



Leslie Thompson

Sep 4, 1922 - Aug 22, 2021

SOLDIER DETAILS

DIVISION: Army, 961 Medical Platoon, Medical Technician

THEATER OF OPERATION: Pacific

HONORED BY: Eisenhower Foundation

BIOGRAPHY

Leslie Thompson was born with the help of a mid wife in Rome, KS. He was 20 years old when he was drafted in the Army in 1942. Thompson was an Army medic, stationed in the Pacific during WW II, traveling by ship to island as part of a hospital platoon. Thompson recalled one day, they were under attack from a Japanese dive bomber. It sunk the ship behind Thompson's ship. The gunners on his ship downed the bombers and their ship preserved and scrambled for the shore. After the war, Thompson returned to Wellington and farmed for awhile until joining the police department. He served 22 years on the police department, ending his career as assist police chief.