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Digitizing Records from Pearl Harbor

Supervisory archives specialist **Eric Kilgore** will provide an overview of the partnership between the National Parks Service and the National Archives' to digitize the records of all Pearl Harbor casualties, starting with the USS *Arizona*. Potentially, this project will enhance the research and education about the men who fought and died on December 7th.

Presenter's Biography



Eric Kilgore

Eric Kilgore is a Supervisory Archives Specialist at the National Archives at St. Louis and has been with the agency since 2010. He serves as the Research Room Supervisor for textual and microfilm records. Mr. Kilgore holds a BA and MA in History from the University of Missouri. Since 2015, Mr. Kilgore has worked with the National Park Service to digitize the records of the casualties at Pearl Harbor, beginning with the *USS Arizona*.



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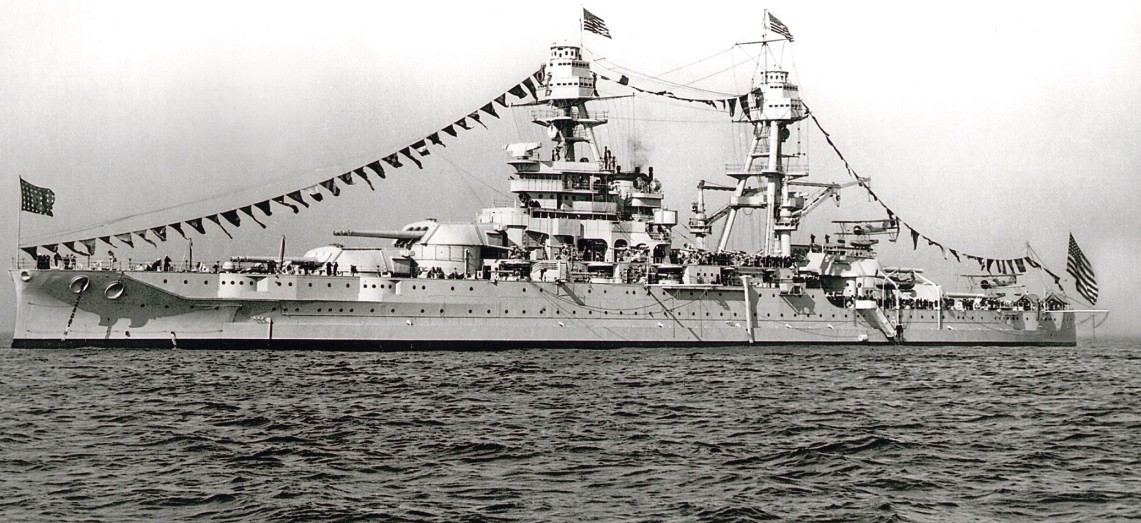
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Pearl Harbor Casualty Project

The National Park Service in Partnership with the
National Archives

DECEMBER 19, 2019

USS *Arizona*



Quick Facts:

- Pennsylvania-Class Battleship
- Commissioned October 17, 1916
- 608 Feet Long
- 30,000 Tons
- Twelve 14 inch Guns
- Crew of 1,514 (December 1941)

USS *Arizona* Statistics

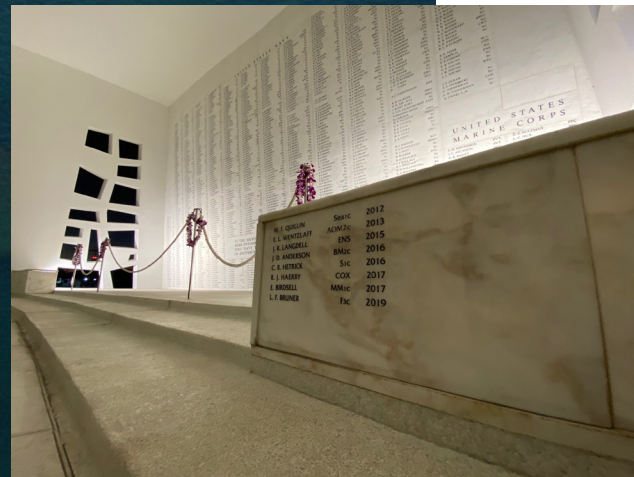
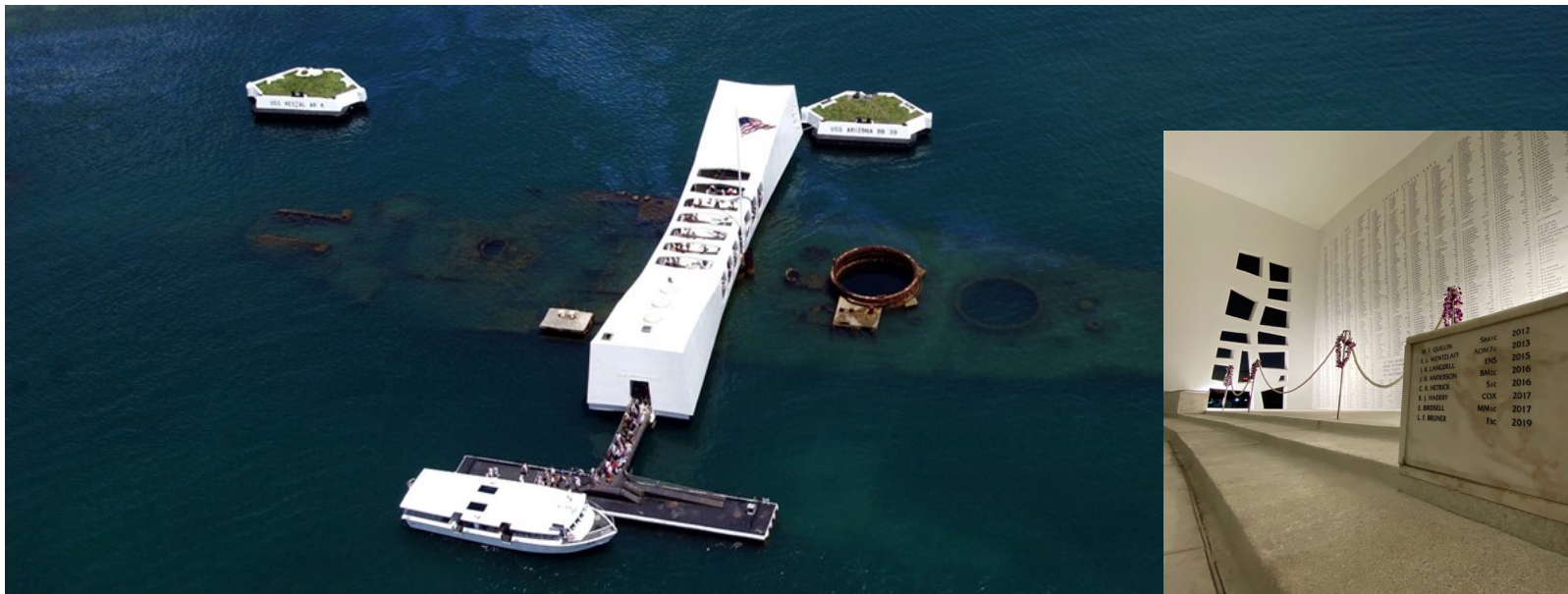


