

# WORLD WAR II

## 7 December 1941 – 2 September 1945

### Grover A. Abrams

Private, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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### Ralph E. Adams

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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### Phillip G. Adkins

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Wango, Maryland  
Was fatally wounded in France on 12 June 1944



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### Milton George Austin

Seaman, First Class, United States Navy

Service # 6025906

United States Naval Reserve

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland  
"Dinky" Austin was only 22 when he was reported missing after a German submarine sank his ship in the North Sea.  
Date of Death is listed by the American Battle Monuments Commission as 10 March 1943.  
Tablets of the Missing at East Coast Memorial, New York City, New York



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### James T. Bailey

Private First Class, United States Army

Service # 33378939

333<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland  
Died: 18 December 1945  
Tablets of the Missing at Ardennes American Cemetery, Neupre, Belgium

Awards: Purple Heart



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### Brenton W. Baker

Technical Sergeant, United States Army Air Forces

Service # 33205519  
565<sup>th</sup> Bomber Squadron, 389<sup>th</sup> Bomber Group, Heavy

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland  
Was reported missing over Germany, and later confirmed as Killed in Action. The Date of Death is listed as 20 June 1944 by the American Battle Monuments Commission.  
Tablets of the Missing at Cambridge American Cemetery, Cambridge, England

Awards: Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart



## Woodrow J. Beasley

Staff Sergeant, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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## James R. Belote

Private, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland

Was killed in France on 4 August 1944



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## Glen Lee Bennett

Private, United States Army

Entered the Service from Mardela Springs, Maryland

Glen was the third son of William and Minnie Bennett to enter the military. He entered the Army in March, 1943, and was sent to Camp Joseph D. Robinson, Arkansas. In May, only two months after enlisting, he contracted spinal meningitis and died, at age twenty. His brother Elton was in the Navy and his brother Herman was stationed in Hawaii at the time.



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## Richard Jay Bertin

Boatswain's Mate, First Class, United States Navy

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland

Bertin was wounded in December 1944 and was later reported Killed in Action.



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## Edward Francis Booth, Jr.

Aviation Machinist's Mate, First Class, United States Navy

Service # 2581990

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland

Edward Booth was reported missing and presumed dead after his plane crashed in the Canal Zone. The Date of Death is listed as 28 November 1943 by the American Battle Monuments Commission. He was 23 at the time. Tablets of the Missing at West Coast Memorial, Presidio, California



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## George Edward Bozman

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland

The War Department notified Mrs. Nancy "Nannie" Bozman on 25 May 1943 that her son George had "been killed in a motor vehicle accident somewhere in the Pacific area." The family later found out that George was killed on Guadalcanal. George had been in the Army almost two years. Prior to entering the Army, he was employed by the Manhattan Shirt Company. He was inducted 16 June 1941.



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## Francis Laird Brown, Jr.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



## James E. Campbell

Private, United States Army

Service # 33373741

507<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland  
The Date of Death was 18 June 1944, according to the American Battle Monuments Commission. James is buried in the Normandy American Cemetery, Colleville-sur-Mer, France.

Awards: Purple Heart

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## Gay Canfield

Corporal, United States Army

Entered the Service from Wicomico County, Maryland

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## Harry Edison Christner

Sergeant, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland

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## Howard Franklin Clark

Lieutenant Junior Grade, United States Navy

Service # 0-081239

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland  
Date of Death was reported as 9 May 1943, by the American Battle Monuments Commission.  
Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery, Manila, Philippines

Awards: Distinguished Flying Cross Knight

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## William W. Collins

Private First Class, United States Army

1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland  
The Collins brothers Jim (Navy), Oliver (Army), and William "Bill" (Army) all served in the military in the Second World War. Bill went into the Army at age 18 in 1942. He was sent to the European theatre with the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division and was in the invasion of North Africa, Sicily, Anzio, and Salerno, Italy. Bill was killed on 5 May 1945. He was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

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## Arthur Paulette Crisp

Technical Sergeant, United States Army

Service # 13001441

175<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland  
In March 1944, Crisp was in England and wrote home, "I am having the fun of my life. A lovely bed, breakfast in bed, consisting of 2 sunny side eggs, toast, bacon and tea. Now who could ask for anything more." Later that year T/Sgt Crisp was part of the invasion, and was killed in action in Europe on 12 August 1944. He is buried at Brittany American Cemetery, St. James, France.

