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2 LT Richard E. Dietrich
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Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Monroe County, IN

Status: KIA 6 June 1944



**Killed in action on D-Day serving with the 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion
82nd Airborne Division**



Buried in Valhalla Memory Gardens, Bloomington, Indiana



LIEUT. RICHARD A. DIETRICH

Birth: Sep. 5, 1918
Bloomington
Monroe County
Indiana, USA

Death: Jun. 6, 1944, France

Son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Deitrich. Born in Bloomington, IN and graduated from Bloomington High School in 1935. He entered Indiana University and obtained his masters degree in mathematics in 1939. He then went to Hartford, CT where he was an actuarial student with Aetna Life Insurance Company. In 1942 he enlisted in the Army and was assigned to Fort Bragg for basic training. He later went to Fort Sill, OK for his officer's training and was commissioned on November 11, 1942. He was assigned to a replacement battalion. Shortly after March 1, 1943 he was assigned to overseas and was sent to England. He was assigned to the 319th Field Artillery Glider Battalion as a range finder. He became Monroe County's first reported D-Day casualty on June 6, 1944.