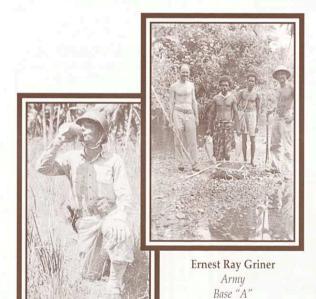


Turner Tillman Hooker

Army

410th Infantry Regiment
103rd Infantry Division

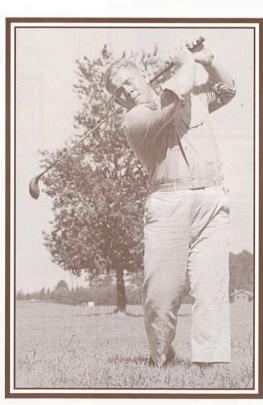
This machine gun squad group picture was taken March, 1945, as they prepared for crossing the Rhine River with the "Cactus" Division. Turner is standing, holding carbine.



Enroute to the Philippines December 7, 1941, his ship was diverted to Australia because of the Japanese attack. They first established an operations base in northern Australia, later moving to New Guinea to meet the Japanese invaders.

Port Moresby, New Guinea

These pictures were taken in New Guinea in 1943.

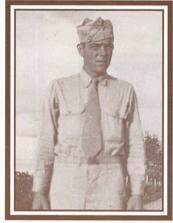




Dillard Hooker Navy



James E. Hooker Navy



Roy E "R E" Hooker
Army



Turner Tillman Hooker
Army (See top left)

### William L. Goodloe, Jr.

Army Air Forces Moody Field, Georgia

"Woot" served at several air installations in the U.S., including *Moody Field*. He is pictured here in 1944, after his first Jack Oliver win. He afterwards acquired the nickname "Dynamite".



Roscoe K. Hudson

Army

Medical Department
4175th Hospital

Served in Europe in the Ardennes and Rhineland Campaigns.



William Curtis Humphreys

Army
Company I

391st Infantry Regiment
98th Infantry Division

Was a Machine Gun NCO serving in the Pacific theatre with the "Iroquois"
Division.



Peggy Joyce Carter (Jones)

Army
Nurse Corps
A Cadet in training at Grady
Memorial Hospital, Atlanta,
Georgia.



William Clinton "Clint"

Hutchinson

Navy

117th Naval Construction Bn.
39th Naval Construction Bn.
Served in Hawaii and the South
Pacific as a Chief Machinist
Mate (Refrigeration).



Jesse Carlton "Jake" Jacobs Navy



Earl Ray Jefferson Coast Guard Mounted Beach Patrol Fort Reno, Oklahoma Ocean City, Maryland

Trained at the Army Remount School at Fort Reno, he was a veterinary assistant.

The *Coast Guard* had a mounted patrol for security, patrolling the East Coast beaches. Earl was responsible for caring for the horses at stations in Delaware, Maryland and Virginia.



Edgar Leon Jones Army



Doyle Edwin Johnson
Battery B
20th Field Artillery Bn.
4th Infantry Division
Landed in Normandy on
D-Day + 1 and fought with
the "Ivy" division in France
and Belgium.



Jep E. Johnson

Army

85th Military Police Bn.
381st Military Police Bn.

Maintained order and traffic flow in the rear, France. Was assigned to guard duty on the SS Wakefield, crossing to Europe when he met with Clarence M. Paine (see page 54).



★ Leslie Howard Johnson

Navy

YMS 424

Was lost when a typhoon
overturned the minesweeper
on which he was a crewman,
during the Okinawa battle.



Mitchell Johnson Army Air Forces 11 Bomb Group 7th Air Force Served as a navigator.



★ Henry Will Jones

Marine Corps

3rd Marine Parachute Battalion

7th Marine Regiment / 1st Marine Division



Robert E. Jones Army Air Forces Training Detachment Centre College of Kentucky

Company L / 7th Marine Regiment / 1st Marine Division

On New Caledonia with the Marine parachutists until September 1943, he saw action at Guadalcanal and Bougainville in the Solomon Islands. He returned to *Camp Pendleton*, California, but asked for reassignment to the South Pacific.

