

Paul W Yonkin

(1918 - 1944)

Paul William Yonkin was born on 05 May 1918 in Dushore Pennsylvania the son of Otis Freeman Yonkin and Minnie Myrtle Vail. He had a younger brother, Donald Archie, born in 1921, and seven half brothers and sisters from his mother's first marriage to Rush Huffmaster who died in 1911. Paul was born and raised in Cherry Twp, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. Paul moved to live with their stepsister, Abbie Lonser, in Dearborn Michigan around 1935. WWII draft registrations for Paul (Oct 1940) and Donald (Feb 1942) listed their stepbrother, Joe Huffmaster, as their employer as carpenters in Detroit , Michigan.

When he was 23, Paul married Mary Elizabeth Valinch from Lopez, Pennsylvania, daughter of Joseph Valinch and Barbara Sincavage, on 08 May 1941 in Dearborn, Michigan. Paul William Yonkin and Mary Elizabeth Valinch had no children.

Paul enlisted in the US Army in March 1942 at Ft Custer, Michigan. He was assigned to the 307th Airborne Engineering Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division. From 1942 to 1945, the Battalion participated in 8 major campaigns, more than any other engineer battalion and was the first engineer battalion to perform a mission with an Airborne Division. The campaigns were Sicily, Anzio, Naples-Foggia, Rome Amo, Normandy, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace (the Battle of the Bulge), and Central Europe.

Normandy Invasion - On June 7, 1944, D day plus 1, the 307th Engineers were transported in a Glider in support of “Operation Galveston”. Galveston was designed to reinforce the 82d Division with guns, vehicles and glider infantry. 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion Company A landed by glider at 0700 hours in Landing Zone W (Les Forges) and moved to join the 325th Infantry in the vicinity of Chef Du Pont at 0930hours. Bridges and culverts south of Le Port and near Liesville were blown.

The mortal ferocity of the four-day battle of La Fièrè (June 6 to 9) for control of the small stone bridge over the Merderet River at La Fièrè in Normandy is testament to the bridge’s strategic importance in the D-Day invasion of June 1944. Without control of the bridge and its vital causeway, American forces coming from Utah Beach would not have been able to force their way inland. Fought largely by paratroopers and glidermen from the 82nd Airborne Division, the battle to secure the bridge at La Fièrè is described as “probably the bloodiest small unit struggle in the experience of American arms.” Victory at La Fièrè cost more than 250 American lives.

Source: (1) <https://www.nationalww2museum.org>

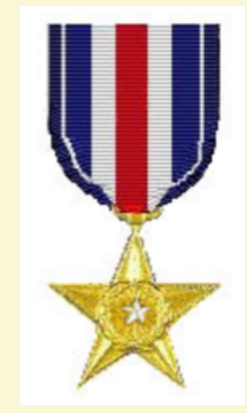
Paul William Yonkin was killed in Action in the Battle of La Fièrè on June 8, 1944. WWII The Morning Report from Co “A” 307 A/B Emg. Bn. reported “Fr dy to killed in action in France as of 8 June 1944, Shrapnel and gunshot wounds penetrating neck (Battle)”. The narrative from Peter Turnbull's book, I Maintain the Right (AuthorHouse, 2005), states “with the attack being successful and the infantry advancing on the other side of the causeway, Company A swept the road on the causeway for mines and began repairing damage to the road surface. Tec 5 Yonkin was killed on this detail removing a mine on the Eastern approach to the causeway”.

Paul was awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star for his heroics in the battle. The citation noted: “The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Silver Star (Posthumously) to Technician Fifth Grade Paul W. Yonkin (ASN: 36176385), United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with Company A, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, in action against the enemy at Normandy, France on 8 June 1944. His gallant and dedicated devotion to duty, without regard for his own like, were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army”.

Paul Yonkin was buried in the United States Military Cemetery in Blosville, France on June 11, 1944. In 1948, the remains of Paul W Yonkin were disinterred and returned to the United States for final burial in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy, Michigan.

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The Sullivan Review
July 6, 1944


Mr. and Mrs. Otis F. Yonkin of Cherry township, received word on Tuesday June 27th that their son T-5 Paul William Yonkin was killed in action on June 8th.


He was born in Cherry Township, May 5th, 1918. Attended the rural school and Bernice High School. At the age of 16 he went to Detroit, Michigan where he made his home with his sister, Mrs. Abbie Lonser, where he was employed as a carpenter.


In May 1940 he married Miss Mary Valinch of Lopez. In 1941 he was inducted into the armed forces and sent to Fort Custer, Michigan. He took his basic training at Camp Clairborn, La, and was connected with the Airborne Eng. Division. He was then transferred to Fort Bragg, N.C. to complete his training. He was then sent to a P.O.E. in New York and landed safely in North Africa. He participated in the invasion of Sicily, later serving in Italy, where he was fortunate enough to meet his younger brother, T-5 Donald Yonkin, and was able to spend a few hours with him. From Italy his outfit was sent to Northern Ireland for a much needed rest. Later he was sent to England, where he participated in the invasion of France.


He is survived by his wife, Mary Valinch Yonkin of Detroit, Michigan, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis F. Yonkin of Cherry township, a brother T-5 Donald A. Yonkin serving with the Armed Forces in Italy, Arthur Huffmaster, George Huffmaster, Mrs. Abbie Lonser of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Ellen Lonser, Mrs. Ethel Mangel of Pittston, and several nieces and nephews.


