

In Memory of the Weequahic Heroes Who Died in Our Country's Service

WORLD WAR II

Many of these men had the first names of our parents and grandparents' generation, the names we associated with older people. Yet they were young men when they died, not long out of Weequahic, in the fight to save the world.

I have tried to be as accurate as possible. Due to the difficulty of finding many of the records for WWII, some of the information including awards may be missing or inaccurate. I welcome any additions or corrections to the list.

ARMY

1st Lt. Harold Alter Infantry

November 20, 1944 France Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster

2nd Lt. Ernest Baldwin

August 23, 1943 Non-Battle

Frederick C. Barnes (unknown rank) Infantry

October, 1944 Most likely in France

1st Lt. Sol Bauer Field Artillery

March 16, 1945 Germany Silver Star, Purple Heart

PFC Frank Capozio Warrant Officer

October 1943 Non-Battle Virginia

Staff Sgt. Bernard Fink Infantry

D-Day June 6, 1944 Omaha Beach, France Purple Heart

Pvt. Albert Louis Friedman

December 14, 1944 Germany Purple Heart

Pvt. Joseph Goldberg Airborne

D-Day June 6, 1944 Basse-Normandie France Purple Heart

Cpl. William Goldstein

May 7, 1945 Non-Battle Germany

Staff Sgt. Morton Hookaylo Medical Dept.

June 1, 1946 Mediterranean Non-Battle

PFC John H. Kaufman Airborne Division

D-Day - Died of Wounds June 11, 1945 France Purple Heart

Staff Sgt. Albert Kucharski
November 26, 1943 MIA at Sea Purple Heart

Pvt. Sanford Lehrhoff Infantry
April 6, 1945 Philippines Bronze Star, Purple Heart

PFC Leon Letowitch Infantry
Jan. 6, 1945 Germany Purple Heart

Pvt. Eugene "Gene" Lieberman
Died non-battle on unknown date

Pvt. Leonard Lipson Engineer Combat Battalion
Jan. 23, 1945 France Purple Heart

Pvt. Israel Margolis Infantry
November 21, 1944 Germany Purple Heart

2nd Lt. Edward Margulies
July 11, 1945 Unknown place of death

Pvt. Marvin D. Miller Infantry
December 11, 1944 France Purple Heart

Warrant Officer Herbert Moskowitz Medical Dept.
July 14, 1945 Purple Heart

Tech. 3rd Grade Irving Neiwert
November 7, 1945 France Purple Heart

PFC Mario Palazzolo 26th Infantry
January 13, 1945 Belgium-Luxemburg Area Silver Star, Purple Heart

Pvt. David Pollack Cavalry Reconnaissance
August 28, 1944 France Purple Heart

Tech. 4th Class Louis Raines Infantry
March 14, 1945 France Purple Heart

Pvt. Frank Reingold Infantry
Dec. 14, 1944 Germany Purple Heart

PFC Victor Rones Infantry

May 15, 1945 Pacific Purple Heart

Cpl. Sam Rosenbaum

March 7 or 9, 1945 Luzon, Philippines Purple Heart

1st Lt. Adolph Rosenwasser Infantry

November 9, 1944 France Purple Heart

PFC Samuel Aaron Rothenberg Infantry

October 19, 1944 Aachen, Germany Purple Heart

PFC Sidney Rubin Infantry

Dec. 30, 1944 Battle of the Bulge, Belgium Purple Heart

PFC Seymour Morton Schneiderman

Nov. 6, 1944 France Purple Heart

Capt. Edgar Simon

October 12, 1942 Germany Unspecified Award for Bravery, Purple Heart

Pvt. Felix Trella Infantry

December 1, 1944 Germany Purple Heart

Pvt. Ruben Waranich Medical Dept.

