

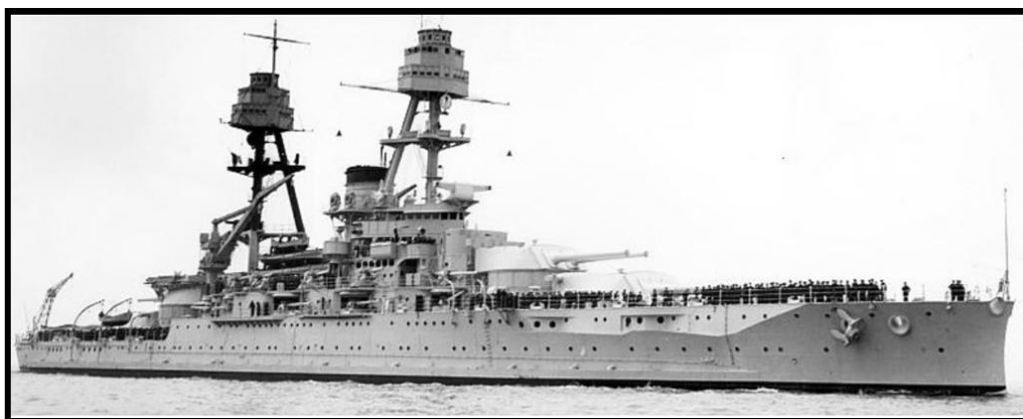
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President's Message

As I write this message to you, I am about to celebrate my 65th birthday. Robin agreed to need me and feed me when I turned 64. And now the Medicare Silver Sneakers program has agreed to keep me healthy with a free gym membership. Now with all of that settled, I am free to think about my genealogy goals. Since I have been collecting letters, documents and photographs for three decades, I have quite a pile. Now my task is to get all of that stuff scanned, transcribed and archived electronically.

Both my mom, Jill Mayne, and her mom, Elaine Coffman Kelly, saved a lot of stuff and I ended up with most of it. My mom passed in 2005 and "Gram Elaine" passed in 2010. It has taken me a few years to get ready to look at all of the documents, pictures and letters, but I am finding all sorts of interesting surprises. For example my grandmother had a set of Rolodex cards that she saved, and one of them included her education and employment history. From 1949-1966, she worked in Sacramento, California as a secretary and stenographer for the California Legislature. Each year she was assigned to a different legislator and she names them all. I remember the last guy that she worked for was Representative Don Allen from Southern California. Gram Elaine got me a job as a page in the Capitol in 1966 when I was 12 years old. It was kind of like an early version of "Take Your Children to Work Day." We were given packages and letters to deliver from one legislative office to another. I remember that on the last day we had a field trip to the Sacramento Zoo.

I hope you will also make an inventory of your family archive and get the material scanned and transcribed as soon as possible.

All the best,
Nick Cimino

From the Editor

As usual I learned a great deal while working on this issue. Vicky Whynott submitted her extensive research on the sailors who died serving on the *USS Colorado* during World War II. Her father was a member of the great ship's crew, and she attended reunions with him, becoming interested in their fates. Her research includes the names of many of their family members.

Deborah Gammon wrote an article describing the touching funeral several of our BAGS members attended in League City on June 1st. The deceased, Richard J. Thomson, was a League City boy who died at Pearl Harbor on the *USS Oklahoma* in 1941. Thanks to DNA research, his remains were recently returned to his family, and they decided to bury him with the rest of his family at Fairview Cemetery.

I decided to use photos of these two ships on the cover. The designations after their title (BB-37 and BB-45) stand simply for battleship and the order in which the Navy commissioned them. *The Colorado* was sold for scrap after the war; the *Oklahoma* capsized at Pearl after being hit by several torpedos, trapping a number of the crew. The ship was righted, the torpedo holes were patched, and the superstructure and guns were removed before the ship was sold for scrap. Unfortunately, while being towed to San Francisco, the ship sank 500 miles from Hawaii during a storm, nearly taking two tugboats with her.

A third World War II veteran was honored with an article by his niece, Judy Zavalla. He died during the Battle of the Bulge and Judy's grandmother was unable to accept the fact that her boy was never coming home.

I hope you enjoy this latest issue of the *BAGS Journal* and will consider sharing your family's history.

Sincerely,
Melodey M. Hauch

McCrorry Family History

Nick Cimino



Figure 1. Mary McCrorry Cimino and husband, Richard "Sebastiano" Cimino, AKA Grandpa Dick, taken about 1950.

My connection to the McCrorry family is through the grandmother that I never met, Mary Iza McCrorry, wife of my paternal grandfather, Richard "Sebastiano" Cimino. When Mary Iza McCrorry was born on September 19, 1908, in Castana, Iowa, her father, Joseph McCrorry, was 27, and her mother, Julia Ann Newman, was 21. She married Richard Sebastiano Cimino on April 21, 1927, in Elk Point, South Dakota. They had five children in eleven years. She died on August 5, 1952, in Sacramento, California, at the age of 43, and was buried there at St. Mary's Cemetery.

My dad, Richard James Cimino, was born in 1934 in South Sioux City, Nebraska. His family moved to Sacramento about 1946 and by 1952, he was attending McClatchy High School in Sacramento when his mother died. Two years later, my dad was married and had his first son, Nicholas Steven Cimino. Now you know why I never got to meet my paternal grandmother. Another factor in my genealogical curiosity was that I never got a chance to ask my Grandpa Dick what it was like to be born in Sicily, travel across the sea to New York and to grow up in the vicinity of Sioux City, Iowa.

My dad had always heard that his mother had "Scots-Irish" ancestry. Mary's great-grandfather was our original immigrant on the McCrorry line. James McCrorry was born in Ireland in 1814 but worked as a tailor probably in Manchester in County Lancashire, England prior to his marriage there in 1834. His wife was Sarah Lee, the daughter of an innkeeper from Newton le Willows. James and Sarah McCrorry were found together on a passenger list emigrating from Liverpool in 1837.

New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957 for James Mccrory

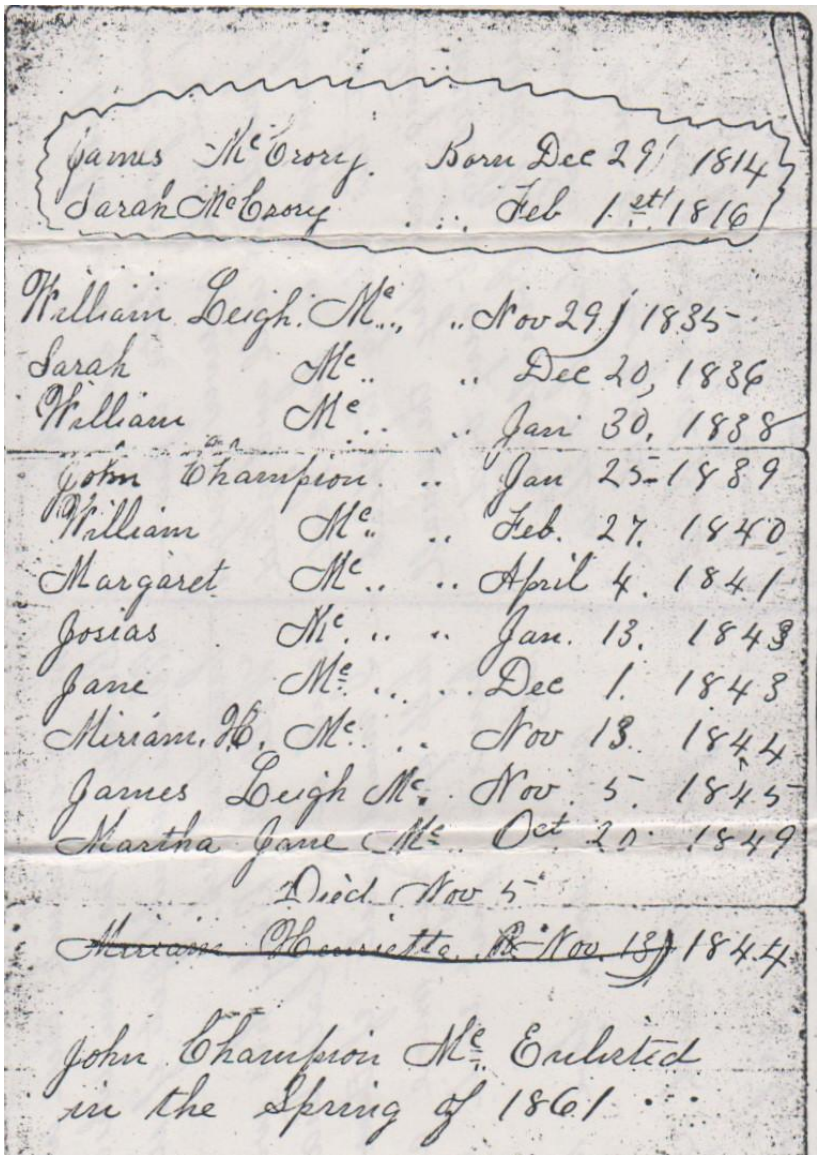
Henry Dixon	16	Female	Servant	England	U. S. & C.
James Baker	40	Male	Do	Do	Do
Caroline Christophen	20	Female	Do	Do	Do
Elizabeth Christophen	26	Female	Do	Do	Do
James McCrory	22	Male	Tailor	Do	Do
Sarah McCrory	21	Female	Do	Do	Do
John Lane	24	Male	Farmer	Do	Canada
Mary Lane	26	Female	Do	Do	Do
Wm. H. H.	30	Male	Do	Do	Do

Figure 2. A portion of the passenger list which shows James and Sarah McCrory (AKA McCrorry) emigrating from England. The occupation of James McCrory was shown as "Tailor."

Ship Name: George Washington
 Port of Departure: Liverpool, England
 Port of Arrival: New York, New York
 Arrival Date: 28 Aug 1837

There is no image available for the George Washington in the Passenger Ships and Image Database at Ancestry.com. The passenger list was only one page and contained 63 passengers. The ship must not have been very large.

My last visit to Nebraska and Iowa in 2011 was very productive as I received copies of documents which tell more about the lives of James McCrory and Sarah Lee.



This family record was written in 1890 by Affa Dubois McCrory, wife of William McCrory of Agra, Kansas. It shows the parents circled at the top. The first two children born prior to the 1837 immigration date must have died in England.

William McCrory born 1838 was the first child born in the U.S., but he also must have died as there is another William born in 1840.

The next child, John Champion McCrory born in 1839 enlisted in the Company D of the 45th Illinois Infantry in 1861. He was mustered into service on November 20, 1861 and he died in 1862 either in Jackson, Tennessee or St. Louis, Missouri.

The third William McCrory was born in 1840 and his wife seems to have transcribed this family record from the family bible.

May 13/1890.
 Agra Kan
 Dear Brother and Sister
 We received your letter a few days and we will answer it right away it found us well and glad to hear from you we have had no rain yet this Spring to speak of it is getting very dry the small grain is needing it very bad Will finished his Corn to day I have some Garden but it is so dry it cant do very much we have been having some hard frosts well I drew off the Family Record for you, you can see you were seventeen years old when John enlisted, he enlisted in 1861 Will knows that he did send

This letter was written by Affa Dubois McCrory, wife of William McCrory, on May 13, 1890 in response to a request for family records for the family of James McCrory and Sarah Lee. Someone in the McCrory family was attempting to file for federal benefits associated with the service of their brother, John Champion McCrory who served and died in the Union Army.

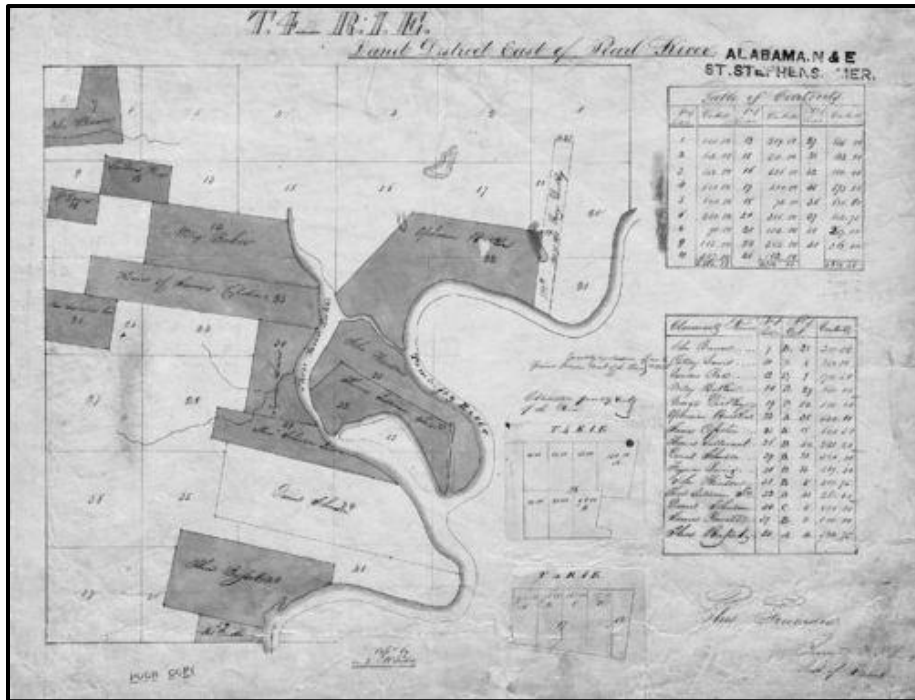
James McCrory and Sarah Lee, the original immigrants, had died in 1884 and 1869 respectively. The request for the family information must have come from James Lee McCrory and his wife, Catherine Bellis as indicated by "Dear Brother and Sister." Another identifying phrase is "you were 17 years old when John enlisted in 1861."

