

# Raymond Erwin Davis

## **Born**

September 19, 1885/1886  
Blue Earth County, Mankato, MN

## **Service**

U.S. Navy  
Quartermaster Third Class  
U.S.S. Bennington  
July 21, 1905  
San Diego, California

## **Interim Award 1899-1910**

Presented January 5, 1906

## **Died**

September 9, 1965 (age 79)



## **Early Years**

Born in Mankato, Minnesota, September 19, 1885/1886

## **The War Years**

Raymond joined the U.S. Navy from Puget Sound, Washington. He was stationed aboard the USS Bennington (PG-4) as a Quartermaster Third Class and is a US Navy Peacetime Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient. On July 21, 1905, while at San Diego, California, a deadly boiler explosion ripped through the U.S.S. Bennington. Of the ship's 197 officers and crew, 62 were killed and more than 40 were wounded. Quartermaster Third Class Raymond Davis was one of ten members of the Bennington's crew who received the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions to rescue comrades and minimize damage in the explosion and resulting fires. For his actions he received the Medal of Honor on January 5, 1906.

## **Citation**

The President of the United States of America, in the name of Congress, takes pleasure in presenting the Medal of Honor to Quartermaster Third Class Raymond Erwin Davis, United States Navy, for extraordinary heroism on board the U.S.S. BENNINGTON, displayed at the time of the explosion of a boiler of that vessel at San Diego, California, 21 July 1905.

## The Post War Years

After much research, there was very little information found. He died September 9, 1965 at Retsil Veterans Home, Port Orchard and is buried in Seattle, Washington in the Calvary Cemetery, in the St. Paul plot, section 2, lot 39, site 4.



Calvary Cemetery, Seattle, Washington

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