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**Lawrence C. Blanchard 35-42**

**Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army**

**Service # O1171902**

**29th Field Artillery Battalion  
4th Infantry Division**

**Entered the Service from: Louisiana**

**Died: 8-Jun-1944**

**Buried at: Plot H Row 13 Grave 32**

**Normandy American Cemetery  
Colleville-sur-Mer, France**

**Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart**

**Hometown: Shreveport, LA**



2nd Lieutenant Blanchard was a member of A Battery, 29th Field Artillery Battalion, and was killed in action during the Invasion of Normandy on June 8, 1944. As the invasion forces pushed further outward from Utah Beach against very determined enemy forces, he was killed by intense fire from a German machine gun position. For his gallantry in action, he was posthumously awarded the Silver Star.

### **SILVER STAR**



The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Silver Star (Posthumously) to Second Lieutenant (Field Artillery) Lawrence C. Blanchard, Jr. (ASN: 0-1171902), United States Army, for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States while serving with the 29th Field Artillery Battalion, 45th Infantry Division, in action on 8 June 1944 in Normandy, France. The initiative and courage displayed by this officer reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States.

**General Orders:** Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 38 (July 14, 1944)