Electrician's Mate Third-Class James L. 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:*

An Electrician's Mate used electrical tools and repaired electrical equipment / Charged storage batteries and wind armatures / Stood watch on main gyrocompass and in main control room of electrically driven ships / Repaired telephone circuits / Applied first aid in case of electrical shock

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

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

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



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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:**

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

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**Name:** **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:**

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

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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**Name:** **MECKLENBURG**

**ELMER**

**F.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

81ST BATTERY, 811TH ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS (AAA AW) BATTALION

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

MOTOR VEHICLE BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Elmer F. Mecklenburg served in the Hawaiian Islands and the Central Pacific Canton Islands

**Base Assignments:**

Canton Islands (Republic of Kiribati) - During World War II, Canton Island (now Kanton Island) was considered part of the British-controlled Gilbert and Ellice Islands colony / On 3 March 1938 President Franklin Roosevelt placed Canton and Enderbury Island under jurisdiction of the United States Department of the Interior / An existing airport was used as a military airfield during World War II by the United States Army Air Forces in 1942 and 1943, initially being used by the 40th Ferrying (later Transport) Squadron, Ferrying (later Air Transport) Command as an airfield for moving combat aircraft to forward combat units / The airfield saw various aircraft, including A-20s, B-17s, B-24s, B-25s, B-26s, P-38s, P-40s, C-46s, and C-47s transit the base / In February 1943, the long-range B-24 Liberator Bombers of the 392d Bombardment Squadron were sent to the airfield / The Imperial Japanese Army did not invade Canton, although the airfield was bombed on 1 November 1943 by the Japanese submarine I-36 / After the war, it was returned to civilian control.

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

The Motor Vehicle Badge (renamed the Driver and Mechanic Badge during the Korean War) is a military special skill badge of the United States Army which was first created in July 1942 / The badge is awarded to military drivers, mechanics, and special equipment operators to denote the attainment of a high degree of skill in the operation and maintenance of motor vehicles

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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:**

Private First-Class

**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

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT - CARBINE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fourth-Grade (Sergeant) Bernard N. 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 break through; 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

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



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The American Defense Service Medal was a military award of the United States Armed Forces intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty between 8 September 1939 and 7 December 1941

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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**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:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL      DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Second Lieutenant Robert H. 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

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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**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:**

Private

**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 J.**

**Address:** TERRACE BOULEVARD

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

**Unit / Squadron:**

SECTION "P", BARRACKS 615, 3507TH ARMY AIR BASE UNIT  
71ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON  
AIR MEDAL  
WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL  
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

7 BATTLE STARS  
AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL  
PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technical Sergeant Vincent J. Menichelli earned 7 Battle Stars for participating in combat operations in Nadzab (New Guinea), Lingayen (Luzon), Bolo Point (Okinawa), Morotai (Netherlands East Indies), Fukuoka (Japan) and Kyushu (third largest island of Japan's five main islands)

**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

Nadzab, New Guinea - Nadzab is in the Markham Valley, Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea on the Highlands Highway and was the site of the only Allied paratrooper assault in New Guinea on 5 September 1943 / Construction of the Nadzab airfield began within hours of routing the Imperial Japanese forces / In early 1944, the airfield housed bombers, fighters, and various other types of combat and support aircraft / By late 1944, combat had moved away from Nadzab, but it remained vital nevertheless, now in the form of a large training and aircraft repair and salvage facility / After the war in 1945, Nadzab Airfield was turned over to the local administration; it would remain a military airfield

Bolo Point Airfield, Okinawa - Located on the East China Sea Coast, the Bolo Point airfield was originally built by the Japanese on what used to be Uzza neighborhood of Yutanza village / It was seized by the United States during the Battle of Okinawa in April 1945 / It was allocated to Eighth Air Force in July 1945 to station B-29 Superfortress bombers to fly strategic bombing missions in the planned Invasion of Japan / The airfield was never used for combat operations due to the surrender of Imperial Japan on 2 September 1945 / It was used by



