

Rank *Staff Sergeant* Name *Marshall William Kennedy*
First name *Marshall* Middle name *William* Last Name *Kennedy*
Serial Number *35348170* Branch of Service *Infantry - Army* *29th Division* *Gen. Hodges 1st Army*
Date of birth *May 28, 1918* Place of birth *Zanesville - Muskingum Co - Ohio*

Date of enlistment or induction (state which) *Inducted Nov. 17, 1942*

Important battles *Fought with Hodges First Army thru France, Luxembourg, Belgium + into Germany*

Decorations *Infantryman's Combat Badge Purple Heart with three stars*

Date of death *Nov. 2, 1944* Place of death *Vossenack, Germany*

Cause or manner of death *Killed in action [Reason 27, 46] KIA*

Special duties or qualifications *Trained as messenger, later was Squad leader.*

Length of foreign service *June '44 until Nov. '44 (Almost 5 months).*

How long was he a resident of Muskingum Co. *About 23 yrs. until became employed in Toledo*

S Sgt Marshall William Kennedy, killed in action, Germany. (No other side)

What school and college diplomas did he hold?.....

Occupation in civilian life *Parts Clerk, International Harvester, Toledo, O.*

If married, name and address of wife *Mrs. Lois F. Kennedy, 3518 Bluff St., Toledo 6, Ohio*

Names and ages of children *Marilyn E. Kennedy - Two years*

Other important biographical information *Attended Lash High & Spring Arbor Junior Seminary. Was member Free Methodist Church, Toledo, Ohio. And Y. P. M. S. Society.*

(Have written Washington concerning battles

Name and address of relative who supplied above information *Mrs. Jessie Kennedy, mother*

Zanesville telephone No. *5861 W 639 Pershing Road*



Mrs. Jessie Kennedy,
639 Pershing Road,
Zanesville, Ohio,
Jan. 21, 1946.

Mr. Schneider,

Dear Sir,

My daughter-in-law did not want to have anything put in the paper, so I am sending this to you now, so if anything should happen to me, William's friends can still know a few of the details of his death. I will tell you more than I know you will use, but you can choose from this what you want. I have not yet received the folder you spoke of, but when there is anything waiting to be done, I want to get it done as soon as possible.

Excerpts from letters:

Bill Larson,
Tillamook, Oregon,
Dec. 10, 1945.

"Its been bothering me since I saw Bill die out there. Seeing Bill go was something I will never forget.

" Bill died in Vossenack(Germany) In my estimation he died a hero. He's a hero to you, naturally. I'm not saying this just to fill space, its the truth. I'll always remember him as a hero.

He was in front of the squad when we were stopped by a machine gun nest. After a period of minutes Bill started throwing hand grenades at the Krauts while I was right behind him shooting. Immediately after throwing his last grenade a ^{mortar} ~~meter~~ shell landed next to his foot. Shrapnel from the shell blew off his foot and went into his side and head. After staggering back a few feet he fell and died. When I passed him he was dead. He didn't suffer. He couldn't have. He died almost instantly and without saying a word. It's better that he went quickly because he would have suffered so much if he had lived.

"I hope this doesn't make you feel too bad. He found a better life.

"Always tell Marilyn he was a hero. Her Dad was tops. They just don't come any better."

Bill Lawson.

I guess I wanted to tell the best part, the worst is hard to tell.

Yours with the very best wishes for a Memorial that will live to honor these men and also honor the one who is making it possible,

Mrs. Jessie Kennedy
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Bill Kennedy

Died in

Vassenack

shen and grounds

mortar shell landed

hit foot & draped

down off foot & went

into his open

head * Died instantly

no 2, 1944
