



**Dan
Fair**
Army

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Dec 20, 1918 - Oct 25, 1995

BIRTHPLACE: Manhattan KS

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: PFC

DIVISION: Army

THEATER OF OPERATION: Pacific

HONORED BY: Dennis Fair

BIOGRAPHY

Dan Fair was in the Army in the Pacific fighting the Japanese. He was a machine gunner with a wife and six children, who enlisted right after Pearl Harbor. On one of the islands, his leg was sticking out behind a rock and a mortar landed close by, nearly severing his leg below the knee. As he was lying in a hospital somewhere in the Pacific, he received a letter from his wife saying she just could not take it anymore and had taken the children to his parents and left and he would never see her or hear from her again. He ended up at the Colmery-O'Neil VA Hospital in Topeka, KS, where he was a patient for most of a year. Upon discharge, he had to wear high boots the rest of his life as the leg was very fragile. In fact, one could still see some exposed bone until he died of cancer years later. In civilian life Dan was a Sheet metal worker and owner the Carlson Sheet Metal Co. In Spokane WA.