

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The following Roster of men volunteered to serve as Gun-Crew for Gun #3, D. Battery, Wake Island Detachment, 1st Defense Battalion, U.S.M.C. on December 9, 1941.

They volunteered again on December 18, 1941, to remain on Wake Island and serve if the civilians were evacuated with no military relief.

With three hours of instruction and gun drill the men faced their first attack at battle stations. Within a short time they became a close knit unit able to cope with the enemy as the rest of the battery.

Having been hunters and target shooters prior to coming to the Island, little instruction was necessary in small arms to prepare them to act as Infantry in the final hours of the Defense.

Battery Commander: Captain Bryghte D. Godbold, USMC
Gun Captain: Sgt. Walter A. Bowsheer Jr. 260119 USMC

Civilian volunteer cannons and Riflemen:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Duties</u>	<u>Place of Residence</u>
CLEFT, Harold	#1 Loader	Nampa, Idaho
GRIFFITH, Arthur	Hot Shellman	Fairfield, Idaho
HARGIS, Eldin	Shell Passer	Roseburg, Oregon
HARVEY, Burdett	Ammo Handler	Oakland, Oregon
LAWBACK, George	Position Maint.	Milton, Oregon
LUDINGTON, Don W.	Fuze Setter Battery Electrician	McCall, Idaho (Heart attack 15 Dec. 1941)
MINERS, Darwin	Breach Operator	Spokane, Washington
MYRDOCK, William	Shell Passer	Elco, Nevada
RATKIN, Chet	#2 Loader	Nampa, Idaho
ROBINETT, Elmo (Doc)	Fuze Setter and Asst. Gun-Capt.	Milton, Oregon
ROW, Earl	Azemeth Operator	Jasonville, Indiana
TALBOT, Marshal	Elevation Operator	Los Angeles, California
TURNER, H. Floyd	Shell Passer	Platsburg, California (shot in the head)
WHITE, Amos	Ammo. Handler	Ronway, New Jersey (died Mar. Hosp. S.F. of T.B. 1945)

December 14, 1979

THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT AS SHOWN.

Walter A. Bowsheer Jr.
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME

THIS 14th DAY OF December, 1979

Edna E. Cameron

EDNA E. CAMERON
NOTARY PUBLIC - CALIFORNIA
My Commission Expires: 3-15-80

