



Personal info

Full name

EASTON, Rockwell Robert "Rocky"

Date of birth

21 November 1919

Age

25

Place of birth

Bradley, Monterey County, California

Hometown

Mono County, California

Military service

Service number

39086406

Rank

Technician Fourth Grade

Unit

**HQ & HQ Company,
504th Parachute Infantry Regiment,
82nd Airborne Division**

Awards

**Silver Star,
Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

1 May 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

| Plot | Row | Grave |
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Immediate family

Members

Horace R. Easton (father)**Lydia L. (Hyatt) Easton (mother)****Marjorie Easton (sister)****Phyllis A. Easton (sister)****Helen J. Easton (sister)**

More information

T/4 Rockwell R. Easton enlisted in Presidio of Monterey, California on 20 January 1942.

Story from a comrade, Jack L. Bommer:

"Rocky and I became close friends the first day I was with the 504th in Italy, on a trail going up Hill 1205. Enemy mortar fire was following the trail down the hillside perfectly, curve for curve, bend for bend. I was carrying a five-gallon water can on my backpack, and I fell to find cover. In doing so, I lost my helmet and was in the middle of the trail with no cover at all. Shells were exploding within five feet of me and all of a sudden, I felt 'something' fall on me. That 'something' remained on me until the barrage moved downhill. I felt the 'something' move from my back, and a voice said, 'I think its okay now! Let's get the hell out of here!' The 'something' that I felt and saved my life was Rockwell Easton."

Photos



Source of information: André Koch, Terry Hirsch, www.wwiiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov - WWII Enlistment Record, http://www.ww2airborne.us/units/504/504_honor_eg.html, www.ancestry.com - 1920/1930 Census

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