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In Memory of
Marine Private

Max William Malloy

Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Minnehaha County

March 26, 1926 – February 20, 1945
Killed in Action at Iwo Jima



Max William Malloy was born on March 26, 1926 in McCook County. His parents were Bernard and Ethel Malloy and he had four brothers and one sister. His brothers were Pvt. Gene Malloy, Pvt. Virgil Malloy, Glenn Malloy, and Kenneth Malloy. His sister was Donna Malloy. He attended St. Ann's School in Humboldt. In 1934, the Malloy family moved from McCook County to live in Sioux Falls where Max attended Washington High School. He played football for school and also enjoyed hunting and fishing. He enlisted in the Marines while a senior in high school in March of 1944. He is remembered as a happy young man.

In March of 1944, Max Malloy enlisted in the US Marine Corps. He trained in San Diego, California, and had further training at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California. He went overseas in August of 1944, as a private of the 27th Marines, 5th Division. On February 19, 1945, US Marines invaded Iwo Jima. He was among those invaders. For the 27th Marines, 37 officers and 534 men had been killed or wounded during the third day's fighting.

Pvt. Malloy wrote home in his last letter, "I sure hope the New Year passed along fine with you. We hardly noticed it here. It still doesn't seem to be '45." Hope this year goes [as] fast as 44 did." Also he wrote, "I sure would like to see some of that snow you talk about. Bet you would like to have a little of our heat, wouldn't you?"

Marine Private Max Malloy died on February 20, 1945 while in action. The telegram that was sent from A.A. Vandegrift Lieutenant General, USMC Commandant of the Marine Corps to inform his family said, "... your son Private Max W. Malloy USMCR was killed in action 20 February 1945 at Iwo Jima Volcano Islands in the performance of his duty and service of this country."

Orville Walter Anderson



Rank/Rate	Electrician's Mate, First Class
Service Number	316 58 63
Birth Date	October 6, 1915
From	Brandon, South Dakota
Decorations	Purple Heart
Submarine	<u>USS Barbel (SS-316)</u>
Loss Date	February 4, 1945
Location	Approximately 7° 49.5' N x 116° 47.5' E
Circumstances	Sunk by air attack
Remarks	



Photo courtesy of Glenna Anderson, niece.



On 3 February 1945 *Barbel* sent a message to ***Tuna, Blackfin*** and *Gabilan* reporting numerous aircraft contacts daily. *USS Barbel* had been attacked by aircraft three times with depth charges, and would transmit a message "tomorrow night" giving information. This was the last contact with *Barbel*. *Tuna* reported on 6 February 1945 that she had been unable to contact *Barbel* for 48 hours, and that she had ordered her to rendezvous at 7°-30'N, 115°-30'E on 7 February. The rendezvous was not accomplished and *Tuna* reported her search unsuccessful on 7 February 1945.

Japanese records indicate that on 4 February 1945 a plane attacked a submarine in position 7°-49.5'N, 116°-47.5'E scoring one hit near the bridge with one of two bombs dropped. It appears almost certain that this attack sank *Barbel*.

Orville W. Anderson was a *Electrician's Mate First Class* aboard the *Barbel* and perished with 80 fellow crewmen.



Orville is honored with a Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Expeditionary Medal, American Campaign Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, WW II Victory Medal. He has a Memorial Grave at Hills of Rest Memorial Park, Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, USA.

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In Memory of
Second Lieutenant
Margie A. Camper

Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Minnehaha County
Sept. 26, 1920 - March 4, 1945
Killed in Plane Crash over India



Margie A. Camper was born on September 26, 1920, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Lester and Augusta Camper. She was the granddaughter of S. D. Wadsworth, a prominent Sioux Falls implement dealer. She grew up in Sioux Falls and attended Washington High School. Margie was part of the Biology Club and was in the upper one-fifth of her senior class. She graduated from Washington High School in 1938. After high school, Margie attended San Diego County General Hospital for nurse's training.

Directly after graduating from nurse's training, Camper enlisted on April 1, 1942, with the United States Army as a nurse. She served two years in the continental United States at Camp Cook, California. On January 12, 1944, Lt. Camper was sent overseas and served nine months at New Caledonia. Camper was then stationed in a general hospital at Assam, India.