Money home to your Father to help support them, He dont think you will get any Pension, but he does think there was \$100. Bounty Due him, which this Peirs would get if it was hunted up.
 Well the Baby has waked up and it is late Bedtime so I must quit, if there we can help you any more about the pension just write and tell us,
 write soon love to all
 from Wm. and Affa
 McCrory

Sullivans Among Earliest Settlers of South Alabama's Tombigbee River

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Thomas Sullivan Jr. was born in St. Andrew's Parish, Georgia¹ on 15 Jan 1775, died 10 Jun 1855 and is buried in Alex Sullivan Cemetery, Smith County, Mississippi.² By 1805 Thomas and his father had settled along the Tombigbee River in the Washington County, Mississippi Territory.³ The original land plat shows Thomas Jr.'s land along the Tombigbee River in Section 32, Township 4 Range 1 East and his father Thomas Sr., in Section 26.⁴



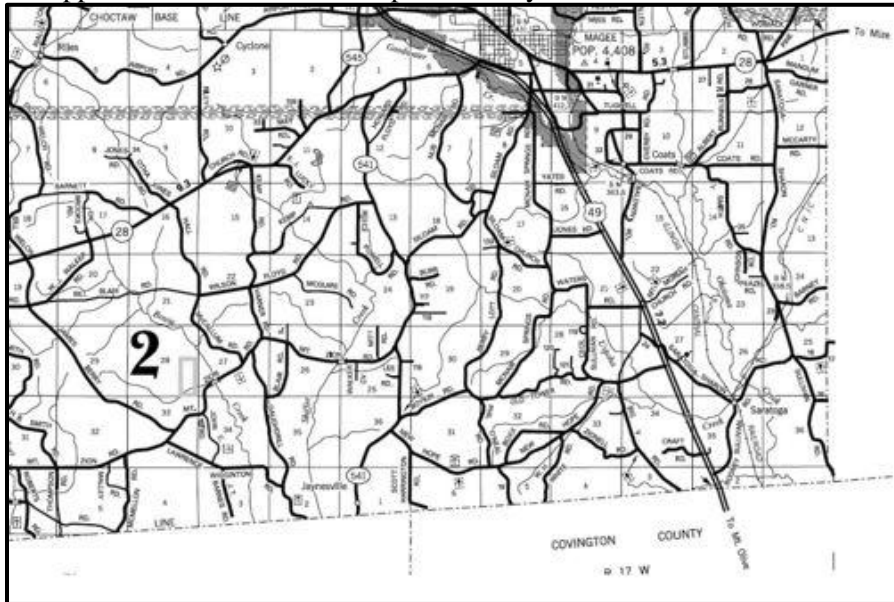
Original Land Plat, Washington County, Mississippi Territory (present day Alabama)

Thomas served 1 month in 1807 in Fitzpatrick's Regiment, 2d Mississippi Territory Militia.⁵ He is found in the early records of the Tombigbee River area of Alabama as early as 1803 and up to 1820,^{3,4} but has moved and is living along Bowie Creek in Simpson County, Mississippi as early as 1823 when he appears on the 1824 tax list there alongside his brother Mark Sullivan and brother-in-law, Isaac Tedder.⁶ The record of the birth of his son Thomas Jefferson Sullivan there in 1823 is recorded in a listing of Simpson County, "Births and Deaths between May 1823 and 04 May 1824" on Microfilm # 547 at the Mississippi State Archives in Jackson, Mississippi.⁷ He doesn't appear on 1825 and the list for 1826 is missing, and while his sons Stephen, Owen and James appear off and on between 1827 and 1830, Thomas is not found on those lists. He does appear on the census living in Simpson County, Mississippi in 1830 with the following household members:

males)-under 5:1 ; 5-10:2 ; 10-15:3 ; 30-40: 1 50-60: 1
 females)-under 5:1 ; 5-10:1 ; 10-15:2 ; 20-30:1 ; 30-40: 1^{8,9}

and shows back up on the 1831 tax list where we now see he is listed as owning 80 acres of land with no poll tax, due to his age, and was assessed taxes in the amount of 20 cents.⁶ He continues to be listed on this 80 acres which is situated near Bowie Creek, in 1832 and 1833.⁶ In 1834 he has followed his son Stephen in the

acquisition of farm labor and his tax includes not only the 80 acres, but also 1 slave^{6,10} which is also the case in 1835, the last year he appears in the records in Simpson County.^{6,11}



Simpson County, Mississippi map location of Thomas Sullivan Jr.s' land situated near Bowie Creek. (Small rectangle to the right of the number 2.)

In 1836 Pappy Tom relocated his family to what we now know as the Sullivan's Hollow area of Smith County, Mississippi where in the 1837 tax list there he is listed with 1 slave and was charged taxes only for said slave.¹² He continues to appear in later tax records, again, always with no poll tax. The 1838 Smith County, MS tax list has him entered for no white poll, 1 slave with a 62 cent tax total on said slave¹² and by 1840 he is listed with no white poll, 3 slaves, and \$1.87 tax total.¹² On the 1840 census of Smith County we find Thomas listed with the following household members:

males)-under 5:1 ; 5-10:2 ; 10-15:1 ; 15-20:2 ; 20-30:1 ; 50-60:1
 females)-under 5:1 ; 10-15:1 ; 15-20:1 ; 40-50:1
 3 slaves¹³

The 1843 Smith County, tax list shows Thomas with two slaves.¹² In 1844 he is being taxed on 3 slaves and \$116 loaned on interest.¹² Sons Fredrick and James also appear on this list. In 1845 he is assessed taxes for \$92 'money at interest', clocks valued at \$35, 10 cattle over 20 head (30 cattle total), and 1 slave aged 5-60 and 1 slave under age 5.¹² Sons Joseph and Fredrick appear on this tax list also. In 1846 sons Fredrick, Joseph, Thomas J., and Henderson are on the list with Thomas listed as taxed for 1 clock valued at \$35, 1 pistol, 10 taxable cattle (likely over some allowed non taxed number which is not stated on this years' records) and 1 slave as personal property, and 80 acres described as the NW ¼ of NW1/4 of S19 T10 R15W and the NE ¼ of NW1/4 of S19 T10 R15W in Smith County valued at a total of \$200.¹² 1847 has Thomas again with clocks valued at \$15, 1 pistol, 10 cattle and 1 slave.¹² He continues to appear on the tax lists for 1849 and 1850. Personal tax lists are missing after 1850 through the time Thomas died in 1855.

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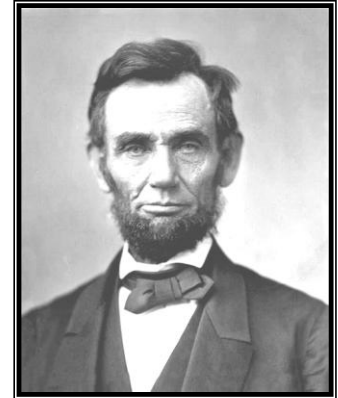
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Nancy Hanks Lincoln mtDNA Study: Unlocking the Secrets of Abraham Lincoln's Maternal Ancestry Submitted by Nancy Royce

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Abraham Lincoln is a monumental figure in our nation's history, yet his mother's maternal ancestry has been debated for over a hundred years. Most historians agree that Nancy Hanks was the illegitimate daughter of Lucy Hanks who had a second illegitimate daughter, Sarah "Sally" Hanks, before marrying Henry Sparrow and giving birth to eight more children. So the question then becomes, "Who were the parents of Lucy Hanks (Sparrow)?"



While most have believed Lucy Hanks (Sparrow) was the daughter of Joseph Hanks and Ann "Nancy" Lee of Richmond Co., VA and Nelson Co., KY, others have claimed Lucy Hanks (Sparrow) was born Lucy Shipley who prior to her marriage to Henry Sparrow had been married to a James Hanks, a supposed son of Joseph and Ann Lee Hanks, making her their daughter-in-law instead of daughter. They have further claimed that she was one of five Shipley sisters, two of whom were Naomi Shipley (Mitchell) and Rachel Shipley (Berry). This study addresses this long-standing controversy and seeks to provide an authoritative reference sample of Abraham Lincoln's mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA).

Nancy Hanks Lincoln has no living descendants so mtDNA samples were obtained from matrilineal descendants of two known daughters of Joseph Hanks and Ann "Nancy" Lee (Nancy Hanks Hall and Mary Hanks Friend), matrilineal descendants of two daughters of Sarah "Sally" Hanks (Sophia Hanks Lynch Legrand and Margaret Hanks Legrand), and matrilineal descendants of two daughters of Lucy Hanks from her marriage to Henry Sparrow (Margaret Sparrow Ingram and Lucinda Sparrow Richardson). This group shall be identified as Group-A. Full mitochondrial sequencing reveal Group-A belongs to a rare haplogroup X1c. In addition to the mutations used to define haplogroup X1c, they share a core set of {three} more specific mutations. These results indicate Group-A participants descend from the same maternal line. The rarity of the X1c haplogroup makes these matching samples more definitive. MtDNA samples were also collected from matrilineal descendants of two Shipley sisters - Naomi Shipley who married Robert Mitchell and Rachel Shipley who married Richard Berry, Sr. This group shall be identified as Group-B. Matching HVR1 and HVR2 results for these two samples are Haplogroup H, indicating Group-B descendants do not descend from the same maternal line as Group-A.

In summary, these results can be used with confidence as a reference for DNA testing of Abraham Lincoln artifacts and for distinguishing between the two accounts of the parentage of Nancy Hanks. By including participants from multiple lines of descent from Ann Lee Hanks, the results conclude that Lucy Hanks Sparrow was not a sister of Rachel Shipley and Naomi Shipley and the results provide evidence supporting the conclusion that Lucy Hanks was a daughter of Ann Lee Hanks. All matrilineal lineages were researched by the study authors.

DNA testing conducted at Gene by Gene, Ltd's Genomics Research Center in Houston, TX.

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Using Virginia Chancery Cases in Genealogy

Annette Anderson Bowen

Years ago my mother's cousin and my mentor, Elizabeth Little, found a lawsuit in Sussex County, Virginia, attempting to clear the title on property that had been given to the widow of R. M. Harwell as part of her dower "during her natural life." The widow, Julia Graves Harwell Oliver, had conveyed her life estate in the property to someone else and it had been sold several times since that time. The widow, who had married at 14, only a year before her husband's death in 1831, was still living, but at her death the property would revert to the heirs of R. M. Harwell. My ancestor, Robert Harwell, was a brother of Julia's husband. At the time of this suit, in the early 1900s, all of the siblings of R. M. Harwell had died, as had most of their children and grandchildren. It proved a line of descent for the Richard Harwell family and showed me the value of lawsuits in genealogy.

This lawsuit, Brunswick Lumber Company vs. Harwell's Heirs, provided several generations of the Harwell family. The heirs at law of R. M. Harwell were listed as follows:

- Robert Harwell, brother of the whole blood, who had died, leaving his interest to his only child, Mary Bowles, widow of Greene B. Bowles, deceased.
- Herbert Harwell, brother of the full blood, whose interest descended to his four children, all of whom except Amanda Harwell, wife of Burwell B. Adams, died without issue, leaving the whole interest to Amanda Adams, whose children, Leon Adams, Dona Knight, N. E. Adams, and America McKinney, had conveyed their interest to Truitt, Vincent & Co., who conveyed it to Brunswick Lumber Company.
- Bolling Harwell, brother of the half blood of R. M. Harwell, who had died leaving two children, R. M. Harwell and Sarah C. Harwell.
- Mary Hunnicutt, sister of the half blood, who had died leaving eight children, Sarah, wife of Thomas Ingram, Susanna, wife of __ Lanier, Mary, wife of Obediah Stith, Caroline, wife of George Smith, Elizabeth, wife of John Underwood, Anne L., wife of __ Lucy, Littleton Mason Hunnicutt, and James E. P. Hunnicutt.

The tract of land needed to be divided into three parts, one going to Mrs. Mary Bowles, another to Herbert Harwell or his children, and the third part equally divided between the heirs of Bolling Harwell and Mary Hunnicutt. The lumber company was petitioning for the land to be sold for partition.

The answer of the heirs of Mary Harwell Bowles, my ancestor, provided a legal proof of her heirs through the early 1900s. Their answer stated that Mary Bowles, wife of Green B. Bowles, had died leaving her children and heirs at law A. J. Bowles, G. B. Bowles, Timoxena Herndon, Catherine Holder, and J. R. Bowles Sr. Catherine Holder had died leaving her children James K. Holder, B. H. Holder, E. M. Holder, D. H. Holder, Dunbar Holder, Kate Holder, and Andrew B. Holder. A. B. Holder had died leaving Doris Holder, Theresa Holder, and Andrew B. Holder his only children and heirs at law. J. R. Bowles, Sr., had died leaving Maggie G. Clopton, Mary D. Price, G. R. Bowles, and __ Bowles, his only children and heirs at law. __ Bowles had died leaving his son Hardy Bowles his only child and heir at law.

What an amazing find! It traces my line from my grandfather Dunbar Holder, to his mother Catherine Holder, to her mother Mary Harwell Bowles, to her father Robert Harwell, and provides the collateral lines, as well.

Cousin Elizabeth passed on to me family stories she had heard from a Herndon cousin, whose mother was a sister of Catharine Bowles Holder, that Mary's parents had died when she was young and that she had been raised by her grandmother and had played with Thomas Jefferson's grandchildren. I set out to find evidence to prove or disprove these family legends.

Robert Harwell had married Polly W. Eppes in Greensville County, Virginia, on 9 October 1804.¹ Robert Harwell owned land and apparently lived in Dinwiddie County, Virginia, just across the Nottoway River from Greensville County. Dinwiddie is a "burned county" and has no surviving early records except tax rolls. The Greensville County Order Book has an entry dated 8 July 1811, stating that Robert Harwell wished to erect a water grist mill and dam on his lands on the north side of Nottoway River and asking that an acre of land that abutted his mill dam opposite his lands be set aside for that purpose.

The 1810 census recorded the Robert Harwell family in Dinwiddie with 1 male under 10, 1 male 26-45, 1 female under 10, 1 female 26-45, and no slaves. Robert Harwell served in the militia during the War of 1812. By 1817 he was dead. Dinwiddie tax rolls listed Robert Harwell through 1816 and his estate beginning in 1817.²

That was all I could find on Mary's birth family. Was Mary's mother also dead? Where did her grandmothers live?

Robert's mother, Phoebe Pettway Harwell, had died and her husband Richard had married Lydia Mitchell, who survived him. Lydia lived in Petersburg, Virginia, until her death about 1825, as shown by Petersburg Chancery Case 1836-019. "Bolling Harwell became a purchaser and executed bond dated 10th Dec. 1824 and payable 8 Dec 1825 with Lydia Harwell as his security. She died soon afterward and 'to the astonishment of your orator her Estate proved to be totally insolvent.'"

Polly's mother, Susannah Griggs Eppes, married Richard Walker and lived in Bedford County, Virginia, near Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest. If Mary lived with them, she might have played with Jefferson's grandchildren. Were there any records to prove this?

Again I turned to Chancery Court records, many of which have been scanned and are on the Library of Virginia website.

In 1828 Green B. Bowles and wife Mary R. sued Richard Walker and his wife Susan in Lynchburg Chancery Court.³ Green's petition represented that James Epps, grandfather of his wife Mary, died in the county of Greensville, leaving three children, Polly who married Robert Harwell and who was the mother of Mary Bowles, Hartwell Epps, and Nancy Epps who married Fisher Wilson. His widow Susan had since married Richard Walker and they had settled in Bedford County. Polley, mother of Mary, died in the life time of her husband Robert Harwell and Robert had since died leaving no other child except Mary. Hartwell Epps was guardian of Mary. (The suit concerned property that Susannah held as her dower from the estate of her first husband, Mary's grandfather. Apparently Green Bowles thought Mary's uncle Hartwell was squandering his mother's property that should go to Mary as her mother's share.) The petition and its answer confirmed that Mary Harwell had married Green B. Bowles and named her parents, her grandparents, and her maternal uncle and her maternal aunt and her husband. It also confirmed the marriage of Susannah Eppes to Richard Walker, and that Mary's mother Polly had died before her husband's death.

Several years later Mary's uncle, Hartwell Epps, sued the executors of Richard Walker's estate in Chancery Court of Campbell County.⁴ Hartwell had executed a deed of trust with Richard Walker and the executors had attempted to collect on the debt owed to the estate. This suit was strange. Hartwell attempted to prove that his mother had never married Richard Walker, that the money and property given to him had belonged to his mother's dower and were given to him as gifts from her, and that Richard Walker had had no right to any of it. He admitted that his mother and Richard Walker had lived together as man and wife and had a daughter, Betsy, who was of "unsound mind." The case file included many interrogatories asking whether people had ever heard that the Walkers were not married, whether they had been accepted socially among their neighbors in the county, and who had visited them socially. These depositions stated that the Walkers' dinner guests had included Mr. Jefferson, his daughter Mrs. Randolph and her daughters, and Mr. Francis Epps and his family. Francis Epps was the son of Jefferson's daughter Maria, and he inherited Poplar Forest when Thomas Jefferson died. One deposition stated that Susan's granddaughter Mary had lived with the Walkers before her marriage.

