



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



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: FAGAN

F.

G.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS TERROR (CM-5)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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

The USS Terror (CM-5) was a fleet minelayer, the only minelayer of the fleet built specifically for mine laying during World War II / Operated off the coast of North Africa and the Pacific Theater / Commissioned on 15 July 1942 and decommissioned on 6 August 1956

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Name: **FAGAN**

WILLIAM

A.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: FAGO

PAUL

F.

Address: 1303 INDIAN CHURCH ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

3507TH BASE UNIT, SECTION "P", BARRACKS 628

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **FALKENBACH**

ELMER

F.

Address: 36 IRIS AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: C.M.M.

Unit / Squadron:

USS BARNETT (APA-5)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Machinist's Mate Elmer F. Falkenbach enlisted in the Navy on 19 May 1940 / Promoted to Chief Machinist's Mate on 1 May 1944

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Machinist's mates were responsible for the continuous operation of the many engines, compressors, gears, refrigeration, and air-conditioning equipment along with other types of machinery onboard ships and shore installations / Responsible for the ship's steam propulsion and auxiliary equipment and the outside (deck) machinery

USS Barnett (APA-5) was a McCawley-class attack transport and commissioned 25 September 1940 / Ship served in both the Pacific and Atlantic campaigns / From 25 September 1940 until the end of the year, the Barnett was engaged in training Marines in the Culebra-Vieques Islands (Puerto Rico) area / During the battle for the Pacific, the Barnett transported troops during the Coral Sea and Midway campaigns / In 1942, the Barnett unloaded Marine troops during the battle for Guadalcanal / In 1943, the Barnett participated in the invasion of Salerno and Sicily / On 6 June 1944, she transported troops to the Utah beach landing on Normandy / In 1945, the Barnett returned to the Pacific region, taking part in the Okinawa invasion / The USS Barnett earned seven battle stars for World War II service / Decommissioned 30 April 1946

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Name: **FALKENBACH JR.**

GEORGE

Address: 36 IRIS AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 865TH ENGINEERS BATTALION
806TH AVIATION ENGINEERS

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

George Falkenbach Jr. enlisted in the Army on 15 January 1942 and was promoted to Sergeant on 25 June 1943 / Sgt Falkenbach saw action in the Finschhafen (New Guinea), Hollandia (New Guinea), Leyte (Philippines), Cebu (Philippines), and Mindanao (Philippines) campaigns / Sgt Falkenbach was also stationed in Puerto Rico for fourteen months with the 806th Engineers Battalion

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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

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The 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



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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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Name: **FALKNER**

RAYMOND

Address: 33 OSCHAWA AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

5TH GENERAL HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The brother of Raymond Falkner, William D. Falkner, served in the U.S. Army during World War II

In the years from 30 June 1943 to 30 June 1945 the Medical Department trained 189 General Hospitals, 74 Field Hospitals and 61 Station Hospitals for overseas service / In 1945, when the peak of overseas shipments occurred, the War Department sent 81 General, 35 Field, and 8 Station Hospitals to the various Theaters of Operations (European, African and Asiatic-Pacific) / By May 1945, when the peak in Hospital beds overseas was reached, there were 335,000 fixed beds and about 87,000 mobile beds in all Theaters

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WILLIAM

D.

Address: 33 OSCHAWA AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 7TH BATTALION, A.R.T.C. (ARMY RECRUIT TRAINING CENTER)
9TH ARMORED DIVISION TANK CORPS

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private William D. Falkner was wounded twice during combat missions and received the Purple Heart

Base Assignments:

Fort Knox, Kentucky - A new Armored Force (Tanks) was established in July 1940 with its headquarters at Fort Knox / The Fort's mission was to establish armored formations, doctrine, and training in the use of armored vehicles

Miscellaneous:

After receiving an Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army, William D. Falkner operated the Falkner's Fine Footwear business until his retirement in 1988 / From 1980 through 1990, William Falkner served as a Councilman on the West Seneca Town Board / Falkner was a member of the Winchester Fire Company and the Vigilant Fire Company, serving as captain, chief and lieutenant / William Falkner also served in many community organizations including the Lions Club, serving as president; West Seneca Historical Society; Chamber of Commerce; and the West Seneca Civic and Patriotic Commission / William D. Falkner was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, The Harvey D. Morin VFW Post 2940, and American Legion Post 735 / William D. "Bill" Falkner died at the age of 94 on 5 May 2020

The brother of William D. Falkner, Raymond Falkner, also served in the U.S. Army during World War II

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: **FASSEL**

ARTHUR

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: FASSEL

EDWARD

Address:

BULLIS ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

300TH GENERAL HOSPITAL

COMPANY "A", 87TH MOUNTAIN INFANTRY REGIMENT

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 3 BATTLE STARS

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Edward Fassel received three Battle (combat) Stars for combat action