- 1,177 Sailors and Marines killed (77.7%)
- Of the 88 men that comprised *Arizona*'s Marine Detachment, only 15 survived

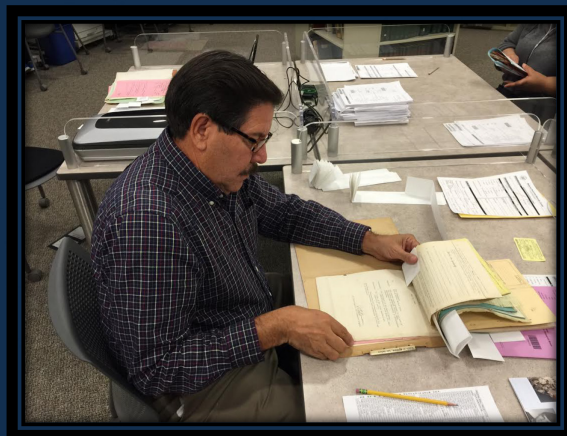
Arizona Family:

- 38 sets of brothers served aboard the *Arizona*, 23 were lost
- 1 Set of twins (John and Delbert Anderson). Only John survived
- 3 sets of (3) brothers. One brother from each set survived
- Out of 79 individual brothers, 63 perished
- Of those 63, only 4 were recovered
- Only 1 set of brothers survived the attack
- A father and son served and perished together

USS *Arizona* Memorial



The Partnership Project



Pearl Harbor National Memorial
Chief - Historian Daniel Martinez

- Justification – Why now?
- Project goals
- Initial scope limited to the USS *Arizona*
- First comprehensive review of all 1,177 Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF) of Navy and Marine Corps personnel killed on the USS *Arizona*



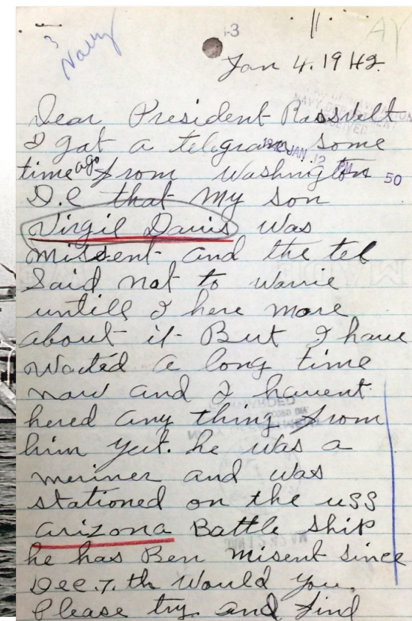
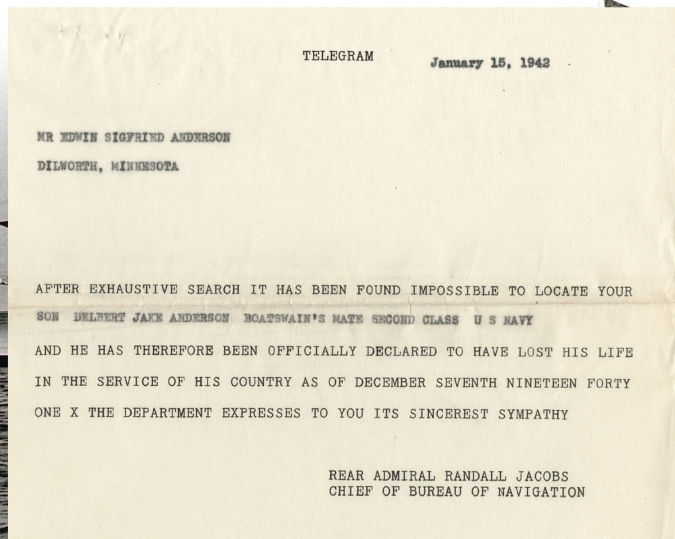
Record Groups

Official Military Personnel File(s) (OMPF) from:


- **Record Group 24 – Records of the Bureau of Naval Personnel**
- **Record Group 127 – Records of the United States Marine Corps**

Location: National Archives at St. Louis


“We had no idea what we were going to find.”



