

Personal info

Full name

BENNETT, John Manche

Date of birth

28 August 1922

Age

22

Place of birth

Lewiston, Fergus County, Montana

Hometown

Tennessee

Military service

Service number

O-491560

Rank

First Lieutenant

Unit

**G Company,
2nd Battalion,
2nd Infantry Regiment,
5th Infantry Division**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

8 September 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Epinal

Plot	Row	Grave
A	36	42

Immediate family

Members

Manche O. Bennett (father)

Alice M. (Lyon) Bennett (mother)

Margaret M. Bennett (sister)

Mabel M. Bennett (sister)

Barbara Bennett (twin sister)

Jessemine N. (Allgrove) Bennett (wife)

More information

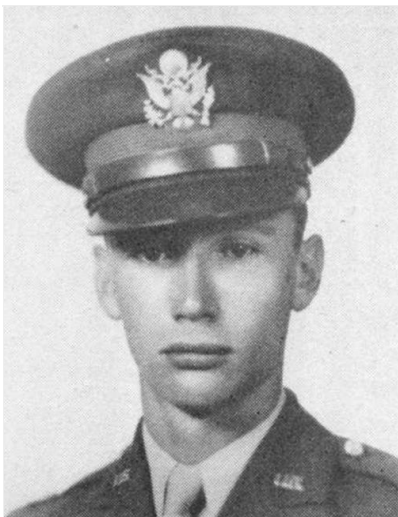
1st Lt John M. Bennett graduated from the Virginia Military Institute.

He enlisted at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia in 21 January 1943.

He was a first-rate officer and human being. He was young but he knew how to lead men and he didn't flinch. He was shot together with his runner by a German machine gun while leading the point of his platoon. The runner was killed instantly and 1st Lt Bennett had three bullet wounds in his lower right side. On the question from Michael Bilder "are you hit Lieutenant?", his last words where "And How".

He was first buried at the Temporary American Military Cemetery of Champigneul, France.

Photos



Source of information: Leo Minne, www.abmc.gov, www.ancestry.com - Headstone and Interment Record / 1930 Census, www.findagrave.com - Robert Bennett, Michael C. and James G. Bilder - "A foot soldier for Patton"

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