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WWII Veteran Spotlight

Otto Lahm 1917 - 1992

In July 1945, Otto Lahm received an honorable discharge after serving three years and 21 days with the 37th division in the Philippines and South Pacific. Upon his return home he commented that it only took several months to distinguish the drone of a Japanese plane and one of the U.S.

In the New Georgia campaign, he was embedded with an ordinance group that regularly slept in foxholes. During one bombing raid, he was in a foxhole in which a bomb dropped just 60 feet away. "No, the bomb didn't shake me up very much," he told a reporter. "I was shaking so badly myself. I didn't even feel the concussion."

He entered service on February 5, 1941 and went overseas in May 1942. He served in France, Italy, New Zealand, the Fiji Islands and Guadalcanal, with the automotive section of the 37th division. The 37th carried heavy fire power in addition to the traditional infantry weapons including heavy machine guns and artillery, self-propelled cannons, armored cars and mortars. It was the job of Otto and his comrades to keep all of the armament in top notch condition. As a civilian, he had been an employee of General Motors Corp, Delco Products division.



In 1970, Winston Heat Treating, Inc. came under the ownership of Otto Lahm and three of his brothers. He served in the company as treasurer. He was also a co-owner of Lahm Tool & Die Co.

Sgt. Lahm held the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon with two stars and the Philippine liberation star.

Otto Lahm was born January 3, 1917 and died June 20, 1992. He is located in Section 122 Lot 299 near the pond.

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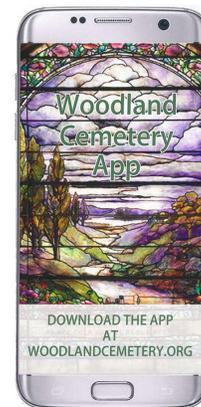
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