



FLORIDA FRANCE SOLDIER STORIES

UCF

Claude W. Chase

1925 – 1945

Sergeant: US Army

Company E, 254th Infantry Regiment, 63rd Infantry Division

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Early Life

| Form 1 1192 | | REGISTRATION CARD | | No. 18 |
|---|---|-------------------|--|--------|
| 1 | Name in full <u>Vaughn Chase</u> <small>(Given name) (Family name)</small> | | Age, in yrs. <u>25</u> | |
| 2 | Home address <u>Perham Me</u> <small>(No.) (Street) (City) (State)</small> | | | |
| 3 | Date of birth <u>May 14 1892</u> <small>(Month) (Day) (Year)</small> | | | |
| 4 | Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <u>Natural-born citizen</u> | | | |
| 5 | Where were you born? <u>Rochester N.H. U.S.A.</u> <small>(Town) (State) (Nation)</small> | | | |
| 6 | If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? | | | |
| 7 | What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <u>Farming</u> | | | |
| 8 | By whom employed? <u>Farming for self.</u> Where employed? <u>Perham</u> | | | |
| 9 | Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <u>No.</u> | | | |
| 10 | Married or single (which)? <u>Single</u> | | Race (specify which)? <u>Caucasian</u> | |
| 11 | What military service have you had? Rank _____; branch _____ years _____; Nation or State _____ | | | |
| 12 | Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? _____ | | | |
| I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true. | | | | |
| <u>Vaughn W. Chase</u> <small>(Signature or mark)</small> | | | | |

World War I Draft Registration Card (Front)

The front of Claude's father, Vaughn Chase, World War I draft registration card lists his home state as New Hampshire, although he lived in Perham, Aroostook County, ME, in 1917, where Claude was born.

Le recto de la carte de recensement militaire de la Première Guerre mondiale de Vaughn Chase, père de Claude, indiquait le New Hampshire comme son État d'origine, mais en 1917, il résidait à Perham, dans le comté d'Aroostook (Maine), où Claude est né.

"U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: Accessed September 17, 2025), Entry for Vaughn Chase, Perham, Aroostook County, Maine.

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6482/records/25142353?tid=&pid=&queryId=6dc5fa5a-1c60-499a-928f-9de07a67a5ba&_phsrc=zQl26&_phstart=successSource

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REGISTRAR'S REPORT **18-2-2. A.**

| | |
|---|--|
| 1 | Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <u>Medium</u> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <u>Medium</u> |
| 2 | Color of eyes? <u>Gray</u> Color of hair? <u>Brown</u> Bald? _____ |
| 3 | Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? _____ |

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

A.A. Shaulding
(Signature of registrar)

Precinct Perham
City or County Aroostook
State Me.

June 5, 1917
(Date of registration)

World War I Draft Card (Back)

The back of Vaughn's draft card describes his physical appearance: he stood at medium height and had a medium build, with gray eyes and brown hair.

Au verso de la carte de Vaughn figure une description de son apparence physique : il était de taille et de corpulence moyennes, avec des yeux gris et des cheveux bruns.

"U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: Accessed September 17, 2025), Entry for Vaughn Chase, Perham, Aroostook County, Maine.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6482/records/25142353?tid=&pid=&queryId=6dc5fa5a-1c60-499a-928f-9de07a67a5ba&phsrc=zQl26&phstart=successSource>

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RECORD OF A MARRIAGE.

Groom: *Vaughn Chase*
Bride: *Isabel Holtz*
Residence of Groom: *Perham*
" Bride: "
Age of Groom: *25*
" Bride: *19*
Color of Groom: *H*
" Bride: "
Occupation of Groom: *Farmer*
" Bride: *Housework*
Birthplace of Groom: *Rochester, N.H.*
" Bride: *Perham*
No. of Marriage of Groom: *1*
" Bride: *1*
Groom Widowed or Divorced: "
Bride: " " "
Intention Filed: *May 30, 1917*
By whom Married: *E. B. Turner*
Residence: *Perham*
Official Station*: *Clergyman*
Date of Marriage: *June 6, 1917*
Place: *Perham*
*Clergymen, Justice of the Peace, etc. [Record continued over.]

FORM 52 Library Bureau 48775

Marriage Record

1917 marriage record for Claude's parents, Vaughn and Isabel (sometimes Isabelle) Chase. They lived in Perham, Aroostook County, ME,

Acte de mariage de 1917 des parents de Claude, Vaughn et Isabel (ou Isabelle) Chase. Ils vivaient à Perham, dans le comté d'Aroostook (Maine).

"Maine, U.S., Marriage Records, 1713-1922," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: Accessed September 17, 2025) Entry for Vaughn W Chase, Perham, Aroostook County, Maine.

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1961/records/1701942?tid=&pid=&queryId=ba205de0-ee35-442d-b796-442e5691bb2c&_phsrc=yqg13&_phstart=successSource

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Form 13-4
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930
POPULATION SCHEDULE

State Maine Incorporated place Perham Enumeration District No. 2-62 Sheet No. 1 B
County Crocker Ward of city _____ Block No. _____ Supervisor's District No. 1
Township or other division of county Perham Town Unincorporated place _____ Institution _____ Enumerated by me on April 2, 1930, Hannah Bangson 8001