Thus this suit seems to verify the family stories that Elizabeth had heard. It also proved that Richard Walker's daughter Betsy was the child of Mary's grandmother, Susannah.

Hartwell Epps had asked for depositions of Jeremiah Adams and his wife, who was a sister of Susannah Griggs Eppes Walker, and of James E. Bowles and his wife Nancy, parents of Green B. Bowles. Both couples had moved out of state and apparently were not located. I was disappointed not to have their statements, but was thrilled with the "color" that this suit provided.

If your ancestors lived in Virginia, be sure to look for them in the Chancery Records Index, <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/>. There may be hidden treasures lurking in those legal documents.

¹ Marriage Register, Greensville Co., VA 1781-1853 Part 1, page 53.

² Land Records, Dinwiddie Co., Virginia 1752-1820, page 94.

³ Lynchburg Chancery Case 1828-004.

⁴ Campbell Chancery Case 1838-001.

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Raymond Harold “Hal” Phillips

Judy Phillips Zavalla

My uncle, Raymond Harold Phillips, was born in Nacogdoches, Texas on April 28, 1926. To his family and friends, he was known as “Hal.” He was welcomed into this world by his father, George Watley Phillips and his mother, Maude Elliott Phillips. His older brother, George Lester Phillips, had been born on September 7, 1922. His older sister, Dortha Louise Phillips, was born on November 28, 1924. She died on January 10, 1925, just prior to Hal’s birth.

The family struggled with poverty and the loss of their daughter. Eventually, the marriage fell apart. Following the divorce, the boys were often used as pawns in an attempt to hurt the other parent. Their lives were fractured by the constant moves from one home to another. The boys were often hidden from their mother by their father and from their father by their mother. This was very difficult, as divorces often are.

Following the divorce, my grandfather, George Watley Phillips, met Clara Olive Banks and they were married. Clara brought a son and a daughter to the family from a previous marriage and, together, they gave birth to two daughters, Louise and Juanita Phillips. The family grew. As a rule, often blended families are rather hard, but they stayed the course. Hal’s family now looked much different from his original family.

Hal attended Nacogdoches High School. Prior to World War II, he worked helping with the construction of Camp Chireno, a World War II Prisoner of War Camp in Chireno (a small community just outside of Nacogdoches, Texas). The Frost Lumber Company in Nacogdoches and the Angelina Lumber Company of Lufkin, Texas requested that the War Manpower Commission (WMC) establish a Camp Chireno as a “Permanent” Branch of Camp Fannin in Smith County. The WMC leased private land and build the 30-acre compound along Camp Road, located in an area devastated by the January 1944 ice storm. This camp benefited from Chireno’s established railroad facilities. The site first received Prisoners of War (POWs) in May of 1944. The camp’s 300 POWs spent their time cutting and salvaging timber and pulpwood. The camp closed in March of 1945, near the end of the war.

Hal entered World War II on July 28, 1944, where he served in the United States Army. During his service, he obtained the rank of Private. My dad, Corporal George Phillips, also fought in this great war. He spent part of his service years in the Philippines.

Maude, his mother, received a War Department message which informed her that her son, Pvt. Raymond H. “Hal,” 18 years of age, had been killed in action in the European Theatre on March 6, 1945 in the Ardennes. This was Hitler’s last hand at trying to defeat the Allies. No further details of his death were received at that time. It was later learned that Hal was serving under General George Patton’s Third Army infantry at the time of his death. He was killed just shy of the one year anniversary of his enlistment. On his uniform, he proudly wore a Second Indian Infantry Patch. This is the most recognized unit emblem in the United States Army because of its distinctive designation. The patch, shown on the right, boasts an 80-year history.

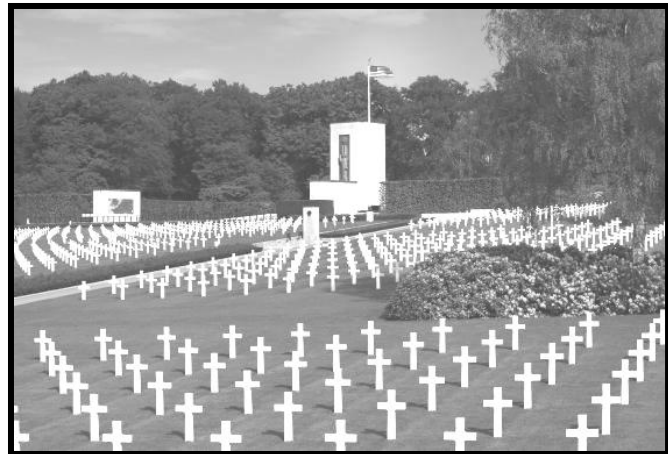


Hal's mother never really recovered from her son's death. She lived her life always believing he had not died and would be walking through the front door of her home at any minute. She read of the five Sullivan brothers' deaths during the sinking of their cruiser, the *USS Juneau*. This incident took a big toll on their family and a sole survivor policy was put into place to protect families from having to send a great number of their siblings into war and losing more than one of those sons. My grandmother quickly began a running communication with President Franklin Roosevelt. After several rounds of correspondence, my dad, George L. Phillips, was sent home as he was the only surviving sibling. I am sure the President threw up the white flag on this sole survivor policy and gladly sent my dad home.

Hal was buried in the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial in Hamm, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg. This cemetery is administered by the American Battle of Monuments Commission. Under a treaty, the U.S. - Luxembourg was granted free use in perpetuity of the land covered by the cemetery, without taxation. The cemetery is composed of 50.5 acres and it contains the remains of 5,076 American service members. Most of those buried at that cemetery died at the Battle of the Bulge which was fought in the winter of 1944/1945. My grandmother was able to find a pen pal in Luxembourg, who regularly visited Hal's grave and kept his final resting place covered with flowers.

Knowing my grandmother never fully recovered from her son's death, an anonymous person created a white cross marker for Hal in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery near his mother. He was awarded a purple heart for his ultimate sacrifice. A Billy Ray Cyrus song said it best when he sang,

"All Gave Some, Some Gave All
Some stood through for the red, white and blue
And some had to fall
And if you ever think of me
Think of all your liberties and recall
Some Gave All."



Left: Hal Phillips with his older brother, my father, George Lester Phillips.

Right: Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial, courtesy of Warrick Page/American Battle Monuments Commission.

A Witness to History: the Burial of Richard J. Thomson

Deborah Coggins Gammon

I was not alive when the first veteran was repatriated to Fairview Cemetery. He was Leslie Bryan Scott who died in France on 15 September 1918 during World War I. His remains were first buried in Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France and were returned to Fairview Cemetery for burial with full military honors on 9 June 1921.¹

The second man to return to League City was killed during the bombing of Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941. Richard Joseph "Dick" Thomson was a Navy seaman 2nd class serving aboard the *USS Oklahoma* when the Japanese launched a surprise attack on that Sunday morning in December. Four hundred twenty-nine crewmen were killed on that ship when the ship was struck by torpedoes and capsized.

Dick was born in Texas City on 6 October 1922 to James Farquhar and Pearl Mitchell Thomson.² James Farquhar Thomson was born on 26 February 1894 in Inverness, Scotland. He arrived in the United States in 1908 and became a naturalized citizen in 1917 in Houston.³ Mr. Thomson served as an Engineman on the *USS Antigone* during World War I. He had settled on the Gulf Coast of Texas where he met Pearl Mitchell, the daughter of Marion and Nancy Brock Mitchell. The couple had a total of six children: Robert Hugh in 1920; James Mitchell in 1921, Richard Joseph in 1922; Kenneth MacDonald in 1925, Betty Kathleen in 1931 and John William Thomson in 1937.



Dick Thomson joined the United States Navy after graduating from League City High School in 1939. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy on 11 September 1940 and was first received aboard the *USS Oklahoma* on 7 June 1941. He made Seaman 2nd Class on 30 June 1941.⁴ Just 6 months later, he would be killed in the attack.

He had been officially listed as missing on 31 December 1941. The remains of the crew were recovered between 1941 and 1944 and were interred originally in the Halawa and Nu'uaniu cemeteries in Hawaii. Forty-one grave sites at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific called the Punchbowl held hundreds of unidentified remains from sailors.⁵

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency identified Thomson's remains during March 2019. This had been a long process. Remains had been buried in 46 plots in Hawaii. In 1949, the military board classified the remains as non-recoverable. But, in 2003 things got moving again toward identifying the remains from the *USS Oklahoma*. In 2015, the Accounting Agency began asking for DNA of relatives of the "non-recoverable." Richard Thomson's younger sister, Betty Thomson Perkins submitted her DNA.⁶

Tragedy had struck this family before losing Dick. Their second son, James Mitchell Thomson died in John Sealy Hospital from burns received from a tragic accidental gasoline fire at the age of four.⁷ Brother Robert Hugh Thomson was very close to Richard; they even graduated the same year. Robert was so moved by his brother's probable death at Pearl Harbor that he joined the Navy just five days after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, 12 December 1941. Brother Kenneth Thomson joined the U. S. Navy on 30 August 1943.⁸ Robert and Kenneth both returned from the war, married and had families that are now scattered across Texas.

Dick Thomson was buried with full military honors provided by the United States Navy on 1 June 2019. Many of his family members traveled to League City, Texas for the burial. Surviving siblings Betty Perkins

and John W. Thomson were in attendance, and a grand-nephew, Chief Petty Officer Daniel Dietrich was a participant in his grand uncle's ceremony.

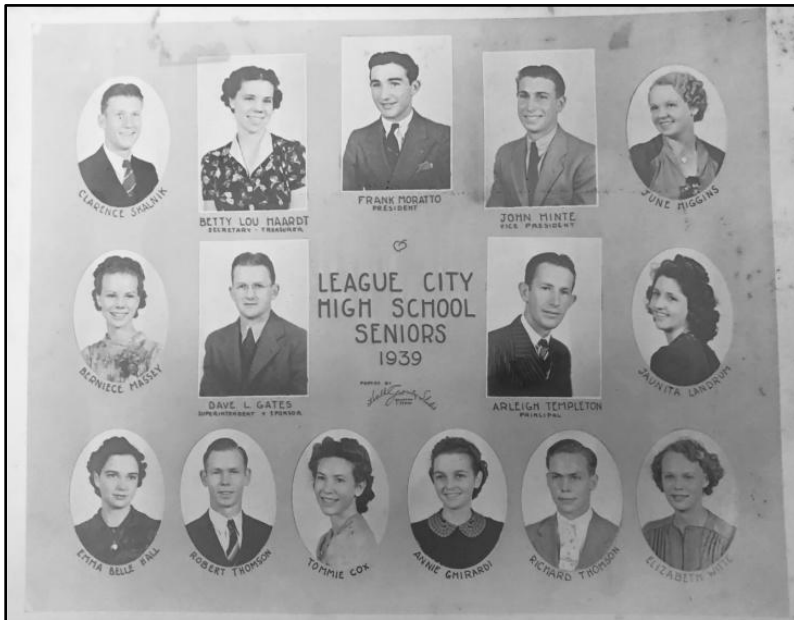
Shown at right are Chief Petty Officer Daniel Dietrich and his mother, Kathleen Thomson Dietrich who is the daughter of Kenneth Thomson. Many of the family members attended a reception at the League City Recreation Center following the ceremony.

The photos in this article were taken personally by me during the ceremony. The pictures from the League City High School yearbook are courtesy of Helen Hall Library of League City.

The hope is that many more remains will finally be identified and returned to their families who have been waiting over seventy years for this moment too.



Robert and Richard Thomson are pictured on the bottom row.



**Back Row L to R: Richard Thomson, Frank Moratto, Clarence Skalnik, John Hinte.
Second Row: Elizabeth Witte, Robert Thomson, Emma Bell Hall, Betty Lou Haardt, Juanita Landrum.
Front Row: Tommie Cox, June Higgins and Annie Ghirardi.**



¹ “War Hero to be Buried with Full Military Honors,” *Galveston Daily News*, June 9, 1921, 2.

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⁶ Ibid.

⁷ James Mitchell Thompson [sic] Galveston County death certificate no. 25606 (1925).

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Salvage operations on the *USS Oklahoma*, 1943.

Remembering the *U.S.S. Colorado* in World War II

Vicky Piña Whynott



My father, Adolfo “Al” Piña (1924-2013), served on the *U.S.S. Colorado* from 1943 to 1947 and participated in ten major Pacific battles: Tarawa, Eniwetok, Kwajalein, Saipan, Guam/Tinian, Leyte Gulf, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Ryukyu and Okinawa. He was at the signing of the Japanese surrender and part of the “Magic Carpet” bringing home hundreds of Americans from the war.

The *Colorado* had a complement of about 2000 officers and sailors. I attended the reunions of the crew members and their families on Memorial Weekends at Fredericksburg, Texas. What I saw were 70 to 80-year-old men, many with canes and walkers waving and greeting each other. For them the years peeled away and they were young again, remembering and exchanging the stories of life on their beloved ship. Yes, beloved because she carried them into war and home again. They had stood at attention on her deck watching the last landmarks of their country, their home fading away, wondering if they may ever come back. Her decks would see heroic actions and be marked with their blood. In 1959 the ship was sold for scrap and was dismantled.

A few years before the last reunion, I listened to the names read followed by the sound of a bell. Each name was a real person, and I began to wonder who he was and what he was like before the war. This is how the quest to compile their information began. To honor these men, we have tried to the best of our abilities to find accurate information about them. We cannot vouch for the correctness of the information in this document, but we hope that your recollection might help us to remember them as the true American heroes that they are and their families who gave to their country.

If you have more information to share, please email Vicky Whynott at vorganeer@yahoo.com.

Tinian, July 1944

The *Colorado* sailed on 5 May 1944 by way of Pearl Harbor and Kwajalein for pre-invasion bombardment and fire support at Saipan, Guam and Tinian from 14 June.

The following is from “USS Colorado BB-45, History 1944-1947,”

http://usscolorado.org/wordpress/?page_id=133

“Moving in close to Saipan on June 14, the COLORADO hammered away at the beaches and on the 15th, Yank troops moved in to gain their foothold. The battleship was in as dangerous a position as she had been in all the previous landings which she had covered. Enemy shore installations stood a good chance of knocking one of the prides of the U. S. Fleet out of the war with a well aimed shell. This was close-range exchange of heavy explosives. Yet, those in charge of Pacific invasions felt that it was worth risking such

famed battle heavies as USS COLORADO, the risk being counter-balanced by the effectiveness of the barrage they were able to lay down.

“Resistance encountered on Saipan was strong, so strong that the planned invasion of the sister Marianas isles of Guam and Tinian had to be postponed. Throughout the month of June and well into July the COLORADO delivered call fire on targets of opportunity at Saipan. By mid-July the tempo of aerial activity was stepped up around Guam, the low-level dive-bombing and strafing attacks serving to demolish practically all Jap artillery there.

“For two hours on July 21, COLORADO and other surface units stood off-shore to complete the ruination of Japanese defenses. Then, rocket salvos pouring from plucky LCIs heralded the first wave of landing forces. Into the crumbling enemy lines the COLORADO continued hurling 16-inch projectiles for the next three days in collaboration with the advancing troops. Tinian was next.”

From *The Leatherneck* – “Dawn broke just off Sanhalom Harbor on July 24, with Marines making their way down cargo nets into 22 landing craft and back up several times. No troops were in the boats when they went toward shore. Above them, 244 Navy and Army aircraft began strafing and bombing Tinian Town, followed by 30 minutes of saturating naval gunfire. It was to be a classic ruse that would hopefully hold the Japanese defenders at Tinian Town while the 4thMarDiv landed at White beaches. The Japanese returned fire from artillery batteries ashore. The landing craft churned to within 400 yards before turning about and returning to their mother ships.”

