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12th CHEMICAL MAINTENANCE CO.



Anthony “Tony” John Notorangelo was born 24-AUG 1918 in Oscawana New York. His father was Michele Notarangelo (1876-1949), and his mother was Maria Giuseppina Gentile (1882-1968) He had two sisters: Raffael and Angela and one brother: Matteo. He was the youngest of four children born to his family and the only one born in the US.

His civilian occupation was construction foreman. He registered for the draft on 16-OCT 1940. At that time, his employer was Pulmosan Safety Equipment Corporation, a government war material supplier making gas masks. His supervisor had sent a number of letters to the draft board telling them how important it was for Tony to remain working for the company producing supplies for war. The draft board was not swayed by his arguments.

Tony entered the Army on 19-MAR 1941 at Camp Upton on Long Island. According to his enlistment papers, he had completed one year of college. He completed his basic training and was promoted to Private on 1-JUL 1941. His service number was 12202739. By 1-AUG he was promoted to Private First Class and 4th Class Specialist. Months later, while he was home on leave, the nation heard the news that Pearl Harbor had been bombed. The date was 7-DEC 1941. Tony was promoted to Corporal on 23-FEB 1942. He was now making \$64.00 per month! Another promotion followed on 27-APR to Sergeant and his pay increased to \$78.00 per month. His superior officers saw leadership qualities in Tony, and he was sent to Officer Candidate School (OCS) as a Cadet on about 6-JUN 1942.

SERIAL NUMBER 147	1. NAME (PRINT) ANTHONY NOTORANGELO	ORDER NUMBER 177
2. ADDRESS (PRINT) 119 VALLEY ST. No. TARRY TOWN, NY		
3. TELEPHONE ROBE	4. AGE IN YEARS 22	5. PLACE OF BIRTH OSCAWANA NEW YORK
6. DATE OF BIRTH AUG 24 1918		7. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A.
8. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS MR MICHAEL NOTORANGELO FATHER		
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 119 VALLEY ST. No. TARRY TOWN, NY		
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME PULMOSAN SAFETY EQUIP. CORP.		
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 176 JOHNSON ST. BROOKLYN, NY		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
REGISTRATION CARD D. M. S. FORM 1	10-17108 <i>Anthony Notorangelo</i> (Registrant's Signature)	

After Tony completed OCS, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on 5-SEP 1942, and he served in the newly organized 12th Chemical Maintenance Company.

Tony and his company awaited deployment in Fort Dix. Prior to deployment in Africa, Tony was promoted to First Lieutenant on 16-FEB 1943.

Tony and his unit were deployed to North Africa and Casablanca on 3-MAR 1943. From there they traveled to Bizerte. He would then move to the European theatre during MAR 1943 landing at Gela and then Palermo. The company served with the 3rd Armored Division in Italy, operating chemical warfare supply dumps. Once he took a ferry at Messina to Italy at Capua and the Volturno River. He reported there is a good book about the fighting that took place in Monte Cassino.

Notorangelo was awarded a Bronze Star for his actions in Italy.



General Order 92 states: *Anthony K. Notorangelo, First Lieutenant Chemical Warfare Service, Army of the United States, for meritorious conduct on the performance of outstanding services in direct support of combat operations, during the period 9 and 14 August 1943. Lieutenant Notarangelo voluntarily led a mortar maintenance detachment into combat areas during the campaign in Sicily. With cool efficiency and fine leadership, he performed necessary repairs on the chemical mortar weapons of certain Chemical Warfare Battalions, when operating in close support of infantry.*

This work, sometimes done in the actual mortar firing positions, enabled these battalions to continue uninterrupted fire on the retreating Germans and was responsible for much more success. Only exceptional technician skill, great initiative and tireless energy could have coped with necessarily inadequate and improvised equipment available for this work. During this time, with typical thoroughness, he maintained a complete register of repairs and replacements which substantially provide Chemical Warfare Services for the first time with valuable data on ordnance needs of certain weapons under combat conditions. The qualities displayed by this officer are of credit to the finest traditions of the service.

On 7-AUG 1944, Tony was promoted to Captain while in Italy. The unit was reassigned in November 1944 to the Seventh Army and accompanied combat units from the coast of Southern France, across the Rhine River, and deep into Southern Bavaria. On VE Day (Victory in Europe) he was serving with his unit somewhere near Munich. With the end of war in Europe, Tony was sent stateside and expected orders to enter the Pacific theater. While awaiting orders, Japan surrendered.

The unit participated in a total of eight campaigns during the Second World War:

- Tunisia
- Sicily
- Naples-Foggia
- Rome-Arno
- Southern France
- Rhineland
- Ardennes-Alsace
- Central Europe

Few soldiers in World War II could claim participation in eight campaigns. After returning from service in Europe, the Company was inactivated on 28-MAR 1946 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

After the war ended, Tony returned to his job at Pulmosan Safety Equipment Company and was transferred to a facility in St. Louis Missouri. While attending a USO Dance at the local YMCA where he was staying, he met Marguerite Bieler, a USO Volunteer. They married on 19-OCT 1946. They had four daughters: Beth, Susan, Toni and Margaret and one son: Michael.

They lived in a home in the Ferguson-Florissant area for many years before moving to St. Charles Missouri. He was a long-time member of St. Louis Power Squadron (Boating Club) and the Downtown Rotary. Tony went on to found and become President of General Gasket Company in St. Louis. Anthony J. Notorangelo died 8-OCT 2015 at the age of 97 and is buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Florissant MO.



Tony Notorangelo, 1942



Tony with his parents at Camp Upton 1941



At Camp Upton, 1941