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**Charles L. Sharrer 45-42**

**Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army**

**Service # O1175573**

**133rd Field Artillery Battalion  
36th Infantry Division**

**Entered the Service from: Maryland**

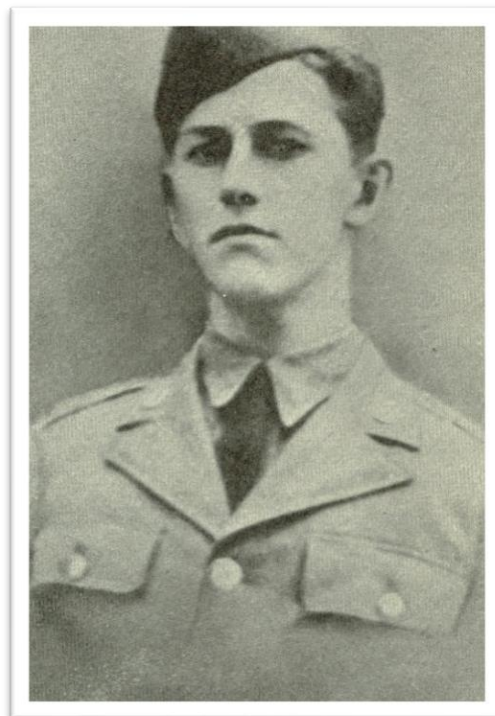
**Died: 12-Feb-1944**

**Buried at: Plot A Row 13 Grave 30**

**Sicily-Rome American Cemetery**

**Nettuno, Italy**

**Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart**



**He was the pilot of a "grasshopper" plane used in spotting artillery fire and was killed in action in Italy. He enlisted May 1940, was in Pearl Harbor, HI during the Japanese attack and sent to Officer's training at Fort Sill, OK in Sept 1942. He then received flight training at Hart Flying School, Texas.**

## Silver Star



**(Citation Needed): Charles L. Sharrer, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy during World War II.**

*From the News, Frederick, MD, September 29, 1944:*

The War Department announced the posthumous award of the Silver Star to Second Lt. Charles L. Sharrer, son of Mr. And Mrs. Charles L. Sharrer, near Emmitsburg, who was reported killed in action in Italy last February 12. Lt. Sharrer was killed in action while acting as artillery forward observer in Italy, his wife, Mrs. Marie Sharrer has been informed.

The citation said Lieut. Sharrer directed accurate fire on numerous enemy gun positions from his exposed observation post all day and the following morning put his radio in operation under a heavy artillery barrage. He continued directing artillery in a furious enemy attack which followed and tirelessly transmitted his orders until a direct hit upon his position killed him.

### **Silver Star award action described in the Field Artillery Journal:**

2D LT. CHARLES L. SCHARRER, for skillfully judging and occupying positions on a hill in action in Italy, on 11 Feb 44. He then moved across the rugged terrain to his OP, which was exposed to the shelling of artillery and mortars, and directed accurate fire on numerous enemy gun positions, knocking them out. He disdained personal security in the face of tremendous enemy fire and tirelessly transmitted his orders until a direct hit upon his position killed him. His magnificent courage, calmness under fire, and devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his acts.