“The battleship USS Colorado (BB-45) and destroyer USS Norman Scott (DD-690) moved within 3,200 yards of two 6-inch Japanese naval guns that had gone undetected and were unscathed by the barrage, and they returned fire. Colorado took 22 brutal and direct hits. Norman Scott took six. Sixty-two Americans were killed at their battle stations, 223 were wounded. Among the dead were 10 Marines of Colorado’s seagoing detachment that also counted 31 wounded.”

From: R. R. Keene, “Because Marines Never Forget, Part II, Tinian,”
<https://www.miltours.com/image/data/brochures/lneckmagnov2011.pdf>.

James C. Heinecke on the U.S.S. Robinson wrote – “Today is D-day for Tinian. Troops have been put ashore on both sides of the island. The *Robinson* was put on a screening--just off the beach. Three ships were hit today-- I was standing on the bridge watching the battleship *Colorado* shell shore installations when all of a sudden the Japs opened up and fired about fifteen 5 to 8 inch and a couple of 40's. She was about 10,000 yards off the beach we fired on the day before; we were only a thousand yards out -- wonder why they let us alone. The destroyer *Norman Scott* (same class as ours) got hers the same time as the wagon did. She received two hits. One back aft, knocking the steering gear out; the other hit the bridge (worst placed to get hit.) 20 men killed, including the captain; 30 men wounded. The heavy Cruiser *Louisville* was hit also. I didn't hear what her damage was but they buried her dead at sea about an hour ago. The other two ships took theirs over to Saipan.

On 24 July during the shelling of Tinian, *Colorado* received 22 shell hits from shore batteries but continued to support the invading troops until 3 August. On July 24 while the *Colorado* was being attacked by shore batteries, the *Norman Scott* tried to draw fire away from the battleship and was hit six times within a few seconds. The USS *Norman Scott* lost her captain, Seymour Owens, and 22 others, with an additional 57 wounded.”

Joseph Alexander, wrote in *The Leatherneck* – “The old battleship *Colorado*, long admired by the troops for her willingness to engage enemy strong points, closed to within 3,100 yards offshore when a battery of Japanese 6-inch guns opened up from a hidden cave above the harbor. In 15 minutes these guns scored 28 direct hits on the battleship and her escort destroyer, inflicting 285 casualties. Ten members of *Colorado's* Marine Detachment died at their posts, the first Marines killed in the battle of Tinian.”

Patrick Walton recorded in his diary "Saga of a Dreadnought" – "We were at General Quarters the morning of July 24th laying off Tinian, dead in the water preparing to bombard when the Japs opened up on us. We were only 3200 yards off the beach and their first salvo straddled us. We got underway immediately and went into a turn. The Japs hit us 22 times with what appeared to be a 7.7 quad shore battery and scored 43 near misses. The cruiser *Cleveland* opened up on the beach with everything she had. She poured out about 600 rounds of 6-inch ammo in about 10 minutes and the shore battery was finally knocked out. As soon as we could we got back in firing position and bombarded the hell out of Tinian that day.

We had 49 killed and over 200 wounded. We took a hit in the middle of the catapult, one on the forecastle, one thru the shipfitters shop, and several thru the main deck compartments and the blisters, one thru new C.I.C., one on the after-end of the boat deck tubs and one that hit number 1 turret and hardly scratched the paint besides several others I can't directly place. Mr. Patton, our new officer, was killed by shrapnel in the neck on the signal bridge. The boys in the 20 MM tubs in the forecastle were cut to pieces by shrapnel and the boat deck was like a slaughter house. Practically every Marine in the 20 MM boat deck tubs were killed or lacerated beyond recovery. The boys on the 5" 25's AA guns caught living hell. A couple of the 5-inch ready boxes caught fire, but 2 guys put out the fire for which later I think they received the Navy Cross.

Shrapnel, like hundreds of razors, flew everywhere. We commenced cleaning up the ship that night after we had retired some distance from the island. The smell of blood and burnt flesh made most of us eat very little for a few days. Some of the men, what remained of them, were shoveled into buckets and heaved over the side of the ship. Arms, legs, guts, and blood were all over the boat deck. We went down to Guam again a couple of days later and took off our wounded and dead."

From WFI Research Group, wfirg.com - Four Colorado crewmen were declared missing in action and 39 personnel were killed. Among the dead were 10 Marines of Colorado's seagoing detachment that also counted 31 wounded. Many of the casualties were interred in the 4th Marine Division Cemetery on Saipan but all were disinterred in 1948 to confirm the identifications. Four were reclassified unknown and they were buried again at the Manila American Memorial and Cemetery in the Philippines. Sailors and Saylor are believed to have been mixed up when the Army repossessed them to send to their home states.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DIED -Tinian, July and August, 1944 (49 men)

Ebert Earl Artrip (EM1C Electrician's Mate Petty Officer USN 2798102) born May 26, 1923. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Ebert Artrip, 93W 8th Street, Columbus, Ohio. Ebert died on July 14, [should be July 24] 1944 and was buried at Lucasville Cemetery, Valley Township, Scioto County, Ohio. Hometown: Columbus, Ohio. A photo of his military tombstone is available on Findagrave.com.

Garland Austin (S1C USN 2915307) born September 17, 1914 in Lincoln County, Kentucky to Pina Belle Fletcher and Clarence William Austin. He married Irene Thompson and lived in Hustonville. Austin died July 24, 1944 on the Island of Saipan during World War II; he is buried in Honolulu at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com. Irene remarried in 1946 and died in 1977.

Lloyd Tru Bentrup (S1C USN 3425589) Wife: Mrs. Helen Louise Bentrup, 812 Richardson St., St. Joseph, Mo. He is listed as one of the 260 casualties from the town of Buchanan, Mo. Hometown - St. Joseph, Mo. He died on 31 July 1944 and was buried in Ashland Cemetery, Saint Joseph. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com.

This photo was taken on Raymond Bentrup's wedding day in 1932. Ray is the tall one on the left. Lloyd is in front of Ray. Lloyd's brothers served during WWII. Maurice was with the Seabees on Guadalcanal. Oscar served in the Third Marine Division and fought in the invasions of Bougainville, Guam, and Iwo Jima.



Everard LeRoy Bunch (Platoon SGT USMC 291500) is listed at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific and is buried at Lincoln Cemetery, Lincoln, Kansas. A photo of his military marker is available at Findagrave.com. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bunch, Rt. 3, Box 29, Lincoln, Kansas. Hometown - Lincoln, Kansas. From his obituary: skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/lincoln/obit1940-44.htm:

Everard Leroy Bunch, Platoon Sergeant USMC, was born in Luray, Kan., July 14, 1921, the first child of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bunch. Jack, as he was called and known by relatives and friends, moved with his parents to Lincoln when he was two years old. He graduated from the Vesper High School in the class of 1940 and during his school career was a prominent leader in the school activities and a most popular boy in his community. In August following his graduation, he joined the Marine Corps and in November, he was stationed on a battleship where he spent the remainder of his life.

From the *Luray Herald* - On August 21 this year his parents received a telegram telling of his death. They were later informed that he was killed in action on Tinian Island, Marinas Islands, July 24, 1944. His last letter home was dated July 11.

Jack was a gunner on his ship. He was permitted to come home in January 1942 to see his mother, who was ill and it was an emergency leave granted through the Red Cross. He was home again last April, his first leave after the emergency leave. Jack's place of duty was important and his ship was at sea almost constantly. His four years of service was ended this August and he planned to re-enlist as he wished to make the service his life work.

Jack was a handsome lad with a winsome smile and dark hair and smiling dark eyes made personality radiate from his countenance. It was a momentary lift of spirit to meet and converse with him. Jack did not indulge in any of the so-called habits which are detrimental to health. He will be remembered by his shipmates until time for them to join him in the Great White Fleet. There will be something of his fine manhood that will be absorbed into their lives and his spirit will hover close by as they man their ships at sea.

Jack's body may rest in foreign soil but to his loved ones it becomes hallowed ground and a bit of his own America ... but the soul of him, shining resplendent and clear, is here at their side in the essence of life that is eternal, found in the wonder and nature of God.

Anchor's Aweigh and Farewell. -- Luray Herald

Merle Jackson Clark (S1C USNR 6260181) born May 29, 1924 in Johnson County Indiana was 20 years old. Parents: Mr. William Clark and Mary K. Dyke Clark, Rt. 2, Hope, Indiana. Merle died on July 24, 1944 and was buried at Rest Haven Cemetery, Edinburgh, Johnson County, Indiana. Hometown: Hope, Indiana. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com.

Wesley Arthur Colyer, Jr. (S1C USNR 2798948) born August 26, 1926, died July 24, 1944 and was buried December 21, 1948 at Mill Springs National Cemetery, Nancy, Pulaski County, Kentucky. Parents: Arthur Wesley Colyer and Cora Nell Burton from <http://www.curtisit.co/curtis/colyer/wgo11>.

html#1979. Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio. His photo on the right and a photo of his tombstone are available at Findagrave.com.

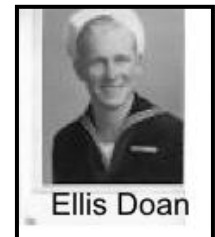
Owen Junior Davis (S2C USNR 6268953) Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Owen Jerome Davis, 3116 Arlington Ave., Howell, Evansville, Indiana. His station took a direct hit on July 24, 1944 and his body was never found. Owen's name is listed at the Honolulu Memorial, also known as Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. A photo is available on Findagrave.com. Hometown -Evansville, Indiana.



Harold Lee Dick (GM2C USN 3376141) was born February 22, 1922 to Mr. and Mrs. Louis William Dick, Rt. 1, Tipton, Missouri. Harold's station received a direct hit on July 24, 1944 and he was killed along with crewmembers Heindrycks, Santora and Smith. He is listed as missing in action (with a purple heart) and at Honolulu Memorial National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Hometown - Tipton, Missouri. There is a memorial plaque at Masonic Cemetery, Tipton, Missouri, and a photo is available on Findagrave.com.

Robert Edward Dilkes (S2C USNR 2934724) was born October 5, 1926 and is buried at Crown Point Cemetery, Kokomo, Indiana. From the 1946 *Kokomo Tribune* - In memory of Robert E. who was killed in action July 24, 1944. We look out from our window, And in the sky afar, A tiny ship at anchor Shines out a golden star, Tis a lamp set in his window, A lamp unto our feet, Both he and we are waiting, Until we shall meet Our Star of so precious We call this golden star, It in our darling son we lost in war - Sadly missed by mother and step father Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sweezy Spencer. A later entry in the 1956 *Tribune*, "In loving memory of our son Robert Edward Dilkes who passed away July 24, 1944. What would I give to clasp his hand His happy face to see, to hear his voice and see his smile that meant so much to me." -Sadly missed by mother Sylvia and father Troy Sweezy and his little daughter Linda. Hometown - Kokomo, Indiana. A photo of his military tombstone is available at Findagrave.com.

Ellis Junior Doan (F2 8660761) was born January 27, 1925 in Brownington, Henry County, Missouri. Parents: Mr. Ellis Adam Doan and Bertha Lee McVey Doan. Sisters: Dixie and Annabelle. Ellis died of wounds on July 25, 1944. He was buried in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu. This personal photo and a photo of his military marker are available on Findagrave.com.



Walter Frank Early (Cpl USMC 00881618) was born on 25 March 1917 at Deport, Lamar County, Texas. He was the son of Luther Ferdinand Early and Nannie Lou Vaughan. His parents died in 1942 and 1937 respectively. His family included his sister, Lillie Lucille Early, and brothers, Henry Trigg and Luther Monroe. Notification was delivered to his wife Mary, who was living at Chicota, Lamar Co., Texas at the time of his death. Walter died at age 27 on July 24, 1944 and is buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com.

John Robert Eber (PFC USMCR) Mother: Mrs. Helen Eber, 1503 Edgewater Ave., Ft. Wayne, Indiana. John was born February 23, 1925 and died July 25, 1944. He is buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, and a photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com.

Bernard Ekleberry (S1C USN) Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Dow Ekleberry, Rt. 1, Richland Center, Wisconsin. Bernard was born January 24, 1924 and died July 25, 1944. He was buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota. A photo of his military tombstone is available on Findagrave.com.

Daniel Sydney Erno (S1C USNR) was born June 2, 1924 to parents Mr. & Mrs. Edwin M. Erno, Rt. 4, Owatonna, Minnesota. He died on July 24, 1944 and was buried at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Owatonna, Minnesota. A photo of his tombstone is available on Findagrave.com.

Eugene Ernest Garst (S2C USNR) was born on June 19, 1923 in Eugene, Oregon to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Caleb Garst, Rt. 3, Bellingham. Eugene died on July 24, 1944 and is buried at the Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, San Mateo County, California. A photo of his military tombstone is available on Findagrave.com.

Arthur Givens (S2C USNR 9566398) was born April 8, 1910 and died July 24, 1944. Parents: John Givens and Amanda Kitsmiller. Wife: Mary Kathleen Givens, 3919 Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri. His burial is listed on Findagrave with no cemetery included.

Norman Barney Godwin (S2C USNR) was born January 20, 1927. Parents: Homer Godwin and, Mrs. Maudie Katherine (Barnes) Godwin-White, 610 18 1/2 St., Corsicana, Texas. He was a graduate of Blooming Grove High School and had been in service only five months at the age of 17. Norman died July 24, 1944 of wounds received, according to a telegram received from Vice Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of the U.S. Navy personnel, by his mother. His remains were returned home for reburial in April 1949 at the Rose Hill Cemetery, Blooming Grove, Navarro County, Texas. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com.



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James Edwin Hart (PFC USMC) was born March 11, 1922 and died on July 24, 1944. Parents: Mr. & Mrs. James A. Hart, 1433 Lawrence Rd., N.E. Canton, Ohio. James was buried in the South Lawn Cemetery, Beach City, Stark County, Ohio. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com.

James Edward Hawks (SEA2 7506245) was born October 17, 1926 and died of his wounds on July 28, 1944. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. William G. Hawks, 250 Conger St., Jackson, Tennessee. James was buried at the Mount Calvary Cemetery, Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com.

Mallier Francis Heindrycks (SK3C USNR 8523790 Vallier F. Heindryckx) was born June 25, 1919 in Chicago, Illinois and died on July 25, 1944. Parents: Oscar and Mary Margaret Heindryckx, 6415 So. Lawler Ave., Chicago. Sister, Florence and brother, Albert. Heindrycks' station took a direct hit and his body was never found. His name is listed on the Honolulu Memorial (Courts of the Missing).

Robert Begg Holiday (Ensign USN) was born on April 4, 1912, in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, the eldest child and only son of Frank E. and Bess (nee Beggs) Holiday. He had two younger sisters, Frances, and Helen. His parents, Frank and Bess Holiday were born and raised and married in Huron County, Ohio. Robert received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Wayne State University. He was active in campus affairs and athletics. Robert became a high school teacher at a Detroit area high school and a radio announcer for the Lone Ranger show on a Detroit radio station. He is pictured on the right.



Robert (Bob) married Joyce Mitchell on May 24, 1935. Their daughter Hannah was born in 1940 and son, John in 1943. Explaining his enlistment, Robert told his mother that there are so many young men who were there and since he was older with more life experience, he felt that he could mentor them.

