



**Richard
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Army

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Jun 29, 1925 - Aug 22, 2010

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: Col.

**DIVISION: Army, 30th Infantry part of Old Hickory,
Co. D 120th Infantry Regiment**

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

SERVED: 1944 - 1946

BATTLE: Normandy Elbe River

**MILITARY HONORS: 3 bronze Stars Presidential
Unit Citation Meritorious Medal 2 Belgian
Fourrageres, French Croix de Guerre and European
Theater Ribbon- 5 stars**

HONORED BY: The Eisenhower Foundation

BIOGRAPHY

Jespen served in the US Army during WW II as a combat infantryman with the 30th Infantry Division in Europe. General Eisenhower's historians rated this division as the #1 division with the most consistent and efficient battle service in Europe during WW II. He landed on Omaha Beach July 4, 1944 and served as Instrument Corporal and Machine gunner in CO D> 120th Infantry Regiment in the five major battle campaigns from Normandy to the Elbe River.