

## **Leslie Knott**

BIRTHPLACE: Abilene, KS

## **SOLDIER DETAILS**

**HIGHEST RANK: S/SGT** 

DIVISION: Army Air Corps, Eighth Air Force, 467th Bomb Group; 788th Bomb Squadron.

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

**SERVED: 1944 -**

HONORED BY: Eisenhower Foundation, Talmage Heritage Center and Museum, and the Dickinson County (KS) Historical Society.

PRISONER OF WAR

## **BIOGRAPHY**

S/SGT Knott was a Top Turret Gunner on a B-24 called, "Flak Magnet," serial number 41-3=29373. On August 6, 1944, this B-24 Bomber failed to return to base after a mission. The plane reportedly was hit by flak and crashed at Hamburg, Germany. S/SGT Knott, then 25 years old, was made a Prisoner of War. There is no further information found until 1950 when Leslie Knott is listed among the survivors in the obituary for his brother, Pfc. Walter Dean Knott, who was killed in action in North Korea on November 27, 1950. This information was provided by the Talmage Heritage Center and Museum and the Dickinson County (KS) Historical Society.