

Edwin Bauman

Jun 14, 1921 - Feb 10, 2004

BIRTHPLACE: Pickrell, NE

SOLDIER DETAILS

DIVISION: Army Air Corps, 529 Sqd, 311th Grp, 14th Air Force

THEATER OF OPERATION: China Burma India

SERVED: Jan 1, 1942 - Jan 1, 1946

HONORED BY: Daughter, Marcia Emal

BIOGRAPHY

Towards the end of the war, Edwin flew with a less experienced ambulance airplane pilot on a mission to retrieve bodies in China. They made a forced landing in a rocky riverbed. Chinese nationals surrounded them: only one - a lady whose husband was a professor - spoke English. Edwin spent two long days walking and one day hiding under bamboo in a sampan to reach his base. Edwin said, 'Everyone has an angel and the English-speaking lady was mine.'