

Veterans' Memorials



Town of Mansfield

Mansfield Memorials



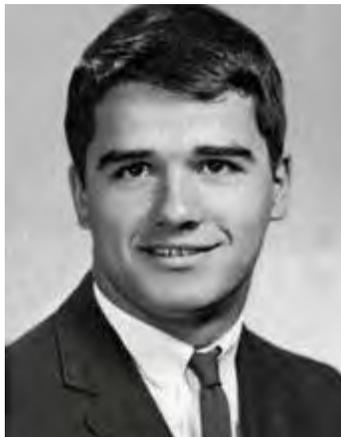
James Christopher Albertini

Private First Class
Vietnam

Born: September 30, 1947, KIA: February 13, 1968, Vietnam.
Interned at St. Mary's Cemetery, Mansfield.
Vietnam Memorial Wall, Plot Coordinates: 39E 016.



James C. Albertini was born on September 30, 1947. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peppy Albertini and one of the ten Albertini children. Peppy, the family father, was superintendent of the Water Department for the Town of Mansfield. James grew up on Kingman Avenue and attended Mansfield High School where he participated in many student activities and played multiple sports.



James and his twin brother John enlisted in the U.S. Army together and attended military training at Fort Devens, MA and at Fort Carson, CO before James was deployed to Vietnam in January 1968. He was an Armor Reconnaissance Specialist assigned as an Army Infantry scout to Company B of the First Battalion under the Fifth Cavalry of the First Cavalry Division in Vietnam.

James was killed in action on February 13, 1968 in Qyang Tri Province, South Vietnam, less than four weeks after arriving there for combat duty. At the time of his death, he held the rank of Private First Class, but was given a posthumous promotion to Corporal immediately following his death on the field of battle.



US ARMY 1 CAVALRY
DIVISION 5TH CAVALRY
REGIMENT PATCH

The Mansfield High School gymnasium was dedicated in James' honor shortly after his death. His final rites were received with full military honors at St. Mary's Cemetery in Mansfield.



PFC James C. Albertini Square,
North Main and Oakland Streets

Military Awards



Bronze Star Medal



Purple Heart



National Defense
Service Medal



Vietnam Service
Medal



Republic of
Vietnam Campaign



Vietnam Military
Merit Medal



Vietnam Gallantry
Cross

Mansfield Memorials



Edward Fitts Bessom

Soundman Second Class
World War II

Born: September 18, 1923; KIA: January 25, 1945, Pacific Theater.
Interned at St. Mary's Cemetery, Mansfield.



Edward F. Bessom was born on December 18, 1923. He was the son of Carroll Lewis and Ethel Fitts Bessom. Edward graduated Mansfield High School, Class of 1941, where he was senior class president, captain of the football team and involved in multiple school activities. He then attended the Storm King School at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson in New York, graduating in 1942, where he was both captain of the football team and assistant head boy of the school.



Edward enlisted in the U.S. Navy on November 3, 1942. He received his initial military training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Illinois. He served in several military installations before being deployed to the Pacific Theater on August 15, 1944.

Edward was wounded in action while

providing naval support at the battle in Lingayen Gulf in the Philippine Islands on January 12, 1945.

That battle began on January 9, 1945 when the Sixth Army invaded with an amphibious landing following heavy bombardment of the landing area by the Navy. While efforts to drive out the Japanese were successful, naval support vessels suffered huge losses from Japanese kamikaze attacks, which sunk twenty-four, killing dozens of U.S. forces and wounding hundreds.

Edward died on January 25, 1945. He was the first naval casualty from Mansfield to die during World War II.



SoM2c Edward F. Bessom Memorial Square located at the southeast corner of Mansfield's South Common.

Military Awards



Purple Heart



American Campaign Medal



Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal



World War II Victory Medal

Mansfield Memorials



Mariano Paul Carnevali

Private First Class
World War II

Born: June 13, 1915; KIA: February 16, 1944, Italy.
Interned at St. Mary's Cemetery, Mansfield.



Mariano P. Carnevali was born on June 15, 1915. He was the son of Domenico and Antonia Carnevali who resided on Clinton Street.

Mariano enlisted in the U.S. Army on October 26, 1942 and trained at Camp Croft, South Carolina. In March 1943, after completing his military training, he was assigned to the U.S. Fifth Army and deployed to the North African Theater of Operations where he was engaged in continuous combat action.



In 1944, the US Fifth Army made its way into Sicily and then Italy. In less than a year of overseas duty, PFC Carnevali had been exposed to a significant level of combat action. During the drive into Italy with the Fifth Army, Mariano was killed in action on February 16, 1944.

His last letter home was dated February 13, 1944. In that letter, Mariano mentioned that he had been hospitalized over Christmas and into early January 1944, but did not provide details.

PFC Mariano P. Carnevali was a disciplined soldier. He was rated very high in combat skills and performed with excellence through his devotion to duty and marksmanship abilities. He received several awards in recognition of these exceptional talents. He is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Mansfield.