Company L was the medium tank support for the battalion. They were in action on Peleliu Island, Palau group of the Carolines where he was killed in action, October 18, 1944. He was awarded the *Silver Star* for gallantry in the action in which he fell.



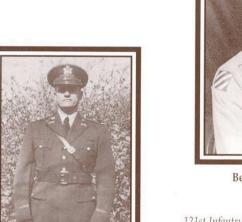
Albert G. Jones, Jr. Navy Patuxent River Naval Air Test Center



Carl Lee Jones
Army Air Forces
Langley Field, Virginia
Taught basics and safety procedures
for B-24 bomber operations in schools
at Langley, Pensacola, Florida and
Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

# Among the Leaders







### Robert Greene "Bobby" Hooks

Army

Military Police / Provost Marshal General's School Fort Custer, MI / Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Chief of Physical Training for the *Provost Marshal General's School*, he was responsible for athletics and physically conditioning students. His daughter, Elizabeth Tucker Hooks, is standing beside her father in the left picture.

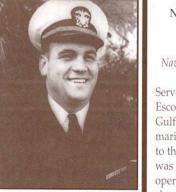
Bobby Hooks coached football at Valdosta High School 1932-40, winning Valdosta's first State Championship in 1940. He coached the last football team fielded by Mercer University, 1941.



Benjamin B. Parramore Army Company G 121st Infantry Regiment / 30th Infantry Division

151st Infantry Regiment / 38th Infantry Division Entered active service with the Valdosta National Guard in 1940. Attended Infantry O.C.S. and was commissioned. Assigned to the "Cyclone" Division, during the Philippine Liberation they recaptured Bataan.

Released in 1945, he reorganized as Commanding Officer Company G, 121st Infantry, Georgia National Guard in 1946. Returning to active duty in 1947, he continued a military career until his retirement in 1963. He fought in Korea 1950-52 with Company H, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division.

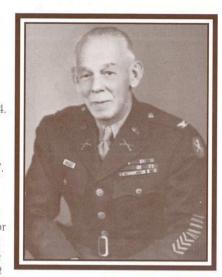


Noah N. Langdale, Jr.
Navy
Atlantic Fleet

Naval Air Transport Service Seventh Fleet
Served on a Destroyer
Escort in the Atlantic and
Gulf of Mexico on anti-submarine patrol. Transferred
to the Southwest Pacific, he
was assigned to staging
operations and as officer-incharge N.A.T.S.

### Theodore James Sledge

Armu Philippine Department Assistant Chief-of-Staff A native of Monticello, Florida, he enlisted in the Coast Artillery August 4, 1904. In 1916 he served in the Mexican Border Action, He was commissioned a Coast Artillery Corps officer in 1917. He transferred to the 304th Battalion, Tank Corps, December 1917. His military career spanned the two major wars of this century. Serving with George S. Patton, Jr., he was an organizer of the Light



*Tank Corps (Armor)*. He served in combat with some of America's greatest Generals, John J. Pershing, George S. Patton, Jr., Douglas MacArthur, and Jonothan M. Wainwright.

He was surrendered at *Corregidor* with General Wainwright's staff, May 6, 1942. From the Philippines, he was moved to a prison on Formosa (Taiwan) and later moved to Mukden, Manchukuo (Manchuria). He was liberated by Russian troops, in the Gobi Desert, Manchuria, August 1945.



Charles W. "Woody" Schmoe

Army
Adjutant General's Department
E.T.O. Headquarters
London / Normandy / Paris

Army Air Forces Air Transport Command Marseilles, France

"Woody" served as a courier for General Eisenhower's headquarters, delivering D-Day orders to the commands. Landing in Normandy the night of June 6, 1944, they set up forward *E.T.O. Headquarters* distributing maps, orders and other information to the troops.

Moving forward with the advance, he was with the E.T.O. Section following the French First Army into Paris, where they set up E.T.O. Headquarters in the former German headquarters.

Eventually he transferred to the *Army Air Forces* as an Administrative Officer with the *Air Transport Command*.







