

EVILSIZER EXCHANGE

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Special points of interest:

- Richard Evilsizer, diver for Convair, brings crashed pilot to surface.
- USS Sheldon torpedoed with Roay Taylor Evilsizer on board.

CONVAIR XF2Y-1- SEA DART

On 19 January 1951, Convair received an order from the U.S. Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics to develop two XF2Y-1 aircraft to be equipped with twin hydroskis (the twin hydroskis were "planing" skis and derived lift the same as a person using water skis. They were not skis that provided lift in the same manner as hydrofoils.). They were to be prototypes of a definitive water-based, single-seat, afterburning supersonic interceptor/fighter. This action resulted in an experimental test program that began in December 1952 and continued through 1957. A total of five aircraft, dubbed Seadart, were built. Only three ever flew. The last two were completed except for engine installation.

Convair test pilot Charles E. Richbourg made the initial flight tests of the number two SeaDart. On August 3, 1954, Richbourg took BuNo 135762 through the sound barrier while in a shallow dive. This made the SeaDart the first (and to date the only) seaplane to go supersonic. Since the SeaDart had been designed before the advent of the area rule, the aircraft experienced high transonic drag and was unable to exceed the speed of sound in level



flight. Flight tests indicated some wing spanwise airflow, and a single airflow fence was mounted on each upper wing surface near the tip. No other SeaDart was fitted with wing fences.

Unfortunately, Richbourg was killed on November 4 of that year while demonstrating BuNo 135762 over San Diego Bay to Navy officers and press representatives. It seems that the aircraft had gotten pushed past its safety margin during a low-altitude, high-speed flypast, and the plane disintegrated in midair as a result of pilot-induced pitch oscillations. Bits and pieces of flaming debris fell into the bay. I still remember the rather vivid photos of this accident that ap-

RICHARD EVILSIZER BRINGS PILOT TO SURFACE



Hundreds See Pilot Die in Accident At Navy Exhibition– Speedy Sea Plane Hits Water Near San Diego Coast Guard Station

A Convair SeaDart, the fastest jet seaplane in the world, exploded in the air yesterday afternoon and fell in pieces into the bay. The pilot Charles E Richbourg, 31 of 952 Moana Dr, was fatally injured. The black and yellow delta-winged fighter crashed from an altitude of about 500 feet during a demonstration flight for 200 aircraft and military officials and press representatives.

The seaplane plunged into flames into the bay 300 yards from the group of observers assembled on the Convair ramp near the Coast Guard air station. The accident occurred at 3:05 P.M.

REACHED BY DIVERS

Richbourg died soon after Convair divers pulled him from the wreckage. He still was strapped into the cockpit when the divers reached him. The flight was part of a navy-sponsored demonstration of new aircraft and was witnessed by 80 reporters and photographers from throughout the United States. More than 100 Convair employees saw the crash. Hundreds of San Diegans in scattered parts of the City saw it. The SeaDart, or XF2Y1 took off from the bay near the ramp, retracted its ski-landing gear and circled Coronado, gaining altitude for its first pass. As the onlookers watched, took notes, or aimed cameras, Richbourg put the plane into a shallow dive and picked up speed as he came in for a run over the takeoff course.

SUBDUED EXPLOSION

As the plane approached the course, observers noticed that it pitched or porpoised. There was a subdued explosive sound, a

flash of flame, and the SeaDart blew apart in the air. The tall section disintegrated and the cockpit and nose section tore free. The flaming main fuselage section struck the water first and burned for several minutes. A crash boat with two Convair divers aboard sped to the wreckage. The boat had been stationed near the ramp during the demonstration. The pilot was brought to the surface from a depth of 30 feet by divers Fred Kilbourne, Rt 1, El Cajon, and **DICK EVILSIZER**, 1021 Chalcedony St, Pacific Beach.



“He was still strapped in his seat and his chute harness when we got to him,” Kilbourne said. Richbourg was alive when the crash boat brought him to the ramp. He was pronounced dead a few minutes later by Dr James Ryan, Convair physician. He is survived by his widow Margaret and their two children, Roger 3 and Margaret, 1. He joined Convair in July 1951 as a test pilot. In July 1952 he was selected as the outstanding student of his class when he was graduated from test pilot training school Patuxent River, MD. He was pilot of the SeaDart last summer when it exceeded the speed of sound in a shallow drive. Richbourg was a navy Pilot in WWII and had been active in the Navy Reserve as a lieutenant.

