

WORLD WAR II



FA OCS GRADUATES (Killed, Died or Remained Missing)

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Biographical Information

**CPT Francis T. Farrell (Class 10-42)
thru
2LT Adolph W. Kutner (Class 31-42)**

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Francis T. Farrell 10-42

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # O1165112

**Division Artillery
3rd Armored Division**

Entered the Service from: South Carolina

Died: 10-Dec-1944

Buried at: Plot E Row 11 Grave 62

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Awards: Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal



Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Francis T. Farrell, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy during World War II.

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
2LT Robert O. Fechtner
Class 57-43**

ID: O1179390

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Wharton County, TX
Status: DNB April 14, 1943**



Graduated from OCS at Fort Sill on March 25, 1943. Assigned to the AAF Observation Aviation School at Brooks Field, Texas. He died there in a plane crash on April 14, 1943.

**Two Fliers Dead In
Brooks Field Crash**

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 14.—
(AP)—Two Brooks field fliers were in-
stantly killed shortly before noon
Wednesday when their plane crashed
off the old Corpus Christi highway a
short distance from the field.

The dead were: Lieut. Robert E.
Kuhn, 23 years old, of Chicago, pilot;
and Lieut. Robert O. Fechtner, 21, of
Boling, Texas, observer. The fliers
had been on a routine training flight.
Fechtner was commissioned in the
field artillery at Fort Sill, Okla., only
last month.

Buried in Wharton Cemetery, Wharton, Texas



William C. Felkins 25-42

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # O1167832

**387th Field Artillery Battalion
104th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Texas

Died: 1-Nov-1944

Buried at: Plot C Row 3 Grave 38

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Distinguished Service Cross

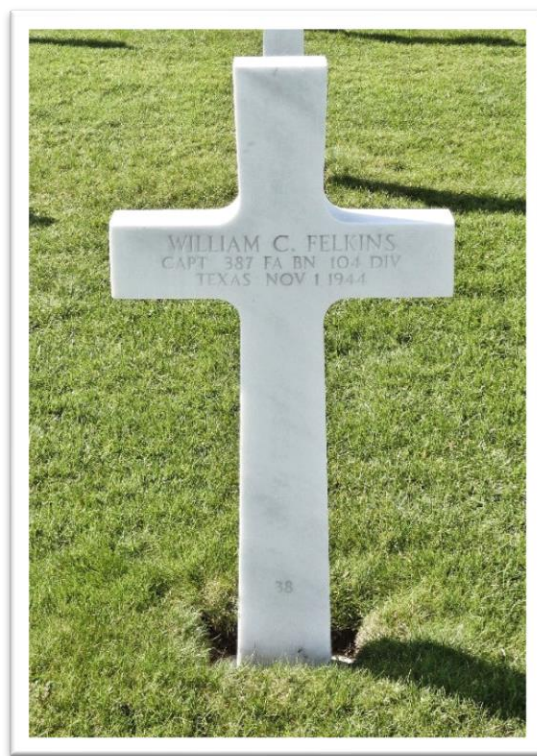


Distinguished Service Cross

CPT William C. Felkins: Class 25-42

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Captain (Field Artillery) William C. Felkins, Jr. (ASN: 0-1167832), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with the 387th Field Artillery Battalion, 104th Infantry Division, in action against enemy forces on 31 October 1944 and 1 November 1944, in Holland. Captain Felkins, displaying great personal courage, voluntarily led a patrol across a river and into dangerous enemy territory to drive off hostile troops and tanks which had taken a heavy toll of an isolated infantry battalion. He personally adjusted a devastating artillery concentration upon the enemy positions which killed many Germans and forced the withdrawal of several tanks. As the artillery fire lifted, Captain Felkins, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, advanced far ahead of the patrol while subjected to intense machine gun fire. As he prepared to lead a charge upon the enemy, he was fatally wounded. Captain Felkins' heroic actions resulted in the safe withdrawal of 120 men, many of whom were severely wounded, and enabled two companies to maintain their critical position until the main bridgehead was later established. His intrepid actions, personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty at the cost of his life, exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself, the 104th Infantry Division, and the United States Army.

General Orders: Headquarters, First U.S. Army, General Orders No. 100 (December 23, 1944)



National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

**2 LT Geoffrey C. Ferris
Class 23-42**

ID: 0-420345

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: New Haven County, CT
Status: KIA May 6, 1943**



Distinguished Service Cross



Distinguished Service Cross

2LT Geoffrey C. Ferris

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Second Lieutenant (Field Artillery) Geoffrey C. Ferris (ASN: 0-420345), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with the 6th Battalion, 33d Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, in action against enemy forces on 6 May 1943, near Beja, Tunisia. On the morning of 6 May 1943, the 33d Artillery Regiment was given the mission of taking Hill 139 in the vicinity of Beja, Tunisia. Because of the heavy machine gun and mortar fire covering all approaches, it was necessary to attack before daylight. Second Lieutenant Ferris, as artillery forward observer with the assault elements, crawled forward across open terrain swept by withering enemy machine gun fire to a point well beyond our lines. Realizing the danger of his mission, he had ordered his men to remain behind while he advanced with a wire reel and telephone until he was killed. The unselfish heroism and the courage and zeal with which Second Lieutenant Ferris performed this deed exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself, the 1st Infantry Division, and the United States Army.

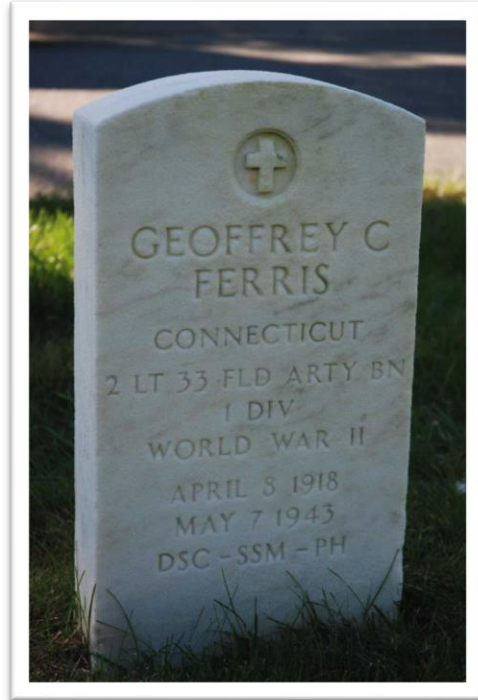
General Orders: Headquarters, U.S. Army-North African Theater of Operations, General Orders No. 47 (July 6, 1943)



(Citation Needed): Geoffrey C. Ferris, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 1st Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 1st Infantry Division, General Orders No. 39 (1943)

Ferris Barracks at Erlangen, Germany is named for Lieutenant Ferris.



*Buried at Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, Long Island, New York
Section DSS: Site 8*

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

1 LT James T. Fielder

Class 49-43

ID: 01176617

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Faulkner County, AR

Status: KIA 5 Oct 1945



Killed in action serving with Battery B, 142nd Field Artillery Battalion

Buried in Copperas Springs Cemetery, Guy, Arkansas

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

2 LT William Fine

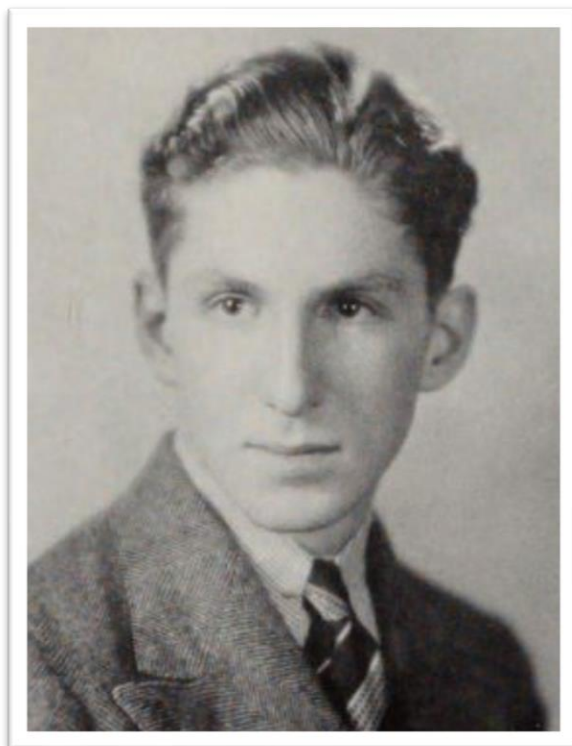
Class 39-42

ID: O1173605

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Suffolk County, MA
Status: DOW August 20, 1944**



Died of wounds while serving in France



Buried in Custom Tailors Cemetery, West Roxbury, Massachusetts

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
1LT Kiva S. Fingerhut
Class 47-43**

ID: O1176013

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Brooklyn, NY

Status: DOW August 24, 1944



Died of wounds received serving with the 36th Infantry Division in Southern France



Buried in Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Queens, New York

National Archives & Records Administration

War Department Files

1 LT Otis E. Finnell

Class 42-42

ID: 01174571

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Home state: Colorado

Status: DOW 3 Feb 1945



Died of wounds received while serving with Battery B, 29th Field Artillery Battalion



1st Lieutenant Otis E. Finnel was grievously wounded in action on January 28, 1945, during a battalion command recon patrol in Belgium. While on this patrol, the jeep he was riding in struck a land mine, killing the driver, CPL Clarence V. Sanders. The B Battery Commander, CPT Lorton S. "Doc" Livingston, despite being severely injured himself, made every effort to save him, but 1LT Finnel died several days later. He was from Pueblo, Colorado. "Doc" Livingston eventually recovered from his wounds.



Buried in Roselawn Cemetery, Pueblo, Colorado

National Archives & Records Administration

War Department Files

2 LT Charles B. Finney

Class 52-43

ID: O1177795

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Status: KIA 29 August 1944



From the 391st Field Artillery Battalion History:

29 August 1944: Operations continued to mop up Soissons and secure the high ground North and East of Soissons. Moderate opposition was encountered in crossing the Aisne River. Battery C advanced to a position North of the city to support the attack. At 0950 hours, 1st Lt. Edward J. Golas and 2nd Lt. Charles B. Finney were killed in action. The liaison plane from which they were registering the Battalion was shot down, directly over the battalion by a flight of 32 FW 190s which dipped through the overcast, shredded the cub in a second from all angles and continued on without strafing and bombing the position. Both officers were thrown clear of the plane, killed by machine gun bullets and not having a chance to use parachutes. The plane burned and fell in a matter of seconds. It was a registration they were observing when it happened. You could see them sitting up there in that cub, the sky so cloudy and grey all around them, and you could hear their commands coming over the radio. Then, if you were looking, you could see the planes coming out of the clouds. There -must have been thirty of them. They said later that they were CIE logs. I don't know. But, if you were looking, you could see one of them peel off, and you could see the flashes of the guns. It took but a few seconds and then it was all over.

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

1 LT Albert R. Fischbeck

Class 62-43

ID: 01181245

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Ramsey County, MN

Status: KIA 6 Mar 1945



Killed in action flying a mission in Germany as an aerial observer with the 282nd Field Artillery Battalion. Burial was in a temporary cemetery in Luxembourg and his remains were returned to the United States for interment in 1949.





Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Saint Paul, Minnesota

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THE WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL



Joseph D. Fisher 79-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1184821

**101st Field Artillery Battalion
26th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: New Hampshire

Died: 17-Sep-1945

Missing in Action or Buried at Sea

**Tablets of the Missing at Florence American
Cemetery**

Florence, Italy

**Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf
Cluster**

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Joseph D. Fisher, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below listed General Orders, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy, while serving with the 26th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 26th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 13 (1945)

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Robert L. Fisher

Class 24-42

ID: O1167419

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Status: KIA 20 Sep 1944



**Killed in action serving with the 95th Armored Field Artillery Battalion
5th Armored Division**

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Robert L. Fisher, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 5th Armored Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 5th Armored Division, General Orders No. 20 (1944)

Buried in Pomona Cemetery, Pomona, California

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

2 LT Raymond O. Fisher, Jr.

Class 67-43

ID: O1182572

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Boyd County, KY

Status: KIA 1945



2LT Fisher was among the names of 57 Kentuckians recently killed in action on a list released by the War Department and published in the February 6 edition of the Louisville, Kentucky Courier Journal. He was serving in the Southwest Pacific at the time of his death. Date of death and unit is unknown.

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

2 LT Frank J. Fitzpatrick Class 66-43

ID: 01182361

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Union County, NJ

Status: KIA September 1944



New Jersey War Casualty list published in the September 25, 1944 edition of the Plainfield New Jersey Courier News reported that 2LT Fitzpatrick was among 111 New Jersey residents killed in the European theater during the reporting period – excerpt below:

Washington — (AP) — The names of 111 New Jersey soldiers were included today on a War Department casualty list of 2,780 American soldiers killed in action in the European theater.

New Jersey Killed:

Allen, Pfc. Edward C.—Mrs. Agnes G. Allen, wife, Newmans Lane, Martinsville.

Bailey, Pfc. Jack T.—Mrs. Mary V. Bailey, mother, 6 Davidson Rd., Bloomfield.

Balas, Pvt. Edward J.—Mrs. Anna Balas, mother, 705 Cortlandt St., Perth Amboy.

Bolas, Pfc. John—Mrs. Pauline Bolas, mother, Mill St., Alpha.

Bowden, Pvt. Thomas F.—Robert Bowden, father, 472 Adams Ave., Elizabeth.

Bronstein, Pvt. Nathan—Max Bronstein, father, 559 S. Park St., Elizabeth.

Bruss, Tech. 5th Gr. Michael—Mrs. Bessie Bruss, mother, 50 Peshine Ave., Newark.

Buczek, Pfc. Edward M.—Mrs. Mary Buczek, mother, 231 Lanza Ave., Garfield.

Califano, Tech. 5th Gr. Louis J.—Frank Califano, father, 232 Willow Ave., Hoboken.

Camburn, Pvt. Frank B.—Mrs. Mary Camburn, mother, Route 2, Box 123-B, Toms River.

Cernek, Pfc. Paul—Mrs. Ann Simek, sister, 80 71st St., Guttenberg.

Cerullo, Pfc. Vincent P.—Mrs. Louise M. Cerullo, wife, 37 Cleveland Ave., Harrison.

Ciecierski, Pfc. Frank J.—Mrs. Helen L. Ciecierski, wife, 225 Tonnele Ave., Jersey City.

Cooper, Pvt. George L. Jr.—George L. Cooper, father, Route 1, Elmwood Rd., Marlton.

Cooper, Pvt. Morris J.—Mrs. Yetta Cooper, mother, 301 Hillside Ave., Newark.

Crane, Pvt. Wilbur S.—Mrs. Jennie Hughes, mother, Hamburg.

Croak, Tech. 5th Gr. John E.—Miss Anna L. Smith, aunt, 108 Chestnut St., Rutherford.

Curran, Pvt. John J. Jr.—Mrs. Lillian Curran, mother, 126 Main St., Netcong.

D'Alessandris, Pfc. Augustine V.—Mrs. Patricia D'Alessandris, mother, 10 Neeker Ave., Cranford.

Damjanovich, Pfc. Niko I.—Steve Damjanovich, cousin, 30 Keney St., Newark.

Darcio, Pfc. John J.—Mrs. Mary Darcio, mother, 491 White St., Orange.

Derrico, Pfc. Michael V.—Mrs. Marie Derrico, mother, 618 Grand St., Hoboken.

Donnelly, First Lieut. Richard A Jr.—Richard A. Donnelly Sr., father, 140 Union Ave., Manasquan.

Duva, Corp. John—Mrs. Marie M. Duva, wife, 11 Hobart Pl., Garfield.

Edgar, Pfc. Charles F.—Mrs. Anna F. Edgar, mother, 16 Stockman St., North Orange.

Eichhorn, Pfc. George J.—Mrs. Doris Eichhorn, wife, 78 Washington Ave., Bordentown.

Ellinger, Staff Sgt. Eugene—Mrs. Annetta N. Ellinger, wife, 379 Montgomery St., Jersey City.

Farley, Pvt. William J.—Peter Farley, brother, 105 N. 16th St., East Orange.

Fitzpatrick, Second Lieut. Frank J.—Frank J. Fitzpatrick, father, 249 Windsor Way, Hillside.

Foggia, Tech. 5th Gr. Angelo B.—Mrs. Vinci Foggia, mother, 492 Springdale Ave., Long Branch.

Folger, Pvt. Benjamin C.—Mrs. Grace Folger, wife, 102 Thomas Ave., Maple Shade.

Galuppo, Pfc. Henry S.—Mrs. Angelina Galuppo, mother, 105 Division St., Elizabeth.



Ross S. Fleming

28-42

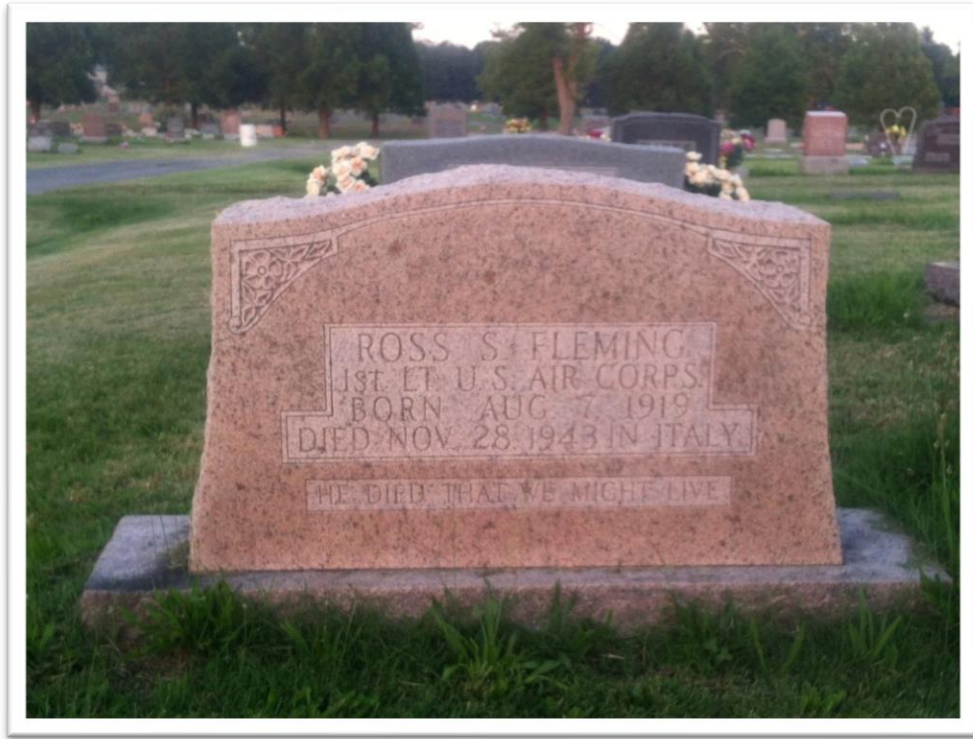
First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1169110

**151st Field Artillery Battalion
34th Infantry Division**

**Entered the Service from: Indiana
Died: 28-Nov-1943
Buried at: Plot F Row 1 Grave 20
Sicily-Rome American Cemetery
Nettuno, Italy**





Memorial in Herrin City Cemetery, Herrin, Illinois

National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
2LT Royal E. Forrester
Class 62-43

ID: 01181248

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Flathead County, MO
Status: DNB June 28, 1943



Graduated from OCS at Fort Sill on April 29, 1943. Assigned to the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill with orders to proceed to the AAF Liaison Pilot School at Pittsburg, Kansas to attend the basic flight training course. It is likely he died in a flight training accident, but there are no records to verify that.



Buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Marionville, Missouri

National Archives & Records Administration

War Department Files

2LT William J. Forsythe

Class 47-43

ID: O1176018

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Allegheny County, PA

Status: KIA September 13, 1943



Killed in action serving with Battery B, 36th Field Artillery

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Alexander D. Fraser
Class 28-42

ID: 01169112

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Norfolk County, MA
Status: KIA December 27, 1944



**Killed in action serving with the 75th Field Artillery Battalion, 5th Armored Division
in Belgium**



Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Alexander D. Fraser, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 5th Armored Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 5th Armored Division, General Orders No. 16 (1944)

National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
2LT Donald H. Freeman
Class 83-43

ID: O528772

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Cook County, IL

Status: KIA April 12, 1945



**Killed in action in Germany serving with the
22nd Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division**



Buried in Graceland Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois



Julian H. Freeman 31-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1170374

**Division Artillery
3rd Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: New York

Died: 8-Oct-1943

Buried at: Plot J Row 15 Grave 6

Sicily-Rome American Cemetery

Nettuno, Italy

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart

Silver Star



(Citation Needed) - SYNOPSIS: First Lieutenant (Field Artillery) Julian H. Freeman (ASN: 0-1170374), United States Army, was awarded the Silver Star (Posthumously) for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with Battery B, 9th Field Artillery Battalion, 3d Infantry Division, on October 6, 1943 in Italy.

General Orders: History of the 3d Infantry Division in World War II
(Donald G. Taggart - Editor)



Robert R. Freeman 70-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1183288

59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Texas

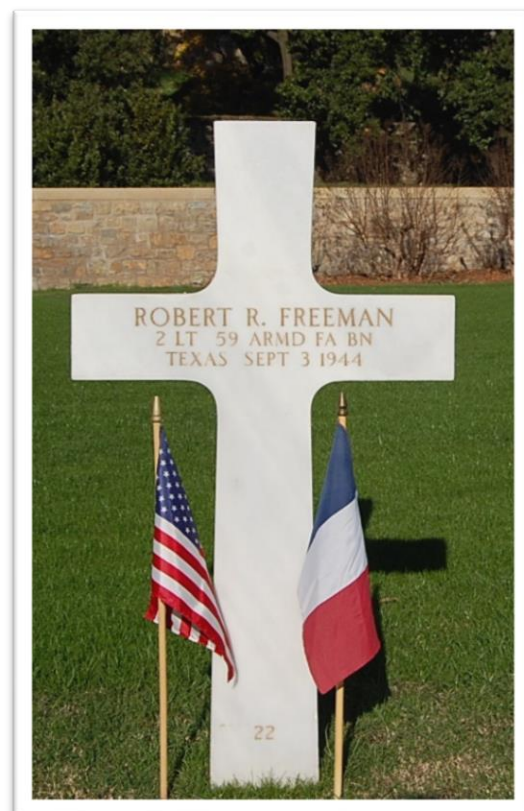
Died: 3-Sep-1944

Buried at: Plot C Row 8 Grave 22

Rhone American Cemetery

Draguignan, France

Awards: Purple Heart



**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

1LT Henry Frenz, Jr.

Class 28-42

ID: O1169113

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Union County, NJ

Status: KIA August 8, 1944



Killed in action at Tilly, Auvergne, France



**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

2LT Ben Friedman

Class 47-43

ID: 01176023

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: New York

Status: KIA



Individual is listed on the U.S. Rosters of World War II Dead, 1939-1945

No further information available

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

**1LT Eugene Friedman
Class 46-43**

ID: O1175711

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Wayne County, MI

Status: KIA January 19, 1945



Killed in action in the Southwest Pacific

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

2 LT Irving Fromm

Class 67-43

ID: O1182578

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Westchester County, NY

Status: KIA 25 Jul 1944



Served with Battery B, 957th Field Artillery Battalion. Killed in bombing before St. Lo.



**The following is an excerpt from the End of Mission – the 957th Field Artillery Battalion
Concerning the bombing that took the life of LT Fromm.**

PURPLE HEART CORNER

Meeting the most stubborn resistance encountered anywhere in France, the battle for St. Lo developed during the next 10 days with German artillery pounding the battalion area regularly, almost matching blow for blow the rounds fired by Jealous. In the first such shelling the afternoon and evening of 19 July "A" Battery suffered two casualties as men were wounded by shell fragments and had to be evacuated.

Each morning and evening for the next six days heavy enemy artillery shells crashed into the battalion area. So compact were Allied troops in this sector that in order to accomplish its mission the 957th had no other alternative but to "stay in position" and "sweat it out."

No other battalion casualties were reported until the morning of 25 July — a day to be remembered as "black Tuesday at Purple Heart Corner."

Jerry opened up with everything he had early in the morning. Heavy 150s, 170s and 105s swooshed into Jealous positions accompanied by screaming 88s — starting promptly at 0700 hours in keeping with German custom to lay down barrages at meal time. It was intense for about 45 minutes as though in reply to the heavy tactical bombing administered to the enemy lines the day before by Allied aircraft.

Headquarters kitchen was struck by the "incoming mail" — killing Pfc Edwin V. Paul and seriously wounding two others. Meanwhile, the Medics and volunteers were treating the wounded and trying to bring order out of chaos.

Before that "mission was accomplished" there was another distraction. Allied fighter bombers started winging over the area enroute to their target a scant 1,000 yards away. One plane returned with a "wild bomb" dangling dangerously from the fastenings. Just as the plane zoomed overhead the wayward bomb flipped from the plane and swooshed over the heads of startled troops and exploded a few hundred yards to the rear.

This incident merely was a noisy prologue to the destruction and havoc which was to rain from the heavens on "Hell's Acres" a few minutes later — —

At 0930 hours great numbers of light and medium Allied aircraft appeared overhead at normal bombing height — all bound for the target area — the St. Lo — Periers Highway

2,000 yards in advance of the battalion's position. In the brilliant morning sun the planes presented quite a spectacle and troops swarmed out of dugouts and foxholes into the country courtyard to watch the bombings.

Out of the great horde of an estimated 3,000 planes one ship's bombs fell short of the safe line and they thudded and crashed directly into the CP and Headquarters Battery area — instantly converting that courtyard into an inferno of death and destruction.

Signal "smoke pots" immediately were placed in strategic positions to prevent a recurrence of the error and the survivors plunged desperately through wrecked buildings, seared foxholes and crushed dugouts removing the dead, the dying and the wounded.

As the 35 casualties, including 13 dead, were carried out for treatment and evacuation, a dark cloud of black smoke palled over the area — lending credence to a belief that other bombers might mistake the area for a priority target and also drop their bombs.

Even as this fear mounted a fighter bomber zoomed over the area beneath the droning heavies and mediums signalling the bombers that the target was ahead and not the smoking ruins below. It was then that with a sigh of relief that the survivors turned to the sorrowful task of counting the dead, the torn and the wounded — —

War continued and the big job ahead was the impending ground assault on the St. Lo defenses in which the 957th had an important part.

The few key men unharmed in the fire direction center plunged into the wrecked building and carried out valuable orders and "prearranged firing data" and in less time than the telling they were set up in Battery "B" area ready to carry out the battalion's "preparation" less than half an hour after the bombing.

(NOTE: The bombing casualty list will be found in the Killed in Action and Wounded in Action Sections.)

Without the slightest delay, although shocked, worn and tense from the bombing, the 957th carried out the "preparation" and all subsequent "missions" for the 9th Infantry Division — a feat of arms which later earned the battalion, its officers and men, the highest type of commendation from the infantry commanders. Col Collins, himself painfully wounded, moved quietly about the area directing the evacuation

and supervising the rehabilitation of battle-vital installation. Maj Weber, wounded while on duty as S-3, remarked to the remaining key men as he was evacuated: "Save some bullets for me to fire when I get back."

Maj Case organized the rescue work and hurried after more medical aid and Capt Joyer reorganized the disrupted battalion headquarters section with the aid of M/Sgt John Benz, who narrowly escaped death in a crumpled building. Risking life and limb throughout the bombing and earlier shelling Pfc Joseph F. Connelly, then a Headquarters Battery machine gunner, braved the shells and bombs to organize the treatment of the wounded until the badly wrecked Medical Detachment could be brought into service.



PURPLE HEART CORNER — Death rained down on 957th in this Les Champs de Losque Courtyard.

Scores of vital communication lines torn out by the blasts and numerous vehicles were destroyed along with valuable wire, which was needed almost at once to repair disrupted lines. Capt Harlin and the men remaining in the wire crews immediately set to work making necessary repairs, so that by mid-afternoon all lines were back "in" and the fire direction center could return to its former quarters.

S/Sgt Dudley (then Tec 5) was the lone remaining member of the Headquarters kitchen staff not killed or wounded in the shelling or bombing. He had twice reorganized his badly wrecked kitchen that day and by 1400 hours was serving the remnants of the battery a hot meal, thanks to help given him by the battalion's other units.

Despite the casualties suffered and the damage inflicted by shelling and bombing the battalion that day fired 855 rounds at the enemy in 12 preparation missions, six counter-battery missions, two close supporting missions and a number of harassing missions.

Originally buried in St. Mere Eglise Cemetery No. 2 and later relocated to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Hawthorne, New York

National Archives & Records Administration

War Department Files

2 LT Chester J. Fronczyk

Class 66-43

ID: 01182367

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Cook County, IL

Status: KIA 13 Jan 1945



**Killed in action serving with the 231st Armored Field Artillery Battalion
6th Armored Division**

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Chester J. Fronczyk, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 6th Armored Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 6th Armored Division, General Orders No. 34 (1945)



Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Calumet City, Illinois

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

2 LT Ray Fugate

Class 60-43

ID: 01180503

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Kalamazoo County, MI

Status: DOW 16 Apr 1945



Killed in action serving with the 184th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division



Returned from Okinawa 7th Infantry Division Cemetery Ryukyu Retto for interment

Buried at Mills Springs National Cemetery, Perryville, Kentucky Plot: Section G Site 60

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

1 LT Charles H. Fuller, Jr.

Class 28-42

ID: O1169114

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Monroe County, NY

Status: DOW 17 Aug 1944



Killed in action serving with Headquarters Battery, 9th Division Field Artillery





*Buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Fort Myer, Virginia
Plot: Section 12 Site: 7933*



Kirby Fuller

25-42

**Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Air
Forces**

Service # O1167844

**412nd Bomber Squadron
95th Bomber Group, Heavy**

Entered the Service from: California

Died: 14-Jun-1944

Missing in Action or Buried at Sea

**Tablets of the Missing at Cambridge American
Cemetery**

Cambridge, England

**Awards: Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple
Heart**

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

2LT Albert E. Funke Jr.

Class 52-43

ID: O1177807

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Baraga County, MI

Status: KIA October 6, 1944



Killed in action on Saipan, Mariana Islands serving with the 27th Infantry Division

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Albert E. Funke, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 27th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 27th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 60 (1944)



Buried in Baraga Cemetery, Baraga, Michigan



Mark Gaddie

61-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1180902

**50th Field Artillery Battalion
5th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Utah

Died: 28-Sep-1944

Buried at: Plot C Row 12 Grave 50

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

Awards: Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart

He served with the 50th Field Artillery Battalion, 5th Infantry Division, XX Corps, 3rd Army, as an air observer. He and 1Lt Arvid D. Gouchberg (FA OCS Class 7-42) both died when their plane crashed while taking off on 28 Sep 1944.

