

**National Archives & Records Administration  
War Department Files**

**2 LT Edward T. McCormick  
Class 61-43**

**ID: O1181034**

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army  
Hometown: Rensselaer County, NY  
Status: DOW September 15, 1944**



Died of wounds while serving as an aerial observer pilot with the 312th Field Artillery

*From the Troy Record, May 26, 1950:*

A bronze plaque to the memory of the only Troy attorney killed in action during the recent war, Lt. Edward T. McCormick, was unveiled yesterday in a solemn ceremony in Rensselaer County Court before the relatives of the hero, judges, lawyers and guests.

Several hundred persons gathered for the ceremony sponsored by the County Bar Association. Supreme Court Justice Donald S Taylor reconvened the May term of the Supreme Court for the dedicatory exercises.

The plaque, hung in the northwest corner of the courtroom, was unveiled by Miss Katherine C. McCormick, Troy, aunt of the late artillery observer who died after his observation plane was shot down near Metz, France, Sept. 15, 1944.

The inscription on the plaque reads "In Memory of Lt Edward T. McCormick, 312th Field Artillery, A.U.S., Died in Action in France, Sept. 15, 1944. Rensselaer County Bar."

The cub plane in which Lt. McCormick was flying was shot down by a German fighter plane. The crippled plane was shot down behind enemy lines. Lt. McCormick, mortally wounded, crawled back to his own lines and died later