



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

GUERRANT, MORRIS PERROW '42

Killed in action 30 April 1945 near Bleckede, Germany, on the Elbe River.

Army 1st Lieutenant Guerrant was a member of Company B, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. He received the Silver Star posthumously. He advanced well ahead of his platoon's scouts, over open terrain, armed only with a pistol and a hand grenade. Enemy fire pinned down the platoon, but Lieutenant Guerrant continued to advance, killing two of the enemy and forcing the rest to retreat. He was mortally wounded, but continued to fire on the enemy until his death. He had previously received the Bronze Star. Interred in Evergreen Cemetery, in his hometown of Roanoke, Virginia.

First Year: Private "CW" Co., Boxing Team, South Atlantic Prep Champion, Monogram Club, Minnow Football, Intramural winner; Second Year: Corporal Co. "C," Boxing Team, Captain of 6-man football team, Monogram Club, Intramural Winner; Third Year: Sergeant, Co. "C," Assistant Captain Boxing Team, South Atlantic Prep Champion, Monogram Club, Intramural winner; Fourth Year: Lieutenant, "CW" Co., Captain, Boxing Team, Monogram Club, Intramural Winner, Peep Football, Recall Staff, Track Team. Fifth Year: Captain of the Boxing Team, Captain of "CW" Co., Track Team, Monogram Club, Secretary of Student Body,

Recall Staff, South Atlantic Prep Boxing Champion, *Ad Astra Per Aspera* Society.
("World War II KIA's" book, Alumni House)

"Punchy" Guerrant was co-captain (with Earl Cabaniss, '42) of the CW Company his senior year at Augusta. He was one of the best boxers in AMA's sports history and an Ad Astra. He went into the Airborne Forces of the United States Army in 1943.

On 7 January 1945, Lieutenant Guerrant was 400 yards in advance of his platoon, infiltrating through enemy lines to carry information back on German troop concentrations. He made four 400 yard round trips through enemy fire, and without wire or radio communications, he supervised the pursuit of the enemy after their withdrawal. For his heroic actions, Lieutenant Guerrant received the Bronze Star.

On 30 April 1945, Morris Guerrant advanced ahead of his platoon scouts over open terrain armed only with a pistol and one hand grenade. Unexpected German fire, scattered his platoon, but Lieutenant Guerrant continued to advance, killing two of the enemy and forcing the remainder to retreat. He then deployed his platoon and advanced alone over open ground and through direct fire. Mortally wounded, he continued to fire on the enemy until death. For this action, he received the Silver Star.

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