Extract from the Combat History of the 50th Field Artillery Battalion:

28 Sep 44, South of Lorry-Mardigny, Mosell, Lorraine, France. This morning we learned at approximately 0630 hours our Cub 37K crashed while taking off. Lieutenant Gouchberg, the pilot, was killed outright. Lieutenant Gaddie, the observer, was injured critically and died shortly afterward in the hospital. This news was quite a blow to everyone. We all liked both of the fellows very much. Gouch had just received his promotion to first lieutenant at the same time as Major Rennord got his. They were an excellent observer team. Major Strunk, the Division Artillery air officer believes the crash was due to engine failure caused by carburetor icing.



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2LT Newman R. Gallagher

Class 55-43

ID: 01178803

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Aroostook, ME

Status: DNB July 15, 1943



Graduated from OCS at Fort Sill on March 11, 1943. Assigned to the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill and attended the AAF Liaison Pilot School at Harte Flying Service, Denton, Texas where he received his basic flight training and wings. He was finishing his training at Fort Sill when he had a fatal crash at Fort Sill. The occupant of the aircraft was 2LT Herbert F. Green (FA OCS Class 54-43) and he also died in the crash.



Liaison Plane Crash Kills Two at Fort Sill

FORT SILL, July 16.—(AP)—Two field artillery fliers, killed when their "grasshopper" liaison plane crashed, were identified Friday night as Second Lieuts. Newman R. Gallagher, 23 years old, Presque Isle, Me., and Herbert F. Green jr., Amelia, Va.

Buried in Fairmount Ceremony, Presque Isle, Maine

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Paul B. Garrett

Class 65-43

ID: 01182117

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Clark County, AR

Status: DOW 24 Dec 1944



Silver Star w/ OLC



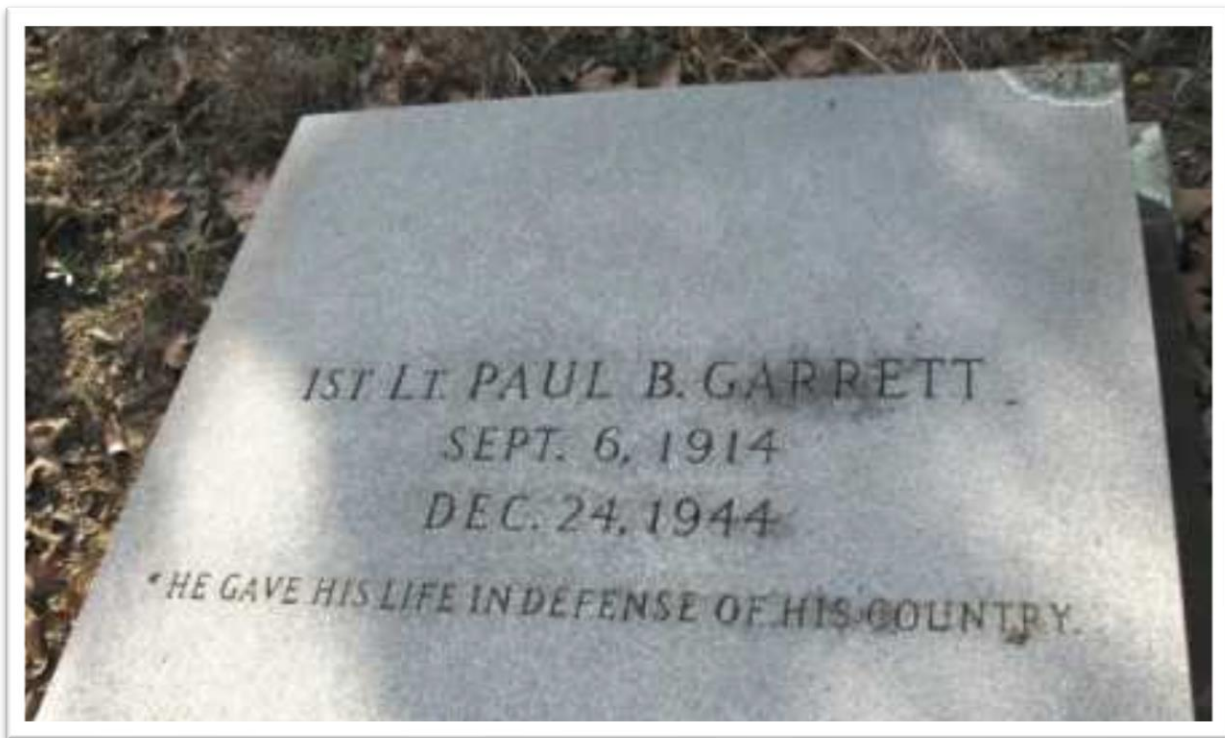
(Citation Needed): Paul B. Garrett, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 10th Armored Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 10th Armored Division, General Orders No. 16 (1945)

Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second award:

(Citation Needed): Paul B. Garrett, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 10th Armored Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 10th Armored Division, General Orders No. 29 (1945)



Buried in Okolona Baptist Church Cemetery, Okolona, Arkansas

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THE WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL



Milton C. Garrison 56-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1179075

**232nd Field Artillery Battalion
42nd Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Indiana

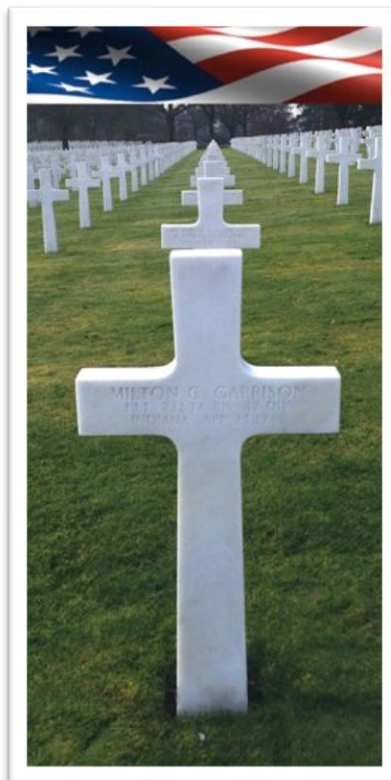
Died: 25-Apr-1945

Buried at: Plot D Row 37 Grave 31

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart



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Harold A. Gasser 50-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1176969

258th Field Artillery Group

Entered the Service from: Kansas

Died: 11-Mar-1945

Buried at: Plot L Row 3 Grave 11

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

Awards: Silver Star, Air Medal, Purple Heart

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Harold A. Gasser, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy during World War II.



Jere W. Gates

53-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1178159

733rd Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Arkansas

Died: 27-Mar-1945

Buried at: Plot E Row 14 Grave 19

Lorraine American Cemetery

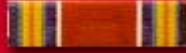
St. Avold, France

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart

Hometown: Lonoke, AR



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Robert M. Gauthier 28-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1169121

**34th Field Artillery Battalion
9th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Massachusetts

Died: 13-Jul-1944

Buried at: Plot A Row 9 Grave 27

Normandy American Cemetery

Colleville-sur-Mer, France

Awards: Air Medal, Purple Heart

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THE WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL



Philip E. Gauvin 61-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1180906

**904th Field Artillery Battalion
79th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: California

Died: 5-Jul-1944

**Buried at: Plot G Row 6 Grave 14
Normandy American Cemetery
Colleville-sur-Mer, France**

Awards: Purple Heart

National Archives & Records Administration

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2LT William F. Gaylord

Class 63-43

ID: O1181606

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Linn County, OR

Status: KIA June 17, 1945



Killed in action in Luzon, the Philippines

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): William F. Gaylord, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 37th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 37th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 295 (1945)

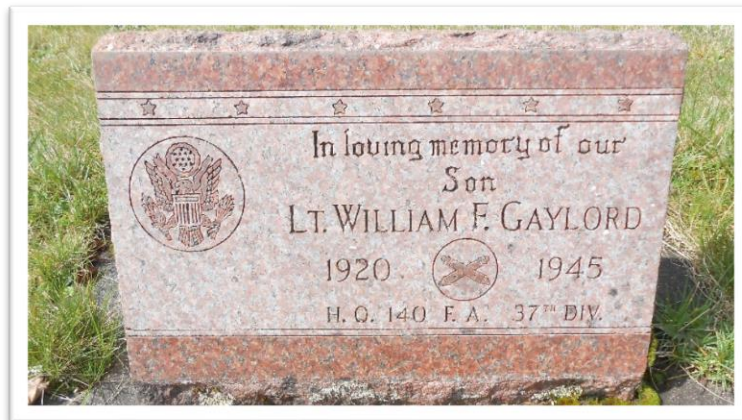
William F. Gaylord

Lt. Gaylord, 23, a native of this area, joined the service the last part of September, 1942, and had been overseas 24 months, serving in several engagements with a field artillery unit. His last letter, posted the date of his death, was written June 12 and stated he was on Luzon.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gaylord, he was born Nov. 24, 1921, at Waterloo where his parents had moved from Stevens county, Wash., the fall before. Now of Lacombe, they were informed of his death this Tuesday morning.

Lt. Gaylord attended the Lacombe school through the eight grades and is a graduate of Lebanon high school, where he was a Future Farmer and a football letterman. Before joining the service he assisted his father on his berry farm and logged. He was secretary of the International Woodworkers union, local 2-251 at time of enlistment. He received his basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif., and was commissioned after attending officers' candidate school at Fort Sill, Okla.

Survivors are his parents; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Mills of star route 1, Lebanon, and Ada Gaylord, Aberdeen, Wash.; grandmothers, Mrs. Mary Gaylord, Lebanon, and Mrs. Mary Carter, Rice, Stevens county, Wash.



Buried in IOOF Cemetery, Lebanon, Oregon

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CAPT Norris B. Gee

Class 42-42

ID: 01174575

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

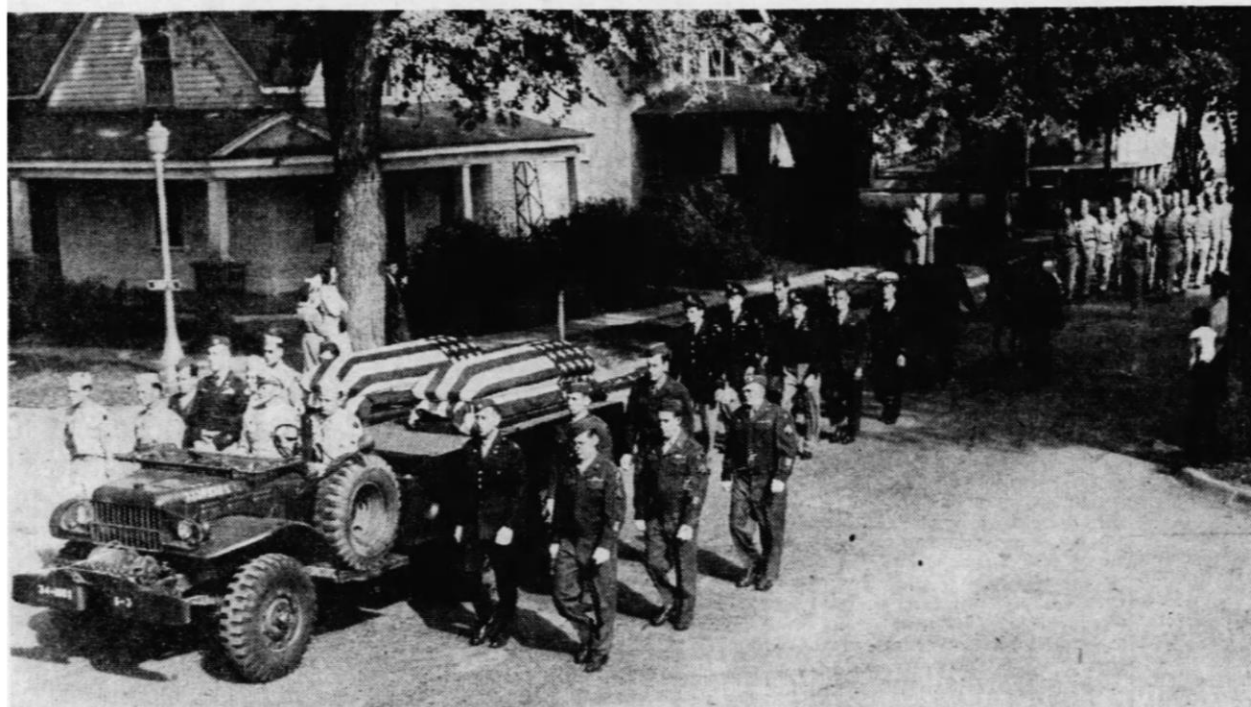
Hometown: Marion County, IA

Status: KIA 7 May 1945



Killed in action serving with Headquarters Battery, 202th Field Artillery Group

Double Funeral for Brothers Killed in Europe



The flag-draped coffins of two brothers who died in Europe in World War II were borne through the streets of Knoxville Friday on a weapons carrier to joint funeral services. The brothers were Capt. Norris B. Gee, 26, and Capt. Richard A. Gee, 23, of Knoxville.—Staff Photo by John Neagle.

Knoxville Honors Brothers Who Died As Fliers in War

By George Shane.

(Register Staff Writer.)

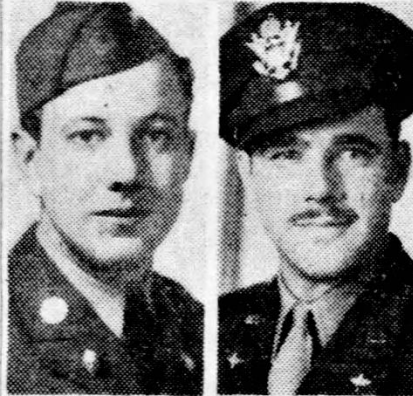
KNOXVILLE, IA.—Funeral services for two brothers, both aviators who were killed in Europe during World War II, were held Friday afternoon at Knoxville.

The brothers were Capt. Norris B. Gee, 26, and Capt. Richard A. Gee, 23, the only children of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Gee of Knoxville.

Military Funeral.

It was a full military funeral, at St. Anthony's church. Service organizations, the national guard and an honor guard of army fliers marched in the procession.

National guard P-51s flew over



NORRIS GEE. RICHARD GEE.

the cemetery during the graveside rites.

The flag-draped coffins were carried on an army weapons carrier. Also in military tradition, two horses, with boots turned backwards

in the stirrups, were led in the procession.

Both brothers were regular army officers who had entered service in the thirties as enlisted men.

The brothers were together in England. Richard was a P-38 fighter pilot and squadron commander. Norris was a liaison pilot with the 3rd Army.

Killed by Flak.

Over France, June 22, 1943, Richard was killed by a burst of flak. The villagers of Henneville, France, and their priest, buried Richard in the local cemetery and heaped his grave with flowers.

When the Germans were pushed back, Norris visited his brother's grave and talked to the priest and others who had buried him.

Wrote Parents.

After the visit Norris wrote his parents telling of the tributes to Richard from the village of Henneville.

Then he told of the philosophy he and Richard had evolved in training.

A few short months and many long moments make a man a pilot, more afraid of failure than death," he wrote.

Eight months after the letter was written, Norris, too, was to meet death. Ironically, death came May 7, 1945, one hour after the signing of the armistice in a flying accident over Germany.

The bodies were returned by the quartermaster general's office at the same time. It is a practice usually followed when more than one member of the family has died in service and the bodies are to be returned.



While honor guard stands at attention, coffins containing the bodies of Capt. Norris B. Gee 26, and Capt. Richard A. Gee, 23, Knoxville brothers, are carried from St. Anthony's church. Approximately 400 attended the military service.



Buried in Graceland Cemetery, Knoxville, Iowa

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War Department Files

2 LT Roy E. Gehrke

Class 51-43

ID: 01177405

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Dickinson County, KS

Status: DOW 17 Sep 1944



Served with Headquarters Battery, 400th Armored Field Artillery Battalion

Distinguished Service Cross

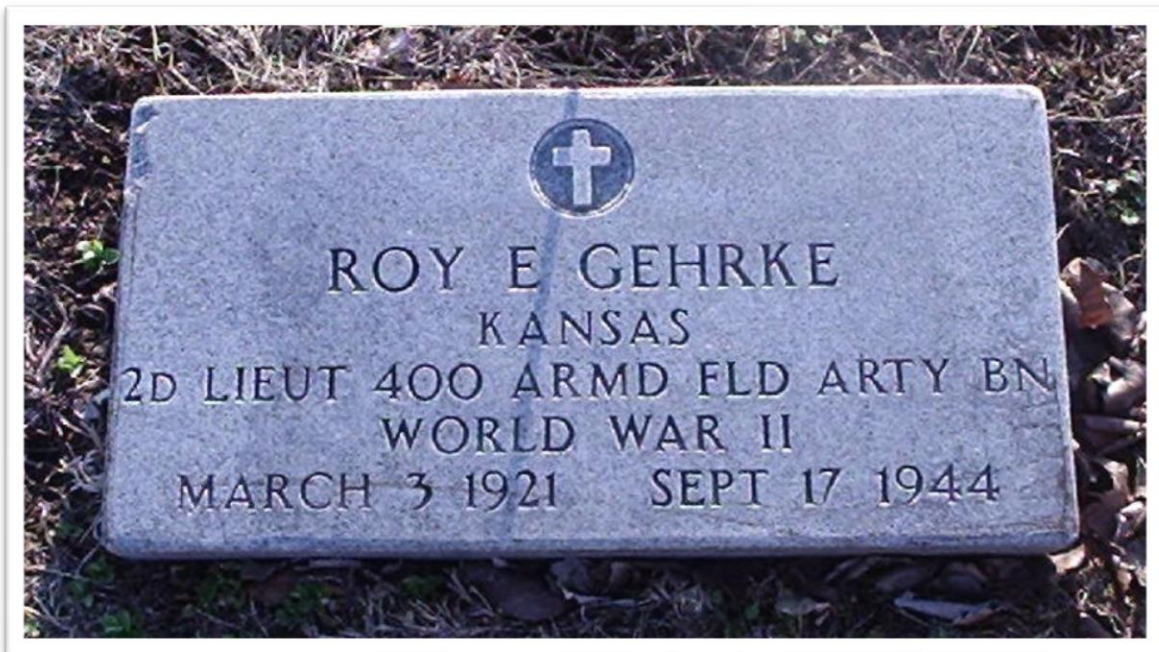


Distinguished Service Cross

2LT Roy E. Gehrke

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Second Lieutenant (Field Artillery) Roy E. Gehrke (ASN: 0-1177405), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with the 400th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, in action against enemy forces on 16 and 17 September 1944, in Germany. During establishment of a bridgehead near Wallendorf, a rifle battalion encountered stiff enemy resistance in the form of artillery, infantry and armored troops. Second Lieutenant Gehrke, with complete disregard for his own safety, proceeded through an area covered by heavy artillery and machine gun fire to reach a point which afforded a commanding view of the terrain. For a period of thirty-six hours, while exposed to withering artillery, machine gun, and rifle fire, he courageously remained at his post. Adjusting extremely accurate and volumous fire, he completely annihilated a company of enemy tanks, and forced the withdrawal of hostile artillery from prepared positions. As the battle progressed, enemy mortars probed incessantly for his location. Second Lieutenant Gehrke remained in his hazardous position and brought close fire support to an attacking infantry battalion. He succeeded in turning back a hostile counter attack before he was mortally wounded. By his self-sacrificing devotion to duty, determination, and outstanding personal courage, Second Lieutenant Gehrke exemplified the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflected great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

General Orders: Headquarters, First U.S. Army, General Orders No. 100 (December 23, 1944)



Buried in Sunset Hill Cemetery, Herington, Kansas

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THE WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL



Harvey S. Genden 57-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1179406

**253rd Infantry Regiment
63rd Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Massachusetts

Died: 26-Apr-1945

Buried at: Plot B Row 28 Grave 41

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

Awards: Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster



National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

2 LT James A. Gentles Class 94-44

ID: 0-539951

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: St. Louis, MO

Status: DNB April 27, 1944



2LT Gentles was killed during a training accident at Fort Leonard Wood

Killed at Camp



LT. JAMES AVERY GENTLES, 220 South Gore avenue, Webster Groves, who was killed accidentally while supervising target practice at Fort Leonard Wood Thursday. Lt. Gentles, 22 years old, was a son of James H. Gentles.

Lt. James Gentles Killed At Ft. Wood

Lt. James Avery Gentles, 22, son of James H. Gentles, 220 S. Gore av., Webster Groves, was accidentally killed yesterday on the artillery range at Ft. Leonard Wood, his father was notified.

No details of the accident, which occurred during routine training, were revealed.

A graduate of Webster Groves High School and Purdue University, Lt. Gentles was commissioned in the field artillery last August, and had been at Ft. Leonard Wood about a month.



Buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery, Saint Louis, Missouri



Charles A. Gibb **40-42**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1173963

**56th Field Artillery Battalion
8th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: New York

Died: 9-Aug-1944

Buried at: Plot H Row 5 Grave 2

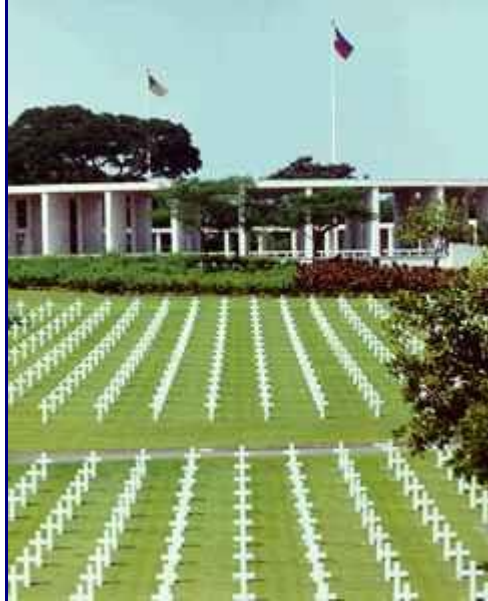
Brittany American Cemetery

St. James, France

Awards: Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster

Liaison Pilot reportedly collided with another aircraft while dropping blood plasma to troops.





Sigmund Gillmore 50-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1176971

**902nd Field Artillery Battalion
77th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: New York

Died: 9-Dec-1944

Buried at: Plot L Row 5 Grave 89

Manila American Cemetery

Manila, Philippines

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Sigmund Gillmore, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy during World War II.

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Robert F. Gilman 113-44

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O-550817

**928th Field Artillery Battalion
103rd Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Louisiana

Died: 15-March-1945

Buried at: Plot C Row 21 Grave 93

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

Awards: Purple Heart

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2 LT John P. Gilreath

Class 49-43

ID: O-509302

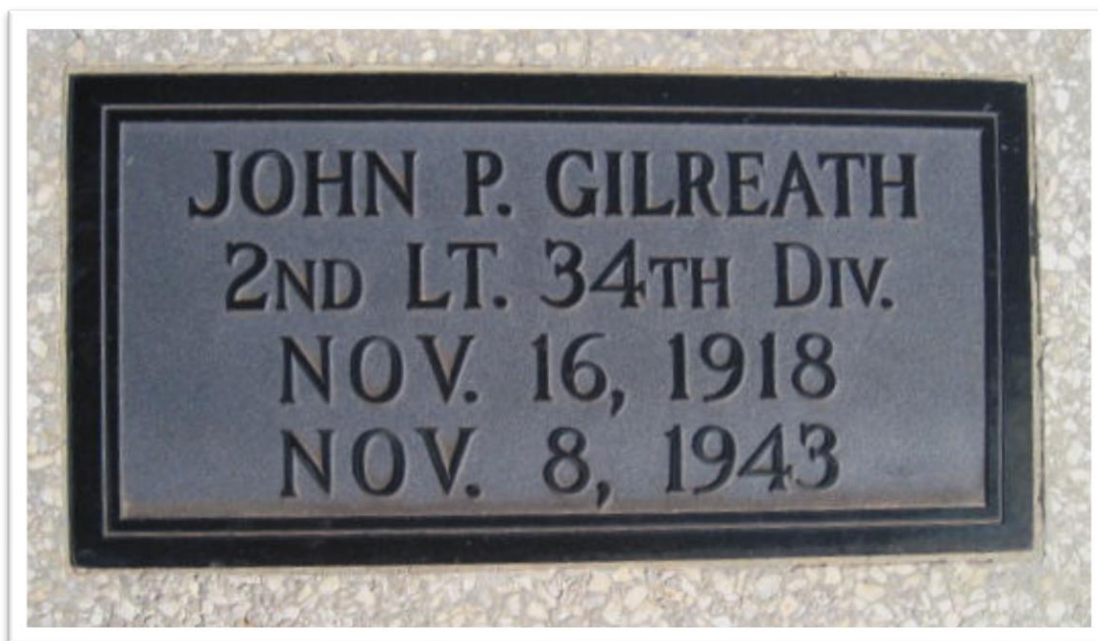
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Memphis, TX

Status: KIA 8 Nov 1943



Killed in action serving with Battery C, 151st Field Artillery Battalion, 34th Division



Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee

National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
CAPT Forrest G. Gimlin
Class 29-42

ID: O-288077

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: DuPage County, IL
Status: KIA 21 May 1945



Killed in action serving with the 38th Infantry Division



THURSDAY, MAY 31, 1945

Capt. Forrest Gimlin Killed In Luzon Battle

Capt. Forrest G. Gimlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gimlin, 413 East Front street, Buchanan, and at the time of his induction an office employe of the Benton Harbor branch of the Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., was killed in action on Luzon on May 21, the day preceding his 36th birthday, according to information received here.



Gimlin

Capt. Gimlin was attached to the field artillery of the 38th division and saw service in Australia and New Guinea before being sent to Luzon.

He entered military service in January of 1941. His earlier training was received at Fort Custer, Mich., Fort Sill, Okla. and Fort Leonardwood, Mo. Later he returned to Fort Sill where he attended Officers Training school and was commissioned a lieutenant in September 1942. From there he went to Camp Swift, Texas, Camp Gruber, Okla., and Camp Maxey, Texas.

Capt. Gimlin was born in Niles May 22 1909, and was a graduate of the University of Illinois.

Besides his parents he leaves a sister, Henrietta, at home in Buchanan and a brother, Guy, in Chicago.

Capt. Forrest Gimlin

BUCHANAN, Nov. 8 — The body of Capt. Forrest Gimlin will arrive here at 11:25 a. m. Tuesday and will be escorted by the American Legion color guard to the Swem funeral home.

Services will be conducted by the Rev. William T. Hunt of the First Presbyterian church, at 2 p. m., Wednesday at the Swem chapel and the American Legion will have charge of services at Silverbrook cemetery, Niles.

Capt. Gimlin died on May 21, 1945 in the 23rd field hospital in Manila from infantile paralysis. He had served as an engineer in the field artillery, 38th division, under Gen. MacArthur.

Capt. Gimlin was born in Buchanan on May 22, 1909, the son of Alfred and the late Bessie Gimlin. Before enlisting in the armed forces, he had been engineer for the Indiana and Michigan Electric company Benton Harbor offices.

Surviving are his father, a brother, Guy M. of Oak Park and a sister, Miss Henrietta Gimlin, at home.

Buried in Silver Brook Cemetery, Niles, Michigan

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1 LT Frank S. Gisone

Class 35-42

ID: O1172025

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Queens County, NY

Status: KIA December 27, 1944



Killed in action near Leige, Belgium

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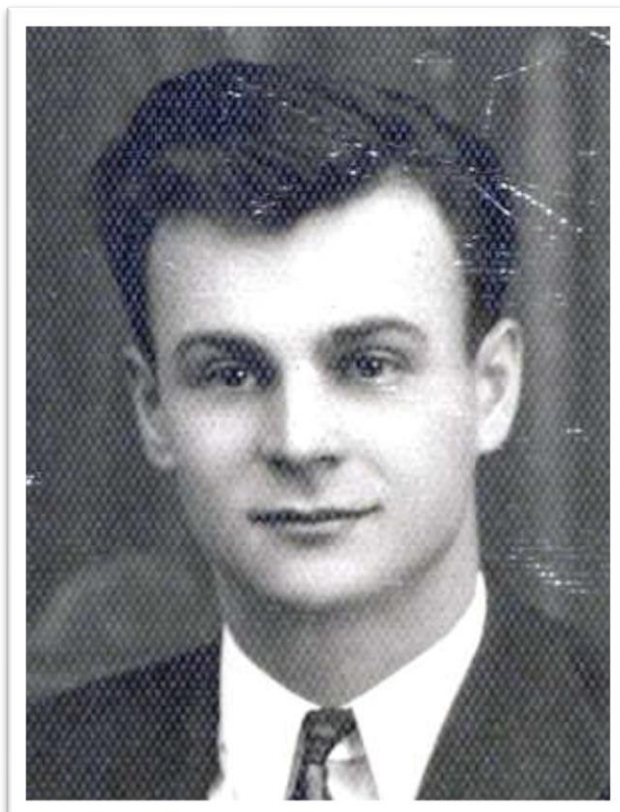
**1 LT Ulysses A. Giudici
Class 24-42**

ID: 01167436

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Mahoning County, OH
Status: KIA June 24, 1944**



Killed in action serving with the 42nd Field Artillery Battalion, 4th Division



Buried in Shenango Valley Cemetery, Greenville, Pennsylvania

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THE WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL

Hamilton F. Glover 58-43

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # O1179866

557th Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Texas

Died: 3-Sep-1944

Buried at: Plot H Row 13 Grave 12

Brittany American Cemetery

St. James, France

Awards: Distinguished Service Cross, Purple Heart



Distinguished Service Cross



Distinguished Service Cross CPT Hamilton F. Glover

(Citation Needed) - SYNOPSIS: Captain (Field Artillery) Hamilton F. Glover (ASN: 0-1179866), United States Army, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with the 557th Field Artillery Battalion, in action against enemy forces on 3 September 1944, in France. Captain Glover's intrepid actions, personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty at the cost of his life, exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

General Orders: Headquarters, Ninth U.S. Army, General Orders No. 36 (1944)

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Edward G. Glovka 37-42

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1172874

**339th Field Artillery Battalion
88th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Iowa

Died: 13-Aug-1944

Buried at: Plot C Row 7 Grave 18

Florence American Cemetery

Florence, Italy

Awards: Purple Heart



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2 LT Robert C. Gmeiner
Class 106-44

ID: 0-547466

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Wayne County, MI
Status: KIA 6 May 1945



Killed in action while serving with B Company, 26th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Robert C. Gmeiner, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 1st Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 1st Infantry Division, General Orders No. 135 (1945)



Buried at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Birmingham, Michigan



James F. Godfrey 76-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1184386

**322nd Field Artillery Battalion
83rd Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Michigan

Died: 16-Jan-1945

Buried at: Plot D Row 14 Grave 21

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Awards: Silver Star, Air Medal, Purple Heart

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): James F. Godfrey, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy during World War II.



