Feb 10, 1941:

Inducted into the U.S. Army in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Served with the 45th Division, 179th Regiment, Co. K.

Stationed at Ft. Sill, Okla.; Camp Barkley, Texas; Ft. Devens,

Mass.; Pine Camp, N.Y., Camp Pickett, Va.

Overseas deployments: Oran Province, Algeria and Sicily.

July 11, 1943:

During the allied invasion of Sicily, he was shot in the back of the skull by a German sniper. According to his medical records, he walked two miles to an aid station and did not lose consciousness until on a hospital ship bound for Algeria.

March 14, 1944:

Honorably discharged at Springfield, Mo., with the rank of sergeant. Recipient of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star Medal.