



**Delbert  
Holan**

*Army Air Corps*

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**Jul 24, 1918 - Feb 9, 1942**

**BIRTHPLACE: Narka, Kansas**

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### **SOLDIER DETAILS**

**DIVISION: Army Air Corps**

**THEATER OF OPERATION: China Burma India**

**SERVED: Dec 1, 1940 -**

**HONORED BY: Barbara Joyce Chaloupka Splichal**

**KILLED IN ACTION**

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### **BIOGRAPHY**

KIA February 9, 1942. Delbert Lee Holan, son of John and Mary Holan, was born July 24, 1918 at Narka, Kansas and was killed in action in defense of his country in the Far East Theater of war on February 9, 1942, at the age of 23 years, 6 months, and 15 days. He grew to manhood at Narka where he attended high school, graduating in 1935 with a scholarship average of 93.6 per cent. He was also active in high school activities, lettering in track and basketball and participating in other events. In the Spring of 1935, he and his mother went to Santa Ana, California where he found employment which enabled him to enter college in 1936. He was graduated from the Santa Ana Junior College with the title of Associate of Arts in letters and science. He continued with graduate work in physical science and aviation in San Jose College until his enlistment in the U.S. Army Air Corps in December, 1940. He was called into service in February, 1941, and was commissioned a second lieutenant with assignment as a navigator in the Air Corps. Thus began his career as a soldier defending the principles which are so dear to all and for which he was called upon to pay the supreme sacrifice. Delbert was a devoted son and brother, and those who came within the orbit of his warm and generous nature well remember his ability to acquire friends. He was the youngest of 10 children; nine of which grew to adulthood. Delbert was the second casualty of Republic County, Kansas in WWII. He was decorated with the Purple Heart. Four of Delbert Holan's classmates also entered the service; Cleo Hoover, Ben Kosek, Fred Kosek and Ivan Hubka.