

163rd Infantry Regiment- Montana State Veterans Cemetery

-Atkins, Raymond Kenneth: 4/19/1922 (Alice, MT)- 2/26/2000 (Missoula, MT). Technical Sergeant: HQ Company, 1st Battalion, 163rd Infantry Regiment. 9/16/1940 (Whitehall, MT)- 8/12/1945 (Fort Lewis, WA). Combat Infantryman Badge (Bronze Star Medal), American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal w/Clasp, Distinguished Unit Badge (1943), Philippine Liberation Medal w/Bronze Service Star. Platoon Leader, served in Papuan-New Guinea, Southern Philippines. Section A, Row 10, Plot 16.

-Belgarde, Eugene Joseph: 5/23/1924 (Butte, MT)- 7/20/2012 (Great Falls, MT). Technician Fifth Grade: HQ Company, 163rd Infantry Regiment. 9/16/1940 (Helena, MT)- 8/15/1945 (Fort Lewis, WA). Purple Heart Medal (12 Mar. 1945 SW Pacific), Combat Infantryman's Badge (Bronze Star Medal), American Defense Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge (1943), Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal w/1 Bronze Service Star. Served in Papua-New Guinea and Southern Philippines. Section C, Row 12, Plot 9.

-Burnham, Eldrid C.: 5/15/1914 (Bennett, WI)- 5/8/1989 (Fort Harrison, MT). Private First Class: Company B, 163rd Infantry Regiment. 9/1941 in Idaho Falls, Idaho- 8/1945 in Seattle, WA. Purple Heart Medal (Sanananda, New Guinea, January 1943), Combat Infantryman Badge (Bronze Star Medal) (10 June 1944), American Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation (6 May 1943). Served in Papua New Guinea as a Light Machine Gunner (604). Section A, Row 3, Plot 35.

-Cross, William Henry: 4/30/1921 (Big Timber, MT)- 10/24/2009 (Helena, MT). Technician Fifth Grade: Company B, 32nd Infantry Regiment and the 163rd Infantry Regiment (Service Company). 6/27/1944- 12/17/1949. Purple Heart Medal (3 Apr. 1945), Combat Infantryman's Badge (Bronze Star Medal), Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal w/1 Bronze Service Star, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Expert M-1 Rifle. Served in Southern Philippines and Ryukyus as a Rifleman. Section C, Row 6, Plot 41.

-Ferris, Arnold Douglas: 11/14/1914 (Sidney, MT)- 10/16/2009 (Helena, MT). First Sergeant: 1927 Service Command Unit, 163rd Infantry Regiment. Purple Heart Medal (Co HQ, 163rd Infantry Regiment, 10 Jan 1943), Combat Infantryman Badge (Bronze Star Medal, 23 Jan. 1943), Distinguished Unit Badge (10 June 1943), Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, American Defense Service Medal. Section A, Row 6, Plot 66.

-Hansen, Christian Aage: 12/25/1920 (Three Buttes, MT)- 9/16/2005 (Billings, MT). First Lieutenant: 7/27/1944- 11/1/1945 (Fort Lewis, WA). Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal w/3 Bronze Service Stars, Philippine Liberation Medal w/1 Bronze Service Star. Infantry Unit Commander in Papua-New Guinea, Southern Philippines. Section B, Row 2, Plot 14.

-Harris, Rollie William: 7/27/1921 (Halsey, NE)- 10/22/2009 (Sheridan, MT). Private: Service Command Unit, 163rd Infantry Regiment, 41st Infantry Division. 8/1/1940- 9/4/1945. Bronze Star Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge (29 Aug. 1944), American Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, Distinguished unit Citation (23 Aug. 1943). Served in Papua-New Guinea. As first sergeant of a rifle company, supervised approximately twenty-two

enlisted men in the administrative procedures of the company; took care of incoming and outgoing correspondence; made up weekly duty and detail roster, morning reports and sick book; typed military correspondence; as platoon sergeant, was in charge of platoon of forty-two men and was responsible for the training and tactical work of the platoon. Section C, Row 6, Plot 27.