Lt. Camper had been on leave at Calcutta before her death. On the journey returning to Assam, the airplane went down, killing Army Lt. Margie A. Camper on March 4, 1945, at the young age of twenty-four.

Lt. Camper was buried in Honolulu, Hawaii in the Honolulu Memorial there. At the time Lt. Camper's death, she was survived by her mother and one sister, Lt. Catherine Camper, an army nurse assigned to an evacuation hospital in the European Theatre.

Lt. Margie A. Camper will be remembered for generations as one of the many World War II veterans of South Dakota who helped our country be what it is today. We know that nurses played a very important role in the war, and we are so grateful for people like Lt. Margie A. Camper.

This entry was respectfully submitted by Michelle R. Foster and Elizabeth E. Wilcox, Tenth Grade, Sioux Falls Christian High School, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, April 5, 2002. Information for this entry was provided by the Sioux Falls Argus Leader and South Dakota Veterans Bonus Records.



In Memory of
U.S. Army Air Force Second Lieutenant
Harry W. Bessler

Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Minnehaha County

May 19, 1920 - February 17, 1944
Killed in Action over Subiaco, Italy



Harry "Bill" Bessler was born on May 19, 1920, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Harry and Mabelle Bessler. Bill worked for his father doing electrical contracting for about one year.

In May of 1939, Harry Bessler enlisted in the army in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, before the Selective Service was implemented. Trained in the Air Corps, Bessler served within the continental United States through December 14, 1943. Harry Bessler married Ava McDonald in Sacramento, California, in August of 1943. On December 15, 1943, Bessler was shipped overseas to serve our country in Italy.

Second Lieutenant Bessler was the pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber and took part in a bombing mission south of Rome. His plane was damaged during the mission and crashed near Subiaco, Italy, which is approximately thirty miles east of Rome. On February 17, 1944, Second Lieutenant Harry W. Bessler was reported missing in action. On May 18, 1945, the Adjutant General officially declared Second Lieutenant Harry W. Bessler dead after he'd been missing in action for over a year. A portion of the Adjutant General's letter that was sent to Mrs. Harry Bessler's wife read as follows:

I regret the necessity for this message but trust that the ending of a long period of uncertainty may give at least some small measure of consolation. An appraisal of the sacrifice made by your husband in the service of his country compels in us feelings of humility and respect. May Providence grant a measure of relief from the anguish and anxiety you have experienced during these many months.

Lt. Bessler's plane was not found until several years later, and he was still at the controls. Although Lt. Bessler went down with his plane, most of his crew was able to parachute to safety. Second Lieutenant Harry W. Bessler will always be remembered and respected for his courage and the sacrifice that he made for his country. His plane was shot down by gunfire from German Messerschmitt Bf 109G-6 and crashed near Grottaferrate, Italy. Believed Bf 109G-6 flown by Uffz. Ludwig Otte of JG 77/2. (6) crew killed. (4) crew bailed out (1) died After Landing. (3) were captured and became POWs.

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In Memory of
Corporal

Harry Edward Brigham

Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Minnehaha County

October 15, 1923 - February 8, 1945
Killed in Action in Luxembourg



Harry Edward Brigham was born on October 15, 1923, to Richard and Marie Brigham. Brigham grew up in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He was employed at Tri State Transportation Company from 1940 to 1943. On February 26, 1940, Harry married Frances Maye Moore in Primghar, Iowa. They had one daughter named Phyllis Maye who was born on March 9, 1944, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Harry Edward Brigham entered the service on June 19, 1943, with the army. In December of 1943, Brigham was sent overseas and served with the armored infantry. He was also served in the tank corps and with a medic unit. Brigham fought in England, France, and Germany. In the fall of 1944, Corporal Brigham received the Bronze Star Medal. Corporal Brigham was also awarded the Purple Heart.

Corporal Harry Edward Brigham died on February 8, 1945, in Luxembourg. He was killed in the line of duty while going out after wounded soldiers. Corporal Brigham was never able to see his daughter Phyllis who was nearly one year old at the time of his death. Corporal Brigham's body was laid to rest in Luxembourg.

Army Corporal Harry Edward Brigham sacrificed his life for the United States and will always be remembered for his faithful service to his country.

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Milo Raymond Oihus



28th Infantry Division

Private First Class Milo Oihus was buried in Luxemburg and in 1948, his body was returned and reburied in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He posthumously received the Purple Heart for his sacrifice.