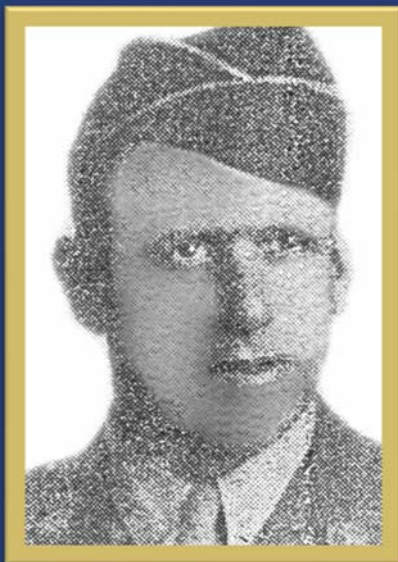


World War II

Born – July 22, 1918 Quincy, Massachusetts

Entered Service - September, 1942 Canton, Massachusetts



Harold moved to Canton in the mid 1930s and lived in several residences in town (including 210 Sherman and 79 Prospect Streets) with his three younger brothers. He found employment at the Readville car shops of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad in the footsteps of his father. Although married, Harold was drafted into the Army and shipped out in May of 1944 to Ireland (the ancestral home of his mother) to meet up with the 8th “Arrow” Division. He found himself along the road from St. Lo to Perier on July 25th preparing for a breakout under Gen. Omar Bradley. B17 bombers were called for air cover but their bombs fell short and killed 125 American soldiers (possibly including Chaplin Rasetzki of Canton) with “friendly fire”. Rolfe most likely met his fate in the ensuing battles. His body was returned to Canton in September of 1948.

PFC Harold P. Rolfe
U.S. Army
Age 26

Date of Death - July 25, 1944 Normandy, France

Buried - St. Mary’s Cemetery Canton, Massachusetts