| PLACE OF BIRTH | NAME | RELATION | HOME DATA | PERSONAL DESCRIPTION | EDUCATION | PLACE OF BIRTH | | | MOTHER TONGUE OR NATIVE LANGUAGE | MOTHER TONGUE OR NATIVE LANGUAGE OF FOREIGN BORN | CITIZENSHIP, ETC. | OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY | EMPLOYMENT | VETERANS |
|----------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|----------------|--------|--------|----------------------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------------|------------|----------|
| | | | | | | FATHER | MOTHER | PERSON | | | | | | |
| 10 12 | Buzzell Hattie | Daughter | 10 12 | W 10 12 27 27 27 | 27 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Canada English | English | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 11 | Barrett | Daughter | 11 | W 11 23 23 23 | 23 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 12 | Regina | Daughter | 12 | W 12 2 2 2 | 2 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 13 | McClary John E. | Son | 13 | W 13 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 14 | " | Daughter | 14 | W 14 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 15 | " | Daughter | 15 | W 15 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 16 | " | Daughter | 16 | W 16 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 17 | " | Daughter | 17 | W 17 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 18 | " | Daughter | 18 | W 18 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 19 | " | Daughter | 19 | W 19 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 20 | " | Daughter | 20 | W 20 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 21 | " | Daughter | 21 | W 21 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 22 | " | Daughter | 22 | W 22 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 23 | " | Daughter | 23 | W 23 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 24 | " | Daughter | 24 | W 24 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 25 | " | Daughter | 25 | W 25 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 26 | " | Daughter | 26 | W 26 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 27 | " | Daughter | 27 | W 27 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 28 | " | Daughter | 28 | W 28 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 29 | " | Daughter | 29 | W 29 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 30 | " | Daughter | 30 | W 30 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 31 | " | Daughter | 31 | W 31 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 32 | " | Daughter | 32 | W 32 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 33 | " | Daughter | 33 | W 33 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 34 | " | Daughter | 34 | W 34 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 35 | " | Daughter | 35 | W 35 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 36 | " | Daughter | 36 | W 36 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 37 | " | Daughter | 37 | W 37 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 38 | " | Daughter | 38 | W 38 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 39 | " | Daughter | 39 | W 39 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 40 | " | Daughter | 40 | W 40 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 41 | " | Daughter | 41 | W 41 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 42 | " | Daughter | 42 | W 42 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 43 | " | Daughter | 43 | W 43 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 44 | " | Daughter | 44 | W 44 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 45 | " | Daughter | 45 | W 45 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 46 | " | Daughter | 46 | W 46 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 47 | " | Daughter | 47 | W 47 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 48 | " | Daughter | 48 | W 48 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 49 | " | Daughter | 49 | W 49 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 50 | " | Daughter | 50 | W 50 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 51 | " | Daughter | 51 | W 51 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 52 | " | Daughter | 52 | W 52 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 53 | " | Daughter | 53 | W 53 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 54 | " | Daughter | 54 | W 54 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 55 | " | Daughter | 55 | W 55 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 56 | " | Daughter | 56 | W 56 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 57 | " | Daughter | 57 | W 57 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 58 | " | Daughter | 58 | W 58 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 59 | " | Daughter | 59 | W 59 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 60 | " | Daughter | 60 | W 60 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 61 | " | Daughter | 61 | W 61 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 62 | " | Daughter | 62 | W 62 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 63 | " | Daughter | 63 | W 63 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 64 | " | Daughter | 64 | W 64 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 65 | " | Daughter | 65 | W 65 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 66 | " | Daughter | 66 | W 66 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 67 | " | Daughter | 67 | W 67 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 68 | " | Daughter | 68 | W 68 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 69 | " | Daughter | 69 | W 69 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 70 | " | Daughter | 70 | W 70 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 71 | " | Daughter | 71 | W 71 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 72 | " | Daughter | 72 | W 72 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 73 | " | Daughter | 73 | W 73 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 74 | " | Daughter | 74 | W 74 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 75 | " | Daughter | 75 | W 75 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 76 | " | Daughter | 76 | W 76 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 77 | " | Daughter | 77 | W 77 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 78 | " | Daughter | 78 | W 78 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 79 | " | Daughter | 79 | W 79 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 80 | " | Daughter | 80 | W 80 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 81 | " | Daughter | 81 | W 81 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 82 | " | Daughter | 82 | W 82 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 83 | " | Daughter | 83 | W 83 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 84 | " | Daughter | 84 | W 84 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 85 | " | Daughter | 85 | W 85 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 86 | " | Daughter | 86 | W 86 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 87 | " | Daughter | 87 | W 87 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 88 | " | Daughter | 88 | W 88 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 89 | " | Daughter | 89 | W 89 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 90 | " | Daughter | 90 | W 90 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 91 | " | Daughter | 91 | W 91 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 92 | " | Daughter | 92 | W 92 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 93 | " | Daughter | 93 | W 93 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 94 | " | Daughter | 94 | W 94 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 95 | " | Daughter | 95 | W 95 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 96 | " | Daughter | 96 | W 96 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 97 | " | Daughter | 97 | W 97 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 98 | " | Daughter | 98 | W 98 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 99 | " | Daughter | 99 | W 99 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |
| 100 | " | Daughter | 100 | W 100 17 17 17 | 17 | Yes | Maine | Maine | Maine | Maine | U.S. | None | None | None |

1930 Federal Census

In 1930, Claude and his family lived in Perham in Aroostook County, ME. 4-year-old Claude was the second youngest of Vaughn and Isabel's 5 children. Vaughn worked as a laborer on a farm, and the family rented their home for \$5 a month.

En 1930, la famille de Claude vivait à Perham, dans le comté d'Aroost

Military Service

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Full Name | Claude W Chase |
| Army Serial Number | 31400452 |
| Enlistment Place | Portland Maine |
| Enlistment Date | 29 Dec 1943 |
| Army Branch | No branch assignment |
| Branch | Army |
| Race Or Ethnicity | White |
| Residence | Cumberland County, Maine |
| Enlistment Term | Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law |
| Source Of Army Personnel | Civil Life |
| Army Component | Selectees (Enlisted Men) |
| Level Of Education | Grammar school |
| Occupation | Farm hands, general farms |
| Marital Status | Single, without dependents |
| Birth Date | 1925 |
| Birth Place | Maine |
| Source Box Number | 0436 |
| Source Film Reel Number | 3.158 |
| Conflict | World War II |
| Served For | United States of America |

Enlistment Record

Claude's enlistment record, dated 29 December 1943, shortly after his eighteenth birthday, indicates he had a grammar school education and had worked in farming.

L'acte d'incorporation militaire de Claude, daté du 29 décembre 1943, peu après son dix-huitième anniversaire, montre qu'il avait suivi des études primaires et qu'il travaillait dans l'agriculture.

"US, WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946," database, *Fold 3*(Fold3.com: Accessed September 12, 2025), entry for Claude W Chase, Portland, Maine.

<https://www.fold3.com/record/85806664/claude-w-chase-us-wwii-army-enlistment-records-1938-1946>