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

In the years from 30 June 1943 to 30 June 1945 the Medical Department trained 189 General Hospitals, 74 Field Hospitals and 61 Station Hospitals for overseas service / In 1945, when the peak of overseas shipments occurred, the War Department sent 81 General, 35 Field, and 8 Station Hospitals to the various Theaters of Operations (European, African and Asiatic-Pacific) / By May 1945, when the peak in Hospital beds overseas was reached, there were 335,000 fixed beds and about 87,000 mobile beds in all Theaters

The 87th Mountain Infantry Battalion was activated on 15 November 1941 and was the first American regiment of mountain troops / The battalion was made up of world-famous skiers, mountaineers, forest rangers, trappers, lumberman, guides, cowboys, muleskinners, horseman, and Regular Army cadre / The regiment was part of the Italian Campaign from January 1945 to the end of the campaign and remained as part of the occupying force until August 1945

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



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GEORGE

L.

Address:

LEIN ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: G.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS EDSALL (DE-129)

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

USS Edsall (DE-129) was the lead ship of her class of destroyer escorts and named in honor of Seaman Norman Edsall (1873–1899) / Guarded seven convoys in the Atlantic sea lanes between 1944 -1945 / Edsall sailed for the Pacific on 24 June 1945, but World War II ended while she was training at Pearl Harbor / Commissioned 10 April 1943 and decommissioned 11 June 1946

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Name: **FATH**

FRANK

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **FAUHLRING**
FRANCIS

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: FELTZ

NORMAN E.

Address: 117 PELLMAN PLACE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: B.M. 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS BOSTON (CA-69/CAG-1), 7TH DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Boatswain's Mate Third-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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

The USS Boston (CA-69) was a Baltimore-class heavy cruiser, named for the city of Boston, Massachusetts / In January - February 1944, the Boston took part in the raids on the Marshall Islands in support of the invasions of Kwajalein, Majuro, and of Eniwetok / The Boston participated in the Battle of Leyte Gulf in January 1945 / The Boston received 10 Battle stars for her participation in action at Palaus, Western Carolines, Satawan Island, Truk, Saipan, Bonin Islands, Luzon, Formosa, Leyte Gulf and the bombardment of cities on the Japanese mainland / Commissioned on 30 June 1943 and decommissioned on 5 May 1970

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Name: FENTIS

ROBERT

E.

Address: 31 FLOHR AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

BATTERY "C", 436TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, FIELD ARTILLERY TRAINING CENTER

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Fort Bragg, North Carolina - In 1918, Congress established Camp Bragg, an Army field artillery site named for the Confederate General Braxton Bragg / Camp Bragg became a permanent Army post renamed Fort Bragg / Various units trained at Fort Bragg during World War II, including the 9th Infantry Division, 2nd Armored Division, 82nd Airborne Division, 100th Infantry Division, and various field artillery groups

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

Miscellaneous:

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



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Name: **FENTON JR.**

JAMES

B.

Address: 84 PELLMAN PLACE

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

319TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 90TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HEAVY)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

UNIT CITATION W/CLUSTER

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

In September 1942, Sergeant James B. Fenton Jr. was assigned to the first B-24 Liberator Group in the South West Pacific Area (Philippines, Borneo, Biak, the Dutch East Indies (excluding Sumatra), East Timor, New Guinea, Okinawa and Australia) / Sergeant Fenton received a Unit Citation (with cluster) for action during the Papuan Campaign

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

A bombardment group or bomb group was a group of bomber aircraft the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) during World War II and 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

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

The Consolidated B-24 Liberator, an American heavy bomber, was used extensively in World War II / The bomber served in every branch of the American armed forces, as well as several Allied air forces and navies, and saw use in every theater of operations / Along with the B-17, 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



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The 319th Bomb Squadron was the first to arrive in Australia in 1942 / From the middle of 1944, the Liberators of 90th Bomb Group were a natural metal finish and were adorned with the Skull and Cross Bombs markings of the "Jolly Roger" / Assigned to the Fifth Air Force during World War II , the 90th Bombardment Group played a crucial role from the Battle of the Bismarck Sea to Leyte Gulf / The Jolly Rogers crippled enemy airpower on the ground and in the air / No group of fliers since the Flying Tigers of China has ever emerged from World War II with greater glory than the world famous B-24 Liberator group, the "Jolly Rogers"

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A unit citation is a formal, honorary mention by high authority of a military unit's specific and outstanding performance, notably in battle / Similar mentions can also be made for individual soldiers / Alternatively or concurrently, the unit can be awarded an honorary title, a mention on the flag or a decoration / Cluster represents one additional award

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Name: **FERGUSON**

JAMES

S.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 222 FIELD ARTILLERY (FA) BATTALION, 40TH DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

5 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant James S. Ferguson received 4 Battle Stars for combat action in the Bismarck Archipelago Campaign: New Britain, New Ireland and the Admiralties / Sergeant Ferguson also earned Battle Stars for action during the liberation of the Philippines Islands

