



**Winton
Blair**
Navy

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May 31, 1925 - Jun 29, 2010

BIRTHPLACE: Dillon, KS

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: Seaman

DIVISION: Navy, Hospital Ship

THEATER OF OPERATION: Pacific

SERVED: Jan 13, 1944 -

BATTLE: Philippine Invasion

HONORED BY: The Eisenhower Foundation

BIOGRAPHY

Winton Blair "Bunky" was born at Dillon, KS, May of 1924. He attended grade school in Dillon and 1 year of High School in Hope, KS. Bunky left school to help on the farm. When he was older, Bunky left the farm to enlist into the Navy December of 1943 at Fort Leavenworth. He was sworn in at Kansas City and shipped to Farragut, ID for basic training. Bunky returned home during a 15 day Furlough, returning for advanced training in San Diego, CA. He was placed on a hospital ship and cruised the Pacific where they were needed including Saipan, Pearl Harbor and the invasion of the Philippines. Bunky returned home and married Mildred Friedli and they had a daughter. Courtesy of the Dickinson County Heritage Center and Museum.