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Marvin E. Goehring 21-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1166491

**171st Field Artillery Battalion
45th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Colorado

Died: 12-Apr-1945

Buried at: Plot A Row 21 Grave 53

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart

Hometown: Lake County, IN



Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Marvin E. Goehring, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 45th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 32 (1943)



Robert F. Goerke **14-42**

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # O1165391

**919th Field Artillery Battalion
94th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Illinois

Died: 27-Nov-1944

Buried at: Plot J Row 15 Grave 16

Brittany American Cemetery

St. James, France

Awards: Purple Heart

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2 LT John W. Goettge

Class 33-42

ID: 01171162

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Tuscarawas County, OH

Status: KIA 27 Aug 1943



Killed in action serving with the 185th Field Artillery Battalion, 34th Division

Buried in Maple Grove Cemetery, Dover, Ohio



John B. Goettke **64-43**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O-513639

**908th Field Artillery Battalion
83rd Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Ohio

Died: 10-Aug-1944

Buried at: Plot L Row 8 Grave 10

Brittany American Cemetery

St. James, France

Awards: Air Medal, Purple Heart

From the 908th Field Artillery Battalion history:

1st Lt John Goettke was listed on the 908th roster as being a Pilot in the Battalion HQ. Battle hardened by the bloody Normandy campaign of July 1944, the 908th met its greatest test at La Marchandais, a small farm in Brittany about 10 km south of the seaport cities of St. Malo and Dinard. There, on August 10, 1944, as the 908th fired its 105mm guns directly into the St. Malo fortifications, the battalion was subjected to fierce German counter-battery fire.

Early in the morning of the 10th of August 1944 a Piper Cub that was carrying forward observers 1st Lt. Philip J. Reichert and 1st Lt. John B. Goettke exploded in mid-air, apparently struck by a shell. Both were killed instantly. They were awarded the Air Medal posthumously.) 1st Lt. Manny Goodridge recalls seeing the plane being hit. "The wing broke in the middle and both wing tips folded forward."



LT. JOHN B. GOETTKE.



JOHN B. GOETTKE
1 LT 908 FA BN 83 DIV
OHIO AUG 10 1944

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2 LT Solomon S. Goffman

Class 81-43

ID: 01185180

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Emerson, NJ

Status: KIA 17 Dec 1944



He served in Battery B, 285th Field Artillery Observation Battalion. On December 17, 1944 during the Battle of the Bulge, he and 81 other soldiers were shot to death by German troops in a field at the Baugnez Crossroads outside of Malmedy, Belgium. This atrocity is known as the Malmedy Massacre.



Buried in Cedar Park Cemetery, Paramus, New Jersey Plot: Block 19, Lot 10, Grave 3

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT William L. Goin

Class 23-42

ID: O1167003

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Status: FOD 13 Oct 1944



**Served with the 727th Bomb Squadron, 451st Bomb Group, 15th Air Force
at Castelluccio, Italy.**

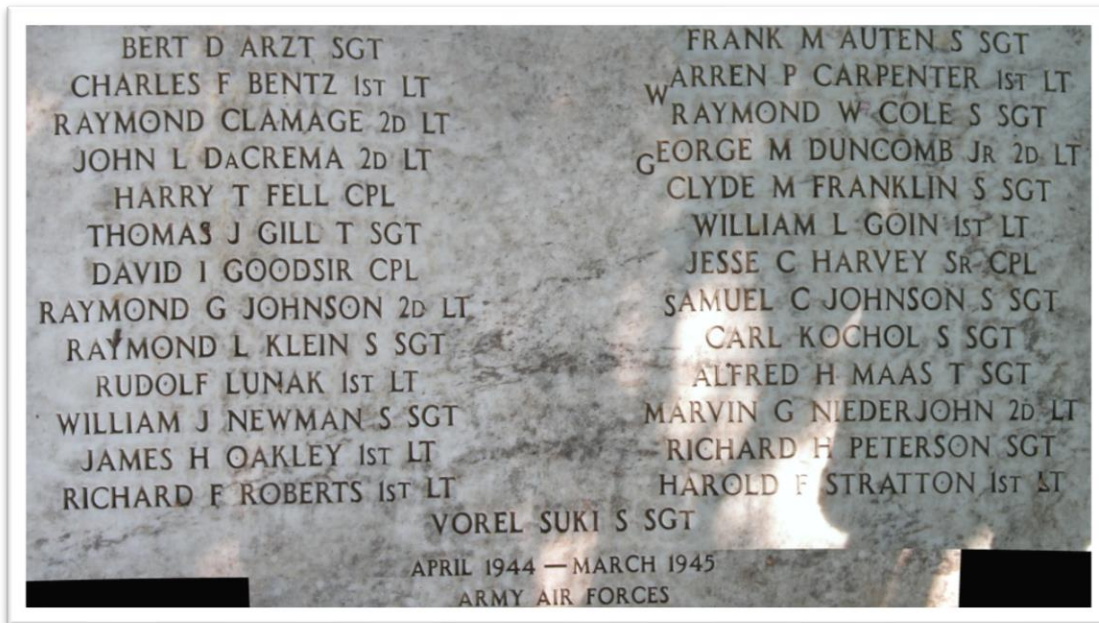
Co-Pilot of B-24 "Fickle Finger" 42-51564 that blew up in the air near Vienna, Austria



727th Bomb Squadron, 451st Bomb Group, 15th

Their final mission came on October 13, 1944 when the crew took off in Aircraft #42-51564, Fickle Finger, laden with bombs. The aircraft flew to its target over Vienna, Austria. As the aircraft arrived on station, it sustained a direct hit from German flak batteries. The aircraft literally exploded in the sky and all personnel were lost. Years later, the remains of a crew member (Staff Sergeant Julian Newton) were reportedly located in a small cemetery in France. The remains were subsequently recovered and returned to the family back in Webb, Alabama.

**World War II Deceased returned from overseas group burial (27 remains, 17 caskets)
for interment. Buried in same grave (1952)**



*Buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Saint Louis, Missouri
Plot 85: Site 132-166*



Starboard (right) side nose art

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**1 LT Edward J. Golas
Class 49-43**

ID: 01176639

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Cook County, IL

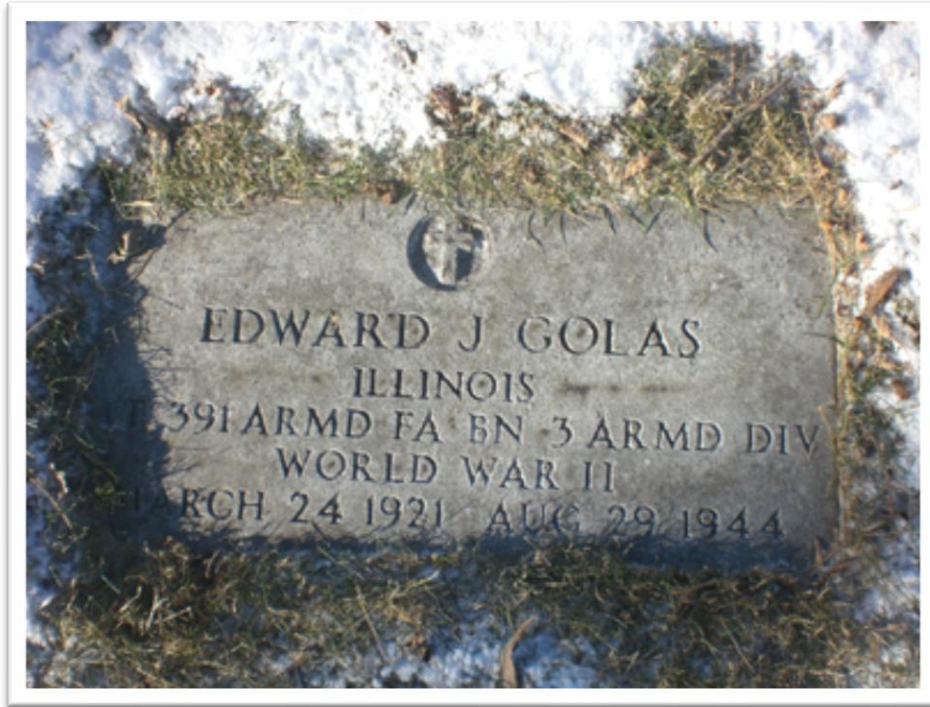
Status: KIA 29 Aug 1944



**Killed in France serving with Headquarters Battery
391st Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 3rd Armored Division**

From the 391st Field Artillery Battalion History:

29 August 1944: Operations continued to mop up Soissons and secure the high ground North and East of Soissons. Moderate opposition was encountered in crossing the Aisne River. Battery C advanced to a position North of the city to support the attack. At 0950 hours, 1st Lt. Edward J. Golas and 2nd Lt. Charles B. Finney were killed in action. The liaison plane from which they were registering the Battalion was shot down, directly over the battalion by a flight of 32 FW 190s which dipped through the overcast, shredded the cub in a second from all angles and continued on without strafing and bombing the position. Both officers were thrown clear of the plane, killed by machine gun bullets and not having a chance to use parachutes. The plane burned and fell in a matter of seconds. It was a registration they were observing when it happened. You could see them sitting up there in that cub, the sky so cloudy and grey all around them, and you could hear their commands coming over the radio. Then, if you were looking, you could see the planes coming out of the clouds. There must have been thirty of them. They said later that they were CIE logs. I don't know. But, if you were looking, you could see one of them peel off, and you could see the flashes of the guns. It took but a few seconds and then it was all over.



Buried in Saint Adalbert Catholic Cemetery, Niles, Illinois

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THE WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL



Jess W. Goodrich **24-42**

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # O1167441

**901st Field Artillery Battalion
76th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Kansas

Died: 27-Feb-1945

**Buried at: Plot H Row 4 Grave 54
Luxembourg American Cemetery
Luxembourg City, Luxembourg**

Awards: Purple Heart



National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
1LT Charles R. Gordon
Class 31-42

ID: O1170387

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Middlesex County, MA
Status: KIA September 16, 1944



Killed in action in Wallendorf, Landkreis Bitburg-Prüm, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany



Buried in Groton Cemetery, Groton, Massachusetts

National Archives & Records Administration

War Department Files

1LT Arvid D. Gouchberg
Class 7-42
ID: 0-454778
Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Essex County, MA
Status: KIA 28 Sep 1944



1LT Gouchberg was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star for his heroic actions that took place less than a month before he was killed in action. The Bronze Star and Air Medal with two oak-leaf clusters were presented to his widow during a ceremony at Fort Sill August 3, 1945.

Medals Presented In Ceremony Here

The Bronze Star medal for distinctive heroism in military operations as well as the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters were presented at a Fort Sill ceremony Friday to Mrs. Avis A. Gouchberg, Lawton, as a posthumous award to her husband, 1st Lt. Arvid A. Gouchberg.

Col. Charles W. Gallaher, post commander, made the presentation at the formal retreat parade of Station Complement troops on New Post parade ground Friday afternoon. Lt. Col. John S. Moran served as commander of troops and Capt. Sidney S. Eason was adjutant. The 179th Army Ground Forces band played.

The late field artillery liaison pilot was awarded the Bronze Star medal for distinctive heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy on Sept. 1, 1944 in the vicinity of Bantheville, France, the citation stated-

Lt. Gouchberg was aerial observer for a motorized column of infantry when he observed an enemy tank blocking the road ahead of the column. He immediately sent a message by radio to halt the column and all but the first truck stopped.

"As senior officer in the plane he directed flight over the tank to point out its position. When he observed the first truck had failed to halt, he directed flight very low across the advance of the truck and shouted to stop the truck. To accomplish this it was necessary to fly directly into the field of fire of the enemy tank.

"His warning came in time for the truck, heavily loaded with infantry troops, to be halted and half of the troops dismounted before the enemy tank could get into action.

"Lt. Gouchberg's quick action undoubtedly saved many lives and reflects credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of our Armed Forces."

The Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, indicating two additional awards of the medal, also was accepted by Mrs. Gouchberg.

It was awarded "for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight during three different periods in 1944, having completed the required number of operations sorties against the enemy.

Mrs. Gouchberg, who resides at 1302 Oak, is an employe of the Fort Sill Post Exchange.

He served with the 50th Field Artillery Battalion, 5th Infantry Division, XX Corps, 3rd Army, as an air observer. He and 2Lt Mark Gaddie (FA OCS Class 61-43) were both killed on 28 Sep 1944, when their plane crashed on takeoff.

Extract from the Combat History of the 50th Field Artillery Battalion:

28 Sep 44, South of Lorry-Mardigny, Mosell, Lorraine, France. This morning we learned at approximately 0630 hours our Cub 37K crashed while taking off. Lieutenant Gouchberg, the pilot, was killed outright. Lieutenant Gaddie, the observer, was injured critically and died shortly afterward in the hospital. This news was quite a blow to everyone. We all liked both of the fellows very much. Gouch had just received his promotion to first lieutenant at the same time as Major Rennord got his. They were an excellent observer team. Major Strunk, the Division Artillery air officer believes the crash was due to engine failure caused by carburetor icing.

Buried in Pride of Lynn Cemetery, Lynn, Massachusetts



Paul E. Gourdon, Jr. 56-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1179080

793rd Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Virginia

Died: 11-Jul-1944

Buried at: Plot H Row 11 Grave 24

Normandy American Cemetery

Colleville-sur-Mer, France

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart

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) Paul E. Gourdon, Jr. (ASN: 0-1179080), United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving as an Air Observer from the 793d Field Artillery Battalion, in action against the enemy in Normandy, France, on 11 July 1944. First Lieutenant Gourdon was unable to observe the location of an enemy battery due poor visibility, and flew dangerously close to the enemy lines in order to accomplish his mission. His plane was hit by an 88-mm. shell, which destroyed the plane and killed him. The last sending received from First Lieutenant Gourdon was "Range correct. Fire for effect." First Lieutenant Gourdon's aggressiveness and determination to silence the enemy batter reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service.

General Orders: Headquarters, XIX Corps, General Orders No. 38 (1944)

Receives Citation Posthumously



LT. PAUL E. GOURDON, JR.

Mrs. Mary Hunter Edmunds Gourdon of this city, has recently received a letter from Adjutant General Ulio, stating that she will be the recipient of the Silver Star, posthumously awarded her husband, Lieut. Paul E. Gourdon, Jr., who was killed on July 11 when the Nazis shot down his plane while he was on a reconnaissance mission.

The letter, in part, read as follows:

"I have the honor to inform you that, by direction of the President, the Silver Star has been posthumously awarded to your husband, First Lieutenant Paul E. Gourdon, Jr., Field Artillery." The citation reads as follows:

"For gallantry in action against the enemy in x x x. On 11 July, 1944, First Lieutenant Air Observer, being unable to observe the location of an enemy battery due to poor visibility, flew dangerously close to the enemy lines in order to accomplish his mission. First Lieutenant Gourdon's plane was hit by an 88 mm. shell, which destroyed the plane and killed First Lieutenant Gourdon. The last sending received from First Lieutenant Gourdon was 'Range Correct. Fire for effect.' First Lieutenant Gourdon's aggressiveness and determination to silence the enemy battery reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service."

The decoration will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Third Service Command, Baltimore and an officer will make the presentation to Mrs. Gourdon, the letter stated.

Lt. Gourdon was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Gourdon of Jackson Heights, N. Y., and was a graduate of Washington and Lee University. He passed the Virginia Bar Examination the summer of 1942 and entered the Army shortly thereafter. He was graduated from field artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Okla. in March of 1943.

Mrs. Gourdon has also received the Purple Heart, posthumously awarded her husband.

Lt. Gourdon lost a brother in the fall of Bataan in 1942 and besides his parents in New York, he is survived by his wife and small daughter who reside at 156 Gray Street.

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Emanuel H. Gracie Jr. 35-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1172030

**319th Field Artillery Battalion
82nd Airborne Division**

Entered the Service from: Rhode Island

Died: 18-Sep-1944

Buried at: Plot D Row 21 Grave 10

**Ardennes American Cemetery
Neupre, Belgium**

Awards: Purple Heart



Lt. Gracie was killed in a glider landing in Germany. Almost 50 Waco gliders overshot the landing zones near Groesbeek and Nijmegen and landed near the little German towns of Wyler, Zyfflich and Kranenburg. The gliders carried men and supplies for the 319th and 320th GFAB, and the 504th and 508th PIR. Unfortunately they landed between experienced and well armed German paratroopers who were rushed into the area after the first Allied landings the day before. Heavy fights followed and many men were killed and wounded. Lt. Gracie was buried in a fieldgrave.



Richard W. Grant Jr. 32-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1170757

593rd Joint Assault Signal Company

Entered the Service from: Pennsylvania

Died: 5-Apr-1945

Missing in Action or Buried at Sea

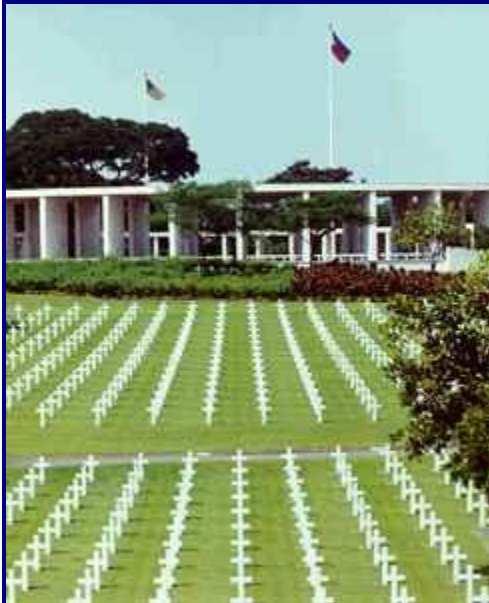
**Tablets of the Missing at Honolulu Memorial
Honolulu, Hawaii**

Awards: Purple Heart

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Leon C. Gray

24-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1167449

593rd Field Artillery Battalion

93rd Infantry Division

Entered the Service from: Illinois

Died: 12-Jun-1944

Missing in Action or Buried at Sea

Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery

Manila, Philippines

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

1 LT Lawrence S. Gready, Jr.

Class 33-42

ID: O1171165

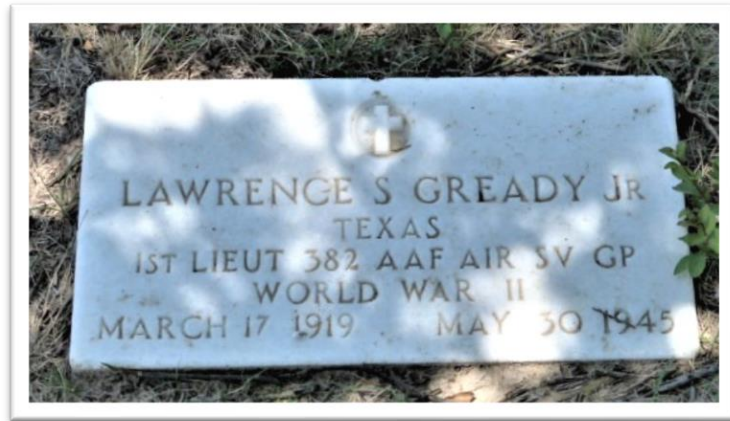
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Wills Point, TX

Status: KIA 30 May 1945



Killed in action serving with the 382nd Air Service Group when the aircraft he was piloting was shot down by the Japanese



Buried in White Rose Cemetery, Wills Point, Texas

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

**CAPT Hyman Greenberg
Class 28-42**

ID: O1169131

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Kings County, NY

Status: KIA October 17, 1944



Killed in action in France

Buried in Chester Rural Cemetery, Chester, Pennsylvania

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

1 LT Eugene H. Green

Class 37-45

ID: 01172879

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Miller County, AR

Status: KIA 29 Dec 1944



Killed in action serving with the 909th Field Artillery Battalion, 84th Infantry Division

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Eugene H. Green, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 84th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 84th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 5 (1945)



Buried in Silverino Cemetery, Texarkana, Arkansas

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

**2 LT George T. Green
Class 31-42**

ID: 01170393

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Davidson County, TN
Status: KIA Feb 16, 1945**



Note: Individual is listed on the U.S. Rosters of World War II Dead, 1939-1945

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

2LT Herbert Fletcher Green, Jr.

Class 54-43

ID: 01178485

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Amelia County, VA

Status: DNB July 15, 1943



Graduated from OCS at Fort Sill on March 4, 1943. Assigned to the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill with orders to proceed to the AAF Liaison Pilot School at Pittsburg, Kansas to attend the basic flight training course. Both he and 2LT Newman R. Gallagher (FA OCS Class 55-43) died in the crash of a liaison plane during training at Fort Sill.

**Liaison Plane Crash
Kills Two at Fort Sill**

FORT SILL, July 16.—(AP)—Two field artillery fliers, killed when their "grasshopper" liaison plane crashed, were identified Friday night as Second Lieuts. Newman R. Gallagher, 23 years old, Presque Isle, Me., and Herbert F. Green jr., Amelia, Va.



Harry G. Green **67-43**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1182587

**155th Field Artillery Battalion
36th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Pennsylvania

Died: 13-Jul-1945

Buried at: Plot E Row 24 Grave 39

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

Awards: Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters



**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

**CAPT Robert M. Greenhoe
Class 18-42**

ID: 01165867

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Montcalm County, MI

Status: KIA 21 Dec 1944



**Killed in action serving with the 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion
9th Armored Division**

Buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Stanton, Michigan



Robert H. Grell

56-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1179083

**345th Field Artillery Battalion
90th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Pennsylvania

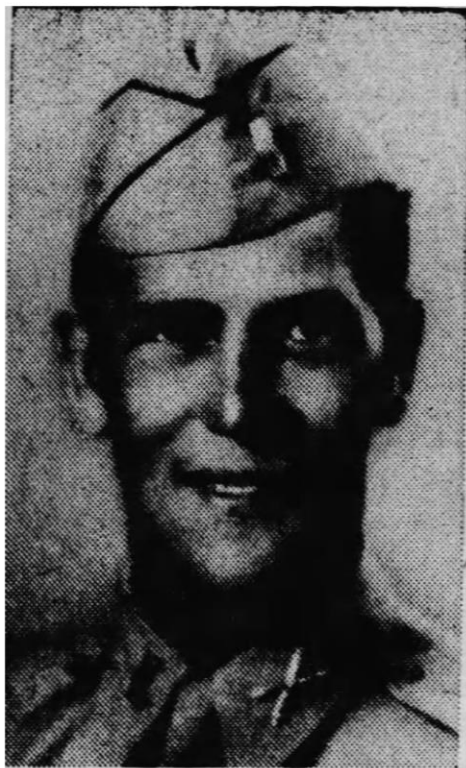
Died: 24-Jun-1944

Buried at: Plot G Row 12 Grave 33

Normandy American Cemetery

Colleville-sur-Mer, France

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart



ROBERT H. GRELL

The War Department informed Mrs. Louise Grell, 220 Forster street, late yesterday that her husband, Second Lieutenant Robert Grell, had died on June 24 as a result of wounds received in action in France on June 22.

Lt. Grell has been overseas with the Field Artillery as a Reconnaissance Officer since March, and is believed to have participated in the invasion of Normandy.

A former member of the National Guard, he entered the Army in January, 1941, and trained at Camp Shelby, Miss., before attending Officers Candidate School, at Fort Sill, where he was commissioned. He is the son of George Grell, 412 Herr street, and is a graduate of the Hershey Industrial School. He was employed at the Glenn Martin Co., in Baltimore, Md.

Never Saw Baby Son

Lt. Grell never saw his three-months-old son, Robert Eugene, who was born one month after Grell left the country.

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Robert H. Grell, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 90th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 90th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 89 (1944)

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

**1 LT Howard D. Grossman
Class 27-42**

ID: O1168697

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Kings County, NY

Status: KIA 19 Sep 1944



Killed in Action in Italy serving with the 185th Field Artillery Battalion

Buried in Wellwood Cemetery, Long Island, New York

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Allen E. Grubbs, Jr. 85-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O-532766

**375th Field Artillery Battalion
100th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Alabama

Died: 8-December-1944

Buried at: Plot A Row 14 Grave 36

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart



Lt. Allen E. Grubbs, Jr., son of
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Grubbs of
Livingston — missing in action in
the European theatre of war.

January 3, 1945 press release



Wilson G. Guest **43-42**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1174875

**175th Field Artillery Battalion
34th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Virginia

Died: 23-Mar-1945

Buried at: Plot A Row 9 Grave 2

Florence American Cemetery

Florence, Italy

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Wilson G. Guest, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 34th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 34th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 79 (1945)

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

2 LT Clinton H. Gumbrecht

Class 37-42

ID: O1172887

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Queens County, NY

Status: KIA June 27, 1944



**Killed in action serving with Battery B, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion,
82nd Airborne Division**

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Samuel D. Haas **117-44**

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O-551790

**489th Field Artillery Battalion
7th Armored Division**

Entered the Service from: Louisiana

Died: 28-Mar-1945

Buried at: Plot A Row 14 Grave 6

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

Awards: Purple Heart

Hometown: Alexandria, LA

He was a forward observer and had participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He was killed enroute from Reichenborn to Oberbiel Germany when his jeep went over a landmine.



from the 489th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, dated April 4th, 1945.

Dear Mr. Haas:

It is with the greatest personal sorrow that I write to express our sense of loss in the death of your son and our comrade, Second Lieutenant Samuel D. Haas, O 551 790.

He died on 28 March 1945 of wounds received in action 27 March 1945 in western Germany. We were engaged in a particularly hazardous undertaking and Second Lieutenant Haas, by his heroic actions on that occasion, contributed materially to the success of our mission and in so doing lost his life.

Those of us who knew your son always respected him and admired him for his courage and devotion and will always remember him with affection. He died for his country.

You will, I am sure, be glad to know that the rites of his religion were extended him by our Army Chaplain before he entered battle.

Very sincerely yours,

James W. Milner,

Lt. Col. Field Artillery.



Mr. and Mrs. Sam Haas are expected home next week from a five-week European trip where they visited in Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, France, Scotland and England. They visited their son, Lt. Samuel D. Haas' grave in Heerlen, Holland, where he was buried over three years ago.

July 30, 1948



Jacob Habendott **43-42**

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1174878

**45th Field Artillery Battalion
8th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Illinois

Died: 30-Aug-1944

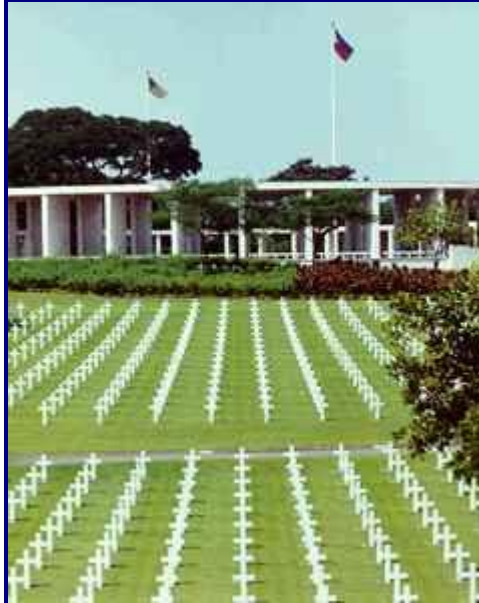
Buried at: Plot B Row 3 Grave 14

Rhone American Cemetery

Draguignan, France

Awards: Purple Heart





Robert C. Hagerstrom 59-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Air Forces

Service # 1180195

**17th Squadron
71st Reconnaissance Group**

Entered the Service from: Iowa

Died: 8-Jun-1944

Missing in Action or Buried at Sea

**Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery
Manila, Philippines**

**Awards: Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal,
Purple Heart**

From Pacific Wrecks.com

B-25D Mitchell Serial Number?

Pilot 2nd Lt. Howard Wood, O-664709 (MIA / KIA) CA

Co-Pilot 2nd Lt. Marcos A. Baggese, O-689185 (MIA / KIA) TX

Observer 2nd Lt. Robert C. Hagerstrom, 1180195 (MIA / KIA) IA

Armour/Gunner Sgt Virgil C. Harrelson, 38197434 (MIA / KIA) LA

Radio/Gunner SSgt Frank J. Brunk, 16087489 (MIA / KIA) IN

Photo/Gunner Sgt Robert E. Bodi, 15374006 (MIA / KIA) OH

MIA June 8, 1944

MACR 16311 (16160)

Aircraft History: Serial Number unknown. Assigned to the 5th Air Force, 71st Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 17th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

Mission History: (Mission #160 B-310) Took off from Wakde Airfield leading a strike by a total of ten B-25s sent to attack six Japanese destroyers bound for Biak during "Battle of Cape Waios". The formation flying in a "V of V's" located the convoy headed due east at 00 50' E 132 50' E, then broke up into two ship elements to attack.

According to the B-25s, the convoy consisted of two cruisers and four destroyers and met intense anti-aircraft fire.

This B-25 was hit and sank before reaching the target. This B-25 was last seen 50 miles north of Cape Waios (False Cape) on the Vogelkop Peninsula on Dutch New Guinea. Approximate location 0045 S and 13245 E.

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John J. Haley **41-42**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1174305

18th Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Oklahoma

Died: 13-Apr-1945

Buried at: Plot B Row 15 Grave 27

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

Awards: Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

1 LT George L. Hall

Class 70-43

ID: 01183302

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: St. Louis, MO

Status: KIA 13 Jul 1945



Killed in action serving with the 155th Field Artillery Battalion

Buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery, Saint Louis, Missouri

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

2 LT Gene R. Hall

Class 62-43

ID: 01181276

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Montgomery County, OH

Status: KIA 1 Feb 1944



Killed in action serving with Battery A, 933rd Field Artillery Battalion

Dayton Flyer Dies In Battle Action; Another Missing.

Second Lt. Gene R. Hall, 24, was killed in action in Italy Feb. 1, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Hall of 626 Earl avenue, were informed by the war department yesterday.

Lieutenant Hall was graduated from Kiser high school in 1938 and was employed in the circulation department of the Dayton Daily News until he was drafted in 1941. He trained at Camp Shelby, Miss., Camp Bowie, Tex., and was graduated from the field artillery officers' candidate school at Ft. Sill, Okla. He received further training at Camp Gruber, Okla., before he was sent overseas early in 1943. He fought in the African campaign and was in the first invasion of Italy.

