

## *World War II*

*Born - July 4, 1918 ..... Canton, Massachusetts*  
*Entered Service - June, 1943 .... Canton, Massachusetts*



**PFC Frederick W. Powers**  
**U.S. Army**  
**Age 26**

Fred grew up at 371 Washington Street with his two brothers and five sisters. After receiving an education in the Canton School system, he worked for the Bond Bread Co. As a driver and then the Canton and Blue Hills Bus Line. He married Ester Lee from South Boston and they had a son, John, on January 17, 1941. Although he was drafted in 1943, it was March 24, 1945 before he was assigned to “ G “ Company, 397th Infantry of the 100th Division. Eleven days later, after successfully crossing the Neckar River, the 397th were attacking the town of Heilbronn. Powers’ Company C.O. Vividly remembers the battle and reported, “ of the 100 men under me, 43 were killed and two went psycho “. Powers was wounded April 5th ( ironically his wife’s birthday ) and died the next day. He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for heroic action.

*Date of Death - April 6, 1945..... Heilbronn, Germany*  
*Buried - St. Mary’s Cemetery ..... Canton, Massachusetts*