

World War II

Born - May 9, 1917 Canton, Massachusetts

Entered Service - ... Canton, Massachusetts



*Cpl. John J. Gately
U.S. Army
Age 27*

John lived on Endicott Street with his sister Margaret until their father died at the young age of 26. Margaret then moved in with her aunts on Mechanic Street. John remained with his mother while attending St. John School and Canton High. He grew to an impressive six foot, 200 pound, playing left guard on the football team (class of 1935). He was known for his skill and toughness. Shortly after the nation got in WWII, Gately was inducted into the Army and sent overseas with the famous “Big Red One” First Infantry Division, 18th. In mid December 1944, the American ground forces advanced to the German boarder. On December 16 the German Army launched its last counteroffensive all along the front, “Battle of the Bulge”. It was here on January 10, 1945, John was killed in action during the biggest American ground battle of WWII.

Date of Death - January 10, 1945..... Belgium

Buried - Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery Belgium