

WORLD WAR II



FA OCS GRADUATES (Killed, Died or Remained Missing)

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Biographical Information

**2LT Stanley S. Sadaj (Class 44-42)
thru
1LT Paul B. Zuydhoek (Class 23-42)**

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2 LT Stanley S. Sadaj

Class 44-42

ID: O1175300

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: San Joaquin, CA

Status: KIA 7 Mar 1945





Distinguished Service Cross

2LT Stanley S. Sadaj

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 Stanley S. Sadaj (ASN: 0-1175300), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with Company C, 400th Armored Field Battalion, in action against enemy forces in Germany, on 7 March 1945. On that date, Lieutenant Sadaj and a pilot were on an observation mission, flying low over the point units of the spearhead striking towards Remagen, Germany. Without thought of their own safety they braved enemy anti-aircraft fire to observe and direct fire upon enemy installations as the striking troops approached and formed for the assault against the bridge across the Rhine River. When enemy fire hit the plane, causing it to crash, they were flying too low to parachute to safety, and Lieutenant Sadaj and the pilot were killed. The courage and determination Second Lieutenant Sadaj displayed and his supreme 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, Third U.S. Army, General Orders No. 120 (May 29, 1945)

1 April 1945

Mrs. Evelyn W. Sadaj,
608 Chestnut Street,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Mrs. Sadaj:

There is little, I realize, that anyone can say to help lessen the grief that you and many others throughout America are experiencing over the loss of your husband and theirs in this war. I would like, however, to tell you something of the circumstances surrounding the death of 2d Lt. STANLEY B. SADAJ, O-1175300, and how his Battalion and the men who knew him felt about his death.

On 7 March 1945, during the course of the establishment of a bridgehead across the Rhine River, Stan was acting as observer from the liaison plane for the force of which this Battalion was a part. He was flying in the face of heavy small arms and anti-aircraft fire. It was during this battle that the plane was hit. I saw him crash and ran to the plane. When I arrived Stan was dead. I am sure that he suffered no pain and that death was instantaneous. His body was evacuated promptly and buried in an American Cemetery somewhere in Belgium. Burial services were conducted by a Chaplain of his faith.

There was not a man in the Battalion who did not feel deeply grieved at the news, because he had something that not all men have - it is a spirit and character that is like to think of as ~~unusually American~~, in its best and finest sense; good nature, cheerfulness, a willingness to do more than his share, an ability to lead, not because he was bigger or tougher than the next fellow but because the next fellow was willing to follow him, to other with a courage that enabled him to come up from the front just going with a grin and a quip. Your husband was a real man.

Stan was killed by the enemy, but what the enemy is beginning to realize is that America has bred enough men with character and courage like his to make the destruction of the enemy and what he stands for, inevitable.

We are proud to have had him with us, and are deeply sorry that he has gone.

Sincerely yours,

John R. McLean
Lt Col., 400th A. FA.,
Commanding



Buried in Saint Andrews Cemetery, Christopher, Illinois

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1 LT Beaman W. Sam

Class 36-42

ID: 01172638

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: St. Louis, MO

Status: DNB September 4, 1945



Died while serving with Battery A, 718th Field Artillery Battalion, 63rd Division

Buried in Hope Cemetery, Philadelphia, Mississippi during 1949

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

1 LT Achad Sanders

Class 56-43

ID: O1179190

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Kings County, NY

Status: KIA February 7, 1945



Killed in action in France



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**1LT Stanley Lloyd Sanders
Class 65-43**

ID: 0-515631

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Dent County, MO

Status: KIA March 9, 1945



**Killed in action serving with Battery B, 66th Armored Field Artillery Battalion,
4th Armored Division**



Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Stanley L. Sanders, 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 4th Armored Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 4th Armored Division, General Orders No. 97 (1945)



Buried in New Mount Sinai Cemetery, Afton, Missouri



William H. Sanders 110-44

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O-547925

**929th Field Artillery Battalion
104th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Massachusetts

Died: 5-Dec-44

**Buried at: Plot A Row 10 Grave 21
Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium**

Awards: Purple Heart

The death of 2LT William H. Sanders referenced in a Silver Star Citation
G.O. #30, 30 Jan 45, 104th Inf. Division:

Second Lieutenant Richard A. AUBREY, (later 1st Lt.) Company H, 41th Infantry: **The enemy tank knocked out a friendly tank and moved up the road and fired directly into the company command post, killing Second Lt. William H. Sanders, observer for the 929th** and mortally wounding First Lt. William L. Davidson, the company commander and several of his men. This tank, along with another which had penetrated the town defenses, then drew alongside the first platoon command post. Lt. AUBREY moved out into the open after the command post had been hit to reorganize the defenses of the company.

Withdrew from college January 15, 1944, attended Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, January-June, 1944, commissioned Second Lieutenant June 3, 1944, stationed at Camp Howze June-September, 1944, went overseas as Field Artillery Replacement Officer September, 1944, serving subsequently in England, France, Belgium, and Germany, attached to Battery A, 929 Field Artillery Battalion, 104th Division.





William A. Sarver 32-42

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1170962

**67th Field Artillery Battalion
3rd Armored Division**

Entered the Service from: Missouri

Died: 6-Apr-1945

Buried at: Plot K Row 8 Grave 17

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart



Silver Star



(Citation Needed): William A. Sarver, 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. 58 (1945)

Bill Sarver - Baseball's Greatest Sacrifice

www.baseballsgreatestsacrifice.com/biographies/sarver_bill.html 1/2

Bill Sarver

Date and Place of Birth: January 31, 1920 Kansas City, MO

Date and Place of Death: April 6, 1945 near Halle, Germany

Baseball Experience: Minor League

Position: Outfield

Rank: Second Lieutenant

Military Unit: 67th Field Artillery Battalion, 3rd Armored Division US Army

Area Served: European Theater of Operations

Bill Sarver was a young outfielder drawing comparisons with the great Joe DiMaggio. But military service in Europe would see his life end just one month before the war against Germany ended.

William A. Sarver was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on January 31, 1920. He attended Central High School in Kansas City where he was recognized as an outstanding baseball player. At the age of 17, and making a name for himself playing third base for Lapetina of the Ban Johnson League, Sarver attended a New York Yankees tryout camp. There were 500 attendees at the camp; Sarver and future Yankees catcher Ralph Houk were among the seven who received a contract with the American League club.

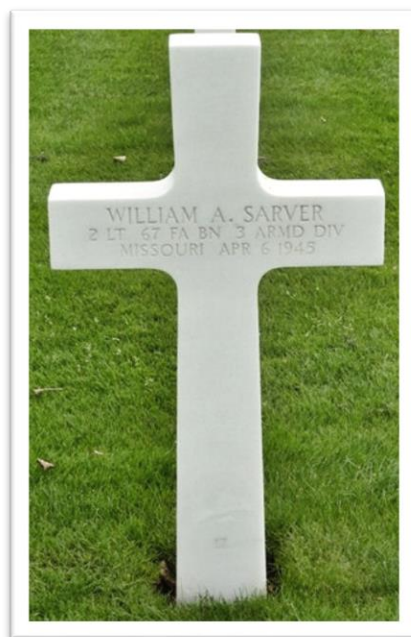
Sarver was assigned to the Neosho Yankees of the Class D Arkansas-Missouri League for 1938. He got off to a slow start and by mid-June he was batting only .192 (15 for 78) and had a fielding percentage below .800. But as the summer progressed the youngster found his stride and finished the season batting .254 over 94 games, although he made 41 errors at third base.

In 1939, Sarver was back with Neosho, and manager Dennis Burns, who was with the Philadelphia Athletics in the mid-1920s, moved the fleet-footed 19-year-old to centerfield. He responded by hitting .284 in 123 games and led the league with 40 doubles and 48 stolen bases. Teammate Ralph Houk also had a good season batting .313 and playing solid defense behind the plate.

Sarver joined the Amsterdam Rugmakers of the Class C Canadian-American League in 1940, and enjoyed another strong offensive season with a .287 average, 10 home runs and 67 RBIs over 119 games. In 1941, he advanced to the Augusta Tigers of the Class B South Atlantic League. Sarver was only with the team for a little over a month but that time resulted in a reunion with Ralph Houk. The young catcher introduced Sarver to local girl Marian Smith, and they later married in Kansas City on December 8, 1942.

Sarver joined the Akron Yankees of the Class C Mid-Atlantic League in late May but failed to hit consistently - batting just .210 in 54 games - and found himself back with the Rugmakers for the latter part of the season where he batted .226 over 41 games. Sarver was 21 years old and had completed four seasons in the minors. But his career was now on hold as he entered military service with the Army on November 3, 1941. Sarver was selected for Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in November 1942.

In January 1945, Sarver bid farewell to Marian and his young daughter, Kathleen (William, a son would be born in September 1945), and departed for Europe with the 67th Field Artillery Battalion, 3rd Armored "Spearhead" Division. The division broke through to the Rhine River and captured Cologne on March 7, 1945. Two weeks later it crossed the Rhine and moved north to capture Paderborn on April 1. The 3rd Armored then pushed on against disorganized resistance. On April 6, 1945, Second Lieutenant Sarver was serving as a forward observer when he was killed by small arms fire. He was buried at the Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten, Holland. Sarver was posthumously awarded the Silver Star, which was presented to his wife and children at Fort Gordon, Georgia.



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1 LT Jerome E. Scanlon

Class 54-43

ID: O1178619

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: La Porte County, IN

Status: KIA March 7, 1945



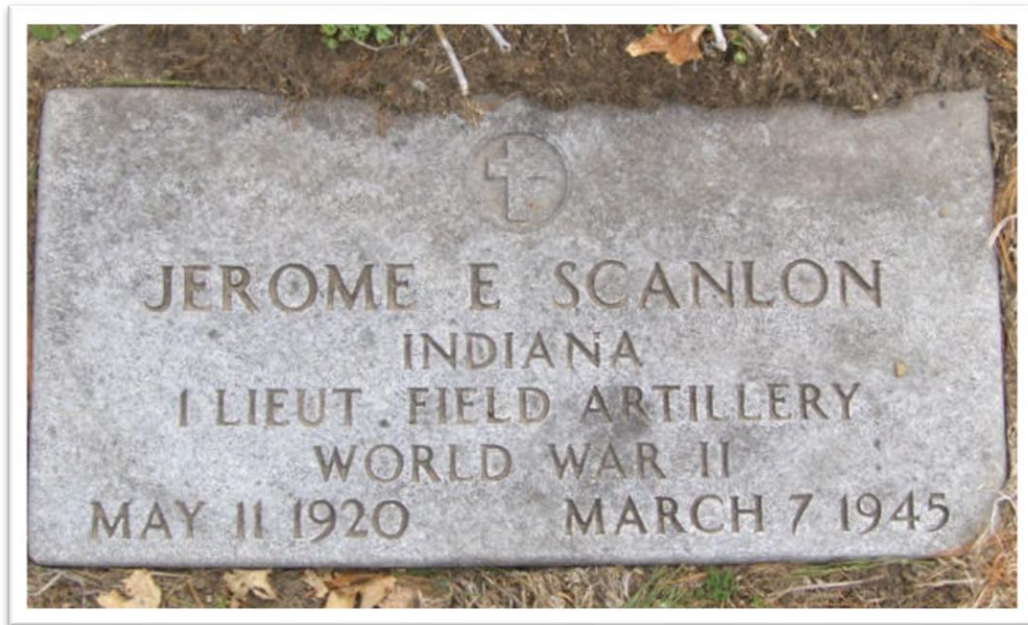
Distinguished Service Cross



Distinguished Service Cross 1LT Jerome E. Scanlon

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 First Lieutenant (Field Artillery) Jerome E. Scanlon (ASN: 0-1178619), 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 in Germany, on 7 March 1945. On that date, Lieutenant Scanlon and an observer were on an observation mission, flying low over the point units of the spearhead striking towards Ramagen, Germany. Without thought for their own safety they braved enemy anti-aircraft fire to observe and direct fire upon enemy installations as the attacking troops approached and formed for the assault against the bridge across the Rhine River. When enemy fire hit the plane, causing it to crash, they were flying too low to parachute to safety, and Lieutenant Scanlon and his observer were killed. The courage and determination First Lieutenant Scanlon displayed, and his supreme 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, Third U.S. Army, General Orders No. 120 (May 29, 1945)



Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Michigan City, Indiana

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War Department Files**

1 LT Warren W. Schaefer

Class 2-41

ID: 0-451235

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Camden County, NJ

Status: KIA 6 Jun 1944



**Served with Battery D, 377th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, 101st Airborne Division
He was killed during the airborne invasion of Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944.**



Lt. W. W. Schaefer Funeral Friday

Funeral services for First Lt. Warren W. Schaefer will be held Friday at noon in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Laurel Springs. Burial will be in the U. S. National cemetery, Beverly. Military rites will be provided by Laurel Springs post, 259, American Legion.

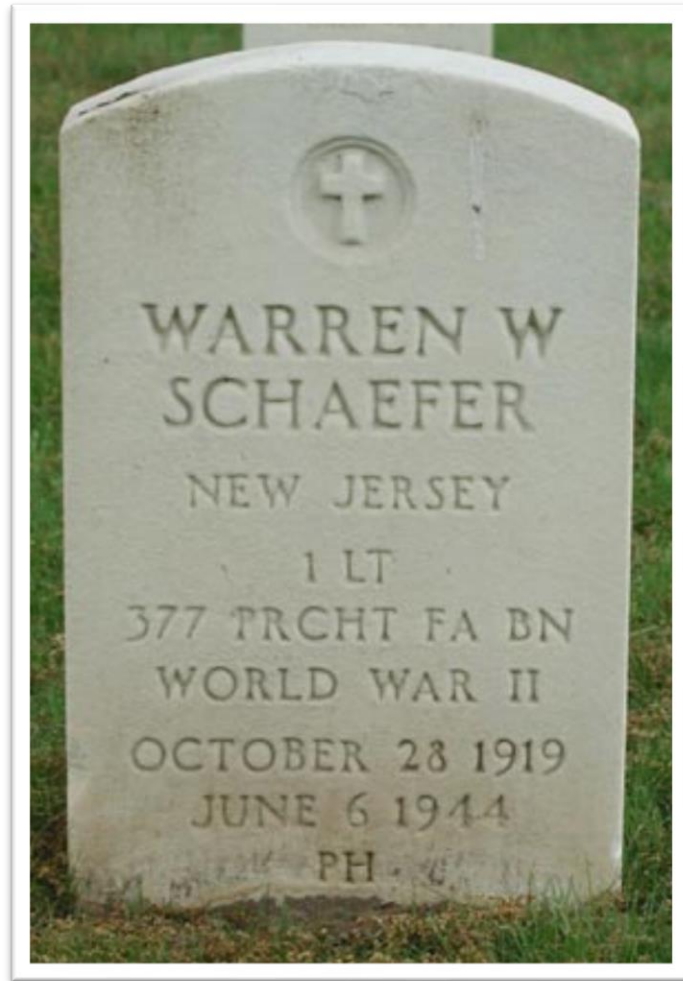
Lieutenant Schaefer was killed in action on D-Day, June 6, 1944, at the age of 24.

He was a 1937 graduate of the Collingswood High school and

had been a member of the swimming team of the school. He was a corporal in the N. J. National Guard in 1937 and entered the army in 1939.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant at Ft. Sill, Okla., Nov. 12, 1943, and was promoted to first lieutenant in the Field Artillery in December, 1943. He held a presidential citation and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He lived at 921 Lakeview avenue, Laurel Springs.

Surviving are his widow, Inez H., Fayetteville, N. C.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M., Laurel Springs; a daughter, Jeanette, and three brothers, Robert, Edward and Richard in the Navy on the USS Fechteler.



Returned from Blosville-Carentan France with the WW II Repatriation Program in 1948

*Buried at Beverly National Cemetery, Beverly, New Jersey
Plot: F 1584*

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David W. Schaffner 59-43

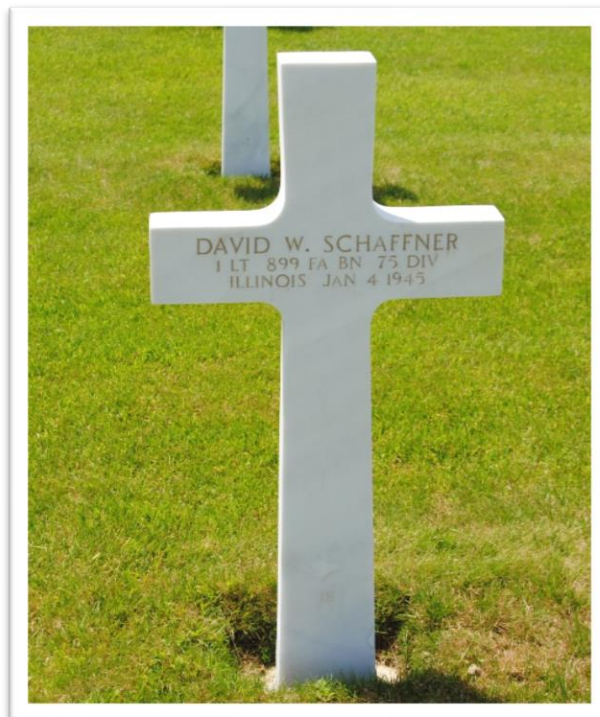
Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O-528833

**899th Field Artillery Battalion
75th Infantry Division**

**Entered the Service from: Illinois
Died: 4-January-1945
Buried at: Plot C Row 13 Grave 18
Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium**

Awards: Purple Heart



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War Department Files
2 LT Henry F. Scheuch
Class 56-43**

ID: O1179193

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Roger Mills County, OK
Status: KIA 1 Mar 1944**



Killed in action serving with Battery C, 10th Field Artillery Battalion, 3rd Division



Buried in Ellsworth Cemetery, Ellsworth, Kansas

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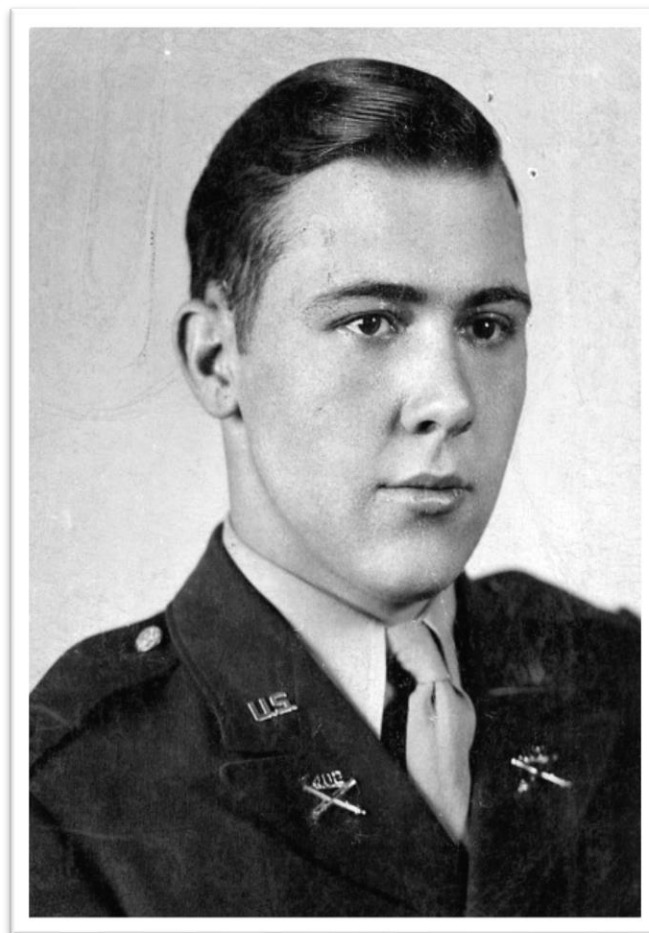
**2LT George Thomas Schleier
Class 63-43**

ID: O519223

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Houston, TX

Status: KIA 18 Nov 1944



George Thomas Schleier was born in Houston, Harris Co., Texas on 2 October 1922 the son of Erich E. Schleier, Sr. and Gertrude E. Stout.

Tommy attended Texas Agricultural & Mechanical College. After the United States entered World War II, Texas A&M was the first major U.S. college to go all-out on a twelve-month, three-semester schedule and the first to switch shops and laboratories to a 24-hour day. The four-year course was cut to two years, eight months.

The Aggies doubled military instruction and built an airport to train pilots, navigators and bombardiers. In addition, the College offered training to Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) Cadets, Army Air Corps, Navy radio specialists and Marine Corps trainees. Tommy was on the Board of Directors for the Economics Club, was a member of the Houston Club, and a 2nd lieutenant in his Cadet unit, Battery "H", in Field Artillery.

In the fall of 1942, the number of individual military units in the Cadet Corps hit an all-time high with a total of seven regiments of seventeen battalions comprising sixty companies, batteries, and troops, including the Band. The Cadet Corps at Texas A&M sent over 20,229 former cadets into World War II, 14,223 of them as commissioned officers, more than the combined totals of both military academies.

Tommy was a liberal arts major and member of the Aggies Class of 1943. He was inducted into the Army on 29 January 1943. Tommy was later promoted to corporal. He completed Officer Candidate Course #63 at Fort Sill Artillery School and was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant on 6 May 1943. He was married on 22 June 1944.

Tommy joined the Deuce-O-Deuce from the 71st Replacement Battalion and was assigned to Service Battery as a forward observer on 17 October 1944. He was killed near Harbouey, France, along with 1st Lieutenant Allen Hathaway, on the afternoon of 18 November 1944 when the L-4 Grasshopper observation and liaison aircraft they were 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. Tommy was 22 years old. Lt. Schleier was interred on 19 November 1944 in the U.S. Military Cemetery at Epinal, France.

His remains were later repatriated to the United States and interred in September 1948 in Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston, TX.

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1 LT Earl E. Schmidt

Class 31-42

ID: 01170551

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Clinton, IA

Status: KIA August 9, 1944



Killed in action serving with the 56th Field Artillery Battalion



Buried in Oakland Cemetery, Clinton, Iowa

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Richard R. Schmon 64-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O-514428

**313th Field Artillery Battalion
80th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Massachusetts

Died: 5- November-1944

**Memorialized at: Lorraine American Cemetery
St. Avold, France**



**Lieut. Richard
R. Schmon**

Lieut. Schmon Killed in Action

St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 12.—
Second Lieut. Richard Reynolds
Schmon, 23, former captain of the



Lieut. Richard
R. Schmon

Princeton Uni-
versity football
team, has been
killed in action
in France, his
parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Ar-
thur Albert
Schmon, were
notified today.

Schmon was
attached to
Headquarters
Battery, 313th
Field Artillery,
30th Division.

His parents received word last
month that he had been missing
in action since Nov. 5. The second
message carried definite news of
his death.

Schmon was graduated from
Bishop Ridley College, St. Cath-
arines, and then attended Prince-
ton, where he played end on the
football team and was its captain
in 1943, his senior year. He was
also Captain Adjutant of the R. O.
T. C. at the university. His father
is president of the Ontario Paper
Co.

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Daniel C. Schnebly, Jr. 83-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O-528833

**26th Field Artillery Battalion
9th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: New Jersey

Died: 27-February-1945

Buried at: Plot D Row 10 Grave 5

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Awards: Purple Heart

Lieutenant Schnebly was graduated from the New Castle High School, Mercersburg Academy and Princeton University in 1943. He left immediately following graduation for Fort Sill, where he received further training in Artillery. In September of 1944 he was sent overseas and served as a forward observer with the Artillery. In October 1944 he was seriously wounded and was a patient in an English hospital until February 1945, when he returned to active combat duty. Word received by his mother from the War Department stated he was killed in Germany on February 27th.





George W. Schoeneck 69-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1183182

**463d Field Artillery Battalion
101st Airborne Division**

Entered the Service from: Arkansas

Died: 16-Jan-1945

**Buried at: Plot D Row 8 Grave 14
Luxembourg American Cemetery
Luxembourg City, Luxembourg**

Awards: Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters

1LT Schoeneck was piloting an L-4 observation plane observing the battles for Bourcy and Rachamps with 2LT Jack S. Terry (FA OCS Class 24-42) serving as an aerial observer looking for enemy tanks and hidden artillery positions. They were reportedly shot down when the plane ran into the path of a friendly artillery shell while flying in support of the 327th Glider Infantry Regiment.



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2 LT Edward J. Schubert
Class 53-43

ID: O1178322

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

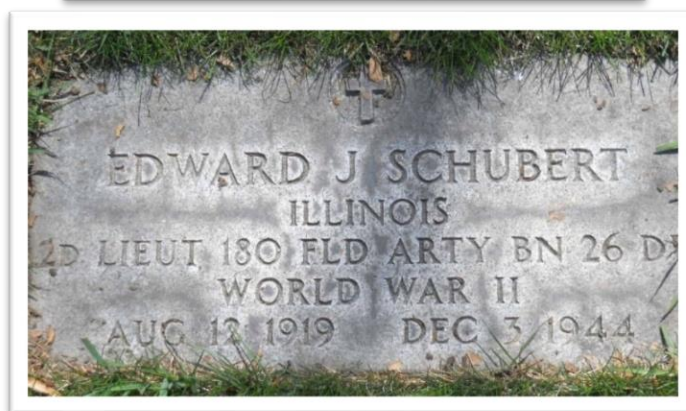
Hometown: Cook County, IL

Status: KIA December 3, 1944



Killed in action serving with Service Battery, 180th Field Artillery Battalion, 26th Division

L T. EDWARD J. SCHUBERT, 25, was killed in action in France, Dec. 3, his widow, Loretta, of 118 W. 104th st., has been notified. He served in the field artillery and had been overseas since September. His mother, Mrs. Anna K. Schubert, lives at 2633 W. 90th st. A memorial mass will be said Tuesday at 9 a. m. in the Holy Redeemer church, 95th st. and Millard av., Evergreen Park, and in St. Nicholas' church, 113th and State sts., Thursday at 9:30 a. m.



Buried in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Creigree Park, Illinois

**National Archives & Records Administration
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CAPT Victor H. Schulte

Class 48-43

ID: 01176502

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Hillsdale, MI

Status: DNB 9 Dec 1944



Served with the 273rd Field Artillery Battalion of the Third Army. Lost his life when a command car, in which he was riding, went off a blown-out bridge under blackout conditions near Nancy, France.



June 10, 1945 LINCOLN SUNDAY JOURNAL AND STAR:

American Lutheran Church, 24th and U, will hold a memorial service Sunday in honor of Capt. Victor H. Schulte who was killed in France last Dec. 9. He was buried in a military cemetery in Lorraine, France. Captain Schulte, a 1933 graduate of Lincoln high school, went overseas in June 1944. At the time of his death he was reconnaissance and intelligence officer with the 273rd field artillery battalion assigned to the Third army. He was engaged in newspaper work in Nebraska, South Dakota and Michigan, prior to entering the service in June 1941. In January 1942 he was graduated from the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill and was promoted to first lieutenant in June the following year, while stationed at Camp Bale, Calif. He received his captaincy in June 1944, shortly before going overseas.



***Buried in Wyuka Cemetery, Lincoln, Nebraska
Plot: Sec-24SC Sp-231***



Harry A. Sears

53-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1178327

**263rd Field Artillery Battalion
26th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Massachusetts

Died: 17-Mar-1945

Buried at: Plot F Row 10 Grave 2

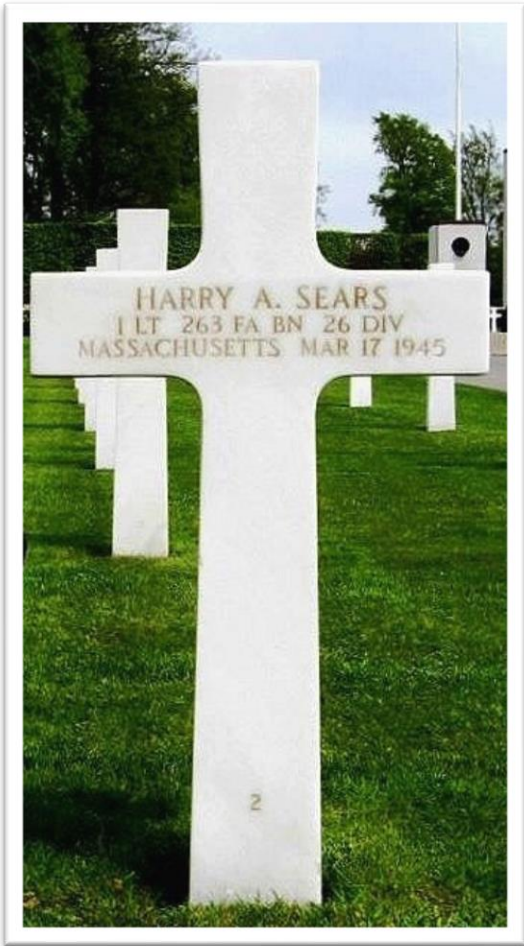
Luxembourg American Cemetery

Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

Awards: Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster



Lieut. Harry A. Sears



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MAJ Franklin C. Seiler

Class 5-42

ID: 0-453954

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Oktibbeha County, MS

Status: KIA March 27, 1945



Killed in action serving with the 334th Field Artillery Battalion, 87th Division

From Bracketing the Enemy: *Forward Observers in World War II* by John R. Walker:

“On March 27 Maj. Franklin C. Seiler and Capt. Joseph G. Mobley were killed when their jeep struck a mine near Buchelborn, Germany, as they performed reconnaissance duty. Cpl. Rayford Willis and Pvt. John Perkinson, also in the vehicle, were seriously injured.”

