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**1LT Robert C. Dwelly, Jr.**

**Class 32-42**

**ID: O1170723**

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army**

**Hometown: Worcester County, MA**

**Status: DNB May 10, 1945**



Served as an aerial observer with the 385th Field Artillery Battalion, 104th Infantry Division. It has been reported that on April 4, 1945 he brought down an Me-109 and was issued a certificate crediting him with the destruction of an enemy pursuit plane, the first in the European Theater by an artillery observation aircraft. On May 10, 1945 he met a tragic death on a return trip from taking a superior officer to a meeting during post surrender negotiations. He was blinded by the setting sun, flew into high tension wires near Leipzig, Germany and was killed.



*Buried in South Cemetery, Oakham, Massachusetts.*