

JOHN LEE HIGHFILL

1900 – 1993

SERVICE YEARS: 1918 - 1950

Born in Eckerty, Indiana April 1900. Enlisted in US Army 1918, served in European Theater until 1919. Enlisted US Navy 1919. Served as a Carpenter's Mate until entering the School of Photography at Pensacola in the mid-1920's – instructed by LYMAN GOODNIGHT. 1926 – 1941 served in various duty stations including: USS SARATOGA CV3 (plank owner); conducted aerial photo surveys of Argentina and Alaska from open cockpit aircraft; China Station on seaplane tender; Photolab, Coco Solo, Panama Canal Zone. During WWII served in the Pacific Theater on USS MAKIN ISLAND CVE-93 when it was Admiral Durgin's Flagship for the "Jeep Carriers"; and later ran the photolab on Espiritu Santo. His last duty after WWII was OinC, School of Photography, Pensacola. He retired as a Lieutenant in 1950