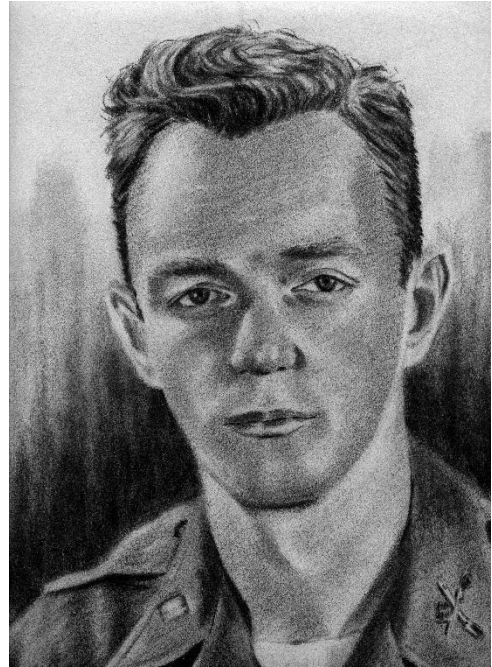


Star 18

Captain Luther James Pickrel

Luther James Pickrel (1917-1984) was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. He attended Hargrave Military Academy and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute before enlisting in the Army in June, 1942. Following his service he began post-graduate studies at Michigan State University. During his assignments in World War II, he received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. His combat service began in the Ardennes (Second Infantry Division). He led his company from the Battle of the Bulge to the end of the war in Germany and Central Europe. When combat ended in Europe, he was in transit to the Asian Theater when the war with Japan ended. He immediately entered Military Government training and returned to Europe to serve in the European Command working in the US Occupation Headquarters as a Civil Affairs Officer in Nuremberg, and then in Munich. After receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1948 he went on to serve in the State Department, founding an agricultural extension service in Germany. One focus of his service after the war was re-starting agricultural production; he wrote a book titled "The Problem of Fragmented Farm Holdings in Bavaria, Germany", which was published by Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1952. He was particularly proud of his post-combat service working to rebuild the economy of Germany, and assisting war survivors. The star in remembrance of him was incised by his daughter, Patricia Pickrel, who was born in Munich during her father's work there under the European Command.



**MILITARY RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION
HONORABLE DISCHARGE**

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL PICKREL LUTHER J			2. ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 0 525 535	3. GRADE 1st Lt	4. ARM OR SERVICE INF	5. COMPONENT ORC
6. ORGANIZATION Fd Opns Div Br "B" OMB			7. DATE OF RELIEF FROM ACTIVE DUTY 22 July 1948	8. THIS NUMBER The Warburg Military Post APO 696 US Army		
9. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES Box 178 Chatham, Virginia				10. DATE OF BIRTH 8 July 1917	11. PLACE OF BIRTH Chatham, Virginia	
12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT 7780 OMBUS Group Bavaria Section APO 407 US Army				13. COLOR EYES Gray	14. COLOR HAIR Br	15. HEIGHT 5' 7"
				16. WEIGHT 110 LBS.	17. NO. OF DEPENDENTS 1	
18. RACE WHITE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGRO <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify) <input type="checkbox"/>		19. MARITAL STATUS SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify) <input type="checkbox"/>		20. U. S. CITIZEN YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		21. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO.

MILITARY HISTORY

22. REGISTERED SELECTIVE SERVICE DATA YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	23. LOCAL S. S. BOARD NUMBER	24. COUNTY AND STATE	25. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY See 9
26. DATA OF ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY 27 JUN 42 - 21 Sept 43 Off 2 Sept 43 - 22 July 48		27. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. MCO (8104)	
28. BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS Ardennes (BS) 1st Ind ETUSA 13 Jun 45 Rhineland (BS) 1st Ind ETUSA 17 June 45 Centr Europe (BS) 1st Ind ETUSA 19 June 45			
29. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS BSM GO 85 2nd Inf Div PH GO 40 2nd Inf Div 13 Apr 45 Cluster PH GO 102 2nd Inf Div AGR Ltr Hq 2nd Inf Div Am Def AR 600-65 WWII Vic AR 600-65 Army Occup AR 600-65 Comb Inf B GO 36 Hq 23 Inf Ltr Command Hq 2nd Inf Div			
30. WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION Yes			
31. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED AA SCH Cp Davis NC CCS (Spec In AW) Inf OSP B # 13 Govt Ocpd Areas Orient & Inst		32. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U. S. AND RETURN DATE OF DEPARTURE DESTINATION DATE OF ARRIVAL 6 Jan 45 Europe 14 Jan 45 15 Aug 46 Europe 26 Aug 45	
33. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION EUOOM Cir 34, 1948 and EUOOM Cable S-1391 48			
34. CURRENT TOUR OF ACTIVE DUTY			35. EDUCATION (years)
CONTINENTAL SERVICE YEARS 2 MONTHS 7 DAYS 5			GRAMMAR SCHOOL 7 HIGH SCHOOL 4 COLLEGE 1
FOREIGN SERVICE YEARS 2 MONTHS 5 DAYS 21			

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IMPORTANT IF PREMIUM IS NOT PAID WHEN DUE OR WITHIN THIRTY-ONE DAYS THEREAFTER, INSURANCE WILL LAPSE. MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO THE TREASURER OF THE U. S. AND FORWARD TO COLLECTIONS SUBDIVISION, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

36. KIND OF INSURANCE Nat. Serv. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. Govt. <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>	37. HOW PAID Allotment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct to V.A. <input type="checkbox"/>	38. Effective Date of Allotment Discontinuance	39. Date of Next Premium Due (one month after 38)	40. PREMIUM DUE EACH MONTH \$6.70	41. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO Continue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue only <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue <input type="checkbox"/>
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42. PHOTOGRAPH	43. REMARKS (This space for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W. D. Directives) Relvd fr active duty to accept Civ Employment UP EUOOM Cir 34 1948 Due Officer Tvl Pay fr Camp Kilmer NJ to Chatham Virginia Due Officer sixty (60) days accrued leave Due Officer \$300.00 MDP No lapel button issued (Not available) Aptd Capt Ltr EUOOM dtd 8 Nov 1947
	44. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER BEING SEPARATED <i>Luther Pickrel</i>
45. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Type name, grade and organization - signature) <i>K. W. WASHBOURNE</i> K. W. WASHBOURNE Capt AGD Asst Adj Gen	

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