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Winford Griffin

1922 – 1945

Private First Class: US Army

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

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REGISTRATION CARD

SERIAL NUMBER	10211	ORDER NUMBER	2608
1	James Anderson Griffin <small>(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)</small>		
2	PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: #3 Lincoln Talladega Ala <small>(No.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)</small>		
Age in Years	Date of Birth		
36	Feb 5	1882 <small>(Month) (Day) (Year)</small>	
RACE			
White	Negro	Oriental	Indian
5	6	7	8
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U. S. CITIZEN		ALIEN	
Native Born	Naturalized	Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Registrant's Majority	Declarant
10	11	12	13
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 If not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?			
PRESENT OCCUPATION		EMPLOYER'S NAME	
16 Farmer		17	
18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: #1 Lincoln Ala <small>(No.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)</small>			
NEAREST RELATIVE	Name	19 Mrs. J. A. Griffin	
	Address	20 #3 Lincoln Ala <small>(No.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)</small>	
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE			
P. M. G. O. Form No. 1 (1918)		J. A. Griffin <small>(Signature) (OVER)</small>	

World War I Draft Registration Card (Front)

The World War I draft card for James A. Griffin, Winford's father, indicated that in 1918, he was 36 years old, lived in Talladega, AL, and worked as a farmer.

La carte de recensement de la Première Guerre mondiale de James A. Griffin, le père de Winford, indiquait qu'en 1918, il avait 36 ans, résidait à Talladega (Alabama) et exerçait la profession de fermier.

"U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: Accessed October 28, 2025), Entry for James Griffin, Talladega County, Alabama.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6482/records/21217025>

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REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium	Stout		
21	22 ✓	23	24	25 ✓	26	Blue	B. Br.

29. Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified?
(Specify.)

22. I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

W. A. Richey
(Signature of Registrar)

Date of Registration *9/12/18*

Local Board
Talladega County,
Talladega, Ala.
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)

62-6171 (10/17)

World War I Draft Registration Card (Back)

The back of James's draft card provided a description of his physical appearance: medium height and medium build, with blue eyes and brown hair.

Au dos de cette carte figurait une description physique de James : il était de taille et de corpulence moyennes, aux yeux bleus et aux cheveux bruns.

"U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: Accessed October 28, 2025), Entry for James Griffin, Talladega County, Alabama.

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*Green Mary, dom, r 1414 Brown av
Green Nora, r 1028 Leighton av
*Green Philip, lab, h 11 S Walnut av
Green Preston M, agt Metropolitan Life Ins Co, r 1817
McCoy av
*Green Samuel, lab, h 1204 W 18th
*Green Vina, Indrs, r 400 Chilton av
*Green Walter, r 909 W 15th
*Green Wm, chauff, r rear 1325 Woodstock av
*Greenwood Julius, lab, h 27 Grant
*Greer Alline, r 818 W 18th
*Greer Annie C, Indrs, r 301 S Christine av
*Greer Eloise, r 818 W 18th
Greer Fred B, student, r 1230 Christine av
Greer H Beecher (Alice), clk, h 2105 Leighton av
*Greer Joseph W, lab, r 818 W 18th
Greer Leonard F (Emma E), farmer, h 1230 Chris-
tine av
Greer Martha C, tchr, r 1230 Christine av
Gregory Fred (Lois), r 212 E 14th
Grey Ernest L, r 214 E 9th
Grey James I (True), clk Wikle Drug Co., r 214 E 9th
Grice Richard, mldr, r 1500 S Constantine av
*Grier John, lab, r 8 Spruce av
*Griffin Annie, h 1202 W 11th
Griffin Annie, steno Poland Soap Wks, res Oxford, Ala
*Griffin Bertha, Indrs, r 1803 Cobb av
Griffin Harry F, clk Alabama Drug Co, res Oxford, Ala
Griffin James A (Fannie), mach hd, h 1002 Front
Griffin Louise, r 1702 Quintard av
Griffin Margaret, sten, r 1705 Noble
Griffin Thomas B (Mima J), clk City Jewelry Co, res
Weavers, Ala
*Griffin T L, lab, r 1118 W 15th
*Griffin Wm, lab, r 1008 W 16th
*Griffin W Clarence (Annice), cont, h 1702 Quintard
Griffis Joseph B (Lula B), farmer, h 509 Leighton av
Griffis Marcellus, farmer, h 509 Quintard av
*Griffis Wm, gen mdse 1028 W 15th, h 1025 W 16th
Griffith A J, mill hd American Net & Twine Co, res
Blue Mountain City
Griffith Elma, music tchr, r 1021 Leighton av
Griffith Mike, mill hd American Net & Twine Co, res
Blue Mountain City
*Griffith Walter, mldr, h 307 W 1st
Griffith Wyatt O (Leila L), h 1021 Leighton av
Grimes C Oscar, street formn Ala Water Co, h 1711
Lorraine av
*Grimmet Charlotte, Indrs, h 200 Front av
Grissom Dora L (wid Oscar), r 324 Chestnut av

City Directory

The 1924 city directory listed James and Fannie Griffin in Anniston, Calhoun County, AL. They moved there between 1920 and 1924. James worked as a machine hand (mach hd) - someone who assisted a skilled machinist in a factory or other industrial labor.

L'annuaire municipal de 1924 mentionnait James et Fannie Griffin à Anniston, dans le comté de Calhoun (Alabama). Ils s'y sont installés entre 1920 et 1924. James travaillait comme aide-opérateur (mach hd), c'est-à-dire qu'il assistait un machiniste qualifié dans une usine ou exerçait d'autres tâches industrielles.

