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1 LT Joseph L. Matson

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ID: 01174639

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Sanpete County, UT

Status: KIA April 14, 1945



Killed in action serving with the 220th Field Artillery Battalion, 44th Infantry Division

The Salt Lake City Tribune
Thursday Morning, May 3, 1945

MT PLEASANT GUARDSMAN KILLED IN GERMANY

First Lt. Joseph L. Matson, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Matson, Mt. Pleasant, was killed in Germany, April 14.

He was born Sept. 22, 1918, in Mt. Pleasant and was a graduate of North Sanpete high school. He attended Snow college in Ephraim. An LDS church member, he had served a two-year mission in Sweden.

Lt. Matson enlisted in Utah state national guard in February 1941, and received his second lieutenant's commission at Fort Sill, Okla., in December, 1943. He was promoted to first lieutenant six months later and was sent overseas in September, 1944.

Survivors include his parents; a brother, 1st Lt. Rex C. Matson, with U.S. army in Germany; three sisters, Mrs. Wanda M. Eliason, Ogden; Mrs. Louise M. Spencer, Indianola, Sanpete county; and Miss Margaret Matson, student nurse, Holy Cross hospital, Salt Lake City.



Buried in Mount Pleasant City Cemetery, Mount Pleasant, Utah Plot: A_140_3_6