

World War II

Born - 1915 Germany

Entered Service - July 1941 Canton, Massachusetts



1st Lt. Dietrich Rasetzki
U.S. Army
Age 29

Dierich “Deety” and his brother emigrated from Germany with their parents in 1924. Although he was already nine years old, he mastered the English language and graduated from Canton High class of 1932. Deety received an AB degree from Hobart College and continued his education at Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge and Avon Theological School. While studying he served as assistant pastor in South Boston, Westwood, Quincy and Newburyport. After ordination, he accepted the position of pastor in Chester, NH and married Frances Griffin of Abington. In 1943 Rasetzki volunteered for the Army and was assigned to the 119th Regiment of the 30th “Old Hickory” Division as a Chaplain. On July 25, 1944 at Lo, Normandy, artillery or “Friendly Fire” bombing killed him. In March 1948 his body was returned for burial in New York.

Date of Death - July 25, 1944 Normandy, France

Buried - Long Island National Cemetery Farmingdale, NY