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Field artillery is a category of mobile artillery used to support armies in the field / These weapons are specialized for mobility, tactical proficiency, long range, short range and extremely long range target engagement / Until the early 20th century, field artillery were also known as foot artillery, for while the guns were pulled by beasts of burden (often horses), the gun crews would usually march on foot, thus providing fire support mainly to the infantry / This was in contrast to horse artillery, whose emphasis on speed while supporting cavalry units necessitated lighter guns and crews riding on horseback / Whereas horse artillery has been superseded by self-propelled artillery, field artillery has survived to this day both in name and mission, albeit with motor vehicles towing the guns, carrying the crews and transporting the ammunition / Modern artillery has also advanced to rapidly deployable wheeled and tracked vehicles and precision delivered munitions capable of striking targets at ranges between 10 and 20 miles

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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: **FERRAND**

RAYMOND H.

Address: 3478 CLINTON STREET

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

Unit / Squadron:

428TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 360TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL AIR MEDAL
7 BATTLE STARS AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER / EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Captain Raymond H. Ferrand, while assigned to the 12th Air Force, was a Flight Observer aboard his aircraft and made the initial landing at Casablanca / Capt. Ferrand served throughout the North African campaign and served in Corsica and Italy / Captain Ferrand earned 7 Battle Stars for combat duty during the campaigns for Tunisia, Sicily, Rome-Arno, Naples-Foggia, Southern France, the Po Valley and the North Apennines

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The 12th Air Force flew 430,681 sorties, shot down 2,857 enemy aircraft and lost 2,667 of its own planes / Its casualties were 1,778 killed in action and 5,425 were missing / The 12th Air Force was Inactivated on 31 August 1945

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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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

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Name: **FERRAND**

THEODORE K.

Address: 34 NORTH AVENUE

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

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Lieutenant

Base Assignments:

Childress Army Air Field (Childress, Texas) - Childress AAF operated as a Bombardier training school for the Army Air Forces from 1942 until 1945 and was one of the "West Texas Bombardier Quadrangle" schools of the Army Air Forces Training Command / A prisoner-of-war camp was also established at the base

Miscellaneous:



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Name: **FERRIE**

HOWARD

A.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **FERRY**

CHARLES

A.

Address: 1720 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

242ND PORT COMPANY

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **FESTAG**

WARREN

R.

Address: 14 DOSTER PLACE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

35TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL

COMPANY 1, 314TH INFANTRY, 79TH DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

5 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Warren R. Festag earned 5 Battle Stars for combat action in the European Theater

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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The 314th Infantry Regiment is an infantry regiment of the U.S. Army first organized in 1917 / The regiment participated in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns

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under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

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Name: **FETZER**

FRED

A.

Address: 26 BENSON AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

SS JOHN H. REAGAN (HULL # 1943)

SS ALEXANDRA WHITE / SS PAULUS HOOK

SS BENJAMIN H. BRISTOW

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER / PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class Fred A. Fetzer served in a Scout Observation Service Unit and also served as an armed guard on merchant ships

Base Assignments:

Norfolk Naval Air Station (Norfolk, Virginia) - Established in April 1917, Norfolk become a central airfield for operations / When World War II began in Europe in 1939, modern piers and barracks and a 1.8 million-square-foot supply depot were built, and the air station was expanded by 1,441 acres to accommodate carrier groups and patrol squadrons as well as aircraft overhaul facilities / The station contributed to ending the war due because of the training it provided to naval air units

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

Liberty Ships were used for supporting the war effort by hauling needed cargo to the war front / 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



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more. Liberty ships were nicknamed "ugly ducklings" by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt

SS John H. Reagan - Liberty Ship, launched 6 August 1943 and scrapped in 1967

SS Alexandra White - Liberty Ship, launched 7 December 1942 and scrapped in 1964

SS Benjamin H. Bristow - Liberty Ship, launched 4 January 1943 and scrapped in 1969

SS Paulus Hook - T2 Oil Tanker with a liquid capacity of 6 million gallons / Launched 30 September 1944 / A typical tanker crew included 42 to 45 mariners and 17 Navy Armed Guard / During World War II, American tankers made 6,500 voyages to carry 65 million tons of oil and gasoline from the U.S. and the Caribbean to the war zones and to our Allies / They supplied 80% of the fuel used by bombers, tanks, jeeps and ships during the War

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Name: FINK

ROBERT J.

Address: 35 LUDWIG AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 555TH S.A.W. (SIGNAL AIRCRAFT WARNING)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Some of the largest and most important Army units were the Signal Aircraft Warning (SAW) battalions, which used the new technology of radar to provide early warning and air defense / These battalions served in all theaters

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Name: FISCHER

EDWARD

G.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

585TH AIR MATERIAL SQUADRON

28TH AIR SERVICE GROUP (ASG)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Activated on 15 January 1941, the 28th Air Service Group (ASG) left the U.S. in March of 1944, departing Fort Dix, New Jersey by ship / They passed through the Panama Canal, stopping in Australia, then on to Bombay, and finally Chakulia, India / The 28th Air Service Group was one of the most proficient, and technically trained of the AAF's Air Service Groups

The 585th Air Materiel Squadron was activated on 6 Jul 1944 at Chakulia Army Air Base, India and was Stationed at Tinian, Mariana Islands / The 585th Air Materiel Squadron was disbanded in October 1948

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Name: FISHER

CLIFFORD J.