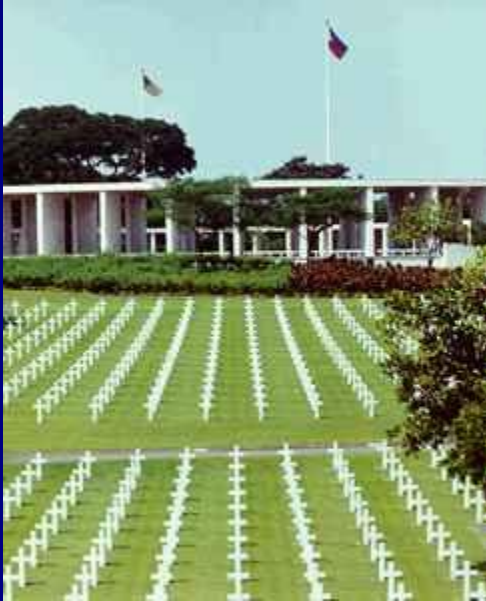


Buried in Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum, Dayton, Ohio

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Malcolm E. Hall **53-43**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1178171

**213th Field Artillery Battalion
40th Infantry Division**

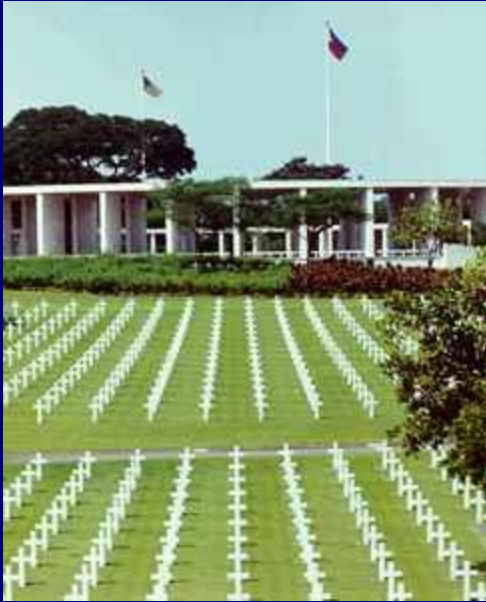
Entered the Service from: California

Died: 8-Dec-1944

Buried at: Plot N Row 5 Grave 162

Manila American Cemetery

Manila, Philippines



Roy B. Hall

69-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1183080

US Infantry

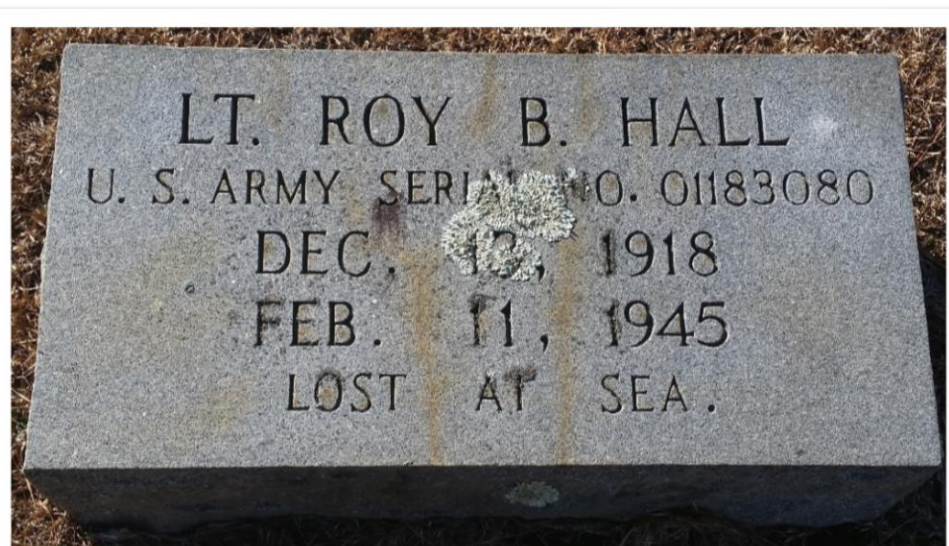
Entered the Service from: Vermont

Died: 11-Feb-1945

Missing in Action or Buried at Sea

**Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery
Manila, Philippines**

Awards: Purple Heart



**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
1 LT William A. Hamby
Class 58-43**

ID: 01179877

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Home State: South Carolina

Status: KIA May 22, 1945



Killed in action in Okinawa and reported that he is buried there.



Monument in his memory in Edgewood Cemetery, Greenwood, South Carolina

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James E. Hamilton 38-42

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1173267

**912th Field Artillery Battalion
87th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Mississippi

Died: 21-Jan-1945

**Buried at: Plot C Row 5 Grave 10
Luxembourg American Cemetery
Luxembourg City, Luxembourg**

Awards: Purple Heart





Maurice W. Hamilton 57-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1179427

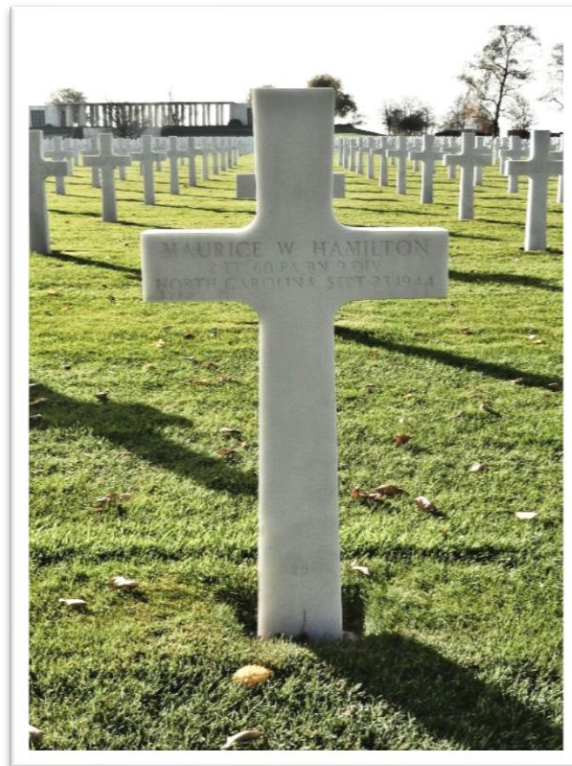
**60th Field Artillery Battalion
9th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: North Carolina

Died: 23-Sep-1944

**Buried at: Plot G Row 12 Grave 29
Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium**

Awards: Purple Heart



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Bruce R. Handeyside 22-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1166734

**420th Field Artillery Battalion
10th Armored Division**

Entered the Service from: Michigan

Died: 2-Mar-1945

**Buried at: Plot H Row 13 Grave 91
Luxembourg American Cemetery
Luxembourg City, Luxembourg**

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart



John E. Hare

62-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1181286

283rd Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Virginia

Died: 27-Oct-1944

Buried at: Plot A Row 11 Grave 10

Ardennes American Cemetery

Neupre, Belgium

Awards: Purple Heart



**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

CAPT Rollin F. Harlow

Class 44-42

ID: O1175146

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Kern, CA

Status: KIA June 15, 1945



**Killed in action serving as a Firing Battery Commander, 361st Field Artillery Battalion
96th Infantry Division during the Battle of Okinawa**



—Austin Photo

HONORED—Captain Rollin F. Harlow, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Harlow, 1915 Alta Vista Drive, who gave his life fighting on Okinawa, has been posthumously awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action. Captain Harlow was a battery commander in the Three Hundred Sixty-first Field Artillery Battalion. He was a former partner of George Crome of the Bakersfield Hardware Company.

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Rollin F. Harlow, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 96th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 96th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 787 (1945)

Buried in Union Cemetery, Bakersfield, California



Francis L. Harris 55-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1178823

**110th Field Artillery Battalion
29th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: New York

Died: 30-Jul-1944

Buried at: Plot C Row 7 Grave 11

Brittany American Cemetery

St. James, France

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart



National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT James A. Harris

Class 41-42

ID: 01174312

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Tallahatchie County, MS

Status: KIA 13 Jun 1944



Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Sumner, Mississippi



David L. Hart

72-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O-524125

320th Field Artillery Battalion

82nd Airborne Division

Entered the Service from: Ohio

Died: 2-Oct-1944

Buried at: Plot P Row 1 Grave 14

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart



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) David L. Hart (ASN: 0-524125), United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with Battery A, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, 82d Airborne Division, in action on 2 October 1944, near ****, Holland. Second Lieutenant Hart, a Forward Observer, after at least ten casualties had already been sustained in the same area, administered first aid to the Commander of Company B, 325th Glider Infantry Regiment, and at the same time continued to observe and give artillery fire commands. Regardless of the fact that the infantry was withdrawing from this area and that the entire area was being swept by machine gun and small arms fire, Second Lieutenant Hart remained to administer first aid to the company commander and to give fire directions to his battalion. In so doing, Second Lieutenant Hart was mortally wounded. Second Lieutenant Hart's actions reflect the highest traditions of the United States Army.

General Orders: Headquarters, 82d Airborne Division, General Orders No. 61
(November 30, 1944)



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1 LT Leroy G. Hart, Jr.

Class 34-42

ID: O1171579

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Clinton County, IN

Status: KIA 19 Apr 1945



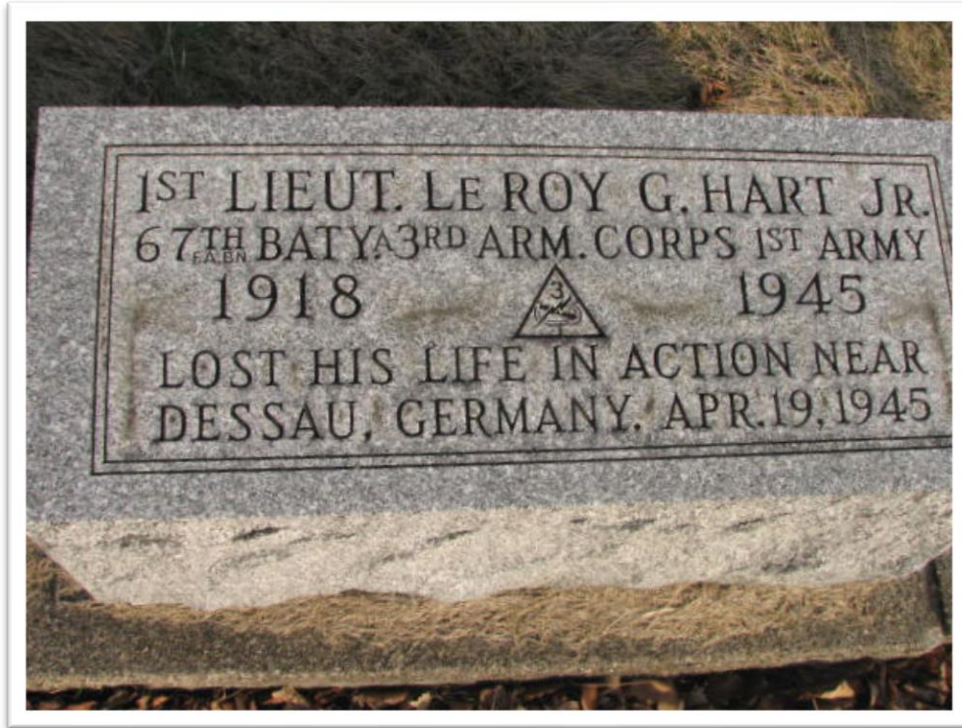
**Killed in action near Dessau, Germany serving with
Battery A, 67th Field Artillery Battalion, 3rd Armored Division**

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Leroy G. Hart, Jr., United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 3d Armored Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 3d Armored Division, General Orders No. 83 (1945)



Buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Frankfort, Indiana

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
2 LT Harry P. Hartman
Class 51-43**

ID: O1177433

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Philadelphia County, PA
Status: KIA 4 May 1945**



Killed in action serving with Battery B, 222nd Field Artillery Battalion



*Buried at Philadelphia National Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Plot 360*



John Haruk

32-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1170770

**362nd Field Artillery Battalion
96th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: New York

Died: 13-Apr-1945

Buried at: Plot O Row 0 Grave 45

Honolulu Memorial

Honolulu, Hawaii

Awards: Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): John Haruk, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 96th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 96th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 81 (1945)



JOHN HARUK

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WORLD WAR II

JAN 30 1918 - APRIL 13 1945



Gerald M. Hassell 61-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1180939

**161st Field Artillery Battalion
35th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Wyoming

Died: 18-Sep-1944

Buried at: Plot C Row 23 Grave 87

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart



Medal Presented To Widow of Late Casper Officer



Brig. Gen. D. O. Elliott, commanding general of the Army Service Forces Training Center, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., pins the Bronze Star medal on Mrs. Marianne F. Hassell whose husband, Lt. Gerald M. Hassell, F. A., of Casper, was killed in action last September.

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo., June 28.—One of nine decorations presented by Brig. Gen. D. O. Elliott, commanding general of the Army Service Forces Training Center, at a recent review of ASFTC troops was a bronze Star medal awarded posthumously "by direction of the president" to Lt. Gerald M. Hassell, field artillery, who was killed in action while serving in France with the Third army.

Lieutenant Hassell's home was in Casper, Wyo. A 1940 graduate of the University of Wyoming, he was employed by the Indian Ice company until he entered the army in January, 1941. He was a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Parsons, with whom he resided in Casper.

The Bronze Star medal, presented to his widow, Mrs. Marianne F. Hassell of Boulder, Colo., recently named as a recreation hostess in one of Fort Leonard Wood's service clubs, was awarded "for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on September 18, 1944. During the course of an attack against enemy forces, the enemy launched a counterattack supported by tanks. Lieutenant Hassell, a forward observer with the First battalion, infantry, made his way forward under heavy fire of all types and adjusted artillery fire upon enemy positions. While so engaged he was killed by direct fire from an enemy tank. His accurate fire direction and disregard for personal safety in the face of enemy fire contributed to the success of the assault and capture of the position."

Lieutenant Hassell was trained in the field artillery at Fort Sill, Okla. and Camp Bowie, Texas. He was assigned to the 936th Field artillery, an element of the 401st group which became a part of the Third army as soon as it arrived in France. The 26-year-old officer had been overseas only one month when he met his death, in action near Nancy, France.

His brother, Rex Hassell, firemar 1/c, is stationed at Salton Sea, Calif

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Allen L. Hathaway

Class 51-43

ID: O1177437

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Ada, OK

Status: KIA 18 Nov 1944



Killed in action serving with the Headquarters Battery, 202nd Field Artillery Battalion

Hathaway, Allen L. was born in Oklahoma on 6 February 1920, the son of Alvin L. and Beulah H. Hathaway.

He re-enlisted in the Army on 21 February 1941 at Fort Sill, OK with the rank of Sergeant. At the time of his re-enlistment, he was a resident of Pontotoc County, OK. Allen completed Officer Candidate Course #51 at Fort Sill Field Artillery School on 10 February 1943 and was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant.

Later as a 1st Lieutenant, Allen was a liaison pilot assigned to HQ Battery of the 202nd Field Artillery Battalion. He was awarded the Air Medal for completion of 35 combat sorties. The presentation was made on 23 September 1944 by Brigadier General Edward Stanley Ott, Commanding General of XV Corps Artillery.

Allen was killed near Harbouey, France, along with 2nd Lieutenant George Schleier, on the afternoon of 18 November 1944 when the L-4 Grasshopper observation and liaison aircraft he was flying was hit by friendly artillery fire. The aircraft was airborne about 1430 hours when the crew located some enemy troops and requested artillery fire. After the first round of adjustment, contact was lost with the plane. Reports indicated that the Piper Cub exploded in mid air. Their bodies were recovered and taken to Luneville, France for temporary burial. Allen Hathaway was 24 years old.

Lt. Hathaway received the second Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal on the day of his death. He was buried in the U.S. Military Cemetery at Epinal, France. Allen was later permanently interred in a cemetery in Oklahoma.



Buried in East Hill Cemetery, Roff, Oklahoma

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

2LT Albert J. Hawley

Class 80-43

ID: O1185048

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Newton, KS

Status: DNB December 12, 1943



Died in an aircraft accident at Fort Lewis, Washington, while serving as a liaison pilot assigned to the 220th Field Artillery Battalion, 44th Infantry Division.





Buried in Newton City Cemetery, Newton, Kansas

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

2 LT Edward E. Hayes

Class 75-43

ID: O1184223

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

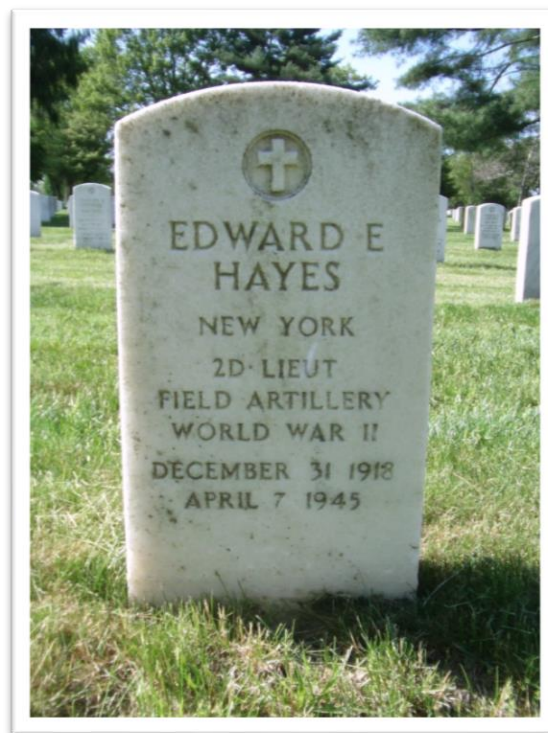
Hometown: Queens County, NY

Status: DOW 7 Apr 1945



Served with both the 484th and 489th Armored Field Artillery Battalion

World War II Deceased returned from overseas for interment (1949)



Buried in Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, New York

Plot: J-15374

National Archives & Records Administration

War Department Files

2 LT Snowden Haywood

Class 89-43

ID: O-535605

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Scarsdale, NY

Status: KIA December 26, 1944



Distinguished Service Cross

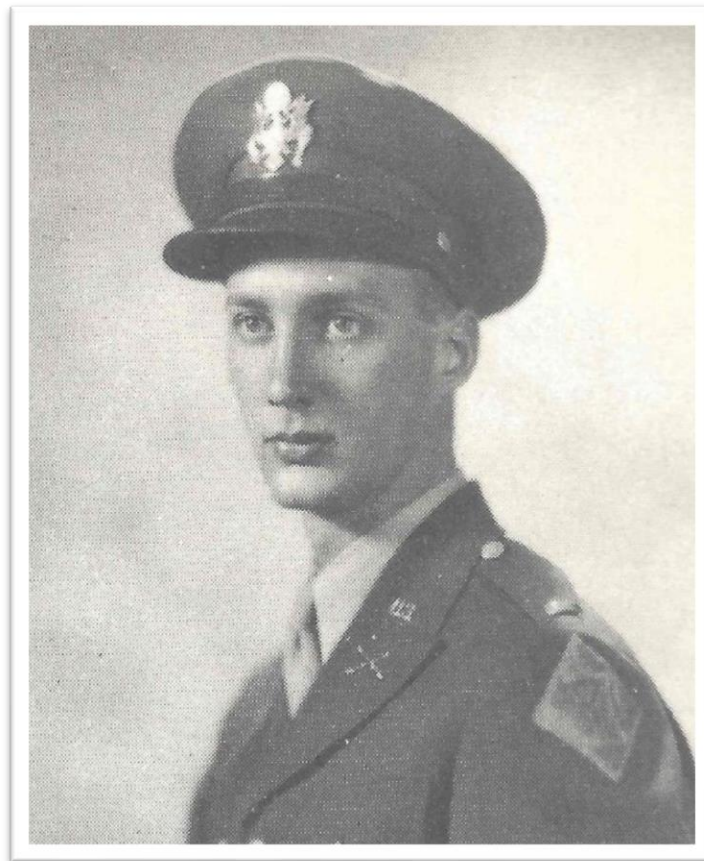


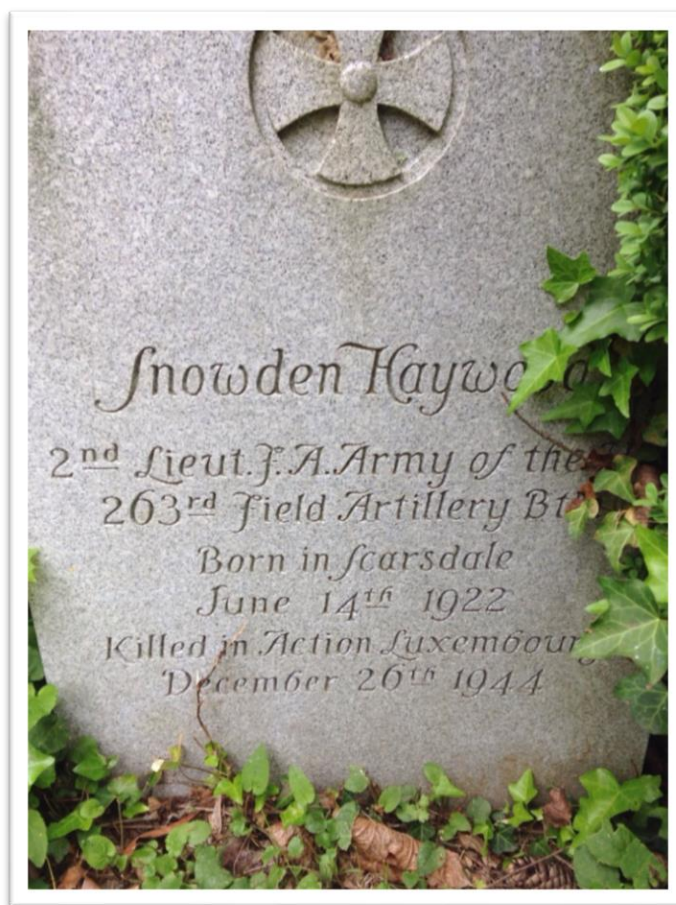
Distinguished Service Cross

2LT Snowden Haywood

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Second Lieutenant (Field Artillery) Haywood Snowden (ASN: 0-535605), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with the 263rd Field Artillery Battalion, 26th Infantry Division against enemy forces on 26 December 1944, over Bonnal, Luxembourg. Lieutenant Haywood, as an aerial artillery observer, was returning from an assigned mission of observing and directing artillery fire on hostile positions. Suddenly his liaison plane became involved in a fierce dog fight between friendly and enemy aircraft. Attempting to drop to a lower air level, Lieutenant Haywood and his pilot approached the path of an onrushing German Me-109 which had obtained a firing position on the tail of a friendly fighter plane. Without hesitation and with complete disregard for personal safety, they deliberately crashed their light plan into the enemy fire, causing both aircraft to disintegrate in mid-air. Second Lieutenant Haywood's intrepid actions, personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty at the cost of his life, exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself, the 26th Infantry Division, and the United States Army.

General Orders: Headquarters, U.S. Forces in Austria. General Orders No. 59 (1945)





Buried in Saint James the Less Cemetery, Scarsdale, New York

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THE WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL



George F. Heafy **53-43**

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1178185

460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: New York

Died: 5-Jan-1945

**Buried at: Plot D Row 12 Grave 17
Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium**

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart





Robert S. Hearon 37-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1172899

976th Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Mississippi

Died: 19-May-1944

Buried at: Plot A Row 7 Grave 15

Sicily-Rome American Cemetery

Nettuno, Italy

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

1LT Linwood E. Heath

Class 52-43

ID: 01177830

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Henrico County, VA

Status: KIA July 14, 1944



**Killed in action serving as an air liaison pilot with the
230th Field Artillery Battalion, 30th Infantry Division**



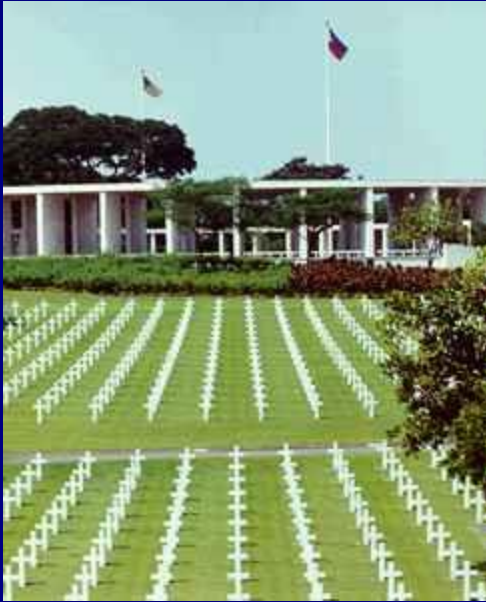


Buried in Maury Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia

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William Heckla

52-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1177831

226th Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: California

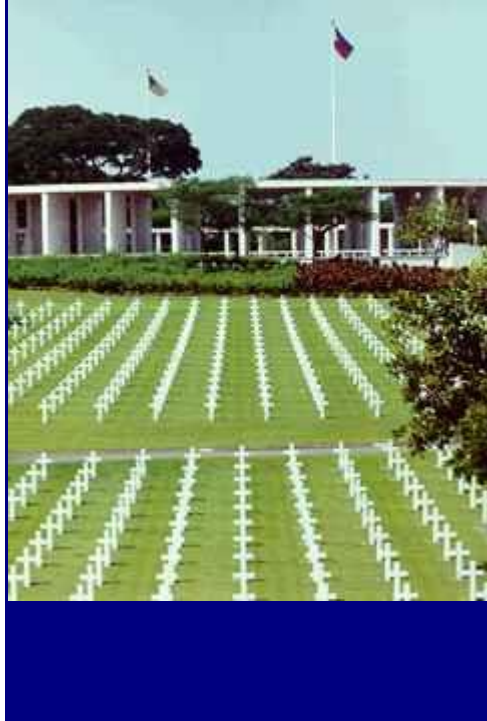
Died: 19-Oct-1944

Missing in Action or Buried at Sea

Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery

Manila, Philippines





Norbert J. Heidelberger 30-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1170000

**169th Field Artillery Battalion
43rd Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: New York

Died: 15-Aug-1943

Buried at: Plot A Row 3 Grave 71

**Manila American Cemetery
Manila, Philippines**

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Norbert J. Heidelberger, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 43rd Infantry Division during World War II.

**General Orders: Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces in the South Pacific Area
General Orders No. 519 (1943)**

From The History of the 43rd Division Artillery page 90-91:

The Baanga Campaign

LIAISON AND FORWARD OBSERVATION

Standard Operating Procedure was followed in the assignment of liaison parties which communicated with the forward command post rather than with individual infantry battalions. One forward observer normally accompanied each battalion and was used at the discretion of the liaison officer. (In all cases contact was made with each liaison officer when close-in missions were fired.) This was absolutely necessary since there was no observation at all in the thick jungle terrain found on Baanga Island, and sound sensing had to be used for each adjustment. This close contact kept one observer from bringing fire into another unit. The primary job of the liaison officers was to keep an accurate picture at all times of the *location of all elements of the infantry to include patrols*. Actually, forward observers did very little in this operation except assist the liaison officers and supply liaison with companies which were sent on separate missions. This practice, however, was found to be unsatisfactory in that one observer was lost in action and his party of three men severely wounded while accompanying *a company of only 42 men*. It was not felt advisable to send artillery observers into unreconnoitered areas with less than a *full company*, unless, of course, the need was very urgent and *communication to the rear could be maintained*.

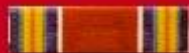
Following are the names of the liaison party who were casualties during this operation.

1st Lt. Norbert J. Heidelberger	Btry. C, 169th F. A., MIA
Cpl. Samuel B. Morgan	Btry. C, 169th F. A., MIA
Cpl. Norbert F. McElroy	Btry. C, 169th F. A., MIA
Pfc. Jack T. Dickerson	Btry. C, 169th F. A., MIA

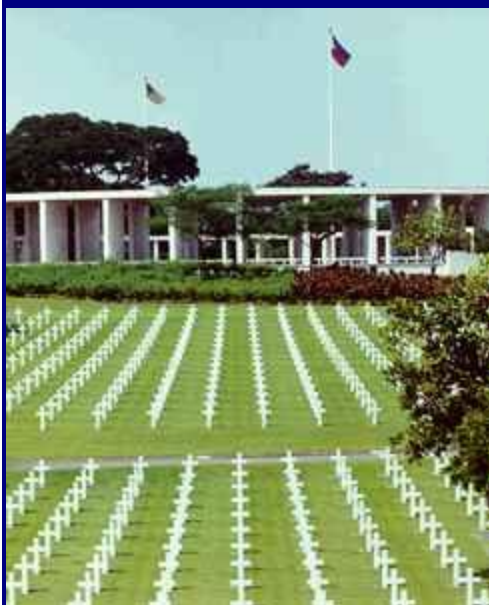
(MIA — Missing In Action)

This liaison party was one of the most aggressive in the Division Artillery and had always done an excellent job.

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Robert J. Heil

81-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 0-525744

655th Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Ohio

Died: 21-May-1945

Buried at: Plot B Row 11 Grave 143

Manila American Cemetery

Manila, Philippines

Awards: Air Medal

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War Department Files**

1 LT Earl Y. Heller

Class 73-43

ID: O1183877

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Montgomery County, PA

Status: DNB 12 Sep 1945



**Drowned while serving in the Philippines with the 378th Field Artillery Battalion
37th Division**





Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Boyertown, Pennsylvania

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
2 LT Martin Heller
Class 48-43**

ID: O1176370

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Kings County, NY

Status: KIA 29 Jan 1944



Killed in action serving with Battery B, 41st Field Artillery Battalion, 3rd Division



World War II Deceased returned from Nettuno, Italy for interment (1948)

*Buried at Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, Long Island, New York
Section H: Site 7813*

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

2 LT Harvey J. Henderson

Class 80-43

ID: O1185049

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Tazewell County, IL

Status: KIA 1 Jan 1945



Killed in action during the Battle of the Bulge



Buried in Minier Cemetery, Minier, Illinois

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1LT John Edward Hennessy

Class 52-43

ID: O1177834

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

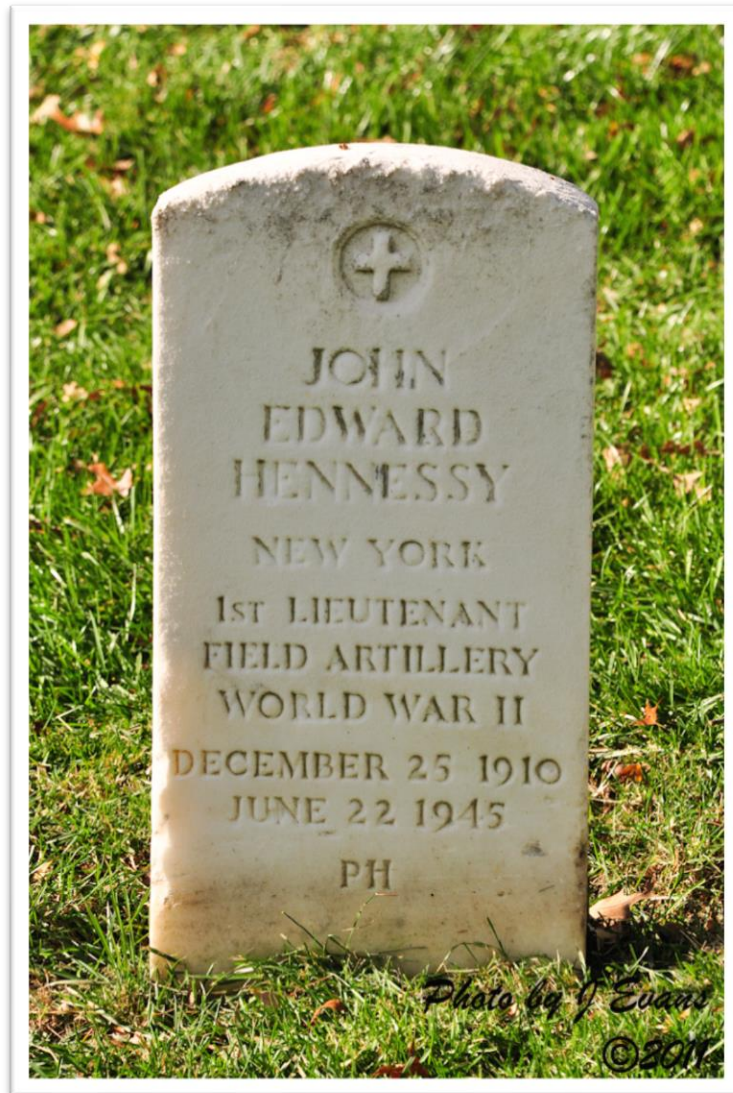
Hometown: New York County, NY

Status: KIA June 22, 1945



Killed in action serving with Battery B, 921st Field Artillery Battalion, 96th Division





*Returned with World War II Dead Program
from Okinawa Island Command Cemetery, Ryukyu Retto for interment (1949)
Buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia Plot: Section 34 Site 2327*

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THE WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL



John M. Hennessy Jr. 14-42

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # O1165401

**337th Field Artillery Battalion
88th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Kentucky

Died: 14-Jul-1944

**Buried at: Plot C Row 5 Grave 38
Florence American Cemetery
Florence, Italy**

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart

Hometown: Louisville, KY

Captain Hennessy was killed in Italy near the Arno River a few days after participating in the liberation of Rome. He was a forward observer and was the victim of a land mine.



