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2LT Robert W. Dunaway

Class 83-43

ID: O532129

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Dallas County, AL

Status: KIA January 14, 1945

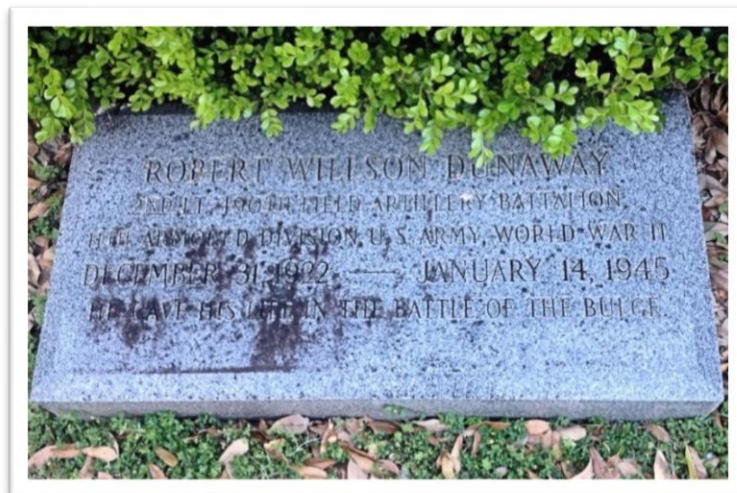
SILVER STAR



SYNOPSIS: 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) Robert W. Dunaway (ASN: 0-532129), United States Army, for gallantry in connection with military operations against an armed enemy as a member of Headquarters Battery, ** Field Artillery Battalion, 11th Armored Division. From 31 December 1944 to 2 January 1945, Lieutenant Dunaway was instrumental in assisting the *** Tank Battalion to hold an untenable position and in disorganizing enemy counterattacks by providing accurate artillery fire over a 48-hour period at great personal risk. In order to secure observation, he frequently left his tank and went forward into areas which were under heavy enemy shell and mortar fire to set up observation posts. While evaluating one such position, he was struck by machine gun fire. After receiving treatment for this wound at an aid station, he returned to continue his functions as a forward observer until the battalion to which he was assigned was out of the action. (Remainder of Citation missing)

General Orders: Headquarters, 11th Armored Division, General Orders No. 18 (February 1, 1945)

On January 14, 1945, a few days after the action for which he was awarded the Silver Star, he was serving as a forward observer with a medium tank company and was killed in action by a mortar shell on high ground south of Bertogne, Belgium (about 12 miles from Bastogne).



Buried in Live Oak Cemetery, Selma, Alabama