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Herbert R. Kingsbury – U.S Army 34th Infantry C Company; The Leyte Dragons

Love & War...

My grandparents “met” while my grandfather was serving in WWII. He signed up for the Army before finishing high school. (Although, he did receive his diploma at the age of 75). My grandmother, Ethel Kingsbury signed up to “write a soldier”. She was assigned to write two soldiers. One of which was my grandfather, Herbert. Continuing to send letters and pictures for over a year. When he was released from the Army, he was awaiting on her door step without a warning. They were married a short time later and remained married for over 63 years.

During WWII, my grandfather fought in the Philippines in the 34th Infantry, C Company. They participated in some of the most horrific combat under the most insufferable weather and terrain conditions of the War in the Pacific.

In 1944 the Battle of Leyte in the Philippines marked the largest amphibious assault in the Pacific during World War II. Fort Jackson’s 1-34th fought during the battle and performed so courageously that the unit received the Presidential Unit Citation for Valor and became known as the Leyte Dragons.



Ethel & Herbert Kingsbury-wedding day



Ethel & Herbert

To these love birds & to all of those who served, thank you! We remember!