Address: 163 DUERSTEIN STREET

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR CORPS **Rank:** SSGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMBAT CREW CENTER

8TH US AIR CORPS

9TH US AIR CORPS

Medals / Citations:

SILVER STAR (2)

BRONZE STAR (3)

AIR MEDAL W/SIX OAK LEAF CLUSTERS

6 BATTLE STARS

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Staff Sergeant Clifford J. Fisher was a Tailgunner onboard a Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress / SSgt Fisher flew 36 missions over the European Theater / During a bombing mission over Germany, SSgt Fisher's aircraft was hit by enemy fire and crash-landed / Fisher was the only surviving member of the crew and taken by the Germans as a Prisoner of War (POW) / SSgt Fisher was released after the Germans were defeated, returning to the United States in 1945

Base Assignments:

Hunter Air Field (Savannah, Georgia) - Field was named in May 1940 to honor Lieutenant Colonel (Lt. Col.) Frank O'Driscoll Hunter, a native of Savannah and a World War I flying ace / Hunter Field became a base for several Antisubmarine groups and squadrons of I Bomber Command and later Army Air Forces Antisubmarine Command with a mission to patrol the Atlantic coast, locate and attack German U-Boats / After 1943, Hunter AAF became a final combat training base for B-26 Marauder medium bomber crews

Miscellaneous:

Clifford Fisher attended West Seneca High School prior to entering military service / Clifford J. Fisher passed away in 5 January 1990 at the age of 68 years old and is interred in St. Matthew's Cemetery, West Seneca, New York

During World War II, the Eighth Air Corps earned a reputation as a great warfighting organization / Originally, the U.S. Army Air Forces activated the Eighth at Savannah, Georgia, on 28 January 1942 with three major subordinate units: the VIII Bomber Command (BC), the VIII Fighter Command (FC), and the VIII Ground Air



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Services Command (GASC) / During World War II, under the leadership of such generals as Ira Eaker and Jimmy Doolittle, the VIII BC (then Eighth Air Corps) formed the greatest air armada in history / By mid-1944, the unit had a total strength of more than 200,000 people, and it could send more than 2,000 four-engine bombers and 1,000 fighters on a single mission against enemy targets in Europe / For this reason, Eighth Air Corps is commonly known as the "Mighty Eighth" / From May 1942 to July 1945, the Eighth planned and precisely executed America's daylight strategic bombing campaign against Nazi-occupied Europe, and in doing so the organization compiled an impressive war record / That record carried a high price with the Eighth suffering about half of the U.S. Army Air Force's casualties (47,483 out of 115,332), including more than 26,000 dead / The Eighth's brave men earned 17 Medals of Honor, 220 Distinguished Service Crosses, and 442,000 Air Medals / The Eighth's combat record also shows 566 aces (261 fighter pilots with 31 having 15 or more victories and 305 enlisted gunners), over 440,000 bomber sorties to drop 697,000 tons of bombs, and over 5,100 aircraft losses and 11,200 aerial victories

The Ninth Air Corps was activated as 9th Air Corps on 8 April 1942, the command fought in World War II both in the Western Desert Campaign in Egypt and Libya and as the tactical fighter component of the United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe, engaging enemy forces in France, the Low Countries and in Nazi Germany / Ninth Air Corps groups attacked airfields and rail facilities in Sicily and took part in Operation Husky, carried paratroopers, and flew reinforcements to ground units on the island / The heavy bombardment groups (B-24s) of the Ninth also participated in the low-level assault of the oil refineries at Ploesti, Romania on 1 August 1943 / Between 1 May 1944 and the Normandy invasion on 6 June 1944, the Ninth flew approximately 35,000 sorties, attacking targets such as airfields, railroad yards, and coastal gun positions / In the spring of 1945, Ninth Air Corps troop carrier units flew airborne parachute and glider units again during Operation Varsity, the Allied assault over the Rhine River on 24 March 1945 / Operation Varsity was the single largest airborne drop in history

The Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress was a four-engine heavy bomber developed in the 1930s for the United States Army Air Corps (USAAC) / Fast and high-flying for a bomber of its era, the B-17 was used primarily in the European Theater of Operations and dropped more bombs than any other aircraft during World War II / It is the third-most produced bomber of all time, behind the four-engine Consolidated B-24 Liberator and the multirole, twin-engine Junkers Ju 88 / It was also employed as a transport, antisubmarine aircraft, drone controller, and search-and-rescue aircraft / During World War II, the B-17 equipped 32 overseas combat groups, inventory peaking in August 1944 at 4,574 USAAF aircraft worldwide

The Silver Star Medal is the United States third highest military decoration for valor that can be awarded to any person serving in any capacity with the United States Armed Forces. The medal is awarded for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States. The gallantry displayed must have taken place while in action against an enemy of the United States, while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force, or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force

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 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



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

Name: FITZNER

HERBERT

R.

