

Macario Gil

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BIRTHPLACE: Abilene, Kansas

SOLDIER DETAILS

DIVISION: Navy, USS Grayson DD 435

THEATER OF OPERATION: Pacific

SERVED: Sep 30, 1943 - Mar 16, 1946

MILITARY HONORS: American Area Camp Medal, Asiatic Pacific Camp(7stars), Philippine Liberation Ribbon(1 star), Point System: Victory Medal

HONORED BY: Wife, Helen Gil

BIOGRAPHY

I took Boot Camp at Farragut, Idaho and was then sent for further training in Bremington, Washington. There I was assigned to the US Navy Ship USS Grayson. When I came aboard the Grayson, I learned that this ship first entered the Pacific in 1942. she accompanied the Aircraft Carrier Hornet. It was from that ship that General Doolittle's flyers flew the first raid on Tokyo, Japan and many more after that. I was proud to be a member of this ship when we were assigned to Task force 38. This task Force saw combat all over the Pacific and fought in many battles and campaigns. Awards included the American Area Campaign Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 7 stars, the Philippines Liberation Medal with 1 star, the Point system, and the Victory Medal. After military service, I worked 16 1/2 years for the railroad, the Security Mill in Abilene, and finally retired from Central Soya Mills after 25 years of service.