



Charles S. Merrill **27-42**

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1168820

**227th Field Artillery Battalion
29th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: New Hampshire

Died: 30-Jul-1944

Buried at: Plot F Row 5 Grave 18

Brittany American Cemetery

St. James, France

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart



From L to R: Paul Shebest, Michael Vernillo, Charles Merrill - 1942, England

The above photo was taken in England in 1942. These three friends were on their way to a dance as part of the 29th Division they were undergoing training for the coming invasion of France. Michael (left) and Paul (center) survived the war. Charles died in action July 30, 1944 blowing off the tank treads from a Panzer Tiger with his bazooka. The tank crew immediately emerged, spotted LT Merrill in the distant hedgerows and killed him instantly with a burst of machine gun fire.