Robert began his Military Service on August 15, 1943, as a Commissioned Officer in communications on board the Flagship (Battleship), USS MARYLAND. On June 23, 1944, Ensign Holiday, along with nine other crew members received transfer orders to report for duty onboard the USS COLORADO, a sister Battleship of the MARYLAND on June 1944. Robert Holiday died on July 24, 1944 and is buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Plot F, O, 517). His wife Joyce died in December 1993. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com.

John James Kemeos (S2C USNR) Parents: Mr. and Mrs. James John Kemeos, 159 Parsons St., Brighton, Boston. He died on July 24, 1944 and his place of burial is unknown on Findagrave. He may have been buried at sea.

Robert Earl Kentner (S2C USN) was born April 24, 1925 and died July 24, 1944. Wife: Mrs. Ida Jean Kentner, 2116 So. Cherokee St., Adams, Colorado. He is buried at Crown Hill Cemetery, Jefferson County, Colorado. A photo of his military tombstone is available on Findagrave.com.

Zegmond (Zigmond) Willie Kmiec (S2C USNR) was born May 13, 1921 to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kmiec, Rt. 2, Hempstead, Texas. Military reburial services for Zegmond W. Kmiec, Seaman 2-C, United States Navy, were held at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Chapel Hill, Texas. Seaman Kmiec was killed at Saipan, July 24, 1944. Father John Wesolek officiated at the services. Veterans of Foreign Wars conducted military rites at the grave of Seaman Kmiec.

Kmiec was one of two sons of Mr. Michael Steven Kmiec and Angela Mikolajczak Kmiec of Chapel Hill who were killed in military service during World War II. Aloysius Kmiec died February 13, 1945 in Germany and is also buried in Chapel Hill. Zegmond volunteered for Navy service, July 10, 1942, and served on the *U.S.S. Colorado* in the bombardment of Saipan. He participated in five battles in the Pacific Theater. He was survived by his parents; a sister, Mrs. Johnnie Mikolojewski (Wanda Catherine) of Hempstead; two brothers, Louis Kmiec of Hempstead and Leonard Kmiec of Chapel Hill; and his grandmother, Mrs. Francis Kitowski, of Chapel Hill. This obituary and a photo of his military tombstone are available on Findagrave.com.

Ralph Raymond Kugel (FC1/E6 USN) was born on January 13, 1918 in the farm country of Benson County, North Dakota, about 70 miles from the Canadian Border. His parents were Louis Henry Kugel and Gertrude Eleanor Kennedy, and they lived at Box 27, Chula Vista, CA. Ralph Kugel was a Fire Controlman First Class (FC1/E6) and his home is listed as Minnesota. His date of death was July 25, 1944 and he was awarded the Purple Heart.

Ralph is buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii; a photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com. Among other places, his death is listed in a casualty report in the *San Diego Union* on August 31, 1944. His name is also engraved on a brass plate at the American Memorial Park in the Court of Honor on the island of Saipan. His name appears in Memorial Park in Chula Vista, and he is also honored with a street named in his honor in the Otay Ranch subdivision of Montecito Ridge.



Robert F. Landreth (Mus1C USN) was born September 24, 1917 in Carthage, Jasper, Missouri. Robert entered service from Missouri. His parents, Schuyler Sheridan Landreth and Hattie Pearl Elliott, 318 W. 41st Pl., Los Angeles, preceded him in death. Robert had 5 siblings. He died on July 24, 1944 and was buried at National Cemetery of the Pacific on Mar 18, 1949. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com. www.afccare.com/obits/obituaries.php/obitID/159915

Clayton Miller Leach (GM3 USNR) was born April 13, 1920 Merkel, Taylor County, Texas and died July 24, 1944. He was buried at Rose Hill Cemetery Merkel (Taylor), Texas.

From the Abilene (Texas) Reporter News, July 25, 1944, "CLAYTON LEACH DIES OF WOUNDS Clayton Leach, gunner's mate third class, 24, died of wounds received in action aboard a ship presumably in the South Pacific, his mother, Mrs. W. G. Leach, 302 Highland, was informed by the Navy department late Thursday. Leach was home in April after 18 months in the Southwest Pacific and spent his 10 day leave with his mother and sister, Mrs. Thelma Comegays (sic). He enlisted in the Navy in July 1942 and went overseas after six weeks of basic training serving in the Gilbert and Marshall campaigns. The sailor was born in Merkel and had lived in Abilene high school in 1938. He attended Texas A&M two years, coming home to work in an auto supply store prior to his enlistment. The last letter receive from him was dated July 10. He is survived by his mother and sister."

From the Abilene (Texas) Reporter News, May 8, 1949. "REBURIAL TODAY FOR CLAYTON M. LEACH Reburial services for Clayton M. Leach, son of Mrs. Joyce E. Leach, 302 Highland, will be conducted today at 3 o'clock in Elliott's Chapel of Memories. The Rev. J. H. Hamblen will officiate, and burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery at Merkel under direction of Elliott Funeral Home of Abilene. The local VFW post will perform graveside military rites." A photo of his military marker and the text of both newspaper articles are available on Findagrave.com. A granite memorial that includes his name is located on the north side of the Taylor County courthouse in Abilene, Texas. Between the wall and the courthouse is a courtyard with cement slab benches with the words: "FATE STOLE THEIR *SHINING YOUTH, ALL DREAMS THAT LIFE WOULD HOLD, ON STERN WARS CRIMSON TAPESTRY, DEATH WOVE THEIR NAMES IN GOLD.*"

Frank John Macidyn (BM 2C USN) was born November 17, 1919 New York, N. Y., died July 24, 1944. He received posthumously the bronze star medal as a gun captain of an AA battery. Frank is buried at National Memorial Cemetery of Pacific (F 1580/C1439). His photo on the right and a photo of his military marker are available on Findagrave.com.



Wife: Mrs. Margaret Macidyn, 2876 Alpine St., Cleveland (Cuyahoga), Ohio. As remembered by Virgil Watland, Div. 6A (June Lookout 2012) – Gun 1 a 5"/25 anti-aircraft gun just forward to us took a direct hit. I was on Gun 3 and shrapnel was flying everywhere. My gun captain, Frank Macidyn, fell beside me mortally wounded by shrapnel. We couldn't train our gun until we moved Frank. A fellow sailor helped me pick him up. We carried him over to a hatch and placed him out of the way.

Paul Peter Madej (S2C USNR) was born November 12, 1915, died July 24, 1944. Paul was buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of The Pacific (P 886). Wife: Mrs. Casimira Maslowski Madej, 5410 So. Damen Ave., Chicago. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com.

Moyses Alfonso Martinez (S2C USNR 8896308) Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Antonio R. Martinez, 211 Irving St., Santa Fe. Moyses Alfonso Martinez was 18 years old and had been in the Navy only a year when his battleship, the *USS Colorado*, was hit by 22 Japanese artillery shells off the Pacific island of Tinian on July 24, 1944. Four days later, his mother was notified that the 18-year-old seaman 2nd class had been killed in action. The telegram said the place where he died "could not be revealed" but that burial at sea or at the locality was highly probable, according to a front-page story in *The New Mexican* at the time. Martinez's body would remain unclaimed for 64 years in an unmarked grave first in Saipan and then at Fort McKinley, Manila before dental records could identify his body. His name appears on a list of the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu. A photo of the list is available on Findagrave.com.

Read more: www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,378542,00.html#ixzz1pggG7r9L

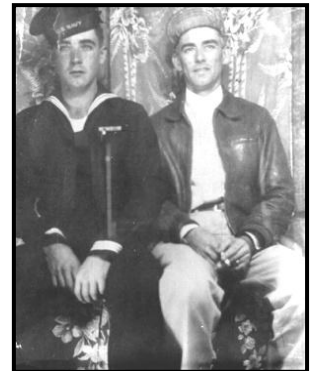
www.santafenewmexican.com/Local%20News/Remains-could-be-S-F--man-lost-in-WWII

Clifford Dale Mason (Pvt. USMCR) was born on September 7, 1915 and died on July 24, 1944. His parents were Charles Edgar Mason and Emma Jane Green Mason. A former zinc smelter worker, he entered the service on September 16, 1943. Wife: Mrs. Clifford D. Mason, 341 W. 13th St., Centralia, Ill. Clifford Mason was 29 when he died and is buried at the Andereck-McClelland Cemetery, Sandoval, Marion County, Illinois. A photo of his marker is available on Findagrave.com.

Benjamin Franklin Mathews (S2C USNR) from Ector, Texas was born March 26, 1924 and died on July 24, 1944. He was buried at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Saint Louis County, Missouri on July 1, 1948. Mother: Mrs. Willie Florence Mathews, Box 3481, Odessa, Texas. A photo of his military tombstone is available on Findagrave.com.

John Storer McAvoy (Musician 3C USNR) was born June 12, 1908, and died July 24, 1944. Wife: Mrs. Mary Elizabeth McAvoy, 85 Edward Ave., Pittsfield, Mass. McAvoy played trombone in several local bands. He graduated from Pittsfield High School. Prior to his enlistment in 1942, he was employed in the major appliance department at England Brothers. John received his boot training at Newport. Survivors are his widow, the former Mary Elizabeth Young, three sisters, Mrs. Donald B. Goewey, Mrs. Clara Ryder and Miss May McAvoy (stationed Norfolk, Virginia WAVES) all of Pittsfield. Services were held on June 11, 1948 at St. Stephen's Church with burial at Pittsfield Cemetery, Pittsfield, Massachusetts. An obituary is available on Findagrave.com.

Charles McDonald Jr. (F1C USNR 6448739) was born January 8, 1921 and enlisted in the United States Navy on August 15, 1942 at the age of 21. He died on July 24, 1944 and on June 6, 1948 he was laid to rest in plot C vault 469 with full military honors at the Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com. (Photo: Charles on left with Homer McDonald)



At 07:40 (7:40 AM), Charles "Mac" was in his GQ place called "smoke watch." This position was one of communicating to the engine room the density of smoke that the ship was emitting from her boiler stacks. Although assigned to the Main Engine Division his role had him outside and up a few decks in order to observe the function of the stacks. All of a sudden, the Japanese opened fire and before the Colorado could get underway and she took 22 direct hits from a 7.7 MM land-based gun. The Colorado erupted in her return fire pouring in almost 600 rounds of 6-inch shells and in about 10 minutes, that silenced the enemy but the damage to the Colorado was done, and 49 men lost their lives and over two hundred were wounded. www.maritimequest.com/warship_directory/us_navy_pages/uss_colorado_bb45_f1c_cf_mcdonald_jr.htm

Lawrence J. Miller (PFC USMCR) was born in 1923 to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Miller, 708 E. Main St., Marshalltown, Iowa. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on July 20, 1942 from Marshalltown and was assigned to the *Colorado* during the summer of 1944 as an anti-aircraft gun crewman. He was killed in action on July 24, 1944 and was initially buried in the 4th Marine Division Cemetery on Saipan. In 1949, his remains were returned to the U.S. for burial in the Riverside Cemetery in Marshalltown, Iowa. A photo of his marker is available on Findagrave.com.

John Junior Parker (S1C USN) from Clark, Ohio was born October 16, 1922 and died July 24, 1944. He is buried at National Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu Hawaii. Father: John Franklin Parker, 116 N Wittenburg St., Springfield, Ohio. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com.

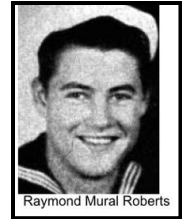
Robert Alexander Patten (Lt JG USNR) was born in 1920 and died July 24, 1944. Parents were Robert A. Patten and Mrs. Florestine L. Patten, 116 E. 56th St., Tacoma, Washington. He is buried at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Tumwater, Washington. His photo and a photo of his military marker are available on Findagrave.com.



Robert A Patten

Raymond Mural Roberts (S1C USN) was born January 3, 1923 in Lemoore, California to Mrs. Julia Phelan, 779 32d Ave., San Francisco. Raymond died on July 24, 1944 and is buried at the Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Mateo County, California. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com.

From the Bureau of Naval Personnel Information Bulletin No. 340 (July 1945) - *"The President of the United States of America takes pride in presenting the Navy Cross (Posthumously) to Seaman First Class Raymond Mural Roberts, United States Navy, for extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty while serving as Acting Gun Captain on board the Battleship U.S.S. COLORADO (BB-45), in action against the enemy during operations in support of the invasion of Tinian Island in the Marianas on 24 July 1944. Seaman First Class Roberts was steadfast and alert at his new station, bringing his weapon into action against a pounding barrage from hostile shore batteries. Although seriously wounded in the face by a hail of shell fragments early in the engagement, he courageously remained at his post and fired his gun with fierce determination until a second shower of fragments caused him to fall to the deck, mortally wounded. Even then, he stoically refused help for himself and ordered his men to keep firing. By his unwavering devotion to duty and great personal valor, Seaman First Class Roberts was an example and inspiration to his comrades. His conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Navy of the United States. He gallantly gave his life for his country."*



Raymond Mural Roberts

As remembered by Vigil Watland Div 6A (June Lookout) – Gun 5 was where Roberts was killed just aft of my Gun 3. Right behind Gun 5 and up one level, a steel tub had been built for five 20 MM guns that were manned by Marines. They took a direct hit and it is possible that Roberts was killed by some of the shrapnel. Roberts was a nice clean-cut American guy. He was always working on sharpening his knife and then shaving the hair off his arms to see if it was sharp enough.

Arthur Rowden Jr. (Fire Controlman 2C USN 3426039) Parents: Mr. and Mrs. James Arthur Rowden, Rt. 1, Pittsburg, Pa. Arthur was born July 28, 1922 and died on July 26, 1944. He was buried at Mount Olive Cemetery, Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas. A photo of his military tombstone is available on Findagrave.com.

George Whittaker Sailors (PFC USMC) was born August 4, 1924 and died July 24, 1944. He was buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Lemay Township, St. Louis County, Missouri on May 24, 1949. Mother: Mrs. Fannie Sailors, Gen Del Cape Girardeau, Mo. Survived by his parents and brothers, Norman, Tobe, J.D., Vernon and Joe and six sisters including, Bessie, Ercy, Ruth, Margurete, Fannie. (*Sailors and Saylor remains mix-up) A photo of his obituary and tombstone are available on Findagrave.com.

Harold Salas (S2C USNR) was born July 25, 1925. Harold was 19 when he died on July 24, 1944 and is buried at Long Island National Cemetery, East Farmingdale, Suffolk County, New York, Plot J, 16321. Father: Mr. Jeneor Salas, 136 E. 117th St., New York. A photo of his military tombstone is available on Findagrave.com.

Gabriel Elwin Santora (S1C USNR) was born in 1925 to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Santora, 103 S. Fiske St., Spokane, Washington and brother Ralph. He died on July 25, 1945 [1944] and is listed as service personnel not recovered (<http://www.dtic.mil>). His name appears on the Honolulu Memorial, Courts of the Missing and a photo is available on Findagrave.com.

Harry William Saylor (S2C USN 3938214) Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stanford Saylor, 1966 N.W. Northrup St., Portland, Oregon. Harry died on July 24, 1944, and his name is listed on the Honolulu Memorial (Courts of the Missing) at National Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii. (*Sailors and Saylor mix up occurred, may be buried at Ft. McKinley, Plot F, row 5 grave 2 – wfirg.com) A photo of his name on the memorial is available on Findagrave.com.