-Hartman, Glenn Philip: 11/3/1919 (Harlem, MT)- 3/18/1989 (Havre, MT). Technical Sergeant: Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 163rd Infantry Regiment. 9/1940 (Chinook, MT)- 8/1945 (Fort Lewis, WA). Combat Infantryman Badge (Bronze Star Medal), Philippine Liberation Medal w/1 Bronze Service Star, Distinguished Unit Badge (1943), Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal. Served in Southern Philippines, Papua-New Guinea. Anti-Tank NCO. Section A, Row 5, Plot 7.

-Heppner, Rudolph Albert: 4/24/1918 (Plentywood, MT)- 5/18/1996 (Fort Harrison, MT). Master Sergeant: Service Company, 163rd Infantry Regiment. 9/16/1940 (Chinook, MT)- 6/12/1945 (Fort Lewis, WA). Bronze Star Medal (41st Infantry "The Jungaleers", 1945) Combat Infantryman Badge (Bronze Star Medal), Drivers Badge, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Service Arrowhead, Distinguished Unit Badge (1943), Sharpshooter M1 Rifle, Philippine Liberation Medal w/1 Bronze Service Star. Automotive Mechanic in Papuan-New Guinea, Southern Philippines. Section A, Row 10, Plot 33.

-Jawort, Fredric Lee: 8/12/1913 (Glendive, MT)- 7/27/2005 (Helena, MT). Technician Fifth Grade: HQ Company, 163 Infantry Regiment. Section B, Row 2, Plot 7.

-Johanson, Ernest Oscar: 2/19/1919 (Westby, MT)- 9/10/2008 (Helena, MT). Staff Sergeant: Company D, 163rd Infantry Regiment. Purple Heart Medal (June 14, 1944 SW Pacific), Combat Infantryman Badge (Bronze Star Medal), Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal w/1 Bronze Service Star, Distinguished Unit Badge (1943). Rifle NCO, served in Southern Philippines, Papua-New Guinea. Section C, Row 4, Plot 49.

-Leppink, Gerrit Kendall: 5/26/1915 (Isanti, MN)- 5/5/2005 (Bigfork, MT). Staff Sergeant: Quartermaster Section Enlisted Detachment, 163rd Infantry Regiment. Section B, Row 2, Plot 4.

-Leppink, Herman Frederick: 2/5/1919 (Pine City, MN)- 12/6/2019 (Kingman, AZ). Technician Fourth Grade: 1979th Service Command Unit, 163rd Infantry Regiment. 9/16/1940- 4/19/1945. Combat Infantryman's Badge (Bronze Star Medal), American Defense Service Medal, Unit Citation, Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal. Served in the Papua Campaign from 22 Dec. 1942- 23 January 1943 and the New Guinea Campaign from 24 Jan. 1943- 13 Mar. 1943 and 6 Sept. 1944- 9 Dec. 1944. Section C, Row 17, Plot 28.

-Leppink, Lloyd Herman: 6/16/1917 (Rinkley, MN)- 10/31/1993 (Helena, MT). Staff Sergeant: 163rd Infantry Regiment. 9/16/1940 (Harlowton, MT)- 6/8/1945 (Fort Douglas, UT). Combat Infantryman Badge (Bronze Star Medal), Unit Citation (1943), Asiatic Pacific Theater Medal (1943), American Defense Service Medal (1942), Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal w/1 Bronze Service Star, Papuan-New Guinea and Southern Philippine Campaigns w/3 Bronze Service Stars. Squad Leader, Heavy Mortar Crewman. Served as Instrument Noncommissioned Officer in the observation, coordination, and tactical employment of 81-mm mortar crewman; as Squad Leader

supervised 7 men under combat conditions in the Pacific Theater; kept records and estimated ranges and deflection. Section A, Row 7, Plot 39.