Paul W Yonkin

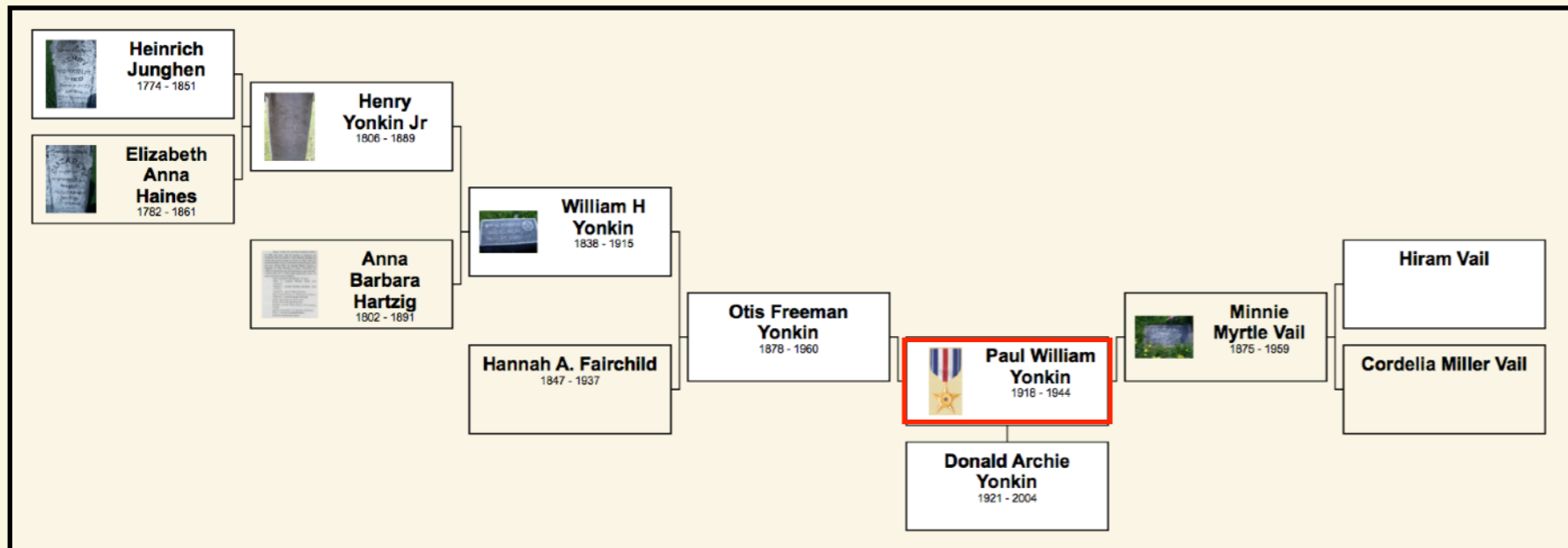
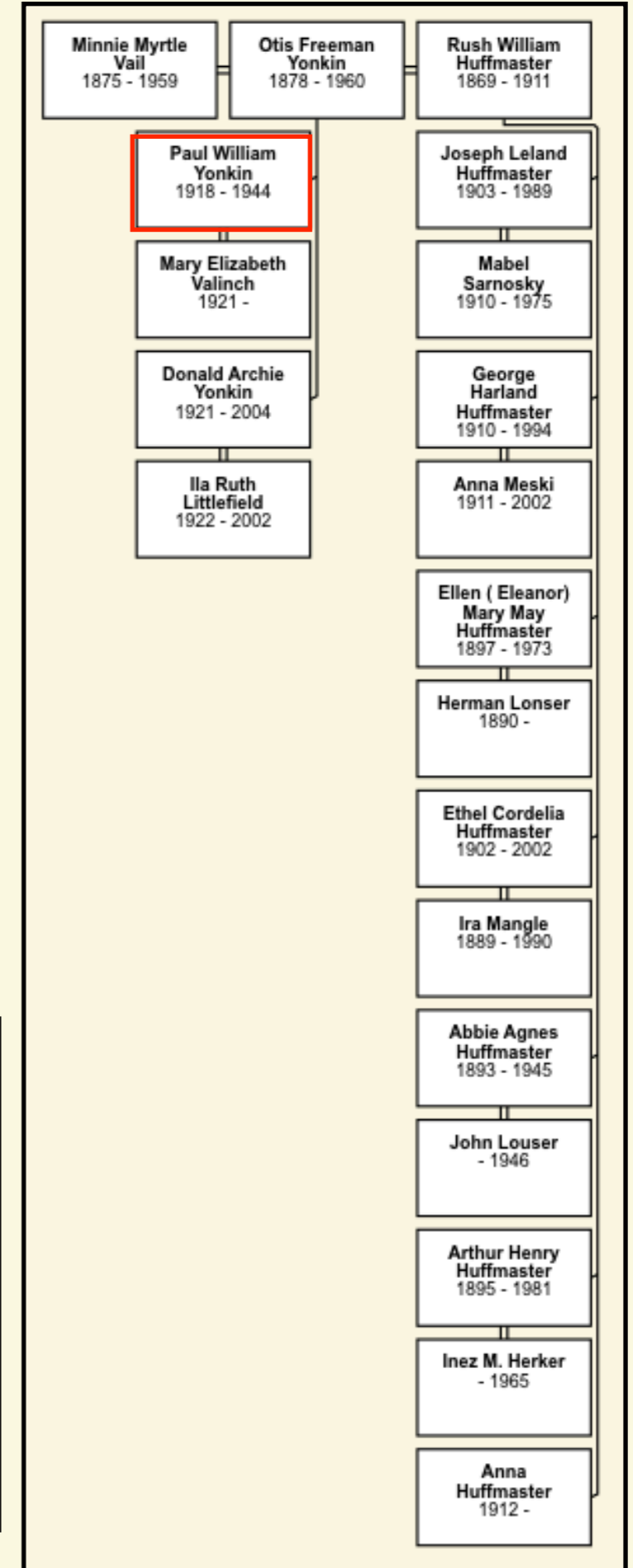
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|  | Heinrich Junghen b: 04 May 1774 Nassau, Main-Tauber-Kreis, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany d: 08 Jun 1851 Cherry Twp., Sullivan, PA |  | Elizabeth Anna Haines b: 07 Dec 1782 Darmstadt, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany d: 13 Jul 1861 Cherry Twp., Sullivan, PA |
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|  | Henry Yonkin Jr b: 13 Jan 1806 Le Havre, Seine-Maritime, Haute-Normandie, France d: 02 Dec 1889 Cherry, Sullivan, Pennsylvania, USA |
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|  | William H Yonkin b: 13 Jan 1838 Cherry, Sullivan, Pennsylvania, USA d: 14 Sep 1915 Dushore, Sullivan, Pennsylvania, USA |
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|  | Otis Freeman Yonkin b: 15 Dec 1878 Dushore, Sullivan, Pennsylvania, USA d: 13 Jan 1960 Cherry, Sullivan, Pennsylvania |
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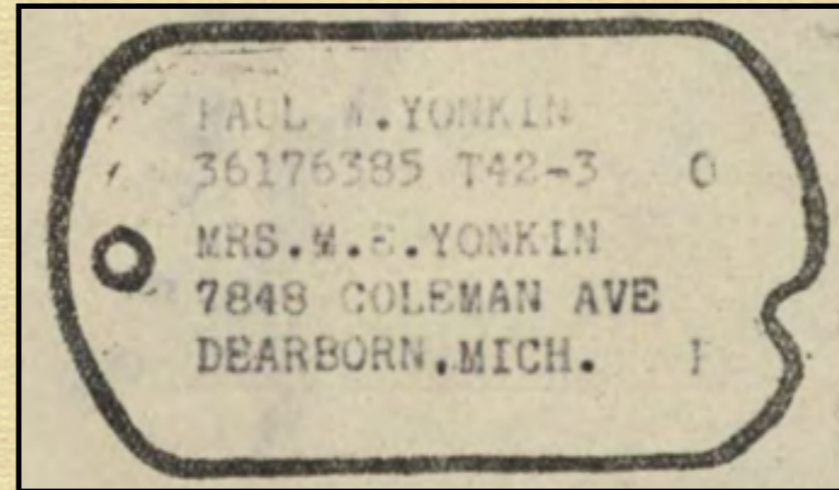
DATE OF BIRTH: May 5, 1918

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Pennsylvania

HOME OF RECORD:

Troy, Michigan



AWARDS BY DATE OF ACTION:

Silver Star

AWARDED FOR ACTIONS
DURING World War II

Service: Army

Battalion: 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion

Division: 82d Airborne Division

GENERAL ORDERS:

Headquarters, 82d Airborne Division, General Orders No. 34 (July 14, 1944)

CITATION:

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WW II

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| SERIAL NUMBER 3994 | 1. NAME (Print) PAUL WILLIAM YONKIN | ORDER NUMBER 2921 |
| 2. ADDRESS (Print) 7848 COLEMAN AVE DEARBORN WAYNE MICHIGAN | | |
| 3. TELEPHONE Or. 5789 | 4. AGE IN YEARS 22 | 5. PLACE OF BIRTH Dearborn |
| DATE OF BIRTH May 5-1918 | | 6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A. |
| 7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs John Lonsner | | 8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Sister |
| 9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 1848 Coleman Ave Dearborn Wayne Michigan | | |
| 10. EMPLOYER'S NAME Joseph Hoffmaster | | |
| 11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 122-123 Rochdale Detroit Wayne Michigan | | |
| I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE. | | |
| REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1 | | Paul William Yonkin (Registrant's signature) |

WW II - Draft Registration

82nd Airborne Division 307th Engineer Battalion

The 307th Engineer Battalion was first constituted on 5 August 1917 in the National Army as the 307th Engineers and organized at Camp Gordon, Georgia 27 August 1917 as a unit of the 82nd Infantry Division. This unit participated in 3 World War I campaigns: Meuse-Argonne, St. Mihiel and Lorraine. It was demobilized on 17 May 1919 at Camp Dix, New Jersey.