"U.S., City Directories 1822-1995," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed October 28, 2025), Entry for James A. Griffin, Anniston, Alabama.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469/records/784036372>

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

State: Alabama Incorporated place: Anniston City Supervisor's District No. 3-35 Sheet No. 1460
County: Calhoun Ward of city: (left of) Block No. _____
Township or other division of county: Prison 20 Gamma Unincorporated place: _____ Enumeration by me on April 1, 1930 Miss Mary M. Gluck

PLACE OF ABODE	NAME	RELATION	HOME DATA		PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	EDUCATION	PLACE OF BIRTH			MOTHER TONGUE OR NATIVE LANGUAGE OF FOREIGN BORN	CITIZENSHIP, ETC.	OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY		EMPLOYMENT	VETERAN	
			Value	Year			PERSON	FATHER	MOTHER			OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY			
1	518 50 52	Pritchard Julia H	Wife	7	W	23	7	20	20	yes	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	None		
2		Carlton M	Head	12	W	16	5	11	11	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
3		James	Son	7	W	12	5	11	11	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
4		John E	Son	7	W	24	7	18	18	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Georgia	None		
5		Billie	Daughter	7	W	24	7	18	18	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
6		Charles H	Son	7	W	21	5	15	15	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
7		Billy W	Son	7	W	18	5	12	12	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
8		Joseph	Son	7	W	18	5	12	12	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
9		Francis	Son	7	W	20	5	14	14	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
10		Edna	Daughter	7	W	20	5	14	14	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
11	100 28 23	James Joseph	Head	0	2000	20	20	23	23	yes	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi	None		
12		Caroline	Wife	0	2000	20	20	23	23	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
13		William	Son	0	2000	20	20	23	23	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
14		William	Son	0	2000	20	20	23	23	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
15		William	Son	0	2000	20	20	23	23	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
16	504 28 24	William	Head	0	1700	20	20	20	20	yes	United States	United States	United States	None		
17		Mary T	Wife	0	1700	20	20	20	20	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
18		William	Son	0	1700	20	20	20	20	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
19		William	Son	0	1700	20	20	20	20	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
20		William	Son	0	1700	20	20	20	20	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
21		William	Son	0	1700	20	20	20	20	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
22		William	Son	0	1700	20	20	20	20	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
23		William	Son	0	1700	20	20	20	20	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
24		William	Son	0	1700	20	20	20	20	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
25	100 28 25	John W	Head	0	1800	20	20	20	20	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
26		John W	Son	0	1800	20	20	20	20	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
27		John W	Son	0	1800	20	20	20	20	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
28		John W	Son	0	1800	20	20	20	20	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
29		John W	Son	0	1800	20	20	20	20	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
30		John W	Son	0	1800	20	20	20	20	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
31		John W	Son	0	1800	20	20	20	20	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
32		John W	Son	0	1800	20	20	20	20	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
33		John W	Son	0	1800	20	20	20	20	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
34		John W	Son	0	1800	20	20	20	20	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
35		John W	Son	0	1800	20	20	20	20	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
36		John W	Son	0	1800	20	20	20	20	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
37	504 28 26	William	Head	0	2000	20	20	21	21	yes	United States	United States	United States	None		
38		William	Son	0	2000	20	20	21	21	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
39		William	Son	0	2000	20	20	21	21	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
40		William	Son	0	2000	20	20	21	21	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
41		William	Son	0	2000	20	20	21	21	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
42		William	Son	0	2000	20	20	21	21	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
43		William	Son	0	2000	20	20	21	21	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
44		William	Son	0	2000	20	20	21	21	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
45	425 28 27	William	Head	0	2000	20	20	21	21	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
46		William	Son	0	2000	20	20	21	21	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
47		William	Son	0	2000	20	20	21	21	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
48		William	Son	0	2000	20	20	21	21	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
49		William	Son	0	2000	20	20	21	21	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		
50		William	Son	0	2000	20	20	21	21	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None		

1930 Federal Census

By 1930, the Griffin family owned their home, valued at \$2,000, in Anniston, Calhoun County, AL. 7-year-old Winford lived with his parents, one of his older brothers, Carl, and his 4 sisters, Mattie, Annie, Lena, and Frances. All of the older children attended school. James, Winford's father, worked as a night watchman at a pipe shop. It notes his age at first marriage, providing indirect evidence that James had been married once before he married Fannie.

En 1930, la famille Griffin était propriétaire d'une maison d'une valeur de \$2 000 à Anniston, dans le comté de Calhoun (Alabama). Winford, âgé de 7 ans, vivait avec ses parents, son grand frère Carl et ses 4 sœurs Mattie, Annie, Lena et Frances. James, le père de Winford, travaillait comme gardien de nuit dans un magasin de tuyauterie. Le document mentionne son âge lors de son premier mariage, ce qui constitue une preuve indirecte que James avait déjà été marié avant d'épouser Fannie.

"1930 United States Federal Census," database, Ancestry (ancestry.com: Accessed October 30, 2025), Entry for Winford Griffin, Anniston, Calhoun, Alabama.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224/records/102537805>
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Headstone

Fannie Griffin, Winford's mother, died in 1936, before she turned 40, when Winford was 14 years old. She is buried at Edgemont Cemetery in Anniston, AL.

Fannie Griffin, la mère de Winford, est décédée en 1936, avant son 40e anniversaire, alors que Winford n'avait que 14 ans. Elle a été inhumée au cimetière Edgemont à Anniston (Alabama).

"Fannie F Griffin," *Find A Grave* (Findagrave.com: accessed October 30, 2025), memorial page for Fannie F. Griffin (1897-1936), Anniston, Calhoun County, Alabama.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/41353211/fannie-f-griffin>

