



**Dale  
Faelber**  
*Army*

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**Apr 9, 1926 -**

**BIRTHPLACE: Carlton, KS**

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### **SOLDIER DETAILS**

**HIGHEST RANK: Staff Sergeant**

**DIVISION: Army, 28th Mechanized Cavalry  
Reconnaissance Squadron**

**THEATER OF OPERATION: European**

**HONORED BY: Son - Gary Faelber, Daughters -  
Carol Schmidt & Barbara Messenger**

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### **BIOGRAPHY**

Dale Faelber was born on a farm, near Carlton, KS. His early education experience was in a one room schoolhouse in the neighborhood of his home but he later attended High School in Abilene, KS. Faelber tried to enlist in the Air Corps but his weight was too low. When we returned later, a little heavier, the Air Corps was not accepting any more applicants. Faelber returned home and was eventually drafted into the Army. Faelber's basic training was in Fort Riley, KS. He did receive additional training at another camp before boarding a train to New York City and then setting sail on the Queen Mary for Europe. His orders were for the 28th Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron - with no horses. Their mission regularly included seeking out the enemy's position. Faelber has colorful memories of his time with the Recon unit as he explains, "We drove around until we got shot at." Faelber served from 1944 to 1946. Faelber's interview includes his first assignment, first hand experiences of his Recon unit, and describing the German SS Troopers. Faelber's interview took place in Gypsum, KS on December 6, 2023.