Address: 49 LOUIS AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

204TH GENERAL HOSPITAL

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **FLACK**

WALTER

E.

Address: 1343 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/5

Unit / Squadron:

790TH ORDNANCE COMPANY, L.M. (LIGHT MAINTENANCE)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technician Fifth-Grade (Corporal)

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **FLANAGAN**

EUGENE

F.

Address: 1056 SENECA CREEK ROAD

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: Y. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS DURIK (DE-666)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Yeoman Second-Class

Base Assignments:

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

The USS Durik was a Buckley-class destroyer escort, named in honor of Apprentice Seaman Joseph E. Durik (1922–42) / The Durik escorted convoys to Casablanca, Bizerte, and Palermo in 1944 / She served as a school ship for precommissioning crews of escort vessels, frigates, and high-speed transports at Norfolk from December 1944 to January 1945 / The Durik returned to convoy duty in January 1945, making two voyages to Oran, Algeria / Commissioned 24 March 1944 and decommissioned 15 June 1946

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Name: **FLANAGAN**

JAMES

V.

Address: 1056 SENECA CREEK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: T/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "K", 328TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 26TH INFANTRY DIVISION

COMPANY "K", 330TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 83RD INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL	BRONZE STAR
PURPLE HEART	3 BATTLE STARS
MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER	

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Technical Sergeant James V. Flanagan earned three Battle Stars in combat action

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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

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The 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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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: FLYNN

JOSEPH

Address: 129 BARNSDALE AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

US NAVY FRONTIER BASE

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class Joseph Flynn patrolled the shores off Charleston, South Carolina

Base Assignments:

Charleston Naval Shipyard (Charleston, South Carolina) - The Charleston naval Shipyard was established in 1901 and became one of the primary maintenance and support facilities for submarines, guided missile ships, destroyers, cruisers, frigates, submarine tenders, and other surface ships

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **FORD**

ROBERT

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: **FORMA**

JOHN

V.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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



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Name: **FOSTER**

CYRIL

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 861ST ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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

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Name: FOSTER

HOWARD

W.

Address: 2987 SENECA STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: ART 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

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

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Aviation Radio Technician Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Aviation Radio Technicians performed intermediate level maintenance on aviation components supported by conventional and automatic test equipment, including repair of weapons replaceable assemblies and shop replaceable assemblies and perform test equipment calibration/repair and associated test bench maintenance / Aviation Radio Technicians performed organizational level maintenance on aviation systems, to include: communications, radar, navigation, antisubmarine warfare sensors, fire control and tactical displays with associated equipment

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Name: **FOUCHA**

JOSEPH

E.

Address: 47 WICHITA ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

348TH ORDNANCE COMPANY

COMPANY "L", 424TH COMBAT INFANTRY REGIMENT, 106TH DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL 4 BATTLE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Joseph E. Foucha earned Battle Stars during combat action in Normandy, Central Europe, the Rhineland and Northern France

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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

The 424th Combat Infantry Regiment, 106th Infantry Division landed in France on 5 December 1944 and crossed into Belgium on 10 December 1944 / The regiment participated in the campaigns of Ardennes-Alsace (Battle of the Bulge), the Rhineland and Central Europe

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under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action

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

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

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Name: **FOURNIER**

FRANCIS

B.

Address: 59 AURORA AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: B. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS BULLARD (DD-660)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Boilermaker Second-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Boilermakers were responsible for the inspection, maintenance, and repair of everything involved in a steam-propulsion system / Maintained water and fuel inventories at appropriate levels, and tested fuel to ensure proper quality / Knew construction of marine boilers and fireroom safety precautions

The USS Bullard was a Fletcher-class destroyer, named for Rear Admiral William H. G. Bullard (1866–1927) / The Bullard operated constantly in forward areas of the Pacific rendering fire support, plane guard, patrol, and radar picket services / The ship participated in the invasion of Tarawa, seizure of Guam and Saipan and the Okinawa campaign / The USS Bullard survived a hit by a Japanese Kamikaze / Bullard received nine battle stars for her World War II service / Ship was commissioned on 9 April 1943 and decommissioned on 20 December 1946

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



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Name: **FOURNIER**

JOHN

C.

Address: 59 AURORA AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: BKR. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS SALINAS (AO-19)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Baker Second-Class

Miscellaneous:

A Baker operated ovens and performed any kind of baking

The USS Salinas (AO-19) was an oiler assigned to the Naval Transportation Service / The Salinas provided petroleum products to bases and ships in the Atlantic and in Greenland / Commissioned on 16 December 1922 and decommissioned on 16 January 1946

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Name: **FOURNIER**

THOMAS

J.