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the Fifth Air Force 7th and 8th Combat Cargo Squadrons (2d Combat Cargo Group) from 20 August 1945 until 5 January 1946 flying C-47 Skytrain aircraft After the war, the facility was closed and used as a surplus storage depot for equipment left on Okinawa / The airfield was inactivated after 1946 and returned to Japanese control in 1972

Lingayen, Luzon

### *Miscellaneous:*

During World War II, the Lingayen Gulf proved a strategically important theater of war between American and Japanese forces / On 22 December 1941, the Japanese 14th Army landed and defeated the poorly equipped contingent of predominantly American and Filipino troops / Beginning on 6 January 1945, a heavy naval and air bombardment of suspected Japanese defenses on Lingayen began / At 09:30 on 9 January 1945, about 68,000 GIs under General Walter Krueger of the U.S. 6th Army, following a devastating naval bombardment, landed at the coast of Lingayen Gulf meeting no opposition / A total of 203,608 soldiers were eventually landed over the next few days / Within a few days, the assault forces had quickly captured the coastal towns and secured the 20-mile-long beachhead, as well as penetrating up to five miles inland / Following the landings, the Lingayen Gulf was turned into a vast supply depot for the rest of the war to support the Battle of Luzon

The Japanese city of Fukuoka was attacked by United States Army Air Forces Boeing B-29 Superfortress heavy bombers on 19 June 1945 / This operation formed part of the Allied Air raids on Japan, and destroyed 21.5 percent of the city. B-29s also dropped naval mines near Fukuoka harbor on seven occasions between May and July 1945, and the city was attacked twice by American fighter aircraft

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

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

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**Name:** 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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*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:*

Private

*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:**

Private First-Class

**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:**

**Private First-Class**

**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:**

Staff Sergeant

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Engineering Battalions performed many engineering tasks, including demolitions, obstacle emplacement, fortification, and light bridge building / Engineer general service regiments and battalions performed construction, repair, and maintenance duties of all kinds behind the front lines / When needed, combat engineers also could act as infantry

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**Name:** MESSINA

JOSEPH L.

**Address:** 3882 CLINTON STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

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

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

1 BATTLE STAR

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Joseph L. Messina earned 1 Battle Star for combat action in the Pacific Theater

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

With much of World War II fought in the air, anti-aircraft weapons were weapons that could specifically direct their offense against air targets / The mission of the Anti-Aircraft Artillery units were to detect hostile aircraft and destroy them / Radar aided anti-aircraft gunners by providing accurate information about the range, speed, and altitude of incoming enemy planes

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**Name:** **METZ**

**CHESTER J.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

359TH INFANTRY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL    PURPLE HEART

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Chester J. 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 (KIA) on 4 July 1944 in Normandy, France

Private First-Class Chester J. Metz is interred at Buffalo Cemetery (Cheektowaga, New York)

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Chester J. Metz was employed by the Houde Engineering Division before joining the Army in January 1943

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

The 359th Infantry was ordered into active military service 25 March 1942 and reorganized at Camp Barkeley, Texas / The 359th participated the battles for Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe / The 359th Infantry was Inactivated 26 December 1945 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

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



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**Name:** **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:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Third-Grade (Staff Sergeant) William P. Metzger served as a truck driver, mechanic and welder

**Base Assignments:**

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

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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**Name:** **METZLER**

**FRED**

**P.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "D", 5TH BATTALION, A.S.F.T.C. (ARMY SERVICE FORCES TRAINING CENTER), 1ST  
PLATOON  
1750TH ENGINEERING UTILITIES DETACHMENT

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant

**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:**

Military engineering is defined as the art, science, and practice of designing and building military works and maintaining lines of military transport and military communications / Military engineers are also responsible for logistics behind military tactics

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**Name:** **MEUTSCH**

**CHARLES C.**

**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

2 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technical Sergeant Charles C. Meutsch earned 2 Battle Stars for combat 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 / The 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 American invading forces greatly outnumbered the island's Japanese defenders and secured their objectives in two weeks / Japanese reinforcements landed on the island



