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1 LT Charles G. Derby

Class 27-42

ID: 01168629

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Worcester County, MA

Status: KIA July 12, 1943



**Killed in action serving with Battery A, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion
82nd Airborne Division**

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 First Lieutenant (Field Artillery) Charles G. Derby (ASN: 0-1168629), United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with Battery A, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, in action on ** July 1943, about three miles south of **. First Lieutenant Derby, together with two other men were on a mission reconnoitering and seeking a point of observation for directing artillery fire. They pushed ahead in German occupied positions, moving in dangerously close (25 yards) to a German three-gun battery whose strength was approximately one hundred men. By this action, First Lieutenant Derby was able to complete his mission, accurately locating the enemy batter position. As a result of this action, First Lieutenant Derby lost his life.**

General Orders: Headquarters, 82d Airborne Division, General Orders No. 33 (September 15, 1943)

Buried in Saint John's Cemetery Worcester, Massachusetts