

Korean War Veterans Claussen military history concludes



Edmund Claussen above is a scan I made from the original photo. Below is a scan made from a copy and e-mailed to me. I show this to impress upon people that scans need to be made from original photos and it is better if I can make those scans.



1952 Baumholder Germany



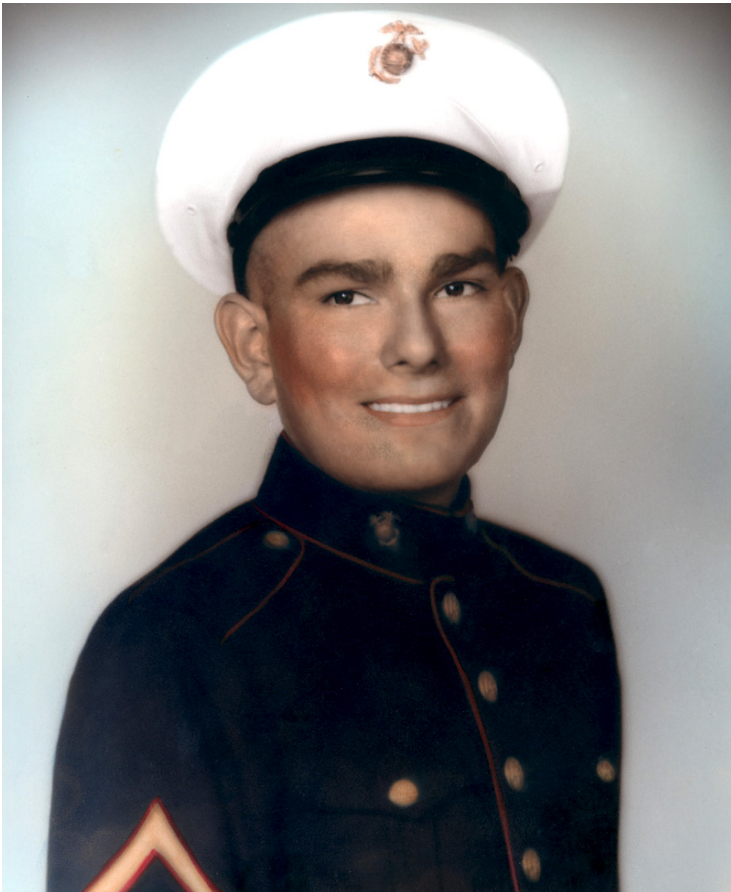
A picture of a bulletin board in Baumholder in 1952.

#16 Keith Clifford (no pictures, death notice)

“Word was received of the death of Keith Clifford of Schaller, Iowa. The deceased was an Aspinwall resident when he was the manager of Aspinwall Coop. He reached the age of 64 years. Funeral services were held in the Methodist Church in Schaller on Tuesday, December 29, 1992, with burial in the Coon Rapids, Iowa Cemetery.”

The only military reference I have is that Keith is on the Manning Memorial Day program. Hopefully someone will be able to help with a family contact so we can get pictures and more military details.

#17 Herbert Dammann (1 military picture, basically no military information)



The wonderful colorized picture of Herbert Dammann came from an original photo sent to me in 2004 by Herbert's sister, Edna Rudnick who lives in Arizona.

I have not been able to reach Edna by e-mail anymore, so I hope she is OK. Edna would send me various family pictures to scan and other family history to add to my database.

As I continue to work on the Manning Veterans' history book project, and I get discouraged by people not coming forward with Manning Veteran information, I stop to think that at least I have what's in my database. If I had not been asking for pictures and information over the last 20 years and just now started seeking that information and looking for old pictures...I would have very little information and pictures for the over 1000 Manning connected Veterans - and most of that information I was able to scan over these last two decades would not be around anymore...because so much of it has been thrown away divided up and taken to the “four winds” by family members.

Edna's generation who were the “keepers of the family history” are almost gone. While there are some people in the younger generations who work on their family history today - they too are running into the same scenario I have which is - much of that information and many of those old pictures are gone.

So again I ask Veterans and families of deceased Veterans to come forward and send me their pictures and information.

I keep saying there are over 1000 Manning connected Veterans but there will be a lot of them not featured in the book unless someone comes forward with pictures and information.

I could just list their names but I don't want a book full of JUST names. If they only want just their name remembered then they can do this on the Manning Veterans' Memorial Wall.

Below is information that Edna sent me about her brother, Herbert. If she hadn't sent this information to me I would have virtually nothing about Herbert to use in the Veterans' book.

Herbert LeRoy, son of Eddie and Alviena (Goettsch) Dammann was born February 26, 1931. He attended country school in Lincoln Township and graduated from Manning High School in 1949. He was confirmed in Zion Lutheran Church.

