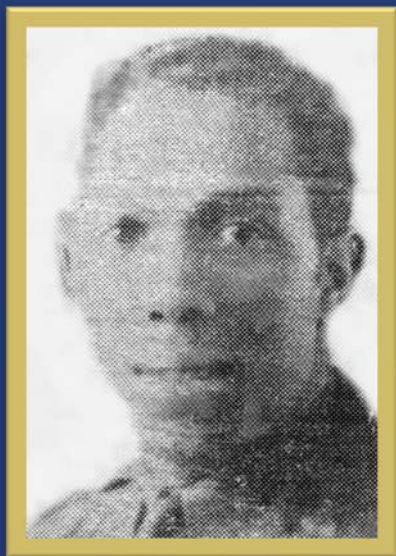


World War II



Sgt. Louis P. Mendes
U.S. Army Air Corps
Age 22

Born - December 23, 1921 Duxbury, Massachusetts
Entered Service - October 1942 Canton, Massachusetts

Louis grew up and was educated in Duxbury as the oldest of fourteen children of Cape Verdean emigrants. They moved to Canton around 1937 and lived in the White Block on Washington Street at the corner of Neponset Street. Later the family purchased a house at 14 Capen Place. He found employment at the Plymouth Rubber Co. upon arriving in Canton where he worked until he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in October 1942. After doing his basic training at Elgin Field, he was sent to England in 1943. Mendes was wounded in April 1944 and spent three months in an English hospital before returning to duty in France. On August 28, 1944 he died from injuries received in an accident. The War Records Office does not have any specifics on what happened. Louis' body was returned and was buried April 28, 1949 after a funeral mass.

Date of Death - August 28, 1944 France
Buried - St. Mary's Cemetery Canton, Massachusetts