

October 27, 2005

Dear Mrs. McCain,

I received a letter from John N. Hackney, Jr. in regards to my husband's service history for your project.

I regret to inform you that Louis passed away September 18, 2001. However, I'll do the best I can. He was not much about speaking of his time in the service. He spoke mostly of the many typhoons their ship rode through. Also, at one time they had a lot of troops aboard. They were out so long they almost ran out of food. When they returned to Pearl Harbor the captain insisted the troops carry the new supplies of food aboard before he dismissed them.

Date of entry into active service was December 15, 1944.

As a MMS3C; MMS2C, Sea service on USS AJAX (AR6)

Served in NTC, Bainbridge MD, then Tadcen, Shoemaker, California where he boarded his ship, USS Ajax.

Medals: Point system, American Area Victory World War II, Asiatic Pacific Phillipine Liberation

He was honorably discharged on April 27, 1946, as a Machinist's mate, shop second class V6 USNR SV at Separation Center, Shelton, VA.

I hope this helps in some way.

Sincerely,

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