



**Edwin
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Army

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Jan 9, 1918 - Apr 6, 2006

BIRTHPLACE: Norwood Park, Illinois

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: Captain

**DIVISION: Army, 9th & 10th Cavalry - Buffalo
Soldiers**

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

SERVED: Jan 1, 1936 - Jan 1, 1947

HONORED BY: The Schoenbeck Family

BIOGRAPHY

Edwin H. Schoenbeck was born in Norwood Park, IL, on January 9, 1918. He was the son of Rev. Herman and Ida Schoenbeck. He married Louise Mass in December of 1941. Mr. Schoenbeck joined the U.S. Army in 1936 and left active service in 1947 as a Captain. He served at Fort Sheridan, ILL, Fort Riley, KS, and Camp Lockett, CA in the horse cavalry. From 1942 through early 1944, he served as an officer with the 10th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers, an all-black cavalry unit. He later served as an Infantry company commander in Italy and France in 1944 and was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for that service. After the war, he worked as a business manager for the Daily Union Newspaper, accountant for the Ford dealership and as a real estate broker for 27 years in Junction City, KS. He was involved in several service and military organizations, including the 9th and 10th Cavalry Association and U.S. Horse Cavalry Association. He was active in Immanuel Lutheran Church, the Chamber of Commerce, Lions club and USO. He is honored by : wife, Louise of Junction City, KS, and children - Jim Schoenbeck , Abilene, KS; Tom Schoenbeck, Scottsdale, AZ; and , Elouise Jahnke, Overland Park, KS.