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Military Service

(MONTHLY ROSTER) Second Sheet	
COMPANY "I" TWENTY SECOND INFANTRY, FORT MCCLELLAN, ALABAMA, MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 31, 1938.	
PRIVATES (CONT'D)	PRIVATES (CONT'D)
12. Chance, Clyde W., 6395192 Fur sin 5th :	54. Windsor, Earnest C., 6967646 Enl & jd 3rd
13. Carroll, Sam H., 6927019 :	55. Young, Harry, 6966310 :
14. Chupp, Floyd L., 6967594 :	
15. Clark, Clinton G., 6392641 DS B&C School : Ft Benning, Ga sin Sept 30-38. :	LOSSES DURING THE MONTH
16. Connell, Vinson A., 6967645 Enl & jd 3rd :	PRIVATES FIRST CLASS
17. Cox, Ralph J., 6967640 :	
18. Finley, Harold P., 6388276 :	1. Merrell, Raymond H., 6390195 Honbly
19. Gates, Thomas W., 6967701 Enl & jd 13th :	Disch ETS 25th
20. Gilbreath, Max W., 6929423, Trfd from : Inf., unassigned, jd 10th. :	2. Vinson, Allen C., 6390141 Honbly Disch
21. Glenn, Troy W., 6967717 Enl & jd 22nd :	ETS 21st
22. Griffin, William L., 6394517 :	
23. Griffin, Winford, 6967700 Enl & jd 13th :	PRIVATES
24. Hamilton, John C., 6399074 :	1. Mitchell, George W., 6390202 Honbly
25. Harper, R.V., 6967724 Enl 28th jd 31st. :	Disch ETS 28th
26. Fritz, Daniel T., 6921121 :	2. Parker, Robert C., 6390153 Honbly Disch
27. Hicks, Jack L., 6921744 :	ETS 6th
28. Isabel, Vernon E., 6390191 :	3. Wright, Joseph F., 6390192 Honbly Disch
29. Jenkins, Hugh W., 6928507 Enl & jd 22nd :	ETS 22nd
30. Johnson, Paul R., 6921152 Fur sin 5th :	4. Winstead, Marvin, 6399071 Trfd to
31. King, James E., 6921865 :	Service Co 22d Inf Ft McClellan, Ala
32. Kirk, B.F., 6967704 Enl & jd 14th :	Oct 21-38 per RSO/68 Hq 22d Inf, dated
33. McCown, Willie F., 6921745 :	Oct 21-38.
34. McSherdon, William A., 6921850 Fur sin 5th :	
35. Nolan, Buford M., 6929437 :	
36. Pulliam, Lester E., 6921909 Rejd fr fur : 19th. :	
37. Putnam, James E., 6388934 :	
38. Rayburn, George L., 6399440 Fur sin 22d :	
39. Reed, Claud E., 6966378 :	
40. Reed, Charles D., 6388901 :	
41. Reeder, John R., 6390215 :	
42. Reynolds, Leslie K., 6390486 Rejd from : fur 21st :	
43. Saucier, Leo L., 6924506 Fur sin 26th :	
44. Slay, John W. Jr., 6923751 Jd fr DS : enropte 21st :	
45. Smith, Charlie D., 6967599 :	
46. St. John, John D., 6921837 Fur sin 5th :	
47. Sullivan, Bob L., 6394884 :	
48. Thompson, Lewis D., 6930129, DS B&C : School Ft Benning, Ga Sin Sept 30-38 :	
49. Tidmore, Haden H., 6921750 Fur sin 5th :	
50. Turner, Jessie, 6921839 :	
51. Turner, John W., 6921743 :	
52. Vincent, Clyde E., 6388670 :	
53. Ward, Seaborn W., 6967647 Enl & jd 5th : AWOL sin 11th :	

Muster Rolls and Rosters Nov 1912 - Dec 1939

This US Army roster of enlisted men, dated October 31, 1938, listed Winford, then 16 years old. He likely lied about his age to join Company I, 22nd Infantry Division, stationed at Fort McClellan, AL. According to the document, Winford enlisted at Fort McClellan on October 13, 1938. The military base stood on the outskirts of Anniston, where the Griffin family lived.

Cette liste de soldats de l'armée américaine, datée du 31 octobre 1938, mentionnait Winford, alors âgé de 16 ans. Il a probablement menti sur son âge pour pouvoir s'engager dans la compagnie I de la 22e division d'infanterie, stationnée à Fort McClellan (Alabama). Selon ce document, Winford s'est engagé à Fort McClellan le 13 octobre 1938. La base militaire se situait aux abords d'Anniston, où vivait la famille Griffin.

"United States, Enlisted and Officer Muster Rolls and Rosters, 1916-1939", Database. *FamilySearch*.

(<https://familysearch.org>: accessed 29 November 20250, Winford.Griffin, service number 6967700.

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3H5-995T-D?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3ACGXR-7LN2&action=view&cc=3346936&lang=en&groupid=>

