



IN HONOR OF

## WILLIAM WADE RICE

**William Wade Rice was the son of William Morris Rice, son of William Statesman Rice, son of Rufus P & Didama L. Rice**

**William Wade Rice ..(aka Wade, Willie, or Rice)**



**On March 17, 1936, Wade enlisted in the Army, immediately following boot camp he was assigned to “M” Company., 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.**

**His first assignment was to work in the mess. Private William Rice completed the course of instruction for cooks and received his certificate on Dec 31, 1936. On May 1, 1937, William became a Second Class Gunner.**

*Submitted by Danielle Lankford*



**William Wade Rice 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Gunner**  
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**On March 16, 1939, after 3 years of service he was discharged, July 16, 1940. Willie (as he was now called) re-enlisted in the Army at Vancouver, Washington. This time he was placed in the "H" Company 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry and was transferred, that same day, to Fort Ord, California. He was stationed at the Presidio of Monterey where he was to drill recruits for awhile. It was during this time that he was reassigned to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Infantry, 7<sup>th</sup> division.**

**On April 6<sup>th</sup> 1941, he returned to the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division at Fort Lewis, Washington.**

**On January 8, 1942 he left for Tacoma on the transport, New Zealem. Here they trained for 60 days with the United States Marine Corp.**

**In March, they returned to Fort Ord, California, where the entire division became ill with jaundice.**

**On July 3, 1942 Wade received a certificate from the School for Bakers and Cooks.**

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**This certified Private William W. Rice to become a Mess Sergeant.**

**In August, He was sent to Camp Picket, Virginia and they there until he was shipped overseas in October of 1942.**

**His Unit was one of the first to hit North Africa, they were placed under British Command at the time and took an awful beating at the Pass. Wade was serving in a tank unit. This was the first battle for American troops and the loss of men and tanks was great.**

**The Unit was placed under General Patton's command. Patton claimed that his men did not have to take a beating like they had under British Command. Wade did not like General Patton and always said “*It was a good thing he never stood in front of me, I would of shot him*”.**



**William Wade Rice**

**Military records show he was received the following:**

**American Defense Medal**

**European African Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon**

**Good Conduct Ribbon**

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*His Granddaughter*

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