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**1LT Robert W. Henning
Class 19-42**

ID: O1166087

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Washington County, WI
Status: DNB September 1, 1943**



1LT Henning died in a plane crash at A.P. Hill Army Post, Virginia during a training exercise while serving as an aerial observer with Headquarters Battery, 76th Division Artillery. The pilot, 2LT Judge S. Williams (FAOCS Class 47-43), also perished in the crash.



Buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Hartford, Wisconsin

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

2 LT Oscar F. Henry, Jr.

Class 77-43

ID: O1184512

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Cook County, IL

Status: KIA 21 January 1945



Killed in action in Germany serving with Battery C, 357th Field Artillery Battalion

Rites Scheduled For Lt. Henry

The body of 2nd Lt. Oscar F. Henry, Jr., 25, who was killed in action in Germany on Jan. 21, 1945, arrived at the Owen and Barth funeral home Wednesday and was removed immediately to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar F. Henry of 26 Kanawha Blvd., West.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 9 a. m. at St. Anthony's Catholic church. Solemn high mass will be celebrated by Rev. Father Cuthbert Spencer and burial will follow in Sunset Memorial park.

Lt. Henry was a graduate of Charleston high school and previous to his enlistment in the army June 23, 1942, he was superintendent of the General Erection and Glazing Co. here.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Paul E. and Robert L. Henry, and his grandmother, Mrs. Marie Henry of South Charleston.





Buried in Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, Charleston, West Virginia

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2 LT Lawrence G. Hensley, Jr.

Class 27-42

ID: 01168715

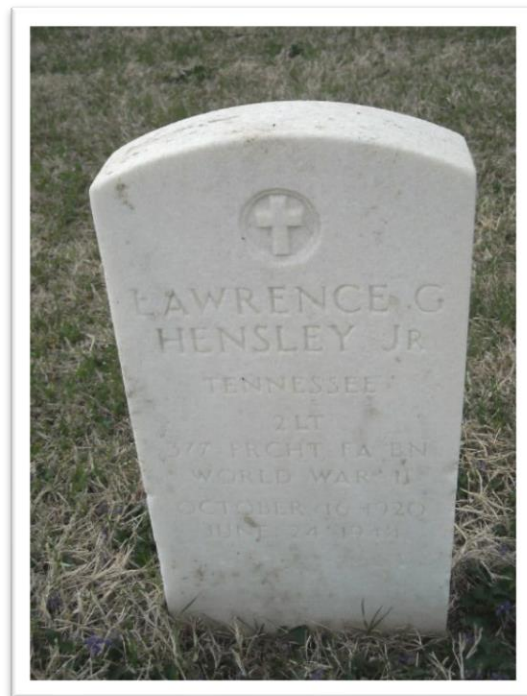
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Hamilton County, TN

Status: DOW 24 Jun 44



**Served with Headquarters Battery, 377th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion
101st Airborne Division and was killed at Normandy**



WW II Deceased returned from St. Mere Eglise No.1 Carentan for interment (1948)

*Buried in Chattanooga National Cemetery, Chattanooga, Tennessee
Plot: Y 438*



Noble K. Hensley 37-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1172901

Replacement Depot

Entered the Service from: New Mexico

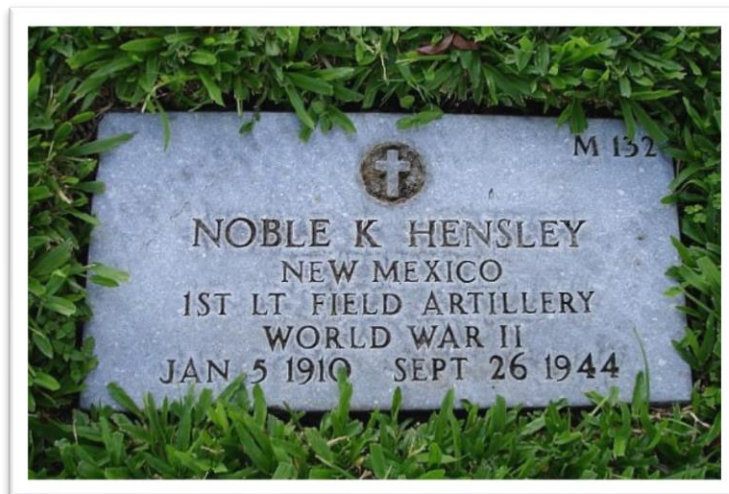
Died: 26-Sep-1944

Buried at: Plot M Row 0 Grave 132

Honolulu Memorial

Honolulu, Hawaii

Awards: Bronze Star





Orris E. Herr

57-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1179441

202nd Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Iowa

Died: 4-Dec-1944

Buried at: Plot C Row 30 Grave 36

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

Awards: Purple Heart



Orris Elton Herr was born in Creston, Iowa on 6 September 1921, the son of Harry L. Herr and Elizabeth M. Smith. He was inducted into the Army on 3 September 1942 and completed basic training at the Field Artillery Replacement Center at Camp Roberts, San Miguel, California.

Three months earlier on 6 June 1942, the Secretary of War ordered the establishment of organic air observation for Field Artillery. Army Ground Forces would have their own pilots and aircraft which would be separate from Army Air Force liaison personnel. The aerial adjustment of artillery fire was both the purpose for the establishment of organic Army Aviation and its single most important function during WWII. After it came to be accepted by artillery commanders, organic aviation was a complete success in this mission.

Initially, all tactical flight training students already had civilian pilot licenses. As the supply of licensed pilots ran out, the Army Air Force, which had responsibility for providing rated pilots to the Army Ground Forces, contracted with civilian companies to conduct primary flight instruction. Also, the Army wanted only enlisted men for liaison pilot training. That changed in April 1943 when enlisted soldiers began attending Officer Candidate School before flight school.

Elton graduated from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant on 25 March 1943.

He then reported to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri for four months of training. In September 1943, Elton was assigned to the Second Army Air Force Liaison Training Detachment at Pittsburg, Kansas for flight school. The primary training phase consisted of 9 weeks of liaison pilot training at Pittsburg, Kansas, or Denton, Texas (Training was discontinued at Denton, TX, in November 1943 and conducted only at Pittsburg, KS, until the end of 1944). Atkinson Municipal Airport was located about 3.5 miles northwest of Pittsburg. McFarland Flying Service, a civilian flying school under contract to the AAF, provided the flight training and conducted the ground school for the students. The instructors were all civilians. Glider pilots were also trained at the facility.

Elton graduated from Class Forty-Four of the Second Army Air Force Liaison Training Detachment at Pittsburg, Kansas on 22 November 1943 and was awarded the wings of a liaison pilot. The ceremony was held at the Besse Hotel located at Fourth and Locust Streets in Pittsburg.

1st Lt. Herr joined the 202nd in France on 26 October 1944 and was assigned to HQ Battery as a liaison pilot. He replaced 2nd Lt. Walter R. White who was wounded by enemy machine gun fire.

He was killed on 4 December 1944, along with 1st Lieutenant John W. White, when the L-4 Grasshopper observation and liaison aircraft they were flying was hit by friendly artillery fire. A howitzer of "B" Battery was conducting registration fire in the area of Hinsbourg, France when the plane was hit and fell in flames near Puberg, Bas-Rhin, Alsace. The bodies of Liaison Pilot Orris E. Herr and Observer John W. White were recovered and taken to the Graves Registration Officer at Puberg.

The crew of the Battalion's other liaison plane had suffered the same fate only two weeks earlier. Elton, age 23, was survived by his wife and a son who would be born three months later.

Lt. Herr was buried at 1515 hours on 6 December 1944 in the U.S. Military Cemetery at Hochfelden, France. On 3 February 1949, he was permanently interred in the Lorraine American Cemetery near St. Avold, France in Plot C Row 30 Grave 36.

LT. ORRIS ELTON HERR HAS NEW ASSIGNMENT

Lt. Orris Elton Herr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herr now of Algona but formerly of Creston, has recently been given a new assignment after spending the last four months at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

He is taking 10 weeks of basic flying training at the liaison flying school, Pittsburg, Kan., upon completion of which he will be sent to the air training field artillery school at Fort Sill, Okla.

Herr was inducted in September, 1942, and took his basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif. Three months later he entered field artillery officer candidate school at Fort Sill from which he was graduated and commissioned on March 25 of this year.

His wife is still in Rolla, Mo., but expects to join him at Pittsburg, Kan., in the near future.

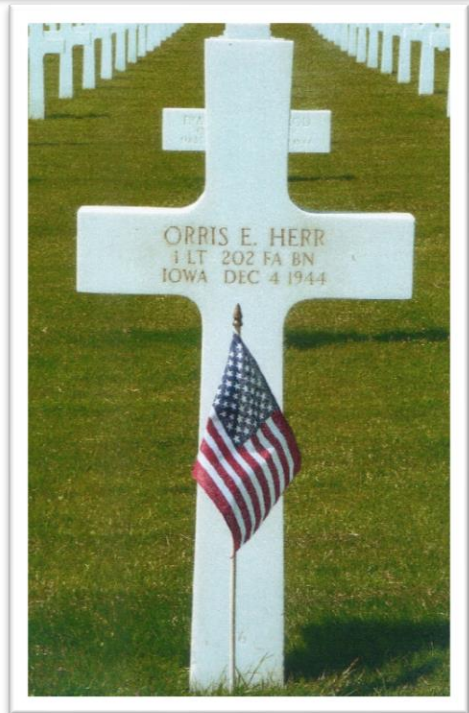
The lieutenant's present address is: Orris E. Herr, O-1179441, 2nd A.A.F. Liaison Tr. Dept., Pittsburg, Kan.

ELTON HERR IS LIAISON PILOT

Lt. Orris Elton Herr has been awarded the wings of a liaison pilot at Pittsburg, Kan., according to a bulletin from the army air force liaison training detachment.

The new liaison pilot is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herr, formerly of Creston but now of Algona. He was inducted in September, 1942, took his basic at Camp Roberts, Calif., and was commissioned in March of this year upon graduation from the field artillery officer candidate school at Fort Sill, Okla.

He is now returning to Fort Sill for advanced training in piloting the "grasshopper" observation planes.



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2 LT James A. Hertz

Class 82-43

ID: O1185225

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: New York County, NY

Status: KIA 12 Dec 1944



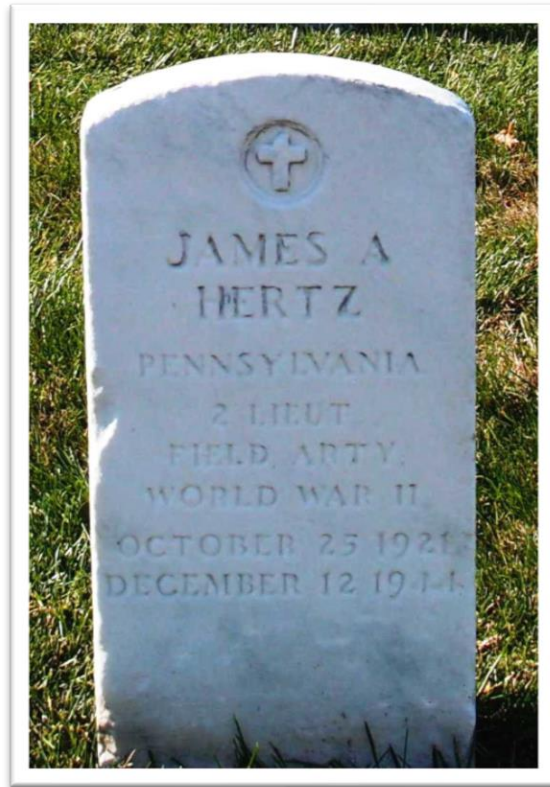
Killed in action serving with the 3rd Armored Division

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): James A. Hertz, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 3rd Armored Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 3rd Armored Division, General Orders No. 33 (1945)



Returned with World War II Deceased Program from overseas for interment (1948)

*Buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Fort Myer, Virginia
Plot: Section 12 grave #1696*



Jack Hester

52-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1177837

**344th Field Artillery Battalion
90th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Arkansas

Died: 16-Mar-1945

Buried at: Plot E Row 10 Grave 25

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

Awards: Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster

Artillery Liaison Pilot shot down by enemy aircraft over Halsenbach, Germany

War Casualty



First Lt. Jack Hester, brother of Mrs. Lowell Chaney of Fayetteville, was killed in Germany March 18.

National Archives & Records Administration

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1 LT Donald N. Hewitt

Class 26-42

ID: O1168287

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Erie County, PA

Status: KIA 24 Jun 1944



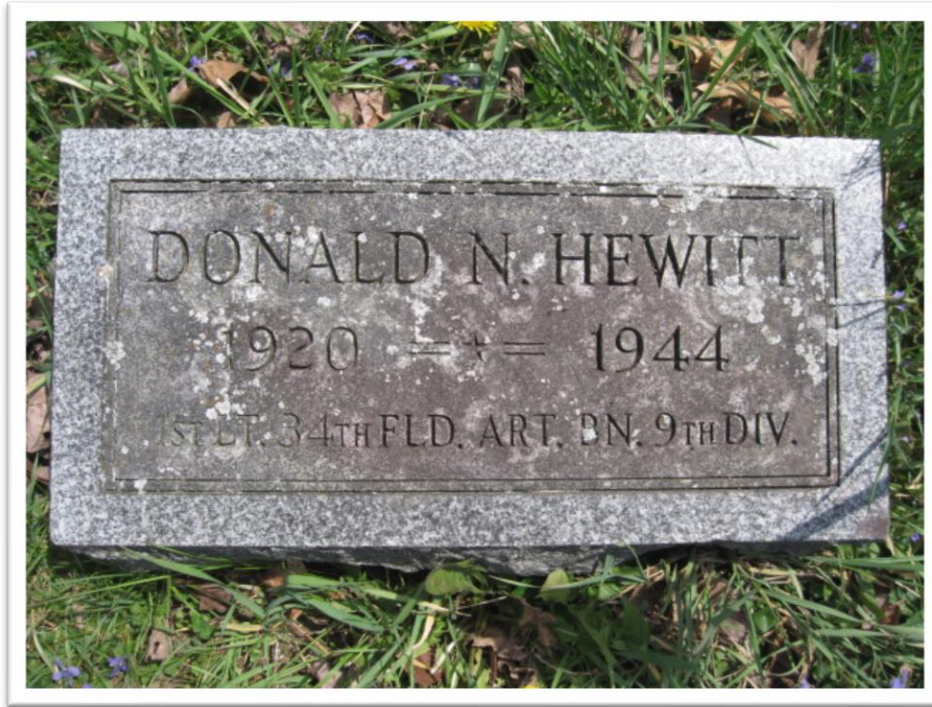
Killed in action serving with the 34th Field Artillery Battalion, 9th Division

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Donald N. Hewitt, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 9th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 9th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 32 (1944)



Buried in Waterford Cemetery, Waterford Pennsylvania Plot: Section 15

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

2LT James D. Hicks

Class 38-42

ID: O1173282

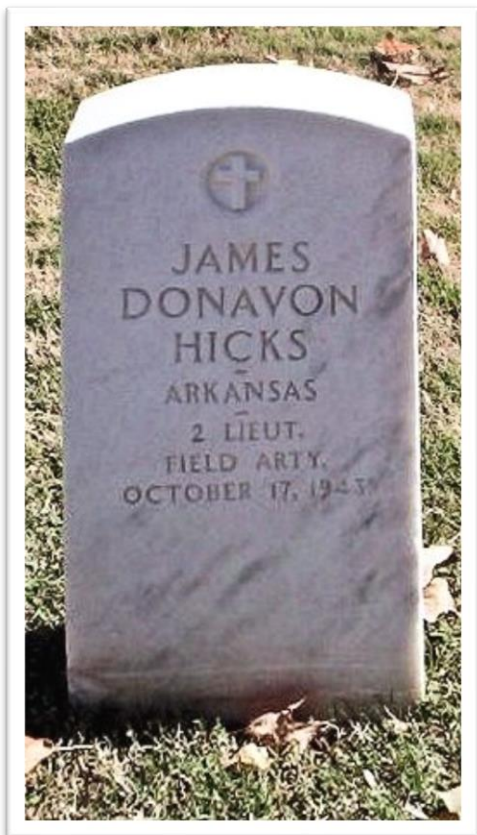
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Washington County, AR

Status: DNB October 17, 1943



Died serving with the 993rd Field Artillery Battalion at Camp Livingston, Louisiana.



Buried in Fayetteville National Cemetery, Fayetteville, Arkansas



John B. Higdon **14-42**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1165403

**456th Field Artillery Battalion
11th Airborne Division**

Entered the Service from: Oklahoma

Died: 5-Feb-1944

Buried at: Plot F Row 15 Grave 14

Sicily-Rome American Cemetery

Nettuno, Italy

Awards: Purple Heart

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
1 LT George Johannes Hill
Class 63-43**

ID: 01181633

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: King County, WA

Status: DNB 7 Sep 1944



**Died in a plane crash in England serving as a liaison pilot with the
16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 9th Armored Division**



*Buried in Evergreen Washelli Memorial Park
Plot: Veterans Memorial Cemetery – El Caney Section, Seattle, Washington*

**National Archives & Records Administration
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**CAPT Oren M. Hindman
Class 23-42**

ID: O1167030

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Lake County, IN

Status: KIA 27 Nov 1944



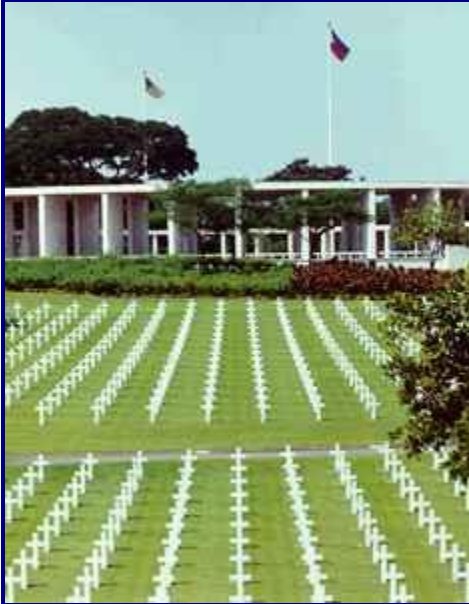
Killed in action serving with Battery B, 691st Field Artillery Battalion

Buried in Calumet Park Cemetery, Gary, Indiana

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Kenneth D. Hiser 96-44

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 0-540076

**361st Field Artillery Battalion
96th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Illinois

Died: 28-Oct-1944

Buried at: Plot A Row 3 Grave 36

Manila American Cemetery

Manila, Philippines

Awards: Air Medal, Purple Heart

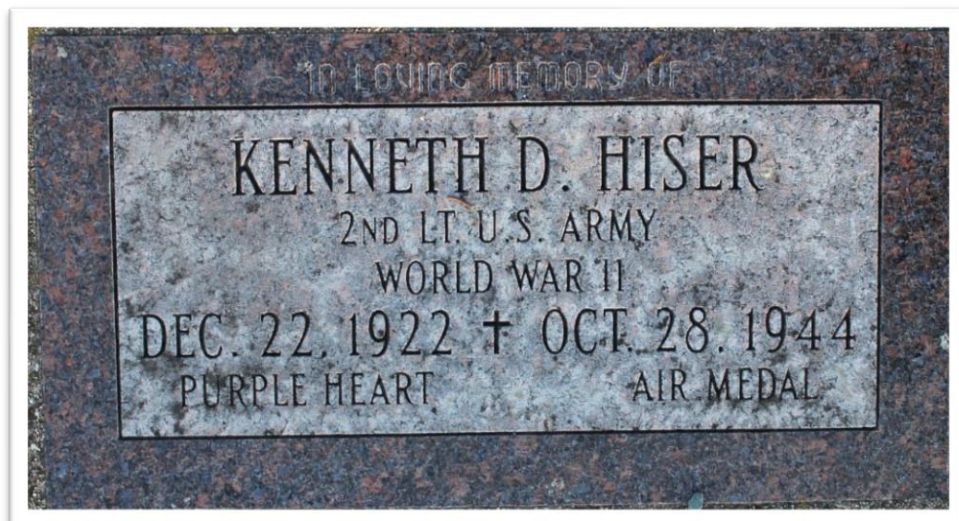


Kenneth Hiser Killed at Leyte

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hiser, Cerro Gordo, have received word from the War department that their son, Lieut. Kenneth D. Hiser, 23, was killed in action on Leyte, Oct. 28.

A graduate of the University of Illinois, Lieutenant Hiser was a member of the reserve officer training corps, and had been in service two years. He was liaison officer with the heavy artillery.

Besides his parents, he leaves a brother, Harold, of Decatur, and a grandmother, Mrs. Kate Mash, Cerro Gordo.



Memorial in Cerro Gordo Cemetery, Cerro Gordo, Illinois

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Charles E. Hoffman 44-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1175166

**132nd Field Artillery Battalion
36th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Pennsylvania

Died: 29-Sep-1944

Buried at: Plot B Row 40 Grave 13

Epinal American Cemetery

Epinal, France

Awards: Purple Heart



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1 LT Peter John Hoffmann

Class 33-42

ID: 01171191

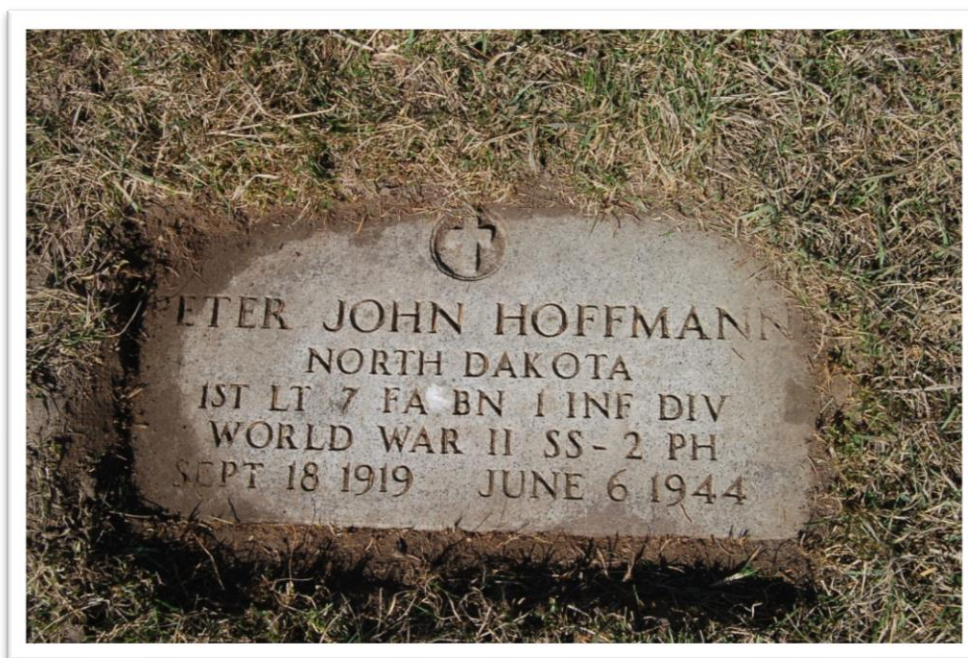
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Morton County, ND

Status: FOD 6 June 1944



Killed in action serving with Battery G, 7th Field Artillery Battalion, 1st Infantry Division



Buried in Mandan Cemetery, Mandan, North Dakota

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): 1LT Peter J. Hoffmann (ASN: O-1171191), United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 1st Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 1st Infantry Division, General Orders No. 41 (1943)

The Silver Star is for gallantry in action prior to the D-Day Invasion.

National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
2 LT William Kendall Hofius
Class 38-42

ID: O1173290

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Ventura, CA

Status: DOW 4 Jan 1944



Died of wounds received at San Pietro, Italy serving with the 131st Field Artillery Battalion



Buried in Ivy Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Ventura California

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

1 LT Garner C. Hoit

Class 75-43

ID: O1184231

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: San Francisco, CA

Status: KIA 30 Nov 1944



Would Follow Daddy's Footsteps

Tender Age Keeps Her Out of U.S. Air Force

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The daughter of an American World War 2 hero decided today that she will just have to wait awhile before she can join the armed forces—at least eight and one-half years anyway.

Marsha Hoit, daughter of Mrs. Marguerite Somers of San Francisco, was regretfully informed by the Air Force yesterday that it was forced to turn down her application because of her birthday. She was born in 1942.

Her letter of application, addressed to "WAC, Air Force, Washington 25, D. C., read:

"I want to be a WAC in the Air Force. I am only 9½ but I can carry papers and I can do other things. My father was First Lt. Garner C. Hoit. His grave is in the Golden Gate Cemetery. Please take me."

The youngster, well schooled in the ways of the Army, submitted one provision with her application.

"There's just one thing I don't want to do in the Army," she said. "I don't want to do dishes."



—UP TELEPHOTO.

MARSHA HOIT



Buried at Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California Plot: Section D588

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MAJ Frank M. Holcomb

Class 50-43

ID: O1177004

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

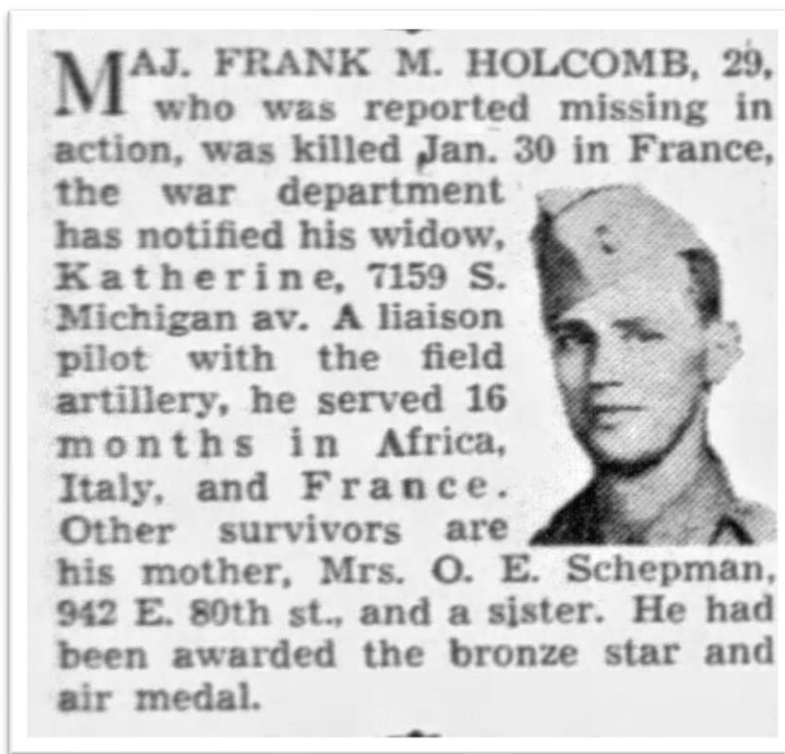
Home State: Illinois

Status: KIA January 30, 1945



**Killed in action while serving as a liaison pilot with
Headquarters Battery, 35th Field Artillery Group. He was shot down over France.**





Buried in Beverly Cemetery, Blue Island, Illinois

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1LT James C. Holfelner

Class 43-42

ID: O1174891

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Home State: New York

Status: KIA 1944



Killed in action serving with the 258th Field Artillery Battalion in France



Buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, New York



Karl O. Holliday

5-42

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # O-453965

561st Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Iowa

Died: 13-Apr-1945

Buried at: Plot C Row 7 Grave 17

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

Awards: Purple Heart

Hometown: Corydon, IA



CPT Karl O. Holliday
Battery Commander, HQ Battery, 561st Field Artillery Battalion
Killed in Action 13 April, 1945, near Klotz, Germany

My Dad was born in a farm house in rural Wayne County, Iowa on December 18, 1918. Known as "Bud" to his family, somewhere along the line in the Army, he picked up the name of "Hap." Having attended a one room school house until the 8th grade, he graduated from High School at Promise City, Iowa.

During his youth, my Dad lived on and worked the farm with his parents and siblings. The farm had been deeded to a Holliday by the United States Government in 1857. The Holliday family still owns this farm. Luckily, I spent a great deal of my own youth working the same farm as my Dad. After graduation from High School my Dad attended Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He graduated with a degree in Commerce (now called Business Administration) in 1941, and was drafted into the Army following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. While at Drake, he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity. He also was an athlete having played both football and basketball.

My Dad took his basic training at Ft. Bragg, N.C. and was eventually assigned to the Field Artillery at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. It was at Ft. Sill where he successfully completed Officers Candidate School and received his commission.

The 561st Field Artillery Battalion was organized in 1943 at Camp Joseph T. Robinson near Little Rock, Arkansas. He was one of the original officers forming the Battalion. During his tour of duty at Ft. Sill he met and married my Mother. I was born on September 1, 1943 while my Dad was stationed at Camp Robinson. The Battalion left Camp Robinson late in 1943, eventually sailing for Europe in January of 1944. I was five months old at the time. Unfortunately I have no memory of him.

