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**1 LT Gordon W. Jackman
Class 33-42**

ID: O1171201

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: River Falls, WI

Status: KIA 17 Dec 1944



**Killed in action during the Battle of the Bulge serving with
Battery B, 370th Field Artillery Battalion, 99th Infantry Division**

Distinguished Service Cross



Distinguished Service Cross 1LT Gordon W. Jackman

(Citation Needed) - SYNOPSIS: First Lieutenant (Field Artillery) Gordon W. Jackman (ASN: 0-1171201), United States Army, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with the 370th Field Artillery Battalion, in action against enemy forces on 17 December 1944. First Lieutenant Jackman's intrepid actions, personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty at the cost of his life, exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. General Orders: Headquarters, First U.S. Army, General Orders No. 75 (1945)

Obituary

1st Lt. Gordon Jackman

1st Lt. Gordon Wayne Jackman was born in River Falls on May 18, 1920. After finishing the college training school and the high school, he had attended the college two years when, in October of 1940, he was called to service with National Guard, which he had joined in the summer of 1938. The National Guard unit of which he was a member was the 121st Field Artillery Battalion. They were first sent to Camp Beau regard and then to Camp Livingston, in Louisiana. In July, 1942, he went to O. C. S. at Fort Sill, Okla. He was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in October, 1942, and was sent to Camp Van Dorn, Miss. There, on December 21, 1942, he was united in marriage to Miss Lois Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Webb of Roberts. In November, 1943, his division, the 99th, was sent to Camp Maxey, Texas, and Gordon was promoted to 1st lieutenant. His wife joined him in Texas in December, 1943,

and they made their home in Paris, Texas, until September, 1944, when the 99th was sent overseas. They landed in England but did not stay there very long. When they were sent into action in Belgium, they were with the First Army. The 99th Division was one of the divisions that were hit first by the Germans in the breakthrough of December 16. On January 6, 1945, Gordon was reported missing in action as of December 20. On March 4, 1945, the War Department reported him killed in action on December 20, 1944.

Surviving him are his wife, Lois; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jackman of River Falls; his brothers, 1st Sgt. Lynn Jackman in Italy and Pfc. Duane Jackman, stationed at Normoyle Field, Texas; his sisters, Audrey (Mrs. Ralph Vanous) of Minneapolis, Minn., and Lois of River Falls; and one nephew, Roger Vanous, of Minneapolis, Minn.

Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, River Falls, Wisconsin Plot: B-7, Lot 36