

# Royden Ecker Dickey, T-32

8 April 1914 – 12 February 1960

(aged 45)



## LOUD SHOUTS AND ONE SHOT NETTED 63 NAZI PRISONERS

*"The score was 63 German prisoners, captured with one shot fired."*  
*Wrote Memphian Sgt Royden E. Dickey, summing up his recent adventure in France with a fellow soldier.*

*Sgt Dickey, overseas division since April, had bivouacked with his company in a French orchard one night late in August, when two of the men came in with six German prisoners. Questioning the prisoners, they were told one German officer was hiding in the woods. The Tech High graduate and former Memphis State student decided to "go out after him" with one of his buddies.*

*The two men "covered" each other as they slipped 20 yards at a time, into the woods, until they saw the crouched figure of a German officer.*

*When the two Americans called to the German, he came out waving a white handkerchief shouting "Kamerad" with about 20 Germans following him. When one of the 20 reached for his field bag, Sgt Dickey fired the one shot of the capture. After that, another group, twice as large as the first, appeared in the clearing. The two yanks had been bluffing with loud shouts and it worked.*

*"One of the officers said he heard me yelling at them and thought I was driving out a bunch of cows," said Dickey.*

*Result: Sixty-three Germans and a truckload of guns, ammunition, and grenades captured.*

*Sgt Dickey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dickey, 1037 E. Wellington. His wife lives at 1115 Vance. Before entering the service, he was an employee of Valley Wholesale Liquor Company.*

*Information from The Press-Scimitar, Thursday, September 14, 1944.*

### **WOUND IS FATAL TO GI**

#### **Army Officer, Ex-Memphian Dies in Atlanta**

*Army Captain Royden E. Dickey, a former Memphian, died of a gunshot wound yesterday morning in Atlanta where he was to receive orders to go to Thailand.*

*Captain Dickey, who was 45, would have been eligible for retirement in 1962. A friend of the family said wound was self-inflicted.*

*He was born in Mississippi and lived in Memphis before enlisting in the Army. He attended a Memphis high school.*

*He leaves his wife, Mrs. Mattie Dickey, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Dickey of 2405 Avery, and his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Lipscomb of Memphis.*

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