## LaVerne Henry Paulsen, United States Army, WW II

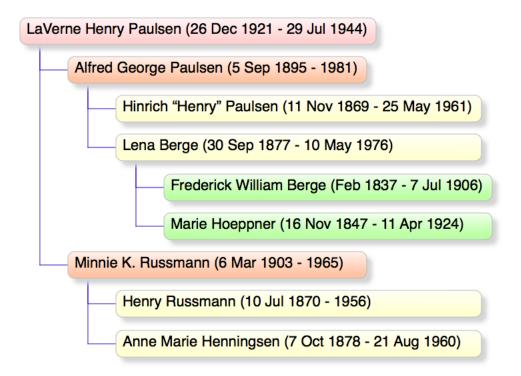
2<sup>---</sup> Armored Division, Reconnaissance Company, 66<sup>+-</sup> Armored Regiment killed in action during the July/August 1944 breakout from Normandy interred in Graceland Cemetery, Avoca, Iowa

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LaVerne H. Paulsen, an only child, was raised in rural Avoca, Iowa. In the 1940 census, he was a farmhand working for his grandfather, Henry Russmann, in Valley Township, while his parents were living with the Heesch brothers, bachelor farmers, in southeastern Pleasant Township.

LaVerne Paulsen entered service in November 1942 and left the United States in May 1943. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division landed on the Normandy beaches on June 9, 1944. LaVerne's regiment was near Villebaudon about twenty miles south-southwest of Saint Lo when he was killed.

Known Ancestors of LaVerne H. Paulsen (updated 13 Jul '18):



Since LaVerne H. Paulsen was an only child, I have included a chart on the following page showing his paternal uncles and aunts. Cousins are omitted, since most of them are still living.

**The paternal aunts and uncles of LaVerne H. Paulsen** (updated 10 Jun '18):

Hinrich "Henry" Paulsen (11 Nov 1869 - 25 May 1961) & Lena Berge (30 Sep 1877 - 10 May 1976) m. 1 Mar 1895, Avoca, Pott. Co., IA	
	Alfred George Paulsen (5 Sep 1895 - 1981) & Minnie K. Russmann (6 Mar 1903 - 1965) m. 26 May 1921
	Mary Dora Paulsen (28 Feb 1897 - 31 Aug 1997) & Floyd Dennis Miller m. 23 Feb 1921, Stowe Prairie T., MN
	Willie Paulsen (11 Sep 1898 - 11 Sep 1898)
	Tillie Tina Paulsen (29 May 1903 - 21 Nov 1968) & Herman M. Jacobsen (15 May 1898 - 1 Nov 1968) m. 10 Nov 1921, Avoca, Pott. Co., IA
	Leroy H. Paulsen (4 Nov 1907 - 9 Mar 1980) & Emma D. Jacobsen (27 Oct 1902 - 15 Jun 1969) m. 30 Nov 1926, Avoca, Pott. Co., IA
	Esther Larose Paulsen (11 Apr 1912 - 6 Jun 1987) & Glen Lawrence Elmer Nieman (12 Mar 1905 - 6 Jan 1973) m. 28 Oct 1933, Loup City, Sherman Co., NE
	Henry Frederick Paulsen (26 Nov 1914 - 27 Jun 1953) & Anna Frances Kelly m. 15 Mar 1948, Omaha, Douglas Co., NE
	Robert Marion Paulsen (22 Jul 1918 - 7 Dec 2011) & Dorothea Catherine Oehlertz (12 Nov 1919 - 1 Dec 2017) m. 1 Jan 1940, Ida Grove, Ida Grove Co., IA