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**HONOR LIST**

OF  
ARMY AND AIR FORCE  
DEAD AND MISSING

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STATE OF  
INDIANA

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## FOREWORD

### The Honor List of Dead and Missing for the STATE OF INDIANA

is published by the War Department for the information of public officials, the press, the radio and interested organizations. It contains the latest and most complete data available on all military personnel who were killed or died, or became and remained missing, between the President's declaration of unlimited national emergency on May 27, 1941, and the cut-off date of this report, January 31, 1946, and includes both battle and non-battle dead or missing. The complete work, of which this volume is a part, contains about 300,000 names of men and women who gave their lives while serving in the Army of the United States.

As in any work of this scope, errors will occur. Careful checks by the Casualty Branch of The Adjutant general's Office and by Machine Records Units have reduced the errors to a minimum, but publications of this preliminary report at this time makes it inevitable that mistakes and omissions will be found herein. Use of the most advanced type of tabulating and recording machines has reduced the factor of human error to a minimum, but errata originally introduced in to the machine records cards will be reflected in the final lists. To cope with the possibility, all lists have been carefully proof-read after preparation. It is planned to publish a complete and final list of deaths at some time in the future, and errors discovered herein will be corrected in that list.

The **STATE OF INDIANA** contained **2.55** percent of the population of the United States and possessions (excluding the Philippine Islands) in 1940 and contributed **2.57** percent of the total number who entered the Army. Of these man and women of **INDIANA** who went to war, **3.16** percent failed to return. This figure represents **2.65** percent of the Army's total dead and missing.

The number of missing persons is being reduced daily through operation of Army Search teams in all theaters of operation.

Under the provisions of Public Law 490, 77<sup>th</sup> Congress, as amended by Public Law 848, 77<sup>th</sup> Congress, and 408, 78<sup>th</sup> Congress, changes of casualty status are currently being made. This law and its amendments provide for the payment of pay and allowances to missing persons, and for the administrative finding of death of those persons is whose cases there is an absence of presumptive proof of continued existence. The Secretary of War is empowered by Congress to much such finding of death, and the Secretary's finding in such a case is equivalent to a legal statement that such a person is in fact dead. Wills are probated, insurance becomes payable, debts are settled and government gratuity benefits are paid on the basis of the administrative finding of death. Thus it becomes obvious that such findings must be made only with the greatest of care, if only because of the legal involvements, not to mention the effects of such findings on next-of-kin.

Findings of death under Public Law 490 and its amendments are made in the case of persons when—and only when—there is either conclusive proof that the person is dead or equally overwhelming evidence that under the circumstances the person could not have remained alive. These findings are made only after review and after a lapse of at least one year from the time of disappearance.

Most of the persons listed herein as missing disappeared less than a year prior to January 31, 1946, the cut-off date mentioned above. As time passes the fate of some of the missing will become known and others will be declared dead in the absence of hope that they are living. A

few—too small a number to be considered as a percentage of the missing—fall into a third category: persons who intentionally deserted the service and are bending every effort to avoid repatriation. Cases of this type have been discovered in the past but the number of these cases is exceedingly small.

The physical search for missing persons, which went on all during the war, has been expanded and extended since the collapse of the resistance. Experts in all fields of investigation and identification have been sent into areas where missing persons were last seen. Through conferences with local officials and clergymen and by means of checks of rosters and other military lists, the bodies of missing persons are being recovered and identified daily. Though the loss of official records, as a t Corregidor in 1942 and during the Ardennes counteroffensive of 1944-45, has increased the difficulties encountered by the search teams, the scope of the teams' work has been so broad in the past eight months (in the case of Japan) to one year (in Germany) that the War Department is reluctant to hold out hope to next-of-kin that any missing personnel are still alive.

No civilians are included in this report. Red Cross personnel and other civilians serving with the Army became casualties during the War, but procedure for reporting civilian personnel differs from that for reporting military individuals.

The following pages show a breakdown by counties and types of casualties, followed by a breakdown alphabetically by counties, the counties themselves being listed in alphabetical order.

