

Carl John Roth, T-33

16 September 1914 – 15 June 1944

(aged 30)



Lieutenant C. J. Roth, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Roth, 471 North McLean, has been killed in action somewhere in the Pacific, where he was stationed with the Marines. A graduate of Tech High, Southwestern, and the Memphis Law School, Lieutenant Roth was with the FBI before entering the service. He received his commission at Quantico VA in May 1943. He was an outstanding athlete in high school and college.

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1st Lt Carl Roth, U.S. Marine Corps, of Memphis, was killed on the third day of the invasion of Saipan, June 15, 1944. He was commanding officer of a heavy machine gun unit which had seen action on the Islands of Roy an Nemours during the Marshalls campaign. His entire unit received the Presidential Citation.

While at Southwestern, Carl was prominent in both football and basketball. After leaving Southwestern he took a law degree from the University of Memphis Law School and had been employed as investigator by The Travelers Insurance Company, and later by the F.B. I. in a similar capacity. He enlisted in the Marine Corps immediately after Pearl Harbor.

He was the only son of Mrs. Kathryn Roth of Memphis. A sister, Mrs. J. E. Nuckolls, also lives in Memphis.