

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

MCPHERSON, Leroy

Date of birth

3 February 1919

Age

25

Place of birth

Butler County, Kentucky

Hometown

Huntsville, Butler County, Kentucky

Military service

Service number

6664532

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**M Company,
3rd Battalion,
376th Infantry Regiment,
94th Infantry Division,
Machine Gun Section**

Awards

**Silver Star,
Purple Heart**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

18 January 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Luxembourg

Plot	Row	Grave
E	12	39

Immediate family

Members

Oscar McPherson (father)

Elsie (Canrod) McPherson (mother)

Edna McPherson (sister)

More information

S/Sgt Leroy McPherson joined the Regular Army at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana on 15 July 1940.

S/Sgt McPherson was awarded the Silver Star Medal posthumously for gallantry in action. The citation cited: Occupying a vital ridge near a recently captured town, Sgt McPherson's machine gun section tenaciously held their position though incessantly pounded by enemy artillery and mortar fire. While at the platoon command post obtaining supplies Sgt McPherson received word that his section was being subjected to a concentrated enemy counterattack. Ignoring devastating enemy fire, he attempted to make his way back to his section. Before reaching the position the sergeant fell, mortally wounded. He still shouted words of encouragement to his men and ordered them to hold their positions at all costs.

Photos



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