



**Tolbert
McClain**

Army Air Corps

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Nov 29, 1918 - Nov 3, 2001

BIRTHPLACE: Savannah, TN

SOLDIER DETAILS

**DIVISION: Army Air Corps, Troop C 17th Cavalry
Reconnaissance Squadron**

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

SERVED: Jan 9, 1942 -

**BATTLE: Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland,
Central Europe**

**MILITARY HONORS: European African Middle
Eastern Theater Ribbon with 4 bronze stars, Good
conduct medal, WW II Victory medal**

HONORED BY: His daughter Shirley McClain Wege

BIOGRAPHY

Tolbert McClain was born on November 29, 1918 in Savannah, NT. He lived in Savannah doing general farm hand work before entering the U.S. Army on January 8, 1942. McClain entered the Army at Fort Oglethorpe, GA and was transferred to Fort Riley, Ks for boot camp training. He became a soldier of Troop C 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. As a youth he became an avid marksman while hunting the rural areas of Tennessee, subsequently, in basic training he received a military qualification as a 1st Class Gunner 37 MM. On March 1, 1944, McClain departed for the European African Campaign arriving in the United Kingdom on March 8, 1944. His battles and campaigns included, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe (Belgium, Holland and Berlin Germany at the end of WW II).