In the preparation of these lists, it was necessary to establish a set of criteria on which the proper location of each individual's name would be determined. The Following procedure was set up:

- (1) If an individual gave an address as his home when he entered the Army, his name is listed in the county in which this address was located.
- (2) If he gave no home address, but designated a beneficiary or next-of-kin—either of whom must be a relative in limited degree of kinship—or in the absence of relatives an emergency addressee who may be a friend, his name will appear in the county in which the address of the beneficiary, next-of-kin or emergency addressee is located.
- (3) If neither home nor emergency address was given (this was the case in rare instances where aliens were without family or residence in this country) the county of the draft board of origin is the one in which he is listed.
- (4) In the case of certain Regular Army personnel who moved their homes from place to place according to the exigencies of the service, the only address available is "The Adjutant General", and these personnel will be listed in the district of Columbia booklet.
- (5) A very few cases exist in which none of these four criteria obtains. It is impossible to determine the county in which these cases and such individuals are listed in some state volumes under "State at large", a listing following the last county listing in the book. No instances have been found wherein it is impossible to locate a person as to state except as mentioned in (4) above.

The lists which follow contain information as to individuals in the following order: name, army serial number, grade and status of casualty. A word of explanation of methods of listing and of symbols used follows:

**NAME:** Because of standardized usage for names in the Army, some individuals listed herein may not be shown under the name by which they were called in civilian life.

For instance, a man listed herein as “Smith, William P.” may have been known to his friends as “Paul Smith” because in civilian life he did not choose to use the name “William”. In Army usage the first name is used in full and other given names follow in order as initials. Names prefixed with “Mc” are listed between names beginning “Ma” and those beginning “Me”, and similarly name beginning “Mac” will be found after “Mabry” and before “Madison”. Because of a peculiarity of the machines used in these tables, prefixed and hyphenated names do not always appear in strict alphabetical order, and absolute correctness in the order of alphabetizing names does not govern after the tenth letter of a name. However, for all practical purposes the names will be in alphabetical order and cases will be extremely rare where a name will be more than one or two lines out of place.

**ARMY SERIAL NUMBERS:** Because of the tremendous number of individuals who have passed through the Army, serial numbers are given to prevent confusion. Using the name “William P. Smith” as above as an example, it was found that at the time of writing there were 84 men of this name in the Army, and several hundred men with the name “William Smith” without respect to initials. In attempting to identify one of this number much confusion could arise, and this is obviated by the use of a serial number.

Serial numbers are assigned with great care and according to a set of regulations. Consecutive serial numbers, for example, are not assigned to twins since this might cause confusions of identity between two persons with the same birth date and same general physical characteristics.

Generally speaking, numbers fall into two broad categories: simple seven or eight digit numbers (in a few cases fewer digits) for male enlisted personnel, and prefixed serial numbers for other personnel. Regular Army enlisted men who entered the service before the outset of Selective Service bear seven-digit or lower serial numbers beginning with “6” or “7”, as 6974426. Men who enlisted in the Army of the United States have eight-digit numbers beginning with “1”, the second digit indicating the Service Command of origin. For example, the serial number 14066025 would indicate that the man enlisted in the Army of the United States in the Fourth Service Command (Southeastern U. S.). Men called into federally recognized National Guard service received eight-digit numbers beginning with “2”, the third digit representing the Service Command: 20107656 indicates a National Guardsman from New England (First Service Command). Men inducted or enlisted through Selective Service were given eight-digit numbers beginning with “3” or “4”, the second digit representing the Service Command. The prefixed serial numbers for other male enlisted personnel carry a designated letter: O- (as in O-1574257) for male commissioned officers; W- for male Warrant officers; T- for Flight officers of the Army Air Forces; L- for commissioned officer of the Women’s Army Corps; V- for WAC Warrant officers; A- for WAC enlisted women; R- for Hospital Dieticians, and M- for Physical Therapy Aides.

