

A Grateful Nation – A Grateful High School

Biographies of Carrollton High School
Students that Gave the Ultimate Sacrifice



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Introduction

A Grateful Nation – A Grateful High School is a compilation of biographies of Carrollton High School students that gave their lives in defense of the United States of America and its values. In determining what makes a CHS student, the current school district boundaries have been used for the purposes of this book. This means that any student that would have attended Carrollton High School with its current boundaries has been included. There was some difficulty in finding research on the soldiers from the Spanish-American War and World War I, so they have been added to the end. For some of them, it is difficult say where they lived or if they actually attended school in the area.

This list has been completed with the information that is currently available. When more research brings forth more detailed information and pictures then this project will be updated. There certainly is the chance that someone has been left off this list. If that has happened, I apologize in advance and I would love to have them included in a future edition. The project started with a list of twelve names on a plaque at the Carrollton VFW #3301. The plaque listed the names of students that died during World War II, and as it turns out from researching, the number now stands at eighteen. Of the twenty-three students that died in World War II, Vietnam, and most recently Afghanistan, only nine of these received their high school diploma at the time due to their enlistment in the military, or their need to obtain employment during the tough economic times of the 1930's. One goal of this project is that we at CHS are working towards granting a high school diploma to a living relative of the remaining thirteen students.

The sacrifice that these students made for us and future students of Carrollton High School can never be repaid. In the following biographies you will read of many great acts of heroism and sacrifice, as our students fought all over the world in many important battles to protect our freedom and the values of the United States of America. Hopefully, with this project and the discussion that it will create, we can continue to always honor their memory. If you have any questions, or can add more details to the project, please contact Jason Eddy at Carrollton High School.

Forever Grateful,



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Carrollton High School – 1997

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SSG Frank A. Mills

United States Army Air Force

527th Bomb Squadron

379th Bombardment Group

8th Army Air Force

Carrollton High School Class of 1935

Born: May 27, 1916

Died: June 25, 1943



SSG Frank A. Mills (35335135) was born May 27, 1916 in Carrollton, Ohio. Mills attended Carrollton High School as a 10th grader in 1933 and then he did not return to school. Enlisting in August of 1942 in the United States Army Air Force, SSG Mills trained at Presque Isle Army Airfield in Maine. After training, he was assigned to the 527th Bomb Squadron which was part of the 379th Bombardment Group. SSG Mills was a ball turret gunner on a B-17F Flying Fortress (42-29892).

Mills and the 379th were assigned to Kimbolton Airfield in England in early June 1943. Mills was part of just the 5th mission of the 379th with 1LT Douglas K. Groom as the pilot on June 25, 1943 as they had been in England for just two weeks. They were headed for Hamburg, Germany when met by enemy aircraft near Neu Arenberg which is four miles northwest of Friesoythe. Groom's B-17 was shot down at 9:10 am by German Luftwaffe pilot Hauptmann (Captain) Anton Hackl who was piloting a Messerschmitt Bf-109G (MACR 1758). Hackl flew over 1000 combat missions and is credited with shooting down 192 enemy aircraft including 34 4-engine bombers. Of the ten man crew, five along with SSG Mills were killed and five others survived as German POW's.

SSG Mills was originally reported as missing in action on the day his plane was shot down on June 25, 1943 (*The Free Press Standard* 7/8/1943). He was officially reported as KIA on September 5, 1943. Tragically, his parents lost another son less than one month later as his brother Carl L. Mills died in USAAF training accident in Enid, Oklahoma on October 3, 1943. Mills had a younger brother named Robert Mills who may have moved to Cambridge at the time of his death. SSG Mills is buried at the Ardennes-American Cemetery in Neupre, Belgium (Plot B, Row 18, Grave 9). He also has a marker next to his brother and family at Grandview Cemetery in Carrollton, Ohio. The story of his military career is located in *The Free Press Standard's* September 9, 1943 edition.

527th Bomb Squadron



379th Bombardment Group



8th US Army Air Force



SSG Frank A. Mills

Hauptmann Anton Hackl



B-17F Flying Fortress



Burial Marker at Grandview Cemetery



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SSG Ralph T. Newbold

United States Army Air Force

530th Bomb Squadron

380th Bombardment Group

5th Army Air Force

Carrollton High School Class of 1934

Born: August 6, 1915

Died: September 21, 1943

SSG Ralph T. Newbold (35593468) was born in the Mechanicstown, Ohio area on August 6, 1915. SSG Newbold enlisted in the United States Army Air Force on August 10, 1942. After final training in California, he left for Australia on September 10, 1943 where his squadron was attached to the Royal Australian Air Force. Ralph was assigned to the 530th Bomb Squadron (Heavy) that was part of the 380th Bombardment Group, 5th Air Force.

Newbold worked as a ball turret gunner and a radio operator on a Consolidated B-24D Liberator (42-40509) that was named "Nothing Sacred." On September 21, 1943, SSG Newbold and the crew of "Nothing Sacred" flew a bombing mission to the Dutch East Indies (present day Indonesia). Their mission was to drop their bombs on a Japanese held airfield (Langgoer Field) on the Kai Islands and then return to their base in Australia. The crew of the B-24D completed their mission with the loss of an engine due to a Japanese Zero attack, but they made it back to Australia with three other B-24's. The first three B-24's landed at the nearest airfield in Darwin, but Hugh Parris and the crew of "Nothing Sacred" tried to make it back to their home base of Fenton Airfield. The plane tragically crashed at night into Sugar Loaf Hill three miles from Fenton Airfield and all on board except a photographer were killed. The flight was the crew's first mission.

SSG Newbold was the son of S.L. Newbold of Mechanicstown and he attended school in Mechanicstown and 9th grade at Carrollton High School in 1931. He had a brother, CPL Thomas S. Newbold USMC, that died in the Battle of Tinian on August 3, 1944. Newbold is buried at the Corinth-Mechanicstown Cemetery next to his family. The story of his military career can be found in *The Free Standard's* September 30, 1943 edition.

530th Bomb Squadron



380th Bombardment Group

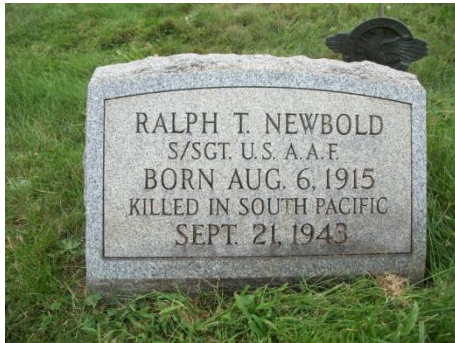


5th US Army Air Force



SSG Ralph T. Newbold

Burial at Mechanicstown Cemetery



B-24D – Nothing Sacred



Memorial Marker near Hayes Creek, Northern Territory, Australia



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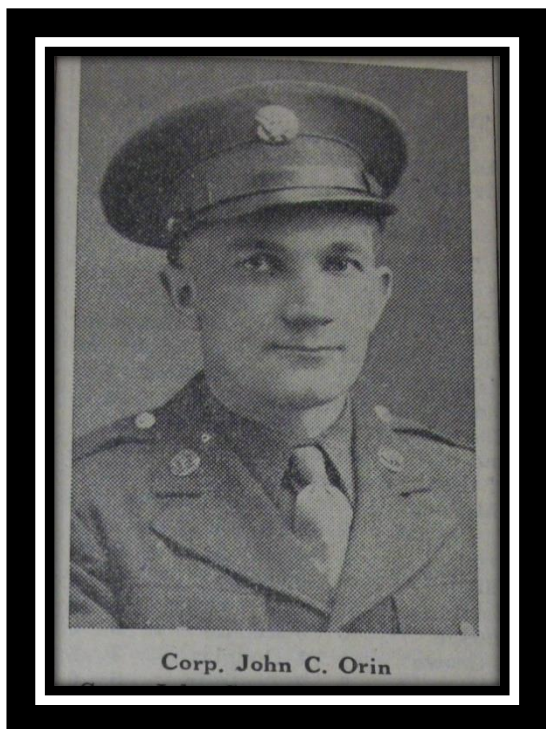
TEC 5 John C. Orin