After his military service in the Marine Corps he moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa. He married Evelyn Winkler of Corning, Iowa, on June 26, 1955. In 1967 he was transferred by his employer American Telephone and Telegraph to Kansas City and made his home in Overland Park, Kansas, with his family until his death on July 14, 1980. He is buried in Oak Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Olathe, Kansas.

Herbert had served 25 years with American Telephone and Telegraph. He was a member of Valley View Methodist Church in Overland, Park, and was active with his son's Boy Scout Troop.

Herbert has three children: Kathleen, Connie, and Duane. His siblings are Edna Rudnick, Delores Jensen, and Donald.

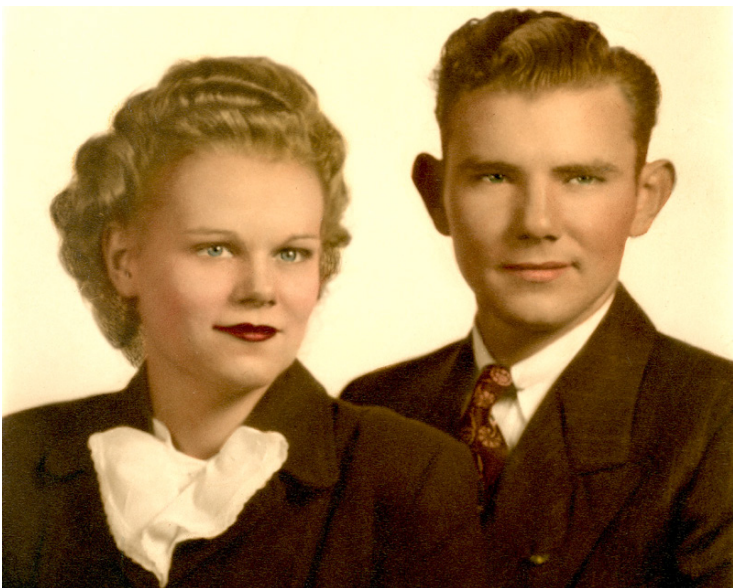


Back: Ella Goettsch Julius Dammann (witnesses); Front: Alviena Goettsch and Eddie Dammann - wedding couple.

To impress upon people of today what I'm talking about. I have more old pictures of Herbert and the Dammann family as compared to just his one recent military picture.

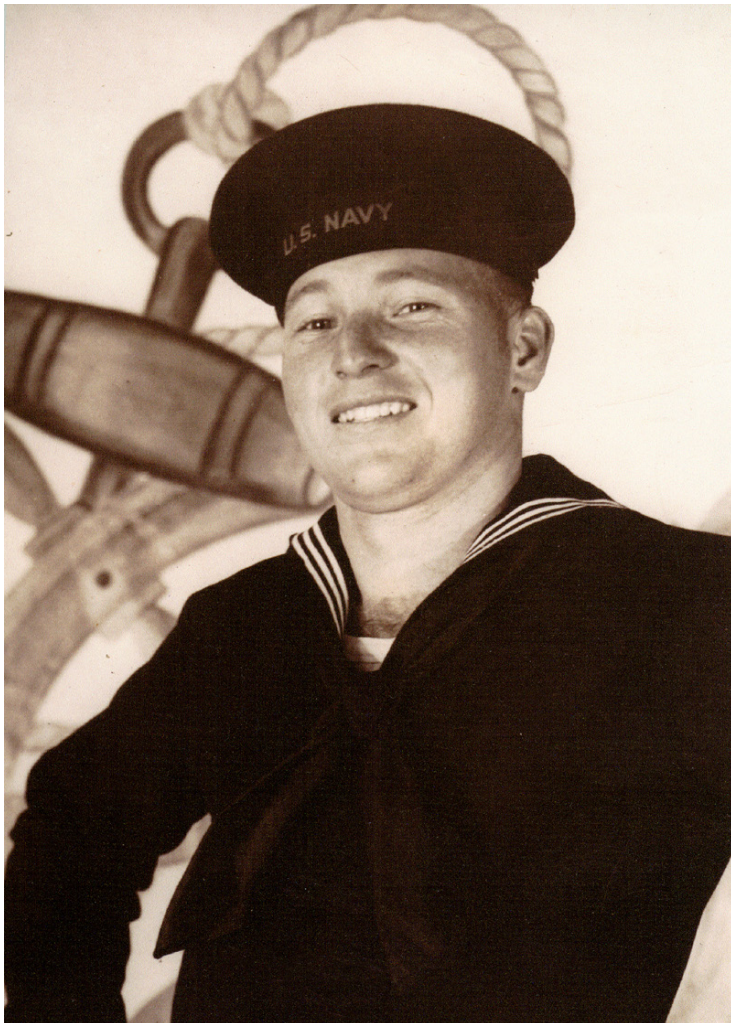


Back Row: Herbert, Edna, Delores: Seated: Donald



Edna (Dammann) and Reinhardt Rudnick

#18 Ambrose Dentlinger (2 military pictures, basic write-up)



Ambrose F. Dentlinger, son of Frank & Elizabeth (Drees) Dentlinger was born on his parents' farm near Halbur, Iowa, and attended St. Augustine School in Halbur through the eighth grade. Three older brothers: Wilbur, John, Alphonse, and a brother-in-law, Alvin Ferneding, served during World War II.

