

Paul Shealy **AS-9 Hero**

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Paul Lewis Shealy, USN (Ret.)
Summary of service on board the U.S.S. Canopus (AS 9)

August 20, 1940, Paul Shealy enlisted in the US Navy at St. Louis,
Missouri, Service no. 337 35 75

February 10 1941, Paul Shealy first came on board the USS Canopus (AS 9).

December 7, 1941, Paul was aboard the USS Canopus at Cavite Navy Yard.

February 1, 1942, he was advanced to S1c. (Auth BuNav Desp 262 339)

March 31, 1942, Paul Shealy was mustered on Canopus for the quarterly
muster roll.

His ship was scuttled the morning of April 9, 1941, and the last of
the crew along with all Naval personnel on Bataan, was taken to
Corregidor for duty in the 4th Battalion Reserve, of the 4th Marine
Regiment, the defenders of Corregidor's beaches. This group bivouaced
on Geary Trail in Government Ravine for nearly one month before being
called upon for the last counterattack.

Around midnight on May 5, 1942, this group of 500 sailors (not all
from Canopus) moved into Malinta Tunnel in preparation for the final
counterattack against advancing Japanese troops. Paul Shealy was
likely captured on May 6, 1942, and held with the Corregidor garrison
on the old seaplane ramp for nearly 3 weeks of starvation before being
taken into Manila and old Bilibid Prison, then moved to one of the
three hell-hole Cabanatuan POW Camps north on Luzon.

An educated guess would be the Japanese prison ship, Nagato Maru,
took him and 1500 POWs to Moji, Japan. Those who survived the nearly 3
week voyage packed in holds like cattle, literally swimming in their
own wastes and breathing air that "hurt to breath", were taken to
Osaka and one of the 23 major sub camps in the Osaka Regional POW
Camp.

Hap Goodall's Disposition Report as of 1 January 1944, was updated
post war to show Paul L. Shealy, liberated from Osaka Camp.

REFERENCES:

USS CANOPUS (AS-9) MUSTER ROLL OF THE CREW, QUARTER ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1941

Shealy, Paul Lewis, 337 35 75, S1c,
Enlisted: August 1940
Date first received on board: February 10, 1941

CHANGES AS OF 28 FEBRUARY 1942

Shealy, Paul L., 337 35 75, S2c
Date of enlistment: 20 August 1940
Place of enlistment: St. Louis, Mo
Branch: USN
Action: Change of Rating as of 1 February 1942, Advanced to S1c. Auth
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USS CANOPUS (AS-9) MUSTER ROLL FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1942.

Shealy, Paul L. 337 35 75, S1c
Date of enlistment: 20 August 1940
Date first received on board: February 10, 1941

Hap Goodall's Disposition Report as of 1 January 1944 with updates as
they occurred:

Shealy, Paul L. 337 35 75, S1c, Liberated from Osaka Camp

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Shealy, Paul L., S1c,
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Shealy, Paul, Not Killed in Action