United States Army

1927 – Carrollton High School Graduate

Born: June 21, 1908

Died: December 14, 1943

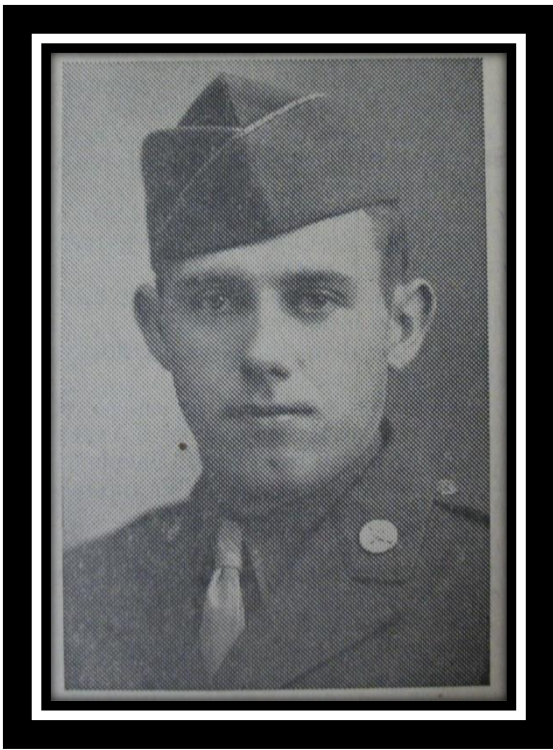


TEC 5 (CPL) John C. Orin was a 1927 Carrollton High School Graduate. He was inducted into the United States Army on April 25, 1942 and he was assigned to Camp Crowder, Missouri for basic training. Orin was assigned to the 609th Signal Air Warning Co. (radar warning) which was stationed at Norfolk, Virginia. On December 14, 1943, TEC 5 Orin lost his life due to head injuries received in an accident at Norfolk.

TEC 5 Orin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Orin, was born in Amsterdam and he lived at 609 North High Street in Carrollton, Ohio. Prior to his induction into the U.S. Army, TEC 5 Orin worked at Croskey's Market for 12 years. A member of the Carrollton Presbyterian church, Orin was survived by his parents and his sister, Mrs. Ermine Croskey. He is buried at Grandview Cemetery in Carrollton, Ohio with his parents. The story of his military career can be found in *The Free Press Standard's* December 16, 1943 issue.

Burial at Grandview Cemetery





SSG Vernon L. Cummings

United States Army Air Force

748th Bomb Squadron

457th Bombardment Group

8th Army Air Force

Carrollton High School Class of 1939

Born: December 23, 1920

Died: December 23, 1943

SSG Vernon L. Cummings was born December 23, 1920. After attending the Glendale one room school, he went to Carrollton High School for 9th and 10th grade in 1936-37. He was inducted into the United State Army Air Force in August of 1942 and he received training as an aircraft engineer for the B-17G Flying Fortress at Wendover Field, Utah. He was assigned to the 748th Bomb Squadron which was part of the 457th Bombardment Group of the 8th Army Air Force.

On December 23, 1943, Cummings' 23rd birthday, there was a large bombing exercise from Wendover Field, Utah to Nebraska. The practice went well, and a few B-17's were ordered back up for more formation flying. Cummings' B-17G (42-31541) was piloted by William Snow. Snow's B-17 was behind and it tried to catch up to a formation of other B-17's. When the plane pulled up from below, its tail was cut off by the engines of the B-17 above it (42-38065). Snow's B-17 crashed and all eight men on board, including SSG Cummings, were killed on the salt flats six miles southwest of Wendover Field. The other B-17 and its crew safely landed. There was actually a member of Snow's crew that did not get on the plane for the 2nd run, and he luckily survived.

SSG Cummings was the son of Emmett and Corda (Wallace) Cummings of Washington Township, Carroll County, Ohio. He is buried at Westview Cemetery in Carrollton. The story of his military career can be found in *The Free Press Standard's* December 30, 1943 issue.

748th Bomb Squadron



457th Bombardment Group



8th US Army Air Force



SSG Vernon L. Cummings

Burial at Westview Cemetery



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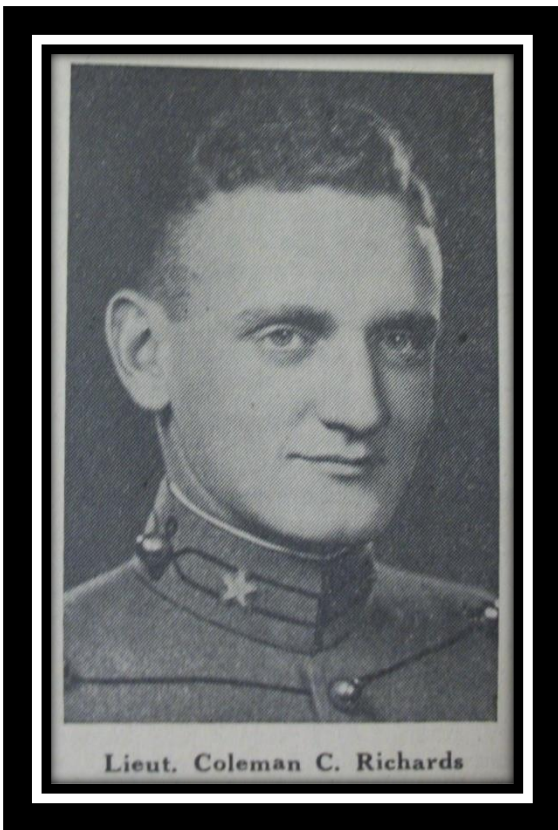
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1LT Coleman C. Richards

United States Army Air Force

402nd Fighter Squadron

370th Fighter Group

9th Army Air Force

1943 – U.S. Military Academy – West Point

1938 – Carrollton High School Graduate

Born: September 15, 1920

Died: April 12, 1944

1LT Coleman C. Richards (0-025857) was born on September 15, 1920 in Carrollton, Ohio. Coleman graduated from Carrollton High School in 1938 and attended The Ohio State University for two years before deciding to begin a career in the military. Richards was accepted into West Point in 1940 and he was part of the first class to complete their education at the U.S. Military Academy in three years rather than the normal four due to the outbreak of World War II. His 1943 class was also the largest in the history of the academy at the time (514 graduates) and Coleman ranked 3rd in his class.

Officially inducted into the United States Army on July 4, 1943, Richards was sent to Westover Field in Springfield, Massachusetts to receive his training with the Army Air Force's P-47 Thunderbolt. After his flight training, the 402nd Fighter Squadron was sent to Andover Field in England on February 22, 1944. While in England, the squadron was switched over to the P-38J Lightning and they began their training with the new aircraft. It was on one of these training missions that 1LT Richards lost his life when his plane crashed near Pengthely Farm in Llanveyhoe, England.

1LT Richards was the only son of Howard Richards of Carrollton, Ohio and the story of his military career can be found in *The Free Press Standard's* April 20, 1944 edition. He is buried at the Heavner Cemetery in Buckhannon (Upshur County) West Virginia (Lot #43).

402nd Fighter Squadron



370th Fighter Group



9th US Army Air Force



1LT Coleman C. Richards

402nd Fighter Squadron at Westover (MA) Field



Heavner Cemetery – Buckhannon, WV



P-38J Lightning at Andover Field



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Lt. Coleman C. Richards

PFC Charles “Bud” Maple

United States Army

339th Infantry Regiment

85th Infantry Division

5th U.S. Army

Carrollton High School Class of 1939

Born: November 28, 1920

Died: May 12, 1944



PFC Charles W. “Bud” Maple (35593468) was born November 28, 1920. An article in The Free Press Standard said that he attended Carrollton Schools, but no record has yet been found. Inducted into the United States Army on December 1, 1942, Maple went through a year of training before departing for the European Theater. In April 1942 Maple completed his division training with the 85th Infantry Division (Custer’s Division) at Leesville, Louisiana. June through October of 1942 saw PFC Maple complete desert combat training at Camp Pilot Knob and Camp Coxcomb in California. After desert training and before being sent to Fort Dix, New Jersey, Maple married Susie Sanderson, a 1943 CHS graduate, on November 7, 1943.

