



Edward Ray Burrier

Private First Class
United States Army
Company B, 55th Armored Infantry Battalion, 11th Armored Division
Born 7 July 1925
Killed in Action 31 December 1944
Belgium

Edward Ray Burrier was born July 7, 1925, in Tustin, the oldest of two children and only son of Ray Burrier and Janet Dietrich Burrier. As young child, the family lived with his maternal grandparents, Edward and Maud Dietrich on a ranch on Redhill Avenue. When baby sister Alice arrived many years later, the family was still with the grandparents as Edward's father Ray was now a water pump engineer on the ranch. His father would later become a Fire Captain with the City's then all-volunteer Fire Department.

Edward and Alice attended Tustin elementary schools and Tustin High, with Edward graduating in 1943. He had the distinction of being only one of 5 alumni of the school with having an almost straight A average. He was a California Scholastic Federation Life member, a member of the Masque and Gravel Club, four-year Class Parliamentarian, member of the Spanish Club, and member of the Stagecraft Club having a lead in a school play.

Edward enlisted in the United States Army in August 1943, just after graduating from high school. He received his training at Fort Benning, Georgia and Camp Cooke, California. He departed for the European Theater in the fall of 1944. While serving with the 55th Armored Infantry, he was serving with General Patton's 3rd Army. He was killed during the German break-through at the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium, just 12 days after arriving on the continent.

He is buried at Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana, California.