The 307th Engineer Battalion was again ordered into active service on 25 March 1942 at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana as part of the 82nd Infantry Division. On 15 August 1942 the Battalion was redesignated as the 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion and assigned to the 82nd Infantry Division. From 1942 to 1945 the Battalion participated in 8 major campaigns, more than any other engineer battalion and was the first engineer battalion to perform a mission with an Airborne Division. The campaigns were Sicily, Anzio, Naples-Foggia, Rome Amo, Normandy, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace (the Battle of the Bulge), and Central Europe. In 1946, the Battalion was moved to and stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

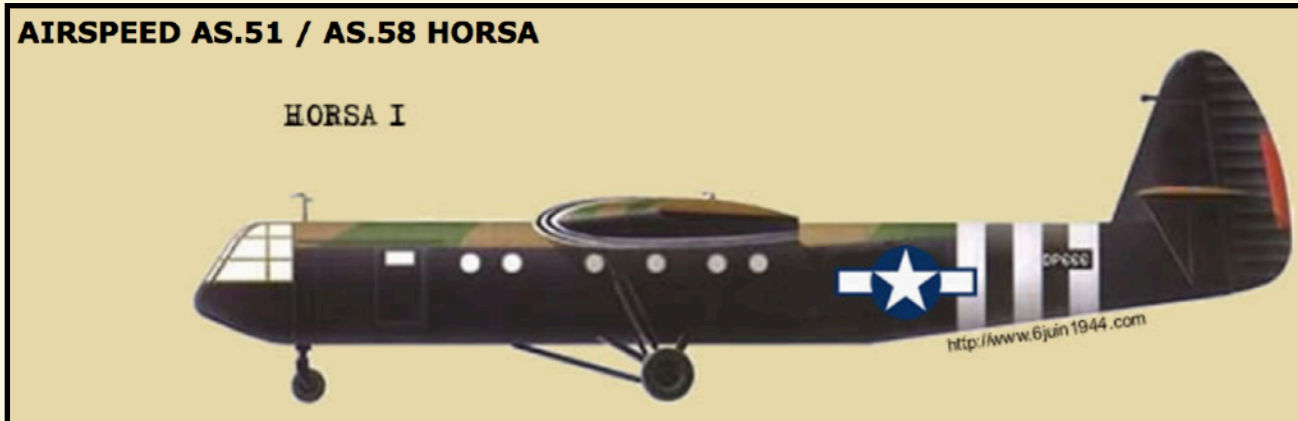


307th AEB Company A pre D-Day. (Photo courtesy of [James Huettenmueller](https://www.jameshuettenmueller.com))
Source: <https://ww2-airborne.us/units/307/307.html>

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WWII - Normandy - D Day +1

Glider



Source: <http://www.6juin1944.com>



Interior of a Horsia glider, looking to the rear from the cockpit



SECRET - (when filled in)

Lt Paul W Yonkin 6009715 3122

307 ENGR Passenger Manifest (GLIDER)

307 ENGR Ground information 6009715 3122

Date: JUNE 7

GLIDER NUMBER LF 947 (19) REG. AIRCRAFT NUMBER 42-100660

40254

| UNIT | RANK | NAME (or) Item of Equipment | SEAT NUMBER (or) DULGEMD number (Port or starboard to be stated) | WEIGHT | REMARKS |
|-----------|--------|--------------------------------|---|--------|--------------|
| 0-1103307 | 1ST LT | WILLIAM E MCDERMOTT | 307 ENGR | | |
| 35044465 | SGT | CLAUDE E HARRIS | " | | |
| 35289152 | CPL | LEE R MERLE | | | |
| 35287837 | T 5 | RAYMOND NMI PASEK | | | |
| 35290509 | PVT | GEORGE H CONARD | | | |
| 34213885 | PVT | CHRISTOPHER C WYNHAM JR | | | |
| 34255113 | PFC | JOHN F GADDIS | | | |
| 35289280 | PFC | WILLIAM W WOLFF | 307 ENGR | | |
| 34234010 | PVT | RUFUS E BEAN | | | |
| 36396108 | PFC | VIRGIL M STEPHENSON | | | |
| 34577598 | PVT | CHARLIE E THOMAS | | | |
| 14099566 | PVT | JOHN H CLEMENTS JR | | | |
| 35044581 | PF C | JOSEPH E POPP | | | |
| 35110734 | SGT | JAMES W NIXON | | | |
| 34235025 | CPL | ERNEST D BARNES | | | |
| 35290715 | T 5 | RUSSELL S SHANNON | | | |
| 36176385 | T 5 | PAUL W YONKIN | | | <i>K 1/2</i> |
| 35289700 | PFC | ALBERT H KRAWETZKE | | | |
| 35111136 | PFC | JOHN E LOCKWOOD | | | |
| 32519412 | PVT | JEAN L CAURANT | | | |
| 35289043 | PVT | FRANCIS J PROTAIN | | | |
| 38166831 | PVT | CALESTINO NMI SANDOVAL | | | |

US Army - 82nd Airborne Division
 Passenger Manifest - Glider
 June 7, 1944

PLACES FIELDS NOT APPLICABLE:
 (1) The following seats to be reserved _____
 (2) All seats to be kept in position. _____
 (3) Freight cramping only.

Signed _____ (Senior Passenger)
 Load Checked _____ (Glider Pilot)
 Countersigned _____ (Tug Pilot)

Source: <http://www.airborneinnormandy.com/index.htm>

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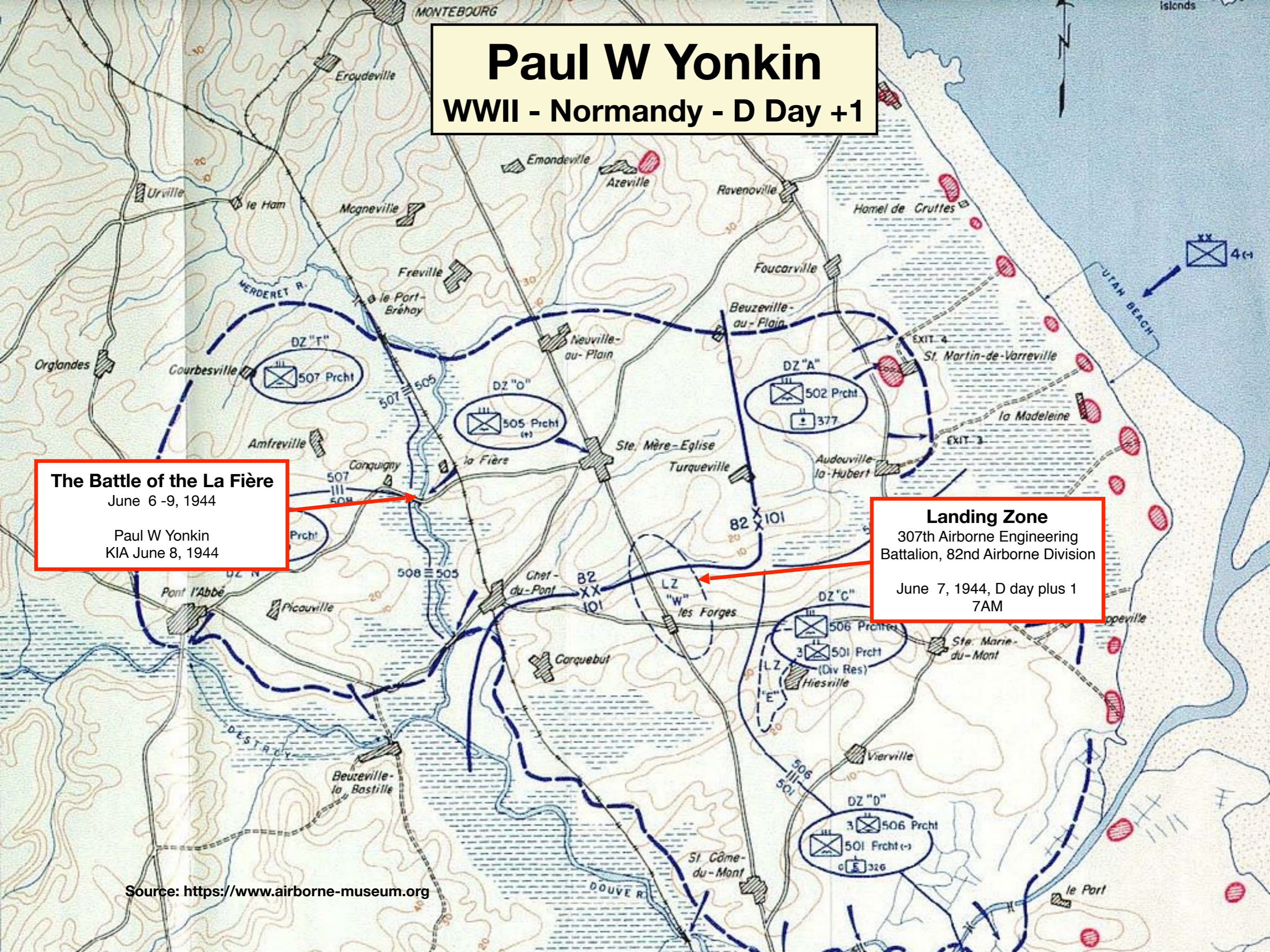
WWII - Normandy - D Day +1

