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Introduction

How to research Calloway County,
Kentucky, World War II veterans and the
places they served?

All Together



HEROES WORLD WAR II

CALLOWAY COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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PFC JAMES REDDEN, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Redden, Murray, Route 1, died in the South Pacific in August, 1943. He received his training at Camp Grant, Ill., and California before going to the South Pacific in August, 1943. Redden is a graduate of Murray High School and M.S.T.C.

SGT. J. N. REED, JR., entered service May 17, 1942, and served at Fort Knox as a radio operator. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Reed, Hamilton.

1ST LT. GLEN N. REEDER, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reeder, Bunnies Mills, Tenn., served 16½ months in the Pacific Area of Operations with the Navy. His wife is the former Miss Katie Reen, Route 1.

LYMAN EDMOND REEDER entered service July 26, 1941.



2-C JAMES CARL RICKMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rickman, entered the Navy May 22, 1944, and trained at Great Lakes, Ill., Texas, and California.



M-1 JAMES T. REEVES, 38, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Reeves, Albany, was drafted in July, 1941. While training with the Army Engineers he was stationed at Camp Belvoir, Va., Camp Shelby, Miss., and Toccoa, Ga., before going to the Pacific in March, 1945. Sgt. Reeves wears the Good Conduct ribbon, American Defense Medal, Asiatic-Pacific ribbon, American Theater ribbon, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Unit Badge, and two battle stars. He is on Okinawa and has over 100 points.

MACON E. RICHMAN entered service Dec. 21, 1942.



1ST SGT. JOHN C. RICHARDSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Richardson, was drafted into the Army in February, 1941. He received his training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and has the Combat Infantry Badge and the Purple Heart. Sgt. Richardson is married to the former Miss Adell Wilkerson. They have one son.

JOE B. RICHARDSON entered service June 30, 1943.



PFC RALPH RILEY, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Riley, Kirby, was drafted in December, 1943, and trained with a Tank Destroyer unit at Fort Cavazos, Texas, and Camp Gruber, Okla. In May, 1945, he was sent overseas and was placed in a Field Artillery Unit with the 80th Division at Chikuma. Pfc. Riley is married to the former Miss Kathleen Myers, and they have a daughter, Jennifer. A brother, S-Sgt. Fritz Riley served in Europe.

CPL. KELLY RHODES entered the service from Memphis, Tenn., and served with the Quartermasters Division. He is the son of A. L. Rhodes, Murray.

EUGENE DAVIS ROACH entered service April 27, 1941.

BERNARD E. ROACH was drafted Nov. 23, 1942.

T-5 ERNEST EDGON ROBERSON entered service Jan. 20, 1941, and sent overseas Dec. 29, 1943. He was discharged Oct. 12, 1945, after receiving the G.I. ribbon with five stars, the American Defense Medal, the Good Conduct ribbon and a Unit Citation. He is the son of Pearl Roberson, Route 7.



PVT. R. T. RIGGINS entered the service May, 1944, and went overseas in October the same year. He received wounds in Germany April 30, 1945.



PFC A. E. ROANE, 38, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Roane, Hazel, was drafted June 2, 1942. Assigned to the Army Medical Corps, he trained at Camp Holston, Ark., and Camp Bryndola, Pa. When Pfc. Roane went overseas in October, 1942, he was stationed with the 32nd Med. Gen. Hosp. at Southampton, England. He has the Good Conduct ribbon with two stripes, and the ETO ribbon. He returned to the States in October, 1945.



SGT. HALFORD R. RHODES, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Rhodes of Murray, was drafted from this county Nov. 16, 1941. He served 30 months in the Alaskan Theater, and then was sent to the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Fla., where he was assigned to duty in the Alaskan Island of Dutch Harbor.

S-1 ARLEY H. ROBERTSON entered service April 9, 1941, and served with Co. I, 148th Infantry. He was discharged Nov. 7, 1945, and received the AFD with three stars, the American Theater Ribbon, the American Defense Medal, the Philippine Liberation ribbon with two stars, the Good Conduct ribbon and the Victory ribbon.

CPL. HARLEY A. ROBERSON entered service July 26, 1942, and served with the 5th Division in Europe. He received the Good Conduct ribbon and the ETO ribbon with three stars. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Roberson, Route 1. His wife is Mrs. Mildred Louister Roberson.

PFC DARWIN L. ROBERTS entered service Aug. 20, 1942, and served with Headquarters 447 AAA-AW Battalion and Headquarters, 38th Infantry Division. He was discharged Sept. 9, 1945, and received the Purple Heart, the EAME ribbon with five stars and the Good Conduct ribbon.

