



Robert Leon Hanley

1922-

BIRTH 6 FEB 1922 • Saint Paul, Minnesota

DEATH Living

Facts

Age 0 – Birth

6 Feb 1922 • Saint Paul, Minnesota

Age 6 – Residence

1928 • St Paul, Minnesota

Age 18 – Residence

1940 • St Paul, Minnesota

Age 19 – Military

31 Mar 1941 • USS Utah crew list

Age 19 – Military

16 Sep 1941 • USS Pecos; Rcv'd from USS HENDERSON

Age 19 – Military

30 Sep 1941 • USS HOUSTON crew list crew roster

Age 20 – Military

28 Feb 1942 • USS HOUSTON

Age 23 – Military

14 Sep 1945 • Burma #5 (Moulmein & Rangoon Jail) worked the TBR as part of the Fitzsimmons Grp; liberated from KAN or possibly Petchburi

Age 24 – Military

1 Jul 1946 • USS St PAUL crew roster

Age 25 – Residence

1947 • Saint Paul, Minnesota

Age 100 – 100th Birthday

Feb 2022 • MINN

Sources

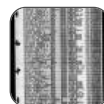
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U.S. World War II Navy Muster Rolls, 1938-1949



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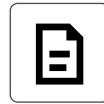
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World War II Prisoners of War,
1941-1946

Notes

<https://valor.militarytimes.com/hero/301754> APR 2018 Robert (Bob) Hanley called me back today. So we had a nice conversation just a couple of hours ago. He sounded great! He and his wife are still living in their townhouse independently. She is 96 and he will be 96 in February, 2018. I asked him to tell me briefly about his experience, so I'll share with you what he said. I hope I got it down correctly. He was very articulate and interesting. Here is what he told me: When the [Houston] sank, he jumped in with just his skivvies on and no life jacket. He swam around for about 12 hours and was able to swim to a life raft. He was then picked up by a Japanese troop ship. He was made to unload the ships and was eventually sent to the Serang Theater and got dysentery (as many others did). As a POW, he was a pharmacist's mate and helped Dr. Hekking a lot. He was in Captain Fitzsimmons' group. He was about 80 k south of Bangkok when he was liberated on August 17, 1945.