

S/SGT PAUL E. ATTEBERY, Jr. - (KIA)

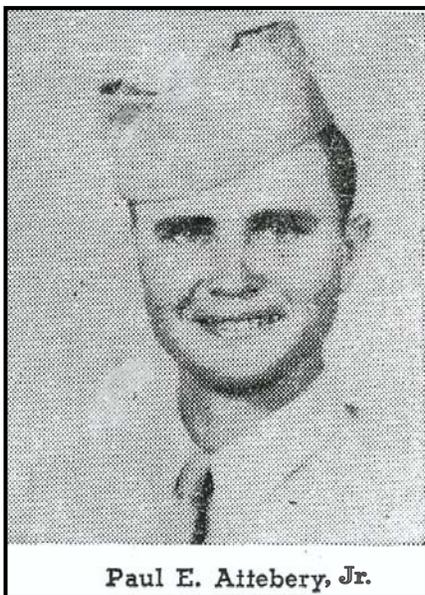
409th, G-Company



Paul Attebery, Jr. was born August 7, 1921, near Parsons, KS. After high school, Paul worked as a farmer and also at the local ammunition plant while going to school at Parsons Community College. He married Mary Plummer on May 12, 1941. 1 year later he became the proud father of Paul E. (Sonny) Attebery, III.

Paul was drafted into service on December 3rd, 1942 and reported to Camp Claiborne, LA for basic training. He was assigned to Company G of the 409th and moved with the Division to Camp Howze, TX, where he was promoted to 'Commo' Sergeant. Mary and Sonny moved to Gainesville to be with him.

On October 6th, 1944, Attebery boarded the USS Monticello for the ETO. On December 15th, G-Company was on the move. The Company Commander organized a patrol under the leadership of Sgt Chan Rogers who asked for volunteers. The objective was to cross over a hill mass and scout the German strength in the next town, Obberhoffen, France. Although another radioman had volunteered to accompany the patrol, Attebery 'bumped' him so that he could test a new radio. As the patrol approached the hilltop, they sustained a fierce mortar barrage. Everyone dove for cover, but Attebery was struck in the head and killed instantly. He was temporarily interred at Hochfelden Cemetery. He was 24 years old.



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In a letter received by the family, Captain Roger H. Craddock wrote; "Sgt. Attebery was operating a radio for a daylight patrol that was sent out to gain certain information. The entire patrol was caught in a terrific mortar barrage and Attebery was killed instantly, therefore he made no requests. As a man and as a soldier he was the best, always performing his duties in a superior manner. Also he was always the first to volunteer for such missions as the one he was on when he was killed. He was the type of soldier that will never be replaced in this organization."

Beloved Husband and Father, Staff Sergeant Paul E. Attebery, Jr. rests in honor at Memorial Lawn Cemetery in Parsons, KS.