



## Philip J. Reichert Jr. 58-43

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1180021

908th Field Artillery Battalion  
83rd Infantry Division

Entered the Service from: Kansas  
Died: 10-Aug-1944  
Buried at: Plot L Row 13 Grave 15  
Brittany American Cemetery  
St. James, France

Awards: Air Medal, Purple Heart

*Excerpt from the 908th Field Artillery Battalion history:*

Early in the morning of the 10th, the Piper Cub that was carrying forward observers 1st Lt. Philip J. Reichert and 1st Lt. John B. Goettke exploded in mid-air, apparently struck by a shell. Both were killed instantly. (They were awarded the Air Medal posthumously) 1st Lt. Manny Goodridge recalls seeing the plane being hit. *"The wing broke in the middle and both wing tips folded forward."*

