



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

BELL, JOSEPH X. '34

On 10 March 1945, Major Bell failed to return from an armed reconnaissance mission in his P-47 over Germany. He was a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps 22nd Fighter Squadron, 36th Fighter Group.

Bell graduated from VMI, entered the Army at Fort Knox, transferred to the Air Corps, and completed flight training at Kelly Field, TX, in May 1941. He served as a flight instructor at Chico Air Base, CA, until assignment to Europe in January, 1945. He received the Silver Star. His body was recovered late in the war. Interred in U. S. Military Cemetery Henri-Chapelle, Belgium.

At Augusta two years: Private, Quartermaster Company, Varsity Boxing, Baseball, Peep Football Bell came to AMA from Goshen, VA.

("World War II KIA's" book, Alumni House; *Bayonet* article, Fall 03, p. 43)

("Our Honored Dead of WW II", published 1995 September *Bayonet*.)

BELL, JOSEPH X.

Goshen, VA; "Goofus"; 2nd year cadet in 33-34 - JQ

Attended VMI; BS `38, civil engineering; active duty in Army Air Corps 1941-45; Major; missing in action over Germany 10 March 1945 - HJ

Boxing; baseball - ED

Major, US Army Air Corps, 36th Fighter Group; failed to return from an armed reconnaissance mission over Germany; his P-47D (Thunderbolt) fighter was last seen north of Limburg, Germany; body recovered later in the war and changed to KIA.

He had previously received the Silver Star for gallantry. Interred in US Military Cemetery, Henri-Chapelle, Belgium - HC

Key to Inputs:

ED - Ed Click; **HC** - Harry Campbell; Official Records; **HJ** - Herb Jacob; **JQ** - Julian Quarles