



United States Navy Winter Dress Blue Uniform Jumper, 1941

Clarence Gunther, of Frankfort, Kentucky, joined the United States Navy in March 1940. He received training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center and was assigned to the destroyer USS *Farragut* (DD-348). Part of the Pacific Fleet, the *Farragut* was moored in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. On that day, during the Japanese attack, Gunther was wounded twice. Both he and the ship survived the bombing. Gunther served in both World War II and the Korean War. During his twelve years of service in the United States Navy, Gunther earned fourteen battle stars.

Donated by Clarence Gunther, 1994.30.01

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