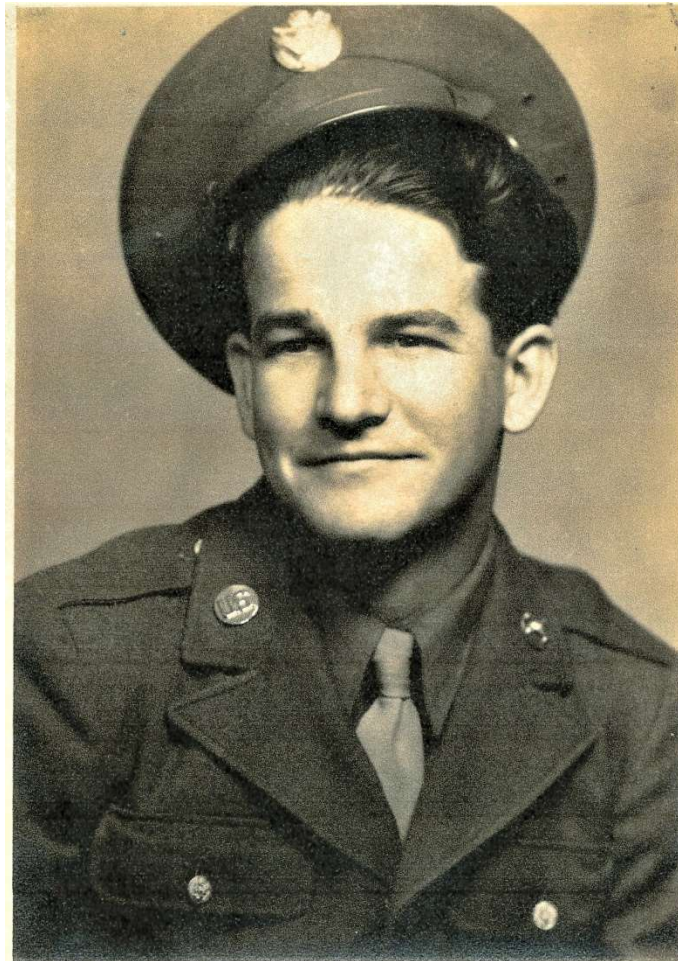


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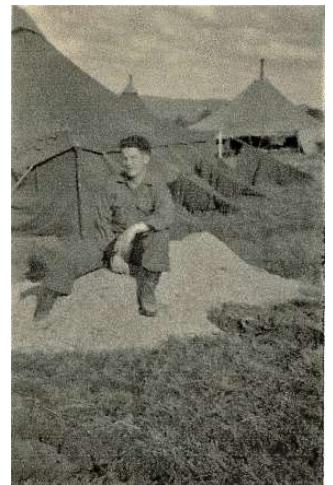
Woodrow Isler (Mush) Gray was born on May 26, 1921, in Black Walnut (St. Charles), Missouri. His father was James Willian Gray (1881- 1958). His mother was Lola M. Kluiessner (1887-1952). Woodrow had five brothers: Henry (Marvin), Kermit, Clarence, and Raymond. He had one sister (Helen Elizabeth. In 1930, the family lived in Portege de Sioux outside of St. Charles in Missouri. In 1940 Woodrow and his mother lived in St. Charles MO at 813 N. Second Street.

When Woodrow registered for the draft, he was employed by Fraser-Brace in Weldon Springs MO. Woodrow married Genevieve Marie Ferber (1924-1975). In 1957 Woodrow lived at 2016 N. Third Street and worked for Curtis-Wright Aircraft Company as an assembler.

Woodrow entered the Army on 16-APR 1943 at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis. He was assigned to the 549th Anti-Aircraft Automatic Weapons Battalion A. Woodrow went overseas arriving on 20-OCT 1944 and fight at the Battle of the Bulge. He was discharged 5-APR 1946. Woody attained the rank of Private First Class.

Woody was a member of the 549th Automatic Weapons Battalion. He manned a .50 caliber machine gun and acted as gunner, loader, ammunition bearer, and spotter on the lookout for approach of enemy planes.

He served in battles in Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe.



He earned the following awards:

- American Theatre Ribbon
- European African Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars
- World War II Victory Medal
- 3 Overseas Bars



This battle map was drawn by a member of the 549th and is on display at the St. Charles County Veterans Museum