



**Ragene
Moore**

Army

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Jan 10, 1925 - Apr 15, 1945

BIRTHPLACE: Albion, NE

SOLDIER DETAILS

DIVISION: Army, Co. C 399th Infantry

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

SERVED: Sep 24, 1943 -

**HONORED BY: Velma Moore Hayes, Wilma Moore
Sup, Maxine Moore Frenzen and Inez Moore
Dahlgren**

KILLED IN ACTION

BIOGRAPHY

Ragene M. Moore was killed in action on April 15, 1945 at Flein, Germany. He was an outstanding athlete in football, basketball and track. In the fall of 1942 with seconds left in the game, he drop kicked a football 43 yards for the victory. In the spring of 1943 competing in a track meet held at his high school, he established a record javelin throw that has not been beaten to this date. In the spring of 1943 competing in the area's District basketball championship (winners proceeded onto the State tournament) with less than 10 seconds in the game, the in play went to Ray, he dribbled to the center court jump circle, let go with a two-handed set shot that swished through the net for the win - pandemonium was the order for the next hour. Ray loved his family - mother Bessie, father Marion, and four sisters, Velma Moore Haynes, Wilma Moore Sup, Maxine Moore Frenzen and Inez Moore Dahlgren. His vivacious personality preceded him in every instance. His mechanical ability was beyond comprehension. Ray's buddy, Pfc E.L. Moore wrote about the time their company was in an old French garrison wandering through the grounds. Ray found several broken bicycles and two days later he came riding into camp on a bicycle made from all the broken parts. Many more treasured statements of kindness, courtesy, compassion, indulgence of assisting others would more than exceed 500 words. Therefore, this short bio reflects parts of his life and reflects his love for God. Ray told his buddies that there was someone with a greater power guiding him through life. Ragene was posthumously awarded The Bronze Star and the Purple Heart 'for heroic achievement in action on April 14, 1945, in the vicinity of Flein, Germany. During an attack when his company emerged from a woods and encountered enemy rifle fire, Private Moore, a platoon runner, and a companion proceeded to re-enter the woods with the mission of locating two friendly platoons and inform their leaders of hostile resistance. After advancing a short distance they discovered that the platoons were virtually surrounded and that a fierce fight against a numerically superior German force was taking

place. Although he himself was encircled by the enemy, Private Moore realizing the importance of advising his company commander of this new development, courageously began to fight his way out of the pocket. With his companion, he nearly accomplished his task when he was instantly killed by an enemy rifleman. His indomitable courage and outstanding devotion to duty in the face of overwhelming danger is representative of the highest military traditions.' His sisters wanted to honor not only their brother, Ragene, but their parents, Bessie and Marion Moore.