



Frank E. Dawson (1918 – 1944)

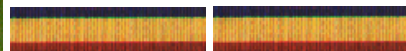
Frank E. Dawson lists his Home of Record as California, the state where he entered the Army. The 1930 Census lists a single “Frank Dawson” within the parameters, and his middle initial is E. Frank E. Dawson was born in Afton, Oklahoma in 1918, and by 1930 is living with his father (Ermine) and three siblings in Exeter. Tulare County, California.

He rests in peace at the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery at Henri-Chapelle, Belgium and is located, Plot G, Row 14, Grave #37. Private First Class of the U.S. Army, and died on December 13, 1944. His service number was 39727556.

He was assigned to the 60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division. This regiment had several Medal of Honor recipients and received two Presidential Unit Citations, one for securing the Port of Cherbourg following the beachhead at Utah Beach (June 1944). Later, this regiment entered Belgium (September 1944). In December 1944, the 60th Infantry Regiment was in Germany and was in the vicinity of Bergrath Germany on 10 December, and took the towns in the Roer region of Echtz and Schlich. From mid-December through January 1945, this regiment held defensive positions from Kalterherberg to Elsenbom.

An Eastlake student doing the initial research said that “I went back to the library in order to search the Star News on microfilm. I went through the Star News from Dec. 1944 to Feb 1945. Unable to find an obituary I had given up. Just recently I have gotten a hold of Steve Arends and unfortunately he didn’t have any additional useful information besides a death date. Although he did give me Frank Dawson’s VA file number (VA# 03-793-868)”.

He was awarded the Purple Heart. A street in the Sunbow Community of Chula Vista honors his name.



Entering Belgium 1944