

War Era Story Project 2012

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My uncle, Arthur J. Burdett, was in the Navy aboard a small aircraft carrier, the USS Coral Sea. He was in a number of the battles in the South Pacific. His normal job was to patch aircraft up during or after fighting. At Iwo Jima, he was given a rifle and told to prepare to join the Marines in the island fighting. This was due to the great loss of Marines in the fighting. Just prior to his departure, the island was secured and he was ordered to stand down. He had absolutely no training for this type of exercise.