

Acker, H. T

Local Man With Naval Bombardment Forces Off Okinawa

H. T. Acker, fireman 1/C, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton D. Acker, Broad Street, Bath, fought aboard a U. S. battleship throwing steel at the Japanese on Okinawa in the week-long bombardment that cleared the beaches for invading troops.

So deadly were her big guns that troops encountered no enemy fire in the areas she covered. On the morning of D-Day, the deluge of shells pouring onto the island was intensified.

F1/C Acker was at his battle station for many hours that day, and not until box lunches came up from the galley did he and his shipmates know it was also Easter Sunday. Packed neatly in each box was a touch of home—brightly colored Easter eggs. MAY 25 1945

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