



**Lawrence
Sinclair**

Army

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Jul 19, 1902 - Dec 3, 1949

BIRTHPLACE: Herington, Kansas

SOLDIER DETAILS

DIVISION: Army, 1580th Service

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

SERVED: Jan 1, 1942 -

HONORED BY: Joyce A. Cox and Pat Randall

BIOGRAPHY

Lawrence Bernard Sinclair, son of Charles and Lillian Sinclair, was born July 19, 1902 at Herington, Kansas. He lived in Herington and also at various places in the west-coastal states. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in January 1942. He served with the medical section of the 1580th Service Unit. He served his country for three years, most of which was spent overseas. After being discharged, he lived in Washington State until a few months before his death when he returned to be with his mother. Lawrence died of cancer at the age of 47 and is buried in the family plot in Hope Cemetery, Hope, Kansas. An unpublished author, Lawrence wrote of his war experiences in letters to his family. These letters are now cherished by remaining family members. The following is one of the letters describing his war experience. 'Out of the dark silent night, above the murmur and moans of the patients in our hospital tents, the drone of the enemy planes are suddenly and distinctly heard overhead. Everyone makes a dash outside, some to fox holes, others merely standing still and looking upward. Out of the dark silent night, flares begin to fall and hundreds of anti-aircraft guns begin to bark. Lower and lower the flares drop becoming brighter as they gradually descend to earth. Everyone breathes a silent prayer that the flares will grow dim or be shot out before dropping to earth to show the enemy the hidden troops or installations. Slowly one by one the flares grow dim. Others are shot out and the droning planes overhead recede in the distance only to return some other night. We all breathe a sigh of relief. The tense nerves relax and once again we enter the tents to give comfort and attention to the wounded.'