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2 LT Eli Selikoff

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ID: 01170186

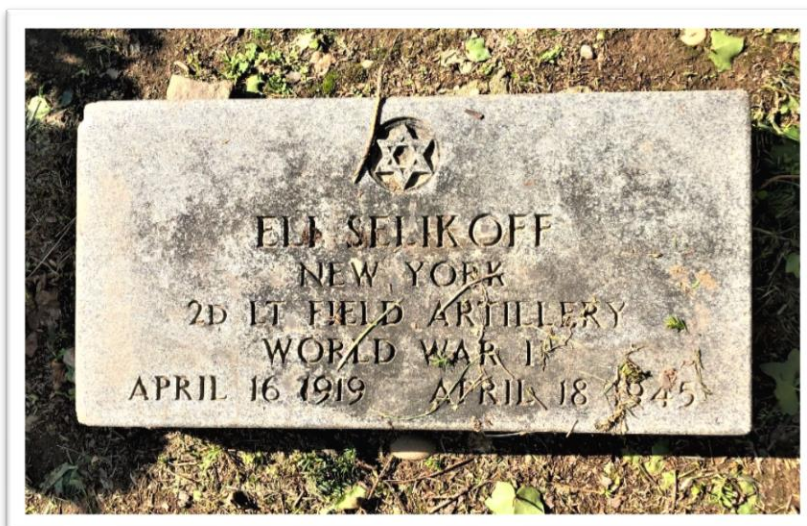
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Bronx County, NY

Status: DOW 18 Apr 1945



**Died of wounds received at Niederzwehereh, Germany serving with
Battery B, 314th Field Artillery Battalion, 80th Infantry Division**



Buried in Mount Hebron Cemetery, Flushing, New York

Silver Star



The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Silver Star (Posthumously) to Second Lieutenant (Field Artillery) Eli Selikoff (ASN: 0-1170186), United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with the 314th Field Artillery Battalion, 80th Infantry Division, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 2 April 1945 in Germany. In the attack on Niederzwehereh, Germany, on 2 April 1945, Lieutenant Selikoff, an artillery forward observer, was attached to an infantry company. When darkness made artillery observation impossible, Lieutenant Selikoff voluntarily led a rifle platoon in an attack after the platoon leader had been wounded. During the course of the attack he reorganized an adjacent platoon whose leader was also a casualty and combining the personnel led two platoons until later that day he was evacuated with wounds from which he later died. The bravery, initiative, courageous leadership, and supreme devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Selikoff were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.

**General Orders: Headquarters, 80th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 136
(May 25, 1945)**