



Personal info

Full name

THALDORF, Leader Ray

Date of birth

13 August 1922

Age

22

Place of birth

Hammond, Lake County, Indiana

Hometown

Lansing, Cook County, Illinois

Military service

Service number

16128005

Rank

Private First Class

Unit

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

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

18 January 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Luxembourg

Plot	Row	Grave
D	10	5

Immediate family

Members

William Thaldorf (father)

Lena (Dreibelbis) Thaldorf (mother)

Jack Thaldorf (brother)

Lorraine (Hill) Thaldorf (wife)

More information

Pfc Leader R. Thaldorf graduated from Thornton Fractional Township High School.

He attended radio school in Chicago and in March 1943, was sent to the ASTP engineering school in Brookings, South Dakota. Following the discontinuance of the ASTP program nine months later, Thaldorf was transferred to the infantry, receiving his basic training at Fort Leonard Woods, Missouri, San Louis Obispo, California and Fort Meade, Maryland.

He had been overseas since October 1944.

Photos



Source of information: Leo Minne, www.abmc.gov, www.ancestry.com - 1930/1940 Census / Headstone and Interment Record / Indiana Birth Certificate / Raganyi Family Tree / U.S. School Yearbooks, "A footsoldier for Patton" - Michael C. Bilder/James G. Bilder, The 5th Infantry Division in the ETO, www.newspapers.com - The Hammond Times

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