

Richard Edwin Bludworth, T-44

24 June 1926 – 11 February 1945

(aged 18)



Private Richard Bludworth was killed in action “somewhere in Germany” on February 11, 1945. He received his diploma at Memphis Tech High School with the August Class and entered the Army immediately after graduation. He received his basic training at Camp Blanding FL, and had been overseas since the first week in January with an infantry company. Richard is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Todd, with whom he made his home after the death of his parents.

Per the 345th Infantry Regiment, 87th Infantry Division History: “The following morning (February 11, 1945), all Battalions were alerted to a move. The Fourth Division was to relieve the units in Olzheim; the 346th Infantry Regiment, those in Neundorf, the relief was touch and go all the way. The Germans must have known what was taking place. Their observation from the nearby hills was excellent. They pulled a small counter-attack as the relief was being made. An early evening mist helped considerably and the Second Battalion closed into Awu that evening. It was during this move and counter-attacks that Private Bludworth was KIA.”