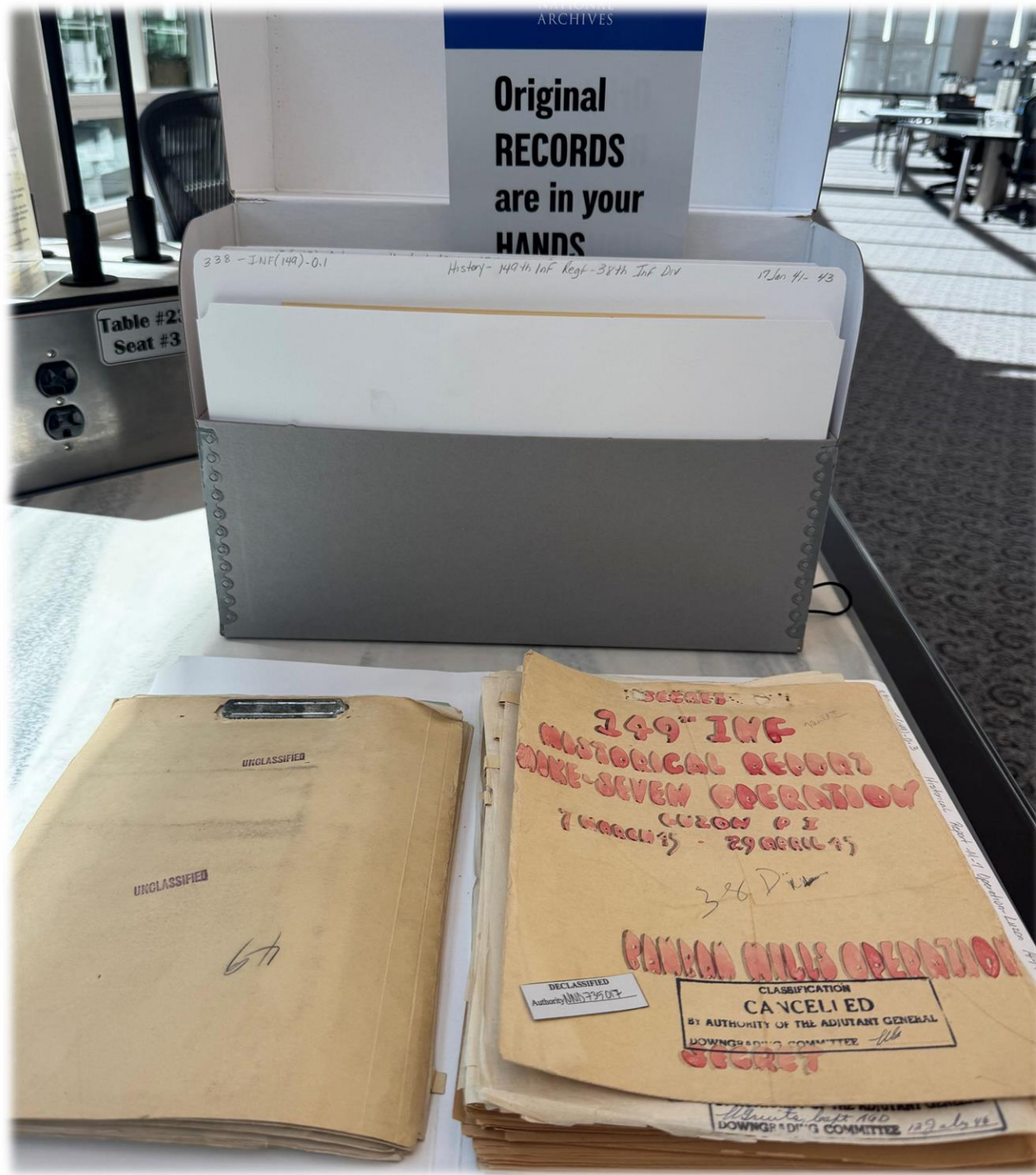
Who Served?

“Heroes World War II Supplement,” *Ledger & Times*, Murray, KY, 1946. 10 installments. 2,232 Individuals.

Honor List of World War II Dead and Missing (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of War, 1946). 39 individuals.

Record Group 147, Records of the Selective Service System, National Archives, College Park, MD.
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238/>

Murray State University Records for Students, Faculty, and Staff



Where are the Records?

- National Archives
 - NARA II, College Park, MD (Unit Records)
 - NARA St. Louis, MO (Personnel Files & IDPFs)
- Service History Programs
 - U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, Carlisle, PA
 - U.S. Air Force Historical Research Agency, Maxwell AFB, AL
 - Naval History and Heritage Command, Washington, DC
 - Marine Corps History Division, Quantico, VA
- Library of Congress, Washington, DC
- State and Local Repositories
- Non-Profit Entities (such as National World War II Museum, New Orleans, LA)
- College and University Archives

We have inspected most of the emplacements which have been cleared and have visited some observation posts inland.

On our second day here, we began to contact units which landed early. The Lt. and I went to one of the Hq and started the task of reconstructing the story of the landing. I went to one of the regiments and moved slowly all the way down to each company in it, talking to the privates, noncoms and many of the officers. I have made no attempt to get to general officers, since it is somewhat easier for the Lt. to make those contacts and since they are rather busy. Two of the units we want to see have been on the move almost constantly. We state our business without being apologetic and without being intrusive. Most of them have some idea of our program (from the memorandum) and indicate willingness to help. We try not to disturb them. If a man is digging, we take our notes on the side of the foxhole; if he is cleaning his rifle, we borrow some patches and work on our weapon too. I get lots of information from some soldiers by acting as interpreter for them and I found that one day when I carried along a bottle of wine which had been given me, it helped to gain entries.

