

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

HILDRETH, Delbert John

Date of birth

1 October 1917

Age

27

Place of birth

Milo, Warren County, Iowa

Hometown

Polk County, Iowa

Military service

Service number

37675004

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**K Company,
3rd Battalion,
346th Infantry Regiment,
87th Infantry Division**

Awards

Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster

Death & Grave

Status

Died of Wounds

Date of death

12 April 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
M	14	10

Immediate family

Members

Martin L. Hildreth (father)

Dora E. (Feight) Hildreth (mother)

Norma V. Hildreth (sister)

Leo E. Hildreth (brother)

Maxine Hildreth (wife)

More information

S/Sgt Delbert J. Hildreth enlisted at Camp Dodge Herold, Iowa on 13 July 1943. He served nine months in an anti-aircraft battalion and then was transferred to the infantry. He went overseas in October 1944. He worked as a skilled mechanic at the Des Moines Ordnance plant before he enlisted.

Sgt Hildreth was previously wounded on 12 December 1944, in France. He was awarded the Purple Heart the first time at that time.

Photos



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