

Washington Island Military Archives

T/3 Harold Flath

Born: 1917
Wisconsin

Died: 1990

Period of Service: WW II

Sources: Monument, B10
F2a, cemetery 367 S, JG
Am Legion scrapbook-box 17

Service # 36013166

SS # 370-05-6050

Entered service 3/26/1941 Ft. Sheridan, IL
Discharged 8/8/1945.

He was with 2nd Battalion Medical Detachment of 132nd Infantry.

Stationed at Camp Croft, SC; Camp Forest, TN; Guadalcanal, Northern Solomon Islands, Southern Philippines.

Battles included Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Leyte, Cebu.

Contracted malaria 1943-1944; spent time in 7th Evac Hospital, 121 Field Hosp.

Medals include Silver Star, Good Conduct, American defense, Asiatic-Pacific, Bronze Battle Star. The Silver Star was for "rescuing a wounded soldier, administering first aid and getting him to safety" on Guadalcanal.

He said he couldn't write the folks at home because they had a total blackout every night. He did find Wallace Landin in the area and visited with him when he learned the name of his boat.

He sailed from New York 1/23/1942 on *USS Santa Rosa*, arriving Melbourne, Australia on 2/28/1942.

Known as "Tuffy" Flath. Owned cottages and a resort on the West Side of the Island. His wife Edith painted.

His parents were William Flath and Louise Johnson Martin.