



More interesting and historically important documentation from the past that shows how Lawrence Warren returned home.

#556 Charley Burl Weems (no pictures, very basic information)



I show this image only to emphasize why it is important to get scans of original photos. This image was scanned from the Aspinwall Centennial history book. Newspapers and books have a matt type print which gives you very visible dots in a digital scan.

Burl, son of Charles and Rosa (Millett) Weems, was born November 14, 1897, near Jefferson. The family moved from the Jefferson area to Shelby County around 1904 and lived on various farms. In the later years, Rosa and sons, Burl, Homer, and Murace "Eldon" made their home in Botna. The other siblings were Earl who was a Veteran of World War I, Ralph, and Newton.

Charley entered the Army at Fort Crook, Nebraska, July 3, 1942. He was stationed at Camp Fort Sam Houston and Camp Swift, Texas, and earned the rank of PFC in Company C, 387th Infantry. He was discharged April 3, 1943, at Camp Swift.

#557 Eldis M. "Bud" Weems (2 pictures, very basic information, 10 Monitor articles)



Bud Weems was inducted into the Navy on July 14, 1942. He took his basic training at the U.S. Naval Training Station in Great Lakes, Illinois.

He transferred to Port Hueneme, California, where he was assigned to the Acorn 24 Amphibious Unit and sent overseas to the South Pacific to serve as a cook on a ship.

Bud's unit returned to the U.S. where they were transferred to Oakland Air Force Base December 8, 1945. SC2C Weems was honorably discharged January 20, 1946, at Great Lakes, Illinois

Bud was a fifty-year member of the American Legion Emil Ewoldt Post #22 and a past commander. He was also a fifty-year member of VFW Post 3517.



Bud's wedding June 15, 1947 Orlo Nissen, Bud Weems, Norma Nissen, Opal Weems

#558 Murace Eldon Weems (1 picture, very basic information, 1 Monitor article)



Murace "Eldon" entered the Navy July 6, 1942, at Great Lakes, Illinois, and went to radio school at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

He served both in the Pacific and Asiatic areas on the following service vessels and with these stations held: NTS, Great Lakes, Illinois; USS Bailey DD492, USS Maury 401 CBS 6 Flag Allow, USS Cascade AD 16FFT, USS Bagley DD 386FA CDS 6, USS Otterstetter DE 244, and USS Wilson DD 408 ComDe A Div. 12.

He was awarded 13 Battle Stars and was discharged as a Radioman 3/C December 14, 1945, at USN Personnel Separation Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

#559 Newton Emery Weems (no pictures, very basic information)



Another image that was scanned from the Aspinwall Centennial history book which shows the visible dots in a digital scan.

Newton Emery, son of Charley William and Rosa (Millet) Weems, entered the Army at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and took his schooling at heavy duty equipment engineering school. He served from September 1942 to April 1945, in both the Pacific and Asiatic theaters.

Newton was born in Shelby County December 4, 1907, and died February 13, 1986, and is buried in Calico Rock, Arkan-

Newton married Minnie Todd (1917-1972) - they had six children, and lived in Oklahoma.

#560 Duane E. Wegner (multiple pictures, some basic information, 1 Monitor article)



On September 13, 2014, I sat down with Duane to go over his military pictures and gather what he remembered about his service. Duane admitted that he didn't remember a whole lot of details anymore but we worked together to get as much as we could of what he did recall.

Going through his pictures was the best way to spark memories for Duane at the time, so I'll show some random pictures that he told some short stories about.

Among Duane's photos were quite a few that were professionally taken and reproduced that he purchased on base in Okinawa. Some are really graphic and disturbing but I think need to be shown. War is HELL and we need to see it.



Tent buddies: Darrell Hatcher & Duane Wegner - Darrell was from Indianola, Iowa. Most tents housed two men. This was their base camp where they traveled from. Okinawa is roughly 5 miles wide and 65 miles long.



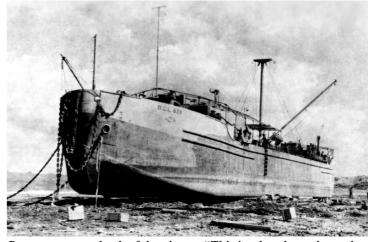
Duane in his truck - Because of the very high humidity, each night Duane had to drain the water from the air break tanks of his truck



"A ship we unloaded on the pier."



"This is what the typhoon done to the ships a year before I arrived. The pier where we haul off of are right beside the wrecked ships but you can't see it."

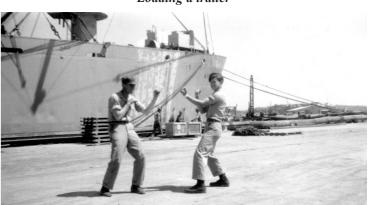


Duane wrote on back of the picture "This is what the typhoon done last year in October." Photo taken October 16, 1945 Naha, Okinawa.

There was one typhoon warning while Duane was on Okinawa but fortunately the storm never hit the island.



Loading a trailer



Pier where ships unloaded supplies on trucks that Duane drove to deliver elsewhere on the island. Horsing around on the pier.



Large ships remained further out in the harbor.

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