NORMAN WILSON PENNEY

Personal Information:

Name: Norman Wilson Penney

Date of Birth: 09 Jun 1918

Place of Birth: Denton, Denton County Texas

Family: Son of Maggie Lenora Harwood Penney and William Hawkins Penney

Grandson of John D. Harwood

Brother of Homer Penney and Dodds Penney

Date of Death: 03 Nov 1944
Place of Death: Leyte, Philippines

Cemetery: Oakwood Cemetery, Denton, Denton County, Texas; Block: 7

(GPS: 33° 12' 42" N 97° 7' 19" W)

Military Service:

Era: World War II

Pacific Theater

Military Branch: US Army

382 Infantry

Rank S SGT

Battle of Leyte
Killed in Action

Enlistment Date: 18 Jun 1941 Killed in action: 03 Nov 1944

Civilian Life:

Education: Denton High School, Denton TX

2nd year college – North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, TX



S Sgt Norman Penney Denton Record Chronicle Denton, TX Dec 8, 1944



Norman Penney US School Yearbooks 1900-1999 Denton High School 1936 Yearbook Ancestry.com



Norman Penney, Freshman US School Yearbooks 1900-1999 North Texas State Teachers College 1937 Yearbook Ancestry.com

SOURCES:

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- 2. US WWII Hospital Admission Card Files 1942-1954. Norman W. Penney, SN 38043825, age 26. Birth: 1918; Admitted: Nov 1944. Infantry. Casualty battle, died. Length of service: 3 years. *Ancestry.com* online database).
- 3. FindAGrave.com memorial #12529972: Norman W. Penney. DOB: 09 Jun 1918; DOD: 03 Nov 1944 (age 26). Inscription: TEXAS S SGT 382 INF WWII. RM Leahy citing Oakwood Cemetery, Denton, TX.
- 4. US World War II Draft Cards Young Men 1940-1947, 16 Oct 1940, Denton, Denton County, TX Norman Wilson Penney. Age 22; DOB: 09 Jun 1918, Denton, Denton, TX. Physical description: Height: 6'; weight: 165; light complexion, blue eyes, brown hair. *Ancestry.com* (online database).
- 5. US Army Enlistment Records 1938-1946: Norman W. Penney, SN 38043825, Private. Single. DOB: 1918, TX. Residence: Denton. 1 Year college. Enlisted: 18 Jun 1941, Dallas, TX. Height: 70"; Weight: 164 lbs. *Ancestry.com* (online database).
- 6. 1940 US Federal Census, Denton, Denton County, TX, 01 May 1940. D, L, Penney, Head: Norman Penney, brother, age 21, 2nd year college; Maggie Penney, mother. *Roll m-T0627-040201, page 20B, Enum. Dist. 61-1. Ancestry.com* (online database).
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- 8. Texas Death Certificate # 36890, Eastland Co, TX. Dodds Leroy Penney. DOD: 30 Jun 1963, Ranger, Eastland County, TX. Father: William Hawkins Penney; Mother: Maggie Harwood. *Ancestry.com* (online database).
- 9. Texas Death Certificate #7863, Milam Co. TX. William Hawkins Penney. DOD: 18 Feb 1919, Thorndale, Milam County, TX. *Ancestry.com* (online database).
- 10. US School Yearbooks 1990-1999: Norman Penney, 1936 Yearbook, Denton High School, Denton, TX. Only four lettermen, 13 Aug the 1934 team returned to be the backbone of the 1935 team. Eugene Barnes, veteran guard; Wolton Hogan, fleet footed QB; Norman Penney, stellar end, and James Owen, passing and punting, were the four. Ancestry.com (online database).
- 11. US School Yearbooks 1900-1999 Norman Penney, Freshman, 1937 Yearbook North Texas State Teachers College. Ancestry.com (online database).
- 12. Denton-Chronicle, Denton, TX US, December 8, 1944, page 5, S Sgt Norman Penney. "In a letter to his mother dated Oct 30, he said his infantry unit was in the initial invasion of Leyte and he was one of the first American soldiers to set foot on the soil of the Philippines Islands in the attack."

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