



**Paul
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Army

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Jun 7, 1923 - Mar 9, 1999

BIRTHPLACE: Lost Springs, Kansas

SOLDIER DETAILS

DIVISION: Army, 94th Signal Battalion

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

SERVED: Feb 9, 1943 - Jan 16, 1946

HONORED BY: Son, (Dennis Kerbs family)

BIOGRAPHY

My Father was at Omaha Beach on 7 December, 1943. He was at the Battle of the Bulge. He was chosen by General Dwight Eisenhower to be his messenger out of the Bulge. He was in the Signal Corps and was a lineman for telephone and telegraph lines. He constructed those lines for forward divisions and corps, consisting of a number of divisions. Once he saved his men by getting them to cover and he single handedly shot a German plane down with his M-1 Rifle. He rarely talked about his wartime years but we did hear stories about his feet being extremely cold in the War and for the rest of his life. After an honorable discharge, he came home and drove a semi truck for a year then began working at the Hope, Kansas, Meat Locker Plant. He managed it for 40 years. He married Betty A. Noland in 1949 and they had three children; Dennis, Nancy and Mike. He lived his life in Hope, Kansas, and was a member of the Hope City Council, Hope City Fire Department as a volunteer, the Abilene Elks Lodge and the St. Phillips Catholic Church for many years.