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Patriot of the Month



Neville Lucas

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Neville Lucas attended Moberly High School. He was drafted into the Army in May 1943 and went to Camp Walter, Texas for Infantry Training. He then transferred to Ft. George Meade, Maryland.

On November 3, 1943, he shipped out of New York City on the *Queen Elizabeth*. The ship landed at Glasgow, Scotland on November 9, 1943. His unit travelled into England where Neville was assigned to Eisenhower's Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces (SHAEF). He crossed the English Channel and landed on Omaha Beach about one month after D-Day in July 1944. After landing in France, they went straight to Frankfurt-On-Main, Germany. They were involved in battle all along the way. When asked, Neville said he saw General Eisenhower quite frequently.

Neville shared that he celebrated his 19th birthday in London, England in 1943 and his 20th birthday in Paris, France in 1944, but celebrated his 21st birthday on December 9, 1945 at home. He was discharged as a Staff Sergeant on November 22, 1945 in St. Louis. He returned home to Moberly by train. In his own words,

Neville said he was eager to get away from there and ready to come home after being overseas for over two years.

He received the European Theatre of Operation Medal w/2 battle stars.

Neville married Ruth Kirkendoll on Christmas Day, 1945 and they had four sons. They have seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

When he was drafted into the Army Neville was working at the Brown Shoe Company and returned there after being discharged. He went to work for the Wabash Railroad in July 1946 and retired from Norfolk & Western Railroad in 1985.

Neville is a member of Family Life Fellowship Church. He enjoys watching the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team on television. Neville has been an avid hunter since 1960 and enjoys deer hunting.