Pfc. Mariano P. Carnevali Square, Pratt & Chauncy Streets



Carnevali Family at dedication.

Military Awards



Purple Heart



American Campaign Medal



European, African, Middle Eastern Campaign Medal



World War II Victory Medal

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Raymond J. DePillo

Shipfitter Second Class
World War II

Born: March 5, 1922; KIA: May 11, 1945, Pacific Theater.
Buried at Sea.

Commemorative in perpetuity at Honolulu Memorial.



Raymond J. DePillo was born on March 5, 1922. He was the son of Lorenzo and Anna DePillo of Hope Street. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on December 3, 1942 after working as a carpenter for a period of time. Raymond was a crewmember and Shipfitter Second Class on the aircraft carrier USS Bunker Hill.

He participated in many land combat support actions in the South Pacific, including the Rabaul strike, the Gilbert Islands operation, and strike at the Mariana Islands.



On the morning of May 11, 1945 Shipfitter Second Class Raymond DePillo was killed in action while performing duties during an air support effort for American troops at Okinawa. At that time, the USS Bunker Hill was positioned just off the coast of Okinawa, where for nearly two months her planes were bombing and causing heavy damage to Japanese power positions.

Raymond James DePillo Square is located at the intersection of North Main Street and Chauncy Street, not far from his original home as a youth on Hope Street.

He is also memorialized in St. Mary's Cemetery.



*Shipfitter 2c Raymond J. DePillo Square,
North Main and Thomas Streets.*



USS Bunker Hill (CV-17)

Military Awards



Purple Heart



American Campaign
Medal



Asiatic Pacific
Campaign Medal



World War II
Victory Medal



Combat Action
Ribbon

Mansfield Memorials



Frederick H. DeVine, Jr.

Private First Class,
World War II

Born: September 16, 1925; KIA: July 27, 1944, Guam.
Interned at St. Mary's Cemetery.



Frederick H. DeVine was born on September 16, 1925. He was the son of Frederick and Eileen DeVine of Draper Avenue. Frederick attended the Mansfield schools, but left high school before graduating to serve in World War II.

He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, and after completing his military combat training, was placed with Company F, 2nd Battalion, and Third Marine Division in time to train and participate in the invasion of Guam of the Mariana Islands.



Frederick's parents received notification that he died of wounds received in combat on July 27, 1944.

His remains were returned to Mansfield after the war and he is buried directly behind the war memorial at St. Mary's Cemetery, Mansfield.

There is a memorial square named for PFC Frederick H. DeVine Jr. on Chauncy Street in Mansfield, directly across the highway from the memorial stone that is in place in the honor of Mansfield's two Flammia brothers, also lost during World War II.



*Private First Class, Frederick H. Devine, Jr. Square
Chauncy and Winthrop Streets*



3rd Marine Division Patch

Military Awards



Purple Heart



American Campaign
Medal



Asiatic Pacific
Campaign Medal



World War II
Victory Medal

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Anthony J. Flammia

Private First Class
World War II

Born: April 5, 1924; KIA: December 25, 1944, Europe.
Interned at St. Mary's Cemetery, Mansfield.



Anthony J. Flammia was born on April 5, 1924. He was the son of Rocco and Philomena Flammia of Bella Vista Avenue and brother of Francis (Frank) Flammia. Rocco Flammia, his father, was a well-known shoemaker who conducted his business in Mansfield's central downtown.

Anthony attended the Mansfield schools and graduated Mansfield High School, Class of 1942, where he was captain of the baseball senior varsity team. Anthony enlisted in the U.S. Army on February 17, 1943 after working for the Mansfield Bleachery. He joined the Sixty-Sixth Infantry Division, 262nd Infantry Regiment after completing his military training.



Anthony's deployment took place in late 1944 to England where his division trained until Christmas Eve and embarked on Christmas Day to cross the English Channel to Cherbourg, France. The troops were transported by two Belgian steamships: the Chesire and the Leopoldville. Anthony's regiment was on the Leopoldville. The Leopoldville received a direct torpedo hit fired from a German submarine operating in the English Channel. PFC Anthony J. Flammia was officially listed as killed in action on December 25, 1944.

There is a memorial stone on the corner of Chauncy Street and Highland Avenue, not

much more than the 100 yards from the original Flammia family home on Bella Vista Avenue, for the two Flammia brothers who were lost in combat during World War II.

The Flammia brothers are buried at each other's side in a family plot at St. Mary's Cemetery in Mansfield.



PFC Anthony J. Flammia Square Chauncy Street and Highland Avenue



262nd Infantry Regiment patch

Military Awards



Purple Heart



American Campaign Medal



European, African, Middle Eastern Campaign Medal



World War II Victory Medal

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Francis John Flammia

Private First Class
World War II

Born: May 10, 1926; KIA: May 1, 1945, France.
Interned at St. Mary's Cemetery, Mansfield.



