

## Drive Like Jehu

### "The Sands Of Iwo Jima"

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George A. was at the movies in December '41  
They announced it in the lobby what had just gone on  
He drove up from Birmingham back to the family's  
farm  
Thought he'd get him a deferment there's was much  
work to be done  
He was a family man, even in those days  
But Uncle Sam decided he was needed anyway  
In the South Pacific over half a world away  
He believed in God and Country, things was just that  
way

Just that wayâ€¦.

When I was just a kid I spent every weekend  
On the farm that he grew up on so I guess so did I  
And we'd stay up watching movies on the black and  
white TV  
We watched "The Sands of Iwo Jima" starring John  
Wayne

Every year in June George A. goes to a reunion  
Of the men that he served with and their wives and kids  
and grandkids  
My Great Uncle used to take me and I'd watch them  
recollect  
About some things I couldn't comprehend

And I thought about that movie, asked if it was that way  
He just shook his head and smiled at me in such a  
loving way  
As he thought about some friends he will never see  
again  
He said "I never saw John Wayne on the sands of Iwo  
Jima"

Most of those men are gone now but he goes still every  
year  
And George A's still doing fine, especially for his years  
He's still living on that homestead in the house that he  
was born in

And I sure wish I could go see him today

He never drove a new car though he could easily  
afford it

He'd just buy one for the family and take whatever no  
one wanted

He said a shiny car didn't mean much after all the  
things he'd seen

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Jima

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