

World War II

Born - June 29, 1924 Hyde Park, Massachusetts

Entered Service - July, 1942 Canton, Massachusetts



MM 2nd Class Parker B. Dodge
U.S. Navy
Age 20

Parker come to Canton when he was 7 and lived at 2366 Washington Street with his brother and two sisters. He attended the Ponkapoag, Eliot and Canton High Schools, graduating in 1942. One month after graduation Parker joined the Navy and was assigned to the USS Luce DD 552. The Luce first saw action in Europe (from his post cards), but in the spring of 1945 it was off to Okinawa for our invasion. On the morning of May 4th Japanese Kamikaze pilots attacked the Luce. The first plane's bomb didn't hit but was close enough to knock out the ship's electrical power. The second crashed into the aft section disabling the port engine and rudder. An hour after the attack began, a fierce explosion sank the ship with the loss of almost one third of her crew. Dodge, a Machinist Mate, was in the engine room and had no chance to escape. His body was never recovered.

Date of Death - May 4, 1945..... Off Okinawa

Buried Pacific Ocean