Francis (Frank) J. Flammia was born on May 10, 1926. He was the son of Rocco and Philomena Flammia of Bella Vista Avenue and brother of Anthony J. Flammia. Frank attended the Mansfield schools and was captain of the high school's 1943 football team. He was well-known for his athletic abilities and was editor-in-chief of the *Tatler* and a member of the school yearbook board.



Frank enlisted in the U.S. Army on August 14, 1944. Following the completion of his military training, he was assigned to the 254th Infantry Regiment of the Sixty-Third Infantry Division which had been designated to serve with the Seventh Army in Germany. Frank's 254th Regiment was temporarily placed

under the Third Infantry Division, which was a part of the First French Army. The 254th pushed forward into France, earning distinguished unit recognition before rejoining its original Sixty-Third Division in February 1945. Heavy combat persisted as the unit moved through the small village of Lampoldshausen in Germany. PFC Frank Flammia was wounded in action on April 26, 1945. He died of his wounds on May 1, 1945. Following his death, Frank John Flammia was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for actions above and beyond the call of duty.

There is a small memorial stone on the corner of Chauncy Street and Highland Avenue, not much

more than the 100 yards from the original Flammia family home on Bella Vista Avenue, for the two Flammia brothers who were lost in combat during World War II. The Flammia brothers are buried at each other's side in a family plot at St. Mary's Cemetery in Mansfield.



*Pfc Frank J. Flammia Square Chauncy Street
and Highland Avenue*

Military Awards



Bronze Star Medal



Purple Heart



American Campaign
Medal



European, African,
Middle Eastern
Campaign Medal



World War II
Victory Medal

Mansfield Memorials

Robert Francis Hardy

Korean War

Born: April 21, 1930; KIA: July 20, 1950.

Interned at Springbrook Cemetery.



Robert F. Hardy was born April 21, 1930. He was the son of Eugene and Alfreda Hebard Hardy of 369 Maple Street (a home owned by the town in the Maple Park and Conservation Area) and second child of the ten Hardy children. He was a life-long resident of Mansfield and the only resident to die in combat during the Korean War.



Robert enlisted in the U.S. Army in November 1947. He was a member of the U.S. Occupational Forces stationed in Japan and was scheduled for reassignment to the United States. On June 20, 1950 it was announced that North Korean forces invaded South Korea. All U.S.

military transfers were canceled and the Twenty-Fourth Infantry Division was deployed to Korea on July 2, 1950. Robert's unit, the 34th Regiment, was engaged in heavy enemy combat near the city of Taejon (Daejeon), South Korea. When the unit could not hold their position, Robert and three other volunteers came forward to help find a path of retreat for the regiment in hopes of reducing the number of American casualties. Robert and his fellow soldiers encountered enemy fire and were forced from their jeep. Only one of the four volunteers survived and Robert Hardy was officially listed as missing in action

as of as of July 20, 1950.

On September 18, 1953, Corporal Robert Hardy's remains were found and were returned to the United States.

Robert's brother,



Warren, was immediately pulled from combat in Korea and allowed to escort his brother home to Mansfield. Robert Francis Hardy was laid to rest at the Springbrook Cemetery on October 25, 1953.

On June 11, 2009, the former Maple Park was renamed in Robert Hardy's honor and is called the Corporal Robert Francis Hardy Memorial Park and Conservation Area.

Note: Of the nine surviving Hardy children, seven served in the U.S. Army or U.S. Woman's Army Corps. They all served with honor and attained levels from the enlisted ranks to Lieutenant Colonel of the Army. Collectively, they served in three wars and were awarded four Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star Medal, as well as a number of Presidential Unit Citations. While the family had limited opportunity for educational and social advancement during their earliest years, it is significant that they would eventually cast such a broad beam of honor in the name of the United States of America.



Combat Infantrymen's Badge



Presidential Unit Citation



Korean Presidential Unit Citation

Military Awards



Purple Heart



Japan Occupation Medal



Good Conduct Medal



National Defense Service Medal



Korean War Service Medal



United Nations Service Medal



Republic of Korea War Service Medal

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Guido R. Liberatore

Corporal
World War II

Born: November 6, 1911; KIA: March 4, 1945, Iwo Jima.
Interned at National Cemetery of the Pacific at Honolulu.
Section N, Grave 1290.



Guido R. Liberatore was born on November 6, 1911. He was the son of Felix Liberatore and Anne Scatolini of Angell Street. He was married to the former Virginia Madden, and was the father of three young children at the time of his death. His wife and children resided on Angell Street next door to the home of the Guido's parents.

