

Denzel E. Muggy



Denzel Muggy at his black belt promotion in 1938

DENZEL EDDY MUGGY was a black belt instructor under Professor Okazaki. He taught out of the Army-Navy YMCA in Honolulu with Richard Rickerts. He received his black belt, along with Richard Rickerts, Curley Freedman, Robert Glover and Charles Wagner in 1938.

He was born in Douglas, NE on Oct. 5, 1906. He was the oldest surviving boy of nine children born to Arthur Christopher and Mary Ethel Muggy. He was a sailor in the U.S. Navy and crossed the equator aboard the USS Vega on Dec. 15, 1925 while bound for Sidney, Australia. He crossed the equator again in 1931 aboard the USS Milwaukee. His picture appeared in the December 1933 edition of *Strength & Health* because of his good muscular balance while he was in Norfolk, VA.

On May 16, 1934, Denzel married Ruby Pearl Edwards. He graduated from Navy Cooks and Bakers School in 1938, Class 33. During World War II he served as the Chief Commissary Steward on the USS Pigeon in the Philippine Islands. On May 4, 1942 while the Pigeon's crew was ashore, the ship was sunk by the Japanese. Muggy and the rest of the crew were taken prisoner. They later were part of the "Bataan Death March". He died of acute colitis in a Japanese prison camp on June 10, 1942. He was buried the following December 31 at Rose Hill Cemetery in Douglas, NE.

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Other pictures of Denzel Muggy



Denzel Muggy (back row, 3rd from right) on Professor Okazaki's Sumo team in 1936 at the Kodenkan Dōjō, 801 S. Hotel St..



Denzel Muggy (3rd from right) at his black belt promotion in 1938 at Professor Okazaki's Kewalo St. house backyard.



Denzel Muggy (seated 2nd from right) at his black belt promotion in 1938 at the Army-Navy YMCA.



Denzel Muggy (far right) at his black belt promotion in 1938 at the Army-Navy YMCA.

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