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**2LT Howard E. Ross**

**Class 55-43**

**ID: O1178955**

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

**Hometown: Boone County, IA**

**Status: DNB September 2, 1943**



**Died of a heart attack serving with the 724th Field Artillery at Camp Shelby, Mississippi**

## Lt. H. E. Ross Funeral Set for Thursday

Funeral services for Lt. Howard E. Ross, 25, who died at Camp Shelby, Miss., following a heart attack will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 in the Methodist church at Clear Lake, the Rev. T. B. Collins officiating. The American Legion of Clear Lake will have charge of the military rites at the cemetery. Burial will be in the family lot at Clear Lake, the Major funeral home in charge.

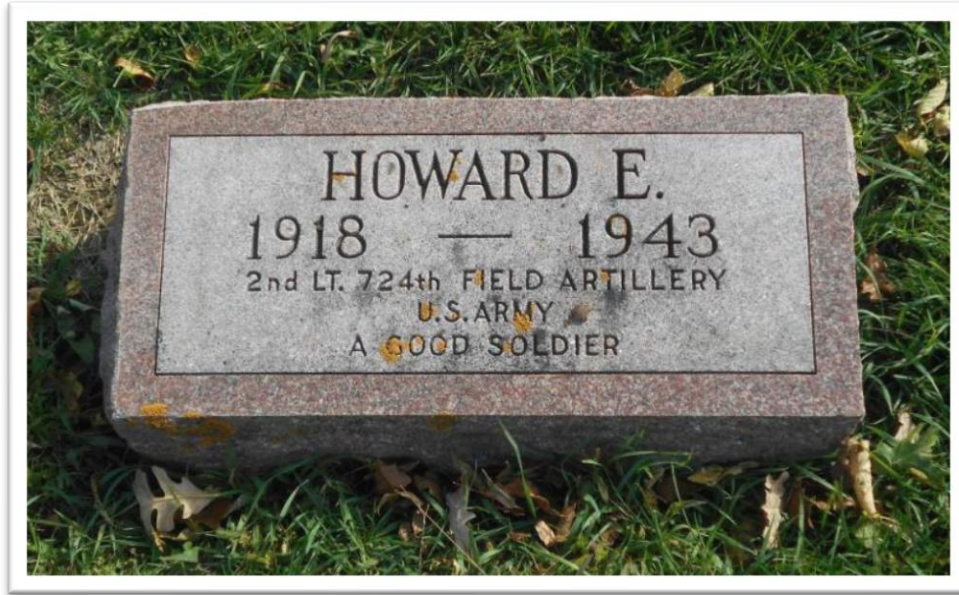
Lt. Ross was born in Waterloo, March 2, 1918, and had spent most of his life in Clear Lake. He was a graduate of the Clear Lake high school and was graduated from the Mason City junior college in 1938. He had also attended the University of Iowa, enrolled in a pre-medic course there. He had worked for the Milwaukee railroad in Clear Lake and for the Swift Produce here.

Lieutenant Ross enlisted in the army Aug. 5, 1942, and took his basic training at Camp Roberts, Cal. In December he was transferred to Ft. Sill, Okla., to enter officer's candidate school in field artillery, and received his commission there in March of this year. He remained at Ft. Sill until transferred to Camp Shelby, Aug. 26 where he was assistant reconnaissance officer in the 724th field artillery battalion of the 69th infantry division.

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Mrs. Ross, the former Jean Adams of Mason City, arrived with the body Tuesday. Lt. B. R. Wilkie escorted the body from Camp Shelby to Mason City.

Besides his wife, Lieutenant Ross is survived by 1 sister, Mrs. Robert Netzer, Vermont, Illinois,



*Buried in Clear Lake Cemetery, Clear Lake, Iowa*