



Company L, 410th Infantry Regiment,
 103d Infantry Division (Cactus)
 PFC Steve A. Kozel

Steve A. Kozel was born November 22, 1915, in Dorchester, Nebraska. He was inducted into the army on December 4, 1942. His basic training began in Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, with the 103rd Infantry Division and continued in Camp Howze, Texas.



Steve did not spend much time with Company L, 410th, as he was transferred to a Replacement Depot and reassigned to the 18th Infantry, where he partook of the Normandy Invasion. Steve participated in the battles of Normandy, Ardennes, Northern France, and Rhineland.

Steve was wounded on December 27, 1944, in Belgium, and was transferred to a hospital in England. He eventually returned to the Borden General Hospital in Chickasaw, Oklahoma.

Steve was awarded with: The Purple Heart - European Theater of Operations Ribbon – Distinguished Unit Badge -- four Bronze Service Stars – Combat Infantryman’s Badge – Good Conduct Medal.

After healing from his wounds and being discharged from the army on September 26, 1945, as a Private First Class, Steve lived in Crete, Nebraska, with his wife Dorothy and their four children, Dianne, Daryl, Deb, and Duane. Steve worked at a furniture store in Crete until he retired in the 1980’s. He was an active member of the Crete VFW Post #4959. He died from cancer on September 5, 1990.