(Richard Henry Evilsizer (1926-2001)

Was married to Jackie Bryant who resides in Santee, CA. (San Diego). (Jason Eugene, Eddon, Eddon, William Irvin, Henry Evilsizer)



LOST CHILDREN SEEKING PARENTS

East Liverpool Review East Liverpool, Ohio Mon Feb 26, 1951

IN the presence of immediate families Thursday night at 7 o'clock in the First Church of the Nazarene, Miss **Freda Mae Evilsizer** and Harold Junior Willey exchanged marriage vows. Rev C L Rodda, pastor, read the single-ring rites. The bride is the daughter of Mrs Lucille King, 822 Daisy Alley, and the late **Fred**



CONNECT THEM

Evilsizer, and the bridegroom is the son of **Mrs Alice Watson** of Middlebourne, WV. White accessories were worn with the bride's navy

blue gabardine suit and her corsage was of white gardenias. Miss **Dolores Jane Evilsizer**, sister of the bride, was maid of honor in a gray gabardine suit with black accessories. Her corsage was of pink roses. Henry Nolan served as best man for his brother. A dinner for 19 followed at the home of the bride's mother and a miniature bridal couple topped the two tier cake. The couple left for a brief visit to Middlebourne and will reside in East Liverpool. The bride was a freshman in East Liverpool High School and her husband is employed at the Taylor, Smith and Taylor, Co

(Possible Fred Evilsizer b c1910 in Hancock Co, OH to Samuel and Anna, a grandson of Joshua Evilsizer and Susan Reiner)

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE NOV 5, 1954



ESTHER FRANCES EVILSIZER, MARIETTA, OH

The Coshocton Tribune, Wed, Jan 5, 1972

The Norwood Methodist Church in Marietta was the setting for the New Years' Day wedding of **ESTHER FRANCES EVILSIZER** and **ROBERT HAROLD MEHRLEY** of Coshocton. The double-ring ceremony was performed by Rev Wesley Gebhart. Mrs Donna Beihl supplied music at the organ. Attendants were Mr and **Mrs WILEY DUVAL** of

Zanesville, sister and brother-in-law of the bride. The ushers were Jack Homman, Dover, son-in-law of the groom and Stanley Duval, nephew, Zanesville. The bride is a graduate of Marietta High School and attended Marietta College. She is a member of the Professional and Business Woman's Club and Alpha Iota Society. She has been employed as bookkeeper for the Marietta Insurance Service. The groom is a graduate of Sistersville High School in WV and is a printer with the Print Shop in Coshocton. They will reside at 598 S 12th St., Coshocton.



BIRTHS— CAN YOU IDENTIFY ?

ALICIA CATHERINE EVILSIZER

6/29/1981 Contra Costa Co, CA mother name was PARKS.

