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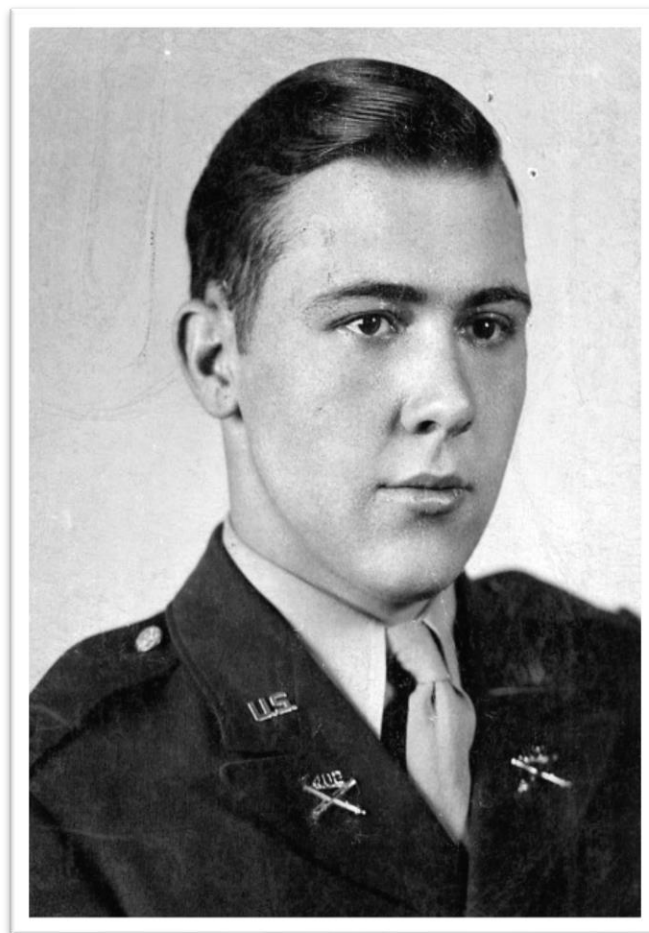
**2LT George Thomas Schleier
Class 63-43**

ID: O519223

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Houston, TX

Status: KIA 18 Nov 1944



George Thomas Schleier was born in Houston, Harris Co., Texas on 2 October 1922 the son of Erich E. Schleier, Sr. and Gertrude E. Stout.

Tommy attended Texas Agricultural & Mechanical College. After the United States entered World War II, Texas A&M was the first major U.S. college to go all-out on a twelve-month, three-semester schedule and the first to switch shops and laboratories to a 24-hour day. The four-year course was cut to two years, eight months.

The Aggies doubled military instruction and built an airport to train pilots, navigators and bombardiers. In addition, the College offered training to Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) Cadets, Army Air Corps, Navy radio specialists and Marine Corps trainees. Tommy was on the Board of Directors for the Economics Club, was a member of the Houston Club, and a 2nd lieutenant in his Cadet unit, Battery "H", in Field Artillery.

In the fall of 1942, the number of individual military units in the Cadet Corps hit an all-time high with a total of seven regiments of seventeen battalions comprising sixty companies, batteries, and troops, including the Band. The Cadet Corps at Texas A&M sent over 20,229 former cadets into World War II, 14,223 of them as commissioned officers, more than the combined totals of both military academies.

Tommy was a liberal arts major and member of the Aggies Class of 1943. He was inducted into the Army on 29 January 1943. Tommy was later promoted to corporal. He completed Officer Candidate Course #63 at Fort Sill Artillery School and was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant on 6 May 1943. He was married on 22 June 1944.

Tommy joined the Deuce-O-Deuce from the 71st Replacement Battalion and was assigned to Service Battery as a forward observer on 17 October 1944. He was killed near Harbouey, France, along with 1st Lieutenant Allen Hathaway, on the afternoon of 18 November 1944 when the L-4 Grasshopper observation and liaison aircraft they were flying was hit by friendly artillery fire. The aircraft was airborne about 1430 hours when the crew located some enemy troops and requested artillery fire. After the first round of adjustment, contact was lost with the plane. Reports indicated that the Piper Cub exploded in mid air. Their bodies were recovered and taken to Luneville, France for temporary burial. Tommy was 22 years old. Lt. Schleier was interred on 19 November 1944 in the U.S. Military Cemetery at Epinal, France.

His remains were later repatriated to the United States and interred in September 1948 in Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston, TX.