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Served In Normandy, Northern France and The Rhineland

Joseph Haste Winston was born April 15, 1907 in Browning, Illinois, the son of William Edward and Cora Thornton Winston. He was one of 11 children. Joseph enlisted in the U.S. Army on July 21, 1943. At the time of his enlistment, he was 36 years old and a cement finisher living in Mount Sterling, Illinois with the Carl Etter family. He was married to Ruth Boyd.

PFC Joseph (Joe) Winston entered the service at Camp Grant, Illinois on August 1, 1943. Joe was sent overseas and was in battle Normandy, Northern France and the Rhineland campaigns. He received numerous decorations and citations. They were the Good Conduct Medal, the Distinguished Unit Badge, the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars and the Overseas Service Bar. He spent 6 months and 16 days in combat.

Joe had planned on connecting with his brother Merle Vince Winston, who was also in France, but Merle was killed in Normandy following the invasion on July 25, 1944. Joe left for the United States on December 23, 1944 and arrived in the states January 4, 1945. He received an honorable discharge on September 7, 1945 at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

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