

KITCHEN, ERNEST LAVERNE

Aviation ordnanceman 2/c, Naval Reserve, 874-77 45. Born 6 Apr. 1924 at Bluffton, Ind., the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kitchen. Employed General Electric Company; residence, Decatur. Inducted 4 Feb. 1943 and entered service 11 Feb. 1943. Training: Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Chicago; Jacksonville, Fla., and elsewhere. Gunner on a naval bomber; member of Patrol Bombing Squadron 106. Plane shot down by enemy fighter planes on 1 June 1945 while engaged in a special reconnaissance mission in the Asiatic area. Death confirmed 2 June 1946.