PFC Maple and the 339th Infantry Regiment arrived in St. Denis Du Sig near Oran on the northern coast of Algeria on January 4, 1944. After a few months of mountain and amphibious training in Northern Africa, the division was sent to Naples Italy on March 15, 1944. The division saw its first action in April, as it made its push north from Naples towards the Gustav Line. The Gustav Line was a set of German and Italian fortifications set up to prevent the Allies from reaching Rome. The 85th launched an attack on May 11, 1944 at 2300 hours in an attempt to take hills where the Germans were dug in near Scauri. It was near Scauri where many soldiers of the 339th Regiment lost their lives due to minefields and German machine gun and artillery fire. PFC Maple was reported missing in action on May 14, 1944 and then officially reported killed in action on May 12, 1944.

The son of Chalmer Maple of Carrollton, PFC Maple had two brothers and a brother-in-law serving in the military at the time of his death. They were Seaman Denton Maple, Private Preston “Sammy” Maple, and Seaman William “Bill” White. PFC Maple is buried at Westview Cemetery in Carrollton, Ohio. The story on his military career can be found in *The Free Press Standard’s* July 6, 1944 edition.

339th Infantry Regiment



85th Infantry Division

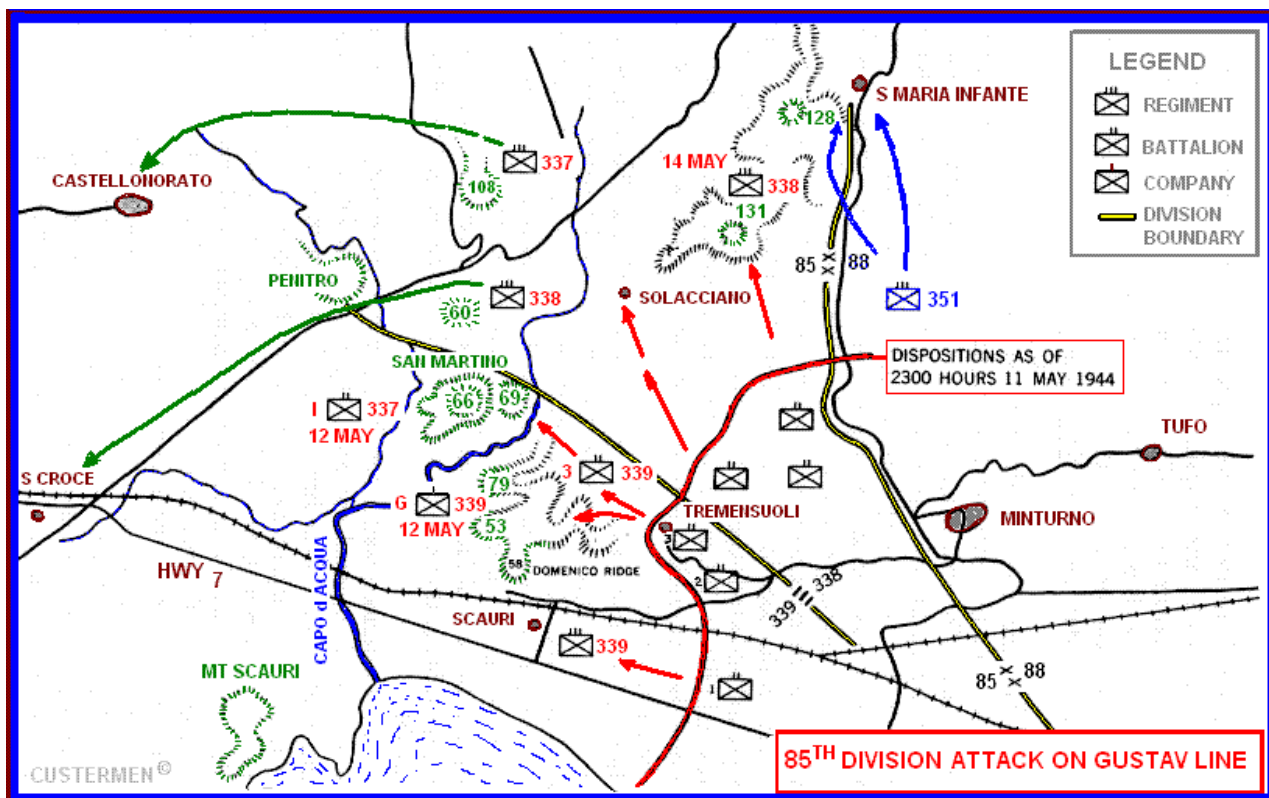


5th United States Army



PFC Charles "Bud" Maple

Map of the 85th Division's Offensive on May 11-12, 1944



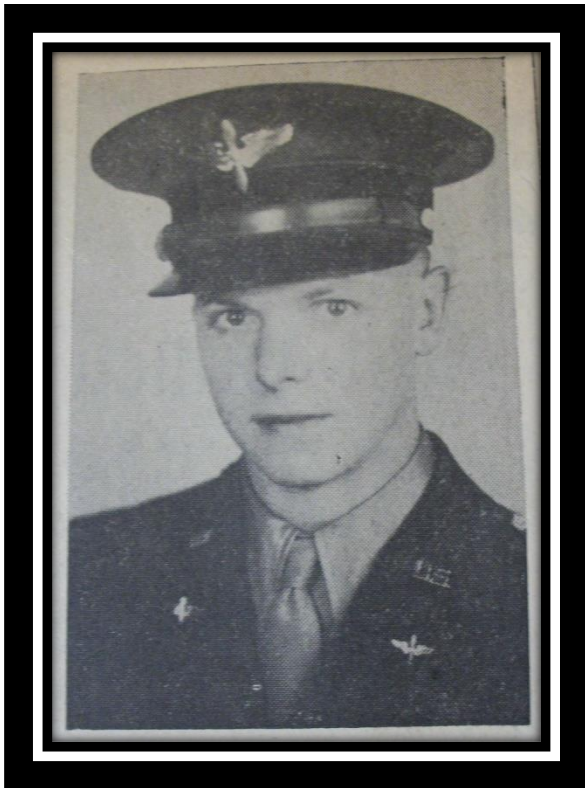
Burial at Westview Cemetery



Web resources listed below:

<http://user.pa.net/~cjheiser/85chronicle-1.htm>

<http://www.custermen.com/History85.htm>



FL O Lester B. Brooks

United States Army Air Force

1939 – Carrollton High School Graduate

Born: September 21, 1921

Died: June 1, 1944

FL O Lester B. Brooks (T-061593) was born September 21, 1920 in Union Township in Carroll County, Ohio. He graduated from Carrollton High School in 1939 and he was inducted in the U.S. Army Air Force on February 2, 1943. He received his basic training in Nashville, Tennessee and he received various flight training at Maxwell Field (AL), Clarksdale (MS), Newport (AK), Tampa (FL), and Savannah (GA). He married Genevieve Rutledge on July 24, 1943 while stationed at Newport, Arkansas.

He left Savannah on May 26, 1944 to prepare for deployment to the European theater. FL O Brooks was the pilot of a B-17G Flying Fortress (42-97862). On their transatlantic flight to Ireland, the crew arrived in Belfast in the evening and the town was in blackout conditions due to air raid warnings. In foggy conditions on approach to Nutts Corner Royal Air Force Base, the B-17G crashed into Cave Hill outside of Belfast, Ireland. The entire crew, along with FL O Brooks were killed in the crash.

The son of L.G. and Mae (Preston) Brooks of Union Township, FL O Brooks was survived by his wife and a brother, Olan. Originally buried in Belfast, Brooks is now buried at Westview Cemetery in Carrollton, Ohio. The local residents in Belfast recognize the fallen soldiers each June 1, and there is a memorial to the crew located at the Belfast Zoo near Cave Hill. A movie called *Closing the Ring* (2007), starring Shirley MacLaine and Christopher Plummer, is based on a ring of one the crew members being found at the crash site recently. The story of his military career can be found in *The Free Press Standard's* June 8, 1944 issue.



FL O Lester B. Brooks

Burial at Westview Cemetery



Memorial at Belfast (Ireland) Zoo at the Base of Cave Hill



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PVT Jay R. Wrikeman

United States Army

Battery A

540th Field Artillery Battalion

Carrollton High School Class of 1940

Born: 1920

Died: July 5, 1944



PVT Jay R. Wrikeman was born in 1920 and he attended Carrollton High School as a 9th grader in 1937. A resident of the Kilgore area, he did not attend CHS after his freshman year.

PVT Wrikeman was assigned to the 540th Field Artillery Battalion and he served overseas for two years, most likely in North Africa. The 540th F.A. used the M1 155mm gun known as the Long Tom. After returning from overseas duty, he was assigned to Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina. It was there on July 5, 1944 that PVT Wrikeman lost his life in an accident on the base.