-McKinney, Howard Aureus: 1/29/1915 (Lanark, MT)- 9/11/2003 (Helena, MT). Colonel: Company E/Company A/HQ, 163 Infantry Regiment, 41st Infantry Division. Silver Star Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge (Bronze Star Medal), Presidential Unit Citation, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Medal w/2 Bronze Service Stars. Signalman for 6 years. Section C, Row 3, Plot 1.

-Merrick, Arthur West Jr.: 12/22/1917 (Great Falls, MT)- 2/14/2013 (Helena, MT). Captain: 6807th Army Service Unit, 163rd Infantry Regiment, 41st Infantry Division. Purple Heart Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster (Biak Island, Mindanao), Silver Star Medal (41st Infantry Division), Bronze Star Medal (exemplary conduct in ground combat against the armed enemy on or about 23 January 1943 in the Pacific Theater of Operations), Combat Infantryman Badge (163rd Infantry Regiment), Letter of Commendation (41st Infantry, 31 Mar. 1945), Distinguished Unit Service Emblem (163rd Infantry Regiment), American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, World War II Victory Medal. Section C, Row 5, Plot 11.

-Moll, James C.: 6/10/1919 (Cascade, MT)- 3/26/1998 (Great Falls, MT). Master Sergeant: Company D, 163rd Infantry Regiment. 2/16/1940- 9/21/1945. Combat Infantryman Badge (Bronze Star Medal), Distinguished Unit Badge (22 Feb. 1944), Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, American Defense Service Medal. Served in Papua-New Guinea as a Supply General. Section A, Row 5, Plot 12.

-Nemec, Charles Frank Sr.: 8/9/1921 (Roundup, MT)- 12/13/2017 (Helena, MT). Sergeant: Company K, 163rd Infantry Regiment. 12/14/1939 (Lewistown, MT)- 3/31/1944. Purple Heart Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge (Bronze Star Medal), Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service Medal w/1 Bronze Service Star, American Defense Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. Served in Papua-New Guinea as a Squad and Platoon Leader. Wounded in back during combat. Columbarium Wall 2, Row C, Niche 5.

-Nyre, Carmen LeRoy: 4/11/1922 (Fargo, ND)- 12/5/2013 (Mesa, AZ). Private First Class: HQ Company, 2nd Battalion, 163rd Infantry Regiment. 9/16/1940 (Helena, MT)- 1/2/1945 (Fort Lewis, WA). Combat Infantryman's Badge (Bronze Star Medal), American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Marksman Rifle, Expert M-1 Rifle. Served in Papua-New Guinea as a Lineman. Columbarium Wall 1, Row A, Niche 14.

-Oleson, Francis Thomas "Bud": 10/26/1921 (Havre, MT)- 1/1/2011 (Fort Harrison, MT). Technician Fifth Grade, HQ Company, 163rd Infantry Regiment. 9/16/1940 (Helena, MT)- 8/15/1945 (Fort Lewis, WA). Combat Infantryman's Badge (Bronze Star Medal), Distinguished Unit Badge, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal w/1 Bronze Service Star, Driver's Badge, Marksman M1 Rifle. Truck Driver (Light) in Papua-New Guinea and Southern Philippines. Section C, Row 8, Plot 41.

-Rhein, Leo Albert: 7/29/1919 (Wolf Creek, MT)- 1/6/2017 (Missoula, MT). Lieutenant Colonel: 41st Infantry Division/163rd Infantry Regiment. Army Commendation Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, American Defense Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, 6 Overseas Service Bars, Army of

Occupation (Germany), National Defense Service Medal, Philippine Independence Medal. Served in Australia, New Guinea, Biak, and Schouten Islands. Participated in New Guinea, Leyte-Samar and Luzon campaigns with action in Palawan and Mindanao. Section A, Row 6, Plot 64.

-Silberling, Robert William: 4/29/1918 (Big Timber, MT)- 8/23/1991 (Helena, MT). Chief Warrant Officer 2: 163rd Infantry Regiment, 41st Infantry Division. 9/1/1942- 2/19/1946. Unreadable discharge papers. Section C, Row 7, Plot 100.

