

PFC RAYMOND VOSS- (KIA)

410th, Company I



was born in 1913 and grew up in the farming country of Clark County, near the town of Bennett, IA. Before being inducted into the Army Dec 24, 1942, Voss worked as a farmhand. By December 1943, Voss was a member of Co I 410th Inf Regt 103rd Inf Div in Camp Howze, Texas. By Nov 1944, Voss had been in the Army almost two years. PFC Voss served in the 4th Platoon of Company I as a mortar man. Carroll Cook of Austin TX, a 4th Platoon veteran, recalls that Voss was a large man, over six feet tall. "A lot of the times he carried the mortar base plate. It weighed thirty or forty pounds," Cook recounted. "He was a quiet guy, older than most of us. He was a good soldier," stated Cook. On Nov 29, 1944, as Co I was advancing to the east just outside the town of Hohwarth, France they came under intense German artillery fire. The order was given to withdraw back to Hohwarth. The mortar crew of Pfc Voss and Pvt. Anthony Cava of

Brooklyn, NY began the long run back toward the safety of the Hohwarth farmhouses. "He went ahead of me," Cava recalled. The Germans were dropping shells up and down the column as the men retreated. Just as Voss entered the town of Hohwarth, he was struck and killed by a German artillery round. Pfc Raymond Voss of Bennett, IA lies at rest in the American Cemetery at Epinal, France.