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster



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## John Gilmore Cropper

Staff Sergeant, United States Army

Entered the Service from Wicomico County, Maryland  
Cropper was a young married 22 year-old when he was drafted on 2 September 1941. After Fort Meade he was sent to Camp Wheeler, Georgia and then to Ft. Benning, Georgia. When the war began in the Pacific he was in combat on Guam and in the Philippines. Cropper was killed in action in Leyte on 27 December 1944.



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## Wayne Edward Cummings

Aviation Ordnanceman, Second Class, United States Navy

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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## Robert Day

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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## Lloyd Franklin Dennis

Radarman, Third Class, United States Navy

Entered the Service from Delmar, Maryland  
Brothers Alton, Mitchell, and Lloyd all served in the Second World War.  
Both Alton and Mitchell entered the Army in 1942, were sent to the European theater, and were discharged in 1945. Lloyd served in the Pacific from 1943 until 1945.



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## Olen H. Dennis

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Willards, Maryland  
Olen was killed in the Pacific in 1944.

Awards: Bronze Star (posthumously)



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## Floyd W. Deshields

Warrant Officer, Junior Grade, United States Army

Entered the Service from Wicomico County, Maryland



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## Harry Edward Dolbey, Jr.

Corporal, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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## Clarence M. Doyle

Private, United States Army

Entered the Service from Wicomico County, Maryland



## Earl Dryden

Private First Class, United States Army

Service # 33898998

315<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 79<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland

According to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Earl was killed on 24 March 1945. He is buried at Netherlands American Cemetery, Margraten, Netherlands.

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart

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## Harold E. Dutton

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Delmar, Maryland

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## Ernest L. Esham

Staff Sergeant, United States Army

Service # 20342687

115<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Entered the Service from Fruitland, Maryland

Esham was serving in Europe when he was killed in France on 6 June 1944. He is buried at Normandy American Cemetery, Colleville-sur-Mer, France.

Awards: Purple Heart

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## Elwood F. Evans

Technician Fifth Class, United States Army

Service # 33553466

1992<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Fire Fighting Platoon

Entered the Service from Hebron, Maryland

According to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Elwood was killed on 19 May 1945. He is buried at Sicily-Rome American Cemetery, Nettuno, Italy.

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## Elton W. Farlow

Corporal, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland

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## Hugh P. Freeman

Sergeant, United States Army

Service # 33061052

309<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 78<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland

Sergeant Freeman is buried at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Awards: Purple Heart

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## Samuel Wesley Freeney

Lieutenant Colonel, United States Marine Corps

Entered the Marine Corps from Hebron, Maryland

Sam Freeney, born in 1896, was inducted into the Marines at St. Johns College, Annapolis, Maryland in 1917, just as the nation was entering the First World War. He served in Cuba and Haiti in that war and stayed in the Marines after World War 1 ended. In 1939, he was sent to Shanghai as Commander of the Marine Garrison there. Then in 1941, on the eve of America's entry into World War 11, he was transferred to the Philippines. As Japan launched its attack on Bataan he was wounded and made a Prisoner of War in April 1942. From Corregidor in 1944, he was put on a POW ship leaving the Philippines. It was sunk by a United States submarine. He was rescued but remained a Prisoner of War of the Japanese until he was killed by them on 24 December 1944. A picture of Lt. Col. Freeney hangs today in St. Johns College, Annapolis where he was an excellent baseball player. In his honor, the baseball field at Quantico, Virginia, Marine Corps Base was named the Freeney Field.



