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## Eugene Grossman

Eugene Grossman is the individual I will be discussing in these photos I have chosen to analyze. Grossman grew up in Iowa and went to college at Iowa State Teachers College (now UNI) before joining the Naval Academy. The first photo we see Grossman in a baseball cap with a baseball glove in the bottom right of the photo. This photo is a baseball team photo of Grossman, most likely from a team that he played on before going to college. There are three coaches and nine players, along with a younger boy pictured in the middle. This kid looks younger than everyone else and could either be a coach's son or younger brother of one of the players.

Grossman is wearing a black collared shirt, baseball pants, and a hat that has an odd looking form. The first thing I noticed when looking at this photo, the uniforms looked ancient and uncomfortable. It is important to note that Grossman looks happy and young in this photo. This shows a time when Grossman maybe felt free as a teenager, not tied down by school or the Navy. Another thing to point out is he may have never seen these people again. I know some players from my own town who I



played basketball with in high school and have not seen them since. As he grew older he moved on with his life, many of these individuals may have been left in his past.



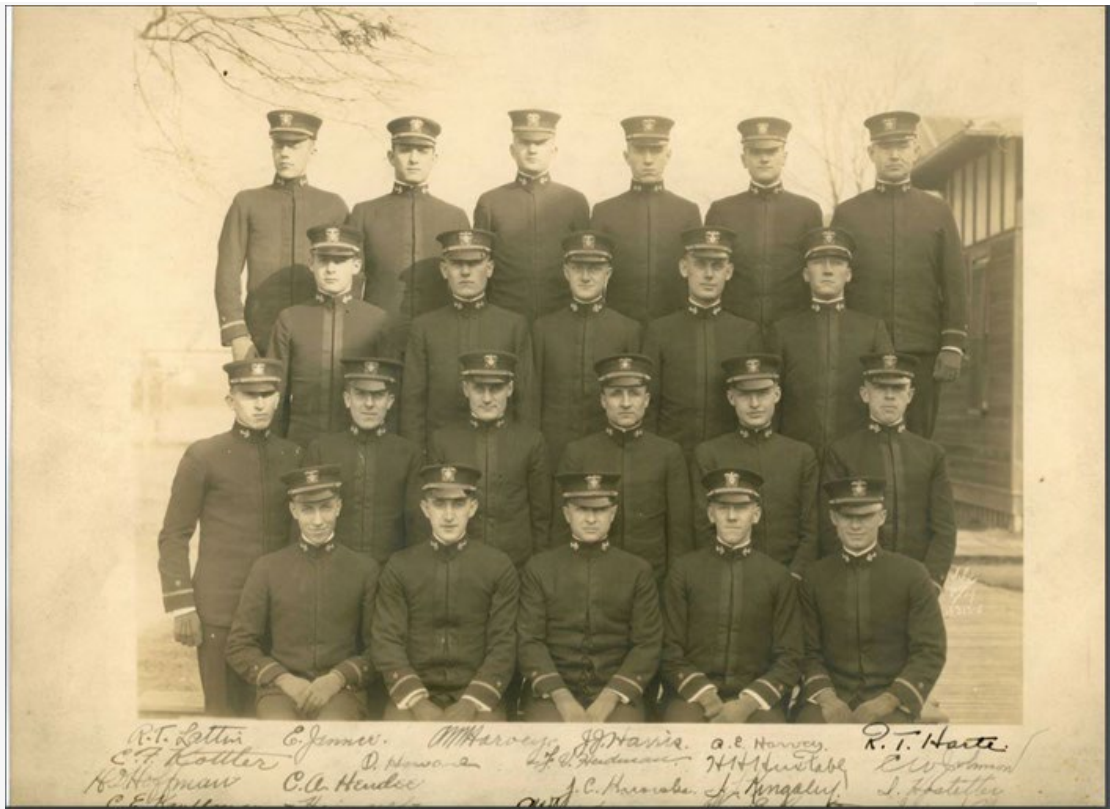
*(Grossman pictured in the bottom right of the photo in a team baseball photo)*



The second photo I looked at was when Grossman was in the Navy. The photo to the left looks like a class photo or a school picture. It reminds me of the photos you see in parents' houses of their kids set in a living room to remind them of their child. In the self-photo Grossman is in his Navy uniform and is neither smiling or frowning. He has 2 stripes on his left arm indicating that he is a Lieutenant or Junior Lieutenant. He has his arms crossed showing that he was posing for this photo.

This photo reminds me of all the high school photos my parents have of me in my own home. It helps to bring back memories of someone from that particular year. If Grossman or his family looks at this photo, memories flood back about who Grossman was at this moment in time.

The last photo is a class photo of Grossman and his colleagues at the Academy. Grossman is in the bottom row of the photo on the left side. Everyone is wearing their uniforms and Grossman was probably close to many of the individuals in this photo. One of the individuals has his head facing to the left and eyes closed, telling us that this was a sunny day outside. You can see a building in the right of the photo. This photo is another example of something you would find in a family's home. This was probably a photo included in a yearbook of some sort to show the class as a whole.



Eugene Grossman pictured in uniform at the Naval academy. (Bottom row, individual to the left of the middle person)

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