

# Charles Ensley Flanagin

## Personal information

Name: Charles Ensley Flanagin  
(Ensley Flanagin, Charles E. Flanagin)

Birth: 19 December 1917  
Denton, Denton County, Texas

The son of a barber, Flanagin grew up in Denton, Denton County, Texas, in a home at 811 Anderson Street.

Death: 29 May 1942  
Near Roswell, Chaves County, New Mexico



*1Lt. Charles E. Flanagin*

Flanagin was co-pilot on a trial flight of a new plane that crashed, killing both him and the pilot.

Cemetery: Oakwood Cemetery, Denton, Denton County, Texas; Block: 4-4-11.9  
(GPS: 33° 12' 44" N 97° 7' 24" W)

Family: Parents: George Barney Flanagin and Mittie May Harris Flanagin  
[Flanagin was not married.]

Description: Weight 137 lb.; height 5 ft., 10 in.

## Military Service

Military Branch: U.S. Army Air Corps

Dates: Enlisted: 09 September 1940  
Fort Worth, Texas

Killed on duty 29 May 1942

His body was accompanied by a military escort from New Mexico to Denton, Denton County, Texas.

Service Number: 18020996



Rank at Discharge: First Lieutenant

Era/Service: World War II

Assignments: Basic training - Santa Marta, Santa Barbara County, California;  
Received wings - Fort Stockton, San Diego County, California (in first graduating class);  
Advanced training - Moffett Field, Santa Clara County, California;  
Assignment - Bakersfield, Kern County, California (1 year);  
Assignment (test pilot) - Roswell, Chaves County, New Mexico

Honors/Awards: Purple Heart

## Civilian Life

### Education:



*Flanagin, circa age 16*

- Graduate, Denton High School, Denton, Denton County, Texas
- Bachelor's Degree (majored in Mathematics and Chemistry), North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, Denton County, Texas (1938)
- Master's Degree (majored in Mathematics and Chemistry), North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, Denton County, Texas (1939); his thesis was entitled *The Electrodisposition of Zinc*.

Occupation: Classroom Teacher

Flanagin taught at Irving High School, Irving, Dallas County, Texas, for the 1939/40 school term before entering the U.S. Air Corps.

Other: Flanagin's love of music began with violin lessons at the age of six.

During his high school years, Flanagin was active in several areas of interest, was in the honor society, served as a class officer, and played cornet and trumpet in the school band.

He also played in musical groups while attending college, was a laboratory assistant, and a member of Beta Alpha Rho Beta.

Religion: From early childhood, Flanagin was a member of the First Baptist Church in Denton, Denton County, Texas.

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