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Military Service

| E Company, 254 th Infantry Regiment | | | | | |
|--|--------|------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| Absher, Paul G. | Pfc. | Biggs, James D. | Pfc. | Carpenter, Tom | Pfc. |
| Achillare, Michael R. | S/Sgt. | Billman, Harry Lloyd | Pfc. | Carr, Chester W. | Pvt. |
| Ackerman, Herman A. | T/Sgt. | Biser, Leon C. | Pvt. | Carter, James C., Jr. | 2/Lt. |
| Agee, Cecil J. | 1/Sgt. | Bishop, Arthur A. | Pfc. | Carter, Thomas J. | Pfc. |
| Agro, Frank C. | Pfc. | Bjerkan, Vernon P. | Pfc. | Casey, | |
| Albert, William R. | T/5 | Bleich, Rudolph G. | Pfc. | Cathey, Leconte | 2/Lt. |
| Alcott, Earl E. | Pvt. | Bleich, Roy W. | Pvt. | Cavaleri, Augustine J. | Pfc. |
| Alexander, Louis B. | Pfc. | Bliss, Jay J. | Pfc. | Chase, Claude W. | Sgt. |
| Alonzi, Carlo B., Jr. | Pfc. | Bloom, Benjamin S. | Pfc. | Cheveretto, Raymond A. | Pfc. |
| Ammerberger, Leonard H. | Pvt. | Boem, Milburn A. | Pfc. | Christensen, Roy | 2/Lt. |
| Ammerman, Walter F. (E.) | S/Sgt. | Bobke, Anthony C. | Pfc. | Chuey, Frank C. | Pfc. |
| Anders, Delbert E. | Pfc. | Bocella, Eugene R. | Pfc. | Clark, Jay B. | Pfc. |
| Anderson, Francis S., | Pvt. | Bolcar, Paul W. | Pfc. | Clark, William R. | S/Sgt. |
| Anderson, George L. | S/Sgt. | Bolser, Alfred H., Jr. | Pfc. | Clarke, Fred | Sgt. |
| Andrews, John J. | 1/Lt. | Bombardt, John N. | Pfc. | Clay, Norman Clifford | Pfc. |
| Andrews, Russell H.? | Pvt. | Boothe, Boyd E. | Pfc. | Clugston, Robert L. | T/5 |
| Anguza, Anthony J. | T/5 | Bortko, John | Pvt. | Cobb, Ira E. | Pvt. |
| Applebaum, Nathana | S/Sgt. | Bosco, Dominick B. | S/Sgt. | Coleman, Henry W. | Pfc. |
| Argo, James G. | Pfc. | Boskoski, Robert J. | Pfc. | Comeau, Henry D. | Pfc. |
| Armstrong, Roy D. | S/Sgt. | Bourdage, Nelson J. | Pfc. | Compton, Forrest | Pfc. |
| Aro, Arthur Harold | Pfc. | Bower, John J., Jr. | Pfc. | Concannon, Daniel E. | Pvt. |
| Ash, Irving | Pfc. | Boyer, Robert E. | S/Sgt. | Connolly, John J. | Pvt. |
| Atchison, Charles R. | Pfc. | Boyer, William G. J. | Sgt. | Constantine, Kenneth R. | Cpl. |
| Atuchon, Vincent J. | Pvt. | BrodFord, | | Cook, George R. | Pfc. |
| Auerbach, Frank | Pfc. | Bredshaw, Charles L. | Sgt. | Cooney, Arthur E. | S/Sgt. |
| Augustine, Michael | Pvt. | Brasher, Donald R. | Sgt. | Cordero, Jose A. | 2/Lt. |
| Babb, Otis J. | Pfc. | Bretton, Robert D. | Pfc. | Cordova, Augustine | Pvt. |
| Baker, Cuby L. | Pvt. | Brennan, Robert | 1/Lt. | Costello, Francis T. | Pvt. |
| Baker, Robert A. | Pfc. | Bridegum, George P. | Pfc. | Councilman, Howard L. | Pvt. |
| Barber, Virgil H. | Pvt. | Bridges, Lewis L. | Pfc. | Cournoyer, Leo P. | Sgt. |
| Barcolo, Gilbert, Jr. | 1/Sgt. | Brklich, Matthew T. | T/5 | Crater, Julius N., Jr. | Pvt. |
| Barden, James E., | Sgt. | Broce, Charles H. | S/Sgt. | Crialip, Robert J. | Pvt. |
| Bariozas, Frank | T/Sgt. | Bronkoski, William V. | Cpl. | Croft, John David | |
| Barley, Gerald D. | Pvt. | Brown, Clarence | Pfc. | Cronce, Clifford | Pfc. |
| Baron, Robert | 1/Sgt. | Brown, Dillard | Pfc. | Crow, James E. | Sgt. |
| Barrett, Jack H.? | T/5 | Brown, Kordley J. ? | Pfc. | Crowne, Albert A. | Sgt. |
| Bartsch, Adolph H. | T/3 | Brown, Robert A. | Sgt. | Cutler, Donald L. | Pfc. |
| Basil, John A. | Pvt. | Browne, Samuel B. | Pvt. | Cvitanovich, Steve M. | Pfc. |
| Basque, Joseph F., Jr. | Pfc. | Brozak, Chester R. | T/5 | Dahlstedt, Wallace E. | S/Sgt. |
| Bates, Howard Q. | Pfc. | Buckley, Louis L. | Pvt. | Daniel, Lucius A., IV | Pfc. |
| Battertain, Russell | Pvt. | Buckner, Edgar W. | Sgt. | Davidson, Rodney E. | T/5 |
| Bay, Richard L. | Pfc. | Buddle, Kenneth E. | Pfc. | Davis, Claude J. | 2/Lt. |
| Beachler, Kenneth C. | Pvt. | Bullaro, John, Jr. | Pvt. | Davis, Gene L. | Pfc. |
| Beale, William H. | Pfc. | Burchett, Roy E. | Pfc. | Davis, James M. | Pvt. |
| Bearden, Herbert L. | Pfc. | Burke, James H. | Pvt. | Davis, Orval L. | Pfc. |
| Bedford, Edd F. | S/Sgt. | Burkley, William R. | T/3 | Davis, Orville C. | Pvt. |
| Beemer, Wilson E. | Cpl. | Burr, Lewin | Pvt. | Davis, Thomas B. | Pfc. |
| Bell, Edward F. | Pfc. | Burton, Edgar W. (M.) | Sgt. | Davy, Melvin R. (^2/Lt.) | T/Sgt. |
| Benedict, Charles H. | Pvt. | Burton, Leonard R. | Pfc. | Davy, Melvin R. (| 2/Lt. |
| Benscoter, Donald E. | Pfc. | Butler, James A. | Pfc. | Day, Francis M. | Pfc. |
| Berberich, Hugo | Pfc. | Byrnes, Edward P. | T/5 | Delgado, John S. | S/Sgt. |
| Berens, Phillip D. | Pvt. | Caico, Angelo J. | Pfc. | Deloney, Wilson B. | S/Sgt. |
| Bergstrom, Leonard H. | Pfc. | Caldwell, Emmett F. | 1/Sgt. | Demko, George M. | Pfc. |
| Berkowitz, Max | Pvt. | Calfee, Frank E. | Pvt. | Dennison, Elbert J. | Pfc. |
| Bermel, Bernard J. | Pfc. | Calhoun, Murray W. | S/Sgt. | Denny, Earl E. | T/4 |
| Beto, Amos G. | Pfc. | Call, James E., Jr. | Sgt. | DeRuiter, Gerald | Pfc. |
| Bialik, Daniel A. | Pvt. | Caltabiano, Joseph R. | Pvt. | Devaney, Robert E. | Pfc. |
| Bick, Charles R. | S/Sgt. | Canara, Manuel | T/3 | Dewey, Helmer H. | 1/Lt. |
| Bierlein, Helmuth W. | Pfc. | Carine, Carol E. | T/3 | Dickman, Sol | Pvt. |
| | | Carmon, John A. | Pfc. | Dillon, Robert | Pfc. |
| | | Carvin, Walter J. | Pfc. | Dilts, William N., Sr. | Pfc. |
| | | Cepresecco, Fernando | Pvt. | Dimick, Victor | Pfc. |
| | | Capurro, George J. | Pfc. | Dion, Herbert J. | Pfc. |
| | | Cardillo, Charles M. | T/5 | Diebrowe, Allan L. | T/5 |
| | | Cardillo, Santo V. | Cpl. | DiSilvio, Carlo P. | Pvt. |

254th Infantry Regimental Roster

The roster, from the unit history of the 63rd Infantry Division, includes members of the 254th Infantry Regiment. Here we have members of E Company. Claude Chase is listed in the third column, 7th from the top. His rank as sergeant.