# Aiding the Wounded



George Jefferson "Jeff" Austin Army

94th Medical Gas Treatment Bn. / Third Army

The unit was organized to treat gassed victims. As a practical matter, he was constantly on TDY, doing general medical service with the front line troops in the European Theatre.

Returning home in June, 1945, on the SS United States, the unit prepared to move to the Pacific Theatre. They were demobilized with the war's end.





### Paul H. Wilson

Army
Medical Detachment / 2nd Battalion
132nd Infantry Regiment
Americal Division

Campaigned with the *Americal Division* at Bougainville, Solomon Islands and the Philippine Liberation Action at Leyte. Was himself wounded in action March 1, 1945, Leyte, P.I.

Received the Silver Star for gallantry in action.



Margaret K. Hosey, front center, is with a group of nurses after escaping capture during the Battle of the Bulge. They are waiting in Belgium for replacement of their lost equipment.



George G. Murrah, Jr.

"C" Medical Company First Medical Battalion

As a Navy Medic, he was attached to 7th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Brigade, 1st Marine Division. He served in defense of Samoa and saw combat on Guadalcanal.

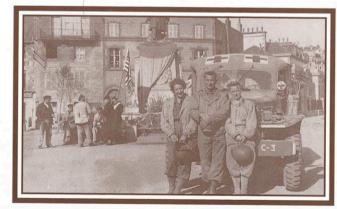
He was awarded the *Silver Star* for gallantry on Guadalcanal.



Margaret Kunst Hosey
Army
Nurse Corps
47th Field Hospital / First Army

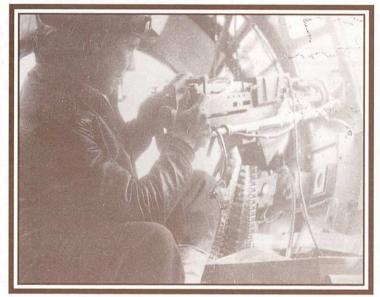
Entered service in 1940 and served in the European Theatre, including the Battle of the Bulge where their hospital was overrun at Spa, Belgium.

After the war, she transferred to the *Air Force*. She served in Korea during the Korean War and retired at *Moody AFB*, October 1960.



47th Field Hospital, Spa, Belgium, December 18, 1944.

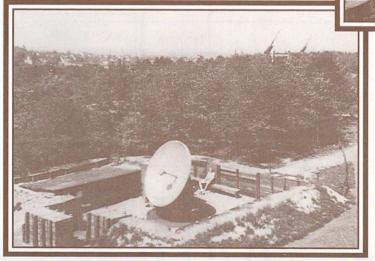
# Air War - Germany



A B-24 bomber side turet gunner ready for the enemy.



Bombs over Germany dropping from a B-17 "Flying Fortress".



Above and left, German air defenses in Berlin. Radar installations and German 88mm anti-aircraft guns may be seen.



GI's inspect bomber damage to a German rail yard.



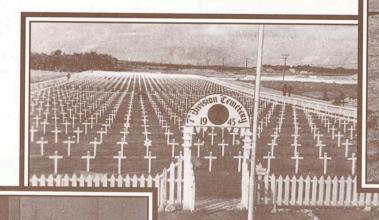
## In Memoriam

### ★ Nezzip Joseph "Joe" Meyers

Army
Company L
32nd Infantry Regiment
7th Infantry Division
Joe lost his life during an enemy artillery

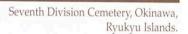
attack, in action on Okinawa, April 10, 1945.

Below is pictured his infantry platoon. The 7th Infantry is known as the "Hour Glass" Division.



Nezzip J. Meyers' grave on Okinawa. He was later buried at Sunset Hill, Valdosta.

PEC. N.J. MYERS





★ James Franklin Wood, Jr.

Army Air Forces

Mississippi Institute of Aeronautics

Madison, Mississippi

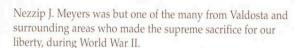
An Air Cadet, he was killed in a training crash,

January 12, 1942. He is believed to have been the
first from Valdosta to have died after the United

States entered World War II.



