



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
F	2	16

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



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, Terry Hirsch, www.abmc.gov, www.wwiimemorial.com, <http://www.ww2-airborne.us>, www.ancestry.com - Headstone and Interment Record / 1940/1950 Census, Battle Creek Enquirer - 7 June 1942

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