Buried in Lakewood Park Cemetery, Rocky River, Ohio

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2 LT Eli Selikoff

Class 30-42

ID: 01170186

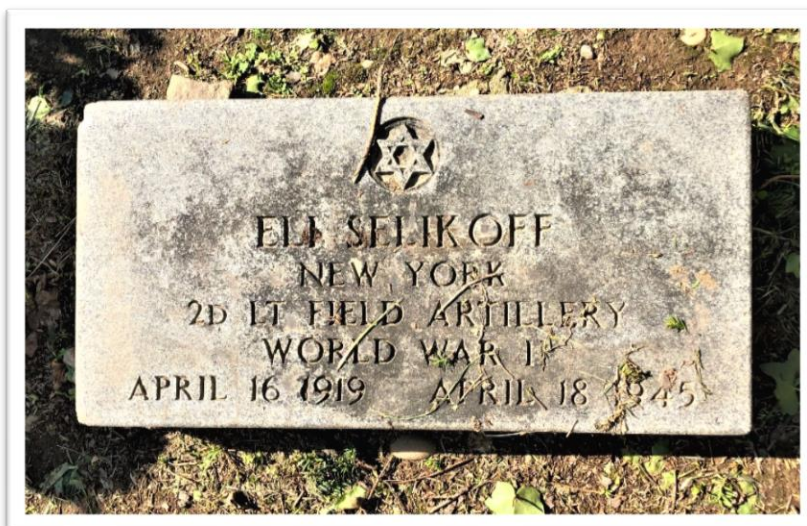
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Bronx County, NY

Status: DOW 18 Apr 1945



**Died of wounds received at Niederzwehereh, Germany serving with
Battery B, 314th Field Artillery Battalion, 80th Infantry Division**



Buried in Mount Hebron Cemetery, Flushing, New York

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) Eli Selikoff (ASN: 0-1170186), United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with the 314th Field Artillery Battalion, 80th Infantry Division, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 2 April 1945 in Germany. In the attack on Niederzwehereh, Germany, on 2 April 1945, Lieutenant Selikoff, an artillery forward observer, was attached to an infantry company. When darkness made artillery observation impossible, Lieutenant Selikoff voluntarily led a rifle platoon in an attack after the platoon leader had been wounded. During the course of the attack he reorganized an adjacent platoon whose leader was also a casualty and combining the personnel led two platoons until later that day he was evacuated with wounds from which he later died. The bravery, initiative, courageous leadership, and supreme devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Selikoff were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.

**General Orders: Headquarters, 80th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 136
(May 25, 1945)**



John R. Sellers

36-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1172649

633rd Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Massachusetts

Died: 18-Apr-1944

Buried at: Plot G Row 2 Grave 20

Sicily-Rome American Cemetery

Nettuno, Italy

Awards: Purple Heart

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2LT Samuel F. Semo, Jr.

Class 58-43

ID: 01180042

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Dallas, TX

Status: DNB May 21, 1943



2LT Semo graduated from OCS on April 1, 1943 and was assigned to the Field Artillery School for duty with the Department of Air Training. His death was caused by mid-air crash with another airplane during liaison pilot training. The crash occurred 6 miles east of Sanger, Texas. 2LT Eugene Frederick Holmes (FA OCS Class 51-43) 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.

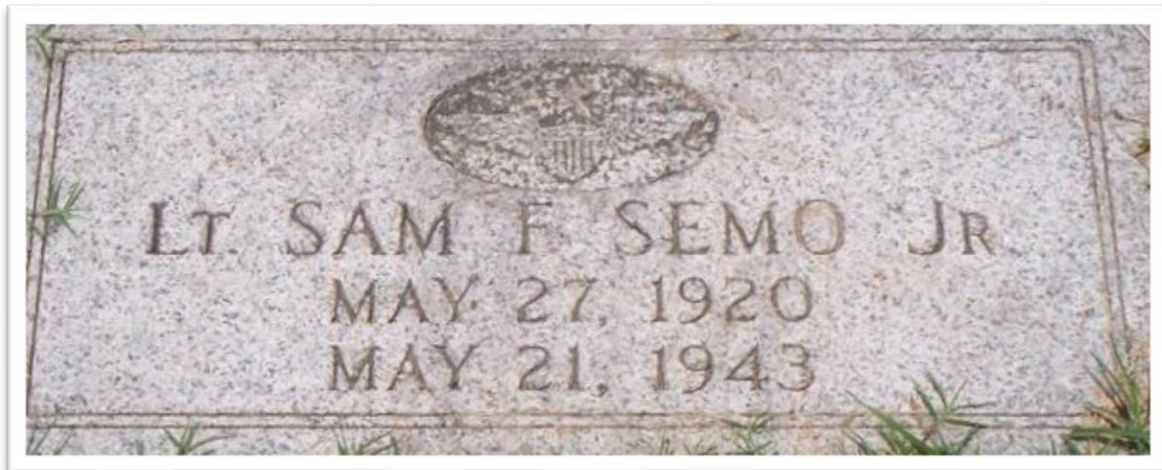
The crash occurred in the air near the auxiliary field north of Denton and took the lives of two student officers and a civilian flight instructor.

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 Forest Park Cemetery, Houston, Texas

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

**2 LT James Semple
Class 80-43**

ID: 01185132

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Dade County, FL

Status: KIA 23 Dec 1944



Battery C, 589th Field Artillery Battalion, 106th Infantry Division was involved in a 5-day WW II battle at the end of December 1944 at Baraque de Fraiture, Belgium, a place later known as Parker's Crossroads. 2LT Semple and others were captured and held as a POW's in the Limburg camp in Germany. He was killed when the camp was bombed.

Semple Rites To Be Saturday

Funeral services for Second Lt. James Semple, Miami soldier killed during an air raid while a prisoner in Limburg, Germany Dec. 23, 1944, will be held in the Combs funeral chapel at 2 p. m. Saturday.

The Rev. J. H. Haldeman will officiate at the services and burial will be in Southern Memorial cemetery, with the Dade County Guard of Honor as an escort.

Prior to entering the Army Lt. Semple, who lived at 161 NW 52nd st., had been an executive of the Renuart Lumber co seven years.

He leaves his father, Henry Semple, and a sister, Mrs. Janice Cassady.

The Miami (Florida) News May 26, 1949



Buried in Drake Cemetery, Drake, North Dakota

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Richard N. Seymour
Class 59-43

ID: O1180333

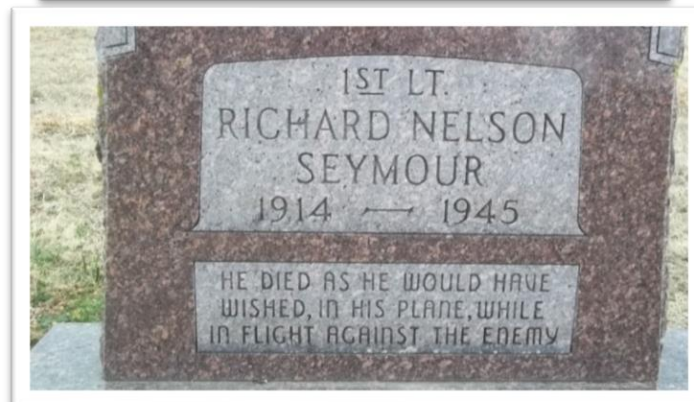
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Cleveland County, OK

Status: KIA January 1945



LIEUT. RICHARD N. SEYMOUR
CKMULGEE, Aug. 18—Services for
Licut. Richard N. Seymour, former
Ckmulgee resident who was killed in
combat near Bastogne, Belgium, early
in 1945, will be Saturday afternoon
in the Davis funeral home here. Re-
burial will be in the Beggs cemetery.
Seymour entered the army in 1940
at Fort Sill. Trained as a liaison
pilot, he went overseas in September,
1944. He served with the famed Third
army until his death.



Buried in Beggs Cemetery, Beggs, Oklahoma

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

2 LT Forrest D. Sharpe, Jr.

Class 85-43

ID: 0-531595

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Caddo Parish, LA

Status: KIA 20 Jul 1945



Killed in action while serving with Battery A, 462nd Parachute Field Artillery Battalion



Buried in Forest Park Cemetery, Shreveport, Louisiana

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT John O. Sharp

Class 30-42

ID: O1170189

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Bingham County, ID

Status: KIA March 4, 1945



**Killed in action serving with the Reconnaissance Company,
773rd Tank Destroyer Battalion.**



Capt. George I. Blomquist the Battalion S-3 officer stands on left with Lt. John O. Sharp, center and Lt. Thomas M. Michaels on right, both of Recon Company. The location is probably the battalion Command Post

4 March 1945

Bn Hqs (Fwd CP) moved from bivouac area in woods at 1130 hours closing in at 1200 hours in HOUFF. At 1645 hours continued move and closed into GIESDORF (L067104) at 1745 hours. Total distance travelled 13 miles. Hqs Co. - Co. moved from NEIDINGEN closing in bivouac area (945798) by 1300 hours. Ron Co. - At 0001, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pltns and Fwd CP in HEISDORF (068714). At 0445 pltns left with atchd units two TDS of C Co., 1 section Engineers, 1 pltn of light tanks and FO and moved to SCHONLCKEN. At 0602 moved to take objective A (127734). Objective taken by 0712, after meeting light artillery, mortar and Nebelwerfer fire. Moved onto take objective B but ran into direct fire at 152735, coming from vicinity of CR at 154727. Plan changed and force withdrew to a proach on road running East. Road block encountered at 147724 temporarily halting advancing body. Advance elements reported gun at 154727 still in position to harass column. Force joined K Co., 359th Inf. and prepared to jump off in the morning. A Co. - CP, NEIDERHERSDORF. 1st pltn moved in support of 3rd Bn, 357th to L14007795. At 1800, moved to L140707625 and remained in this position of roadblock. At 1745, 2nd pltn moved in support of 2nd Bn, 357th to KOPP (18007600) and took up positions there. 3rd pltn moved in support of 1st Bn, 357th Inf. to NEIDERHERSDORF at 0630, and at 1745 moved to KOPP (18007600) Rear CP moved to NEIDERLAUCH closing in at 1500 hours. Lt. John O. Sharp was killed and T/Sgt Lupo injured when the 1/4-ton vehicle in which they were riding struck a mine. Sgt Turner and Cpl Salvaggio were injured while they were trying to evacuate Sgt Lupo, when their 1/4-ton struck a mine. Both vehicles had driven over a number of mines without detonating them. B Co. - No change. Co. remained in reserve with 358th Infantry. C Co. - CP, SEIWERATH (L118728). 1st pltn atchd to 3rd Bn, 3rd pltn atchd to 2nd Bn. 1st pltn advanced to 152720, and 3rd pltn advanced to SCHARTZBERG without incident. 1st section, 2nd pltn atchd to TF Dye advanced to and remained at objective F; further advance impossible due to heavy roadblock at 146695. 2nd section, 2nd pltn atchd to TF Kelly, which has been meeting resistance, gave some supporting fire in the days advance. 1st section located at 153724, 2nd section NEUSTRAUSBURG. Weather, cold, cloudy and light snow.



Buried in Morris Hill Cemetery, Boise, Idaho

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THE WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL



Charles L. Sharrer 45-42

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1175573

**133rd Field Artillery Battalion
36th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Maryland

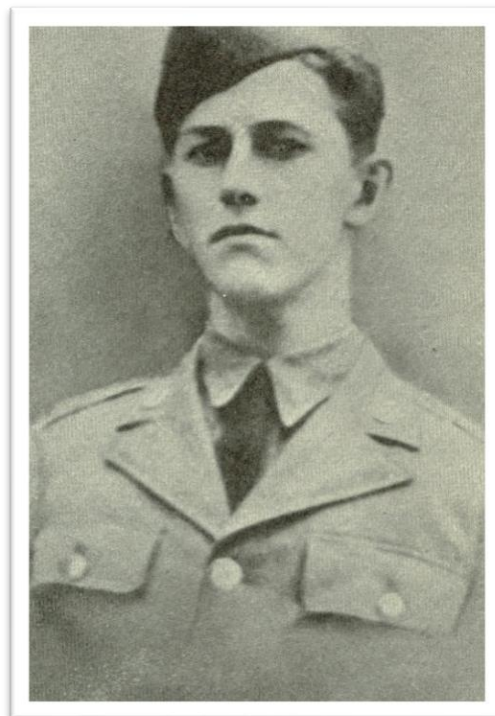
Died: 12-Feb-1944

Buried at: Plot A Row 13 Grave 30

Sicily-Rome American Cemetery

Nettuno, Italy

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart



He was the pilot of a "grasshopper" plane used in spotting artillery fire and was killed in action in Italy. He enlisted May 1940, was in Pearl Harbor, HI during the Japanese attack and sent to Officer's training at Fort Sill, OK in Sept 1942. He then received flight training at Hart Flying School, Texas.

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Charles L. Sharrer, 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.

From the News, Frederick, MD, September 29, 1944:

The War Department announced the posthumous award of the Silver Star to Second Lt. Charles L. Sharrer, son of Mr. And Mrs. Charles L. Sharrer, near Emmitsburg, who was reported killed in action in Italy last February 12. Lt. Sharrer was killed in action while acting as artillery forward observer in Italy, his wife, Mrs. Marie Sharrer has been informed.

The citation said Lieut. Sharrer directed accurate fire on numerous enemy gun positions from his exposed observation post all day and the following morning put his radio in operation under a heavy artillery barrage. He continued directing artillery in a furious enemy attack which followed and tirelessly transmitted his orders until a direct hit upon his position killed him.

Silver Star award action described in the Field Artillery Journal:

2D LT. CHARLES L. SCHARRER, for skillfully judging and occupying positions on a hill in action in Italy, on 11 Feb 44. He then moved across the rugged terrain to his OP, which was exposed to the shelling of artillery and mortars, and directed accurate fire on numerous enemy gun positions, knocking them out. He disdained personal security in the face of tremendous enemy fire and tirelessly transmitted his orders until a direct hit upon his position killed him. His magnificent courage, calmness under fire, and devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his acts.

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

1 LT Kenneth R. Shaw

Class 41-42

ID: O1174434

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Northumberland County, PA

Status: KIA December 27, 1944



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

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Richard F. Shay
Class 32-42

ID: O1170976

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Cook County, IL

Status: KIA July 30, 1944



Killed in action in France.

Returned for interment in Mount Carmel Cemetery, Hillside, Illinois in 1948

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT James J. Shea

Class 29-42

ID: O1169734

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Kings County, NY

Status: FOD 21 Jul 1944



He was a crewmember on an aircraft that was attacked by German Fighter planes 30 miles northwest of Salzburg at 10:30 am on July 21, 1944. Five minutes later, the plane was reported still under control. It is reported that the crew was ordered to bail out, as the radio room was on fire and two engines were damaged. Only one man from the crew of 10 returned. The crew was first reported missing in action and later presumed dead.



Returned from an overseas group burial in 1950. Buried in same grave with 1LT James E. Wagner, T/Sgt John W. Wick, 2LT David Robins, S/Sgt James Lutterbach, 2LT Herbert N. Johnson and S/Sgt John Black Jr.

*Buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Saint Louis, Missouri
Plot: 84 302-404*

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

2LT Cecil C. Sheegog

Class 56-43

ID: 01179202

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Garvin County, OK
Status: DNB November 27, 1943



He died in an aviation training accident near Fort Sill



Buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma

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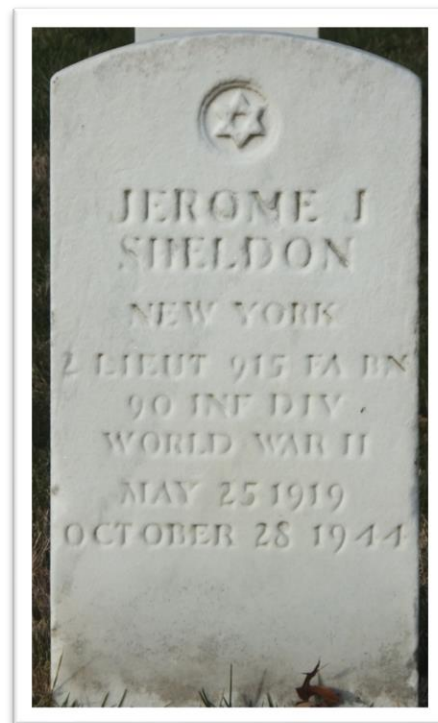
**2 LT Jerome J. Sheldon
Class 74-43**

ID: O1184146

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Kings County, NY
Status: KIA October 28, 1944**



**Killed in action serving with Battery C, 915th Field Artillery Battalion,
90th Infantry Division**

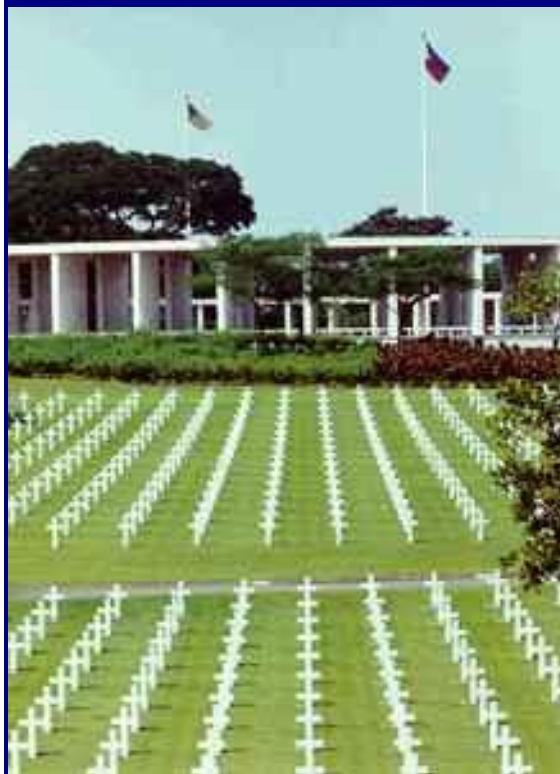


**Returned with WW II Deceased Program from Andilly-Lay St. Remy France
*Buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia Section 12 Lot 8296***

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Artemas J. Shell 18-42

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # 1165957

465th Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Arkansas

Died: 25-Oct-1944

Missing in Action or Buried at Sea

Tablets of the Missing at Manila American
Cemetery

Manila, Philippines

Awards: Purple Heart

He was serving with or attached to Composite Squadron 65 (VC65) and on board the USS *St. Lo*, formerly known as *Midway*, which had a short life of only one year during World War II. It was the first ship to be sunk by a Kamikaze. Of the 889 men aboard, 113 were killed or missing and approximately 30 others died of their wounds

One Mitsubishi A6M2 Zero crashed into the flight deck of *St. Lo* at 10:51 am. Its bomb penetrated the flight deck and exploded on the port side of the hangar deck, where aircraft were in the process of being refueled and rearmed. A gasoline fire erupted, followed by six secondary explosions, including detonations of the ship's torpedo and bomb magazine. *St. Lo* was engulfed in flame and sank 30 minutes later.

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1LT Robert G. Shelton

Class 33-42

ID: 01171352

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Sunflower County, MS

Status: DNB December 17, 1943



Died in an automobile accident at Camp Maxey, Texas



Buried in Lehrton Cemetery, Ruleville, Mississippi



John A. Sherman 53-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1178336

667th Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Wisconsin

Died: 15-Feb-1945

Buried at: Plot C Row 1 Grave 14

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Awards: Purple Heart





John M. Sherry **59-43**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1180334

**907th Glider Field Artillery Battalion
101st Airborne Division**

Entered the Service from: Ohio

Died: 24-Sep-1944

Buried at: Plot J Row 17 Grave 4

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

Awards: Air Medal, Purple Heart

Hometown: Lucas County, OH

1LT Sherry died when the liaison plane he was flying was brought down by enemy small arms fire



Eyewitness report of the crash:

Anyway about that airplane you said was shot down that Piper Cub. I saw the thing flying over and he seemed awful low to the trees. There are a lot of trees there; these weren't open meadows right around us at this place; kind of a wood sparse like thing. And this highway that we speak of was built up with real deep ditches on each side, maybe 10 or 12-15 feet deep on each side. As you probably know Southern Holland is very low and marshy and of course, you got to have the mud... mud goes with war!

Anyway, I saw this plane dip down into these trees, but some ways off and some smoke going up. So, I got hold of Lt Blake, because he was someone you could talk to and I pointed it out to him and told him what I'd seen.

So we got together a little group there, I think it was a guy named Toucksberry and no doubt Henry Keith. Anyway 4 or 5 of us with Lt. Blake in the lead. We go down in the ditches and what not, make it over to these woods, and finally from the smoke and what not we carefully make our way up to this plane that had crashed. It was probably one of the most gruesome sites that I saw in the whole war, and I saw quite a few. These guys were in a plane that had come down head first through these trees. They were still buckled in their seats, the flames were actually melting... you could see the skin rolling and boiling into a liquid and rolling down their arms. It was really horrible thing but there was nothing we could do for either one as they were already gone. That was one episode that day.



Remains of Lt. Sherry's liaison plane which was brought down by enemy small arms.



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2 LT Ray W. Shively

Class 64-43

ID: O1182001

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Status: KIA December 22, 1944



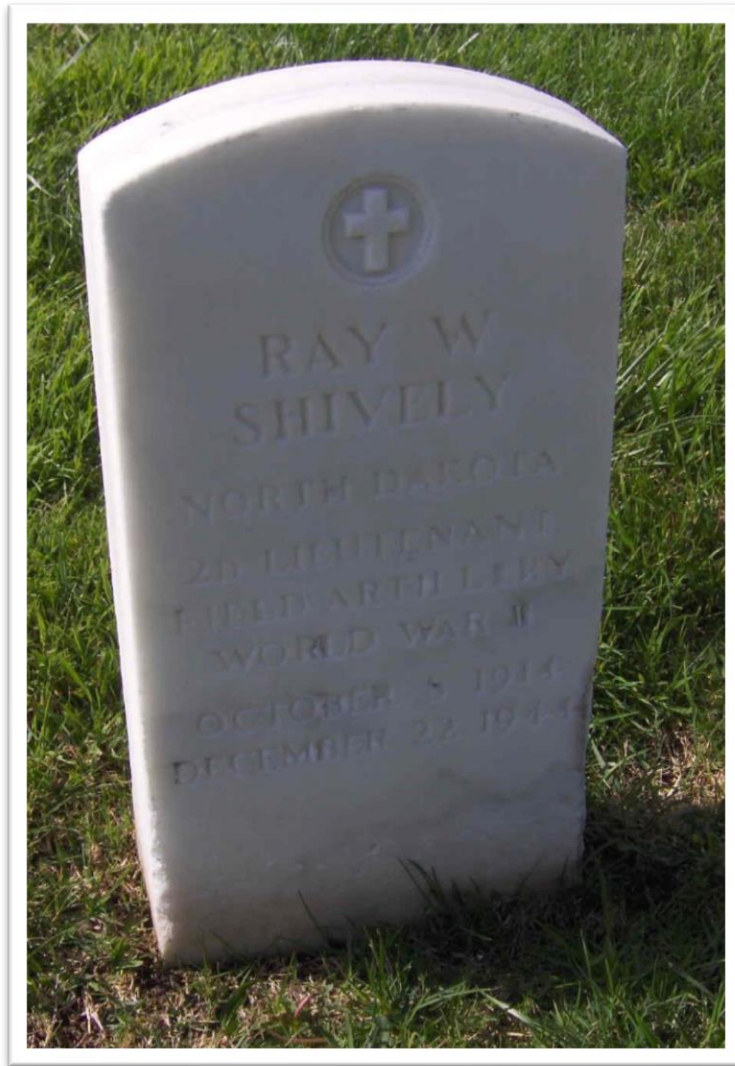
Killed in action serving with the 434th Armored Field Artillery Battalion

Silver Star



The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Silver Star (Posthumously) to Second Lieutenant (Field Artillery) Ray W. Shively (ASN: 0-1182001), United States Army, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 434th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Armored Division, in action in Belgium, on 21 and 22 December 1944. Second Lieutenant Shively's gallant actions and dedicated devotion to duty, without regard for his own life, were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

General Orders: Headquarters, 7th Armored Division, General Orders No. 6
(January 5, 1945)



*Disinterred from Foy-Bastogne, Belgium U.S. Military Cemetery
for interment in Fort Rosencrans National Cemetery, San Diego, California
Plot: H, 440*



Stonewall J. Shows 86-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O-535038

**44th Field Artillery Battalion
4th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Alabama

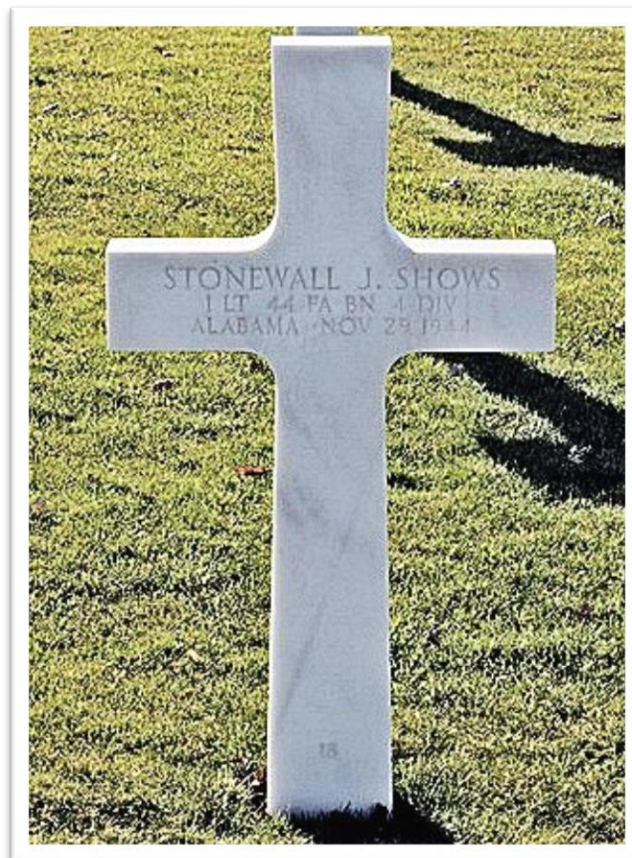
Died: 29-November-1944

Buried at: Plot A Row 20 Grave 18

Ardennes American Cemetery

Neupre, Belgium

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart



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2LT Ralph Shutts

Class 61-43

ID: 01181130

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Hillsdale, NY

Status: DNB June 7, 1943



2LT Shutts graduated from OCS on April 23, 1943 and was assigned to the 31st Infantry Division. He was fatally injured while on night maneuvers at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Buried in Hillsdale Rural Cemetery, Hillsdale, New York

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Bernard S. Siegel

Class 23-42

ID: O1167220

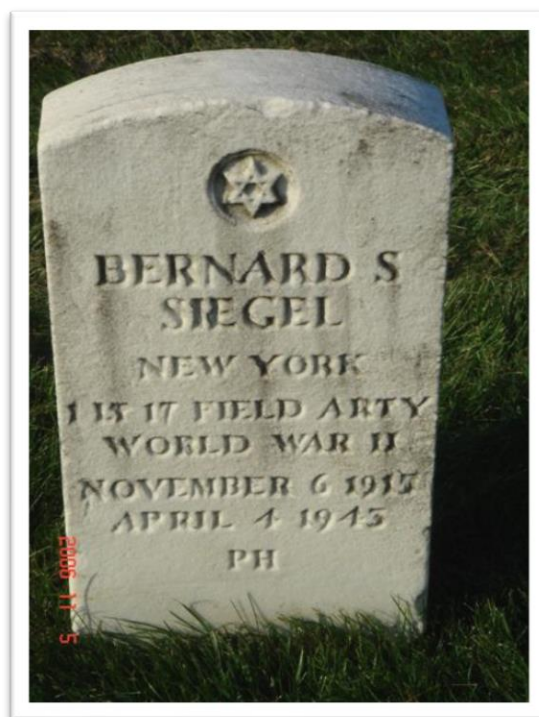
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Orange County, NY

Status: KIA 4 Apr 1943

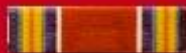


Killed in action serving with the 17th Field Artillery Battalion



*WW II Deceased returned from Gafsa (Tunisia)
Buried at Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, Long Island, New York
Section H: Site 8332*

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Maurice D. Silverman 15-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1165568

752nd Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: New York

Died: 1-Mar-1945

Buried at: Plot G Row 7 Grave 26

Luxembourg American Cemetery

Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

Awards: Purple Heart

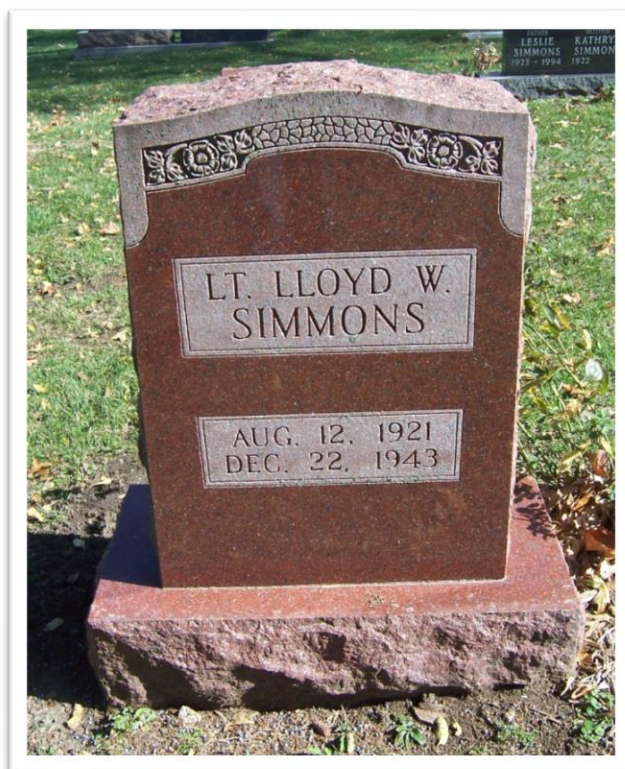
National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
2LT Lloyd W. Simmons
Class 52-43

ID: 01177977

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Monroe County, IA
Status: DNB December 22, 1943



Died serving with the 387th Field Artillery Battalion, 104th Infantry Division



Buried in Oakview Cemetery, Albia, Iowa

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Harry J. Simon

Class 39-42

ID: O1173779

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Kane County, IL

Status: KIA 15 Jun 1944



Killed in action serving with the 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division



Buried in Telzer Uterstizungs Verein Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois



John W. Simonson 15-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1165569

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

Entered the Service from: Illinois

Died: 11-Feb-1945

Buried at: Plot B Row 3 Grave 25

Luxembourg American Cemetery

Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

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



LT. JOHN W. SIMONSON

Award of Bronze Star Is Made to John W. Simonson

Lt. John W. Simonson, son of Mr and Mrs Devore N. Simonson, 3739 Twelfth street, Rock Island, has been awarded the Bronze Star "for heroic service in France during the period Aug. 6 to Nov. 15, 1944." Lt. Simonson has been with the 80th Division, a part of General Patton's Third army, since landing in France in July. The 80th Division is now fighting near Bastogne, Belgium.

