

Thomas Bernard Carey, Jr.

Born: October 31, 1924
Hometown: Hartford, CT
Class: 1944
Service: Merchant Marine
Position / Rank: Engine Cadet
Date / Place of death: November 2, 1944 / U.S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans, NY
Date / Place of burial: November 1944 / Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield, CT
Age: 20



Thomas B. Carey signed on as Engine Cadet aboard the *SS Golden Eagle* on April 29, 1943 at San Francisco, CA after completing initial training at the San Mateo Basic School on April 5. The *Golden Eagle*, a refrigerated cargo ship, had just been delivered from its builder and was ready for its maiden voyage. On October 12, 1943, following the *Golden Eagle's* arrival at New York, NY from Cardiff, Wales, Thomas Carey left the ship to begin his final training at Kings Point.

However, just a few months later, In January 1944, Thomas Carey contracted Scarlet Fever. In the following weeks Carey appeared to improve, but complications set in. By early April the complications had become so severe, including accumulation of fluid in his body tissues and renal failure, that he was admitted to the Academy's Patten Hospital. However, his condition continued to deteriorate. On May 23, 1944, after six weeks of treatment at Patten Hospital, Thomas Carey was transferred to the U.S. Naval Hospital at St. Albans, NY. Although he showed some brief periods of improvement, Carey's condition gradually deteriorated. He died at St. Albans at 1030 on November 2, 1944. The official cause of death is listed as Acute Nephritis, a serious inflammation of the kidneys. An autopsy was not performed at the request of Cadet Midshipman Carey's parents.

For his time at sea, Cadet-Midshipman Thomas B. Carey earned the Pacific War Zone Bar, Atlantic War Zone Bar, the Victory Medal and Presidential Testimonial Letter.

According to the 1930 U.S. Census, Thomas B. Carey was the only child of Thomas Bernard Carey and Mary Carey. Thomas' father was a Detective in the Hartford Police Department.



Headstone for Thomas B. Carey, Jr.