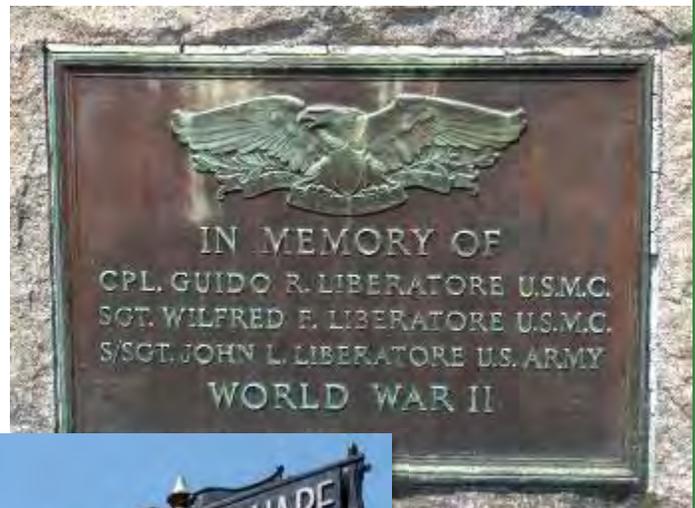
Guido was employed as a foreman at the United Chocolate Refiners in Mansfield at the outbreak of WW II. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp on August 9, 1943 and received military training at Parris Island, North Carolina, and at Quantico, Virginia and Camp Pendleton, at Oceanside, California.



On April 10, 1944, PFC Guido Liberatore was reassigned to the First Battalion of the Twenty-Sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division. In July 1944, Guido was deployed overseas in preparation for Pacific

War action. In February 1945, the Fifth Marine Division was selected as one of the primary units for the invasion at Iwo Jima, known as Operation Detachment. A key marker in the battle occurred on February 23, when the initial U.S. flag raising took place on Mount Suribachi on the island of Iwo Jima. On March 4, 1945, nine days after the taking of Mount Suribachi, Guido was reported missing in action. He remained missing until May 18, 1945. The official military record indicated he was killed in action on March 4, 1945. Corporal Guido R. Liberatore was buried at the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Honolulu, Hawaii as documented by the American Battle Monuments Commission.

There is a memorial stone on North Main Street near the train station in the memory of the three Liberatore brothers (Wilfred, Guido, and John) who were lost during World War II.



Corporal Guido R. Liberatore Memorial
North Main Street, near
Mansfield Avenue



Presidential Unit
Citation

Military Awards



Purple Heart



American Campaign
Medal



Asiatic Pacific
Campaign Medal



World War II
Victory Medal

Mansfield Memorials



John Leo Liberatore

Staff Sergeant
World War II

Born: December 27, 1921; KIA: February 5, 1945, France.
Interned at St. Mary's Cemetery, Mansfield.



John L. Liberatore was born December 27, 1921. He was the son of Felix Liberatore and Anne Scatolini of Angell Street. John married the former Catherine Chandler, and the couple resided on Davis Street. He attended Mansfield schools and graduated Mansfield High School, Class of 1939. He was a member of the English and Italian Clubs as well as a member of the Glee Club and was a trumpet player in the school orchestra. He also enjoyed playing football.



John enlisted in the U.S. Army on September 13, 1943. He joined the Sixty-Third Infantry Division, 253rd Infantry Regiment, working his way to the rank of Staff Sergeant in just over a year following his enlistment.

The three regiments of the Sixty-Third arrived at Marseille, France, on December 8, 1944. His unit was temporarily moved to the Forty-Ninth Division and rejoined the Sixty-Third in February 1945. The Sixty-Third engaged in many long battles along the way to Saareguemines, France. During the early part of that drive, as John's squad was moving into the Saareguemines area, he made contact with an enemy explosive device and was killed on February 5, 1945. John Liberatore was the youngest of the three Liberatore brothers lost in World War II.



Staff Sergeant John L. Libertore Memorial
North Main Street, near
Mansfield Avenue

Note: At the end of WW II, Gold Star families could decide whether or not the remains of their lost family members would stay buried in American International Cemeteries or returned home. In 1948, John and Wilfred Liberatore were returned to Mansfield for burial at St. Mary's Cemetery. An additional level of sadness occurred when the Liberatore men's remains arrived home in Mansfield. Their father, Felix Liberatore, became ill during their Catholic rites at church and was not able to attend the burial service at St. Mary's Cemetery. Felix Liberatore passed away at their family home very early on the morning of the following day.

Military Awards



Purple Heart



American Campaign
Medal



European, African,
Middle Eastern
Campaign Medal



World War II
Victory Medal

Mansfield Memorials



Wilfred Fredrick Liberatore

Sergeant
World War II

Born: December 4, 1917; KIA: January 29, 1944, Pacific Theater.
Interned at St. Mary's Cemetery, Mansfield.



Wilfred F. Liberatore was born on December 4, 1917. He was the son of Felix Liberatore and Anne Scatolini of Angell Street. Wilfred attended the Mansfield schools and left high school before graduation. He worked for a period of time at the United Chocolate Refiners before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps on January 7, 1942.



After completing his military training, Wilfred was sent to Australia, and remained there until he was moved to the First Marine Division. On August 7, 1942, his Marine division landed at Guadalcanal. While Wilfred came through combat without injury, he contracted malaria and was sent back to Australia to recuperate before his division was redeployed for the Cape Gloucester Campaign.