The 561st landed at Utah Beach on June 29, 1944. From that point on the men of the 561st were continually involved in combat until the War ended on May 8, 1945. They were involved in five major campaigns, including the battles for Normandy, and Brest in France. From October of 1944 until December 16, 1944 the 561st was dug in just east of St. Vith, Belgium, near the village of Schlerbach. This was the exact spot where German Generalfeldmarschall Gerd von Rundstedt sent his Panzers to attack the American lines in what became the Battle of The Bulge.

The area is known as the Schnee Eifel. From the time the Battalion entered the Schnee Eifel in October of 1944 until December 16, 1944 my Dad and three other officers lived in a hole they had dug into the ground. Over this they had thrown a tarp, and lined their "home in the ground" with logs. The Schnee Eifel is heavily wooded hilly country.

The 561st Field Artillery Battalion was an Artillery Battalion consisting of five Batteries. Three of these Batteries were firing Batteries, with each firing Battery having four Guns. The Guns were 155 mm, known as "long toms." The barrel was 19 feet long. Each Gun weighed 9,595 lbs., and each Gun was pulled by a Prime Mover (a 6X6 truck weighing 43,570 lbs.). The projectile fired by these guns weighed 95 lbs. The muzzle velocity was 2,800 feet per second. The range was approximately 13 miles. The 561st was known as a "Bastard Battalion" in that it was not assigned to any particular division or unit. It was a Battalion which was built right into the system, meaning that it could pick up and move to provide artillery fire support to a division

whose own artillery might not have had enough fire power to get the job done. One of the veterans of the 561st told me that the men from the Battalion probably had a broader prospective of the War than other Battalions which had been assigned to a division.

On December 16, 1944, the day the Battle of The Bulge started, Battery C of the 561st was forced to use Direct Fire on the advancing German Panzers and troops. This meant that the men of the Battery could see the enemy from their firing position. The tubes (barrel) of each Gun was registered at 0, meaning they, respectively, had no elevation.

As the Battery Commander of Headquarters Battery, my Dad's job with the Battalion was to find housing for and to feed the men. He was in charge of the Battalion's Fire Direction Center, and also in charge of the Battalion's communication network. He also had the duty to make sure the Battery was secure from the enemy.

When I was in college I was contacted by several of my Dad's friends from the 561st. Although I lost my Dad to WW II, I have been fortunate to have known these men for the past 30 plus years. This group of comrades has held bi-annual reunions since 1948. I have been to most of them since 1970. I have become very good friends with many of them. I truly believe that there cannot be much in life which bonds people closer together than facing a common enemy. I have been the beneficiary of those friendships. It has been through my friendship with those men that I have really gotten to know my Dad.

Here is what some of them have said of him: He had a sense of humor which could carry the day." "He had no fear of the enemy." "His leadership and spirit served us well during our most fearful and trying times."

My Dad died on April 13, 1945. He was a member of an "advance party" comprised of about 15 American vehicles. The Colonel in charge of the "advance party" decided to bypass the American Infantry and to take the group further than was ordered. As the American vehicles approached a hill, German troops hiding on both sides of the road ambushed them with machine-gun and rifle fire. My Dad, and the other three men from his jeep jumped into a shallow ditch. My Dad and his First Sergeant both carried Thompson Submachine Guns. Both of them stood up and started firing at the enemy. Both were hit by fire from a German Burp Gun and killed. Some of the Americans at the rear of the column were able to get away. Those that were not killed were taken prisoner. One of my Dad's fellow Battery Commanders raised his hands to surrender and a German soldier walked up to him and shot him in the arm. Today this man is my good friend.

I have many artifacts from the 561st Field Artillery Battalion, as well as from my Dad. However, perhaps the most prized possession I own is a letter he wrote to me on my first birthday, September 1, 1944. Among the things he said was: "I've been so terrible lonely my son. I've been away for a long time. We've had a job to do so that little boys can grow up in a free country. The job is almost finished."

My Dad had a sense of humor. He had spirit. He had dignity, honor and he was a terrific leader. I've missed him all of my life in so many ways. I always will. Yet, I am also very proud of him, as well as all of the men and women this country produced to fight that horrible War. My children know about him, and my grandchildren will also, and on down the line. All of them will not only know about him, they will also know about all of the others. We are where we are today because of them. May they all rest in peace. Bob Holliday



KARL O. HOLLIDAY
CAPT 561 FA BN
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2LT Eugene F. Holmes
Class 51-43

ID: 01177457

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Winterset, IA

Status: DNB May 21, 1943



2LT Holmes graduated from OCS on February 11, 1943 and was assigned to the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Fort Sill. His death was caused by a mid-air crash with another airplane during liaison pilot training at Denton, Texas. The crash occurred 6 miles east of Sanger, Texas. 2LT Samuel F. Semo, Jr., (FA OCS Class 58-43) was also killed in the accident.

THREE ARE KILLED IN TRAINING PLANE CRASH NEAR DENTON

Denton, Texas, May 21 (AP).—Three men were killed today in a collision of airplanes from the First Army air forces liaison training detachment here.

The crash occurred in the air near the auxiliary field north of Denton and took the lives of two student officers and a civilian flight instructor.

Dying in the crash were:

Lieut. Sam Frederick Semo, Jr., 22; mother, Mrs. Bella E. Semo, Houston.

Lieut. Eugene Frederick Holmes, 25, Winterset, Iowa; wife, Mrs. Aruola E. Holmes, Denton.

Flight Instructor Jack Edward O'Beirne, Dallas.



Buried in Winterset City Cemetery, Winterset, Iowa



Richard H. Holstein 42-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1174596

**109th Field Artillery Battalion
28th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Texas

Died: 10-Mar-1945

Buried at: Plot F Row 5 Grave 19

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart

Hometown: Scott County, MO

1LT Holstein died in a German prison camp a few days before the end of the conflict in Europe. He had been captured in Luxembourg during November 1944.

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Richard H. Holstein, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 28th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 28th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 60 (1944)



WAR DEATH TOLL. Lieut. Richard Holstein died in a German prison camp a few days before the end of the conflict in Europe. He had been captured in Luxembourg last November.



Arnold H. Holt

15-42

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # O1165513

**314th Field Artillery Battalion
80th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Massachusetts

Died: 20-Aug-1944

Buried at: Plot E Row 13 Grave 3

Brittany American Cemetery

St. James, France

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart





William W. Hood **43-42**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1174893

**160th Field Artillery Battalion
45th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Pennsylvania

Died: 7-Dec-1944

Buried at: Plot F Row 8 Grave 10

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

**Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart with 2 Oak Leaf
Clusters**

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CAPT Richard Hoose

Class 17-42

ID: 01165744

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Summit County, OH

Status: DNB 28 Apr 1945

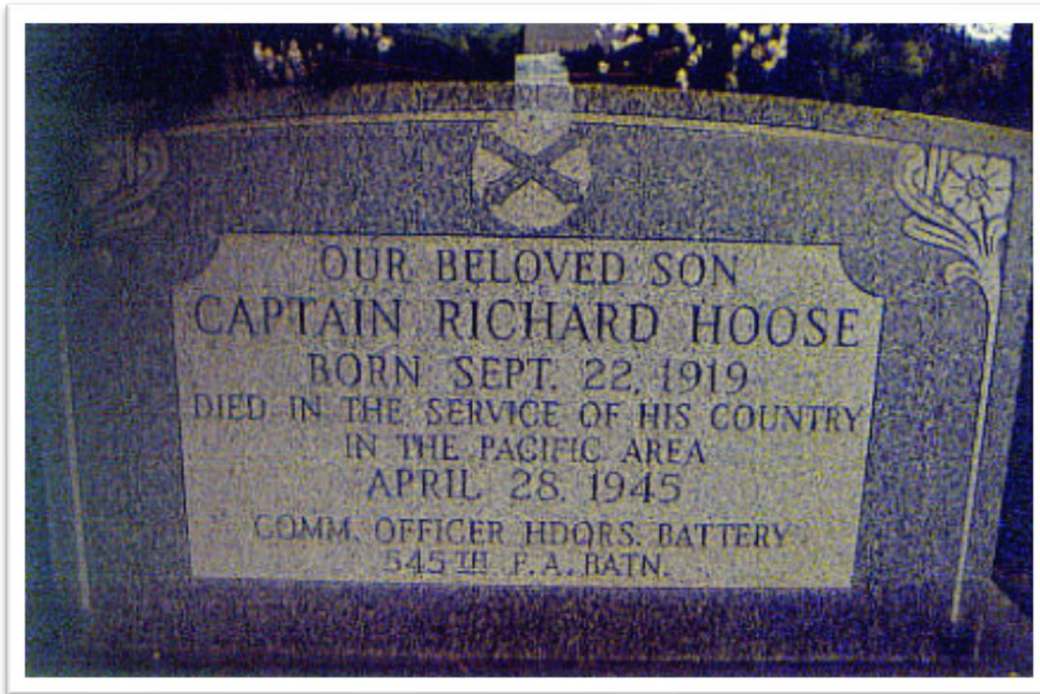


Communications Officer with Headquarters Battery, 545th Field Artillery Battalion



CAPT. RICHARD HOOSE

Captain Hoose was head of a field artillery unit which had been practising difficult maneuvers utilizing howitzers and other heavy pieces of artillery when he last wrote home from the Hawaiian islands. His base had been changed to another inland just a few weeks before he was killed. The captain was last home on Thanksgiving. He was a graduate of Central high school and attended Akron university, where he was a member of the R.O.T.C. He leaves besides his parents, two sisters, Dorothy, and Mrs. Leola Painter. He went to Hawaii last January.



Buried in Rose Hill Burial Park, Akron, Ohio

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1 LT Justin G. Hopfe

Class 35-42

ID: 01172078

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Middlesex County, MA

Status: DOW 16 Apr 1945



Died of wounds serving with Battery B, 13th Field Artillery Observation Battalion

Buried in Newton Cemetery, Newton, Massachusetts



John W. Horton **26-42**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1168293

771st Tank Destroyer Battalion

Entered the Service from: North Carolina

Died: 22-Nov-1944

Buried at: Plot P Row 9 Grave 2

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

Awards: Purple Heart



**Extract from 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion
After Action Report: 5 Nov – 30 Nov 1944**

On 21 Nov 1944 Company A was given the mission of supporting the attack of the 405th RCT on the high ground to the north and east of IMMENDORF. H-hour was set for 1030A. At 1000A the 3d platoon, under command of 1st Lt John Horton, left the assembly area in GERONSWELLER and occupied firing positions in the locality of K925639 at 1030A.

Within a short time after taking up these positions, small arms fire w/tracer came from vicinity BEECK and LINDERN. Apparently these were ranging shots, for immediately following SA fire 88mm guns opened fire from high ground between BEECK and LINDERN and from southeastern edge of BEECK. Weapons could not be clearly observed, but appeared to be dug-in PKW VI⁸ or 88mm guns (AA-AT). First round from enemy gun was a direct hit on destroyer of platoon commander, killing platoon leader and two enlisted men, by name, Lt. Horton, t-5 Decicco, and Pvt. Jebavay. Sgt. Hedrick assumed command of the balance of the platoon and delivered fire against the enemy gun positions, constantly moving in the vicinity of the original positions. A hit by enemy fire was sustained on turret of TD commanded by Sgt. Osipovich and turret traverse was jammed. Platoon continued fire against enemy guns until they ceased fire. Smoke was observed rising from enemy positions but visibility was too poor to be certain of results of TD fire. Entire action lasted approximately fifteen (15) minutes, and at 1045A balance of platoon took up positions to rear of firing positions and continued to watch for suitable targets, but none appeared

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**1 LT William H. Horton
Class 52-43**

ID: O1177846

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

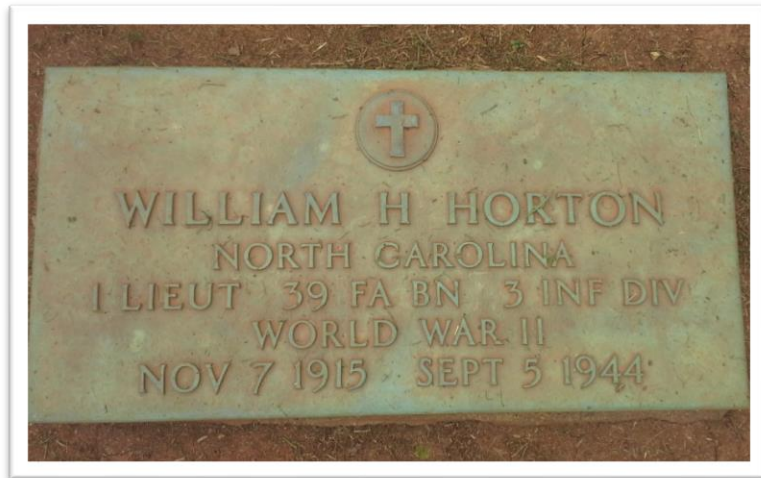
Hometown: Wendell, NC

Status: KIA 5 Sep 1944



Killed in action in France serving with the 39th Field Artillery Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division. Awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart with 3 Oak Leaf clusters.





Buried in Montlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Raleigh, North Carolina

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**1 LT Alfred R. Howard, II
Class 3-41**

ID: O-452457

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Harris County, TX
Status: KIA 4 Jul 1944**



1LT (CPT) Howard served as a Liaison Pilot with the 90th Division Artillery



Buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Houston Texas in Plot: Section C-2, Lot 017

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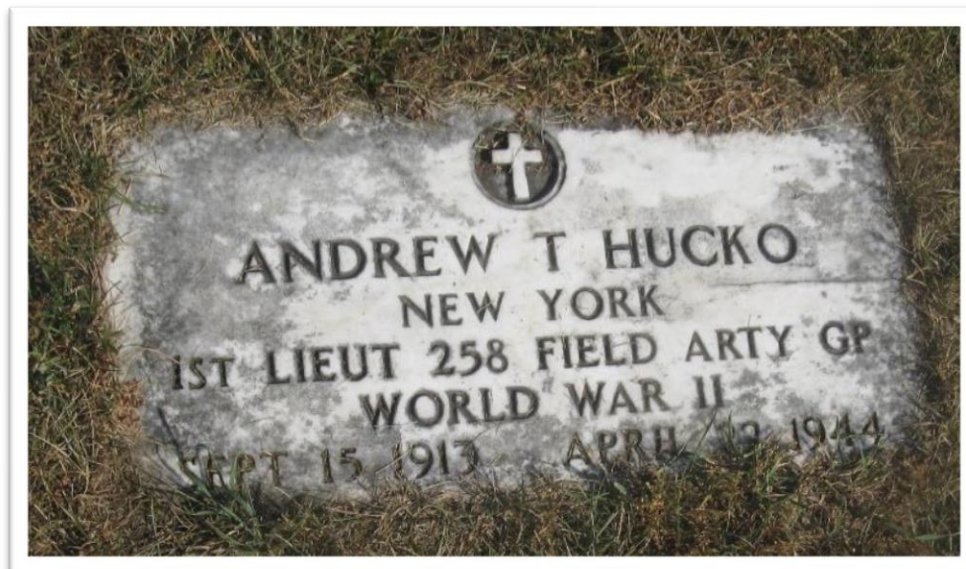
**1 LT Andrew T. Hucko
Class 40-42**

ID: O1174001

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Orange County, NY
Status: DNB 22 Apr 1944**



Died while serving with the 258th Field Artillery Group



Buried in Saint Stanislaus Cemetery, Pine Island, New York



Thomas O. Hudson 31-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1170428

**315th Field Artillery Battalion
80th Division**

Entered the Service from: Delaware

Died: 24-Dec-1944

Buried at: Plot E Row 8 Grave 57

Luxembourg American Cemetery

Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart

Hometown: Hamilton County, TN



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Eugene S. Huff **77-43**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1184525

**384th Field Artillery Battalion
103rd Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Oklahoma

Died: 23-April-1945

Buried at: Plot C Row 26 Grave 85

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

Awards: Purple Heart, Air Medal w/5 OLC

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Robert M. Hull

37-42

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1172920

**456th Field Artillery Battalion
82nd Airborne Division**

Entered the Service from: Pennsylvania

Died: 20-Jun-1944

Buried at: Plot E Row 2 Grave 10

Normandy American Cemetery

Colleville-sur-Mer, France

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart



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) Robert M. Hull (ASN: 0-1172920), United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with the 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, 82d Airborne Division, in action at Normandy, France during the period 14 and 15 June 1944.

General Orders: Headquarters, 82d Airborne Division, General Orders No. 36 (July 16, 1944)



**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
1 LT Samuel W. Humber
Class 44-42**

ID: 01175172

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Caddo Parish, LA

Status: KIA 5 Sep 1944



Killed in action serving with the 752nd Field Artillery Battalion



h World War II Deceased returned from Limey-Toul, France for interment (1949)

Buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Fort Myer, Virginia Plot: Section 34 Site 2312



John A. Hummer **54-43**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1178514

270th Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Pennsylvania

Died: 15-November-1944

Buried at: Plot C Row 16 Grave 105

Lorraine American Cemetery

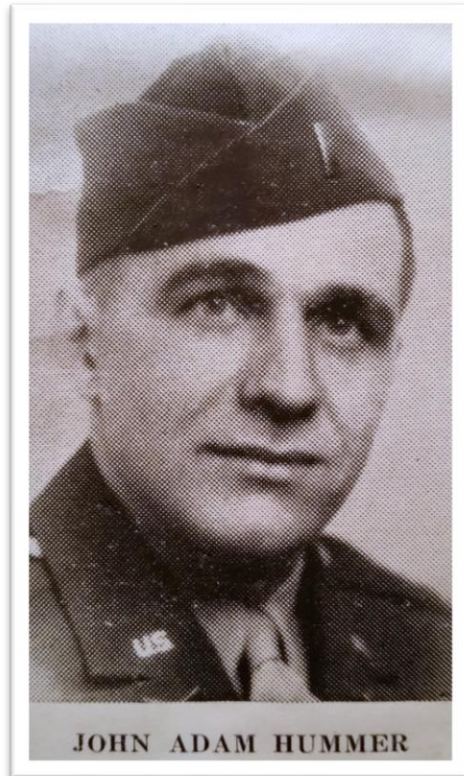
St. Avold, France

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): 1LT John A. Hummer, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy during World War II.



JOHN ADAM HUMMER

From the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Telegraph, May 3, 1945

Awarded Silver Star

Lt. John A. Hummer, instructor in Hershey High School, who was killed in action in France on November 15, has been awarded posthumously the Silver Star.

Lt. Hummer led a detachment of men and went forward to an observation point, where he discovered an enemy position that they could not take. He called for artillery fire and while advancing to a new observation point to see how correct was the range, he was killed as he ran forward ahead of his men. His wife and daughter live at 409 Cocoa avenue.

**National Archives & Records Administration
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2LT Donald B. Hunter

Class 81-43

ID: 1185181

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Whittier, CA

Status: DNB June 16, 1944



**Trained as a liaison pilot and died in an airplane crash
at Camp Hood, Texas. Unit assignment is unknown.**



Buried in Rose Hill Memorial Cemetery, Whittier, California

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

1 LT Hilburn A. Hunter

Class 28-42

ID: O1169172

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Delaware County, PA

Status: KIA 10 Jul 1944



Killed in action in France serving with the 197th Field Artillery Battalion

Buried in Chester Rural Cemetery, Chester, Pennsylvania

Plot: Soldiers Circle Row 2, Grave 058

National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
1LT Walter S. Hutchings
Class 75-43

ID: O1184238

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Home State: Illinois

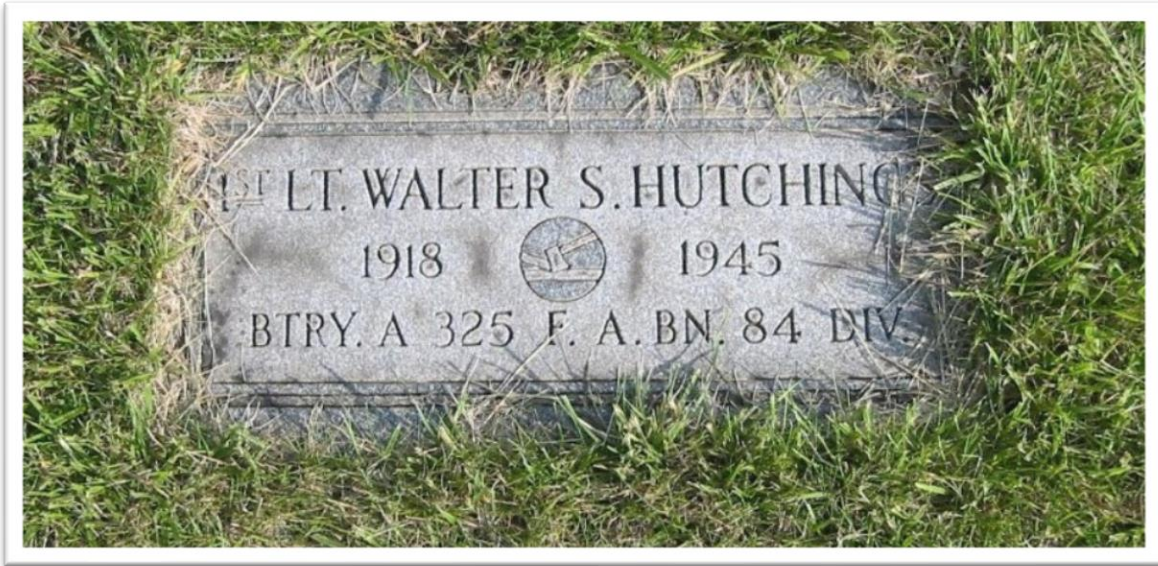
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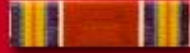
Walter had served with Battery A, 325th Field Artillery Battalion, 84th Division. He was a passenger on Flight C-46D (#44-77507) which was taking 41 American soldiers that were ill or injured to hospitals in the Paris, France area and was then eventually going to take them back to the United States. This flight occurred after Germany's surrender on May 7, 1945.

However, this C-46, for unknown reasons, developed a fire in one of its two engines and crashed near the village of Taillefontaine, near Paris. Walter died in the "Line of Duty", along with the flights 4-man crew and 40 others when this C-46D crashed.





Buried in Fairmount-Willow Hills Memorial Park, Willow Springs, Illinois



James W. Ingle

35-42

**First Lieutenant, U.S. Army Air
Forces**

Service # O1172083

1408th Army Air Force Base Unit

Entered the Service from: California

Died: 1-Jun-1946

Missing in Action or Buried at Sea

**Tablets of the Missing at Sicily-Rome American
Cemetery**

Nettuno, Italy

Awards: Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters

He served as a First Lieutenant & Check Navigator on C-54E #44-9078, 1304th Army Air Force Base Unit, U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He was normally assigned to the 1408th Army Air Force Base Unit but was assigned to this flight.

C-54E #44-9078, which was part of the 1304th Base Unit, took off with a crew of 8 and 30 passengers from Payne Field, Cairo, Egypt on a personnel transport mission to Rome, Italy.

The pilot, 1st. Lt. Michalik discovered a fire under his seat & tried to extinguish it however the cockpit became so full of fumes and smoke that they had to abandon ship. They crashed in the Gulf of Salerno off the coast of Italy after World War II had ended.

Eight of those on the flight were able to bail-out and survived. The remains of seven others were found. The rest were not recovered.

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

**2LT Odin L. Ingulsrud
Class 47-43**

ID: O1176072

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Ramsey County, ND
Status: DNB August 18, 1943**



**He graduated from OCS at Fort Sill on January 14, 1943 and attended
the four week Officer's Pack Artillery Course.**



Buried in Edmore Cemetery, Edmore, North Dakota

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Jasper M. Inman, Jr. 105-44

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O-546070

274th Infantry Regiment
70th Infantry Division

Entered the Service from: Texas

Died: 17-Feb-1945

Buried at: Plot A Row 13 Grave 15
Epinal American Cemetery
Epinal, France

Awards: Purple Heart

Hometown: Calhoun County, IA

Jasper Inman Loses Life In France Feb. 17

Lohrville (THNS) — Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hildreth received word Tuesday that their grandson, Lieutenant Jasper Inman, jr., had been killed in action in France Feb. 17. Lt. Inman had been overseas only about a week and his last letter that relatives received from him had been written on Feb. 10. He was 22 years old.

Lt. Inman was with the 7th Army and it is believed his very first combat mission was his last. He had been in the service for two years.





**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
1 LT Maurice F. Ireland
Class 60-43**

ID: 01180555

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Custer County, CO

Status: KIA 13 Apr 1945



Killed in action serving with Battery B, 90th Field Artillery Battalion



Buried in Assumption Catholic Cemetery, Silver Cliff, Colorado

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

**2LT Edward S. Iwan
Class 69-43**

ID: 1183094

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

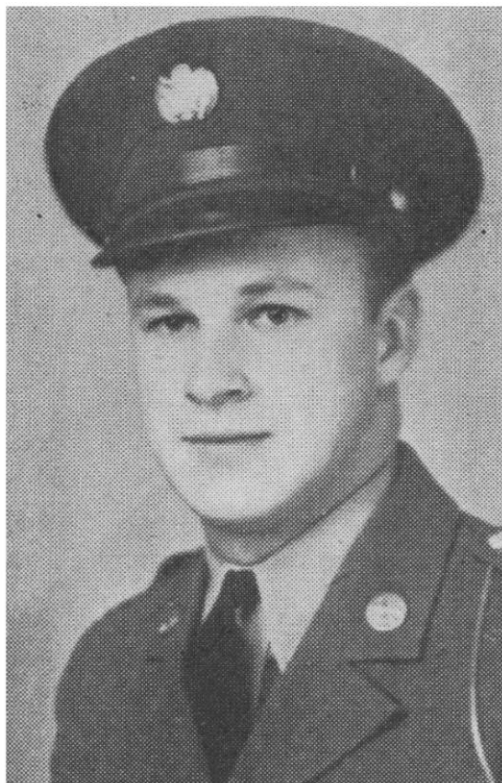
Hometown: Cook County, IL

Status: DNB February 7, 1944



**Trained as a liaison pilot after graduating from OCS and later assigned to the
395th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 16th Armored Division.**

Died in a plane crash at Fort Chafee, Arkansas.



*He is buried in Holy Cross Cemetery,
Calumet City, Illinois.*

Plot: Saint Casimir Section, Lot 418

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Bruce R. Jabin

Class 78-43

ID: O1184672

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Cook County, IL

Status: KIA 14 Jan 1945



Killed in action serving with the 101st Airborne Division in Belgium



Buried in Forest Home Cemetery, Forest Park, Illinois

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

1 LT Gordon W. Jackman

Class 33-42

ID: O1171201

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: River Falls, WI

Status: KIA 17 Dec 1944



**Killed in action during the Battle of the Bulge serving with
Battery B, 370th Field Artillery Battalion, 99th Infantry Division**

Distinguished Service Cross



Distinguished Service Cross 1LT Gordon W. Jackman

(Citation Needed) - SYNOPSIS: First Lieutenant (Field Artillery) Gordon W. Jackman (ASN: 0-1171201), United States Army, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with the 370th Field Artillery Battalion, in action against enemy forces on 17 December 1944. First Lieutenant Jackman's intrepid actions, personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty at the cost of his life, exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. General Orders: Headquarters, First U.S. Army, General Orders No. 75 (1945)

Obituary

1st Lt. Gordon Jackman

1st Lt. Gordon Wayne Jackman was born in River Falls on May 18, 1920. After finishing the college training school and the high school, he had attended the college two years when, in October of 1940, he was called to service with National Guard, which he had joined in the summer of 1938. The National Guard unit of which he was a member was the 121st Field Artillery Battalion. They were first sent to Camp Beauregard and then to Camp Livingston, in Louisiana. In July, 1942, he went to O. C. S. at Fort Sill, Okla. He was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in October, 1942, and was sent to Camp Van Dorn, Miss. There, on December 21, 1942, he was united in marriage to Miss Lois Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Webb of Roberts. In November, 1943, his division, the 99th, was sent to Camp Maxey, Texas, and Gordon was promoted to 1st lieutenant. His wife joined him in Texas in December, 1943,

and they made their home in Paris, Texas, until September, 1944, when the 99th was sent overseas. They landed in England but did not stay there very long. When they were sent into action in Belgium, they were with the First Army. The 99th Division was one of the divisions that were hit first by the Germans in the breakthrough of December 16. On January 6, 1945, Gordon was reported missing in action as of December 20. On March 4, 1945, the War Department reported him killed in action on December 20, 1944.

Surviving him are his wife, Lois; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jackman of River Falls; his brothers, 1st Sgt. Lynn Jackman in Italy and Pfc. Duane Jackman, stationed at Normoyle Field, Texas; his sisters, Audrey (Mrs. Ralph Vanous) of Minneapolis, Minn., and Lois of River Falls; and one nephew, Roger Vanous, of Minneapolis, Minn.



Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, River Falls, Wisconsin Plot: B-7, Lot 36

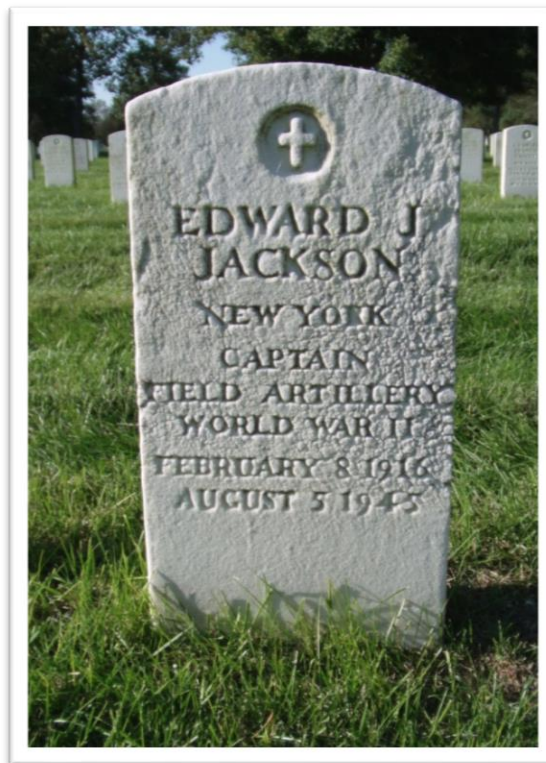
**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
CAPT Edward J. Jackson
Class 32-42**

ID: O1170785

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Queens County, NY
Status: DNB 5 Aug 1945**



Died while serving with the 153rd Field Artillery



World War II Deceased returned from Margraten, Holland for interment (1949)

*Buried at Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, Long Island, New York
Section J: Site 15809*

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Frederick C. Jacob 45-42

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1175470

731st Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Wisconsin

Died: 1-Apr-1945

Buried at: Plot A Row 22 Grave 22

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

Awards: Purple Heart

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Mendel W. Jacobson 49-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1176678

**224th Field Artillery Battalion
29th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: New Mexico

Died: 10-Jun-1944

**Buried at: Plot B Row 12 Grave 3
Normandy American Cemetery
Colleville-sur-Mer, France**

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Mendel W. Jacobson, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy during World War II.