The Battle of the La Fièvre
June 6-9, 1944

Paul W Yonkin
KIA June 8, 1944

Landing Zone
307th Airborne Engineering
Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division

June 7, 1944, D day plus 1
7AM



Paul W Yonkin

The Battle of the La Fière Causeway

One of the essential missions of the 82nd American Airborne Division was to take the bridges spanning the Merderet river and the ones in Chef-du-Pont, all located west of Sainte-Mère-Église. Between 6 and 9 June 1944, fierce battles took place in the surrounding area of Merderet, in the midst of swamps purposely flooded by German forces.

On 6 June, at daybreak, a company belonging to the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR) as well as soldiers from the 507th and 508th regiments took the La Fière manor as well as the bridge over the Merderet river by storm. At the end of the afternoon, German forces, though backed up by tanks, failed to recapture the bridge.

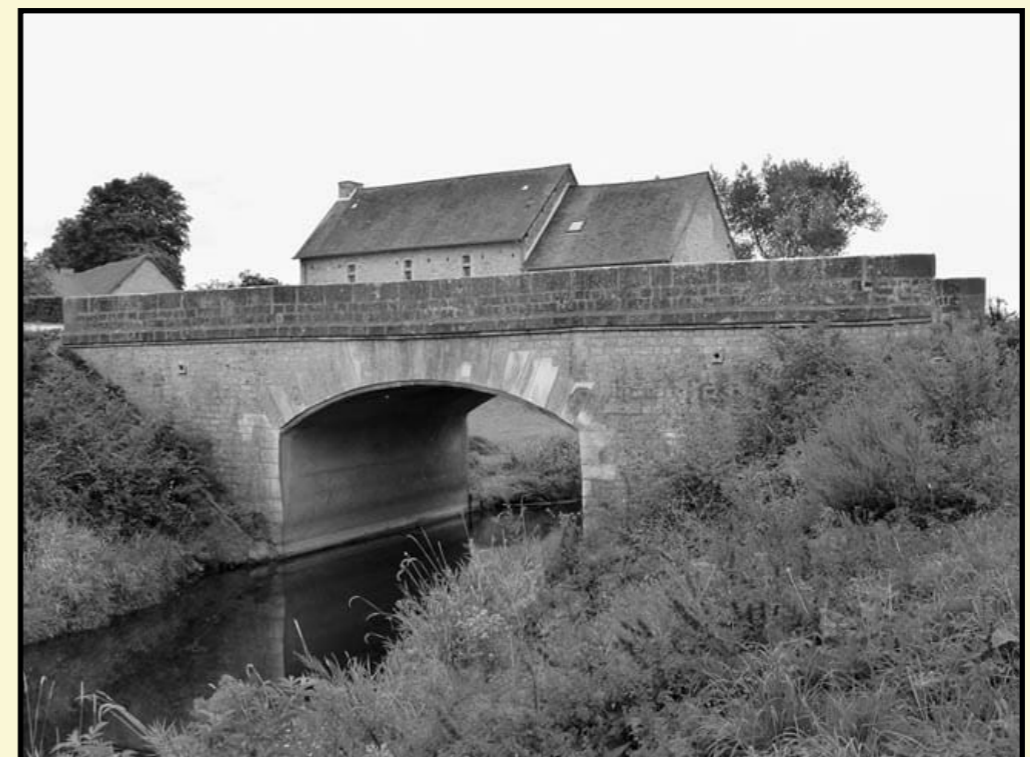
The following two days German forces counter-attacked repeatedly. Yet, in spite of a lack of ammunitions, the American soldiers stood their ground. On 9 June General James Gavin led a bloody assault through the flooded areas to take control of the road and make it safe. Backed up by tanks from Utah Beach, American paratroopers managed, once and for all, to take the village of Cauquigny. This victory put an end to the battle of the Merderet river.

With the attack being successful and the infantry advancing on the other side of the causeway Company A swept the road on the causeway for mines etc, and began repairing damage to the road surface. Tec 5 Yonkin was killed on this detail removing a mine on the Eastern approach to the causeway.

Source: "I maintain the right" . the history of the 307 Airborne Engineer Battalion in WW2, Peter Turnbull

Source: <https://liberationroute.com>

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| BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 307 Airborne Engr Bn, APD469 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FOR MACHINE RECORDS ONLY | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BCR CONTROL No. _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DATE: 10 June 1944 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| See reverse side for Codes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ASN | NAME | MI | GRADE | ARM OR SERVICE | TYPE OF CASUALTY | DATE OF CASUALTY | FLYING STA. | PLACE | REMARKS | PARANT | UNIT |
| 36176385 | Tonkin Paul | N | Tec 5 | CE | KIA | 8 June 44 | 2 | all casualties occur | | | |
| 35044168 | Lasley Anthony | G | Sgt | CE | SHA | 9 June 44 | 2 | in France | | | |
| 01108358 | Sweeney Alexander | F | 2 Lt | CE | KIA | 6 June 44 | J | | | | |
| 36414311 | Lambert Lewis | J | Pvt | CE | MIA | 6 June 44 | J | | | | |
| 39615493 | Lansrud Gaylord | A | Pvt | CE | MIA | 6 June 44 | J | | | | |
| 33575647 | Levernight Karl | F | Pvt | CE | MIA | 6 June 44 | J | VIA MLD | | | |
| 31362688 | Maloney | M | Pvt | CE | MIA | 6 June 44 | J | MIA | | | |
| 33394148 | Marcello Vincent | A | Pvt | CE | MIA | 6 June 44 | J | MIA | | | |
| 32699574 | McMillan Edward | P | Pvt | CE | MIA | 6 June 44 | J | MIA | | | |
| 32191687 | McCarthy Joseph | C | Pvt | CE | MIA | 6 June 44 | J | MIA | | | |
| 35803109 | Moore George (M) | M | Pvt | CE | MIA | 6 June 44 | J | MIA | | | |
| 18248014 | Paumore Joseph | H | Pvt | CE | MIA | 6 June 44 | J | MIA | | | |
| 20938772 | Peterson Leslie | F | Pvt | CE | MIA | 6 June 44 | J | MIA | | | |
| 32194297 | Peterson Tom | D | Pvt | CE | MIA | 6 June 44 | J | MIA | | | |
| 32104459 | Pharris Arthur | O | Pvt | CE | MIA | 6 June 44 | J | MIA | | | |