Issue de l'Histoire de la 63e Division d'Infanterie, cette liste recense les membres du 254e Régiment, dont ceux de la compagnie E. Claude Chase y apparaît dans la troisième colonne, septième à partir du haut, avec le grade de sergent.

“Unit History - US, 63rd Infantry Division, 1943-1945: 254th Infantry Regiment Roster,” database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: Accessed September 18, 2025), Entry for Claude W Chase, Service Number 31400452.

<https://www.fold3.com/image/306360211/254th-infantry-regiment-roster-page-34-unit-history-us-63rd-infantry-division-1943-1945>

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Military Service

Claude W Chase

in the U.S., World War II Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954

Detail

Source

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Name | Claude W Chase |
| Gender | Male |
| Race | White (includes Mexican) (White) |
| Rank | Enlisted Man (includes Aviation Cadet or Student) |
| Admission Age | 19 |
| Birth Date | abt 1926 [abt 1926] |
| Admission Date | Jan 1945 |
| Discharge Date | Jan 1945 |
| Discharge Place | Not in Medical Installation Prior to Death |
| Military Branch | Infantry, General or Unspecified |
| Military Unit | 2 |
| Diagnosis | Diagnosis: Wound(s), character not stated (includes Wound(s), multiple, Not Elsewhere Classified; Wound(s) unqualified) with no nerve or artery involvement; Location: Skull, unqualified; CausativeAgent: Artillery Shell, Fragments, Afoot or unspecified |
| Type of Injury | InjuryType: Battle casualty; InjuryType2: All battle casualties, and all battle injuries not intentionally inflicted by self or another person |
| Service Number | 31400452 |
| Notes | None |

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Hospital Record

Claude's hospital admission record from January 1945 reveals that a head wound from artillery shell fragments ultimately killed him after reaching a field hospital for treatment. Claude was only 19 years old.

Le registre d'admission à l'hôpital de Claude, daté de janvier 1945, signale qu'il est mort des suites d'une blessure à la tête causée par des éclats d'obus. Il n'avait que 19 ans.

"US, World War II Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: Accessed September 16, 2025), entry for Claude Wesley Chase, service number 31400452

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61817/records/456967?tid=&pid=&queryId=4f5ef229-ad61-4885-a7fb-9910c40789fc&phsrc=Ghn254&phstart=successSource>

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63rd Infantry Division

15 Jun 43 activated at Cp Blanding Fla and trained under VII and III Corps; moved 22 Aug 43 to Cp Van Dorn Miss and trained under IX and XXI Corps; staged at Cp Shanks N.Y. 28 Dec 44 until departed New York P/E 5 Jan 45; arrived in France 14 Jan 45 and entered Germany 20 Mar 45; arrived Boston P/E 26 Sep 45 and inactivated at Cp Myles Standish Mass 27 Sep 45.

Campaigns: *Rhineland, Central Europe*
Aug 45 Loc: Bad Mergentheim Germany

Typical Organization (1944/45):

| | |
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| 253rd Infantry Regiment | 263rd Engineer Combat Battalion |
| 254th Infantry Regiment | 363rd Medical Battalion |
| 255th Infantry Regiment | 63rd Counter Intelligence Corps Det |
| HHB Division Artillery | Headquarters Special Troops |
| 718th Field Artillery Battalion (155mm) | Hqs Company, 63rd Infantry Division |
| 861st Field Artillery Battalion (105mm) | Military Police Platoon |
| 862nd Field Artillery Battalion (105mm) | 763rd Ordnance Light Maintenance Company |
| 863rd Field Artillery Battalion (105mm) | 63rd Quartermaster Company |
| 63rd Reconnaissance Troop, Mecz | 563rd Signal Company |
| 70th Tank Battalion (attached 12 Mar 45-18 Mar 45) | |
| 740th Tank Battalion (attached 17 Mar 45-28 Mar 45) | |
| 753rd Tank Battalion (attached 31 Mar 45-28 May 45) | |
| 692nd Tank Destroyer Battalion (attached 30 Mar 45-31 Mar 45) | |
| 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion (attached 16 Mar 45-21 Mar 45) | |
| 822nd Tank Destroyer Battalion (attached 6 Feb 45-17 Mar 45, 21 Mar 45-28 May 45) | |
| 436th AAA Auto-Wpns Battalion (attached 11 Feb 45-1 May 45) | |

Overseas Wartime Assignments:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Seventh Army - 10 Dec 44 | XXI Corps - 26 Mar 45 |
| XV Corps - 1 Feb 45 | VI Corps - 1 Apr 45 |
| XXI Corps - 22 Feb 45 | XXI Corps - 19 Apr 45 |
| XV Corps - 21 Mar 45 | Seventh Army - 30 Apr 45 |

Commanders: MG Louis E. Hibbs: Jun 43
BG Frederick M. Harris: Aug 45

Killed in Action: 861 *Wounded in Action:* 3,326 *Died of Wounds:* 113

63rd Infantry Division Combat Narrative

Advanced elements of the division arrived in Marseille France on 8 Dec 44, trained at Haguenau, and organized as Task Force Harris to protect the east flank of the drive on the Rhine. It defended the Vosges and Maginot Line area 22-30 Dec 44 and battled the German offensive south of Bitche 1-19 Jan 45. The rest of the division closed in Marseille France 14 Jan 45 and the division assembled at Willerswald on 2 Feb 45 as Task Force Harris was discontinued. The division conducted patrolling activity until 15 Feb 45 when the 255th Inf attacked the Bois de Blies Brucken and the 253rd Inf fought the Battle for Auersmacher 17-19 Feb 45. The division completed the reduction of the Welferding salient with the capture of Buebingen and Bliesransbach 24 Feb 45.