PVT Wrikeman was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Wrikeman of Kilgore. He was survived by his wife, Anna; a brother, William, and two sisters. He is buried at Simmons Ridge Cemetery between Kilgore and Amsterdam. The story of his military career can be found in *The Free Press Standard's* July 12, 1944 issue.

155mm M1 - Long Tom





PFC Carl Sobala

United States Army

330th Infantry Regiment

83rd Infantry Division

3rd U.S. Army

1940 – Carrollton High School Graduate

Born: November 2, 1922

Died: July 8, 1944

PFC Carl Sobala (35236161) was born November 2, 1922 in Amsterdam, Ohio. A 1940 Carrollton High School graduate, he was inducted into the United States Army on September 9, 1943. After his training in Van Dorn, MS and Camp Breckenridge, KY, PFC Sobala was assigned to the 330th Infantry Regiment which was part of the 83rd Infantry Division.

Arriving in England on April 16, 1944, the 83rd Infantry Division stayed put until D-Day +12. Known as the "Thunderbolts," the 83rd arrived at Omaha Beach on June 18, 1944 to relieve the 101st Airborne who had been in combat since June 6. It was during a struggle near Carentan in the hedgerows that the 83rd encountered the 17th SS Panzer Grenadier Division. On July 8, 1944, the 330th Infantry Regiment was met by enemy tanks and assault guns. American tanks were unable to assist during this battle. PFC Sobala lost his life on this date south of Carentan as the 83rd continued their push on to Sainteny by July 9.

PFC Sobala was the son of Kathryn Sobala of Carrollton. His father had passed away when he was in high school, and he was the oldest child with one sister (Helen) and four brothers (Alex, Frank, Joe, Henry). He is buried at the Normandy-American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, France (Plot D, Row 13, Grave 16). There is a marker with Sobala and his brothers at Westview Cemetery in Carrollton, OH. The story of his military career can be found in *The Free Press Standard's* August 10, 1944 issue.

330th Infantry Regiment



83rd Infantry Division



3rd U.S. Army

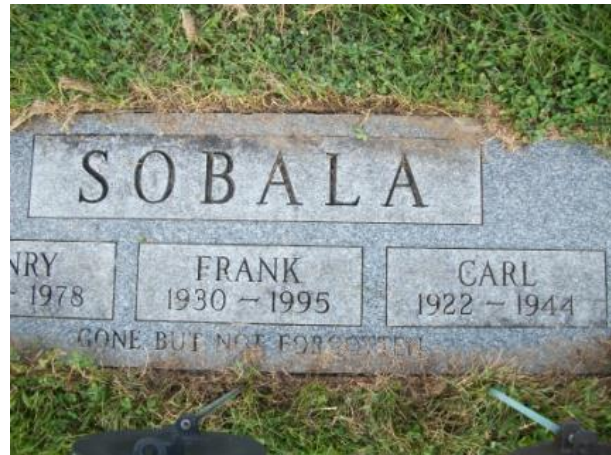


PFC Carl Sobala

Burial at Normandy-American Cemetery



Burial Marker at Westview Cemetery



83rd Infantry Division at Carentan, France



Web resources listed below:

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Cpl Thomas S. Newbold

United States Marine Corps

2nd or 4th Marine Division

Carrollton High School Class of 1935

Born: October 23, 1916

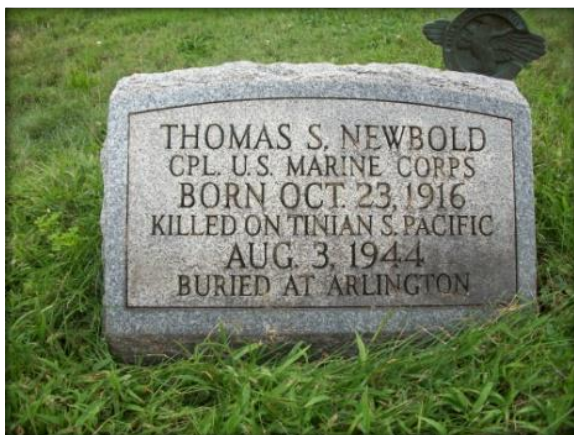
Died: August 3, 1944

Cpl Thomas S. Newbold was born October 23, 1916. He attended Carrollton High School as a 9th grader in 1932 and then did not attend after that year. CPL Newbold enlisted into the United States Marine Corps on August 16, 1942. After completing his basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina, he was assigned to shore guard duty at a Marine base in Boston, Massachusetts.

Assigned to either the 2nd or 4th Marine Division, Cpl Newbold left for the Pacific theater of war in late June 1944. Cpl Newbold was part of the amphibious landing forces at the islands of Saipan and Tinian which are part of the Mariana Islands. The Battle of Tinian officially ended on August 1, 1944, but there was scattered Japanese resistance until after the completion of the war. Cpl Newbold lost his life on Tinian on August 3, 1944. The island of Tinian was later used by the USAAF for the B-29's that dropped the atomic bombs on Japan in August 1945.

Cpl Newbold was the son of Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Newbold of Mechanicstown. He was survived by his wife, Beryl (Kohler), and a daughter, Beverly Ann. Beryl's address in Boston was 93 Winchester Street Brookline at the time of Thomas' death. Thomas had three sisters, Arline and Nova of the home and Mrs. Vera Brown of Youngstown. He also had three step-brothers and one step-sister. Cpl Newbold's brother, SSG Ralph T. Newbold (U.S. Army), was also killed in the Pacific theater on September 21, 1943 when his B-24D crashed upon landing near Hayes Creek in the Northern Territory of Australia. Cpl Newbold is buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. He has a burial marker at the Corinth-Mechanicstown Cemetery next to his brother Ralph. The story of his military career can be found in *The Free Press Standard's* September 14, 1944 issue.

Burial Marker at Mechanicstown Cemetery



U.S. Marines Wading Ashore at Tinian





1LT Charles David Rutledge

United States Army Air Force

524th Bomb Squadron

379th Bombardment Group

8th Army Air Force

Carrollton High School Class of 1940

Born: 1922

Died: September 28, 1944

1LT Charles D. Rutledge (0-815242) was born in 1922. An article in *The Free Press Standard* said that he attended Carrollton Schools, but no record can be found. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Force on August 3, 1942, but he was not called to service until February 2, 1943. He graduated from Columbus airfield (Hunter Field, GA) on November 3, 1943.

Assigned to the 524th Bomb Squadron of the 379th Bombardment Group, 1LT Rutledge arrived at Korbolton Airfield in England on May 26, 1944. A B-17G Flying Fortress pilot, Rutledge was a veteran of 30 missions over enemy territory. On his 31st mission on September 28, 1944, 1 LT and his crew were headed to bomb targets in Magdeburg, Germany. Rutledge was flying a B-17G named the "Queen O' Hearts" (42-97890) for this mission. This particular B-17G had previously been named "Lil Satan," but was renamed after it took heavy flak damage on June 25, 1944 (MACR 6838) and was repaired and then assigned to Rutledge and his crew. On this fateful mission of September 28, 1944, the "Queen O' Hearts" was shot down four miles west of Magdeburg near the town of Niederndodeleben, Germany (MACR 9364). 1LT Rutledge and his navigator were killed, but the remaining seven crew members survived and were captured by the Germans as POW's. Word officially reached the government of Rutledge's death on November 2, 1944 as they declared him KIA and no longer missing in action. Another Carrollton resident, Frank A. Mills, was also killed in action in a B-17 over Germany as a member of the 379th Bombardment Group.

Charles was the son of Roy G. Rutledge of Petersburg (Union Township). He is buried at the Lorraine American Cemetery in St. Avold, France (Plot D, Row 31, Grave 35). He also has a grave marker with his parents at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery outside of Carrollton. He was awarded the Air Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Purple Heart. The story of his military career can be found in *The Free Press Standard's* October 19, 1944 issue.

