



George Hoover

World War II Story

Final Rank: Private 1st Class

Armed Forces: Army

Tour of Duty: WWII

Start of Service: 4/1942

End of Service: 6/1945

Locations: California, England, Africa, Europe

Decorations: Bronze Star Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Ribbon, European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with one Silver Battle Star and two Bronze Battle Stars, Five Overseas Service Bars

He served overseas 2 years, 10 months, 16 days, in Tunisia, Algeria, French Morocco, Sicily, D-Day, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe. George was drafted into the Army and assigned to the Infantry at age 34 years. He served 3 years, 2 months, 21 days and was discharged at age 37 years, 4 months. He died in Lowell, MI and is buried in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Vergennes Twp., MI.

George Kasper Hoover was drafted into service in 1942, at the age of 34. He spent seven months in North Africa, participating in the Tunisian and Algeria-French Moroccan campaigns. George received the Bronze Star for his actions in the Tunisian campaign:

"...On January 31, 1943, Private Hoover voluntarily manned an antitank gun and, although subjected to heavy fire, succeeded in destroying the hostile emplacement. Private Hoover's heroic initiative was instrumental in the capture of important objectives."

In July of 1943, George was in Gela, Sicily when, for four days, his regiment was heavily engaged. He and the other members of his regiment received Presidential Unit Citations:

"The regiment pushed inland, encountering intense enemy artillery, tank and machine gun fire. Lacking armored support, this battalion repulsed a savage enemy attack with three 37-mm guns, a few rocket guns and small arms. When enemy tanks overran the battalion's position...the men stood fast and fought gallantly and furiously at close range destroying and routing enemy tanks with rocket gun fire...Distinguished bravery and Spartan efforts enabled this organization to repel the attacking forces. When its' position was cut in two and the battalion commander was wounded and evacuated, the men fought heroically and made important advances...after a bitter engagement meted out a decisive defeat to the enemy."

On June 6, 1944, George and his regiment were among the first to storm the beaches at Normandy. He also participated in campaigns in North France, Rhineland and Central Europe. His decorations and citations include: Bronze Star Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge with one ribbon, Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Ribbon, European-African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with one Silver Star and two Bronze Battle Stars, and five Overseas Service Ribbons.