The division renewed its attacks 3 Mar 45 as the 253rd Inf battled through heavily defended forest to Hahnsbusch 3-5 Mar 45. The division attacked the *West Wall* near Saarbruecken on 15 Mar 45 and took Fechingen, Eschringen, and Ennheim. After heavy combat the division breached a gap in the *West Wall* north of the latter town on 18 Mar 45. With the fall of St Ingbert and Hassel to 255th Inf on 20 Mar 45, the *West Wall* was pierced. After a brief rest, the division crossed the Rhine at Neuschloss on 28 Mar 45 and relieved the 44th Inf Div, crossing the Neckar in the Wieblingen area 30 Mar 45 and reaching Heidelberg. The division continued to advance behind the 10th Armd Div and

Unit History of the 63rd Infantry Division (1 of 2)

Summary of the 63rd Infantry Division in Stanton's *Order of Battle*. The 63rd activated at Camp Blanding, FL, in June 1943. The unit arrived in France in January 1945 and entered Germany in March 1945. The bottom of the page gives a brief combat narrative.

Résumé de la 63e Division d'Infanterie dans L'ordre de bataille de Stanton: La division a été activée à Camp Blanding (Floride) en juin 1943 ; elle est arrivée en France en janvier 1945 avant d'entrer en Allemagne en mars 1945. Le bas de la page présente un bref récit des combats.

Shelby L. Stanton, *Order of Battle, US Army, World War II* (Novato, California: Presidio Press, 1984).

<https://archive.org/details/orderofbattleusa00stan/page/135/mode/1up>

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fought through the region north of the Jagst River 3 Apr 45. The 253rd forced the river in the Griesheim-Herbolzheim region on 4 Apr 45 and fought house-to-house in Moeckmuehl. After frontal assaults against Hardenhauser Forest failed, the division enveloped the woods by 7 Apr 45. The 255th Inf reached the Kocher River and established a bridgehead at Weissbach 9 Apr 45.

The Kocher River bridgehead was expanded against strong German opposition and the 10th Armd Div attacked out of it 11 Apr 45. The division mopped up in that area and consolidated 14 Apr 45, returning to the attack the next day as it took Schwaebisch Hall with armored support by 18 Apr 45. The division seized the Rems Bridge at Unt Boebingen on 22 Apr 45 and leapfrogged battalions to reach the Danube River 25 Apr 45. The 254th Inf crossed the river on a damaged bridge in Riedheim and repulsed a German armored counterattack. The division was relieved 28 Apr 45 and withdrawn from the line. It was assigned security duty from the Rhine to Darmstadt and Wurzburg on a line to Stuttgart and Speyer, and was in this mode when hostilities were declared ended on 7 May 45.

Unit History of the 63rd Infantry Division (2 of 2)

Continuation of Stanton's combat narrative for the 63rd Infantry Division in World War II. It details that the unit engaged in "security duty" from the Rhine to Darmstadt and Wurzburg when hostilities ended on May 7, 1945 (officially on May 8, 1945).

Suite du récit des combats rapporté par Stanton consacré à la 63e Division d'Infanterie durant la Seconde Guerre mondiale, informant que l'unité a mené des « missions de sécurité » du Rhin à Darmstadt et Wurtzbourg jusqu'à la fin des hostilités, le 7 mai 1945 (officiellement le 8 mai 1945).

Shelby L. Stanton, *Order of Battle, US Army, World War II* (Novato, California: Presidio Press, 1984).

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| Chappell, Edward A. | Pfc. | AT | 254 | Inf. |
| Chappell, Gilbert L. (T/5^) | 2/Lt. | F | 255 | Inf. |
| Chappell, Gilbert L. (^2/Lt. | T/5 | G | 255 | Inf. |
| Chappell, Thomas H., II | Pvt. | C | 861 | FA |
| Charatz, Milton | T/5 | F | 255 | Inf. |
| Charbeneau, Norman S. | Pfc. | L | 253 | Inf. |
| Charbeneau, Paul J. | T/5 | L | 253 | Inf. |
| Charbonneau, Lloyd J. | Pfc. | Recon | 63 | Div. |
| Charette, Harold G. | S/Sgt. | 2 Hq. | 254 | Inf. |
| Charette, Harold G. | S/Sgt. | SV | 254 | Inf. |
| Charette, Leonard E. | T/5 | H | 255 | Inf. |
| Charitan, Ivan M. | Pfc. | B | 263 | Eng. |
| Charldon, Johnny | Cpl. | | 255 | Inf. |
| Charles, Donald Embvry | Sgt. | | 253 | Inf. |
| Charles, Donald Embvry | Sgt. | F | 255 | Inf. |
| Charles, George | Pvt. | ? | | |
| Charles, John R. | 2/Lt. | C | 255 | Inf. |
| Charles, John R. | 2/Lt. | HQ | 255 | Inf. |
| Charles, Roy R. | Lt. | | 718 | FA |
| Charles, Vernal G. | Pfc. | K | 255 | Inf. |
| Charlestein, Morton | Pfc. | 2 Hq. | 253 | Inf. |
| Charleston, Edward L. | Cpl. | QM | 63 | Div. |
| Charley, John J. | T/5 | Signal | 563 | |
| Charney, Abraham NMI | Pfc. | D | 255 | Inf. |
| Charnovitz, Robert | Pvt. | H | 255 | Inf. |
| Charters, Donald L. | Sgt. | A | 263 | Eng. |
| Charters, Donald L. | Sgt. | C | 263 | Eng. |
| Chartkoff, Isaac | Pvt. | K | 254 | Inf. |
| Chartkoff, Issac | Pvt. | SV | 862 | FA |
| Charton, Paul J. | Pvt. | I | 255 | Inf. |
| Chase, Clarence G. | Cpl. | 2 Hq. | 253 | Inf. |
| KIA Chase, Claude W. | Sgt. | E | 254 | Inf. |
| Chase, Francis T., Jr. | 2/Lt. | E | 255 | Inf. |
| Chase, Francis T., Jr. | 2/Lt. | HQ | 255 | Inf. |
| Chase, Kenneth L. | Pfc. | AT | 253 | Inf. |
| Chase, Lawrence J. | Pfc. | QM | 63 | Div. |
| Chase, Lester E. | T/5 | AT | 255 | Inf. |
| Chase, Warren O. | T/5 | D | 253 | Inf. |
| Chasen, (Harold?) | | 3 Hq. | 255 | Inf. |
| Chasen, Harold | 1/Lt. | ? | | |
| Chaskelberg, Sidney | Pfc. | B | 253 | Inf. |
| Chassey, Maurice | Pvt. | E | 255 | Inf. |
| Chastain, Charles M. | Pvt. | 1 Hq. | 255 | Inf. |
| Chastain, Charles M. | Pvt. | F | 255 | Inf. |
| Chastain, Clell C. | T/5 | B | 863 | FA |
| Chastain, Hosea | Pfc. | F | 255 | Inf. |
| Chastain, James E. | T/5 | C | 254 | Inf. |
| Chastain, William G. | T/4 | HQ | 63 | Div. |
| Chastenay, Reginald A. | Pfc. | SV | 254 | Inf. |
| Chateau, Edward J. | Pfc. | SV | 718 | FA |
| Chatham, Thomas W. | Pvt. | QM | 63 | Div. |

Alphabetical Roster for the 63rd Infantry Division.