Address: 59 AURORA AVENUE

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

SS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (HULL # 066)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

A member of the Liberty ship, SS Virginia Dare gun crew, Seaman First-Class Thomas J. Fournier was cited for outstanding bravery, co-operation and devotion to duty / Seaman Fournier's crew shot down seven attacking German planes and repelled a series of air and submarine attacks during an eight day battle

Thomas Fournier was originally rejected for Navy duty in October 1941 when he sought to join his brothers, Francis B. and John C., in the Navy. His wisdom teeth had not appeared. The teeth grew in and Fournier was accepted into the Navy

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

SS Benjamin Franklin - Hull # 066 / Liberty ships, though a third larger than many other ships, were built in 1943 in as little as 16 days / A Liberty ship could carry an amount of cargo equal to four trains of 75 cars each

SS Virginia Dare - For 17 days SS Virginia Dare, loaded with high explosives, was en route to and in a North Russian port where her vital cargo was discharged / Throughout this period she repelled countless enemy bomb and torpedo attacks by accurate fire from her guns and by skillful maneuvering / On a subsequent voyage she was torpedoed in the Mediterranean but, through smart seamanship, was beached and her valuable cargo salvaged / The stark courage of her heroic crew under violent enemy attacks caused her name to be perpetuated as a Gallant Ship



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The Liberty ships, a vast new fleet for the war effort, were built in a national "Virtual Shipyard" that harnessed skills, resources, and facilities all across America / From 1941 to 1945, the United States increased its shipbuilding capacity by more than 1,200% and produced over 2,700 Liberty Ships, 800 Victory Vessels, 320 T-2 Tankers, and various other commercial and naval auxiliary vessels for a total of 5,200 ships constructed for the period / A Liberty ship was designed to carry about 10,000 tons of cargo, but in wartime conditions often carried much more / Liberty ships were nicknamed "ugly ducklings" by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt

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Name: **FRANGER**

ROBERT

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: **FRANK**

CHARLES

H.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **FRANK**

ELMER

P.

Address: 159 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

549TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 385TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HEAVY)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

COMMENDATION CITATION

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Elmer P. Frank saw action in Normandy, Northern France, the Ardennes and the Rhineland

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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

The 385th Bomb Group, who took the nickname "Van's Valiants" after their first Commanding Officer Col. Elliot Vandevanter, flew B-17s from Great Ashfield, Suffolk, England / The Group led the famous attack on the Focke-Wolfe aircraft factory at Marienburg on 9 October 1943, during which only two out of one hundred B-17s were lost and all of the buildings on the site were damaged or destroyed / They won two Distinguished Unit Citations: The first, awarded to all 4th Bomb Wing Groups, was for accurately dropping their pay load on an aircraft factory at Regensburg, on 17 August 1943 and the Group's second was awarded after leading a difficult long-range mission to destroy an aircraft repair works at Zwickau, south-west Germany, on 12 May 1944

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

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The Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) is a military award of the United States Army that is presented to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the United States military, has distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service to the Government in a duty of great responsibility / The performance must be such as to merit recognition for service that is clearly exceptional / Exceptional performance of normal duty will not alone justify an award of this decoration

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Name: **FRANK JR.**

JOSEPH

F.

Address:

Service Branch:

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

(NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE)



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Name: **FRANKLIN**

LLOYD G.

Address: 245 ORCHARD PARK ROAD

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

Unit / Squadron:

SECTION "O", BARRACKS 106

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Private

Base Assignments:

Scott Field (Belleville, Illinois) - The primary wartime mission of Scott was to train skilled radio operator/maintainers; to produce, as the Radio School's slogan proclaimed, "the best damned radio operators in the world!" / Scott's graduates flew in aircraft and operated command and control communications in every Theater of the War, and were often referred to as the "Eyes and Ears of the Army Air Forces"

Miscellaneous:



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Name: FRANKLIN

RICHARD

G.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 2/C

Unit / Squadron:

BARRACKS L 2-0

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman Second-Class

Base Assignments:

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

Miscellaneous:

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



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Name: **FREDERICKSON**

LYLE

D.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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Name: **FREDERICKSON**

MARVIN

Address: 3894 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

MILITARY POLICE PLATOON, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON W/ 4 BRONZE CLUSTERS

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL W/2 BRONZE STARS

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Marvin Frederickson served in Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Southern Philippines and Luzon

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The Military Police provides expertise in police, detainment and stability operations in order to enhance security and enable mobility / In World War II, Military Police soldiers moved traffic along the Burma Road, supported amphibious operations on Normandy beachheads, and managed enemy prisoners of war from Italy to the South Pacific

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon (Medal) was a military awarded to any member of the United States Military who served in the Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945 / The bronze oak leaf cluster represents one additional award

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. The bronze oak leaf cluster represents one additional award

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



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Name: **FREDERICKSON**

ROBERT

Address: 3894 CLINTON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

TRAINING COMPANY #4, 1ST TRAINING REGIMENT, N.S.F.T.C.