Peter Paul Sebinski (CPL USMC 320657) was born on June 24, 1920 to Mrs. Agnes Sebinski, 2619 No. Mozart St., Chicago. Peter died on February 19, 1945 and was buried October 27, 1948 at Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. A photo of his military tombstone is available on Findagrave.com. [On the *USS Colorado* website, Sebinski is included on the list of men who died on July 24, 1944.]

Jack Burthel Sheets (PFC USMCR 461138) was born January 31, 1925 and died July 24, 1944. Address: 1466 Victoria Ave., Lakewood. Parents: Mr. Clifford Howard Sheets and Mrs. Louisa Jane McPherson Sheets, 1599 Elmwood Ave Lakewood, Cuyahoga, Cleveland, Ohio. Sister: Gertrude Sheets. He was buried in Lakewood Park Cemetery, Rocky River, Ohio. A photo of his marker is available on Findagrave.com.

Leon Andrew Shepard (PFC USMCR 866752) was born August 24, 1923 and died on July 24, 1944. Wife: Mrs. Leon A. Shepard, 109 S. Milby St., Houston. Leon is buried at Forest Park Cemetery - Lawndale, Houston, Harris County, Texas. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com.

Ira Novis "Buck" Slaton (S2C USNR 8380122) was born May 19, 1922 to Mr. and Mrs. William Slaton, Rt. 2, Horton, Alabama. Ira had 8 siblings. He died on July 24, 1944 and his remains were accounted for September 24, 2018. A rosette was placed next to his name at the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific showing that he has been accounted for. Military funeral was conducted 75 years later on April 6, 2019. A monument had been placed at Nixon Chapel Cemetery, Marshall County, Alabama and a photo is available on Findagrave.com. He is pictured on the right.



Glenn Francis Smith (S2C USNR 6649078) from Washington. Mother: Mrs. Pearl Eva Smith, 359 N. Virginia, Altona Hotel, Reno, Nevada. He died on July 24, 1944 and is listed as service personnel not recovered (<http://www.dtic.mil>).

James Louis Smith (S1C) was born 1925 to Ferdie and Mary Smith, 2601 Oak St., Parsons, Kansas. Sister, Margaret and brothers, Bernard and John. Bernard served in the Navy during WWII Pacific and Philippines. James L. Smith died on July 24, 1944 and his burial location is unknown on Findagrave.com.

Thomas Lindall Cox Webb (6700206) born December 10, 1923 and died of wounds on July 31, 1944. His tombstone in Stilwell Cemetery has birth in 1922 and death on August 19, 1944. A photo of the tombstone is available on Findagrave.com. Wife: Pauline Webb, Rt. 1, Stilwell, Oklahoma. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lafaette Webb. Thomas enlisted December 7, 1941 directly after hearing about Pearl Harbor.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DIED – Leyte Gulf, November 27, 1944 (19 men)

From *Saga of a Dreadnought*, Diary by Patrick Walton - Three planes came in from dead astern strafing like hell. One was shot down by a can, one veered off our starboard quarter, dropping his bomb and crashed in the water. The third plane kept coming right in on the mainmast. Our fire must have killed the pilot as he veered off on the portside and struck our number 8 casemate 5" 51 gun just at the break of the galley deck. We were pouring 20 and 40 MM slugs into him up until the second that he crashed on us. When you hear the 5 inch battery open up, you know we've got an enemy plane in our sights, and when the 40MM's open up, you know he's getting a little closer. But when the 20 MM's commence firing along

with the 40's and the 5" 25's still pouring it in, you know more than likely he's not hit yet bad enough and you can't believe why he doesn't blow up. The mainmast lookouts said the Jap had a bomb under each wing. The right bomb, no doubt, exploded as the top of the disbursing office was blown right off; a large hole that tore right thru the wood planking and the steel deck outboard of the casemate. The disbursing office was left in shambles; typewriters and files torn up and also in the casemate, lockers, doors and bulkheads were ripped up by shrapnel. About a foot and a half of the 5" 51 gun barrel was severed clean off and the gun had a big crack which extended another two feet down the barrel towards the breech. The entire gun crew of about fifteen men sustained casualties with seven or eight men being killed outright. Casemate number 6 also had a few casualties from the closeness of the crash. The 40MM gun mount number 8, which was manned by Marines, was practically wiped out and mounts number 6 and number 10 also had casualties. The 20MM tub on top of turret number 3 had casualties from strafing and shrapnel from the crash. Frank, who was just kicked out of our division, was hit in the left leg and had hand and powder burn on his face.

As the Jap plane was making its attack from astern, Bud Houston, our pilot, ran between turrets 3 and 4. After the crash they called for volunteers from turret 3 and 4 to man the 40's and 20's of which the personnel were wiped out. Shrapnel and debris from the crash rained up on the after end of the boat deck on the portside and a few Marines in the 20MM boatdeck tubs were also wounded. Some signalmen were also wounded on the after portside signal bridge... Secure sounded about 1350. Salvage and repair parties began cleaning up thoroughly and the saltwater hoses were turned on the deck and all the messy parts of the ship topside that were bloody or had flesh clinging to anything were hosed down. On the 40MM mount it looked like a couple of Marines were just grounded up all over the gears and parts of the gun. Clothing and flesh were entangled together. The dead were piled back aft on the second deck in officers' country. The second deck, starboard side, from E division on thru S, I and F were filled with the wounded and corpsmen and doctors administered aid down there... The worst cases were taken in to sick bay and any operations or amputations were performed immediately.

Orrn Theodore Arnst (S2C USNR 6391368) born about 1922 in Minnesota to Mr. Christopher J. Arnst and Mrs. Genevieve Koehnen Arnst of Colonge. Orrn was a player in the Cologne baseball team (Hollanders) Carver, Minnesota. He died on November 27, 1944 and was buried in the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in the Philippines, Plot A, Row 13, Grave 49. A photo of his cross is available on Findagrave.com. Brother Roy Joseph Arnst served MM2C USN WWII in Europe as a Landing Craft Motor Operator. Siblings: Christ Arnst, Freida, Robert, and Margorie.

Robert Martin Baggs (S1C USN 3377459) from Jackson, Michigan. Mother: Mrs. Georgia Ann Reding, RR7, Grass Lake, Michigan. He died on November 27, 1944 and was buried in the Manila American Cemetery in the Phillipines, Plot B, Row 12, Grave 156. Information on Findagrave.com with no stone photo. He is pictured on the right.



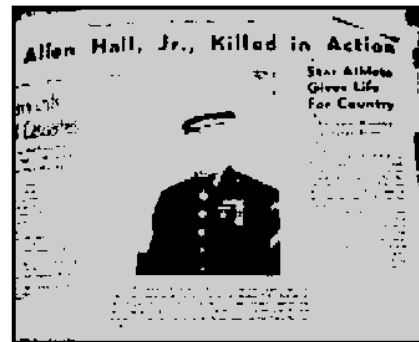
Frank Richard Browning Jr. (1C USNR 5732860) Parents are Mr. & Mrs. Frank Browning Sr., 1 Roosevelt Ave Concord, NH. Frank died on November 27, 1944 and was buried in the Manila American Cemetery, Phillipines, Plot B, Row 4, Grave 13. Information on Findagrave.com but no photo is available.

Carl Edwin Carlson (S1C USN) born October 31, 1924 and died on November 27, 1944. He was buried at Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Carlson, 1409 Dale St., Sioux City, Iowa. (Woodbury) A photo of his military tombstone is available on Findagrave.com.

Clayton Claywell Cline (S2C USNR) born January 4, 1925, died November 27, 1944, buried August 30, 1948 at the Chattanooga National Cemetery, Hamilton County, Tennessee. Parents were Mr. Flornel Cline

Sr. (Cherokee Indian) and Laura Watkins of Bryson City, North Carolina. Clayton had 9 siblings. A photo of his military tombstone is available on Findagrave.com.

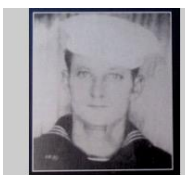
Allen Raymond Hall, Jr. (Cpl. USMC) born September 29, 1921 in North Dakota. Allen died November 27, 1944 and was buried in Carrington Cemetery in Carrington, North Dakota. His parents were Allen Hall and Mrs. Edna M. Hall, 1868 S. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs, California. Brother George Hall was one year younger. Allen was a 1942 Palm Springs High School graduate. -Just like getting a letter and a snapshot of the boy. That's the way Mr. and Mrs. Allen R. Hall felt about it when they went to see "Wake Island" at the Plaza theater last week. For there on the screen, as a personal photograph, was Allen Hall Jr. The son left Palm Springs last year to join the Marines. His outfit San Diego won honors in marksmanship and were chosen to appear in the screen dramatization of the Wake Island epic. Mrs. Hall, who works at the local post office, denied she was first in line to buy a ticket to "Wake Island" when it opened here. She says she was second. Papa Hall was number one. The December 7-14, 1944 edition of The Desert Sun reported the death of local vet Allen Hall Jr. Photos of articles and his military tombstone are available on Findagrave.com.



William Hugh Kirwin (F2C USN) born March 12, 1926 and died November 27, 1944. William was buried at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Chokio, Minnesota. His parents were William Hugh Kirwin and Mrs. Mae J. Kirwin of Chokio, Minnesota. He was the youngest of one brother and three sisters and born just shortly after his father's death. His mother moved back with her father and became the postmaster of Chokio to support her family. Information from "Halfway Home by Mary Logue" grand-niece. Photos are available on Findagrave.com.

Howard Ralph Little (Cox USN) born November 15, 1924 in Auburn, Illinois, died on November 27, 1944 and is buried at Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. A photo of his military tombstone is available on Findagrave.com. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Little, he lived in Auburn until 1937 when he became a ward of the county. After being away three years, he returned to the community February, 1941, to take up residence with his maternal aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. William Cox. He joined the Navy just after his 17th birthday on November 19, 1941. After boot camp training at Great Lakes, he shipped out for sea duty right after Pearl Harbor. Source: www.southcountypublications.com/AuburnCitizen/medal021612.html.

William Donald May (S2C USNR) was born September 26, 1918. His death was listed in the *Chicago Tribune* (IL) - October 02, 1948 SMN 2/C William D. May, U.S.N.R., killed aboard *U.S.S. Colorado*, November 27, 1944, at Leyte, P.I., son of Jane R. May, former husband of Ruth McGann, nee Elrich, father of Elaine Jane, brother of Robert E. Thompson. Wife: Mrs. Ruth Elrich May, 4417 Deming Place, Chicago. Internment on October 1948 at Forest Home Cemetery, Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com.



Walter Reeves Melton

Walter Reeves Melton (S1C USN) born July 4, 1922, died November 27, 1944, and is buried at Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Texas. His parents were Victor Melton and Ethel Davenport. Wife: Mrs. Iva Irene Melton and his daughter was Navena.

Walter Reeves Melton, served in the US Navy and gave his life for his country at age 22. He volunteered for the military December 8, 1941, the day after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He took part in the Guadalcanal campaign and was wounded later during the battle for Saipan. During the invasion of the Philippine Islands serving at a gun turret on deck, he was killed by shrapnel

from a Japanese Kamikaze plane that crashed into the ship. A shipmate, Rufus Cranford, knew that Walter had been keeping a diary, which was against regulations. The shipmate found the diary and hid it until the end of the war. At that time, he made efforts to find Walter's family, but to no avail.

An excerpt from the diary, dated July 24, 1944, told of the horror of battle. It read: "The Colorado took 22 direct hits, mostly on the starboard side. The ship is full of shrapnel holes. Each lining space has one or more holes in them. Landed two shells on Boat Deck One and port tub (the anti-aircraft guns) killing eight Marines and wounded 18. Boat deck's full of dead and wounded. One sailor was carrying a 5.25 shell, and it exploded and plastered him all over the boat deck. I wish we would leave here." The final entry was written 30 minutes before Walter was killed. Dated Nov. 27, 1944, it read: "Got up at 5:05--5:35, general quarters. 0900 hours, hospital ship came between our task force bound for Leyte to get wounded. 10:30-- Condition One (the order to man battle stations.)"

Mr. Cranford packed the diary away with his other war memories for many years. In 1992 he rediscovered the diary, and with the help of the VFW, tried once again to find the family. A niece of Walter saw a classified ad in the *Dallas Morning News* seeking information on Walter's family. The family contacted Mr. Cranford, who was living in Georgia. He brought the diary to Dallas where he presented it to Walter's daughter, mother, brother, and two sisters almost fifty years after Walter's death. Walter is remembered with an inscribed brick on the wall of the Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg, Texas.

Lawrence Joseph Parks (Cpl USMC 339105) born October 26, 1921 in Louisiana, died November 27, 1944, buried Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit, Michigan. Mother: Louise Alarcon, Stepfather: Mr. Gustava Alarcon, 5633 Central Ave., Garden City, Michigan. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com.

Dale Nicholas Rock (GM3C USN 3289821) born January 25, 1924, died November 27, 1944. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Herman William Rock, Ellsworth, Wisconsin. Burial: Saint Martins Cemetery, River Falls, Wisconsin. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com.
OBITUARY: "Dale Rock Remains Interred at Cherma, Funeral Here - Was Killed in Leyte Invasion 4 Years Ago" - reprinted from the Sept. 30, 1948 Pierce County Herald.

Funeral services for Dale N. Rock, GMI-C World War 11 veteran were held in St. Francis Church, Ellsworth on Thursday, September 23 at 10 o'clock. His body had been returned to this country from the USAF Cemetery Leyte, No. 1, Philippine Islands, and arrived on Tuesday, September 21, accompanied by Howard M. Berger, MEMS, USS, his escort. The remains lay in state at the Kinne-Engelhart legion Hall in Ellsworth until the funeral, and burial was in St. Martin's cemetery. Rev. Fr. Mathieu read the funeral mass and performed the services at the grave.

The American Legion attended in a body and accompanied the remains to the cemetery where all Legion honors were accorded. Escort Howard Berger presented Mrs. Rock with the flag that draped the casket. The pallbearers were six sailors; Walter Steiner, Don Goodrich, Alfred Swenson, Dwight Dvorak, Virgil Johnson and C. Olson.

Dale was killed in action November 27, 1944. He stands in the unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die that freedom might live, and grow, and increase its blessing. Freedom lives and through it, he lives in a way that humbles the understanding of most of men.

Besides his parents, Dale is survived by four brothers, Freeman of Hudson; Jim of Paradise, California and Denis and Michael at home; six sisters, Mrs. Ed Yanisch (Rochelle) of River Falls; Mrs. Howard Behm (Melva); Mrs. Raymond Carley (Hermina) of Atwater, Minnesota; Mrs. L A. Periano (Elaine) of Paterson,

New Jersey and Lois and Ferne at home. Two nieces and seven nephews also survive. A sister, Helen and brother, Bud, preceded him in death.

Samuel Lemuel Sanders (S1C USNR) born November 10, 1921, died November 27, 1944 and is buried at Oakwood Cemetery, Honey Grove, Texas (Sect A, Row E, Lot 17D). A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com. Wife: Mrs. Dorothy Sanders, Rt. 3, Petty, Fannin County, Texas. Parents: Ben and Thelma Sanders Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Sanders and Mrs. S. L. Sanders received a message from the War Department December 1 that their son and husband, Samuel Lemuel Sanders, S1 C, was killed in action near the Philippine Islands. He joined the Navy August 3, 1942, and received his "boot" training at San Diego, Calif. He spent 23 months on his ship in the South Pacific. S. L. was born here November 10, 1921. He married the former Dorothy Miller of Petty September 22, 1944. He is survived by his wife and his parents and these brothers and sisters, Richard Calvin Sanders, S1 C, San Diego, Calif.; Dolly Mae, Wanda Glossell, Lois Jean, Jo Ann, Jerry Wayne and William Douglas Sanders. He was a member of the Baptist church here. Sanders participated in the invasions of the Marianas, Gilberts, Marshalls, Truck, Tarawa, Kneadjilin, Enewetak, Saipan, Guam, Tinian and Fiji Islands. - *The Bonham Herald*, Thursday, 09 Sep 1948.



