



**Crosby  
Powell**

*Army*

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**Sep 21, 1923 - Feb 17, 2023**

**BIRTHPLACE: Topeka, Kansas**

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### **SOLDIER DETAILS**

**HIGHEST RANK: Pfc**

**DIVISION: Army, Red Bull:34th Infantry Division,  
168th Infantry, Company L Regiment**

**THEATER OF OPERATION: European**

**SERVED: Mar 27, 1943 - Nov 8, 1945**

**BATTLE: Battle of Monte Casino Battle at Anzio**

**MILITARY HONORS: Purple Heart Bronze Star  
Legion of Merit Presidential Unit Citation French  
Croix de Guerre Combat Infantry Badge ETO  
Ribbon with 4 Stars American Defense Ribbon,  
Victory Ribbon Good Conduct Medal**

**HONORED BY: His Daughter and On November 11,  
2019, Powell was presented with a quilt from the  
Quilts of Valor Foundation**

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### **BIOGRAPHY**

My dad was wounded by shrapnel to his knee, throat and back and suffered from severe trench feet during the 135 day Battle of Monte Casino. He was slung over the back of a donkey for a treacherous three hour ride down a narrow steep mountainous path. He was then sent to an evacuation hospital in North Africa for three months of treatment. He then had to relearn how to walk. He thought he would be sent back to the States but instead was sent back to battle, to the Anzio beachhead. He received his Purple Heart for dragging a wounded soldier he did not know back to safety at Monte Casino. He continues to suffer from his war injuries and from periodic nightmares. After WWII concluded, he joined the Kansas National Guard and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He was employed by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad for over 40 years.