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Sir,

My dad was **Alano Blackmer**. He enlisted in early 1944 and after boot camp at Great Lakes was assigned as a baker to the LST 634. It appears that this was right after the ship was commissioned. The ship was at Iwo Jima but was damaged later and returned to Pearl Harbor. After the war dad was in the occupation forces. Here are 7 photos (below).

There are over 75 photos in dad's album, but most are of crew and/or are in poor focus. Hopefully one or more of these will work for you. If any of these make it to publication, I would appreciate a copy. My friend **George LaRoche** is a member of your organization and gets the magazines, which is where I found out about it.

Thanks,

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The USS LST 634

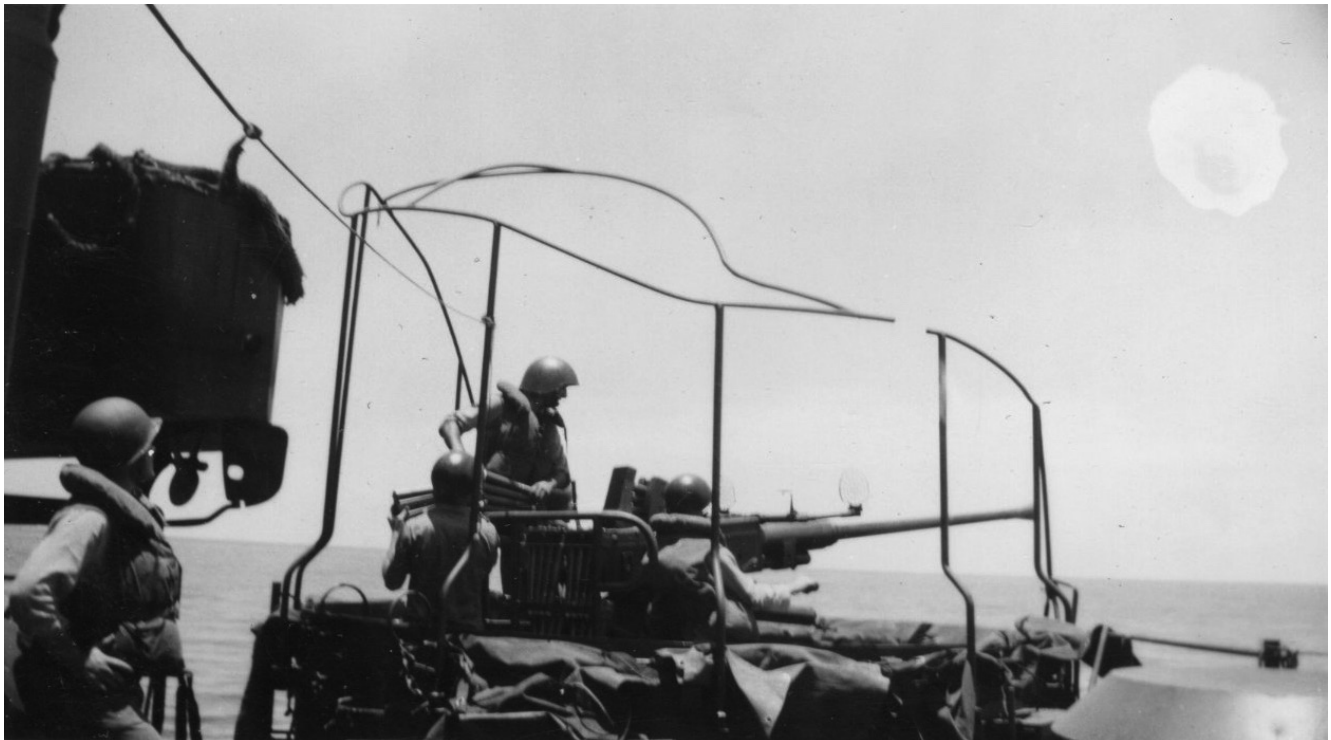


The ships officers: (Left to Right) sitting: LT JG Walken; Ensign Williams; LT Smith (executive officer); LT Little (captain); Ensign Yates; Ensign Bingham – (Left to Right) Standing: Ensigns—Allen; Nelson; Haj; Klinkenfues; and Kovach

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The ship's Company



Dad's battle station – in the sling.

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*LST 634, LST 608,
and others at Subic
Bay Philippines.*



*My Dad (Alano Blackmer)
with Japanese flag.*



*Shipmates of LST
634 in and around
Nagasaki.*