Researchers have not been able to locate a copy of the 29th Infantry Division General Order awarding the Silver Star as mentioned in the December 26, 1944 news release

From the Clovis News Journal December 28, 1944

Roswell Man Is Decorated Posthumously

The Silver Star has been awarded post-humously to Second Lt. Mendel W. Jacobson, whose widow, Mrs. Franchon L. Jacobson, lives at (313 W. Tilden) Roswell, N. M.

The citation, announced by the War Department, said Lt. Jacobson lost his life on a combat patrol which penetrated deeply into hostile lines in Normandy on June 10 while seeking suitable ground for a forward observation post which would enable the artillery to bring fire upon enemy machine guns, mortars and artillery.

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

2 LT Albert Maxwell Jagger

Class 61-43

ID: O1180967

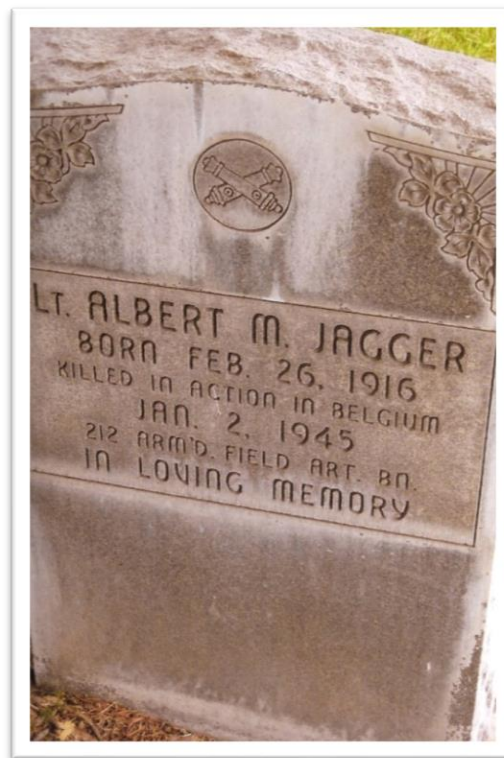
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Rensselaer County, NY

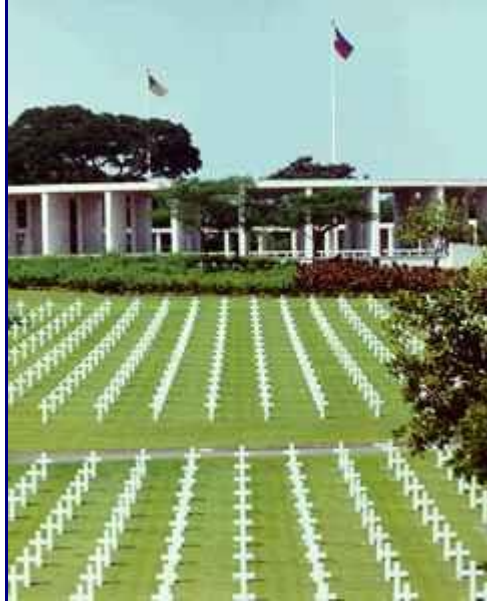
Status: KIA 2 Jan 1945



Killed in action near Bastogne, Belgium serving with the 212th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. He had previously been reported as Missing in Action.



Buried in North Platte Cemetery, North Platte, Nebraska



Charles A. Jamieson 33-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1171204

**457th Field Artillery Battalion
11th Airborne Division**

Entered the Service from: New Jersey

Died: 15-Dec-1944

Buried at: Plot L Row 4 Grave 135

Manila American Cemetery

Manila, Philippines

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Charles A. Jamieson, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy during World War II.

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

2 LT Charles Marion Jamison, Jr.

Class 80-43

ID: O1185069

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Wayne County, PA

Status: KIA 22 Jan 1945



**Killed in action serving as a Field Artillery Aerial Observer pilot with the
326th Field Artillery Battalion, 84th Infantry Division in Belgium**





Buried in Saint Clair Cemetery, Greenburg, Pennsylvania

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

1 LT Frederick Januson

Class 26-42

ID: 01168297

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Essex County, NJ

Status: KIA 18 Mar 1945



Killed in action serving with Battery B, 1st Field Artillery Battalion

Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Elizabeth, New Jersey

National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
CAPT Earl F. Jennings
Class 53-43

ID: O1178201

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Status: DOW 25 Mar 1945



Killed in action serving with the 466th Field Artillery Battalion, 17th Airborne Division

Buried in Valhalla Cemetery, Burbank, California



Donald C. Johnson 37-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1172931

633rd Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Minnesota

Died: 31-Mar-1945

Buried at: Plot G Row 2 Grave 7

Florence American Cemetery

Florence, Italy

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
2 LT Donald E. Johnson
Class 25-42**

ID: O1167922

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: River Falls, WI

Status: DOW 11 Aug 1944



Died of wounds serving with Battery A, 15th Field Artillery Battalion in France

Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, River Falls, Wisconsin Plot: B-2, Lot 82



Harold R. Johnson 62-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1181315

**385th Field Artillery Battalion
104th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Montana

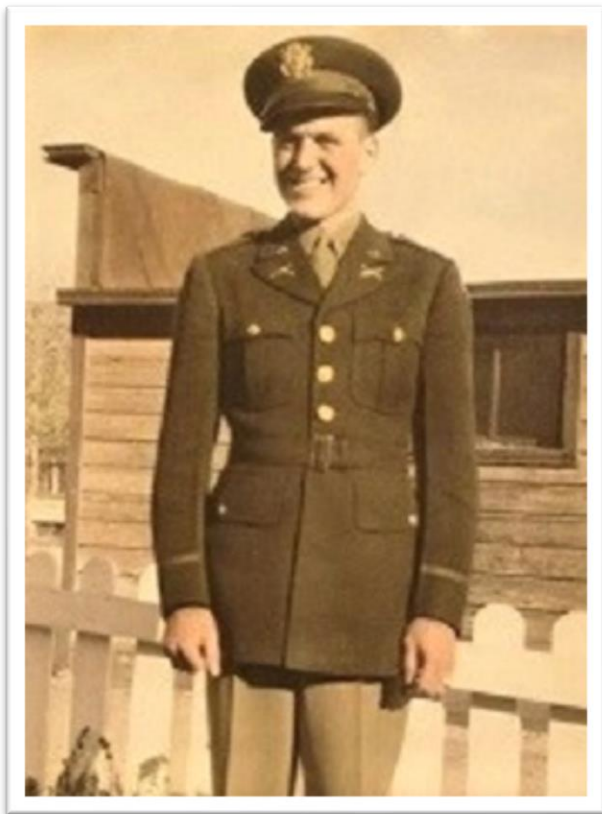
Died: 23-Nov-1944

Buried at: Plot D Row 1 Grave 44

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Awards: Purple Heart



National Archives & Records Administration

War Department Files

1LT Thomas A. Johnson

Class 41-42

ID: O1174332

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: New York County, NY

Status: DNB

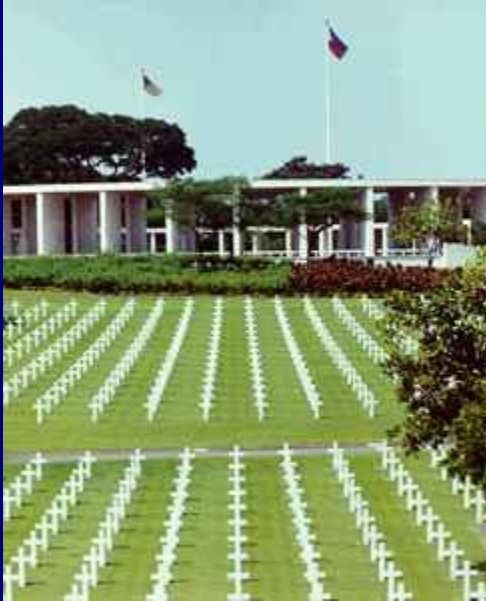


No more information available

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Julian S. Johnston 47-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 0-1176085

**63rd Field Artillery Battalion
24th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Tennessee

Died: 15-September-1944

Buried at: Plot A Row 1 Grave 17

Manila American Cemetery

Manila, Philippines

Awards: Purple Heart

1LT Johnston was killed in an air crash at Hollandia, New Guinea. He was serving as a reconnaissance officer at the time of his death, was in training as an artillery spotter. It is believed that he was killed while on a training flight. He went overseas in April 1944. He was a member of the 109th Tennessee National Guard and when the guard unit was activated, he became a member of a field artillery unit and later attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill.



Killed in action: September 15, 1944
Hollandia, New Guinea



American Memorial Cemetery
Manila, Phillipines

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Robert D. Johnston 26-42

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1168303

58th Armored Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Ohio

Died: 21-Jan-1943

**Buried at: Plot G Row 9 Grave 1
North Africa American Cemetery**

Carthage, Tunisia

National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
1LT George Milton Jones
Class 38-42

ID: 1173315

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Woodville, TX

Status: DNB October 8, 1943



Graduated from OCS at Fort Sill on November 12, 1942 and assigned to the 86th Infantry Division at Camp Howze, Texas. The division was activated on December 15, 1942.

From the Honey Grove Signal-Citizen Friday, 15 Oct 1943:

Another mound was raised Sunday (October 10) at Oakwood Cemetery, when burial was given First Lieutenant George Milton Jones, killed in a plane crash Friday afternoon at Camp Howze. The pilot of the plane, also killed, was Second Lieutenant J. McKenna, 29, of Hollis, Long Island, N.Y. Lt. Jones was an aerial observer. The plane went into a dive at about 500 feet and crashed to earth before it could be straightened. Death came to the two officers instantly.



***He was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Honey Grove, Texas immediately following his death.
Many years later his remains were relocated to the family plot
at Mt. Pisgah Community Cemetery, Woodville, Texas***

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George R. Jones **27-42**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1168741

**377th Field Artillery Battalion
101st Airborne Division**

Entered the Service from: Pennsylvania

Died: 22-Jun-1944

Buried at: Plot F Row 4 Grave 36

Normandy American Cemetery

Colleville-sur-Mer, France

Awards: Purple Heart



Jenkin R. Jones **31-42**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1170439

**10th Field Artillery Battalion
3rd Infantry Division**

**Entered the Service from: Ohio
Died: 26-May-1944
Buried at: Plot I Row 4 Grave 11
Sicily-Rome American Cemetery
Nettuno, Italy**

Awards: Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart

Hometown: Warren, OH

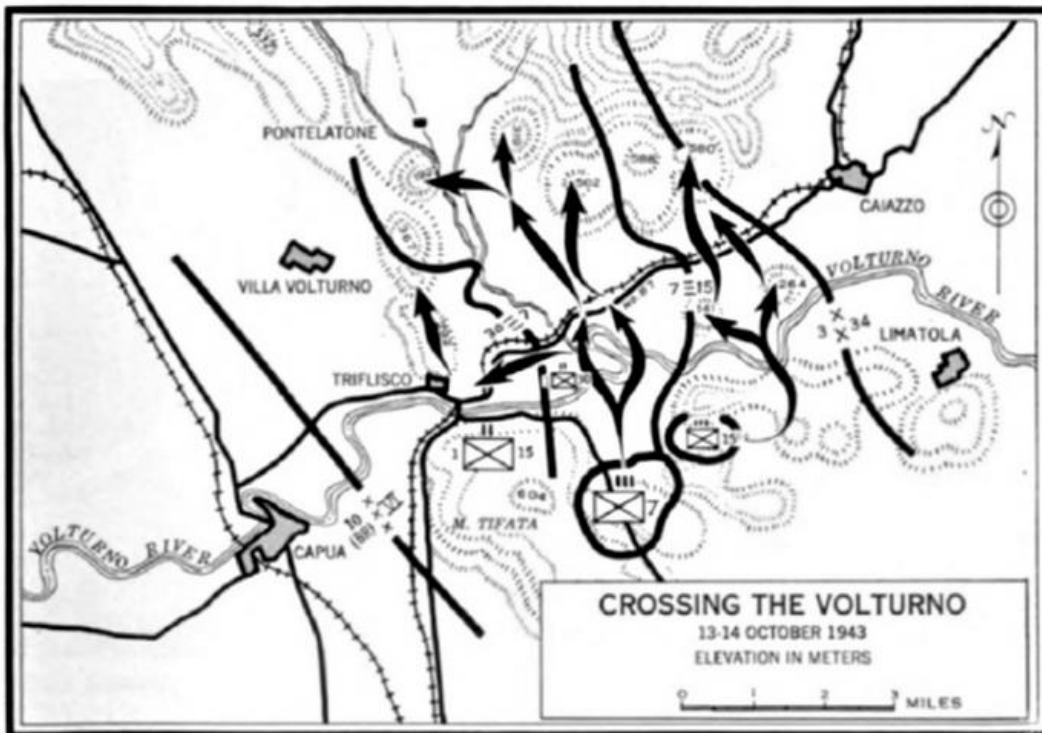


Silver Star



(Citation Needed): 1LT Jenkin R. Jones (ASN: O-1170439), United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy during the period 13-14 October 1943

From the History of the Third Infantry Division in World War II Volume I
(Crossing the Volturno 13-14 October 1943)



By 0800 forward elements of the 1st Battalion had reached the foot of the mountain and within a short time held the flat ground to the left of it,

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south of Highway 87. This highway, the best in the 3d Division zone, runs from Naples through Caserta, crosses the Volturno at Triflisco and again at Amerosi and goes northeast to Pontelandolfo.

The 2d Battalion quickly moved across country toward the objective at Mount Majulo. Many enemy machine-gun nests could not be located in the dark and were by-passed. The 3d Battalion, advancing behind the 2d, engaged these positions at daybreak and, after a series of aggressive fire fights, had cleared the river bank and the irrigation ditches leading to Highway 87. After the 3d had crossed Highway 87, the enemy still remaining in these strongpoints, aware that they were cut off, surrendered.

The 2d Battalion was reorganizing on Mount Majulo when the 3d Battalion arrived on the western slope. At this time K. Company reported six enemy tanks approaching its position. Antitank guns were not yet across the river and the majority of the bazooka teams were out of ammunition. The situation appeared critical. Lt. Jenkin R. Jones, forward observer, 10th Field Artillery, set up his radio and called for artillery fire from the 10th and 39th Field Artillery Battalions, which stopped the enemy armored attack only after the lead tank had approached to within 50 yards of the 3d Battalion's left flank. For his gallantry and quick thought in the face of the enemy Lieutenant Jones was credited with having stopped a serious enemy threat and was awarded the Silver Star. He was killed later on the Anzio Beachhead.

By this time our attached armor had crossed the river at a ford which the 10th Engineers had improved under fire with hand tools, giving the 7th added strength to head off an expected armored counterattack from the northwest. This threat never materialized.

National Archives & Records Administration

War Department Files

1 LT William A. Jones

Class 51-43

ID: O1177476

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Status: KIA



Individual is listed on the U.S. Rosters of World War II Dead, 1939-1945

No further information available

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): William A. Jones, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 76th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 76th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 82 (1945)

Research has not determined if the Silver Star award cited above is for William A. Jones (ASN: O-1177476), since it is not known which unit he served in or the date of death. In addition, there are at least six individuals with the same name killed in World War II and certainly many more with the same name who served and might have been the lone recipient of the above-mentioned award.

A citation is needed to help tell the story of his heroic actions and to perpetuate the memory of his wartime service and sacrifice.

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT James A. Juda

Class 71-43

ID: O1183554

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Erie County, NY

Status: KIA March 24, 1945



Killed in action serving with Battery A, 177th Field Artillery Battalion

Buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Kenmore, New York

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

2LT Charles J. Kacsor

Class 51-43

ID: O1177479

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Franklin County, OH

Status: KIA May 23, 1944



Killed in action in Italy serving with the 602nd Field Artillery Battalion

Buried in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio

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Edward S. Kafka 4-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O-453614

776th Tank Destroyer Battalion

Entered the Service from: Wisconsin

Died: 5-Apr-1943

Missing in Action or Buried at Sea

Tablets of the Missing at North Africa

American Cemetery

Carthage, Tunisia

Awards: Purple Heart





Samuel E. Kaiser 59-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O-516602

**224th Field Artillery Battalion
29th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Indiana

Died: 14-Sep-1944

Buried at: Plot K Row 8 Grave 8

Brittany American Cemetery

St. James, France

**Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf
Cluster**

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

CAPT Joseph G. Kalbfleisch, Jr.

Class 23-42

ID: O1167058

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Erie County, NY

Status: KIA July 31, 1944



Killed in action serving with the 4th Armored Division



Buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, New York



Larry F. Kallish **39-42**

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1173669

183rd Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Illinois

Died: 28-Jul-1944

Buried at: Plot C Row 9 Grave 33

Normandy American Cemetery

Colleville-sur-Mer, France

Awards: Purple Heart



From 1938 High School Yearbook



**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

1 LT Sidney Kandell

Class 66-43

ID: O1182396

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Brooklyn, NY

Status: KIA 25 Dec 1944



Killed in action in the Ardennes Forest

Originally buried in Buried in Temporary Cemetery of Grand-Failly, France 1944-1948

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

1 LT John S. Karnash

Class 65-43

ID: O1182155

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Allegheny County, PA

Status: KIA April 12, 1945



Silver Star



(Citation Needed): John S. Karnash, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy, while serving with the 12th Armored Division, during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 12th Armored Division, General Orders No. 89 (1945)

Source: 12th Armored Division Scrapbook – “It’s Great to be a Hellcat”

**1st. Lts. George E. Lindley,
John S. Karnash HQ/495th A.F.A.**
1st Lts. George E. Lindley and
John S. Karnash received the
Silver Star Medal posthumously
for their actions as Forward
Observers. They lost their lives
when their observation plane was
shot down by an enemy fighter
plane near Uffenheim, Germany.

From the Pittsburg Press, August 22, 1948

Lt. Karnash was a pilot with the
Air Division of the Field Artillery.
He completed 150 flights over enemy
territory.

A former mail clerk for the Penn-
sylvania Railroad, he entered serv-
ice in October, 1942. He held the
Purple Heart, Air Medal with five
oak-leaf clusters and the Silver
Star.

Buried in Saint Mary Czestochowa Cemetery, White Oak, Pennsylvania

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

2 LT Ronald J. Kaulitz

Class 90-43

ID: 01185439

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Lansing, MI

Status: KIA 24 Jan 1945



**Killed in action serving with the 591st Field Artillery Battalion during
the Battle of the Bulge.**





Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Lansing, Michigan

**National Archives & Records Administration
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1LT Thomas W. Keane
Class 37-42**

ID: O1172949

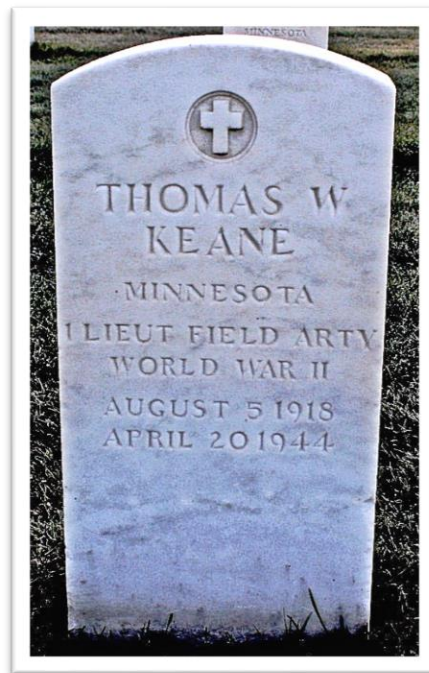
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Ramsey County, MN

Status: KIA April 20, 1944



**Killed in action serving with the 977th Field Artillery Battalion at Anzio, Italy.
World War II Deceased returned from Nettuno, Italy in 1948 for interment.**



Buried in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota Section C-24, Site 13650

**National Archives & Records Administration
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1LT William M. Keesling

Class 57-43

ID: O1179478

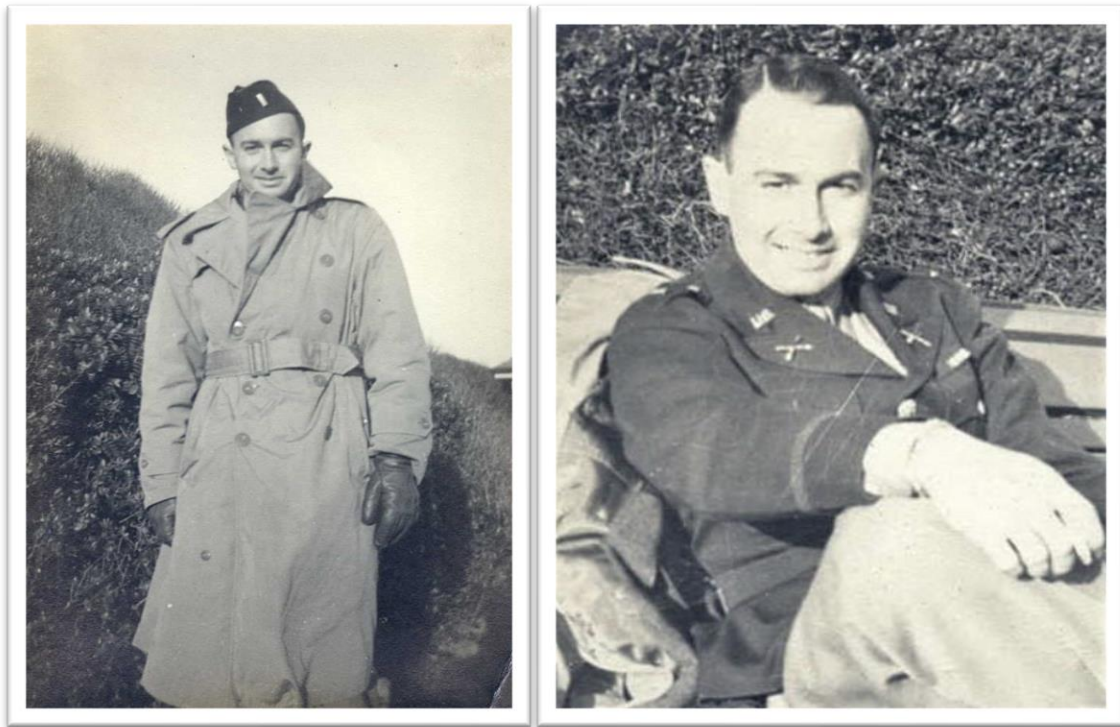
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Kanawha County, WV

Status: KIA May 1, 1945



Killed in action in Germany



Buried in Crownland Cemetery, Noblesville, Indiana on November 18, 1948



Roy C. Keirn

29-42

**First Lieutenant, U.S. Army Air
Forces**

Service # O1169594

**391st Bomber Squadron
34th Bomber Group, Heavy**

Entered the Service from: Pennsylvania

Died: 30-Nov-1944

Buried at: Plot A Row 14 Grave 23

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

Awards: Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters

1LT Keirn was the co-pilot of a B-17 G bomber that received direct flak hit in the # 1 engine just after bombs away. The aircraft violently slid under the formation losing 2-3,000 feet of altitude. The engine caught fire and the propeller was reported later as wind milling. About five minutes after being hit the engine blew up and tore off the wing, sending the plane into a dive straight down.



National Archives & Records Administration

War Department Files

1 LT Ernest J. Kelly, Jr.

Class 75-43

ID: 01184246

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Somerville, MA

Status: DOW 5 May 1945



Served with Battery C, 741st Field Artillery Battalion in Bavaria.

From Gnodstadt we moved about seventy miles to Wermutshau-sen, stayed there two nights, and then occupied six positions in the next eight days. On 17 April our Battalion was officially transferred to the Seventh Army, after having been attached to it since the Battle of the Bulge in December. On 20 April the Battalion made another long march, shifting from the XXI to the VI Corps. We spent three days in position at Owen Teck, and it was while we were here that **Lt. Kelly, our Executive Officer**, was severely wounded by a German civilian. Several other members of the Battery narrowly escaped being hit at the same time, as a dozen or more shots were fired at their vehicle.

The move from Owen Teck was a long one of more than a hundred miles. We crossed the Danube at Dillingen, and went into position at Wei'tingen, back under the XXI Corps once again and in support of the 3rd Infantry Division. The next morning, we were off again, moving several miles to Heretsried. That evening we were shelled for several minutes by one or two enemy guns which had evidently been by-passed by the Infantry in their rapid move forward. Several shells landed near our area, but no casualties or damage resulted.

The next day, 28 April, was a big day for the 741st. As a climax to the rush and constant moving we had done during the last month, we moved three times during the day. At one position the howitzers were scarcely ready to fire when the march order was given. We moved from there to Taffertingen, where we stopped long enough to eat, then moved again to Augsburg, where the position was surveyed, the howitzers put into position, and the battery registered. This was our forty-third combat position of the war. The next morning; all Artillery of the XXI Corps was relieved from general support and reinforcing missions as of 0800 hrs. and our howitzers were march-ordered. The German Army was fast breaking up, and we felt quite certain that this was our last combat position. Finally, at 1200 hrs. 6 May hostilities on the Seventh Army front came to an end with the unconditional surrender of Army Group "G", consisting of the enemy's 1st and 19th Armies to Gen. Devers, Commanding General of the U. S. 6th Army Group.

On 5 May the whole Battery was saddened by the news of the death of Lt. Kelly. His loss was deeply felt, as he had been a popular and efficient Executive, well-liked by the entire Battery for his friendliness, ability, and spirit of cooperation.

With the exception of sporadic fighting in Czechoslovakia on the Russian front, all hostilities came to an end 7 May. The next day, May 8th, was proclaimed V-E Day by President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill. World War II had come to an end in Europe.



Buried in Veterans Cemetery, Somerville, Massachusetts



Thomas J. Kelly

26-42

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # 0-402662

632nd Tank Destroyer Battalion

Entered the Service from: Wisconsin

Died: 7-Jul-1943

Buried at: Plot B Row 0 Grave 532

Honolulu Memorial

Honolulu, Hawaii





Raymond A. Kelsey 51-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1177485

275th Armored Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Georgia

Died: 22-Dec-1944

**Buried at: Plot E Row 13 Grave 15
Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium**

Awards: Purple Heart

Hometown: Erie County, NY



National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1LT John J. Kemp

Class 5-42

ID: 0-454328

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Mapleton, IA

Status: KIA March 17, 1945



SILVER STAR



The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Silver Star Medal (Posthumously) to John J. Kemp (0-454328), First Lieutenant (Infantry), U.S. Army, for gallantry in action while serving with Battery C, 882d Field Artillery Battalion, 70th Infantry Division, on 16 and 17 March 1945, near Saarbrücken, Germany. While enemy artillery and machine guns were firing on his front line observation post, Lieutenant Kemp observed and directed artillery fire in support of an infantry-tank attack. When three tanks were threatened by enemy fire, he concealed their position by calling for and adjusting protective smoke upon the hostile anti-tank battery. The next day, when hostile machine guns inflicted several casualties among the troops, he voluntarily returned to his observation post and directed artillery fire on the enemy guns. In this action, Lieutenant Kemp was killed. His gallant sacrifice on behalf of fellow soldiers exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Headquarters, 70th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 38 (May 14, 1945)

Buried in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Remsen, Iowa



Joseph M. Kenny **66-43**

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1182401

**38th Field Artillery Battalion
2nd Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: New Jersey

Died: 28-Dec-1944

Buried at: Plot G Row 1 Grave 59

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Awards: Purple Heart



**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

2LT Bernard D. Keno

Class 32-42

ID: O1170799

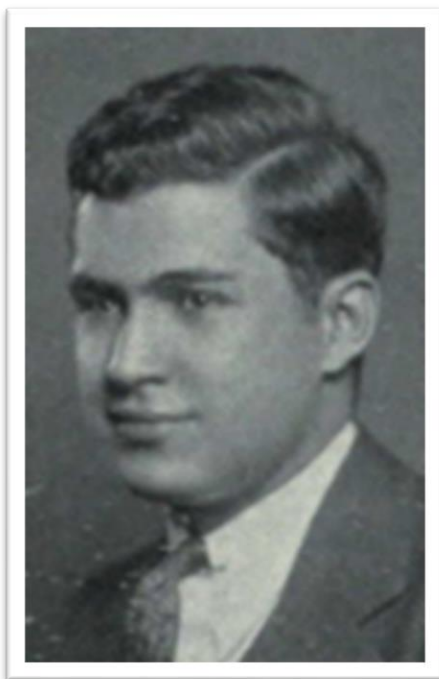
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Essex County, NJ

Status: KIA January 5, 1945



Killed in action in France serving with the 161st Field Artillery Battalion, 35th Division



National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Aaron A. Kenyon
Class 45-42

ID: O1175480

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Clinton County, IA
Status: DNB August 5, 1944



LIEUT. KENYON KILLED.

Clinton, Ia.—Lieut. Aaron Kenyon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Van Kenyon, 248 Twenty-ninth avenue north, was killed in an airplane crash in the Hawaiian islands Aug. 5, according to word received by his parents. He had been in Hawaii since May.

Quad City Times August 11, 1944

HONOR MEMORY OF SOLDIER RETURNED FROM FOREIGN LAND

Clinton, Ia.—Full military honors were paid to First Lieut. Aaron Kenyon, whose body was brought from the Hawaiian islands, and was laid to rest Saturday afternoon in Oakland cemetery. Combined Veterans organizations had charge. The funeral service was held in the Shadduck funeral home, in charge of the Rev. George W. Fairbanks, Community church. The bearers were Orville Peters, Joseph Bergman, August Matje, Wallace Yeager, Robert White and Irvin Johnson. Mrs. Otto Holm, Mrs. Robert McFall and Mrs. Lee Miller sang with Mrs. Nicholas Petersen accompanist.