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL EVILSIZER

8/15/1985 Los Angeles, CA mother CURL

DALE R EVILSIZER

7/16/1960 Los Angeles, CA mother LENSKI

DAVID D EVILSIZER

12/18/1973 Los Angeles, CA mother Wroot

TAMMY L EVILSIZER

9/23/1972 Los Angeles, CVA mother WROOT

Judith Colleen EVENSIZER

5/31/1944 San Diego, CA Mother ARTHUR



EVILSIZER - IN THE LAW



STEPHEN ALLEN EVILSIZER

Hartford City News, Wednesday, March 18, 1903

MARSHAL KILLS A BAD MAN

Stephen Evilsizer is Shot Down While Resisting Arrest

Attacks Marshal with a Hatchet and Officer Shoots In Self Defense

Stephen Evilsizer, the man who has so often figured in the police court on charges of beating his wife, was shot Friday between 10 and 11 o'clock by Marshal Nelson Worley, who went to Evilsizer's room in the Elton Building to arrest him. The bullet entered the man's brain and he died Saturday morning. Evilsizer was charged with provocation on complaint of his wife. After Mrs Evilsizer had the prosecutor get out the papers for her husband's arrest, she concluded she wanted the case dismissed. The prosecutor had told her in the beginning that if there was to be any backing out, the time to do it was before the complaint was made out. She was firm at the time, but relented and sent her son to the prosecutor with a note requesting that the matter be dropped. Evilsizer, in the meantime had become warlike and he told Constable Fountain that as he had paid enough fines and was out of work, he did not propose to let the officer arrest him. All day Thursday, he remained behind barricaded doors. The next morning the marshal learned that the defiant man had cooled off enough to open the doors and he went upstairs and into the rear room where he read the summons. Evilsizer was standing near the cook stove with a hatchet in his hand. He told the marshal to go back and get a? for Mrs Evilsizer. This, the marshal did and went back to make the arrest: Evilsizer had been making threats during the marshal's absence and brandished his hatchet menacingly. "Go in and read the warrant to her", said Evilsizer as he motioned to the marshal to go to the front room. Worley stepped into the front room, and as he did so, Evilsizer grabbed up the hatchet which he had laid down on the kitchen table. With a torrent of abuse, he told the marshal to get out of the house. Worley tried to pacify the thoroughly infuriated man who had taken up his position in the doorway to the hall, thus cutting off the only avenue for the marshal to escape. Evilsizer came at the marshal with his hatchet drawn to strike. Worley pushed him back and drew his revolver. "I'll make you eat that", said Evilsizer, with another torrent of oaths. To save himself from being

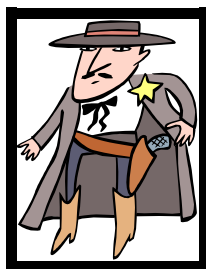
hacked into mincemeat, the marshal leveled his gun direct at Evilsizer's head and pulled the trigger. The ball struck Evilsizer above the eye, ranged to the right, and imbedded itself in his brain. The man fell to the floor and was afterward carried into the front room and placed on the bed. Dr Truitt, the City Health Officer, was sent for and at once saw that the wound was probably mortal. The mayor was sent for and Evilsizer was asked to make a statement. He kept mumbling something about the trouble. Once he said he wasn't afraid to die, and at another time he said "I meant to kill the "...here his words were lost and all efforts to get a coherent statement were of no avail. Be the facts as they may, there is no doubt that the marshal was justified in doing what he did. Evilsizer was known to have a mean disposition and it was either the marshal's life or Evilsizer's. He had repeatedly whipped his wife and made threats of what he would do to those who tried to arrest him. When he lived in Priam, in Jackson Township, this county, he slashed his wife with a knife. Marshal Worley at that time accompanied Sheriff Hollingshead to that place and assisted in making his arrest. Since that day, Evilsizer has had a poor opinion of the marshal. Evilsizer and his family lived one time at the corner of Kickapoo and Jefferson Streets, and the neighbors frequently complained of Evilsizer. One of the coldest mornings of the winter, he locked his wife out of doors. When Mrs C L Casp... resigned as manager of the Central Union telephone office, Mrs Evilsizer took the position. The family lived in the Briscoe block and moved to the present quarters in the Elton block about four weeks ago, Mrs Evilsizer having lost her position. Evilsizer was a shiftless character. At times he worked and seemingly tried to be a good citizen, then things would become crosswise and he was mad at everybody. He is a man of about forty years of age and has always been engaged at common labor. At one time when Evilsizer lived on east Grant Street, John Shambarger, then city marshal, went to the house to place the peace disturber under arrest. When Shambarger walked in, Evilsizer drew a big butcher knife and defied the officer to arrest him. Shambarger was not the man to be intimidated by a law breaker and he told Evilsizer that he would take him if he had to carry him into court in chunks. He attracted Evilsizer's attention, threw him off his guard and knocked him under a table with his mace. Another swipe with the mace brought Evilsizer to his senses. He dropped the

STEPHEN ALLEN EVILSIZER (CONT)

without further trouble. At another time he chased Tom Lillibridge, the constable, off the premises. Lillibridge was trying to serve a summons on Evilsizer. It was during the disturbance at Priam when Evilsizer tried to cut Mrs Evilsizer into shoe strings that he conceived a hatred for marshal Worley although he had no reasons for disliking him any more than Sheriff Hollinghead who with Worley made the arrest. Evilsizer lay into jail more than sixty days for this offense and would have been sent to the penitentiary had not the wife got her usual softening of the heart and positively refused to testify against him. Worley only saved his life one day at the time of this trouble by drawing his mace and threatening Evilsizer. Evilsizer had drawn a knife and was in the act of using it on the marshal when the latter quickly drew his mace and cowed the evil minded man. Most of Evilsizer's troubles grew out of his insane jealousy of Mrs Evilsizer. When he lived at Priam and worked on the nearby farms, he would have Evilsizer accompany him and remain with him all day so he would know what she was doing. People at Priam regarded Evilsizer as a bad character. They did not consider that he had much sense in his normal condition and when he was angry, his reason entirely deserted him. Long ago they expected that he would kill his wife and it is very likely that he would in time have killed her had not his life been brought to a sudden termination by Marshal Worley.

