

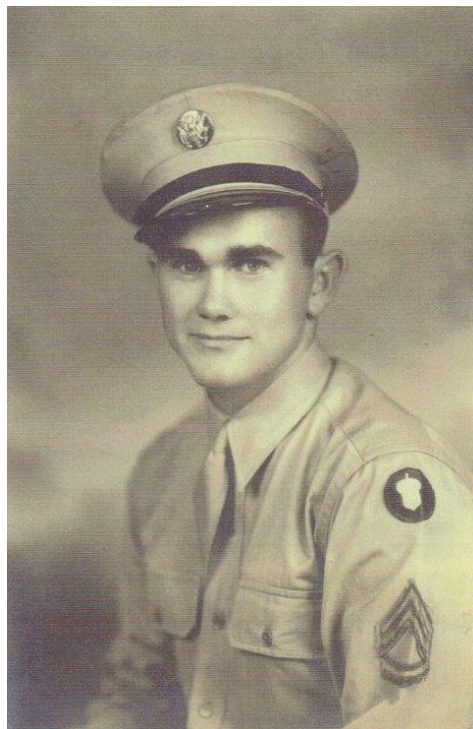
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Personal info

Full name

ZENISHEK, William George

Date of birth

19 November 1922

Age

22

Place of birth

Linn Township, Cedar County, Iowa

Hometown

Mechanicsville, Cedar County, Iowa

Military service

Service number

37659894

Rank

Technical Sergeant

Unit

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

Awards

**Silver Star,
Purple Heart**

Death & Grave

Status

Died of Wounds

Date of death

25 April 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
F	3	21

Immediate family

Members

Albert T. Zenishek (father)

Genevieve 'Jennie' A. (Young) Zenishek (mother)

Richard Zenishek (brother)

Harriet R. (Moffitt) Zenishek (wife)

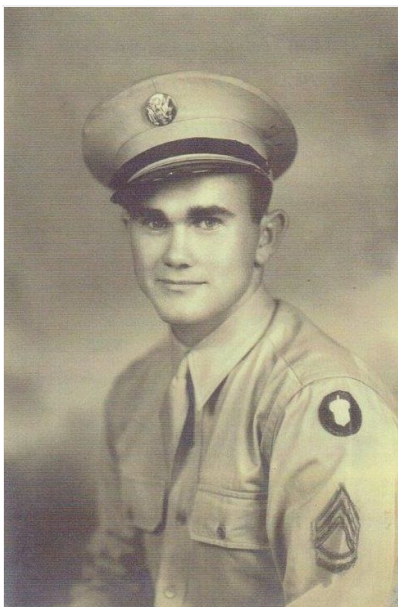
More information

T/Sgt William G. Zenishek worked as a chauffeur before he enlisted at Camp Dodge, Iowa on 5 February 1943. He was sent overseas in October 1944.

On the night of 24/25 April a reconnaissance party was cut off and pinned down and they were taken casualties. Since they had no camouflage suits, they were sitting ducks on this clear moonlit night. A patrol in force was being organized to get them out. Because of the hazard, the patrol would be composed only of volunteers.

A volunteer patrol was assembled. T/Sgt Zenishek led the patrol. After a fierce fire fight in open terrain, they succeeded in rescuing the beleaguered recon party. T/Sgt Zenishek was badly wounded and died shortly thereafter. For this action he was awarded the Silver Star Medal postumously.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, Steven Zenishek (nephew), www.ancestry.com - 1920/1930 Census / Iowa Select Marriages, 1909-1992 / U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards / Cairns Family Tree, 87th Infantry Division "Golden Acorn" Unit History, www.archives.gov - WWII Enlistment Record, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.findagrave.com, [Military Times](http://www.militarytimes.com), http://www.lonesentry.com/gi_stories_booklets/87thininfantry/index.html, Take It Like A Soldier: A memoir, The Muscatine Journal - 11 July, 1944 Marriage licenses, Iowa, Delayed Birth Records, 1850-1939

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