The citation received by his parents reads, "Lt. Simonson distinguished himself by his service as an artillery forward observer. He has performed his duties in a superior manner by his skill and devotion to duty in placing artillery fire where most needed... He has worked continuously, going without necessary food and rest on numerous occasions and has directed artillery missions while under constant enemy fire. His outstanding devotion to duty, bravery, tactical ability, and efficiency have been an inspiration to all who have witnessed his deeds, and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States."

Entering the service in July, 1941, Lt. Simonson trained at Ft. Bragg, N. C., and received his commission in the Field Artillery at Ft. Sill, Okla., in 1942.

Lt. John W. Simonson of Rock Island Killed in Action in Germany Feb. 11; Had Received Medals for His Service

Mr and Mrs Devore N. Simonson, 3739 Twelfth street, Rock Island, received word yesterday that their eldest son, First Lt. John W. Simonson, was killed in action in Germany Feb. 11.

Lt. Simonson was awarded the bronze star medal for heroic service in France as a forward artillery observer from Aug. 6 to Nov. 15, 1944, and he received the air medal for meritorious achievement with the 314th F. A. Battalion in France from Nov. 15 to Dec. 8 as an aerial artillery observer. He was again acting as ground forward observer since Feb. 1.

Inducted in 1941

Lt. Simonson was inducted into the army in July, 1941, and received his basic training at Fort Bragg, N. C. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the field artillery after completing the officers' training course at Fort Sill, Okla., in June, 1942. He was then assigned to the 80th division with which he had served since. His promotion to first lieutenant took place in January, 1943.

Lt. Simonson was sent overseas in July, 1944, and landed in France in early August, joining Lt. Gen. George Patton's Third army.

Born in Rock Island

John Wyckoff Simonson was born in Rock Island Sept. 23, 1918. He attended Edison school and prepared for college at Los Alamos ranch school, Santa Fe, N. M., and Lake Forest academy, from which he was graduated in 1937. While at Lake Forest he was editor-in-chief of the school paper and a member of the Cum Laude scholastic honor society.



LT. JOHN W. SIMONSON

He attended Amherst college, Amherst, Mass., where he was a member of Chi Psi fraternity and where he was graduated in June, 1941.

On Nov. 8, 1942, Lt. Simonson married Margaret Query Barringer of Lynchburg, Va.

Surviving are the widow; a nine-months-old daughter, Ann Barringer Simonson; his parents, Mr and Mrs Devore N. Simonson, his twin sister and brother, Mrs Margaret S. Ramsey, at home, and Pvt. David F. Simonson, serving with the 83rd infantry division in Germany, and his maternal grandmother, Mrs C. A. Ficke ofavenport.



Thomas M. Skelly 37-42

Major, U.S. Army

Service # O1173078

252nd Field Artillery Group

Entered the Service from: Delaware

Died: 11-Mar-1945

Buried at: Plot O Row 5 Grave 2

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

Awards: Purple Heart

Hometown: New Castle County, DE



Capt. Thomas McFarland Skelly, 31, husband of Mrs. Anne Layton Skelly of DuPont Road, Westover Hills, air observer for the headquarters unit of a field artillery group with the Ninth Army in Germany, died March 11 from wounds, according to a War Department telegram received by his wife.



Original Grave Marker

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Hiram C. Skogmo 1-41

Captain, U.S. Army Air Forces

Service # O-450120

**568th Bomber Squadron
390th Bomber Group, Heavy**

Entered the Service from: Wisconsin

Died: 11-December-1943

Buried at: Plot D Row 15 Grave 4

Ardennes American Cemetery

Neupre, Belgium

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



He was co-pilot of a B-17G Bomber shot down over the North Sea, Germany



Eyewitness Report:

The a/c was shot down by an Bf 110G-2 of ZG 26 with a rocket over North Sea, Germany.

Andrew Anzanos 390th BG, 570th Sqd, Top Turret/Flight Engineer: "I was on that mission on Dec. 11 1943 and had a close-up view as the a/c with wing on fire went by us and the copilot was climbing out on the wing through the copilot's window !! It turned out that it was Major Hansel the Command Pilot who did not survive. It looked like he was trying to reach back in for his chest chute when he lost his grip. They were the lead ship. The a/c kept drifting back and blew up out of my sight. I had never heard of before or since of an escape through the side pilot's windows."

From Air Battle over the Netherlands by Ab. A. Jenson:

At landfall in, the first two boxes of the 3rd Bomb Division, led by the 390th Bomb Group, were attacked by six twin engine planes that dived out of the sun and concentrated on the 390th's lead plane. "It was a frontal attack," the Group history reports, "which knocked out the lead ship and swept through the lead squadron. Before the deputy lead could reassemble the formation, 30 single engine fighters joined the battle and shot down 4 other Fortresses."

The lead plane - probably "Six Nights in Telergma" piloted by Capt. Hiram C. Skogmo - carried 11 men that day, including the strike leader, Major Ralph V. Hansel, Group Operations Officer of the 390th. Crew assignments had been altered slightly. Major Hansel rode as co-pilot, while Lt. W. Poythress, Jr. was in the tail gunner's position in order to observe the following groups. The Group Navigator, Capt. Donald S. Warren, was an eleventh man. He was with Capt. Irving R. Lifson, the Squadron Navigator, in the nose, giving the lead plane two navigators.

It was still over the North Sea that this plane was attacked by enemy fighters and shot down. Only three men survived: Capt. Warren, Capt. Lifson and T/Sgt. E. Phillips, the top turret gunner. Capts. Lifson and Warren landed by parachute on the German island of Nordersey, and Phillips came down in the water nearby. The three were captured and spent the rest of the war in a POW camp.

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From interrogation of crew of 1st Lt Perry V. Row, O-740935 -

Saw 330 leave formation right over target - losing altitude - about 15 chutes in the vicinity, 4 believed to be from 330.

From interrogation of crew of 1st Lt Hiram C. Skogmo, O-450120 -

Capt Pedersen lost No. 2 engine over target - out of formation - lost control rapidly.

From interrogation of crew of 1st Lt Robert G. Stutzman, O-798608 -

Over target flak knocked out 2 engines on 330.

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William J. Slayline 61-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1181134

**374th Field Artillery Battalion
100th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Kentucky

Died: 4-Apr-1945

Buried at: Plot A Row 21 Grave 20

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
1 LT John M. Sluzevich
Class 32-42**

ID: O1170984

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Schuylkill County, PA
Status: KIA October 9, 1944**



**Killed in action serving with C Battery, 377th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion
101st Airborne Division in Holland**



Buried in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Mahanoy, Pennsylvania

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Clarence G. Smith 77-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1184585

**313th Field Artillery Battalion
80th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Arkansas

Died: 19-Nov-1945

Buried at: Plot C Row 7 Grave 85

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

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2 LT Duane L. Smith

Class 51-43

ID: 01177639

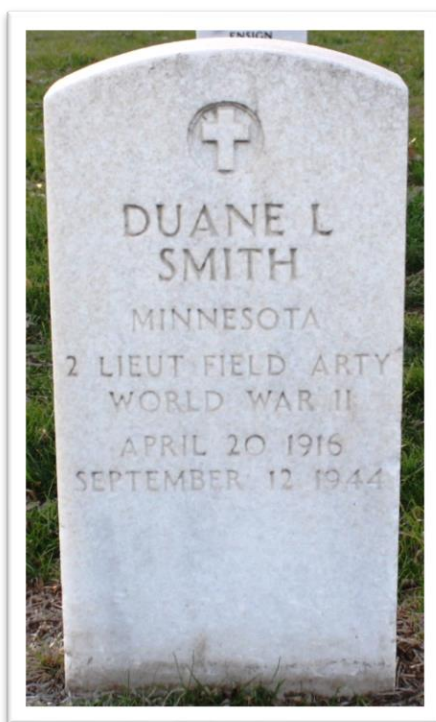
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Hennepin County, MN

Status: KIA 12 Sep 1944



WW II Deceased returned from Draguignan-St. Raphael, France in 1948



*Buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, South Minneapolis, Minnesota
Section B: Site 330-N*

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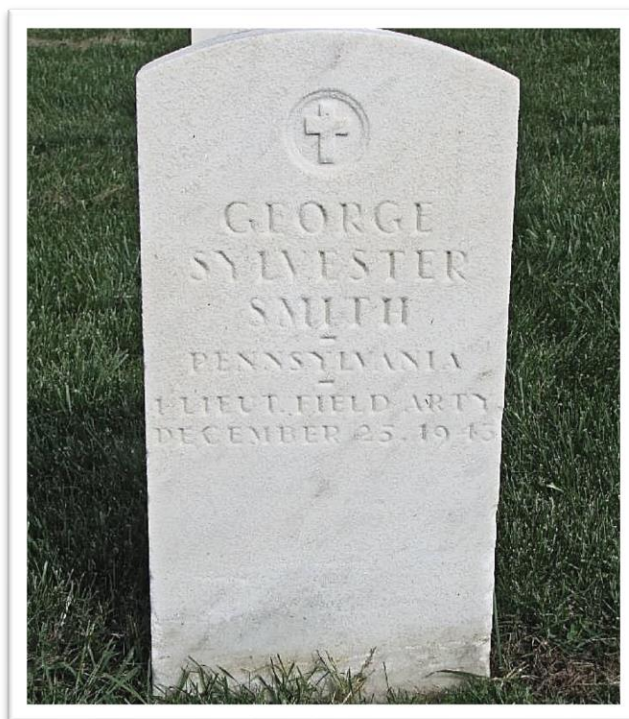
**1LT George Sylvester Smith
Class 29-42**

ID: 01169743

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Philadelphia County, PA
Status: DNB December 25, 1943**



Died at Fort Sill, Oklahoma serving with Battery A, 945th Field Artillery Battalion



Buried in Philadelphia National Cemetery

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Joe J. Smith

Class 76-43

ID: 0-522635

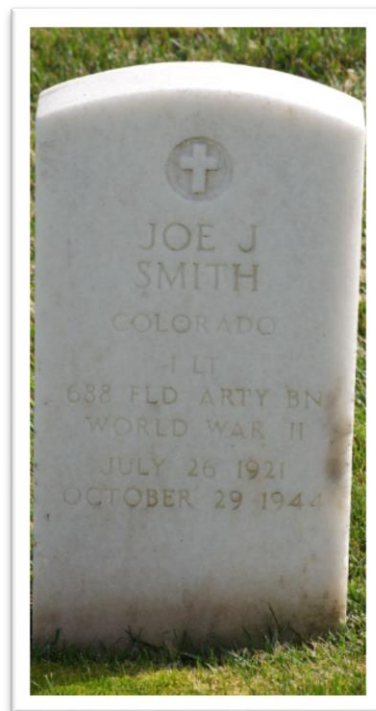
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Mesa County, CO

Status: DNB 29 Oct 1944



Died while serving with Headquarters Battery, 688th Field Artillery Battalion



WW II Deceased returned from St. James-Avranches, France in 1948

*Buried at Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California
Section C: Site 697*

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

2 LT James P. Smith

Class 112-44

ID: 01185775

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Decatur County, GA
Status: DOW March 20, 1945**



Died of wounds serving with Battery A, 121st Field Artillery Battalion



Buried in East View Cemetery, East Atlanta, Georgia

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

**2 LT Ralph C. Smith
Class 42-42**

ID: O1174714

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Grant County, IN

Status: KIA 30 Apr 1945



Killed in action serving with the 389th Bomb Squadron, 312th Bomb Group



Reinterment from USAF Cemetery Manila No. 2 in 1949

Buried in New Albany National Cemetery, New Albany, Indiana Plot: G 93



Lewis R. Soffer **43-42**

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # O1174980

**Headquarters
406th Field Artillery Group**

Entered the Service from: New York

Died: 16-Apr-1945

**Buried at: Plot B Row 1 Grave 2
Netherlands American Cemetery
Margraten, Netherlands**

Awards: Silver Star, Air Medal, Purple Heart

Hometown: Middlesex County, CT

AN M12 BATTALION IN COMBAT By Lt. Lewis R. Soffer, FA
was Published in *Field Artillery Journal* - January, 1945.

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Lewis R. Soffer, 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 406th Field Artillery Group during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, V Corps, General Orders No. 49 (1945)



National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

CAPT Otto G. Solberg

Class 38-42

ID: 01173465

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Murray County, MN

Status: KIA December 21, 1944

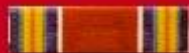


Killed in action serving with the 969th Field Artillery Battalion

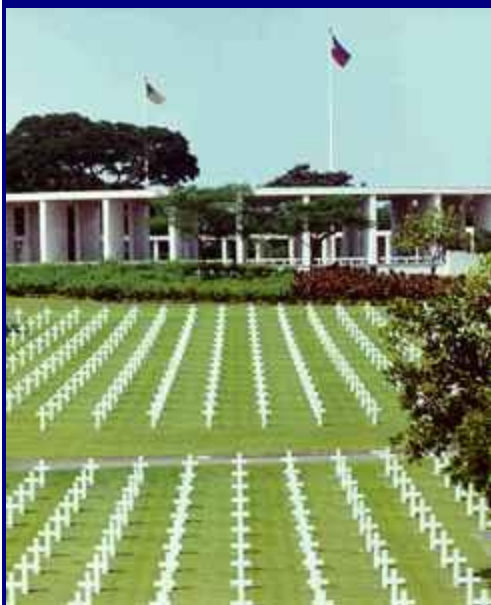


Buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Milaca, Minnesota

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THE WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL



Frank Solominsky 52-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1177987

Transportation Corps

Entered the Service from: Pennsylvania

Died: 26-Jul-1944

Buried at: Plot L Row 6 Grave 14

Manila American Cemetery

Manila, Philippines

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

CPT Emil J Soltys

Class 29-42

ID: 01169748

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Kent County, RI

Status: DNB November 25, 1944



No more information is available

Buried in Saint Mary's Cemetery, West Warwick, Rhode Island

**National Archives & Records Administration
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1 LT William C. Sovacool

Class 20-42

ID: 01166382

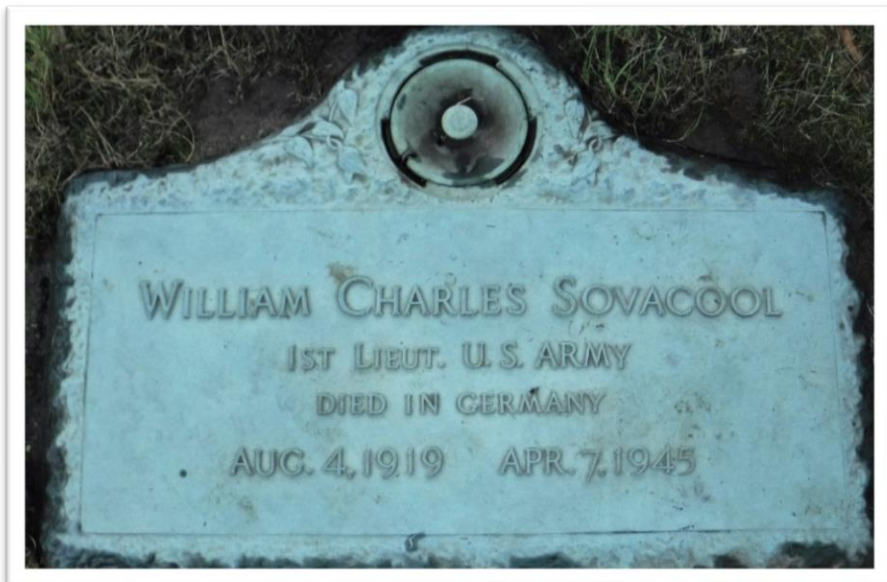
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Summit County, OH

Status: KIA April 7, 1945



Killed in action in Germany



Buried in Greenlawn Memorial Park - Akron, Ohio

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

1 LT James W. Spann

Class 47-43

ID: O1176199

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Bexar County, TX

Status: KIA 27 Apr 1945



**Served with the 423rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion as a Liaison Pilot
Recipient of the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**



**LIEUT. JAMES SPANN
Killed in Germany.**



*WW II Deceased returned from France in 1948
Buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas
Plot: S 69*

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

1 LT William N. Sparkes

Class 4-42

ID: 0-451976

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Essex County, MA

Status: KIA February 5, 1944



**Killed in action at Anzio serving with Headquarters Battery,
456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division**



Buried in Willow Cemetery, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

National Archives & Records Administration

War Department Files

2 LT Robert J. Spears

Class 58-43

ID: O1180055

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Allegheny County, PA

Status: DOW October 5, 1944

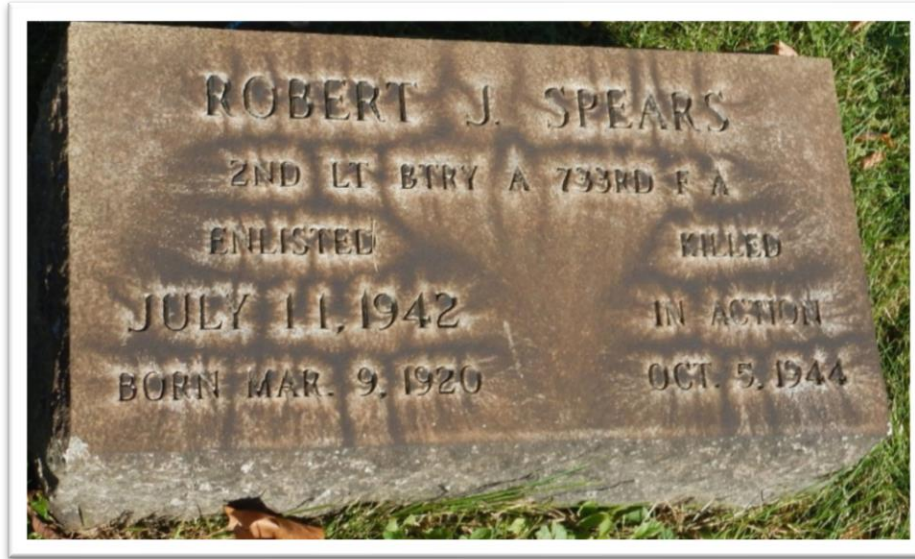


Died of wounds serving with Battery A, 733rd Field Artillery Battalion

Lieutenant Dies Of Wounds Overseas

Lieutenant Robert J. Spears, 24, husband of Mrs. Jean Weinkauf Spears of 2714 Graham boulevard, died of wounds received in France on October 5, his wife announced yesterday.

A graduate of Wilkinsburg High school and Allegheny College, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho fraternity, Lieutenant Spears, field artilleryman, entered service in June, 1942, and was overseas since April. He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Spears of Shelbourne avenue, and a sister, Mrs. Harold C. Leimer of Little Rock, Ark.



Buried in Church Hill Cemetery, Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania

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John W. Spooner **28-42**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1169345

**504th Parachute Infantry Regiment
82nd Airborne Division**

Entered the Service from: North Carolina

Died: 7-Apr-1945

Buried at: Plot N Row 9 Grave 14

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

**Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart with 3 Oak Leaf
Clusters**



National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
1LT William A Spooner
Class 20-42

ID: 01166384

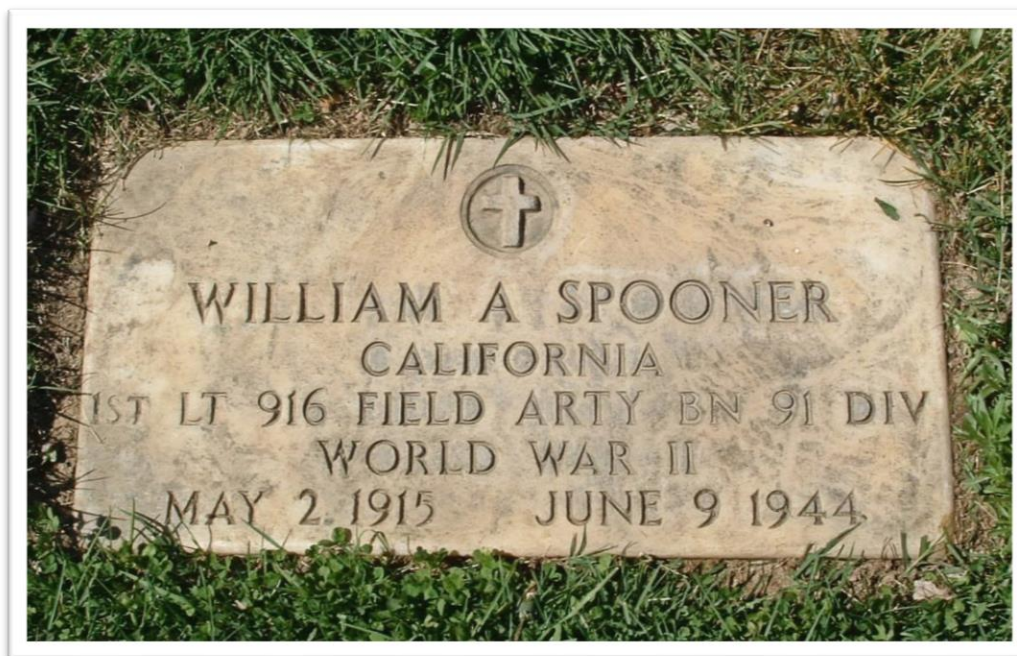
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Stockton, CA

Status: KIA June 9, 1944



Killed in action serving with Battery A, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, 91st Division



Buried in Lodi Memorial Cemetery, San Joaquin, California

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

1 LT Robert D. Sprau

Class 21-42

ID: O1166616

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Tazewell County, IL

Status: KIA 5 Nov 1944



Killed in action serving as a liaison pilot with Headquarters Battery, 5th Division Artillery





Buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin, Illinois

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

**2LT Clayton Springer
Class 59-43**

ID: 01180347

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Bergen County, NJ

Status: DNB May 6, 1945



**Upon graduation from OCS on April 8, 1943, 2LT Springer was assigned to the
Field Artillery Replacement Training Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.**

The circumstances of his death are unknown.



Buried in Montefiore Cemetery, Springfield Gardens, New York



Francis E. Stacer 71-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1183627

**44th Field Artillery Battalion
4th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Pennsylvania

Died: 25-Dec-1944

**Buried at: Plot D Row 9 Grave 3
Luxembourg American Cemetery
Luxembourg City, Luxembourg**

Awards: Purple Heart

Lt. Francis E. Stacer Killed in Action Dec. 25th in Luxembourg

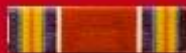
Relatives here of **Lt. Francis E. Stacer**, 26, have been advised that he was killed in action in Luxembourg on December 25. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Stacer, 308 E. 12th Ave., Homestead, and a nephew of George, Clara, Esther, Annie and Lucy Stacer of Meyersdale.

Lt. Stacer was inducted into the Army June 13, 1942, and left the United States, Sept. 24, 1944. Soon after his arrival in England he accidentally met his brother, **Cpl. John R. Stacer**, who had been over there for a year and a half. When he arrived in France he met his brother, **Lt. Leo C. Stacer**, and shared barracks with him for three weeks. Lt. Francis was at the front only three weeks when he was mortally wounded.

There are three other brothers, **Sgt. George R. Stacer**, Camp Meade, Md., **Regis Stacer**, Dallas, Texas, and **Leonard Stacer**, Slippery Rock, also a sister, **Mrs. James E. Geary**, of Pittsburgh, surviving



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Richard Stafford **59-43**

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1180350

95th Truck Regiment

Entered the Service from: Oregon

Died: 18-Sep-1944

Buried at: Plot G Row 13 Grave 27

Normandy American Cemetery

Colleville-sur-Mer, France

Awards: Bronze Star

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

CAPT Jacob I. Stahl

Class 14-42

ID: 01165452

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Essex County, MA

Status: KIA March 24, 1945



**Killed in action serving with Battery B, 680th Glider Parachute Infantry Battalion,
17th Airborne Division**

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Jacob I. Stahl, 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 680th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, 17th Airborne Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 17th Airborne Division, General Orders No. 22 (1945)

Operation Varsity - The Airborne Assault on the Rhine

In early February 1945, the tide of battle was such as to enable an accurate estimate as to when and where the 2nd British Army would be ready to force a crossing of the Rhine River. It was determined that the crossing would be in conjunction with an airborne operation by XVIII Airborne Corps.

The sector selected for the assault was in the vicinity of Wesel, just north of the Ruhr, on 24 March 1945. Operation Varsity would be the last full scale airborne drop of World War II and the assignment went to the British 6th Airborne Division and the 17th Airborne Division.

This would be the last full scale airborne operation of the war and the first combat glider landing for the 680th GFAB. The 680th's mission was to land north of Wesel in Landing Zone (LZ) S, a large flat area where the Issel River and the Issel Canal merge. Then to seize the crossing over the Issel and protect the division's right flank.

