

William A Goss

U.S. Coast Guard

Captain of Port, NY



William Allen Goss, Jr.
U.S. Coast Guard WWII

Bill Goss enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard while a student at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. He was sworn in at Springfield, Illinois on December 18, 1942. During his time in service, Bill was initially stationed at Brooklyn, New York where he trained for Captain of the Port duty under the supervision of renowned boxer Jack Dempsey. Bill was subsequently stationed at Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, St. Petersburg, Florida and Groton, Connecticut and Newport, Rhode Island.

While stationed at Ellis Island, New York, Bill was a member of the commissioning crew of the transport ship U.S.S. W. P. Richardson AP 118 which sailed from Bayonne, New Jersey. The Richardson crossed the Atlantic Ocean 26 times pulling into Southampton, England, Naples, Italy, LaHarve and Marseilles, France. It went through the Suez Canal to Karache, India (now Pakistan) returning by way of Trinidad to pick up troops. It was on the way

to Okinawa when the war ended in Japan and the Captain received orders to return to port at New York City. From there Bill was ordered to St. Louis, Missouri for discharge on December 7, 1945.

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