Sergeant Wilfred Liberatore was wounded in action during the battle of Cape Gloucester and died on January 29, 1944. His parents were notified of his death by telegram from Lieutenant General A. Vandergrift, Commandant General of the United States Marine Corps in early February. Little information was provided to his family, only that Wilfred was killed in action and that a temporary burial had taken place where his death occurred. A short time later, the family of Staff Sergeant Joseph Julian received a letter from their son indicating that he had recently attended a Catholic funeral for his friend Wilfred Liberatore. Joe's parents passed that information along to the Liberatore family.

In 1948, Wilfred's remains were moved from his temporary burial site to Mansfield, where he was buried near other family members behind the war memorial at St. Mary's Cemetery.

There is a memorial stone on North Main Street near the train station in the memory of the three Liberatore brothers (Wilfred, Guido, and John) who were lost during World War II.



*Sergeant Wilfred F. Libertore Memorial
North Main Street, near
Mansfield Avenue*



Presidential Unit
Citation

Military Awards



Purple Heart



American Campaign
Medal



Asiatic Pacific
Campaign Medal



World War II
Victory Medal

Mansfield Memorials



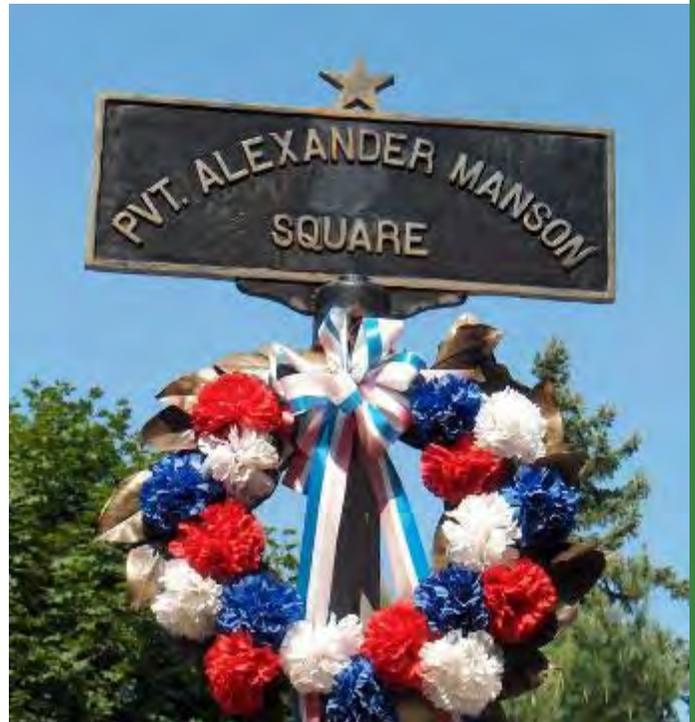
Alexander Manson

Private
World War II
Born:



We have not found any information on Private Manson.

Please contact the town's Veterans Agent if you can help.



*Pvt. Alexander Manson Square,
Gilbert and Balcom Streets*

Mansfield Memorials



Chester E. Moore, Jr.

Private First Class
World War II

Born: January 3, 1922; KIA: January 3, 1944, Pacific Theater.
Interned at St. Mary's Cemetery, Mansfield.



Chester E. Moore Jr. was born November 29, 1921. He was the son of Chester and Margaret Moore of Fowler Street and Chauncy Street. He was a graduate of Mansfield High School, Class of 1940, and a close friend and schoolmate of fellow veteran John L. Robertson.



Chester enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on January 3, 1942 and was assigned to Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, and 1st Marine Division.

He was killed in action in the South Pacific during the Cape Gloucester Campaign on January 3, 1944.

This campaign was fought in the Pacific Theater between Japanese and Allied forces on the island of New Britain, Territory of New Guinea, between December 26, 1943 and January 16, 1944.

The WWI Legionnaires of Mansfield held a dedication ceremony upon Chester's death and installed a flagpole in memory of Chester at the family home on Chauncy Street. John Lamont Robertson, his long-time friend, was able to attend the ceremony and raise the flag in Chester's honor.



*Private First Class, Chester E. Moore, Jr. Square
Chauncy Street and Copeland Drive*

Military Awards



Bronze Star Medal



Purple Heart



American Campaign Medal



Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal



World War II Victory Medal

Mansfield Memorials



Royal B. Patriquin, Jr.

Private First Class
World War II

Born: November 21, 1923; KIA: January 20, 1945, France.
Interned at Lorraine American Cemetery at St. Arvold, France.



Royal (Mike) B. Patriquin Jr. was born in November 21, 1923. He was the son of then Selectman Royal B. and Janet Holmes Patriquin of South Main Street. Known to his friends as "Mike", he attended Mansfield schools through junior high, and then attended high school at Tabor Academy. Following graduation, he attended Amherst College for two years before enlisting in the U.S. Army on February 23, 1943.