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## Rolland E. Galusha

Private First Class, United States Army

Service # 33009483

121<sup>st</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland

According to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Pfc. Galusha died 6 August 1943. He is buried at the Cambridge American Cemetery, Cambridge, England



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## Vernon L. German

Second Lieutenant, United States Army

Service # 01326277

345<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 87<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Entered the Service from Wicomico County, Maryland

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. German died on 23 December 1944. He is buried in the Luxembourg American Cemetery, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

Awards: Purple Heart



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## Wilbur H. Goslee

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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## Taylor Ward Graham

Corporal, United States Marine Corps

Entered the Service from Tyaskin, Maryland

Taylor Graham was a proof reader in the editorial department of the Salisbury Times before entering the Marine Corps. He was sent to the Pacific theater with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division and was in both the Tarawa and Saipan invasions and was wounded twice. Graham was killed on Okinawa on 14 May 1945. He was only 21 years old.

On 8 January 2008, Cadet Brandon Wojcik of the Wicomico Composite Squadron (Civil Air Patrol), placed a "Wreaths Across America" wreath on the grave of Cpl. Taylor.



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## Henry J. Gully

Private, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland

Gully was 23 when he was Killed in Action in Europe in 1944.



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## William Stanley Hartman

Corporal, United States Army



Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland  
William Hartman enlisted in Company I and left Salisbury when the unit was federalized, then transferred from the 29<sup>th</sup> Division to the paratroopers, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, in June 1942. He served in the North African and Sicilian campaigns and then the Normandy invasion. In January 1944, he was wounded while jumping into Italy and was awarded the Purple Heart. After a long period of hospitalization the twenty-five year old returned to his unit. He was wounded again while making a jump in Holland on 20 September 1944, the day British tank troops and American airborne troops fought a bitter 24-hour battle for the Nijmegen bridge.. He died a few days later.

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### **Howard E. Hastings**

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Delmar, Maryland



### **Richard Beverly Hitch**

Electrician's Mate, First Class, United States Navy

Service # 2582276

Entered the Service from Allen, Maryland  
According to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Hitch died 12 January 1946.  
Tablets of the Missing at Honolulu Memorial, Honolulu, Hawaii

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart



### **William Dashiell Hopkins**

Signalman, Third Class, United States Navy

Entered the Service from Tyaskin, Maryland  
Billy was killed by an exploding shell of a trench mortar in July 1942, five days before his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday. He was buried in Iceland.



### **Lewis James Howard, Jr.**

Seaman, First Class, United States Navy (Reserve)

Service # 6021181

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland  
According to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Howard died on 8 February 1944.  
Tablets of the Missing at Cambridge American Cemetery, Cambridge, England

Awards: Purple Heart



### **Charles L. Jackson, Jr.**

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland  
"Jack" Jackson served in the 366<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. He and his best buddy George H. Long were both killed in action.



### **Edward L. Johnson**

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



Johnson was inducted on 5 October 1942 and was assigned to the 80<sup>th</sup> Division. After training at Camps Lee and Forest, he was sent to England and on to the European theater. He fought in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. He was killed in action in Luxembourg in January 1945, three months before his 24<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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## George Kerekesh

Sergeant, United States Army

Entered the Service from Delmar, Maryland



The following information is from an article written by Brice Stump, Staff Writer, The Daily Times, Thursday, December 7, 2006. Three of four brothers of Anna Cugler returned home from World War II; sadly, George Kerekesh did not. So many thousands of miles away, Anna said she didn't experience front-line horrors of war, but the pain the war caused her and her family has lasted after more than 65 years.

"I didn't know anything about the Japanese, but I learned to hate them. They captured my brother, George Kerekesh, in the Philippines. He was in the Bataan Death March and he died there. He was about 21," she said through tears. She keeps his military photo on the mantel behind her favorite chair in the living room. Her other three brothers, who also volunteered during the war, returned home.

"It was hard on a lot of women around here. Their men were in the armed forces and they were here raising their families alone and working. And all of us worried, worried all the time about those boys," she said.

"My Uncle Joe was in the Army and he was in the Philippines where George was. He found his dog tags over a grave in a prisoner of war camp, and he wrote my mother and told her. They brought my brother's body back. He is buried in Delmar. A lady said to my mother, 'How do you know that's your son?' My mom said, 'If he's not my son, he is somebody's son.' "

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## Curtis Perryman King

Master Sergeant, United States Marine Corps

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland

The Master Sergeant served at Pearl Harbor and was killed in the Pacific theater.