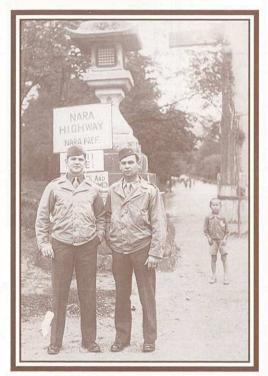
An American Military Cemetery at Buna, New Guinea.





★ Colin Purdie Kelly, Jr., Army Air Forces, a Madison, Florida native, was the first area serviceman to die after hostilities began. He was killed December 9, 1941, in the Philippines. He was assigned to 14th Squadron, 19th Bomber Group, Far Eastern Air Force. He was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

# Sightseeing & Recreation



Mack Varnodoe Greer (see page 48), Marines, and a friend sightseeing in Japan.



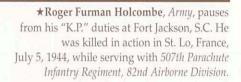
Relaxing GI's view Diamond Head from Waikiki Beach, Territory of Hawaii.

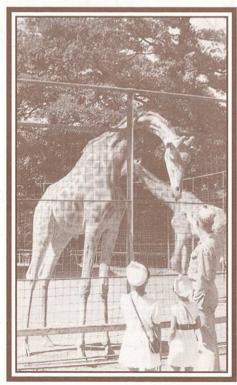


GI's view a monument among the ruins in Berlin, Germany.

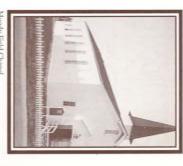


(see page 10), petting an *Army* mule at *Fort Belvoir, Virginia*. A windmill in Holland.





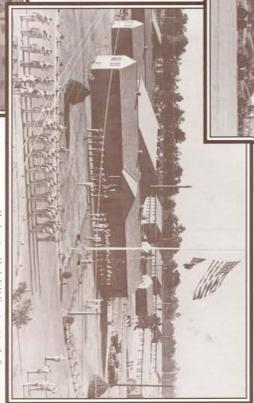
**Foster Zipperer** (see page 61) views the giraffe at the Uneo Zoo, Tokyo, 1946, with two young Japanese.



# \* Moody Field, Georgia \*



At Moody Field, L/R, Harry A, Wills, H, Undercoffer, Richard E, Lorenzen, Lieutenant Decker (General's Aide), H. Howell and Brigadier General John G. Williams. Staff Officers









Emory P. Bass

Army
Transportation Corps
Served in both World War I and World Wir II. His overseas service was in Europe. He is pictured with his wife, Estelle I. Bass.

# The Pinholsters

To: Officers, Crew and U. S. Navy Armed Guard of the S.S.MAUNA KEA

From: Master S.S.MAUNA KEA

Port: Murmansk, Union of Soviet Russia

The following messages are true and exact copies received by the Master of the S.S.MAUNA KEA, in the Port of Murmansk, Russia on May 31, 1942, from the British Admiralty.

Matson Navigation Company San Francisco, California

Masters and Ships Company in Convoy P.Q. 16

Commodore A.N.Gale R.D. R.N.R.

Congratulations on a good job well done 1200B/31

Copy of message received from the H.M.S. Ashanti (Senior officer of Escrt)

To Commodore in S.S."CCEAN VOICE" from H.M.S. Ashanti.

On behalf of the Royal Havy I should like to congratulate you and your ships under the magnificent discipline, courage and determination shown through the running fight of six consecutive days. Conduct of the "OCKAN VOICE", and the Stary Bolshevik was splendid. We deeply regret the loss of so many fine ships and those of their crew who went with the loss of so many fine ships and those of their crew who went with the Please convey this to all ships of your convoy. 1321/30/42

Escorts and Ships of Convoy P.Q. 16

From: Commander in Chief, Home Fleet. My heartiest congratulations and great admiration for the gallant My neartlest congratulations and great admiration for the gallant way they fought their passage through in face of strong and persistent Opposition. I tympathize with them most sincerely in the loss of their fine shipmates. 1101B/31/42

Allied Merchant Vessels; Allied Ships and Submarines of Escort.

From: Senior British Naval Officer, North Russia.