Robert Charles Sherk (S1C USN) Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lloyd Sherk, Box 281, Davenport, Iowa. The following was entered by Kerensa Buel, 10th Grade Elk Point- Jefferson High School, Elk Point, South Dakota on December 11, 2001. Robert Charles Sherk was born April 2, 1924, to Harvey and Pauline Sherk of Yankton, South Dakota. He attended high school in Gayville, South Dakota. Prior to his military service, he worked at Betterdorf Foundry, a war plant in Davenport, Iowa. At the time he registered for the service, Robert Sherk was younger than the age limit for draft registration. However, he became enlisted in the US Navy on November 12, 1941, in Great Lakes, Illinois. He died on November 27, 1944, when the ship he was assigned to was attacked by enemy planes. He was buried on October 1, 1948. He is buried in the Yankton City Cemetery in Yankton, South Dakota. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com.

A letter sent to Mr. Harvey Lloyd Sherk on February 10, 1945, from the US Naval Department, regarding Robert Sherk stated: Further reference is made to this Bureau's telegram of recent date in which you were informed that your son, Robert Charles Sherk, Seaman first class United States Navy, was killed in action while in the service of his country. According to information on which has now been received in this Bureau, your son lost his life when the ship which he was aboard was attacked by enemy planes. Further details are not available at this time. Your son's remains were placed in the care of Naval authorities. However, detailed information in regard to his interment had not been received. Sincere sympathy is again extended to you in your great loss. Should further information be received, you will be promptly notified.

By direction of the chief of Naval Personnel.

Sincerely yours,

H. B. Atkinson

Commander, U. S. N. R.

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Manuel John Silveira (Cox USN) born 1919, died November 27, 1944 and is buried at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward, California. Mother: Mrs. Mary Silveira, 21749 Garden Ave., Hayward, California. A photo of his tombstone is available on Findagrave.com.

Andrew Martin Slivinski Jr. (Cox USN) born April 27, 1920, died November 27, 1944, buried at Saint Patricks Cemetery, Woodruff, Wisconsin. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Martin Slivinski, Rt. 1, Minocqua, Oneida County, Wisconsin. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com.

Francis Lee Tabor Jr. (Cpl USMC) born January 21, 1924, died November 27, 1944 and is buried at Lincoln Memorial Park, Portland, Oregon. His father fought in WWI as an Army Sgt. and died in 1973. Wife: Mrs. Francis L. Tabor, Jr., 7030 S.E. Boise St., Portland, Oregon. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com.

Norman Philip Thormodsgard (F2C USNR) born May 15, 1916, died November 27, 1944 and is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota. A photo of his military tombstone is available on Findagrave.com. Parents were Nels and Dagna Sanderson Thormodsgard.

This entry was researched, composed, and submitted by Ryhlen Schoeberl, Amanda Nelson, and Angie VandeMore, Canton High School, Canton, South Dakota, February 20, 2002. Information for this was provided by Fireman Thormodsgard's son, Doug Thormodsgard, Canton, South Dakota. It was respectfully edited and revised by Mrs. Shirley Swanson, Stanley County Schools, Fort Pierre, South Dakota. He married Delores Eleanore Crawford on March 25, 1939. Three children were born to this union: Sharon Ann, Shirley Lee, and Norman Douglas. In March 1940, Norman began working at the Coop Oil Company in Canton, and remained employed there until his entry into the service.

Norman Phillip Thormodsgard was inducted into the United States Naval Reserve as an apprentice seaman at the Navy Recruiting Station in Omaha, Nebraska on March 25, 1944. Fireman second class Thormodsgard was placed on active duty on the same day, and transferred to the Naval Training Station at Camp Farragut, Idaho. Coming home on leave on July 3, 1944, he first saw his newborn son. That month, Fireman Thormodsgard was sent to Puget Sound Navy Yard in Bremerton, Washington, and on August 30, 1944, was transferred to overseas duty on board the *USS Colorado*.

On November 30, 1944, Mrs. Thormodsgard received a telegram telling her that her husband had been killed in action. Mrs. Thormodsgard also received a letter from the Chaplain on board the *USS Colorado*, which reads, in part:

...On 3 December 1944, a memorial service was held on board for our honored dead. During this service we sang the hymn that begins: "Be still my soul: the Lord is on thy side". I read the 130th Psalm, and we closed the service with the traditional Navy hymn...

...The Nation and the Navy can ill afford to lose the valuable services of such a man as your husband. All the ship's company remember Norman as a shipmate of whom we were proud, and with whom we were honored to serve.

Fireman Second Class Norman Phillip Thormodsgard was originally buried in the United States Air Force Cemetery, Leyte #1, in the Philippine Islands. His body was returned home aboard the U. S. Army transport, *Dalton Victory*. On September 23, 1948, he was laid to final rest at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Currently, survivors of Fireman Thormodsgard include his widow, Delores Wilcynski, who still lives in the house they bought before Norman left for the service; brother, Dale, and his sister, Mamme Erickson, both of Hedding, North Dakota; and his children, Sharon Ann, Shirley Lee, and Norman Douglas.

Clarence Edward Willey (F2C USNR) born August 16, 1912, died November 27, 1944 and is buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Mount Pleasant, Iowa. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com. Parents: Charles and Myrtle Willey. His obituary in the *Mt. Pleasant News* read: He entered the service in Chicago in July 1944. He had his boot training in Farragut, Idaho, and was home on furlough in August. He was reared in this vicinity but more recently been in California.

Besides his mother, he is survived by two small daughters, Judy in California and Jo Ann, with his sister at Fairfield. and the following brothers and sisters, Max and Dick in the service in the Pacific area, Roscoe and Mrs. Alice Sandell, Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Ruth Campbell, Fairfield, Mrs. Pearl Buhlman, California, Frank, Glenwood and Robert in Illinois.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DIED – Lingayen Gulf, January 1945 (21 men)

From Saga of a Dreadnought, Diary by Patrick Walton - About 0800 the rapid fire of the 40MM woke me up. Jap planes were all around us. The Columbia got hit bad. We have been pretty lucky so far and have not got a scratch since Leyte. We bombarded the beach heavily this morning and at 0930 our troops went ashore... Transports and landing craft are everywhere you look. The people back home would gawk at a sight like this. I myself have never seen so many ships together...

About 1915 with just our AA battery at Condition I, quite a few of the crew were topside observing the gun fire in the distance of the beach. Three enemy planes suddenly came in over the formation and the other ships began firing at them. The planes circled and headed right back in our direction and the most gigantic mass of fire power was coming from everywhere. It looked like the 4th of July celebration in all its splendor as the day was ending and it was starting to get dark. As the planes came closer to us, shells began bursting damn close and we had begun firing. Everyone not engaged on the guns began running for cover. It was no doubt one of the other ship's 5" AA shell that hit us on the Sky Control Bridge. Shrapnel flew everywhere like a million razors. Dead were lying all over the Sky Control as well as many of the wounded. The Navigation Bridge also received as much hell as Sky Control and both places were covered with blood and bodies. We think the Jap planes all got away. Richardson from our division was hit in the back and rump and his leg was shattered. He was bad off. Shockley jumped 20 feet from Sky Control to the bridge on the portside before the shell hit us which was on the starboard side. Holland, also from our division was back in the mainmast up on the lookout platform and he got a piece of shrapnel in his arm which he pulled out himself. That's how far that damn stuff flies. The gun directors were hit by the shrapnel and Sky Control was certainly a bloody mess. Nielson from another division I believe had a leg blown off. Volunteer parties were called for and the crew began bringing the wounded down to the second deck and to sick bay immediately. Lt. Wolters was killed and Lt. Quarles died in sick bay. Lt. Malson is in bad shape and I think a few more officers are dead. Sloan and Connelly were up on the Signal Bridge and they ducked in the Conn Tower, along with myself, when the shells started bursting too close. Shrapnel seemed to cover the whole ship. It's bad enough when you get hit from the enemy but when you get hit by a shell from your own forces because of somebody's apparent stupidity it really hurts.

James Edgar Apple (S2C USNR 7820685) died January 9, 1945 and was buried at sea. His name is listed on the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, Manila City, Philippines. He entered service from Oregon. Seaman Second Class James Edgar Apple served in the United States Naval Reserve, died as a result of accidental gunfire which hit the *USS Colorado's* superstructure in the Lingayen Gulf. His name is on the Tablets of the Missing or Buried At Sea. Eighteen men were killed and 51 were wounded. He was the recipient of the Purple Heart. *Sources: American Battle Monument Commission, USS Colorado Website. - Paula J.*

Robert E. Anderson (Pfc. USMC) late residence, 4504 N. Oak Park Ave., killed in action on January 10, 1945, son of Albert E. and Esther M., brother of Albert Jr. and John, grandson of Emil and Anna Anderson. Service at chapel, 6453 Irving Park Road, with interment at Acacia Park Cemetery in Chicago. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com.

Karl Porter Baum, Jr. (Lieut. USNR 0128100) born May 19, 1917, died January 9, 1945 and was buried in the China Sea at the entrance of Lingayen Gulf (Long 16 51 50N Lat 120 07 09E) in the late afternoon January 10, 1945. A memorial was held at Greenwood Cemetery, Knoxville, Tennessee by his father Karl P Baum Sr. and mother Agnes Idele McCampbell Baum. It is noted as "In memory of our beloved and only son." Karl attended Knoxville High and was Captain of the high school band. His photo on the right is courtesy of etvma.org. A photo of the memorial is available on Findagrave.com.



John Paul Bock (Ensign USN 0389378) born September 22, 1921, died January 9, 1945 with burial at sea. He is listed at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, Manila, Philippines. Parents: Mr. George E. Bock, and Lillian Kambach Bock, 703 Mill St., Tarentum, Pennsylvania. Brothers: Robert who also served during WWII and Jack. The family ran a shoe business. He died when the ship was hit by accidental gunfire with resulted in the death of 18 and wounding of 51. John Paul's name is on the Tablets of the Missing. Sources are the American Battle Monuments Commission and the *USS Colorado* Website.

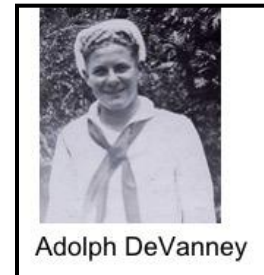
Harold Archibald Coates (F1C USNR 7615685) from Essex, Massachusetts. He served as a Watertender 3rd class. He died on January 9, 1945 and was buried at sea. His name is listed at Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in the Philippines. Wife: Mrs. Phyliss Eva Coates, 20 Reynard St., Gloucester, Mass.

Kenneth Eugene Davis (S2C USN 7551466) born on March 18, 1926 in Cass County, Illinois, son of Roy Davis and Ethel Mae Davis. Burial was at sea but he is listed at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial. (Rosie McNaughton) "My Uncle Kenneth Davis from Illinois was killed on the *USS Colorado* on January 9, 1945 two months before his 19th birthday. His death occurred at the battle of Lingayen Gulf, the Philippines. His 6 older sisters were all like Mothers to him and they mourned his death throughout their lives. Several of them had sons serve a few years later without complaint. They were true Patriots!" Photos are available on Findagrave.com.



Kenneth Davis

Adolph Francis DeVanney (S1C USN) born January 6, 1921 and died on January 9, 1945 with burial at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri. Mother: Mrs. Minnie Louise DeVanney, 9107 Lackland Ave, Overland, Missouri. A photo of his tombstone is available on Findagrave.com.



Adolph DeVanney

Robert Eli Fair (Comdr. USN 72370) born May 5, 1911 and died January 10, 1945. From his marker at Fair Street Cemetery, New Philadelphia, Ohio: "Commander United States Navy - *USS Saratoga*, *USS Colorado*, WWII; Buried at sea January 10, 1945; Latitude 16 degrees - 31' - 30" - N Longitude 120 degrees - 00" - E; Son: Christopher Eli Fair born September 6, 1943." Wife: Mrs. Kathryn Blood Fair, 3104 Malaga St., San Diego. A photo of the memorial is available on Findagrave.com.



Robert Eli Fair

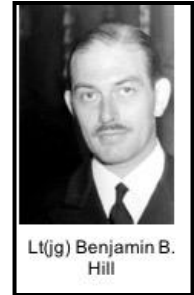
From the 1953 edition of the book, "Double Three Roundup," published by the class of 1933: Bob was assigned to the SARATOGA upon graduation and spent the first two years of his commissioned service in that carrier. Perhaps the highlight of this duty occurred during a visit to Norfolk when Bob met Kathryn Blood of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on a blind date... Concurrent with his detachment from the HENDERSON Bob persuaded Kaye to fly to San Francisco where they were married in March 1940... After a year's tour of duty in the LEXINGTON Bob was assigned to his first shore duty at the Naval Academy where he taught ordnance and gunnery until October 1943. While at the Naval Academy Bob had an opportunity to edit his extensive film collection on China, join the Annapolis chess club, play golf and develop some real ability in woodcarving. Kaye played with the violin section of the St. John's Symphony Orchestra during the Annapolis duty.

The pleasant interlude ashore was followed by Bob's second tour in the SARATOGA, this time in the combat area, as Gunnery Officer. In early 1944 Bob was ordered as Navigator of the COLORADO where he participated in combat operations of the Seventh Fleet... Bob was killed January 1945 and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal. Bob is survived by Kaye, who is now Mrs. Philip Straubinger, and his son, Christopher, who was born in September 1943. Kaye recalled a conversation with Bob shortly before he left for the Pacific War, during which he told her that he was glad to get back to

sea, not to earn medals, but to perform the job for which his country had trained him. Information available on Usnamemorialhall.org.

Alfred Duran Garcia (S2C USNR) born September 7, 1926 to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Garcia, 337 South Ave., 17, Los Angeles, California. He died on January 12, 1945 and was buried on August 16, 1948 at the Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California. A photo of his military tombstone is available of Findagrave.com.

Marshall Laverne Hassler (S2C USN 8457180) entered service from Tennessee. He died on January 9, 1945 with burial at sea. He is listed at Manila American Cemetery and Memorial. Parents: Rayburn and Ella Hassler, Cumberland, Tenn.



Benjamin Bingham Hill (Lt. JG USNR 209431) born February 26, 1911, died January 9, 1945, entered service from Massachusetts. Burial at sea on January 10, 1945. This information is on his memorial marker at Lakeview Cemetery, Brockport, New York. A photo is available on Findagrave.com.

Berten Ernest McHenry (S2C USNR) born February 24, 1914, died on January 9, 1945, listed on the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in the Philippines. Wife: Mrs. Margaret Francis McHenry, 307 N 10th Street, Putnam, Unionville, Missouri. Margaret died on June 23, 1993 and is buried at Unionville Cemetery. Her marker also shows Berten E. McHenry next to her name.

Lloyd Harold Moreland (S1C USNR) born January 3, 1924, died January 10, 1945, burial in the New Cleveland Cemetery, Cleveland, Mississippi. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Ab Lee Moreland, Rt. 2, Merigold, Mississippi. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com.

