

Kmetz, John M.

On Inactive Duty

John M. Kmetz, Boatswain's Mate 2/C, USN, 607 Ridge St. has served aboard the aircraft carrier Belleau Wood, now in San Francisco harbor for an overhauling before retiring to a Reserve Fleet yard for inactive duty.

While Kmetz served aboard the "flat-top", she ran up a remarkable record operating with the 3rd and 5th Fleets. She was reported "sunk" three times by Tokyo Rose—once off Saipan, again in the Philippines, and finally off Tokyo itself, yet she is now in port, although she lost 102 men when a suicide plane crashed into her flight deck October 30, 1944.

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