



Alex L. Armagnac 53-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1178057

**22nd Field Artillery Battalion
4th Armored Division**

Entered the Service from: Arizona

Died: 8-Sep-44

Buried at: Plot A Row 29 Grave 54

Epinal American Cemetery

Epinal, France

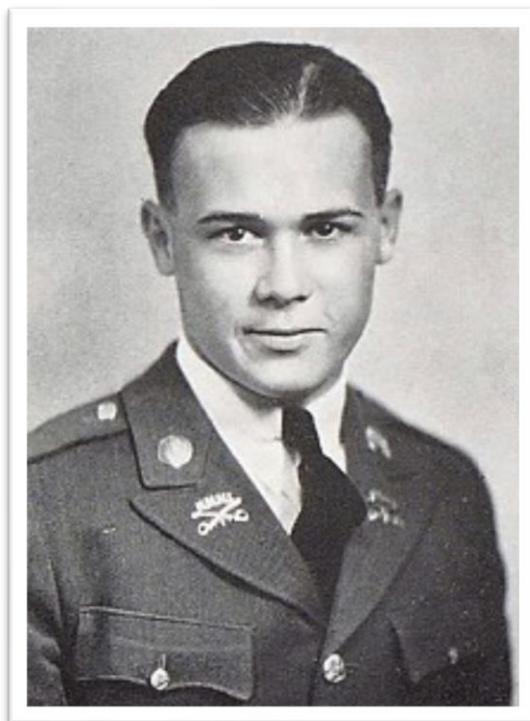
Awards: Silver Star

He was cited for capturing a German Major and 80 soldiers at the point of a machine-gun in France two weeks before being killed in a vehicle accident.

SILVER STAR



(Citation Needed): Alex L Armagnac, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy during World War II.



80 NAZIS SEIZED BY WILLCOX MAN

Killed In Auto Accident Following Wholesale German Capture

WILLCOX, Oct. 7.—(AP)—Eighty German soldiers and three officers were captured near Souppes Sur Loing, France, August 22, by Lt. Alex L. Armagnac of Willcox and a companion corporal while on advance patrol duty, the officer's mother, Mrs. A. O. Rix, learned here.

Mrs. Rix received a silver star citation awarded her son five days before she was advised by the war department he had been killed in a motor vehicle accident.

The exploit paralleled to a great degree that of Sergeant York of World War I fame.

Count Defenses

Armagnac and the young corporal were assigned to count defensive positions near the town, first accompanied by two tanks. Nazi anti-tank fire broke up the advance temporarily, but Armagnac moved ahead along, spotting emplacements from rooftops and other vantage points.

Gives Location

He communicated the whereabouts of the tank-busters to a liaison pilot and four were destroyed. Then the officer and the enlisted man crawled forward, picking up three enemy soldiers and a lieutenant at the spot where the wrecked guns were situated.

The lieutenant, who was caught attempting to escape by automobile, informed Armagnac that more Nazis, some of them wounded, were holding a nearby height and probably would be in a mood to surrender. The two Americans advanced again, capturing another bunch of Germans led by a captain. The captain gave up only after Armagnac leveled a sub-machine gun in his direction. Sight of the weapon loosened the Nazi officer's tongue. He told Armagnac of still another detail of enemy. The men, including a major, were caught by surprise. They submitted upon Armagnac's promise that the dead and wounded would be cared for.

Total count: 80 soldiers, three officers.

No Details Given

The American officer's mother said no details were given of his death a few days later.

Armagnac, married and the father of a four-year-old daughter, was engaged in business in Willcox before volunteering for service. He was a graduate of Willcox High School, Roswell Military Academy and attended the University of Arizona.