

World War II



*Pvt. Arthur A. Smith
U.S. Army
Age 22*

*Born - 1922 Chelsea, Massachusetts
Entered Service - November 28, 1942 Canton, Massachusetts*

Arthur came to Canton as a small child and was brought up with the five half brothers and two half sisters of the Dumaine family. The family lived at the corner of Washington and Sherman Streets and then moved to Meyer Terrace in the 1930s. He would have graduated from Canton High School class of 1940 but dropped out to work as an apprentice electrician with his uncle and then at Westinghouse Electric in Boston. On September 19, 1942 Arthur literally married the “ girl next door,” Irene Hinchcliffe but only two short months later he was drafted. Smith was assigned to Company “ K “ of the 119th Regiment in the 30th “ Old Hickory “ Division in Mortain, France. Smith was hit and killed by shelling August 12, 1944, ironically the same day his Division was relieved by the 35th Division. His body was never returned home and his devastated widow never remarried.

*Date of Death - August 12, 1944 Mortain, France
Buried - United States Military Cemetery France*