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Military Service

ROSTER OF TROOPS		MONTHLY ROSTER (Third Sheet)	
SCHOOL FOR BAKERS AND COOKS, Fort Benning, Georgia, As of Midnight, January 31, 1939			
PRIVATES (CONT'D)		PRIVATES (CONT'D)	
34. Dean, Jack D.	6923692	61. Kelley, Thomas E.	6929224
Co C 29th Inf		Co K 22nd Inf	
35. Dobbs, Donald F.	6388712	62. Kemp, Silas E. B.	6924859
Co I 22nd Inf		Btry B 13th CA	
36. Dodson, Harry H.	6966878	63. Kilpatrick, Cleveland T.	6924965
M G Tr 6th Cav		Btry B 13th CA	
37. Doyal, Albert R.	6925082	64. Knight, James T.	6924899
Base Hq & 6th AB Sq GHQ AF		Btry A 13th CA	
38. Duke, Walter E.	6929285	65. Koonce, Swagler H.	6965924
Tr A 6th Cav		Btry D 4th FA	
39. Duke, Benjamin F.	6398571	66. Landers, John P.	6967393
Btry D 36th FA		Hq Co 22nd Inf	
40. Dumas, William L.	6967552	67. Loftin, Leon H.	6930297
Hq Co 22nd Inf		Hq Co 22nd Inf	
41. Climer, Joel W.	6966092	68. Malone, Willis C.	6952325
Serv Co 29th Inf		Tr B 6th Cav	
42. Fagan, Charles H.	6967371	69. McCaskill, Roy W.	6920598
Hq Co 22nd Inf		Co G 22nd Inf	
43. Fontenot, V. L. (Init Only)	6920955	70. McGill, Johnny F. Jr.	6967453
8th Atk Sq GHQ AF		Co K 22nd Inf	
44. Gaither, William F.	6397640	71. McLahan, J. L. Jr. (Init only)	6926764
Hq Hq Btry & Ctn 2nd Bn 36th FA		Co F 22nd Inf	
45. Gardner, Ralph B.	6388455	72. Mitchell, Shelly	6923016
Co H 22nd Inf		ComF 22nd Inf	
46. Gates, Thomas W.	6967701	73. Nixon, Quinton J.	6922868
Co I 22nd Inf		Co F 22nd Inf	
47. Goodwin, Wilber H.	6657125	74. Moore, Carlton R.	6964891
Btry A 13th CA		Btry E 83rd FA	
48. Griffin, Winford	6967700	75. Morgan, Warren J.	6398021
Co I 22nd Inf		79th Pur Sq GHQ AF	
49. Harper, Tommie J.	6399477	76. Murray, Elmer R.	6929482
Co K 22nd Inf		Tr F 6th Cav	
50. Harvey, Melvin H.	6966995	77. Murray, John A.	6965129
M G Tr 6th Cav		Co D 6th Inf	
51. Haynes, Fred B.	6930038	78. Nall, Herman E.	6965443
Serv Co 22nd Inf		Btry A 13th CA	
52. Heck, Oliver L.	6964269	79. Ousley, Ivon L.	6393975
Mo G 29th Inf		Q M Det	
53. Henderson, Montgomery	6393107	80. Owens, Thomas C.	6925309
Btry C 17th FA		Btry E 4th FA	
54. Henson, Claude A.	6928699	81. Panther, Edward R.	6964340
Co K 22nd Inf		Tr E 6th Cav	
55. Hodges, Carney V.	6964847	82. Patterson, Clarence D.	6924893
Hq Hq Btry & Ctn 2nd Bn 36th FA		Btry A 13th CA	
56. Holsenback, Colie B.	6964540	83. Patterson, Morris G.	6930336
Hq Co 8th Inf		Co G 22nd Inf	
57. Humphries, John D.	6965679	84. Phillips, James E.	6967309
Btry F 83rd FA		Hq Co 22nd Inf	
58. Jackson, Alten	6924970	85. Pulliam, Lester E.	6921909
Btry B 13th CA		Co I 22nd Inf	
59. James, Grover C.	6968679	86. Reed, James E.	6931043
Btry C 36th FA		Btry C 36th FA	
60. Jinks, Windell A.	6928834	87. Rogers, Paul	6921763
Co K 22nd Inf		Co M 22nd Inf	

Muster Rolls and Rosters Nov 1912 - Dec 1939

On January 31, 1939, the US Army Roster listed Winford as stationed at Fort Benning, attending the school for bakers and cooks.

Le 31 janvier 1939, le registre de l'armée américaine indiquait que Winford était en poste à Fort Benning, où il suivait une formation à l'école des boulangers et cuisiniers.

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COMPANY "I" TWENTY-SECOND INFANTRY, FCRT MCCLELLAN, ALABAMA MIDNIGHT FEBRUARY 28, 1939.

<u>PRIVATES (CONT'D)</u>	<u>LOSSES DURING THE MONTH</u>
	<u>CORPORALS</u>
10. Chupp, Floyd L., 6967594	1. Goray, Lamar J., 6383671 Honbly Disch ETS Feb 18th
11. Clark, Clinton G., 6392641 DS B&C School Ft Benning, Ga sin Sept 30-38	2. Headrick, Dewey E., 6390432 Honbly Dishh ETS 20th
12. Connell, Vinson A., 6967645 DS B&C School Ft Benning Ga., Sin Nov 30-38	3. Lovejoy, Leonard F., 6349404 Honbly Disch ETS 10th.
13. Cox, Ralph J., 6967640 DS B&C School Ft Benning, Ga sin Dec 30-38	4. Robison, Robert W., 6373823 Honbly Disch ETS 1st
14. Davis, Norman C., Jr., 6966943	5. Usrey, George F., 6393330 Honbly Disch ETS 18th
15. Downs, Lewood, R-1020286	6. Reeder, John R., 6390215 Honbly Disch ETS 2nd.
16. Ellis, James H., 6967441	
17. Pinday, Harold F., 6388276	<u>PRIVATES FIRST CLASS</u>
18. Fritz, Daniel T., 6921121 fur sin 3rd	1. Garrett, Ensley, 6393381 Honbly Disch ETS 16th
19. Glenn, Troy W., 6967717	2. Pennington, Alvie, 6390434 Honbly Disch ETS 23rd
20. Griffin, William L., 6394517	3. Pike, Clifford, 6390431 Honbly Disch ETS 20th
21. Griffin, Winford, 6967700 DS B&S School Ft Benning, Ga sin Dec 30-38	4. Reynolds, Leslie K., 6390486 Honbly Disch ETS 23rd
22. Guthrie, Robert L., 6399445	
23. Harper, R.V., 6967724	<u>PRIVATES</u>
24. Hill, Henry, 6921846 fur sin 3rd	1. Vincent, Clyde E., 6388670 Honbly Disch ETS 18th
25. Jenkins, Hugh W., 6928507	2. Webb, Charlie H., 6394513 Honbly Disch ETS 25th
26. King, James E., 6921865 fur sin 3rd	3. Kirk, B.F., 6967704 Trfd to Infantry Panama Canal Dept, Feb 1-39 per par 3, SO#16 Hq Ft McClellan, Ala., dated Feb Jan 27-39.
27. Knowles, Grover C., 6365297	4. Gilbreath, Max W., 6929423 Dropped as a deserter Feb 3-39.
28. Morgan, Robert, 6929382	
29. McSherdon, William A., 6921850	
30. Nolan, Buford B., 6929487 Rejd fr fur 5th	
31. Ogles, Donald P., 6921178	
32. Parks, Shelby L., 6930456	
33. Price, Hanson T., 6395211	
34. Pulliam, Lester E., 6921909 DS B&C School Ft Benning, Ga sin Nov 30-38	
35. Reed, Charles D., 6388901 fur sin 15th	
36. Saucier, Leo L., 6924506	
37. Smith, Charlie D., 6967599	
38. Smith, Thomas W., 6929471	
39. Sharp, Charlie, R-655158 Rejd fr fur 21st	
40. Stewart, Denver S., 6923830	
41. Sullivan, Bob L., 6394884	
42. St.Clair, Homer, 6921906	
43. St.John, John D., 6921887	
44. Thompson, Lewis D., 6930129 Rdjd fr DS B&C School Ft Benning, Ga 1st.	
45. Tingle, J.T., 6390132 fur sin Jan 4-39	
46. Windsor, Earnest C., 6967646	
47. Young, Harry, 6966310	

Muster Rolls and Rosters Nov 1912 - Dec 1939

By February 28, 1939, Winford had returned to Fort McClellan in Anniston, AL. The Army Roster noted that he had been attending school at Fort Benning, GA, since December 30, 1938.