As General Eisenhower watched the operation from a church tower on the west side of the Rhine the 680th had the misfortune of flying over a concentration of German anti-aircraft weapons. Two-thirds of the C-47's were either damaged or in flames. The pilots remained with the aircrafts until they released the gliders which landed amid German Artillery units. The German gun crews immediately repositioned their guns for direct fire. It was a fluid situation for a period but the glider troops prevailed and were able to overrun the German positions.

By mid-afternoon on 24 March 1945 after sustaining high casualties, the 680th had secured its objective including the capture of 150 German prisoners, a battery of German 105-mm and a battery of 155-mm artillery.



Joseph C. Stancil **46-43**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1175866

**111th Field Artillery Battalion
29th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: North Carolina

Died: 18-Jul-1944

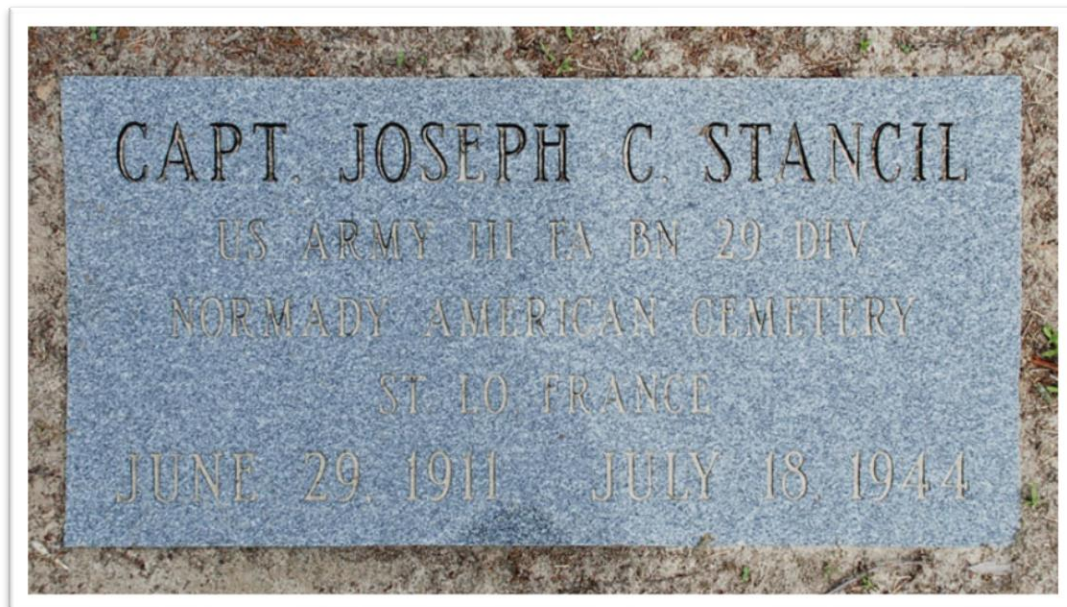
Buried at: Plot E Row 16 Grave 31

Normandy American Cemetery

Colleville-sur-Mer, France

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart

**Served as a forward observer in the invasion at Normandy, France on June 6, 1944.
He died from wounds received in battle three weeks after the Normandy Invasion.**



Memorial Headstone in New Bern Memorial Cemetery, New Bern, North Carolina.

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Richard A. Stayton 36-42

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

Service # O1172673

**353rd Fighter Squadron
354th Fighter Group**

Entered the Service from: California

Died: 8-Nov-1944

Buried at: Plot B Row 34 Grave 49

Ardennes American Cemetery

Neupre, Belgium

Awards: Air Medal, Purple Heart



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

2LT Jules Stein

Class 36-42

ID: 01172675

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Bronx County, NY

Status: DNB October 26, 1944



Served with the 573rd Field Artillery at Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Died from asphyxiation during a fire in the Officers Barracks Building TNG #12

Buried in Wellwood Cemetery, Long Island, New York

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

2 LT Howard V. Stephens Jr.

Class 70-43

ID: 01183423

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: St. Louis, MO


Status: KIA December 17, 1944



*Saint Louis Star and Times, March 15, 1945
Report of Death after being listed as
Missing in Action since December 17, 1944*

Lt. H. V. Stephens Reported Killed In Belgian Action

Lt. Howard V. Stephens, Jr., 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard V. Stephens, 5165 Lindell blvd., who was reported missing in action in Belgium December 17, has been listed officially as killed. His parents have been notified by the War Department.



The officer, who served with the field artillery, received the Bronze Star for meritorious service the day he was reported missing.

A graduate of Yale University in 1938, Lt. Stephens was St. Louis district tennis champion three times and served as captain of the Yale tennis team. As captain of the Yale-Harvard tennis team in 1938, he won the deciding game in an international match with an Oxford-Cambridge team.

He enlisted in the regular army in August, 1941, and served in the Pacific area 18 months before going to the European theater. He was at Pearl Harbor when war was declared.

ST. LOUISAN'S UNIT BEATS OFF GERMANS

Lt. Howard Stephens Dec-
orated in Field for Stand
on West Front.

WITH THE U. S. FIRST ARMY SOUTH OF MONSCHAU, Dec. 18 (AP).—The commander of a combat engineer battalion whose members are fighting as foot soldiers was awarded the Bronze Star on the spot yesterday by his division commander for a gallant stand which slowed the pace of the current Nazi counterdrive into Belgium.

Although outnumbered, sometimes as much as eight to one, the engineers held on to a crossroads position until reinforcements could be brought up, and remained in the line for another half hour until the force of the enemy attack had been blunted.

During the attack, enemy tanks roared into the village, where Lt. Howard Stephens of St. Louis, Mo., was stationed with Pvt. Ernest Siegel of Richmond, Va., and six other enlisted men.

The men took to the cellar when German artillery leveled the house in which they were sheltered. After the Nazi air cover was broken up by American planes, the men worked their way out through the back of the village and up a ridge to some foxholes.

Stephens told Siegel to try to get back to the unit commander, Capt. George Young, whose wife lives in Portsmouth, O. Siegel forced a German truck to turn back by firing most of his lone clip of ammunition at it and then had to hole up for a half hour to avoid enemy machine-gun fire. He eventually reached a reconnaissance company which gave him ammunition and walked the rest of the way to division headquarters.

The only Lt. Howard Stephens listed in directories for the metropolitan area is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard V. Stephens Sr., 5165 Lindell boulevard. Lt. Stephens, 28 years old, is with the United States First Army, and is in the field artillery, his mother said. Lt. Stephens was assistant factory manager of the Johnson-Stephens & Shinkle Shoe Co. when he enlisted in August, 1941. His father is president of the firm.

Saint Louis Post Dispatch, December 18, 1944

National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
1 LT James T. Stephens
Class 52-43

ID: 01177996

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Bascom, FL

Status: DOW January 5, 1945



He died of wounds received after being shot down serving as an aerial observer for Battery A, 379th Field Artillery Battalion, 102nd Division.

Lt. Stephens Dies Of Combat Wounds

First Lieutenant James T. Stephens, husband of Mrs. Lillian Womack Stephens, of Cottonwood route one, died January 5th in a hospital in Holland of wounds received January 1st when his Piper Cub was shot down by enemy machinegun fire over Germany, his wife has been notified by the War Department.

Entering the Army December 1, 1941, he received his basic training at Fort Bragg, N. C., and attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Okla. After receiving

his commission he served with the 379th Field Artillery Battalion, a unit of the 102nd "Ozark" Division, stationed at Camp Maxey, and later at Camp Swift, Texas. He was transferred overseas in September of last year.

Lieut. Stephens was awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy from November 5 to December 14, 1944, in Germany.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D. Stephens, and a sister, Miss Mildred Stephens, all of Bascom, Fla.



Buried in Hickory Grove Cemetery, Malone Florida



Harry G. Stewart 36-42

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1172680

961st Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Pennsylvania

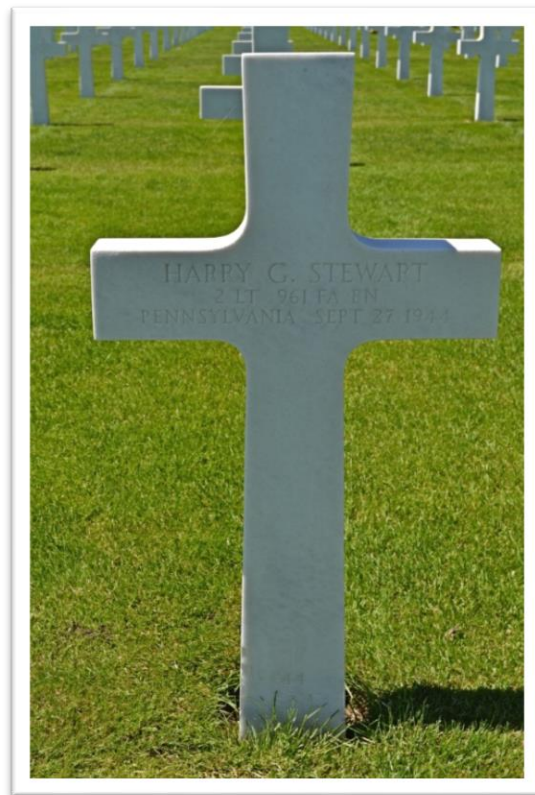
Died: 27-Sep-1944

Buried at: Plot C Row 20 Grave 44

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

Awards: Purple Heart



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War Department Files

2 LT Jesse E. Stewart

Class 37-42

ID: 01173094

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Washington Parish, LA

Status: DOW July 4, 1944



**Died of wounds received while serving with the 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion
82nd Airborne Division**

Silver Star



The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Silver Star (Posthumously) to Second Lieutenant (Field Artillery) Jesse E. Stewart (ASN: 0-1173094), United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with the 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, 82d Airborne Division, in action against the enemy at Normandy, France, on 3 July 1944.

General Orders: Headquarters, 82d Airborne Division, General Orders No. 36 (July 16, 1944), Amended by General Orders No. 56 (October 27, 1944)



Buried in Ponemah Cemetery, Bogalusa, Louisiana

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

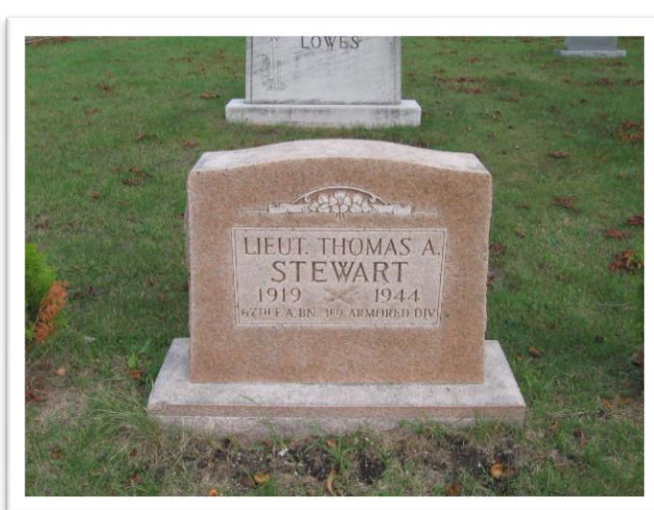
1 LT Thomas A. Stewart
Class 27-42

ID: 01168935

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Wayne County, MI
Status: DOW October 14, 1944



Died of wounds serving with the 67th Field Artillery Battalion, 3rd Armored Division



Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan

National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
1LT William C. Stewart
Class 67-43

ID: O1182719

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Erie County, NY

Status: DNB July 14, 1945



Died while serving with Headquarters Battery, 162nd Field Artillery Battalion



Buried in Pine Hill French and German Cemetery, Cheektowaga, New York



Frank J. Stinson **77-43**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1184592

274th Armored Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Kansas

Died: 25-Jan-1945

Buried at: Plot I Row 11 Grave 26

Luxembourg American Cemetery

Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

Awards: Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart

Hometown: Douglass, KS

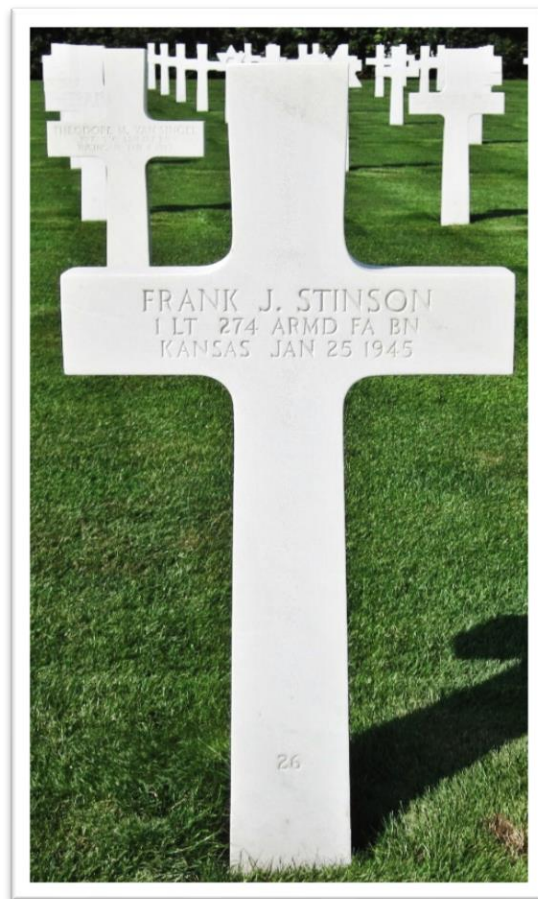


Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Frank J. Stinson, 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. 224 (1945)



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

2 LT Woody E. Stokes

Class 48-42

ID: O1176517

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Decatur, TX

Status: KIA 13 Nov 1943



**Killed in action serving with Battery A, 160th Field Artillery Battalion
45th Infantry Division**

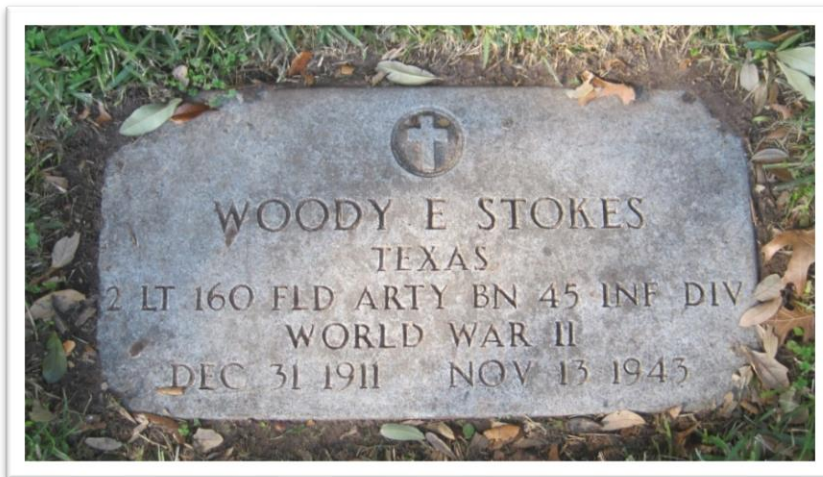


Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Woody E. Stokes, 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, 5th Army, General Orders No. 23 (1944)

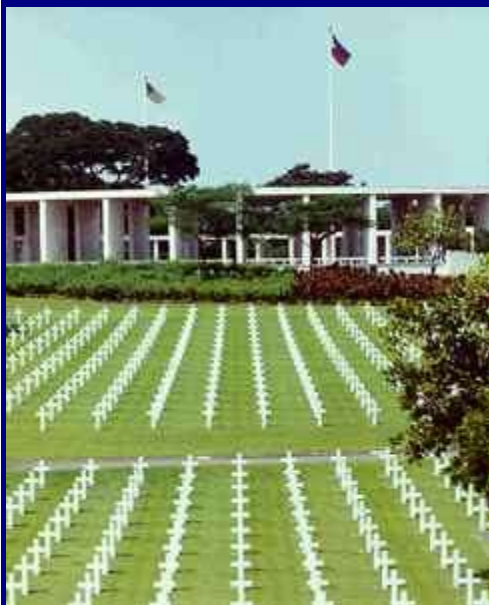


Buried in Greenwood Memorial Park and Mausoleum, Fort Worth, Texas

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John W. Stone

44-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1175330

226th Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Virginia

Died: 12-March-1946

Missing in Action or Buried at Sea

Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery

Manila, Philippines

Awards: Air Medal



Percy G. Stone

4-42

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # O-453627

Headquarters, XIX Corps Artillery

Entered the Service from: California

Died: 16-Oct-1944

Buried at: Plot A Row 5 Grave 23

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Awards: Purple Heart

Hometown: San Francisco, CA





National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Burl R. Storey

Class 61-43

ID: O1181155

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: DeKalb County, IL
Status: DNB September 12, 1944



Died while serving as a liaison pilot with the 32nd Field Artillery Battalion

Notice of Death.

The notice received this morning from J. A. Ullo, the adjutant general stated, "The Secretary of War asks that I assure you of his deep sympathy in the loss of your husband, First Lieut. Burl R. Storey. Report received states he was killed September 12 in Anor, France, in an aircraft crash. Letter follows."

He was born March 1, 1916 in Shabbona, the son of Lester and Lila Storey. He attended the Shabbona schools and graduated from the high school and was employed as a construction engineer before he entered service. He was a member of the Shabbona Congregational Church.

He entered service April 29, 1941 and served in Hawaii in 1942. In January of 1943 he returned to the United States and in April of that year received a commission in the field artillery. He received his liaison pilot wings in July, 1943 and his first lieutenant commission December 30, 1943. Assigned to Camp Shelby, Miss., he served there from August, 1943 to April of this year when he was sent overseas.

Sent Overseas.

He landed in France in June, two weeks after D-Day and served in combat duty until the time of his death. The last letter received from him was written September 11, the day before he was killed. In this letter he told of having taken his brother-in-law, Cpl. Harlan Douglass for a plane ride.

Surviving to mourn his death are the widow, the infant daughter, his parents in Shabbona, and three sisters, Mrs. Arlene Jordal, in California; Mrs. Edna George of Paw Paw; and Mrs. Jean Douglass of Rockton, and a host of friends.

All will join with the family in mourning the death of the war hero. Burl made friends easily as he was possessed of a most likeable personality and his death, while serving for his country, will be a loss that will be felt throughout the vicinity.



Lieut. Storey



Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Shabbona, Illinois

National Archives & Records Administration

War Department Files

1 LT Wayne W. Stortz

Class 53-43

ID: 01178354

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Plymouth County, IA

Status: DNB April 30, 1945



LT Stortz was a liaison pilot serving with Headquarters Battery, 546th Field Artillery Battalion. He was flying over the enemy lines and met his death in a plane crash. He entered the army May 27, 1942, and took his training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant in Field Artillery on February 25, 1943. On May 3rd, 1943 he received the silver wings of Liaison pilot at Denton, Texas, and on January 18, 1944 was promoted to First Lieutenant. He was married July 5, 1943, at Fort Sill to Pauline Faye Fahrenkrug and left for overseas duty from Camp Shelby, Oklahoma in January 1945.



Buried in Saint Michaels Cemetery, Kingsley, Iowa

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

CPT Mitchell Stotart

Class 23-42

ID: 0-1167239

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Russell County, AL

Status: DNB February 3, 1944



Died while serving with the 179th Field Artillery Battalion



Buried in Riverdale Cemetery, Columbus, Georgia



David R. Straesser 27-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1168939

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

Entered the Service from: Illinois

Died: 14-Apr-1945

Buried at: Plot O Row 11 Grave 13

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

Awards: Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster



Silver Star



(Citation Needed): David R. Straesser, 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 104th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 130 (1945)

****The award of an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star is awarded under Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 169 (1945)**

Synopsis of one Silver Star Citation from Timberwolves Artifacts:

Awarded Silver Star (posthumously): "For gallantry in action in Germany on 2 and 3 March 1945. As the enemy launched a fierce counter-attack in strength, Lt. Straesser took up an exposed position in the top floor of a building and called for artillery fire on the advancing enemy. His position was immediately subjected to intense enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire. Although shell fragments destroyed his radio and tore the map from his hands, he refused to relinquish his position, using a rifle company radio to direct and adjust artillery fire with such accuracy that the enemy assault was halted and routed. Lieutenant Straesser singularly gallantry and fearless intrepidity in the face of great peril were in keeping with the finest traditions of The American combat soldier, reflecting distinct credit on this officer and the Armed Forces of the United States."



National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
1 LT John G. Stubbs, Jr.
Class 59-43

ID: O1180357

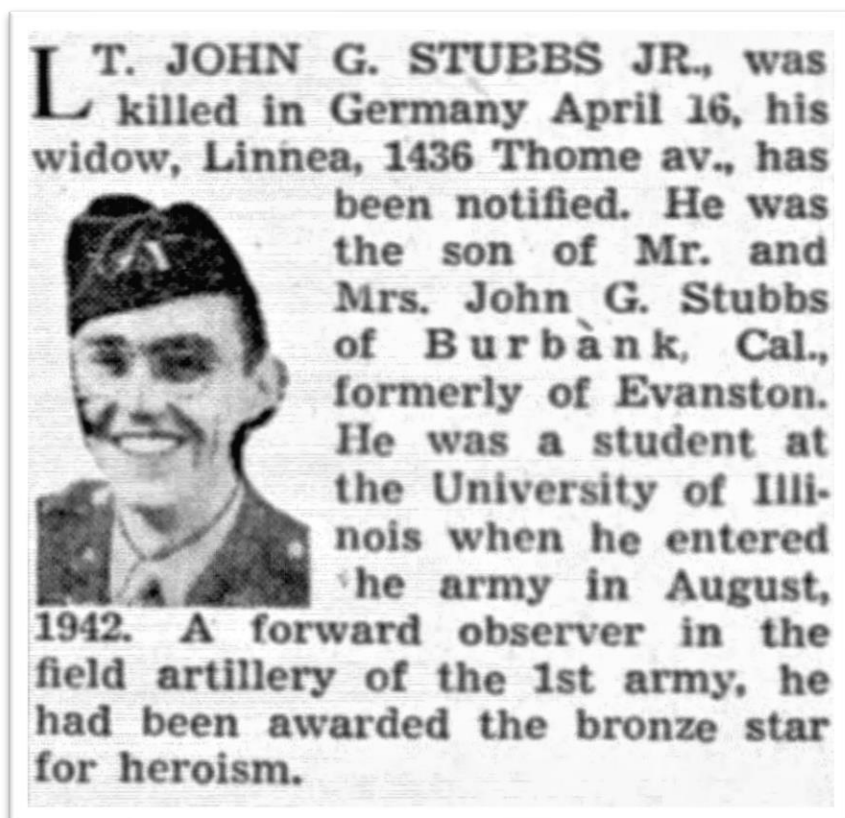
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Cook County, IL

Status: DOW April 16, 1945

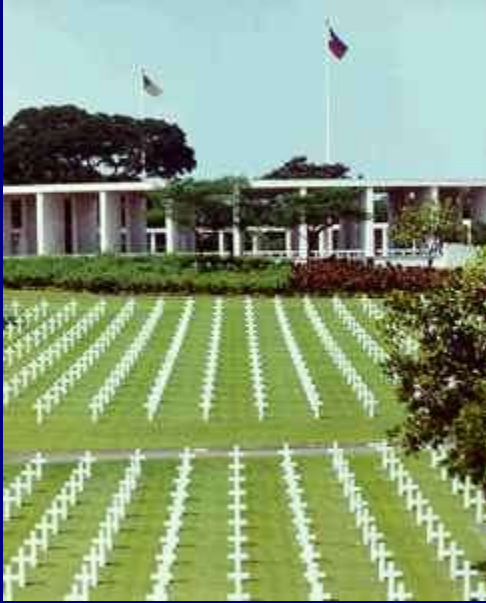


Died of wounds in Germany serving with the 879th Field Artillery Battalion, 69th Division





Buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, California



Andrew A. Sturchio 23-42

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Air Forces

Service # 1167242

**71st Bomber Squadron
38th Bomber Group, Heavy**

Entered the Service from: New Jersey

Died: 7-July-1945

Missing in Action or Buried at Sea

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

Awards: Air Medal, Purple Heart



SECRET

COMBAT NARRATIVE

The destruction of the few remaining factories in Formosa was the purpose of the mission for July 7, 1945. The Toyo Sugar Refinery at Getsubi consisting of approximately eleven factory type buildings, two storage tanks and a small railroad yard was the principal target for the six B-25's of the 71st Bombardment Squadron. There were no known heavy, or medium anti-aircraft positions protecting the factory site. Light anti-aircraft fire and ground fire was probable and expected. The bombing and strafing run was planned on a due West heading making the run from land to sea.

Six B-25's of the 71st Squadron took off from Lingayen strip at 0815/I. The formation headed for Formosa at 0830/I. Approaching the target area the Squadron in a six plane abreast formation bombed and strafed the assigned target area at 1129/I. A total of 24 X 500 pound 4-5 second delay bombs were dropped select. The bombs were observed hitting a factory type building which caused an explosion with debris to 100 feet. Five to six house type buildings were destroyed with a direct bomb hit. 18,250 X .50 caliber ammunition was expended in strafing, causing damage to several houses and setting a camouflaged locomotive on fire.

On this mission airplane #942, piloted by First Lieutenant Harold P. Tiddens was lost. His plane was observed over the target with the right engine nacelle on fire. Nearing the coast the plane pulled up to approximately 500 feet. At this time the right wing had burned off. The plane crashed approximately one-quarter mile off shore. There are no known survivors.

SECRET

CREW LOST DURING THE NIGHT OF JULY, 1945.

Pilot	TIDDENS, H.P. 1ST LT.	K.I.A.
Co-Pilot	LARSON, G.C. 2ND LT.	K.I.A.
Navigator	SPURCHIO, A.A. 2ND LT.	K.I.A.
Gunner	LOUDEVILLE, W.J. OBL.	K.I.A.
Gunner	ZERINSKY, P. SOY.	K.I.A.

This crew was shot down over Formosa.

National Archives & Records Administration

War Department Files

1 LT Troy H. Sumrall

Class 46-43

ID: 01175876

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Lamar County, MS

Status: KIA November 6, 1944



**Killed in action serving with Headquarters Battery, 383rd Field Artillery Battalion
103rd Infantry Division**

1st Lt. Troy H Sumrall entered the Army Field Artillery as a Private on 25 November 1940. He was in training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. In the ETO, he served as a Flight Liaison officer with Aviation Section, HQ Battery, 383rd Field Artillery Battalion, 103rd Infantry Division, flying the L-4.

There were 2 Liaison planes assigned to the Division Artillery Aviation Section. He had been at Camp Carson, Colorado (July 1944) and Kelly Field, Texas (August 1944) just prior to shipping out for France, in October 1944 from New York, arriving in Marseilles on 20 October 1944. On 6 November 1944, he and 1st Lt. Walter A. Ridout were killed when their aircraft was shot down while on spotting operation in the Vosges region of France (just prior to the 103rd going into action in November 1944). They had relieved the 3rd Infantry Division on 8 November before going into action at St. Die (Saint Die des Vosges in North Eastern France), France on 8-11 November 1944).

Lt. Sumrall and Lt. Ridout were initially listed as MIA until they were found. Lt. Sumrall's remains were interred at the Varois U.S. Temporary Military Cemetery which was located five miles east of Dijon, France and 170 miles southeast of Paris. The cemetery was established 18 Nov 1944 by the Seventh U.S. Army. Later, in 1949, Lt. Sumrall was re-interred in Fairview Cemetery, Sumrall, Mississippi. Lt. Rideout was interred in the American Cemetery in Lorraine, France.



Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Sumrall, Mississippi



William C. Sutton 64-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1182015

**313th Field Artillery Battalion
80th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Michigan

Died: 20-Dec-1944

Buried at: Plot B Row 8 Grave 13

Epinal American Cemetery

Epinal, France

Awards: Purple Heart





Lloyd W. Swan

32-42

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1171004

**91st Field Artillery Battalion
1st Armored Division**

Entered the Service from: Michigan

Died: 27-May-1944

Buried at: Plot I Row 15 Grave 17

Sicily-Rome American Cemetery

Nettuno, Italy

Awards: Purple Heart





LLOYD W. SWAN
2 LT 91 FA BN 1 ARMD DIV
MICHIGAN MAY 27 1944



John J. Sweeney **32-42**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1171007

153rd Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Massachusetts

Died: 1-Dec-1944

Buried at: Plot E Row 1 Grave 10

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Awards: Silver Star, Air Medal, Purple Heart

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): John J. Sweeney, 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. 192 (1945)



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

1 LT Alfred J. Sweet, Jr.

Class 44-42

ID: O1175335

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Essex County, MA

Status: KIA December 3, 1944



Killed in action serving in France



Buried in Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts



Gerald R. Taber

8-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1165051

**403rd Field Artillery Battalion
85th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Ohio

Died: 15-May-1944

Buried at: Plot B Row 14 Grave 7

Sicily-Rome American Cemetery

Nettuno, Italy

Awards: Air Medal, Purple Heart

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

2 LT Herbert E. Talmadge

Class 29-42

ID: 01169763

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Fairfield County, CT

Status: KIA Dec 12, 1944



**Killed in action serving with the 391st Armored Field Artillery Battalion
3rd Armored Division**



Buried in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Greenwich, Connecticut

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Joseph Talosi

Class 27-42

ID: 01168941

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Wayne County, MI

Status: KIA November 12, 1944



Killed in action serving with the 603rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, 6th Armored Division



Buried in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama

National Archives & Records Administration

War Department Files

1 LT Booth Tarkington

Class 24-42

ID: O1167663

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Kerens, TX

Status: KIA 21 January 1945



Killed in action serving with the 301st Field Artillery Battalion





Buried in Prairie Point Cemetery, Bazette, Texas

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Phillip I. Taylor

32-42

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # 1167861

218th Field Artillery Group

Entered the Service from: Kentucky

Died: 26-Jun-1945

Buried at: Plot D Row 9 Grave 120

Manila American Cemetery

Manila, Philippines

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

2 LT Andrew R. Telko

Class 48-43

ID: 0-1176523

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Westchester County, NY

Status: DNB August 11, 1943



2LT Andrew R. Telko and pilot 2LT Donald O'Grady (FAOCS Class 53-43) both died when the observation aircraft they were in crashed during a training mission at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. They were serving with the 591st Field Artillery Battalion.



2 FROM N. Y. DIE IN ARMY PLANE

Fort Jackson, S. C., Aug. 12 (AP).—
Two New York officers were killed
late yesterday when a small ar-
tillery observation plane crashed
about two miles east of the field
here.

The dead were: Second Lieut.
Andrew R. Telko, whose mother is
Mrs. Rose Hanych of 7 Hamilton
Ave., Yonkers, N. Y., and Second
Lieut. Donald O'Grady, whose
mother is Mrs. Maud O'Grady of
2507 Washington Ave., New York
City.

Buried in St. Joseph Cemetery, Yonkers, New York

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Donald S. Teller

Class 77-43

ID: 01184596

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

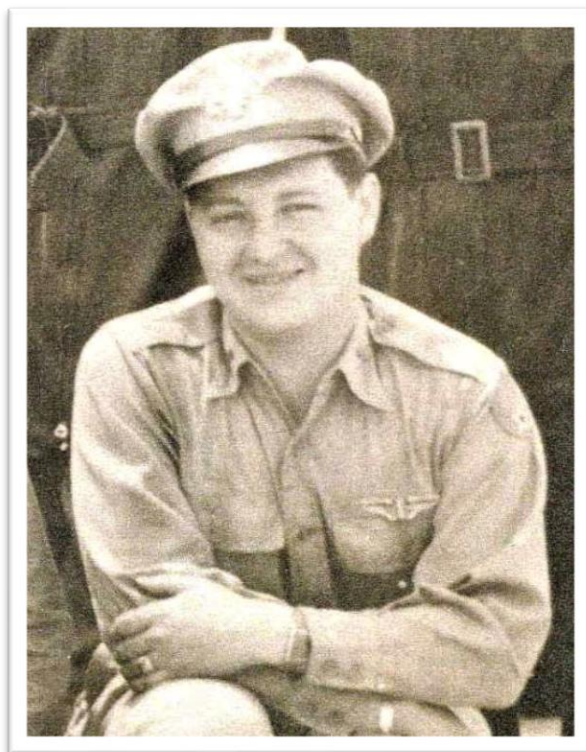
Hometown: Jackson County, MO

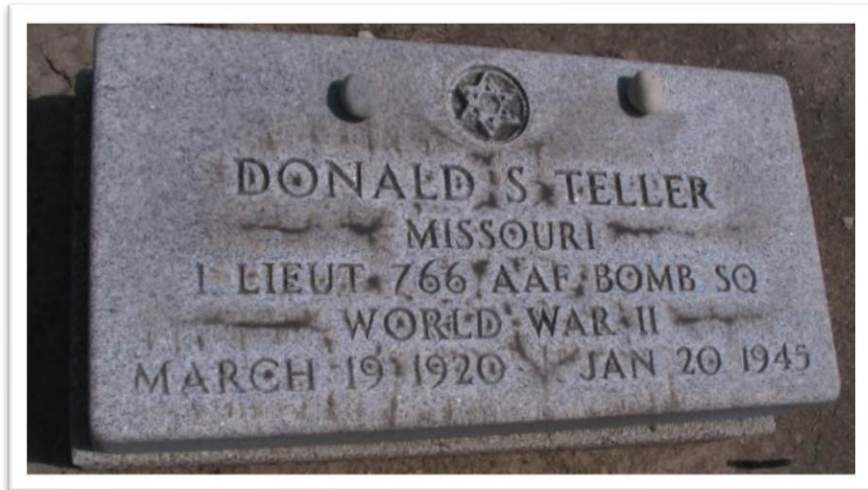
Status: KIA January 20, 1945



Killed in action serving with the 766th Bomb Squadron, 461st Bomb Group

On January 20, 1945, the crew was tasked to fly as part of a raid on German war facilities located in Linz, Austria. On the bomb run, the aircraft encountered severe flak, and was struck in the rear bomb bay. There was an explosion in the aircraft, and flames began erupting from the aircraft. An attempt was made to salvo the bombs, but the aircraft flipped over and exploded.





Buried in Beth Shalom Cemetery, Oregon, Ohio

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

2 LT Jack S. Terry

Class 24-42

ID: 01167667

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Jefferson County, AL

Status: KIA January 16, 1945



Killed in action while serving as an aerial observer with the 463rd Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, 101st Airborne Division in support of the 327th Glider Infantry Regiment.

According to George Koskimaki's *Battered Bastards of Bastogne*: 2LT Terry was observing the battles for Bourcy and Rachamps, looking for enemy tanks and hidden artillery positions in an L-4 observation piloted by 1LT George Schoeneck (FAOCS Class 69-43). They were reportedly shot down when the plane ran into the path of a friendly artillery shell.



Buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Bessemer, Alabama

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

**1 LT Laverne D. Thames
Class 79-43**

ID: 01194958

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Newton County, MS

Status: DNB June 26, 1944



LT. LAVERNE D. THAMES

Loses Life - Lt. Laverne D. Thames

Mrs. Doris Wesson Thames, who resides at 1514 20th Avenue, Meridian, Miss., has been officially notified of the death of her husband, First Lt. LaVerne D. Thames, a native of Duffee, who died serving his country as a liaison pilot in the U. S. Army Air Corps. He was killed on June 26 in an airplane crash while on an orientation flight over Luzon Island, in the Philippines. Below follows excerpts from a letter, giving details of the tragedy:

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Lt. Thames entered the service in November of 1940 as a member of the Mississippi National Guard unit, the 114th Field Artillery from Decatur, where he was a student at East Central Junior College. He was stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla.; Camps Bowie and Barkley, Texas; and Camp Gruber Okla. before entering Officers Candidate School (Field Artillery) at Fort Sill, Okla., in May, 1943. Receiving his commission the following August, he was sent to Pittsburg, Kans., for flight training and after receiving his wings, reported to Fort Sill for advanced instruction. On completion of the course, he served varying periods at Camp Livingston, La.; Camp Gruber, Okla., and Camp Bowie, Texas, before sailing for the Pacific theater last May 29.



Buried in Mount Nebo Baptist Church Cemetery, Duffee, Mississippi

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War Department Files

1 LT Laverne D. Thames

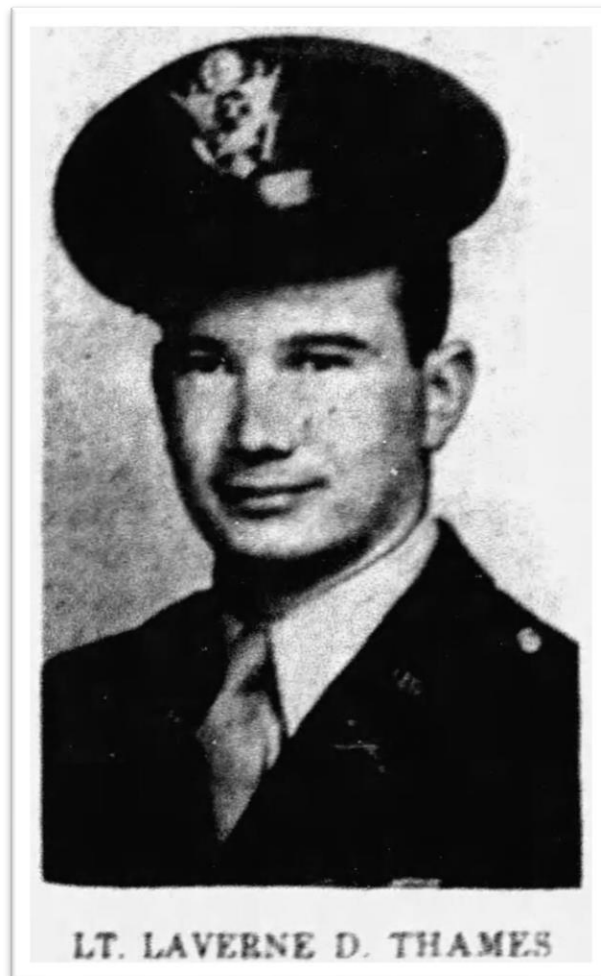
Class 79-43

ID: 01184958

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Newton County, MS

Status: DNB June 26, 1944



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Buried in Mount Nebo Baptist Church Cemetery, Duffee, Mississippi

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2 LT Theodosios C. Theodose
Class 77-43

ID: 0-523415

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Montgomery County, OH

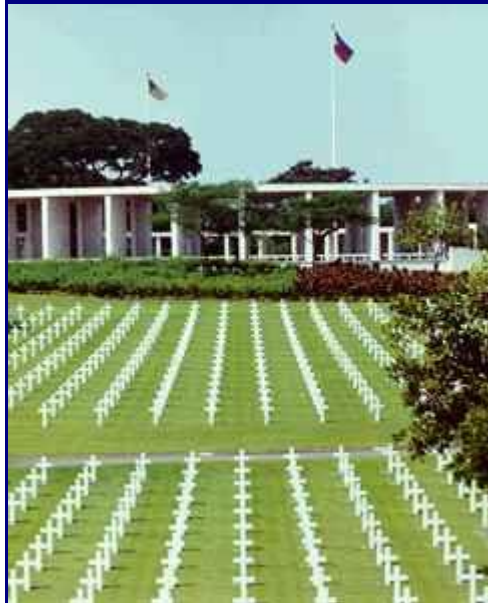
Status: KIA May 24, 1945



Killed in action serving with 7th Division Artillery during the Battle of Okinawa



Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio



Wayne M. Thomas 49-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1176825

**164th Field Artillery Battalion
40th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: California

Died: 23-May-1945

Buried at: Plot A Row 2 Grave 210

Manila American Cemetery

Manila, Philippines

Awards: Silver Star, Air Medal, Purple Heart

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Wayne M. Thomas, 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 40th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 8th Army, General Orders No. 58 (1945)



National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Arthur L. Thompson III
Class 82-43

ID: 0-527287

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Washington, DC

Status: KIA August 14, 1945



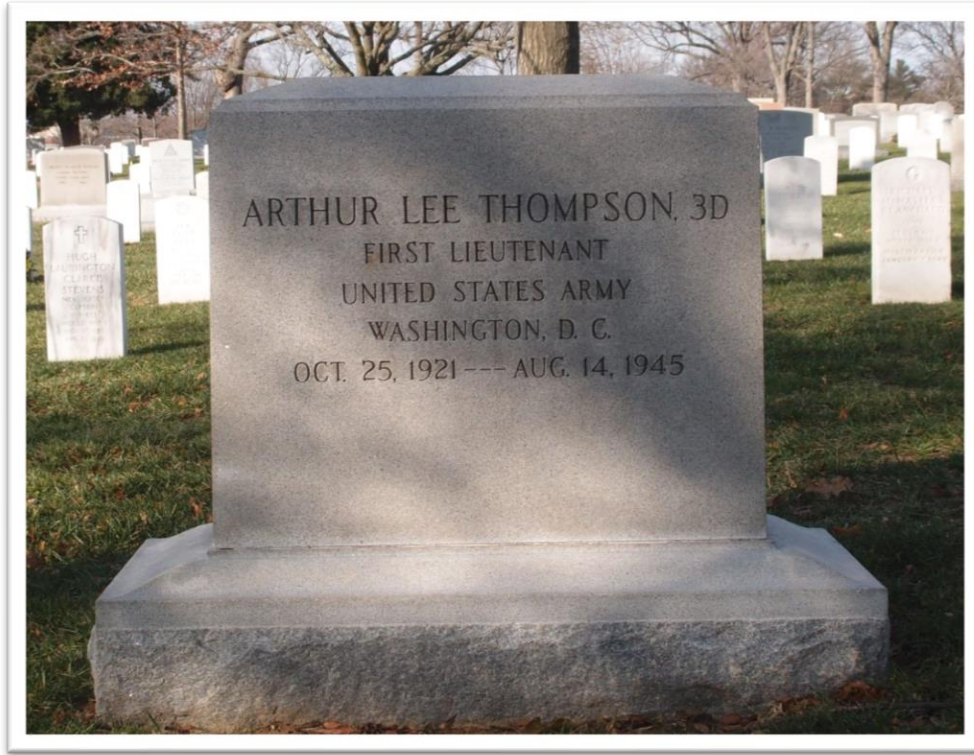
**Killed in action serving with Headquarters Battery, 13th Field Artillery Battalion
24th Infantry Division**

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Arthur Lee Thompson III, 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 24th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 24th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 126 (1945)



WW II Deceased returned from USAF Cemetery Leyte No. 1, Philippine Islands in 1949

Buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Fort Myer, Virginia

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

1 LT Harrell F. Thompson

Class 50-43

ID: 01177212

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Missoula County, MT

Status: KIA February 28, 1945



**Killed in action serving with Battery A, 730th Field Artillery Battalion
75th Infantry Division**

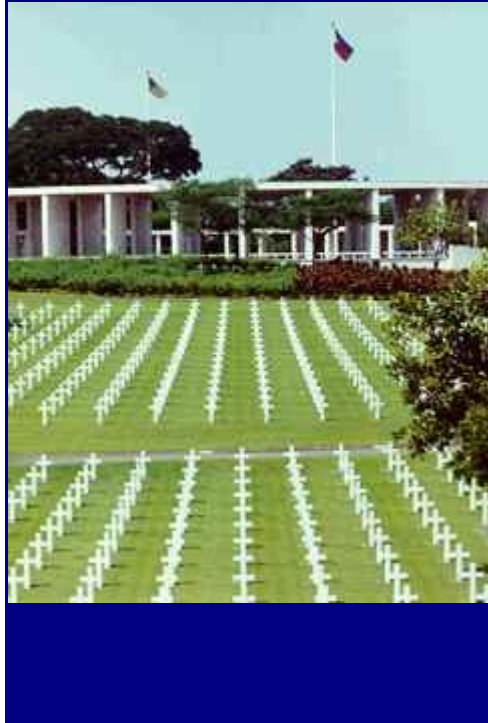


Buried in Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell, Montana

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Kenneth R. Thompson 57-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1179648

**Ship's Complement
San Francisco Port of Embark**

Entered the Service from: Oregon

Died: 28-Dec-1944

Missing in Action or Buried at Sea

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

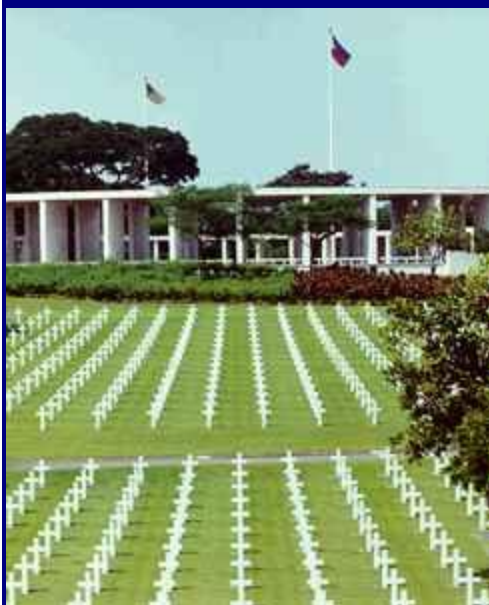
Awards: Purple Heart

(NOT VERIFIED): There is a possibility that 2LT Kenneth R. Thompson was on the SS John Burke on December 28, 1944. The ship was transporting ammunition to Mindoro, Philippines; the *Burke* was hit by a Japanese kamikaze aircraft, and disintegrated in a tremendous explosion. *John Burke* was one of three Liberty Ships and one of forty-seven ships sunk by kamikaze attack during World War II.

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Michael B. Thompson 88-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 0-536994

Field Artillery

Entered the Service from: Massachusetts

Died: 15-Dec-1944

Buried at: Plot B Row 7 Grave 146

Manila American Cemetery

Manila, Philippines



Foster R. Thomson 39-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1173811

**57th Field Artillery Battalion
7th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Arkansas

Died: 4-Apr-1945

Buried at: Plot F Row 0 Grave 146

Honolulu Memorial

Honolulu, Hawaii

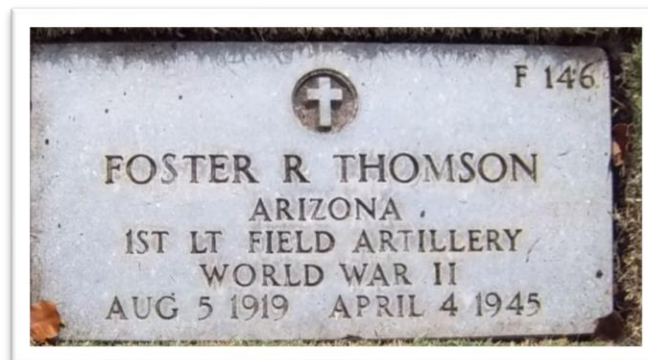
Awards: Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart

Hometown: Maricopa County, AZ

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Foster R. Thomson, 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 Donald E. Thorn
Class 73-43

ID: O1183984

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Cook County, IL

Status: FOD Feb 15, 1945



**Served in the 490th Bomb Squadron (the "Burma Bridge Busters") as the co-pilot
of a B-25 that was lost on February 15, 1945**



*WW II Deceased returned from India
(Group Burial #315 of five in the same grave) for reinterment in 1949.
Buried in Fort Sam Huston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas*

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

1 LT John R. Tiedemann

Class 21-42

ID: O1166634

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: San Mateo, CA

Status: KIA December 25, 1944





Distinguished Service Cross 1LT John R. Tiedemann

(Citation Needed) - SYNOPSIS: First Lieutenant (Air Corps) John R. Tiedemann (ASN: 0-1166634), United States Army Air Forces, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving as Navigator of a B-24 Heavy Bomber in the 389th Bombardment Group, EIGHTH Air Force, while participating in a bombing mission on 25 December 1944, against enemy targets in the European Theater of Operations. The personal courage and zealous devotion to duty displayed by First Lieutenant Tiedemann on this occasion, at the cost of his life, have upheld the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the 8th Air Force, and the United States Army Air Forces.

General Orders: Headquarters, U.S. Strategic Forces in Europe, General Orders No. 29 (1945)

389th Bomb Group Missing Aircrew Report

Fate of Crew Summary

Call: Bar R

Sign Name/Serial No.: B-24J 42-50612 KING SIZE

Squadron: 565th

Pilot 1st Lt Raymond E. Price O-820820 KIA

Copilot 1st Lt Edward J. O'Rourke O-826273 KIA

Navigator 1st Lt John R. Tiedemann O-1166634 KIA

Engineer T/Sgt Walter E. Eberly 33240653 KIA

Radio Operator T/Sgt Peter F. Ferdinand Jr. 13128349 Bailed out behind friendly lines;
Returned to duty.

Nose Gunner S/Sgt Robert J. Ball Jr. 13200525 Bailed out behind friendly lines;
Returned to duty.

Waist Gunner S/Sgt Owen U. Fox 33698392 KIA

Waist Gunner S/Sgt Leon S. Liscomb 32940809 KIA

Tail Gunner S/Sgt Henry G. Maxham 6130880 KIA

"After dropping our bombs, we were hit by approximately fifteen (15) fighters, and the aircraft then went into a spin. The pilot was able to get the aircraft under control at about 15000 feet. At that time, the aircraft was on fire and the engines were running away. We were then hit by fighters again. The plane was still under partial control, and we were heading back to Germany alone. We then bailed out through the nose door. We saw the aircraft blow up at about 1000 feet and no other chutes were observed."

Signed by Peter F Ferdinand, Jr and Robert J Ball, Jr.

December 29, 1944



Buried at Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Merrill H. Tilghman III
Class 31-42

ID: O1170581

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Wayne, PA

Status: KIA May 24, 1944



Killed in action serving with Battery A, 41st Field Artillery Battalion, 3rd Division
It was reported that the jeep he was riding in hit a land mine



WW II Deceased returned from Nettuno, Italy in 1948

Buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Fort Myer, Virginia



Charles Titcher

42-42

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # O1174728

**229th Field Artillery Battalion
28th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Louisiana

Died: 8-Nov-1944

Buried at: Plot F Row 10 Grave 13

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Awards: Purple Heart



CPT Charles Tiche (center front row) with Battery C Officers and NCO's in England April 1944



1934 Tulane University Yearbook Photo





Charles N. Todd **26-42**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1168496

809th Tank Destroyer Battalion

Entered the Service from: Massachusetts

Died: 8-Mar-1945

Buried at: Plot F Row 15 Grave 18

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

Awards: Purple Heart





Leon Tomberg

23-42

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

Service # 1167254

**62nd Bomber Squadron
39th Bomber Group, Very Heavy**

Entered the Service from: New York

Died: 24-May-1945

Missing in Action or Buried at Sea

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

Awards: Air Medal, Purple Heart



1LT Tomberg was a serving as a Bombardier on "Tian Long" ("Sky Dragon") B-29 # 42-65362 that was lost on a mission with the target of Tokyo South Urban Area.

Missing Crew Report - Crew 52:

Capt Richard E. Paquette	Airplane Commander	MIA: 24 May 1945
1st Lt Joe B. Medina	Pilot	MIA: 24 May 1945
1st Lt Jack B. Covington	Navigator	MIA: 24 May 1945
1st Lt Leon Tomberg	Bombardier - replacement	MIA: 24 May 1945
2nd Lt Gerald M. Levinson	Radar Observer	MIA: 24 May 1945
1st Lt William A. Reith	Flight Engineer	MIA: 24 May 1945
S/Sgt Robert J. Sabol	Radio Operator	MIA: 24 May 1945
Sgt Milton F. Haines	CFC Gunner	MIA: 24 May 1945
Cpl David W. Barr	Tail Gunner - replacement	MIA: 24 May 1945
Sgt Sherwood C. Kiernan	Right Gunner	
1st Lt Robert C. Morton	Bombardier - injured 14 May mission	
S/Sgt Lewis E. Howard	Tail Gunner 14 June 2007	

Tomberg is listed as bombardier on Crew 50 at the time of Stateside Departure March/April 1945. According to a phone conversation with Lewis Howard, Tail Gunner, who was not on the 23 24 May 1945 night raid with his crew, 1st Lt Robert Morton, the crew's regular bombardier was injured during the 14 May 1945 mission to Nagoya and was left at Iwo Jima. Since Crew 52 was in need of a bombardier that accounts for why Leon Tomberg was on this crew.

On May 24, the 39th flew its first of the devastating fire raids on Tokyo. By One AM, dozens of fires lit up the skies and huge billows of smoke shrouded the city. The pathfinders had gone over the city to light the way. The main bombing force had just started dropping and smoke columns were rising to over 10,000 feet already. Twelve of the 34 planes bombed visually, the rest, by radar.

Flak, searchlights, and several "fire-balls" plus the thermal currents made it a living hell. Frantic "May Day" calls from crippled B-29s filled the air waves. Many would be forced to ditch or abandon their planes.

The toll in B-29 losses was the heaviest to date. Twenty-six Superforts went down and at least eighty others received some degree of damage. Captain Paquette and his crew were one of those twenty-six lost that night.



Maurice K. Topson 30-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1170226

**229th Field Artillery Battalion
28th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Ohio

Died: 13-Dec-1943

**Buried at: Plot E Row 3 Grave 5
Cambridge American Cemetery
Cambridge, England**



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Stanley L. Torgerson 18-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1165972

**189th Field Artillery Battalion
45th Infantry Division**

**Entered the Service from: Wisconsin
Died: 14-Sep-1943
Buried at: Plot E Row 15 Grave 22
Sicily-Rome American Cemetery
Nettuno, Italy**

Awards: Purple Heart



Frederic J Towers 64-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O-513653

**334th Field Artillery Battalion
87th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Ohio

Died: 11-April-1945

Buried at: Plot I Row 4 Grave 15

**Netherlands American Cemetery
Margraten, Netherlands**

Awards: Purple Heart



FREDERIC J. TOWERS
2 LT 334 FA BN 87 DIV
OHIO APR 11 1945

2d Lt. F. J. Towers, In Coblenz Battle

A memorial mass will be offered May 24 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary R. C. Church, Fort Hamilton Parkway and E. 4th St., for 2d Lt. Frederiek Joseph Towers, who died in Germany on April 11 from wounds received in action two days before.

According to his mother, Mrs. Helen Towers, he took part in the capture of Coblenz and was in several other major engagements. His last letter home told of attending mass in a ruined church in a captured German town.

Lieutenant Towers was a field artillery officer in the 3d Army and was born in Brooklyn 23 years ago. He attended parochial school in Brooklyn and the St. Xavier High School and University of Cincinnati, graduating from the latter in 1943 with a B. F. degree.

He had R. O. T. C. training at college and further training at Fort Sill, Okla. Another memorial mass will be offered at St. Mary's R. C. Church in Cincinnati. In addition to his mother, Lieutenant Towers is survived by a brother, Lt. John V. Towers, in the army air corps.

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CAPT Joe H. Towery

Class 34-42

ID: 01171800

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Lee County, MS

Status: DOW December 22, 1944



Died of wound received while serving with Battery B, 102nd Field Artillery Battalion



Buried in Plantersville Cemetery, Plantersville, Mississippi

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John H. Townley **75-43**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1184317

**231st Field Artillery Battalion
6th Armored Division**

Entered the Service from: New Jersey

Died: 3-Aug-1944

Missing in Action or Buried at Sea

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

Colleville-sur-Mer, France

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): John H. Townley, 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. 51 (1944)

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

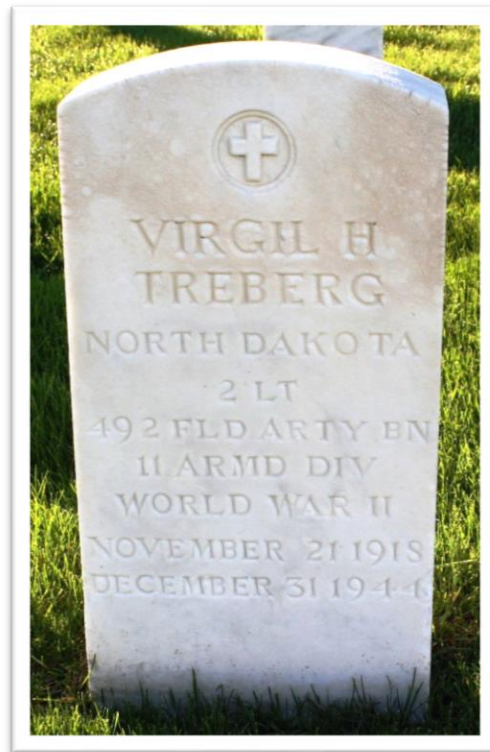
**2 LT Virgil H. Treberg
Class 53-43**

ID: 01178373

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Ramsey County, MN
Status: KIA 31 Dec 1944**



Killed in action serving with the 492nd Field Artillery Battalion, 11th Armored Division



WW II Deceased returned from Grand-Failly, Longuyon, France in 1948

*Buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, South Minneapolis, Minnesota
Section C-24: Site 13689*

31 At 0130 the battalion moved northeast about 15 miles going into position south of Morhet, Belgium at 0745. Considerable difficulty was encountered enroute because of icy roads and vehicular congestion. As soon as the new position was occupied, forward observers were sent out to the 55th Armored Infantry Battalion where liaison had already been established. The battalion started firing at 0830. The attack had just got under way when 2d Lt Virgil H. Treberg's jeep struck a mine 100 yards south of the road junction leading to Pinsamont on the road between Magerette and Tillet. When his progress had become impeded by the enemy road blocks Lt. Treberg had found a way around the blocks, and, in spite of heavy mortar and machine gun fire, hastened forward to reach the leading elements of Company "C" 55th Armored Infantry Battalion, to give them artillery support. He was killed instantly when his vehicle struck the mined area. His driver, Private First Class William Hoko, ASN 16120588, was slightly wounded and was evacuated to the 107th Evacuation Hospital at Sedan. Throughout the day nine battery missions, twelve battalion missions, and two Division Artillery missions were completed. Visibility was extremely poor, hampered as it was, by snow and thick haze. The attack went off as planned and OCB entered Magerette during the morning. The 55th Armored Infantry Battalion moved northwest at once to seize high ground then, with elements of the 22d Tank Battalion, blasted enemy troops from dug in positions on the reverse side of the hill and entered the town of Acul. During the same period COA captured Rechrival and OCB entered Chenogne.

