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**1LT Dwight Oscar Nicolen**

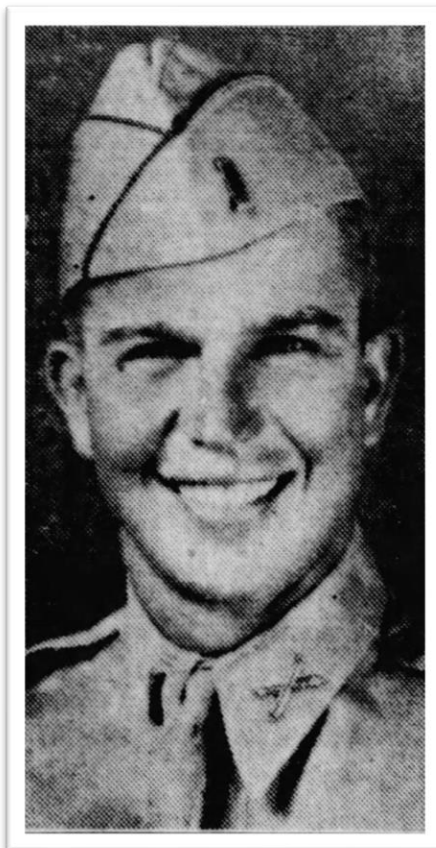
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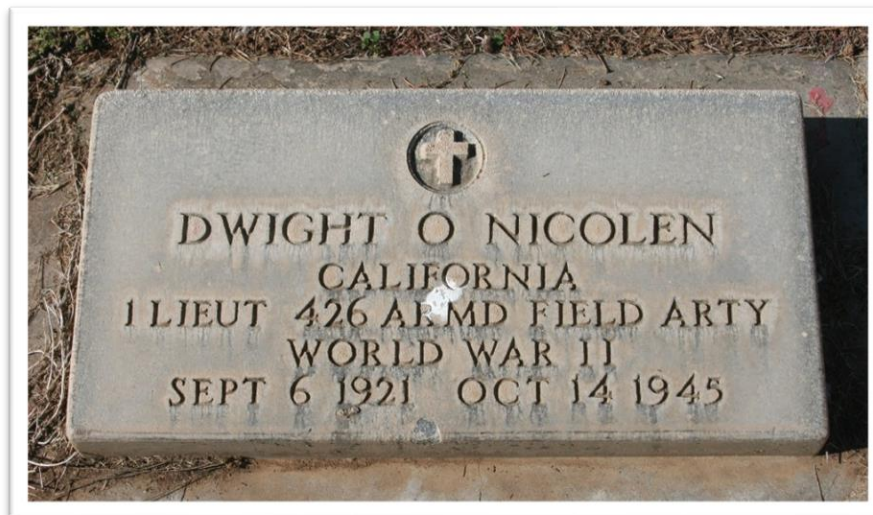
**Branch of Service: U.S. Army**

**Hometown: Los Angeles, CA**

**Status: DNB 14 Oct 1945**



**1LT Nicolen was serving with the 426th Armored Field Artillery Battalion on Leyte, Philippine Islands at the time of his death.**



*Buried in Woodlake District Cemetery, Woodlake, California*

## Lt. Nicolen Killed in Philippines

Lt. Dwight O. Nicolen, husband of Mrs. Margaret Twining Nicolen, 2600 San Marcos Drive, died Oct. 15 on Leyte, Philippine Islands, presumably as the result of an airplane accident. The War Department telegram notifying Mrs. Nicolen of his death gave no details but she had a letter from him dated two days before his death in which he told her of his good health and of his progress in learning to fly.

Lieutenant Nicolen entered service two and a half years ago and received his commission at Fort Sill, Okla., in December, 1943. He served at Fort Sill, Camp Roberts and Camp Bowie before going overseas last January. He was serving with the 426th Armored Field Artillery Battalion.

Dwight planned to become a forester and was putting in his spare time on Leyte learning to become a pilot as he felt flying would be useful to him in his civilian career.

### **Former Altadenan**

Born in Los Angeles 24 years ago, Lieutenant Nicolen had lived most of his life in Altadena, attending Altadena Elementary, Eliot Junior High and Pasadena Junior College, Lower Division. He was active in Boy Scout Troop I of St. Mark's Episcopal Church at that time. In 1943 he was graduated from the School of Forestry, Oregon State College, where he was a member of Scabbard and Blade, national honorary military fraternity, and Xi Sigma Pi, forestry fraternity, and received an award as the outstanding junior in R. O. T. C.