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THE WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL

Emanuel H. Gracie Jr. 35-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1172030

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

Entered the Service from: Rhode Island

Died: 18-Sep-1944

Buried at: Plot D Row 21 Grave 10

**Ardennes American Cemetery
Neupre, Belgium**

Awards: Purple Heart



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