

# Dedication

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No victory of arms in the history of the world has been so great, so glorious, so richly rewarded but that the conqueror has not weighed the measure of his success lightly against the loss of fellow warriors in his own rank and file.

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We of the USS ALPINE, have been joined in the greatest physical conflict of all time. A unit of the victorious force, an attack transport serving the mightiest navy ever to sail the seven seas, we were engaged in the delivery of combat troops and material to the various and far flung battle fronts of the Pacific War.

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We were there, too, at Guam, Leyte, Lingayen Gulf and Okinawa, names prominently and indelibly inscribed in the annals of World War II. We proudly reflect upon the Alpine's wounds, large, deep metallic scars wrought by two separate suicidal blows from Japanese Kamikaze planes -- one at Leyte and the other at Okinawa on D-Day. For these are her badges of service under fire.



FREITAG, N. R.  
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New plates, riveting and paint; however, have healed these scars, but there are other wounds we bear which cannot be discerned, which won't be healed. These are the memories we share of eight comrades who gave their all in the momentous struggle for a free world.

RUCKER, R. B.  
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And so it is the unanimous decision of the officers and men of the USS ALPINE that this issue of their ship's yearbook be respectfully dedicated to these men and their loved ones at home with whom we have in common a sense of personal loss.

IVEY, J. B.  
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At Leyte, Philippine Islands, on November 18, 1944, death took from us five men -- Merle L. Edwards; Norman R. Freitag; William C. Hays; Benjamin F. Mason, Jr.; and Arnold K. Tillis, Jr. Killed at Okinawa on D-Day, April 1, 1945, were John B. Ivey; Herbert L. McCaw and Buster Rucker.

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