**GRADE:** This is synonymous with the misnomer “rank”, and the abbreviations which may be found in this book are as follows: **GEN**, (General (four star); **LT G**, Lieutenant General (three star); **M G**, Major General (two star), **B G**, Brigadier General (one star); **COL**, Colonel; **LT C**, Lieutenant Colonel; **MAJ**, Major; **CAPT**, Captain; **1 LT**, First Lieutenant; **2 LT**, Second Lieutenant; **C WO**, Chief Warrant Officer; **WOJG**, Warrant Officer, Junior Grade; **FL O**, Flight Officer; **AV C**, Aviation Cadet; **M SG**, Master Sergeant; **1 SG**, First Sergeant; **T SG**, Technical

Sergeant; **S SG**, Staff Sergeant; **TEC3**, Technician Third Grade; **SGT**, Sergeant; **TEC4**, Technician Fourth Grade; **CPL**, Corporal; **TEC5**, Technician Fifth Grade; **PFC**, Private First Class, and **PVT**, Private.

**TYPE OF CASUALTY:** This is indicated by the symbol at the far right of each column. An individual who was killed in action, whether at the front or by enemy action in the rear areas, or if a prisoner of war, whether by bombardment of his prison camp or by being shot while escaping, is designated “**KIA**.” persons who were wounded and later died are marked “**DOW**” –died of wounds. Those who suffered fatal battle INJURIES as opposed to WOUNDS, in combat or in combat areas, and died in a line-of-duty status, are designated “**DOI**” –died of injuries. Other line-of-duty deaths, such as from sickness, homicide, suicide or accidents, outside combat areas (including training and maneuver deaths) are listed “**DNB**” –died, non-battle. Individuals who were determined to be dead under Public Law 490 are designated “**FOD**” –finding of death. Missing persons are marked with the single letter “**M**”.

Only those persons who died in a line-of-duty status are listed herein. Individuals who were not in line of duty at the time of their deaths are not so listed. Though personnel not in line of duty are not listed, failure to find in these lists the name of a person known to be dead should not be taken as prima-facie evidence that such person did not die in line of duty.

Because of the large number of names included in this work—the total for all states and territories will take up about 1,700 pages—it has been deemed impracticable to include the name and address of next of kin or to break down the residence units smaller than counties. Counties were selected as the unit of breakdown for two reasons: information media rarely circulate in areas smaller than counties, and draft boards are located on a county-population basis. It was felt that coordination between newspapers and other media on the one hand and draft boards on the other, a coordination which has existed through nearly six years of Selective Service, could be achieved more easily in cases where questions of identify arise than could coordination between newspapers and any larger instrumentality of the government.

It should be pointed out that this work is published solely as a public service and in response to demands from interested persons. The possibility that these lists might fall into the hands of unscrupulous persons is inevitable, and it is pointed out that misuse of these lists for gain could redound only to the sorrow of the bereaved. While it is neither the policy nor the desire of the War Department to discuss the ways in which these lists will be used once they are released for publication, it is the sincere hope of the War Department that persons responsible for their dissemination will be governed by good taste and consideration for the feeling of next of kin.

Patriotic organizations will find these lists of value in establishing or checking honor rolls in their communities. In this connection, it should be emphasized again that these lists are preliminary and will one day be superseded by a list which can be considered final. Changes in status may occur between the time of publication of these lists and preparation of new ones, and actuarial tables indicate that new names will be added. In some rare cases names of persons already dead may have been eliminated inadvertently from these lists.



## PIKE COUNTY

ALLEN PEARL M JR	35786471	CPL	DNB
ALLEY FRANCIS	35480883	PFC	DNB
ARNOLD CHARLES A	35729660	PFC	KIA
ARNOLD JAMES H	35159086	SGT	DOM
ARNOLD WILLIAM C	09051767	S LT	KIA
AUSTIN JUNIOR E	35813991	PVT	KIA
BARRETT JAMES N	66656552	S SC	KIA
BURKHART DONALD L	35044487	SGT	DNB
CATT JAMES A	35480898	PVT	KIA
FULCHER CHARLES B	7040969	PVT	DNB
HAGENMEYER RALPH O	35153031	S SC	KIA
HARRISON JAMES H	15103573	S SC	POD
HARRISON HORACE E	35495472	PVT	KIA
MUNDLEY CHARLES C	35789664	PFC	KIA
JENNE CHARLES F	35736760	PVT	KIA
KLUSMEIER VICTOR H	35486449	S SC	KIA
LANCE MORRIS M	15333037	CPL	KIA
MAXEY LESTER	35482186	PFC	KIA
MILBY JACK M	35714709	S SC	KIA
MILLER LEWIS R	35809735	PFC	KIA
OSGATHARP B H JR	15333888	SGT	DNB
ROBINSON JONATHAN A	35738636	PVT	KIA
ROBLING JOHN E	35480285	PVT	DNB
ROCK WILLARD T	35728290	PFC	KIA
STEWART WILLIAM C	15060765	T SC	KIA
TRAYLOR HARRY JR	35714719	PFC	DOM
TREDWAY HERBERT F	35153044	CPL	KIA
VALNEY HAROLD C	7041554	TEC5	KIA
VOELKEL CALVIN A	35906365	PFC	KIA
WALTER EUGENE	35841358	PVT	KIA

