



Personal info

Full name

BURNS, William Augustine

Date of birth

23 August 1924

Age

20

Place of birth

Baltimore, Maryland

Hometown

Baltimore, Maryland

Military service

Service number

O1328113

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

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

Awards

**Silver Star,
Purple Heart**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

24 March 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Lorraine

Plot	Row	Grave
B	31	5

Immediate family

Members

William A. Burns (father)

Adelheid (Fesenmeier) Burns (mother)

Robert E. Bradley Sr. (stepfather)

Robert E. Bradley (half brother)

Richard L. Bradley (half brother)

Mary E. Bradley (half sister)

More information

2nd Lt Burns graduated from Loyola Blakefield Jesuit School in 1942.

His father, a West Point graduate and field artillery officer, was killed in an accident at Fort Bliss, a few weeks before his son was born.

Lt Burns left Georgetown University in June, 1943, while in the second year of an accelerated course. He was sent to Camp Hood in Texas for basic training after his induction.

In October, 1943 he qualified to study engineering in the Army Special Training Program. When the program was dissolved, he was sent to the field artillery school at Fort Bragg, N.C. While at Fort Bragg, Burns was selected for officers' candidate school, and he was transferred to Fort Benning in Georgia where he received his commission with the infantry in November.

Photos