-Spanier, Edward John Jr.: 3/30/1921 (Helena, MT)- 12/8/2006 (Helena, MT). Staff Sergeant: HQ Detachment, Service Command Unit 1916. 7/30/1940 (Helena, MT)- 9/6/1945 (Fort Douglas, UT). Combat Infantryman Badge (Bronze Star Medal) (20 Jan. 1945), American Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Unit Citation (May 1943), Marksman Rifle M-1 (25 July 1945). Administrative NCO in Papua-New Guinea. Section B, Row 2, Plot 56.

-Stockdale, Glenn Owen: 5/19/1917 (Billings, MT)- 8/24/2001 (Helena, MT). Staff Sergeant: Company H, 163rd Infantry Regiment. Combat Infantryman Badge (Bronze Star Medal), Philippine Liberation Medal w/1 Bronze Service Star, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge (1943). Served in New Guinea, Papuan, Southern Philippines. Section A, Row 6, Plot 85.

-Tillman, Thomas Frank: 6/6/1914 (Bozeman, MT)- 4/23/2004 (Las Vegas, NV). Staff Sergeant: Service Company, 163rd Infantry Regiment. Bronze Star Medal. Discharge Papers Illegible. Section B, Row 4, Plot 21.

-Upshaw, Joseph Weldon: 2/10/1920 (Mesa, AZ)- 12/23/2010 (Helena, MT). Staff Sergeant: Company M, 163rd Infantry Regiment. Combat Infantryman's Badge (Bronze Star Medal), American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal. Served in the Pacific Theater from 4/10/1942- 12/9/1944 as a Platoon Sergeant. Section C, Row 8, Plot 37.

-Weiser, John Thomas: 5/24/1909 (Valley City, ND)- 7/13/1996 (Fort Harrison, MT). Master Sergeant: Service Company, 163rd Infantry Regiment. 9/16/1940- 11/27/1945. Combat Infantryman Badge (Bronze Star Medal), Distinguished Unit Badge, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal w/3 Bronze Service Stars. Served in Papua, New Guinea and the East Indies as a Supply Officer General. Section A, Row 3, Plot 73.

-Willis, Ernest Eugene: 3/31/1921 (Miller City, IL)- 9/5/2010 (Helena, MT). Staff Sergeant: Company B, 1st Battalion, 163rd Infantry Regiment, 41st Infantry Division. 7/13/1944 (Chicago, IL)- 2/24/1946 (Jefferson Barracks, MO). Lieutenant Colonel: Officer 3rd U.S. Army. 2/15/1952- 3/31/1971. Combat Infantryman Badge (Bronze Star Medal), Bronze Star Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Arrowhead, Victory Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon w/1 Bronze Service Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, 5 Overseas Service Bars, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal w/1 Bronze Service Star, Vietnam Service Medal w/5 Bronze Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal. Served as a Machine Gunner (Light) with the 163rd/41st in the Southern Philippines (Liberation). Served in Korea and Vietnam (12/15/1967- 12/10/1968). Section B, Row 3, Plot 25.

-Wirth, Charles John: 4/17/1920 (Wolf Creek, MT)- 5/25/2004 (Helena, MT). Private First Class: HQ Company, 1st Battalion, 271st Infantry (Camp Shelby, MS) and the 163rd Infantry Regiment, 41st Infantry Division. Combat Infantryman Badge (Bronze Star Medal), American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Sharpshooter Carbine. Served in Papua-New Guinea in January 1943 as a Lineman. Section C, Row 3, Plot 91.