The first Lord of the Admiralty and The First Sea Lord congratulate all officers and men of the "Allied Merchant Nevies" and Allied Forces concerned on their magnificent exploit in fighting Convoy P.Q. 16 through to North Russia in the face of all the enemy could do in the air and sea.

Pay. Lieut. Commander, R.N.V.R.

Note by Master: There can be no doubt that it was a great fight and that the days of May 25th to May 30th 1942 inclusive fill be the days of May 2001 to May 100 May 10

Murmansk, Russia





Cecil Maurice Pinholster

Armed Guard Detachment SS Mauna Kea Entered active duty in 1940 with the Army National Guard, Battery C. 118th Field Artillery Battalion, 30th Infantry Division, His term of service ended and he was discharged before hostilities

After the United States entered the war, he joined the Navy and served as a Gunners Mate



Wilbur Wade Pinholster Navy Served in the Pacific theatre.



Preston Parker Pinholster Army

Quartermaster Corps Served in the Civilian Conservation Corps before the war. With the Quartermaster in the E.T.O., he fought as an infantryman in the Battle of the Bulge, when he received a battlefield commission as an officer.



\* Charlie William Pinholster Armu

Killed while in training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, June 3, 1943.



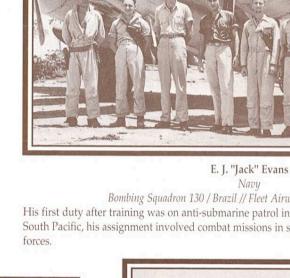
Daniel F. Pinholster Army Air Forces 332nd Bomb Squadron Eighth Air Force A Radio Operator-Gunner on a B-24, he flew 29 combat missions from Norwich. England.

# Airmen at War



Joseph W. Weeks Army Air Forces 854th Bomb Squadron / 491st Bomb Group / Eighth Air Force

A B-24 Tail Gunner, he is front row far left. On February 2, 1944, their 17th mission, they were hit by anti-aircraft fire over Germany and crash landed. He evaded capture for 18 hours, but was taken prisoner. He was liberated by the Third Army, two days before the German surrender.



Pictured with his crew, he is second from left.



Bombing Squadron 130 / Brazil // Fleet Airwing Four / Seventh Fleet His first duty after training was on anti-submarine patrol in the South Atlantic. Transferred to the South Pacific, his assignment involved combat missions in support of the "island hopping" ground



### Richard "Rick" Hess

Army Air Forces

Trained at Moody Field and flew in North Africa. At top is a B-26 Bomber which he piloted. Above, he is with his crew of their Martin B-26 Bomber. At right he is standing in front of a downed Focke-Wulf FW-190 fighter.

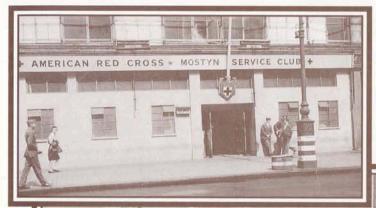


### James Edwin Williams

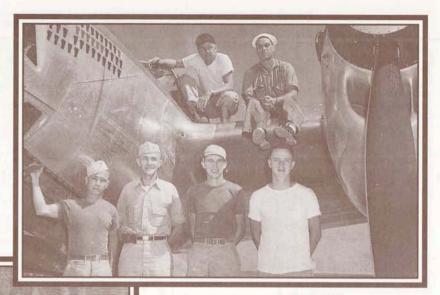
Army Air Forces 1345th AAF Base Unit Bengal Wing / Air Transport Command

Piloting a trainer during his basic instruction, he was assigned to the China-Burma-India Theatre flying transports. Continuing a career in the Air Force, after the War, he flew a C-54 with the 17th Air Transport Squadron (MATS) during the 1948-49 Berlin Airlift.

# Valdostans Overseas



The American Red Cross Mostyn Service Club was near Marble Arch, London, England.



### Saipan 1944

Front row: Robert Lee Mathis (AAF), William Clinton Hutchinson (Navy), George Hubert "Bouncer" Smith (AAF), and Wallace Wilkins (AAF).

Top-Wing: Julian L. "Joe" McMillan (AAF) and Russell A. Chaney (Navy).

