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**Feb 13, 1926 -**

**BIRTHPLACE: Muskogee, OK**

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### **SOLDIER DETAILS**

**DIVISION: Navy**

**THEATER OF OPERATION: Pacific**

**BATTLE: Marshall Islands, Guam, Leyte, Luzon,  
Okinawa**

**HONORED BY: The Eisenhower Foundation**

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### **BIOGRAPHY**

William "Bill" Mercer was born in Muskogee, OK. He served in the Navy from 1943-1946 aboard the USS Rixey and USS LCI (G)-439. (Landing Craft Boat Infantry - gunboat) Bill was a single man. His ships participated in 5 invasions: Marshall Islands, Guam, Leyte, Luzon, and Okinawa. After the war, Bill earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Denver in 1949 and his Master's from North Texas State University. Bill was a well-known sports broadcaster and is best known for his play-by-play radio baseball broadcasting. He also covered the John F. Kennedy assassination. Courtesy of [sabr.org/bio](http://sabr.org/bio) and [wikipedia](http://wikipedia).