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**2 LT Virgil H. Treberg
Class 53-43**

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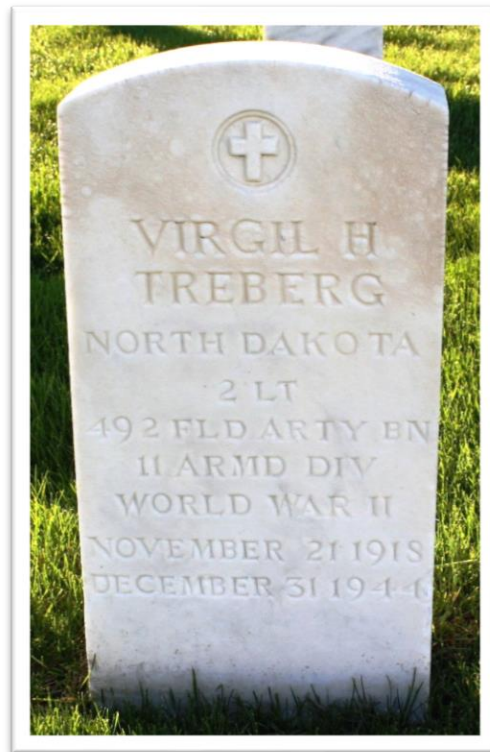
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Ramsey County, MN

Status: KIA 31 Dec 1944



Killed in action serving with the 492nd Field Artillery Battalion, 11th Armored Division



WW II Deceased returned from Grand-Failly, Longuyon, France in 1948

*Buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, South Minneapolis, Minnesota
Section C-24: Site 13689*

31 At 0130 the battalion moved northeast about 15 miles going into position south of Morhet, Belgium at 0745. Considerable difficulty was encountered enroute because of icy roads and vehicular congestion. As soon as the new position was occupied, forward observers were sent out to the 55th Armored Infantry Battalion where liaison had already been established. The battalion started firing at 0830. The attack had just got under way when 2d Lt Virgil H. Treberg's jeep struck a mine 100 yards south of the road junction leading to Pinsamont on the road between Magerette and Tillet. When his progress had become impeded by the enemy road blocks Lt. Treberg had found a way around the blocks, and, in spite of heavy mortar and machine gun fire, hastened forward to reach the leading elements of Company "C" 55th Armored Infantry Battalion, to give them artillery support. He was killed instantly when his vehicle struck the mined area. His driver, Private First Class William Hoko, ASN 16120588, was slightly wounded and was evacuated to the 107th Evacuation Hospital at Sedan. Throughout the day nine battery missions, twelve battalion missions, and two Division Artillery missions were completed. Visibility was extremely poor, hampered as it was, by snow and thick haze. The attack went off as planned and OCB entered Magerette during the morning. The 55th Armored Infantry Battalion moved northwest at once to seize high ground then, with elements of the 22d Tank Battalion, blasted enemy troops from dug in positions on the reverse side of the hill and entered the town of Acul. During the same period COA captured Rechrival and OCB entered Chenogne.