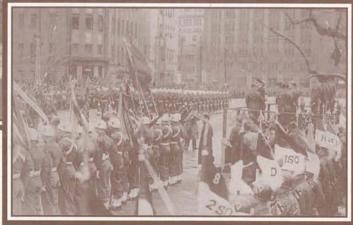
### Military Parade - Tokyo, Japan 1946

After the war ended, the troops were paraded to impress and entertain the local population.



Mostyn Club - London, England

Edith Bonner, WAC, at a party in London given by the Mostyn Club, talks with four soldiers from her hometown, Valdosta, during a "Florida-Georgia" night at the club. (Left to right) Joseph G. "Joe" Stevens, Jack Ragan, Hugh P. Scott and William Griffin.



Robert C. Shannon Navy USS Echo IX-95 Asiatic Fleet (See page 57)

The USS Echo, commissioned November 1, 1942, was a schooner on reverse lend-lease from New Zealand. Robert C. Shannon served as the ship's Executive Officer. The Echo was assigned to the Army and used as a supply/trading ship throughout the Melanesian Islands. Twice, it was used as a troopship for special forces. It was able to evade the Japanese enemy because of its similarity to native vessels.

A "not-too-accurate" movie, <u>The Wackiest Ship in the Army</u>, starring Jack Lemmon and Ricky Nelson was based on the experiences of the *Echo* and its crew.

# At War on the High Seas





Crewmen of the Narwhal ashore.

### Arthur Brown

Navy USS Narwhal SS-167

A submariner, his boat engaged in the retaking of the Aleutian Islands, Alaska, from the Japanese. Afterwards they attacked enemy shipping in the South Pacific and New Guinea areas. Later, they shelled the coast of Japan and helped chart the invasion preparations.

After the war, he enlisted in the *Army* and served in Korea with the *9th Infantry Regiment*, *2nd Infantry Division*.

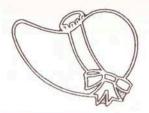




### Calhoun Wilson "Bill" Hendrix

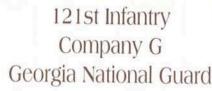
Navy USS Montpelier CL-57 Naval Task Force 39

On front row, second from right. The *Montpelier*, as flagship of *Task Force 39*, played a major part in defeating a Japanese task force near Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville Island, in the finale of the South Pacific Campaign.



# "Old Gray Bonnet Regiment"



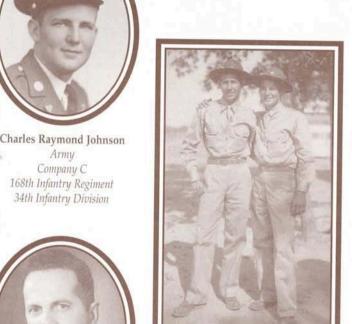




Army / Company G / 121st Infantry Regiment / 30th Infantry Division Standing for a pre-war inspection of their National Guard unit are (L-R): George W. "Tony" Henry (See page 14) who later served with the Army Air Forces; Travers W. Paine, Jr., who later served with the Army Signal Corps; Lovic Greer, whose World War II service was with the Navy; Howard Griffin who worked as a civilian railroad engineer during the war; and Caraway "Red" Sikes (See page 57) who served in the Army Air Forces during World War II.



Army Air Forces 359th Fighter Group 370th Fighter Squadron



Charles Raymond Johnson D.S.C., and Leo F. Wells, Jr. in a pre-war picture. Wells' World War II service was with Army Air Forces, Air Transport Command.



\* Stevenson W. Baker Marine Corps Saipan 1944



\* Herman R. Rivers Army Guam 1944



\* Earl Stalvey Army Normandy 1944 Three members of this National Guard company lost their lives in service for their country.

Distinguished Service Cross while Will Davis Burgsteiner and Ernest William Tullis, Jr. received the Silver Star for their gallantry.

