



Personal info

Full name

GONDELA, Thadeus Stanley

Date of birth

20 July 1920

Age

24

Place of birth

**Holyoke, Hampden County,
Massachusetts**

Hometown

Holyoke, Hampden County, Massachusetts

Military service

Service number

11061868

Rank

Private First Class

Unit

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

Awards

Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

20 September 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
F	1	9

Immediate family

Members

Louis Gondela (father)
Sophie Gondela (mother)
Stanley Gondela (brother)
Helen Gondela (sister)
Jennie Gondela (sister)

More information

Thadeus S. Gondela attended Lawrence and Holyoke High School and worked in a paper factory.

He volunteered for the Army of the United States in Springfield, Massachusetts on 4 March 1942 and trained at Fort Benning, Georgia, Camp Croft, South Carolina and Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

He served in the African campaign and in Sicily, where he was slightly wounded in action.

Thadeus Gondela was killed during the Waal River crossing.

His brother Stanley served with the Seabees and was stationed in Caledonia at time Thaddeus was killed.

Photos



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