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1 LT Burl R. Storey

Class 61-43

ID: O1181155

Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: DeKalb County, IL
Status: DNB September 12, 1944



Died while serving as a liaison pilot with the 32nd Field Artillery Battalion

Notice of Death.

The notice received this morning from J. A. Ullo, the adjutant general stated, "The Secretary of War asks that I assure you of his deep sympathy in the loss of your husband, First Lieut. Burl R. Storey. Report received states he was killed September 12 in Anor, France, in an aircraft crash. Letter follows."

He was born March 1, 1916 in Shabbona, the son of Lester and Lila Storey. He attended the Shabbona schools and graduated from the high school and was employed as a construction engineer before he entered service. He was a member of the Shabbona Congregational Church.

He entered service April 29, 1941 and served in Hawaii in 1942. In January of 1943 he returned to the United States and in April of that year received a commission in the field artillery. He received his liaison pilot wings in July, 1943 and his first lieutenant commission December 30, 1943. Assigned to Camp Shelby, Miss., he served there from August, 1943 to April of this year when he was sent overseas.

Sent Overseas.

He landed in France in June, two weeks after D-Day and served in combat duty until the time of his death. The last letter received from him was written September 11, the day before he was killed. In this letter he told of having taken his brother-in-law, Cpl. Harlan Douglass for a plane ride.

Surviving to mourn his death are the widow, the infant daughter, his parents in Shabbona, and three sisters, Mrs. Arlene Jordal, in California; Mrs. Edna George of Paw Paw; and Mrs. Jean Douglass of Rockton, and a host of friends.

All will join with the family in mourning the death of the war hero. Burl made friends easily as he was possessed of a most likeable personality and his death, while serving for his country, will be a loss that will be felt throughout the vicinity.



Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Shabbona, Illinois