## PORTER COUNTY

AFFELD FREDDIE K	15082101	T SC	KIA
ALEXANDER CLAUDE A	35361310	PVT	DNB
ALYEA DONALD L	35896841	SGT	POD
APPELMAN ROBERT A	35096937	PFC	DNB
AUBLE LOUIS P	35573759	PVT	KIA
AUCK THOMAS H	35099881	PFC	KIA
BARRETT LAWRENCE A J	0-420359	S LT	DNB
BIGGART PAUL S	35374636	S SC	KIA
BRUNK FRANK J	15087489	S SC	KIA
BUTLER GILBERT H	01115512	S LT	KIA
CARLSON HOWARD F	0-662920	1 LT	FOD
CLAUDON JOSEPH H	35090534	PFC	DOM
COLLINSWORTH DELBERT	35896198	PFC	DOM
PARRINGTON JOHN P	6659572	T SC	DOM
FOREMAN EMMETT F	35111205	PFC	KIA
GILMORE LESLIE O	35255367	S S	DNB
GOBLE JAMES F	35096931	PFC	DOM
GOODRICH PAUL	0-748398	1 LT	KIA
GRAVES RALPH E JR	15108947	PFC	KIA
HAYES DELBERT B	15382727	PVT	KIA
HENRY ROGER H	0-663044	CAPT	DNB
HOCKLEBERG H J JR	35169978	TEC5	DNB
JENSEN ROBERT A	35176729	S SC	KIA
JOHNSON HOWARD R	35903294	SGT	N
KLETT CARL F	0-706064	S LT	KIA
KNEIFEL HOWARD T	35111208	PFC	KIA
KUEHL JOHN H JR	35840044	PVT	KIA
LONG EMERY L	35357114	PFC	KIA
MILBY WALTER D	35562136	PFC	KIA
MOLTZ HOWARD B	35142756	TEC5	KIA
ORNIC PAUL G	0-702324	S LT	KIA
PETSCHAUER ROBERT L	15059676	PFC	DNB
SHEPHERD PAUL T	35382931	PFC	KIA
SLONT WALTER W	0-709838	S LT	DNB
SNALLEY CHARLES M JR	35142760	PVT	KIA

SMITH EDWARD H	36339546	PFC	DNB
SOMERS JAMES H	35503014	SGT	KIA
STRACK FREDERICK I	15098518	PFC	KIA
SUCKER RALPH A	01035081	CAPT	KIA
TUESKE RICHARD C	35359273	PVT	KIA
VAN DUSEN PAUL J	35243494	PVT	FOD
VOLK RUSSELL E	35096947	TEC5	DNB
WARDEAN CHARLES F	15335574	TEC5	KIA
WHITE WILLIAM D	0-763801	1 LT	DNB
WILLIAMSON MELVIN E	35908489	PFC	KIA
WOYCIK WALTER J	35892541	AV C	DNB
YOST MILTON A	35111215	PFC	KIA
YUCUS CHARLES J	35096295	CPL	KIA
ZELLER ROBERT L	0-691341	S LT	KIA

