 THE WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL

Hadley Neff   69-43

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1183141

490th Field Artillery Battalion
11th Armored Division

Entered the Service from: **Tennessee**
Hometown: **Washington, DC**
Died: **30-Dec-1944**
Buried at: **Plot I Row 10 Grave 7**
Luxembourg American Cemetery
Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

Awards: **Silver Star, Purple Heart**

Silver Star

(Citation Needed): Second Lieutenant Hadley Neff, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded a Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 11th Armored Division, during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 11th Armored Division, General Orders No. 9 (1945)

30 December 1944

0300 the Battalion cleared bivouac at Respelle and occupied firing positions south of Bougnimont.

490th AFA Bn was in direct support of Combat Command A (CCA), consisting of the 63rd Armored Infantry Battalion, 42nd Tank Battalion, with elements of the 41st Cavalry Recon Squadron, 56th Armored Engineer Battalion, 5th AAA Battalion, 133rd Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, 602nd Tank Destroyer Battalion, and 81sr Armored Medical Battalion.CCA jumped off from vicinity of Rondu, objective Remagne, as the Division began a drive towards its objective of securing the L'Ourthe River line.

0700, the 490th fired its initial rounds in combat, a volley by B Battery, closely followed by A and C Batteries. Target was tanks in wooded area.

At approximately 1000, 2nd Lt. Hadley Neff, a forward observer with a medium tank company, was killed in action by mortars on a ridge NW of Rondu. Beginning at noon the Battalion displaced by bounds to new position 2000 yards NW of Bougnimont and continued firing. Toward the afternoon light counterbattery fire was received. Results of day's action: attacking elements gained high ground NW of Rondu, then withdrew; one officer killed.