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1 LT Allen L. Hathaway

Class 51-43

ID: O1177437

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Ada, OK

Status: KIA 18 Nov 1944



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

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

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

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

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

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



Buried in East Hill Cemetery, Roff, Oklahoma