

Del Grosso, Danny

Sailor In Trunks

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According to a press release received here today, Danny Del Grosso, Gunner's Mate 2/C of 420 Hayes Street, served with an Underwater Demolition team, the Navy's famed group of expert swimmers who paved the way for invasions of enemy held beaches. They served at Normandy, Southern France, Saipan, Tinian, Peleliu, Anguar, Iwo Jima, Lingayen, Zambales, Okinawa, Taugen Shima, Karama Retto and in the occupation of Japan.

G. M. 2/C Del Grosso was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company before his induction November 23, 1943. He is a graduate of Liberty High School and he completed his Naval training at Fort Pierce, Fla.

The work of Del Grosso's demolition team was vital to the success of landing operations. They cleared enemy beaches of obstructions and blasted ways through reefs so landing ships might enter. Their casualties—as high as 40 per cent at Normandy—helped keep down the losses among the men who attacked on D-Day, always days after the "sailors in trunks" had done their work.

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