

Name Overfield Lester
LAST FIRST Female: Last name when in service

Address _____

Birth date 19 20 Birth Place N. Lewisburg, OH Yr moved to LW 2001

MILITARY HISTORY

Branch Infantry Entry date and Location 5/30/39 Marysville, OH Rank Pvt.

Disch. date & location 9/27/45 Atterbury, IN Rank 1st Sgt.

Military Speciality Combat Infantry, Company Leader (186 men) Marksmanship Expert

Theatre of Operation, Unit

United States

Co. E, 166 Inf - 37th Div.
Opened Camp Shelby, Miss.
in 1940

Overseas

Co. C, 20th Inf. - 6th Div.
New Guinea, through Luzon, Phillipines

AWARDS/ CITATIONS

Combat Infantry Badge, Expert
Rifleman: 30 calibre machine gun,

BAR; 45 automatic. Bronze Star Asiatic
- Pacific Theater Ribbon w/z bronze stars
Phillipine Liberation Ribbon; other misc.

SPECIAL/UNUSUAL SERVICE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Unit set record - 100 days of continuous combat against Japanese
without relief. Came by convoy from New Guinea - assault waves - invasion
of Luzon, P.I. My platoon had 44 men, & was down to 8 before receiving
replacements. This is consistent with records showing that Infantry
constituted 20% of Armed Services, & suffered 80% of the casualties
Post WWII Reserve Duty, Location and Activity

(Please submit additional Korean or Vietnam duty on separate sheet)

Date 11-29-02

Name OVERFIELD, LESTER D. JR.
LAST FIRST Female: Last name when in service

Address

Birth date 19²⁰ Birth Place NORTH LEWISBURG, OHIO Yr moved to LW 2001

MILITARY HISTORY

Branch ARMY Entry date and Location 15 OCT. 1940 CAMP SHELBY, MISS. Rank PVT.

Disch. date & location 27 SEPT 1945 CAMP ATTERBURY, IN. Rank S/SGT.

Military Speciality INFANTRY * PLATOON LEADER

Theatre of Operation, Unit

United States

CAMP SHELBY, MISS. CO. E 166TH INF.
37TH. DIV.

Overseas

PACIFIC THEATRE CO. C 20TH INF. 6 TH. DIV.
ACTIVE COMBAT FROM S.W. NEW GUINIA ALONG
NORTHERN COAST TO SANSABAR @ EQUATOR.
ASSUALT LANDING @ LINGAYEN GULF, P.I. FREED
ENTIRE ISLAND OF LUZON. RETURNED ON FIRST
TROOP SHIP BACK TO SAN FRANCISCO AFTER
PEACE TREATY WAS SIGNED.

AWARDS/ CITATIONS

COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE ASIATIC-PACIFIC THEATRE RIBBON WITH
ASSUALT LANDING ARROWHEAD & TWO BRONZE STARS
EXPERT RIFLEMAN AMERICAN DEFENCE SERVICE MEDAL PHILIPPINE LIBERATION RIBBON
WITH BRONZE STAR
THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (2-4-1944 NEW GUINEA CAMPAIGN)

SPECIAL/UNUSUAL SERVICE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FIRST ASSUALT LANDING @ LINGAYEN GULF P.I. SET COMBAT RECORD OF 110 DAYS OF
CONTINUES COMBAT WITHOUT RELIEF IN THE S.W. PACIFIC THEATRE.

Post WWII Reserve Duty, Location and Activity

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Date Mar 7, 2003