Ray Avila

Mar 15, 1925 - Dec 20, 2020

BIRTHPLACE: Wichita, KS

SOLDIER DETAILS

DIVISION: Army

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

SERVED: Jan 24, 1943 -

BATTLE: Normandy, Battle of the Bulge

MILITARY HONORS: Purple Heart, Bronze Star, French Legion of Honor

HONORED BY: The Eisenhower Foundation

PRISONER OF WAR

Ray Avila

Army

BIOGRAPHY

Ray Avila was born in Wichita, KS the third of eleven children. He was employed at Gridley Motor Co. at the time he signed up for the draft. Avila was indicted into the Army on January 24, 1943 and was stationed in Europe. He was taken as a prisoner of war but escaped, walking until he found American Troops in Czechoslovakia. Courtesy of fold3.com and KSN news.