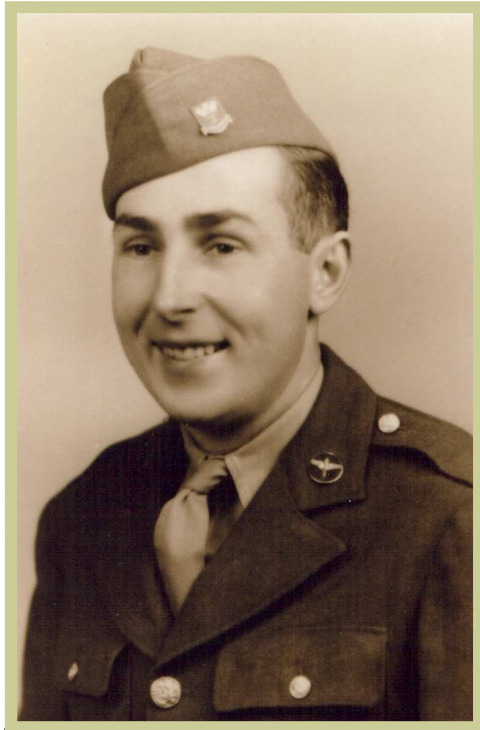


# John (Jack) Muirhead

## U.S. Army Air Corps



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Muirhead, John S. "Jack" was born July 17, 1913 in Danville, Illinois where he also died on September 11, 1968. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps on February 22, 1942 and completed training at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas. He married Theda Mae Steenbergen on July 4, 1942 in the Protestant Chapel on the base. There were so many marriages scheduled for that day that they were given to 10:00 am time slot for their wedding.

He was then transferred to Kelly/Duncan Field in San Antonio, Texas for advanced training as an airplane mechanic. The Parsons family, with relatives in Danville, opened their home to provide a room for Theda while Jack was stationed at Kelly/Duncan Field.

Jack Shipped out to Sydney, Australia and then to Townsville, Australia where he was an airplane mechanic. While in Australia, he spent his leisure time making lovely pieces of jewelry from the scraps of material in the shop as well as working with ceramics and wood carvings of animals and famous people. In 1945, his group was advanced to the Philippines. Upon the conclusion of the war, he returned to Chicago, Illinois where he was discharged as a Sergeant on November 11, 1945.