



### Personal info

Full name

**PRESTON, William Hainer**

Date of birth

**30 July 1914**

Age

**30**

Place of birth

**Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee**

Hometown

**Seminole County, Florida**

### Military service

Service number

**O-359632**

Rank

**First Lieutenant**

Unit

**H Company,  
3rd Battalion,  
504th Parachute Infantry Regiment,  
82nd Airborne Division**

Awards

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

### Death & Grave

Status

**Died of Wounds**

Date of death

**27 September 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

Plot	Row	Grave
<b>F</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>

## Immediate family

Members

**John E. Preston (father)**

**Mary M. (Underwood) Preston (mother)**

**Mary J. Preston (twin sister)**

**Luella (Rehnke) Preston (wife)**

**William H. Preston (son)**

**Marilyn A. Preston (daughter)**

## More information

1st Lt. Preston attended the University of Florida and graduated from the University of Tennessee.

2nd Lt Luella Rehnke and Lt. William H. Preston married at Fort Custer where both were posted, Lt Rehnke as a nurse in the Army Nurses Corps and Lt Preston with the Military Police.

1st Lt William H. Preston was killed by friendly fire.

He was first buried at the Temporary American Cemetery of Molenhoek, the Netherlands.

## Photos



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