Jack Charles Nipko (PO3 Mus3C USNR 6184636) Buglemaster 3rd class, born 1920 and entered service from Douglas, Colorado. Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carl Nipko, Castle Rock. He died on January 9, 1945 and is listed on the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in the Philippines. No photo is available on Findagrave.com.

Russell Reck Pennington (S2C USNR) was born 1920, the youngest of six children born to Miriam Agnes Bowles and Arthur Allen Pennington. His parents divorced when he was seven. Russell entered service from Oklahoma and died on January 9, 1945. Wife: Mrs. Mary Louise Pennington, 1233 S. Cheyenne, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Russell's brothers Cecil and Emanuel also served in WWII. Russell is listed on the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in the Philippines.

Jonas Harper Quarles (Lieut. USNR 0120519) born on August 31, 1917 and died on January 9, 1945. Father: Mr. James Jones, Jr., Fairfax, Oklahoma. He was buried at sea and has a marker at the Fairfax Cemetery, in Osage County, Oklahoma. Harper entered the Navy as a storekeeper third class in September 1941 and went to Midshipmen's School at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois early in 1942. He was commissioned an ensign in May 1942. At the university, he was a member of Kappa Kappa Psi band fraternity, the Senate, the League of Young Democrats and Acacia fraternity. During the summer while attending, he worked as a ranger at Yellowstone National Park. Lt. Quartles was a gun battery control officer. (Source: Sooner With the Armed Forces, March 1945)

Harper's family history includes strong civic-minded people and defenders of their country. James Quarles born in 1760, ran away from home at age 16 to serve in the Continental Army. James Jones born 1830 served in the Confederate States army. digital.library.okstate.edu/Chronicles/v019/v019p245.html

Robert Germaine Roebuck (S1C USNR 2931497) born August 11, 1925, died January 9, 1945, listed on the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in the Philippines. Robert entered the service from

Indiana. Parents: Mr. Howard S. Roebuck and Mrs. Maude Davis Roebuck, 302 E. High St., Huntington, Ind. Siblings: Gene and Robert.

Sijifredo Salinas (S1C USNR 6255516) born in 1922 to Eliseo Salinas and Maria de la Luz Cuellar-Salinas in Pharr, Hidalgo County, Texas. He joined the Civilian Conservation Corp's (CCC) in 1942 and later resigned in order to join the U.S. Navy. On September 22, 1944, Salinas was badly burned during a Kamikaze attack on the *Colorado* that hit the gunnery mount next to his. On January 9, 1945 he was killed manning his gunnery post and was buried at sea that evening. A tombstone in an empty grave is in the "Salinas Family Plot" of the Guadalupe Cemetery of Saint Margaret's Church in Pharr, Texas. A photo of the tombstone is available on Findagrave.com. He is also listed on the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in the Philippines.



Sijifredo Salinas

Wayne Arthur Stinnette (S1C USNR) born March 12, 1926 in Oskaloosa, Iowa and died January 9, 1945. Parents: Rev. Frank Jennings Stinnette and Fae Mary Lukheart Stinnette, 943 Lincoln Ave., Loveland, Colorado. Wayne had 2 brothers, John and Paul and a sister Gwendolyn. He entered service from Colorado. He was listed at Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in the Philippines, a photo of his inscription is available on Findagrave.com..

Marvin Arthur Witzel (S1C USN) born April 20, 1919 and died January 9, 1945. He entered service from Minnesota. A memorial marker was placed at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Section MD Site 154, also listed at Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in the Philippines, Mother: Mrs. Louise Witzel, Newport.

Robert Kirkland "Kirt" Wolter, Jr. (Lieut. USN 100131) born May 4, 1918, died January 9, 1945 and was buried at sea. He entered service February 1941 from Appleton, Wisconsin after completing the United States Naval Academy. Wife: Mrs. Rebecca Sturtevant Wolter, 75 W. Division St., Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. He has a memorial marker at the Riverside Cemetery in Appleton, Wisconsin and is listed at Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in the Philippines. Personal photo and a photo of his marker is available on Findagrave.com.

Robert Kirkland
"Bud" Wolter, Jr.

Youngster year Kirt joined the exclusive Snake fraternity and dragged Wisconsin's comeliest representatives in the more exclusive Eastern schools. Log work, battalion soccer, and crew did not interfere with his enviable academic record. He also won the coveted black N. Second class year Kirt attained radio fame as Gordon Hittenmark's representative. Besides narrowing down the feminine field to one or two aspirants, he displayed a wicked game of squash and acquired a fine collection of classical recordings. First class year found him working toward "Der Tag" with his customary persistence and thoroughness and looking forward to Pensacola. Soccer 3, 2, 1; Battalion Crew 4, 3, 2; Choir 4, 3, 2, 1; Log 3, 2; Musical Clubs 4, 1; German Club 4, 3, 2, 1. -
Usnamemorialhall.org

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DIED - Okinawa, April 1945 (3 men)

"The neutralization and occupation of Okinawa was one of the most difficult operations of the Pacific war by United States forces and was considered the largest Pacific amphibious operation wherein some 1,213 ships participated. On the 21st of March, 1945, the USS COLORADO began firing the first of two million pounds of high explosives, which were to be her donation to the destruction of the Okinawa stronghold. With recently seized Kerama Retto as her fuel and ammunition base, the COLORADO struck again and again at beleaguered Okinawa Gunto, with the battlewagon plotting jammed with anxious officers scanning their charts and maps for locations of enemy gun emplacements, pillboxes, and troop concentrations. D-Day at Okinawa was scheduled for April 1, 1945, so the job had to be done thoroughly

and quickly. The COLORADO 16-inch guns blasted Okinawa's sea wall, reduced railroad junctions to rubble, and knocked out many of the guns which would have poured fire on U. S. troops as they hit the beaches. Her Kingfisher observation planes winged into the air over Okinawa to transmit target positions to eager COLORADO gunners. And the suicide attacks began. Low over the water they came, dozens of them, and the antiaircraft fire was like a storm in the sky. In seconds a small dot on the horizon would loom as a suicider loaded with bombs and on a one-way trip. Shrapnel continuously clattered on the mighty vessel's decks, on one occasion causing injury to thirteen of the ship's company. At 0830, April 1, 1945, the amphibious assault on Okinawa began. Previous suicide assaults were almost paltry in comparison to the deluge that ensued. Starting on April 6, the Japanese Air Force struck with a fury never before encountered, the majority of the strikes being against surface ships. For 63 days and night the COLORADO endured the hell of Okinawa to deliver the necessary support fire for the troops pushing their way inland." Source: http://usscolorado.org/wordpress/?page_id=133

The following is an excerpt from a 15 page letter-diary that Roy Kiser sent to his parents from aboard the *USS Colorado* in the spring of 1945. During the months the letter was written, the battle group was engaged at the Pacific island of Okinawa.

April 12, 1945: 0440 Reveille. Dawn General Quarters (G.Q.). This morning our force shot down two planes. We're expecting another major scale air attack today. I hope it doesn't turn out any worse than the one of the 6th. We only lost three destroyers that day, which is pretty good considering the amount of planes the Japs sent over.

It's afternoon now and we're at G.Q. for air attack. Here we go - firing the five inchers now the forties, twenties. A plane just crashed a 'can.' Here comes one right at us. We're really pouring it out. Coming in fast and low. Two coming in. Boy am I scared! Still firing. Splash! One down. Still burning on the water.

Three planes came within range of us. One tried to crash us but missed. He crashed off the port bow, came in from the stern going so fast he overshot. Two of our planes collided, one of the pilots bailed out. Boy that sure happened fast!

Three more (planes) coming in. We're firing five-inch stuff. Pretty far out, still flying low on the water. Chased them off for a while. Checked fire. They're circling the formation out of range of our guns. Most of these planes are torpedo bombers carrying their 'fish' externally. No 'fish' were dropped. It's a swell day. Unlimited visibility. Since we've been at it there has been fifty-one planes shot down.

It's a little after 1400 now. Here's the straight dope on things so far: four destroyers hit, one 'can' sunk, a destroyer-escort and a demolition mine sweep hit. One 'wagon' hit... I'm about to pee in my britches! It's almost 2300, eleven, and we're at G.Q. now for shore bombardment. The Japs just counterattacked and we're going to lay some scrap metal in on 'em. The ship is anchored about two miles off the beach. We're hoisting the hook now. Just got the word that the main battery will not fire. The secondary will fire all night (5-inch broadsides).

April 14: We got the word this afternoon unofficially that Germany has surrendered unconditionally. Don't know how straight it is. - *heraldandnews.com*

Leo F. Nolz (Lieut. USNR) born October 10, 1919 in Douglas County, South Dakota and died on April 20, 1945. Parents: Frank Nolz and Anna Neuberger Nolz of Fort Pierre, SD. Wife: Mrs. June Nolz, 718 9th Ave., Two Harbors, Minnesota. Leo's brothers are Steven of Parkston, Paul and William and his sisters, Mary and Bettie of St. Paul. (June lives in Duluth and wrote article for *Minnesota History Magazine*, Fall 2009. "Leo Nolz, WWII Navy Pilot")



Leo Frank Nolz

A letter sent to Mrs. June Nolz informed her that Lt. Leo F. Nolz was missing:

The day Leo's plane did not return to the ship was a sad one for the officers and men of the *Colorado*. He had by his courteous manner and splendid character, as well as by his ability as a pilot, endeared himself to all who knew him. According to law it cannot be legally stated that Leo is dead, however, from what is known at the present time there is little likelihood that he survived. He was on a spotting mission over Okinawa when his plane crashed behind the enemy lines and from evidence received it is not believed there were any survivors.

Lt. Nolz's body was returned to the United States where funeral services were held at the Saint Liborius Catholic Church in Polo, South Dakota, where he was buried in the Mount Calvary Cemetery. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com. His citations include a Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, with one bronze star. Lt. Nolz also received the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal with two bronze stars, as well as the World War II Victory Medal, and the American Area Campaign Medal.

In a letter to Mrs. Leo Nolz, W.S. Macaulay, Captain, U.S. Navy, stated:

I do want you to know that the part which Leo played in flying his plane for the *Colorado* played an outstanding part in enabling the ship to do a major damage to the enemy's installations. And in doing his part as a member of the ship's fighting team your husband distinguished himself by his unselfish devotion to his duty as a Navy pilot. – *vetaffairs.sd.gov*

Nolz was originally forced down during 1944, was taken prisoner and was rescued four days later. Here is information on that episode and a letter to his relatives following his rescue.

PLANE DOWNED - PILOT ESCAPES
Ensign Leo Nolz Forced Down in Jap Territory,
Rescued After Four Days

The thrilling story of his rescue from enemy territory, after his plane had been forced down, is related by Ensign Leo Nolz, in a letter received Saturday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nolz. Ensign Nolz, a graduate of the Miller high school, took his training as an aviation cadet at Pensacola, Fla. He was home on leave in October, just before he was assigned to duty in the Pacific area:

February 18, 1944

Dear Folks:

I just got back from an experience I never want to go through again. Last Monday I was forced down over enemy territory and could now be a Jap prisoner as well as not. I don't think there were any Japs there, at least they didn't bother me and I'm sure if there had been any there they sure would have gotten me. I spent four days on the island before being rescued. Well, I can say I was just plenty lucky. I don't think I've prayed so much in my life as I did during that time. Last night was the first night I've had a good rest since last Sunday night.

I got awful sunburned and a few bad scratches on my hands. Outside of that I'm O.K. I'm not back to my ship yet, but hope to be soon. They're taking very good care of me here, giving me clothing and money and a real nice room to sleep in, so I'll get along alright now. It was a terrible experience and one I shall never forget. I had very little food and water, just enough to get along on. Ate a lot of cocoanuts and drank coconut juice which helped to satisfy my thirst.

We got our first mail last Sunday and I was glad to hear from you again. Also heard from Paul, Betty and Mary. Anyway, all together I got 26 letters. It sure seemed good after not having any mail for so long. Thanks ever so much for sending my watch to Irene. I'm glad you are putting my money in a savings account. I don't think I'd get more than 2 per cent, but that's alright. It probably won't be there very long anyway if I get back soon, which I hope. I ought to get a survivor's leave out of this deal.

Well, I guess this will be all, as the mail is going out soon. Tell Mary and Betty I'll write them soon, but just don't have time this morning. I just happened to be lucky to get a letter in the mail. I'm fine and healthy now, so don't worry about me.

Love to all.

Leo Nolz

Missing in Action -- Lt. Leo Nolz Flier

Lt. Leo Nolz Navy Pilot in the Pacific area is reported missing in action according to advice received from the Navy Department Monday by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nolz of Campbell township. His early training in flying was in the V-5 course at Iowa. In the Service nearly three years, Lt. Nolz was last known to be flying an observation plane from a battleship. A brother, Paul Nolz, three years in the Marines in the Pacific fighting is now home on furlough.

From an unknown Hand County newspaper /genealogytrails.com/sdak/hand/Military/nolz.html

From the book "Teakwood Decks" - On April 30 the COLORADO received sad news. Radio contact had been lost with plane #4, piloted by senior aviator, Lt. L.F. Leo Nolz, with F.L. McTamney aboard as observer. The plane had been hit by Japanese antiaircraft fire and had gone down in flames with no survivors, as no parachutes were seen by nearby planes. The wreckage was spotted the next day near Yonabaru, Okinawa.

Francis L. "Bud" McTamney Jr. (Aviation Radioman 2C USNR) Parents, Mr. Frank Leo McTamney and Mrs. Helen Marie Lane McTamney, 57 North Ave., Oswego. Had 7 siblings. Born December 10, 1923, died April 20, 1945 and was buried March 7, 1949 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Hawaii. He was also listed at Tioga County Veteran's Memorial, Owego, NY. Headstone at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Owego, N.Y., photos are available on Findagrave.com.

Melvin Frank Sokolowski (S1C USN) born October 2, 1923 died April 21, 1945 and was buried on March 1, 1949 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Hawaii, Plot E451. A photo of his military marker is available on Findagrave.com. Parents: Mr. Martin Sokolowski and Mrs. Josephine Sokoloski, 1815 S. 10th St., Milwaukee, WI. Melvin also had a sister Marcella.

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usgwarchives.org

warmemorial.us

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1943 Salute to the US Navy

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Presented by Dana Leeds, TxSGS Speakers Bureau

Creator of the Leeds Method of DNA Color Clustering and TSGS Speaker, to provide a seminar on methods to analyze your DNA results and identify your common ancestors.

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 27 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Free and open to the public

“AN INTRODUCTION TO DNA BASICS

Working with your matches: A DNA Toolkit”

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

You have your DNA Results, but now what?

4-Hour Seminar “DNA Match Clustering: The Leeds Method, Automated Adaptations, and Working with Clusters”

Registration Required - \$25 for BAGS Members and \$35 for Non-Members

Topics:

- **Creating a Leeds Method chart**
- **Identifying and analyzing DNA match clusters (aka genetic networks)**
- **Using the Shared cM Tool**
- **Creating and analyzing AutoClusters at Genetic Affairs and MyHeritage**
- **Applying Ancestry’s Custom DNA Match Labels**
- **and more**

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University Baptist Church

16106 Middlebrook

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Registration begins on August 1, 2019.

Registration Form for the Saturday Session is online at:

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- offer a support system for beginners to help them along the way;
- have our members participate by sharing their knowledge;
- promote speakers that can teach us new methods and ideas; and
- share this information with others through our Quarterly, our monthly Newsletter, and with open seminars.

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