Le 28 février 1939, Winford était de retour à Fort McClellan, à Anniston (Alabama). Le registre de l'armée indiquait qu'il suivait une formation à Fort Benning (Géorgie) depuis le 30 décembre 1938.

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School for Bakers and Cooks, Fort Benning, Georgia, At Midnight, March 31, 1939.			
<u>PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (CONT'D)</u>		<u>PRIVATE (CONT'D)</u>	
27. Mitchell, Gabriel G.	6128019	10. Burkett, Claud V.	6967337
Hq Btry 17th FA		Serv Co 22nd Inf	
28. Nixon, Quinton J.	6922868	11. Burrows, Marriell W.	6928504
Co F 22nd Inf		Serv Co 22nd Inf	
29. Moye, Benjamin F.	6988126	12. Bynon, Charles T.	6967325
Btry A 1st Obs Bn (FA)		Co M 22nd Inf	
30. Moore, Lawrence M.	6921158	13. Oliner, Joel W.	6966092
Co H 22nd Inf		Serv Co 29th Inf	
31. Murphy, Green W.	6382959	14. Connell, Vinson A.	6967645
Co H 22nd Inf		Co I 22nd Inf	
32. Owens, James K.	6391946	15. Cox, Ralph J.	6967640
Serv Btry 17th FA		Co I 22nd Inf	
33. Pleasants, James A.	6379656	16. Craig, Burgess F.	6930231
Serv Btry 17th FA		Co M 22nd Inf	
34. Singleton, George L.	6814929	17. Crenshaw, Clyde A.	6929882
13th AB Sq AC		2nd Bn, Sq AC	
35. Slaton, Marshall L.	6388301	18. Crocker, George B Jr.	6965687
Co E 22nd Inf		Btry B 17th FA	
36. Smith, Corbett J.	R-801491	19. Croson, Theodore F.	6359759
77th Pur Sq GHQ AF		Hq Tr 6th Cav	
37. Spoons, James N.	6925301	20. Cryer, Curtis C.	6925024
Btry D 83rd FA		Base Hq & 6th AB Sq GHQ AF	
38. Tarplay, Thomas M.	6387389	21. Davis, Furman J.	6969328
Btry A 1st Obs Bn (FA)		Btry D 83rd FA	
39. Todd, Floyd C.	6390458	22. Dawson, John R.	6922436
Att fr Co M 22nd Inf		Co K 22nd Inf	
40. Vincent, Earl L.	6399495	23. Dodson, Harry H.	6966878
Co M 22nd Inf		MG Tr 6th Cav	
41. Watson, Leldon G.	6399496	24. Duke, Walter E.	6929285
4th Tank Co		Tr A 6th Cav	
42. Way, Herbert W.	6385791	25. Dumas, William L.	6967552
Co H 8th Inf		Hq Co 22nd Inf	
43. Whitehorn, Henry B. Jr.	6390227	26. Fagan, Charles H.	6967371
Co L 22nd Inf		Hq Co 22nd Inf	
<u>PRIVATE</u>		27. Fontenot, V.L. (Init only)	6920955
1. Adams, James W.	6928860	8th Atk Sq GHQ AF	
Hq Co 22nd Inf		28. Gregory, Presley B.	6965920
2. Banks, Porter A.	6929067	Hq Hq Btry 2nd Bn 17th FA	
Co F 22nd Inf		29. Griffin, Winford	6967700
3. Bell, Kyle W.	6964299	Co I 22nd Inf	
Co F 22nd Inf		30. Harper, Rommie J.	6399477
4. Bennett, Howard	6928107	Co K 22nd Inf	
Co G 8th Inf		31. Harvey, Melvin H.	6966985
5. Benton, Tilton R. E.	6968525	MG Tr 6th Cav	
Btry A 17th FA		32. Hayes, Henry	6968665
6. Blake, Ambrey H.	6922215	Btry C 56th FA	
Hq Hq Btry & Ctn 2d Bn 36th FA		33. Heck, Oliver L.	6964269
7. Bryson, Willie H.	6969419	Co G 29th Inf	
Btry C 36th FA		34. Henson, Claude A.	6928699
8. Buchanan, Cecil G.	6969224	Co K 22nd Inf	
34th Ord Co (FM)		35. Holsenback, Collie B.	6964540
9. Buckelew, Bennie	6923802	Hq Co 8th Inf	
Co L 22nd Inf		36. Humphries, John D.	6965879
		Btry F 83rd FA	

Muster Rolls and Rosters Nov 1912 - Dec 1939

On March 31, 1939, Winford had returned to the school for bakers and cooks at Fort Benning, GA, likely to continue his training. Fort Benning and Fort McClellan are located about 120 miles apart.

Le 31 mars 1939, Winford était de retour à l'école des boulangers et cuisiniers de Fort Benning (Géorgie), probablement pour poursuivre sa formation. Fort Benning et Fort McClellan sont distants d'environ 190 km.