The lieutenant has several friends among correspondents over here and they have given him some leads. I ran into Ernie Fyle, Jack Thompson, Whitehead and another correspondent the other day. They asked me about our work and seemed interested.

There has been no trouble in getting men to talk seriously about this action. I tell them what I want to know and they begin to call in noncoms and officers to help settle vague points. Sometimes 10 or 15 will be gathered around. We drag out maps and they point out the way they came over the ridge and then reached their present objective. We carry our rations, but we are usually invited in. At various Hq we have found the personnel helpful. One Sgt. saw to it that several officers gave us their stories, while they were stopping by at his place.

Our work has not been completely satisfactory to us, despite our good fortune in some matters. We have been unable to contact some of the units because they are moving. It is difficult for the two of us to cover all that we should like to cover, but we are trying to enlist the help of competent people at each unit who will do much of the work for us.

We are living in the field and naturally find, as others did in the Pacific and Italy, that much of our time is taken up in living and moving. We have no trouble in persuading the troops that we understand something of their experience, since we look about as battle worn as they do.

Forrest C. Pogue to John A. Kemper, June 20, 1944, Normandy, France, Box 10, Entry 1039, Record Group 319, Records of the Army Staff, National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD.



Sgt. Forrest C. Pogue
Murray State Teachers College
U.S. Army Combat Historian
European Theater of Operations



Geographic & Occupational Diversity

- J. B. Bailey, Radioman First Class, U.S. Navy, USS Farragut III (DDG-348), Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.
- Richard Payne, Private, U.S. Army, 457th Quartermaster Laundry Company, European Theater of Operations.
- Geraldine Brandon, Women's Army Corps, U.S. Army Air Forces Regional Hospital No. 1, Coral Gables, FL.



Private Alvis Calhoun

1. World War II Honor List (War Department, 1946).
2. Individual Deceased Personnel File, NARA, St. Louis.
3. 149th Infantry Regiment Records, Record Group 407, NARA II, College Park.
4. Armed Guard Logs, Record Group 24, NARA II, College Park.



Private Alvis Calhoun

149th Infantry Regiment, Killed in Action,
December 5, 1944, Leyte, Philippines

"Our ship was under constant attack throughout the day by dive bombers. The gun crew on the ship shot down three Jap planes. The last plane had its tail shot off . . . It crashed into hold No. 1 and under the forward gun tub. . . . I should like to recommend Medals of Honor to the following: . . . **Pfc Calhoun, Alvis**, 35102117, Company M, KIA"

*Memorandum, December 8, 1944, Box 8554, Entry 427,
Record Group 407, Records of the Adjutant General's
Office, NARA II, College Park, MD.*

U.S. MARINE CORPS
U. S. NAVY

8 December 1944

Subject: Recommendation Officer, U.S. Navy Armed Guard

Re: U.S. Navy Officials Concerned.

Reference: Unofficial bravery and heroism of U.S. Navy assigned gun crew, Recommendation and Commendation for.

Reference: Memorandum of 5 December 1944.

1. On behalf of the Navy Department and the U.S. Navy Armed Guard, I should like to commend Carlisle R. Robinson, 1st Sgt. 25021678 and his assigned gun crew for unusual bravery, heroism, and courage, also the highest display of fighting ability during our engagement with the enemy on 5 December 44.

2. Our ship was under constant attack throughout the day by dive bombers. The gun crew on the ship shot down three Jap planes. The last plane had its tail shot off by the aft 3" / 70 and was hit by steady power from the other guns. It crashed into hold No. 1 and under the forward gun tub.

3. I should like to recommend Mr. Robinson and his crew for the highest possible commendation and advancement in rating that it may seem appropriate to give them.

4. I should like to recommend medals of honor to the following:

1st Sgt. Robinson, Carlisle R., 25021678, Co M, 149th
Infantry, Alvis, 35102117, Co M, 149th
Infantry, Robinson, Edward R., 35022371, Co M, 149th
Infantry, Robinson, Walter G., 35022371, Co M, 149th
Infantry, Robinson, Edward R., 35022371, Co M, 149th
Infantry, Robinson, Walter G., 35022371, Co M, 149th

1st Sgt. Robinson
Carlisle R., 25021678
U.S. Navy

Edward R. Robinson

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Herman E. Roberts, Jr., Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Air Forces

854th Bomb Squadron, 491st Bomb Group, U.S. Army Air Force, European Theater of Operations.

Finding of Death, November 26, 1944

1. World War II Honor List (War Department, 1946).
2. Individual Deceased Personnel File, NARA, St. Louis, MO.
3. Missing Air Crew Report, Record Group 92, Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, NARA, College Park.
4. Unit History, U.S. Air Force Historical Research Agency, Maxwell AFB, AL.

Discussion

Forward: All Together

- *How to research Calloway County, Kentucky, World War II veterans and the places they served?*
- *How to build a coalition of researchers?*
- *How to capture, preserve, and perpetuate knowledge of the past?*