-Young, Ray Wesley: 6/10/1913 (Berry, MN)- 4/30/1998 (Fort Harrison, MT). Private First Class: 4/16/1942 (Harlowton, MT)- 7/18/1945 (Fort Snelling, MN). Company M, 168th Infantry Division (also on the roster for the 163rd Infantry Regiment). Purple Heart (Mediterranean Theater, Nov. 6, 1943), Combat Infantryman Badge (Bronze Star Medal), Good Conduct Medal (1945, 168th Infantry), European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Service Medal, American Defense Service Medal, 5 Overseas Service Bars, Rifle Marksman (2nd Class Gunner). Served in Algeria-French Morocco, Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley as a Stationary Fireman. Section B, Row 1, Plot 26.

163rd Infantry Regiment Grave Locations

Name	Service Branch	Location	DOD	Interment
TSgt. Atkins, Raymond Kenneth	U.S. Army	A-R10-16	2/26/2000	3/3/2000
Tec5 Belgarde, Eugene Joseph	U.S. Army	C-R12-9	7/20/2012	Unknown
PFC Burnham, Eldrid C.	U.S. Army	A-R3-35	5/8/1989	5/12/1989
Tec5 Cross, William Henry	U.S. Army	C-R6-41	10/24/2009	11/10/2009
1stSgt. Ferris, Arnold Douglas	U.S. Army	A-R6-66	10/16/2009	7/8/2010
1stLt. Hansen, Christian Aage	U.S. Army	B-R2-14	9/16/2005	9/23/2005
Pvt. Harris, Rollie William	U.S. Army	C-R6-27	10/22/2009	10/30/2009
TSgt. Hartman, Glenn Philip	U.S. Army	A-R5-7	3/18/1989	3/23/1989
MSgt. Heppner, Rudolph Albert	U.S. Army	A-R10-33	5/18/1996	5/22/1996
Tec5 Jawort, Frederic Lee	U.S. Army	B-R2-7	7/27/2005	8/3/2005
SSgt. Johanson, Ernest Oscar	U.S. Army	C-R4-49	9/10/2008	9/19/2008
SSgt. Leppink, Gerrit Kendall	U.S. Army	B-R2-4	5/5/2005	8/8/2005
Tec4 Leppink, Herman Frederick	U.S. Army	C-R17-28	12/6/2019	7/21/2022
SSgt. Leppink, Lloyd Herman	U.S. Army	A-R7-39	10/31/1993	11/4/1993
Col. McKinney, Howard Aureus	U.S. Army	C-R3-1	9/11/2003	9/18/2003
Capt. Merrick, Arthur West Jr.	U.S. Army	C-R5-11	2/14/2013	2/19/2013
MSgt. Moll, James C.	U.S. Army	A-R5-12	3/26/1998	4/2/1998
Sgt. Nemece, Charles Frank Sr.	U.S. Army	W2-RC-5	12/13/2017	9/19/2018
PFC Nyre, Carmen LeRoy	U.S. Army	W1-RA-14	12/5/2013	7/17/2014
Tec5 Oleson, Francis Thomas "Bud"	U.S. Army	C-R8-41	1/1/2011	1/6/2011
Lt.Col. Rhein, Leo Albert	U.S. Army	A-R6-64	1/6/2017	7/3/2017
CWO2 Silberling, Robert William	U.S. Army	C-R7-100	8/23/1991	10/18/2010
SSgt. Spanier, Edward John Jr.	U.S. Army	B-R2-56	12/8/2006	12/18/2006
SSgt. Stockdale, Glenn Owen	U.S. Army	A-R6-85	8/24/2001	8/28/2001
SSgt. Tillman, Thomas Frank	U.S. Army	B-R4-21	4/23/2004	5/7/2004
SSgt. Upshaw, Joseph Weldon	U.S. Army	A-R8-37	12/23/2010	12/29/2010
MSgt. Weiser, John Thomas	U.S. Army	A-R3-73	7/13/1996	7/17/1996
SSgt. Willis, Ernest Eugene	U.S. Army	B-R3-25	9/5/2010	9/15/2010
PFC Wirth, Charles John	U.S. Army	C-R3-91	5/25/2004	5/28/2004
PFC Young, Ray Wesley	U.S. Army	B-R1-26	4/30/1998	5/4/1998