February 18, 1944 Pacific – at Sea Purple Heart

2nd Lt. Bernard Weich

January 16, 1945 Purple Heart

Cpl. John Westerman Infantry – Canon Company

June 2, 1944 Most likely Italy Purple Heart

PFC Charles Revell Infantry

March 11, 1944 Bougainville, Solomon Islands Purple Heart

AIR FORCE

2nd Lt. Bernard Fein

September 18, 1944 Training Accident

2nd Lt. Howard Galinken

March 2, 1945 Pacific Purple Heart

Tech. Sgt. Albert Greenberg

March 24, 1945 Germany Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart

1st Lt. Stanley Greenberg Pilot
October 7, 1944 Germany Purple Heart

Staff Sgt. Walter Haut Radio Operator
October 29, 1943 Burma (Myanmar) Purple Heart

Tech. Sgt. Ralph Heyman Waist Gunner
March 24, 1944 Austria Distinguished Unit Citation, Air Medal, Purple Heart

Tech. Sgt. Abraham I. Horn Top Turret Gunner
April 8, 1944 Germany Purple Heart

Flight Officer Norman Klasner Navigator
November 30, 1944 Germany Purple Heart

Tech. Sgt. Abraham I. Korn Top Turret Gunner
April 2, 1944 Germany Purple Heart

Aviation Cadet Edward Lipman
January 30, 1944 Corpus Christi, Texas Non-Battle

1st Lt. Edward Pedersen Pilot
August 5, 1944 Indonesia Air Medal, Purple Heart

Cpl. Martin Pedinoff Photography Squadron
April 20, 1944 Mediterranean-at Sea Purple Heart

2nd Lt. Edwin Kabcenell Navigator
February 20, 1945 Germany Purple Heart

2nd Lt. Jules Sachs Co-Pilot 745th Bomber Squadron
November 11, 1944 Italy Air Medal, Purple Heart

Sgt. Andrew J. Shaw Gunner
May 1, 1944 Newfoundland

2nd Lt. Stanley Stickler Bombadier
August 1, 1944 Pacific Purple Heart

1st Lt. Andrew Sheerin
Feb. 13, 1946 Pacific Purple Heart

Tech. Sgt. Irving Silverman Radio Operator
March 24, 1945 Germany Purple Heart

2nd Lt. Leonard Resnick Pilot or Co-Pilot
April 5, 1944 Romania (Ploesti Mission) Purple Heart, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster

Sgt. Emmanuel Tulchinsky Left Waist Gunner
February 16, 1945 Italy Purple Heart

MARINES

Pvt. Martin Goldstein
February 26, 1945 Iwo Jima Purple Heart

PFC Leonard Klein
December 28, 1943 Solomon Islands Distinguished Service Cross, Purple Heart

PFC George Rittenbacher
February 26, 1945 Iwo Jima Purple Heart

Pvt. Alfred Rubin
August 7, 1943 Western Solomon Islands Purple Heart

NAVY

Seaman 1st Class Donald Bearison USNR
February 16, 1945 Philippine Islands Purple Heart

Fire Controlman 1st Class John Brophy
March 4, 1945 Asian Pacific Purple Heart

Walter Finnegan USNR
February 23, 1943 Philadelphia, Pa. Non-Battle

Aviation Cadet Edward (Edwin) Lipman USNR
June 30, 1944 Non-Battle

Pvt. Robert Tesch USNR Machinists Mate 3rd Class
June 12, 1944 Purple Heart

Sheldon Monroe Young
December 25, 1946 Guam

COAST GUARD

Seaman 1st Class Bernard Wolfe
June 7, 1944 Probably Coast of Normandy Purple Heart

MERCHANT MARINE

Daniel Zimmer
January 8, 1942 Atlantic

KOREAN WAR - Partial Listing

PFC Gerald Feinstein 1st Battalion - Marine Corps
September 2, 1950 Purple Heart

PFC Joshua Kursy Kohn 7th Infantry div.
September 4, 1952 North Korea Purple Heart

VIETNAM WAR- May be incomplete listing

PFC Steven Dawson – Army Engineer Battalion
September 17, 1968 Quang-Tin Province, Vietnam Purple Heart

Major Robert Henry Mirrer Air Force
January 17, 1971 South China Sea off of Vietnam Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart

SP4 Michael Dewitt Swangin Army – Infantry
November 19, 1966 Vietnam Silver Star, Purple Heart

Next year I hope to have a fuller listing of the young men who died in Korea and Vietnam.