More than just names...



MM1c Thomas Augusta Free
2/2/1891 – 12/7/1941



S2c William Thomas Free
1/9/1924 – 12/7/1941



T. A. FREE
W. T. FREE

MM1C
S2C



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(IN TRIPLICATE) NRB Form No. 18

Enlistment of William Thomas Free

NRSS, San Diego, California, 30 December 1944
(Ship or Station) (Date)

CONSENT, DECLARATION, AND OATH OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

IN THE ENLISTMENT OF A MINOR UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.

I, Thomas A. Free, residing in the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California, do hereby consent to the enlistment of

(My son) William Thomas Free in the Navy of the United States as
(1) Apprentice Seaman, to serve until January 2, 1945, unless sooner
discharged, subject to all the requirements and lawful commands of the officers who may, from time to
time, be placed over him; and I hereby certify that no promise of any kind has been made to me concern-
ing assignment to duty or promotion during his enlistment as an inducement to me to sign this
consent; and I do hereby relinquish all claim to his service, and to any wages or compensation for the
same, and I certify that I will not at any time during this enlistment request his discharge from the
U. S. Navy and I do hereby certify that he was born in Portsmouth, Virginia

on the 9th day of January, 1924.
And I, the said (1) Thomas A. Free, do solemnly
swear—or affirm—that I am the (1) Father of the
said (1) William Thomas Free, to be enlisted by my consent
as (2) Apprentice Seaman, and that he has no other legal guardian but myself; So help me God.
In consenting to the enlistment of (1) My son, William Thomas Free in the
United States Navy, I hereby certify that the family of the said (1) William Thomas Free
is not dependent upon him for support; nor do I know of any future de-
pendency likely to arise during his term of enlistment.

I hereby further certify that the said (1) William Thomas Free is not married.

Thomas A. Free Thomas A. Free
(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

Address (street and number, if possible), 2571 Filbert St., San Diego, California.

NOTES TO WHICH THE SMALL FIGURES REFER IN THE OATH OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

- (1) Fill with the name of Parent or Guardian.
 - (2) Fill with rating for which enlisted.
 - (3) Fill with the words "Father," "Mother" or "Guardian," as the case may be.
 - (4) Fill with the name of applicant.
- NOTE—To be executed in triplicate. The original to be forwarded to the Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department. The duplicate to be filed in the service record. The triplicate to be retained at the Recruiting Station for reference.

(SEE OTHER SIDE)

PARENTS OR GUARDIAN WILL READ OR HAVE THE FOLLOWING EXPLAINED.

EXTRACTS FROM CONTRACT WHICH APPLICANT WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN UNDER OATH AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT:

"I am of the legal age to enlist; I have never deserted from the United States Navy, Army, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard; I have never been discharged from the United States Service or other service on account of disability or through sentence of either civilian or military court; and I have never been discharged from any service, civil or military, except with good character and for the reasons given by me to the recruiting officer prior to enlistment. I am not a member of the National Guard."

"I have had this contract fully explained to me, I understand it, and certify that no promise of any kind has been made to me concerning assignment to duty, or promotion during my enlistment. I understand that if I become a candidate for the Naval Academy and fail to pass the entrance examinations, I will be returned to general service."

I understand the foregoing.

Thomas A. Free
Parent
Guardian

VERIFICATION OF DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

Name in full William Thomas Free
Date of birth 9 January 1924
Place of birth Portsmouth, Virginia
How verified Certified copy of Birth Record issued by the City Registrar of Portsmouth, Virginia.
Legal Papers of Divorce cited and transcribed by me. Custody of William Thomas Free awarded to H. Russell father, Thomas A. Free.
Recruiter.

NRB-26120-8-8-39-175M-(A-265)-(Plates)



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OCT 27 1941 44

Name FREE, Thomas August
(Name in full, surname to 12 last.)

No. 151 54 85 Rate MM1c (A-A)
(P-A)

Date reported 8/6/41

Ship U. S. Rec. Station, San Diego, Calif.

or

Station

From Reenlistment

10/3/41: Tran. USS WHARTON FFT USS ARIZONA
for duty. AUTH: Combasefor Subordcom
serial 3789 of 9/26/41.

OCT 3 1941
RECEIVED

Date transferred Oct. 3, 1941 WHARTON

To USS WHARTON FFT USS ARIZONA

BYRON MC CANDLESS, Capt. USN (RET)
Signature and rank of Commanding Officer.

Date received 10 October, 1941

Ship U.S.S. ARIZONA

or

Station

From RS, San Diego, California

F. VAN VALKENBURCH, Captain, USN.
Signature and rank of Commanding Officer. #4111



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(IN TRIPLICATE)

ENLISTMENT OF William Thomas Free NRB Form No. 18
San Diego, California. 30 December 1940.
(Ship or Station) (Date)

CONSENT, DECLARATION, AND OATH OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN.
IN THE ENLISTMENT OF A MINOR UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.

