



William H. McKay **3-41**

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # O-452551

**Division Artillery
45th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Texas

Died: 24-Sep-1944

Buried at: Plot B Row 38 Grave 29

Epinal American Cemetery

Epinal, France

Awards: Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Air Medal

Silver Star



(Citation Needed): William H. 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 45th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 238 (1944)

Comments from the Family:

He served as an aerial artillery spotter flying small Piper Cubs and calling artillery fire on enemy positions. It was a very dangerous job. He is said to have flown Patton twice on his missions. He was decorated with the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Air Medal with 7 Oak leaf clusters. He was shot down near Epinal France shortly after its liberation on 23 Sept 44. He would fly alone in his spotter plane and his family said he wrote he had a pet dog which flew with him. It is not known if the dog was with him the day he was killed. He was a top spotter who had earned his name in Anzio while serving with the 45th Division in the Anzio Beachhead.

