

\*List of U.S. Navy and Civilian Personnel Killed and Wounded in the *Panay* Incident

*"I'LL MEET YOU AT THE SLOP CHUTE ON THE OLD WHANGPOO"*

*I'll meet you at the slop chute on the old Whangpoo  
Bring along your dip net; there'll be enough for two  
There'll be beans and carrots and some Irish stew  
I'll meet you at the slop chute on the old Whangpoo!*

— theme song of the “river rats” of the Yangtze Patrol, sung to the tune of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart"

**List of Killed and Injured as a Result of the Attack on the *USS Panay* and accompanying vessels, December 12, 1937, from a list compiled by Commander James J. Hughes.**

**KILLED:**

CHARLES L. ENSMINGER, STOREKEEPER 1c, USN  
EDGAR G. HULSEBUS, LIEUT. USN  
MR. SANDRO SANDRI, ITALIAN JOURNALIST.

**SERIOUSLY INJURED:**

JAMES J. HUGHES, LIEUT. COMDR., USN  
ARTHUR F. ANDERS, LIEUT. USN  
JOHN W. GEIST, LIEUT (jg) USN  
CARL H. BIRK, E.M. 1c, USN  
NEWTON L. DAVIS, F. 1c, USN  
ALEX KOZAK, MM 2c, USN  
JOHN H. LAND, CQM, USN  
KENNETH JAMES RICE, EM 3c, USN  
CHARLES SCOTT SCHROYER, SEA.1c, USN  
PERES DIX ZIEGLER, S.C. 3c, USN

**MINOR INJURIES:**

CHARLES S. ADAMS, RM 2c, USN  
TONY BARBA, JR., SC 3c, USN  
JOHN A. BONKOSKI, GM 3c, USN  
ERNEST C. BRANCH, F. 1c, USN  
RAYMOND L. BROWNING, EM 3c, USN  
WALTER CHEATHAM, COX., USN  
THOMAS A. COLEMAN, CPhM, USN  
JOHN A. DIRNHOFER, Sea. 1c, USN  
YUAN T. ERH, MAtt. 1c, USN  
FRED G. FICHTENMAYER, CM 1c, USN  
EMERY F. FISHER, CWT, USN  
MICHAEL GERENT, MM 2c, USN  
CECIL B. GREEN, Sea. 1c, USN

JOHN L. HODGE, F. 1c, USN  
FON B. HUFFMAN, WT 2c, USN  
KARL HAROLD JOHNSON, MM 2c, USN  
CARL HERMAN KERSKE  
PETER H. LUMPERS, CMM, USN  
WILLIAM P. LANDER, Sea. 1c, USN  
ERNEST R. HALHMANN, CBM, USN  
WILLIAM A. MC CABE, F. 1c, USN  
STANLEY W. MC EOWEN, Sea. 1c, USN  
JAMES H. PECK, QM 2c, USN  
REGINALD P. PETERSON, RM 2c, USN  
VERNON F. PUCKETT, CMM, USN  
KING F. SUNG, MAtt. 2c, USN  
HARRY B. TUCK, S. 1c, USN  
CLEO E. WAXLER, BM 2c, USN  
JOHN T. WEBER, Yeo. 1c, USN  
ROBERT R. HEBARD, F. 1c, USN  
FAR Z. WONG, MAtt. 1c, USN  
CLARK G. GRAZIER, Lieut. (MC), USN  
DENNIS H. BIWERSE, Ensign, USN.

**SERIOUSLY INJURED CIVILIAN PASSENGERS:**

EMILE GASSIE, EMBASSY CLERK  
JAMES MARSHALL, *COLLIERS* CORRESPONDENT

**MINOR INJURIES TO CIVILIAN PASSENGERS:**

J. PAXTON HALL, SECOND SECRETARY  
ROY SQUIRES, CHINA IMPORTING AND EXPORTING.

**FOLLOWING CIVILIAN ON BOARD *MEIPING* MINOR INJURIES:**

F.H. VINES, BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO.

**FOLLOWING CIVILIAN ON BOARD *MEIAN* KILLED:**

C.H. CARLSON, MASTER.

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\*The Decorated

List of Awards Presented to Survivors and the Dead:

**THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL**

*NOTE: In 1937, the Navy ranked the Medal of Honor as its highest award, followed by the Distinguished Service Cross and the Navy Cross. In 1939 the Navy withdrew the Navy Cross it had awarded Arthur Anders and granted him the Distinguished Service*

*Medal. The precedence of these two decorations was reversed in 1942, and Commander Anders was awarded the Navy Cross in 1969.*

ANDERS, ARTHUR F.

Lieutenant, U.S. Navy

*U.S.S. Panay*

Date of Action: December 12, 1937

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Medal is presented to Arthur F. Anders, Lieutenant, U.S. Navy, for extraordinary heroism on 12 December 1937 while serving as Executive Officer of *U.S.S. Panay* on the occasion of the bombing and loss of that vessel. Although severely wounded, suffering from loss of blood and unable to speak, Commander (then Lieutenant) Anders remained at his duty station, directing the fire of *Panay's* machine-gun battery and supervising abandon-ship operations. Displaying selfless concern for the safety of the ship and those on board, he gave his orders and commands in writing, and was a source of inspiration for all who observed him. His great personal valor throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

ROBERTS, FRANK N.

