

# William J. Charis

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William J. Charis entered military service on July 1, 1944 at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. He received basic training at Fort Wheeler, Macon, Georgia. After 17 weeks of training, he went home on a 10 day furlough. After an assignment at Fort Meade, Maryland, William sailed to England on December 20 and arrived on December 27, 1944..

William was sent to Le Havre, France and went by boxcar to the front lines arriving on January 1, 1945. He was assigned to the 87th Infantry Division and saw action at the Battle of the Bulge. He was wounded on March 16, 1945 while crossing the Moselle River. Because of his wound, he was sent back to the States and was awarded a Purple Heart. William was discharged from the Army on September 1, 1945.

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Champaign, Illinois