

War Era Story Project 2012

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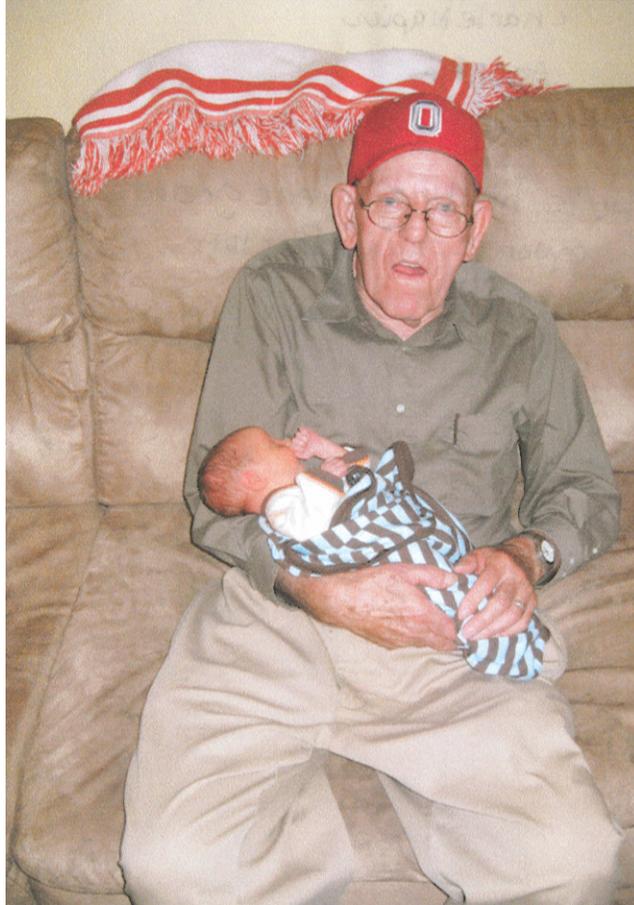
Four brothers served during World War II. Three brothers served in Europe during the war and one served his time in the United States. We were born and lived on a small farm in eastern Kentucky. Our father, Joseph Napier, and mother, Lucy Morgan Napier, had nine children (five girls and four boys). We raised corn on our farm as well as hay and a garden. Then World War II came along.

My oldest brother Chester Napier, Jr., went into the army in 1943. Chester served in Europe with the 83rd Division, 330 Infantry Regiment. Chester was wounded on D-day, and he went back to England to heal his wounds. Chester did go back to his division, but was wounded again on November 30, 1944, and he passed away December 1. Chester was 25 years old at his time of death.

My brother Roscoe Napier was in the Navy serving with them. Roscoe helped transporting troops from England to France during the D-day invasion. Roscoe survived the war and is currently living in Miamisburg and is 88 year old.

My brother Michael Napier served in the war from a location within the United States. Michael is still alive and currently lives in London, Kentucky and is 81years old. I, Charlie Napier, went into the service a little later due to my age. I left Boston Harbor on January 8, 1945 and entered France a few days later. I served with the 70th Infantry Division. I was rewarded two campaigns or battle stars during our battles through France. We received plenty of fire from German artillery shells. We let them have some in return. Once we fired three battery rounds on 70 Germans in their chow line; they responded. We cleaned up on them.

We had a dad and a mom back home supporting us. I wasn't a Christian then, but now I have received Jesus Christ as my Savior. I, Charlie Napier, currently live in Lebanon, Ohio and I am 86 years old.



Charlie Napier holding great grandson, Own Conant Barton