524th Bomb Squadron



379th Bombardment Group

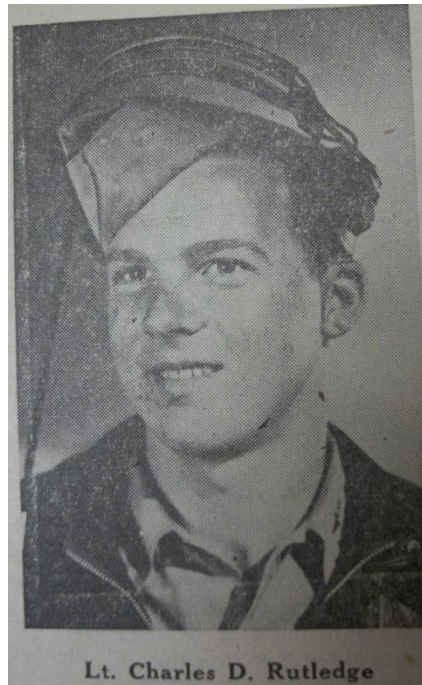


8th U.S. Army Air Force



1LT Charles David Rutledge

Burial Marker at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery



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<http://sites.google.com/site/379thbgnoseart/>

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PVT Irvin A. Baxter

United States Army

99th Infantry Division

394th Infantry Regiment

Medical Detachment

Dellroy High School Class of 1935

Born: October 17, 1916

Died: December 18, 1944

PVT Irvin Albert Baxter was born on October 17, 1916. An article in *The Free Press Standard* said that he attended New Harrisburg and Dellroy Schools, but no record can be found. PVT Baxter entered the United States Army on July 28, 1943. He completed training at Camp Barkeley, TX, Camp Polk, LA, and Camp Maxey, TX. He was assigned to a medical detachment of the 394th Regiment of the 99th Infantry Division. PVT Baxter and the 99th Infantry Division arrived in England on October 10, 1944. The 99th Division was nicknamed the "Battle Babies," as they had no combat action when arriving in Belgium in December of 1944.

Working as a medic during the Battle of the Bulge, PVT Baxter was treating soldiers near Wirtzfield, Belgium on December 18, 1944. The regiment turned a supply truck into a medical transport due to a lack of vehicles to get the walking wounded away from the front lines. The Germans made a push near Murringen, Belgium and ambushed the Regimental CP truck and wounded five of the soldiers on board with burp gun fire. PVT Baxter lost his life on December 18, ½ mile outside of Murringen while caring for wounded soldiers aboard the truck.

PVT Baxter was the son of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Baxter. His wife, Emma Baxter, was residing in Dalton, GA at the time of his death. In addition to his wife and parents, PVT Baxter was survived by a daughter, Patricia Ann of Sherrodsville; a brother, Emerson of Kent; and three sisters, Mrs. W.H. Carpenter of Canton, Mrs. Emma Lewis of Amsterdam, and Mrs. Marian Lewis of Carrollton.

394th Infantry Regiment



99th Infantry Division



1st U.S. Army



PVT Irvin A. Baxter

Burial at Baxter's Ridge Cemetery



Web resources listed below:

<http://history.amedd.army.mil/booksdocs/wwii/394thIRMedDetDec44.html>

1LT Carl K. Rutledge

United States Army Air Force

Carrollton High School Class of 1942

Born: 1923

Died: January 4, 1945



1LT Carl K. Rutledge was born in 1923 in Carroll County. He attended Carrollton High School for 9th-11th grades (1939-1941). 1LT Rutledge was inducted into the United States Army Air Force on July 15, 1943. He had just received his pilots' wings and lieutenant's commission before coming home to Union Township on furlough on December 25, 1944. Rutledge was trained to fly the B-25 Mitchell bomber at Turner Field in Albany, Georgia. He and his brother, CPL John D. Rutledge of the United States Army Air Force, were tragically killed on the morning of Thursday, January 4, 1945 when their car was struck by a Pennsylvania Railroad train at Dueber Avenue in Canton, Ohio. 1LT Rutledge was to return to Turner Field in Albany, Georgia just two days later.

1LT Rutledge was married to the former Juanita Smith of Dellroy, and he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rutledge of Union Township. He was survived by his wife and two brothers: PVT Herman Rutledge and M Sgt. Wayne Rutledge. 1LT Rutledge is buried at Westview Cemetery next to an infant son that died on March 27, 1945. The story of his military career can be found in *The Free Press Standard's* January 4, 1945 issue.

Burial at Westview Cemetery



CPL John D. Rutledge

United States Army Air Force

1943 – Carrollton High School Graduate

Born: 1925

Died: January 4, 1945



CPL John D. Rutledge (35233387) of the United States Army Air Force was born in 1925 in Union Township in Carroll County, Ohio. CPL Rutledge was a 1943 Carrollton High School graduate. He entered the USAAF on August of 1943 and he received his gunnery training at Harlingen, Texas. He was stationed in Casper, Wyoming at the time of his furlough back home on January 2, 1945. CPL Rutledge and his brother, 1 LT Carl K. Rutledge, were tragically killed on the morning of Thursday, January 4, 1945 when their car was struck by a Pennsylvania Railroad train at Dueber Avenue in Canton, Ohio. CPL Rutledge was to return to Casper, Wyoming the next Wednesday. The Casper Army Airfield was used for training of crews for the B-17, B-24, and the new B-29 at the time of CPL Rutledge's death.

CPL Rutledge was the youngest of four sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Rutledge of Union Township, Carroll County, Ohio. His two other brothers, PVT Herman Rutledge and M Sgt. Wayne Rutledge, were on active duty at the time of his death. He is buried at Westview Cemetery in Carrollton, Ohio next to his brother Carl. The story of his military career can be found in *The Free Press Standard's* January 4, 1945 issue.

Burial at Westview Cemetery



PFC Paul J. Owens

United States Marine Corps

7th Marine Division

Marine Detachment – USS *Nevada*

Carrollton High School Class of 1943

Born: March 6, 1925

Died: March 27, 1945



PFC Paul J. Owens (853710) was born March 6, 1925. He attended Carrollton High School for 9th-11th grades (1940-42) before moving to Canton, Ohio. He entered the Marines on May 23, 1943 and received his basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina. He was trained as a seagoing Marine at the Norfolk, Virginia Navy Yard. He was assigned to the USS *Nevada* (BB-36) and left for overseas in October 1943.

The *Nevada* had survived the bombing of Pearl Harbor as no battleship was anchored next to it and the ship was able to move before being grounded ashore. After repairing the damage, the *Nevada* with PFC Owens on board was assigned to convoy duty in the Atlantic Ocean from October 1943 through May 1944. The ship was assigned to the D-Day invasion as the flagship for Rear Admiral Deyo. The *Nevada* supported forces at Cherbourg (June 6 – June 17) and then moved to Southern France to support the invasion near Toulon (Operation Dragoon) in the Mediterranean Sea. After operations in the Mediterranean, the *Nevada* moved to New York City in September 1944 for refurbishment. After receiving updates, the *Nevada* reached Iwo Jima on February 16, 1945. After offering firing support for the invasion at Iwo Jima, the *Nevada* moved to Okinawa to prepare for its invasion on March 24, 1945. On the morning of March 27, 1945 at 6:22 am, a Japanese plane in a kamikaze attack crashed into the *Nevada* at frame 96 on its starboard side killing 11 and wounding 49 Americans. PFC Owens was one of the Marines killed in the kamikaze attack. At 4:15 that afternoon, PFC Owens was buried at sea at latitude 26 degrees 27.4' N, longitude 127 degrees 38.7' E.

PFC Owens was the son of G.R. Hartman and Paul F. Owens (U.S. Navy). He was also survived by a sister, Audrey Oylar of Canton, and a younger brother William, who was a sophomore at Carrollton High School at the time. Though buried at sea, PFC Owens is listed on the Tablets of the Missing at Honolulu Memorial Cemetery. He also has a burial marker at Grandview Cemetery in Carrollton. Owens was awarded the bronze star and the purple heart during his military service. The story of his military career can be found in *The Free Press Standard's* April 4, 1945 issue.

Marine Detachment Patch – Naval Vessels – World War II



PFC Paul J. Owens

Burial Marker at Grandview Cemetery



USS Nevada at Iwo Jima – February 1945



Web resources listed below:

<http://acepilots.com/ships/nevada.html>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Nevada_\(BB-36\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Nevada_(BB-36))

National Archives and Records Administration – Log Book for the USS Nevada (BB-36)



PVT John W. Roudebush

United States Army

1st Cavalry Division

8th Regiment

3rd Battalion

1940 – Carrollton High School Graduate

Born: October 2, 1922

Died: June 12, 1945

PVT John W. Roudebush was born October 2, 1922. He was a 1940 graduate of Carrollton High School where he participated in the CHS band and the orchestra. PVT Roudebush entered into the United State Army on September 7, 1944 and was assigned to the 8th Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division. He completed his basic training at Ft. Riley, Kansas with training in sharpshooting, machine gunning, and as a mounted horseman. He also completed additional training at Ft. Ord, California.