## POSEY COUNTY

ALLDREDGE JACK S	15105277	SGT	KIA
AUD ROY E	15045997	1 SC	DNB
CHERRY WALTER A	35166507	TEC5	KIA
CURTIS JOHN E	35729342	PVT	KIA
DEIG GILMORE C	35898667	PFC	KIA
DEUISCHER LLOYD E	6659463	N SC	KIA
ELKINS JAMES I	35041459	PVT	KIA
EULER WILLIAM F	35899748	S SC	KIA
FARMER HERBERT D	35708188	PFC	KIA
FISHER JAMES E	35505634	PVT	DNB
FLEMING ROSS S	01169110	1 LT	DNB
HANCOCK WALLACE W	15045897	S SC	DNB
HOBGOOD CLETUS R	35729353	PVT	KIA
HOSHMAN GUY H	35161553	PVT	KIA
JOHNSON ALVIN E	6669042	PFC	DNB
KAUFMAN HERBERT C	35859921	PFC	KIA
KENNERLING JACOB M	35156350	S SC	DNB
KESSLER OSCAR N	35493361	TEC4	KIA
KNAFF LAWRENCE J	35715822	CPL	KIA
LUEBBERMANN BERNARD	0-015621	COL	KIA
MADDOX ALFRED JR	35725153	SGT	KIA
MARTIN PHILIP A	35715086	S SC	KIA
MATTHEW JESSE R	20537811	PFC	DNB
MILLER THOMAS I	35723620	PFC	DOM
MOORE PATRICK L	0-721494	1 LT	KIA
NEAVEILL GROVER F	35114474	PVT	KIA
NOELLE ARTHUR F	15058835	N SC	M
NOLTE FREDERICK E	0-673922	S LT	DNB
NUCKOLLS LILLIE W	35712227	TEC4	DNB
OVERTON ORCIL G	35708179	PFC	KIA
PAUL WILFRED G	35259908	S SC	DOM
PRICE DYSON	35375023	TEC5	KIA
RAMSEY IVAN W	35255507	S SC	POD
RIEDFORD MARCELLUS A	35715095	PFC	KIA
ROBB ROYAL E	35154906	PFC	KIA
ROGERS ROBERT M	35715093	S S	M
RUTLEDGE THOMAS L	35259920	T SC	KIA
SCHENK WALTER E	35255521	S SC	KIA
SCHROEDER PAUL R	20537779	PFC	DNB
SKELTON HAROLD C	6661591	S SC	KIA
SMITH DARWIN P	35717104	PFC	KIA
STALLINGS PORTER L	35708180	PVT	KIA
STRAUSS ALLISON W	0-388026	CAPT	KIA
TRINISON ELDON R	35490153	TEC4	DOI
TERRY CARROLL E	35495368	SGT	KIA
THOMAS WILLIAM R	0-018888	MAJ	DNB
THOMPSON JOSEPH P	35167305	PFC	DNB
UNGETHIN HARVEY J	35726051	PFC	KIA
UTLEY LLOYD E	35166782	SGT	DNB
WALKER JAMES N	35495352	PFC	KIA

WEINZAPPEL S C	35111003	SGT	DNB
WELCH FREDERICK B	15059669	CPL	DNB
WENDEROTM ROBERT L	35720437	PVT	DNB
WHIFFLE MALCOLM E	15332194	PVT	KIA
WOOLSEY WILLIAM N	35708192	SGT	KIA
YORK GLENN D	35730116	PFC	KIA

