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**1LT Walter S. Hutchings**  
**Class 75-43**

**ID: O1184238**

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

**Home State: Illinois**

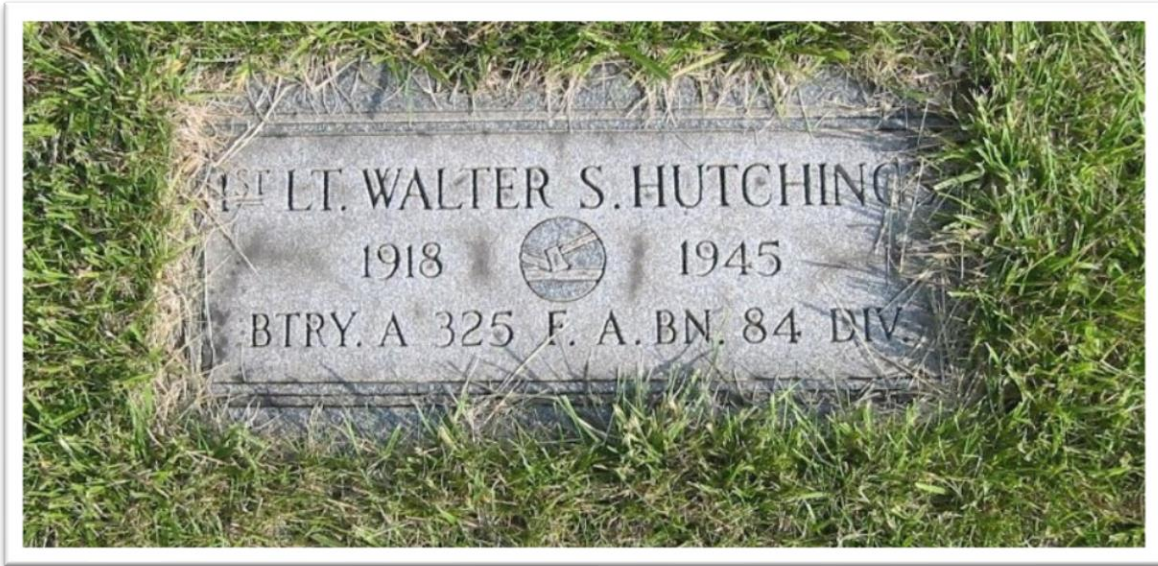
**Status: DNB May 23, 1945**



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

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





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