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## Scott J. Lankford

Private, United States Army

Service # 33908806

273<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment, 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Entered the Service from Sharptown, Maryland



Allen, Mark, and Scott, the sons of Atley and Mabel Lankford, all served their country in the war. Allen recalls, I could hardly wait to get into the service and enlisted in the Navy on 29 June 1942. Friends (in those days) told you "Don't go, you may not come back." And the reply was "I don't have to come back, but I do have to go." Mark joined the Marines and served in the Pacific. Scott, the youngest brother, went in the Army in August 1944. After basic training he was sent to England and then on to France. He fought in Belgium and in Germany where he was killed on 22 February 1945, six weeks before his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Scott is buried at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Awards: Purple Heart

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## Alton J. Latchum

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Parsonsburg, Maryland

Alton Latchum was a young husband and father of two children when he was drafted on 13 January 1944. He was assigned to a postal unit and sent to the Pacific. Alton was awarded three Battle Stars for action in the New Guinea Campaign, the Luzon Campaign, and the Southern Philippines Campaign. In Luzon, Latchum became ill and in October 1945, died somewhat suddenly from this illness. He was twenty-seven at the time.



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## William H. Layfield

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Wicomico County, Maryland



## Calvert Arthur Lecates

Seaman, First Class, United States Navy

Entered the Service from Delmar, Maryland

Eighteen year old Lecates went in the Navy on 13 December 1945. After boot camp he was assigned to the USS Genessee AOG8 and later to the USS Gasgane. He was awarded the Purple Heart. Lecates was killed in action at Pearl Harbor on 30 December 1946.



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## George Henry Lewis

Private First Class, United States Army

Service # 20342719

115<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland

According to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Pfc. Lewis died on 7 September 1944. He is buried at Brittany American Cemetery, St. James, France.

Awards: Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster



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## George H. Long

Private First Class, United States Army

Service # 33388196

366<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland

George "Buster" Long served in the Army and was assigned to the 366<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Company F. He was sent to the European theater; on 26 December 1944, while serving in Italy he was reported missing in action. Later, Long was declared killed in action. He served with his best buddy, Charles L. "Jack" Jackson, Jr. who was also killed in action. Pfc. Long is buried in Florence American Cemetery, Florence, Italy.

Awards: Purple Heart



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## Johnnie C. Long

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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## Howard J. Malone

Staff Sergeant, United States Army

Entered the Service from Wicomico County, Maryland



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## Robert Roscoe Malone

First Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland

Malone was killed on Okinawa in May 1945.



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## William Mack Martino

Master, American Merchant Marines

Entered the Service from Wicomico County, Maryland

Ralph Cordrey of Sharptown provided the following information.

The following is a translation of the log of U-332 signed by Kapitanleutnant Johannes Leibe:

13 Mar 42 0500 hrs 26-00 deg N; 72-00 deg W. Shadow at 30 degrees true with dimmed side lights. Made out as a sailing vessel and a four masted schooner. An artillery attack seemed to be too unfavorable because of prevailing swell. Torpedo fired at 75 degree



angle between U-boat commander's line of sight to the target ship, enemy speed 2 knots, and estimated distance 500 meters. Torpedo can be tracked by strong phosphorescence of the sea and runs past below the jib boom. Torpedo fired from tube 1 at 75 degree angle between U-boat commander's line of sight to the target, enemy speed 1 knot, hit under the third mast after 55 seconds (=800 meters). Very heavy, pine tree-like explosive cloud with black head. With the collapse of the cloud after a few seconds nothing more can be seen. On the way to the place of the sinking, the biting smell of burned-off powder was noticed, so that a cargo of that kind was assumed. Size of the schooner about 1000 gross registered tons. A second explosion is to be heard, presumably the detonation of the first torpedo, in self-destructing, at the end of its run. No observations.

The on-scene report of Kapitanleutnant Leibe suggests that the "salt" carried by the Albert F. Paul was likely raw material for use in making explosives.

Official word of Martino's disappearance was not obtained until well after the end of World War II.