PFC Patriquin initially trained with an Army unit at Camp Swift, Texas. He received advanced

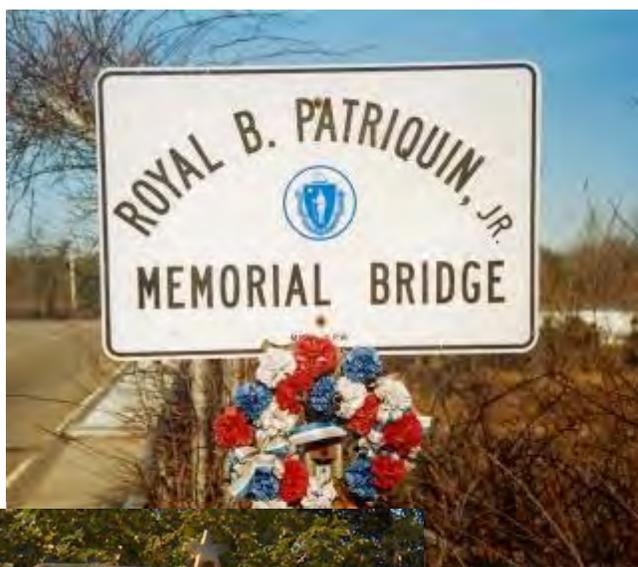


training before being attached to the Sixty-Sixth Infantry Battalion, Company A, Seventh Army Twelfth Armored Infantry Division. The Seventh Army's Twelfth Armored Division was activated in mid-September 1942 and arrived in Liverpool, England before moving on to LeHavre, France in November 1944.

The initial combat advance went well for the Twelfth Armored Division as they began an aggressive push to the East while assisting other divisions through December 1944. In mid-January 1945, the division was confronted with severe resistance and encountered violent combat. The American units were forced back on two attempts to break a strong German position. During a second defensive action, Patriquin was repositioning with several other soldiers, including a Company captain, in a headquarters half-track vehicle. They were under heavy shelling by the enemy when the half-track was struck by enemy shells. Patriquin was killed instantly by one of those direct hits on their vehicle on January 20, 1945, only two months after arriving in LeHavre, France.

His remains are buried at the Lorraine American Cemetery at St. Arvold, France.

There is a memorial in his memory at the South Main Street entrance to Willow Street about a mile from his original family home on South Main Street and the South Main Street bridge over Route 495.



South Main Street over Route 495



South Main Street at Willow Street.

Military Awards



Purple Heart



American Campaign Medal



European, African, Middle Eastern Campaign Medal



World War II Victory Medal

Mansfield Memorials



Edward Joseph Pazsit

Staff Sergeant
World War II



Born: 1924; KIA: January, 30, 1944, Germany.
Interned at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, MO.

Edward J. Pazsit was born in 1924. He was the son of Andrew and Julia Pazsit of West Street. Edward attended and graduated Mansfield High School, Class of 1942. He worked at O'Malley's gas station, directly across from the South Common, in the afternoons after school as he enjoyed mechanical challenges.



On October 28, 1942, Edward enlisted in the US Army Air Corps and volunteered for aerial gunnery training with the USAAF. During gunnery training on a B-17 night training mission, Edward broke his ankle after landing in a Mississippi cotton field. He was given a convalescence leave and returned to Mansfield for thirty days. While on leave, he was invited by the Mansfield Rotary Club about his experience.

As a member of a bomber crew on the B-17 named GEEZIL. Edward flew bombing missions over Germany from a Grafton Underwood Base in England. Mission number 56, which took place on

January 30, 1944, was a challenging and costly day for the 545th Bomber Squadron. The aircraft left Grafton Underwood as planned and moved in formation toward their assigned target areas over Brunswick, Germany. The 545th Squadron encountered German enemy fighters in large numbers.

The GEEZIL was the first bomber to be gunned out of the formation. The aircraft had been hit in the tail section where Eddie was operating as the crew's tail-gunner. Bullets severed the communications link to the rear of their fortress. Edward was wounded but still alive, and as the aircraft started to fall, the pilot gave an order for the crew to bailout. He failed to hear that order and was killed in action when the plane went down. Edward was buried in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Lemay, St. Louis County, Missouri.

The highway bridge on West Street, near the original location of the Pazsit family farm, was named in his memory.



Staff Sergeant Edward Joseph Pazsit Bridge
on West Street, over Route 495 .



B-17 "Geezil"

Military Awards



Purple Heart



American Campaign
Medal



European, African,
Middle Eastern
Campaign Medal



World War II
Victory Medal

Mansfield Memorials



Arthur E. Reisman

Lieutenant
World War II

Born: October 31, 1920; Died: September 30, 1942, Mississippi.
Internal at Springbrook Cemetery.



