



Roland D. McKay 30-42

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1170084

**132nd Field Artillery Battalion
36th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: California

Died: 2-Feb-1944

**Buried at: Plot G Row 4 Grave 3
Sicily-Rome American Cemetery
Nettuno, Italy**

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart

Hometown: Barnes County, ND

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): Roland D. McKay, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 36th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 123 (1944)

The following (from the Field Artillery Journal) refers to 2LT McKay as Ronald (in error), instead of Roland:

2D LT. RONALD D. MCKAY, for setting up an observation post in the face of intense enemy machine gun fire on a hill in Italy on 2 Feb 44. As forward observer, he realized the necessity for bringing immediate, effective artillery fire on the enemy guns and, regarding the safety of his men above personal security, left his radio at the foot of the hill and without assistance started laying wire up to an observation post from which he could direct the artillery fire.