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2 LT Ray E. Dickson Jr.

Class 55-43

ID: O1178762

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Dickens County, TX

Status: KIA 8 Nov 1944



**Killed in action near Metz-en-Couture, France serving with
Battery A, 314th Field Artillery Battalion, 80th Infantry 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 Second Lieutenant (Field Artillery) Ray E. Dickson (ASN: 0-1178762), United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with the 80th Infantry Division in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 8 November 1944 in France. While serving as an artillery observer to an infantry battalion during an attack on 8 November 1944, Second Lieutenant Dickson advanced into the areas heavily infested with enemy sniper fire in order to obtain better observation. Despite constant enemy observation he courageously and steadfastly continued to direct artillery with marked success until he was killed by an enemy sniper. The personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Second Lieutenant Dickson were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.

General Orders: Headquarters, 80th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 89
(November 28, 1944)

Dickson Reburial Service at Spur

Reburial service for Lt. Ray E. Dickson, native of Spur and former Abilene resident who was killed in action near Metz, France, Nov. 8, 1944, is to be held at the First Christian Church in Spur Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Lt. Dickson came to Abilene in 1937, as curator for the Museum and Resource Institute of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. He left here in 1939 to become manager of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

He entered the army at Eagle Pass in November 1941, and at the time of his death was serving with the 314th Field Artillery attached to the 80th Infantry Division.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Dickson; two daughters, Marcie and Raye; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickson; and one sister, Mrs. W. M. Hilley, all of Spur. His father is director of the Texas A&M Extension Service experimental farm at Spur.



*Buried in Spur Cemetery, Spur, Texas
Plot: Section B 11B Lot 1*