One page of the roster of men who served in the 63rd Infantry Division. It shows Claude W. Chase as a sergeant in Company E of the 254th Infantry Regiment, listed as KIA, “killed in action.”

Cette page, issue de la liste des effectifs ayant servi dans la 63e Division d'Infanterie, indique que Claude W. Chase était sergent dans la compagnie E du 254e Régiment d'Infanterie et qu'il a été tué au combat (KIA).

“Alphabetical Roster of All Men Assigned to the 63rd Infantry Division During the Period 15 June through August 1945-” database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: Accessed September 15, 2025), entry for Claude W Chase, service number 31400452.

https://www.63rdinfdiv.com/files/0003-Complete_Alphabetical_Roster_of_Division_Personnel-1-signed.pdf

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| Canine, Carol E | T/3 | 35254572 | Med Det | 27-Jan-45 |
| Carchio, Albert Jr | T/5 | 42008046 | Med Det | 23-Jan-45 |
| Carr, Floyd T. Jr | S/Sgt | 37633991 | I | 18-Mar-45 |
| Castoria, Daniel V | Pfc | 42076185 | C | 25-Apr-45 |
| Chamberlain, Richard F (NBD) | T/5 | 32955794 | Hq | 17 Feb 45 |
| Chase, Claude W | Sgt | 31400452 | E | 29-Jan-45 |
| Cipriani, Peter | Pfc | 33615067 | F | 9-Apr-45 |
| Clark, Arthur H | Pfc | 35240509 | C | 18-Apr-45 |
| Cogar, Annis E | Pfc | 39049708 | D | 9-Apr-45 |
| Cole, Robert F | Pfc | 36451082 | B | 26-Apr-45 |
| Collette, Jack M | S/Sgt | 20710921 | B | 26-Apr-45 |
| Collins, Rexford C | Sgt | 33700572 | C | 4-Feb-45 |
| Cooper, Raymond W | Pfc | 35848829 | C | 8-Apr-45 |
| Corl, Robert D | Pfc | 33935328 | C | 27-Jan-45 |
| Coulter, Tollton E | 1/Lt | 01328125 | C | 26-Apr-45 |
| Cox, Paul | Pfc | 38664428 | K | 18-Mar-45 |
| Cozart, Bobby Joe | Pvt | 38633965 | F | 15-Mar-45 |
| Crownecklace, Thomas V | Pvt | 17005552 | A | 30-Jan-45 |
| Curry, Hugh R | Pfc | 31417239 | A | 15-Apr-45 |
| Cutler, Donald L | Pfc | 39603009 | E | 8-Apr-45 |
| Dale, Jim K. Jr | Pvt | 38550979 | B | 2-Apr-45 |
| Dalton, Elbridge H | Pfc | 35817154 | A | 23-Jan-45 |
| D'Amato, Andrew V | Sgt | 42075870 | B | 2 Apr 45 |
| Dargenio, Julius P | Sgt | 32725141 | F | 18-Mar-45 |
| Davidson, Charles W | T/4 | 33795086 | Med Det | 9-Apr-45 |
| Davis, Gene L | Pfc | 34922778 | E | 9-Mar-45 |
| Dawida, Michael | T/Sgt | 33419836 | I | 17-Apr-45 |
| DeHart, Clarence W | Sgt | 34596083 | D | 3-Feb-45 |
| DeLion, Thomas E | Pfc | 37490647 | F | 9-Apr-45 |
| Dellivenneri, Nicholas | Pvt | 42177529 | AT | 12-Apr-45 |
| DeMario, Frank J | S/Sgt | 33085400 | L | 9-Apr-45 |
| Demko, Michael | Pvt | 33705394 | F | 28-Jan-45 |
| Dencer, Bertram E | T/Sgt | 35013434 | B | 16-Jan-45 |
| Dennehy, Daniel J | Sgt | 12226881 | C | 3-Mar-45 |
| Desjardins, Joseph R | Pfc | 31350560 | L | 8-Apr-45 |
| DiAntonio, Arthur J | 2/Lt | 01315146 | A | 29-Jan-45 |
| Dillow, Allen W | Pvt | 35846287 | F | 18-Mar-45 |
| Dingle, Hugh | Pfc | 33939398 | B | 26-Apr-45 |
| Dobler, Karl G | Pfc | 33930871 | Med Det | 19-Apr-45 |
| Dolin, Joseph | Pfc | 13122436 | Hq 1st | 16-Apr-45 |
| Dunlavy, Burt | Pfc | 37692936 | C | 25-Jan-45 |
| Duval, Gerald D | 2/Lt | O2O11520 | H | 17 Apr 45 |

Roster of dead in the 254th Infantry Regiment.

Claude Chase's name appears in the Unit History of the 254th Infantry Regiment, which shows members of the 254th killed in Europe in 1945.

Claude Chase apparaît dans un extrait de l'histoire du 254e Régiment d'Infanterie qui présente les membres du régiment tués en Europe en 1945.

"254th Infantry Regimental Deaths in Europe," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: Accessed September 17, 2025), Entry for Claude W Chase, Service number 31400452.

