



### Personal info

Full name

**WELLS, William Earl**

Date of birth

**23 December 1918**

Age

**26**

Place of birth

**Clanton, Chilton County, Alabama**

Hometown

**Jefferson County, Alabama**

## Military service

Service number

**18018931**

Rank

**Private**

Unit

**513th Parachute Infantry Regiment,  
17th Airborne Division**

Awards

**Purple Heart**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**6 January 1945**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Luxembourg**

Plot	Row	Grave
F	8	24

## Immediate family

Members

**Benjamin Wells (father)**

**Lurla (Giles) Wells (mother)**

**Bessie (Hobson) Wells (stepmother)**

**Ruby L. Wells (sister)**

## More information

Pvt William E. Wells was a painter.

He joined the Regular Army in Lubbock, Texas on 12 August 1940. He was overseas in August 1944.

He was first buried at the Temporary American Military Cemetery of Grand Failly, France.

## Photos



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, [www.abmc.gov](http://www.abmc.gov), [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com), [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov) - WWII Enlistment Record, [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) - Headstone and Interment Record, <http://www.ww2-airborne.us>

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