I, (1) Thomas A. Free residing in the City
of San Diego County of San Diego and
State of California do hereby consent to the enlistment of
(2) William Thomas Free in the Navy of the United States as
(3) Apprentice Seaman to serve until January 1, 1941 unless sooner
discharged, subject to all the requirements and lawful commands of the officers who may from time to
time be placed over him; and I hereby certify that no promise of any kind has been made to me concern-
ing assignment to duty or promotion during his enlistment as an inducement to me to sign this
consent; and I do hereby relinquish all claim to his service, and to any wages or compensation for the
same, and I certify that I will not at any time during this enlistment request his discharge from the
U. S. Navy and I do hereby certify that he was born in Portsmouth, Virginia
on the 9th day of January 1921
And I, the said (1) Thomas A. Free do solemnly
swear—or affirm—that I am the (3) Father of the
said (2) William Thomas Free to be enlisted by my consent
as (3) Apprentice Seaman, and that he has no other legal guardian but myself, So help me God.
In consenting to the enlistment of (2) William Thomas Free in the
United States Navy, I hereby certify that the family of the said (2) William Thomas Free
is not dependent upon him for support, nor do I know of any future de-
pendency likely to arise during his term of enlistment.
I hereby further certify that the said (2) William Thomas Free is not married.
Thomas A. Free Thomas A. Free
(Signature of Parent or Guardian)
Address (street and number, if possible), 3571 Filbert St., San Diego, California.

NOTES TO WHICH THE SMALL FIGURES REFER IN THE OATH OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN.
(1) Fill with the name of Parent or Guardian.
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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, CONDUCT, AND MARKS

Initials of Executive Officer	Conduct	Special Qualification or Special Detail	Rating of man	Marked ability	Proficiency in re-	Rate	Date
	40	COMPLETED RECRUIT TRAINING AND TRANSFERRED				A S.	10 APR 1941

Final service on Black Death
Bureau File, Form 1, 1-1
(NAVY Dept. 1939)

Name FREE, William Thomas
No. 361 40 04 (Name in full, surname to the left.)
Rate AS
Date reported 10 April 1941
Ship or Station R/S, San Diego, Calif.
From NTS, San Diego, Calif.

20-41; TRAN, USS ARIZONA for duty,
acc. FIC serial 1301 of 31, March 19
via USS ENTERPRISE.

Date transferred 20 April 1941
To U.S.S. ARIZONA.
BYRON MC CANDLESS, Capt, USN (RET)
Signature and rank of Commanding Officer.
Date received APR 27, 1941
Ship U.S.S. ARIZONA
From RS, San Diego, Calif.
F. VAN VALKENBURGH, Captain, USN
Signature and rank of Commanding Officer. 4-4111



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TELEGRAM

✓ Miss Myrtle Marie Free
2671 Filbert Street
San Diego, California

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT DEEPLY REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR
FATHER, THOMAS AUGUSTA FREE, MACHINIST'S MATE FIRST CLASS, U.S. NAVY
also your BROTHER, WILLIAM THOMAS FREE, SEAMAN SECOND CLASS, U.S. NAVY

are MISSING FOLLOWING ACTION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ~~his~~ ^{their} DUTY AND
IN THE SERVICE OF ~~his~~ ^{their} COUNTRY X THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES YOUR
GREAT ANXIETY AND WILL FURNISH YOU FURTHER INFORMATION PROMPTLY
WHEN RECEIVED X TO PREVENT POSSIBLE AID TO OUR ENEMIES PLEASE
DO NOT DIVULGE THE NAME OF ~~the~~ ^{their} SHIP OR STATION

REAR ADMIRAL RANDALL JACOBS
CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF NAVIGATION

TELEGRAM

January 23, 1942

Miss Myrtle Marie Free

R #9, Box 1106
c/o Otto Adams

Houston, Texas

AFTER EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH IT HAS BEEN FOUND IMPOSSIBLE TO LOCATE YOUR
FATHER THOMAS AUGUSTA FREE MACHINIST'S MATE FIRST CLASS U S NAVY
ALSO YOUR BROTHER WILLIAM THOMAS FREE SEAMAN SECOND CLASS, U S NAVY
AND ~~HE WAS~~ ^{THEY HAVE} THEREFORE BEEN OFFICIALLY DECLARED TO HAVE LOST ~~THEIR LIVES~~ ^{THEIR LIVES}
IN THE SERVICE OF ~~his~~ ^{THEIR} COUNTRY AS OF DECEMBER SEVENTH NINETEEN FORTY
ONE X THE DEPARTMENT EXPRESSES TO YOU ITS SINCEREST SYMPATHY

REAR ADMIRAL RANDALL JACOBS
CHIEF OF BUREAU OF NAVIGATION



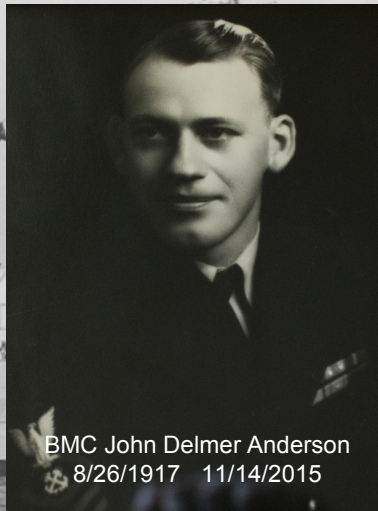
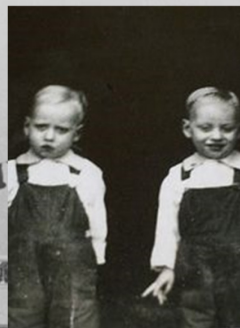
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D. J. ANDERSON

BM₂C



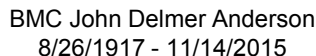
BM2c Delbert Jake Anderson
8/26/1917 12/7/41



BMC John Delmer Anderson
8/26/1917 11/14/2015



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Name ANDERSON, JOHN Delmer
(Please Print Name, Surname to the last)

No. 328 46 30, Rate A.S. A.A.

