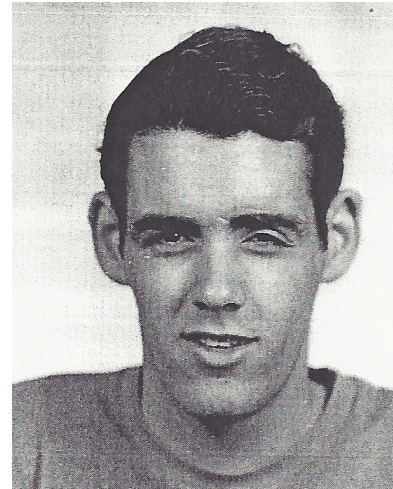


## Roland Edward Netcott, Jr.

Born: 1921  
Hometown: Independence, IA  
Class: 1944  
Service: Merchant Marine  
Position / Rank: Engine Cadet  
Date / Place of death: September 26, 1943  
Date / Place of burial: Unknown / Oakwood Cemetery, Independence, IA  
Age: 23



Roland E. Netcott entered the U.S. Merchant Marine Cadet Corps on September 18, 1942, at Kings Point. He received his appointment as Cadet-Midshipman, USNR on October 2, 1942. He was assigned to the SS Tabitha Brown for this Sea Year, signing on as Engine Cadet in Portland, OR on October 26. He signed off the ship upon its arrival in New York from Trinidad on March 20, 1943.

Cadet-Midshipman Roland E. Netcott was discharged from the U.S. Naval Reserve and, presumably the U.S. Merchant Marine Cadet Corps, on July 16, 1943. Since Academy records indicate that he died on September 26, 1943, just two months after his discharge, the reason for his discharge may have been either injury or illness.



**Roland Netcott Memorial,  
Independence, IA**

For his merchant marine service Cadet-Midshipman Roland E. Netcott earned the Atlantic and Pacific War Zone Bars, the Victory Medal and Presidential Testimonial Letter.

Roland E. Netcott was the only son and youngest of Ronald E. Netcott, Sr. and Irene Netcott's two children. Roland's big sister was Avenel, two years older. The Netcott family was well established in Independence, Iowa where Roland's father and Uncle Harry were architects practicing together in the firm of Netcott & Netcott. Growing up Roland was a Boy Scout. In April 1934, when he was thirteen years old he was awarded a medal

and gold watch for preventing a fast freight train from de-railing near Independence.