Arthur E. Reisman was born on October 31, 1920. He was the son of Rudolph and Wallia Reisman of School Street. He attended Mansfield schools and graduated Mansfield High School, Class of 1938. He participated in football and was manager of the team in 1935 and played during the 1936 and 1937 seasons.



Following graduation, he attended Northeastern University, and later transferred to New York University to complete his education.

After graduation, Arthur enlisted in the Army Air Corps. Arthur's initial military training was received in Arcadia, Florida. He was transferred to Montgomery, Alabama and then sent on to the Columbus Army Flying School in Columbus, Mississippi.

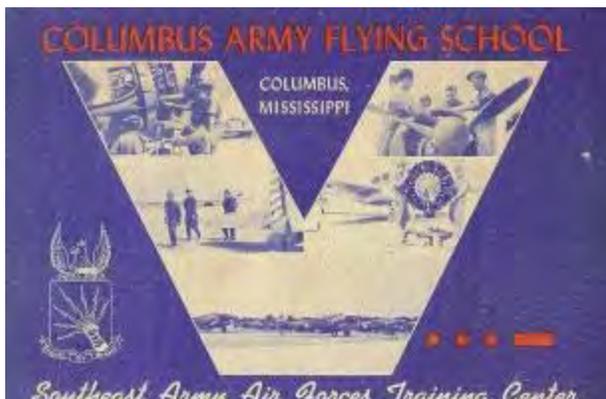
Arthur died on September 30, 1942, in the crash of his army trainer aircraft near Columbus, Mississippi

While the specifics of his aircraft accident are unknown, later reports indicated that it was not uncommon for certain training aircraft types to be prone to flip downward on the airplane's nose during heavy crosswinds while landing. His death was reported in a telegram from the Department of the Army, and received at the Reisman's home immediately following his accident in Mississippi.

Air Cadet Arthur E. Reisman's remains were escorted from Mississippi to Mansfield, where his funeral and burial services were conducted at the Springbrook Cemetery in Mansfield, a very short distance from the backyard of his original family home on School Street.



Lieutenant Arthur E. Reisman Square, School and Spring Street.



Military Awards



American Campaign
Medal



World War II
Victory Medal

Mansfield Memorials

John Lamont Robertson

World War II

Born: not known; KIA: May 11, 1945, Mariana Islands.

Missing in action or buried at sea.

Commemorative in perpetuity at Honolulu Memorial.



John L. Robertson was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Robertson of Chauncy Street and Giles Place. He was born in Hyde Park, MA, but moved to Mansfield during his childhood. John attended the Mansfield schools and graduated Mansfield High School, Class of 1940. Following graduation, he worked for several months for the New Haven Railroad as an apprentice boilermaker.

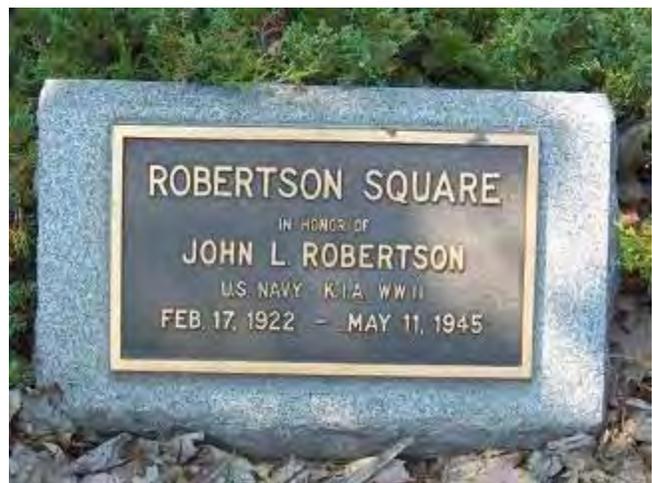


John enlisted in the U.S. Navy in May 1943 and trained at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Illinois. He was eventually assigned to the crew of the aircraft carrier USS Bunker Hill. He participated in many land combat support actions in the South Pacific, including the Rabaul strike, the Gilbert Islands

operation, and the strike at the Mariana Islands. On the morning of May 11, 1945 Seaman John Robertson was killed in action while performing

duties during an air support effort for American troops at Okinawa. At that time, the USS Bunker Hill was positioned just off the coast of Okinawa, where for nearly two months her planes were bombing and causing heavy damage to Japanese power positions.

John Lamont Robertson Square is situated close to the original location of the Robertson family residence at 12 Giles Place in Mansfield.



John Lamont Robertson Square, Giles Place



USS Bunker Hill (CV-17)

Military Awards



Purple Heart



American Campaign Medal



Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal



World War II Victory Medal

Mansfield Memorials



Joseph John Scialoia

Corporal
World War II



Born: September 4, 1916; KIA: January 5, 1945.

Interned at Luxembourg American Cemetery, plot E, row 2, grave 62.