Date received March 17, 1939

Ship U.S.S. GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS

Station U.S.N.R.S., MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

From

Best Document Available

Transferred in accordance with Combasefor
despatch 6006 1016 of July, 1934.

Date transferred 21 July 1937

To USS ARIZONA

JAYNE MILES, Rear Admiral, U.S.N. /s/
Signature and rank of Commanding Officer.

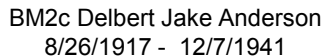
Date received July 24, 1937

Ship U.S.S. ARIZONA

Station USNCR, Great Lakes, Illinois

From F. S. CRAVEN, Commander, USN /s/
Signature and rank of Commanding Officer. 4-611

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BM2c Delbert Jake Anderson
8/26/1917 - 12/7/1941

NTSGL-9-28-36-2M.

U. S. NAVAL TRAINING STATION GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS.

From: ANDERSON, Delbert J., 328 47 13, A.S., U.S. Navy.

To : The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

Via : The Commanding Officer.

Subject: Assignment to the U.S.S. ARIZONA for duty - request for.

1. It is requested that upon my transfer to sea, I be assigned to the U.S.S. ARIZONA for duty.
2. My reason for this request is that I desire to serve with my brother, John D. Anderson, Sea.2c., U.S. Navy, who is serving in that vessel.

Delbert J. Anderson
Delbert J. Anderson.

FIRST INDORSEMENT: U. S. NAVAL TRAINING STATION
P16-3/MM GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS.

4897

4 August, 1937.

From: The Commanding Officer.

To : The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

1. Forwarded.
2. The above named man will be available for transfer on 15 Sept. 1937.

C. C. Todd, Jr.
C. C. TODD, JR.
By direction.

FINISHED-FILE-SENT

Name: ANDERSON, Delbert Jake
(Name in full, surname to the left.)
No. 328 47 13 Rate A. S. (A.A.
Date reported MAY 19 1937 (P.A.)
Ship N.T.S., GREAT LAKES, ILL.
or
Station U.S.N.R.S., MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.
From

Auth: BuNav ltr. Nav 63 FJS MM of
11 August 1937.

SEP 23 1937 1-1

Date transferred SEP 15 1937
To U.S.S. ARIZONA.
Signature and rank of Commanding Officer.
HAYNE ELLIS, Rear Admiral, U.S.N.
Date received 19 September 1937
Ship U.S.S. ARIZONA
or
Station USNTS, Great Lakes, Ill.
From E. S. CRAVATH, Commander, USN.
Signature and rank of Commanding Officer. 4-6111



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BM2c Delbert Jake Anderson
8/26/1917 - 12/7/1941

TELEGRAM

January 15, 1942

MR EDWIN SIGFRID ANDERSON
DILWORTH, MINNESOTA

AFTER EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH IT HAS BEEN FOUND IMPOSSIBLE TO LOCATE YOUR
SON DELBERT JAKE ANDERSON BOATSWAIN'S MATE SECOND CLASS U S NAVY
AND HE HAS THEREFORE BEEN OFFICIALLY DECLARED TO HAVE LOST HIS LIFE
IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY AS OF DECEMBER SEVENTH NINETEEN FORTY
ONE X THE DEPARTMENT EXPRESSES TO YOU ITS SINCEREST SYMPATHY

REAR ADMIRAL RANDALL JACOBS
CHIEF OF BUREAU OF NAVIGATION

Nav-64-MES
#328 47 13

(Prepared January 15, 1942)

JAN 24 1942

My dear Mr. Anderson:

I desire to offer to you my personal
condolence in the tragic death of your son,
Delbert Jake Anderson, Boatswain's Mate second
class, United States Navy, which occurred
at the time of the attack by the Japanese on
December seventh.

It is hoped that you may find comfort
in the thought that he made the supreme sacri-
fice upholding the highest traditions of the
Navy, in the defense of his country.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank Knox

Mr. Edwin Sigfried Anderson
Dilworth, Minnesota



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BMC John Delmer Anderson
8/26/1917 11/14/2015

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Name ANDERSON, John Delmer
(Please in full, surname to the left.)
No. 328 46 30 Rate BM2c (P. 1)
Date reported Not available
Ship U.S.S. ARIZONA
or Station
From Not available

12/7/41: Transferred to U.S.S. MACDONOUGH for temporary duty. Service record and health record lost in attack on Pearl Harbor resulting in loss of U.S.S. ARIZONA. Pay accounts will be forwarded under separate cover. Duplicate service record has not been requested.