Marshal Worley was asked Friday afternoon by an evening news man about Evilsizer's condition.

"Thank God he still lives", said the marshal and the manner of his utterance indicated plainly that he meant what he said. He regrets very deeply that he had to kill Evilsizer. He exhausted every measure to avoid it by appealing to Evilsizer to obey the law and accompany him without making any trouble. He has asked Prosecutor Burns to make a complete investigation through the Grand Jury which meets a week from next Monday. He is certain of exoneration but he will not be satisfied until all the details are brought out and the law has removed every doubt in the matter. Drs W A Hollis and Dr R L Truitt are holding a post mortem examination on the body of Mr Evilsizer this afternoon at Bell's morgue. The body will be buried in Willman Cemetery tomorrow. The coroner finds that Evilsizer came to his death from a bullet wound and that the wound was inflicted by Marshal Worley unpremeditatedly in the course of duty and to save his own life. The shooting was therefore justifiable. The grand jury will undoubtedly reach the same conclusions when it investigates the killing next week.



DONNA LOUISE (PLANTZ) BAKER

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DONNA LOUISE BAKER 81, went home to be with her Lord on Friday, August 15, 2003, following a brief illness. She was born in Springfield, Ohio, February 19, 1922, the daughter of Herbert E. and Bessie M. (Plantz) Evilsizer. Donna is survived by her three sons and daughter-in-law David and Sue of Beavercreek, Dale and Greg of Springfield; two grandchildren, Matthew (Nichole) and Jamie (Jeff); and four great-grandchildren, Ashley, Kaitlyn, Reagen,

and Alexander; sisters, Eileen (Grover) Pendleton and Norma Griest; and many special nieces, nephews, and cousins. Donna was preceded in death by her best friend and loving husband Willard having been married for 55 years. Willard died March 20, 2003. Also by her parents, brother-in-law Roger Griest, and several aunts and uncles. Funeral Services will be held Tuesday August 19, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. in the Maiden Lane Church of God with Pastor Randall Spence officiating. Burial will follow in Ferncliff Cemetery.



USS SHELDON DE 407 (DESTROYER ESCORT)



Destroyer Escort's

The need for a Destroyer Escort class of ship came during WW2 to be used against the German U-Boat threat in the Atlantic. When needed, the Destroyer Escort could accomplish the mission of the larger Destroyer by attacking surface ships with guns and torpedoes and serving as scout ships of the fleet. The Destroyer Escorts proved this attack capability at the Battle of Samar.

A specially designed Destroyer was then built to protect transports in convoys, these lighter Destroyers were designated DEs, developed for anti-submarine patrols. The first DEs main battery were 3-3 inch/50 plus 2- 40 mm and 9-20 mm and depth charges, no torpedo tubes. Next the DEs, had two 5 inch mounts and a set of three torpedo tubes. There was little difference in their size and tonnage.

In 1975 all Destroyer Escorts then in commission were redesignated Frigates (FF) and the type name "DE" was discontinued by the US Navy.

The first orders were only placed on November 1, 1941 and the first keel laid at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. The first Destroyer Escort that was commissioned was the USS Brennan DE 13 on Jan

20, 1943, at Mare Island, Vallejo, Calif. the DEs would supply the United States Navy with the economical destroyer type ship which could be mass produced using less expensive material.

THE USS SHELDON, DE 407 was torpedoed in WWII and sunk on October 3, 1944. ROY TAYLOR EVILSIZER was aboard the ship and was miraculously saved. He lost many of his buddies in the disaster. He was a gunners mate 3rd class.

The duties of a Gunners Mate was quite simple, keep the guns in good operating condition, inspect them daily for anything you miss the day before, lubricate, clean and have the ability to brake down any part and repair or replace it in a hurry.

The 3 in.- 50s were simple and easy to operate but the 40's had more working parts to contend with plus they were water cooled and always boiling over in the heat of battle.

Gunners were in charge of the depth charges, ammo, ammo storage, and small arms. Gunners also worked close with Fire Controlmen; they would help put the Gunners on target in the automatic control.