<https://www.fold3.com/image/306360268/254th-infantry-regimental-deaths-in-europe-page-3-unit-history-us-63rd-infantry-division-1943-1945?terms=254th%2C31400452%2Cinfantry%2Cregiment%2Cdivision%2Cchase%2Cclaudew%2C63rd&vw=info>

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TURNER CLAYTON W 31317348 PFC FOD
TURNER CLIFFORD C 31000010 SGT KIA
TURNER ROBERT L 31400967 PFC KIA
VOISINE EDWARD 31471503 PFC DON
VOISINE EDWIN NMI 31462945 PVT DON
WEDBERG ALF E 31462969 PFC KIA
WIGGINS LYLE D 31398395 SGT KIA
WILES GEORGE 31222220 PFC DNB
WILLIAMS EUGENE V 01167283 1 LT KIA
WILLIAMS FLOYD E JR 31317598 PFC KIA
WOOD ARTHUR 31147102 PVT DNB
WRIGHT PHILIP E 31401319 PFC KIA
YOUNG LEVERETT L 20146529 SGT KIA

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

ADAMS JOE C 31400793 PFC KIA
ALLEN AUSTIN W 20148855 PVT DNB
ANDERSON DONALD P 11068455 T SC DNB
ANDERSON JOEL H 31217133 PFC KIA
ARMSTRONG L R JR 11097361 SGT DNB
ARSENAULT ROBERT J 31319171 PFC DON
ARSENAULT LAWRENCE J 31100874 PFC KIA
ARSENAULT CLAYTON M 11122109 AV C DNB
ASPINWALT BERNARD J 31400572 PVT KIA
AUCLAIR JOSEPH A 31323215 PVT KIA
AVANZATO DOMINICK 20148056 SGT DNB
BACHELDER FRANKLIN P 31323215 PVT KIA
BADGER GLENN C 11098086 SGT DNB
BAILEY NORMAN G 20135040 PVT DNB
BAMFORTH LEON L 11016909 T SC KIA
BARNES SAMUEL H 31322186 PFC DNB
BARRIAULT EDGAR E 31323043 PFC KIA
BARTER GUY M 31027399 S SC DON
BENNETT EARL 11029132 PVT KIA
BENNETT EDWARD E 31321820 PFC KIA
BENSON CALVIN S 31321115 PFC KIA
BERNARD GEORGE J JR 0-817569 2 LT FOD
BERNARD ROLAND C 31393330 PVT KIA
BERNIER CAMILLE J 31399576 PFC DON
BERRY DEXTER W 31100877 SGT KIA
BERRY MARTIN J 31320351 PVT DON
BLARE LESLIE C 6104532 1 SC DNB
BODGE PHILIP W 31398120 CPL DNB
BONANG JAMES H 31101272 T SC DNB
BOOTH DONALD H 11097568 TEC5 KIA
BOUCHER PHILIPPE A 31456510 PFC KIA
BOULOS JOSEPH S 0-728164 1 LT KIA
BOURNE THOMAS S 11013309 PVT DNB
BOWDEN EUGENE R 31085694 PFC KIA
BOWER ERNEST H 31216692 PFC KIA
BOYLE CHARLES E 31392084 PFC KIA
BRADBURY WALLACE A 31219948 CPL KIA
BRANSON IRVING C 31359745 PVT KIA
BRIDGMAN HALCOLM G 31398138 CPL KIA
BRIGGS CHARLES K 31398207 SGT KIA
BROWN CLIFFORD A 31351966 TEC5 KIA
BRYANT RALPH C JR 31319969 PFC DNB
BUCK JACOB J JR 31217263 PFC KIA
BUCK LELAND S JR 0-832090 2 LT KIA
BUDDEN BURRELL B 01326211 2 LT KIA
BURKE EVERETT H W2109856 C NO KIA
BURNARD EDWIN C 01945547 1 LT DNB
CAMPBELL JOHN E 31320977 PFC KIA
CAMPBELL LAWRENCE J 31402037 PVT KIA
CAMPBELL RUSSELL J 31153912 S SC KIA

CARD RAYMOND L 20147790 CPL KIA
CARON RAYMOND W 31338854 PFC KIA
CARR CHARLES W 31466143 PFC DON
CARSON CHESTER G 31391376 PVT KIA
CARSON MILTON F 31117259 PFC KIA
CHADBOURNE DONALD E 31321105 PFC KIA
CHADBOURNE CHARLES E 11067979 S SC DNB
CHAMBERLAIN ROLAND H 0-887028 2 LT KIA
CHASE CLAUDE W 31400452 SGT KIA
CHIASSON GERARD J 31319357 SGT KIA
CHURCHILL RICHARD 0-790516 CAPT KIA
CLARK EDWARD H 31399023 PVT KIA
CLARK JOHN W 31319640 PVT KIA
CLARKE EDWARD K 31152514 S SC KIA
CLOUDMAN F H JR 0-026012 CAPT DNB
COBURN RAYMOND W 11068453 S SC KIA
COFFIN ARTHUR L 31218523 PVT KIA
COCCINS GERALD E JR 31401854 PVT KIA
COLLINS CLAYTON P 31318881 PPL DNE
COLLINS FRANCIS P JR 31321506 PFC KIA
COLPITTS CLARENCE C 31117361 PVT KIA
COLPITTS GEORGE D 20143526 PVT DNB
CONLEY JOHN T 11013418 PFC KIA
CONLEY PHILIP J 31219085 S SC KIA
COOK WILLIAM J 31219789 PFC DNB
COOKE ROBERT H 31180442 S SC KIA
CORMIER ALVRE J 31322508 PVT KIA
COWALLIS LAUREN L 31150223 S SC FOD
COX BENJAMIN J 01304348 2 LT KIA
COYLE LEO R JR 31321370 S SC KIA
CRABTREE PARKER F 31116392 S SC FOD
CRESSEY FRED S JR 31402045 PFC KIA
CRIBBY JOSEPH W JR 31220869 PVT DNB
CROCE LOUIS A 31320161 PFC KIA
CROCKER HAROLD E 31400737 PVT KIA
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DAVIS WALTER W 11068354 CPL DNB
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DENNETT DONOVAN K 31100863 PFC DON
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DEVLIN BERNARD J 31284400 PFC DNB
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DODGE JOHN G 7-065526 FL O DNB
DOLLEY HERBERT I 31319732 S SC KIA
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DONAHUE PAUL C 31152185 CPL FOD
DOUGLASS CHARLES A 31400361 PFC KIA
DRISCOLL DANIEL W 11013121 TEC4 DON
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DROWN HARRIS W 31399301 PVT DNE
DUPRESNE EDMOND J 31101797 SGT DNB
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DUNN GEORGE R 11029061 SGT DNE
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DYER VERNON E 11029816 TEC5 DNB
EASTMAN LEVI W 31315515 PVT DNB
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ELLWELL KENNETH L 31462698 PFC KIA