In February 1945, PVT Roudebush was sent to the Philippines where the 1st Cavalry Division fought for General MacArthur in his quest to retake the islands. The 1st Cavalry Division was the first division to reach Manila on February 3, 1945. By March 3, 1945, organized resistance in Manila was wiped out and the 1st Cavalry Division turned their emphasis towards removing entrenched Japanese soldiers throughout the island of Luzon. After clearing the towns of Tanauan, Talisay, Lipa, and San Pablo, the 8th regiment and the 1st Cavalry Division had taken control of much of Luzon. It was during the mopping up portion of the island campaign that PVT Roudebush lost his life in a rear area skirmish on June 12, 1945. The island of Luzon campaign was declared complete on June 30, 1945.

PVT Roudebush was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Roudebush, operators of the local greenhouse in Carrollton. He was survived by his wife, Helen (Carlone) Roudebush who was originally from the Mechanicstown area, whom he married on May 30, 1942. PVT Roudebush also had a brother, Frank B. Roudebush, Jr. A member of the Church of Christ, he is buried at Grandview Cemetery in Carrollton. The story of his military career can be found in *The Free Press Standard's* June 20, 1945 issue.

8th Cavalry Regiment



1st Cavalry Division



PVT John W. Roudebush

Burial at Grandview Cemetery



Web resources listed below:

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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/8th_Cavalry_Regiment_\(United_States\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/8th_Cavalry_Regiment_(United_States))

http://www.first-team.us/tableaux/chapt_02/

PVT William R. Ferguson, Jr.

United States Army

Americal Division

182nd Infantry Regiment

3rd Battalion

1944 – Carrollton High School Graduate

Born: May 24, 1926

Died: June 21, 1945



PVT William Robert Ferguson, Jr. was born on May 24, 1926 in Akron, Ohio. PVT Ferguson and his family moved to the Harlem Springs area in 1935 and he attended school there through the 8th grade. He then attended Carrollton High School and was a 1944 graduate. He was inducted into the U.S. Army on October 5, 1944 and he received training at Camp Wolters, Texas and Fort Ord, California.

PVT Ferguson was assigned to the 182nd Infantry Regiment which was part of the Americal Division. The Americal Division was one of only two infantry divisions assigned a name rather than a number. Sent overseas in March 1945, PVT Ferguson and the 182nd Infantry Regiment were part of heavy fighting on Cebu Island in the Philippines. PVT Ferguson was killed in action while on sentry duty on Cebu Island in the Philippines on June 21, 1945.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Ferguson of Lee Township, PVT Ferguson was a member of the Harlem Springs Presbyterian church. He had made his last visit home in February 1945 to see his family before being sent to the Pacific. He was survived by his brother, Joseph, and two sisters, Gertrude and Juanita, all of the home. He is buried at Harlem Springs Cemetery and the story of his military career can be found in *The Carroll Journal's* July 19, 1945 issue.

Americal Division



Burial at Harlem Springs Cemetery



Cpl Harold Mohme

United States Marine Corps

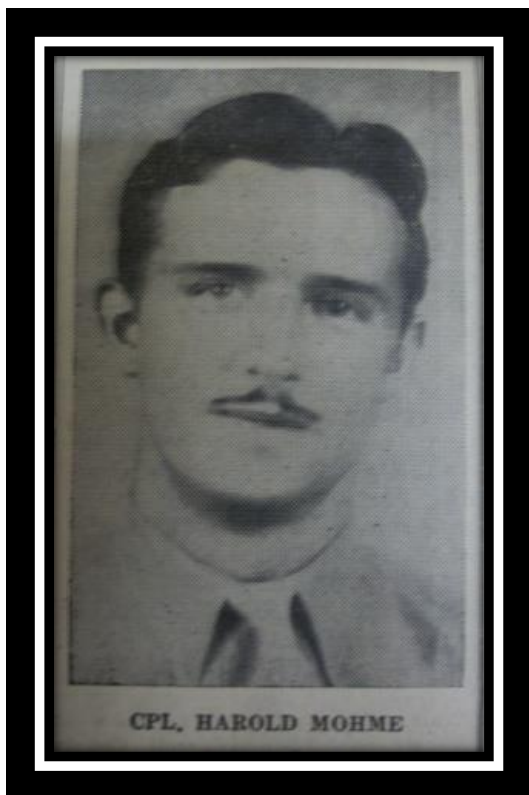
Marine Aircraft Group 22 (MAG-22)

4th Marine Aircraft Wing

1943 – Carrollton High School Graduate

Born: February 14, 1924

Died: June 27, 1945



Cpl Harold Mohme (921898) was born February 14, 1924. He graduated from Carrollton High School in 1943 before being inducted into the United States Marine Corps in December 1943. After basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina, Cpl Mohme trained as an aerographer at Cherry Point, South Carolina and Lakehurst, New Jersey. He left for overseas duty on Thanksgiving Day 1944 from San Diego, California.

After serving in the Marshall Islands, Ponape, and Okinawa, Cpl Mohme was on a flight near Korea when he lost his life. On June 27, 1945, Mohme was aboard a United States Navy PB4Y-2 Privateer with another Marine doing weather observations. The Privateer was a modified Navy version of the B-24 Liberator. The plane was shot down by Japanese anti-aircraft fire off the coast of Kyushu on the southern tip of Korea. All on board the plane were lost at sea.

Cpl Mohme lived in Mechanicstown with Mrs. Floyd Manfull on her farm before being inducted into the Marine Corps. He attended the Herrington Methodist Church and there is a burial marker located at the now Bethel-Herrington Church in Specht. His name is also listed on the tablets of the missing at the Manila American Cemetery in the Philippines. Cpl Mohme was awarded the Air Medal and the Purple Heart posthumously. The story of his military career can be found in *The Free Press Standard's* July 12, 1945 issue. Cpl Mohme was the last Carrollton High School student to die during World War II.

4th Marine Aircraft Wing

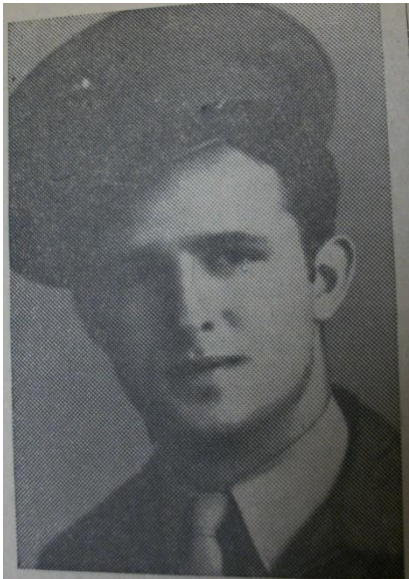


PB4Y-2 Privateer



Cpl Harold Mohme

Burial Marker at Bethel-Herrington Cemetery



Web resources listed below:

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<http://www.usmilitariaforum.com/forums/lofiversion/index.php/t71648.html>

<http://www.usmilitariaforum.com/forums/index.php?act=attach&type=post&id=255575>

<http://www.usmilitariaforum.com/forums/index.php?act=attach&type=post&id=255764>

<http://www.aviationarchaeology.com/src/USN/LLJun45.htm>

<http://www.ww1collector.com/Details/Mohme-Harold-R.html>



PFC Elwood "Skip" Davis

United States Army

1st Cavalry Division

7th Cavalry Regiment

2nd Battalion

Carrollton High School Class of 1959

Born: June 24, 1940

Died: November 17, 1965

PFC Elwood "Skip" Davis (52543547) was born on June 24, 1940. He attended Carrollton High School in 1957-58. PFC Davis, a resident of Fox Township, enlisted in the United States Army on January 16, 1963. He completed basic training at Fort Knox, and received additional training at Fort Benning, Fort Jackson, and Fort Stewart. PFC Davis arrived in Vietnam on October 19, 1965 and was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile).