Joseph J. Scialoia was born on September 4, 1916. He was the son of Luigi and Serapina Scialoia of North Main Street. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in January of 1941, just short of a year prior to the official Declaration of War by the U.S. Congress on December 8, 1941. Joseph received his initial training at Camp Campbell, Kentucky. He received additional training and was assigned to duty at various stateside locations.



In early 1944, Joseph was assigned to the Twenty-Sixth Infantry Division, 101st Infantry Regiment. In mid-1944, the Army made significant organizational changes and the 101st Infantry Regiment became part of the Ninth Army of the Twelfth United States

Army Group and was deployed directly to France, bypassing the traditional deployment of American troops through England.

Joseph's unit arrived at Utah Beach in Normandy, France on September 7, 1944, but was not positioned for combat duty until October. The 101st Infantry then became part of the Third Army and moved into intense combat all the way to Saareguemines, France, where they arrived on December 8, 1944. In early January 1945, the 101st joined other regiments and fought their way to Luxembourg. The German resistance was well established, which caused the regrouping of U.S. troops in preparation for the level of anticipated combat. It was during the period of heavy combat at Luxembourg that Joseph Scialoia was killed in action while on duty as a jeep



26th Infantry Division
Patch

driver for the ammunition supply unit in support of the division's front line combat operations.

Corporal Joseph J. Scialoia is buried in the Luxembourg American Cemetery, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg. There is a small memorial square in his memory at the intersection of North Main Street and County Street in Mansfield.



Corporal Joseph Scialoia Square,
North Main Street and County Street

Military Awards



Good Conduct Medal



Purple Heart



American Campaign
Medal



European, African,
Middle Eastern
Campaign Medal



World War II
Victory Medal

Mansfield Memorials

Specialist Corey M. Shea

Iraq War

Born: August 14, 1987: KIA: November 12, 2008 , Iraq.
 Interned at Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne.
 Plot Sec 45, Site 58



Specialist Corey M. Shea was born on August 14, 1987 in Brighton, MA. He is the son of Denise M. Anderson and her husband Jeffrey Margolin of Mansfield and William Shea of Belmont.



Spc. Shea was a 2005 graduate of Mansfield High School, where he was on the hockey team. He spent his childhood in Brighton before moving to Mansfield where he grew up and made his home.

He attended Bristol Community College in Fall River prior to enlisting in the United States Army.

Spc. Shea was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas.

He died Nov. 12, 2008 in Mosul, Iraq, when a soldier wearing an Iraqi Army soldier's uniform approached and opened fire. Also killed in the same incident was Sgt. Jose Regaldo of Los Angeles, CA.

Shea was the first soldier from Mansfield to die in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.



3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment Patch



Expert Marksmanship Badge



Combat Action Badge

Military Awards



Bronze Star Medal



Purple Heart



Commendation Ribbon



Good Conduct Medal



National Defense Service Medal



Iraq Campaign Ribbon



Global War on Terrorism Service Ribbon



Army Service Ribbon



Army Over Sea's Service Ribbon

Mansfield Memorials



Albert J. Sita

Second Lieutenant
World War II



Born: April 11, 1922; KIA: November 21, 1944, Thailand.

Interred at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County, Missouri.
Section 82, Site 93A

Albert Sita was born April 11, 1922. He was the son of Charles and Jennie Sita of Maple Street. He attended Mansfield schools and graduated Mansfield High School, Class of 1940. Following graduation, he attended Northeastern University until his enlistment in the U.S. Army on August 25, 1942.



Although Albert entered the Army as an enlisted man, after basic training, he was qualified to prepare for the position as a USAAF aircraft navigator. In January 1944, he received his wings as a navigator and a commission to Second Lieutenant with the USAAF. The ceremony was conducted at the Selman Field in Munroe, Louisiana.

Albert was placed with the Tenth Air Force's Seventh Bombardment Group, 492nd Bombardment Squadron. The Tenth Air Force conducted combat operations in the India,

Burma, and Indochina Theater of Operations and established its headquarters in New Delhi, India on February 12, 1942.

In May 1944, Albert was flying bombing missions with a B-24 crew over Burma, Thailand, China, and the Aldeman Islands. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and two Air Medals for his courage in combat and devotion to duty as an airman. On November 21, 1944, Albert participated in a bombing mission over Thailand. It was the final mission for their Liberator aircraft crew. Before reaching the target area, the



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aircraft was badly damaged by flak and gunfire from enemy aircraft and the entire crew was lost. When the plane failed to return to home base, her crewmembers were listed as missing in action over Thailand.

He is also memorialized in St. Mary's Cemetery. In 2008, the Mansfield High School Class of 1940, rededicated his memorial square located at the intersection of Maple and Oakland Streets. That location is just a few hundred feet from the original Sita family home on Maple Street.



Second Lieutenant
Albert Sita Square,
Oakland and
Maple Street.

Military Awards



Silver Star



Purple Heart



Air Medal
with Silver OLC



American Campaign
Medal



Asiatic Pacific
Campaign Medal



World War II
Victory Medal