Ambrose was sworn into the United States Navy on October 5, 1950, at the age of 22. He received his boot training at Great Lakes, Illinois.

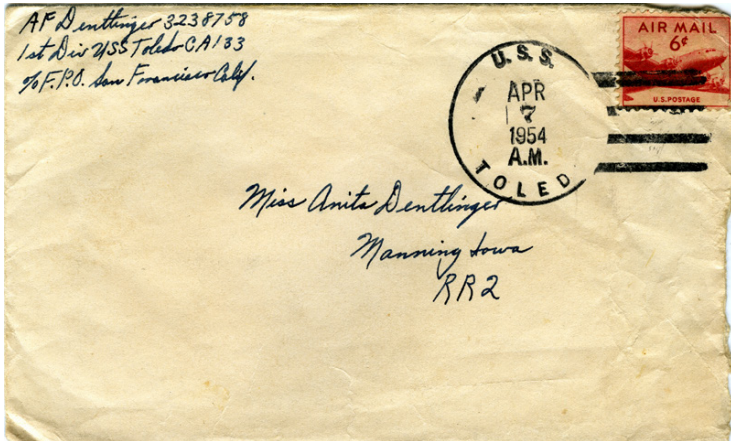
He was transferred to Treasure Island in California and then on to Honolulu, Hawaii, for two years, where he worked in the Navy Commissary and as a fork lift operator in the warehouse.

In February of 1953 he served aboard the U.S.S. Toledo that was anchored off the coast of Korea. Before any military engagement occurred, the Armistice was signed July 27, 1953, and the war ended. Ambrose was with the task force until his honorable discharge on August 4, 1954, at the Naval Receiving Station, Long Beach, California.

Ambrose achieved the rank of USN-1, and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Service Medal. Ambrose was the American Legion Commander in Manning in 1988-89.



USS Toledo CA-133



Letter Ambrose sent to his sister on April 7, 1954.

Below is the letter that Ambrose wrote to his sister, Anita, when he was overseas.

Anita Dentlinger died in a car accident leaving a dance in Arcadia - about two years after receiving this letter from her brother Ambrose.

From AF Dentlinger 3238758

1st Div USS Toledo CA-133

%F.P.O. San Francisco, Calif.

To Miss Anita Dentlinger Manning, Iowa RR2 April 5, 1954

Hi Sis, Had started to go to the movie but after getting half way up there I talked to a guy and found out I had already seen it. So being it is early to hit my rack I will drop you a line - once again.

As you may have read in the folk's letter we are now in Kobe, Japan. This is the first time we have been in here yet since we have come over. So far this port looks about the same as any other one out here to me.

In the morning we are leaving here again to go back out to sea for some time. So far I haven't heard if we are going to join the Task Force or not. I sure hope we do so we don't have to pay any income tax for the month of April. As you know I can always use them couple extra bucks. This should be our last time out as when we go into Yokohama, Japan, the next time we will stay there a week, and then back to Pearl Harbor.

Anyhow in a month from now we should be getting pretty close to the USA again.

Already the ship has got letters from a couple bars in Long Beach saying they were going to give the men of the “Big T” free beer the first two nights in. I haven't hardly drank any since we left Pearl Harbor coming over but they better stand by then. I don't think I will be taking any more leave as they want to leave the guys go first that have a lot of time to do in the Navy yet. And by time we get to the states and around.

Won't be long now and you will be busy with the garden and the little chicks. But it is always nice to see spring come again when everything is so nice & green. By next spring I will be able to go in the field with the rest of them again if not on my own it will be for someone else. Right now I got a deal going on but so far I haven't heard if I had any luck or not of getting it. I'm not much worried about getting something to do when I get out if I can't get a farm of my own I think I still can get a job as if I want to. I still can get work as hard if not harder than most of the guys that are working.

Well Sis, news, there isn't too much out here so I'll bring this line of B.S. to a close for now. Till some other time here's hoping this finds you feeling as good as it leaves me. Is a little bit early but here's hoping you all have a very happy Easter back there.

Your Kid Brother “Am” Ambrose Dentlinger

More Korean era Veterans continues next week