PFC Davis was killed by small arms fire on November 17, 1965 at Plei Mei in the Ia Drang Valley. He and a 153 other members of the 2nd battalion were killed at the Landing Zone Albany ambush in the first major conflict of the Vietnam War between the United States and North Vietnam. For his actions in battle, PFC Davis was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for Valor.

PFC Davis was the son of Elwood W. Davis, Sr., and Elsie Davis who lived on farm outside of Mechanicstown in Fox Township. Along with his parents, PFC Davis was survived by ten sisters and two brothers. His brother John Davis, served in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam aboard the USS Wasp. His other brother, LCpl Alvin Davis, served in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam as well. He is buried at the Corinth-Mechanicstown Cemetery in Mechanicstown. His name is located on the Vietnam Wall on panel 03E line 074.

7th Cavalry Regiment

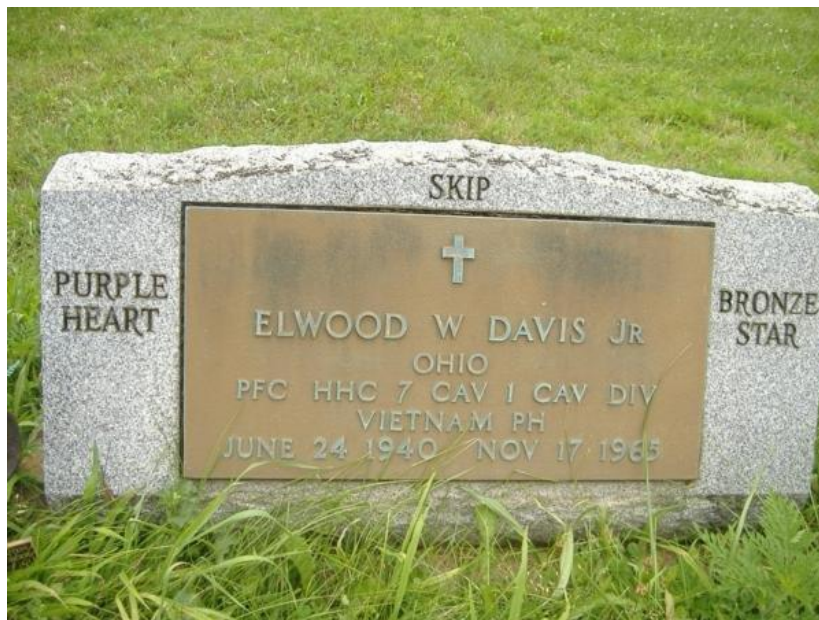


1st Cavalry Division



PFC Elwood "Skip" Davis

Burial Marker at Corinth-Mechanicstown Cemetery



Bronze Star for Valor (Combat Actions)



Web Resources Listed Below:

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SP4 Dennis R. Knoch

United States Army

1st Cavalry Division

5th Cavalry Regiment

1st Battalion

Company A

Carrollton High School Class of 1967

Born: September 16, 1948

Died: April 2, 1969



SP4 Dennis Richard Knoch (51838286) was born on September 16, 1948. He attended Carrollton High School as an 11th grader, but he did not return thereafter. SP4 Knoch enlisted in the United States Army on May 7, 1968 and he was assigned to the 5th Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division. Trained as an infantryman, he began his tour in Vietnam on October 13, 1968.

While in the Binh Long province of South Vietnam, SP4 Knoch was killed by artillery rocket shelling on April 2, 1969. SP4 Knoch was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and the Purple Heart for his actions.

SP4 Knoch was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Knoch Rt. 3 Carrollton who lived in Union Township just east of Petersburg. He and his family moved to the Carrollton area in 1965. Along with his parents, SP4 Knoch was survived by a younger brother, Daniel, of the home. SP4 Knoch is buried at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery on Canyon Road near Petersburg. His name is located on the Vietnam Wall on panel 27W line 001. The story of his military career can be found in *The Free Press Standard's* April 10, 1969 issue.

5th Cavalry Regiment

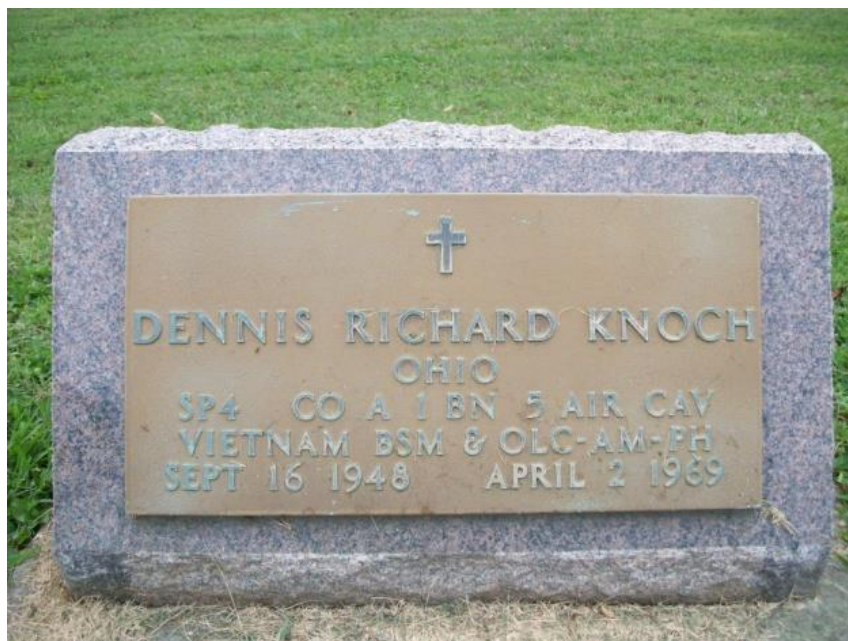


1st Cavalry Division



SP4 Dennis R. Knoch

Burial at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery



LCpl Richard G. Sonneberger



United States Marine Corps

3rd Marine Division

3rd Marine Regiment

1st Battalion

Company C / 2nd Platoon

1968 – Carrollton High School Graduate

Born: September 20, 1950

Died: July 3, 1969

LCpl Richard George (Pratt) Sonneberger (268509278) was born September 20, 1950 in Akron, Ohio. LCpl Sonneberger was a 1968 graduate of Carrollton High School under the last name of Pratt where he was a member of the Washington Township 4-H Club. He enlisted into the United States Marine Corps on June 18, 1968. After basic training at Parris Island and advanced training as a rifleman, he went overseas to South Vietnam on December 3, 1968.

On July 3, 1969, LCpl Sonneberger was fatally wounded by a gunshot wound from a sniper while manning a defensive position 7 miles northwest of Cam Lo, Quang Tri province, South Vietnam. For his actions in combat, LCpl Sonneberger received the Bronze Star for Valor signifying heroism. The Bronze Star for Valor is the military's fourth highest award for valor.

LCpl Sonneberger was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Pratt of Rt. 1 Carrollton. The family moved to the Carrollton area near Specht four years before his death. In addition to his parents, he was survived by a sister, Sandra Lee Pratt of the home and a step-brother, William Pratt III of Akron. He was a member of the Highview Baptist Church and he is buried at Westview Cemetery in Carrollton. His name is located on the Vietnam Wall on panel 21W line 057. The story of his military career can be found in *The Free Press Standard's* July 10, 1969 issue.

1st Battalion/3rd Marines



3rd Marine Regiment



3rd Marine Division



LCpl Richard G. Sonneberger

Burial at Westview Cemetery



Bronze Star for Valor (Combat Actions)





LCpl Louis D. Pallaye

United States Marine Corps

1st Marine Division

1st Marine Regiment

3rd Battalion

Company L

1966 – Carrollton High School Graduate

Born: September 26, 1948

Died: December 4, 1969

LCpl Louis D. Pallaye (291480754) was born September 26, 1948 in Canton, Ohio. A 1966 graduate of Carrollton High School, he was a member of the wrestling and football teams. He was a state qualifying wrestler at 154 pounds his senior year of 1966. After graduation, he worked as a locomotive operator at Republic Steel in Canton before entering the United State Marine Corps in September 1968. After completing basic training at Parris Island, LCpl Pallaye completed advanced training as a rifleman at Camp Pendleton, California.

Assigned to the 1st Maine Regiment of the 1st Marine Division, LCpl Pallaye went overseas to South Vietnam on February 17, 1969. He received the Purple Heart for wounds that he received in combat on September 3, 1969. On December 3, 1969 while in the Quang Nam province of South Vietnam, LCpl Pallaye was injured by shrapnel from an enemy explosive device. Moved to the U.S. Navy hospital ship, *USS Repose*, LCpl Pallaye died on December 4, 1969 from the wounds he received the day before.

