



## Personal info

Full name

**PINGS, Eugene Benjamin**

Date of birth

**27 June 1924**

Age

**20**

Place of birth

**Conrad, Pondera County, Montana**

Hometown

**Glacier County, Montana**

## Military service

Service number

**O1327655**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

**346th Infantry Regiment,  
87th Infantry Division**

Awards

**Bronze Star,  
Purple Heart**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**16 March 1945**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

Plot	Row	Grave
N	5	6

## Immediate family

Members

**Cornelius J. Pings (father)**

**Regina (Sandknop) Pings (mother)**

**Marjorie H. Pings (stepmother)**

**Cornelius Pings (halfbrother)**

**Catherine A. Pings (halfsister)**

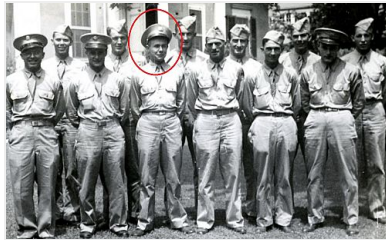
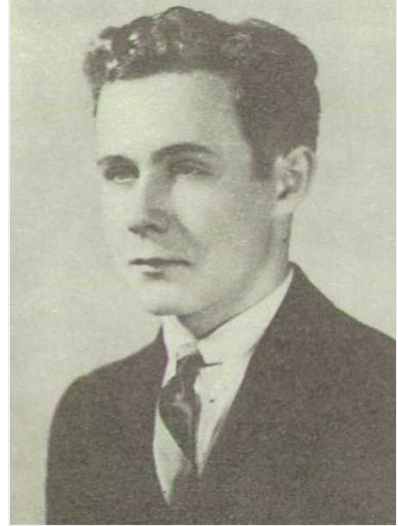
## More information

2nd Lt Eugene B. Pings attended Conrad High School with the class of 1942

He enlisted in Salt Lake City, Utah on 7 May 1943.

Information from the war department says that on a dark night in March, 1945, Sgt Pings headed a party sent to cross the Moselle river near Coblenz in a small boat. None of the unit ever was heard from again. No firing was heard, so it was believed the party might have been surprised and forced to surrender. Inquiries, widened since the Nazis surrendered, have failed. The party might have been victims of a river accident, but there is no mention of bodies recovered in that vicinity.

## Photos



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