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1 LT Charley H. Von Behren

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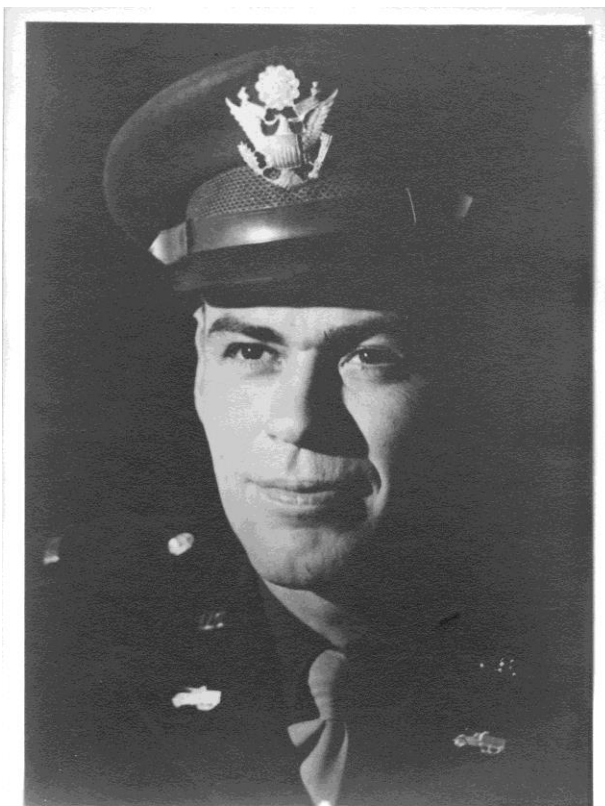
Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Status: KIA 17 Jan 1945



Served with Company C, 773rd Tank Destroyer Battalion



**He was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross
and a Bronze Star for Heroic action**



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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



18 June 1945

Mrs. Jennie Von Behren
602 Louise Avenue
Azusa, California

Dear Mrs. Von Behren:

I have the honor to inform you that, by direction of the President, the Distinguished Service Cross and the Bronze Star Medal have been posthumously awarded to your son, First Lieutenant Charley H. Von Behren, Field Artillery. The citations are as follows:

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

"For extraordinary heroism in action on 11 September 1944 in ***. While on a reconnaissance mission, Lieutenant Von Behren and an enlisted man of his company were held up by machine gun fire from an enemy-held roadblock guarding the southwestern approach to ***. Realizing that the success of the regimental attack might depend upon the elimination of the strongpoint, Lieutenant Von Behren worked his way across almost fifty yards of open terrain swept by withering machine gun and small arms fire to a point overlooking the enemy position. Armed only with a carbine he rushed forward to the entrance of the emplacement, killed the hostile machine gun crew and captured twelve supporting riflemen. As a result of his outstanding heroism, Lieutenant Von Behren's company was able to advance and the reconnaissance for tank destroyer positions was successfully completed."

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

"For heroic and meritorious achievement in action against the enemy during the period 18-22 August 1944 in the vicinity of *****. While his platoon was in support of the Second

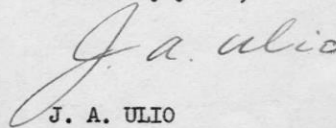
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Battalion, ***** Division, he displayed extraordinary tactical skill in supervising the disposition of his tank destroyers. Although under incessant artillery, mortar and small arms fire, and with utter disregard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Von Behren made foot reconnaissances prior to spotting his individual guns. This action resulted in his platoon being credited with the capture or destruction of considerable enemy personnel and equipment including six half-tracks, twenty general purpose vehicles, two self-propelled guns, eleven tanks and over 300 killed and captured enemy personnel including a brigade commander. Lieutenant Von Behren's aggressive and inspiring leadership, superior tactical skill, and great devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Military Service."

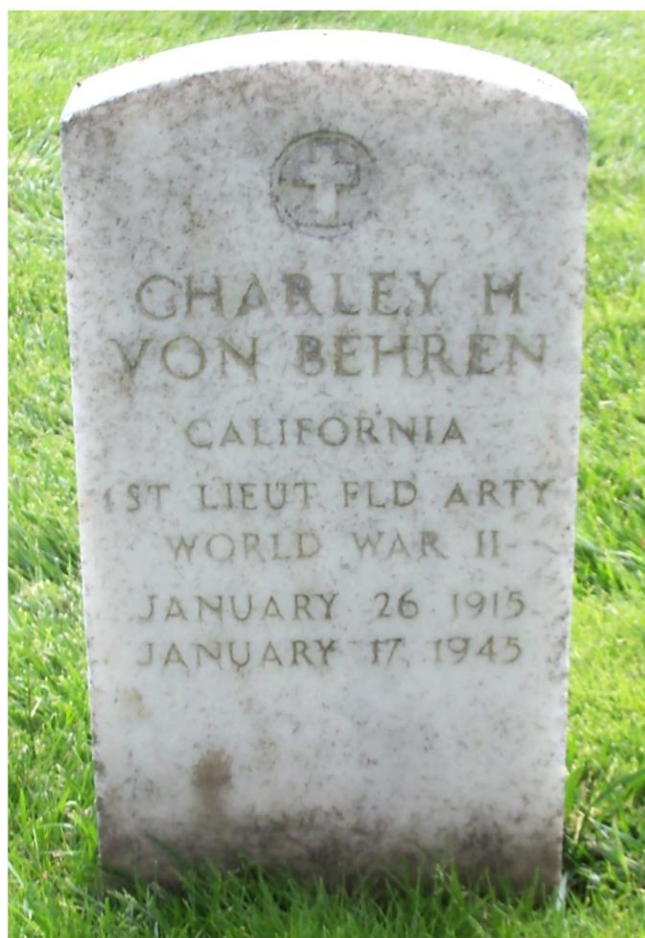
The decorations will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas, Utah, who will select an officer to make the presentation. The officer selected will communicate with you concerning your wishes in the matter.

May I again express my deepest sympathy to you in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,



J. A. ULIO
Major General
The Adjutant General



*WW II Deceased returned from Foy-Bastonge, Belgium in 1949
Buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California Section K: Site 49*