

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

BLACK, Howard Thompson "Blackie"

Date of birth

12 October 1923

Age

21

Place of birth

Trenton, Mercer County, New Jersey

Hometown

New Castle County, Delaware

Military service

Service number

32488166

Rank

Private First Class

Unit

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

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

26 March 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
E	3	6

Immediate family

Members

Joseph H. Black (father)

Cornelia M. (Thompson) Black (mother)

Richard J. Black (brother)

Ethel Black (sister)

More information

Pfc Howard T. Black graduated from Pierre S. DuPont High School, class of 1941 and had been employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

He enlisted in Camden, New Jersey on 20 January 1943. After entering the Army he had paratroop training at Fort Benning, Georgia. He received special "pathfinder" training in England after he was sent overseas in August 1944.

He died of wounds, sustained during his jump two days earlier. The action in which he lost his life was the first battle.

His last letter was written 23 March.

Photos



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