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1 LT Troy H. Sumrall

Class 46-43

ID: 01175876

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Lamar County, MS

Status: KIA November 6, 1944



**Killed in action serving with Headquarters Battery, 383rd Field Artillery Battalion
103rd Infantry Division**

1st Lt. Troy H Sumrall entered the Army Field Artillery as a Private on 25 November 1940. He was in training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. In the ETO, he served as a Flight Liaison officer with Aviation Section, HQ Battery, 383rd Field Artillery Battalion, 103rd Infantry Division, flying the L-4.

There were 2 Liaison planes assigned to the Division Artillery Aviation Section. He had been at Camp Carson, Colorado (July 1944) and Kelly Field, Texas (August 1944) just prior to shipping out for France, in October 1944 from New York, arriving in Marseilles on 20 October 1944. On 6 November 1944, he and 1st Lt. Walter A. Ridout were killed when their aircraft was shot down while on spotting operation in the Vosges region of France (just prior to the 103rd going into action in November 1944). They had relieved the 3rd Infantry Division on 8 November before going into action at St. Die (Saint Die des Vosges in North Eastern France), France on 8-11 November 1944).

Lt. Sumrall and Lt. Ridout were initially listed as MIA until they were found. Lt. Sumrall's remains were interred at the Varois U.S. Temporary Military Cemetery which was located five miles east of Dijon, France and 170 miles southeast of Paris. The cemetery was established 18 Nov 1944 by the Seventh U.S. Army. Later, in 1949, Lt. Sumrall was re-interred in Fairview Cemetery, Sumrall, Mississippi. Lt. Rideout was interred in the American Cemetery in Lorraine, France.



Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Sumrall, Mississippi