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2LT William A. Marszalek
Class 18-42

ID: 1165907

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Emsworth, PA

Status: DNB October 6, 1942



Graduated from OCS at Fort Sill on June 23, 1942 and assigned to the 594th Field Artillery at Fort Huachuca, in Sierra Vista, southeast Arizona, about 15 miles north of the border with Mexico. On October 6, 1942, while on maneuvers, Marszalek lost his life in a training accident.

He was the ace of the Duquesne University varsity baseball team and signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates' organization following graduation from Duquesne in June 1941. With a successful first season of professional baseball still fresh in his mind, Marszalek entered military service with the Army at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, on October 16, 1941.

Military Rites Held For Accident Victim

BISBEE, Oct. 8—(AP)—Military funeral services were conducted at the field artillery chapel here today for Lt. William A. Marszalek, 24 years old, who was fatally injured Monday in an automobile accident near Patagonia.

His skull was fractured when an army "peep" overturned.

After the funeral the body was sent to Wildemar, Pa., for burial.

Marszalek was a native of Hazleton, Pa.

Buried in Saint Mary Czestochowa Cemetery, White Oak, Pennsylvania