

Lloyd Valentine Frame

This is the nineteenth in a series of articles that we hope to publish for years to come. With this series we want to honor Service Members that served our great Nation. As I mentioned in the last article, we need your help to honor these fine Americans. If you have someone you would like us to include, please help us research and develop articles. Our email address is mhamlegionpost113@gmail.com

This article is about Lloyd V. Frame. Lloyd was one of the approximately 25 men that left the Mount Horeb area for World War II and did not come home alive. Lloyd was born on Valentine's Day 1926 to Daniel D. and Anna B. (Maahs) Frame. Lloyd had five siblings, Mabel, Stanley, Fred, Sherman, Pearl. He grew up in Blue Mounds attending the grade school in Blue Mounds.

From our research we know that Lloyd helped with a school beautification project with several other students that many of us would recognize – Mary Walsh, Vergeane (Collins) Martin, Robert Murray, Betty McSherry, Marian Thompson and several others. Lloyd finished school in the seventh grade and started working in the area.

Lloyd along with 58 others from the Madison area were drafted in June of 1944. Of those 58, 35 stayed in the Great Lakes area for Navy training, the other 23, including Lloyd embarked for Fort Sheridan and on to Army training.

Lloyd went to Fort Bragg North Carolina for Artillery training. Artillery weapons, motorization, and tactics had all changed between World War I and World War II, so the school had transitioned to new tactics including a greater use of forward observers and less reliance on firing artillery in direct fire mode. Training included direction finding, estimating range and direction, and employment of the artillery weapons at each level.

When Lloyd finished training in December 1944, he spent time at home in Blue Mounds on leave before going off to his first assignment in the 41st Infantry Division, initially with C Battery, 570th Field Artillery Battalion. The 570th embarked for the Philippines July 7th 1945 in July 1945.

The unit was deployed to the Philippine Islands in the middle of an operation to liberate the Philippines. The Liberation of the Philippines was a combined effort by the American and Philippine forces to defeat and expel the Japanese forces from the Philippine Islands. The operation had started with an amphibious landing on the island of Leyte in October 1942.

By 1945 the American and Philippine forces were fighting the Japanese on the island of Luzon. Lloyd was reassigned to the 469th Anti Aircraft Artillery Battalion and served as a crew member. He earned the Good Conduct Medal and two Bronze Stars, which are awarded to members of the United State Armed Forces for either heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement or meritorious service in a combat zone. Lloyd had seen his share of action.

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World War II ended in September of 1945 when the Japanese surrendered. Lloyd however, was still overseas carrying out his duties after the war ended. He died from injuries incurred in a truck accident that occurred November 9th, 1945 on the island of Luzon in the Philippines.

Lloyd's parents, Dan and Anna received word of his death from the war department in late November. They held funeral services at their home for family members, as well as, at the Blue Mounds Methodist Church for the public. He was then buried in the cemetery in Blue Mounds.

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