LCpl Pallaye was the son of Donald L. and Mary Ellen (Smith) Pallaye of Rt. 5 Carrollton. In addition to his parents, he was survived by a sister, Mrs. Thomas (Darlene) Wallace of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; and two brothers, David L. Pallaye and Douglas P. Pallaye both of the home. A member of the United Presbyterian Church in New Harrisburg, LCpl Pallaye is buried at the Sandy Valley Cemetery in Waynesburg, Ohio. His name is located on the Vietnam Wall on panel 15W line 025. The story of his military career can be found in *The Free Press Standard's* December 11, 1969 issue.

3rd Battalion/1st Marines



1st Marine Regiment



1st Marine Division



LCpl Louis D. Pallaye

Burial at Sandy Valley Cemetery



Web resources listed below:

<http://www.3onevet.com/mikecohistory2.htm>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1st_Marine_Regiment_\(United_States\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1st_Marine_Regiment_(United_States))

LCpl Terry C. Wright

United States Marine Corps

2nd Marine Division

6th Marine Regiment

1st Battalion

2008 – Carrollton High School Graduate

Born: April 11, 1990

Died: September 21, 2011

LCpl Terry Carl Wright was born April 11, 1990 in Coshocton, Ohio. He graduated from Carrollton High School in 2008 and received his law enforcement training and certification at Buckeye Career Center in New Philadelphia. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on July 7, 2008 and received his basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina.

After completing his training as a rifleman, LCpl Wright was assigned to the 6th Marine Regiment of the 2nd Marine Division based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He left for his first tour of duty in Afghanistan in December 2009, and he left for a 2nd tour of duty for Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan on July 9, 2011. It was on this second tour on September 21, 2011 that LCpl received fatal injuries while supporting combat operations in the Helmand province of Afghanistan.

LCpl Wright was the son of Dawn (Compher) Seabolt and the late Jay Eugene Seabolt. In addition to his mother, he was survived by three sisters; Tiffany (Irwin) Trimm of Alabama, Dawna (Irwin) Brady of Carrollton, and Amanda Wright of Minerva. He was also survived by two brothers; David Wright of Carrollton, and Cpl Adam Wright (USMC) of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. LCpl Wright is buried at the Rock Hill Cemetery in Flushing, Ohio. The story of his military career can be found in *The Free Press Standard's* September 28, 2011 issue.

1st Battalion/6th Marines



6th Marine Regiment



2nd Marine Division



LCpl Terry C. Wright

Funeral at Carrollton High School



Burial at Rock Hill Cemetery



Operation Enduring Freedom - Afghanistan



Web resources listed below:

<http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=14814>

<http://icasualties.org/OEF/Fatalities.aspx>

<http://www.freepressstandard.com/updates/07092911.htm>

<http://www.freepressstandard.com/News/01092911.htm>

<http://www.freepressstandard.com/Obituaries/07092911.htm>

PVT Frank J. Hagerman

PVT Frank J. Hagerman was born in 1872 in Carrollton, Ohio. When the Spanish-American War began in April 1898, PVT Hagerman enlisted in the United States Army. After organizing at Camp Bushnell in Columbus, Ohio, he was sent to Camp Alger, VA on May 20 until July 5, 1898 to complete his training. He was assigned to Company F of the 8th Ohio Volunteer Infantry which was known as "McKinley's Own."

The 8th OVI left for Cuba on July 6, 1898 aboard the transport ship *St. Paul*. They arrived in Siboney, Cuba on July 10, 1898. Just seven days later on July 17 the Spanish surrendered at Santiago. They remained in Cuba until August 16, 1898 when PVT Hagerman and the 8th OVI returned to America aboard the *Mohawk*. Upon arrival at Camp Wikoff at Montauk, Long Island, New York on August 26, 1898, Hagerman and many other soldiers were ill with Spanish influenza. PVT Hagerman died on September 1, 1898 from influenza at Camp Wikoff. He was returned to Carrollton where he was buried at Grandview Cemetery on September 5, 1898.

A member of the Reformed Church, on the corner of present-day East Main and Park Ave., PVT Hagerman was the son of Peter Hagerman of Carrollton. The story of his military career can be found in *The Carroll Chronicle's* September 7, 1898 issue.

Funeral Procession for PVT Frank J. Hagerman



Web resources listed below:

<http://spanamwar.com/8thohioroster2.htm>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish%E2%80%93American_War

PVT Chester T. West

PVT Chester T. West was born in Carrollton, Ohio. When the United States began its involvement in World War I, PVT West enlisted with the United States Marine Corps. He was assigned to the 5th Marine Regiment which was under the direction of the 2nd Infantry Division of the U.S. Army ("Indianhead"). The 5th Marine Regiment today is now part of the 1st Marine Division. PVT West died of respiratory disease in France on August 26, 1917. He is buried at the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery in Romagne, France (Plot A, Row 34, Grave 30).

5th Marine Regiment



2nd Infantry Division



Web resources listed below:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/5th_Marine_Regiment_\(United_States\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/5th_Marine_Regiment_(United_States))

www.abmc.gov

PVT Thomas R. Hull

PVT Thomas R. Hull (3856148) was born in Mechanicstown, Ohio in December 1896. PVT Hull was assigned to the National Army at the outbreak of World War I. He completed his training at Camp Sherman in Chillicothe, Ohio. Once his training was complete he was assigned to the 9th Company, 3rd Battalion, 158th Depot Brigade of the 83rd Infantry Division. He left for Europe on September 5, 1918. He returned to Camp Sherman when he became ill and he died there on October 5, 1918. He was married on November 14, 1917 to Hannah E. Willard and he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Hull RFD #1, Mechanicstown. PVT Hull is buried in Mechanicstown.

158th Depot Brigade



83rd Infantry Division



PVT William R. Yoder

PVT William R. Yoder (2474887) was born February 4, 1896 in Mechanicstown, Ohio. PVT Yoder, a member of the National Army, was assigned to the 12th Company, 3rd Battalion, 158th Depot Brigade of the 83rd Infantry Division out of Chillicothe, OHio. He left for Europe on April 30, 1918 where he stayed until he became ill. He returned to Camp Sherman where he died on October 9, 1918 of Spanish influenza. PVT Yoder was the son of George and Nina Yoder of RFD #1, Mechanicstown, Ohio. He also had a brother, Harper Yoder of the home. PVT Yoder is buried in Mechanicstown.

158th Depot Brigade



83rd Infantry Division



PVT James C. Gotchall

PVT James C. Gotchall (3852650) was born in Perry Township, Carroll County, Ohio on March 8, 1895. Married to Sylvia Gotchall, RFD #2, Perrysville, PVT Gotchall left for Europe in February, 1918. He was assigned to the 35th Company, 9th Battalion, 158th Depot Brigade, of the 83rd Infantry Division. He became ill overseas and returned to Camp Sherman in Chillicothe, Ohio where he died of pneumonia on October 10, 1918.

PVT James C. Gotchall



158th Depot Brigade



83rd Infantry Division



PVT Frank M. Miller

PVT Frank M. Miller was born in Carrollton, Ohio and was a member of the National Army. Little is known about PVT Miller other than he died on October 14, 1918 at Fort Riley, Kansas of Spanish influenza.

PFC John F. Stewart

PFC John F. Stewart (4304145) was born in Carrollton, Ohio on March 4, 1896. A member of the 55th Company, 14th Battalion, of the National Army, PFC Stewart completed his training at Camp Bell in Virginia. He left for Europe in May 1918 and he died of meningitis on October 20, 1918. PFC Stewart was the son of Debbie Stewart of Carrollton.

PFC William J. Lawrence

PFC William J. Lawrence (25003) was born in Harlem Springs, Ohio. A member of the Aviation Section of the U.S. Signal Corps during World War I, Lawrence completed his training for the Aero Squadron at the Columbus Barracks. A member of the Allied Expeditionary Force, he left for Europe on July 31, 1917. PFC Lawrence fought in the Meuse-Argonne offensive and he died on November 20, 1918 of pneumonia, just two days after the end of World War I. PFC Lawrence was the son of Richard Lawrence of Harlem Springs.

U.S. Army Air Corps