## PULASKI COUNTY

BAKER CLIFFORD G	35142166	SGT	KIA
BASKE ROBERT L	35893964	PVT	KIA
BROWN JESSE M	35809572	PVT	KIA
COPELAND ALVIN F	35044743	PFC	KIA
CRECELINUS JESSE B	0-731035	1 LT	KIA
CRONE PAUL E	35359156	PFC	KIA
CULLER ROSS A	0-716373	1 LT	KIA
DEGNER RALPH W	0-801839	S LT	DNB
DORSETT DENNIS M	15335600	PFC	DNB
DOYLE ARTHUR R	35572480	PFC	KIA
ELLEMAN ARNO C	35153123	PFC	KIA
ELSTON FRANCIS J	35895890	TEC5	KIA
FAGNER ROBERT L	35138505	SGT	KIA
FAHLER ROBERT E	35899874	PVT	KIA
FARIS ORDON R	35166524	CPL	DNB
FREEL CHESTER E	01999158	S LT	DOM
FREEMAN BERNARD G	0-764276	S LT	FOD
FREEMAN GEORGE C	35176464	PFC	KIA
GOOD EDWARD F	35163064	PFC	KIA
HANSELL RAYMOND E	35092573	PFC	KIA
HELM HENRY A	35176487	T SC	KIA
HONE ELBERT R	35044731	PFC	DNB
HYATTE ROY T	35138508	PFC	KIA
JOLLY HAROLD J	35094957	PFC	KIA
JORDAN ORA	35036079	PFC	KIA
KOEBCKE RALPH M	15095162	T SC	KIA
LEBO HAROLD F	0-707942	S LT	KIA
LEMIS JOHN E	15338882	PFC	DNB
LUDWIG LESTER C	35255487	T SC	DNB
MARKS LOWELL M	28530992	S SC	KIA
PETREY WILLIAM M	20524832	PVT	DNB
PARKS MONARD M	35894968	CPL	FOD
RANS EARL E	35572476	PFC	KIA
REED RICHARD B	0-736655	S LT	FOD
ROSS ALBERT T JR	0-747520	S LT	KIA
ROTH RICHARD J	0-739117	1 LT	FOD
SMANK JOHN H	15061791	PVT	DNB
STRICKLER WILLIAM M	35356583	SGT	KIA
TIEMAN IVAN J	35354622	S SC	KIA
TYLER EARL E	35895892	PFC	KIA
WHITE HOWARD K	01160133	S LT	KIA
WILLIAMS DAVID	35044736	CPL	KIA
WIENBA THOMAS J	35267047	PFC	DNB

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# State Summary of War Casualties [INDIANA]



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## Important Notice

Inclusion of names in this State group has been determined solely by the residence of next of kin at the time of notification of the last wartime casualty status. This listing does not necessarily represent the State of birth, legal residence, or official State credit according to service enlistment.

Casualties listed represent only those on active duty in the U. S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, resulting directly from enemy action or from operational activities against the enemy in war zones from December 7, 1941, to the end of the war. Casualties in the United States area or as a result of disease, homicide, or suicide in any location are not included.

This is a State summary taken from casualty lists released by the Navy Department, corrected as to the most recent casualty status and recorded residence of next of kin.

Personnel listed as **MISSING** are under continuous investigation by the Navy Department, and therefore are subject to momentary status change. Many of these will be officially presumed or determined dead. Some will be found alive. The last official notice to next of kin will take precedence over this list.

The **WOUNDED** tabulation represents a count by individuals and includes only those whose next of kin were officially notified during the war. It does not reflect the number of wounds inflicted by the enemy since many individuals were wounded more than once and many minor wounds were recorded only by Purple Heart awards in the fields of action. Complete data on all wounded naval personnel will be available later.

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# Indiana

## STATE SUMMARY OF WAR CASUALTIES

### Dead:

Combat .....	1426
Prison Camp .....	32
Missing .....	49
Wounded .....	2051
Released Prisoners .....	<u>94</u>
 Total .....	 3652



**PIKE COUNTY**  
**WWII NAVY, MARINE AND COAST GUARD CASUALTIES**  
**(Killed in Action, Died of Wounds, or lost lives as a**  
**result of Operational Movements in War Zones)**

ARMSTRONG, Wayne Albert, SeaMan 1c, USNR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Armstrong. Rt. 1. Glezon.

BRADLEY, Marion E., Pvt., USMC. Father, Mr. Marion Bradley, Rt. 2, Stendal

BRITTAIN, Waldo Clifton, Seaman 1c, USNR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew I. Brittain, Rt. 2, Winslow

COCKERHAM, Flifford Francis, Soundman 3c, USNR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cockerham, Rt. 4 Petersburg

HOPPER, Prentice William, Seaman 1c, USNR. Mother, Mrs. Audie Belle Hopper, Rt. 1, Winslow

JONES, Thomas P., Cpl., USMCR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elza Jones, Gen. Del., Winslow

TUCKER, Raymond Edward, Coxswain, USN. Wife, Mrs. Enida Tucker, Winslow

WHEATLEY, Howard Carl, Seaman 1c, USNR. Father, Mr. Oscar Sheridan Wheatley, RR 4, Petersburg