Date transferred 7 December 1941
To U.S.S. MACDONOUGH
S. G. EUQUA, Lt. Comdr. USN /s/
Signature and rank of Commanding Officer.
Date received December 9, 1941
Ship U.S.S. MACDONOUGH
or Station U.S.S. ARIZONA
From
J. M. McISAAC, Lt. Comdr. USN (EVD) /s/
Signature and rank of Commanding Officer. 4-211

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ANDERSON, John Delmer, 328 46 30, CBM(AA)
USN

1 Jan 42: Eligible for award of the AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL with star.
Eligible for award of the AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL.
Eligible for award of the ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN MEDAL.
Participated honorably in the following operations and engagements in the ASIATIC-PACIFIC AREA:
7 Dec 41: *PEARL HARBOR.
*PACIFIC RAIDS -- 1942:
20 Feb 42: Air Action off Bougainville.
10 Mar 42: Salamaua-Lae Raid.
7-Aug 42: *GUADALCANAL-TULAGI LANDINGS.
20 Aug 42: *CAPTURE AND DEFENSE OF GUADALCANAL.
8 Feb 43: *SANTA CRUZ ISLANDS.
26 Oct 42: *ALEUTIANS OPERATION:
11 May 43: Attu Occupation.
2 Jun 43: *GILBERT ISLANDS OPERATION.
13 Nov 43: *MARSHALL ISLANDS OPERATION:
8 Dec 43: Occupation of Kwajalein and
29 Jan 44: Majuro Atolls.
8 Feb 44: Occupation of Eniwetok
17 Feb 44: Atoll.
2 Mar 44: Bombardment of Mille Atoll.
18 Mar 44: *ASIATIC-PACIFIC RAIDS - 1944:
30 Mar 44: - Palau Raid.
1 Apr 44: - Truk Raid.
29 Apr 44: -
1 May 44: *SINKING OF ENEMY SUBMARINE.
30 Apr 44: *Bronze stars have been authorized for the above operations and engagements.
C. R. LAROCQUE
Lieutenant, USNR
Executive Officer.



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BM2c Delbert Jake Anderson
8/26/1917 - 12/7/1941

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(April 1928)

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
NAVY PERSONNEL
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MAY 31 1943, 19...

Mr. Edwin Sigfried Anderson
Dilworth,
Minnesota.

The Bureau forwards this date One (1) Purple
Heart Medal and one (1) certificate
for Delbert Jake Anderson, BM2c,
USN
(Deceased)

Please acknowledge receipt below and return.
Respectfully,

RANDALL JACOBS, Chief of Bureau.
G.H. EMMERSON
By direction.

Dilworth Minn.
June 4, 1943
To the Bureau of Naval Personnel
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

I have this day received 1 Purple Heart
Medal as above mentioned.
Mrs. Edwin S. Anderson

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 4-6241

Dilworth Minn
June 4, 1943

Mr Randall Jacobs.
Chief of Naval Personnel
Washington.
D. C.

Dear Sirs

We are in receipt to day of 1
Purple Heart & 1 certifie. awarded
to our son Delbert J. Anderson B.M2c
killed at Pearl Harbor on Dec 7, 1941.

Both Mrs Anderson & My self wish
to thank you for these awards.
although his death is still a
great loss to us. he will never
be forgotten. so in behalf of Mr
Anderson & My self again thank
you.

yours truly
Mrs Edwin S Anderson

PERSONNEL
FINISHED FILE PERS 6508





John Delmer Anderson poses next to Delbert "Jake" Anderson's name at the USS Arizona Shrine Wall December 2014 (nps.gov)



BM2c John Delmer Anderson
11/14/2015 (Interred 12/7/2016)

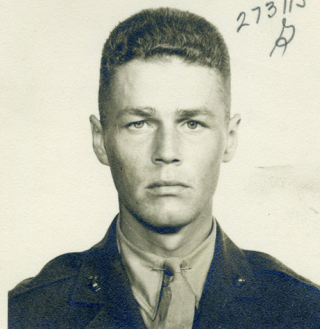


D. W. FINCHER

SGT



FINCHER, Dexter W.
Enl 10Jul39.
Taken 17Jul39.



Sergeant Dexter W. Fincher
USMC 2/22/1917 – 12/7/1941

NY	P & P	JAN 28 1942
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	Avia	
	Pers	
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OW	A & I	
g M	Exec	
ZB	A & I Off.	
	Ch.Cl	
	Resch	
	Insp	
	Exch	
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My dear Mrs. Fincher:

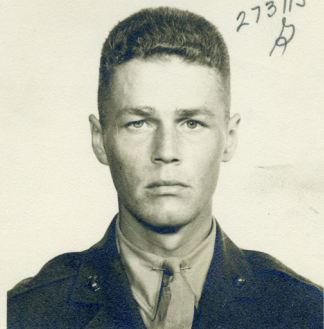
It is with profound regret that I have to inform you that your son, Sergeant Dexter W. Fincher, U. S. Marine Corps, who has been reported missing since the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, T. H., under circumstances indicating death, has been officially declared dead by the Navy Department as of 7 December 1941. On behalf of his many comrades in the Corps, and myself, I wish to express heartfelt sympathy to you in your bereavement.

There is little I can say to lessen your grief, but it is my earnest hope that the knowledge of your son's splendid record in the service, and the thought that he nobly gave his life in the performance of his duty may in some measure comfort you in this sad hour.

Most sincerely yours,

T. HOLCOMB
Lieutenant General, U.S.M.C.,
The Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

FINCHER, Dexter W.
Enl 10Jul39.
Taken 17Jul39.



Sergeant Dexter W. Fincher
USMC 2/22/1917 – 12/7/1941

U.S. Marine Corps,
Navy Dept.,
Washington, D.C.

10-10-49
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Perhaps I am entirely out of order, expressing my wishes for a suitable memorial, to show that one, Master Wilson Fincher, did exist. I know the precious body was not recovered, however, I feel that a memorial to him should be erected in family lot. — and not having recovered financially from cost of long illness, blindness and death of father, John W. Fincher, who passed away Jan. 16th 49, I have not been able to manage all this. But since the Gov. permits so many funeral & burial services in home grounds, it would seem that it isn't too much to ask that a memorial be furnished for my Son, by the same authority that held his life in its keeping. Please let me know what, if anything can be done as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Grace M. Fincher, Rt. 1, Box 288,
Pomeroy, Ore.