Source: <http://www.airborneinnormandy.com/index.htm>

COMPANY MORNING REPORT ENDING 2400 17 June 1944

STATION: Hinchley, 1 mi SE, VE 9012, England
 ORGANIZATION: Co "A" 307 A/B Engr. Bn. 29

| SERIAL NUMBER | NAME | GRADE | CODE |
|---|---------------------|-------|------|
| 35290804 | Dot, John M. | S/Sgt | |
| Fr dy to abs sk LD hosp unknown as of 30 May 44. Pneumonia (Non-battle) | | | |
| 35044352 | Kendall, Roy S. | Tec 5 | |
| 34235526 | Deeselle, Estor P. | Pvt | |
| 34235303 | Lum, Emerson A. | Pvt | |
| 32642941 | Sperling, Robert | Pvt | |
| 32503431 | Parasiewicz, Joseph | Pvt | |
| Above 5 E: fr DS with Hq & Serv Co this Bn to dy at of 9 June 44. Dur of stay 25 days. | | | |
| 36176385 | Yonkin, Paul W. | Tec 5 | M |
| Fr dy to killed in action in France as of 8 June 1944. Shrapnel and gunshot wounds penetrating neck. (Battle) | | | |
| 35044168 | Lasley, Anthony G. | Sgt | 9 |
| Fr dy to abs sk LD hosp unknown as of 9 June 44. Seriously wounded in action in France. Nature and extent of wounds unknown. (Battle) | | | |

| OFFICER STRENGTH | FLD O & CAPT | | 1ST LT | | 2D LT | | WO | | FLT O | |
|---------------------|--------------|------|--------|------|-------|------|------|------|-------|------|
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RATIONS

| ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RATIONS REQUIRED FOR | DAY OF WEEK DATE | NUMBER |
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| MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT | | |
| BREAKFAST | DINNER | SUPPER |
| TOTAL | | AVERAGE |

NO. OF MEN

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| MEN PRESENT | LESS | PLUS | | | |

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 I CERTIFY THAT THIS MORNING REPORT IS CORRECT AND THAT RATION FIGURES IN PART II REPRESENT AN ACTUAL COUNT AS REPORTED TO ME.

SIGNATURE _____
 U.S. G.O. FORM NO. 1 JULY 1, 1943 (REVISED) (GRADE) (NAME OR SERVICE) (GRADE)

Paul W Yonkin

Killed in Action - La Fièrè Bridge

Record for Soldiers Killed In Normandy

ASN 36176385
 Name Yonkin, Paul W.
 Rank Technician 5th Grade
 Division 82nd Abn Div
 Regiment
 Battalion 307th Abn Engr Bn
 Company Co A
 Cemetery Name Blossville
 Plot Number A-05-096
 Date of Burial 6/11/1944
 Original Cemetery 82nd Cemetery Bloss
 Original Burial Plot # A-02-096
 Original Burial Date
 Date of Casualty 6/8/1944
 Type of Death KIA
 Final Burial Location
 Final Burial Plot
 Report Number 104.158
 Burial Line Number 3155
 Original Report Number
 Original Burial Line #

National Archives & Records Administration
 War Department Files

TEC5 Paul W. Yonkin

ID: 36176385
 Branch of Service: U.S. Army
 Hometown: Wayne County, MI
 Status: Killed In Action

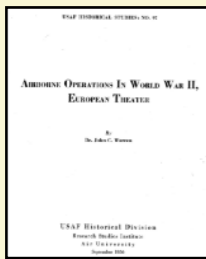


Location of Death la fiere Bridge, killed by exploding mine on the eastern end of the causeway

Age 00
 Month of Admission June
 Last Treatment Facility Not in a medical installation prior to
 Type of Case Casualty, battle
 1st Diagnosis Wound(s), Penetrating
 1st Anatomical Location Thorax, generally
 1st Operation -
 2nd Diagnosis Killed in action
 2nd Anatomical Location -
 Causative Agent Bullet, Missile Not Stated
 Final Result Aid Station Unit
 Month of Disposition June
 Current Days /Gen Hosp 000
 Overseas Days
 Place of Final Cure

Monday, March 07, 2016

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Paul W Yonkin

WWII - Normandy Invasion

Glider Missions on D plus 1- GALVESTON (June 7, 1944)

Source: Airborne Operations in World War II,
European Theater. Dr. John C Warren (Page 70)

Reports of the hazards and confusion which plagued ELMIRA prompted the 53d Wing to make certain changes in GALVESTON, the first glider mission scheduled for D plus 1. Landfall was to be made four miles south of UTAH Beach on the north side of the Douve estuary. Instead of using LZ W the pilots were to release their gliders in the vicinity of LZ E about a mile west of Ste Marie-du-Mont, and their homeward turn after release would be made to the left, instead of the right. These changes would keep the serials out of range of the enemy north of Ste Mere Eglise and in the Turqueville enclave.

GALVESTON was designed to reinforce the 82d Division with guns, vehicles and glider infantry. Its first serial, flown by the 437th Group from Ramsbury, consisted of 50 planes towing 32 Wacos and 18 Horsas. In the gliders were the 1st Battalion of the 325th Glider Infantry, and part of an engineer company, a total of 717 troops with 17 vehicles, 9 pieces of artillery and 20 tons of equipment. The second serial was made up of 50 planes and 50 Wacos, flown by the 434th Group from Aldermaston. Aboard were the headquarters of the 325th Glider Infantry, the Reconnaissance Platoon of the 82d Division and sundry engineers and artillerymen, in all, 251 men with 24 vehicles, 11 guns, 5 tons of ammunition and 11/2/2 tons of other materiel. With the mission went two planes of the 435th Group towing Horsas which had aborted in ELMIRA.

Take-offs at the two fields began at 0439 and 0432 respectively, more than half an hour before dawn, in conditions of poor visibility, rain, and gusty wind. One Horsa of the 437th with a 1000- pound overload wouldn't budge off the ground. Another was accidentally released during assembly, but its tug plane returned and picked up a substitute. One glider of the 434th Group likewise was released over the field and was replaced by a substitute. Another broke loose near Port- land Bill, too far away to transfer its load.

Over the Channel and over Normandy the weather improved. The rain gave way to thin, high, broken clouds and the visibility became excellent. The mission followed the beacons to GALLUP, turned there and proceeded by pilotage and dead reckoning to the St. Marcouf Islands, and the mouth of the Douve. Since the sun was up and the Normandy coast plainly visible most of the way after GALLUP, navigation was not difficult. The serials passed over or near many Allied ships, but by daylight the glider formations and their identifying stripes were recognized in all cases. Some of the gliders, sluggish because of overloads, were hard to manage, and some formations became scrambled. One glider pilot reported seeing C-47's above and beneath him as he approached Normandy.

Between the coast and the LZ both serials re-ported small arms fire of medium intensity, probably from German elements pushed south from the UTAH area on the previous day and not yet mopped up. The 437th was also fired on after its turn, which probably brought it over the German salient around St. Come. In the 437th's serial 8 planes received moderate damage and 18 in the 434th were hit, none of them seriously.

The 437th Group arrived at 0655, five minutes ahead of schedule. Its serial came in low and released most of its gliders from between 200 and 300 feet and a few of them even lower. Release at such altitudes meant that the gliders could not glide much more than half a mile or stay in the air over half a minute. It decreased exposure to enemy fire but increased the chance of accidents. All but five or six of the gliders were released too soon and landed between the two southern causeways and LZ E, the greatest concentration being a mile northeast of Ste Marie-du-Mont. The gliders landing east of LZ E had only an occasional sniper or mortar shell to harass them, but suffered many accidents. No less than 10 of the Horsas were destroyed and 7 damaged with 17 troops killed and 63 injured. Of the Wacos 9 were destroyed and 15 were damaged, but only 22 of their passengers were injured and none killed. The glider pilots apparently had no deaths and few injuries.

