

Woodrow 'Don' Casey

Jul 18, 1922 -

BIRTHPLACE: Rocky Mount, NC

SOLDIER DETAILS

DIVISION: Army, Co. B; 238th Engr. Combat Bn.

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

SERVED: Dec 12, 1942 - Nov 28, 1945

HONORED BY: Eisenhower Foundation

BIOGRAPHY

Don Casey was the older of two brothers (Ed Casey) who served together in World War II. Prior to his military service, Don worked at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, NC for an engineering firm. He was drafted into the military service on 11 Dec 1942 and reported to the Army. Don entered the Army from his home in Wayne County on 18 Dec 1942 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. At Fort Bragg, he was assigned to the Corps of Engineers with a specialty as an electrician. Prior to entry into the military, he was active in the plumbing business. On 13 October 1943 he departed overseas from Norfolk, Virginia to EAMET (European and Mediterranean Area) where he served from 2 Nov 1943 to 24 Nov 1945. He is credited with 2 years, 1 month and 12 days of Foreign Service. Don served in battles/campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He received the following Decorations and Citations: EAMET Theater Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Service Stars, Good conduct Medal AR 600-68, Purple Heart and the Victory Medal. After military service, Don returned to Wayne County, NC for 6 years where he owned a Saw Mill and Cotton Gin. He then moved to Grifton, NC where he worked at DuPont for one year. He then settled on his career with his plumbing and hardware business. He now owns and actively manages the Grifton Plumbing, Heating and Hardware Company. He continues to be active in the Grifton VFW and is a member of the American legion and DAV. He is also a Charter Member of the Lions' Club and has been a member for over 50 years.