

## Defoie Allison, QM3

The first young man I would like to introduce you to is Defoie Allison. Defoie was Born July 20, 1922. He grew up with two brothers and one sister in Spartanburg, South Carolina. There is not much in the records about Defoie before he joined the US Navy Reserve on September 21, 1942. As an active reserve, designation V-6, he would be set to be active for the duration of the war.

He reported aboard USS Corvina, with much of the crew on August 6, 1943 as a QM3.

At some point, prior to reporting to Corvina, Defoie married Eva Marie Cannon, a girl from his home town. It appears that she stayed in Spartanburg when he went to Hawaii to report aboard. This may be because when he reported aboard, his wife was very pregnant, and his daughter Jane was born two weeks before he left on patrol. This also means that he did not get the chance to meet his daughter before he left.

While researching the crew, I found that, although the Corvina was lost on November 16, 1943, the crew was in a Missing in Action status until January 6, 1946, when the Navy was able to confirm the loss using the Japanese war records.

An interesting note about Defoie, his family seems to have been very close. After he was confirmed lost, Eva remarried to Defoie's older brother Bennie and remained together for 45 years until his death in 1991.

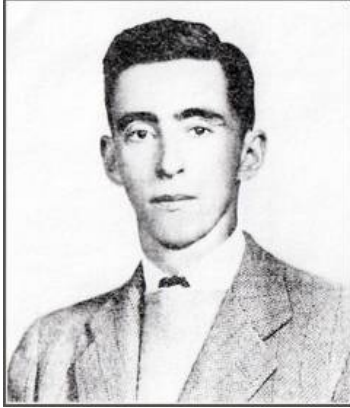
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## Josephus Marion Ashur Jr., MM3

Josephus was born on December 12, 1910 in Mission Beach, California. He spent most of his life around Mission Beach and Old Town San Diego. He was a seaman long before he entered the US Navy. As a teenager he won several power boat races on Mission Bay. In 1931, he applied for a boat operators license to operate a power boat concession at the Mission Beach Activity Center. Josephus enlisted in the US Navy on February 28, 1942. In my search to find out how he could have enlisted and be a MM3, I found that his designation was on the Muster Rolls was NR-M2. This meant that though he became active in the Navy in 1942, after being in the Reserve Merchant Marine Coastal Defense. He reported aboard the USS Corvina on August 6, 1943.

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# John Doane Atwood, Ensign

John Doane Atwood was born August 3, 1921 to Arthur R. and Florence D. Atwood in Plattsburgh, New York, but he grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

From 1937 until 1939 he attended Shady Side Academy which was a college preparatory school. He was active in sports and was the President of the St. Andrews Society Chapter. John attended Yale University from 1939 until 1942. Then, according to the US Navy and Reserve Officer, Cadets, and Midshipmen list for January 1, 1943, Ensign Atwood received his commission and entered service on December 18, 1942.

I found Ensign Atwood on every site and listing of the personnel who lost their lives on the Corvina, however, John is not listed on any of the USS Corvina Muster Rolls. Noting that the last muster roll is dated the 5th of November and the Corvina sailed shortly thereafter, I assume that he reported aboard just before she sailed.

