

Introducing the Memorial Men

Where did the names come from?

I used several documents to collect information. First there was a document (pdf), “In Memoriam” *. In it, listed for Arden was Bellow, Thomas and Ware. That was who I used in the original plaque designs. (There’s a link to this document below.)

Recently Barbara Macklem gave me a copy of the December 18th, 1945 “The Town Crier”, published by the Arden Club that listed five men as Killed In Action. That’s how the list grew to five.

2LT Marc Fredric Pitts

U.S.A.A.F. 423rd Bomb. Sq. (H), 306th Bomb. Gp. (H)



Photo taken from Find A Grave

Wilmington High School

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MARC F. PITTS, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps, of Woodale, Delaware, son of Fredric G. and Alice (Fox) Pitts. Killed in action June 13, 1943, when the Flying Fortress on which he was bombardier was forced down while returning from a raid on U-Boat bases at Bremen and Kiel, Germany. He served one year, five months and was decorated with the Air Medal.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56302769/marc-f.-pitts>

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60541/records/3923818>

<https://wilmingtondeww2.com>

<https://www.russpickett.com/history/dewwii.htm>

CPL Lewis Thomas, Jr.

U.S.A. Co. "B," 1st Tank Bn., 1st Armored. Div.



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LEWIS THOMAS, JR., Corporal, U. S. Army, of Marsh Road, Arden, Delaware, son of Lewis, Sr. and Jane (Whinnen) Thomas. Killed in action in the Po River Valley, Italy, April 25, 1945, when the tank to which he was assigned, while serving with the First Armored Division of the Fifth Army, was destroyed. He served three years, eight months.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/2532050/lewis-thomas>

<https://www.russpickett.com/history/dewwii.htm>

PFC James Hamilton Ware

U.S.A. Co. "D," 347th Inf. Regt., 87th Inf. Div.



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JAMES HAMILTON WARE, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of Arden, Delaware, son of Hamilton D. and Edith (Cottle) Ware. Killed in action March 27, 1945, in Germany while serving with the 87th Division. He served two years.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/54201171/james-hamilton-ware>

<https://www.russpickett.com/history/dewwii.htm>

Pvt. Louis Waldo Bellow

U.S.A. Co. "I," 112th Inf. Regt., 28th Inf. Div.

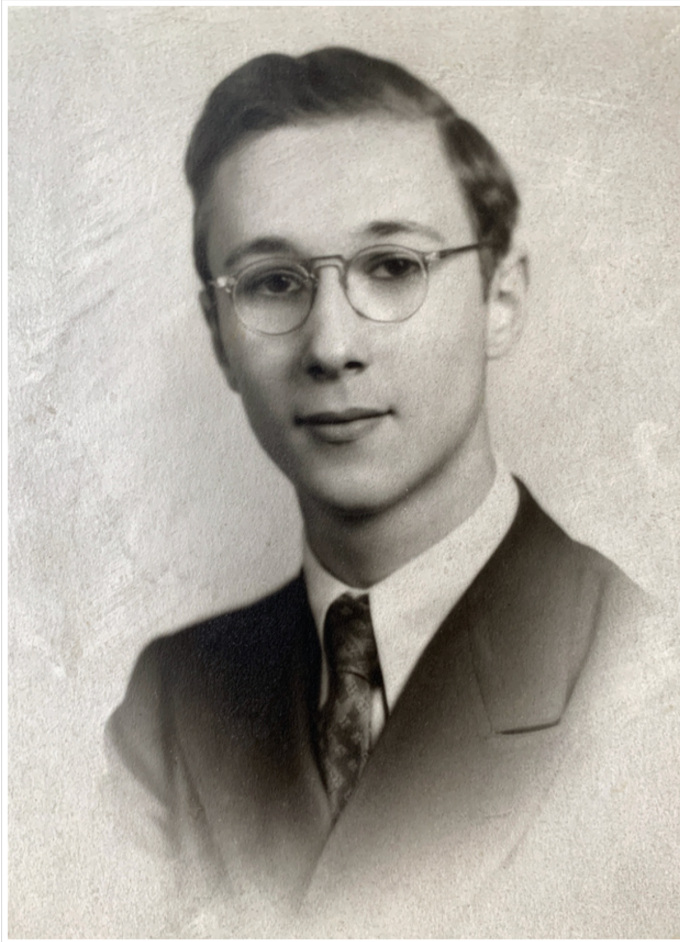


Photo from Delaware WWII Fallen website below.

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LOUIS WALDO BELLOW, Private, U. S. Army, of Arden, Delaware, son of Louis I. and Jeannette (Cotlar) Bellow. Killed in action August 10, 1944, near St. Lo, France while serving as a gunner with an amphibian troop of Company I, 112th Regiment, 28th Infantry Division. He served one year, five months and was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

<https://delawarewwiifallen.com/2022/11/08/private-louis-w-bellow/>

About him and his grave in Arden

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/57644003/louis_waldo-bellow

14 pages of documents

<https://delaware.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p15323coll6/id/17664/>

R.O. Ralph Posmontier.

Merchant Marine Radio Operator

Ship: Harry F. Sinclair Jr.



Photo from Debbie Posmontier

<https://uboat.net/allies/merchants/crews/ship1522.html>

Details about the sinking of the Harry F. Sinclair Jr.

<https://uboat.net/allies/merchants/ship/1522.html>

Online document sources

* "In Memoriam"

A Memorial Volume Dedicated to those Men and Women of Delaware who lost their lives During World War II

Compiled by the Public Archives Commission, State of Delaware, Dover, Delaware, 1944-1949

https://archivesfiles.delaware.gov/ebooks/WWII_Memorial_Volume.pdf

Updated Memorial List

<https://delawarewwiifallen.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/delawares-wwii-fallen-list-oct-29-2025.pdf>