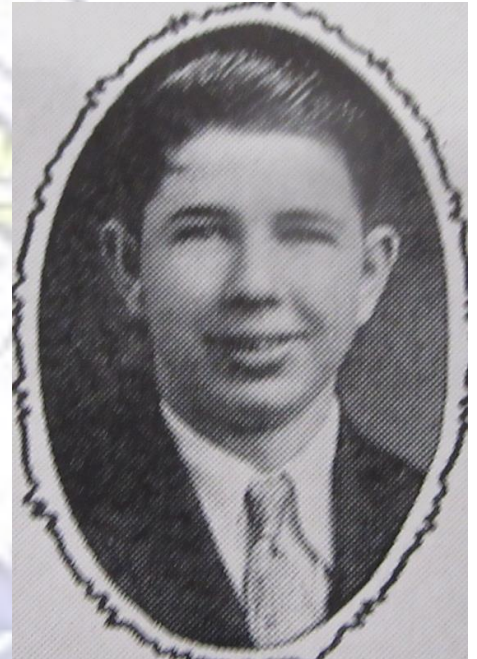


Willis Earl Norris, T-30

1 January 1910 – 5 July 1944

(aged 34)



Private First Class Willis Earl Norris, 34, owner of Memphis Amusement Company is missing in action with the infantry in France. His wife, Mrs. Harriet B. Norris, of "The Palms" on Highway 70, was notified by the War Department that her husband has been missing since July 5.



In a letter to his wife on June 29, Private Norris related: "Things are pretty rough over here. One night we slept on rocks in a foxhole ---and they felt damn good. I guess you might say I have the foxhole blues."

Private Norris entered the service September 10, 1943, and trained at Camp Von Dor MS and Camp Breckenridge KY, before going to England in March. He is a Tech High graduate.

He also leaves his father, Will Norris, Cordova TN; two sisters, Mrs. Eunis Snowden and Mrs. Laura Tennie, and his brother Herbert Norris all of Daytona, and another brother with the Coast Guard in Detroit.

Information from The Press-Scimitar, August 7, 1944.