



Warren Mansfield 88-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # 0-536977

**169th Field Artillery Battalion
43rd Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Connecticut

Died: 8-Jun-1945

Buried at: Plot N Row 14 Grave 154

Manila American Cemetery

Manila, Philippines

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Warren Mansfield, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy during World War II.



LT. WARREN MANSFIELD.

Warren Mansfield Given Posthumous Silver Star Medal

Lieutenant Warren Mansfield, who was killed in action on Luzon June 8, has been posthumously awarded the Silver Star Medal and cited for his "inspiring gallantry and self-sacrifice" which resulted in the capture of Mount Oro in the Philippines. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren W. Mansfield of 6 West Hill Drive, West Hartford.

The citation accompanying the award stated: "Lieutenant Mansfield was serving as forward observer with an infantry company during an assault to seize and secure the strongly fortified Jap-held Mount Oro on June 8. After the company had advanced approximately 500 yards up the slope they were halted by extremely heavy crossfire from mutually supporting and well dug-in hostile machine guns.

"Lieutenant Mansfield promptly ordered artillery fire but as friendly troops were in proximity of the enemy position, it was necessary for him to move to a point in advance of his own troops to properly observe and control the artillery fire. This position was greatly exposed and was constantly swept by withering machine gun fire. Without regard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Mansfield, fearlessly and determinedly remained in the forward position and directed heavy and accurate fire which reduced the enemy strongholds. During this action, Lieutenant Mansfield was killed by enemy fire. This act of gallantry and self-sacrifice of Lieutenant Mansfield so inspired the troops that they surged forward and seized the top of Mount Oro. Lieutenant Mansfield's great personal courage, tenacity, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest standards of the United States Army."

A graduate of Kingswood School, Lieutenant Mansfield was a student at Harvard University for three years during which time he was a member of the ROTC.

Joining the United States Field Artillery in June, 1943, he attended field artillery school at Fort Sill, Okla., and was commissioned a second lieutenant. Assigned to Fort Bragg, S. C., and later Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., he was sent overseas to Leyte in January, 1945. He became an aide to the general commanding the 43rd Field Artillery Division near Manila and was later assigned to the 169th Battalion.