



David R. Straesser 27-42

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O1168939

**385th Field Artillery Battalion
104th Infantry Division**

Entered the Service from: Illinois

Died: 14-Apr-1945

Buried at: Plot O Row 11 Grave 13

Netherlands American Cemetery

Margraten, Netherlands

Awards: Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster



Silver Star



(Citation Needed): David R. Straesser, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 104th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 130 (1945)

****The award of an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star is awarded under Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 169 (1945)**

Synopsis of one Silver Star Citation from Timberwolves Artifacts:

Awarded Silver Star (posthumously): "For gallantry in action in Germany on 2 and 3 March 1945. As the enemy launched a fierce counter-attack in strength, Lt. Straesser took up an exposed position in the top floor of a building and called for artillery fire on the advancing enemy. His position was immediately subjected to intense enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire. Although shell fragments destroyed his radio and tore the map from his hands, he refused to relinquish his position, using a rifle company radio to direct and adjust artillery fire with such accuracy that the enemy assault was halted and routed. Lieutenant Straesser singularly gallantry and fearless intrepidity in the face of great peril were in keeping with the finest traditions of The American combat soldier, reflecting distinct credit on this officer and the Armed Forces of the United States."

