

Bernard Veltman

Mar 20, 1920 - Nov 4, 1975

BIRTHPLACE: Bavaria, Kansas

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: S/SGT

DIVISION: Army, 9th Infantry, 26th Field Artillery

Battalion

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

SERVED: May 20, 1942 - Oct 12, 1945

BATTLE: Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern

France, Rhineland, Ardennes.

MILITARY HONORS: Certificate of Commendation;

Bronze Star; Good Conduct Medal

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BIOGRAPHY

Military Specialty: Fire Control Computer. Bernard Veltman's Certificate of Commendation reads: During the action at EL GUETTAR, TUNISIA, T/4 Veltman was engaged in computing fire data for his battery. Despite intense hostile artillery fire on his station he continued to compute and transmit fire data to his battery accurately, thus aiding materially in neutralizing the enemy guns. Such courage and devotion to duty are highly commendable. After his World War II service, Bernard Veltman graduated from Kansas State University and was employed as county engineer for Geary and Ford counties. Brother Francis J. Veltman also served in World War II.