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Field Title	Value	Meaning
ARMY SERIAL NUMBER	06967700	06967700
NAME	GRIFFIN#WINFORD#####	GRIFFIN#WINFORD#####
RESIDENCE: STATE	41	ALABAMA
RESIDENCE: COUNTY	015	CALHOUN
PLACE OF ENLISTMENT	4341	FT BENNING GEORGIA
DATE OF ENLISTMENT DAY	24	24
DATE OF ENLISTMENT MONTH	04	04
DATE OF ENLISTMENT YEAR	41	41
GRADE: ALPHA DESIGNATION	PFC#	Private First Class
GRADE: CODE	7	Private First Class
BRANCH: ALPHA DESIGNATION	QMC	Quartermaster Corps
BRANCH: CODE	50	Quartermaster Corps
FIELD USE AS DESIRED	#	#
TERM OF ENLISTMENT	7	Enlistment for the Philippine Department
LONGEVITY	###	###
SOURCE OF ARMY PERSONNEL	1	Enlisted Man, Regular Army, within 3 months of Discharge or former WAAC Auxiliary
NATIVITY	41	ALABAMA
YEAR OF BIRTH	20	20
RACE AND CITIZENSHIP	1	White, citizen
EDUCATION	2	2 years of high school
CIVILIAN OCCUPATION	525	Carpenters
MARITAL STATUS	6	Single, without dependents
COMPONENT OF THE ARMY	1	Regular Army (including Officers, Nurses, Warrant Officers, and Enlisted Men)
CARD NUMBER	#	#
BOX NUMBER	0046	0046
FILM REEL NUMBER	1.39#	1.39#

Enlistment Record

Winford's reenlistment record, dated April 24, 1941, less than 3 months after being discharged from the Army. While Winford no longer needed to lie about his year of birth, as the Army already had records listing him as born in 1920, he did not correct the record for his second enlistment. It indicated he attended 2 years of high school and worked as a carpenter. The Army assigned him to the Quartermaster Corps, likely because it had trained him as a cook.

La fiche de réengagement de Winford est datée du 24 avril 1941, soit moins de 3 mois après sa démobilisation de l'armée. Bien que Winford n'ait plus eu besoin de mentir sur son année de naissance, l'armée disposant déjà de documents l'indiquant né en 1920, il n'a pas corrigé cette information lors de son deuxième engagement. Ce dossier indiquait qu'il avait suivi 2 années d'études secondaires et qu'il avait travaillé comme charpentier. L'armée l'affecta au Corps des intendants, probablement parce qu'elle l'avait formé au métier de cuisinier.

"US, WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946," database, *The National Archives and Records Administration* (Archives.com: Accessed October 30, 2025), entry for Winford Griffin, service number 06967700

<https://aad.archives.gov/aad/record-detail.jsp?dt=893&mtch=1&cat=all&tf=F&q=Winford+Griffin&bc=&rpp=10&pg=1&rid=293424>

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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):

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 (<i>attached 12 Mar 45-18 Mar 45</i>)	
740th Tank Battalion (<i>attached 17 Mar 45-28 Mar 45</i>)	
753rd Tank Battalion (<i>attached 31 Mar 45-28 May 45</i>)	
692nd Tank Destroyer Battalion (<i>attached 30 Mar 45-31 Mar 45</i>)	
776th Tank Destroyer Battalion (<i>attached 16 Mar 45-21 Mar 45</i>)	
822nd Tank Destroyer Battalion (<i>attached 6 Feb 45-17 Mar 45, 21 Mar 45-28 May 45</i>)	
436th AAA Auto-Wpns Battalion (<i>attached 11 Feb 45-1 May 45</i>)	

Overseas Wartime Assignments:

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 Bitché 1-19 Jan 45. The rest of the division closed in Marseille France 14 Jan 45 and the division assembled at Willerwald 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 Army's needs likely led to Winford's transfer from the Quartermaster Corps to the 63rd ID. According to Stanton, 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. Les besoins de l'armée ont probablement conduit au transfert de Winford du Corps des quartiers-maîtres à la 63e division d'infanterie. Selon Stanton, la 63e division a été mobilisée à Camp Blanding, en Floride, en juin 1943. L'unité est arrivée en France en janvier 1945 et a pénétré 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 de combat de Stanton consacré à la 63e division d'infanterie pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale. Il précise que l'unité était affectée à des « missions de sécurité » entre le Rhin, Darmstadt et Wurtzbourg lorsque les hostilités ont pris fin 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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Name	Winford Griffin
Gender	Male
Race	White (includes Mexican) (White)
Rank	Enlisted Man (includes Aviation Cadet or Student)
Admission Age	25
Birth Date	abt 1920
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), penetrating (point of entrance only: includes incised, puncture or stab wound) with no nerve or artery involvement; Location: Neck, generally; CausativeAgent: Bullet, Missile Not Stated
Type of Injury	InjuryType: Battle casualty; InjuryType2: All battle casualties, and all battle injuries not intentionally inflicted by self or another person
Service Number	06967700
Notes	None

Hospital Record

A hospital record dated January 1945 shows that while Winford must have received medical care, he had not arrived at a “medical installation prior to death.” A bullet wound to the neck ultimately killed him. The record lists his age as 25, although he was actually 23.

Une fiche d'hôpital de Winford, datée de janvier 1945, indique que, bien que Winford ait certainement reçu des soins médicaux, il n'était pas arrivé dans un « établissement médical avant son décès ». Il est mort d'une blessure par balle au cou. Le dossier mentionne qu'il était âgé de 25 ans, alors qu'il en avait en réalité 23.

“US, World War II Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954,” database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: Accessed October 30, 2025), Entry for Winford Griffin, service number 06967700.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61817/records/5298205>

