

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

FOLK, Paul Lemuel

Date of birth

1 December 1921

Age

23

Place of birth

Hicksville, Defiance County, Ohio

Hometown

Allen County, Indiana

Military service

Service number

35299058

Rank

Private First Class

Unit

**E Company,
2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment,
9th Infantry Division**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Died of Wounds

Date of death

22 December 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Epinal

Plot	Row	Grave
B	17	13

Immediate family

Members

Riley R. Folk (father)

Goldie M. (Houser) Folk (mother)

Orethel M. Folk (sister)

Vivian V. Folk (sister)

Richard D. Folk (brother)

Raymond Folk (brother)

Freda M. (Peters) Folk (wife)

More information

Pfc Paul L. Folk graduated from Hicksville High School in 1939 and joined the National Guard. His regiment was federalized in September 1940 and he trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He was selected for Officer Candidate School and trained at Fort Benning, Georgia where he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. He was placed in the finance branch at Fort Benning. For unknown reasons, he resigned his commission and returned to Hicksville.

He reenlisted in the Army in January 1944, and trained as a paratrooper at Camp Blanding, Florida and Fort Meade, Maryland. He was sent overseas in August 1944 and assigned to the 101st Airborne Division.

By late November 1944, Pfc Folk was transferred to E Company of the 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division.

On 10 December, the objective was to capture the town of D'Horn and the Regiment began to move forward at 3:15PM. The town was secured by nightfall and during the advance, Pfc Folk was seriously wounded. He was evacuated to a field hospital and later transported to the 40th General Hospital. His right foot was amputated to stem the spread of gangrene, but on 22 December 1944, Pfc Folk died of his wounds.

He was first buried at Temporary American Military Cemetery Solers, France.

Photos



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