

Thomas Ainsworth

Navy

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Dec 13, 1913 - Oct 23, 1970

BIRTHPLACE: Bay Springs, MS

SOLDIER DETAILS

DIVISION: Navy, Hospital Apprentice

THEATER OF OPERATION: American

SERVED: May 12, 1945 - Oct 22, 1945

HONORED BY: Granson, Brian Maddox

BIOGRAPHY

Tom Ainsworth was working for the Tennessee Eastman Company in Oak Ridge when he entered the Navy in mid May, 1945. He was 31 years old. Nevertheless, this was his opportunity to meet his patriotic obligation. He was sent to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in North Chicago for his basic indoctrination into the ways of the Navy. Once completed, Tom then trained as a hospital corpsman apprentice. Having finished this additional training, his next assignment was at the Naval Hospital in San Diego, California. In due course, Tom's last duty station was his assignment to the recently opened United States Naval Hospital in Dublin, Georgia. There he took care of returning injured and recovering sailors. At the end of his short military duty five months later, Tom eagerly returned to his wife and children and resumed his civilian status. He died on October 23, 1970 at the age of 56. He is buried in the National Cemetery in Chattanooga, Tennessee.