National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
CPT Gordon A. Tunstall
Class 20-42

ID: O1166405

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Philadelphia County, PA
Status: DNB December 21, 1945



Died in the US Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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

1LT William L. Tyson

Class 64-43

ID: O1182021

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Wichita County, TX

Status: KIA May 3, 1945



Killed in action serving with the 608th Field Artillery Battalion, 71st Infantry Division.

He was shot down over Austria while serving as a liaison pilot.

Buried in Davidson Cemetery, Davidson, Oklahoma

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War Department Files

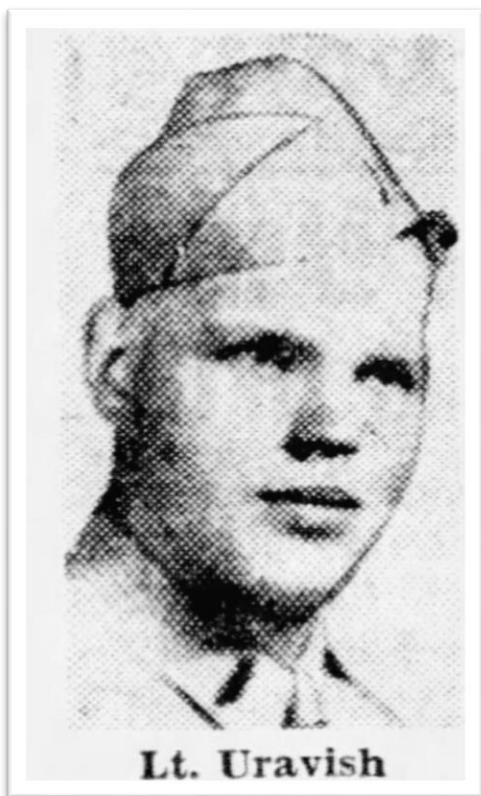
2LT John W. Uravish
Class 82-43

ID: 0-531199

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Allegheny County, PA
Status: KIA January 1, 1945




**2LT Uravish was killed in action serving with the 13th Field Artillery Battalion
24th Infantry Division on Leyte in the Philippines.**



*Buried in Calvary Cemetery
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on March 12, 1949*

LT. JOHN W. URAVISH

Requiem high masses will be sung for Second Lieutenant John W. Uravish of 1353 Paulson avenue, East End, at 9 a. m., Saturday in Corpus Christi Church. Lieutenant Uravish was killed January 1, 1945, on Leyte Island while serving with the Thirteenth Field Artillery, Twenty-fourth Division. He



Lt. John Uravish was 23. A graduate of Corpus Christi School, Central Catholic High school, and Duquesne University, class of 1943, he was employed by the Isaly Dairy Company before entering service. Lieutenant Uravish was assistant scoutmaster of Troop 24, Boy Scouts, and past chief, Order of the Arrow. He belonged to Thomas J. Rooney Post, No. 12, VFW. Surviving are his parents, John F. and Barbara Hackwelder Uravish; a brother, Seaman Francis X. Uravish, and two sisters, Mary Catharine and Barbara Ann Uravish. Friends are being received at the Jay A. McCaffery funeral home, 1512 Lincoln avenue, East End. Military services will be conducted by Thomas J. Rooney and Kiley-Heim Posts, VFW, and American Legion Lincoln-Lemington Post No. 697. Burial will be in the military plot of Calvary Cemetery.

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

2 LT Constantine T. Valis

Class 31-42

ID: O1170584

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Queens County, NY

Status: KIA 26 Dec 1944



He was killed in action fighting in Belgium. He had been overseas since May 1943.

WW II Deceased returned from Henri-Chapelle-Eupen, France in 1948



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

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

2LT Alvin E. Van Alstine

Class 39-42

ID: 01173817

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Clinton, OK

Status: DNB May 29, 1943



**Died of injuries received while serving with the 124th Field Artillery Battalion
at Camp Forest in Tullahoma, Tennessee**



Buried in Stafford Cemetery, Stafford, Oklahoma



August Van Cortlandt 89-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O-535634

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

Entered the Service from: New York

Died: 22-Apr-1945

Buried at: Plot G Row 6 Grave 30

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

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

Silver Star w/Oak Leaf Cluster



1st Award (Citation Needed):

General Orders: Headquarters, 10th Armored Division, General Orders No. 29 (1944)

2nd Award (Oak Leaf Cluster) Citation:

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) Augustus Van Cortlandt (ASN: 0-535634), United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with Battery B, 420th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 10th Armored Division, at Nauburn, Germany, on 22 April 1945. Although mortally wounded during the action, First Lieutenant Van Cortlandt, artillery forward observer, courageously continued directing effective fire upon counterattacking hostile forces, repelling them with heavy losses. His supreme devotion to duty reflects the highest credit upon himself and the artillery forces of the United States.

General Orders: Headquarters, 10th Armored Division, General Orders No. 193 (July 19, 1945)

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John H. Van Der Hyde 57-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1179661

**44th Field Artillery Battalion
4th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Colorado

Died: 14-Sep-1944

Buried at: Plot E Row 15 Grave 75

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

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

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1LT Don C. Van Trees

Class 43-42

ID: 01174992

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Ventura, CA

Status: DNB May 19, 1943



**Died from a gun explosion at Camp Bowie, Texas serving with the
174th Field Artillery Battalion**



Buried in Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, California

Plot: Grave 5, Lot 217, Sequoia

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
CAPT Jack W. Vick, Jr.
Class 31-42**

ID: O1170591

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Pontotoc County, OK
Status: DOW May 25,1944**



Died of wounds received serving with the 338th Field Artillery Battalion, 88th Division

Capt. Jack W. Vick, Jr., former resident of Stonewall who fought in North Africa, Sicily and Italy and was killed in action May 25, 1944, when shot in the side by a sniper, will be buried Wednesday in Stonewall cemetery beside his mother. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 at the Stonewall Baptist church. VFW and American Legion will furnish military honors. Vick was in a medical unit of the National Guard at Wewoka when it was mobilized and was a staff sergeant. He received training at Boston and Fort Sill and was commissioned a second lieutenant in light artillery. He was assigned to Camp Gruber, going on from there to overseas combat with the 38th Division, and rose steadily to rank of captain. He was awarded the Silver Star posthumously. He got his high school education at New Lima. His father has been an employee of the Magnolia Oil Co. for 20 years and has lived at Stonewall, Lindsay and other places. Surviving are the father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vick; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Forsib and Mrs. Nell Rose of Los Angeles, Calif.; four brothers, Robert of Norman, Hubert of Los Angeles, David and Billie Vick of Lindsay. (From the Ada Evening News, Ada, OK, Sunday, December 5, 1948):



Buried in Stonewall Cemetery, Stonewall, Oklahoma

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

2 LT Leonard H. Victor

Class 49-43

ID: O1176832

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Cook County, IL

Status: KIA May 25, 1944



**Killed in action serving with Battery C, 33rd Field Artillery Battalion
1st Infantry Division**

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Leonard H. Victor, 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)

Buried in Oakwoods Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois

National Archives & Records Administration

War Department Files

2 LT Edward W. Voit

Class 39-42

ID: 01173821

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Trumbull County, OH

Status: KIA 5 Apr 1945



Reported to have been killed in action during the Battle of Okinawa
Served with the 921st Field Artillery Battalion

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Edward W. Voit, 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. 275 (1945)

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
2 LT Charles A. Vollmer
64-43**

ID: O-515945

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

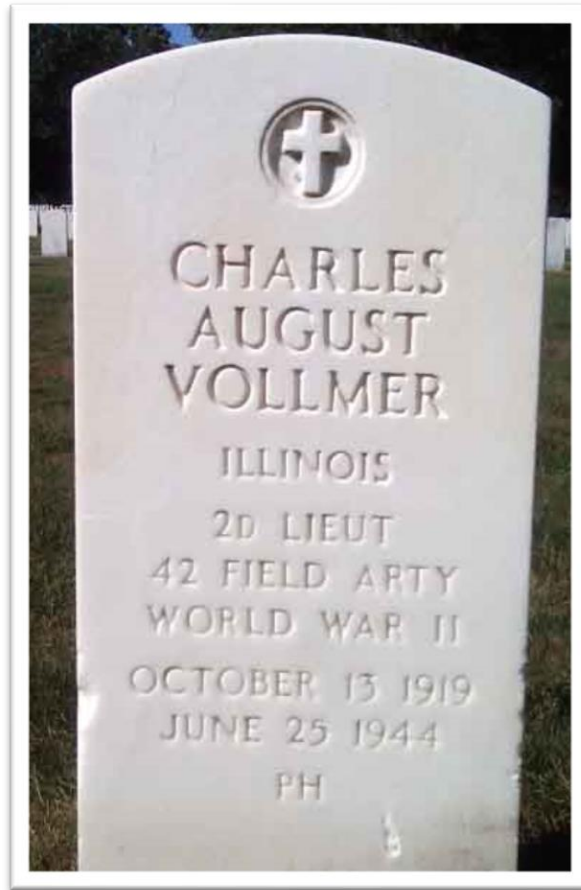
Hometown: Chicago, IL

Status: DOW June 25, 1944



**Served with Battery B, 336th Field Artillery Battalion from 18 September 1943 to 8 February 1944 and then assigned to Battery B, 42nd Field Artillery Battalion.
Wounded on June 24, 1944 and died of wounds the next day.**





**Buried in Rock Island National Cemetery, Rock Island, Illinois
Plot: E O 359**

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1 LT Charley H. Von Behren

Class 30-42

ID: O1170235

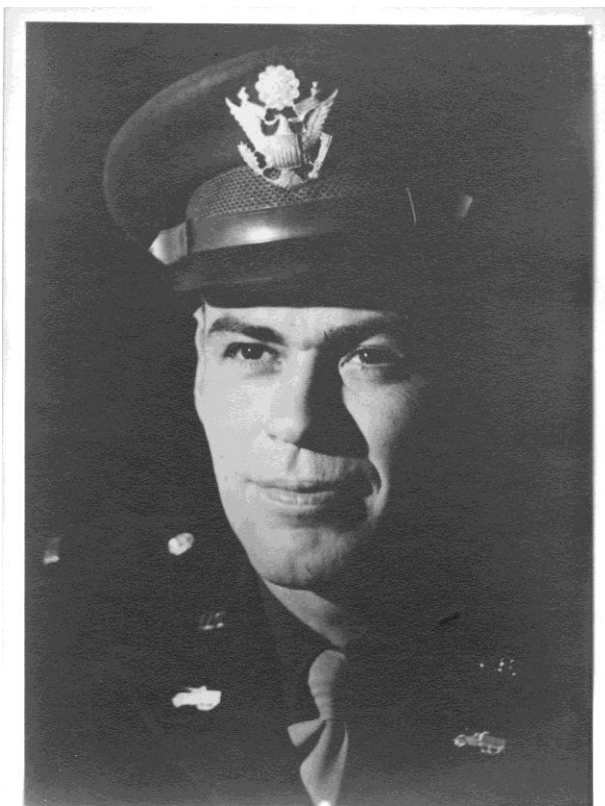
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Status: KIA 17 Jan 1945



Served with Company C, 773rd Tank Destroyer Battalion



**He was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross
and a Bronze Star for Heroic action**



IN REPLY REFER TO:

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WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



18 June 1945

Mrs. Jennie Von Behren
602 Louise Avenue
Azusa, California

Dear Mrs. Von Behren:

I have the honor to inform you that, by direction of the President, the Distinguished Service Cross and the Bronze Star Medal have been posthumously awarded to your son, First Lieutenant Charley H. Von Behren, Field Artillery. The citations are as follows:

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

"For extraordinary heroism in action on 11 September 1944 in ***. While on a reconnaissance mission, Lieutenant Von Behren and an enlisted man of his company were held up by machine gun fire from an enemy-held roadblock guarding the southwestern approach to ***. Realizing that the success of the regimental attack might depend upon the elimination of the strongpoint, Lieutenant Von Behren worked his way across almost fifty yards of open terrain swept by withering machine gun and small arms fire to a point overlooking the enemy position. Armed only with a carbine he rushed forward to the entrance of the emplacement, killed the hostile machine gun crew and captured twelve supporting riflemen. As a result of his outstanding heroism, Lieutenant Von Behren's company was able to advance and the reconnaissance for tank destroyer positions was successfully completed."

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

"For heroic and meritorious achievement in action against the enemy during the period 18-22 August 1944 in the vicinity of *****. While his platoon was in support of the Second

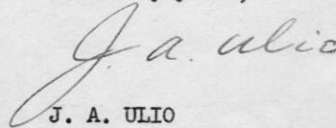
Mrs. Jennie Von Behren
AGPD-R 201 Von Behren, Charley H.
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Battalion, ***** Division, he displayed extraordinary tactical skill in supervising the disposition of his tank destroyers. Although under incessant artillery, mortar and small arms fire, and with utter disregard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Von Behren made foot reconnaissances prior to spotting his individual guns. This action resulted in his platoon being credited with the capture or destruction of considerable enemy personnel and equipment including six half-tracks, twenty general purpose vehicles, two self-propelled guns, eleven tanks and over 300 killed and captured enemy personnel including a brigade commander. Lieutenant Von Behren's aggressive and inspiring leadership, superior tactical skill, and great devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Military Service."

The decorations will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas, Utah, who will select an officer to make the presentation. The officer selected will communicate with you concerning your wishes in the matter.

May I again express my deepest sympathy to you in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,



J. A. ULIO
Major General
The Adjutant General



*WW II Deceased returned from Foy-Bastonge, Belgium in 1949
Buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California Section K: Site 49*



Arthur C. Von Berg 53-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1178380

**Division Artillery
103rd Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: New York

Died: 29-Oct-1944

Buried at: Plot A Row 5 Grave 3

Rhone American Cemetery

Draguignan, France

**Died in the crash of his liaison plane in vicinity of Marseille, France
serving with 103rd Division Artillery**

by Name		MORNING REPORTS - 103d Div Arty, Hq Btry				March '44 thru July '45
Date	S/N	Last Name	First Name	MOS	Rank	Action
9/7/1944	O1178380	Von Berg	Arthur	1981	2LT	Asqd & jd fr 428th Armd FA Bn, Cp Bowie, TX, par 4, SO 213, Hq 103d ID (EDCMR 4-Sep). Dy - Air
9/14/1944	O1178380	Von Berg	Arthur	1981	2LT	Correct'n, 7-Sep - Correct spelling of last name.
10/31/1944	O1178380	Von Berg	Arthur C.	1981	2LT	Killed in Airplane crash in vic of Marseille, FR (Liaison Pilot), LD, 29-Oct.





Capers R. Wactor 31-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1170594

**158th Field Artillery Battalion
45th Infantry Division**

**Entered the Service from: South Carolina
Died: 17-Jul-1943**

**Buried at: Plot E Row 7 Grave 9
Sicily-Rome American Cemetery
Nettuno, Italy**

Awards: Purple Heart

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1 LT James E. Wagner

Class 23-42

ID: 0-420563

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Lyon County, KS

Status: FOD 21 Jul 1944



He was born in 1919 to a Kansas blacksmith and his stay-home wife, James Wagner had military in his family already, his grandfather Sergeant Christian Wagner had served with the 8th Kansas in the Civil War.

He was an actor, and as of 1940 he was single. He was the youngest of 7 children. On December 23, 1940, James enlisted in the National Guard, but eventually he ended up in the Army Air Corps. Between 1940 and his death he married Dorothy P Winslow, and together they bore a son, James Edward Wagner Jr.

In July 1944, he was running a bombing raid over Italy and Austria, when he was shot down by Axis fighters over Austria. He left behind his wife and son, and predeceased his entire family. His mother could never speak of the day she found out. James and 6 other men were buried in a quick group burial in France, but the US Army finally delivered them home for burial in the states. 10+ years after his death, James E Wagner was finally layed to rest in St. Louis, Missouri. May he rest in peace.



Returned from an overseas group burial in 1950 for interment

Buried in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Saint Louis, Missouri

Plot: 84 0 302-304

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**1 LT Robert M. S. Walker
Class 89-43**

ID: 0-535636

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

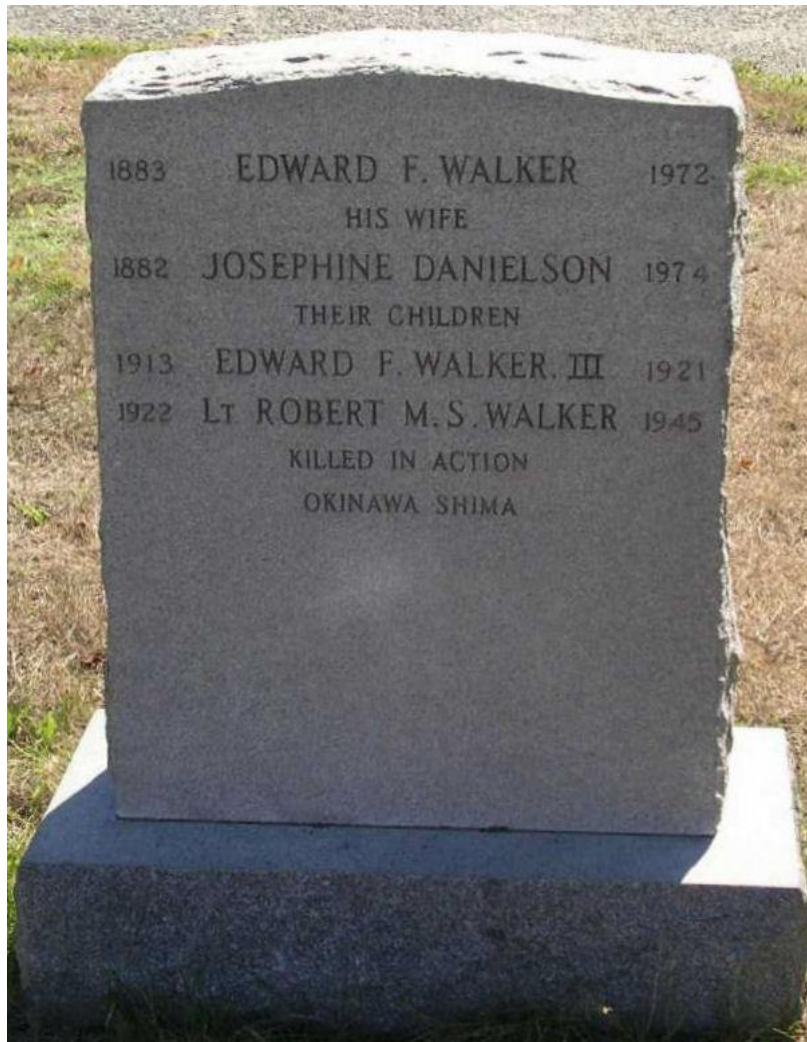
Hometown: Providence, RI

Status: KIA 27 May 1945



**Killed in action during the Battle of Okinawa serving as a Forward Observer
for the 49th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Infantry Division**





Buried in North Burial Ground, Providence, Rhode Island

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Fred C. Wallace Jr. 65-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1182295

957th Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Ohio

Died: 19-July-1944

Buried at: Plot C Row 23 Grave 35

Normandy American Cemetery

Colleville-sur-Mer, France

Awards: Purple Heart

Killed in action when his liaison plane was shot down by enemy aircraft. Originally buried in Saint Mere Eglise Cemetery No. 2 and later relocated to Normandy American Cemetery.



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Russell W. Waller **50-43**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1177227

**61st Field Artillery Battalion
1st Cavalry Division**

Entered the Service from: Oklahoma

Died: 25-Dec-1943

Buried at: Plot E Row 0 Grave 182

Honolulu Memorial

Honolulu, Hawaii



Michael J. Walsh 52-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1178025

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

Entered the Service from: Pennsylvania

Died: 2-Feb-1945

Buried at: Plot B Row 12 Grave 39

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

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

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Michael J. Walsh, 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. 25 (1945)



MICHAEL J. WALSH
1 LT. 32 FA BN 1 DIV
PENNSYLVANIA FEB 2 1945

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**2 LT James H. Wangelin
Class 75-43**

ID: O1184327

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Marion County, IN
Status: KIA January 9, 1945**



2LT Wangelin died near Brest, France serving with the 56th Field Artillery Battalion, 8th Infantry Division. His body was moved to the U.S. in 1948 at the request of the family.



Second Lt. James H. Wangelin, 21, will be buried in Crown Hill Cemetery following services at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday in Flanner & Buchanan Mortuary. He died September 2, 1944, near Brest, France.

A native of Tuscola, Ill., he was a member of the University Heights Christian Church. Active in Scouting, he attained the Eagle rank and was a Firecrafter. He was graduated from Arsenal Technical High School and was a pre-medical student at Indiana University when he entered service. At Indiana, he was a member of the Indiana Band.

Receiving his commission in July, 1943, at Ft. Sill, Okla., he was sent overseas in June, 1944, and served in the 56th Field Artillery Battalion.

Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Wangelin; a brother, William R. Wangelin, and his grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Coverston.

*Buried in Crown Hill Cemetery
Indianapolis, Indiana*

Stunned by the message that told of the death of his son, Lieutenant James H. Wangelin, who was assigned to the 56th field artillery battalion in Normandy and Brittany, Richard D. Wangelin, 1304 Edwards avenue, finally put some of his thoughts on paper. These he sent to The News, with the modest comment that they might be of some value in stimulating the sale of War bonds.

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Mr. Wangelin wrote as follows: "Today, I am an old man. Yesterday with its sunshine and hopes and plans is gone and this morning I am an old man. Years of planning and struggles for righteous upbringing and education and hopes for the continued advancement for my beloved son are gone.

"For twenty-one years I have struggled and striven to mold and lead aright one of God's chosen, whom all liked. His Scout friends, his high school and college associates, even the maligned A. J. A. S., with whom he trained, called him Lieutenant Jim. And all for what?

* * *

"Yesterday, September 29, I was interested in advancement, plans and hopes—all to be dashed to the ground by the expression, 'The secretary of war desires me . . .' Just four words, and this morning I am an old man, trying to start anew—to begin life as I did when we were young—and for what?

"God give me strength to carry on."

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

**CAPT Mayland J. Warble
Class 22-42**

ID: 01166857

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Branch County, MI
Status: KIA October 23, 1945**



Killed in action serving with the 117th Field Artillery Battalion, 31st Division



Buried in South Milford Cemetery, South Milford, Indiana

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Daniel B. Ward **35-42**

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1172327

**Division Artillery
9th Armored Division**

Entered the Service from: Illinois

Died: 4-Apr-1945

Buried at: Plot K Row 3 Grave 21

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

Awards: Purple Heart

Hometown: Chippewa County, MI





Milton J. Ward

32-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1169815

**276th Infantry Regiment
70th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Maine

Died: 20-Feb-1945

Buried at: Plot B Row 11 Grave 52

Epinal American Cemetery

Epinal, France

Awards: Purple Heart



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2 LT Robert S. Ward

Class 79-43

ID: O1184965

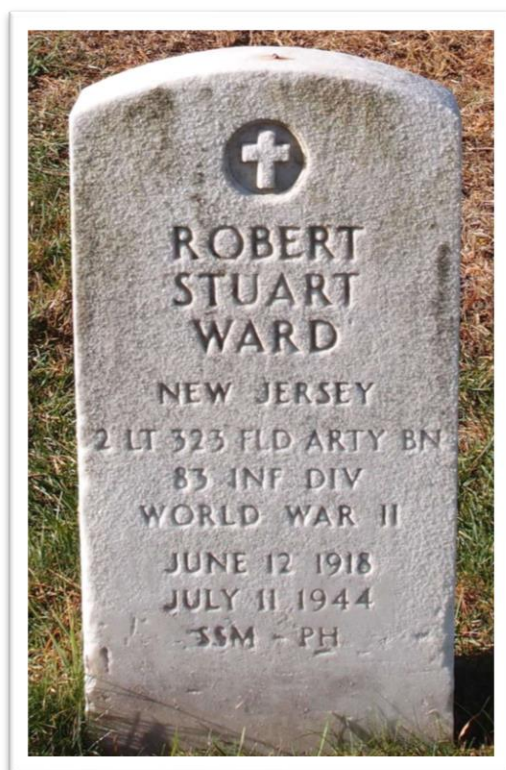
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: New York County, NY

Status: KIA July 11, 1944



Killed in action serving with the 323rd Field Artillery Battalion, 83rd Infantry Division



Buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Fort Myer, Virginia

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 S. Ward (ASN: 0-1184965), United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with the *** Field Artillery Battalion, 83d Infantry Division, in action on 11 July 1944, near ****, France. A company of infantry moving forward in assault met very heavy fire from enemy infantry using automatic weapons and supported by a tank. Second Lieutenant Ward, as forward artillery observer, immediately called for artillery fire against the tank. Because of the high hedgerows and hull-down position of the tank, accurate direction of the artillery fire was extremely difficult. With utter disregard for his own safety, Second Lieutenant Ward went out into the open field, exposing himself to intense fire from both the tank and the accompanying enemy infantry, so that he might accurately observe the artillery fire. He repeated this action several times until the tank was destroyed by a direct hit. The company was thereby enabled to continue its advance. A short while later, while attempting to return from an exposed position to the radio to call for more artillery fire, Second Lieutenant Ward was fatally wounded. His coolness, devotion to duty, and outstanding personal bravery were a great credit to himself and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

General Orders: Headquarters, 83d Infantry Division, General Orders No. 18 (July 30, 1944)

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War Department Files**

**2 LT William O. Ward
Class 46-43**

ID: 01175893

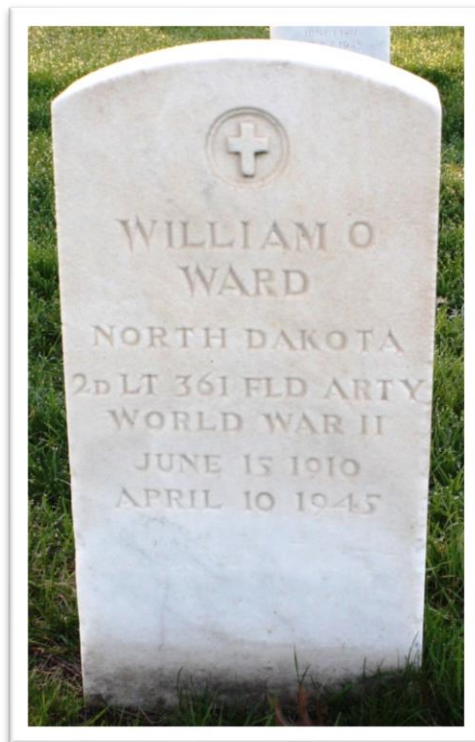
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Burleigh County, ND

Status: KIA April 19, 1945



Killed in action serving with Battery C, 361st Field Artillery Battalion



WW II Deceased returned from Okinawa 96th Division Cemetery No. 1 Ryukyu, Retto in 1949

Buried in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Fort Snelling, Minnesota

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Archibald S. Ware, Jr.