Quad City Times November 2, 1947

Buried in Oakland Cemetery, Clinton, Iowa



Howard M. Kenyon 59-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1180232

**109th Field Artillery Battalion
28th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Nebraska

Died: 14-Sep-1944

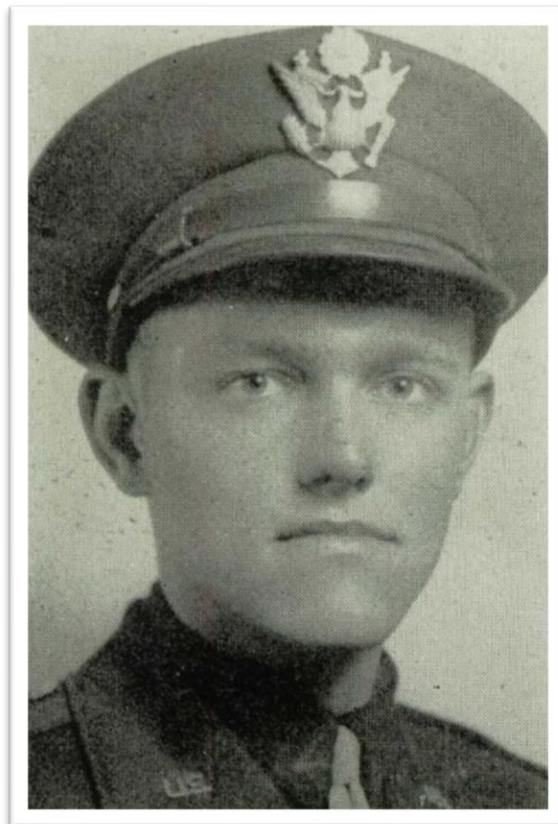
Buried at: Plot G Row 8 Grave 20

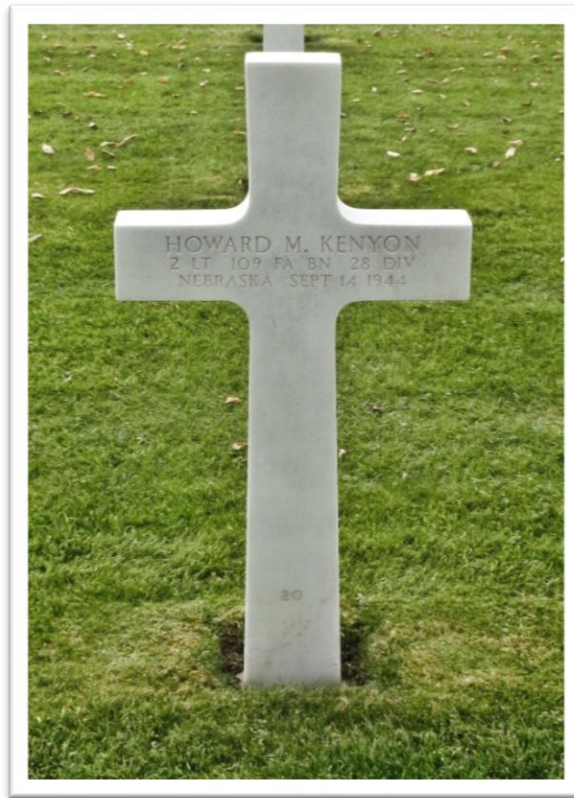
Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Awards: Purple Heart

Entered the Army after being in the ROTC program at the University of Nebraska.





**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

2LT Elmer F. Kern, Jr.

Class 94-44

ID: O539994

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Pottawatomie County, KS

Status: KIA April 10, 1945



**Killed in action serving as a liaison pilot with the 365th Field Artillery Battalion,
97th Infantry Division near Aachen, Germany**



Sister's love creates legacy to honor brother

Elmer F. Kern Jr. earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University, and then he went to war and never returned.



A member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Purdue, Second Lieutenant Kern joined the United States Army Air Corps after graduation. He attended flight school in 1944 in Pittsburg, Kansas, and Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Kern was shipped off to fight in World War II during March 1945. He was shot down just a few weeks later.

Kern flew a Piper L4-J "Grasshopper" over France, Belgium, and Germany but was killed in action on April 10, 1945. Devastated, the mother, father and sister who survived him packed up all of his belongings, including his posthumous Purple Heart, and sealed them in a trunk that they never opened again.

That trunk is now part of the College of Engineering's archives. It came to the University on Veterans Day 2010 through the estate of Elmer's sister, Ruth Kern. It contains a fascinating and sentimental collection that shows off Kern's interests and activities during his college years and reveals ways that things have changed at Purdue. (A ticket to a 1942 Indiana University versus Purdue football game cost Kern just \$3).

That time capsule is just part of Elmer Kern's Purdue legacy. Ruth Kern felt strongly that every student with ambition should be given a chance to earn a degree and that economics should not be an impediment to an education. After her 1984 retirement, she volunteered her time to local organizations that matched scholarship money to students in need.

That work was an offshoot of a promise that Ruth had made decades previously. Immediately after Elmer's death, Ruth had vowed to set up a scholarship in honor of her brother's sacrifice to his country. And so a letter showed up at Purdue 65 years later, establishing the Elmer F. Kern Jr. BSME 1943 Memorial Scholarship.

For most of her adult life, Ruth Kern worked at AT&T in San Diego. She never earned more than \$45,000 per year, nor did she marry or have children. She saved diligently and invested well so that she could memorialize her brother and help students who couldn't afford a college education.

Ruth saved more than \$2 million.

She bequeathed half of that impressive total to the School of Mechanical Engineering and the other to San Diego State University.

Shortly after details of Ruth's gift were revealed, the trunk that the Kern family had packed away after Elmer's death was opened. Within it were his student ID, ticket stubs from musicals and football games at Purdue, Elmer's military jacket, his pilot's log and maps, letters to and from his family, and a photograph of Elmer and his sister on the Purdue campus in 1943.



Buried in Greenwood Memorial Park, San Diego, California

National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
CAPT Paul J. Kerrigan
Class 29-42

ID: 01169599

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Hillsborough County, NH
Status: KIA March 7, 1944



Buried in Saint John's Cemetery - Lancaster, Massachusetts



John R. Kerr

31-42

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # O1170450

**219th Field Artillery Battalion
35th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Michigan

Died: 11-Jul-1944

Buried at: Plot J Row 2 Grave 26

Normandy American Cemetery

Colleville-sur-Mer, France

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart

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 Captain (Field Artillery) John R. Kerr (ASN: 0-1170450), United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with the 219th Field Artillery Battalion, 35th Infantry Division, in action in the vicinity of **, France, 11 July 1944. As an Artillery liaison officer with an Infantry Battalion on its initial day of combat, with utter disregard for his own safety and as an example to his artillery forward observers, Captain Kerr moved aggressively forward with the point of the advance guard to locate and bring artillery fire on appropriate targets, thereby assisting the infantry to advance against a stubbornly defending enemy. His actions reflect credit upon his character as an officer and are in accord with the highest traditions of the military service.**

General Orders: Headquarters, 35th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 32 (September 14, 1944)



Maurice J. Kerr **82-43**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1185229

83rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Iowa

Died: 25-Mar-1945

Buried at: Plot H Row 16 Grave 7

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

Awards: Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster



Lt. Maurice J. Kerr, who had been reported missing in action as of March 25 1945, in May 1945 officially declared killed in action by the War Department. Lt. Kerr, pilot of an artillery observation plane over the German lines, had been wounded in action and had left the hospital only three days before he was reported missing in action. He enlisted in the army in July 1942, and after preliminary training he attended the Army Air Force Liaison Training School at Pittsburg, Kansas. He graduated a second lieutenant, from that school September 16, 1943, Lt. Kerr went overseas from Fort George Meade, Maryland on August 9, 1944 and saw action in France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. December 16 1944 he was commissioned a first lieutenant. The plane was hit by a German Ack Ack gun and both pilot and observer were killed before the gun crashed to the ground.

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Walter C. Kerr

Class 60-43

ID: 01180570

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Grays Harbor County, WA

Status: KIA May 17, 1945



Killed in action serving with Battery A, 8th Field Artillery Battalion, 25th Division



Buried in Fern Hill Cemetery, Aberdeen, Washington

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

**1LT Arly G. Ketchum
Class 33-42**

ID: 1171223

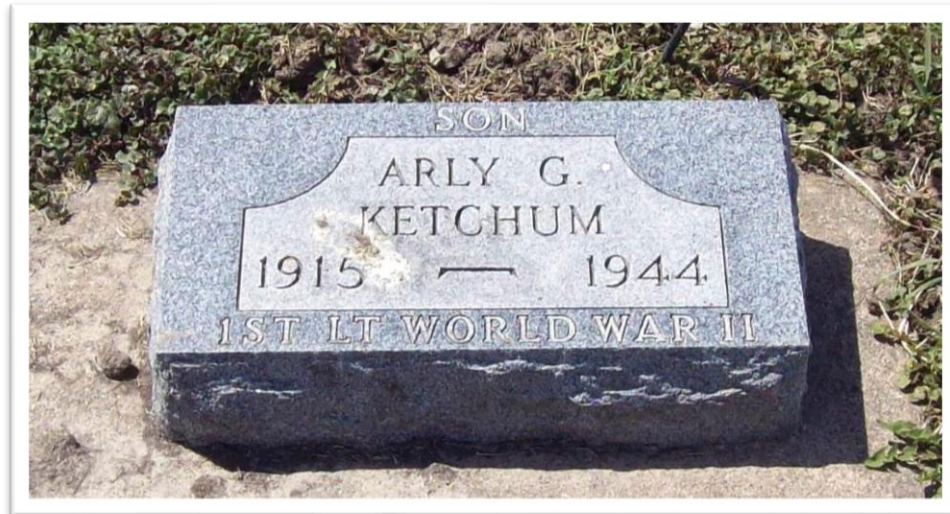
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Dover, MN

Status: DNB April 27, 1944



**Died in a training accident at Camp Campbell, Kentucky while serving with the
253rd Field Artillery Battalion.**



Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Dover, Minnesota

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

2 LT Carl E. King

Class 51-43

ID: O1177492

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Stephens County, OK

Status: KIA July 29, 1944



Killed in action serving with the 14th Armored Field Artillery Battalion



Buried in Fairlawn Cemetery, Comanche, Oklahoma

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

**2LT Roger William Kirkpatrick
Class 35-42**

ID: 1172116

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Washington County, TN

Status: DNB 1944



Buried in Fairview United Methodist Church Cemetery, Jonesborough, Tennessee

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

1LT Seba W. Kirkpatrick

Class 23-42

ID: 01167069

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Sulphur Springs, TX

Status: KIA October 1, 1943



Enlisted as a private with the 39th Field Artillery Battalion and underwent basic training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He returned to the same unit after graduating from Officer Candidate School and served with that unit until his death. Took part in Operation Torch and landed near Casablanca in Northwest Africa. He an attorney in civilian life and often detailed to duty assisting with courts martial. He was killed near Naples, Italy.

Silver Star



(Citation Needed) - SYNOPSIS: First Lieutenant (Field Artillery) Seba Woodrow Kirkpatrick (ASN: 0-1167069), United States Army, was awarded the Silver Star (Posthumously) for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with Headquarters Battery, 39th Field Artillery Battalion, 3d Infantry Division, on August 5, 1943 in Sicily.

General Orders: Headquarters, 3d Infantry Division, General Orders No. 175 (1944)



*Buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Fort Myer, Virginia
Section 12 Site 8342*

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Walter W. Kirksey

Class 46-43

ID: 01175769

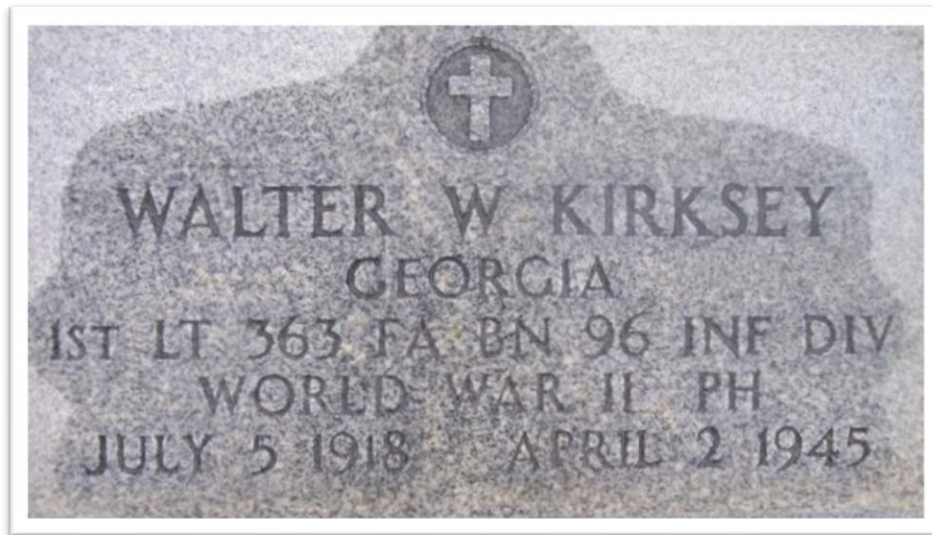
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Taylor County, GA

Status: KIA March 2, 1945



**Killed in action at Okinawa in the Pacific serving with
Battery A, 363rd Field Artillery Battalion, 96th Infantry Division**



Buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Taylor, Georgia

National Archives & Records Administration

War Department Files

CAPT Joseph P. Kite, Jr.

Class 21-42

ID: O1166528

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: West Newton, PA

Status: KIA December 24, 1944



**Killed in action serving with the 420th Armored Field Artillery Battalion,
10th Armored Division during the Battle of the Bulge**





Buried in West Newton Cemetery, West Newton, Pennsylvania

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

2LT Bernard Klang

Class 44-42

ID: 01175192

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Brooklyn, New York

Status: KIA 25 May 1944



**Killed in action serving with Battery C, 39th Field Artillery Battalion,
3rd Infantry Division**



World War II Deceased returned from Nettuno – Italy for interment in 1948

*Buried in Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, Long Island, New York
Section H: Site 9785*



Herbert Klein

35-42

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1172117

**32nd Field Artillery Battalion
1st Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: New York

Died: 15-Aug-1943

Buried at: Plot J Row 4 Grave 44

Sicily-Rome American Cemetery

Nettuno, Italy

Awards: Purple Heart



**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

**1 LT Ernest M. Kleinman
Class 63-43**

ID: 01181656

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Cleveland, OH

Status: KIA March 8, 1945



LIEUT. ERNEST M. KLEINMAN



*Returned from WW II Deceased Program
for interment in 1948*

*Buried at Arlington National Cemetery
Section 12 Site 1433*



Ancil W. Knight 26-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1168319

**400th Field Artillery Battalion
9th Armored Division**

Entered the Service from: Texas

Died: 8-Apr-1945

Buried at: Plot A Row 7 Grave 22

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

**Awards: Silver Star, Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf
Clusters, Purple Heart**

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Ancil W. Knight, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 5th Armored Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 5th Armored Division, General Orders No. 22 (1944)

1st Lt Ancil W. Knight received his Silver Star for flying a liaison plane that was in danger of Nazi artillery fire to a safety zone. Although he had never soloed a plane before, he took it off and landed without incident, later returning it to its original quarters.



National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

2LT Harold K. Knight
Class 105-44

ID: 0-546075

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Ames, IA

Status: DNB March 29, 1945



Died from an accidental gunshot wound while serving with the 541st Parachute Infantry Regiment at Camp MacKall, Richmond, North Carolina.

Lt. Harold Knight Dies In Accident

Second Lieutenant Harold K. Knight, 22, son of Prof. and Mrs. H. H. Knight, 123 South Riverside, was killed yesterday in an accident at Camp Mackall, N. C., according to word reaching his parents and Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Richter, 215 South Maple, the parents of Mrs. Knight, the former Barbara Richter.

Lt. Knight, a member of Company F, of the 541st Parachute Infantry Regiment, reportedly was killed while working in the camp ordnance shop when a loaded gun fell to the floor and exploded, fatally wounding him. An officer at the camp called Mr. and Mrs. Knight this morning to give them details of the accident.

Charles Richter left last night to accompany his daughter to Ames. Lt. Knight's body will be brought to the Adams Funeral Home, but funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Lt. Knight had been expected home on leave soon. He was commissioned at Ft. Sill, Okla., in April, 1944, and in a recent letter to his parents said:

"I now have my glider man's wings, which means that I know how to load and unload a glider and have flown in one under tactical conditions."

Lt. Knight, a graduate with the 1938 class of Ames High school, was a star member of the track team of that season, was a member of the two-mile relay team which set a new state record and himself set a school and conference record in the 880-yard run. After graduation, he attended Iowa State college, and had nearly completed his junior year in mechanical engineering when he entered the army.

Survivors, in addition to his parents and widow, include a brother, Rolland, who this year played on the Ames basketball team and who is a junior at Ames High.



Buried in the Iowa State University Cemetery, Ames, Iowa

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THE WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL



Darroll E. Knudson 39-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1173680

**314th Field Artillery Battalion
80th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Montana

Died: 23-Dec-1944

**Buried at: Plot F Row 5 Grave 8
Luxembourg American Cemetery
Luxembourg City, Luxembourg**

**Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf
Cluster**

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

2 LT Carl A. Koch

Class 61-43

ID: O1180992

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Guthrie, OK

Status: KIA 21 May 1944



**Served four years in the Navy prior to joining the Army.
Killed in action at Anzio Beach serving with the 248th Field Artillery Battalion.**



*Buried in Summit View Cemetery, Guthrie, Oklahoma
Section 1, Block 32, Lot 76, Space NW*

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THE WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL



Frederick H. Koenig 34-42

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # O1171634

**94th Field Artillery Battalion
4th Armored Division**

**Entered the Service from: Pennsylvania
Died: 16-Aug-1945
Buried at: Plot D Row 6 Grave 19
Lorraine American Cemetery
St. Avold, France**

Awards: Bronze Star



David W. Kohn

33-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1171233

974th Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: California

Died: 5-May-1945

Buried at: Plot D Row 8 Grave 27

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart





Walter W. Kolosha 31-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1170453

**Division Artillery
36th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Massachusetts

Died: 15-Aug-1944

Missing in Action or Buried at Sea

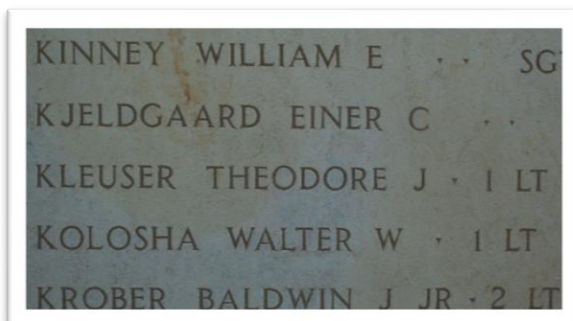
**Tablets of the Missing at Rhone American Cemetery
Draguignan, France**

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart

1LT Walter William Kolosha was aboard the Landing Ship Tank -USS LST-282 which was sunk by a single Henschel Hs 293 radio-controlled glide bomb, an attack which cost 40 lives aboard the ship. From his unit the 36th Infantry Division Artillery four were killed in the attack and on the Wall of the Missing.

Remaining defiantly afloat and heavily aflame, LST-282 continued to drift towards Green Beach while suffering numerous ammunition detonations before she finally grounded to the left flank of the beachhead. Sinking in the shallow water with the majority of her hull and superstructure above water, fires continued to burn aboard LST-282 for over two days before they finally ran out of fuel, leaving the ship a charred hulk.

Reboarded and found to be beyond salvage, LST-282 was declared a war loss on August 17th, 1944 and left in her sad state for the duration of the war. Postwar, much of the wreck was salvaged for scrap steel but much of the ship's lower engine room and fittings remain on site.



National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
1 LT Albert B. Konikoff
Class 32-42

ID: O1170811

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Erie County, NY
Status: DOW February 16, 1944



Extract from the History of the 125th Field Artillery:

Across the Vernafro hills to San Vittore, Mount Pantano and Mount Trocchio, the 125th FA assisted the infantry who advanced to Cassino, part of the German Gustav Line. The 125th FA dug deep, permanent gun pits at the edge of Purple Heart Valley, about 4,000 yards from Cassino. They fired for 33 days until February 19, 1944, when Cassino fell. A 125th observer ventured beyond the Cassino's Monastery Hill and was captured by two Germans, but returned unharmed to his camp when a shell killed both of his captors.

Another observer, 1st Lt. Albert B. Konikoff of Washington D.C., set up his outpost at the crest of a Cassino hill that was the direct goal of German counterattacking force. Keeping his ground, he directed the heavy fire that eventually repelled the enemy force. The Lieutenant was killed in the fight. For two months the 125th FA assumed a variety of artillery roles on the Anzio beach. They fired surrender leaflets at the Germans. They spotted and harassed enemy batteries and supported raiding parties.

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Albert B. Konikoff, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 34th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 34th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 63 (1944)



Buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, New York

National Archives & Records Administration

War Department Files

1 LT Gregory C. Kontos
Class 53-43

ID: O1178216

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Whiteside County, IL
Status: KIA October 4, 1945



Killed while serving with the 733rd Field Artillery Battalion in the Philippines

Lt. Gregory C. Kontos

Sterling, Ill., Oct. 20 [Special]—
Services for Lt. Gregory C. Kontos,
a war time air veteran who was
killed in a jeep accident in Manila
Oct. 4, 1945, will be held at the Grace
Episcopal church here tomorrow. He
leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J.
Kontos. Mr. Kontos owns theaters
here and in Rock Falls.

From the Chicago Tribune, October 21, 1949

Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Sterling, Illinois



Albert J. Kotich 76-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O-522613

**862nd Field Artillery Battalion
63rd Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Colorado

Died: 12-March-1945

Buried at: Plot C Row 27 Grave 93

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart



Kotich Saved Children But At High Cost

Second Lt. Albert J. Kotich of Fort Collins, an observation officer of the 862nd Field Artillery battalion attached to the Sixty-third division, didn't like to make war on children, even German children.

His battery was firing at an enemy force holed up in a small valley town just below his observation post. Now and then small children and other civilians would appear in the village streets.

So Lieutenant Kotich had his battery cease firing until they disappeared. He did this several times on March 12, 1945.

Seen by Sniper

This was noted by a German sniper, who took advantage of the presence of the children to crawl to a spot from which he could see the young officer's observation post.

The sniper fired. His single bullet instantly ended the life of the young American who didn't like to war on children.

That was the story of her son's death in battle which came yesterday to Mrs. Mary M. Kotich of 307 Smith street, in a letter from Capt. Elric S. Pinckney, apparently the officer commanding the battery of which Lieutenant Kotich was a member.

The officer's letter of sympathy to the sorrowing mother said:

"In the death of your son, I feel that I have lost a great personal friend, and that the country has lost an outstanding officer. His bright smile and cheerful word were always an inspiration to those of us who were fortunate enough to know him.

German Trick

"Albert was killed by a single bullet, fired by a German sniper from a small town in a valley just below his observation post. The bullet lodged in his neck, and the end came almost instantly; there was no pain or suffering.

"On several occasions Al had stopped firing into this town because civilians and small children appeared on the streets.

"The German took advantage of the protection afforded by the presence of these children to get close enough to do his work...."

"At times like this, I think all of us who remain over here realize what a small bit we are contributing for our common cause. Those who have given their lives or have been permanently disabled, and you at home

who have lost your sons, are the ones who are making the great sacrifice. I only hope and pray that He will guide us to a peace that will be everlasting, so that Al's life and the lives of thousands of others will not have been spent in vain."

Lieutenant Kotich, a native of Greeley, was 23 and a 1943 graduate of Colorado A & M college, and was commissioned in August of 1943. A posthumous award of the Bronze Star medal was made for him, in recognition of his services from Jan. 28 to March 12, the day of his death.

It is believed here that his last battle was in the German Saarland in the Rhine valley. Captain Pinckney wrote that full military honors were given at his burial in a United States military cemetery in the Fau-cilles mountain region of eastern France.



Joseph S. Kot

85-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1185370

**903rd Field Artillery Battalion
78th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Connecticut

Died: 9-Apr-1945

Buried at: Plot M Row 6 Grave 1

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

Awards: Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

1 LT Frank G. Kotz

Class 32-42

ID: 01170813

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Essex County, NJ

Status: KIA November 4, 1944



Killed in action serving with Battery A, 362nd Field Artillery Battalion

Buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Union, New Jersey

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

1 LT Robert Koukol

Class 34-42

ID: O1171635

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Cook County, IL

Status: DOW July 7, 1944



Killed in action serving with the 89th Field Artillery Battalion

Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

2 LT Henry Kowalczyk

Class 70-43

ID: O1183337

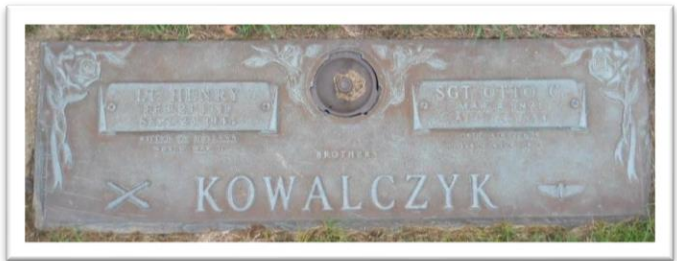
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Greene County, PA

Status: KIA September 23, 1944



**Killed in Action in the Netherlands serving with
Battery A, 321st Glider Field Artillery Battalion, 101st Airborne Division.**



*Buried in Green County
Memorial Park Cemetery
Waynesburg, Pennsylvania*

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Bernard A. Kroll

Class 26-42

ID: O1168324

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Brooklyn, NY

Status: DOW 22 January 1945



Killed while serving as Aide to BG Doyle Hickey (Commanding General of Combat Command A, 3rd Armored Division). He had fought at Normandy and through France and Belgium and was killed just after the Battle of the Bulge.



Buried in Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Glendale, New York

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

2LT Albert H. Kroman

Class 29-42

ID: O1169605

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Shelby County, IA

Status: KIA June 3, 1944



2nd Lt Albert H. Kroman ELK HORN: Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church for 2nd Lt Albert H Kroman, 29, who was killed in action June 3, 1944, on the Italian front. Burial was in Elk Horn cemetery, with the American Legion in charge of graveside rites. 2nd Lt Kroman graduated from Elk Horn High school in 1932.
From the Council Bluffs Nonpareil 13 August 1948



*He was buried at Netune, Italy, but later brought home to be buried in the family plot.
Buried in Elk Horn Cemetery, Elk Horn Iowa*

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files**

1 LT Albert R. Krupp

Class 60-43

ID: O1180575

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Philadelphia County, PA

Status: KIA June 4, 1945



Killed in action serving with Battery C, 136th Field Artillery Battalion, 37th Division



Buried in Hillside Cemetery, Roslyn, Pennsylvania



Michael F. Kuhta 92-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O-538657

**391st Field Artillery Battalion
3rd Armored Division**

Entered the Service from: Connecticut

Died: 7-Sep-44

Buried at: Plot G Row 8 Grave 68

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Awards: Purple Heart

From 391st Field Artillery Battalion History: 7 September 1944

The advance on Liege continued at 1300. The south half of Liege was secured by 1930. Counter battery fire was received and quickly the enemy guns were located, and eight 105 mm anti-aircraft guns were forced out of action, destroyed or abandoned. Second Lieutenant Michael F. Kuhta was killed in action by these guns.



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CAPT Martin Kulesa

Class 28-42

ID: 01169206

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Worcester County, MA

Status: KIA August 31, 1944



Killed in action serving with the 227th Field Artillery Battalion, 29th Infantry Division

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**2LT John W. Kuper
Class 77-43**

ID: 01184540

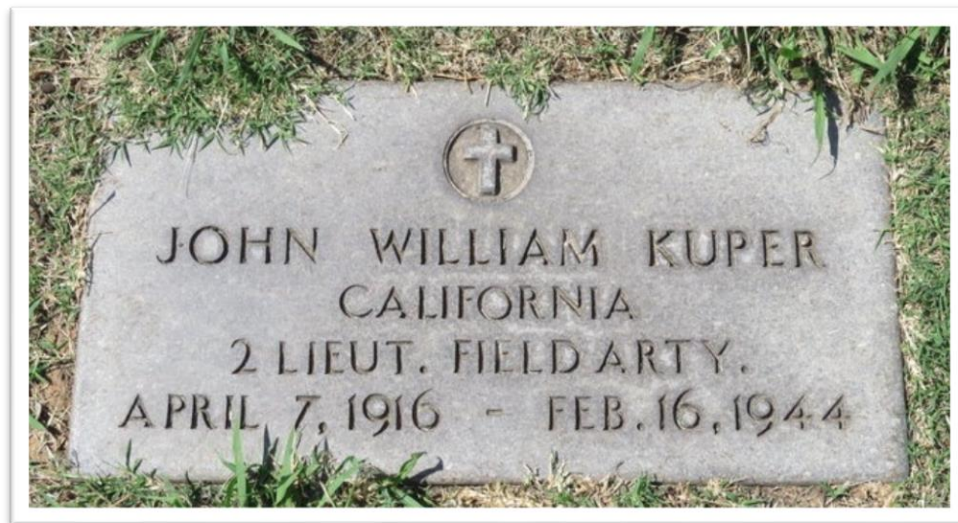
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Status: DNB February 16, 1944



Graduated from OCS at Fort Sill on August 12, 1943 and was originally assigned to the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center, Camp Roberts, California. He died serving with Battery E, 55th Field Artillery Training Battalion.



Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Los Angeles, California

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2LT Adolph W. Kutner

Class 31-42

ID: 01170457

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Jamaica, New York

Status: KIA April 30, 1943



Killed in action serving with Battery A, 7th Field Artillery Battalion, 1st Infantry Division

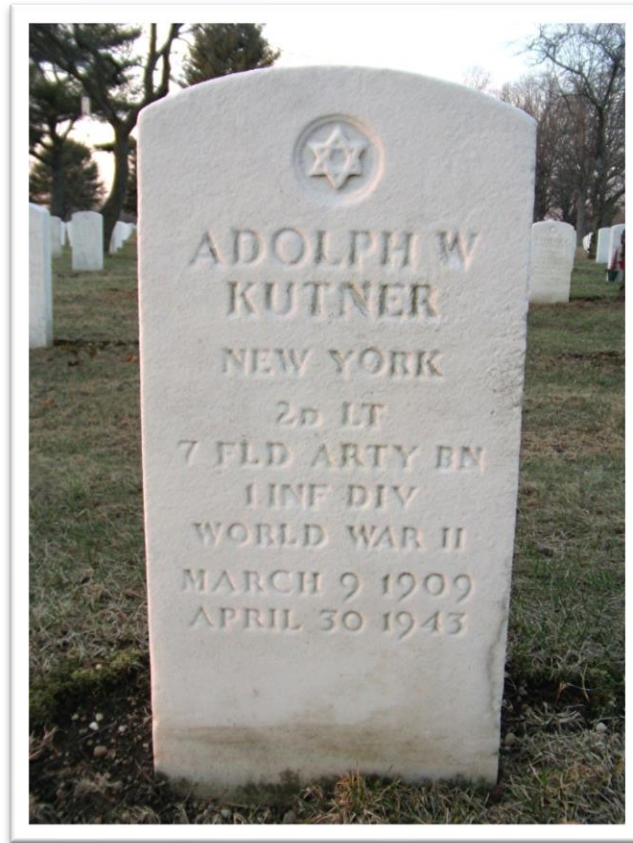
Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Adolph W. Kutner, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 1st Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 1st Infantry Division, General Orders No. 33 (1943)

WW II Deceased returned from Beja Tunisia for interment in 1949



*Buried in Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, New York
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