



Charles O. Alstot

Private First Class,
United States Army
32nd Division, 128th Infantry, Company I
Born 8 April 1922
Killed in Action 11 May 1945
Luzon, Philippine Islands

Charles Alstot was born April 8, 1922, in Tustin, the youngest child of Orval and Emma Alstot. Charles had two older sisters, Lois and Dorothy.

Charles participated in the Drama Club at Tustin High. He left high school before graduation and joined the National Guard, serving for 18 months before joining the United States Army on March 3, 1941.

After completing his military training in San Luis Obispo, he was sent overseas to Australia on April 22, 1942. PFC Alstot served as a scout for the 32nd Red Arrow Infantry Division with over 13,000 combat hours and participated in the invasions Indonesia and New Guinea. It is written in the history of the 32nd Red Arrow Division that, ***"Above all, New Guinea was the story of the courage of the GI who could always be counted on to move forward against a determined foe. It was the ordinary American soldier who endured the worst deprivations that the debilitating New Guinea climate and terrain could offer. It was the lowly GI who was the brains, the muscle, the blood, and the heart and soul of the great army that came of age in the Southwest Pacific Area in 1943 and 1944. In one tough fight after another, he never lost a battle to the Japanese. Those accomplishments and sacrifices are forever his and deserve to be remembered by all."***

Men of the Red Arrow division who had suffered through Buna, survived Aitape, and braved Leyte were killed or wounded at the Kongo Fortress. Among wounded was PFC Alstot who died from his injuries later that day at 23 years old.

PFC Alstot received the Purple Heart and the Presidential Unit Citation. He is buried at the Fort William McKinley American Military Cemetery in the Philippines.