Class 63-43

ID: O-519216

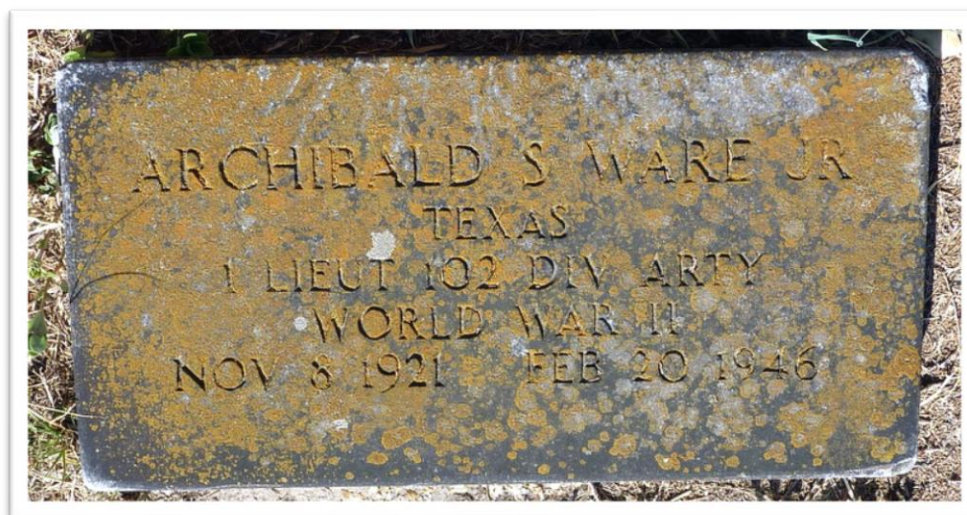
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Brazos County, TX

Status: DNB February 20, 1946



Died serving with Headquarters Company, Field Artillery Air Section, 102nd Division or the 1st Infantry Division Artillery. He died in Germany after WWII.



Buried in Bryan City Cemetery, Bryan, Texas



Edward F. Washington 51-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1177689

79th Field Artillery Group

Entered the Service from: Iowa

Died: 16 August 1944

Buried at: Plot E Row 13 Grave 4

Brittany American Cemetery

St. James, France

Awards: Purple Heart

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
2LT Charles O. Wasson
Class 59-43**

ID: 0516677

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Upper Darby, PA
Status: DNB December 8, 1943**



2LT Wasson was assigned to the 11th Airborne Division for training. He died from severe injuries received in a glider crash on December 7, 1943. He was serving with the 675th Glider Field Artillery Battalion at Camp MacKall, North Carolina.



Buried in Arlington Cemetery, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania

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

CAPT John C. Watkins

Class 27-42

ID: O1168794

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Smith County, TX

Status: KIA January 16, 1945



**Killed in action serving in Belgium with Battery C, 83rd Field Artillery Battalion
during the Battle of the Bulge. (also reported as killed on February 16, 1945)**



Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Tyler Texas

National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
CAPT Carrol E. Watson
Class 34-42

ID: 01171821

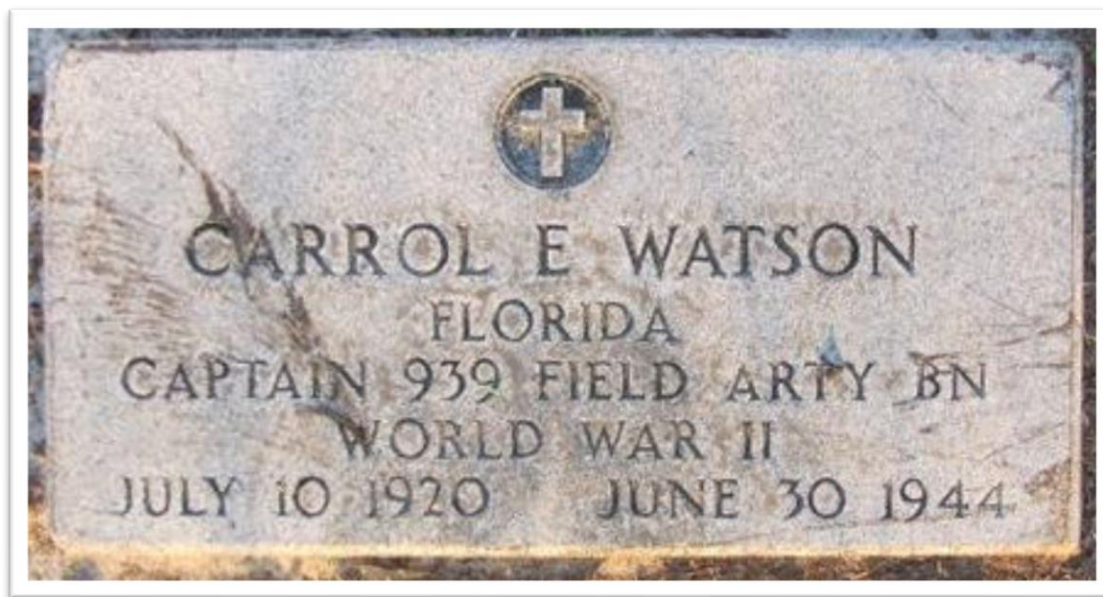
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Polk County, FL

Status: DOI June 30, 1944



Died from injuries received serving with the 939th Field Artillery Battalion



Buried in Oaklawn Cemetery, Winter Haven, Florida

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Robert S. Watson **23-42**

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # O1167267

**66th Field Artillery Battalion
4th Armored Division**

Entered the Service from: Pennsylvania

Died: 1-Aug-1944

Buried at: Plot C Row 11 Grave 24

Normandy American Cemetery

Colleville-sur-Mer, France

Awards: Purple Heart

Extract from the 66th Field Artillery Battalion After Action Report for August 1944:

On 1 August 1944 the Bn moved out at 1100 displacing by batteries. It soon became a run toward the South and a position was taken up near Patton, France outside the city of Rennes. While the Bn was moving into position we were subjected to heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Casualties suffered by this Bn were 54. Capt R.S. Watson, Btry "C" Commander was killed and Lt F. J. Savarinski was wounded. Sgt Vanderpool, 1st Sgt of Btry "C" took over the Btry and did a fine job until relieved by an officer of the Div Arty. Lt E.V. Williams, Surrey Officer was killed by sniper fire. In attempting to go back and remove Lt Williams body S/Sgt Templeton was wounded seriously. 1st Sgt Zelin of Btry "B", who accompanied Sgt Templeton did not return. He has been officially carried as missing in action. Mention might be made here that the 66th Arm'd FA Bn were directly behind the leading elements and in some cases in front of the Inf. A reluctance was noted on the part of Infantrymen to get out of their half-tracks when subjected to small arms and mortar fire. In many cases they dug in and did not attempt to send out patrols.

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

1 LT William E. Watterson

Class 61-43

ID: 01181184

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Jackson County, MO

Status: DOW April 1, 1945



**Died of wounds received while serving with Battery C, 3rd Field Artillery Battalion
9th Armored Division**

Buried in Floral Hills Cemetery, Raytown, Missouri



Jesse J. Way

42-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1174738

**31st Field Artillery Battalion
7th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Kansas

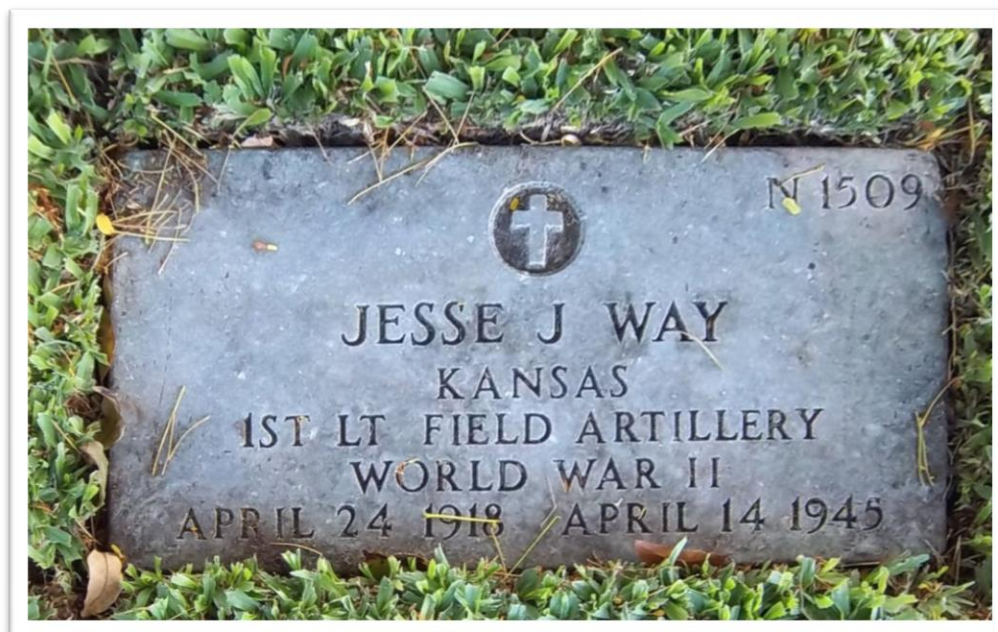
Died: 14-Apr-1945

Buried at: Plot N Row 0 Grave 1509

Honolulu Memorial

Honolulu, Hawaii

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart



National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
CPT Billy M. Weathers
Class 23-42

ID: 01167268

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Elkton, KY

Status: DNB May 11, 1944



Died during training in the crash of a liaison plane at Camp Howze, Texas piloted by 1LT Robert A. Landon ((FA OCS Class 61-43).

**Elkton Captain Killed
In Texas Plane Crash**

Gainesville, Texas, May 12 (AP)
—Capt. B. M. Weathers, Elkton, Ky., and 1st Lt. Robert A. Landon, Rouge, Mich., were killed yesterday when their plane crashed near Camp Howze, the field public relations officer announced today.

Buried in Guthrie, Kentucky



William W. Webb **41-42**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1174469

**59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion
45th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Florida

Died: August 15, 1944

Buried at: Plot B Row 8 Grave 17

Rhone American Cemetery

Draguignan, France

Awards: Purple Heart, Silver Star

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): William W. Webb, 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. 237 (1944)



WILLIAM W. WEBB
1 LT 59 ARMD FA BN
FLORIDA AUG 15 1944

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

1 LT Melvin R. Weeks

Class 22-42

ID: 01166860

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Franklin County, OH

Status: DNB June 30, 1945



Died while serving with Battery C, 462nd Parachute Field Artillery Battalion



Buried in Reeber Hill Cemetery, Ashville, Ohio

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William B. Weisiger 25-42

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1168130

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

Entered the Service from: Tennessee

Died: 4-Nov-1943

Buried at: Plot E Row 8 Grave 30

Sicily-Rome American Cemetery

Nettuno, Italy

Awards: Purple Heart



Martin J. Weiss **80-43**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1185155

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

Entered the Service from: Pennsylvania

Died: 13-Apr-1945

Buried at: Plot K Row 3 Grave 18

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

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

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Martin J. Weiss, 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 8th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 8th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 123 (1945)



At 7 a.m. of April 13th the 3rd Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment attacked northwest towards Schwelm, encountering several road blocks and some artillery and mortar fire. When the advance of the 3rd Battalion was halted by a tank block consisting of one Tiger Royal tank, one self-propelled gun and 200 German infantry, 1st Lt Martin J. Weiss, who had been wounded in action only four days before, established an observation post far ahead of the friendly infantry and brought artillery fire on the enemy. Unable to see the German armored vehicles, Lt Weiss mounted an American tank in order to move nearer the tank block and while under enemy machine gun fire and artillery fire was killed in action when the tank was hit a second time by an enemy self-propelled gun.

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

1 LT John R. Weizer

Class 34-42

ID: 01171889

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Cuyahoga County, OH

Status: KIA 1944



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

Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio



John H. Whelan

66-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O-517014

**Division Artillery
35th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Illinois

Died: 12-May-1945

Buried at: Plot L Row 5 Grave 16

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

Awards: Purple Heart, Bronze Star



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1 LT Stanard T. Wheaton

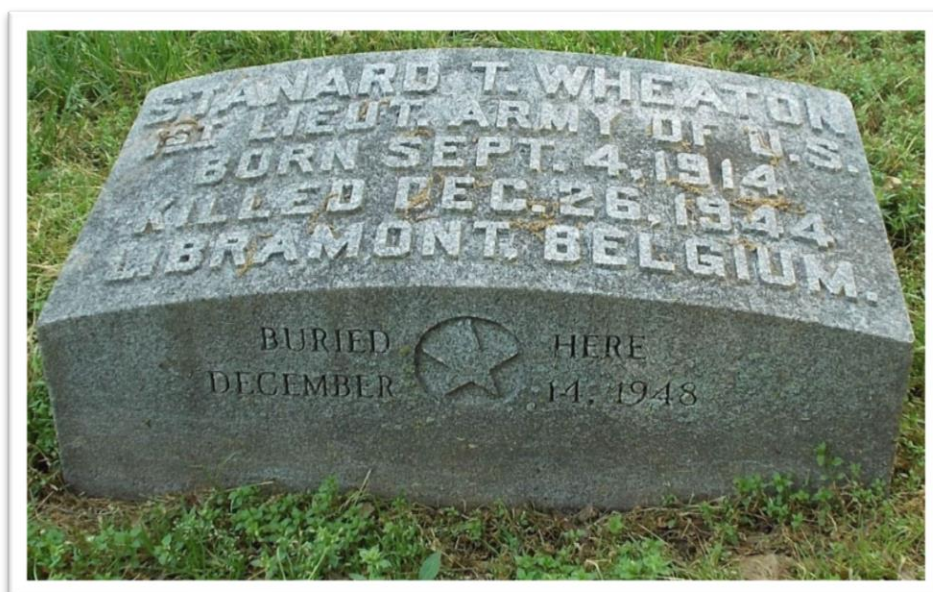
Class 18-42

ID: O1165985

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Home State: Texas

Status: KIA December 26,1944



Buried in Belfontaine Cemetery, Saint Louis, Missouri

National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
2 LT George A. Whelan
Class 59-43

ID: O-514734

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Westchester County, NY
Status: KIA August 9, 1944



Killed in Action serving with the 28th Infantry Division



Silver Star



(Citation Needed): George A. Whelan, 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. 48 (1944)

National Archives & Records Administration
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2 LT Joseph T. Whitaker
Class 51-43

ID: 01177695

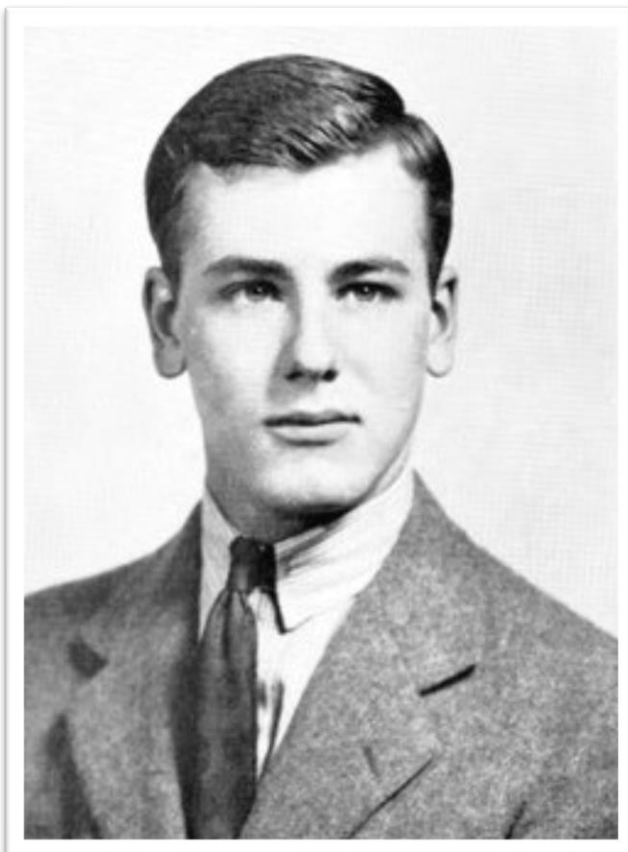
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Dade County, FL

Status: DNB October 29, 1943



2LT Whitaker died in a plane crash during maneuvers near Camp Mackall, North Carolina on October 29, 1943. He was serving with the 457th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, 11th Airborne Division.



**LIEUT. WHITAKER,
MIAMI, PLANE
CRASH VICTIM**

Lieut. Joseph Trippe Whitaker, 21, son Mrs. Trippe Whitaker of 933 Andalusia ave., Coral Gables, was one of 14 men killed in the recent crash of an army transport plane near Camp Mackall, N. C. He was an officer in the air-borne artillery and was scheduled to make two practice jumps in the maneuvers.

Lieutenant Whitaker received his officer training at Fort Sill, Okla., after which he joined the air-borne command.



Buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Wasau, Wisconsin

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

**2 LT Howard K. White
Class 25-42**

ID: O1168133

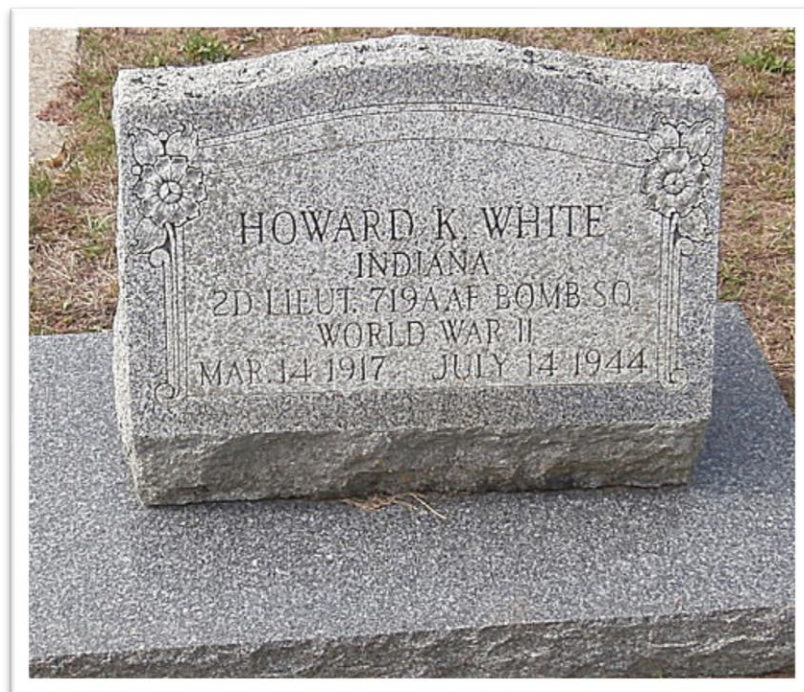
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Winamac, IN

Status: KIA July 14, 1944



Co-pilot on a B-24 that was shot down over Budapest, Hungary during a refinery bombing mission. Assigned to the 719th Army Air Force Bomb Squadron, 449th Bomb Group.



Buried in Tippecanoe Cemetery, Winamac, Indiana

National Archives & Records Administration

War Department Files

2LT John Wesley White

Class 35-42

ID: O1172333

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Hall County, GA

Status: KIA 4 Dec 1944



White, John Wesley was born in Hall Co., Georgia on 6 November 1922, the son of Zola E. Chambers and Thomas Newton White. His family moved to Wellsburg, West Virginia when he was a child. Johnnie graduated from Wellsburg High School in 1940 and got a job at the Holland Furnace Company.

He enlisted in the Army on 14 January 1941 at Clarksburg, WV. At the time of his enlistment, he was a resident of Brooke County, WV. John received his training at Fort D.A. Russell near Marfa, Texas and Fort Sill, OK. He later attended Officer Candidate School.

2nd Lieutenant White was appointed as "B" Battery reconnaissance officer on 5 March 1943 while the 202nd Field Artillery Battalion was in Texas. Later, as a 1st Lieutenant, John was the reconnaissance officer assigned to "C" Battery.

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.

Lt. White was killed on 4 December 1944 in the vicinity of Puberg, France, along with 1st Lieutenant Orris E. Herr, when the L-4 Grasshopper observation and liaison aircraft they were flying was hit by friendly artillery fire. A Battalion howitzer 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.

He was buried on 6 December 1944 in the U.S. Military Cemetery at Hochfelden, France. The burial was conducted by the 46th Quartermaster Graves Registration Company. Positive identification of Lt. White was made by 1st Lieutenant Richard G. Krahn of HQ Battery.

Lt. John W. White was repatriated to the United States in February 1949 and interred in the Brooke Cemetery in Wellsburg, West Virginia.



Buried in Brooke Cemetery, Wellsburg, West Virginia

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Morris W. White

Class 48-43

ID: O1174912

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Status: KIA December 31, 1944



Killed in action serving with the 951st Field Artillery Battalion



Buried in San Gabriel Cemetery, San Gabriel, California



Robert D. Whiting 15-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1165585

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

Entered the Service from: Illinois

Died: 18-Aug-1944

Buried at: Plot F Row 1 Grave 18

Brittany American Cemetery

St. James, 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 (Infantry) Robert D. Whiting (ASN: 0-1165585), United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with the 314th Field Artillery Battalion, 80th Infantry Division in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 18 August 1944 in France.

General Orders: Headquarters, 80th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 47 (September 30, 1944)

National Archives & Records Administration

War Department Files

1 LT Raymond Wiener

Class 23-42

ID: O1167279

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Allegheny County, PA

Status: DOW Sept 15, 1944



1LT Wiener died in Southern France two days after being wounded in action. He had been overseas for two years, serving in North Africa, Sicily, in Italy at Anzio and in the Rome Campaign.

SILVER STAR



(Citation Needed) - SYNOPSIS: First Lieutenant (Field Artillery) Raymond Wiener (ASN: O-1167279), United States Army, was awarded the Silver Star (Posthumously) for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with Battery C, 39th Field Artillery Battalion, 3d Infantry Division, on September 13, 1944 in France.

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

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Dean K. Wilber **53-43**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1178389

**Headquarters
250th Field Artillery Group**

**Entered the Service from: California
Died: 1-Sep-1945
Buried at: Plot F Row 15 Grave 33
Lorraine American Cemetery
St. Avold, France**

Served as a Liaison Pilot

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Benjamin Wilcox Jr. 28-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1169394

341st Field Artillery Battalion
89th Infantry Division

Entered the Service from: Massachusetts

Died: 15-Mar-1945

Buried at: Plot B Row 6 Grave 17

Luxembourg American Cemetery
Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart



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

1 LT William Wilcox

Class 40-42

ID: 01174193

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Cook County, IL

Status: DNB



No further information available

National Archives & Records Administration

War Department Files

2 LT Bernard L. Wilensky

Class 36-42

ID: 01172718

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Suffolk County, MA

Status: KIA March 11, 1945

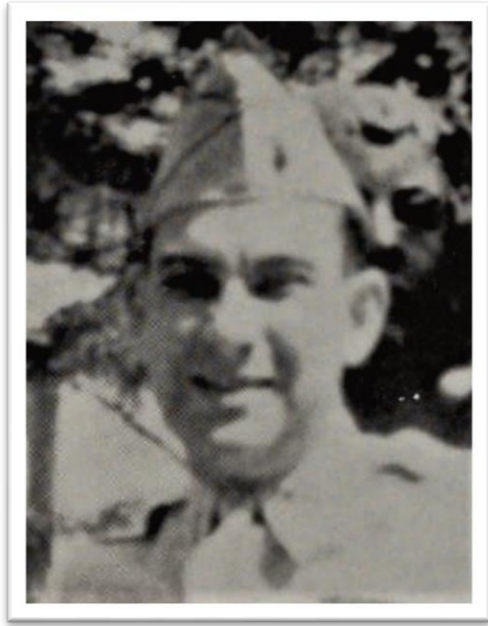


Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Bernard L. Wilensky, 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. 54 (1945)



Buried in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Massachusetts



Eugene V. Williams 23-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1167283

**66th Field Artillery Battalion
4th Armored Division**

Entered the Service from: Maine

Died: 1-Aug-1944

Buried at: Plot K Row 15 Grave 21

Brittany American Cemetery

St. James, France

Awards: Purple Heart

From the 66th Field Artillery After Action Report for August 1944:

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National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

**2LT Judge Stanley Williams
Class 47-43**

ID: O1176225

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



2 LT Williams died in a plane crash at A.P. Hill Army Post, Virginia during a training exercise while serving as a liaison pilot with Headquarters Battery, 76th Division Artillery. The aerial observer, 2LT Robert W. Henning (FAOCS Class 19-42), also perished in the crash.



Buried in Llano Cemetery, Amarillo, Texas

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

**CAPT James G. Williamson
Class 79-43**

ID: 01184969

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: McMinn County, TN
Status: DNB May 25, 1945**



He died while serving with XVI Corps Artillery



Buried in Resthaven Cemetery, Monroe, Georgia

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
2 LT Jack L. Williamson
Class 67-43**

ID: O1182744

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Outagamie County, WI
Status: KIA September 24, 1944**



**Killed in action serving as an aerial observer with the 907th Glider Field Artillery
Battalion in a plane piloted by 1LT John M. Sherry (FAOCS Class 59-43)**



Remains of Lt. Sherry's liaison plane which was brought down by enemy small arms.

Eyewitness report of the crash:

Anyway about that airplane you said was shot down that Piper Cub. I saw the thing flying over and he seemed awful low to the trees. There are a lot of trees there; these weren't open meadows right around us at this place; kind of a wood sparse like thing. And this highway that we speak of was built up with real deep ditches on each side, maybe 10 or 12-15 feet deep on each side. As you probably know Southern Holland is very low and marshy and of course, you got to have the mud... mud goes with war!

Anyway, I saw this plane dip down into these trees, but some ways off and some smoke going up. So, I got hold of Lt Blake, because he was someone you could talk to and I pointed it out to him and told him what I'd seen.

So we got together a little group there, I think it was a guy named Toucksberry and no doubt Henry Keith. Anyway 4 or 5 of us with Lt. Blake in the lead. We go down in the ditches and what not, make it over to these woods, and finally from the smoke and what not we carefully make our way up to this plane that had crashed. It was probably one of the most gruesome sites that I saw in the whole war, and I saw quit a few. These guys were in a plane that had come down head first through these trees. They were still buckled in their seats, the flames were actually melting... you could see the skin rolling and boiling into a liquid and rolling down their arms. It was really horrible thing but there was nothing we could do for either one as they were already gone. That was one episode that day.

From Unknown Source:

Just one of the victims of the war in Europe was Jack L Williamson serial number O-1182744 who came from Appleton Wisconsin. Jack was the oldest of three sons, enlisted in the Army on 26th, August 1942, and became a second lieutenant in the 907th Glider Field Artillery Battalion (907th GFA) of the 101st Airborne Division and enlisted in the Army on 26th, August 1942.

Lt Williamson served as an air observer in the 907th GFA which meant that he while flying in an airplane directed their own artillery batteries in support of the infantry units. During the first days of Market Garden their artillery was still in position in the drop/landing zone.

These small airplanes called Piper Cub L-4's came in by several trucks and were easily to handle. The airplane in which Jack flew was piloted by first lieutenant John M Sherry of the 101st Divisional Headquarters.

While flying above Hell's Highway on the 24th of September they came under heavy German small arms fire and went down near the village of Eerde. Both members the pilot and observer were killed during the crash.

