



Walter W. Kolosha 31-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1170453

**Division Artillery
36th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Massachusetts

Died: 15-Aug-1944

Missing in Action or Buried at Sea

**Tablets of the Missing at Rhone American Cemetery
Draguignan, France**

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart

1LT Walter William Kolosha was aboard the Landing Ship Tank -USS LST-282 which was sunk by a single Henschel Hs 293 radio-controlled glide bomb, an attack which cost 40 lives aboard the ship. From his unit the 36th Infantry Division Artillery four were killed in the attack and on the Wall of the Missing.

Remaining defiantly afloat and heavily aflame, LST-282 continued to drift towards Green Beach while suffering numerous ammunition detonations before she finally grounded to the left flank of the beachhead. Sinking in the shallow water with the majority of her hull and superstructure above water, fires continued to burn aboard LST-282 for over two days before they finally ran out of fuel, leaving the ship a charred hulk.

Reboarded and found to be beyond salvage, LST-282 was declared a war loss on August 17th, 1944 and left in her sad state for the duration of the war. Postwar, much of the wreck was salvaged for scrap steel but much of the ship's lower engine room and fittings remain on site.