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL BRONZE STAR

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Robert Frederickson participated in the Battle of the Bulge

Base Assignments:

Fort F.E. Warren (Cheyenne, Wyoming) - The Francis E. Warren AFB is the oldest continuously active military installation within the Air Force, being established by the United States Army as Fort David Allen Russell in 1867 / During World War II, Fort Warren was the training center for up to 20,000 of the Quartermaster Corps

Miscellaneous:

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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



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Name: **FRICK**

NORMAN G.

Address: 250 AURORA AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

102ND COAST ARTILLERY, ANTI-AIRCRAFT A.W. (AIR WARNING) BATTALION, BATTERY "B"

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

PURPLE HEART

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal Norman G. Frick was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries received in combat

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Coastal artillery is the branch of armed forces concerned with operating anti-ship artillery or fixed gun batteries in coastal fortifications

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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: **FRIEDHABER**

EDWIN

J.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PVT

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "C", 7TH ENGINEERING BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL BRONZE STAR
PURPLE HEART

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private Edwin J. Friedhaber received a Bronze Star for bravery on the battlefield and received a Purple Heart for wounds suffered in combat

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Edwin J. Friedhaber attended Ebenezer High School prior to military service / After receiving an Honorable Discharge, Edwin Friedhaber went to work at the Westinghouse plant in Cheektowaga / Later he joined Moog, where he worked for 30 years / Friedhaber was a subassembly supervisor for 25 years and finished his career in the Moog's missile division before he retired in 1986 / Edwin J. Friedhaber passed away on 9 November 1995 and is interred in Lakeside Memorial Park (Hamburg, New York)

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: **FRIEDMAN**

CHARLES

G.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 512TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION
FIELD ARTILLERY (FA), 3RD ARMY

Medals / Citations:

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

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class Charles G. Friedman received 5 Battle Stars for combat action in the Normandy, Ardennes, Central Europe, Northern France and the Rhineland

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

The Military Police provides expertise in police, detainment and stability operations in order to enhance security and enable mobility / In World War II, Military Police soldiers moved traffic along the Burma Road, supported amphibious operations on Normandy beachheads, and managed enemy prisoners of war from Italy to the South Pacific

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A unit citation is a formal, honorary mention by high authority of a military unit's specific and outstanding performance, notably in battle / Similar mentions can also be made for individual soldiers / Alternatively or



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

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Name: **FRIEDMAN**

PAUL

J.

Address:

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: SGT

Unit / Squadron:

385TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, 550TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION
6 BATTLE STARS

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Sergeant Paul J. Friedman earned six Battle Stars while stationed with the 8th Air Force in England

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Paul J. Friedman passed away on 23 December 2004

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

Name: **FROMM**

WAYNE

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: **FRONTERA**

JOSEPH

Address: 1882 UNION ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY - AIR FORCE

Rank: T/SGT

Unit / Squadron:

UNIT "E", 113TH ARMY-AIR FORCE (A.A.F.) BASE UNIT

243RD ARMY-AIR FORCE (A.A.F.) BASE UNIT

Medals / Citations:

AIR MEDAL W/OAK LEAF CLUSTERS (2)

5 BATTLE STARS

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: CARBINE

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: PISTOL

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Technical Sergeant Joseph Frontera earned five Battle Stars for action in combat

Base Assignments:

Charleston Field, South Carolina - Renamed Charleston Army Air Field 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 mission of the base changed to provide the final phase of training to B-24 Liberator crews.

Miscellaneous:

Joseph Frontera emigrated from Italy at the age of five / After his Honorable Discharge from the Army-Air Force, went to work at the Town of West Seneca Highway Department, retiring after 30 years of service a

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

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Name: **FROST**

DOUGLAS A.

Address: 87 FLOHR AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: PFC

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "B", 826TH ENGINEERING AVIATION BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: MARKSMAN - RIFLE
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Private First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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

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Name: FUHRMAN

EDWARD J.

Address: 165 EDSON STREET

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: CPL

Unit / Squadron:

251ST STATION HOSPITAL, BASE "F", 8TH ARMY

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL W/1 BRONZE STAR

3 BRONZE SERVICE STARS

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Corporal

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

In the years from 30 June 1943 to 30 June 1945 the Medical Department trained 189 General Hospitals, 74 Field Hospitals and 61 Station Hospitals for overseas service / In 1945, when the peak of overseas shipments occurred, the War Department sent 81 General, 35 Field, and 8 Station Hospitals to the various Theaters of Operations (European, African and Asiatic-Pacific) / By May 1945, when the peak in Hospital beds overseas was reached, there were 335,000 fixed beds and about 87,000 mobile beds in all Theaters

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

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

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Name: FUHRMANN

JOHN

M.