P.S. I wanted so much to purchase a memorial in our new memorial hospital just being finished, his name would then be on plaque, but for reason mentioned it wasn't possible — incidentally, the local U.S.W. Post was named in Master's honor.

GMF

H. S. Hunter, Major,
U.S. Marine Corps,
Washington, D.C.

Major Hunter: I received certificate today, Nov. 7th 49
Dexter Wilson Fincher — killed in action, Dec. 7-41

Thank you.

I beg to submit to your care for delivery to proper authorities, on the matter, a letter written some time ago, which I enclose herewith.

Thank you again

Sincerely,
Mrs. John W. Fincher,
Rt. 1, Box 288,
Pomeroy, Ore.

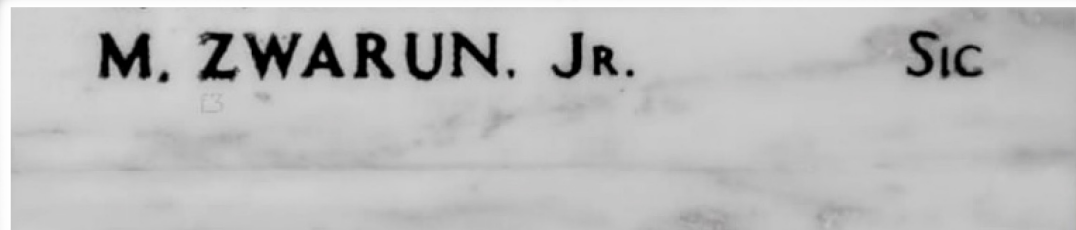
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S1c Michael Zwarun
10/10/1919 – 12/11/1941

The Mystery of S1c Michael Zwarun Jr.





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THE RECEIVING STATION PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII, U. S. A.

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U.S.S. ARIZONA OFFICE,
3rd Floor, Rec.Brks.,
Pearl Harbor, T.H.,
December 14, 1941.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commanding Officer, U.S.S. ELLETT.
Subject: ZWARUM, M., Sea.lc, U.S. Navy - report of status of.

Reference: (a) U.S.N.H. Pearl Harbor, Supplementary Report
#3 of deceased personnel at hospital dated
12/11/41.

1. Reference (a) lists as # 417, ZWARUM, M., rate
unknown, ship unknown, died 12/11/41 from multiple gunshot
wounds received during attack of Pearl Harbor, 12/7/41.

2. It is believed that this man was ZWARUM, M., Sea.lc,
U.S.N., general court martial prisoner, who was confined in
ARIZONA brig awaiting trial. Verbal statements of survivors
indicate that master-at-arms and prisoners reached foot of
ladder to main deck, port side, about frame 82, U.S.S. ARIZONA,
when last seen. ZWARUM's name has been listed on ARIZONA
supplementary reports showing him as among the known dead. It
is believed that his records and accounts were carried aboard
the vessel under your command.

S. G. Fuqua
S. G. FUQUA

Copy to:
Pooling Officer, Rec.Brks.,
Combatahps.

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET U.S.S. ELLETT (398)

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Pearl Harbor, T.H.,
January 2, 1941.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.
Subject: ZWARUM, Michael, Jr., #223-79-01, Sea.lc, U.S.N. -
Report of Death of.

Reference: (a) Article D-6201, BuNav Manual.

Enclosure: (A) Service Record of subject man.

1. In compliance with instructions contained in reference
(a), the following report of the death of the subject man is hereby
submitted:

- (a) Michael Zwarum, Jr.
- (b) 223-79-01
- (c) Seaman, first class (Sea.lc)
- (d) Temporary duty on U.S.S. ARIZONA. On board
morning of December 7, 1941, during Japanese
attack on Pearl Harbor. Cause of death - multiple
gunshot wounds.
- (e) Michael Zwarum, Sr.
- (f) 1305 Bower Street, Linden, New Jersey.
- (g) No.
- (h) Unknown.
- (i) \$54.00
- (j) Josephine Zwarum (mother)
- (k) 1305 Bower St., Linden, New Jersey.
- (l) Payment for November, 1941, made while attached to
U.S.S. ELLETT - not known if payment for December made
while temporarily attached to U.S.S. ARIZONA.
- (m) Regular Navy.

2. The personal effects of the subject man were lost.

F. H. Gardner
F. H. GARDNER



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S1c Michael Zwarun
10/10/1919 – 12/11/1941

July 18, 1942
Jul 20 7 45 AM '42
Dear Sirs,
We recieved a telegram Dec 23, 1941
from Washington the telegram stated my brother
was killed in action Dec. 7, 1941. Could you
please give us a little more details about
him. Or could you please give me the address
to whom I could write. I realize you people
are very busy and receive many letters like
th's one but won't you please answer.
Thank you.
Sincerely yours,
Rose Zwarun.
RECEIVED NA PERSONNEL
NAVY DEPARTMENT
SEC 112
JUL 20 PM 2 20