Ernest William Tullis, Jr. Army 117th Infantry Regiment 30th Infantry Division

National Guardsman Charles R. Johnson was awarded the





Lamar C. "Billy" Johnston Armu 203rd Armored Infantry Regiment 7th Armored Division

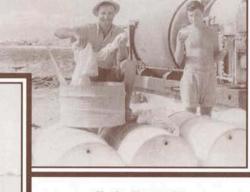
Captured in an assault by German Tiger tanks near Meijel, Holland, in October 1944, he was taken to a prison camp in Northern Germany, near the Baltic Sea. There he cut cord wood, used by the Germans for

Liberated by Russian troops in May, 1945, he rejoined the

American forces and was taken to Camp Lucky Strike, in France, where he found two other liberated prisoners from this area, James E. Wisenbaker and an Echols County native.







### Charles Herman Keene

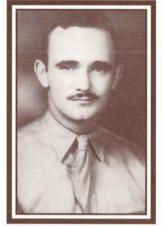
Army 34th Engineer Construction Bn.

Headquarters Company 1176 Engineer Construction Group

December 7, 1941 his unit was detached to Kaneohe Naval Air Station, Oahu, T.H. when the Japanese unexpectedly attacked. His vehicle was



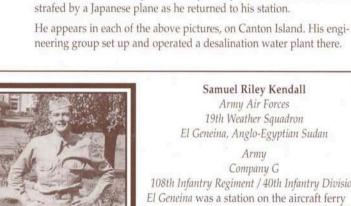
**★** Joe Justice Army 377th Parachute Artillery Bn. 101st Airborne Division Jumped in Normandy with his battalion on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He was wounded in action June 25 and died June 28, 1944. He was 23 years old.



William King Justice Army Headquarters Company 2nd Battalion 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment 101st Airborne Infantry Division Was a heavy mortar gunman. Landed with the airborne forces in Normandy on D-Day and fought at Bastogne, Belgium, in the Battle of the Bulge.



\* William Pinkney Kendall, Jr. Army Company L 103rd Infantry Regiment 43rd Infantry Division Killed in action with the "Winged Victory" division on New Georgia Island, July 20, 1943.



### Samuel Riley Kendall

Army Air Forces 19th Weather Squadron El Geneina, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan

> Army Company G

108th Infantry Regiment / 40th Infantry Division El Geneina was a station on the aircraft ferry route from Africa to India and the Far East. The weather station gave advisories to the transit aircraft.

He returned to the United States where he attended Infantry O.C.S. and was commissioned and sent to Panay Island, Philippines. There, he served with the "Sunburst" division training for the expected invasion of Japan. With the end of the war, they were sent to Korea to demobilize the Japanese troops.



Woodrow Wilson Kelly Armu Headquarters Company 11th Airborne Division

The division was in the Philippines in 1945, training for the planned invasion of Japan. With the war ending, they were sent to Sendai, Japan, as part of the occupation force.

Woodrow Wilson and William "Will" Spain Kelly are twins.



Roy E. Kelly Navy Naval Intelligence / Washington, D.C.



William Spain Kelly Navy

Earl J. Kelly

Army Company G

121st Infantry Regiment

30th Infantry Division

349th Infantry Regiment

88th Infantry Division

National Guard Company. After

fought with the 88th "Cloverleaf"

receiving his commission, he

Division in Italy.



Arthur D. Kelly Navy Served with the Seabees in the South Pacific.



Emory J. Kelly

Navy USS Wasp CV7 Survived the sinking of the Wasp in the second battle of Guadalcanal, September 15. 1942. The Wasp was badly damaged by a Japanese submarine and had to be sunk. Emory was an aircraft gunner mechanic. He was reassigned to another carrier.



Edwin E. Kelly Army Air Forces 312th Fighter Composite Wing 14th Air Force Ch'engtu, China, was the base for this wing. They provided fighter cover for American bases in China and support for the early B-29 bomber raids against Japan.





Lewis Kafoure Army Quartermaster Corps Fort Mason, California

Headquarters Transportation Department Army Forces Western Pacific Called to active duty July, 1942, he engaged in the embarking of troops and supplies from the West Coast.

Moved forward, overseas, his work continued in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines.



John Keys Navy Served in the North Atlantic aboard Yard Patrol Boats (YPB) and Yard Oilers Gas (YOG).