

John Enright

Dec 15, 1917 - Sep 12, 1971

BIRTHPLACE: Dickinson County, Kansas

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: Tec 5

DIVISION: Army, 332nd Engineer General Service

Regiment

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

SERVED: Oct 27, 1942 - Oct 10, 1945

BIOGRAPHY

John Leo Enright was born in December 1917 to John B. Enright. He served in the U.S. Army from October 1942 to October 1945. He was a technician fifth grade (tec 5) in the 332nd Engineer General Service Regiment. The tec 5 rank was created to recognize enlisted soldiers with special technical skills, but who were not trained as combat leaders. The 332nd Engineer Regiment served in the Invasion of Normandy and into Germany as part of ADSEC (Advanced Section, Communications Zone). ADSEC's mission was to support the U.S. First Army, U.S. Third Army, and U.S. Seventh Army by building bridges, roads and hospitals through France, Belgium and Germany. The greatest accomplishment of the 332nd Engineer G. S. Regiment (as a member of ASDEC Engineer Group "A") was the reconstruction of the Duisburg-Hochfeld rail bridge, 2,815 feet long, over the Rhine River in the record time of six days, fifteen hours and twenty minutes. The site of this bridge was crossing the Rhine River between Duisburg and Rheinhausen, Germany. The railroad bridge was completed May 8, 1945, and was named the "Victory Bridge". Courtesy fold3.com, findagrave.com, en.wikipedia.org.