

Walter C Wetzel – Roseville, MI - 13th Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division, Anti-Tank Company-
Born in 1919 in Huntington, West Virginia, Wetzel joined the Army from Roseville, Michigan in July 1941,
and by April 3, 1945 was serving as a private first class in the 13th Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry
Division.

On that day, in Birken, Germany, Wetzel smothered the blasts of German-thrown grenades with his
body, sacrificing himself to protect those around him.

He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor ten months later, on February 26, 1946, by
President Harry S. Truman.

- "Pfc. Wetzel, an acting squad leader with the Antitank Company of the 13th Infantry, was guarding his
platoon's command post in a house at Birken, Germany, during the early morning hours of 3 April 1945,
when he detected strong enemy forces moving in to attack. He ran into the house, alerted the
occupants and immediately began defending the post against heavy automatic weapons fire coming
from the hostile troops. Under cover of darkness the Germans forced their way close to the building
where they hurled grenades, 2 of which landed in the room where Pfc. Wetzel and the others had taken
up firing positions. Shouting a warning to his fellow soldiers, Pfc. Wetzel threw himself on the grenades
and, as they exploded, absorbed their entire blast, suffering wounds from which he died. The supreme
gallantry of Pfc. Wetzel saved his comrades from death or serious injury and made it possible for them
to continue the defense of the command post and break the power of a dangerous local counterthrust
by the enemy. His unhesitating sacrifice of his life was in keeping with the U.S. Army's highest traditions
of bravery and heroism."

- ★ World War II Victory Medal
- ★ Combat Infantryman Badge
- ★ Purple Heart
- ★ Medal of Honor

Gordon L Springsteen – Vernon, WY - 102nd Infantry Division, 406th Infantry Regiment - T/Sgt Gordon L
Springsteen enlisted in Lander, Wyoming on 24 February 1941.

- ★ Bronze Star
- ★ Purple Heart
- ★ Combat Infantryman Badge
- ★ American Campaign Medal
- ★ World War II Victory Medal

Allen A Fuqua – Park County, WY - 89th Infantry Division, 354th Infantry Regiment –

- ★ Purple Heart
- ★ Combat Infantryman Badge
- ★ American Campaign Medal
- ★ World War II Victory Medal

Kenneth Jewell – Deuel, WY - 82nd Airborne Division, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment –

- ★ Purple Heart
- ★ Combat Infantryman Badge
- ★ American Campaign Medal
- ★ World War II Victory Medal

John E Olson Jr – Platte County WY - 306th Bomber Group, Heavy, 367th Bomber Squadron-

- ★ Purple Heart
- ★ American Campaign Medal
- ★ World War II Victory Medal

William B McClellan- Washakie County WY - 9th Infantry Division, 39th Infantry Regiment

- ★ Silver Star
- ★ Purple Heart
- ★ Combat Infantryman Badge
- ★ American Campaign Medal
- ★ World War II Victory Medal

Robert M Scott – Deaver, WY - 82nd Airborne Division, 376th Field Artillery Battalion - Pfc Robert M Scott enlisted on 2 February 1940 ... he was a Resident of the Cathedral Home for Children at Laramie for twelve years prior to entering the army ... He attended grade school and high school there. Robert served in Africa and Europe ... He was killed by artillery fire prior to Waal river crossing.

- ★ Bronze Star
- ★ Purple Heart
- ★ American Campaign Medal
- ★ World War II Victory Medal

Harold R Sheldon – Converse County, WY - 82nd Airborne Division, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment –

- ★ Purple Heart
- ★ Combat Infantryman Badge
- ★ American Campaign Medal
- ★ World War II Victory Medal

Henry Ferguson- Pushmataha County, OK - 97th Infantry Division, 303rd Infantry Regiment –

- ★ Purple Heart
- ★ Combat Infantryman Badge
- ★ American Campaign Medal
- ★ World War II Victory Medal

Bertram L Bent – Hot Springs County, WY - 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment –

- ★ Purple Heart
- ★ Combat Infantryman Badge
- ★ American Campaign Medal
- ★ World War II Victory Medal

William J Niland – Carbon County, WY - 435th Troop Carrier Group, 77th Squadron –

- ★ Air Medal
- ★ American Campaign Medal
- ★ World War II Victory Medal

Robert C Turner – Encampment, WY - 102nd Infantry Division, 405th Infantry Regiment –

- ★ Purple Heart
- ★ Combat Infantryman Badge
- ★ American Campaign Medal
- ★ World War II Victory Medal