Address: 48 BURCH AVENUE

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: 1ST LT.

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "G", 395TH COMBAT INFANTRY, 99TH DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

First Lieutenant John M. Fuhrmann became disabled while serving in the Army and was discharged

Base Assignments:

Rhoads General Hospital (Utica, New York)

Miscellaneous:

The 395th Infantry Regiment was an infantry regiment of the United States Army, part of the 99th Infantry Division during World War II, organized on 16 November 1942 at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi / During the Battle of the Bulge, the regiment, at times virtually surrounded by Germans, was one of the few units that did not yield ground to the attacking Germans and received the Presidential Unit Citation for its actions / The 395th also saw action in Northern France and in Central Europe / The unit was inactivated after World War II



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Name: FULLE

NORMAN E.

Address: 4639 SENECA STREET

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

Unit / Squadron:

POST CAMP, UTILITY SECTION

A.U.S. POST COMPLIMENT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Medals / Citations:

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: SHARPSHOOTER

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Sergeant Norman E. Fulle was stationed in Iceland, as well as the Eastern Canadian and Labrador Theater of operations

Base Assignments:

Southampton Island , Northwest Territory (Canada) - The 34th largest island in the world, it sits in entrance to Hudson Bay / The remote site was of strategic importance during the war

Miscellaneous:

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LEROY

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: S. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Seaman First-Class

Base Assignments:

Naval Auxiliary Air Station (NAAS), Corry Field (Pensacola, Florida) - Constructed in 1922, Corry Field was the first auxiliary field established by the Navy to support flight training operations / The field was named in honor of LCDR William M. Corry, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his attempt to rescue a fellow crew member from a burning aircraft / A "New" Corry Field was built in 1927 west of Pensacola to replace the original Corry Field (north of Pensacola), which had become too small to adequately support Navy flight training operations / Corry Field was used as an active aviation training complex where advanced fighter plane techniques were taught / In 1943, the field served as a training center for student Naval Aviators through World War II and during the Korean War and Cold War, until its decommissioning as an active airfield in June 1958

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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LOREN

K.

Address:

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: RM 3/C

Unit / Squadron:

U.S.N.T.S. (UNITED STATES NAVAL TRAINING STATION)

USS CASWELL (AKA 72)

Medals / Citations:

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN RIBBON

1 BATTLE STAR

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

PACIFIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Radioman Third Class Loren K. Fuller earned one Battle Star for action supporting the assault and occupation of Okinawa in April 1945

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

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

H.E.C.P. (Harbor Entrance Command Post) (Fort Story, Virginia) - Reservation was acquired in 1914 and established as a Coastal Artillery fort in Feb 1917 during World War I / Named for Major General John Patten Story, chief of the Artillery School at Fort Monroe / Jointly occupied by the Army and Navy, information was gathered and processed on the variety of surface craft and air patrol craft around Chesapeake Bay and nearby Virginia Capes / The Army and Navy each had approximately 100 enlisted men assigned as observers, radar operators and maintenance men, signalmen, radiomen, and teletype and telephone operators

Miscellaneous:

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



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periodic maintenance of the communications equipment, to include transmitters, receivers and antennas

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

The USS Caswell (AKA-72) was a Tolland-class attack cargo ship (designated as AKA) of the United States Navy named after Caswell County, North Carolina / The Caswell was designed to carry military cargo and landing craft (used to land weapons, supplies, and Marines on enemy shores during amphibious operations) / The Caswell was commissioned on 13 December 1944 / The Caswell supported the 6th Marines during the landing at the Okinawa beaches in April 1945 / Decommissioned on 19 June 1946, the USS Caswell was sold as scrap in August 1973 / The Caswell received one battle star for World War II service

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Name: FULLER

WILLIAM

Address: 161 WESTMINSTER ROAD

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank:

Unit / Squadron:

COMPANY "A", 209TH ENGINEERING BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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

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Name: **FUNSETH**

EDWARD

M.

Address: 288 MAIN STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: C.M. 1/C

Unit / Squadron:

USS EMPORIA (PF-28)

Medals / Citations:

EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

ATLANTIC THEATER

Service Notes:

Carpenter's Mechanic First-Class

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

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

The USS Emporia (PF-28) was a frigate, named for the city of Emporia, Kansas / The Emporia operated in the Atlantic Ocean charged with the duty of relaying weather reports from stations at sea between Newfoundland and Bermuda, information vital to the movement of ships and aircraft throughout the Atlantic Ocean region / Commissioned on 7 October 1944 and decommissioned on 14 March 1946

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ROBERT

L.

Address: 288 MAIN STREET

Service Branch: NAVY

Rank: A.S.

Unit / Squadron:

UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE, V-12

Medals / Citations:

Theater of Operations / Assignment:

Service Notes:

Apprentice Seaman

Base Assignments:

Hobart College (Geneva, New York) - 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

Miscellaneous:

An Apprentice Seaman knew naval drill duties, tie knots and stood watch

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