At General Quarters (Battle Stations) Gunners topside had two General

ROY TAYLOR EVILSIZER (CONT)

Quarter stations, One was anti aircraft and surface engagement. The other one was Anti-submarine Warfare (asw). On ASW some of the Gunners were on one forward 3 in-50 and others the after 40-mm. The rest of the Gunners were on depth charges and hedgehogs. The rated Boatswains Mates were also in charge of one or two depth charges or hedgehogs. There were not enough Gunners Mates to man all the stations, so a rated Boatswains Mate would be assigned a station. Non rated deck hands would be assigned to a station as a helper.

In port Gunners Mates and Boatswains Mates would stand watch on the quarterdeck armed with a 45 and a Non Rated deck hand as a messenger. Non Rated deck hands would also stand bow and stern watches.

At sea a Gunners Mate stood watch in after steering. A Non Rated deck hand stood helm watches, after lookout watch, port and starboard lookout on the wings of the bridge.

Tin Can Sailor

God's own sailors, the real men of the blue water (deep ocean) navy, i.e., Destroyer Sailors. Not to be confused with the wimps and civvies that sail in subs and carriers.

Did You Know

On a Destroyer Escort, the space allowed in the crews compartment for each crewmen was 1/6th the space allowed for a prisoner in a US Federal Prison during WW2.

The Zanesfield Signal, Wed, Mar 22, 1944

Former Employees of Publishing Company Visit Service Center While on Leave

Two former employees of Zanesville Publishing Company, who enlisted in the Navy, returned to Zanesville yesterday and signed the Southeastern Ohio Roll of Honor in the lobby of the Publishing company building. They are apprentice seaman Clyde Wilson who is home on leave having complete boot training at Great Lakes naval Training Center, and Gunners mate 3rd class Roy Taylor Evilsizer, who has been on duty in the South Pacific and Carabean and the North Atlantic. Both men reside at 166 S Seventh St. Wilson is to be assigned to an amphibious training force in San Francisco while Evilsizer is attached to a destroyer escort in the South Pacific. Evilsizer enlisted 4/3/1942 while Wilson entered service last Jan 26th. Evilsizer was employed in the circulation department.



The Zanesfield Signal, Mon Dec 11, 1944

Roy Taylor Evilsizer, G M 3-c left Sunday for San Francisco CA to await assignment after spending a 30 day leave with his mother Mrs Pauline Evilsizer, 166 South Seventh Street. His ship the "Sheldon" was torpedoed Oct 3 and several lives were lost, but he along with some others miraculously escaped. He has been in service three years and this was his thirteenth trip. Evilsizer enlisted while still a pupil in Hancock School and was a former employee of the Zanesfield Publishing Company. He will celebrate his 20th birthday Feb 12th.

Roy Taylor Evilsizer (Charles Sherman, Hiram Taylor, Ebenezer, John, John, Ol Jakob)

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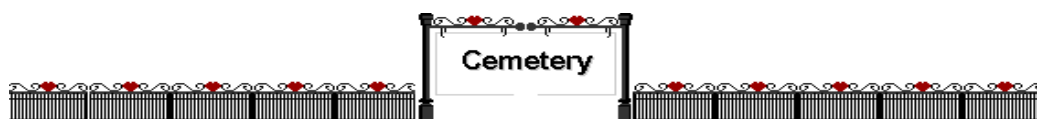


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EVERGREEN CEMETERY

Norma Ethel (Evilsizor) Pence 6-23-1914 12-10-1999

Earl Colbert "Red" Pence 8-29-1914 6-15-1995

NETTLE CREEK CEMETERY

Eddon Jason Evilsizor 9-20-1835 8-5-1910

Charles Clifford Evilsizor 9-1898 10-31-1937

James Edward Evilsizor, Jr 3-15-1958 1-8-1985

James Edward Evilsizor, Sr 8-19-1927 12-26-1974

Alice Leona Evilsizor 6-14-1902 1-5-2000

Infant Son Evilsizor 10-12-1908 10-12-1908 (s/o John W & Amanda)

Allen Evilsizor 12-2-1830 12-18-1974

Infant Son Evilsizor 1903-1903 (s/o John W and Amanda)

Solomon Evilsizor 2-1838 5-12-1915

Marietta (Lippencott) Evilsizor 6-3-1850 11-25-1911