



Personal info

Full name

MOEN, Richard Sidney

Date of birth

21 May 1918

Age

26

Place of birth

Durand, Pepin County, Wisconsin

Hometown

Hennepin County, Minnesota

Military service

Service number

37024518

Rank

Private First Class

Unit

**39th Infantry Regiment,
9th Infantry Division**

Awards

unknown

Death & Grave

Status

Died non-Battle

Date of death

19 May 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
L	3	4

Immediate family

Members

Harry P. Moen (father)**Minnie (Steen) Moen (mother)****Claudine M. Moen (sister)****Irene O. Moen (sister)****Aldona Moen (half-sister)**

More information

Pvt Richard Moen befriended a stray dog in the Aleutians and smuggled him back through the United States and across to Europe. Moen shared his food and quarters with the dog, Buff, for a year and a half in the Aleutians. When ordered back to the States, he smuggled his pet back in his barracks bag. He spent several months in the US before being ordered to Europe. Again the barracks bag trick worked and Buff became a mascot of the 39th Infantry. Besides eating and sleeping with Moen, Buff regularly stood guard with him and mastered 23 tricks with which he entertained the men of the outfit.

Photos



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