Captain, U.S. Army

Date of Action: December 12, 1937

Citation:

**THE NAVY CROSS** (with citations when known):

ADAMS, CHARLES S.

Radioman Second Class, U.S. Navy

*U.S.S. Panay*

Date of Action: December 12, 1937

Synopsis:

The Navy Cross is presented to Charles S. Adams, Radioman Second Class, U.S. Navy, for extraordinary heroism in the line of his profession on December 12, 1937, while serving aboard the *Panay* when it was attacked by the Japanese.

BARLOW, HARRY DOUGLAS

Lieutenant Commander, British Royal Navy

Date of Action: December 12, 1937

Synopsis:

The Navy Cross is presented to Harry Douglas Barlow, Lieutenant Commander, British Royal Navy, for his voluntary and unstinted cooperation in assisting with the recovery of the survivors of the *Panay* after it was attacked by the Japanese.

BONKOSKI, JOHN ANTHONY

Gunner's Mate Third Class, U.S. Navy

CHEATHAM, WALTER

Coxswain, U.S. Navy

CRABBE, LEWIS GONNE EYRE

Vice Admiral, British Royal Navy

Date of Action: December 12, 1937

Synopsis:

The Navy Cross is presented to Lewis Gonne Eyre Crabbe, Vice Admiral, British Royal Navy, for distinguished service in the line of his profession through his voluntary and unstinted cooperation in assisting with the recovery of the survivors of the *U.S.S. Panay*.

COWDEN, EDWARD E.

Coxswain, U.S. Navy

DIRNHOFFER, JOHN A.

Seaman First Class, U.S. Navy

GRAZIER, CLARK G.

Lieutenant (MC), U.S. Navy

HEBARD, ROBERT RAYMOND

Fireman First Class, U.S. Navy

HENNESSY, JOHN N.

Gunner's Mate Second Class, U.S. Navy

*U.S.S. Panay*

Date of Action: December 12, 1937

Citation:

The Navy Cross is presented to John N. Hennessy, Gunner's Mate Second Class, U.S. Navy, for extraordinary heroism on the occasion of the bombing and loss of the *U.S.S. Panay* on 12 December 1937. Gunner's Mate Second Class Hennessy was a member of the crew, which courageously operated the machine gun battery against the attacking planes even though these guns could not bear forward from which direction most of the attacks were made. He remained at his post of duty until the ammunition was expended and he was ordered to abandon ship. His performance of duty on this occasion was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service.

HODGE, JOHN J.

Fireman First Class, U.S. Navy

HULSEBUS, EDGAR W. G. (Posthumous)

Coxswain, U.S. Navy

Citation: For having distinguished himself by display of heroism on the occasion of the bombing and loss of the *USS Panay* on 12 December 1937. Hulsebus was a member of the crew, which courageously operated the machine gun battery against the attacking planes, even though these guns could not bear forward from which direction most of the attacks were made. He remained at his post of duty until he was fatally wounded and

carried from the ship. His performance of duty on this occasion was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service.

KERSKE, CARL H.  
Coxswain, U.S. Navy

KOZAK, ALEXANDER  
Motor Machinist Second Class, U.S. Navy

LANG, JOHN HENRY  
Chief Quartermaster, U.S. Navy

MAHLMANN, ERNEST R.  
Chief Boatswain's Mate, U.S. Navy  
For distinguishing himself by his display of heroism on the occasion of the bombing and loss of the USS *Panay* on December 12, 1937, Mahlmann manned three machine guns at different times. It was due to his efforts that the boats were successfully lowered and manned during the abandon ship operations; he was continuously exposed to heavy bombing and machine gun fire from attacking planes. He made all of the trips in the sampan and voluntarily returned to the sinking *Panay* for supplies after she had been abandoned.

MCEOWEN, STANLEY W.  
Seaman First Class, U.S. Navy

MURPHY, JAMES T.  
Radioman Third Class, U.S. Navy  
*U.S.S. Panay*  
Date of Action: December 12, 1937

Citation:

The Navy Cross is presented to James T. Murphy, Radioman Third Class, U.S. Navy, for extraordinary heroism on the occasion of the bombing and loss of the *U.S.S. Panay*. Radioman Third Class Murphy was a member of the crew, which courageously operated the machine gun battery against the attacking planes, even though these guns could not bear forward from which direction most of the attacks were made. He remained at his post of duty until the ammunition was expended and he was ordered to abandon ship. His performance of duty on this occasion was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service.

PETERSON, REGINALD  
Radioman Second Class, U.S. Navy

RIDER, MORRIS  
Coxswain, U.S. Navy

TRUAX, HOMER W.

Boatswain's Mate First Class, U.S. Navy

WEIMERS, GERALD L.  
Machinist's Mate First Class, U.S. Navy

WILLIAMSON, MARCUS V.  
Fireman First Class, U.S. Navy

WISLER, ANDY R.  
Radioman First Class, U.S. Navy

**THE BRONZE STAR**

FONG SUNG, KING  
Messman

**LETTER OF COMMENDATION**

ERH, YUAN TE  
Messman

HUGHES, JAMES J.  
Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy

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