United States account of the tragedy:

Captain William Mack Martino was the Master of the SV Albert F. Paul, a four masted schooner built at Milford, DE. The ship was owned by the C.C. Paul Company of Baltimore, Maryland. Carrying a load of sail to Baltimore, she was sunk near the Turks Island in the Caribbean on March 13, 1942 by the German U-boat U-332. All crew members were lost. The ships compliment included:

Master William Mack Martino  
Mate Douglas Peck  
Seaman James Bagley  
Seaman John Carlson  
Seaman John Christopher  
Seaman Gideon Lindequist  
Seaman Hugo Tokke

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## Edmund Lee Massey



Private, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland

William James Massey, and his two sons, William Henry and Edmund, all served in World War II. The father, William James was a career man with the Coast Guard, and during the war he was assigned to the area beach patrol. He joined the Coast Guard in 1917 and was forced to retire due to heart disease on 1 October 1944. William Henry, his son, joined in early 1942 and served with the Army Signal Corps in India. After the War he joined the Maryland State Police and made Lieutenant with them.

When Edmund was drafted in 1944, he was married with two children, one seven and one a year and a half. He reported for duty in August and was assigned to the 80<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division with Patton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Army. In December he qualified for OCS, but if he went he would not be able to go home for Christmas. If he chose to go home for the holidays, when he returned he would be sent immediately overseas. He chose to go home for Christmas. In January 1945 he left for overseas, but his family didn't know where. Somehow, his daughter remembers, "he smuggled a letter off the ship via a British sailor who mailed it to us. He told us he had been sent from Boston and was on his way to Scotland." Massey became part of the invasion forces a few weeks later, and was part of the massive replacements needed in the Battle of the Bulge. On 26 February 1945, four days before his wedding anniversary and two days before his 29<sup>th</sup> birthday, he was killed in Biersdorf, Germany by an artillery mortar shell. A letter to Massey's sister from an Army Chaplain explained the details of his death: "A Company...moved off into an attack one half mile north of Biersdorf, Germany. Your brother, with other members of his squad were cut off from their Company by enemy mortar and small arms fire. They stayed in their position and continued to fire upon the enemy. As a result of the squad being fired upon by enemy mortars, your brother was killed in action... At first he was buried in Luxembourg, but his body was returned home for final internment in Salisbury in August 1948.

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## William C. Messick



Messman, American Merchant Marines

Entered the Service from Wicomico County, Maryland

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## Ralph Charles McCain



Aviation Radioman, Third Class, United States Navy

Service # 2584604

Entered the Service from Delmar, Maryland

According to the American Battle Monuments Commission, McCain died on 25 August 1944. Tablets of the Missing at Honolulu Memorial, Honolulu, Hawaii

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## Oland G. Mills



Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Hebron, Maryland

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**Thomas W. Mitchell, Jr.**

Private, United States Army

Entered the Service from Wicomico County, Maryland



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**Marion Moore**

Pharmacist's Mate, Third Class, United States Navy

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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**Norman W. Morris**

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland  
Morris was killed in the D Day landing on Normandy



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**Stanley W. Morris**

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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**Carlton L. Mumford**

Private, United States Army

Entered the Service from Wicomico County, Maryland



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**William C. Mumford, Jr.**

Staff Sergeant, United States Army

Entered the Service from Vienna, Maryland



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**Harry Neill**

Private, United States Army

Service # 33733144

357<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 90<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Entered the Service from Delmar, Maryland  
Harry was killed in France on 6 August 1944. He was only twenty-three at the time of his death.  
Private Neill is buried at Brittany American Cemetery, St. James, France.

Awards: Purple Heart



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**Philip John Neptin**

Private, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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**Walter Purnell Nock, Jr.**

Ensign, United States Navy



Service # 0-165396

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland  
Ensign Nock died 9 August 1942.  
Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery, Manila, Philippines

Awards: Purple Heart

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### **Julius Nutter**

Steward's Mate, Second Class, United States Navy

Entered the Service from Nanticoke, Maryland



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### **Thurman Franklin Parker**

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Wicomico County, Maryland



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### **William Vaughn Parker**

Corporal, United States Army

Entered the Service from Parsonsburg, Maryland  
Parker served in the 802<sup>nd</sup> Tank Destroyers Battalion after being sent overseas in 1942.  
He was killed in action in Belgium in 1944, and was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.



