

SGT VERNON W. SWANSON - (KIA)

409th, D-Company



Born December 15, 1918, Vernon Swanson entered the service in December, 1942 from Marinette, WI. He was sent to Camp Claiborne, LA. Upon completion of his basic training, he was assigned to the 409th, Company D, Heavy Weapons where he served in the 1st Platoon, 2nd Section of the .30-cal water-cooled machine gunners.

He moved with the Division to Camp Howze in November 1943. In September of '44 he was transported to Camp Shanks and boarded the USS Monticello for the ETO.

In the early morning hours of December 2nd, 1944, Swanson was believed to have been manning the machine gun, in a house on the outskirts of Selestat, France when a German Tiger tank fired upon the gun from point blank range. He was killed instantly. He was 25 years old.

Beloved Husband and Father. Sgt Swanson is interred at Forest Home Cemetery in Marinette, WI.