EMERY LEONARD H 0-792009 1 LT KIA
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FARESE EDWARD E 31308099 PVT KIA
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FASULO PHILIP J. 31399081 PVT KIA
FERGUSON WILLIAM F 6149192 S SC DNB
FILLMORE WILLARD N 31116248 PFC DNB
FORRESTALL HOWARD W 11068359 AV C KIA
FORTIER BERTRAND J H 31218030 PVT DNB
FORTIN CHARLES A 31152090 SGT KIA
FORTIN WALTER E 11122267 CPL KIA
FOSTER ARVNER L 31320902 PFC DNB
FOWLER JOHN C 31153006 CPL DNB
FOWLER RICHARD B 0-817783 2 LT KIA
FRASER GORDON S 31398991 S SC KIA
FRAZEE WINTHROP T 0-727328 2 LT FOD
FRENCH SCOTT S 11068425 PVT KIA
FRIEL FRANKLYN 31227406 PVT KIA
GAIN CHARLES W 6154258 PVT DNB
GALLANT EDWARD 31117692 S SC KIA
GALLANT THOMAS E 40149329 SGT KIA
GAULT JOHN W JR 11120261 SGT KIA
GILL WILLIAM J 31216859 TEC5 DNB
GILMAN ROBERT C 7-123387 FL O KIA
GLASS EARLE W 31322524 PVT KIA
GLEW EUGENE S 31117612 S SC KIA
GLODE DANIEL H 31322697 PFC KIA
GOLDSTEIN EDWARD R 11120888 S SC KIA
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GREGORY JOHN H 31217889 TEC5 KIA
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GROVER WILLIAM A 31101806 TEC4 DNB
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GUPTILL LLOYD W 31116407 PVT KIA
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HALLINILL EUGENE H 0-393127 MAJ DNB
HANLON WILLIAM L 11013204 TEC5 KIA
HANSCOM LAITH W 31218112 AV C DNB
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HARDY JAMES C 31217796 PFC KIA
HARON FRANKLIN A 31116960 T SC KIA
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HINDS JOSEPH M 31150598 SGT KIA
HODGINS CHARLES S 6146855 PVT KIA
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HOLLAND EDWARD D 11068327 PVT DON
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HORN HAROLD V 31153782 SGT KIA
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JAMES GEORGE E 31320352 PFC KIA
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JODRIE KENNETH F 11122437 S SC KIA
JONES JOSEPH J 31323047 TEC5 KIA
JORDAN LLOYD E 31151007 S SC KIA

World War II Honor List of the Dead and Missing

The Honor List of the Dead and Missing Army and Army Air Forces displays Claude W. Chase under Cumberland County, ME, as KIA.

La liste d'honneur des morts et disparus de l'Armée et des forces aériennes américaines mentionne Claude W. Chase, du comté de Cumberland, dans le Maine, comme mort au combat.

"World War II Honor List of Dead and Missing Army and Army Air Forces," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: Accessed October 12, 2025), Entry for Claude W Chase, Service number 31400452.

<https://www.fold3.com/image/310763465/maine-page-7-us-wwii-army-and-army-air-force-casualty-list-1946>

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US Rosters of World War II Dead

The National Archives Roster of the Dead displays Claude Chase's name, service number, and highest rank, SGT.

Le registre des morts des Archives nationales cite le nom de Claude Chase, son numéro de matricule et son grade le plus élevé (Sergent - SGT).

"US, Rosters of World War II Dead," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: Accessed October 12, 2025), Entry for Claude W Chase, Service number 31400452.

<https://www.fold3.com/sub-image/641572574/chase-claude-w-us-rosters-of-world-war-ii-dead-1939-1945>

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Norridgewock Boy Reported Killed In Action

NORRIDGEWOCK, Feb. 20—Mr. And Mrs. Vaughn Chase of Norridgewock, formerly of Perham, Me., have received word that their son, Sgt. Claude Chase, 19, was killed in action on January 29, 1945, while serving with the infantry in France.

Sgt. Chase entered the Army in January 1944 and received his training at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi. He arrived overseas in December, 1944.

Transcription from *The Bangor Daily News*

A newspaper article from the regional newspaper headquartered in Bangor, ME indicated that the Army informed the Chase family of their son's death in February 1945.

Cet extrait d'un article publié dans un journal régional de Bangor (Maine) révèle que l'armée a informé la famille Chase du décès de son fils en février 1945.

"Norridgewock Boy Reported Killed in Action," *The Bangor Daily News* (Maine), February 21, 1945, Newspapers.com.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/663330479/?match=1&terms=Claude%20Chase>

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Cenotaph

Claude W. Chase's memorial stone, or cenotaph, in Fairview Cemetery, Perham in Aroostook County, ME. It displays his name and that he was "killed in France" on January 29, 1945.

La pierre commémorative, ou cénotaphe, de Claude W. Chase, au cimetière Fairview, à Perham, dans le comté d'Aroostook (Maine) indique son nom et qu'il a été « tué en France » le 29 janvier 1945.

"Find a Grave", database, (findagrave.com: accessed November 11, 2025), memorial page for Claude W. Chase, Fairview Cemetery, Perham, Aroostook County, Maine.

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/152836712/claude_wesley-chase

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Headstone

Headstone for Vaughn Chase, Claude's father, who died in 1965. It is located in the same cemetery as Claude's memorial stone, Fairview Cemetery in Perham, Aroostook County, ME.

La pierre tombale de Vaughn Chase, père de Claude, décédé en 1965, située dans le même cimetière que la pierre commémorative de Claude, au cimetière Fairview de Perham, dans le comté d'Aroostook (Maine).

"Find a Grave", database, (findagrave.com: accessed November 11, 2025), memorial page for Vaughn W. Chase, Fairview Cemetery, Perham, Aroostook County, Maine.

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/138273546/vaughn_wesley-chase

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Headstone

Headstone for Isabelle Holt Chase, Claude's Mother, who died in 1993. It too is located in Fairview Cemetery in Perham, Aroostook County, ME.

La pierre tombale d'Isabelle Holt Chase, la mère de Claude, décédée en 1993. Elle se trouve également au cimetière Fairview de Perham, dans le comté d'Aroostook (Maine).

"Find a Grave", database, (findagrave.com: accessed November 11, 2025), memorial page for Isabel H. Chase, Fairview Cemetery, Perham, Aroostook County, Maine.

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/138273564/isabel_pansy-chase

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Memorial for US Dead in Jepsheim, France

The memorial honoring the US soldiers who died in the fighting to liberate Jepsheim lists the regiments involved, including the 254th Infantry Regiment, to which Claude belonged.

Le mémorial rendant hommage aux soldats américains morts au combat lors de la libération de Jepsheim répertorie les régiments impliqués, dont le 254^e régiment d'infanterie, auquel appartenait Claude.

FFSS collection, credit to Dr. Amelia Lyons.

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Memorial for US Dead in Jepsheim, France

The memorial in Jepsheim, France, commemorates the members of the 254th Infantry Regiment, including Claude, who died while taking the town.

Le mémorial de Jepsheim, en France, rend hommage aux membres du 254e régiment d'infanterie, dont le sergent Claude Chase, qui ont perdu la vie lors de la libération du village en janvier 1945.

"Claude Chasse, War Memorial of Jepsheim", database, *Find A Grave*, added Mai 22, 2025, accessed November 11, 2025, https://fr.findagrave.com/memorial/152836712/claude_wesley-chase/photo#view-photo=318674703.

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