

JOSEPH DALTON PARSLEY

Personal Info:

Name	Joseph Dalton Parsley
Date of Birth	17 Apr 1919
Place of Birth	Wynnewood, Garvin, Oklahoma *1930 living in Denton County, Texas. Age 11. Living with his parents, Joseph G. Parsley and Vinnie Parsley, and sister, Margery age 18. *1940 living in Denton County, Texas. Age 20, with his parents. *16 October 1940 Registered for U.S. WWII Draft Card in Denton, Texas *1943 married Mildred Ruth Turner
Family	Son of Joseph Green Parsley and Vinnie Leal Bobbitt Parsley Brother of Margery Parsley Husband of Mildred Ruth Turner Stone Father of Marsha Ruth Parsley
Date of Death	21 Sep 1944 died in India during a B-29 plane crash. (20 Jan 1949 – Reburial Ceremony in Denton, Texas)
Cemetery Name	Oakwood Cemetery. Denton, Denton County, Texas; Block: 3E-12-8 (or 7) (GPS: 33° 12' 38" N 97° 7' 19" W)

Military Service

Military Branch	U.S. Army/AAF
Date of Service	Enlisted: 27 Jan 1941 July 1942: Attended training in San Antonio for AAF Draft card physical description: Height: 5'10", Weight: 140 lb., Complexion: Lt. Brown, Eye color: Brown, Hair Color: Red.
Rank at Discharge	First Lieutenant
Assignment	771 AAF Bomb Squad
Era:	World War II

Civilian Life

Education Completed High School and attended 1 year of college.

Occupation: 1941 – working as a messenger

Sources:

- (1) 1930 U.S. Federal Census, Year: 1930; Census Place: *Denton, Denton, Texas*; Page: 22A; Enumeration District: 0003; FHL microfilm: 2342057
- (2) 1940 U.S. Federal Census, Year: 1940; Census Place: *Denton, Denton, Texas*; Roll: *m-t0627-04020*; Page: 8B; Enumeration District: 61-5
- (3) The National Archives in St. Louis, Missouri; St. Louis, Missouri; *WWII Draft Registration Cards for Texas, 10/16/1940-03/31/1947*; Record Group: *Records of the Selective Service System, 147*; Box: 1145
- (4) Ancestry.com. *U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963*. SN:38037008. DOB: 17Apr 1919 in Okla. DOD: 21 Sep 1944. [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012.
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DIED IN PLANE MISHAP.

DENTON. — Mrs. Mildred Parsley has been notified that her husband, Lt. Joseph Dalton Parsley, recently was killed in the Asiatic area as the result of an airplane accident. No particulars were given. He was a navigator on a B-29 and had completed 13 missions.

He was a son of Mrs. Vinnie Parsley of Denton.

Lieut. Parsley Reported Killed In Plane Accident

A telegram received here Tuesday by Mrs. Mildred Parsley, 1018 Bell Avenue, contained word from the adjutant-general's office in Washington that her husband, Lieut. Joseph Dalton Parsley, had been killed in the Asiatic area as a result of an airplane accident. No particulars were given.

Lieut. Parsley had been stationed in India since he went overseas in June. He was navigator on a B-29 bomber, and had completed 12 missions. He is thought to have participated in the B-29 bombing raids on Japan and Manchuria, although definite information has not been disclosed.

Lieut. Parsley, the son of Mrs. Vinnie Parsley, 405 Bolivar Street, graduated from the Teachers College Demonstration School in 1938 and attended Teachers College two years before entering the Army in January, 1941. He was married Feb. 13, 1943, to Miss Mildred Ruth Turner, daughter of Mrs. Chas. M. Whitlock, 1018 Bell Avenue. They have a three-months-old daughter, Marsha Ruth, whom Lieut. Parsley has never seen.

DENTON MEMORIAL SET.

DENTON. — Memorial services will be held here Sunday night for Lt. Joseph D. Parsley, B-29 navigator, who died Sept. 21 from injuries sustained in a plane crash in the Asiatic war theater the preceding day. He was a son of Mrs. Vinnie Parsley. His widow and 4-month-old daughter also survive.

Reburial at Denton Set for War Flier	dent. With young Ross jobless, the Rosses weren't entertaining visitors Thursday.
DENTON, Jan. 20 (Spl).—Reburial services for 1st Lt. Joseph Dalton Parsley were scheduled for Thursday afternoon in the Shepard Funeral Home chapel.	with Rev. J. J. Copeland, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. He was killed Sept. 20, 1944, in a plane crash near Kalia-kunda Air Base in China. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ruth Parsley McWilliams and a 4-year-old daughter, Marsha, of San Angelo; his mother, Mrs. Vinnie Parsley of Denton, and a sister, Mrs. Barton Roberts of Fort Worth.

Parsley, Joseph D. reburial in Denton 20 Jan 1949 Fort Worth Star-Telegram