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between September and November, but lacked the supplies needed to effectively attack the Allied defensive perimeter / 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:**

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

USS 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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Town of West Seneca, New York

**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 O. 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 (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 O. 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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Town of West Seneca, New York

**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 Walter Meyer 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:**

Navy chief petty officers served a dual role as both technical experts and as leaders, with the emphasis being more on leadership as they progressed through the ranks

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



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**Name:** **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:**

Lieutenant Lawrence J. Miano was a Medical Officer

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Dr. Lawrence J. Miano, a family practitioner in Gardenville for over 40 years / Dr. Miano died in 1982

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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Town of West Seneca, New York

*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, 7TH INFANTRY DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

ASIATIC -PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

BRONZE STAR WITH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

PURPLE HEART

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, earning the Purple Heart Medal / Sgt Mikesell was awarded the Bronze Star twice for meritorious service in combat

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

Sergeant Carl Edwin Mikesell is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery (Orchard Park, New York)

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Carl E. 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



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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

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

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

The Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to infantrymen and Special Forces Soldiers in the rank of Colonel and below, who personally fought in active ground combat while assigned as members of an infantry, Ranger or Special Forces unit, of brigade size or smaller, any time after 6 December 1941

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



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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** 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 A. 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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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **MILLER**

**HARVEY**

**G.**

**Address:**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "B", 198 BATTALION, 62ND REGIMENT RIFLE SQUAD INFANTRY

**Medals / Citations:**

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: RIFLE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MORTAR

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

**Base Assignments:**

Camp Blanding, Florida - Camp Blanding, south of Jacksonville, was established in the 1930s as a United States Naval Air Station (NAS) / In 1940, Camp Blanding was leased to the United States Army as an active duty training center and originally used by New England and Southern troops preparing for deployment overseas / During the course of the World War II, Camp Blanding served as an infantry replacement training center, an induction center, a German prisoner-of-war compound, and a holding center for 343 Japanese, German and Italian immigrant residents of the United States

**Miscellaneous:**

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

The Mortar was a 60 millimeter smoothbore, muzzle-loading, high-angle-of-fire weapon used by U.S. forces in World War II / Each mortar shell had a screw-on cap in its base / Inside the hollow in the tail, it contained a 20-gauge M5A1 Ignition Cartridge / This was a paper shotgun shell filled with ballistite powder / The mortar had a firing pin in the bottom of the tube / When the shell was dropped down the tube, the firing pin struck the Ignition Cartridge in the shell's tail, detonating it / When the cartridge detonated, the explosive gases exited the base of the shell through two bleed holes / This propelled the shell out of the tube in an arc / Unassisted, the mortar shell had a range of about 200 to 325 yards



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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:*

Private

*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:*

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*Name:* **MILLER JR.**

**W.**

**F.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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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:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL  
W/2 BRONZE STARS

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON W/1 BRONZE STAR

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Seaman First-Class Herbert P. 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



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became host to the largest of the Navy's V-12 units / On July 1, 1943, some 2,000 enlisted men and an officer staff were enrolled at the College / Dartmouth operated like a naval base during World War II

### *Miscellaneous:*

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

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

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

The Philippine Liberation Medal was a military award of the Republic of the Philippines presented to any service



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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

*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:*

Private

*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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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** MISKOVSKI

GEORGE

**Address:** 166 FISHER ROAD

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

471ST ENGINEER MAINTENANCE COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal)

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Engineering Battalions performed many engineering tasks, including demolitions, obstacle emplacement, fortification, and light bridge building / Engineer general service regiments and battalions performed construction, repair, and maintenance duties of all kinds behind the front lines / When needed, combat engineers also could act as infantry

The 471st Engineer Maintenance Company was activated 15 December 1941 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia / The 471st Engineer Maintenance Company was assigned to the Ninth Engineering Command and the Ninth Air Force (A.A.F.) / Campaigns included Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe / The 471st was inactivated 14 December 1945 in Germany