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Gentile, Dominick N	T/5	33086163	Sv Co	11 Apr 45
Gierlock, Thomas F	S/Sgt	36874902	E	9-Apr-45
Gorski, Joseph P	Pvt	36363356	F	30 Mar 45
Goslow, George H	1/Lt	0338779	D	3-Jan-45
Goss, George W	1/Lt	01057444	K	15-Apr-45
Gracy, Edward T	Pfc	34688022	L	17-Apr-45
Gragnon, Howard H Jr	Pvt	38499163	F	17-Jan-45
Grantonic, Thomas E	Pfc	35080822	G	2-Mar-45
Gray, Robert	Sgt	39926137	I	18-Mar-45
Greco, Anthony	S/Sgt	32042364	K	24-Jan-45
Griffin, William L	Pvt	6398880	L	20-Mar-45
Griffin, Winford	Pfc	6967700	K	24-Jan-45
Grigsby, Lenly C Jr	Pfc	34999429	B	26-Apr-45
Grillo, Thomas V	Pfc	32682739	L	17-Mar-45
Guenther, John L	S/Sgt	33703182	C	25-Jan-45
Gump, Richard E	Pfc	35070144	E	7-Jan-45
Haben, Eugene M	Pvt	37589961	K	1-Feb-45
Hagg, John R	WOJG	W2112021	Sv	11-Apr-45
Hagler, Sherman L	Pfc	37644240	D	25-Apr-45
Hales, James F	Pvt	44048074	B	20-Apr-45
Hammer, Ned, F	Pfc	33256947	A	30-Mar-45
Haracz, Walter S	Pfc	33345585	I	9-Apr-45
Harp, Calvin N Jr	2/Lt	0549669	B	24-Jan-45
Harper, Donald W	T/Sgt	20702569	C	3-Mar-45
Harper, Joseph W	Pfc	33737881	C	27-Jan-45
Harris, Alliston	Pvt	35817122	F	18-Mar-45
Hartley, Joseph M	Pfc	34961289	C	3-Mar-45
Hathaway, Wilmer E	Pfc	20432033	F	9-Apr-45
Hattman, Robert L	Pfc	33420686	B	2-Apr-45
Heard, John R (NBD)	Pfc	38013627	Cn	11 May 45
Heckman, Earl B	Pfc	35927570	I	27-Jan-45
Heimes, Fred J	S/Sgt	33746716	I	17-Mar-45
Heimpold, Heinz O	T/4	15115584	Med Det	3-Mar-45
Heitz, Joseph F	Pfc	35934258	B	23-Jan-45
Held, Ralph P	Pfc	35034010	CN	24-Feb-45
Hoffman, Robert W	Pfc	42101434	C	3-Mar-45
Hohn, James S	Pfc	33424643	B	26-Apr-45
Holley, Quentin S	T/Sgt	35264356	A	12-Apr-45
Hon, James A	1stSgt	6551076	M	6-Feb-45

Unit Casualty List

The casualty list for the 254th Infantry Regiment identified Winford Griffin as a Private First Class who died in combat on January 24, 1945. Attached to the 3rd ID, the 254th fought fiercely in the Battle of the Colmar Pocket from 23 January through early February 1945. In recognition of its actions during the campaign, the regiment earned a Distinguished Unit Citation.

La liste des victimes du 254e régiment d'infanterie mentionne Winford Griffin comme soldat de 1ere classe, tombé au combat le 24 janvier 1945. Rattaché à la 3e ID, le 254e régiment a combattu avec acharnement lors de la bataille de la poche de Colmar, du 23 janvier au début de février 1945. En reconnaissance de ses actions au cours de cette campagne, le régiment a reçu une Distinguished Unit Citation.

“US, 63rd Infantry Division,” database, *Fold3*, (fold3.com: Accessed October 30, 2025), entry for Winford Griffin, service number 06967700.

<https://www.fold3.com/image/306360270/254th-infantry-regimental-deaths-in-europe-page-5-unit-history-us-63rd-infantry-division-1943-1945?terms=6967700&view=info>

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WORLD WAR II
Alabamians killed in Action.

Griffin, Winford

Private First Class.

ASN 6 967 700.

European Area.

Brother of Mrs. Mattie G. Lee, Route 4, Box
613 A, Bessemer. Jefferson County.

From War Department Casualty List, Released
for publication March 7, 1945.

Killed In Action Casualty Release (Page 1 of 2)

Winford Griffin's Killed In Action (KIA) casualty release, informing his next of kin of his death while in service. It was addressed to his sister, Mattie, who lived in Jefferson County, AL, at the time.

Le document officiel de Winford Griffin concernant sa mort au combat (KIA), destiné à informer son contact d'urgence de son décès survenu pendant son service. Il était adressé à sa sœur, Mattie, qui résidait alors dans le comté de Jefferson (Alabama).

"US, World War II Military Dead and Wounded, 1944-1946," database, *Ancestry* (Ancestry.com: Accessed October 30, 2025), Entry for Winford Griffin.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1763/records/16434>

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Griffin, Winford

Killed in Action
European Area.

GRIFFIN WINFORD
ASN 6 967 700

PFC
BRO

MRS MATTIE G LEE
RT 4 BOX 613 A
BESSMER ALABAMA

(Jefferson Co.)

Authority: OWI Casualty Release, March 7, 1945

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The back of the card, on the authority of the Office of War Information (OWI), listed Winford's name, rank as Private First Class, the theater where he served, and the address of his next of kin, his sister Mattie.

Au verso de la carte, sous l'égide de l'Office of War Information (OWI), figuraient le nom de Winford, son grade de soldat de première classe, le théâtre d'opérations où il avait servi et l'adresse de sa plus proche parente, sa sœur Mattie.

"US, World War II Military Dead and Wounded, 1944-1946", database, *Ancestry* (Ancestry.com: Accessed October 30, 2025), Entry for Winford Griffin.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1763/records/16434>

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DILDINE NED N	14022286	PFC	KIA
EAVES JOSEPH A	34705824	SGT	KIA
EDGE WILLIAM W	34975393	PFC	KIA
FARRAR GEORGE D	34565231	PVT	DNB
FERGUSON HASSIE L	6928698	S SG	KIA
FERGUSON SHELLY C	14108079	PFC	DNB
GREEN ROBERT W	34166304	PFC	KIA
GRIFFIN WINFORD	6967700	PFC	KIA
HANKS WALTER R	34338721	TEC5	KIA
HARDISON EDWARD E	14097105	SGT	DNB
HARGROVE VERNON M	34338797	PFC	KIA
KING ANDREW L	14063747	T SG	DNB
LOVELL HARLIS J	34802914	PFC	KIA
MC GLOCKLIN W A	34706092	PVT	KIA
MC MUNN HERMON J	34587345	PVT	KIA
MILLER MARION E	34160402	T SG	KIA
MORRIS CECIL A	34706077	PFC	KIA
MUSE LESTER L	34814280	S SG	KIA
NORTON DUDLEY A	34166305	T SG	KIA
SANDERSON GRADY M	34814555	SGT	KIA

World War II Army Casualties List

The list of US military casualties during World War II, by state and county, displayed Winford's name under Limestone County, AL, as Killed In Action (KIA).

