1st Lieutenant Lee Everton Tucker

1915 – 1945 KIA

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United States Army - WWII

Lee Everton Tucker was born in Shandon, California on November 25, 1915. He graduated from Shandon High School in June of 1934, then enrolling at the University of California, Davis in August of 1934. He was a Member of Zeta Xi Fraternity and completed three semesters. He enlisted at Camp Roberts on January 6, 1942 as a Private and completed his training at Ft. Riley, Kansas. He was honorably discharged as a 2nd Lieutenant in November of 1942 and was assigned as a Troop Officer at Head Quarters at Camp Lockett, CA. He remained at Camp Lockett until June of 1944 at which time he was assigned as an Officer to the 2nd Cavalry Division of the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. By April of 1945, he was a Platoon Leader with Company B, 361st Infantry Regiment, MTO. He was killed in action on April 17, 1945 in Italy, after active service as an enlisted man and commissioned officer for 3 years, 3 months, and 12 days.

Decorations and Awards:

Purple Heart, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with three Bronze Service Stars for participation in the Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley Campaigns, World War II Victory Medal, Army Presidential Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Badge with Pistol and Machine Gun Bars and Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar.

In 1946, a marker was placed in the Crawford W. Clarke Memorial Park at the corner of Centre and 1st Streets in Shandon, with a memorial plaque dedicating the Shandon Community Pool in the memory of Lt. Lee E. Tucker.