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The American Defense Service Medal (also referred to as the Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon) was a military award of the United States Armed Forces intended to recognize those military service members who had performed



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military duty between 8 September 1939 and 7 December 1941

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**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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**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 C. Missel, serving aboard a Coast Guard manned invasion transport, participated in the invasion of Okinawa

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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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:**

ASIATIC -PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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

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**Name:** **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:*

Private

*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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Town of West Seneca, New York

**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:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON W/3 BRONZE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL W/1 BRONZE STAR

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**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:*

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

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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**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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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **MOLYNEAX**

**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:**

Major Evan W. Molyneaux landed on the beaches of Normandy, France

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Evan W. Molyneaux was a Medical Doctor

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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:**

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

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:* **MONNIN**

**KENNETH**

**L.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:*

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

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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:**

Private First-Class

**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 who was born 17 May 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 12 November 1942 / He had been wounded on 8 November, 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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**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:**

Private

**Base Assignments:**

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

Private First-Class

**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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**Name:** **MONTGOMERY**

**RODERICK**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* SGT

*Unit / Squadron:*

COMPANY "H", 304TH INFANTRY

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Sergeant

*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 World War II

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*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:*

Corporal

*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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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **MOONEY**

**PATRICK**

**H.**

**Address:** 60 DWYER STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PVT

**Unit / Squadron:**

505TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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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:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER - RIFLE

ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL (JAPAN)

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant

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

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



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**Name:** **MOORE**

**CLARENCE H.**

**Address:** 3424 CLINTON STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

452ND MILITARY POLICE ESCORT GUARD COMPANY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER - M1 CARBINE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Clarence H. Moore embarked for his initial trip to Europe aboard the USS Wakefield / He made two trips to the United States with prisoners-of-war (POW) from Europe / The first trip was from England to the United States was 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 First-Class Clarence H. Moore was assigned to guard German Prisoners-of War (POWs) at Camp Polk, Louisiana, as well as in England and France / Moore also guarded POWs in Grady, Arkansas

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:**

Camp Polk, Louisiana - Fort Polk is a United States Army installation located approximately ten miles east of Leesville, Louisiana / Established in 1941, the camp 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 / Fort Polk began as a base for the Louisiana Maneuvers in the 1940s where motorized or mechanized units were created to meet the mobile demands of the battlefield / While primarily a training facility, Camp Polk also served as a military prison for Germans captured during World War II / From the end of World War II until the early 1960s, the post was closed and reopened numerous times, with the Louisiana Army National Guard currently maintaining a maintenance facility on Fort Polk which services its major units such as the 256th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and 225th Engineer Brigade



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

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**Name:** **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:**

Private

**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:**

Private

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**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:** **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:**

Sergeant

**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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Town of West Seneca, New York

**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:**

Private

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**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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Town of West Seneca, New York

**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:**

Private

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**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:**

Corporal

**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"

USS GEARING (DD-710)

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

ATLANTIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Yeoman Second-Class John B. Morgan served from 1942 to 1946 and served in Africa and the Atlantic Theater

**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:**

Yeomen performed administrative and clerical work / Dealt with visitors, coordinate worldwide travel, submit passport applications, telephone calls and incoming mail, and assist various ships, squadrons, staff commands, and special warfare teams around the world with administrative tasks / Yeomen wrote and typed business and social letters, notices, directives, forms and reports

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

USS Gearing (DD-710) was named for three generations of the Gearing family, Commander Henry Chalfant Gearing, Sr., Captain Henry Chalfant Gearing, Jr. and Lieutenant Henry Chalfant Gearing, III / Commissioned on 3 May 1945, the Gearing trained precommissioning crews for other destroyers and helped screen the aircraft carrier Ranger during carrier qualification operations / The USS Geary was decommissioned in 1973 and sold for scrap on 6 November 1974



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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:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PURPLE HEART

5 BATTLE STARS

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant William C. 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 / Sgt Morgan was wounded on the battlefield and received the Purple Heart / 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