Buried in Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, Appleton, Wisconsin



Paul B. Williams **43-42**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1175008

133rd Military Police Platoon

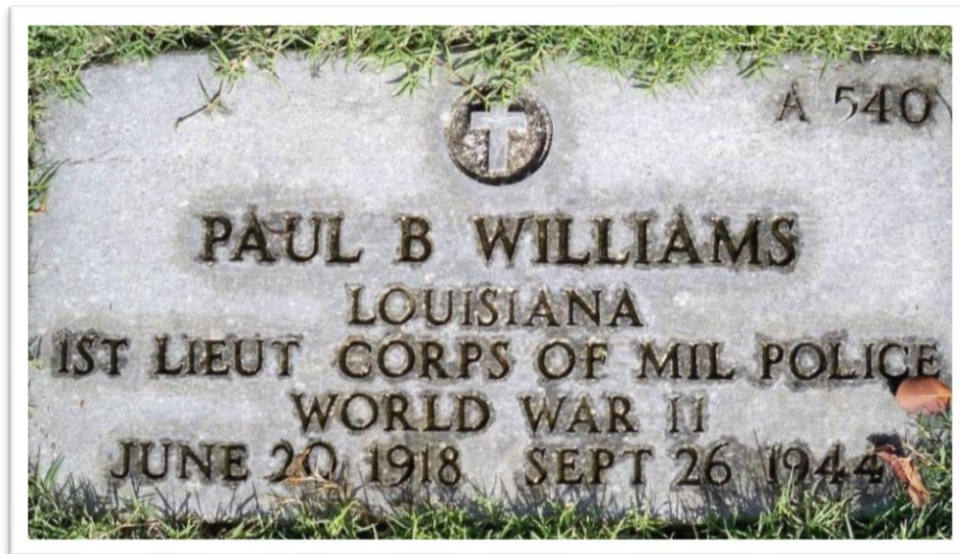
Entered the Service from: Louisiana

Died: 26-Sep-1944

Buried at: Plot A Row 0 Grave 540

Honolulu Memorial

Honolulu, Hawaii





Carroll F. Willis **27-42**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1168978

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

Entered the Service from: Texas

Died: 13-Jul-1943

Buried at: Plot D Row 15 Grave 29

Sicily-Rome American Cemetery

Nettuno, Italy

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart



James Moser Willis 22-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1166868

**54th Field Artillery Battalion
3rd Armored Division**

Entered the Service from: Virginia

Died: 11-Dec-1944

Buried at: Plot B Row 12 Grave 29

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Awards: Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): James M. Willis, 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. 58 (1945)



JAMES MOSER WILLIS
1 LT 54 FA BN 3 ARMD DIV
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2 LT Thomas Willis

Class 59-43

ID: 01180383

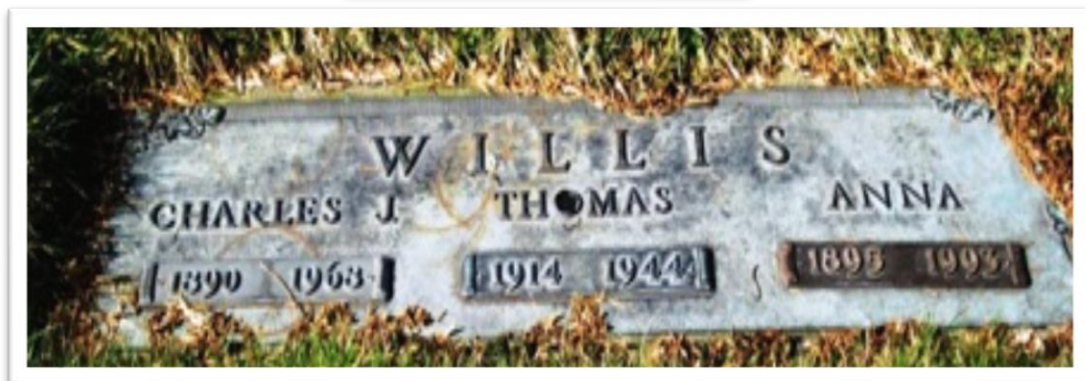
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Pierce County, WA

Status: KIA 1944



Killed in action in Vada, Italy.



Buried in Mountain View Memorial Park Pierce County Washington



Orman D. Wills **47-43**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1176228

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

Entered the Service from: Mississippi

Died: 25-Mar-1945

Buried at: Plot K Row 31 Grave 17

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

**Awards: Silver Star, Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf
Clusters, Purple Heart**

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Orman D. Willis, 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 Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 5th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 16 (1945)

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

**1 LT Frederick S. Wilson
Class 45-42**

ID: O1175615

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Luzerne County, PA
Status: KIA August 10, 1944**



Killed in action serving with the 12th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division

Buried in Hanover Green Cemetery, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania

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William G. Windeler 67-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1182745

**Division Artillery
90th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: California

Died: 4-Jul-1944

Buried at: Plot B Row 9 Grave 9

Normandy American Cemetery

Colleville-sur-Mer, France

Awards: Purple Heart



Lieut. William G. Windeler

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Henry Winkler

Class 22-42

ID: O1166871

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Brooklyn, NY

Status: KIA May 28, 1944



Killed in action serving with the 91st Armored Field Artillery Battalion



Buried in Mount Ararat Cemetery, Farmingdale, New York

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Herman P. Winterer 40-42

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1174197

949th Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Pennsylvania

Died: 3-Oct-1944

Buried at: Plot C Row 5 Grave 72

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

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

While serving as an aerial observer, the plane he was in was hit by an artillery shell and destroyed.

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1LT Raymond M. Witherspoon Jr.

Class 60-43

ID: O1180774

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Franklin County, FL
Status: DNB May 22, 1945**



Assigned to the 975th Field Artillery Battalion at Camp Forest, Tennessee after graduating from OCS at Fort Sill. Died of injuries received in a plane crash at Camp Hood, Texas.

Two Fliers Killed In Crash Of Plane

TEMPLE, May 22. (AP)—Maj Charles H. Tustison of Lone Rock, Wisc., and Lt. Raymond H. Witherspoon, jr., of Carbadelle, Fla., were killed today when their field artillery liaison plane crashed during a routine training flight at Camp Hood.

Wives of both fliers live at Gatesville, Tex.



Buried in Magnolia Cemetery, Apalachicola, Florida



William J. Wolf **69-43**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1183221

**Division Artillery
26th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: New York

Died: 9-Dec-1944

Buried at: Plot K Row 18 Grave 32

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

Awards: Distinguished Service Cross, Purple Heart

Distinguished Service Cross



Distinguished Service Cross

1LT William J. Wolf

(Citation Needed) - SYNOPSIS: First Lieutenant (Field Artillery) William J. Wolf (ASN: 0-1183221), 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 Division Artillery, 26th Infantry Division, in action against enemy forces on 9 December 1944. First Lieutenant Wolf'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. 66 (1945)

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THE WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL



Charles H. Wood Jr. 63-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1181804

87th Armored Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: New York

Died: 27-Jun-1944

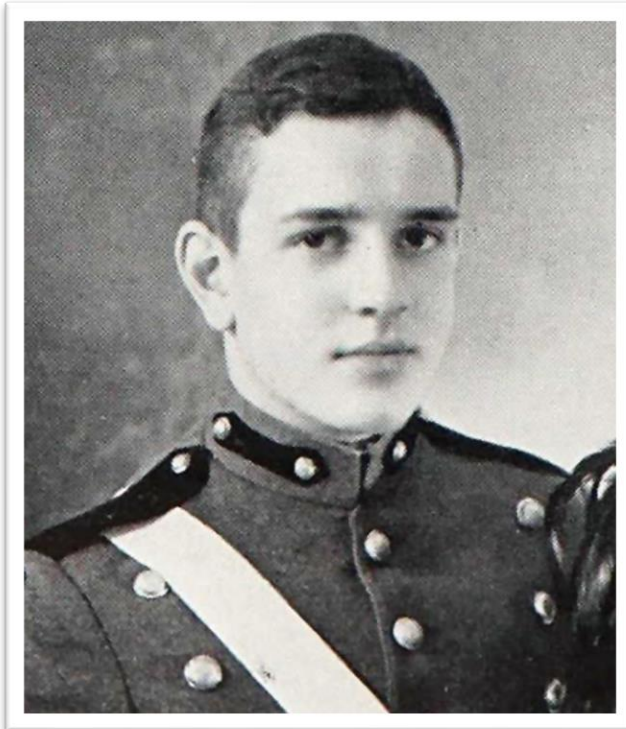
Buried at: Plot F Row 19 Grave 32

Normandy American Cemetery

Colleville-sur-Mer, France

Awards: Air Medal, Purple Heart

He was killed when the liaison plane he was in was hit by friendly fire and crashed.
The pilot 2LT Robert R. McAninch (FA OCS Class 55-43) was also killed.



National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Lloyd G. Wood

Class 40-42

ID: 01174200

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Jasper County, MO

Status: KIA June 7, 1944



Killed in action serving with the 979th Field Artillery Battalion

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Lloyd G. Wood, 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 XIX Corps during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, XIX Corps, General Orders No. 49 (1944)



WEBB CITY SOLDIER KILLED IN ACTION

Lt. Lloyd Wood, Former High School Athlete, Was Serving With Field Artillery in France.

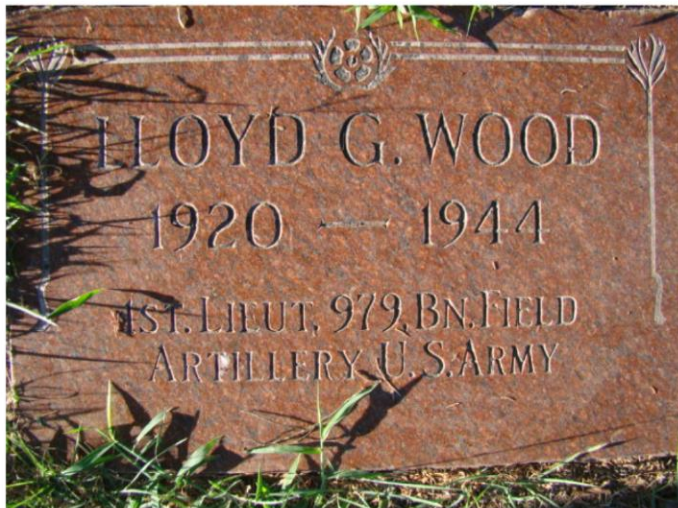
Webb City, Mo., July 29.—Information was received today by Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wood, 737 Prospect street, that their son, First Lieutenant Lloyd Wood, was killed in action in France June 7. He was serving with the field artillery.

Entering the service as an enlisted man, Wood received his training at Fort Sill, Okla., and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He had been in England for several months, and was with the invasion forces landing in Normandy.

Born at Pimatah, Okla., Wood had lived in Webb City most of his life. He was an outstanding high school athlete, lettering in football, basketball and track. He was graduated from high school in 1938 and later attended the Kansas teachers' college at Pittsburg and the Fort Scott Junior college.

After finishing school, Wood was employed as a chemist at the Du Pont Powder Company's plant near Carl Junction.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Elizabeth Dixon of Fort Scott; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wood, and a sister, Miss Rose Marie Wood, of the home.



Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Webb City, Missouri



Russell N. Woods

66-43

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # O-515626

777th Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Missouri

Died: 2-May-1945

Buried at: Plot L Row 1 Grave 10

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

Awards: Bronze Star





James W. Wright 64-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O-514436

777th Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Pennsylvania

Died: 18-Dec-1944

Buried at: Plot A Row 13 Grave 31

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

Awards: Purple Heart





Robert E. Wright **64-43**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O-515946

759th Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Illinois

Died: 14 April 1945

Buried at: Plot F Row 18 Grave 4

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

Awards: Purple Heart



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War Department Files**

**1 LT Bertrand C. Wulf
Class 57-43**

ID: 01179689

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Boone County, IA

Status: KIA April 3, 1945



**Killed in action serving as a liaison pilot and observer with the
66th Armored Field Artillery Battalion**

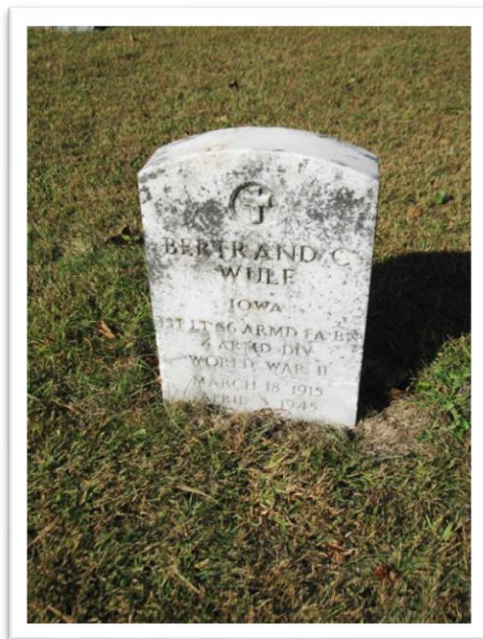


The funeral service for First Lt Bertrand C. Wulf was held on Wednesday afternoon, May 11, at 2 p.m. in the Schroeder Funeral Home. The Rev. A.M. Clarke and the Rev J. Stewart Brown were in charge of the service. Burial was in Linwood Park cemetery and after the committal; military rites were held, conducted by the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Lt Bertrand C. Wulf was born on March 18, 1915 in Boone. As a child he attended the Lutheran church and was confirmed. He attended high school and Junior college in Boone and later became connected with the McKinney School of Music in Peoria, Ill. In the meantime, he was converted in the First Baptist Church of Minneapolis and attended there and in Slayton, Minn.

He entered the service of his country in March 1942, and became an officer after attending various military schools. On March 28, 1942 he was married to Gladys Johnson of Slayton, Minn. After liaison pilot training he was sent to the European theater of war. He was awarded the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and had 300 missions to his credit. He was killed in action April 3, 1945, near Gotha, Germany, at the age of 30 years and 15 days.

He was awarded posthumously the Distinguished Flying Cross, the citation reading in part: "For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a liaison pilot and observer, Headquarters Battery, 66th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, on Nov 13, 1944, 1st Lt Wulf voluntarily took off in extremely adverse weather to determine the strength and disposition of enemy forces which had cut off leading elements of an armored infantry column. Flying at very low altitude, he was subjected to heavy fire from the enemy ground forces. He returned, landed beside the advance elements of the column, and gave the vital information to the commander. On the basis of this information the commander was able to reorganize his forces, disperse the enemy strong point, and consolidate his column, thus turning imminent defeat into victory. First Lieutenants Wulf's extreme heroism and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.



Buried in Linwood Park Cemetery, Boone, Iowa

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2 LT Robert A. Yancey

Class 56-43

ID: 01179260

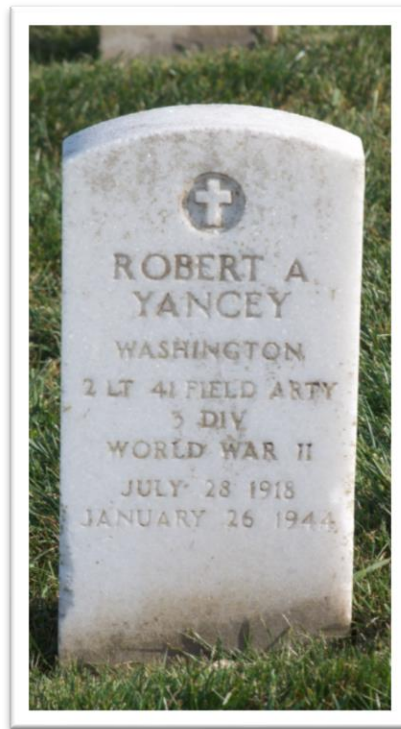
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: King County, WA

Status: KIA 26 Jan 1944



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



WW II Deceased returned from Nettuno, Italy for interment in 1948

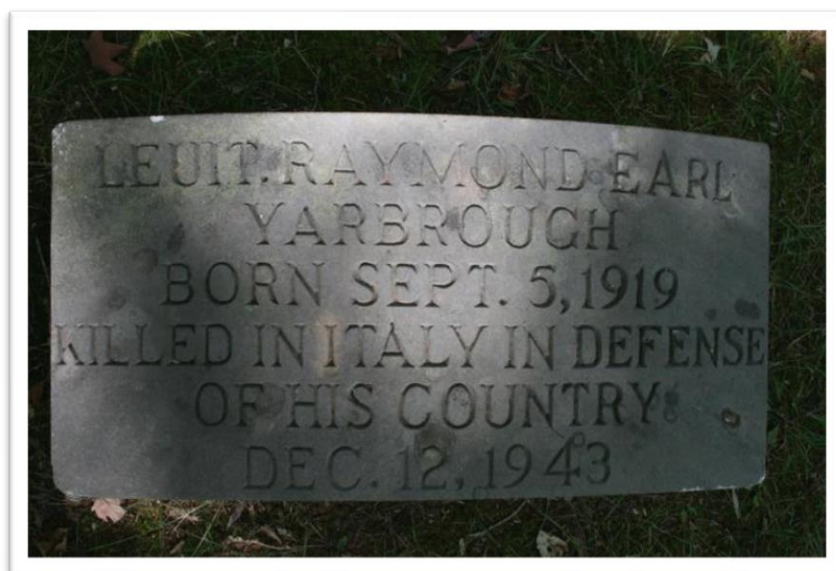
*Buried at Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California
Section C: Site 148*

**National Archives & Records Administration
War Department Files
2 LT Raymond E. Yarbrough
Class 61-43**

ID: 01181196

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Cleveland County, NC**

Status: KIA December 12, 1943



Buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina



Charles P. Yarnall 30-42

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # O1170260

141st Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Kansas

Died: 24-Aug-1944

Buried at: Plot B Row 2 Grave 23

Rhone American Cemetery

Draguignan, France

Awards: Purple Heart



CHARLES P. YARNALL
CAPT 141 FA BN
KANSAS AUG 24 1944

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

1 LT Howard E. Yeoman

Class 44-42

ID: O1175368

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Cook County, IL

Status: KIA April 1, 1945



He was serving with Battery B, 307th Field Artillery Battalion, 78th Division when killed in action in the Hurtgen Forest, Germany.



Robert V. Yeuell **28-42**

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # O1169407

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

Entered the Service from: Massachusetts

Died: 18-Nov-1944

Buried at: Plot E Row 9 Grave 11

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

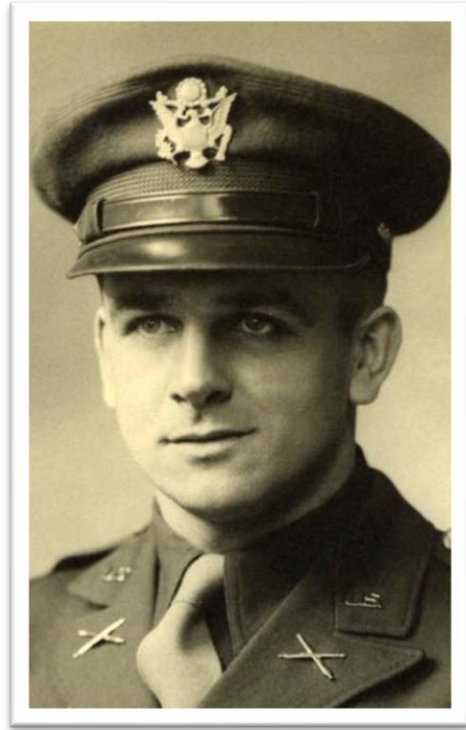
Awards: Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart

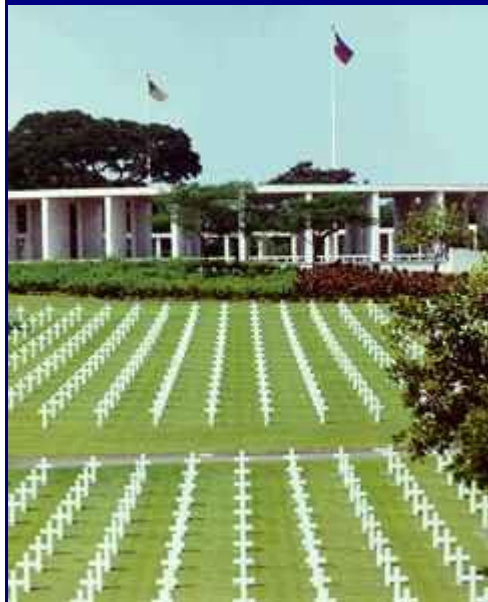
Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Robert V. Yeuell, 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 29th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 29th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 33 (1945)





Raymond M. Younghans 48-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 1175513

**674th Field Artillery Battalion
11th Airborne Division**

Entered the Service from: New York

Died: 13-Mar-1945

Buried at: Plot F Row 12 Grave 100

Manila American Cemetery

Manila, Philippines

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

Silver Star w/OLC



(Citations Needed): Raymond M. Younghans, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star and an Oak Leaf Cluster in Lieu of a Second Award for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy during World War II.



Ralph E. Young **32-42**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1171018

803rd Tank Destroyer Battalion

Entered the Service from: Kansas

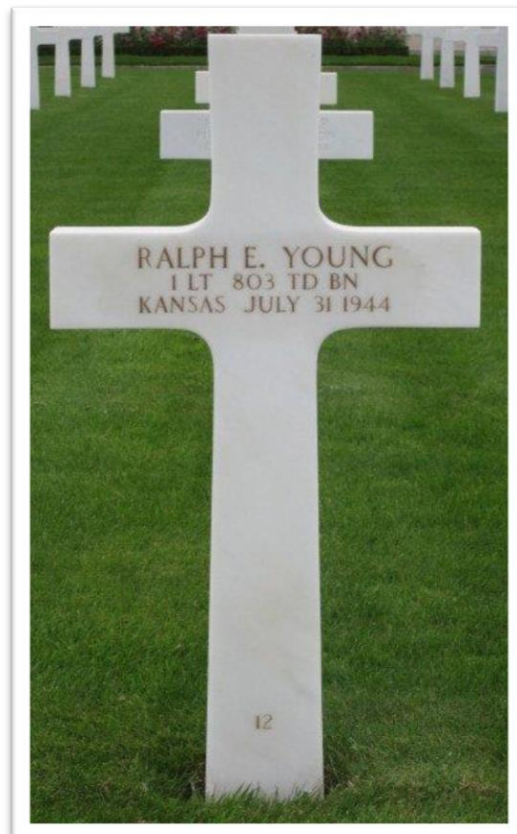
Died: 31-Jul-1944

Buried at: Plot A Row 10 Grave 12

Brittany American Cemetery

St. James, France

Awards: Purple Heart





Alphonse A. Zalik 39-42

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1173842

**231st Field Artillery Battalion
6th Armored Division**

Entered the Service from: Pennsylvania

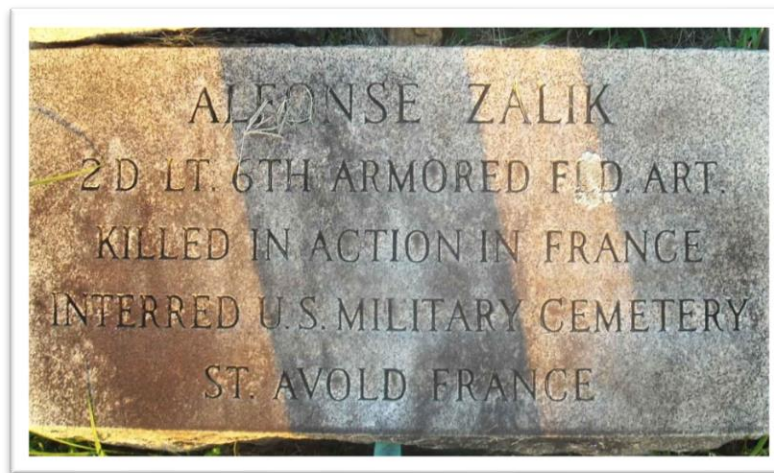
Died: 25-Sep-1944

Buried at: Plot C Row 12 Grave 46

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

Awards: Purple Heart



Memorial in Saint Benedict's Cemetery, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania

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**2 LT Roger W. Zanolli
Class 49-43**

ID: 01176866

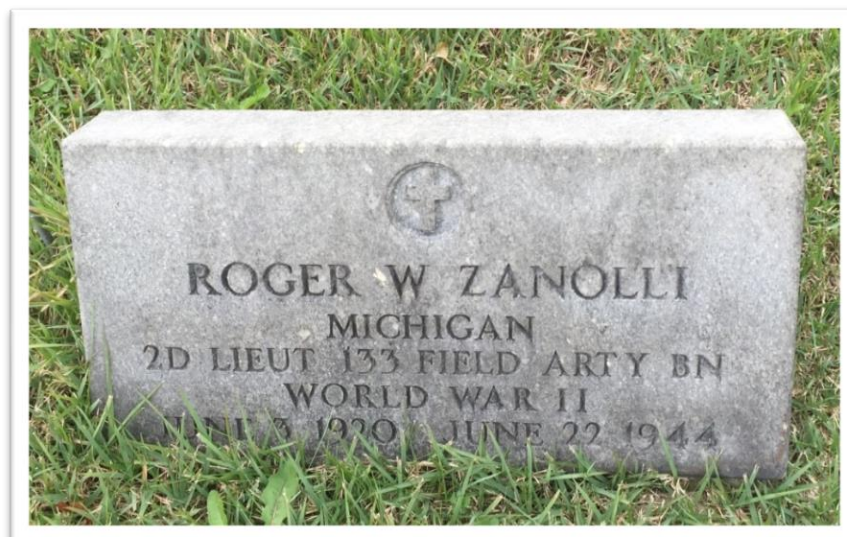
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Wayne County, MI

Status: KIA June 22, 1944



Killed in action serving with the 133rd Field Artillery Battalion, 36th Division



Buried in Fredericktown Cemetery, Fredericktown, Pennsylvania



Aram Zazaian

41-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1174484

**Division Artillery
90th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Michigan

Died: 10-Dec-1944

Buried at: Plot K Row 36 Grave 19

Lorraine American Cemetery

St. Avold, France

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Aram Zazaian, 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. 252 (1944)

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT August Zimmerman, Jr.

Class 31-42

ID: 01170611

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Ingham County, MI
Status: KIA October 29, 1944



Killed in action serving with Battery C, 49th Field Artillery Battalion.
Also reported to have been serving with the 119th Field Artillery Battalion

Rites Friday for Kwajalein Hero

Recommittal services for Lt. August Zimmerman of Mason will be held at the Jewett chapel Friday afternoon at two o'clock. Burial will be made in Hillcrest Memorial Park cemetery, Jackson. Browne-Cavender post of the American Legion will conduct military services.

First Lieutenant Zimmerman was 22 when he lost his life on Leyte in the Philippines on October 29, 1944. He had survived two other bloody campaigns. He fought with the Seventh Infantry on Attu in the Aleutians and at Kwajalein before going to Leyte. He was an officer in a shore battery spearheading invasions. He and his men occupied the first landing barges, rushing ashore to land their artillery to protect the troops which followed.

Lieutenant Zimmerman was the son of the late August Zimmerman and Mrs. Zimmerman. The father died last year. The Zimmermans live on Aurelius road. They went to the Aurelius farm in 1937 from Jackson. Lieutenant Zimmerman was born in Jackson January 4, 1922. He was graduated from Mason high school in 1940 and then entered Michigan State college. He left college to enlist with the 119th Field Artillery.

At Fort Knox, Kentucky, the young soldier, then only 19, was chosen as a candidate for officer training and was sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in October,



Lt. August Zimmerman

1942, and at once left for the Central Pacific. He won distinction at Attu and was promoted to first lieutenant. At Kwajalein he was cited for bravery.

Surviving Lieutenant Zimmerman is the mother and a brother Paul,



Buried in Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Jackson, Michigan

National Archives & Records Administration War Department Files

1 LT Robert F. Zimmerman

Class 52-43

ID: 01178048

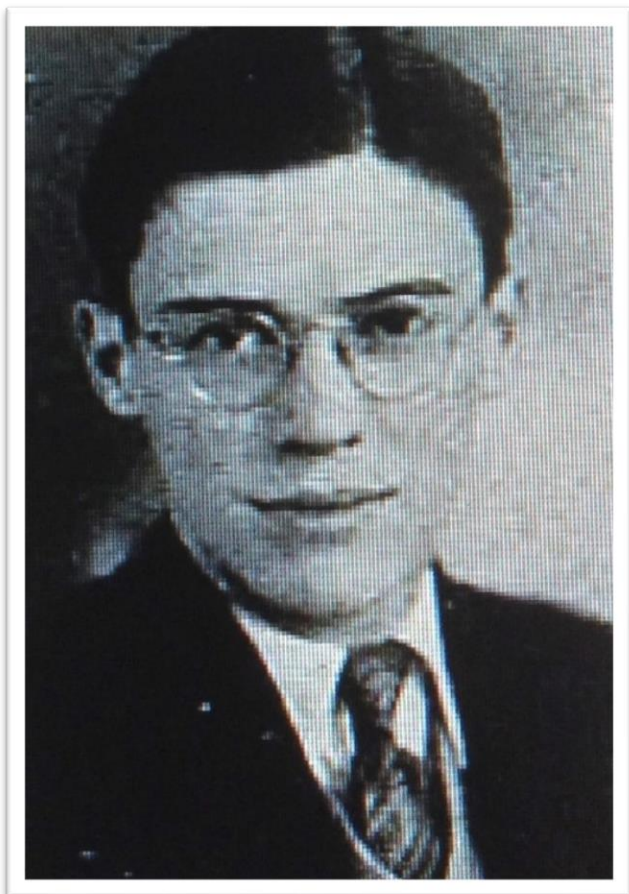
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Washington, DC

Status: KIA February 27, 1945



Killed in action serving with the 880th Field Artillery Battalion, 69th Infantry Division



*Buried in Mansfield Cemetery
Mansfield, Ohio*



Paul B. Zuydhoek 40-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1174204

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

Entered the Service from: Pennsylvania

Died: 25-Sep-1944

Buried at: Plot B Row 17 Grave 8

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Awards: Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart

Hometown: Briar Cliff Manor, NY

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Paul B. Zuydhoek, 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. 101 (1944)



PAUL B. ZUYDHOEK
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