



Maurice J. Kerr **82-43**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1185229

83rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from: Iowa

Died: 25-Mar-1945

Buried at: Plot H Row 16 Grave 7

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

Awards: Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster



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