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### **Willis Alfred Parker**

Aviation Radioman, First Class, United States Navy

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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### **Andrew B. Perdue**

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Parsonsburg, Maryland



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### **Harold D. Perry**

Private, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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### **Samuel Howard Poulson**

Aviation Ordnanceman, Second Class, United States Navy

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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### **James R. Powell**

Quartermaster, Third Class, United States Navy

Entered the Service from Wicomico County, Maryland



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### **Otho T. Powell**

Private, United States Army



Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland

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### **Albert G. Price**

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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### **John Thomas Price**

Second Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland

Price was the co-pilot on a Superfortress and was shot down during a night incendiary raid on Tokyo on 13 April 1944. He was 22 at the time. At first he was held in Kempfi Interrogation Center in Tokyo, but on 10 May was moved to Yoyage Army prison in Tokyo with 61 other American airmen. Tragically, American planes fire bombed the city, including the prison camp, on 26 May 1945, and all the Americans were killed in the raid. Their bodies were buried in the prison yard, but later moved to the American Military Cemetery at Yokohama. Price's parents were told of the details of the raid by General Amos W. Woodcock who was on the investigation team at the end of the war.



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### **William E. Rapp**

Private First Class, United States Army

Service # 33908793

232<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment, 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division

Entered the Service from Riverton, Maryland

Pfc Rapp is buried at Lorraine American Cemetery, St. Avold, France

Awards: Purple Heart



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### **Robert Eugene Rencher**

Technical Sergeant, United States Army

Service # 33381561

141<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment, 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Entered the Service from Bivalve, Maryland

Rencher entered the Army in 1942, and was sent to the European theatre. He was with the 5<sup>th</sup> Army in the North African campaign and the Italian campaign, and was killed in action on 29 May 1944. He left behind a sixteen month old daughter he had never seen. Tablets of the Missing at Sicily-Rome American Cemetery, Nettuno, Italy

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart



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### **Herbert L. Ruark, Jr.**

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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### **Ralph L. Ruark**

Sergeant, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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### **Elmer G. Schantz**

Second Lieutenant, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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## Clifford H. Smith

Staff Sergeant, United States Army Air Forces

Service # 33718333

4<sup>th</sup> Bomber Squadron, 34<sup>th</sup> Bomber Group, Heavy

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland  
Clifford Smith was a tail gunner on a B-24 Liberator. He was awarded the Air Medal for “Meritorious achievement...coolness, courage, and skill” during bombing attacks on the Nazi war making installation in August 1944. Smith was killed in action on 24 August 1944.

Tablets of the Missing at Cambridge American Cemetery, Cambridge, England

Awards: Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart



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## Edwin F. Smith

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Siloam, Maryland  
Smith was killed in France on 7 August 1944.



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## Albert G. Smullen

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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## David L. Somervell

First Lieutenant, United States Army Air Forces

Service # 0-672989

70<sup>th</sup> Bomber Squadron, 42<sup>nd</sup> Bomber Group, Medium

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland  
David Somervell was inducted on 16 May 1941, in the Army and assigned to an Ordnance outfit. After the United States entered the war, he transferred to the Army Air Corps, 13<sup>th</sup> Air Force, in July 1942. He earned his wings in February 1943, in Texas and was sent overseas to the Pacific in July 1943. Between then and the end of the year he flew 35 missions as bombardier and navigator on a medium bomber. On 1 January 1944, he was promoted to First Lieutenant. Two weeks later, on a mission over Rabaul, he was reported missing and later reported Killed in Action. He was not yet twenty-six at the time.  
Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery, Manila, Philippines.

Awards: Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart



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## Harley Alphonso Speare, Jr.

Staff Sergeant, United States Army Air Forces

Service # 13113507

389<sup>th</sup> Bomber Squadron, 312<sup>th</sup> Bomber Group, Light

Entered the Service from Sharptown, Maryland  
Joseph Ward Speare, Private First Class, United States Army, Sharptown and Harley were brothers. Ward was drafted in April 1945, and took his basic at Camp Gordon, Georgia. When news came of Harley's death he was discharged. Harley enlisted in the Air Corps in September 1942. In November he graduated from the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School in Florida. He was promoted to Sergeant upon graduation and was sent to the Pacific theatre where he was the tail gunner on a bomber. He arrived in New Guinea in March 1943. In January 1944, his plane was making a bombing raid over New Guinea and went down. He was declared Killed in Action in 27 January 1946, but Harley's remains were never found in the jungles where he died.  
Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery, Manila, Philippines.

