



Personal info

Full name

CATER, William G

Date of birth

31 December 1916

Age

28

Place of birth

Westwood, Lassen County, California

Hometown

Humboldt County, California

Military service

Service number

19013042

Rank

Corporal

Unit

**F Company,
2nd Battalion,
513th Parachute Infantry Regiment,
17th Airborne Division**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

24 March 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
M	8	17

Immediate family

Members

Grant Cater (father)

Thelma P. (Snow) Cater (mother)

Victor Gihlstrom (stepfather)

Raymond Cater (brother)

Melvin Gihlstrom (half-brother)

More information

Cpl William G. Cater enlisted at Fort McDowell, California, on 27 September 1940.

Cpl William G. Cater was aboard a C-46 aircraft in Serial A-5, 313th TCG, 9th TCC scheduled to drop by parachute onto Drop Zone W. Due to a smokescreen and disorientation of the aircraft, his unit was dropped 2.5 miles northeast of the drop zone, east of a railway line and 1.5 miles southwest of Hamminkeln, Germany, where he was killed.

Photos



Source of information: Tom Verheijden, Peter Schouteten, http://www.ww2airborne.us/units/513/513_honor.html, www.ancestry.com - 1920, 1930 Census / WWII Enlistment Records / U.S., Headstone and Interment Records for U.S. Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil, 17th Airborne Division Historic Report of Operation Varsity, Book: The Last Drop, Operation Varsity March 24-25, 1945 by Stephen L. Wright

Photo source: Peter Schouteten, The Humboldt Times - 25 April 1945