The 434th Group, flying second in GALVESTON, reached its release area at 0701, nine minutes ahead of time. Unlike the first serial it appears to have released on LZ W and, despite lack of beacons and markers, to have done so very accurately. The 82d Division credited it with 20 gliders landed on the zone, 19 within a mile of it and 8 within 2 miles. One was 2 1/2 miles off and one 4 1/2 miles away. Accidents destroyed 16 Wacos and damaged 26, but no troops were killed and only 13 injured. Moreover, at least 19 jeeps, 6 trailers and 7 guns were found in usable condition. The enemy around Turqueville still kept LZ W under fire, but in spite of them the gliders were unloaded in fairly good time and the glider troops assembled near les Forges.



Photo added by [Dianne](#)

Paul W Yonkin

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| BIRTH | 5 May 1918 Pennsylvania, USA |
| DEATH | 8 Jun 1944 (aged 26) Basse-Normandie, France |
| BURIAL | White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery Troy, Oakland County, Michigan, USA |
| PLOT | Four Freedoms monument area, Grave number 112 |
| MEMORIAL ID | 92578051 · View Source |



TEC5, 307 ABN ENGR BN, 82 ABN DIV WORLD WAR II

The Sullivan Review, July 6, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Otis F. Yonkin of Cherry township, received word on Tuesday June 27th that their son T-5 Paul William Yonkin was killed in action on June 8th.

Paul William Yonkin was born in Cherry Township, May 5th, 1918. Attended the rural school and Bernice High School. At the age of 16 he went to Detroit, Michigan where he made his home with his sister, Mrs. Abbie Lonser, where he was employed as a carpenter.

In May 1940 he married Miss Mary Valinch of Lopez. In 1941 he was inducted into the armed forces and sent to Fort Custer, Michigan. He took his basic training at Camp Clairborn, La, and was connected with the Airborne Eng. Division. He was then transferred to Fort Bragg, N.C. to complete his training. He was then sent to a P.O.E. in New York and landed safely in North Africa. He participated in the invasion of Sicily, later serving in Italy, where he was fortunate enough to meet his younger brother, T-5 Donald Yonkin, and was able to spend a few hours with him. From Italy his outfit was sent to Northern Ireland for a much needed rest. Later he was sent to England, where he participated in the invasion of France.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Valinch Yonkin of Detroit, Michigan, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis F. Yonkin of Cherry township, a brother T-5 Donald A. Yonkin serving with the Armed Forces in Italy, Arthur Huffmaster, George Huffmaster, Mrs. Abbie Lonser of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Ellen Lonser, Mrs. Ethel Mangel of Pittston, and several nieces and nephews.



Source: FindaGrave.com

Paul W Yonkin



The Purple Heart (left) was originally called *The Badge of Merit* and was awarded to only three soldiers during The Revolutionary War by its designer and creator General George Washington. It was reinstated in 1932 and is now awarded to any member of the United States Armed Forces killed or wounded in armed conflict.

The Silver Star (right) was established by an Act of Congress on July 9, 1918. It is awarded to a person serving in any capacity with the Army who is cited for gallantry in action with marked distinction against an enemy of the United States while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force.



**Dushore, Bernice
Mildred, Lopez**
Phone Dushore 42-R-7
Mrs. F. J. Bendinsky, Mildred, Pa.

More Local Casualties
Mr. and Mrs. Otis F. Yonkin, of Cherry Township, have received word from the War Department that their son, Corporal Paul W. Yonkin, was killed somewhere in France during the invasion.
Sergeant John Murphy, son of Mrs. Catherine Murphy of Dushore, is reported among the missing since D-Day.

Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, The Evening News
(Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania) · 6 Dec 1944,

**Gets Purple Heart.
Posthumously**

Mrs. H. A. Lonser and Mrs. Ira Mangel, of Cornelia street, were informed that their brother, T/5 Paul W. Yonkin, who was killed in action in France on June 8, 1944, has been awarded posthumously the Purple Heart, for wounds received which resulted in his death. Each member of his outfit was awarded the Silver Star, for gallantry in action, and the Unit Citation Ribbon, for the success of their mission on the day and night of June 6.

Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, The Evening News
(Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania) · 6 Dec 1944

BRONZ STARS were awarded posthumously to Sgt. James J. O'Rourke, 3139 Grand River, and to S/Sgt. William C. Ellison, Dearborn.

Silver Stars were given posthumously to relatives of:
Pvt. Claude H. Pierce, Comstock; Pfc Gerald W. Schaap, Grand Rapids; 2nd Lt. Spencer E. Mather, Paw Paw; Pvt. Vernon L. Shuart, Kalamazoo; T/5 Paul W. Yonkin, Dearborn, and 1st Lt. Thomas P. Herlihy, Ypsilanti.

Col. William H. McCarty, Commanding Officer, First District, Sixth Service Command, made the presentations.

Detroit Free Press (Detroit, Michigan) · 19 Jan 1945, Fri ·

**Pittston
Pittston Servicemen
At Home and Abroad**

Posthumous award of the Purple Heart has been made to T/5 Paul W. Yonkin, who was killed in action in France on June 8, 1944, according to word received by Mrs. H. A. Lonser and Mrs. Ira Mangel of Cornelia Street, sisters. Each member of his outfit was also awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action and the Unit Citation ribbon, for the success of their mission on the day and night of June 6.

The Wilkes-Barre Record
(Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania) · 7 Dec 1944

Paul W Yonkin

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

7521

—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

| NAME | SERIAL NUMBER | GRADE | ARM OR SERVICE | REPORTING THEATRE |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| YONKIN PAUL W | 36176385 | TECS | CE | ETO |
| PLACE OF CASUALTY | DATE OF CASUALTY | FLYING OR JUMPING STAT | TYPE OF CASUALTY | SHIPMENT NUMBER |
| FRANCE | 08 JUN 44 | | KIA | 104 |

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED ABOVE DESIGNATED THE FOLLOWING PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON, THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH.

| MR.-MRS.-MISS | FIRST NAME | MIDDLE INITIAL | LAST NAME | RELATIONSHIP |
|------------------------|------------|----------------|-----------|--------------|
| Mrs | Mary | E | Yonkin | Wife |
| NO. AND NAME OF STREET | CITY | COUNTY | STATE | |
| 7848 N Coleman Avenue | Dearborn | | Michigan | |

REMARKS: CORRECTED COPY 27 June 1944 lkt

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GRAVES REGISTRATION
Form No. 1
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

7758
18 June 1944
Date

51 **REPORT OF BURIAL**
TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

Yonkin, Paul W. Unknown 36176385

Unknown 307th A/B Eng. 82nd A/B Div. 29 OCT 1944

Normandy, France 6 June 1944 KIA

11 June 1944 Blosville, France

96 95 Plot Number

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes No Attached to Marker Yes No

If No Identification Tags
How were remains identified?
What means of identification were buried with the body?

To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on: Shanko, Lewis J. ^{CHM} Unknown 82nd A/B Div. 97

Deceased's Right: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~, 34255426 Unknown 82nd A/B Div. 97

Deceased's Left: King, Robert G. 17131718 Unknown 82nd A/B Div. 95

Signature or Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.

If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below:

PAUL W. YONKIN
36176385 T42-3 0
MRS. W. E. YONKIN
7848 COLEMAN AVE
DEARBORN, MICH. I

Emergency Addressee _____
Address _____
Religion _____

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:

Wallet
Soldiers Pay Book
Currency: 900 Francs
2 shillings, 9 Pence

Medallion
Bible

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial
Edwin H. Miller
Verified by G.R.S. Officer
EDWIN H. MILLER, 1st Lt. QMC

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WORLD WAR II ORIGINAL

APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER
(Please make out and return in duplicate)

Check Type Required (See Instructions attached)

UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE
 FLAT MARBLE MARKER
 FLAT GRANITE MARKER
 BRONZE MARKER (NOTE RESTRICTIONS)

ENLISTMENT DATE: March 19, 1942
DISCHARGE DATE: 1919

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial): Yonkin, Paul W.

DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year): MAY 5 1918
DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year): JUNE 8, 1944

NAME OF CEMETERY: White Chapel Memorial

SHIP TO (I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT THE STONE FROM THE FREIGHT STATION TO THE CEMETERY)

STATE: Mich
RANK: T/5
COMPANY: Co. A - 307th Airborne Infantry Battalion

U.S. REGIMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION, AND DIVISION: 82nd A/B Div USAGF a/s Engns

LOCATION (City and State): Birmingham, Mich

NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State): Birmingham, Mich

POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE: Birmingham, Mich

(SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE): W. V. ...

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FOR VERIFICATION JUN 25 1948
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B/L 112

SHIPPED

I certify this application is submitted for a stone for the unmarked grave of a veteran. I hereby agree to assume all responsibility for the removal of the stone promptly upon arrival at destination, and properly place it at the decedent's grave at my expense.

Mary E. Yonkin June 15, 1948
ADDRESS (Street, City, State): 8270 Senton, Dearborn Mich

QMG FORM 623
REV 15 APR 47

IMPORTANT—Complete Reverse Side

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Paul W Yonkin

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS
(See AR 600 550)

Yonkin Paul W. 36176385
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number),
late a Tec/5 Co "A" 307 A/B Engr. Bn.
(Grade) (Organization or airm or service),
who died on the 8th day of June, 19 44

CLASS I-Saber, insignia, decorations, medals, campaign badges, watches, manuscripts, and other articles valuable chiefly as keepsakes.

| NUMBER | ARTICLES | * Package NUMBER |
|--------|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Scenic Booklet ✓ | |
| 1 | Sewing Kit ✓ | |
| 1 | Watch Case ✓ | |
| 6 | Religious Medals ✓ | |
| 2 | Service Ribbons ✓ | |
| 3 | Charms ✓ | |
| 1 | Note Book ✓ | |
| 1 | Prayer Book ✓ | |
| 15 | Miscellaneous Coins ✓ | |
| 1 | Set Miscellaneous Photos ✓ | |
| 1 | Fountain Pen ✓ | |
| 1 | Ash Tray ✓ | |
| 1 | Pocket Watch ✓ | |
| 1 | Comb ✓ | |

*To be filled out only in case of shipment to The Adjutant General

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

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| SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED | | DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3508 05489 | DATE 15 01 48 DAY MONTH YEAR | |
| NAME YONKIN PAUL W | SERIAL NUMBER 36176385 | RANK TEC5 | ARM 1 | DATE OF DEATH DAY MONTH YEAR 15 01 48 |
| CEMETERY BLOSVILLE - CARENTAN | | | DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 1 3421 05 CODE DIST. PT. | CAUSE OF DEATH 1 |
| PLOT A | ROW 5 | GRAVE 96 | COUNTRY FRANCE | |
| SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN | | | | |
| NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE The McFarland Family SOLDIERS HOME NATIONAL CEMETERY WASHINGTON, D.C. - 5401 Schaefer Pl. D. C. | | NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN MARY E. YONKIN (WIFE) 8270 FENTON STREET DEARBORN, MICHIGAN | | |
| SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION | | | | |
| NAME YONKIN, Paul W. | SERIAL NUMBER 36176385 | RANK T/5 | DATE OF DEATH 6 FEB 44 | DATE DISINTERRED 10 FEB 48 |
| IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKER | ORGANIZATION USAGF | RELIGION P | IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY JOHN H. CLARK, 2/Lt, QMC, NAME AND TITLE | |
| SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT | | | | |
| NATURE OF BURIAL Uniform, mattress cover | | CONDITION OF REMAINS Advanced decomposition | | |
| OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION None | | | | |
| MINOR DISCREPANCIES None | | | | |
| REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET | | | | |
| DATE 4 MAR 48. | BY James L. Smith | | | |
| CASKET SEALED BY John Furr | EMBALMER (Signature) <i>James L. Smith</i> | | | |
| CASKET BOXED AND MARKED | SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY <i>Charles J. Missigman</i> | | | |
| DATE 15 MAR 48 | BY Robert Kreil | | | |
| I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct. | | | | |
| | | | | SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR <i>John Palynok, Jr.</i> JOHN PALYOK, JR., 1/Lt., FA. |
| 1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies. | | | | |
| QMC FORM 1194 REV 15 MAR 46 | | | | |

Paul W Yonkin

SPQYG 293
Yonkin, Paul W.

8 March 1946

Mrs. Mary E. Yonkin
7848 Coleman Avenue
Dearborn, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Yonkin:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished the burial location of your husband, the late Technician Fifth Grade Paul W. Yonkin, A.S.N. 36 176 385.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery, Eloisville, France, plot A, row 5, grave 96.

This cemetery is located approximately twenty miles northwest of St. Lo, twenty-four miles southeast of Cherbourg and five miles north and slightly west of Carentan, all in France, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your husband.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

April 16, 1948.

Dear Sir:

I would like to make a change in my request for the burial for my husband, Paul W. Yonkin, Serial No. 36176385, from the Soldier's Home National Cemetery, Washington, D.C. to the White Chapel Cemetery in Detroit. J.K. McFarland, Funeral Director, of 5401 Schaefer Rd., Dearborn, Mich. will receive the body at the station. Will you please let me know if I am able to make this change.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Mrs. Mary E. Yonkin
8270 Fenton Street,
Dearborn, Mich.

Yonkin, Paul William

Date of birth: May 5th, 1918 (Cherry Township/Pennsylvania, United States)
Date of death: June 8th, 1944 (near La Fièvre/Manche department, Basse-Normandie, France)
Service number: 36176385
Nationality: American (1776 - present, Republic)



Silver Star Medal (SSM)

Period: Second World War (1939-1945)
Rank: Technician 5th Grade (T-5)
Unit: Company A, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division "All American", U.S. Army



Source: <https://www.tracesofwar.com>



307 Airborne Engineer Battalion - Roll Of Honor

Normandy - 6 June 13 July 1944

20 men KIA or DOW.

CHIN Foon G. Pvt.
DE SOUZA Moses Pvt.
ELLIS Elmer Pvt.
LANGFORD Everette H. Sgt.
O'NEILL Daniel J. Pfc.
SWEENEY Alexander F. 2nd Lt.
YEO William W. Cpl.

CONNELLY John L. Jr. Pvt.
DURHAM James L. 2nd Lt.
JOSEPH Horace Pvt.
LEVERKNIGHT Karl J. Pvt.
O'NEILL John J. Pvt.
WHEELER Paul D. Pvt.
YONKIN Paul W. Tec 5.

CUNNINGHAM Ralph J. Pvt.
EDMONDSON Charlie K. Jr. Pvt.
KREISER Roy K. Pvt.
McKEEBY Benjamin L. Cpl.
SIDDALL Elmer Q. Cpl.
WRIGHT Preston S. Cpl.

Source: http://www.6juin1944.com/assaut/aeropus/en_page.php?page=roll&unit=307

Minnie Vail & Otis Freeman Yonkin

Minnie Yonkin, Dushore, Dies

Mrs. Minnie Vail Yonkin, 83, RD 2, Dushore, a former Scranton resident, died unexpectedly Saturday morning at home after a one week illness.

Mrs. Yonkin, a native of this City, was a daughter of the late Hiram and Cordelia Miller Vail. A resident of Dushore 65 years, she was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Dushore. Mrs. Yonkin and her husband, Otis, observed their 42nd wedding anniversary last year. A son, Paul, was killed in action with the 82nd Airborne Division during World War II.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are four sons, Arthur Huffmaster, Dearborn, Mich.; Joseph and George Huffmaster and Donald Yonkin, all of Detroit, Mich.; two daughters, Mrs. Herman Lonser and Mrs. Ira Mangle, both of Pittston; 18 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 2 p. m. from the Tubach Funeral Home, Water St., Dushore, with services at 2:30 p. m. in Zion Lutheran Church. Interment, Peace Cemetery, Dushore. Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p. m. today.