Awards: Air Medal, Purple Heart



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## Donald G. Taylor

Private First Class, United States Army

### Donald Grant Taylor

Private First Class, United States Army

88<sup>th</sup> Blue Devil Division

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland

The following information was provided by the brother of Donald Grant Taylor, Oscar Taylor, in May 2008.

My brother, Donald Grant Taylor, is listed on the memorial and was killed in WWII. He was the 7<sup>th</sup> child (I am the 8<sup>th</sup> and only surviving sibling) of Granville and Annie Taylor. He was born January 28, 1923, in Salisbury. He was not married and had no children. In 1943 he and I took the entrance exam together – I went to Army Air Force and he went infantry. After basic training, he went overseas to Italy with the 88<sup>th</sup> Blue Devil Division which was made up entirely of draftees. He went through the campaign and was then killed in the fall of 1944 (as best I can recall) north of Rome, from an explosion of a land mine. He died on the operating table. He received the Silver Star by killing or capturing 58 German soldiers while using a mortar (possibly German) with no gun sight. The 88<sup>th</sup> was disbanded after the war ended.



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## Herbert Taylor

Private, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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## John H. Taylor

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Wicomico County, Maryland



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## James Edward Thomas

Private, United States Army

Service # 33850275

121<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment, 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland

Thomas was killed on 6 December 1944. He is buried at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, Henri-Chapelle, Belgium.

Awards: Purple Heart



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## Paul E. Tingle

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Delmar, Maryland



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## George Washington Townsend, Jr.

Seaman, First Class, United States Navy

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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## Edward F. Truitt

Private, United States Army

Entered the Service from Hebron, Maryland

Edward Truitt was only 19 years old when he was killed in Germany, April 1945.



## James R. Truitt

Sergeant, United States Army

Service # 20342809

115<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Entered the Service from Delmar, Maryland

Truitt was 19 when he was wounded in France on 11 July 1944. He died from his wounds on 4 August 1944. He is buried at Cambridge American Cemetery, Cambridge, England.

Awards: Purple Heart



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## Alden L. Tyrrell

Private, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



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## Bertram L. Ware

Sergeant, United States Army

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland

Bertram Ware went into the Army at age 18, in November 1943.

He was assigned to the 30<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron, 19<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group, as left gunner and electrical specialist on a B-29. He was transferred to the Pacific theatre and flew out of Guam Island Air Base. On 16 April 1945, he was shot down while flying a bombing mission over Kawasaki, Japan, and was taken prisoner. He was held in Yoyage Prison Camp and died there in May 1945 when American bombers were fire bombing the city. Among his personal effects sent home to his parents was a dollar bill autographed by war correspondent Ernie Pyle, a friend of Ware's.

Awards: Purple Heart



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## Lacy R. Westfall

Second Lieutenant, United States Army

Entered the Service from Wicomico County, Maryland



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## Wallace Randolph White

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Parsonsburg, Maryland



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## Alvin K. Wilkins

Private, United States Army

Service # 33949160

309<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 78<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Entered the Service from Pittsville, Maryland

Wilkins was killed in Europe 16 March 1945. He is buried at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, Henri-Chapelle, Belgium.

Awards: Purple Heart



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## Benton Maurice Wilkins

Private, United States Army

Entered the Service from Willards, Maryland



## **Louis Wendell Williams**

Private First Class, United States Army

Entered the Service from Delmar, Maryland



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## **Charles Levin Young**

Seaman, Second Class, United States Navy

Service # 2584484

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland

Seaman Young died 11 July 1944. Tablets of the Missing at Sicily-Rome American Cemetery, Nettuno, Italy.

Awards: Purple Heart



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## **Charles Martin Zulick**

Captain, United States Marine Corps

Entered the Service from Salisbury, Maryland



