

My Allied Family Members Lost in World War II

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Arthur Jensen was a blood relative; others were relatives by marriage.

- ☆ **Frederick A. "Bud" Baraks** of Coal Valley, Illinois, my uncle Maynard Jensen's brother-in-law and a military policeman, died in Western Europe. In military records, Bud used the surname *Barracks*.
- ☆ **Darrell Frost** of Crescent, Iowa, my uncle Norvin Oamek's second cousin, was killed in action with the 78th Infantry Division at the Remagen Bridgehead east of the Rhine River in Germany.
- ☆ **Avram Glicenstein**, the grandfather of my son-in-law, Dan Edidin, died in Belgium during the Holocaust. Avram was a native of Poland and a resident of Berlin, Germany before seeking refuge in Brussels, Belgium with his family. He died of illness after being released from prison. His wife and children were hidden by Belgian Catholics and survived World War II.
- ☆ **George Walter Herrell** of Omaha, Nebraska was the husband of my mother's second cousin, Esther Anne Hannibal. George Herrell served with the 9th Armored Division and died while attacking a Luftwaffe airfield near Fritzlar, Germany.
- ☆ **Arthur Orville Jensen** of Council Bluffs, Iowa, my father's second cousin, died in an Air Transport Command plane crash in Alaska on November 28, 1942 while carrying Colonel Everett Davis, the first commander of the 11th Air Force.
- ☆ **Merle Oltmans** of rural Council Bluffs, my uncle Oscar Torneten's first cousin and neighbor, was killed in action with the 25th Infantry Division on Luzon in the Philippines.
- ☆ **Ralph L. Paulson** of Ames, Iowa, my uncle Louis Petersen's nephew, died during the November 1943 Battle of Tarawa in the Central Pacific. His 2nd Marine Division battalion was tasked with clearing out outlying Japanese outposts on the last day of the battle. Max Rommel, the brother of Margaret Rommel, a Big Pigeon area rural school teacher, served in the same company and was killed the same day.
- ☆ **Dean Schroder** of Boomer Township, my aunt Thelma (Schroder) Larson Jensen's first cousin, served with the Americal Division and was wounded in the Philippines. He died while returning to the United States for medical treatment.
- ☆ **Everett W. Shadden**, the first cousin of my aunt Thelma's mother and a Signal Corps combat photographer, was killed in Normandy, France in

1944. As a young man, he had earlier served in World War I. He was awarded a posthumous Silver Star.