

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

HART, James S

Date of birth

1916

Age

unknown

Place of birth

New York

Hometown

Brooklyn, Kings County, New York

Military service

Service number

32203447

Rank

Private First Class

Unit

**L Company,
3rd Battalion,
15th Infantry Regiment,
3rd Infantry Division**

Awards

**Silver Star,
Purple Heart**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

26 October 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Epinal

Plot	Row	Grave
B	11	8

Immediate family

Members

Peter J. Hart (father)

Minnie Hart (mother)

Joseph Hart (brother)

Margaret Hart (sister)

Peter Hart (brother)

More information

Pfc James S. Hart attended Manual Training High School and was a painter employed by the Michaels Furniture Company before he enlisted at Fort Dix, New Jersey on 20 January 1942. Later in Fort Benning, Georgia he served as a rifle instructor.

On 26 October at about 0730, L Company was moving through the heavily wooded area in the vicinity of Saucery when they came under sniper and machine gun fire. The platoon leader of the first platoon was hit and seriously wounded. The company commander saw this and wanted to evacuate the wounded. He ordered a machine gunner to give covering fire and then advanced to the wounded. The company commander couldn't move the wounded man alone. Pfc James S. Hart saw this and voluntary left his cover behind a large tree and ran 40 yards out to the officer. Pfc Hart picked up the feet of the platoon leader and together with the company commander the officer was brought to safety. Just before reaching the protection of a big tree and the lead riflemen, a German machine gun opened fire on them, killing Pfc Hart and wounding the company commander. Both the officers could be evacuated.

He was awarded the Silver Star Medal posthumously for this action.

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