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**Local Sailor on  
"Rugged Rudy" Escort**

John Kermit Gemberling, Water Tender 1/C, USN, whose wife, Dorothy, lives at 703 Cambridge Avenue, served aboard the escort carrier USS Rudyerd Bay as she topped off three major Pacific operations with her campaign at Okinawa.

The "Rugged Rudy" as she is called by her crew, is commanded by Captain Curtis Smiley, USN. She has seen action at Iwo Jima, where her planes supported our landing forces for the first time; in the invasion of the Philippines, and protected tankers carrying oil for Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet.

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