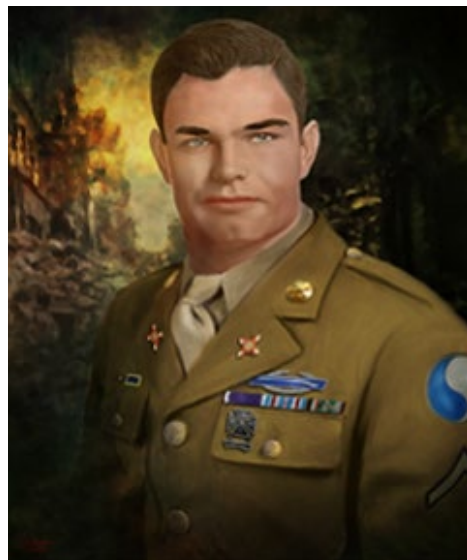


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**WILNA E. LILES** – 32 Private First Class Women's Army Corps (WAC). Wilna enlisted in the Women's Army Corps McKinney on June 9, 1944, and was assigned to the Air Transport Command in Accra, British Africa (now Ghana). On May 30, 1945, she was one of 18 WAC members aboard a C-47 aircraft that departed Accra for Roberts Field in Liberia and crashed into the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Takoradi, Ghana. All aboard, including four male crewmembers, were lost and remain missing in action. This was the worst disaster to strike the Women's Army Corps during the Second World War.



**JOHN C. LAIR** – 23, Celina. Private First Class 175<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day + 1. Participated in the Breakout of St Lo and advanced towards Brest, France. Killed in action during the Battle of Brest on September 8, 1944. Lair was one of the 10,000 casualties that the Army suffered. Buried in the Britany American Cemetery in St James, France.



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**JAMES M. "BUD" LINDSEY** – 29, Weston. Technician 5<sup>th</sup> Class 1<sup>st</sup> Recon Troop, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division. Among the first American Troops to fight in 1942 in North Africa. He fought in Sicily, the Normandy Invasion, raced across France, and was in Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge. Killed in action on March 22, 1945, two months before the end of the war in Adegidienberg, Germany. Buried in the American War Cemetery, Henri-Chapell, Belgium.



**JAMES M. MORGAN** – 18, Anna. Private B Company 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 24<sup>th</sup> Regiment 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Division. Killed in action on February 1, 1944, on a tiny atoll called Rui-Namur in the Marshall Island Campaign in the South Pacific. After a prolonged battle that lasted all day, a sniper shot Morgan at night. Buried at the Highland Cemetery in Melissa, Texas.

