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2 LT Stephen J. Bartok

Class 73-43

ID: O1183808

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Cambria County, PA

Status: KIA 28 Jul 1944



Killed in action serving with the 306th Field Artillery Battalion in France



From the August 17, 1944 Nanty-Glo Pennsylvania Journal:

Lt Bartok was born on February 12, 1912. He graduated from Blacklick Township High School and later studied navigation and flying at Harrisburg and Butler before entering the Army about three eras ago, being employed by the Social Security department at the time. He trained at Camp Lee, Virginia and Fort Benning, Georgia, then went to officers' candidate school at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he was commissioned as an artillery officer. He went overseas to England a few months ago and then to Normandy.

Relatives received a letter from him dated July 11, in which he wrote "Yesterday I spent all afternoon digging a new and better foxhole. I will be an expert ditch digger when I get out of the Army. I have shoveled more dirt since I came to France than I did all the rest of my life. The good advice here is 'Dig or die.' I prefer to dig." He did both.



Buried in St. Charles Roman Catholic Cemetery, Twin Rocks, Pennsylvania