



Personal info

Full name

BLISS, Stephen Andrew

Date of birth

2 March 1915

Age

30

Place of birth

Fortuna, Divide County, North Dakota

Hometown

Sandpoint, Bonner County, Idaho

Military service

Service number

39175555

Rank

Private

Unit

**HQ & HQ Company,
507th Parachute Infantry Regiment,
17th Airborne Division**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

24 March 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
C	11	3

Immediate family

Members

Henry C. Bliss (father)
Margaret I. (Wood) Bliss (mother)
Grace M. Bliss (sister)
Harold N. Bliss (brother)
Sarah K.I. Bliss (sister)
Henry W. Bliss (brother)
Walter L. Bliss (brother)
Edna E.B. Bliss (sister)
Donald A. Bliss (brother)
Stewart M. Bliss (brother)
Harvey L. Bliss (brother)

More information

Pvt Stephen A. Bliss was a truck driver for a Retail Furniture Exchange in Sandpoint, Bonner County, Idaho.

He enlisted in Spokane, Washington on 20 April 1942 and started as a cook, earning the rank of sergeant. He had tried to enlist sooner but was rejected because he had false teeth.

When he volunteered for the paratroopers, his rank of sergeant was forfeited.

His regimental commanding officer wrote the following to his family "While attempting to reach the regimental assembly point near Wesel, Germany, an enemy machine gun opened fire. Crossing the open ground, Pvt. Bliss was caught in the fire and dropped to the ground mortally wounded. Medical aid was not necessary as he died instantly."

Photos



Source of information: Terry Hirsch, www.ww2-airborne.us, www.ancestry.com - 1920/1925/1940 Census / Headstone and Interment Record / WWII Enlistment Records / Family Tree, Book: The Last Drop, Operation Varsity March 24-25, 1945 by Stephen L. Wright.

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