

Leon Theodore Whitten, T-29
10 June 1911 – 10 August 1944
(aged 33)



Private Leon T. Whitten, Jr., Memphis and New York theater scene designer was killed in action with the engineers in France according to a telegram to his parents of 166 N. Willett. He was 33.

A former Little Theater artist after his graduation from Tech High, Private Whitten left Memphis in 1929 to be associated with the Manhattan Theater Group in summer performances at Peterboro NY, and Bristol CT. His wife, the former Florence Williams, NY radio actress was then a member of the group. He moved to NY 11 years ago to do free-lance designing. He had been overseas about a year.

In Memphis Private Whitten studied scenic and commercial art under Mike Abt. He was a member of Union Avenue Baptist Church. He also leaves his sister, Marallee Whitten and his brother Neal D. Whitten, with the transport amphibious service in the Southwest Pacific. Information from The Press-Scimitar, Friday, September 1, 1944.