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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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **MORGENFELD**

**GEORGE R.**

**Address:** 364 MAIN STREET

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** CPL

**Unit / Squadron:**

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 2ND MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE

**Medals / Citations:**

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

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Corporal George R. Morgenfeld earned 3 Battle Stars during combat action at Normandy Beach, in Northern France and the Rhineland, earning the Bronze Star for his acts of heroism

**Base Assignments:**

**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

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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:**

Lieutenant (junior grade), commonly abbreviated as Lt. (j.g.), was a junior commissioned officer rank of the United States Navy and the United States Coast Guard / Lieutenant, junior grade, ranks above ensign and below lieutenant and is equivalent to a first lieutenant in the other uniformed services (the Army, Marine Corps and Air Force)

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**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:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON WITH 3 BRONZE STARS AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL W/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 developed, tested, provided, and managed communications and information systems support for the command and control of combined arms forces / The Signal Corps pioneered in the development of radar to detect approaching aircraft as well as mobile communications and deciphering machines / In addition to its primary role in military transmissions, the unit also played a key role in producing training films for army and civilian personnel, and documenting combat missions / During World War II, noted Hollywood producers, directors, and photographers (such as Darryl Zanuck, Frank Capra, John Huston, and George Stevens) all served in the Signal Corps

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

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



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March 1946 / The American Campaign Medal was issued as a service ribbon only for the entirety of the Second World War, and was only made a full-sized medal in 1947

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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**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:**

Private

**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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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **MRGICH**

**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:* **MRGICH**

**JOSEPH**

**J.**

*Address:*

*Service Branch:* **ARMY**

*Rank:*

*Unit / Squadron:*

**1053RD ENGINEERS**

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

**EUROPEAN THEATER**

*Service Notes:*

*Base Assignments:*

*Miscellaneous:*

**(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)**

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**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 E. 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:**

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

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



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who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945

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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:**

Private

**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:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN

BRONZE STAR

PURPLE HEART

OAK LEAF CLUSTER

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Technician Fourth Grade (T/4) Sergeant Raymond W. Mullen received the Purple Heart Medal for injuries sustained on the battlefield and also received a Bronze Star for his heroic service in a combat zone

**Base Assignments:**

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

**Miscellaneous:**

The 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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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

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Town of West Seneca, New York

**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:**

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

The USS 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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**Name:** MUMM

GEORGE

F.

**Address:** 41 OSCHAWA AVENUE

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** PFC

**Unit / Squadron:**

COMPANY "L", 179TH INFANTRY

**Medals / Citations:**

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL    PURPLE HEART

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

EUROPEAN THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class George F. Mumm was wounded on Memorial Day 1944 while engaged in combat operations in Italy and was awarded the Purple heart

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

George F. Mumm attended West Seneca High School / Mumm was 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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Town of West Seneca, New York

*Name:* **MUMM JR.**

**FREDERICK J.**

*Address:* 41 OSCHAWA AVENUE

*Service Branch:* ARMY

*Rank:* PVT

*Unit / Squadron:*

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

*Medals / Citations:*

*Theater of Operations / Assignment:*

*Service Notes:*

Private

*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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Town of West Seneca, New York

**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 E. Mund enlisted with the 209th Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft (C.A.A.A.) / Mund was 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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**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:**

Private

**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 Dec 1940 and served as both an air defense and a training organization in 1941 / Afterward, the 2nd AF was engaged chiefly in training units and replacements for heavy and, later, very heavy bombardment operations / The 2nd Air Force was inactivated on 30 Mar 1946



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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:**

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

PURPLE HEART

2 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT - PISTOL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: EXPERT - RIFLE

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

**Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

PACIFIC THEATER

**Service Notes:**

Private First-Class Raymond W. Murray enlisted in the Marine Corps on 17 November 1941 / PFC 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, building battleships and aircraft carriers, repaired over 5,000 ships, sent troops and supplies to fronts across the globe

**Miscellaneous:**

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



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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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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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:**

Private

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

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