Pers 640-rm
#223 79 Q1
July 27, 1942
Subject: ZWARUN, Michael Jr.
Seaman first class, U. S. Navy
My dear Miss Zwarun:
This Bureau desires to acknowledge receipt of your
letter of July 18, 1942, requesting further information
relative to the death of Michael Zwarun Jr., Seaman first
class, U. S. Navy.
In replying thereto, you are informed that on
November 27th, 1941, ZWARUN was transferred from his ship, the
USS ELLET to the battleship, USS ARIZONA for temporary duty, and
was on board that latter vessel at the time of the Japanese
attack on Pearl Harbor, T. H., on December 7th, 1941. He
sustained serious wounds, and his death occurred four days later,
on December 11th, 1941, as a result of multiple gunshot wounds.
It is regretted that it was not possible to salvage his effects
in this disaster.
With assurance of heartfelt sympathy to you in your
great sorrow, I am,
Sincerely yours,
RANDALL JACOBS
Chief of Bureau
C. B. Hatch
By direction
Miss Rose Zwarun
1305 Bower St.
Linden, N. J.



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FC3c Lauren Fay Bruner
11/4/1920 – 9/10/2019



TELEGRAM

MRS. LUCILLE IOWA KELLERMAN.....
BOX # 38.....
McCLEARY, WASH.....

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT DEEPLY REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR
...SON.....,LAUREN FAY BRUNER, FIRE CONTROLMAN THIRD CLASS, U S N...
HAS BEEN WOUNDED IN ACTION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTY AND
IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY X THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES YOUR
GREAT ANXIETY AND WILL FURNISH YOU FURTHER INFORMATION PROMPTLY
WHEN RECEIVED X TO PREVENT POSSIBLE AID TO OUR ENEMIES PLEASE
DO NOT DIVULGE THE NAME OF HIS SHIP OR STATION

REAR ADMIRAL C. W. NIMITZ
CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF NAVIGATION





FC3c Lauren Fay Bruner
11/4/1920 – 9/10/2019



Bureau of Navigation
NAVY DEPARTMENT
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Beckett
M^c Cleary, Wash.
1942 JAN 13 PM 3 14 Jan. 8, '42.

Bureau of Navigation,
Washington D. C.

Dear Sirs:- I am
writing you concerning my
Wson, Lauren Fay Bruner
Field Finder Operator and
Fire Controlman Decision
aboard the destroyed battle-
ship Arizona.
I received a telegram

from your decision stating,
quote, "Lauren Fay Bruner F.C. 3
U. S. N. has been wounded in
action in performance of his duty ...
..... and will furnish you further
information promptly."

I have received no infor-
mation concerning him since.
I do feel that I should know
something about him and where
he is. Whether in some hospital
or aboard some ship and what
one, and why I can't get some
letter or word from him.
Other mothers have



gotten telegrams, letters and etc., from their sons, who live near our town; from their sons at the front.

We are all for America, you may sincerely know. Away back thru the ages we have an "all American" record. Just for example. Great Grandfather, Mr. Ott, a Civil War Veteran wounded in action - died later some 3 years, from this wound. A Grand Uncle, Mr. Frank Smith, Veteran of same war, Wounded in action. Grand father, Mr. Bruner also a Civil War Veteran.

An Uncle, Mr. Jay Bruner, an Overseas Veteran of World War I. 1½ yrs. of overseas duties in Army. His father, Mr. Ray Bruner, was in the U. S. Navy and now Lauren is taking his stand for his country. His heart and soul is there. A wonderful character and personality with absolutely no enemies.

A letter at hand from Captain Train, written aboard ship. Quote "Lauren Fay Bruner is doing good work aboard ship. An excellent Gunner with high grades of very good record."

I don't like to brag about my son, while I have all the

right to do so, I only wish you to know that nothing you may say or tell me will reach no enemies of our grand country.

I want to know some direct address. The old address "U. S. Arizona" doesn't seem just right any more.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lucille Kellerman

#20

McClary, Wash.



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W. M. McCARY

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U.S. Navy Photo
November 22, 1941

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL
NOV 21 1941

MEMORANDUM TO THE BUREAU OF NAVIGATION:

Discipline Section, Room 8508, Arlington Annex

McCARY, William M.

Rating Mus. ^{2c}

Date received Nov. 7, 1941.

Place of trial U.S.S. ARIZONA

Date of trial Oct. 20, 1941.

Offense 1. Disob. Lawful Order
2. Abus. Thrtg. Language

Sentence: ~~Bad Conduct Discharge.~~
RNIR

Action: Approved.
CA 10/24/41
ISIC 10/24/41

Remarks: Proceedings, findings, and sentence
are legal.

H. A. SALTER By direction J. D. WOODSON Judge Advocate General.

Nav-601-MKE USS ARIZONA

December 3, 1941

MEMO FOR COMDR. SHENKED

Subject: MC CARY, William M., MusR, USN.
RIR.

Service: 10 yrs. 11 mos. 23 days.
Born: July 24, 1923.

12- 9-40 Relisted to serve during minority.
10- 4-41 ~~1st~~ Disobeying a lawful order when ordered by MusR in charge of the band of the ship, to stop playing a tubophone.
~~2nd~~ 10-21 using abusive and threatening language toward his SO a MusR-20 sent. RIR.

Plea: Guilty to both specs.
Findings: 1st 35th specs proved by plea.
~~2nd~~ not desire counsel.
Specs no statement.
PFS approved by Rear Admiral I. C. Kidd, ISIC, 10-24-41.

See 2d spec. 11/TEAP, 6 mos. post. ???
No change
1/25

Weeks--2908

Questions?



Eric Kilgore
Supervisory Archives Specialist
National Archives at St. Louis

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