



**John  
Tompkins**  
*Army*

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**Mar 6, 1920 - Nov 6, 2008**

**BIRTHPLACE:** Coldwater, Michigan

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### **SOLDIER DETAILS**

**HIGHEST RANK:** Private First Class

**DIVISION:** Army, Company A - 2830th Engineer  
Combat Battalion

**THEATER OF OPERATION:** European

**SERVED:** May 1, 1942 - Oct 7, 1945

**BATTLE:** Operation Torch Operation Husky  
Operation Dragoon

**MILITARY HONORS:** Purple Heart Good Conduct  
Medal African Middle Eastern service Medal with 6  
Bronze stars

**HONORED BY:** George & Diane Tompkins, John &  
Judy Sherman, Elizabeth & Jerry McLain

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### **BIOGRAPHY**

John grew up in Michigan and remembered hearing about the bombing of Pearl Harbor on the Radio. He was in "shock and disbelief" and wondered what was going to happen. In 1942, at age 21, John signed up for the Army. He did basic training in Camp Crowder. John served in North Africa, France, Sicily and Germany. While in Sicily, John was wounded but returned to his unit. View the attached biography and interview for details.