

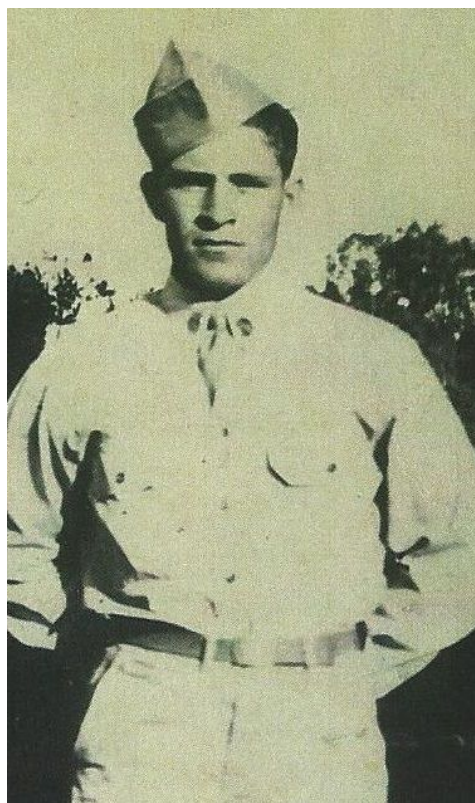
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Personal info

Full name

SMITH, Kenneth D

Date of birth

30 September 1924

Age

20

Place of birth

Sudan, Lamb County, Texas

Hometown

San Diego County, California

Military service

Service number

39285112

Rank

Private First Class

Unit

**2nd Infantry Regiment,
5th Infantry Division**

Awards

Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

12 April 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
L	16	1

Immediate family

Members

Allen F. Smith (father)

Sylvia M. Smith (mother)

Everest A. Smith (brother)

Oleta S. Smith (sister)

Alan F. Smith (brother)

Irene E. Smith (sister)

Richard L. Smith (brother)

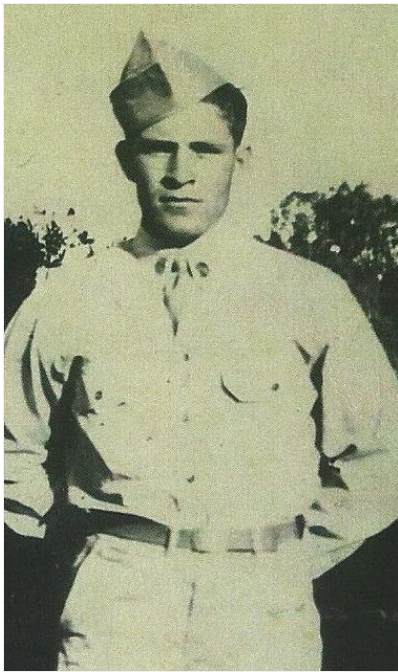
More information

Pfc Kenneth D. Smith enlisted in Los Angeles, California on 23 February 1943.

When the 5th was ordered to move a hundred miles northward to join the III Corps of the First Army to assist in reducing what became known as "The Ruhr Pocket", three trapped German divisions who were working their way back to Germany for the defense of the Homeland. The 5th attacked the center of the "pocket" until all resistance ceased. What was left of the enemy in the area can be described as complete devastation they had also been attacked by the Allied Air Forces.

He was first buried at Temporary American Military Cemetery Margraten Plot MM, Row 2, Grave 37.

Photos



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov - WWII Enlistment Record, www.ancestry.com - [U.S., Headstone and Interment Records for U.S. Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil](#)

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