



**Willard
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Army Air Corps

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BIRTHPLACE: Hope, KS

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: Second Lt.

DIVISION: Army Air Corps, 402nd Squadron

THEATER OF OPERATION: American

SERVED: Aug 4, 1942 -

HONORED BY: The Eisenhower Foundation

BIOGRAPHY

Willard Wallace grew up around Hope, KS and attended Hope Schools until the family moved to California. Wallace drove a truck for the Joe Baier Trucing Co. and married Lois Stockwell, January 1, 1942. Wallace was inducted into the Army on August 8, 1942 and had basic training at Sheppard Field, TX. Next he was sent to Sioux Falls, SD to a Radio T.T.S. When he graduated he was sent to officer's candidate school at Wayne, PN for six weeks. Next he spent 6 weeks at Yale University, New Haven, Conn. There he received his commission as Second Lieutenant. Wallace was stationed with the 402nd Squadron in Davis Monthan Field, Tucson, AZ. He was rated as a technical officer in communications. Wallace's duty was to assume duties with technical units of the army air force. Wallace trained to use and operate transmitters, receivers, the radio compass, wire equipment, and portable ground stations. Courtesy of the Dickinson County Heritage Center and Museum.