Scrantonian Tribune - 11 Jan 1959



Photo added by [Linda Crawford](#)

Minnie Vail *Huffmaster* Yonkin

BIRTH 28 Aug 1875
Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, USA

DEATH 10 Jan 1959 (aged 83)
Dushore, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania, USA

BURIAL [Peace Cemetery](#)
Dushore, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania, USA

MEMORIAL ID 58441392 · [View Source](#)

83 years, widow of Rush Huffmaster, wife of Otis Yonkin

MRS. MINNIE VAIL YONKIN

Ill one week, Mrs. Minnie Vail Yonkin, 83, wife of Otis Yonkin, died suddenly early Saturday at her home in Dushore RD 2.

She was born in Scranton, a daughter of the late Hiram and Cordelia Miller Vail. Mrs. Yonkin came to Dushore in 1891 on her marriage to Ross Huffmaster, who died shortly afterward. She married Otis Yonkin in 1916. She was the last surviving member of her family which traces its history back five generations. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Dushore.

Also surviving are four sons, Arthur Huffmaster, Dearborn, Mich.; Joseph and George Huffmaster and Donald Yonkin, Detroit; daughters, Mrs. Herman Lonser and Mrs. Ira Mangle, both of Pittston; 18 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild and a number of nieces and nephews. A son, Paul Yonkin, was killed in action in World War 2.

The funeral will be held from the funeral home, Water Street, Dushore, Tuesday afternoon with services at 2 in Zion Lutheran Church, Rev. H. Joseph Slusser officiating. Interment in Peace Cemetery, Dushore.

Otis Freeman Yonkin

BIRTH 15 DEC 1877 • Dushore, Sullivan, Pennsylvania, USA
DEATH 13 JAN 1960

Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, the Evening News, Wilkes-Barre Record

(Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania) · 12 Jan 1959,

Minnie Vail / Huffmaster / Yonkin (1875-1959)

Minnie Myrtle Vail was born on 28 Aug 1875 in Scranton, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Hiram Vail and Cordelia Miller Vail. She died on 10 Jan 1959 in Dushore, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania and is buried in Peace Cemetery.

When she was 16, she married Rush William Huffmaster, son of Henry George Huffmaster and Ellen C Yonkin, on 14 Nov 1891 in Sullivan County Pennsylvania.

Rush William Huffmaster and Minnie Myrtle Vail had seven children:

1. Abbie Agnes Huffmaster was born on 23 Jul 1893. She died on 28 Oct 1945 in Dearborn, Michigan. She married John Louser on 31 Oct 1923 in Luzerne Co, Pennsylvania.
2. Arthur Henry Huffmaster was born on 20 May 1895 in Pennsylvania. He died on 30 Jul 1981 in Dearborn, Wayne, Michigan.
3. Ellen (Eleanor) Mary May Huffmaster was born on 28 Jun 1897 in Dushore, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. She died on 08 Oct 1973 in Dushore. She married Herman Lonser on 24 Sep 1912.
4. Ethel Cordelia Huffmaster was born on 15 Jun 1902 in Dushore, Sullivan, Pennsylvania. She died on 01 Jan 2002 in Pittston, Luzerne, Pennsylvania (Wilkes-Barre General Hospital). She married Ira Mangle on 28 Jun 1926.
5. Joseph Leland Huffmaster was born on 03 Dec 1903 in Pennsylvania. He died on 16 May 1989 in Superior, Washtenaw, Michigan. He married Mabel Sarnosky on 28 May 1925.
6. George Harland Huffmaster was born on 05 Apr 1910 in Pennsylvania. He died on 05 May 1994 in Canton, Wayne, Michigan. He married Anna Meski on 08 Mar 1930.

Rush Huffmaster died on 08 Dec 1911 at the age of 42 in Sullivan County Pennsylvania with the cause of Death listed as a perforated pyloric ulcer with pneumonia as a contributing factor.

According to the 1910 Census two of their girls were living with relatives on neighboring farms, Ellen aged 12 living with Ira B Yonkin and Ethel aged 7 living with Edward Huffmaster.

Minnie M Vail / Huffmaster (40) remarried to Otis Freeman Yonkin (37) in 1916. Otis was born on 15 Dec 1878, the son of William H Yonkin (1838-1915) and Hannah A. Fairchild (1847-1937). In the 1910 Census Otis was living with his parents at the age of 32. Otis Freeman Yonkin and Minnie Myrtle Vail had two children:

1. Paul William Yonkin was born on 05 May 1918 in Pennsylvania. He died on 08 Jun 1944 in Basse-Normandie, France.
2. Donald Archie Yonkin was born on 24 May 1921 in Dushore, Pennsylvania. He died on 23 Dec 2004 in Mesa, Arizona.

The 1920 Census for the Household of Otis Yonkin included Minnie (41), son Paul (1 yr, 8 mths) and stepson George (9) who was listed as "Younkin" versus Huffmaster. The 1920 census has the spelling go "Younkin". This spelling is assumed to be a spelling error by the census taker since the spelling on the 1910 Census was "Yonkin" and the name was also misspelled for other "Yonkins" in the area on the 1920 census.

A search for the other Huffmaster children in the 1920 Census revealed:

- * Abbie Huffmaster (27) - Single - Servant in the household of Patrick Finan with occupation of "Cook" in Hotel Industry in the Burrough of Dushore.
- * Arthur Huffmaster (25) - Married - Farm in Cherry Twp, Sullivan County. One child (5).
- * Ellen Huffmaster (22) - Married to Herman Lonser (29). Three children. Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania
- * Ethel Huffmaster (18) - Not located
- * Joseph Huffmaster (16) - Listed a Boarder with Sarah Fulmer on neighboring farm.
- * George Huffmaster (9) - Listed as George Yonkin (Stepson) in Otis Yonkin Household

Abbie Huffmaster married John Lonser on October 31, 1923 in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. The application for Marriage License list the residence address of John Lonser as Detroit Michigan. John Lonser was a former resident of Mildred, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania and a veteran of World War I. He made his home in Sugar Hill until he came back from overseas. After securing employment in Detroit with Ford Motor Co., he made his home there.

The 1930 Census reports Abbie (35) and John (36) Lonser as residing in Dearborn, Michigan along with their children, Donald (3) and Marie (5 mths). The Occupation of John Lonser is listed as Inspector in the Automotive Industry.

- Abbie's youngest brother George Huffmaster (21) and his wife, Anna Huffmaster (18) are reported as residing in the Lonser household in the 1930 Census. George Huffmaster is listed as Carpenter in the Building Industry.
- Abbie's middle brother Joseph Huffmaster (26) is also reported as living in Dearborn area in the 1930 Census with his wife Mable (20) and children Marion (3) and Mable (1). Joseph's occupation is listed as Carpenter in the Building Industry.
- Abbie's oldest brother, Arthur (34) is reported as living in Cherry Township, Sullivan County Pa in the 1930 Census with the Occupation of Farmer and in Dearborn, Michigan in the 1940 census with his wife Inez (45) and daughter Marie (17). His occupation in 1940 is listed as Carpenter in the Building Industry.

In the 1930 Census Paul (12) and Donald (9) Yonkin are reported as living in the Household of Otis and Minnie Yonkin, Cherry Twp, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. Paul and Donald moved to live their stepsister in Dearborn Michigan in 1934 while both of their parents continued to reside in Cherry Township, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. WWII draft registrations for Paul (Oct 1940) and Donald (Feb 1942) listed their stepbrother, Joe Huffmaster, as their employer as Carpenters in Detroit Michigan. The 1940 Census reports Paul Yonkin (21) and Donald Yonkin (10) as residing in the household of Abbie (47) and John (48) in Dearborn Michigan with the occupation of Carpenter.