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Proudly Honors

LEE ESSERY DEERING

**UNITED STATES ARMY
1943 – 1944**

KILLED IN ACTION

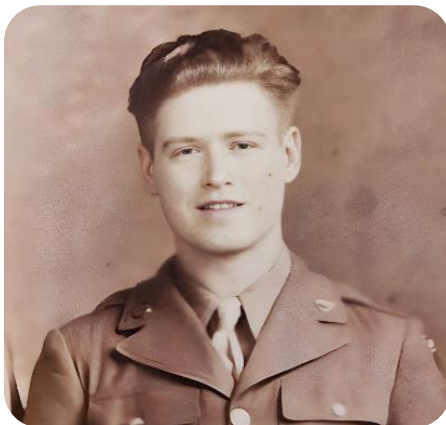
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PURPLE HEART PATRIOT

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Nancy Packard, Honoring Her Second Cousin's Service and Sacrifice

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Lee Essery Deering was the son of Oscar and Carrie Deering. In January 1943, he was ordered to report to the Atchison County Courthouse in Rock Port, Missouri, for induction into the US Army, after which he was sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for initial training. He was sent to other training at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas; Fort George G. Meade, Maryland; Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia; Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; and then briefly back to Maryland. From April-May 1944, he was in New York preparing for embarkation overseas, after which he was in Southampton, England, from June-July and then in Normandy, France, from July-August as a part of the 36th Armored Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Armored Division.

Lee was killed in action on August 10, 1944, as a result of a German counterattack launched at the beginning of the month that was intended to push back an earlier successful Allied offensive called Operation Cobra. He was initially considered missing in action, but his family was eventually notified of his death on October 4, 1944. Lee received a posthumous Purple Heart in December 1944. He is interred at the Brittany American Cemetery in Saint-James, Normandy, in 1949.