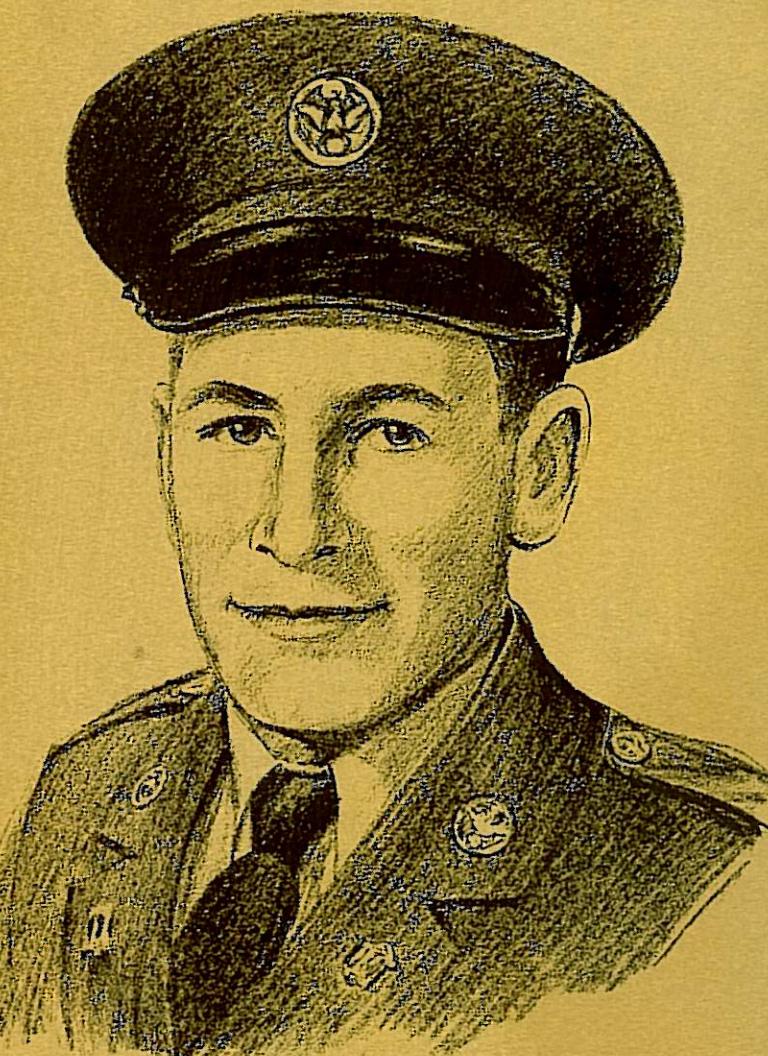


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WALL OF FAME
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MARVIN PETERSON

Marvin ("Skozzy") Peterson was born May 8, 1921, graduating from OFHS in 1940. He was killed in action somewhere in New Guinea during World War II on July 27, 1944. Following his graduation in May, Marvin enlisted in Company C of the Oconto National Guard in October of 1940. He received his basic training at Camp Grant, Illinois with an infantry unit of the 32nd Division. His unit was called into active service the same month he enlisted. His unit served in the states until April of 1942 when it was sent to Australia to help stop the Japanese advance. The unit moved into New Guinea in November of 1942.

Marvin served his country valiantly receiving many recognitions including a Purple Heart, the Citation of Merit, and the Distinguished Service Cross. The Distinguished Service Cross is one of the highest honors the country can bestow upon its military personnel. Mr. Peterson received these honors for "gallantry and bravery in action, above and beyond the call of duty." In January of 1943, Marvin was part of a group advancing along the coast of New Guinea when they came to the swift, perilous Konombi River. Marvin, armed with only pistols and grenades, with three others swam the river in daylight, fastening a rope that enabled a platoon to cross and establish a bridgehead. His actions were instrumental in aiding the allied forces to push the Japanese troops out of the region.

Marvin is being recognized posthumously for his contribution to the United States during World War II.