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1 LT August Zimmerman, Jr.

Class 31-42

ID: 01170611

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Ingham County, MI

Status: KIA October 29, 1944



Killed in action serving with Battery C, 49th Field Artillery Battalion.
Also reported to have been serving with the 119th Field Artillery Battalion

Rites Friday for Kwajalein Hero

Recommittal services for Lt. August Zimmerman of Mason will be held at the Jewett chapel Friday afternoon at two o'clock. Burial will be made in Hillcrest Memorial Park cemetery, Jackson. Browne-Cavender post of the American Legion will conduct military services.

First Lieutenant Zimmerman was 22 when he lost his life on Leyte in the Philippines on October 29, 1944. He had survived two other bloody campaigns. He fought with the Seventh Infantry on Attu in the Aleutians and at Kwajalein before going to Leyte. He was an officer in a shore battery spearheading invasions. He and his men occupied the first landing barges, rushing ashore to land their artillery to protect the troops which followed.

Lieutenant Zimmerman was the son of the late August Zimmerman and Mrs. Zimmerman. The father died last year. The Zimmermans live on Aurelius road. They went to the Aurelius farm in 1937 from Jackson. Lieutenant Zimmerman was born in Jackson January 4, 1922. He was graduated from Mason high school in 1940 and then entered Michigan State college. He left college to enlist with the 119th Field Artillery.

At Fort Knox, Kentucky, the young soldier, then only 19, was chosen as a candidate for officer training and was sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in October,



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1942, and at once left for the Central Pacific. He won distinction at Attu and was promoted to first lieutenant. At Kwajalein he was cited for bravery.

Surviving Lieutenant Zimmerman is the mother and a brother Paul,



Buried in Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Jackson, Michigan