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*John Doe was a good lad from the time he was born,
Then Uncle Sam called him to put on his.....uniform.*

*He arrived aboard the 944 rather puzzled and forlorn,
But he looked pretty good in his.....uniform.*

*He could sew on a button, mend a jacket that was torn,
He became quite proud of his.....uniform.*

*When general quarters sounded and "Commence Firing"
came over the horn,
We all knew it was Don in his.....uniform.*

*During the battle for Iwo Jima, Our guns became very warm,
Helmets and lifejackets became part of our.....uniform.*

*Then there was Mullen with his chloroform,
He wore a Red Cross on his.....uniform.*

*When Sleigh became Chief, he was true to form,
He really looked great in his.....uniform.*

*Luke Foppes seemed like such an old man; he was 20
when I was born,
But I have to tell you he was no disgrace to his.....uniform.*

*When Willoughby was hurt, we were all saddened and torn,
The only one of us to die in his.....uniform.*

*We left Okinawa, and got into that terrible storm,
I feared I may never get home in my.....uniform.*

*But soon it was all over, and many returned home, tired and worn,
And most were happy to hang up their.....uniform.*

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