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**2 LT William G. Binshadler
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**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Yamhill County, OR
Status: DNB 11 Jan 1945**



Died serving with 661st Ordnance Ammunition Company

Falling Timber Caused Death

The following letter explaining the cause of the death of her son, 2d Lt. William G. Binshadler, has been received by Mrs. Theda A. Binshadler, of Lebanon, from his company, the 661st Ordnance Ammunition company, at Aix en Provence, France.

"Dear Mrs. Binshadler: We, the officers and men of the 661st Ordnance Ammunition company feel deeply the loss of your son . . . and wish to express to you our deepest sympathy in your moment of sorrow.

"On Jan. 6, 1945, your son was severely injured in an accident, resulting in his death on Jan. 11. Death was due to a fractured skull, inflicted by falling timbers of a building which blew down while he was at work. He was rushed to a hospital and given the best of medical care, but he never regained consciousness.

"On Jan. 13, a full military funeral was held for him, services being conducted by Capt. Ralph M. Anderson, a protestant chaplain. All officers and men of his company, and representatives of higher headquarters attended. He now rests with other American soldiers, who have also given their lives for their dear country, in a small American military cemetery on a grassy knoll overlooking a beautiful countryside in southern France.

"At the present time I am not permitted to give you further details, but when this war is all over, I trust you will call on me for any further details you may desire. With deepest sympathy, I remain, Very truly yours, Warren C. Smith, Capt., Ord. Dept., commanding."

*Buried in the IOOF Cemetery
Lebanon, Oregon*