

Vicksburg National Military Park



George R. Yost

1st Class Boy

George Yost was only 14 when he served aboard the U.S.S. Cairo, yet he had the foresight to keep a journal of daily activities of the Union Gunboat. The Cairo's papers were lost when she struck a 'torpedo' and sank in 1862, but Yost's journal survived to help others understand life aboard the ship.

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