



## Wayne Payton

Nov 13, 1923 - Apr 29, 2023

**BIRTHPLACE:** Cedar Point, KS

### SOLDIER DETAILS

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**HIGHEST RANK:** Private First Class

**DIVISION:** Army, 4th Armored Division

**THEATER OF OPERATION:** European

**SERVED:** Jan 18, 1942 - Nov 5, 1945

**BATTLE:** Battle of the Bulge

**HONORED BY:** The Eisenhower Foundation

### BIOGRAPHY

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Wayne Payton was born 1923, in Cedar Point, KS. He went to school and graduated High School there. Payton was drafted into the Army and became active 1/19/1942 and assigned the role of small arms mechanic. He shipped out of New York toward England on 10/14/1943 and stayed until D-Day. Payton stayed on England beaches hauling for troops and getting them loaded. Payton was in the 4th Armored Division, after helping prepare the troops for D-Day, the 4th landed on the beaches of Normandy June 13. His troop participated in five campaigns to take back Europe from Nazi Germany. He participated in Battle of the Bulge, crossed the Rhine River with his division and stayed in Germany until the war ended. He landed in the US 10/30/1945 and ended his service 11/5/1945. He worked for the Santa Fe Railroad as a Telegraph operator at several posts through his 40 year service.