La liste des victimes militaires américaines de la Seconde Guerre mondiale, classée par État et par comté, répertoriait le nom de Winford dans la rubrique du comté de Limestone (Alabama), avec la mention "tué au combat" (KIA).

"WWII Army Casualties," *The National Archives and Records Administration*, (<https://www.archives.gov/research/military/ww2/army-casualties/alabama.html>: Accessed October 31, 2025), entry for Winford Griffin, service number 06967700.

<https://nara-media-001.s3.amazonaws.com/arcmedia/media/images/28/25/28-2432a.gif>

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Pfc. Winford Griffin Is Killed In France

Pfc Winford Griffin was killed in action in France, Jan 24, 1945, according to his father, J.A. Griffin of Anniston. He was with the 22nd Infantry at Fort McClellan before the war and served two years in Trinidad. Returning to the States for 18 months he was sent to France in November, 1944. His wife and daughter live in Peoria, Ill.

Transcription of news from *The Anniston Star*

A newspaper article from Anniston's *The Anniston Star Newspaper* announced Winford Griffin's death on February 11, 1945.

Un article paru dans le journal *The Anniston Star*, d'Anniston, a annoncé le décès de Winford Griffin le 11 février 1945.

"Pfc. Winford Griffin Is Killed In France," *The Anniston Star* (Anniston, Alabama), February 11, 1945, Newspaper.com.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/115155287/?match=1&terms=Winford%20Griffin>

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KILLED IN ACTION:

Pfc Winford Griffin, who was killed in action in France on Jan. 24, according to a message received by his father, J.A. Griffin, of Anniston. He was formerly with the 22nd Infantry at Fort McClellan and served two years in Trinidad. He was sent to France in November, 1944. In addition to his father, he is survived by his wife and daughter, Ann, of Peoria, Ill; a brother, Carl Griffin, Fort Benning, Ga.; five sisters, Mrs. Oran Martin and Miss Frances Griffin, both of Anniston, Mrs. James E. Lee and Miss Elizabeth Griffin, both of Birmingham, and Mrs. Lena Hosfinger of Milwaukee, Wis.

Transcription of news from *The Anniston Star*

On February 14, 1945, *The Anniston Star* published Winford's obituary, featuring a photograph of him in uniform and summarizing his service and death, as well as the family members who survived him, including his wife, Agnes, and their daughter, Ann.

Le 14 février 1945, le journal *The Anniston Star* publia la nécrologie de Winford Griffin, accompagnée d'une photo de lui en uniforme, qui résumait sa carrière militaire et les circonstances de son décès. Cet article listait les membres de sa famille qui lui ont survécu, notamment son épouse, Agnes, et leur fille, Ann.

"Killed In Action," *The Anniston Star* (Anniston, Alabama), February 14, 1945, Newspaper.com.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/115155656/?article=2df2afc4-6a65-4c69-b513-d4d3e9c7be22&focus=0.4964534,0.018463308,0.6192826,0.2645268&xid=3355>

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Sgt. WINFROD GRIFFIN

Griffin's body Due In City

Final Rites To Be Announced Later For Soldier Killer In France

The body of S/Sgt. Winford Griffin, who was killed in France Jan. 24, 1945, will arrive in Anniston Wednesday for burial at Edgemont Cemetery. Final rites will be conducted at Carpenter Memorial Church at 2:30 o'clock with the Rev. Lynn Lanier officiating. Jones in charge. The day will be announced.

Post 924 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be in charge of graveside services and will also act as pallbearers.

Sergeant Griffin is survived by his stepmother, Mrs. Amzy Griffin; his father, J.A. Griffin; one daughter, Anne Griffin, all of Anniston; four sisters, Mrs. James E. Lee, Mrs. Virgil Holcombe of Compton, Calif; Mrs. Joseph Hopfinger, Miss Elizabeth Griffin of Wilwaugkee, Wis; and Mrs. Ann Adair of Birmingham; one brother, Carl Griffin of Birmingham; two half-brothers, John D. Griffin of Anniston and James Alton Griffin of Heflin; and one half sister, Estell Fair, of Munford.

Transcription of news from *The Anniston Star*

On November 27, 1949, *The Anniston Star* announced the return of Winfrod [sic] Griffin's remains for burial at Edgemont Cemetery.

Le 27 novembre 1949, le journal *The Anniston Star* annonçait le rapatriement de la dépouille de Winfrod [sic] Griffin en vue de son inhumation au cimetière d'Edgemont.

"Griffin's Body Due In City," *The Anniston Star* (Anniston, Alabama), November 27, 1949, Newspapers.com.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/115150495/>

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Headstone

Winford Griffin's headstone at Edgemont Cemetery in Anniston, AL. He rests in the same cemetery as his mother.

La pierre tombale de Winford Griffin au cimetière d'Edgemont, à Anniston (Alabama). Il repose dans le même cimetière que sa mère.

"Winford Griffin," database, *Find a Grave*, ([findagrave.com](https://www.findagrave.com): accessed November 11, 2025), memorial page for Winford Griffin, Edgemont Cemetery, Anniston, Calhoun County, Alabama.

<https://fr.findagrave.com/memorial/41353210/winford-griffin>

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Battle of Alsace Memorial, France

The memorial on Hill 351, over the village of Sigolsheim, France, honoring the 12 US divisions that fought in the Battle of Alsace between November 1944 and March 1945. The 254th Infantry Regiment, which Winford served in, is honored with their badge displayed (bottom second from the right).

Le mémorial situé sur la colline 351, qui surplombe le village de Sigolsheim, rend hommage aux 12 Divisions américaines qui ont combattu lors de la bataille d'Alsace, entre novembre 1944 et mars 1945. Le 254e Régiment d'Infanterie, au sein duquel Winford a servi, est mis à l'honneur par l'exposition de son insigne (le deuxième en partant de la droite, en bas).

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