



**Jabus 'Jay'
Rawls**

Army

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Aug 23, 1914 - May 9, 2011

BIRTHPLACE: Columbia, Mississippi

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: Colonel

DIVISION: Army, Allied Forces HQ

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

SERVED: Jul 3, 1937 -

HONORED BY: Children

BIOGRAPHY

Colonel Rawls was an Antiaircraft Artillery officer during WWII. He served overseas at a variety of locations, beginning in July 1942 at the headquarters of II Corps in Salisbury, England, then later in London where he worked on the planning and execution of Operation TORCH, the British-American invasion of French North Africa. He landed in Oran, Algeria, on the morning of November 8, 1942, and remained in North Africa until moving on to Tunisia. He served under General George Patton and then was assigned to General Eisenhower's Allied Forces Headquarters in Algiers. He arrived at the AFHQ on April 17, 1943. Colonel Rawls' continued work with his British colleagues and was recognized by King George VI at the war's end by being named Honorary Officer in the Order of the British Empire (OBE), an order of chivalry founded by the British monarchy. Following the war Colonel Rawls continued his distinguished military career as an officer at the Pentagon. Discharge Date: 1954