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WILLIAM J. GRIFFIN, JR

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Pre - '50 Alumni, SDSU

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EDUCATION: 1937-1940 San Diego State College

1940-1942 University of California - Berkeley
B.S. Degree - Forestry

EMPLOYMENT: U.S. Forest Service, California Region.

RETIREMENT: Since 1980

AGE: 74 years

HOBBY: Investing

BORN: San Antonio, Texas, April 16, 1919.

HOME TOWN: San Diego until 1940 ± .

MILITARY SERVICE:

GRADE: 1st Lieutenant

1. 1943-1946, Army Air Forces, WWII, U.S.A
and Southwest Pacific. Location during 1945:
New Guinea and Solomon Islands.

2. 1950-1952, Air Force, Korea.

AWARD: Distinguished Unit Citation on March
18th 1951.

WHAT, WHEN AND WHERE ON VJ DAY: At the time I was assigned to an airways communications unit operating within the Allied defensive perimeter

on the island of Bougainville, the largest of the Solomon group and the one over which Japanese admiral Yamamoto was shot down in 1943. This island remained an on and off combat area until the war ended. The Japanese here surrendered to Allied forces composed mostly of Australian infantry and New Zealand airmen.

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